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The Weather

Today: Overcast, windy, 42°F (6°C)
Tonight: Rain, windy, 32°F (0°C)
Tomorrow: Windy, rain, 39°F (4°C)
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Building Initiatives Strain Fundraising

By Brett Altschul
NEWS EDITOR

In recent years, the Institute has announced plans for a large number of construction projects. However, while plans for a given project may be announced, whether or not the plans will come to fruition is entirely dependent on the success of fundraising efforts for the individual project. Since the administration has also announced plans for a major capital campaign over the upcoming years, fundraising will be a major issue in the near future.

Several different construction projects are in various stages of development. Building 20 is slated to be torn down and replaced with a new Computer, Information, and Intelligence Sciences complex. New dormitories are planned for both graduate and undergraduate students. A new pool and a new building on the site of E10 are also in various stages of development.

President Charles M. Vest said that the planned capital campaign is being closely examined, in light of all the other major fundraising projects currently underway.

"Because of the possibility of a major capital campaign, the provost and senior vice president have been leading an effort to think through our long-term capital priorities," Vest said.

New Building 20 moving ahead

For most building projects, the Institute raises funds specifically for that project. This means that the different projects are constrained by different budgets. There is no sched-

ule laying out which projects need to be completed first. The ones that receive large amounts of money are built more rapidly than those that do not.

The project in the most advanced stage is the new complex to be built on the site of Building 20. The complex will house the Laboratory for Computer Science, the Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, and the Laboratory for Information and Decision Systems, as well as the Department of Linguistics and Philosophy.

"MIT is firmly committed to the construction of... the facilities for Computer, Information and Intelligence Sciences," Vest said. "Fund raising for the CIIS facilities, led by the magnificent gift from [Raymond S. Stata '57] and Maria Stata, is proceeding very well."

The Statas donated \$25 million for the construction of the CIIS

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GABORCSANYI / THE TECH

Dóra Farkas '98 serves Liz Connors a bite from her Hungarian stew (Lecsó), one of the many delicious entries in the 'Kitchen Devils' section of the Cross Cultural Talent Show, held on Friday in MacGregor Dining Hall. For more pictures, see page 14.

U.S., U.N. Slow to Right Peruvian Wrongs

By Katharyn Jeffreys
STAFF REPORTER

Late last month the case of 28-year-old Lori Berenson, a former MIT student, was brought to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States. Berenson was convicted and jailed by a secret Peruvian military court in January 1996 on suspicion that she was linked to the leftist

Túpac Amaru Resistance Movement in Peru. In addition, a United Nations special commission is considering her case and those of others imprisoned in Peruvian jails.

Berenson was the first North American to fall victim to the antiterrorism decrees enacted by the government of Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori.

Berenson had exhausted all of her legal

channels in Peru, so late last month she took her case to IACHR. Her complaint asks for her immediate release.

If sufficient evidence is brought forth by the Peruvian government to convict her of the charges, the complaint demands that a new, fair trial be held. If her conviction is upheld, the

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KARLENE ROSERA / THE TECH

Allyn Milner (left) and Monir Hossain (right) perform in a concert presented by the MIT Heritage of the Arts of South Asia on Friday night in Killian Hall.

MLK Speaker Discusses Affirmative Action Plans

By Dan McGuire
EDITOR IN CHIEF

"Principally, affirmative action is designed to stop the preferential treatment and monopolies of a few," said Lezli Baskerville, the keynote speaker at the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration.

Baskerville serves as general council to the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, a Washington-based organization for the nation's 117 historically and predominantly black colleges and universities. She also held senior congressional staff positions and worked on several national campaigns, including the Reverend Jesse Jackson's 1994 and 1988 presidential bids and the 1996 Clinton-Gore campaign.

"We are far from a colorblind society and to the extent that color remains a criterion for consideration in awarding the spoils of the nation, it too must be a consideration in a remedial plan," she said.

She noted that white males make up just 35 percent of the population and yet hold commanding percentages of senior management positions (99 percent), senate positions (92 percent), and tenured professorships (80 percent).

Women and minorities held far

fewer positions. About 51 percent of the U.S. adult population is female, 12 percent is African American, and four percent is latino. While 42 percent of professors are women, only four percent are African American and five percent are latino. Only eight percent of all engineers are women. Four percent are African American and three percent are latino.

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WORLD & NATION

IMF Effort Not Working, Suharto Tells Clinton

THE WASHINGTON POST

JAKARTA

In an ominous sign for the international rescue of Asia's ailing economies, Indonesia's President Suharto told President Clinton in a weekend phone call that the International Monetary Fund is failing to stem his country's financial crisis — and that the rescue's failure explains why he is planning a drastic change in Indonesia's monetary system.

The account of the phone conversation, which took place Friday night Washington time, was provided by Steve H. Hanke, a Johns Hopkins University economist who is in Jakarta advising Suharto, and confirmed by a senior administration official.

After Clinton reiterated objections that had been raised by the IMF to Suharto's plans for a new monetary regime, Suharto retorted that "the current IMF program hasn't been a roaring success," according to Hanke. He said Suharto demanded that Washington propose an alternative, "because what you've got here now isn't working."

Suharto's statements to Clinton underscore the desperation of the situation in Indonesia, which looms as a potential disaster for the IMF-led effort to stabilize the Asian economies. Despite a \$43 billion international bailout, Indonesia's crisis has failed to abate and the nation's currency, the rupiah, has remained severely depressed.

The rupiah fell another 14 percent Monday against the U.S. dollar, closing at 9,800 rupiah per dollar.

Legal Basis for a U.S. Attack on Iraq Is Debated

THE BALTIMORE SUN

WASHINGTON

Within the next few days, the United States will have all the equipment in place that it needs to launch a military strike against Iraq.

But critics are arguing that Washington doesn't have the legal authority to carry out its threat without new action both by Congress and the United Nations Security Council.

The legal basis for any new air or ground assault is now being debated actively, in Congress, in the international community, and among scholars. The issues are closely parallel to questions raised before U.S. bombs struck Iraq seven years ago to open the gulf war.

The more basic question is whether an American president ever needs approval, at home or internationally, to send U.S. forces into action abroad. The more specific question is whether the 1991 endorsements were meant only to rescue Kuwait from the Iraqi invasion, or were broad enough to last for years and cover later and very different U.S. military measures, such as those now planned.

The Clinton administration, echoing the view of President Bush and earlier presidents, contends that it has no real need for authorization from either Congress or the Security Council, but would welcome any encouragement either could offer.

FDA Didn't Disclose Diet Drug Company's Attack on Critics

NEWSDAY

LEXINGTON, MASS.

In a move labeled "very questionable" by one scientist, the Food and Drug Administration kept secret a critical drug company "dossier" that attacked five scientists who opposed government approval of the company's Redux diet pill.

The FDA never made the scientists — who thought the drug might cause brain damage — aware of the charges contained in the document from Interneuron Pharmaceuticals of Lexington, Mass., and gave them no chance to dispute them, two of the scientists said in recent interviews with Newsday.

Nonetheless, the dossier was accompanied by a letter from Interneuron's president telling how he "appreciated" a decision by an agency official to keep several of the targeted scientists from speaking at a key Nov. 16, 1995, public hearing where an FDA committee recommended Redux for approval.

Redux and another diet pill, Pondimin — sometimes used in combination with the drug phentermine in the so-called "fen-phen" combination — were pulled off pharmacy shelves on Sept. 15, 1997, after being linked to serious heart-valve damage.

WEATHER

Rain again

By Gerard Roe

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

As has been the pattern this winter, a large storm will pass by just to the east and south of Boston, and temperatures will again be warm enough that we should see the whole lot come down as rain. The rain will begin early tonight and precipitation totals are likely to reach around an inch when all is said and done. Interior portions of New England should be in for quite a dose of snow. The rain will continue for at least the early part of Wednesday, and a light isolated drizzle may hang on through to Thursday, but the storm will get sucked off into the Atlantic jet stream. By Friday we should see the return of some sunnier weather.

Today: Overcast and moderating southerly winds. Rain beginning during the evening. High 42°F (6°C).

Tonight: Rain, heavy at times. Becoming very windy. Low 32°F (0°C).

Wednesday: A windy start to the day. Rain, diminishing during the day. High 40°F (4°C). Low 33°F (0°C).

Thursday: Some clearing likely. High 39°F (4°C). Low 28°F (-2°C).

Annan Sees Some Progress In Negotiations with Iraqis

By Craig Turner

LOS ANGELES TIMES

UNITED NATIONS

Secretary-General Kofi Annan reported some progress Monday in his efforts to forge a peaceful resolution to the confrontation between the United Nations and Iraq, but he said he has no immediate plans to fly to Baghdad and present a proposal to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Sources said Annan has not yet persuaded the United States to agree to a revised weapons inspection proposal that apparently has won the backing of France, Russia, China and, according to some reports, Britain, the other four permanent members of the U.N. Security Council.

Annan alluded to those efforts during a brief news conference that followed his meeting Monday with representatives of the five nations.

"We're not operating on majorities, we're operating on the basis of unanimity, and I think we are getting there," he said.

Representatives of the five nations are scheduled to meet again Tuesday.

Sources at the United Nations reported that the United States remains wary of one part of the proposal that would require U.N. inspectors searching for weapons of

mass destruction in Iraq to enter certain areas accompanied by diplomats. The United States is concerned about politicizing the inspection process and wants to ensure that the arms specialists can go wherever they believe they need to go in order to hunt down Iraq's arsenal.

An unsmiling Bill Richardson, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, emerged from the meeting with Annan and the others saying that "some progress was made" but stressing the need for consensus among the five before Annan made any trip to Baghdad.

British Ambassador John Weston, in an apparent effort to stem reports of a split between the two allies, stood next to Richardson and emphasized their areas of agreement.

Weston, whose country has been America's strongest supporter in the standoff, said the Security Council's five permanent members are "very close" to consensus on a plan Annan could take to Hussein.

Pressure continued to mount on Annan to make the trip, with Pope John Paul II adding his voice Monday to those calling for such a journey.

Annan has said he would go only if he has agreement from the key Security Council members on a plan

and some indication that Iraq would accept it. But U.N. sources indicated that the international outcry over the possibility of a strike against Iraq has become so intense that Annan may find a journey to Baghdad irresistible, even if its chances of success are low.

The crisis stems from Iraq's declaration that it will not permit U.N. arms inspectors unlimited access to eight presidential compounds scattered across the country. The inspectors want to search the sites, which include Hussein's residences as well as hundreds of other buildings, for evidence of illegal weapons programs.

Under the terms of the cease-fire ending the 1991 Persian Gulf War, the inspectors must certify that Iraq no longer can make chemical, biological or nuclear weapons and has eliminated its long-range missiles before the Security Council can lift the oil embargo that has crippled the Iraqi economy since 1990.

Iraq maintains that it has complied, but the inspectors refuse to agree that is the case pending further investigation.

The five permanent Security Council members are considering changing the inspection program in an effort to overcome the Iraqi intransigence.

Hopes, Fears Frame Decisions In Competitive Indian Election

By Kenneth J. Cooper

THE WASHINGTON POST

PATNA, INDIA

Millions massed at polling places Monday to participate in the most competitive election in independent India's 50-year history and the second parliamentary vote in the world's largest democracy in less than two years.

The last published opinion polls indicated that the vote — to be held on four days between now and March 7 — will yield an indecisive result, leading to another coalition government. During Monday's first phase, with 40 percent of Parliament's 545 seats at stake, voter turnout dipped below the historical average of 60 percent.

Preliminary reports said at least 17 people were killed in election-related violence, 15 of them in the impoverished and sometimes lawless eastern state of Bihar.

India's 600 million eligible voters face a choice among a long-ruling but now declining Congress party, the emergent Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the United Front, a secularist coalition of 14 centrist, leftist and regional parties formed after the 1996 election to keep the BJP out of power. In 11 previous elections, no more than two blocs competed at the national level.

The collapse last December of the coalition government of Prime Minister I.K. Gujral forced an election three years ahead of schedule. It was the second United Front government to fall since June 1996, both times because the Congress party withdrew its support.

Voters have appeared torn between a wish for an honest, stable government — a trend that works against the scandal-plagued Congress party, among others — and a fear of communal tensions if the BJP, the largest party in the last parliament, is given a clear mandate.

That central conflict could be heard in the voices of anxious voters here in the drab provincial capital of

Bihar state, where the BJP is likely to make its largest gains because of divisions among its opponents.

The BJP has declared India, one of the most socially diverse countries in the world, to be "one nation, one people and one culture" based on the traditions of its Hindu majority. The party's election platform, asserts that the Hindu god Ram — who is not even central in the worship of all Hindus — "lies at the core of Indian consciousness."

In Bihar, politics have been dominated in recent years by the state's former chief minister, Laloo Prasad Yadav, who was jailed last year on corruption charges and kicked out of the Janata Dal, Gujral's left-leaning party. But Yadav, a rustic low-caste leader, rebounded by inserting his wife as chief minister, winning his release on bail and forming a new party to compete with his old one, the BJP and its regional ally in one of India's poorest states.

Mandrika Singh Yadav, a farmer, said he had abandoned loyalty to his landholding Yadav caste and voted for the BJP candidate in the rural fringes of Patna, where winter crops of potatoes and onions were being harvested in the morning sun.

Despite the corruption charges, Raza Imam, 77, described himself as a loyal supporter of Laloo Prasad Yadav and said he voted for the new party because its leader has helped to protect Muslims, who make up about 12 percent of India's 950 million people.

"Who isn't corrupt? The interests of (religious) minorities is more important to us," Imam said. "Nobody is totally clean, but the BJP is dangerous."

The birth of independent India was accompanied by communal clashes that killed hundreds of thousands of Hindus and Muslims, and such violence has recurred periodically in the five decades since then.

The worst violence of the current election campaign, in which nearly 100 have been killed so far, was

communal in nature. Over the weekend, Islamic militants were blamed for detonating more than a dozen bombs in Coimbatore, a city of 1 million in southern Tamil Nadu state.

The first bomb exploded near the site of a BJP rally where the party's president, L.K. Advani, was late appearing. About 50 were killed in the bomb blasts, subsequent communal riots and police encounters with suspects.

The deadliest communal clashes in recent years occurred in December 1992, when about 2,500 were killed in riots across the country after the demolition of an unused mosque in the northern town of Ayodhya by Hindu nationalists who claim the site as the birthplace of their god, Ram. Several BJP leaders, including Advani, were present during the demolition and have been charged with criminal offenses.

The mosque's destruction represented the only major instance of communal violence in a half-dozen states that the Hindu nationalist party has ruled. But it brought down a BJP government in northern Uttar Pradesh state and cost the Congress party dearly, as well. Muslims, who had been an important part of the party's broad coalition, accused Congress leaders of pandering to Hindu nationalist sentiments and of not mobilizing enough central government forces to prevent the demolition. Many Muslim voters abandoned Congress and turned to regional parties.

In this election campaign, both the BJP and Congress have tried to win over Muslims. The BJP has played down its Hindu nationalist positions, made open appeals to Muslims and projected a party moderate, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, as its prospective prime minister.

"Nobody really sympathizes with Muslims," Abdullah Bukhari, chief minister of New Delhi's largest mosque, said in a pessimistic pre-election sermon that did not endorse any of the three major political blocs.

U.S. to Reward States Moving Welfare Recipients Into Jobs

By Barbara Vobejda

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The Clinton administration has decided to distribute \$1 billion in federal bonuses to states that are most successful in moving welfare recipients into jobs and keeping them there.

Guidelines to be sent to states this week spell out for the first time precisely what they must do to compete for the coveted "performance bonuses" created by the 1996 welfare legislation. In issuing the guidelines, the administration answered the long-standing question of whether success in welfare reform would be measured on the basis of declining caseloads, a figure many governors are fond of quoting because of shrinking welfare rolls in their states.

Advocates for the poor had feared that distributing bonuses

based on caseload decline would encourage states to push recipients off the rolls whether or not they had become self-sufficient. But the new guidelines make it clear that the administration has chosen to reward states primarily for helping recipients find stable employment.

"These bonuses are an important part of our strategy to ensure that the centerpiece of welfare reform is moving families from welfare to work," said Health and Human Services Secretary Donna E. Shalala, whose department is in charge of overseeing welfare reform.

An administration spokesman said President Clinton would focus on the bonuses in his remarks next week to the National Governors Association, reiterating his hope that states will change the culture of welfare offices to emphasize work.

According to the guidelines,

\$200 million will be distributed each year, beginning in the current fiscal year, based on four broad measures: "job entry rates," "success in the work force," improvement in "job entry rates" and improvement in work-force success.

The 10 states that rank highest on each of those measures will receive a portion of the bonus. Success in the work force will be based on job retention and improvement in earnings for recipients.

The final two categories will reward states that show the most improvement from one year to the next on their job entry and work-force success rates.

The guidelines are similar to a proposal floated last summer by the administration, with the exception of one category, teenage births, that was ultimately dropped. The guidelines will eventually be incorporated into final regulations.

Japanese Approve \$238 Billion Financial Stabilization Package

By David Holley

LOS ANGELES TIMES

TOKYO

Japan's lawmakers gave final passage Monday to a \$238 billion financial stabilization package, which lays the legal groundwork for Japan to try to restore health to its banking system. However, key details of how the plan will be implemented remain undecided.

The package includes elements that some analysts believe could eventually lead to a brutal banking industry shakeout along the lines envisioned by Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto's "Big Bang" financial system reform program.

Such an outcome would drive some weaker banks into bankruptcy and allow healthier banks to strengthen their positions, both domestically and internationally.

The package allots \$135 billion to guarantee savings deposits at weak institutions that are allowed to fail. The deposit insurance is expected to ease the political and economic fallout of allowing dying banks to fail.

The second part of the legislation, however — funded by the package's remaining \$103 billion — would pave the way for a potential bailout of weak banks. The funds would be used to boost banks' capital through such means as government purchase of banks' stocks. This could provide short-term support for the economy but in the long run delay efforts to restore Japan's overall financial system to better health.

There was little immediate impact in stock and currency markets of the plan's passage into law

by the Upper House of Parliament, which came after approval earlier this month by the Lower House.

The Nikkei-225 index closed Monday at 16,775.52, down 15.49 points, or .09 percent. The dollar was trading at 126.2 yen Monday afternoon in Tokyo, up 1.48 yen from Friday. Traders attributed this moderate weakening of the yen to doubts that the government will come up with any unexpected measures in an economic stimulus package due to be announced Friday.

"There's no impact on markets since everyone knew what the package was all about," said Junji Ota, an analyst at Okasan Research Institute. "However, I think this law should be appreciated. If some bank goes bankrupt ... now there are solid laws to deal with that kind of situation."

Former Intelligence Chief Charged With Murder of Journalist

THE WASHINGTON POST

MOSCOW

Russian authorities have charged the former head of intelligence for the army's paratroops with plotting the bombing murder of a young journalist in a case that came to be seen as a symbol of Russia's runaway violence and corruption.

Dmitry Kholodov, 27, a reporter for the popular Moskovsky Komsomolets newspaper here, was investigating alleged arms trafficking by Russian officers while they were based in Germany.

On Oct. 17, 1994, he told his editors he was to receive some leaked documents, and he went to a train station. Later, in the newsroom, he opened an attache case he had been given and a powerful bomb went off, killing him and wounding another person.

But the case languished, as have dozens of other contract murders of bankers, businessmen, lawmakers and prominent personalities in the early post-Soviet years of Russia's transition to free markets and democracy.

In the Kholodov case, the general prosecutor last week announced the arrest of the former paratroops' intelligence officer, Lt. Col. Pavel Popovskikh, who was charged with murder and conspiracy.

According to NTV commercial television, investigators found some of Kholodov's newspaper articles, which had been critical of the military, when they searched Popovskikh's office. But details of the investigation are not yet known, and in the past, other suspects have been arrested without result. Interfax reported that Popovskikh's arrest would be followed by that of other officers.

Zamora Described as Mastermind, Victim in Closing Arguments

THE WASHINGTON POST

FORT WORTH

In final arguments for the Diane Zamora murder trial, jurors heard the former Naval Academy midshipman described Monday as both a cold-blooded participant in the slaying of 16-year-old Adrienne Jones and as a helpless victim of a controlling boyfriend.

As the jury was charged with deciding which portrayal to believe, the case seemed to hinge on whether the seven men and five women on the panel believed the testimony Zamora herself gave when she took the witness stand in her own defense. During two riveting days of testimony last week, she emphatically denied any involvement in the slaying.

In separate written confessions to police, however, Zamora and her boyfriend David Graham, a former cadet at the U.S. Air Force Academy, said her rage over Graham's one-time sexual tryst with Jones led the couple to plot the girl's demise and leave her shot to death on a dark country road on Dec. 4, 1995.

A medical examiner testified that Jones suffered a head wound so severe that it alone would have killed Jones if left untreated for half an hour. While the prosecution said the wound came from a barbell wielded by Zamora, the defense suggested Graham struck Jones with the butt of his 9mm Markarov pistol before shooting her twice in the head while Zamora cowered in disbelief in the car.

Graham will be tried separately later this year. He and Zamora, both now 20, were high-school seniors when Jones was killed.



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Nominating GSC Officers!

The Graduate Student Council is open for nominations for the officer positions: the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. All graduate students are eligible. The nominations will be taken at the March General Council Meeting and the election for Officers will be at the April Meeting.

For details, check out <http://www.mit.edu/activities/gsc>, or email your questions to gsc-officers@mit.edu.

FEBRUARY

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- 19 Night on the Town at Rhythms and Spice
- 24 My Stint in DC: Externship Feedback *
- 26 Academics, Research, and Careers Meeting *

MARCH

- 3 MCP Board of Governors Meeting *
- 4 General Council Mtg. *

- 11 Activities Meeting*

APRIL

- 8 Officer Election*

* at 5:30 PM in Rm. 50-220. All graduate students are welcome. Food is provided.

OPINION

Orientation '98 Fails to Meet Goals

The administrators involved in planning Orientation 1998 said that they left students out of the final decision making process because they wanted to put the interests of incoming students ahead of the interests of established groups like dormitories and fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups. Their reasoning was that the conservative student body would

Editorial

immediately act to block the sweeping changes the committee was planning to institute. This was a flawed decision because it dismissed a large, qualified group of people who have a good understanding of how Orientation and rush work.

Student involvement in decision-making serves two important purposes. First, including students gives the community the benefit of student perspectives on the programs that will affect them most. The faculty and administration should not need to be reminded again that the student body provides a large pool of information that is ready and willing to be tapped. Second, involving students in decision-making processes serves an educational role, giving students the invaluable experience of taking some responsibility for the direction of what is, in reality, their own community as well. Denying students this role effectively devalues student participation and lends to the feeling of hostility and conflict often perceived between students and the administration.

The Tech opposes all policy-making processes that are secretive and closed to students. It is irresponsible for faculty and administrators to sidestep introspective discussion by hiding behind closed doors.

We recognize that students are likely to be a conservative force in any decision that threatens to change student life.

However, a policy reached with input from all parties is more likely to be successful than one imposed unilaterally by one group upon another.

The problems with this plan go beyond the method by which the policy changes were developed. The most recent changes suffer from a lack of vision. The group that developed the current proposal, chaired by Dean for

Undergraduate Curriculum Kip V. Hodges was charged with putting everything on the table and rethinking the way Orientation works at MIT. The rationale given for the student exclusion, in fact, was that the committee members wanted the freedom to plot out a new direction for Orientation — an understandable, if incorrect, notion. Given the amount of leeway this committee had, it is surprising to see that what emerged is largely what we began with. Minor concerns, such as the scheduling of the Freshman Essay Evaluation, have been used to control the entire process. A larger vision about what Orientation should be was never created and smaller concerns were allowed to dominate the conversation. By accepting mandates on the scheduling of relatively minor activities, the committee abandoned any hope of totally overhauling Orientation.

In the past, when *The Tech* has editorialized on rush and Orientation, we have proposed several standards by which changes in these programs should be held. Rush should be less stressful than it has been. It should allow more time for freshmen to make their housing decisions. Why does MIT give undergraduates a year to decide on a major, but only six days to choose a residence? If freshmen are permitted more time and better information, they will be more able to make wise decisions.

Rush should be a more honest process with complete candor in discussions with potential new members. There should be more information available to freshmen. This can be solved partly by independent evaluation from third parties, a laudable component of the current plan, and partly by living groups removing some of the facades that they put up for rush.

For rush and Orientation to approach these goals, a wide restructuring is necessary. This was possible when the issue was raised in the fall, but the critical decisions were delayed past the point when they could be implemented. Now, the Class of 2002 is stuck with a set of policies that represent incremental changes bounded by minor details, rather than a new process that meets the larger need for change.

Letters To The Editor

MEng Column too Sweeping in its Scope

Brett Altschul's column ["Mastering an Undergrad Program," Feb. 6] raises some good critical concerns about the evolving Master of Engineering programs at MIT.

However, in the column's focus on the EECS Masters of Engineering program some blanket statements are made that do not apply to other MEng programs. For instance, the one in Civil and Environmental Engineering. This program is most certainly a graduate degree with lots of outside infusion. Most of our students are not from MIT. Now in its third year, the program has had 83 participants of which only 24 are from MIT (29 percent). The remaining 71 percent are primarily from U.S. schools such as Berkeley, Stanford, Princeton, Brown, and Cornell. Applicants for this year are numerous, with only about 20 percent from MIT.

The CEE MEng students all take regular MIT graduate subjects and they are treated as graduate students with a strong professional focus. We agree with your statement that MEng programs provide a great addition to the Institute's curriculum. They give students wanting to move to meaningful positions in the professions a solid grounding in not only technology, but also in the skills needed to be successful in the positions. Therefore, in the process of addressing some real concerns in one of MIT's MEng programs, please do not overlook their objectives and success in meeting these new needs. More importantly, please to not

lump them all together. MIT's strength is its diversity of approach to education, and the evolving MEng programs show many differences in approach within a successful overall context.

David H. Marks
Professor of Civil and
Environmental Engineering

Housing Should Not Be a Factor in MEng Degree Decision

I read Friday's column ["Mastering an Undergrad Program," Feb. 6] suggesting that the MEng degree should be classified as an undergraduate degree, mainly because of housing concerns. While housing is an important issue, changing the classification of the MEng degree to solve that problem is not the best approach.

The MEng degree is a graduate degree because students in the program work on a research project and submit a small thesis. The degree requirements involve graduate level subjects. Many MEng students receive research assistantships or teaching assistantships which they can only receive as a graduate student. The MEng students often do an excellent job in these positions; R.A.'s assist in their laboratories and T.A.'s work hard to help students in their classes. You most likely have taken or will take a class with an MEng T.A. I am one of them.

If there is a housing concern, it should be solved within the housing system. The

Office for Residence and Campus Activities and the Graduate Housing Office should come to a specific conclusion regarding a separate policy for MEng students. The policy should make the best use of the available housing space. Depending on the details discussed and the priorities which are set, possible results might include allowing them to be housed in undergraduate housing, allow them to enter one of the graduate housing lotteries, prevent them from receiving any housing at all, or it might encourage them to be matched to live in undersubscribed Independent Living Groups.

Mike Jacknis G

Errata

A caption in the Feb. 10 issue of *The Tech* incorrectly identified the participants in a charity race held by the Women's Swim Team. It should have read "Berta Liao '00 and Deirdre Dunn '99 from the Women's Swim Team race the Women's Independent Living Group in the inner tube relay."

The article "Madhani Wins Lemelson For New Surgical Tool" in the Feb. 13 issue incorrectly stated that Akhil J. Madhani G holds patents for a camera device, a force-reflecting glove, and a robotic hand. Madhani only holds patents for surgical devices.

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Will Administrators Ever Learn?

Daniel C. Stevenson

Last week, an MIT policy committee released a plan and schedule for next year's freshman orientation. Gone are the names Residence and Orientation and R/O. Events such as Killian Kick-off, Thursday Night Dinners, and Project Move Off Your Assumptions, long staples of R/O for MIT students, are no more. They will be replaced by new programs, including a Residence Midway and Johnson Games. Various rules regarding rush and contacting freshmen have also been revised, making for a very significant set of policy and procedural changes for freshman orientation.

The scope of these changes is certainly refreshing. Students, administrators, and faculty from all areas have been lobbying for revisions to the process for years. Orientation is a critical time of renewal for the entire Institute, with the influx of new students that follows the preceding year's Commencement and exodus of graduating students. For the freshman, the orientation period is their first, hurried glimpse into as much of MIT as we can fit into two weeks. For the upperclassmen, administrators, and faculty it is our chance to get across a broad, unified message about what MIT is to a semi-captive audience. To dormitories, independent living groups, and student activities, freshman orientation is especially critical for drawing in new people. Clearly, it is the most critical part of the Institute's calendar for a very large portion of the community.

With all the importance attached to the orientation period by so many, it would seem only logical for any changes, especially the major changes announced last week, to come after months of open, community-wide discussion and dialogue led by a committee or committees of concerned administrators, faculty, and, most of all, students. It certainly seemed like we were heading for such a group after major attention turned to revamping R/O following the death of Scott S. Krueger '01 last year. Early last fall, President Charles M. Vest and others called for a broad-based, introspective dialogue. Vest said that the issues surrounding Krueger's death had "forced me to think of the student perspective."

Never mind that the introspective dialogue initially assigned to October got extended through November, December, and January, apparently because the deans were surprised at such scheduling snafus as Thanksgiving and finals. Never mind that the faculty floated out-of-this-world proposals for revamping freshman orientation. Never mind, because a living, breathing "advisory" committee was formed in early November, composed of nearly equal parts students and non-students. Now it seemed like progress would indeed be made—a broad-based committee was charged with proposing major changes to the freshman orientation period. The outlook only improved when that committee released its final recommendations just one month later. Other good things were happening along the way, too—the faculty and administration held open meetings; students organized activities and events; and the President's Office made a Web site to gather student, alumni, and parent input.

In their report released at the beginning of December, the advisory committee found that there was "a fundamentally different point of view between the faculty and the students with respect to what is broken in the present system of introducing freshmen to campus." That finding was not terribly earth-shattering for students, but was important nonetheless for the committee to recognize. Their report went on to propose that any meaningful change include a sincere effort by both faculty and students to agree on goals and work together, with compromises from both sides.

Really on a roll now, the committee made another good recommendation—the appointment of a policy committee, composed of faculty, administrators, and students, that would immediately begin planning freshman orientation for 1998. It almost seemed like re-engineering in fast-motion—the design team

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makes proposals, then the implementation teams acts on them. So far, so good.

Discussion was virtually nil over IAP, but that was not necessarily a concern, since it was reasonable to expect the announcement of the policy committee around the beginning of the spring term. Maybe the committee would hold "town meetings" and living group discussions through February, and release a report in March. Unfortunately, that was not to be. The broad-based advisory committee proved much too good to be true, as the Dean's Office and other administrators reverted to their traditional methodology of "Ready! Fire! Aim!" when it comes to making major decisions that affect student life.

The promises of broad, introspective dialogue and community-wide participation in the decision-making process disappeared into thin air last week when the changes to freshman orientation, now policy rather than recommendations, were announced. The group that formed them was composed entirely of faculty and administrators. The only student participation happened when one student sat in on one of the committee's meetings. The argument for including student opinion in decisions affecting students is clearly self-evident, but either the faculty and administrators do not share this logic, or, more likely, have decided to circumvent student opinion and impose their own plans.

Dean of Students Kip V. Hodges, a former member of the faculty, said that students were left off the committee as part of a conscious effort to have faculty and deans ponder what they want students to get out of orientation. I hope to god he wasn't serious. A conscious effort to leave students out? Well, at least he's being honest—student opinion doesn't matter, because the faculty and deans know what

is best without asking.

Don't get me wrong: I think it's perfectly fine for the faculty and deans to get together and agree on what they think students should get out of freshman orientation. But, when that same group starts enacting policy based on those discussions, they have gone completely overboard. The administration and faculty have totally lost whatever goodwill they were cultivating with students about the decision-making process involving freshman orientation. Leaders in living groups and student government will still have to act in good faith on our behalf in discussions with the administration, but the actions of last week have made it clear that they might as well be talking to nobody.

One might expect students, with their four-year turnover cycle, to partially forget the past history of problems with administrative decisions made without student input that greatly affected students. But the faculty and administrators, some of whom have been at the Institute for decades, surely do not forget the fiascos of the past decade and the strident, tirelessly repeated calls for greater student input.

This year's seniors and a few graduate students are probably the only students left who remember the ill-fated Strategic Housing Planning Committee of 1994, a semi-secret group of administrators who decided, without any student input, to move all undergraduate students out of East Campus dormitories, possibly to Ashdown or other West Campus dormitories. Students protested, organized, and held meetings, and obviously the plan wasn't implemented. Those students learned their lesson, and were very watchful as the plans for new projects, such as the Senior House renovations and the new graduate dormitory, got underway. Some of the people who served on the SHPC were also on this year's advisory committee, and they appeared to have taken to heart the recommendations from three years ago when they suggested including students in any policy-making group. However, that hindsight stopped at the advisory committee, and the administrators and deans who came up with the policies announced last week either forgot or disregarded what students had clearly asked for in the past.

Now, students must again follow the lead of their predecessors. Students and student leaders should organize and lobby administrators and faculty. Despite the policy announcement last week, there is still a chance to change freshman orientation, but students need to act quickly. I've heard that the deans will make some concessions and listen to some student opinion in coming days, but announcing the policy first and then getting input is just not how things should be done.

After countless previous examples of student input getting sidetracked or ignored, to the detriment of the Institute, we thought they would learn. After the residence relocation fiasco in 1994, we thought they would learn. And now, we have to wait until another issue of critical importance to students comes before the Institute to see if the faculty and administrators have finally learned the importance of active student participation and the folly in thwarting or ignoring such participation.

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Alcohol Policies and Whale Bits

Dan Dunn

A friend emailed me a web addresses last week. I didn't check it at home, because I didn't want to wait for the 11.2 M file to

squeeze through my crummy little modem. So I waited a day, and loaded it up in the office here at *The Tech* where the Internet access is much better.



The movie playing on my browser attracted quite an audience. I apologize to those of you for whom this story is old news, but I had never seen it before. It is a 5 minute TV news report of a dead whale being blown up on the Oregon coast.

The story is simple: Dead whale washes up on coast. Whale begins to rot. Locals realize that life in this town will become unliveable when the whale begins to rot for real. The government is summoned to deal with the problem.

The government decides that brute force is the correct answer, and the "battle plan" calls for the application of one-half ton of dynamite to the 45 foot, eight ton whale.

The reporter interviews the head engineer, and asks if he thinks it might be more than a one day job: "Well, maybe, if there are any large chunks, some other cleanup is possible, or maybe another charge might be set," he replied.

The countdown is started, and the reporter describes the sand dunes as "covered with locals and land-lubber newsmen, soon to be land-blubber newsmen when the blast blasted blubber beyond all believable bounds." Say that five times fast, if you can.

The charge went off. The whale erupted into the sky in a reddish-black cloud. Then, the audio clearly reveals first small little "plops," then bigger "plops," and finally large, wet "smacks" just before the video turns off and the cameraman turns to run for his life as the whale returns to earth in a much different form.

Right about then my brain began to churn with the relevance of this piece of video. There must be something that I can learn from it. "Don't blow up large animals with even larger charges of dynamite," my brain said. I immediately shrugged that off as far too obvious.

My next idea was much better: "This event is an analogy of every policy writing process at MIT." My internal Over-extended Analogy Alert went off, but I ran with it anyway.

Take the current alcohol policy issues (I mean nationally, not just MIT). The country determined that there was a problem: too many young kids getting drunk and hurting themselves, especially in cars. The solution: don't let young kids drink.

To me, this sounds like another quote from the Whale Relocation Engineer: "We put most of the dynamite on the leeward side of the whale, so most of the parts will be blown out to sea." Did this work? No. Does telling 20 year-olds not to drink work? No. But is there a more reasonable solution that would work in both cases?

Maybe the engineer could have used less dynamite more wisely placed. And maybe we could legislate against dangerous alcohol-related behavior instead of legislating against alcohol instead. The analogy sails right along.

The whale also seems related to the re-writing of the Orientation policy. Orientation is a big, sprawling issue with links to many parts of MIT's culture. It is very difficult to pull on one string without unexpectedly jerking on another.

The unknowns of the Orientation restructuring are like the unknowns of blowing up a whale. No one has really done it before, and no one really knows what will happen when you pull the trigger. The analogy passes again.

But just maybe my internal Bad Analogy Detector was right the whole time. Maybe I am trying to read too much into this whole whale thing. Some hot shot is going to come along and poke a few large holes in it.

Nonetheless, I am sure that at least part of the analogy is correct. At the end of the day, the mess will not be gone, another charge will have to be set, and we are all going to go home covered with small, smelly particles of whale.

The whale video can be found at <http://www.xmission.com/~grue/whale>.

Frosh and Frats Suffer Without Information

Andrew J. Kim

"Is MIT trying to kill fraternities?" I've asked myself this question too many times in the short time I have been here. The latest reason to ask this question stems from the announcement of the new Orientation 98 and subsequent changes to rush. The revamped system has significant improvements, but the changes to rush are staggering, and much like other administrative proposals in the recent past, ill-conceived.

First off, the people most affected, students, had no real input on these drastic changes. To hear Dean for Undergraduate Curriculum Kip V. Hodges openly admit that students were purposely left off the important decision committee is nothing short of amazing. The irrational changes to rush reflect this absolute disregard for the fraternities, and most importantly, the disregard for the victims soon to be known as the Class of 2002.

Summer rush activities, including phone calls, mailings, and parties, have been mercilessly axed without any real alternatives. Summer is a crucial period because it offers a relaxed time to meet freshmen. The phone call is important because it gives fraternity members a chance to talk to freshmen. It is a great learning process for both involved. I remember gaining important information about hous-

es and life in general at MIT; no doubt, the people on the other end gained information about me and how I would fit into their respective houses. These phone calls offer incoming freshmen a chance to start sorting out the mess of rush before they even arrive.

Along the same lines, rush books mailed in the summer also help freshmen. Some may view them as an onslaught of junk mail, but the information in the books shows the distinct personalities of houses better than a paragraph blurb in some booklet. As for the reply card concept, I seriously question whether the average freshmen will take the time to fill it out, and the many who do not will walk into rush with even less knowledge than freshmen from years before.

The loss of summer rush parties hurts fraternities because they bring in freshmen. There is nothing better for freshmen than the chance to actually meet some of the people whom they will join in the fall. Although there weren't too many rush parties in my area, I enjoyed the ones I went to because they gave me a chance to meet some other local freshmen, and they allowed me enough information above and beyond rush books and phone calls to make educated decisions about certain houses.

These are some of the changes that are supposed to improve rush for next fall, and that is the sick paradox of the entire thing. Isn't the point of revamping rush to give

freshmen more information and time to make wise decisions that will affect them for the next four years? The new rush has been whittled down to two and a half days. Freshmen will not have more information when they arrive in August than in previous years.

Rush is a hectic time; I came to MIT this past fall knowing which houses I would seriously look at from the information I picked up over the summer. The freshmen who walk in this August won't have that ability even with a mid-way in a gym that allows them to walk around from booth to booth like some high school science fair. Rush will become nothing more than a frenzy of aimlessly running around from house to house instead of seriously evaluating a few houses. That's the contradiction; the new rush gives the Class of 2002 less time and less information to make an educated decision.

I have a hard time making sense of the new rush. The changes seem to hurt both sides: houses looking for fresh new faces and freshmen looking for new homes. It drains vital pools of information available in the summer, and trivializes rush to a card table in a gym for five hours and a short weekend. The only good news out of all of this is that there is still time to make significant revisions. I sincerely hope that the administration listens to some student input and makes some real "improvements" for rush in the near future, for the sake of the fraternities of MIT and for the sake of the Class of 2002.



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Issues of Tenure and Gender To Be Discussed in Workshop

By Jennifer Chung
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

For faculty, the key to job security is tenure. The steps for achieving this level of security, however, are not always clearly laid out, and may be even less so for women and minorities. To address these concerns, a forum examining strategies for getting ahead in academia, and how those strategies apply to women and minorities, will be presented in a workshop open to the MIT community this Friday.

The workshop will examine the three stages of employment leading up to tenured professorship. Three sub-workshops will feature talks by authors Richard Reis and Virginia Valian. Reis, a professor at Stanford University, is also author of "Tomorrow's Professor: Preparing for Academic Careers in Science and Engineering," an acclaimed guide for faculty seeking tenure which will be the basis for his talk. Valian, a professor at Hunter College and the City University of New York Graduate Center, is author of "Why So Slow? The Advancement of Women", which she will also be presenting as part of the authors@mit series on Thursday night. The forum will be moderated by Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Cardinal Warde.

Plan allows for possibilities

Reis will kick off the workshop by presenting the recipe for attaining tenured professorship he outlines in his book. He said that "a strategy... for achieving your goals is necessary because you have limited time, energy, and material resources," Reis said.

Reis' strategy involves a three-pronged approach. One component is for one to be able to place their area of expertise in a broad context. Secondly, those who wish to be professors should demonstrate that they are ready to meet the challenge of becoming a professor as graduate students or post-doctoral students.

"It used to be okay if you just showed potential," Reis said. "Now you have to demonstrate ability."

Thirdly, Reis recommends that while a student is exploring the option of a career in teaching, the student should also explore other options outside academia.

"The plan should be flexible enough to allow you to explore different possibilities," Reis said "and at the same time prevent you from running into too many dead ends."

Despite the book's target on strategies for PhDs, the workshop itself will be aimed at three groups of people: students considering academic careers; PhDs seeking faculty positions; and junior faculty members seeking tenure. The talk is also aimed at faculty recruiters who want to watch out for inadvertent bias in hiring and promotion practices.

Strategy is important for women

While what Reis may propose seems like a simple recipe that anyone can follow, Valian will argue later on in the forum that the rules Reis outlines do not neces-

sarily apply to minorities and women.

"No matter how egalitarian, deans and chairs will probably be misled by the belief that they are truly unbiased," Valian said.

"It is very important for women, even more so than for men, to have a strategy," Valian said. "Women need to realize that small things will matter."

Valian said that gender schemas, "non-conscious beliefs had about men and women," can interfere with the process. "People tend to overrate men and underrate women in social situations," she said.

The gender schema can be something very small, such as not listening to something a woman says, but listening to a man when he later says the same thing, Valian said.

The coordinator and host of the workshop, Judy Jackson, ombudsperson in the President's Office, offered another example. She said that college students were given a series of photographs which featured a man and a woman standing next to each other. The student had to identify which person was taller. Even when both the man and the women were the same height,

Jackson said, and even when their heights were written underneath the photograph, the student would still perceive the man as being taller.

Small things like these tend to accumulate, Valian said. "Men are able to accumulate advantage more than women are... Even if [a man and a woman] start out equal, there will be a gradual show of disparity" in things like income and whether people receive tenure.

Additionally, "women tend to be out of the loop... of what is needed for success," Valian said. Men know more about what is necessary for advancement because older male professors give them more information, she said. "Women need to do things to compensate for what men get naturally," Valian added. Data shows that only approximately 6.2 percent of engineering professors and 20.1 percent of science professors nationwide are women. Even less are minorities.

The workshop will start in Twenty Chimneys on Friday with a talk by Reis targeted toward students. Two afternoon sessions in 6-120 with both Reis and Valian will be targeted toward PhDs and junior faculty members.

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Grad Students Study Technology and Policy in D.C.

By Naveen Sunkavally
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Twelve MIT graduate students traveled to Washington, D.C. during the last week of Independent Activities Period to participate in the Graduate Student Externship program.

The program, developed through joint initiative of the Graduate Student Council and the MIT Alumni Association allows students to explore fields outside of their own fields by job shadowing with alumni, said Terence P. Fan G, chair of the Graduate Student Externship program.

Washington, D.C. was chosen as the site of the program so that students could pursue interests in both technology and policy, Fan said.

The funding for the program, which covered transportation expenses to and from D.C., came from proceeds collected at the Graduate Student Career Fair. In D.C., students were housed with alumni.

Student reactions are positive

The companies at which students externed "ranged from non-profit government organizations like the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the International Energy Agency, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to

high-tech engineering companies like Mitre and Orbital Sciences," Fan said.

Following a reception on Jan. 25, students began work the next day with their alumni and came back on Jan. 30.

Stephanie A. Harrington G, who has a Masters in Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences, worked with an alumnus in the global-environmental-issues department at ICF Kaiser, a policy-consulting firm.

"I helped to work on a case-study [regarding] an alternative to methyl-bromide," Harrington said, referring to the fumigant used by potato and strawberry farmers that can deplete the ozone layer. "I really liked [the program]. It was a difficult thing to set up to do work for a week...[but] my alumnus did a good job," she said. "It was definitely educational."

Michail Tryfonidis G of the Aeronautics and Astronautics Department paired up with an alumnus at Orbital Sciences corporation. Tryfonidis said he sat in on meetings with his alumnus and saw what type of work aerospace engineers did.

"It was great. In aerospace, opportunities don't come easily to be exposed to real-world engineering before...looking for a job," Tryfonidis said. "It's a no-strings-attached commitment."



Gary G. Vyhnaelek '83 of Orbital Sciences and Michail Tryfonidis G converse at the reception for students participating in the Graduate Externship Program on Jan 25 at the Hilton Dulles, Washington D.C.

Mark S. Peng G paired up with an alumnus to work at Network Performances, a software start-up company. "Meeting for strategic alliances, market pushes... all allowed me to experience the intimacy of a small company and the

efficacy of one person," Peng said. The program provided "exposure to the real world that, for the most part, is hermetically insulated from most graduate students," he said.

Overall the program seems to

have engendered positive reactions. On Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1998, the GSC will host a meeting at 5:30 p.m. in room 50-220 for the externs and all other students interested in hearing the externs' experience, Fan said.



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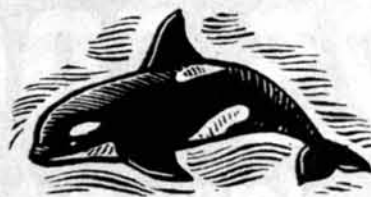


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Some Projects Move Forward While Others Await Funding

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facilities.

In January, MIT selected world-famous architect Frank O. Gehry to design the CIIS facility. Gehry has designed the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain and the American Center in Paris.

"This is an exciting opportunity to engage Frank Gehry, a truly world-class architect and thinker, to work with MIT faculty to create the best possible facility for carrying out learning and research about computer, information and intelligence sciences," Vest said.

Building 20 is scheduled for complete demolition over the summer, said Director of Planning O. Robert Simha MCP '57. As the renovated Building 16 opens again, many offices will be moving there from Building 20, he said.

Projects move at different rates

Other construction projects are on shakier schedules than the proposed Stata complex. A new pool, which will be situated between Johnson and Du Pont Athletic Centers, is currently in the planning stages. Currently, MIT has only one pool — the Alumni Pool — built in 1940.

The original impetus for the construction of a new pool came from an \$8 million donation by Albert L. Zesiger '51 and his wife Barrie. The cost

for the final construction is estimated at \$18 million.

The absolute time table for the new pool will be determined by how the fundraising goes. "The core gift from Al and Barrie Zesiger has enabled us to proceed with confidence with the pool, but we are working hard to raise additional funds," Vest said. Fundraising for the pool is continuing at full speed, he said.

Building E10, home of the Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences may also be replaced with a newer facility. "It is very likely that a commitment to a new facility on the site of the current E10 will be announced in the not too distant future," Vest said.

However, who would occupy such a new facility is unclear. A large part of the brain and cognitive sciences department will be moving into the new Building 20 complex, and the E10 site has been suggested for an annex to the Media Laboratory.

Dormitories high priorities

The new dormitories are both in relatively early stages of development, Vest said. "We are fully committed to the new undergraduate and graduate housing, despite the fact that we are still discussing within the administration precisely how we will fund them," he said.

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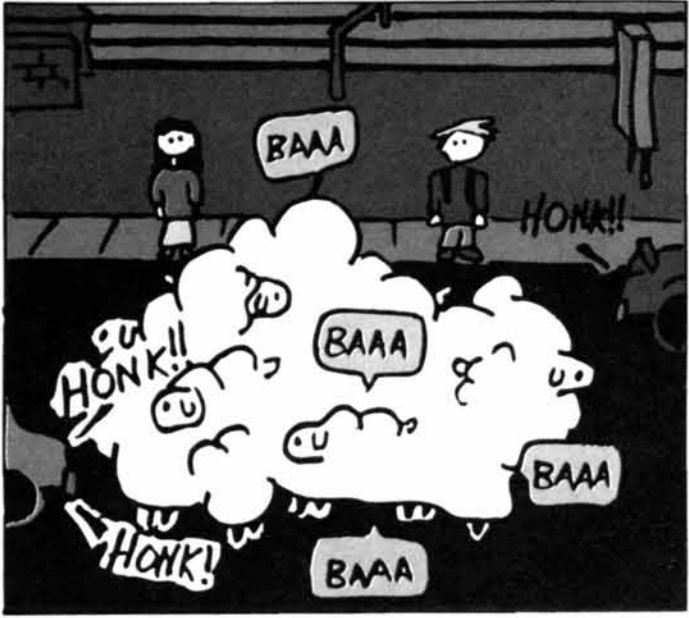
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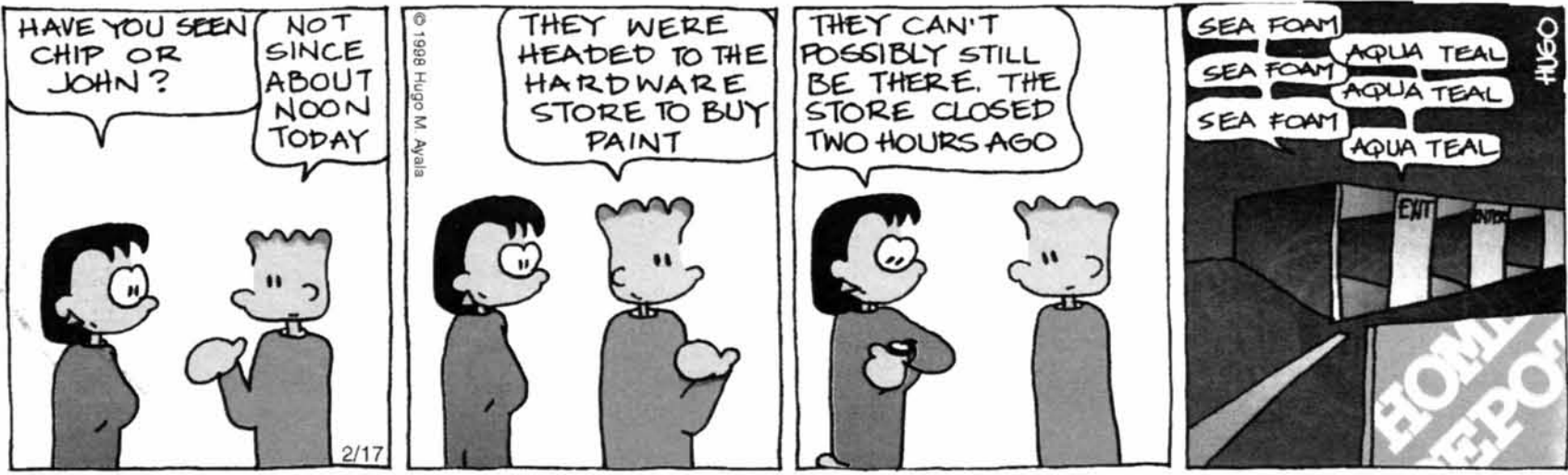


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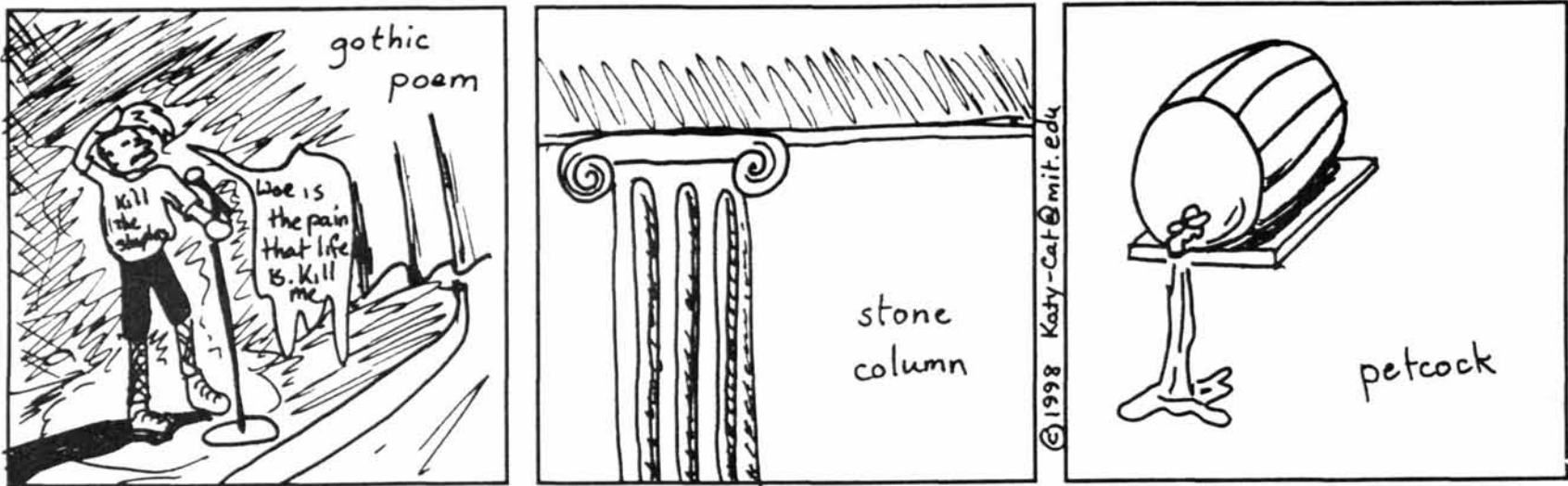


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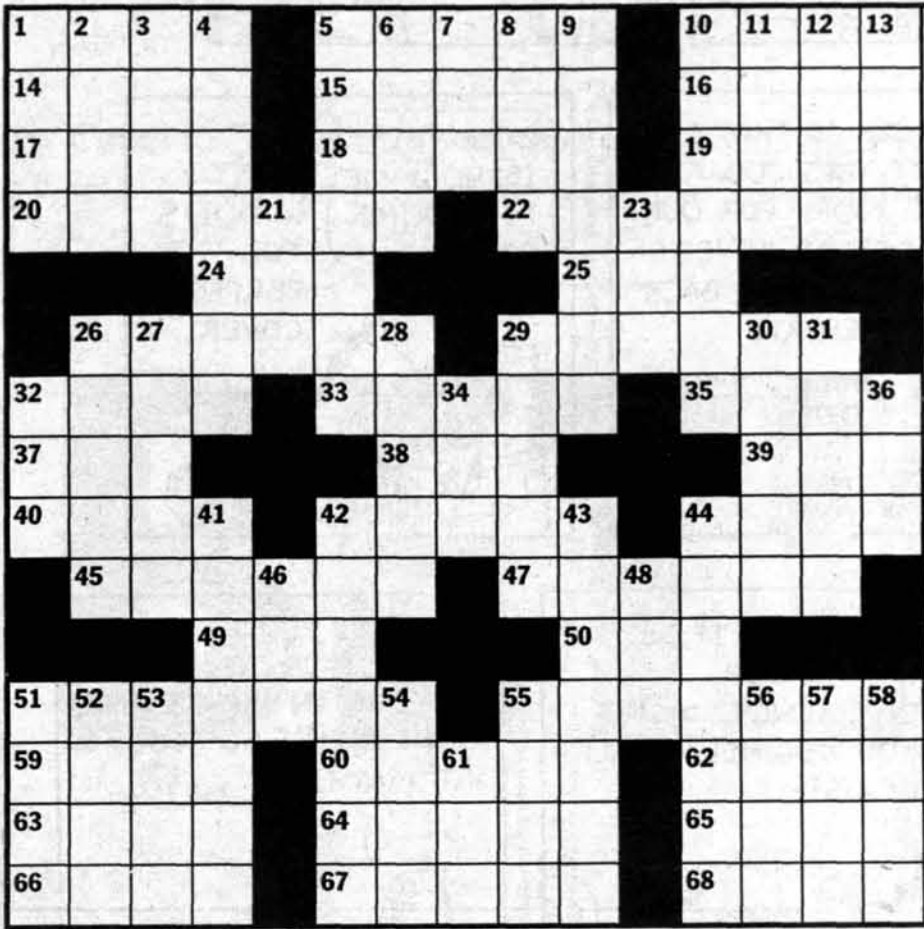
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- 1 House domestic
- 5 Aptitude
- 10 Tortilla food
- 14 Against
- 15 Night in Madrid
- 16 Kiln
- 17 Bonzo ___ to College
- 18 Farmer
- 19 Missed to the right
- 20 Nearby
- 22 Eternally
- 24 Ship built by 6-Down
- 25 Airline based in U.S.A.
- 26 Apprentice's teacher
- 29 Pub
- 32 Grunge Band
- 33 Artifact
- 35 Salutation of affection
- 37 Habitual, with to
- 38 Pod inhabitant
- 39 Copy
- 40 Do garden work
- 42 Flies high
- 44 Threesome
- 45 Makes a hole
- 47 Entry
- 49 Look
- 50 Elementary Class
- 51 Shore
- 55 Scratching
- 59 Acquire
- 60 Snack
- 62 Paradise
- 63 A ___ apple

- 64 "Interview with a Vampire" author
- 65 Capital of Italia
- 66 Not straight
- 67 Wrote down
- 68 Not fast

DOWN

- 1 Famed gift givers
- 2 Soon
- 3 Repetition, abbr.
- 4 Cholera, e.g.
- 5 Door attachment
- 6 First zoo keeper
- 7 Role play
- 8 Cook
- 9 "On the Road" Author
- 10 Dried, with off
- 11 Tel___
- 12 Abdicate
- 13 Soloist
- 21 Craft
- 23 Toyota Auto., with 4
- 26 Motorized bicycle
- 27 Change
- 28 Reclaimers, for short
- 29 Princessly crown
- 30 Backs up
- 31 Parts of the neck
- 32 Hee___
- 34 Meadow
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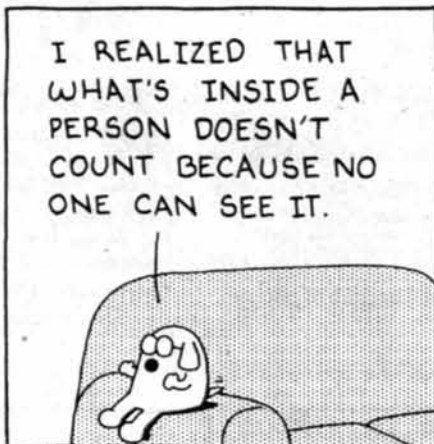
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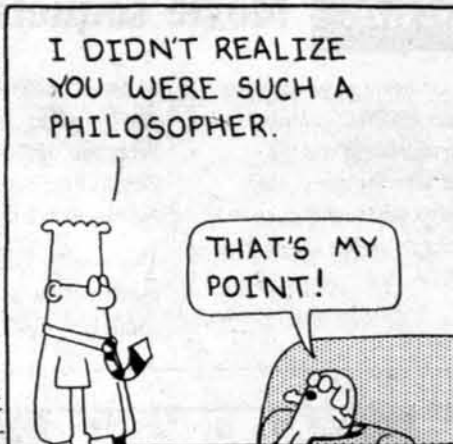
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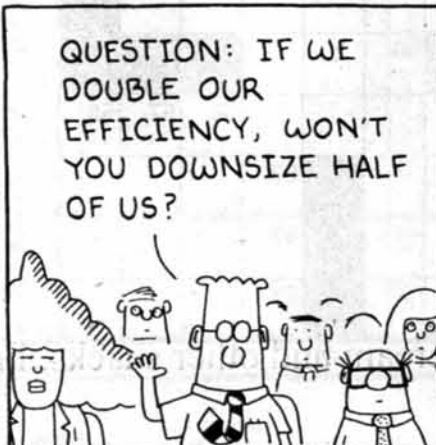
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Pre-requisites: None

Basic Word Processing (Basic WP)

Elementary text editing with Emacs, sending and receiving electronic mail, and using the Athena printers.
Pre-requisites: Intro

Working on Athena (Working)

Just the basics: files, directories, job control, and more. What every new user should know about Unix, Athena's operating system.
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Advanced Word Processing: EZ (EZ)

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Advanced Word Processing: LATEX (Latex)

An introduction to Latex, a widely-used text formatter, used for converting a text file into an attractive, professional-looking document. It is a powerful and flexible program, with the capability to typeset many foreign characters and very complex mathematical text.
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Latex Thesis (Thesis)

Using the Latex text formatter to produce a fully-featured thesis that meets all MIT format requirements.
Pre-requisites: Latex, some Latex experience

Introduction to FrameMaker (Frame)

FrameMaker is a powerful word-processing and document-preparation package now available on Athena.
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FrameMaker for your Thesis (Frame Thesis)

FrameMaker, with a special template, can be used to produce an MIT thesis that meets all Institute formatting requirements.
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Information Resources on Athena (Info Res)

A survey of the communications, help, and other resources available on Athena.
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HTML: Making a WWW Home Page (HTML)

Covers the basic features of HTML ("Hyper-Text Mark-up Language") the language of the World-Wide Web, as well as the steps needed to post your own Web page on Athena.
Pre-requisite: Info Res

Math Software Overview (MSO)

A survey of major mathematics and graphing packages available on Athena.
Pre-requisites: Intro, Basic WP

Matlab (Matlab)

An interactive program for scientific and engineering numeric calculation. Applications include: matrix manipulation, digital signal processing, and 3-dimensional graphics.
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Xess (Xess)

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Maple (Maple)

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Pre-requisites: Intro, Basic WP, Working

Serious Emacs (Ser. Emacs)

The text editor introduced in Basic Word Processing has many useful features not covered in that course. This course is a must for anyone who uses Emacs more than an hour or two each week.
Pre-requisites: Intro, Basic WP, Working, some Emacs experience

Customization on Athena (Dotfiles)

Intended for the intermediate-level Athena user, this course will discuss the Athena login sequence and the user-configuration files (dotfiles) that affect it, as well as changes the user can make to those and other files to customize their working environment.
Pre-requisites: Serious Emacs, some Athena experience



U.N. Investigates Status of Those in Peruvian Jails

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complaint asks that humane conditions be maintained in her prison cell.

A U.N. mission recently spent 10 days visiting Berenson and investigating other cases of arbitrary detention in Peru. They found that the prisoners' cells are unheated, that there is no hot water, and that the windows do not have panes of glass to block out the wind. They will determine whether Berenson's detention is arbitrary at their meeting in Geneva in May.

The entire process, according to her father, Mark Berenson, could take two to seven years. He emphasized that "her biological clock is running out" and that speed is crucial. However, he is sure that his daughter will be vindicated. He chastised the government for not doing more to help Lori Berenson. "I am quite annoyed at the lack of proactive work done on Lori case" by the U.S. government, he said.

Fujimori maintains that she is a terrorist who was helping rebels plan an armed takeover of Peru's Congress and that she should receive no special treatment.

Lori Berenson, however, maintains her innocence. "I am to be condemned for my concern about the conditions of hunger and misery which exist in this country. Here nobody can deny that in Peru there is much injustice. There is institutionalized violence that has killed the people's best sons and has condemned children to die of hunger," Lori Berenson said when she was imprisoned.

"I am being punished for my ideology not my actions," she told her father later.

Berenson left her studies of archeology and anthropology as a sophomore at MIT in 1989 to devote herself full time to human rights activities in Nicaragua and El Salvador. She first visited Peru in 1994 and returned there as a journalist for two publications, *Third World Viewpoint* and *Modern Times*.

Lori Berenson was convicted of "treason against the fatherland of Peru" and sentenced to life without parole in a maximum security prison located near the Andean city of Puno, Peru by decree of a secret military tribunal.

The Inter-American Human Rights Commission has condemned the use of such military tribunals as violations of the American Declaration on the Rights and Duties of Man, and the American Convention on Human Rights.

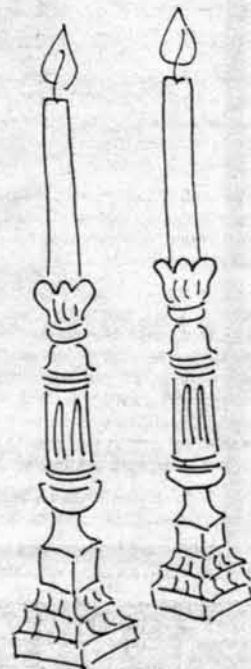
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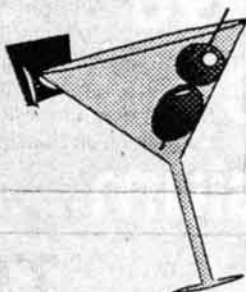
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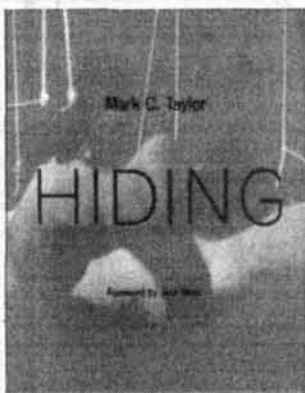
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Mark C. Taylor is Cluett Professor of the Humanities and director for the Center for Technology in the Arts and Humanities at Williams College. He is also Director of the Critical Issues Forum at the Guggenheim Museum in New York.

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12 noon	16 Feb	Holiday	17 Feb	MSO	18 Feb	Matlab	19 Feb	Maple
7 p.m.	Presidents' Day			MSO		Matlab		Maple
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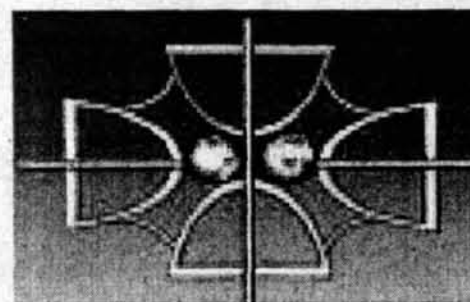
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Lecturer Asserts Affirmative Action is a Scapegoat

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She said that African Americans, Latinos, and American Indians are not even "within hailing distance of equality."

Baskerville says Americans

Baskerville said that uncertainty about the state of the American economy and about job security caused some people to seek a scapegoat in affirmative action. "It was after the collapse of the California defense industry and the loss of numerous jobs associated with that industry that Proposition 209 [which ended government affirmative action programs] surfaced," she said. "Its architects and the architects of similar initiatives... would have the public believe that were it not for people of color and women coming into closed arenas in the labor-force, the plant workers who were laid off during the 1980s and early 90s would have job security," she added.

Baskerville said that the way to combat this was to recast affirmative action. "I submit and the data suggest that the American public does not really oppose affirmative action," she said. "When cast in a proper light and couched in appropriate terms, the public supports affirmative action," she added.

Affirmative action programs aided not only minorities, but also groups like veterans, disabled employees, and the aged, she said. "In short, the majority of Americans are covered by affirmative action laws," she added.

"We want and we need affirmative action for each of these groups that has been denied open access to the nations institutions, programs, and activities," she said. Affirmative action proponents need to "link affirmative action programs as colloquially used with the affirmative action programs for other groups," she said.

That is not being done now, she said. White students recently sued the University of Texas Law School charging that affirmative action programs had forced the school to accept less qualified minority candidates. When "it was revealed that

100 white students with test scores lower than the four white plaintiffs were admitted to the University of Texas law school... no one challenged the policies that accorded [them] preference over four white plaintiffs with higher test scores," she said.

She said that affirmative action occurred even at the highest levels of the government. One example was the practice of presidential candidates selecting running mates from a different region of the country than themselves to garner more votes. "Each one of these decisions was an affirmative action decision. Each was accepted and supported by the American public. Each required some searching beyond the traditional selection pool," she said. "This is affirmative action in action," she added.

Vest names three for awards

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Professor of Chemistry Lynda M. Jordan, the visiting Martin Luther King, Jr. Professor, was named a recipient of the award. Vest praised her "passion for inspiring excellence and perseverance in

her students" and said that she has "made it a special mission to foster the growth of minorities and women in science."

The second award was given to Tobie F. Weiner, administrative assistant in the Department of

Political Science. Vest thanked her for working "to organize and teach subjects on such issues as social justice, the history of the civil rights movement, and community service." The final award went to Eto S.

Otitigbe '99. "His high visibility and charisma have enabled him to produce a number of provocative and successful performing arts events that have made significant contributions to our cultural life," Vest said.



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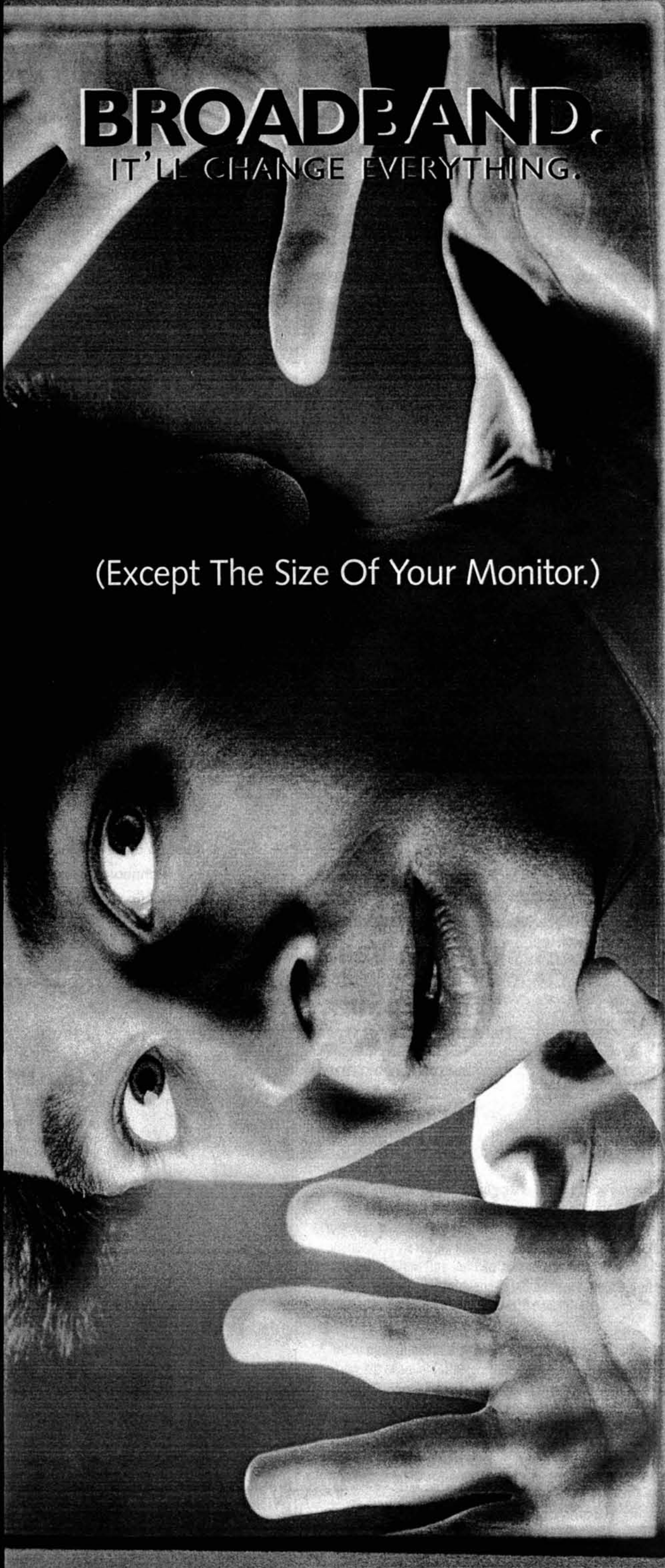
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Alpine Ski Teams Make Strong Showing at Ascutney Mountain

By Jonathan S. Shefftz
TEAM COACH

The men's and women's varsity alpine ski team competed in their fourth regular season race this past weekend, tackling the slopes of Ascutney Mountain with some strong finishes.

Division I powerhouse Boston College sponsored the race on February 8-9 at Ascutney Mountain, Vermont. The women's team entered this weekend ninth in the cumulative standings, far ahead of University of Connecticut and New England College, and only two points behind St. Anselm College. The men's team entered the weekend in eighth, well ahead of St. Anselm and UConn, but a seemingly insurmountable seven points behind NEC. Strong finishes for the weekend required sound technical skiing as Ascutney's course is one of the steepest in New England.

Captain Brooke Baker '99 made the course look deceptively easy in her first run, but shortly thereafter the fresh snow on the course's steepest section slid away to reveal some of the most solid and slickest ice the Eastern

Collegiate Ski Conference has ever seen. Monica Taylor '01 and Chrissy Hartmann '98 were among its victims, sliding past the required turns, but they showed strong perseverance as they finished the course to provide MIT with its second and third times. Baker's 17th place helped the women take ninth place, putting MIT ahead of NEC and UConn but behind St. Anselm.

Co-captain Dave Kurd '98 led the men's team with 25th place, while the other four scoring times came from Brett Vasconcellos '99, Jeremy Gerstle '99, co-captain Ryan Maupin '00, and Todd Dumond '00. MIT finished seventh out of ten teams, ahead of UConn, St. Anselm, and NEC.

For Sunday's giant slalom, the same slick ice appeared on the course, but the more-openly spaced turns allowed for easier recoveries. Baker took 19th for the women, while Taylor finished 27th. Hartmann was able to provide the third time. The women's team took eighth, ahead once again of NEC and UConn, and also ahead of St. Anselm this time.

The men turned in their best

team performance so far this year, with all of MIT's top five skiers turning in "clean" runs. Kurd was 22nd while Maupin, Gerstle, Vasconcellos and Sanjay Raman '01 provided the other scoring times. The men took sixth, their best showing so far this season, ahead of Babson, St. Anselm, UConn, and NEC.

Smith College sponsors the final regular season race at Berkshire East on February 14-15. The women's team remain in ninth place out of 11 teams, only two points behind St. Anselm, after beating them in Ascutney's giant slalom but not the slalom. The men, after their strong performances at Ascutney, are now tied with NEC for seventh place out of ten teams.

Adding to the excitement of the is Baker's bid to win a berth at the championships of the separate Eastern Intercollegiate Ski Conference, which serves as the qualification route for the NCAA National Championships. Based on her standings after the first three races, Baker is on track for the Championships, and solid performances at Berkshire East should clinch her berth.

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Ellefson's Record Performance Buoy Women's Gymnastics

By Eduardo Ovalle
TEAM COACH

This past Saturday the women's gymnastics team posted a season high 175.425 team total at Yale's Payne Whitney Gymnasium winning third place over two stronger Division I teams (Yale 185.125 and Northeastern 178.40). The Engineers' total was almost 6.5 points more than their previous high this season (168.95 at Texas). This team score vaults the team back into contention for a berth at the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association (Division III) Nationals. Only the top three teams from the east will qualify to the Championships in late March. Rhode Island College has already qualified by virtue of being the host.

MIT is currently ranked fifth. Rankings are determined by taking the average of the team's top four scores during the season. Prior to this meet, MIT was ranked fifth nearly two points behind fourth place. Adding Saturday's meet, MIT has moved to within 0.18 points of fourth place, and 0.78 out of third. With four competitions left

in their schedule, MIT has set themselves up to make a run for a return trip to the Nationals.

Four members of the team made major changes to their bar routines, and that proved to be the major reason for the improvement. MIT had the opportunity to start on bars and display their new routines right away. The team hit for an event total of 41.9 while all six of the line-up members posted personal best scores: Stephanie Cheng '00 received a 6.9, Liz Ellingson '01 a 7.85, Rachel Van Buren '99 a 7.55, Nann Kronschnabel '00 a 8.45, Alli Christenson '98 a 8.85, and Sonja Ellefson '01 a 9.2. Bars set the tone for the entire meet, as the team went on to perform some solid vaults including Ellefson's layout tsukahara. It was the first time this move was ever tried in competition and first one ever thrown by an MIT gymnast. Even though the uneven bars event was extraordinary, it was not record breaking.

During the third rotation of the meet, MIT found themselves on the floor exercise and the team outdid their bar performances by breaking

records. The floor event total was broken with a 46.425 (the previous record was 45.775) and the individual record of 9.5 held by MIT's most decorated gymnast, Sheila Rocchio '97, was tied by freshman standout Ellefson. The floor also saw great performances by Ellingson and Van Buren, both posting a 9.375, a personal best for both of them.

The meet was full of wonderful performances and strong, solid routines. In the end it was freshman Ellingson who was named "gymnast of the meet" by coach Eduardo Ovalle. Liz posted personal bests in four out of five events (bars 7.85, beam 8.85, floor 9.375), including a 34.175 in the all-around which was almost three point higher than her previous high this year. The home season competitions come to an end with this Wednesday's tri-meet against Vermont and Northeastern. With a couple of strong performances, the women gymnasts could be heading to the National Championships one more time.



Christina Gehrke '97 wraps around the Wheaton College net to score MIT's fifth goal on Sunday afternoon. MIT won 6-1.

Fencing Teams Complete Season As Northeast Conference Champs

By Roger Crosley

DIRECTOR OF SPORTS INFORMATION

The fencing teams completed their regular season on Saturday, and both teams claimed the championship of the Northeast Fencing Conference. The women's team took the title outright, while the men's team was co-champions with Brandeis University.

Rifle

The rifle team, led by sophomore Laurel Smith '00, recently captured the Intercollegiate Sectional Championship in both Varsity Rifle and Air Rifle. Smith placed second in both firearms, surpassing the score of 1,100 for the first time in her career. The team is currently awaiting word on whether it has qualified for the national championships.

Women's Swimming

The women's swim team finished second last weekend at the New England Women's 8 Championships. The 400 meter medley relay team captured MIT's only event title by taking the race in 1:55.95. Members of the relay were Erica Fuchs '99, Dierdre Dunn '99, Liz Krams '00, and Lauren Erb '01.

Men's Basketball

Men's basketball player Craig Heffernan '01 was named the

Constitution Athletic Conference Rookie of the Week for his play the week of January 26-February 2. Heffernan led the Engineers to wins over Norwich University and Curry College. Against Curry, Heffernan tallied 17 points and 8 rebounds in 24 minutes. Heffernan scored the last 15 points for MIT. In only 17 minutes against Norwich he totaled a career high 24 points and 7 rebounds.

Wrestling

Wrestler Ben Hellweg '98 was named the Pilgrim Wrestling League Wrestler of the Week. Hellweg, wrestling at 190 lbs. for the first time this season, tallied three first period pins in the University Athletic Association vs. New England Wrestling Conference tournament held recently at New York University.

Track and Field

Track captain Ravi Sastry '98 again led MIT to a sweep of its quad cup meet opponents by placing first in four different events and third in a fifth. Sastry captured the long jump, 55 meter hurdles, 55 meter dash and the 200 meters. To cap off his day, he took third in the high jump. Mike Parkins was also a double winner for the Engineers as he took first places in the mile run and in the 3000 meters. The victory

in the quad meet raises the team's record to 12-1.

The women's track & field team competed in last weekend's Alden Invitational at Brown University. The Engineers made quite an impression in the distance events. Four women placed in the top nine places in the mile run, with Janis Eisenberg '98 winning the event. Tanya Zelevinsky '99 was fourth, Robin Evans '99 placed sixth, while Margaret Nervenga '01 finished ninth. Evans and Eisenberg placed first and second respectively in the 800 meter run, while Nervenga was

third in the 5000 meters. Elaine Chen '98 placed fifth in the 200 meter dash.

Men's Gymnastics

Despite a loss to the University of Vermont Saturday, the men's gymnastics team continues to get stellar performances from a pair of team members. Jason Miller '99 earned the third highest all-around score in the history of MIT men's gymnastics with 47.5 out of a possible 60 points to win the all-around competition. Miller's 8.6/10 on the parallel bars was MIT's

fourth highest score ever in that event. Sophomore teammate J.C. Olsson's scores on the pommel horse (8.15) and the high bar (8.25) placed him in the top five of each of those events.

Squash

The squash team has won four consecutive matches. Over the weekend, the team shutout both Connecticut College and Army by the score of 9-0. Also falling to the Engineers last week were Bates College (6-3) and Tufts University (8-1).

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SPORTS

Doering's Second Place Finish Leads Cross Country Ski Team

By Jessie Donavan

TEAM COACH

This weekend the cross country ski team finally showed the Eastern College Athletic Conference their true colors. The team took full advantage of the perfect conditions to end the weekend on top. For the first time, all of the members of the squad were present to compete in the third Eastern College Conference race. This weekend's race resulted in a series of pursuit where the skiers started the second day's race in the order that they finished the first day's race.

Saturday's race began at 9:30 a.m. with the men's 7 kilometer. With the track fast and icy, the waxing conditions called for last minute preparations. Jeff Doering '99 skied a strong race by skiing out with the lead pack from the beginning. He held his position throughout the race and finished

third, only seconds behind the leader, Curtis Stevens of Clarkson University. Jim Berry '99 also skied a strong race, sprinting across the finish in a pack of five skiers separated by only five seconds. Rookie Derek Southwell '01, finished his first race of the season in 18th place. Andrew Grimm '01 double poled his way to a strong 21st place. Not far behind was Chris Bruce '98, who skied the entire race with no wax.

On the second day's race, Doering shot out of the start and made up his thirty seconds on the leader within a few kilometers. He battled for first place with West Point's David Dyrenforth for the final kilometers and finished just meters behind, leaving him with the fastest skate time of the day. Berry was able to move up three places. Southwell posted the fifth fastest time for the day which brought him to 15th overall. Grimm and Bruce

drew also finished with strong results.

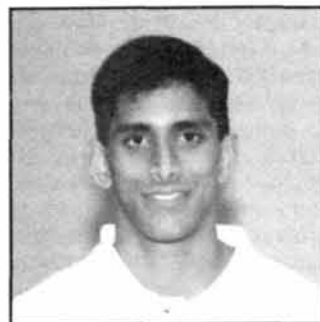
The women's race started at about 10:30 as the temperature warmed up, causing last minute alterations in the waxing. Jessica Kleiss '00 powered her way through the grueling 7 kilometer to a seventh place finish, just under four minutes behind the leader, Katie Johnson, also from Clarkson. Adrienne Slaughter '98 skied the most courageous race of the day as she fought the pain of a recovering broken ankle to cross the finish line in 11th place. Unfortunately, as a result of the pain in her healing ankle, Adrienne was unable to compete in Sunday's pursuit which left Kleiss to pull the team to victory on her own. Kleiss showed her strength in skating and sheer determination by posting the second fastest time of the day, finishing in second place.

The weekend's success has brought the team confidence. The team hopes to continue strengthening in the upcoming weeks and challenge Clarkson University and Cornell College for the Eastern Collegiate title.

Athletes of the Week

This week's athletes are Ravi Sastry '98 and Laurel Smith '00. Sastry became indoor track's all-time top point scorer last week while helping the team sweep the opponents in a quad cup meet. Smith recently captured the Intercollegiate Sectional Championship in both varsity rifle and air rifle, surpassing 1,100 career points.

The Athletes of the Week feature is sponsored by the MIT Varsity Club.



Ravi Sastry '98
Track and Field

Age: 21

Major: Electrical Engineering
Hometown: Princeton Junction, N.J.

Years playing sport: 12

Most memorable moment:
Clearing 6'4" in the high jump in the pentathlon at last year's New England Division III Championship.

Future plans: Squash Williams.

"We used to have weaknesses."



Laurel Smith '00
Rifle

Age: 19

Major: Computer Engineering
Hometown: Oakton, Va.

Years playing sport: 1

Most memorable moment:
Breaking 1100 at sectionals.

Future plans: Graduate from college and join the Air Force.

"I've been surprised by my success this year, but I guess hard work and practice really do pay off."



Melvin Pullen '98 leaps up to shoot in last Thursday's game against Clark University. MIT won in overtime 85-81.

GREG KUHNEN - THE TECH

Women's Hockey Edges By Trinity After Strong Third Quarter Effort

By Carolyn Phillips

TEAM MEMBER

On Sunday, the women's ice hockey team beat Trinity College 2-1 in a home game. The two teams were evenly matched. Only two weeks before the Trinity club team, which will be going varsity next year, beat MIT 5-3 at Trinity's home rink.

The women's team entered the game on Sunday psyched and ready to defend their home turf. Only 2:20 into the first period, left wing Christina Gehrke received a pass from Katherine Oates '00 and flipped the puck into Trinity's net earning MIT its first goal. At 7:22, Trinity team member Emily LaCroix was sentenced to a two minute penalty for cross checking. Despite MIT's power play advantage, Trinity maintained a strong defensive play and the first period ended 1-0.

During the second period, Trinity mostly dominated the lady Engineers. Near the end of period, left defensive player Anne Mitzel '99 from MIT was tossed in the penalty box for interference. However, she only stayed there for

six seconds. Trinity's Mandy Lydon sent the puck into MIT's net with help from teammates Heidi Notman and Devon Beruch.

MIT entered the third period strongly, retaking their territory. The game remained tied until half way through the period. At 8:57 right defenseman Carolyn Phillips '99 whipped the puck at the Trinity net. Center Kalpana Mani '99 then tucked the puck into the net off the rebound, scoring the winning goal. However, the game remained sus-

penseful until the last moment as Trinity had a breakaway in the last minute of the period. Bree Huning '98, the MIT goalie, successfully captured the puck, one of many beautiful saves made by the goalie that day.

Next Sunday, the women's ice hockey will be playing Wheaton College. As the much stronger team, MIT will hopefully be adding another win to its record. A more competitive game for the Engineers will be against Skidmore College on Feb. 26.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Tuesday, February 17

Men's Basketball vs. Norwich University, 5 p.m.
Women's Basketball vs. Wellesley College, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, February 18

Men's Gymnastics vs. University of Vermont, 7 p.m.
Women's Gymnastics vs. University of Vermont, 7 p.m.
Squash vs. Brown University, 4 p.m.

Thursday, February 19

Men's Basketball vs. Babson College, 7:30 p.m.
Ice Hockey vs. Suffolk University, 7 p.m.

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