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The Weather

Today: Clear, chilly, 40°F (4°C)
Tonight: Cloudy, 30°F (-1°C)
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Students make their way through the blustery weather brought on by the season's first significant snowfall.

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UA, GSC To Keep Funding Powers

By Stacey E. Blau

EDITOR IN CHIEF

The future of the proposed Central Allocations Board became clearer on Friday after a meeting in which the groups involved decided that the board would not assume the funding powers of the Undergraduate Association and the Graduate Student Council.

"We're not touching those processes," Katherine G. O'Dair, assistant dean for student activities. "Both the UA and GSC made very compelling arguments against it. We can't do it without the student governments."

The groups also moved forward with developing plans to distribute the \$40,000 that Provost Joel Moses PhD '67 allocated to the CAB. The \$40,000, originally set aside for the UA to fund small activities and later given to the CAB by Moses, will be distributed through the funding mechanisms of the UA and GSC, but the money will be distributed under new criteria developed by both groups, O'Dair said.

The CAB, which does not yet exist, is a proposal by the co-curricular redesign re-engineering team. The function of the board has not yet been determined, although the board may play some sort of informational or funding role with regard to money for student activities.

The groups meeting to determine the role of the CAB and the distribution of the \$40,000 include members of the UA, GSC, the Association of Student Activities, and the co-curricular implementation re-engineering team.

UA, GSC oppose central funding

Both the UA and the GSC opposed the formation of the CAB.

"If you remove student activities funding, you essentially render student government useless," said UA

Teradyne Executive to Chair MIT Corporation

By Zareena Hussain
STAFF REPORTER

At its Friday meeting, the MIT Corporation elected Alexander V. d'Arbeloff '49 to succeed Paul E. Gray '54 as chairman beginning July 1, 1997.

The chairman heads the MIT Corporation, which acts as the Institute's board of trustees. The Corporation has legal and moral responsibilities for everything that goes on in the Institute.

Outgoing chairman Gray has been in the past termed a skilled budget handler and fund raiser by colleagues. President Charles M. Vest called Gray a "champion of

undergraduate education."

D'Arbeloff is chairman and CEO of Teradyne Inc., the world's largest producer of automatic test equipment for the electronics and telecommunications industry.

D'Arbeloff plans to continue to serve as chairman of Teradyne's board but expects to devote at least 50 percent of his time to his new duties as chairman of the MIT Corporation.

Traditionally, the chairman has been a former president who serves full time in that position. Gray was president from 1980 to 1990 before becoming chairman.

There have been two instances in which a former or retiring president was not elected chairman. One was in 1957 when Vannevar Bush '16 took the position part time and in 1983 when David S. Saxon '41 became chairman.

"I am honored and excited by MIT's decision to name me as its new chairman. I hope to be worthy of that honor and I will work hard to make a significant contribution to the future of MIT," d'Arbeloff said.

D'Arbeloff co-founded Teradyne in 1960 with fellow MIT graduate Nicholas deWolf '48 and has served as its CEO since 1961.

D'Arbeloff is also on the board of directors of several private companies in the Boston area and is the former chairman of the Massachusetts High Technology Council as well as director of the Center for Quality Management. He is also a trustee of New England Conservatory, Massachusetts General Hospital, and Partners Health Care System.

D'Arbeloff graduated from MIT in 1949 with a degree in management. Since 1989, he has been a member of the MIT Corporation and became a life member in 1994.



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Housing Advisory Committee Forms To Look At MIT's Long-Range Needs

By Douglas E. Heimbürger
STAFF REPORTER

A new housing advisory group is forming to investigate the long-term status of housing at MIT and formulate plans for a new graduate dormitory.

The group, which will be composed of 15 to 20 members, will be responsible for updating the Institute's aging housing plan, which was created in the 1960s, said Associate Director of Planning Robert K. Kaynor.

In addition, the group will be "looking specifically at graduate houses," Kaynor said. "With the Senior House project done, it's time to focus on graduate housing."

Some members of the housing group will be responsible for planning a new graduate dormitory for a site at Sidney Street and Pacific Street near Central Square, said Associate Dean for Residence and Campus Activities Margaret A. Jablonski. The team will plan the development of the dormitory and will solicit bids for construction, she said.

Current construction schedules indicate that construction on the dormitory should begin in spring of 1998 with occupancy planned for 1999.

The new dormitory will hold up to 1,200 beds in multiple buildings when construction is completed,

Jablonski said. The current plan calls for the first building at the site to have about 300 beds.

Jablonski said that the graduate housing group will also work to create a "model plan" for future graduate dormitories on campus. "We're looking 10 to 15 years out," she said.

The group will also be working with Ashdown House residents to outline the facilities that should be available in the new dormitory, Jablonski said.

"I think it's crucial that graduate students have some say in the process or are intimately involved in

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This is the last scheduled issue of *The Tech* for 1996. *The Tech* will be published on the four Wednesdays of Independent Activities Period: Jan. 8, Jan. 15, Jan. 22, and Jan. 29. Advertising and letters for these issues are due on the Monday before the issue at 4:30 p.m. Regular Tuesday-Friday publication will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 4, along with *The Tech's* annual Year in Review supplement.

WORLD & NATION

FBI Asks for Help, Offers Reward In Unsolved Olympic Bombing Case

THE WASHINGTON POST

With an admission that it has no suspects in the July 27 Olympic bombing, the FBI issued a plea for help Monday, asking for any photographs or videotapes taken in the Atlanta park that night, promising a \$500,000 reward and releasing a tape of the 911 call warning of the blast in hopes that somebody will recognize the voice.

Federal law enforcement officials said the announcement is an attempt to jump-start an investigation that has stalled despite more than four months of work by a legion of federal, state, and local investigators. By calling public attention to the crime, the FBI hopes to jog loose a recollection or some bit of potential evidence that might produce fresh leads.

The most dramatic effort to reignite public interest in the bombing came at an Atlanta news conference Monday when the FBI played the 911 tape in public for the first time. A somewhat muted voice, in an almost robotic cadence, is heard saying 11 words: "There is a bomb in Centennial Park. You have 30 minutes."

FBI Deputy Director Weldon Kennedy said at the news conference that perhaps someone might be able to recognize the voice. He cited "investigative reasons" to explain why the FBI had not released the tape sooner, when people's memories of the event were still fresh.

Britain, Ireland Make No Progress As Christmas Season Approaches

LOS ANGELES TIMES

LONDON

On a joyful, crystal clear night one year ago, President Clinton lit a Christmas tree in downtown Belfast that symbolized glowing hopes for peace in tormented Northern Ireland. This Christmas, those dreams are as tarnished as old tinsel.

In a meeting appropriately delayed by fog, the British and Irish government architects of peace conferred here Monday without markedly bridging the differences between them or mollifying Catholic and Protestant adversaries in the British province.

Irish Prime Minister John Bruton and Britain's John Major had little progress to report after lunching at Downing Street over the Northern Ireland question in quicksilver search for a new cease-fire and meaningful peace talks.

Meanwhile, British intelligence sources warn of likely pre-Christmas terrorist attacks by the Irish Republican Army. And Republican sources fuel the winter gloom by ruling out a Christmas truce, which the IRA has traditionally declared during its struggle to overthrow British control of the northern six counties of Ireland.

Plan for Excess Plutonium Disposal Could Result in Radioactive Waste

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Energy Department plans to destroy 50 tons of surplus Cold War plutonium by encasing it in glass or burning it in nuclear reactors drew sharp reaction Monday from critics who fear that the solution is a sop to the nuclear power industry.

Energy officials argue that the plan represents the most prudent way to dispose of plutonium. But they acknowledge that important issues involving the cost, environmental safety and technology remain unanswered.

The Energy Department plan does not indicate where the plutonium will be burned or, if encased in glass, where it will be buried. At best, the process would take 20 to 30 years to complete, and would result in waste products that remain radioactive for thousands of years.

WEATHER Finals Throes

By Gerard Roe
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

A large storm passing off-shore tomorrow will just miss the coast, sparing us from what would have been otherwise an ugly mess; the fish on George's Bank will instead be on the receiving end. The circulation on the western flank of the storm will, however, pull down a lot of cold air out of Quebec. This will place us inside snow territory, with the best chance for a few flurries coming Wednesday morning. Keep an eye out for the weekend weather. Long-range prediction models indicate the possibility of a whopper storm developing by early weekend.

Today: A chilly start to the day with clear skies. Then by mid-morning, the cloud will start to develop, becoming overcast by evening. There is a chance of a flurry or two making it over from the hills. Winds moderate from the northwest. High nudging up to about 40°F (4°C).

Tonight: A few breaks in the clouds overnight. Then sprinkles or flurries developing into the morning. Low 30°F (-1°C).

Wednesday: Likelihood of waking up to sprinkles or, again, flurries, for the last day of classes. Overcast. A little bit of a moderating trend, with winds becoming southwesterly. High 43°F (6°C). Low around 32°F (0°C).

Thursday: Chance of snow or rain, probably late. Variable cloudiness. High about 43°F (6°C). Low 31°F (0°C).

Outlook: With moisture streaming out of the Gulf of Mexico and a low pressure wave developing in the Midwest, the conditions are in place for some interesting weather going into the early part of the weekend.

Television Programs Divided Into 6 Ambiguous Categories

By Paul Farhi

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Television industry executives are planning to use six broad categories to rate entertainment programs, ranging from "TV-G" for shows suitable for all audiences to "TV-M" for those intended only for mature viewers, according to the group's internal documents.

Executives involved in developing the ratings said Monday that an industry group is likely to adopt the system by next week. The ratings are to go into effect in January. The group is moving ahead despite continuing criticism from parents' groups and some elected officials that the proposed system will be too vague to offer parents much guidance about the actual content of TV programs. In addition, several of the proposed categories appear to overlap, blurring the distinctions among them.

Critics contend that parents will be unable to find specifics in the system, since the categories do not explicitly flag excessive violence, sexual situations or rough language in a program. And, they say, one category appears so broad that it is likely to account for nearly all prime-time programming.

According to the group's documents, programs for children will bear one of two ratings: either "TV-K" — suitable for all children — or "TV-K7," for children over 7. Programs for general audiences will be rated in one of four categories:

—TV-G. General audiences. In their current form, the group's guidelines — which viewers will not see with the rating — indicate

that a program would be rated in this category if "most parents would find this program suitable for all ages ... it contains little or no violence, little or no strong language and little or no sexual content."

The only clear distinction between TV-G programs and TV-K shows is that the latter are created specifically for children.

—TV-PG. Parental guidance suggested. "This program may contain some material that some parents would find unsuitable for younger children. Many parents may want to co-view it with their younger children," according to the guidelines. "The program may contain infrequent coarse language, limited violence, some suggestive sexual dialogue, and situations." Most prime-time sitcoms will likely fall into this category, several panel members said.

—TV-14. Parents strongly cautioned. Programs in this category "may contain some material that many parents would find unsuitable for children under 14 years of age," such as "sophisticated themes, strong language, more intense violence, and sexual content." Industry sources said programs such as Fox's "The X-Files" and "Millennium" and ABC's "NYPD Blue" would likely be rated in this category.

—TV-M. Mature audiences only. The guidelines say this type of program is "unsuitable" and "too explicit" for children under 17 because of "mature themes, profane language, graphic violence, and explicit sexual content." Executives said only a few programs, mainly those aired late at night on pay-cable channels like HBO, would be

placed in this category.

A member of the ratings development group, which includes executives of the broadcast, cable and TV production companies, said Monday that there was wide internal support for the broad categories.

He said the underlying descriptions of the categories may be "fine-tuned" in the next few days, though he added, "I don't think there are any substantial changes left."

But Rep. Edward Markey (D-Mass.), argued that the proposed categories are more likely to confuse parents than to warn them about questionable content.

"Using six categories gives the illusion of precision," said Markey, the co-author of a federal law that compelled the industry to develop the ratings. "The reality is the majority of programming is likely to fall into the TV-PG rating. This is a vast, undifferentiated category that doesn't tell parents whether a program was rated that way for violence or sex or language. TV-PG really stands for 'Too Vague — Parents Give Up.'"

The ratings themselves will be determined by the TV networks and syndicators that originate shows, unlike the well-known movie rating system on which the TV ratings are based. Movies are rated by an ostensibly independent board of parents, under the direction of the Motion Picture Association of America.

The proposed TV rating system "provides even less information" than its movie counterpart because of the broadness of the categories, said Kathryn Montgomery, president of the Center for Media Education.

U.N. Removes Iraqi Sanctions, Allows Oil Sales for Half Year

By Craig Turner
and John Daniszewski

LOS ANGELES TIMES

UNITED NATIONS

Iraq may sell \$2 billion in oil on world markets over the next six months in a long-delayed deal that allows Saddam Hussein's government to use most of the proceeds to relieve malnutrition and disease in Iraq, the United Nations decided Monday.

This will be the first break in the sanctions imposed on the Iraqi government after the 1990 invasion of Kuwait that triggered the Gulf War. But the U.N. has imposed tough conditions intended to ensure the oil money is restricted to humanitarian purposes.

Hundreds of inspectors, monitors, and aid workers have been selected by the U.N. to measure the oil flowing out of Iraq and supervise distribution of the resulting aid inside the country.

About \$1.3 billion will be used for food and medicine in Iraq, with most of the remainder designated for compensation to victims of the Kuwait invasion and the war. Another \$20 million will help pay for an on-going U.N. inspection program charged with destroying Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali authorized the program in a report to the Security Council. The sale was to begin at 12:01 a.m. EST Tuesday, though it may take another day for initial contracts to be approved by U.N. overseers and the first oil to hit the pipelines. The program is renewable at six month-intervals.

"This is a victory for the poorest of the poor of Iraq, for the women, the children, the sick, and the dis-

abled," Boutros-Ghali said. "I hope that the humanitarian dimension will always prevail at the United Nations."

Francesco Paolo Fulci, Italy's U.N. ambassador and the current Security Council president, called the program the largest relief operation ever mounted by the world body.

It is expected to take up to six weeks for the first of the food to reach Iraqis because of the time needed to buy commodities and transport them to Iraq, U.N. officials in Baghdad say.

Once in place, the program should improve the daily food ration for Iraqis from 1,200 calories a day to 2,000 calories, said Holdbrook Arthur, of the World Food Program in Baghdad. The World Food Program had been running out of wheat and other cereals and had been having difficulty meeting even the meager 1,200-calories-a-day target for the 2.1 million most vulnerable Iraqis.

U.N. officials generally accept Iraqi estimates that the sanctions were causing 4,500 deaths of children a month, saying it is in line with what they have also observed in visits to hospitals and clinics.

Nizar Hamdoon, Iraq's U.N. ambassador, welcomed Monday's decision and repeated long-held Iraqi hopes that the deal is just the first step toward complete removal of U.N. sanctions. "We look forward to developing the relationship between Iraq and the United Nations necessary for the full lifting of sanctions," he said.

But Edward W. Gnehm Jr., the United States' deputy U.N. ambassador, told reporters that while the United States supports the limited

sale as a humanitarian gesture, it will continue to oppose removal of other sanctions.

Just last week, Rolf Ekeus, who heads the U.N. team monitoring the Iraq's weapons programs, told the Security Council that Baghdad was refusing to cooperate with efforts to confirm it has destroyed missile engines the government contends it dismantled in 1991. Ekeus was in Baghdad Monday seeking to export the remains of the missile engines to verify that Iraq did not demolish dummies or duds.

The U.N. mission believes that Iraq may be hiding six to 16 long-range missiles and still has not explained satisfactorily the whereabouts of all the materiel it acquired for biological and chemical weapons.

The flow of oil — most of which will pass through Turkey — will be monitored at a pipeline metering station at Zakho on the Iraq-Turkish border, at the pipeline terminal in Ceyhan, Turkey, and in the southern Iraqi port of Mina al-Bakr. U.N. inspectors in Baghdad and throughout the country will seek to guarantee that proceeds of the sale will be limited to humanitarian aid. The U.N. will distribute much of the aid itself in northern Iraq.

The program had been expected to begin last fall, but was delayed by the United States and Boutros-Ghali in September after Iraqi troops moved into Kurdish-held areas of northern Iraq and the United States launched cruise missiles at Iraqi targets in retaliation.

Oil industry analysts said the amount of crude released in the oil-for-food program is so small that it will have minimal impact on world oil prices.

Supreme Court Accepts Georgia Redistricting Case

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The evolving issue of voting rights entered a new round Monday when the Supreme Court took up a Georgia case that could determine in real, rather than theoretical, terms when states can use race to redraw their voting districts.

At issue are the districts that civil rights activists credit for doubling the number of black representatives in Congress during the last six years, but that opponents claim unconstitutionally classify people by skin color and discriminate against white voters.

The question in the Georgia case is whether the three majority-black districts, adopted by the state legislature in 1992, should have been cut to only one. In an earlier case, the Supreme Court ruled that one of those districts was unconstitutional because race was used as a predominant factor to draft its boundaries. When a lower court subsequently redrew the state's map to take account of the Supreme Court's ruling, it eliminated a second black-majority district in Georgia.

This time, as the Supreme Court takes up the issue, it is looking not at whether Georgia went too far in creating majority black districts, but whether it hasn't gone far enough to ensure that blacks have a chance to elect candidates of their choice.

The latest dispute comes against a backdrop of high court decisions that have criticized voting districts drawn along racial lines. Since 1993, the justices have yet to uphold a single district as constitutional after a full airing of the case.

Main Software System at IRS Is a Lesson in Ancient History

LOS ANGELES TIMES

COVINGTON, KY.

The Internal Revenue Service's main software system for storing and analyzing taxpayer data, the masterfile, dates back 30 years. The software is written in machine assembly code, an obsolete computer language that apprentice programmers are no longer taught.

As Congress passes new tax laws each year, that massive body of software must be constantly revised, and programmers who can do the revisions are hard to find. Arthur Gross, the new director of the IRS for its computer modernization efforts, says the agency is retraining programmers who know Cobol, a somewhat newer computer language, to do the revisions.

Much like the nine other service centers of the IRS, the Cincinnati-area center has a lot of computer hardware that could be displayed in a museum. The center's check-processing machinery, for example, was built by Burroughs Corp., a Detroit-based computer manufacturer that disappeared 10 years ago in a merger with Sperry Rand.

"It is an outdated system that breaks down frequently," said John Ressler, director of the Cincinnati center. "When it breaks down, our processes stop."

Only a few steps away, Ressler has equipment that shows what new technology could do. It is the IRS' "Telefile" system, which allows taxpayers with the simplest return — the 1040EZ — to file by telephone.

MIT's CLUB LATINO

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On behalf of MIT's Club Latino,

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Boston Celtics v. Orlando Magic

Jan. 24, 7:00pm at Fleet Center

Tickets are \$25, and go on sale starting today! For more information, contact hersh@math.mit.edu



Smuggler's Notch Ski Trip

Dec. 13 to Dec. 15

Enjoy the fresh snow of Vermont. Incredible rates! Free transportation!

Cost: 3-day lift ticket and accommodations, \$95; 3-day ski rentals, \$59.

Due to cancellations there are some spaces available. Fill in registration forms at the GSC office. Only a few spots are left!

Upcoming Meetings

- Dec 10 Housing and Community Affairs
- Dec 11 Activities
- Jan 9 Academic Projects and Policy

Meetings are open to all graduate at 5:30 pm in 50-220. Dinner is served.



Holiday Social

Dec. 11, 7:00pm in 50-220

Spread the holiday cheer on the last day of classes! All graduate students and friends are welcome!

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Dec. 12, 4:00-5:00pm in Private Dining Room 1

Applications due Jan 17, 1997 at the Residence and Campus Activities office for 1997-98.

Grocery Shuttle

The Saturday shuttle will continue throughout the holidays and IAP. Due to lack of ridership, the Tuesday shuttle has suspended operations until February. Add yourself to the mailing list for weather-related or other announcements, type `athena@blanche.grocsnut -a <username>`

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Letters To The Editor

GSC Best Able to Fund Graduate Students

The Graduate Student Council has been involved in discussions about the Central Allocations Board along with the Undergraduate Association, Association of Student Activities, and re-engineering administrators. We agree that the current funding system is far from perfect and that there are many problems in fairly allocating the limited funds available for student groups at MIT.

However, we feel that a centralized board is not the correct solution. A model of the CAB as suggested by *The Tech* and others — to create a new entity which would take over the functions of GSC and UA funding boards, as well as departmental funds — would serve neither the interests of student groups nor student governments. The problems of fairness between student groups would still exist. Furthermore, the board should be established with the approval of the parties involved, or not at all.

The fairness issue has three major aspects. First, student groups with neither a clear majority of graduate or undergraduate members are in limbo, falling under neither GSC nor UA jurisdiction. We feel that these groups should be identified and assigned either status.

Second, certain groups know how to "work the system" and ask for special funding from departments or deans. *The Tech* suggests that the CAB should receive all monies from current sources of funding to distribute from a central source. However, it is reasonable that departments will always retain some funds for their own disbursement. Hence, the problem will still exist.

Third, because there are so many potential sources of funding, there is no check whether a student group is "double dipping," i.e., receiving funds from multiple sources for the same event. This is where we believe the CAB can make a positive contribution: to serve as a clearinghouse of information. Student groups would get an equal chance at all sources of funding, those who fund would not get overwhelmed by requests, and, most importantly, student groups will be able to continue making their positive contributions to the MIT community.

Finally, we believe that it is a responsibility of the student governments to distribute funds for their constituents and that they are most qualified to do so. The GSC and UA

have different mechanisms and philosophies for allocating funds. The CAB can help bridge this gap, for example, by creating common application forms or better publicity deadlines or by establishing a World Wide Web page showing how much money each student group has requested or received. But we still contend that GSC policies best suit the needs of graduate student groups, although we always welcome specific suggestions.

There are more fundamental issues concerning student groups' funding than trying to create another bureaucratic entity. As long as there are limited funds, the process will always seem unfair. We should examine what is wrong with the current system and take steps to address those issues. The first step, which is already happening, is one of openness and communication. But we must not forget the ultimate goal of serving the community.

Constantine A. Morfopoulos G, GSC President

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Quashing of CAB Mistaken

The co-curricular implementation team of student services re-engineering has made a mistake in deciding to off-load the allocation by the provost of \$40,000 to the Central Allocations Board for the funding of small groups, to the Undergraduate Association Finance Board, and the Graduate Student Council Funding Board. In doing so, the CCI team has balked on the prospect of solving systemic problems in student group funding that go beyond inefficiencies or internal problems in the current funding process.

By not attempting to form a Central Allocations Board composed of representatives from the UA, GSC, and the Association of Student Activities, the opportunity to fund student groups based solely on merit and their effect on the MIT community is being missed. Such a process could alleviate many of the disparities in funding between groups of different compositions, when whether the members of the activities are graduate students or undergraduates often has little or nothing to do with the purpose or effect of the group.

Student activity funding is different than Undergraduate Student Life or Graduate

Student Life funding and should be treated as such. A single entity would not only simplify the process, but it would also allow for the solution of problems which are inherent in the current division of the system. Additionally, it could eliminate the conflict of interest that now exists in that the UA decides how much of the total student activity funding that it should consume internally and how much should be allocated to other groups.

This does not mean that the UA and the GSC should not be involved in this process through populating portions of this board with their representatives. Their representation on such a board would be appropriate and necessary to the success of such a system. But since such a change would result in the loss of direct control over student activity funding by the UA and GSC, we cannot expect the UA and GSC to agree to this voluntarily. However, the goal should not be to do what is best for the student government organizations, but to do what is best for the student activities and the students on campus. In denying the opportunity to try out such a process, the CCI team has done student activities, and student life, at MIT a great disservice.

Douglas K. Wyatt G, ASA President and the ASA Executive Board

Erotica Is Not Pornography

The Lecture Series Committee feels the need to set the record straight on a number of issues regarding our intent to show sexually explicit films. The recent article ["LSC Pornography Committee Considers Showing Erotic Films," Nov. 26] created a number of misconceptions in the MIT community that we will address here.

The first misconception is that the LSC Committee on Erotica is new. *The Tech* implied that it was formed after a voluntary ban on LSC showing pornographic films expired. In fact, all LSC did was add members to repopulate an already existing committee. Since LSC has no intention of showing pornography, the ban (which actually expired in 1993) had no effect on our actions.

Although *The Tech* article tended to use the words interchangeably, erotica and pornography are very different. Pornographic film has as its primary purpose the graphic depiction of

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LSC Should Stop Kidding Itself About Explicit Films

Column by A. Arif Husain
OPINION EDITOR

I must admit that I was fairly surprised to hear about the Lecture Series Committee's renewed interest in sexually explicit films ["LSC Pornography Committee Considers Showing Erotic Films," Nov. 26]. Over the years, I had picked up some hearsay about an old Reg Day tradition of showing pornographic movies, but I assumed it had ended with the times. I was apparently wrong.

The interesting thing about this resurgence has very little to do with interests in pornography — we are all quite aware that sex is perhaps the most dominant theme in popular culture today. Rather, what strikes my attention is the undeniably slippery and evasive manner in which LSC has chosen to address its new movements.

LSC Chairman William J. Gehrke '97 stated recently that "LSC has no intention of showing pornography" and that LSC does

"not best showing pornography is in the best interest of the MIT community." Gehrke explained that LSC would instead be looking into artistic movies with "erotic" content. Gehrke attempted ineffectively to distinguish "pornography" from "erotica," speaking negatively of the former while favoring the latter. I enjoy a nice game of semantics as much as the next guy, but let's get serious.

Whether or not films that include people engaging in explicit sexual acts of any kind are termed pornography, erotica, smut, or what have you; the issue remains the same. There will always be some group of people that will be offended by having to take in what some other group has to put out. This is the reason we have a First Amendment and the reason we all revere it.

I really have to wonder what Gehrke was thinking when he chose to deny LSC's interest in pornographic material, considering that LSC's Pornography Committee is the group in charge of the project. In the last week or so, it was renamed the Committee on Erotica, but it will always be Porncom in my mind.

The 10th edition of Webster's Collegiate Dictionary defines erotica as "literary or artistic works having an erotic theme." The defini-

tion of pornography reads: "the depiction of erotic behavior (as in pictures or writing) intended to cause sexual excitement." The distinction between the two are such a matter of individual interpretation that Gehrke could not conceivably believe that a patent scrutiny can be made. Given any segment of sexually explicit footage, I am confident that I could find 10 people who would call it erotica, while another 10 would maintain that it is pornographic. Did Gehrke think that maybe he could pull some erotic wool over his pornographic wolf? Or does he honestly believe that he can confuse us with word play?

MIT's policy on showing sexually explicit films apparently permits LSC to do so, recognizing that they are still subject to regulations imposed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In any case, it seems that at least on the surface, LSC decided on its own to discontinue showing such films, and it is now deciding on its own to reinstate them. The point is that they seem to have full liberty to do as they wish and therefore really have no need to play games with anybody, unless they are just trying to fool themselves.

Pornographic films have "done very well," according to LSC's publicity director. Thus, it

is clear that financial sensibility is not the primary concern in this venture. The best explanation is that by justifying the category of sexually explicit films on some artistic level, LSC will be able to keep its head held high. The sexually repressed masses won't have to feel any shame as they line up for a cheap thrill, and LSC won't have to feel guilty for giving it to them.

This manner of euphemizing is nothing new, going back centuries to the days of the "call girls" and "escorts" and more recently to include "exotic dancers" and the like. I would have hoped, though, that our own LSC had decency enough to avoid such pitfalls. Modern society has adopted a knack for softening and sugar-coating its less tasteful elements, and now we see it on this campus.

There is a fine line between artistic license and sheer impropriety. One man's smut is another man's pride and joy. I won't humor myself by thinking such conflicts will soon be resolved, but I will believe that those involved can be mature about the whole thing.

In the next few months, when 26-100 is packed with MIT's prominent stock of erotica cinephiles, I hope that they take a second to thank LSC for their avant-garde, in between moments of explicit artistic display.

Sexual Values Should Not Be Enforced on MIT Community

Column by Gábor Csányi
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

I was sad to see that Therese Z. Henderson's letter ["LSC Porncom Ignores Community Spirit," Dec. 3] was full of fallacies. First, she committed an intellectual crime against the principles of democracy and freedom. She appears to think that extrapolating her own feelings is a good way to assess the mood of the community. Secondly, she equates eroticism with pornography. I beg to differ.

If the MIT community does not want to see erotic films, then LSC will realize this on the first showing; people are very good at voting with their feet. Henderson suggests that LSC find other ways to raise funds. This instantly shows what is wrong with her argument. If LSC is capable of raising substantial funds by showing erotic films, then by impli-

cation, the MIT community is willing to pay for such films and is willing to sit through them. Hence the wishes of the community are clear. Where should the line be drawn? Precisely where Henderson suggests. Footage (I hate to call them films) which shows people in a dehumanized situation is clearly unfit for screening.

I myself do not think that erotic films necessarily demean or advocate violence toward women. If LSC chooses to show films of such inhuman nature, I will be the first one to opt for an alternative program and indeed demand that they stop it. I would like to believe the Pornography Committee to be of better disposition and am willing to give them a chance.

Is sex itself demeaning toward women? If there are people out there who are unfortunate enough to have been raised to think

like that, then MIT as an educational institution — and in particular those who care about visual culture — should remedy this and show that it is not the case. What is the use of the multitude of Independent Activities Period programs and other sources telling students about the joy and wonder of good sex if the rules that are created by the same community reflect precisely the opposite — that sex is some horrible thing that most people have to tolerate for some reason and any mention of it should preferably be eradicated from a public context? Is it furthering the goal of building an open and honest society to deny the existence of something that everyone does all the time? Some people seem to think so (as depicted in the current issue of *Sojourner* about sex education).

On quite a different note, a lot of people

lament the proliferation of the real pornography industry. But it is the same society that funds them and gives them their boom. Spot the hypocrisy? Somehow we are good at this. The 1990s is the decade of health food and a healthy diet? Then why do hamburger sales skyrocket?

If the MIT community at large approves of erotic art, then I think people who may not be sexually mature enough to cope with it should not prevent everyone else from seeing such films.

To reverse the argument and play devil's advocate, I might consider frequently screened action movies as harmful in portraying men as complete zealots full of testosterone shooting everyone in sight. But I do not consider my views to apply to everyone, I just do not watch such movies often. I advise Henderson to do the same.



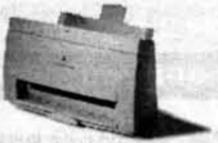
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sexually explicit scenes. It generally depicts these scenes in a way that is degrading to women or, less frequently, to men. It tends to perpetuate the myth that rape and sexual assault are appropriate forms of behavior. Erotica, on the other hand, seeks to tell a story that involves sexual themes. Sexually explicit scenes in these films serve a secondary role to the plot. Erotic film displays sexually explicit scenes in a more realistic and equal fashion that is not degrading to either gender.

The LSC Committee on Erotica addresses the issues surrounding the showing of sexually explicit films. Essentially, the committee tries to determine what is pornography and what is erotica. They screen any proposed films to ensure that the films are not pornographic, are not degrading, are portraying sexually explicit scenes in a realistic manner, and are of high quality. These criteria are very stringent and result in few films that LSC would even consider showing from the erotic genre. We believe it is our responsibility to carefully limit ourselves to films that are not offensive to a large part of the community, as

Chairman-elect Christopher C. Marchant '98 was quoted in the original article as saying.

So the point is, no, we do not intend a return to showing pornographic films. We do not feel showing pornography is in the best interest of the MIT community and is therefore not in the best interest of LSC.

William J. Gehrke '97, LSC Chairman, on behalf of the LSC Executive Committee

Pornography Does Not Have to Be Demeaning

After reading Therese Z. Henderson's letter ["LSC Porncom Ignores Community Spirit," Dec. 3], I feel the need to make both sides of the issue heard.

The most obvious reply is that if you don't like it, you don't have to go to it, whatever your reasons are. After all the years I have heard the debate, I am still unclear as to just how pornography demeans and degrades women. The idea of degradation seems to be one tossed around by those who do not like pornography no matter what the reason for their distaste. It seems to be taken for granted

that pornography degrades women. However, I have both watched and enjoyed porn myself and I have not felt what I would consider to be "degraded."

As for the issue of the Lecture Series Committee forming a voluntary limited time ban, it was just that: voluntary and time limited. It was created (to my knowledge) to fit the situation at a particular time with the understanding that future populations at MIT might have different opinions from those at the time of the ban. Now that the self-imposed time is up, the policy is again being reconsidered. Your objection has been noted, I am sure, by readers of *The Tech* and members of LSC alike. I am under the impression that LSC's Porncom is going to consider the different opinions of MIT students and staff. If there are enough dissenting opinions, obviously the venture will not be lucrative enough for LSC, and it will end.

I agree with you that making MIT a warm fuzzy place where everyone is respected and appreciated is a great goal, but it is a difficult reality to achieve. There are many situations at MIT that detract from the warm-fuzziness.

The issue of whether or not pornography is shown at MIT would have comparably little affect on this. As with many things, it will make some people happy, it will make some people angry or upset, and most people will hardly notice the change.

Christa R. Ansberg '98

LSC Pornography Speaks To Issue of Free Choice

I was bothered by a number of things Therese Z. Henderson said in her letter ["LSC Porncom Ignores Community Spirit," Dec. 3]. The main and most flagrantly absurd of these statements is that by showing pornographic films LSC demonstrates that it "has no respect for the wishes of the MIT community."

The problem with this idea stems from something my brother has often said to me when I complained about something that I found offensive or just plain stupid. He said, "If you don't like it, you don't have to buy it." And the same is true here. If you don't choose to see such films, then you have every right to

stay away. No one should make you watch such things against your will, and I highly doubt that LSC has any sort of conspiracy brewing to force unwilling participants to watch such films. However, you have no right to dictate the behavior of other human beings and no right to say that LSC can or cannot show particular films to other consenting adults.

The foundation of capitalism is the tenet that people will spend their money on the things that they choose to support and participate in. If the MIT community did not want to see pornographic films, then they would not attend such a showing, and if LSC gave a show and nobody came, they would surely not repeat this practice.

We are all adults at MIT, and we should be treated as such. And as adults, we have the right to act as we choose as long as we do not infringe on the rights of others. The members of this community have every right to watch such films and to show them to people who want to watch them, and no one has the right to stop them from doing this.

Aidan N. Low '98

Misread Headline Suggests Creative Plan

The headline for the column by Thomas R. Karlo '97 ["Institute Should Stimulate Attendance at Sports Events," Nov. 26] tricked me into misreading "stimulate" as "simulate." But hey, what a great idea.

On the assumption that athletes get their rewards directly from their participation in sports, and not to please a crowd, then a "simulated" crowd ought to do the trick. Imagine a huge video screen along one side of the field with an eager throng displayed on it, plus computer vision to monitor the action, simulated cheers in 16-bit audio at appropriate moments and maybe even Pattie Maes' animated dog capering up and down the sidelines. It's perfect for MIT — a real breakthrough. I say let's hand this problem to the Artificial Intelligence group and the Media Laboratory, and the rest of us can go about our business.

Visiting Scientist Richard F. Olivo



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UROP Enrollment Recovers This Term

By Orli G. Bahcall
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

After two years of decline, there are signs that the level of participation in the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program has begun to increase.

UROP enrollment dropped significantly after a 1994 change in federal regulations that cut funding for the program by forcing the Institute to charge for employee benefits against UROP funds. While the program saw an increase in undergraduates working for credit, its overall participation dropped by about 25 percent.

While the final tallies for this year's UROP program will not be known until the end of the semester, UROP officials say that the program has seen the number of participants grow this semester.

During the fall semester of 1995, UROP participation was just under a 1,000 students. This year, the UROP office predicts that over 1,000 students have UROP projects, said Director of UROP Norma McGavern.

McGavern called the increased participation encouraging and said that it reflected the positive direction that the UROP program is taking in recovering from funding problems. However, while "things are on the upswing, it will take a while before UROP levels return to the pre-1994 levels," McGavern said.

The UROP office still often faces situations "where faculty would like to ask for a group of students but can only ask for one or two" because of a lack of funding, McGavern said. "We also still have to be very miserly in support of material requests."

Overall, however, McGavern said that the future looks bright. "I'm pretty optimistic. [I am] seeing very good signs, such as funding from alumni that has increased in the past year," she said.

Alumni contributions go to increase MIT's endowment to the

program. Since the UROP program receives money from the interest in this endowment, "it is taking some time to build up the capital to make a difference in the program," McGavern said.

The Undergraduate Corporate Research Program, still in its infancy, is beginning to help the troubled UROP program. UCRP, founded to bring more funding to UROP students, finances its students directly.

While this program is still small, funding just a handful of students, UROP provides an important service to UROP students, McGavern said.

"This is additional money for the students and MIT. The program is successful in that both sides have been happy with the experience."

EECS see progress

"I think the UROP office has been relatively pleasantly surprised that has not been a big drop off" in enrollment this year, said UROP Coordinator for the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Richard D. Thornton '54, professor of EECS.

The total number of UROP students in the EECS has been decreasing for several years now, Thornton said. Current students do UROP primarily for credit.

The UROP program provides great opportunity for EECS undergraduates, Thornton said. Over half of all EECS students take part in the UROP program sometime during their undergraduate careers, he said.

Faculty in the department have "always depended upon UROP students working with them to design and test projects," Thornton said. These experiences lend valuable research experience to undergraduates that often leads to more advanced work.

While the amount of UROP funding is still a limiting factor in bringing undergraduates into these projects, "there are always more projects to be done," Thornton said.

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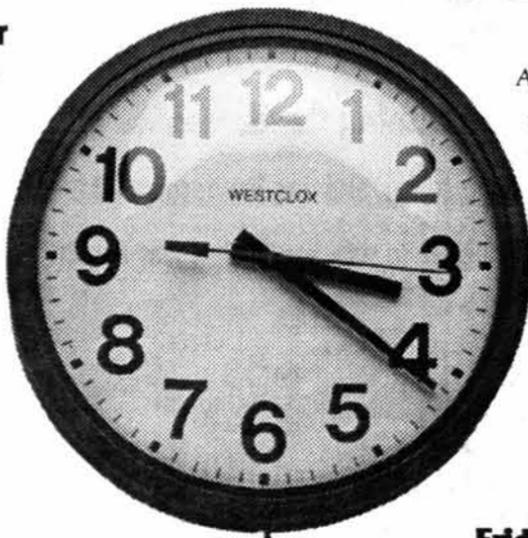


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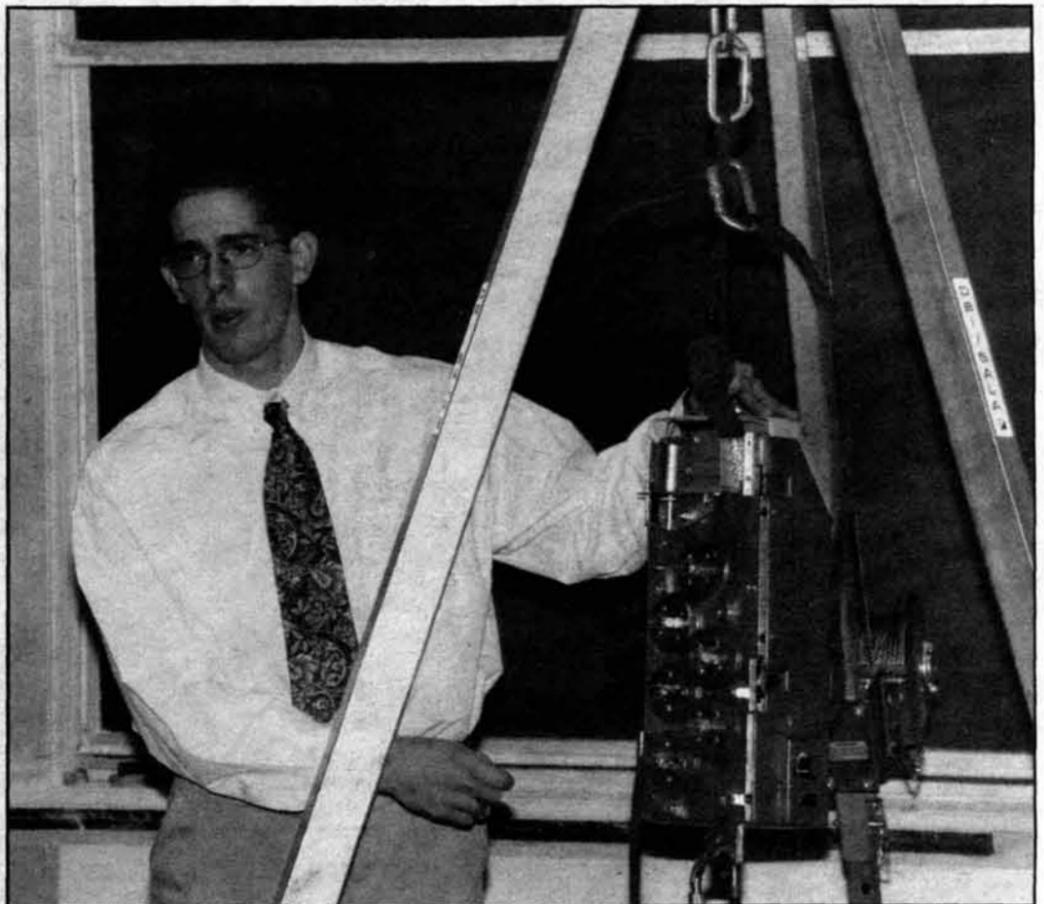
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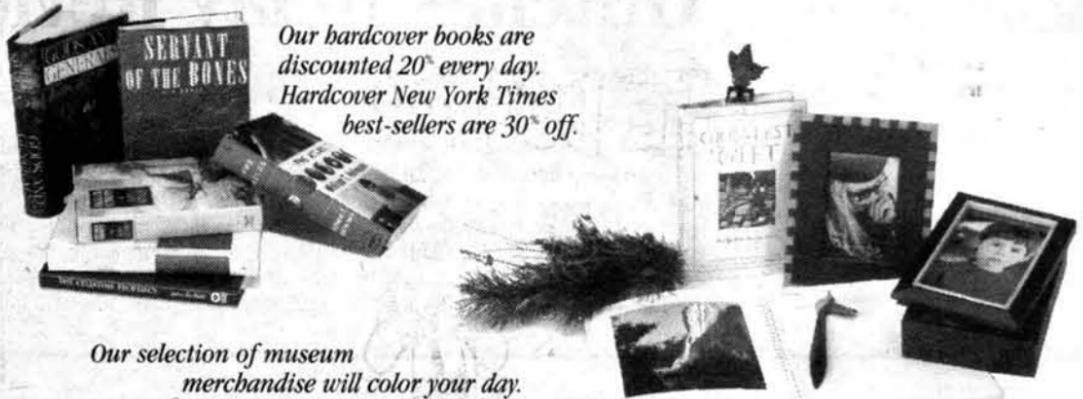
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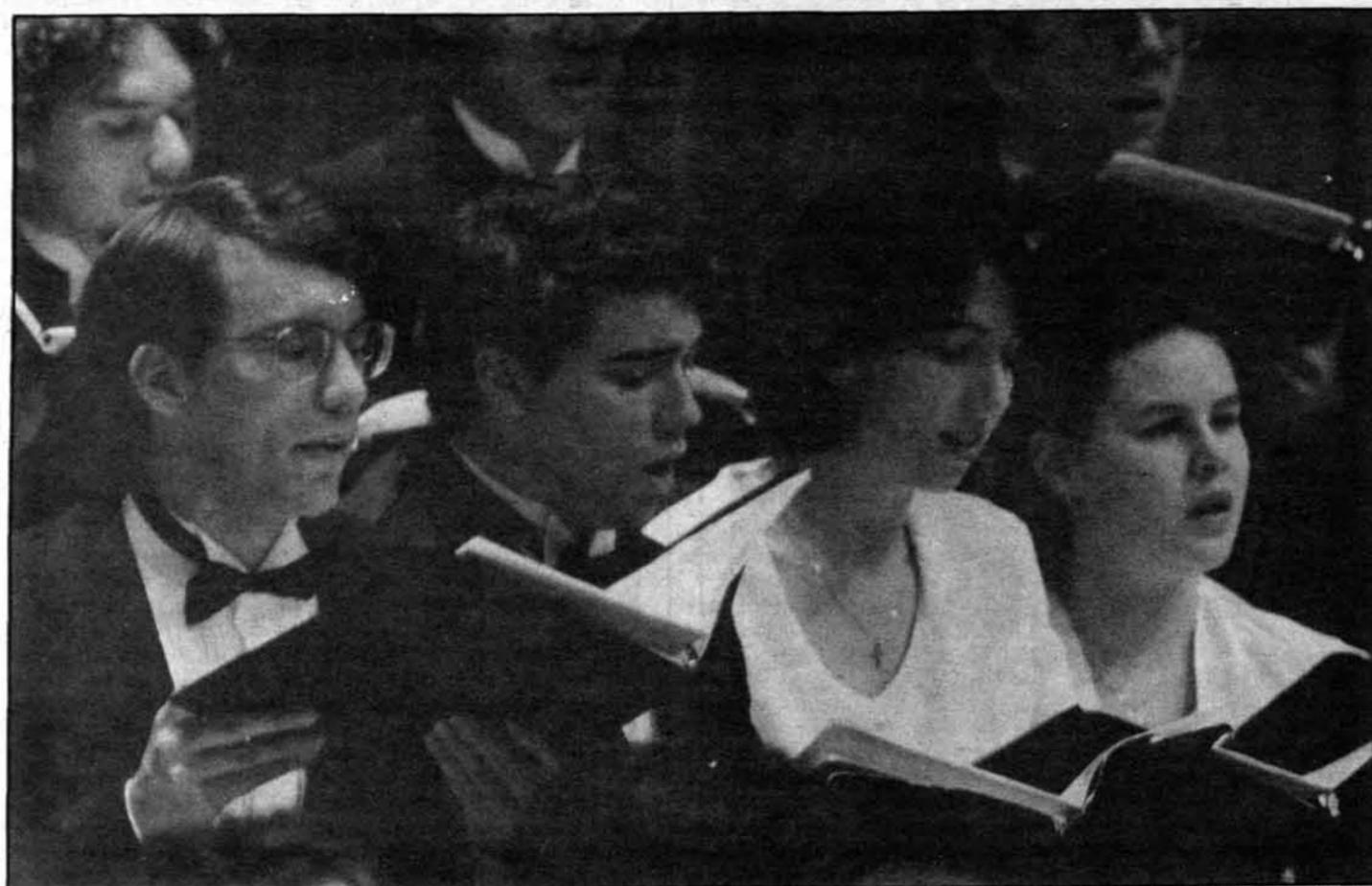
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Glitches Delay Review of Institute Dining

By Douglas E. Heimbürger
STAFF REPORTER

The dining review working group will be unable to finish its review of dining options on campus until April because of delays in the focus group process of its review.

The group, chaired by Director of the Campus Activities Complex Philip J. Walsh, held focus work-

shops with students last week to solicit opinions and map out how students dine on campus.

Workshops with faculty and staff were originally also scheduled to occur during the first week of December but were pushed back because of the "mechanics of just trying to put this together," Walsh said. Next week, the group will hold

its first focus workshops with randomly selected faculty and staff to get additional data, Walsh said.

As a result of the delays, the group's final report will likely not be available until April, Walsh said. "The original deadlines were self-imposed," he said. Still, the group is "intent on moving for closure as soon as possible," he said.

Group happy with student input

In November, the group visited all MIT residences and a sample of independent living groups to learn about the living patterns of students and how students dine on campus, Walsh said.

Two hundred people participated in the meetings, which brought new ideas to the group. "Students consistently brought up things [the group] might not have thought of," Walsh said.

Participants in the group represented members of the community as a whole. "We didn't hear anything from the focus workshops that we didn't hear in the open meetings," said John S. Hollywood G, a member of the working group.

Students in the open forums emphasized price, quality, and time overwhelmingly in their comments, he said.

Group to focus next on operations

After gathering community input, the working group will turn its focus to the operational and financial concerns of food services at MIT and will begin talking to people outside the Institute, Walsh said.

"We're starting to shift our focus to talking to people in the [food-services] industry," he said. The group is looking at trends in the industry to see what new ideas have been tried recently on campuses, like authentic international cuisine, Walsh said.

The group is also looking at alternatives to Aramark. The group has hosted one institutional food-services provider on campus for a review recently and hopes to bring

in others in the future, Walsh said.

The group is visiting other area campuses to learn more about other college dining plans, Walsh said. The group has already visited Harvard University and plans to visit other schools.

Group looks at meal plans

The dining group is reviewing MIT's meal plans, Walsh said. Currently, students are not required to purchase meal plans, which are valid at Institute dining facilities.

"Our model here is something unique in that there isn't an established board plan," Walsh said. "MIT has a declining balance system and once had a mandatory board plan. Those are two extremes, and there is a lot in the middle," he said.

Several models will be submitted to the community for input, Walsh said. "It's not like you're going to wake up one morning and hear the dining review group has decided all students will be on a 21-meal-per-week board plan," Hollywood said.

Models to be available next term

The working group hopes to have a list of proposals on how to organize dining available at the beginning of spring term for input, Walsh said.

While they are nearly ready now, the models will not be released to the community during the Independent Activities Period since many students are away during the month.

"There is a need to make sure that as many members of the community are here" as possible when the group is soliciting discussion on the ideas, Walsh said.

The models will be very detailed, Hollywood said. "It won't be like ROTC [where there were a few overall options]; there will be a separate set of options for things like operations," Hollywood said.

The group will use volunteers in each dormitory to solicit input on the proposals. "We have a list of 40 to 50 people who expressed an interest in helping with the program," Hollywood said. MIT community members will also be able to submit comments to the group via the World Wide Web and e-mail, Hollywood said.

After comments are received, the group will formulate a model that incorporates as many comments as possible and that satisfies community members concerned with dining at the Institute, Walsh said.

"We're committed to doing as much as necessary to get a system the community wants," Hollywood said.

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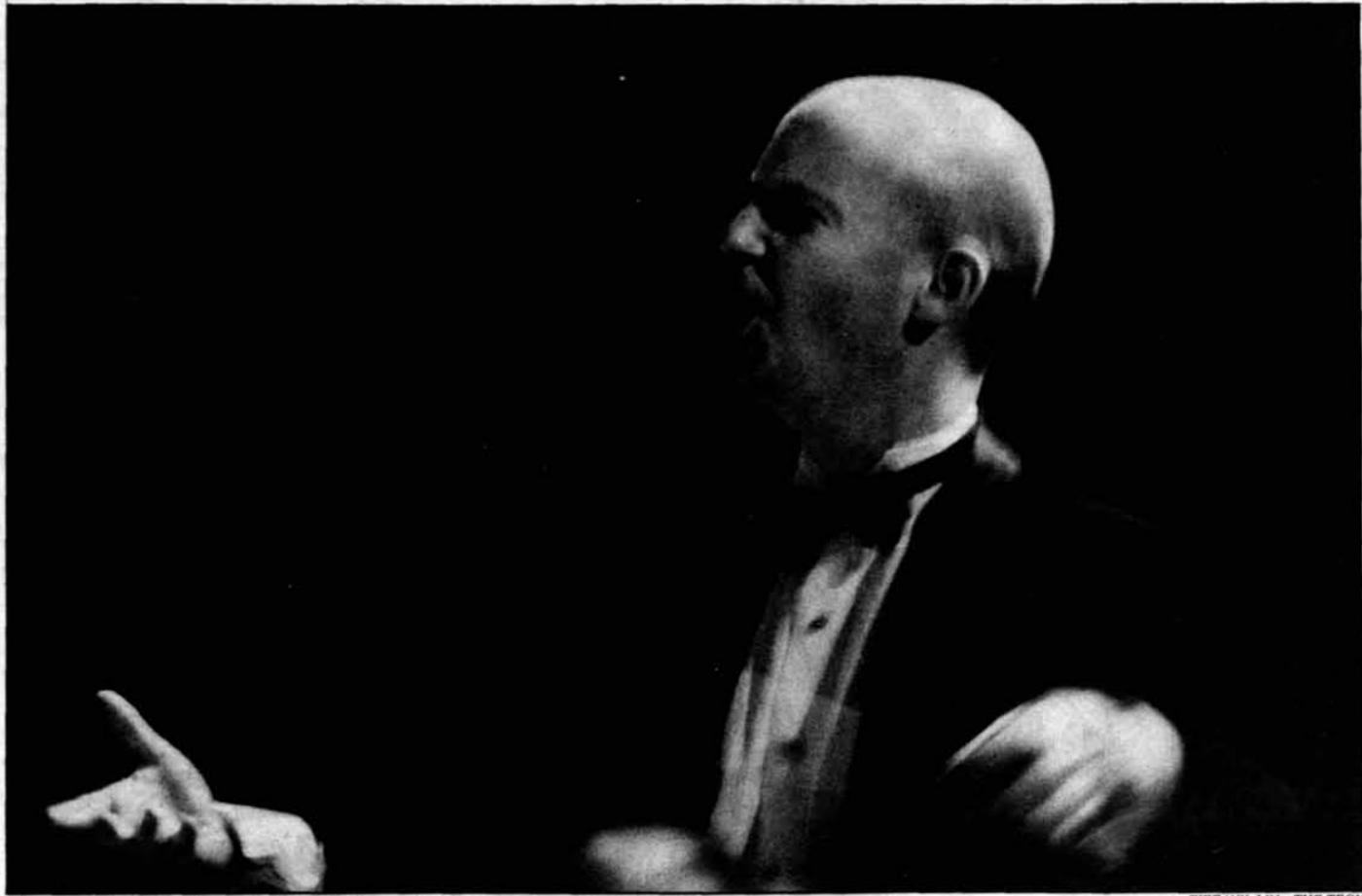
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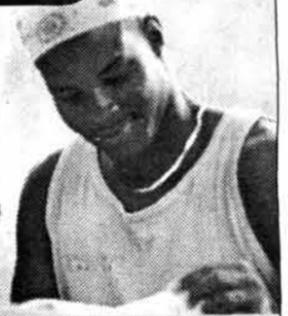
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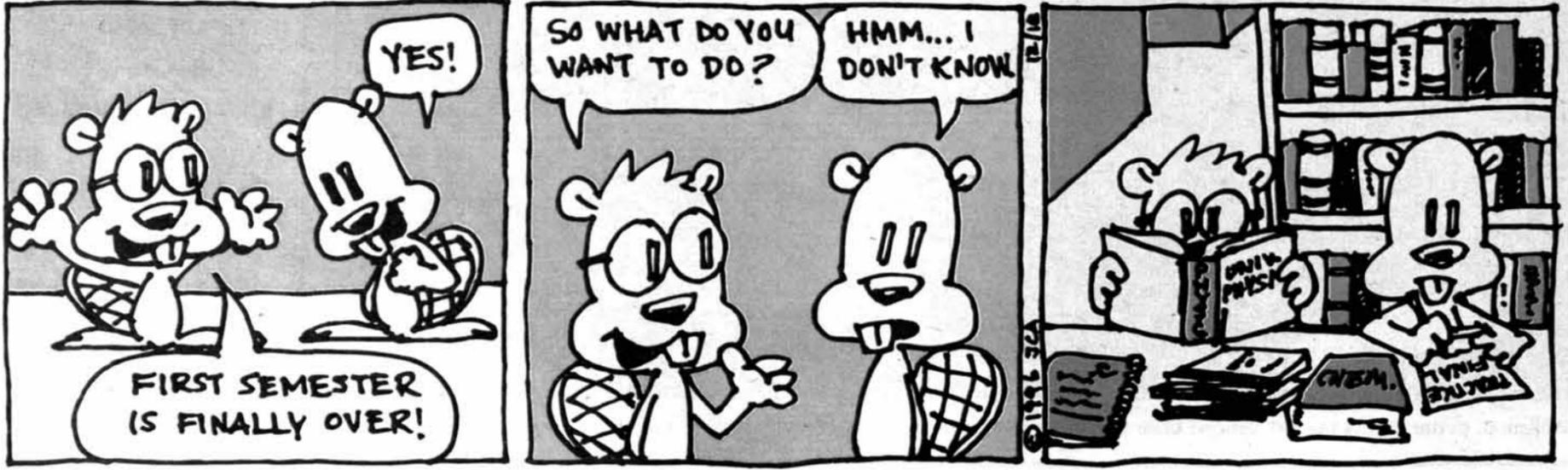


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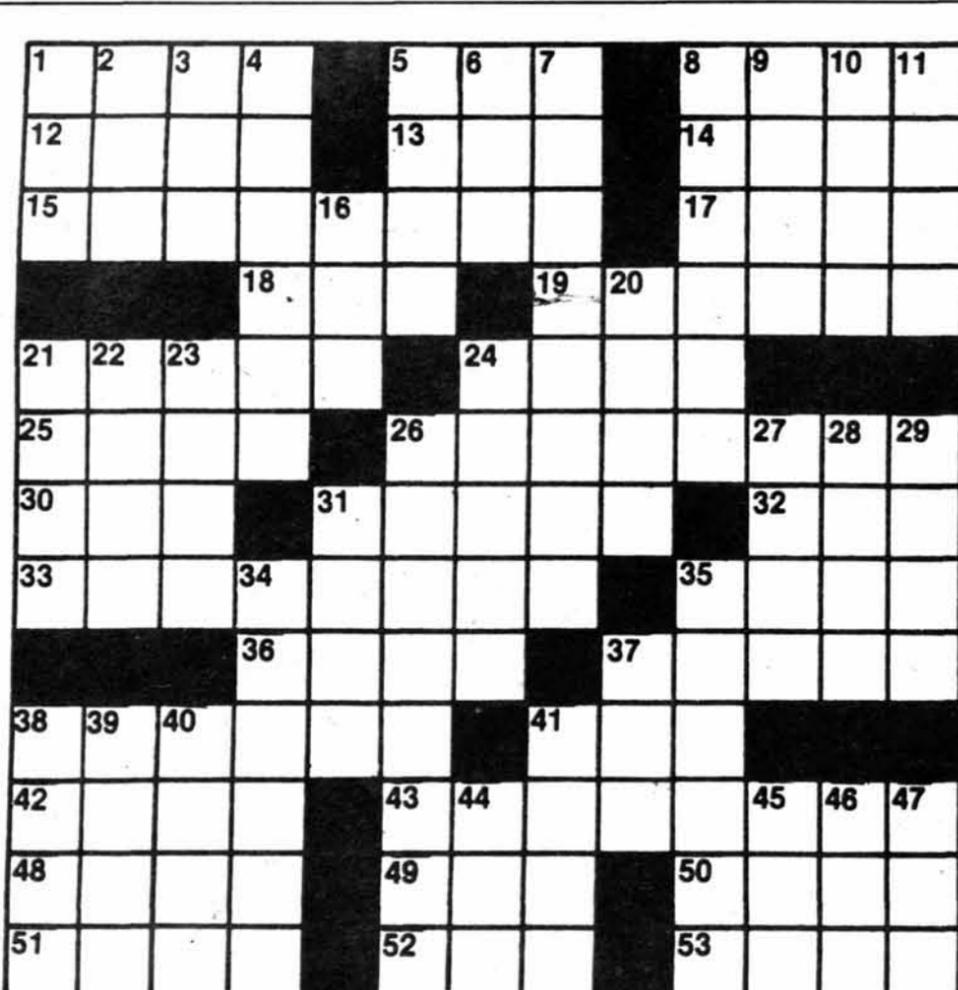
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- 5. Ballet step
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- 13. Era
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- 15. Horse
- 17. Small hawk
- 18. Over (Poetic)
- 19. Sald
- 21. Probe
- 24. Rotatable disc
- 25. Anger
- 26. Openly
- 30. _____ Baba
- 31. Husk
- 32. Fish eggs
- 33. Vent for release of gas
- 35. _____ Turner
- 36. Attila was their king
- 37. Out of the park
- 38. Chasm
- 41. Heat source
- 42. Eire
- 43. Wire
- 48. Firn
- 49. Frost
- 50. Tides
- 51. Former Russian Emperor
- 52. Food chewed a second time
- 53. Edges

DOWN

- 1. Fuel
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- 3. Meadow
- 4. On an incline
- 5. Two
- 6. Past
- 7. Sane
- 8. Caustic substance
- 9. Stay
- 10. Female (suf.)
- 11. Sow
- 16. Shelter
- 20. Lofty
- 21. Snatch
- 22. Small stream
- 23. Stew
- 24. Disputes
- 26. Speech sound
- 27. Crowd
- 28. Sole
- 29. Leap _____
- 31. Avoid
- 34. Waller
- 35. Extended time
- 37. Color
- 38. Lease
- 39. God of War
- 40. Long Live (It.)
- 41. Winter vehicle
- 44. Old coin
- 45. Runs hitters knock in (abbr.)
- 46. Type of weapon (abbr.)
- 47. Manuscript (abbr., pl.)

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS FROM LAST ISSUE



Sophomores Choose Course VI in Record Numbers

By Jean K. Lee
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

The Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science once again drew the most sophomore majors, and the biology department posted significant gains, according to the annual report of major declarations from the Registrar's Office.

Course VI topped the list by attracting 367 members of the Class of 1999, showing a 16 percent increase over last year's declarations. The biology department continued a surge that began five years ago by getting 153 sophomore majors, a gain of 28 percent from last year's draw. Chemical engineering, mechanical engineering, and physics rounded out the five most popular major

choices. Enrollment in the Department of Chemical Engineering decreased from 120 to 89 sophomores this year. For the most part, other departments showed relatively little fluctuation over the last three years.

VI-3 reports massive gains
The number of students who

declared Course VI-3 (Computer Science and Engineering) rose dramatically from 97 to 162. While the number of sophomores who declared Course VI-1 (Electrical Science and Engineering) increased from 66 last year to 80 this year, the recently accredited Course VI-2 program (Electrical Engineering and Computer Science) saw enrollment decline from 154 to 125 students.

"The excitement of the material and the field's opportunity for secure jobs are definitely factors for the increase in enrollment," said Arthur C. Smith, professor of EECS.

"Half of the increase can be explained by the increase in the sophomore class size," said Anne M. Hunter, administrator of the EECS undergraduate and Master of Engineering programs. She also said that the World Wide Web could have influenced the apparent shift from electrical engineering toward computer science.

The increase in EECS enrollment has caused various concerns about the department's resources. "We can't increase the number of computers, lab space, and other facilities to make up for the influx," Smith said. "This puts pressure on us to provide the services we want to provide with an increased enrollment."

"There have been problems with staffing — the department now needs more advisors, faculty and [teaching assistants]," Hunter said.

Smith also said that the department will become more impersonal and it will be more difficult to communicate with students.

Course VII enrollment rises

The increase in the number of students choosing Course VII is partly the result of the nationwide

increase in the number of students who apply to medical schools, said Graham C. Walker, professor of biology.

Walker also said that the recent change making the introductory biology class a requirement for all undergraduates has contributed to this influx.

"Now everyone who comes to MIT gets exposed to biology, and with so much coverage of biology in the news, the field has captured people's imagination," Walker said.

The Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics also experienced a significant increase in enrollment.

A total of 44 sophomores designated Course XVI as their major choice, compared to 26 last year. However, Ed F. Crawley, chair of the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics, said that he is not surprised and that he expects at least as many students to enroll in the department in the future.

"The question is not why there's an increase in enrollment, but why there were so few who enrolled the past years," Crawley said. The cause of the increase is the "visible demand by the aerospace industry and a strong government investment in the field."

In addition, "a lot of aerospace news during last few years influenced the increase," Crawley said.

Another factor that may have contributed to the rise is the success of the department's introductory class, Walker said. Many freshmen who took Introduction to Aerospace Engineering (16.00) subsequently chose Course XVI, he said.

The Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences experienced a slight increase, with 20 sophomores enrolling in the department over 12 last year.

Major	Class of	1997	1998	1999
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Mechanical Engineering		130	136	126
Materials Science and Engineering		35	36	37
Architecture		14	20	16
Chemistry		42	40	35
Electrical Engineering and Computer Science		300	317	367
Biology		130	120	153
Physics		48	54	51
Brain and Cognitive Science		16	12	20
Chemical Engineering		111	120	89
Urban Studies and Planning		3	2	1
Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences		8	9	9
Ocean Engineering		1	5	7
Economics		23	29	25
Management		35	37	38
Aeronautics and Astronautics		35	26	44
Political Science		3	2	6
Mathematics		43	44	39
Humanities		1	4	3
Nuclear Engineering		4	6	7
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From my new vantage point, I beheld a throng of angry demons, dancing a circular dance in the street, cursing angry curses, and drooling angry saliva.

By the flickering of their fiery torches, I could see some minor monsters picking the lock to the house — they would be inside and upstairs in a flash. I had to act. Quickly, I grabbed the monster garb from my box of Halloween junk. And none too soon, for hardly had I donned my new disguise than the monsters were upon me.

"Hey," said the first monster, gesturing wildly. "There's an election on, and we're rounding up fellow monsters for polling. You'd better come with us. Energize."

As he pronounced the last word, we were enveloped by a monster transporter beam and dumped unceremoniously in the center of the Tech office on the fourth floor of the Student Center.

"This meeting of the monster board is called to order," said the chairmonster, Daniel C. "Soiled Blankets" Stevenson '97, taking a large swig of mead from the ceremonial popcorn bowl.

The electioneering began with the chairmonster. After two hours of gory deliberation, marked by horrible language and punctuated by belches of blood, Stevenson eked out a narrow victory.

While I yawned with dismay as the hours ticked by, the board elected David D. "Dissenting" Hsu '98 Republican in Chief.

It was now 7 p.m. With hushed voices and purrs of delight, the monsters gathered 'round the telephone for a talk with the head of The Tech's London bureau, Angela

"1-800-COLLECT" Liao '98. Having learned of her intention to seek the business monster position, the board assented to her wishes, with the caveat that she install a foam machine for the office's dance floor. Outgoing Business Monster Christine "What's the Gaggle?" Chan '98 and Outgoing Advertising Monster Terri "Is So Very" Wilson '99 spent remaining Tech funds on a Bose sound cannon.

Back in Cambridge, the pace began to mount. Josh "Need my Bits" Bittker '99 was told to manage monsters and Thomas R. "Wild Turkeys" Karlo '97 ordered to execute them. Venkatesh "Whiplash" Satish '98 and Dan "Cheese Grits" McGuire '99 were tapped as news monsters, though the board clamored and drooled for more victims.

As the night wore on, the board members broke off to gorge themselves with pizza. During the meal, the members enjoyed a fire dance by the newly elected monsters of the night, Saul "High-Grade Crack" Blumenthal '98, Russell S. "Conflict of Interest" Light '98, and Jason C. "Overdressed" Yang '99. Jen "Visioning" Peltz '98 retired to the comforts of the Fifth Jungle.

Outgoing Monster in Chief Stacey E. "Over the Top" Blau '98 stood for minister of anti-frattie propaganda. After she promised

immediate delivery of a "Jim" replacement, the board moved her cracker ass to the desired opinion monster spot on the mast. After his picture was plastered next to columns, A. Arif "Monorail" Husain '97 decided to leave The Tech, having jeopardized his career as a secret agent.

Incumbent Spo Monster Erik S. "Excited Chicken" Balsley G won an overwhelming re-election after promising to shut his trap, and David V. "The Rules" Rodriguez '97 agreed to stay on as arts monster, provided the annual banquet be held at Buzzy's Fabulous Roast Beef.

Feeling an overwhelming need to relieve their bowels, the board sent for the hot crap monsters. While Indranath "Belligerent" Neogy '98 whipped the offending parties, Gábor "Hungarian Lessons" Csányi G cleaned up the mess, temporarily storing it in the black box of the photo department. Helen "Melon"

Lin '97 slipped away from Monsterville while the natives were blinded by the flash.

It was time once again to gather 'round the phone for an important call to the world headquarters of Pamela Shade "International" '98. Shade International agreed to accept the monster board's contract for operating on monsters.

As the hour struck 10, the elections resumed. After carefully considering his party policy, the board decided to tap Timothy "Um, Mo" K Layman '97 as head rector of techno.

Following the dance motif, the newly elected contributing monsters (Shang-Lin "California Girl" Chuang '98, Jennifer "Out of Control" Lane '98, Cristián A. "I Like Fish" González '99, Anders "Unplugged" Hove G) formed a monster Conga line, along with re-elected senior monster Ramy A. "Should I Move Back to Next House?" Arnaout '97.

As the witching hour of midnight drew near, the hoary demons

of the night got their claws on a Student Center fire alarm, causing the monsters to flee to the halls of the Institute.

Padlocked in an undergraduate lounge, the monsters completed their election by naming several old and expiring monsters to their advisory board: V. Michael "MAS-ive" Bove '83, Robert E. "Hired Gun" Malchman '85, Thomas T. "Lone Star" Huang '86, Reuven M. "Groovin'" Lerner '92, Josh "Is She Cute?" Hartmann '93, Jeremy "Save the Minutes, Please" Hylton '94, Garlen C. "Midori" Leung '95, and Scott C. "Skitty" Deskin '96.

Finally the elections were over, only 13 short hours after they had begun. By this time (1 a.m.), the city's decent eating establishments had closed; the board was forced to eat at IHOP. The monsters expressed wide dissatisfaction at the slim weight of the pancakes (hardly a 15-pounder among them) and the complete absence of spirits.

"Not to fear, gentle monsters," said I, removing my costume and revealing my identity as a lover of fine French wines. "Your thirst will yet be quenched, for the old volume has yet to expire. Wait till Friday, and you will see what I have in the cask for you."



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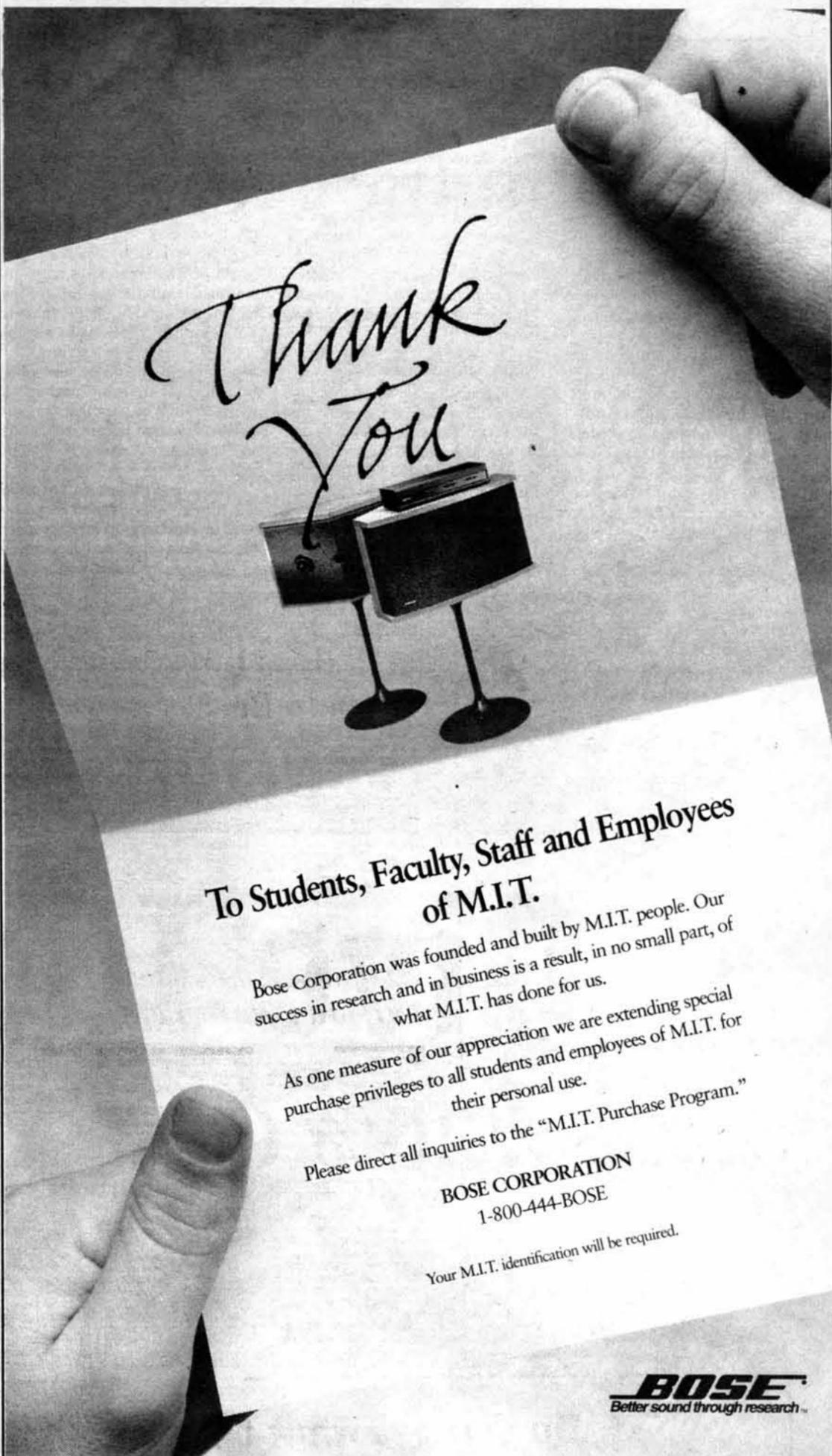
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Future of Central Allocations Board Placed on Hold

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Vice President Dedric A. Carter '98.

The current funding processes need to be improved, but the solution is not to take funding away from student government, Carter said. "It is just not right to take away the funding powers that are inherently student government's."

"We support our constituents, who are the graduate students," said GSC Treasurer Lawrence D. Barrett G. "We feel we are the best representatives to distribute that money. We're the ones that know the needs of our student groups."

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There is a need for a funding

board that represents both undergraduate and graduate student activities, Wyatt said.

The funding philosophies of the UA and GSC are different and unnecessarily divide undergraduate and graduate activities, Wyatt said. There should not be such a division. "For the same reason, there is one ASA, not two," he said.

There is a concern that without the power of its finance board that the UA will be left with little to do, but "I don't think that's a reason to let it continue funding," Wyatt said. "That's a reason to get the UA to do more things."

Future of CAB on hold

Determining the eventual role of the CAB is on hold until the \$40,000 is distributed, Wyatt said.

The UA and GSC will work jointly to develop a set of criteria for the allocating the \$40,000 that will attempt to avoid overlap and try to cover all groups, O'Dair said. The money will then be divided between the UA and GSC, who will distribute the money themselves.

The allocation process should take place around the end of

February, although the time-scale and the unified application process for funds is still being worked out, Wyatt said.

This joint process is a one-time effort, much in the same way that the provost's \$40,000 allotment is likely a one-time deal, O'Dair said. The joint criteria for the distribution is not any sort of pilot plan for a future process as enforced by the CAB, she said.

One possibility for the CAB would be for it to serve as an information clearinghouse for groups looking for funding or for schools and departments looking to distribute their own funds to activities.

"Maybe it should be just a big information source," perhaps a World Wide Web page that can provide information on groups' needs and departments' resources, Barrett said.

Many new groups do not have the connections needed to know how to most effectively go after funding from school and departmental discretionary funds, and a CAB that serves as an information source could be a benefit to such groups, Carter said. "I really argue that the

CAB should be a centralization of information."

Schools and departments, however, may still want to keep some control over their funds, since they are funds that schools and departments normally reserve to distribute themselves, Wyatt said.

A board that includes students, faculty, and staff might serve the schools and departments as a way to distribute funds to activities they want to give money to and to activities who need funds the most, he said.

UA, GSC may reform themselves

The UA and GSC, however, may still be looking into independently reforming their funding processes for the distribution of the \$40,000 and in general.

"We do know that [the processes] need to be reformed," Carter said. Both groups need to work toward "a uniformity of ideology on what we're going to be funding."

Currently, the GSC funds only events and not activities' other expenses, Barrett said. But the GSC may consider funding not just specific events but student groups in

general, he said.

"The question has been more along the lines of, 'What is best for student government?' — not about what's best for the students and student activities," Wyatt said. The discussion about funding should really be focusing on what is best for activities, not for the UA or GSC, he said.

Since the provost's \$40,000 gift is probably not going to be repeated and regular levels of activity funding come from the Dean's Office, the UA and GSC will have to seek increased funds from the Dean's Office to achieve the agreed goal of increasing student activities funding, Wyatt said.

"We've been complaining about the lack of student activity funding for years now," Wyatt said. "I don't think there will be the \$40,000 every year."

"Obviously I'd like to see the funding pool increased," Carter said. "Student activities are poorly funded; we need more money."

To ensure that the groups are equitably funded, "we should probably think of raising funding levels," Barrett said.

D'Arbeloff To Follow Gray in July 1997

Chairman, from Page 1

He served on the Institute's Development Committee and the visiting committees of the Department of Electrical Engineering Computer Science, the Department of Economics, and the Department of Mechanical Engineering. He also has taught classes at the Sloan School of Management and within the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

D'Arbeloff's election as chairman was made upon the recommendation of a four-member search committee co-chaired by W. Gerald Austen '51, chief surgeon at Massachusetts General Hospital, and Morris Tanenbaum ScD '50. The two remaining members of the committee were Edward E. David Jr. '47 and Judy C. Lewent '72.

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Three from MIT Named Rhodes, Marshall Scholars

By Carina Fung
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MIT garnered one Rhodes and two Marshall Scholars this year. Pardis C. Sabeti '97 was among 32 Rhodes Scholars named this year, and Ramy A. Arnaout '97 and Martin J. Gilkes '97 were awarded two of the 40 Marshall Scholarships.

"The Rhodes Scholarship offers its recipients the opportunity [to spend] a fully-funded two or three years at Oxford University," said Associate Professor of Urban Studies and Planning Lawrence J. Vale, who advises MIT students applying for Rhodes Scholarships.

"I'm really excited," Sabeti said. "It still hasn't sunk in yet." Sabeti said that she plans to spend her years at Oxford studying human studies, which incorporates elements of psychology, medicine, anthropology, and sociology, among other fields.

"I'm going to medical school afterwards. I think I might be going into medical education or possibly a combination of policy and medicine," Sabeti said.

While at MIT, Sabeti started the Freshman Leadership Program after her work with race relations. Sabeti, a biology major originally from Orlando, Florida, is Class of 1997 president and a teaching assistant. She also plays on the varsity tennis team.

"Wherever Pardis Sabeti goes, good things happen. Bureaucracy seems to melt away in her presence. Hers is a gentle confidence that never seems to cross into arrogance," said Vale, who has known Sabeti since her sophomore year.

Arnaout, Gilkes win Marshall

The Marshall differs from the Rhodes in that "there is a strict 4.7 grade point average cut-off, since the Marshall more strongly emphasizes scholarship than the Rhodes," said Professor of Materials Science and Engineering Linn W. Hobbs, who organizes the application process for the Marshall Scholarship for MIT students.

Marshall Scholars can study at any of the universities in England, not just at Oxford, Hobbs said. Some scholars use the opportunity to complete a second bachelor's degree in a subject largely unrelated to their undergraduate major, while others use it as a chance to undertake a graduate school degree, Vale said.



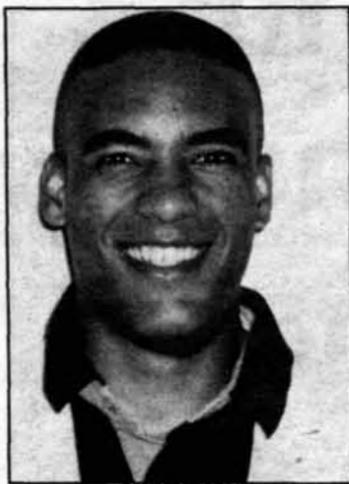
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Arnaout, a biology major from Chestnut Hill, is a former editor in chief of *The Tech* and a current senior editor. "I've never been on the receiving end of the press before," Arnaout said.

Arnaout also has done research with Nobel laureate and Professor of Biology Philip A. Sharp.

Arnaout will study politics, philosophy, and economics at Oxford for a second bachelor's degree before going on to medical school. He is interested in the politics of health care and plans a career in medicine and government.

"To quote a friend of mine, you can either put something like this on the shelf, or you can use it," Arnaout said. "I plan to use it."

"The Marshall [Scholarship] is a great honor. I look forward to the chance to live and study in England, and I hope to make as much use of it as I can," Arnaout said.

Gilkes, a materials science major from Plano, Texas, plans to study for a master's degree in materials, economics, and management at Oxford. Gilkes has played varsity basketball for MIT, served as class treasurer, and was the undergraduate representative to the Committee on Academic Performance.

"The Marshall award carries with it a great deal of opportunity to succeed both professionally and personally," Gilkes said.

England also has a long tradition of excellence in music, theater, and the arts as well as education, he said. "London should be a great place to live and study for a couple of years," he said.

Professionally, Gilkes would like to work as a consultant in Western

Europe, America, and Japan. He would eventually like to either be self-employed or work as a technology strategy manager for a high technology company.

"Personally, I would like to start programs such as the MIT Minority Introduction to Engineering and Science program at other universities across the country to increase minority representation in post-secondary engineering and science programs," Gilkes said.

Scholarship competition intense

The decisions for both scholarships come after intense review, since there are several levels to the application process, Vale said.

A complete application describing the student's academic and extracurricular lives and interests is reviewed by first by an MIT selection committee, he said. Students selected by this committee go on to further interviews at either a state or regional level, Hobbs said.

The interviews were "very intense because when you get to that level, there are a lot of qualified people," Sabeti said.

Questions posed during the Rhodes interview covered topics ranging from history to ethics to literature, Sabeti said. The interviewers seemed interested in "knowledge of the world and our convictions," she said.

The interviews are "very much an attempt to make sure that you're just not going through the motions of education — that you're actually thinking about what you're doing," she added.

"The interview process was a lot of fun," Arnaout said. "It was a

chance to meet some very exciting, searingly brilliant, and very impressive people I would never have met otherwise. I was impressed," he said.

Both Rhodes and Marshall candidates are from the same pool, since nearly everyone who applies for a Marshall also applies for a Rhodes and vice versa, Hobbs said. "It is surprising how orthogonal the selections for the two programs are, with usually only a couple of overlaps a year," he added.

"The applicant pool for both scholarships was very diverse in terms of backgrounds, interests, and personalities, but all share outstanding academic records coupled with evidence of extracurricular energy," Vale said.

The judges for the Marshall Scholars seek depth of scholarship, distinction of intellect and character, and leadership potential, Hobbs said. Since the Marshall Scholarship program is a degree program, candidates are expected to earn a degree in the United Kingdom. The expectation is that scholars will return to the United States and "become prominent in their professions and undertakings," he said.

"As a group, this year's MIT applicants to both scholarships were the strongest I have seen in several years. Many of our candidates proved themselves nationally competitive for the award. I can only wish that more would think to apply," Vale said.

Dan McGuire contributed to the reporting in this story.

MIT sends many on to awards

This year, MIT endorsed the applications of eight students for the Rhodes Scholarship, of whom six were selected to move beyond the first round of interviews in their home states, Vale said. "The 75 percent interview rate is quite remarkable and seems a clear signal that more MIT students should take the initiative to apply," he said.

Seven students were endorsed for the Marshall scholarship, Hobbs said. "Four of MIT's seven applicants were interviewed this year, which is an incredible percentage," he said. Of these, two



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Housing Committee to Look At Long-Range Plans for Institute

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the planning process," said Graduate Student Council President Constantine A. Morfopoulos G.

Group addresses long-term needs

The remaining members of the housing group will be charged with creating a housing plan for the entire campus that will serve as a long-range plan for all housing at MIT, Kaynor said.

The last full-scale review of housing on MIT's campus was undertaken in 1950s by the Committee on Student Housing, Kaynor said.

The group will work on incorporating renovations to current dormitories into the new long-range plan, Kaynor said. In addition, the group will be responsible for finding space for additional dormitories.

The Institute is working to fulfill its pledge to providing housing to half of all graduate students and all undergraduates, Kaynor said. While it has met the latter goal, it currently houses only 30 percent of graduate students.

"The idea to house more graduate students on campus in addition to the existing facilities is good," Morfopoulos said. "Current graduate student housing, while adequate, could certainly be improved. There is a demand to

have more students housed on campus."

Committee not SHPC again

Jablonski said that the group would not be a retreat of the now-defunct Strategic Housing Policy Committee formed in 1994.

The committee, which did not involve any students, proposed moving undergraduates from East Campus and Senior House to Ashdown House and moving all graduate students to east campus dormitories.

"Everyone will be able to have input" in the new proposals, Jablonski said. The group has "no preconceived notions about changing anything," she added.

"Dean [for Undergraduate Education Rosalind H.] Williams has shown a willingness to solicit broad student opinion. That's encouraging, and certainly I hope when this takes off that we'll be contacted and we'll select someone," Morfopoulos said.

Two or three students will be invited to join the housing group, Jablonski said. In addition, students will be invited to participate in helping the group understand present advantages and disadvantages in the dormitory system.

In addition, there are no plans to change east campus dormitories into graduate housing, Jablonski said. "If anything, they would become acad-

emic facilities" long in the future, she said.

The group will not be investigating whether the structure of housing should be changed at MIT. The group is focusing on "bricks and mortar," Jablonski added.

Committee to work with others

The housing group try to integrate its efforts with those being made by other groups. It will work closely with re-engineering efforts and other groups that are looking at housing, Jablonski said.

In the short term, the group will work with the dining review working group and the housing and residential life re-engineering team as those groups begin to wrap up their work.

In the long term, the group will coordinate closely with the task force on student life and learning, which is currently evaluating the total undergraduate experience at MIT, she said. "In the ideal world, we would have the task force report first," Jablonski said.

"We want to be sure that we don't jump the gun on anything that the task force is going to work on," Kaynor said. "We don't want to put them in the awkward place of having to ask them to change something."

The group currently plans to release an interim housing plan report in late 1997, with a final report coinciding with the task force's final report in late 1998.

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New Planning Group Begins Latest Housing Project

By Douglas E. Heimbarger
STAFF REPORTER

The creation of a new housing planning group is only the latest project to investigate housing at MIT. A summary of previous investigations on housing at MIT and the status of living groups follows.

1914: President Cockburn MacLaurin proposes that MIT should provide housing for students on its new campus.

1916: Senior House opens to serve as a residence for undergraduate and graduate students. The dormitory is the first on MIT's new campus.

1924: The east parallel of East Campus opens.

1931: The west parallel of East Campus is built.

1938: The Riverbank Court Hotel is acquired and renamed Ashdown House. The dormitory is the first house exclusively for graduate students.

1939: Bexley Hall is purchased to provide housing for married students and staff at MIT.

1946: Westgate and Westgate West dormitories are constructed to provide housing for married students.

1948: Burton-Conner House is purchased.

1949: Baker House opens for undergraduate housing.

1949: The Committee on

Educational Survey investigates MIT's role in the post-World War II society. The committee suggests that east campus serve as the center of the academic campus and that west campus should be "devoted to student life." The committee also urges that faculty should live on or near the campus and that some faculty should live in undergraduate dormitories.

1957: The Committee on Student Housing releases the Ryer Report, which advocates making each dormitory on campus into a social unit with dining, library, and social facilities. It also advocates the continuation of independent living group support from MIT.

1958: The Committee on the Future of the Graduate School recommends that a "Graduate Student Center" be established to have residential and dining facilities. It also encourages the creation of graduate facilities with the capacity of housing married and single students.

1959: Westgate dormitory is demolished.

1960: Plans are made for a "Graduate Student Center" with 600 beds, a library, lecture halls, outdoor spaces, and dining facilities. The facility, as proposed, would foster communication between members of different departments. The center is never constructed because fund-

ing cannot be found.

1960: The Planning Office creates a long-range plan for MIT that encourages making housing "a vital part of education at the Institute." The plan also addresses the need for providing adequate housing for 16,000 students, faculty, and staff by 1975.

1963: The first tower of McCormick Hall opens.

1963: New Westgate dormitories are constructed for married graduate students.

1963: The Committee on Student Environment releases a plan advocating the long-term construction of additional on-campus housing spots for 2,000 undergraduates. It also recommends that two additional "complete residential units" with suites be created on west campus.

1967: Eastgate dormitory for graduate students opens.

1968: The second tower of McCormick Hall opens for undergraduates.

1968: Random Hall is acquired by MIT to provide temporary undergraduate housing.

1970: MacGregor House opens.

1971: The Planning Office surveys faculty, staff, and graduate students to determine their housing needs.

1972: Burton-Conner House is remodeled and renovated.

1973: Tang Hall opens as a new graduate dormitory.

1973: The Committee on Student Environment advocates the creation of housing units for 45 to 50 undergraduates to provide diversity and flexibility in housing.

1975: New House is constructed.

1978: Dober and Associates, a consulting firm, examines the quality of graduate student life. It encourages the graduate community to be unified through improved activities and housing facilities.

1981: Next House opens.

1982: MIT surveys graduates and staff to learn housing and transportation patterns.

1982: The Report on Graduate Student Housing encourages an increase in MIT graduate rents in order to finance additional construction.

1983: Green Hall opens as a female graduate dormitory.

1987: The Planning Office identifies 11 off-campus sites and two on-campus sites for future MIT housing projects.

1987: The Graduate Student Council conducts a survey to measure graduate satisfaction with MIT's social experience. Graduate students express concern with the lack of on-campus housing and the high costs of off-campus housing.

1988: Ashdown House is renovated.

1989: The Freshman Housing Committee encourages requiring all freshmen to live in Institute houses and moving rush to the spring of freshman year. The proposals are not implemented out of concern for ILGs and the traditional right to choose housing at MIT.

1990: Edgerton House opens to provide housing for single graduate students.

1994: The Strategic Housing Planning Committee urges the movement of all undergraduates to west campus and graduate students to east campus. Specifically, the committee urges converting Ashdown House into an undergraduate facility and East Campus and Senior House into graduate facilities. Proposals meet with stiff student opposition and are not implemented.

1995-96: Senior House is renovated and remains an undergraduate house.

1996: The Housing Planning Group is created with the goal of formulating a long-term construction plan for housing on campus. The group also will formulate plans for a new graduate dormitory at Sidney Street and Pacific Street.

1998: The housing group plans to release its final long-term plan.

1999: New graduate dormitory at Sidney and Pacific to open.

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SPORTS

Women's Hoopsters Play Well To Edge Out Wentworth 62-58

By Martin Duke
SPORTS COLUMNIST

The women's basketball team overcame two 13-point deficits to defeat the Wentworth Institute of Technology Leopards 62-58 Thursday at Rockwell Cage.

The main hero of the game for the Engineers was Sarah Davis '97, who hit a game-tying 3-pointer with under five minutes to play and had a key block to snuff out the last Wentworth shot. She finished with

19 points.

Another big shot was scored by Vicky Best '98, who put MIT in the lead for good with a basket just after Davis' block. After an uncharacteristically quiet first half for Best, she finished with five points.

Wentworth built its leads by consistently getting the ball inside to their center Rebecca Morris, who finished with 19 points. Morris had to sit down with four fouls, however, providing an opening for the

Engineers.

A previous MIT run had fallen three points short, but this time the clutch scoring of Davis, Best, and Vicky Canto-Ponce '00 off the bench secured the victory for the Engineers. Katie Spayde '99 was second on the team in scoring with 12 points.

With the win, MIT improves its record to a solid 3-2. They play Simmons College next on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Men's Basketball Lets One Slip By In 70-57 Home Loss to Wentworth

By Martin Duke
SPORTS COLUMNIST

The men's basketball team watched another one slip away Saturday as they were defeated by the Wentworth Institute of Technology Leopards 70-57 at Rockwell Cage.

As in past games, fouls continued to be a problem for the Engineers. Although no players fouled out, Melvin Pullen '98, Godfrey Inniss '98, and John

Schaefer '00 all finished the game with four. Coach Larry Anderson was visibly upset from the sideline about some of the "stupid fouls," as he commented, committed on the floor.

Fortunately for MIT, Wentworth did their best to reciprocate. The opposition was best personified in Leopard guard Ludger Bain. He was the leader in scoring with 23 points, had four fouls, and shot an incredible 12 for 13 from the line.

The game began slowly, with both teams having a lot of trouble getting the ball inside. When the teams' defenses became more porous, Wentworth took the best advantage and secured a 35-30 lead at the half.

The second half began the same way as the first, with both teams playing strong defense and coming out fairly even. But again, Wentworth took control.

At first, MIT responded behind an electrifying dunk by Inniss but could not get closer than three. Again, MIT was not able to finish its rally, as the shooting turned cold and the lead expanded to its eventual 13.

The loss drops the men to 0-6 and 0-3 in the conference. Among the leading scorers for MIT were Pullen with 16, Benjamin with 11, and Inniss with 10.

Men's Ice Hockey Defrosts to Win Two

By Hana Ohkawa

The men's hockey team was on the offensive this week as they defeated Daniel Webster College on Thursday and Western Connecticut State University on Sunday.

The Engineers put on a scoring clinic for the home crowd at Howard Johnson Arena, racking up 16 goals in the two games.

Daniel Webster drew first blood, scoring a garbage goal in the opening minutes. MIT defenseman Rocky Bryant '00 quickly answered with an unassisted goal shot from the blue line to tie the score 1-1.

Shortly thereafter, wing John Rae '99 skated behind the goal and found in front linemate Greg Donaldson '00, who flicked a quick wrist shot from a pass from Rae past the goalie to put MIT up 2-1.

Later in the period, Donaldson assisted forward Brett McKeone '98 in the first of McKeone's two goals for the night, a well placed slap shot in the upper left corner. Leading 3-1 at the end of the first period, MIT took firm control and never lead by fewer than two goals throughout the rest of the game.

In the second period, Rae again assisted Donaldson in a virtual replay of the previous goal. Donaldson would return the favor, assisting Rae on both of his goals in the second half of the game.

Midway through the second period, moments after ringing the pipe with a slap shot from the point, forward Joe Charlson G put a nice backhanded shot past the goalie. Charlson also assisted McKeone on his second goal at the end of the period. In the end, MIT won the game 9-4.

The game against Daniel Webster also marked the return to the net of goalie John Zehren '99. Zehren had been out with an injury for the first two months of the season.

Western Connecticut State University is one of the weakest teams on MIT's schedule this season. The Engineers piled up five goals in the first period, an astonishing three of which were scored by Rae.

Rae would score one more goal at the start of the second period before being benched along with Donaldson by Head Coach Tom Keller. Ignoring cries of "We want Chowda [Rae]" from the MIT crowd, Keller wisely saved Rae and Donaldson for games versus tougher opponents. The Engineers decisively won the game 7-1.

Rae leads the team in points with 22 through seven games. The team takes a record of 4-2-1 into Christmas break.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Tuesday, Dec. 10

Women's Basketball vs. Simmons College, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 11

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