

Coca-Cola Impostor Gains Dorm Access

By Zareena Hussain
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

A person wearing a Coca-Cola uniform and possessing a full set of vending machine keys, suspected to be impersonating a Coca-Cola employee, entered Burton-Conner House Friday morning, said Daniel P. Conceison, the operations manager for Night Watch.

The individual is believed to have been stealing \$500 per day from area vending machines, Conceison said.

Shortly after the first individual gained access to the dormitory, another person in company uniform requested entrance into Burton-Conner. The night watchman on duty found this strange and questioned the second individual.

The second person was a legiti-

mate Coke employee. "Honestly, if I was in that situation I might not have asked him for an ID," Conceison said.

The individual is a 40-year-old, 5-foot-8-inch white male with a stocky build.

"It's unfortunate that someone's so sophisticated. It's almost like you have to challenge everyone," said Campus Police Captain John E. Driscoll.

Impostor arrested elsewhere

"Another person has been apprehended by another police department" for such impersonation in nearby areas, Driscoll said.

Campus Police are currently working with other police depart-

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CAC Program Board Sponsors Jazz, Lunch

By Brett Altschul
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

In working to improve student life, the Campus Activities Complex Program Board is sponsoring "Take a Professor to Lunch Week" this week, while another subcommittee of the board continues to provide varied musical entertainment in the 24-Hour Coffee House.

The Coffee House Series Committee of the Program Board looks to provide programs every week in the Coffee House, said Jason R. Dailey '99, who serves as the chair of the board. "The April Coffee House Series has a total of 11 events ranging from jazz to a capella to classical," he said.

This week, the committee for recreational and educational activities, another part of the board, is organizing "Invite a Professor to Lunch Week," Dailey said.

The event, designed to foster greater friendship and communication between students and faculty, allows students to receive coupons for use at Aramark facilities on campus and at several participating restaurants.

Participating professors don buttons advertising that they have not yet been asked to lunch. Aspiring students may then invite the professor to lunch, availing themselves of the discount coupons.

The committee is also planning several other events this semester, Dailey said. Among those are a day-

long bus trip to Kittery, Maine over Patriot's Day Weekend.

Spring Concert canceled

In past years, the Student Center Committee was responsible for organizing the Spring Concert, normally held during Spring Weekend. The SCC disbanded last spring after financial problems, and although the Program Board has assumed many of the SCC's duties, they will not be holding a Spring Concert this year.

"There was no space available over Spring Weekend in which we could hold the concert," Dailey said. "Specifically, Kresge and Sala were

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Anne Moroney and Rich Finlay (left) were the overall winners of the American smooth style at the Inaugural MIT Open Dance Competition on Saturday held in DuPont Gymnasium. Rachel J. Dowell G and Vikas Bhushan G (right) won several individual dances to come a close second.

For Fourth Year, MIT Team Triumphs At Tau Beta Pi District Competition

By Stuart Jackson
STAFF REPORTER

For the fourth straight year, MIT won the Tau Beta Pi National Engineering Honor Society district design competition on Saturday, beating out approximately 17 regional competitors, including Yale University, Brown University,

Boston University, and Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

The team of William H. Stadlander '99, Matthew S. Duplessie '99, and Manolis E. I. Kamvyselis '99 captured the \$300 first-place prize. The contest was part of the activities at the annual TBP District Convention held at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute this year.

Teams designed airplane carts

The team was challenged to design an airplane cart that would alleviate the problem of stewards suffering back injuries while serving drinks to passengers. They were given four hours to prepare the design and a 10-minute presentation.

Their idea consisted of a motorized cart that ran on a rubber mat. The mat had two grooved tracks to fit the cart's grooved wheels. The team decided to use a rubber mat so grooves would not be cut directly into the floor of the plane. The grooved track and wheels also prevented the cart from moving during turbulence.

Many of the competing teams developed similar motorized-cart designs. The MIT team considered many other options, from using tubing to deliver drinks to the passengers to using a spring-based system to hang a cart from the cabin ceiling.

"They really didn't give us a lot

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Surya Ganguli '97 dances in "Bhangra" at "Azaadi," a cultural show of MIT South Asian American Students and Sangam held on Saturday in Kresge Auditorium.

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Timothy A. Michalak '95

Timothy A. Michalak '95 died Tuesday, March 25 at Beth Israel Hospital after a two-and-a-half year struggle with brain cancer. He was 24.

Michalak transferred to MIT as a sophomore from Northeastern University and received a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering.

"He was a real great guy," said Troy A. Gayeski '97, a Sigma Alpha Epsilon member who was rushed by Michalak. "He was the guy I always knew I could trust. I knew that everything he said was for real."

After graduation, Michalak took a job at Beth Israel Hospital in conjunction with Harvard Medical School in orthopedic biomechanics. His work there centered around the prevention of hip fractures in the elderly. He worked on the development of a hip pad to help alleviate damage from falls.

Michalak also worked with the neck rolls that football players wear. He had plans to attend graduate school in California.

He was diagnosed with brain cancer in October 1995. Michalak had been responding well to treatments, but his health took a turn for the worse in mid-March.

While at MIT, Michalak was a member of SAE, attaining the positions of house manager and vice president. Michalak played tight end for the MIT football team.

Michalak was also active in community service. He volunteered at Massachusetts General Hospital and was active in Handiski, a program run by MIT faculty and students aimed to help handicapped

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WORLD & NATION

Strawberry Processor Sued Over Illegally Imported Shipments

LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES

The San Diego processor that sliced and froze the Mexican-grown strawberries implicated in the hepatitis A scare last week in Los Angeles-area schools was sued Monday by its new corporate owner.

In a suit filed in federal court in Oregon, Epitepe Inc. is seeking \$20 million in actual and punitive damages. It also wants to undo the \$7.7 million stock swap in December by which it bought the processor, Andrew & Williamson Sales Co.

Epitepe, a biotechnology company based in Beaverton, Ore., alleges that the former owners of the processor defrauded Epitepe, violated federal and state securities laws and breached contracts by falsely certifying that strawberries sold to the federal government's school lunch program were U.S.-grown.

"Our first concern is to do everything we can to cooperate with the (U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Food and Drug Administration) and others in protecting the public's well-being," Epitepe Chief Executive Adolph J. Ferro said in a statement.

The uproar over the possible exposure of more than 9,000 Los Angeles-area students and adults to hepatitis A — and Epitepe's response in court — helps demonstrate why biotechnology investment requires patience and nerves of steel.

Founded in 1978 as a paternity testing company, Epitepe has never turned a profit. And now it is scrambling to cope with the fallout from its seemingly innocuous purchase of Andrew & Williamson.

Woman Sues; Alleges Liddy Called Her a Madam for DNC Call Girls

THE BALTIMORE SUN

Nearly 25 years after the break-in at the Democratic National Committee headquarters in Washington, G. Gordon Liddy still finds himself at the center of Watergate.

This time, he is being sued for \$5 million by a Louisiana woman who says Liddy, now a talk show host, has been telling his listeners that she was a madam for DNC call girls.

In a lawsuit filed Thursday in U.S. District Court in Greenbelt, Md., Ida Maxwell Wells says Liddy has damaged her reputation by giving air time to a Watergate "prostitution theory" cooked up by a felon who is a mental patient.

In addition to naming Wells on the air, Liddy also mentioned her in a speech a year ago at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va., and in an interview with Accuracy in Media, the suit says.

"Liddy's conduct is particularly outrageous because he is a first-hand participant in the break-in of the DNC," the suit says. "Liddy was in charge of the break-in. He of all people knew why the break-in was planned, how it was planned and that in the planning process in 1972 there was no mention of (Wells)."

PA spokesman for Liddy's show said Liddy would have no comment until he read a copy of the lawsuit.

Liddy, 66, went to prison for more than four years for his part in the Watergate burglary. He was released in September 1977.

Sergeant Admits Sex with Students At Military Training Base

THE BALTIMORE SUN

ABERDEEN, MD.

Staff Sgt. Delmar G. Simpson Monday became the first Aberdeen Proving Ground drill instructor to publicly admit having sex with female students, pleading guilty to 16 counts of violating Army rules that prohibit relationships between soldiers of different rank.

Simpson, 32, denied raping any of the women, but his testimony portrayed Aberdeen's Ordnance Center and School as more of a hormone-rich college dormitory than an elite Army training post.

In often-lurid detail, he recounted having sex with recruits on his office sofa, in his on-post quarters and at an Andrews Air Force Base hotel. He also admitted pursuing five other female soldiers by inviting them to Baltimore hotels, hugging them in his office, and asking them to report in workout clothes without wearing underwear.

Simpson, a 13-year Army veteran, could receive a maximum jail sentence of 32 years for the crimes he admitted to Monday — crimes that helped trigger a military-wide investigation of sexual misconduct. He will stand trial later this week on 78 remaining counts, including 21 rape charges that could put him behind bars for life.

On Tuesday morning, Johnston, Army prosecutors and Simpson's lawyers will begin selecting what will likely be a 10-member military jury for his court martial.

WEATHER

April Cool

By Gerard Roe
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

A week makes a world of difference. With temperatures into the middle 70s on Monday, we were 20 degrees above normal for this time of year. There will be a strong drop in temperatures today after the passage of a cold front yesterday evening. Clear skies will be marred slightly during the afternoon and evening as mid-level atmospheric waves scud through the region. Wednesday is also appearing promising but the cool down will continue; early morning temperatures will dip below freezing. But with a high pressure ridge holding firm in the east, we should be protected from inclement weather through to the weekend.

Tuesday: Distinctly cooler and breezy. Mostly clear skies early, some afternoon clouds. High 49°F (9°C).

Tonight: Continued breezy and cool. Clearing, low 29°F (-1°C).

Wednesday: Clear and fair. High 47°F (8°C). Low 28°F (-2°C).

Thursday: Pleasant. High around 45°F (7°C). Low around 30°F (-1°C).

Mideast Peace in Question Despite White House Talks

By Peter Baker
and Thomas W. Lippman

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

President Clinton tried without success Monday to rescue the Middle East peace process during tense talks with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu '76 that left unclear how the deteriorating situation can be repaired.

Clinton emerged grim-faced after two hours of what he called "very specific, frank, candid and long" discussions — and he wearily emphasized the word "long." Netanyahu later reported that his White House visit had produced "nothing definitive" and said that all blame for the impasse lies with the Palestinians.

The White House said Clinton offered several unspecified ideas for how to jump-start the peace negotiations, but the president and his aides reported no tangible progress afterward.

Instead of traditional adjectives such as "optimistic" or "productive," U.S. officials used phrases like "profoundly serious" to characterize the session. They said it will become clear whether movement is possible only after follow-up talks with the Israelis and with a Palestinian delegation visiting later this week.

One idea that Clinton did not embrace was Netanyahu's suggestion for a high-level, high-stakes summit akin to Jimmy Carter's Camp David conference that produced peace between Israel and Egypt nearly two decades ago. The president said he would rather stick with the "pre-existing process."

In his public remarks, Netanyahu struck a defiant tone indicating little interest in making concessions. During appearances in Washington both before and after his meeting with Clinton, the Israeli leader vowed not to retreat from his decision to build Jewish housing in traditionally Arab East Jerusalem despite U.S. criticism and strong Arab opposition. He declared that he will "never, never" allow the holy city to be divided again.

In a speech to a politically conservative group called Voices United for Israel, Netanyahu cast the dispute as a conflict between Arab terrorists guilty of "war crimes" and his government's efforts to provide apartments for young couples having children, which he mockingly called the "terrorism of the walk-up rentals."

"He came loaded for bear," one White House official said of Netanyahu after the meeting with Clinton.

Halfway across the world, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat used similarly provocative language in telling a diplomatic meeting in New Delhi that Israel is waging "a war of aggression against our people" and had effectively issued "a declaration of war against the peace process."

The White House meeting came at what one Clinton aide called "a very fragile point" in the Middle East peace process. It has been brought to a halt by Arab anger over the Jerusalem housing project and other Israeli decisions, and by Israeli outrage over terrorist attacks by Palestinian extremists.

While leery of pushing Netanyahu too hard, particularly at the risk of offending American Jewish leaders, the White House is anxious to get the negotiations back on track lest it watch one of the crown jewels of its foreign policy disintegrate into a new cycle of violence and religious strife.

How to do that, though, remained uncertain after Monday's session. "The peace negotiations are at a very difficult impasse, a critical point," State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns told reporters after the meeting. "We're working hard to try repair that. I cannot speculate. I cannot guess as to when they'll be turned back on."

A high-level delegation of Palestinian officials, though not including Arafat, will visit Washington in coming days for talks at the State Department. Palestinian and other Arab officials had hoped Clinton would put overt pressure on Israel to stop construction of the controversial Jerusalem housing project and commit itself to more extensive West Bank troop withdrawals. But they have heard nothing public from Washington, as the administration has stuck to its policy of not publicly discussing the details of its proposals.

Netanyahu showed little inclination Monday to be conciliatory toward the Palestinians. At a news conference after he met Clinton, the prime minister said "post-colonial guilt" in the West was responsible for what he described as a collective rush to blame Israel for the breakdown of the peace process when blame should instead lie with the Palestinians.

White House Provided DNC With Top-Secret Information

By Bob Woodward

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The White House supplied top-secret intelligence information to the Democratic National Committee to block a Latvian businessman with alleged ties to organized crime from attending a \$25,000-a-person fund-raising dinner with President Clinton, according to government officials and other sources.

The effort was successful, and the businessman, Grigori Loutchansky, who had been formally invited to attend the DNC fund-raising dinner in 1995, was abruptly disinvited.

In the course of the episode, political operatives in the White House and the DNC gained access to and disseminated information gathered by some of the nation's most sensitive intelligence-gathering methods. Many did not have the required high-security clearances to receive such information.

Officials involved in the incident said that while checking Loutchansky's background, the White House National Security Council reported to the political affairs office there that the National Security Agency (NSA) was monitoring his international telephone calls.

Loutchansky's firm, Nordex, allegedly was associated with Russian organized crime organizations, officials said. The political affairs office, in turn, reported to the DNC about the monitoring program, officials said.

"This was top secret, and it further demonstrates the total politicization of all intelligence and White House operations," said one senior official. "Anything and

everything was done in the name of fund-raising."

The administration has been embarrassed repeatedly by reports that a number of felons, drug dealers and others with unsavory backgrounds attended White House coffees and DNC fund-raisers with the president, who has acknowledged that screening procedures were too lax.

The latest disclosure has left Democratic Party sources wondering whether future efforts to run a full check on a fund-raising dinner guest might backfire. "You really are damned if you do and damned if you don't," one source said.

A Latvian who now lives in Israel, Loutchansky, who once met briefly with Clinton, is a controversial figure who has been barred from entering the United States, Canada and Britain. His attorney, Thomas Spencer Jr., disputed the reports of his client's alleged ties to organized crime.

"It's an outrageous, false allegation," Spencer said Monday. "Everywhere in Europe where that's been printed he's either sued and won or it's been retracted." Spencer added that "we have no way of knowing what the sources are" behind the intelligence information.

The NSA spends billions of dollars each year monitoring electronic communications around the world, and it zealously guards its sources and methods, which include satellites, microwave and more traditional radio and electronic communications interception equipment.

The Loutchansky telephone intercepts were considered "sensitive compartmented information," which meant the intelligence was to be distributed only to named indi-

viduals with the highest government security clearances.

The Loutchansky incident began when the DNC, concerned about a foreign national attending a presidential dinner, asked the White House to run a check on the Latvian.

According to one source, the NSA monitored conversations between Loutchansky and Sam Domb, a New York real-estate executive and DNC donor who was planning to contribute \$25,000 so that Loutchansky could attend a July 20, 1995, dinner with Clinton at the Mayflower Hotel.

A senior government official Monday confirmed the NSA monitoring of Loutchansky in 1995, but maintained that although the NSA had an extensive file of intercepted international Loutchansky phone calls, it contains none between Loutchansky and Domb, an American citizen.

Federal law, executive orders and NSA policy all prohibit the NSA from intercepting phone calls of U.S. citizens except under unusual circumstances.

Another source insisted that specific information about a Loutchansky phone call with Domb was passed to the DNC.

Whatever the case, the NSA's monitoring of Loutchansky and his Austria-based firm, Nordex, illustrates the degree to which the customary barriers between White House and intelligence officials broke down in the 1995-96 election cycle.

"I can't think of any reason why information of this type should have ever been given to the DNC," said Stewart Baker, the NSA's general counsel from 1992 to 1994.

Shuttle Mission to End Today Because of Faulty Generator

By William Harwood

SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON POST
CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA.

The potential for an explosion in an electrical generator forced the Columbia astronauts Sunday to cut short a planned 16-day science mission and to prepare instead for a quick flight home today.

The decision to abort the 83rd shuttle flight was a crushing disappointment to scores of scientists and engineers who began planning the complex series of microgravity experiments more than three years ago. Only a handful of the 33 planned experiments can be undertaken on a mission that cost about \$500 million.

"These experiments are important to us and we want to see them run," said mission scientist Michael Robinson. "Hopefully, they will run in the future (on another flight) and we're hanging on to that glimmer of hope."

Columbia's seven astronauts Sunday shut down the balky generator and started preparing the orbiter for a landing Tuesday at the Kennedy Space Center.

While two other electricity-generating fuel cells are working properly, NASA flight rules require a shuttle crew to head for home when one fails, to protect against the possibility of subsequent malfunctions.

"This is not an emergency situation," said shuttle program director Tommy Holloway. "It's a prudent thing to do."

NASA managers say they hope the problem with Columbia's electrical generator will not affect plans to launch the shuttle Atlantis next month on a critical flight to dock with the problem-plagued Russian Mir space station.

The flight of shuttle Columbia was derailed Sunday by a subtle, not-yet-understood problem in fuel

cell No. 2, one of three electrical generators on the shuttle that combine hydrogen and oxygen to produce both electricity and the crew's drinking water.

Each \$5 million power plant is made up of 96 cells arranged in three so-called substacks of 32 each. Engineers monitor the performance of a given fuel cell by comparing the output of half the cells in each substack against the other half.

Shortly after Columbia's launch Friday, engineers noticed a slight discrepancy in the voltage from one of the substacks in fuel cell No. 2. As the flight progressed the mismatch increased, indicating low voltage in a single cell.

Low voltage generates heat, and engineers were concerned that if the fuel cell continued to operate, enough heat could be generated to burn through membranes separating hydrogen and oxygen.

Vietnam to Repay \$145 Million For U.S. Loans to South Vietnam

By Art Pine

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Vietnam agreed Monday to repay more than \$145 million in debts to the United States incurred by the defeated South Vietnamese regime, eliminating a major roadblock to the eventual normalization of economic and trade relations between Washington and Hanoi.

Hanoi's commitment came in an accord signed jointly by Vietnamese Finance Minister Nguyen Sinh Hung and U.S. Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin, who is visiting Hanoi this week as part of a trip through Southeast Asia.

U.S. officials said Vietnam is scheduled to make a down payment of more than \$8.5 million within 30 days, and then begin regular payments aimed at paying off the entire

\$145 million by the year 2019.

Rubin said in a speech in the Vietnamese capital Monday that the accord "removes an important obstacle to closer ties" between the two countries, which have restored diplomatic relations but still have not resumed normal economic ties.

Officials said the next step is for the two countries to complete work on a bilateral trade agreement, under which Vietnam agrees to reduce its trade barriers and to open its economy to more foreign investment.

The \$145 million in loans stem from the late 1960s and early 1970s, when the United States was channeling hundreds of millions of dollars a year into South Vietnam to prop up its government. North and South Vietnam merged in 1975 after northern troops captured Saigon.

U.S. officials said none of the

loans was used to finance military operations. Some \$76 million of the debt constitutes the unpaid principal from agricultural and development loans for road construction, power projects, and grain purchases. The remainder is interest due.

Vietnam initially had refused to repay the loans, but later changed its mind when it wanted Washington's blessing to encourage foreign investment. The United States has argued that Hanoi incurred South Vietnam's debts when the two countries merged after Saigon's defeat in 1974.

Analysts said Vietnam's decision to repay the debt, more than two decades after its troops captured Saigon, shows how urgently the existing communist regime wants to establish normal relations and integrate itself into the world economy.

Privacy Advocates Raise Alarm About Social Security's Web Site

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The Social Security Administration has made it easier for you to get your own financial information — straight off the Internet!

But privacy advocates say there's a problem: just about anyone else can, too. All that's needed is a person's name, Social Security Number, mother's maiden name, date and place of birth — information that is not that hard to get.

The SSA began offering the new feature last month on its site on the World Wide Web. The system was designed to give consumers easy access to their own "Personal Earnings and Benefits Estimates Statement," the amount of benefits taxpayers may receive, as well as earnings records going back decades. It's the kind of data many consumers want for retirement planning and the like, but in the past consumers had to go to the local Social Security office to get it.

SSA officials Monday insisted that they were abiding by high standards of consumer protection. "Security and privacy have always been a big priority at the agency," said spokesman Phil Gambino. "We think we've built in safeguards to make it a secure system."

Penalties for abusing the database are stiff. Gambino said that the system keeps track of users, and that any abuse that's detected will be punished with up to 10 years in jail and a fine of \$10,000 for every offense. But the Internet is available anonymously from within corporate networks and cyber-cafes or from Web sites that strip away identifying information, and Gambino could not say whether the tracking mechanisms could be defeated in that way.

Aspects of the service have been around since last year, when the agency allowed people to order their benefits statement from the agency Web site (<http://www.ssa.gov>) to be mailed. About 95,000 people took advantage of that program. Last month, the agency took the process a step farther and made the records instantly available at the Internet site to anyone who typed in the required information.

DNA Used to Identify Crash Victims

THE WASHINGTON POST

A toothbrush left at home by one victim of the crash of TWA Flight 800 and a piece of underclothing left behind by another — both bearing bits of genetic material from their owners — have led to the identification of two bodies retrieved from that crash.

The work may be the first time that DNA from personal effects has been used to identify disaster victims, and shows the increasing usefulness of DNA "fingerprinting" in forensic medicine, said Jack Ballantyne, the Suffolk County Crime Laboratory investigator who supervised the analysis. Ballantyne describes some of the TWA work in a commentary appearing in the April issue of *Nature Genetics*.

Dental records remain the primary tool for identifying disaster victims, in part because comparisons can be completed in hours while DNA testing can take days or weeks. But dental records are sometimes unavailable — as in last year's crash of a plane carrying 141 Russians and Ukrainians, described by Norwegian researchers in the same journal issue. And dismemberment can leave body parts separated from teeth, as in the TWA crash.

DNA tests can identify victims or body parts with a high level of certainty when DNA is also available from close relatives. Results are even more certain when the victim's own DNA is available.



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- 03** "Evening Under the Stars" Formal Ball; 6:30pm - 12:30am, \$20/person

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Human Cloning Raises Too Many Questions

I am writing in response to some remarks made by A. Arif Husain '97 in his column "Critics of Cloning Can't Accept Change" [March 21].

I'm pretty sure that Husain was being facetious when he spoke of "teenage cloning," "statutory cloning," "cloning of a minor," and a "parade of Newt Gingriches popping out by the dozen." These may make good jokes, but in an issue as complicated as cloning, the humor is misplaced. Why not go one step further? For example, why not suggest the use of clones as "personalized organ donors"? Suddenly, the issue isn't funny anymore, because this is a real (though admittedly distant) moral dilemma.

In defense of cloning, Husain said, "Cloning may allow us to weed out genetic disease, enhance desirable traits, and deliver made-to-order progeny." This is "good" science; our new technology could answer many prayers. But is it moral science? Abused, the power to manipulate life can have devastating consequences. I'm reminded of a certain German leader who believed in the supremacy

of the Aryan race.

Husain's main argument seems to be that modern DNA techniques have been used elsewhere without uproar for a long time. "In modern times," he said, "everything from long-stem roses to dairy cattle benefit from this knowledge." This is fine. But I'm sure Husain did not mean to suggest that humans are no different from plants, vegetables, and livestock. At the human level, most things are different. President Clinton has recognized this, and has called for a moratorium on human cloning so that we may proceed slowly, thoughtfully, and carefully with the manipulation of life.

I rarely agree with President Clinton. However, I can hardly classify his action as "mental inertia," as Husain would say. I prefer to see it as a protective measure on human individuality. For as long as I can remember, I have been taught that I am special. No one else in the world has exactly the same hair, the same eyes, the same voice, the same DNA sequences. This fact has often made it a little easier for me to get out of bed on mornings when I've been feeling particularly un-extraordinary, particularly here at MIT, where there are so many brilliant students.

I also see the president's call for a moratorium as a cautionary measure; after all, we are venturing into largely unexplored territory. Husain himself says that "the prospect of focalizing and specifically manipulating the forces of life is profound if not breathtaking. We, as the self-proclaimed molders and shapers of this planet, now face the opportunity to apply these skills at our own discretion..." This is precisely why we must be cautious. We are the molders and shapers of the planet, but we also have discretion, and we should not rush ahead with cloning just because we can. We should not try to overcome "mental inertia" without first giving the issue a great deal of thought.

Christine C. Chen '98

ERRATUM

The caption of a photograph on page 10 of Friday's issue was incorrect. The photograph was of Pablo Ortiz, who will be performing in the Latin American Classical Guitar Concert.



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Visiting Committee Holds Forum to Evaluate Deans

By Venkatesh Satish
NEWS EDITOR

The Visiting Committee on Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs held a student forum Wednesday as part of its evaluation of the Dean's Office.

About 15 students attended the forum, voicing a variety of concerns to the panel. Students addressed issues ranging from student activity funding to teaching quality.

Members of the committee took notes on the issues that were raised, periodically prompting students for input in specific areas.

The forum was part of the general evaluation of the Dean's

Office. Visiting committees, which are used by MIT to study the effectiveness of administrative bodies, perform the evaluation every two years. They typically complete the process in two days, said Visiting Committee Chair DuWayne J. Peterson '55.

The first day of evaluation is spent studying the organization; the next day, committee members discuss the organization they are evaluating and make a preliminary report.

The recent reorganization of the Dean's Office required that members study more areas than in the past, said Dean for Undergraduate Education Rosalind H. Williams.

The reorganization last fall by President Charles M. Vest moved many offices on the operations end of the Institute under the Dean's Office.

"The mission of the new office we're trying to create is an office that has a view of the whole education as the student experiences it. ... What really struck me about the open forum was that students were articulating concerns that were the same as those expressed in the Dean's Office," Williams said.

"It's a little mind boggling getting our hands on all of it. It is very helpful to get input from students," Peterson said.

The low turnout was somewhat disappointing, but "it could be interpreted positively because it means there weren't a lot of students with gripes to express. In the past, these open forums have been more contentious," Williams said.

Most of the students who attended were in leadership positions, Williams said. "One would hope for students who are not in leadership positions" to have attended, she said.

Students express funding concerns

At the forum, several students complained to the committee about a scarcity of funding for extracurricular activities.

Funding for athletics is inadequate, said Jessica L. Zysk '99, captain of the women's soccer team. "We don't have enough equipment and the turf is getting torn up. It's impossible to get time at Johnson [Athletics Center]. It's incredibly frustrating."

She noted that 75 percent of students participate in varsity, intramural, or club sports.

The Undergraduate Association receives over \$200,000 in requests from student groups and doles out only \$40,000, said UA Treasurer Russell S. Light '98. "It particularly hurts smaller student groups. ...

They can't even do a fraction of what they want."

The lack of funding especially hurts student publications, according to Jeremy D. Sher '99, former publisher of *Counterpoint*. "The cost of publishing is just astronomical. It is not an amount that student government can reasonably provide."

The lack of funding sometimes forces groups to charge fees so students can participate in events, said Andrew J. Rhomberg G, a Graduate Student Council member and European Club vice president. In some cases, the fees to students are in excess of \$200.

There is "enormous resistance to an extra fee for student activities," since students feel that tuition should include such fees, Rhomberg said.

There is also a lack of space for student activities, Sher said. If members of the visiting committee toured *Counterpoint's* office in Walker Memorial, they would have seen chipping paint and back issues of the magazine ruined by water damage, he said.

The Walker tour was originally scheduled, but weather conditions canceled that tour.

Advising needs improvement

Some students said they felt

there are problems with academic advising at the Institute.

"The only college year I had regrets from is my freshman year. I didn't know what information was out there," said Pardis C. Sabeti '97, president of the Class of 1997. Not having a freshman adviser who could present options to her contributed to the problem, she said.

"There's a basic assumption at MIT that if you're smart, you can do anything you want," including being an adviser, Light said. There are other factors that should be considered when choosing people for these positions, he said.

"In the graduate level, they don't understand the other aspects of life, outside the hours you spend in lab," said Eva Moy G, the GSC secretary.

Changing things at the Institute is very difficult because of all the bureaucracy one must consider, Light said. "You need to get everybody's agreement to change the system."

"I don't think there's been a lot of opportunity to get student input" on issues that affect students until recently, said Anthony J. Ives G. Getting feedback is important because MIT's composition is changing quickly, and more students are choosing careers in non-traditional fields.



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Rosalind H. Williams

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March 21: Bldg. E40, 1) laptop stolen, \$2,500, 2) wallet stolen, \$75; DuPont Athletic Center desk, \$527 stolen; Bldg. 33, laser printer stolen, \$350.

March 22: Next House, complaint of taxi blowing horn; Bldg. 7, suspicious person report; Burton-Conner House, suspicious package.

March 24: Bldg. E23, suspicious activity; Bldg. 68, annoying phone call; Rockwell Cage, portable CD player stolen, \$150; Bldg. 9, computer stolen, \$2,662; Walker Memorial, Walter Kelley, of 160 Memorial Dr., taken into custody on an outstanding warrant.

March 25: Hayward Lot, vehicle damaged.

March 26: Bldg. 38, ethernet card stolen, \$200; Bldg. 10, malicious damage.

March 27: Edgerton House, radio stolen, \$100; Student Center, money stolen from wallet, \$85; Next House, annoying phone call; Bldg. 10, posters removed.

March 28: Student Center, Robert James Roy taken into custody on an outstanding New Hampshire warrant; Bldg. 13, bicycle tire stolen, \$70; DuPont Athletic Center, male taken into custody for outside warrant, no further information available.

March 30: Next House, complaint about taxi blowing horn; Ashdown House, cash stolen, later recovered; Westgate, bicycle seat stolen, \$30.

March 31: Bldg. 36, keyboard stolen, \$100; Johnson Athletics Center, athletic equipment stolen, \$130; Bldg. 10, annoying phone call; Student Center, William Cofield, of 39 Algonquin St, Dorchester, taken into custody on an outstanding warrant; Beta Theta Pi, complaint about loud music.

April 1: Bldg. 36, pocketbook stolen, \$210; West Garage, two vehicles broken into; Burton-Conner, CDs and cash stolen, \$550.



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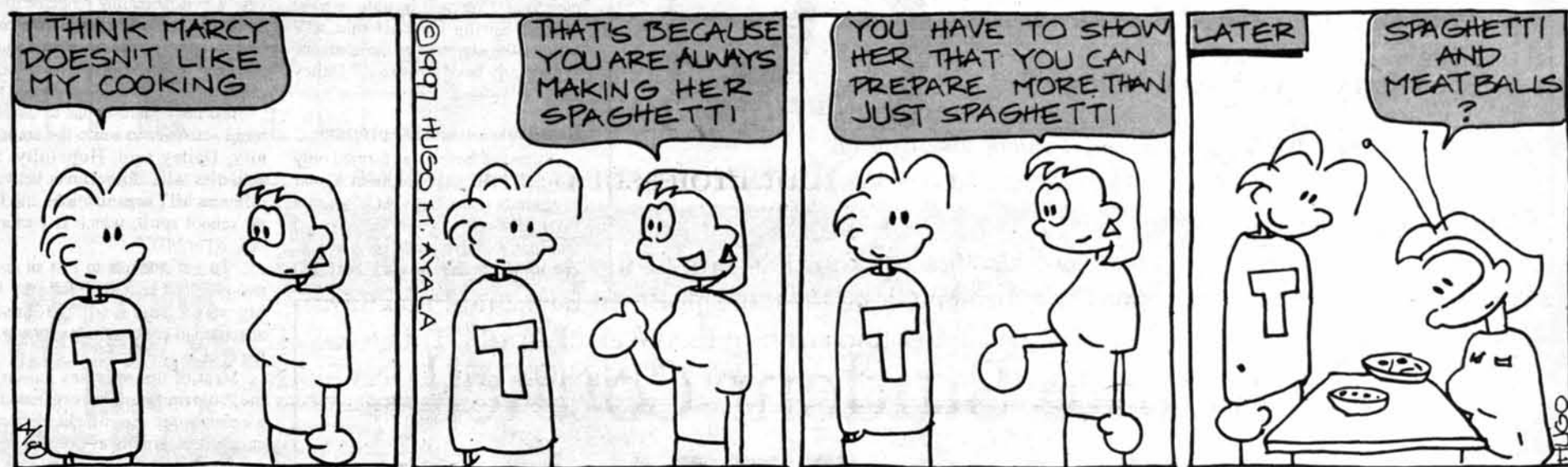
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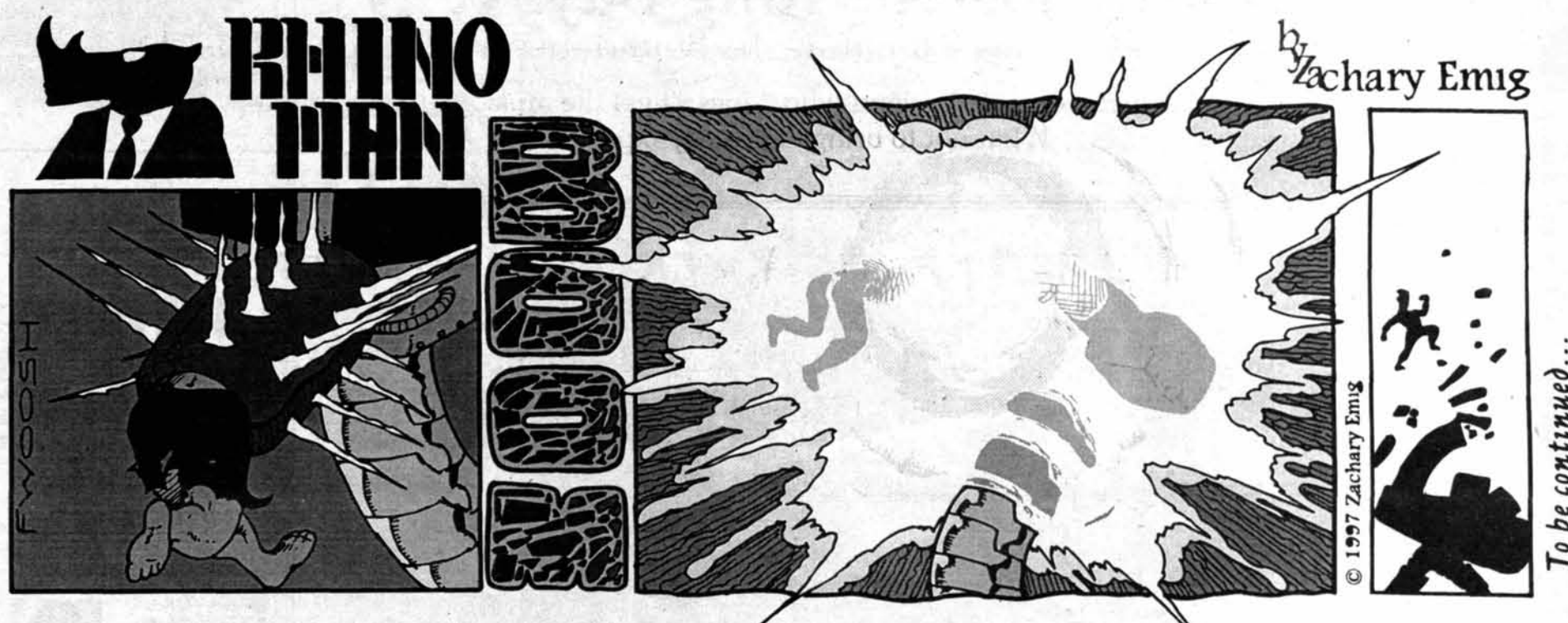
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14	15	16	17	18
Father Angg and the Burnt Fish Industry Acousticisms - 9 PM		Thelonious Monk Tribute Jazz - 9 PM		Spring Weekend Event: Pedro Verdugo and Friends Jazz - 7 PM
21	22	23	24	25
	Chorallaries A capella - 8 PM		Stentorian Effluvium Jazz Diffusion - 9 PM	
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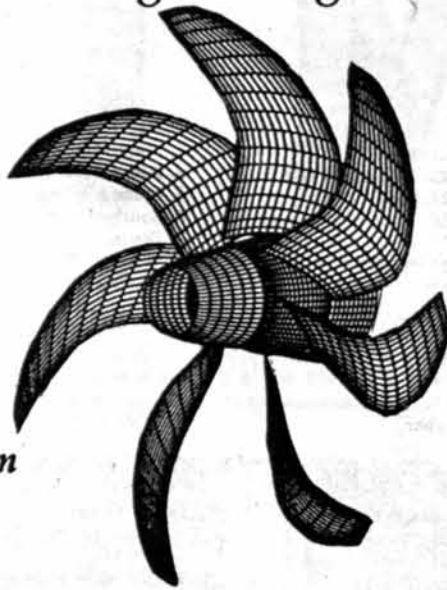
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Spring Concert Cut By Program Board

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not available."

However, the board will be holding the finals of the Battle of the Bands and other events during the Spring Weekend, he said. "Furthermore, the Program Board has also been working with the Undergraduate Association Social Council and other groups such as Alpha Phi Omega to coordinate Spring Weekend."

The concert will be returning next year. "We will be able to have a great Spring Concert that will cater to the majority of the students. We already have the space," Dailey said.

Board takes over SCC projects

Since the board was formed only last fall, "this year has been a year of transition for the CAC Program Board," Dailey said. "However, I feel that we have made great strides in starting an organization that will

not only improve programming on campus but will also help to create a sense of school spirit and community at MIT. Overall, I am very pleased with how this year has gone."

Sponsoring events with other groups on campus, like the Medlinks on Valentine's Day, really helps foster cohesion among different components of the MIT community, said Rick Gresh, graduate assistant for programs of the CAC.

The board's major focus this year was establishing its place in the community, Dailey said. "We have had to concentrate on membership and how we will operate as an organization."

The new board hopes to develop more activities to unite the community, Dailey said. Hopefully, the activities will "forge links between different MIT organizations and foster school spirit, which is currently lacking at MIT."

"To get students to just sit down and play and socialize that way is a big step," said Ted E. Johnson, assistant director for programs in the CAC.

Most of the activities put on by the Program Board are organized by a subcommittee, and the different committees are always on the lookout for student input, Dailey said.

The Student Center Gameroom and the 24-Hour Coffee House, which were administered by the SCC, are not under the control of the board, Dailey said. The Coffee House in particular was responsible for a large portion of the SCC's losses.

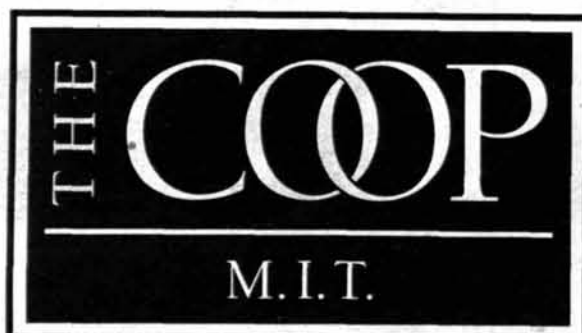
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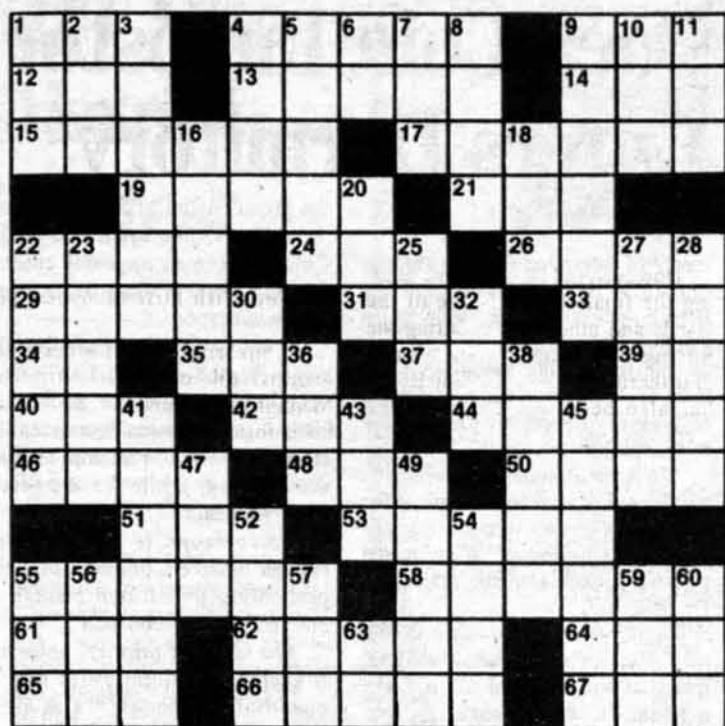


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Coca-Cola Impostor Enters Dormitory

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ments to determine if this particular individual is the same one that has been targeting vending machines on campus, Driscoll said.

While vending machines have been broken into in the past, such a high-level of sophistication is new to the campus.

"In the past, machines have been vandalized or broken into; this is the first time a person who's impersonating Coke personnel" is suspected to have broken into the machines, Driscoll said.

"What bothers me more is that they got into a residential building, not that they ripped off a Coke machine," Conceison said.

Dormitory security questioned

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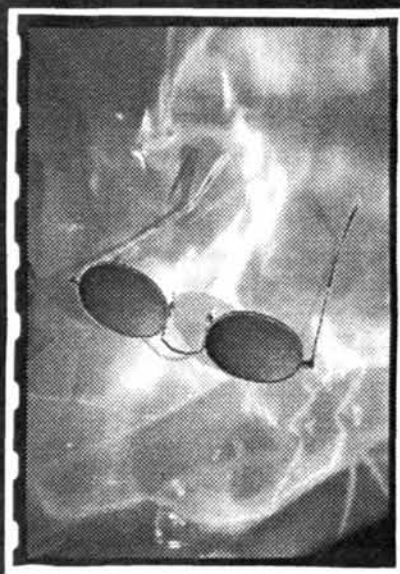
the greater issue of security in the dormitories. The suspected Coca-Cola serviceman impostor entered Burton-Conner without being asked for identification.

"I issued a reminder to all of the Night Watch staff to familiarize themselves with the policy of checking all non-residents identification who enter or attempt to enter the buildings while we are here," Conceison said.

"If someone is sophisticated enough to have a uniform, they are probably sophisticated enough to have an ID," Driscoll said.

The ultimate priority, however, is keeping the dormitories free of unauthorized people. "I'm more concerned with student safety than with vending machine larceny," Conceison said.

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MIT Wins District Contest

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of specifications," Stadlander said. The design problem "very open-ended" and wished the contest could have "allowed more creativity," so that the competing teams' "ideas could have been very different," Duplessie said.

Brainstorming was key to success

As in the local competition, the team used brainstorming and math to win. They "spent a large amount of time brainstorming to iron out the kinks in the plan," Duplessie said.

They also backed up their design with dimensions and a cost analysis. "We did a significant bit of math," Duplessie said.

Outfitting a 30-foot airplane with one aisle was estimated to cost about \$5,000, Stadlander said.

The team also made sure to polish their presentation, since half their score was based on presentation and half was based on design. "You can come up with a great idea that works, but if you can't present it, it's worthless," Stadlander said.

The team enjoyed the competition. "I would recommend it to any freshman or sophomore next year," Duplessie said.

Kamvysselis added at last minute

The team of Stadlander and Duplessie, along with Chad C. Souke '99, all mechanical engineering majors, was selected from among the 11 teams which participated in the local contest on March 18.

Kamvysselis, an electrical engineering and computer science major, was a last-minute addition to the team, when neither Souke nor an alternate could compete. "They woke me up at nine and they said be downstairs in two minutes," Kamvysselis said. The local contest, sponsored entirely by the local TBP chapter, was open to all MIT freshmen and sophomores.



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Michalak Dies at 24

Michalak, from Page 1

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Michalak enjoyed singing and playing the guitar and would often contemplate or decipher Pearl Jam lyrics with Gayeski.

Michalak is survived by his mother, Marilyn Michalak, his brother, John Michalak, and three nephews.

Michalak was originally from Peabody. A Timothy Michalak memorial fund has been established. The fund will provide a scholarship to a graduating senior from Peabody High School, where Michalak attended, to pursue an engineering major. To learn more about the fund or to donate, e-mail JulieAnn Villa '96 at julieann@mit.edu.

Just because something is old doesn't mean it isn't valuable.

I can relate to that. Maybe that's why I'm never in a rush with these old guys. Sanding out a dent here and there, restoring the gears...soon I'll have all the time in the world for them, just like they have for me. That's the beauty of



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Sue I. Foight pours champagne over a boat at the Pierce Boathouse on Saturday morning. The boat was dedicated in her name by crew alumnae. See story, page 16.

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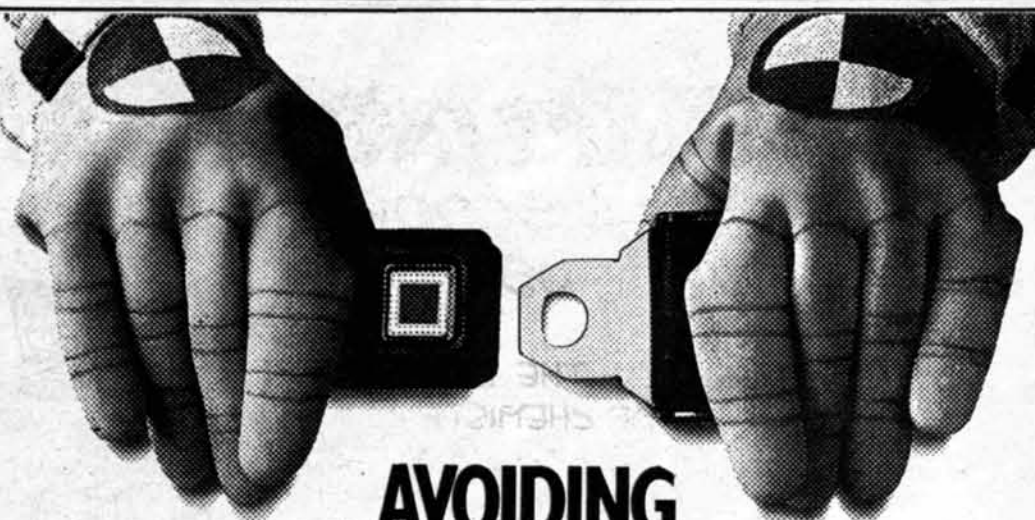
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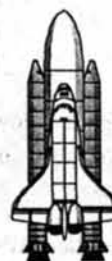
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SPORTS

Heavyweight Crew Beats Columbia for Alumni Cup

By Robert Lentz
TEAM MEMBER

The varsity heavyweight crew team opened their spring racing season by beating a strong Columbia University team to win back the Alumni Cup.

The first varsity eight finished in a time of 5:56, besting the Lions by five seconds. The second varsity and first freshmen boats were not as successful, as both fell to Columbia.

The first varsity was very quick

off of the line, taking a two-seat lead in the five-stroke start. Over the next 20 high strokes, the varsity pushed the lead out to four seats. As the crew neared the 1000-meter mark, they just broke open water, after holding off several attempted moves by Columbia.

The Engineers then continued to move away from the Columbia boat and went on to cross the finish line with a margin of a half a boat length of open water.

Coach Gordon Hamilton, an alumnus of Columbia, was pleasantly surprised with the results after predicting before the race that "neither team would win by open water."

Anand Raghunathan '96, coxswain of the 1996 first varsity said, "It's a solid win for the young crew. They've worked hard for it."

The first varsity eight was a very young and spirited group with several sophomores and juniors. The

boating from bow to stern was Charley Able '97, Brian Smith '97, Mads Schmidt '98, Karsten Kallevig '99, Mike Perry '99, Dan Parker '99, Karl Richter '99, Robert Lentz '98, and coxswain Jen Lykens '99.

The Alumni Cup's history has been one of intense competition, with the victories being split almost evenly between the two schools. Columbia has become a very good team recently, placing 11th in the country last year.

"Beating a crew of this caliber gives us a lot of confidence going into races later this season against other top ranked EARC crews," Kallevig said. MIT men's crews race in the most competitive league in the country, the Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges, consisting of all Division I schools.

In contrast to the first varsity race, the second varsity race was a very close and toughly fought race. The Columbia Lions managed to overcome an early Engineer lead to finish two seconds ahead of the MIT crew.

The results of this race show that both teams have very well matched second varsities and should provide for interesting racing when they meet again at the Eastern Sprints, conference championships.

Although it was a disappointing loss for the second varsity, they know what they need to work on to improve for next week's race against Williams College.

The first freshmen also lost to a strong Columbia crew. The first race of the spring season was also the first racing experience for many of the freshmen.

Making the adjustments from the longer fall races to high intensity sprints races with starts will come with time. Amro Farid '00, stroke of the freshman eight, said, "We need to improve our start-settle sequence."

All crews are looking forward to next weekend when they will travel to Worcester to meet crews from Williams College, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and Connecticut College.

Women's Crew Shows Strength

By Amy Gieffers
TEAM MEMBER

In their second race of the spring season, the women's crew team made a strong showing on Saturday at home on the Charles River. The team raced Boston College, Tufts University, and Bates College.

Despite adverse weather conditions throughout this past week, the team worked on improving their race plan and proved on Saturday that they could put together a good race.

In the varsity eight race, MIT placed second with a time of 7:22.5, behind a strong Boston College crew which finished in 7:05.9. Tufts placed third in 7:34.7, and Bates placed fourth in 7:37.6.

Rowing for MIT from bow to stern were Megan Reese '99, Sarah Folscroft '98, Sabina Ma '99, Sue Dey '98, Mariah Luff '98, Arlene Frech '97, Amy Gieffers '97, Kristin Jugenheimer '99 (stroke), and Rain Gupta '99 (coxswain).

MIT's second varsity four with coxswain rowed the course in 8:34, which placed them second to Boston University with a time of 8:52. The boat was rowed by Francesca Chang '00 (bow), Jeanne Yu '98, Heidi Chang '98, Jesse Cochrane '99 (stroke), and Margo Harbaugh '98 (coxswain).

The novice women's team swept away the competition in their races. The first novice boat won their race with a time of 7:24. MIT was followed by second-place Tufts (7:31), Bates (7:34), and BC (7:45).

In the second novice race, MIT fielded two boats which took first and second places, showing the team's great depth. The A boat rowed the course in 7:45 and the B boat in 7:56. Finishing in third and fourth behind MIT were BC (7:57) and Tufts (7:59).

New crew shell dedicated

Following the races on Saturday, the women's team had the great pleasure of dedicating a new eight crew shell. The new boat was purchased by alumnae of the women's team who rowed on novice teams between the fall of 1991 and spring of 1993. The boat was named after these alumnae's novice coach, Sue I. Foight.

This group of alumnae was the youngest group ever to donate a shell to MIT's crew program, and the women's team was truly grateful to receive the needed shell.

Present at the dedication ceremony were Foight, her family and many of the alumni who helped finance the new boat. After the christening of the boat, Foight, along with some of her former rowers, took the boat for a cruise up the Charles River.

Women's Athletic Administrator Candace L. Royer and Director of Athletics Richard A. Hill were also in attendance at the boat dedication.

Next weekend, the women's team will travel to Worcester to race Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Williams College, and Connecticut College.

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Wednesday, April 9

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Women's Tennis vs. Brandeis University, 3:30 p.m.
Women's Track and Field vs. Bentley College and Simmons College, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 10

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