

Head of NAACP Speaks at the 25th Annual MLK Celebration

By Rima Arnaout
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Kweisi Mfume, President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, discussed the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in the face of today's racial injustices yesterday morning in Walker Memorial at the 25th Annual MLK Celebration breakfast.

"Discrimination is not an article of the past. It is an article of the present," Mfume said in his speech.

"Colored people come in all

colors," Mfume added, and "our survival will depend increasingly on dealing with our increasingly diverse community."

Mfume acknowledged that "the light does burn bright at MIT." However, a responsibility to change the world comes with MIT's greatness, Mfume said. "Technology makes it possible to network but also to live in isolation."

Defending affirmative action

Mfume's speech also touched on MIT's use of affirmative action.

Mfume warned against embracing precedents to eliminate affirmative action, saying that "they chip away at the ability of people who want to come behind you [students] and sit where you sit."

Vest pledges MIT's support

President Charles M. Vest also took the opportunity in his introduction of the honorable Mfume to reaffirm MIT's support of affirmative action in light of an

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Vest to Award Three MacVicar Fellowships at Reception Today

By Kristen Landino
STAFF REPORTER

Professor of Biology Chris A. Kaiser Ph.D '87, Professor of Mechanical Engineering Alexander H. Slocum Ph.D '85, and Professor of Urban Studies and Planning Lawrence J. Vale SM '88 will be awarded MacVicar Fellowships for excellence in undergraduate teaching today at a reception hosted by President Charles M. Vest.

The MacVicar Faculty Fellowship Program was established in 1992 in memory of Margaret L. A. MacVicar '65, a former MIT dean for undergraduate education and founder of the undergraduate research opportunities program.

There are currently 31 MacVicar Fellows who meet on a regular basis to discuss new ideas on how to enrich the undergraduate educational experience.

Each MacVicar Fellow serves a 10-year term and receives partial salary support, as well as an annual scholar's allowance.

As part of the MacVicar Day celebration, the Institute will host James O. Freedman, president emeritus of Dartmouth College, who will give a talk entitled "Great Teachers, Great Teaching." The event is open to the MIT community.

Christopher A. Kaiser

Honored to be named a MacVicar Fellow, Kaiser said the program is important because "it is more than just a simple award. The program works to encourage better teaching in the long run by generating new ideas and insights into undergraduate teaching."

Kaiser's ideas for improving undergraduate education at MIT include "breaking up the larger

introductory classes and offering courses in both the spring and fall semesters in order to decrease class size."

Kaiser currently teaches Introduction to Genetics (7.03) and Method and Logic in Molecular Biology (7.50). He is also the associate editor of the *Molecular Biology of the Cell*, a national biology publication.

Alexander H. Slocum

Slocum, an associate professor

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CA Man Charged for Sending Racist E-mail; MIT Students Are Affected

By Jennifer Chung
NEWS EDITOR

Federal prosecutors filed civil rights charges on Jan. 28 against a California man who sent e-mail death threats to over 70 Hispanic people across the nation, including 25 students at MIT.

The e-mails, which were sent on March 7, 1998, were traced by federal officials and others to Kingman Quon of Corona, California.

The e-mail claimed that Hispanics are in college because of affirmative action, and repeatedly threatened the life of the recipient.

"In addition to threatening the recipients, the e-mails contained racial assaults on Hispanics," according to a press release issued by the United States Attorney's Office in Los Angeles.

Federal authorities began investigating the case when a faculty member at California State University at Los Angeles contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation within an hour of receiving the e-mail, according to United States Attorney Central District of California Public Affairs Officer Thom Mrozek.

"The FBI were brought in the same day the e-mails were sent out,"

Mrozek said. In addition to the FBI, the United States Commission on Civil Rights was also contacted.

During the investigation, the FBI contacted and served subpoenas on a number of Internet service providers to obtain information about the sender of the e-mails, Mrozek said. Officials were then able to trace the e-mails to the computer that sent the messages, and later, identify Quon as the sender.

"We believe that [Quon] primarily found the names on web sites for various institutions," he said. Employees of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Indiana University, the Xerox Corporation, the Texas Hispanic Journal, and the Internal Revenue Service also received e-mails.

Quon has agreed to plead guilty to seven counts of violating constitutionally protected rights at his arraignment this Monday. The maximum possible sentence is seven years in a federal prison, according to a press release by the

This is the nation's second federal case to involve an Internet hate crime.

MIT students outraged at e-mails
When Quon sent the e-mails last

spring, recipients of the e-mail, as well as the MIT Hispanic community, were shocked.

"At first, I just thought it was a prank," said one e-mail recipient, who wished to remain anonymous. After reading further, however, it appeared "too destructive to be a prank," the recipient said. "I was kind of surprised." The victim described the e-mail as "rather insulting."

"There was some discontent, and some people were just outraged that they were getting such e-mails at a place like MIT, where one's brain matter is supposed to matter more than their ethnicity or nationality," said Andrés Elenes '00, president of La Unión Chicana por Aztlán.

According to Elenes, some students talked to the Office of the Dean of Students and Undergraduate Education. However, several deans "just told us that they would do their best to look into the problem, but more than likely nothing was going to come of it," he said.

Members of LUCHA discussed the incident with each other at meetings.

"We were upset that someone actually had enough anger inside of

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KRZYSTOF GAJOS—THE TECH

Marketa Vaiterova '00 intimidates Ania Busza '99 in Dramashop's production of *The Good Person of Szechuan*, opening this weekend in Little Kresge Theater.



GREG KUHNEN—THE TECH

Sara Jo Ellce '01 has a brief relapse of affection for her old flame, Carson Schutze G in the Musical Theater Guild's production of *She Loves Me*, opening tonight in La Sala de Puerto Rico.



WORLD & NATION

King Hussein on Deathbed

WASHINGTON POST

AMMAN, JORDAN

A cancer-stricken King Hussein was carried aboard his private jet in Minnesota and borne home to Jordan Thursday in a desperate race against time to die in the kingdom he has ruled through 46 turbulent years.

Two U.S. F-16 fighter jets escorted his plane out of U.S. airspace in a tribute to the monarch, whose apparently irreversible medical condition has generated deep anxiety in Washington and the Middle East.

Hussein, who only last month interrupted his treatment at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., to name a new successor — replacing his brother with his son — underwent two emergency bone-marrow transplants on Monday and Tuesday. But the king, who is suffering from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, failed to rally, and his vital organs began to fail.

His condition "has become critical due to the failure of the function of internal organs," Hussein's private physician, Lt. Gen. Samir Farraj, said as the king was lifted aboard the plane for the flight to Amman with his wife, Queen Noor, and five of his children.

Video Damages Microsoft's Case

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Microsoft Corp. seriously damaged its chances of winning its antitrust trial, experts say, when it showed in court this week a controversial video that was supposed to prove a key point in its defense but instead blew up in the company's face and undermined its credibility.

The videotape fiasco is the latest in a series of courtroom gaffes that Microsoft has committed in its landmark antitrust battle with the U.S. Justice Department, 19 states and the District of Columbia.

In recent weeks Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates, appearing in court on videotape, and a handful of other company executives and expert witnesses have performed poorly, sometimes drawing derisive comments from an exasperated U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson.

"I think Microsoft is doomed," said James R. Loftis, a veteran Washington antitrust lawyer who is past chairman of the antitrust section of the American Bar Association.

"This (video snafu) poses a significant problem for them because it permits the judge to make findings as to the credibility and reliability of Microsoft's witnesses," Loftis said. "Those are findings the court of appeals will not be able to reverse" should Microsoft lose this round and try to win on appeal, which some observers believe is the company's long-term strategy.

NASA Crisis May Affect Safety

LOS ANGELES TIMES

Strapped by budget cuts, hiring freezes, buy-outs and early retirements, NASA now faces a personnel "crisis" that may soon leave it without the expertise it needs to manage America's space program safely, the agency's independent safety panel warned Thursday.

The shortage of trained technicians at NASA's manned space flight centers "can jeopardize otherwise safe operations." Moreover, the agency's inability to attract new talent clouds its future, the panel said.

William Readdy, head of NASA's space shuttle program, acknowledged Thursday that the agency has not been able to hire the new engineers and scientists it would like, but said that NASA's commitment to safety has not eroded.

Independent space policy analysts, however, said the panel's warnings about the agency's personnel cuts should be taken seriously. "NASA has been cutting into muscle and bone," said John Pike, space policy director at the Federation of American Scientists. "They were taking a calculated risk they could reduce overall staff and cut the number of safety and quality assurance inspectors, without appreciably increasing the risk of another Challenger accident."

Iraq Withdraws Forces From No-Fly Zones after Air Strikes

By Paul Richter and Robin Wright
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has begun withdrawing air-defense batteries, artillery, troops and other materiel from his country's northern and southern "no-fly" zones in the face of steady strikes by American and British warplanes, U.S. officials said Thursday.

Although the withdrawals may be temporary, U.S. officials pointed to the regrouping as evidence of the effectiveness of a six-week campaign in which allied warplanes have inflicted substantial damage on Iraqi air defenses without losing any aircraft or pilots.

Some U.S. officials speculate that Hussein may be changing his strategy out of fear that the seemingly one-sided fight could demoralize the armed forces that are the foundation of his strength.

"He's been demonstrating to his constituencies his weakness, not his strength," a senior Clinton administration official said.

Hussein has been challenging jets patrolling the Western-imposed no-fly zones since mid-December, after intensive

U.S.-British airstrikes on his country. Iraqi fighter planes have repeatedly flown into the proscribed zones and occasionally fired at allied warplanes. Anti-aircraft missile batteries have "locked" their radar on the U.S. and British jets, often a prelude to an attack.

In response, the allied air armada has struck about 40 surface-to-air missile batteries, knocking out roughly 20 percent of Hussein's long-range SAM installations, according to U.S. defense officials.

By that reckoning, the intermittent skirmishing has been more punishing than Operation Desert Fox, the December assault that targeted 34 air-defense batteries and struck about two-thirds of them.

President Clinton gave military commanders latitude last month to respond with broad counterattacks on Hussein's air defenses any time Iraqi planes or radar make threatening moves.

The no-fly zones were imposed after the 1991 Persian Gulf War to shield the Kurdish minority in the north and dissident Shiites in the south from air attack.

A defense official said Hussein has been moving equipment around rapidly, following a long-established

pattern intended to confuse his adversaries.

He has apparently moved some equipment into the zones, which are south of the 33rd parallel and north of the 36th parallel. But, "overall, there's a net reduction," this official said. "He's had only two choices: Move it or lose it."

It is next to impossible to assess how many casualties the Iraqis have suffered in the course of the air-defense strikes, but analysts say troops and crews often work near the equipment.

U.S. officials say Hussein's decision to regroup and reposition some of his air defenses reflects the biggest limitation on his strategy — military morale.

"There's clearly been a lot of dismay and disaffection among his supporters in the military, who feel as if they're being asked to implement hopeless missions and fruitlessly squander military lives in the process," Pollack said.

Since Operation Desert Fox, Hussein has alienated the Arab world by calling for the ouster of key leaders. His provocations have also kept at a distance the new Turkish government of Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit, an old-style

Senate Rejects Live Testimony By Lewinsky, Nears Conclusion

By Edwin Chen and Marc Lacey
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The Senate Thursday overwhelmingly rejected a bid by House prosecutors for live testimony by Monica S. Lewinsky in President Clinton's impeachment trial, but it allowed excerpts of her videotaped deposition to be aired on Saturday.

The strongly bipartisan vote barring Lewinsky's live testimony put the Senate squarely on track to conclude the proceeding by the end of next week.

"I thought it was a critical day and guarantees now that we're moving to the final phase of the impeachment trial," said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-Miss.).

The White House agreed. "(Thursday's) vote rejecting the House managers' request for live witnesses indicates the Senate appears ready to bring this trial to a conclusion," said presidential spokesman Joe Lockhart.

In a further sign of the gathering momentum toward the finish line, Republicans backed away from pushing a proposal to adopt a "finding of fact" resolution that would declare the case against Clinton essentially proven but stop short of removing him from office. Democrats had vehemently opposed the proposal, arguing that it is not permitted in an impeachment trial.

With the trial's end now clearly in sight, Democrats, led by Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California, escalated their efforts to craft a

bipartisan resolution to censure the president — presumably after his acquittal.

Feinstein has been working behind the scenes to build support for such a resolution, which would require only a simple majority to pass. Its fate, though, remains uncertain.

The 70-30 vote to bar Lewinsky's live testimony marked the first time in the impeachment trial that the GOP did not vote as a bloc — 25 Republican senators joined with the chamber's 45 Democrats in opposing the request for Lewinsky to provide additional testimony.

Lewinsky made 22 appearances last year before a federal grand jury, and was questioned privately on Monday by House prosecutors.

WEATHER

Fickle February

By Gerard Roe
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

There will be a deceptively pleasant start to Tuesday, with mostly sunny skies, and temperatures in the low 30s. However, a large storm system is brewing in the Midwest and will be heralded by high clouds developing during the afternoon, and a shift in the winds from northerly to southeasterly. The winds off the ocean will mean that for Boston precipitation, beginning around midnight, will be in the form of rain, although northern and inland areas may start off with some snow before the rain takes hold. A rainy Wednesday will see temperatures pushing up towards 50 as the warm air floods over the region. Precipitation should taper off by evening, with totals of reaching about an inch but with locally higher amounts. Thursday is set for fairer, if colder, weather.

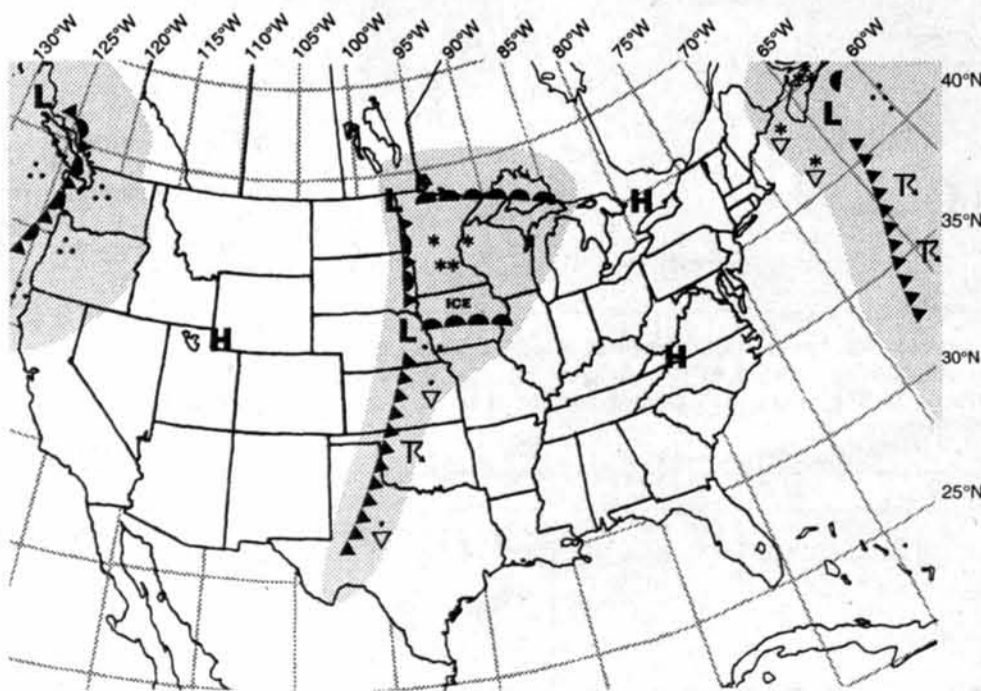
Tuesday: Starting off mainly sunny. High clouds developing in the afternoon, then becoming overcast. High 36°F (2°C).

Tuesday night: Rain starting around midnight becoming heavy. Low 34°F (1°C).

Wednesday: Rainy and windy and warm. High 49°F (9°C). Low 32°F (0°C). Becoming cooler after passage of cold front.

Thursday: Fair but colder. High 38°F (3°C). Low 25°F (-4°C).

Situation for Noon Eastern Standard Time, Friday, February 5, 1999



Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
H High Pressure	— Warm Front	Snow * * *	☁ Fog
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		Heavy * * *	Compiled by MIT Meteorology Staff and The Tech

Serbian Leaders Say They Will Attend Peace Talks on Kosovo

By Paul Watson

LOS ANGELES TIMES

BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA

Serbian leaders agreed Thursday to join ethnic Albanians in peace talks, but both sides in Kosovo's conflict insist they won't drop demands that threaten to block a deal to end the bloodshed in the separatist province.

After a daylong debate peppered with attacks on the United States and NATO, Serbia's parliament voted 227-3 in favor of sending a delegation to the peace conference, set to begin Saturday near Paris.

But Serbian leaders rejected the deployment of foreign troops in Kosovo, a predominantly ethnic Albanian province of Serbia, to police any agreement. NATO is lay-

ing the groundwork for a peace-keeping force, which is likely to include U.S. soldiers.

"We don't accept the presence of foreign soldiers on our territory under any excuse of implementing any agreement that is reached," said one article in a 12-page resolution approved by parliament.

It also condemned "in the sharpest terms" NATO's threats to bomb Serbian forces if their leaders do not reach a peace agreement, calling the threats a violation of the U.N. Charter because NATO didn't get approval from the Security Council.

But hard-line positions here in Belgrade, the Serbian and Yugoslav capital, have a history of collapsing under foreign pressure, and Thursday's vote was another about-

face by leaders who had always insisted that Kosovo was an internal matter. Serbia is the dominant republic of what remains of Yugoslavia.

Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic has bowed so many times to save himself since Yugoslavia began to disintegrate in 1991 that few would be surprised to see him do it again over Kosovo, even though Serbs call it their heartland.

That might sound like political suicide anywhere else, but not in Milosevic's Serbia, said political analyst Predrag Simic. "He has been, by now, 11 or 12 years in power, and there have been so many critical situations where it was very tempting to say his political career was on the edge, or over," Simic said in an interview.

HIV Medicines Show Unexpected Results, Harm Immune System

By Laurie Garrett

NEWSDAY

CHICAGO

When HIV patients take medicines that control the virus, their immune systems begin to recuperate in ways that are puzzling and controversial, doctors are finding.

For example, patients recover immunity to some deadly opportunistic infections, but appear unable to fight diseases they were vaccinated for as children or to target HIV itself.

On Thursday, scientists reported that use of Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy, or HAART, can in at least half of all HIV patients push the viral population down to undetectable levels, allow-

ing the beleaguered immune system to reconstruct itself. But it appears the reconstructed system bears little resemblance to the immune system of a healthy individual, and it's unclear exactly how well the cells and antibodies in the system can protect HAART patients.

At the Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections in Chicago, Dr. Brigitte Autran presented evidence on patients with advanced HIV infection. She said that after two to three years on HAART, these patients can muster reasonable numbers of immune system cells that can recognize and destroy some pathogens.

"The major indication clinically of a restored immune system is the

dramatic decline in opportunistic infections that we all have seen," Dr. Constance Benson of the University of Colorado Health Science Center in Denver said.

And Dr. Jose Lopez and his colleagues proved the point by stopping preventive medication for parasitic pneumonia in HAART patients. Once the number one killer of people with AIDS, pneumocystis pneumonia is now so well-controlled that preventative medicine is unnecessary, he said.

That's the good news. But, Autran said, patients were not able to control infections for which they were vaccinated during their childhoods. Further, Autran's HAART patients could not muster immune responses against HIV itself.

Boston Latin Doesn't Appeal Case

THE BALTIMORE SUN

WASHINGTON

For the second time in just over a year, civil rights groups that feared losing a major affirmative action case in the Supreme Court have succeeded in stopping a lawsuit — this time, a dispute over admissions to the nation's oldest public school, Boston Latin.

The Boston School Committee, the city's school board, changed its mind at a closed meeting Wednesday night and voted unanimously not to ask the Supreme Court to rule on the constitutionality of a race-based admissions policy at the prestigious 364-year-old high school.

The U.S. Department of Education and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People confirmed that they and other civil rights groups urged the school committee to forgo the appeal.

The school committee had planned to appeal this month a decision by a federal appeals court in Boston striking down that policy because of its racial preference. No appeal will now be filed, and the case will end.

The student who won that case, Sarah P. Wessmann, 15, a white 10th-grader, began attending Boston Latin in January under the appeals court order. Her grades and test scores were high enough to gain entry when she applied in 1997, but she did not get in because half the places available were set aside for minorities, even if their scores were lower than some who would otherwise qualify.

Snake Venom May Treat Strokes

NEWSDAY

NASHVILLE

A large trial of a medicine culled from snake venom has proven effective as a potent stroke treatment, according to a new study.

Dr. David Sherman, professor and chief of neurology at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, says that the venom from pit vipers is an effective clot-dissolving substance that helps patients improve significantly when given within the first three hours of the first symptoms of stroke. The study was conducted on 500 patients throughout the United States, and the results were reported Thursday at the American Heart Association annual stroke meeting in Nashville.

Each year, 700,000 Americans suffer strokes, and only a small number seek immediate help. There are two types of stroke, a brain bleed or hemorrhage, and the more common ischemic stroke, which is caused by a blocked artery. The sooner a stroke is identified, the better a person's chance of recovery. Symptoms include numbness on one side, loss of speech, loss of vision in one eye and balance problems.

A Malaysian physician first reported in the 1960s that some of his patients bitten by poisonous snakes shared an intriguing phenomenon: their blood was temporarily unable to clot. Knoll Pharmaceutical Co., with offices in Germany and the United States, began studying it.

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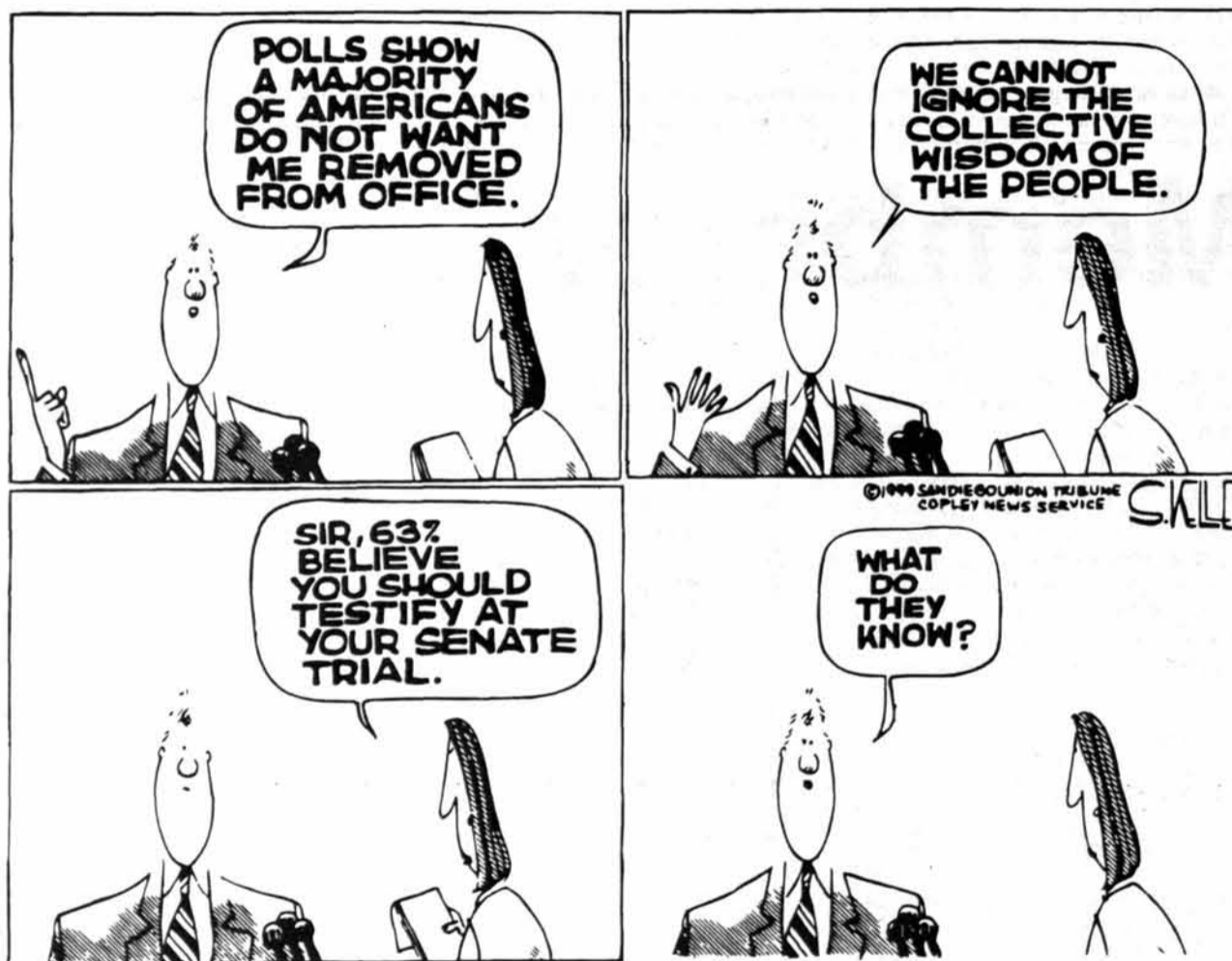
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Errata

An article in Tuesday's issue, [UA Finboard Hears Funding Grievances] incorrectly stated that a little more than \$285,000 is available to fund student groups. In reality, requests for funding total this amount whereas only \$100,000 is available for student group funding.

Another article in Tuesday's issue [Best Becomes MIT's All-Time Leading Scorer in Victory Against Elms College] incorrectly stated that the Women's Basketball Team has averaged 76.8 points per game this season. This average is for home games only.

It's Cool To Follow The Rules

Guest Column
Julia C. Lipman

Recently, the bestseller *The Rules* by Ellen Fein and Sherrie Schneider caused a sensation with its unique and unprecedented advice to single women: Be coy, be mysterious, be passive, and you will snag your man! It's inspired a sequel and a number of spinoff products, even lipstick. It hasn't always been easy for the modern MIT woman to apply the book's revolutionary findings to her own life and become a true "Rules girl."

But that will all change with the upcoming book *The Algorithms*, which will cater to the MIT woman looking for sexist, outdated advice to help snare the SIPB member or Media Lab UROPer of her choice. Here are a few excerpts:

Algorithm 0: Employ Proper Zephyring Etiquette

While it's perfectly okay to have him in your .anyone file, a true *Algorithms* girl will never zephyr first. If you're on Athena more than you'd like to let on, you should stay hidden most of the time; he might have you in his .anyone file, and being logged on constantly will ruin that gal-on-the-go image. Unhide yourself when you're in a hip, happening cluster, like the one in W20, or at a Quickstation; you've got better things to do than stay logged on to Athena for more than ten minutes!

If he does zephyr you, congratulations!

Don't zephyr back immediately; you'll appear overly eager. Read a couple of posts on your favorite newsgroup first — then respond. You should send one zephyr for every three or four of his. A warning: beware of overcustomized zephyrs. They'll make you seem like a girl who spends hours in front of the computer playing with zwgc. For a greater air of mystery, type "zwrote <username> -n" so as not to ping him first; that way he'll have no idea that your nonchalant little message took you three minutes to compose.

Emoticons, with some exceptions, are great for zephyring. Nothing can convey a flirtatious smile like a :) . A ;| expresses an opaquely neutral attitude; :| is a sexy pout. Semicolons, however, should be avoided, at least until you know him a little better; they're far too suggestive. Also, an *Algorithms* girl should never make a face so unladylike as :P . For the most part, you should stay away from :(— save the heavy emotions for later on in your relationship.

If you've had a few zephyr conversations, he may want to move to the next level of intimacy: Unix talk. If you're ready for this, go for it, although remember that an *Algorithms* girl will never initiate such a conversation herself. The same rules apply as in zephyr, but now he can see what you type as you type it, so be extra circumspect. Finally, make sure that you're the first to end the conversation and hit control-c — keep him wanting more! Tell him, "It's been great talking with you, but I have to go write some code now." You don't need to tell him what language your code is in or what it does; it's unnecessary information and really none of his business.

Algorithm 1: Remember the Algorithms Even After You've Been Dating Awhile

Just because you've been dating for awhile doesn't mean that you can suddenly forget about the *Algorithms*. If anything, you'll have to work harder to maintain your mysterious image. Here are a few tips: If you're going into an Athena cluster or the math majors' lounge together, always let him type in the combination. Keep yourself occupied with activities outside of your relationship so he'll see how happy and busy you are. This may be difficult, since MIT students often find themselves with nothing to do. Don't finger at his machine incessantly; it'll look clingy and possessive if he ever checks his finger logs.

If you've been together for six months and he doesn't have a section of his web page devoted to you, it's time to rethink this relationship. The same goes if he does have one but it hasn't been updated in a long time. Finally, don't rush into anything you're not ready for; you should wait at least three months before giving him an account on your machine.

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The ever-contentious battle between the music industry and the Internet hit a new low in the past month. The appropriately named Harry Fox Agency, the licensing arm of the National Music Publishers' Association, filed suit against the International Lyrics Server on grounds of copyright infringement.

If you've ever had trouble recollecting the lyrics of a song vaguely remembered, or the title/artist of a song from a couple lyrics, chances are that you've visited the ILS webpage at <http://www.lyrics.ch>. The site contains lyrics for over 100,000 songs, and it receives about one million hits per day from visitors across the world. Between mp3s and the ILS, I've spent a good deal of time getting my music straight. No longer though — on January 14, police officers in Basel, Switzerland confiscated the ILS servers.

The lawsuit represents another case in which the interests of avaricious businessmen will probably stamp out good spirits and faith, another validation of Leo Durocher's famous quotation, "Nice guys finish last." Pascal de Vries founded the site in 1997 after

Nice Guys Finish Last

The shutting down of a public service typifies business antics at their worst

his rock group had trouble finding the lyrics to Deep Purple's "Smoke on the Water." He created a database of lyrics that can be searched, and set up the mechanism for visitors to the site to submit their own lyrics to the database, a system somewhat akin to a newsgroup.

As an uncorroborated blanket statement, the HFA has said that it has lost millions from the ILS. It's mindboggling. How can the distribution of lyrics affect the sales of materials by musicians? One would surmise that having a central lyrics site would increase the musical awareness of potential consumers, and that that would at least cancel out the possible negative effect of distributing lyrics in the consumer's mind. In any case, most consumers consider lyrics as an afterthought in their purchases — just listen to Dave Matthews.

The HFA has also said that it initially pursued the ILS because the site sells ads. However, in reality, the ILS only started selling ads as recently as last October when the \$14,500-per-month cost of maintaining the site became too much to handle for de Vries. In other words, despite the fact it sold ads, the ILS was a non-profit site whose sole purpose was to provide a valuable service to the Internet community.

A speculative but reasonable conclusion would be that the NMPA wants to turn the ILS into a commercial site. Negotiations last month did not produce anything final but hinted that the NMPA is trying to strike a deal with de Vries to take over site and restore

limited freedoms. Such a deal would create problems — the new site might end up limiting the number of songs to only those that fall within its copyright. Or, if the new site does decide to use all the lyrics on the original ILS, visitors who submitted lyrics would be enraged to discover their contrabutions twisted to join a commercial enterprise. In any case, de Vries better be compensated for his time and effort.

But a commercial site would only be a façade for what the NMPA really wants to do: To send a message across the Internet that music copyright violations won't be tolerated. Never mind that it's not fully clear if copyright infringement has occurred in this case — the threat of a lawsuit is enough to force many service providers back down. Apparently, long before the ILS, there was another lyrics server at <ftp.uwp.edu> that was also shut after a letter from the HFA. And in June of last year, the HFA forced the Online Guitair Archives (OLGA) to shut down.

It's clear that the NMPA feels that it can simply bully people around the Internet without any rhyme or reason to do as it wishes. Perhaps, one can understand how the distribution of mp3s may affect music sales, but how the distribution of lyrics can affect music sales is incomprehensible. The law, however, does not work on a case-by-case basis, and it appears that, defying common sense, the ILS and the public will lose out. And it's even more unfortunate that the winners will be a bunch of marauders, looters, and profiteers such as those at the HFA.

Growing Up

which was a suitably sweet conclusion to a sugary series.

I vividly remember the day about a year ago when I flipped through the channels and came across the show. I had seen this episode many times before, but I settled in to watch it again. It only took me a few moments to realize that something was terribly wrong: The show wasn't funny anymore. Zack's jokes were stupid, Jessie couldn't be more irritating, and Screech was annoying. But I had always thought that the show was funny, and I had seen this episode before and thought it was funny, and the episode hadn't changed... oh my gosh! I must have changed!

The incident flooded back this past weekend. My family came to have lunch with me. My sister brought some issues of *Seventeen* magazine for me to read. I had been a subscriber, but I had never changed my address in order to have it sent here. I had read the magazine, but had never taken it really seriously, much like "Saved by the Bell."

I remember the prom issues, with their pages of advertisements and dresses, and articles advising a girl how to start getting ready for the big day up to three months in advance. This always bothered me (Three months in advance? When would I find the time to study?), but I brushed it aside. I took one of those magazine quizzes that measured

how psyched you were for the prom. One of the questions read, "In your pocketbook for the prom, you will carry the following items..." I immediately panicked. Pocketbook? What pocketbook? Then I read over the answer choices. Sure enough, under choice e, it said "Pocketbook? I'm supposed to bring a pocketbook to the prom?" Needless to say, I did not score very high on that quiz.

So when I opened up the latest issue of *Seventeen* and saw pages of girls wearing fancy dresses, I flashed back to the happy memories of reading magazines and wondering about the prom. But then I looked at some of the articles. "Twelve haircuts that shook

the world", "Good hair? No prob", and "Kissing tips: When to pucker, when to pull away." What was this, and why was I reading it? Did I really care whose haircuts shook the world? Could a haircut shake the world? And what exactly is a prob?

Maybe it's called *Seventeen* magazine because once past that age, it no longer makes sense. So, at the ripe old age of eighteen, I must make room for a younger, more hip crowd who understands the new lingo and maybe even "Saved by the Bell." In the words of Blink 182, "Well, I guess this is growing up."

Zack's jokes were stupid, Jessie couldn't be more irritating, and Screech was annoying.

Housing and the Beaver Day Protest

Joel M. Rosenberg

It was a battle of the rodents on Tuesday as students gathered in Lobby 7 to support the MIT Beaver's protest of Groundhog Day. The Beaver issued a carved statement pointing out the absurdity of the mid-winter celebration, since "Spring, like all seasons, is neither early nor late, but always 'on-time,'" and called for February 2 to be henceforth known as "Beaver Day."

Attendance at the "Beaver Day" rally was much better than the rally for "Independent Housing Choice," held Monday in Lobby 7. "I won't be here in 2001, so housing choice won't affect me, but Beaver Day is forever!" said an undergrad who wished to remain nameless. Another groundhog opponent who hadn't attended the housing rally explained, "I try not to dilute my protesting. But a petition's another story." When asked about the discrepancy between attendance at the two rallies, one FSILG dean said, "I'm glad students are tackling a different 'animal' for a change,"

chuckling to himself.

Beaver organizers attribute the success of the rally to the fact that they placed a giant cake in the path of passersby, after learning from the mistakes of the housing rally. "Hot cocoa does not a protest make," one rare pro-choice and pro-Beaver attendant said. A visibly disturbed administrator commented about the cake: "The real problem is that if we let them have it, we have to let them eat it too, and that brings up a whole range of liability issues."

The Beaver's carving went on to explain, "Seasons are a human convention, and humans shouldn't look to overgrown squirrels to back out of them." He also claimed rightful ownership of the title "woodchuck," which currently belongs to the insect-eating groundhog, and accused Punxsutawney Phil, the famed animal meteorologist named after the Pennsylvania town in which he resides, of being blind and thus incapable of seeing anything, let alone his shadow.

Some students inadvertently attended the rally after hearing something at reg day Porn Night about "a beaver in a birthday suit."



THE ARTS

MOVIE REVIEW

The Thin Red Line

Pointless philosophizing and battle scenes

By Vladimir Zelevinsky

STAFF REPORTER

Directed by Terrence Malick

Written by Terrence Malick, based on the novel by James Jones

With Jim Caviezel, Sean Penn, Ben Chaplin, John Cusack, Woody Harrelson, Elias Koteas, Nick Nolte, John Travolta, George Clooney

There's a mixture of regret and annoyance which comes with the realization that the movie I'm watching could be easily made into a great film if only I had an hour with it in the editing room (it's not whether I could really improve it, but the impression that counts). A recent example: *The Thin Red Line*.

The story of the battle for Guadalcanal (WWII, Pacific front, C-for-Charlie company), written and directed by reclusive director Terrence Malick (whose last film, *Days of Heaven*, came out in 1978), was awaited like a new novel by J.D. Salinger. The result is a languorously paced, visually stunning, aurally enchanting, viscerally affecting piece of cinematic muck, replete with scenes that don't go anywhere, pointless philosophizing, and a

plethora of pseudo-profound rhetorical questions.

The story follows a dozen monosyllabically-named soldiers (like Welsh and Tall and Bell and Fife and Keck), who have one military task ahead of them: a suicidal attack on a hill which is an enemy stronghold. Capt. James Staros (Elias Koteas) clashes with Lt. Col. Gordon Tall (Nick Nolte) over the orders; Sgt. Edward Welsh (topliner Sean Penn, in a smallish part) clashes with pacifist Pvt. Witt (Jim Caviezel); and Pvt. Jack Bell (Ben Chaplin) misses his wife. All of them are thrown together in the huge grinder of war, set against the serenely beautiful landscape of swaying grass, light-filtering trees, and endless sea.

The middle hour of the film — the attack on the hill — is just about excellent, with staggering visceral impact that places the viewer right in the middle of battle. This sequence, for my money, is a touch more effective than the Omaha beach landing in *Saving Private Ryan*; while Spielberg depicts (to great effect) the external realities and confusion of combat, Malick's focus is the internal world — the psychological reaction of soldiers to the gunfire and explosions around them.

This hour is rarely short of amazing, with a single glance or action failing to represent the turmoil inside. It works twice as well through its expert staging: Gunshells fly right in front of characters, who are dying left and right regardless of their relative importance or billing (image Tom Hanks's character in *Ryan* being killed during the first half-hour).

Another very risky bet, which handsomely pays off, is casting many actors who look and sound very much like each other. In accordance with Malick's philosophy, which views all humanity as one congregate, it makes perfect sense that the soldiers look similar — at first, that is. The more time we spend with them, the more the individual features — both facial and character — develop. While this makes it nearly impossible to follow the character development (though there's not that much to follow), it's clear that the film is not really concerned with it. Again, it's a very risky choice that pays off.

Another risky choice that doesn't quite pay off as well is the film's structure. To put it simply, *The Thin Red Line* is not a narrative-based story, with much more attention paid to atmosphere and action and mood than to plot. The middle hour is exciting enough so this doesn't matter in the least. Where film stumbles, and greatly so, is in the framing sections: the opening and the closing, around 45 minutes each. These sections are largely devoted to exposition, character establishment (largely pointless, as I said before), and, most

annoyingly, to express the film's philosophy, using a variety of overlapped monologues.

To be frank, these monologues drove me to the high point of annoyance. Malick is a good enough director to create a complex triple counterpoint between the wonders of nature, horrors of war, and the existential problem of man, stuck halfway in-between (the mist-shrouded prologue to the action climax works on all these levels). But, perhaps to drive his point home, we have long, rambling, pointless speechifying, delivered by six or seven people. Since they all sound the same, it's hard to tell who is speaking, but that doesn't really matter anyway, since they all say the things used by underachieving philosophy majors to pad their essays. It's hard to take it seriously when someone drones off-screen that "war doesn't ennoble men... it turns them into dogs, poisons the soul." Oh please. This point is much better delivered by the superb visuals.

Other aspects are aces: the cinematography (John Toll, who also worked on *Braveheart* and *Legends of the Fall*) is nothing short of breathtaking; the special battle effects are seamless; and the musical score (Hans Zimmer) is just amazing.

Here's my recipe for making a great film from the two-hour, forty-two-minute long version currently in movie theaters: Condense first 40 minutes into ten. Condense last 40 minutes into ten. Remove the voiceover. The result will be a great film. The way it is now, well, it's only mostly good.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Penang

Fusion Cuisine

By Daniel Metz

Penang
685-691 Washington St., Boston
617-451-6373
Entrees: \$4.25-\$17.95

Malaysian cuisine, which at its best skillfully blends the unique flavors of India, Thailand, and Indonesia, can be a great treat for the Western palate. Penang, a popular Malaysian restaurant on the outskirts of Boston's Chinatown, often handles the delicate fusion of these cuisines with great skill, although on a recent visit the kitchen's performance was somewhat mixed. Still, most people will find it's worth a visit.

Penang is a casual and unpretentious place, with the eclectic combination of modern art on the restaurant's red brick walls complimented by bamboo canopies and railings, creating a warm atmosphere that contrasts with the restaurant's drab neighborhood. Brightly lit water tanks filled with tempting fish, crabs, and lobsters greet visitors as they enter the restaurant, which was packed for lunch on a recent Saturday afternoon.

Penang features a diverse menu with prices to fit anyone's budget, and a variety of dishes to match anyone's palate, from the conservative (Cantonese Chow Fun, \$5.95) to

the adventurous (fruit salad with shrimp paste sauce, \$5.25; fish head curry, \$14.95; Chicken Feet Casserole, \$7.95). But be warned: This is not a particularly vegetarian-friendly restaurant, especially given the Malaysians' proclivity for using fish sauce and shrimp paste as basic flavorings. In fact, only two of the ten items in the "Vegetable" section of the menu did not make an explicit reference to some form of meat or fish.

Many of the appetizers on Penang's menu are more expensive than the average entree, though the ones we tried were worth it. The most interesting of the lot was the Baby Oyster Omelette (\$6.95), a very simple three or four egg omelette filled with plump, juicy oysters, served on a bed of lettuce with fresh coriander garnish, but accompanied by an overly-sweet sauce. This dish is for oyster lovers only, as the pungent flavor of these little bivalves will turn some people off completely.

The appetizers came to our table sequentially, with just enough time between each for us to finish one off before the next arrived. Though probably an accident, this turned out to be a nice touch, as each dish came to the table piping hot and fresh. Arriving after our omelette was the Pandan Chicken, a simple dish of chicken breast pieces marinated in soy sauce and deep fried. They were attractively presented, each piece wrapped tightly with a strip of green screw-pine leaf and served with crisp Malaysian crackers, but they were a little too dry and not very flavorful for \$5.95. Unlike the case of the omelette, the fiery hot and sour sauce that came with the chicken was an essential accompaniment that saved the dish from being completely dull.

Finally, we shared a generous plate of beef satay — tender, flavorful beef skewered and grilled just enough to impart a wonderfully smoky flavor to the meat without overcooking it. The satay was served on a banana leaf with red onions and cucumbers, which created the perfect texture contrast to the tender meat. But the peanut sauce, which I've come to crave on almost any visit these days to a Thai, Malaysian, or Indonesian restaurant, was a disappointment — thin and overly sweet, with limp bits of cooked onions where crunchy crushed peanuts should have been. Luckily, the satay was enjoyable without it.

There is more to fusion at Penang than the combination of food styles from different areas of South East Asia: It's also about combining diverse flavors within individual dishes, a tricky feat for any cuisine. Penang's kitchen pulled this feat off masterfully on one of our entries, not quite as successfully on another, and on a third — well, let's just say my previous visits give me some hope that it was just a bad day for that one.

Let's start with the best. Curry Mee with Young Tau Foo is an enormous bowl of soup — and an outstanding value at only \$5.75 — that artfully combines spicy, fish, coconut and sweet flavors. The two different types of meaty, hearty noodles that fill the bottom of the bowl aren't even visible at first. To get to them you first have to dig through wonderful, spongy little fish balls, flavorful fish cakes, big pieces of fried tofu, a sweet, meaty fried banana (trust me on this one, it works), and crunchy bean sprouts. Not to mention the coconut milk broth which, when you mix in the roasted chili paste that sits at the side of the bowl, is an aromatic, tangy

wonder. If you have the willpower to leave some of the tofu pieces for the end, they provide a great sop for this truly delicious broth.

The Nasi Lemak (\$5.95) tries to do for a dry entree what the Curry Mee did in soup form. The dish consists of a mound of coconut rice surrounded by small piles of different flavors and textures: hot (in the sense of warm; it was not nearly spiced enough) curry chicken, a cold anchovy and chili accompaniment, a cold vegetable mix of carrots, pickled cucumbers, and green beans, and a hard-boiled egg. Despite a valiant attempt, the accompaniments couldn't save this dish from the disappointing chicken, which should have been its centerpiece.

In fact, we soon realized we'd made the mistake of ordering lots of this chicken in the Penang Dried Curry Chicken (\$8.95). This curry was not dry at all (dry curries can be blissful, made all the more tender and flavorful because they are cooked over low heat long enough for all the liquid to evaporate and the flavors to incorporate deep into the meat), but rather grisly, fatty, and underspiced, with the skin still on the chicken. This mainly dark meat curry almost spoiled what was otherwise a fine meal. Stay away from it.

Based on several more successful visits to Penang in the past I trust this restaurant to handle my cravings for those great, complex fusion flavors, and it's going to take more than some disappointing chicken to keep me away. Great flavors — and great deals — abound on Penang's menu. So the next time you're heading to Chinatown for a meal, try some fusion cuisine, South East Asian style.

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Holl Discusses Ideas For New Dormitory

By Zareena Hussain

EDITOR IN CHIEF

Steven Holl, the architect who will design the new undergraduate dormitory, came to campus Monday and presented his preliminary ideas for the dorm's design to administrators and students.

Sketches and plans for the overall design concept of the new dorm will be released on Feb. 26.

After having met with administrators in the morning, Holl "said he wanted to see students," said Jennifer C. Berk '01, chair of the Undergraduate Association Committee on Housing and Orientation.

Later that day, students who had expressed interest in the new dormitory through meetings in the fall were contacted. A total of ten students were present to meet with Holl.

"The main thing today is to hear from you," Holl told students before presenting his ideas.

One central theme of the new dorm, Holl proposed to students, would be the idea of "a porous map" so that dorms built along Vassar Street would not provide an opaque wall blocking off the campus from outlying areas in Cambridge. Instead, voids in the building's facade would give views out toward Cambridge from Briggs Field.

He also included in his presentation plans for "activating the street" through the construction of space for community activities on the first floor.

Holl said he wanted to preserve access to a river view for all rooms by raising the level of rooms to a minimum height.

The construction of paths along the borders of the athletic fields as well as a pathway from dormitories along Memorial Drive to the dormitory on Vassar Street was another suggestion.

Students expressed general approval of the plans at the informal gathering and added that

they would like more study space and the ability to be able to customize individual rooms in any new dormitory.

Founder's Group named

The committee of faculty and students who will form a core group to advise Holl in the design and construction of the new dormitory was selected Wednesday, according to Dean of Students and Undergraduate Education Rosalind H. Williams.

Dubbed the Founder's Group, the committee consists of five faculty members and seven students.

They include Associate Provost for the Arts Alan Brody, Professor of Foreign Languages and Literatures Suzanne Flynn, Professor of Architecture Loen R. Glicksman, Professor of Materials Science and Engineering Linn W. Hobbes and Associate Professor in the Athletic Department Candace L. Royer.

The names of students to the committee were not released because not all had confirmed they would participate.

"The preference was for younger students," Williams said.

Williams said she hoped that the Founder's Group could "become a sort of magnet for the larger development of a community" to populate the new dorm.

Students were selected from lists compiled through people "in the fall who had explicitly expressed an interest in participating in the Founder's Group," Williams said.

In addition to this core group, "every student is invited to be part of the larger founder's group," Williams said, to advise the core group.

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Reg Day Porn Makes a Comeback

By Susan Buchman

NEWS EDITOR

Considering that pornography was recently used as a teaching tool in 6.001, it should come as no surprise that the tradition of registration day porn has

Reporter's Notebook

returned to the MIT campus. A porn marathon held in Wong Auditorium on Monday gave students the opportunity to indulge in one more evening of pleasure before the start of the semester.

"Reg day porn seems like a nice, debaucherous idea," said Peter R. Gamache '01, who single-handedly organized the event.

When I arrived at the 8 p.m. start, "On Her Back: The True Story of Michaelangelo" was playing. It was not a stereotypical porn flick: it featured classical music instead of the traditional *bow-chika-bow-wow*, and there was a surprising amount of gender equity of sexual pleasure. There was even a line or two of clever dialogue.

But, of course, no one had come for the dialogue, and "On Her Back" provided exactly what we had all come to see: sex. The actors were attractive and well-built, and the sex was frequent and varied (fellatio, cunnilingus, hetero sex, a lesbian three-way and a bisexual three-way all took place in the thirty minutes I was there).

Reg day porn was once a well-attended event coordinated by the Lecture Series Committee, drawing crowds of several hundred. However, controversy lead to its death in the mid-eighties.

Some people will never know of its return, some will greet it but prefer the vast resources of the internet and the privacy of a dorm room, and some will kick themselves for missing it. And, of course, some will be offended.

I fully acknowledge the existence of violent, demeaning, and misogynistic pornography. But all erotic film does not fit into this category, and I encourage all MIT students to enjoy porn which celebrates the pleasure of all its actors. However, I further encourage them to forsake the porn and go out and enjoy the real thing.

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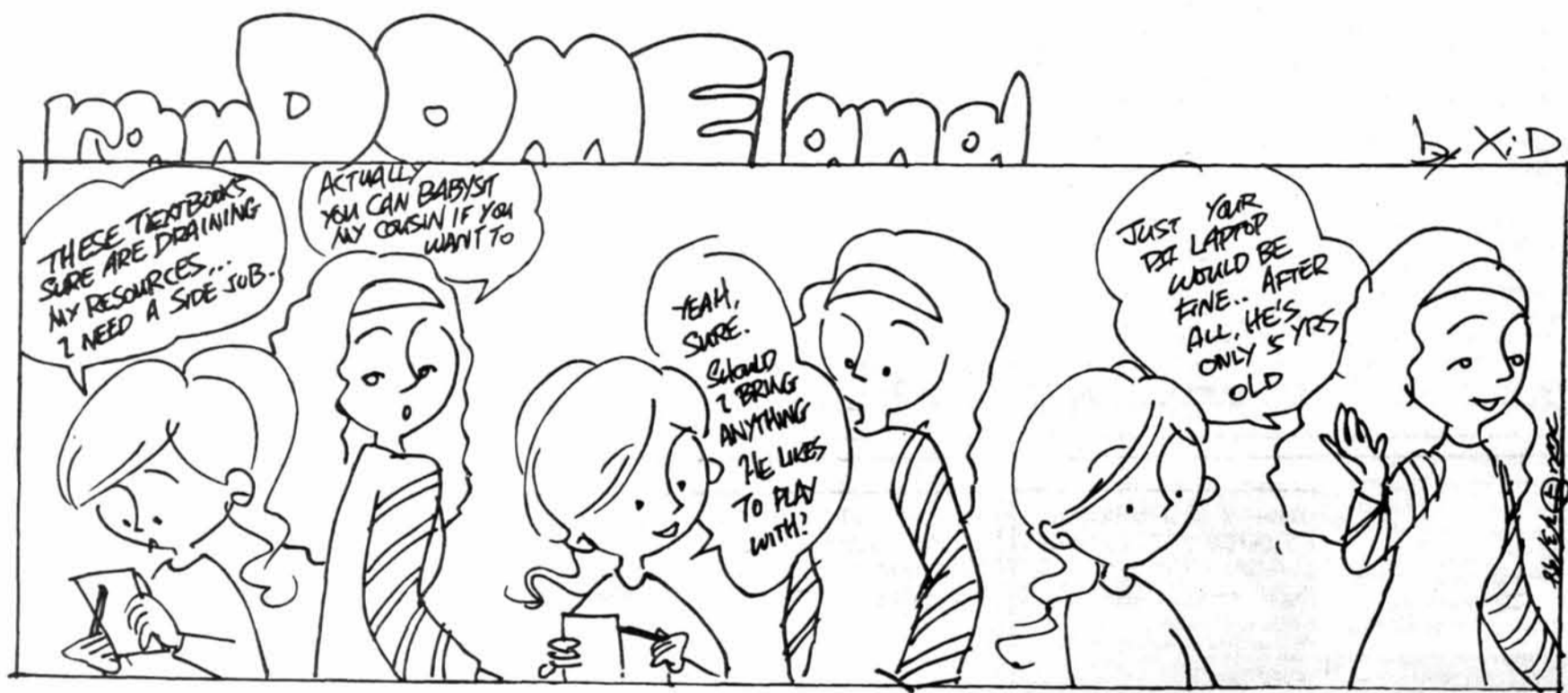
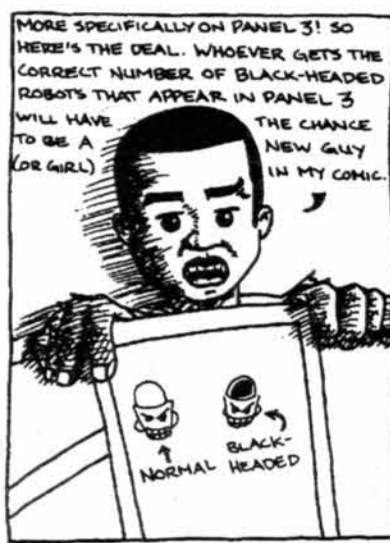
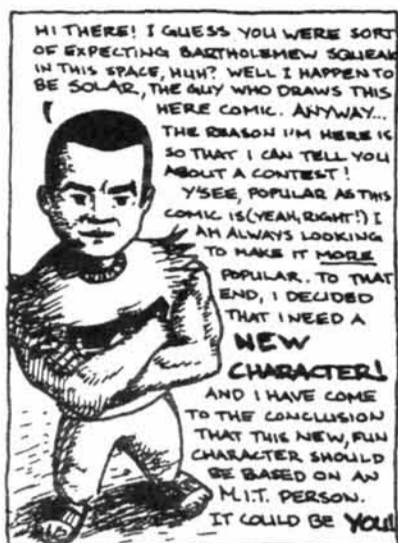
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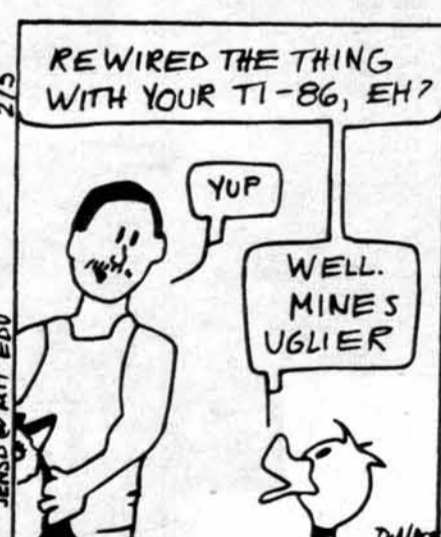
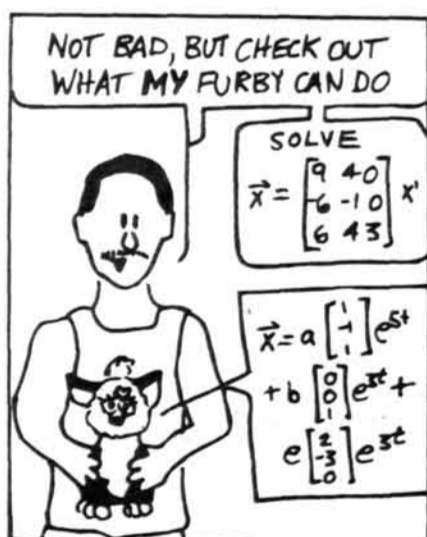
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I'VE DECIDED TO BE A DOCTOR. I WILL DETERMINE WHO LIVES AND WHO DIES!

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FoxTrot by Bill Amend

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OK, OK, YOU DON'T STINK.

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.

HOW ON EARTH DID YOU GET PAST HIM? MORE COOKIES?

MUCH BETTER. BUT I SAID "FRESH-BAKED."

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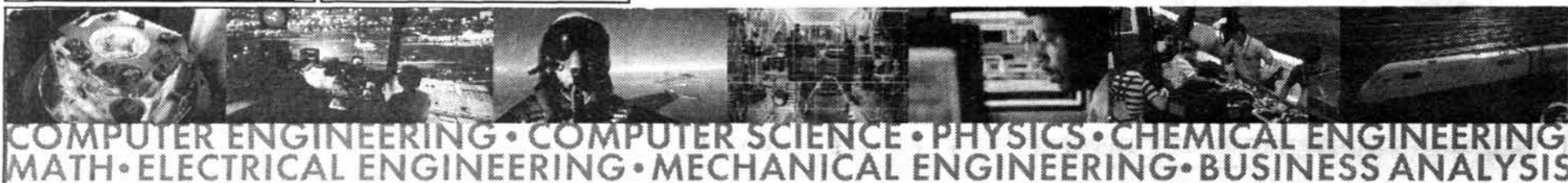
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Burchard Scholars Announced

By Laura Moulton

MIT's ever-growing commitment to the humanities took another step forward this week when a record twenty-seven sophomores and juniors were named Burchard Scholars for 1999.

The scholars come from a wide variety of majors, but all share the sense that humanities are central to their lives. Students were selected based on demonstrated interest and excellence in the humanities, arts, and social sciences.

Burchard Scholar Eric L. Gunther '00, an Electrical Engineering and Computer Science major, called the humanities "an integral component of my daily life," adding that music "at times... preserves my sanity."

Mechanical Engineering major Martin N. Mbaya '00 plans to use his knowledge of urban studies and planning in his native Kenya.

EECS major Janelle K. Prevost '00 comes from an English-speaking Caribbean island with two French-speaking neighbors. She hopes to use her French language and literature studies to facilitate communication between the islands.

Philosophy and Linguistics major Jasper J. Chen '00 is planning a career "addressing the medical needs of the poor and the

underprivileged." Chen said that he values opportunities such as the Burchard Scholar series because "a solid grounding in the humanities will ensure that one applies science and technology to society in more humanitarian ways."

Program includes seminar series

Burchard Scholars will attend a series of dinners and seminars with faculty whose research involves the humanities.

The scholars' hopes for the series are high. Rachel Stanley '00 is anticipating "delightful dinners" and "stimulating conversation."

Citing the diversity of backgrounds of the participants, Katherine C. Liu '00 said she is "looking forward to heated debates and an exchange of ideas" at the dinner-seminars.

"MIT has an uncanny way of dumbing down one's sensitivity to the aesthetic, human, and emotional elements of the world around us; this scholarship is an opportunity for vital exposure to the unquantifiable aspects of life, and to people who are interested in the things that really move us," said Kelly V. Brogan '00.

Dean of the Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences School Philip S. Khoury and Professor of History Bruce Mazlish established the

scholarships in 1985 in honor of the school's first dean, John E. Burchard. The program aims "to enrich intellectual life in the humanities, arts, and social sciences at MIT... through dialogue and discourse," Khoury said.

The application for the scholarship involves an essay and a faculty recommendation, and is described as straightforward and even enjoyable by the scholars. Gunther even suggested adding an additional question so that applicants could demonstrate more than one facet of their interest in the humanities.

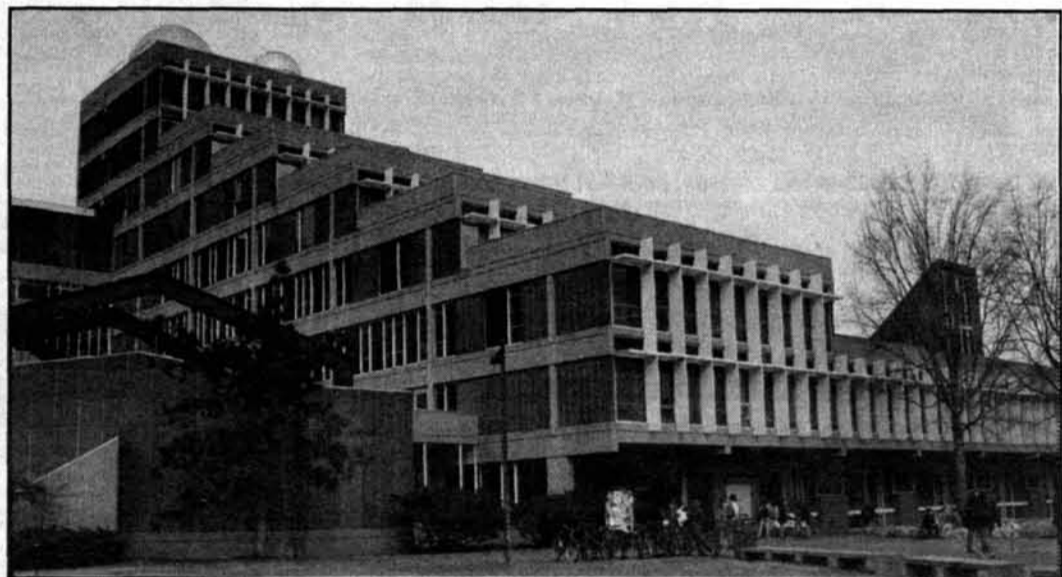
Between 75 and 90 students usually apply for the program. No preference is given to students majoring in the humanities. Khoury says that the "vast majority are in engineering and science," although many minor or double major in the humanities.

Other Burchard Scholars include: Jonna B. Anderson '00, Jason M. Chicola '00, Benjamin K. Chun '00, Sharmin Ghaznavi '00, Madhulika Jain '00, Risat A. Jannat '00, Marie L. Kosely '01, Jason W. Krug '01, Berta L. Liao '00, David A. Matsa '00, Xiaomin Mou '00, Richard L. Possemato '01, Millie S. Roy '00, Krzysztof J. Rybak '00, Andreas Sundquist '01, Gaurav Tewari '00, Jason H. Wasfy '01, Jonathan E. Woon '00, and David M. Zych '00.



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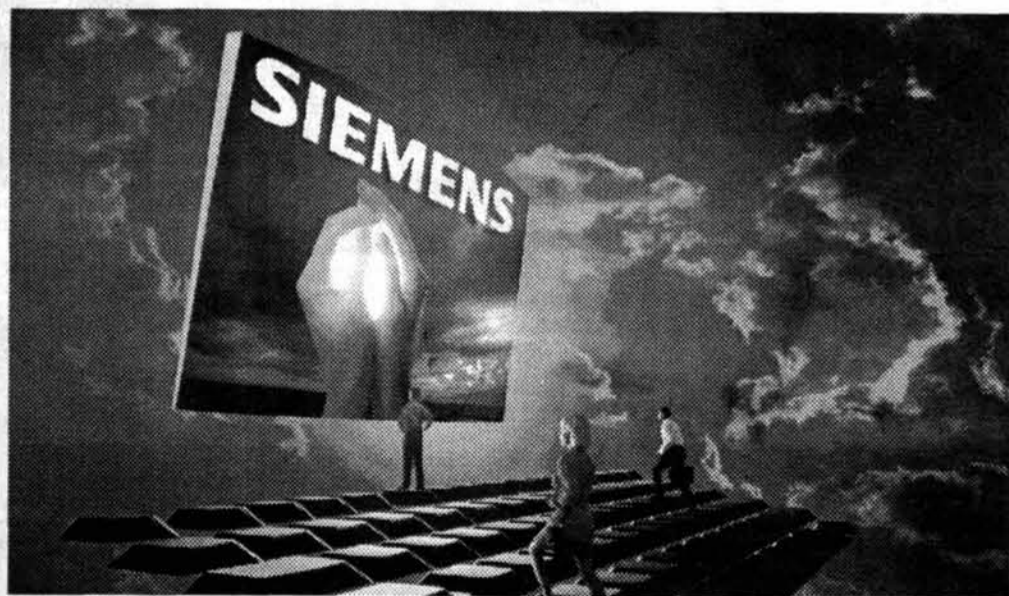
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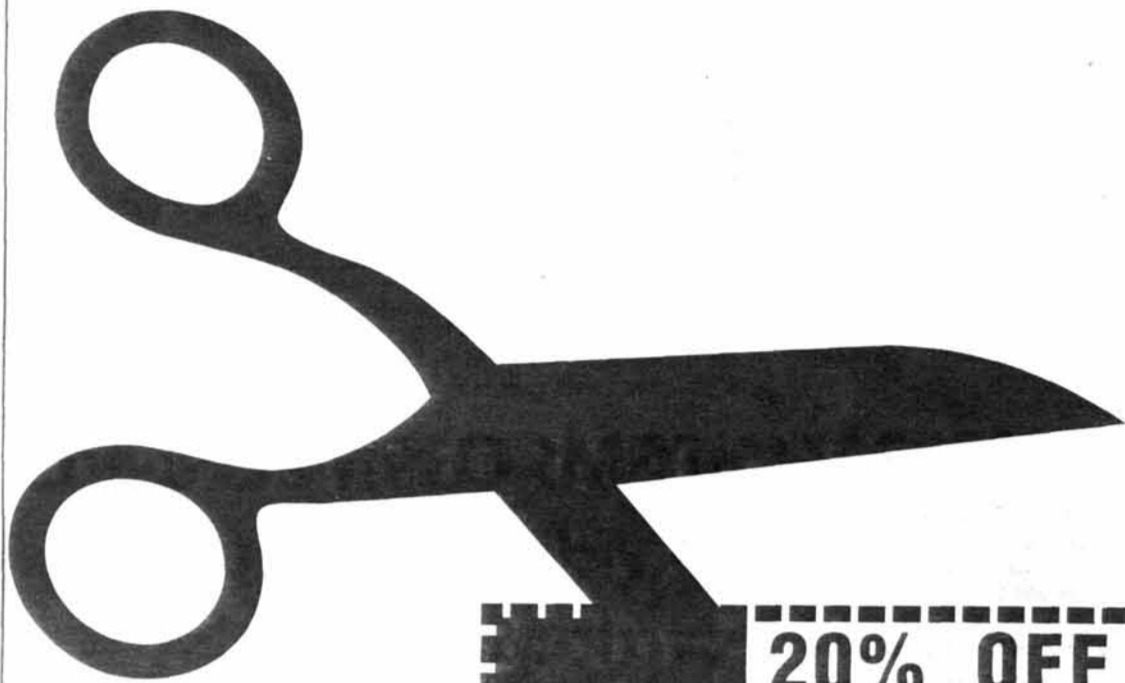
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New Guidelines for Career Fairs Released

By Susan Buchman
NEWS EDITOR

After disorganization at a career fair in the fall led to complaints from several recruiters, the Campus Activities Complex and the Office of Residential Life and Student Life Programs released the first-ever rules governing career fairs.

Student groups interested in organizing a career-related event must now obtain written approval from RLSLP and the Office of Career Services and Preprofessional Advising at least four months in advance of the event. To receive approval, the group must present a written proposal or budget. Groups may also be required to combine events.

"These new guidelines were not meant to be restrictive, but supportive of those groups who have put time, money, and effort

into hosting these kind of events," O'Dair said.

Staff for Student Activities and the Office of Career Services and Pre-Professional Advising drafted the rules, which were reviewed by the executive board of the Association of Student Activities, according to Katherine G. O'Dair, assistant dean of RLSLP.

"There were no guidelines [in the past]...for career fairs, and discussion of creating some policies began over a year ago with my office and the Office of Career Services and Pre-Professional Advising," O'Dair said.

Rules to establish consistency

According to O'Dair, the new rules will ensure a consistent level of quality at career fairs.

"Companies who choose to recruit at MIT expect a very high level of professionalism and service,

and the majority of the annual career fairs provide this level of service. When they don't provide this service, it reflects poorly on MIT and the company may think twice about returning to recruit here; this is what we want to prevent," O'Dair said.

Complaints that followed a career fair in the fall co-sponsored by the Society of Women Engineers and the MIT Career Council make the rules especially timely. The problems arose as a result of the difference in the level of services promised by the two groups; the Career Council charged recruiters more than SWE did, and the difference was supposed to go towards amenities such as a resume book on CD-ROM.

However, a few of the companies recruited by the Career Council complained to OCSA that they had not received what they had paid for.

One company requested a refund due to its disappointment with the services it received at a career fair. Although the Career Council refunded the company's money, concerns arose as a result of the incident.

"There was a miscommunication about expectations. SWE had some complaints about working with [the Career Council]," said Van L. Chu '99, president of the Association of Student Activities.

The ASA "was concerned because it had a lot to do with the MIT name," Chu said.

O'Dair said that the new rules were not a direct result of the problems with the Career Council.

"As I mentioned before, we have been working on this prior to any issues that resulted from the MIT Career Council this past fall. The problems that resulted, including complaints from some companies, may have hastened our efforts to come up with guidelines," O'Dair said.

Number of career fairs restricted

In addition to the restrictions on hosting a career fair, the guidelines state that "a maximum of three student-organized career fairs will be approved in any given semester."

"Some companies complained that there were too many career fairs, that they were forced to pick and choose which event to attend without knowing which was best for their recruiting efforts. This is not good for the sponsoring organization, MIT students who are doing a job search, or the companies who expect a large turnout," O'Dair said.

The new guidelines will not significantly alter the current level of RLSLP oversight of career fairs.

"Many of the student groups who hold career fairs have done so for years and we have worked closely with them to do so, so the level of interaction and support will not change," O'Dair said.

The guidelines appear in the 1999 version of "A Guidebook to Planning Events @ MIT" which is published by CAC and RLSLP.



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The celebration breakfast also

included an invocation by Rabbi Joshua Eli Plaut from the MIT Board of Chaplains. Plaut's father, also a rabbi, participated in the Freedom Rides with Dr. King in 1962.

MIT students participated in the event as well. Both Maribel Gomez '02 and Randal Pinkett G spoke about Dr. King's legacy, and the

MIT Gospel Choir performed for the over 400 students, faculty members, and staff that attended the breakfast.

MLK celebrated throughout MIT

The breakfast took place against the backdrop of other festivities commemorating Martin Luther King Day and Black History Month.

The MLK Committee decorated Lobby 7 to look like the National Mall in Washington, D.C., where Dr. King delivered his "I Have A Dream" speech.

The installation, entitled "Reflections: A tribute to all individuals who have supported the struggle for human rights," was sponsored by the MLK committee and designed by a group of students led by Eto S. Otigbe '99.

The mirrored surfaces representing the reflecting pool in the Mall were designed to "involve the people in the installation... so you're looking at yourself from a physical perspective as well as from a deeper one," said Kerone H. Peat '00, part of the group that set up the Lobby 7 display.

Two musical performances in Lobby 7 yesterday afternoon rounded out the slew of events scheduled for the MLK celebration.

Both the "Ain't That Good News" Gospel Quartet, featuring Semanya McCord, Wannetta Jackson, George W. Russell Jr., and Byron Gibbs and the South Mass Choir, directed by Darryll Matson performed.

Students appreciated the music and the "Reflections" display.

"I feel very moved by the music and that the installation [of the D.C. scene] has come to life... I feel our purpose being vindicated," Peat said.

"The fact that there is a gospel choir singing in Lobby 7... is an indication that our presence [as minority students] is valued," said Ticora V. Jones '00.

The celebration of Dr. King's legacy has not ended. Tomorrow's day-long "Cyber Sisters" conference at the Tang Center will conclude the Martin Luther King Jr. festivities. The conference is designed to bring together women of color to discuss the applications of information technology.

Minorities given MLK Award

Traditionally given to a faculty member, an alumnus, and a student whose contributions to MIT fulfill the legacy of Dr. King, this year's

MLK Leadership Award recipients were Alexander Slocum PhD '85, Richard F. Williamson '85, and Adriana L. Holguin '99.

Slocum developed a web-based forum called the Urban Design Corps to teach and display concepts in urban design. Williamson teaches at an elementary school for children who were expelled from the Boston Public School System.

The group of MLK Visiting professors including Dr. Lloyd Demetrius from Brain and Cognitive Sciences, Dr. Lynda Jordan from Chemistry, Dr. Pamela McCauley-Bell from Aeronautics and Astronautics, Dr. Starling Hunter from the Sloan School of Management, and Dr. Arnold Stancell from Chemical Engineering were also recognized at the breakfast.

"We have slipped in some of the categories of minorities at MIT over the last 10 to 15 years. The MLK Visiting Professor program is only one mechanism to create the presence of minority faculty on this campus," said associate dean and head of the Office of Minority Education Leo Osgood, who co-chaired the MLK Celebration Committee with Professor of Physics Michael S. Feld.

Mfume is a distinguished leader

Raised in Baltimore, Mfume graduated from Morgan State University in 1976 and received his master's degree in international studies from Johns Hopkins University.

A former U.S. congressman for Maryland, Mfume resigned from Congress in 1996 to become President and CEO of the NAACP.

In addition to leading the NAACP, Mr. Mfume currently serves on the Morgan State University Board of Regents, the Senior Advisory Committee of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, the Meyerhoff National Advisory Board of the University of Maryland, and the Board of Trustees for the Enterprise Foundation.

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in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, was "really psyched" to be named a MacVicar Faculty Fellow in 1999.

He praised the program as "a unique opportunity for professors who spend a lot of time with students to get together and discuss ways to broaden their impact on students."

When asked about the future of undergraduate education in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Slocum responded with a wish to "speed the evolution of synergy between design/manufacturing courses and engineering/science courses. One day I hope to see both areas using the same problem sets, thus decreasing the workload and stress on both professors as well as students."

Slocum also serves on the review

panel for the National Science Foundation and the nominations committee for the American Society of Precision Engineering.

Lawrence J. Vale

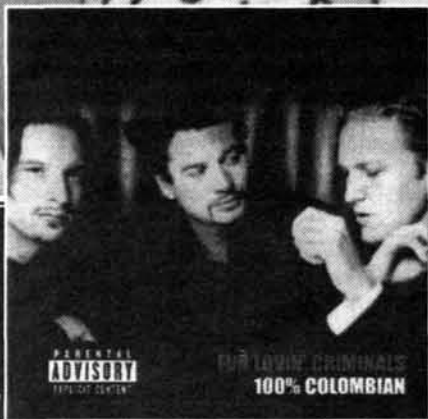
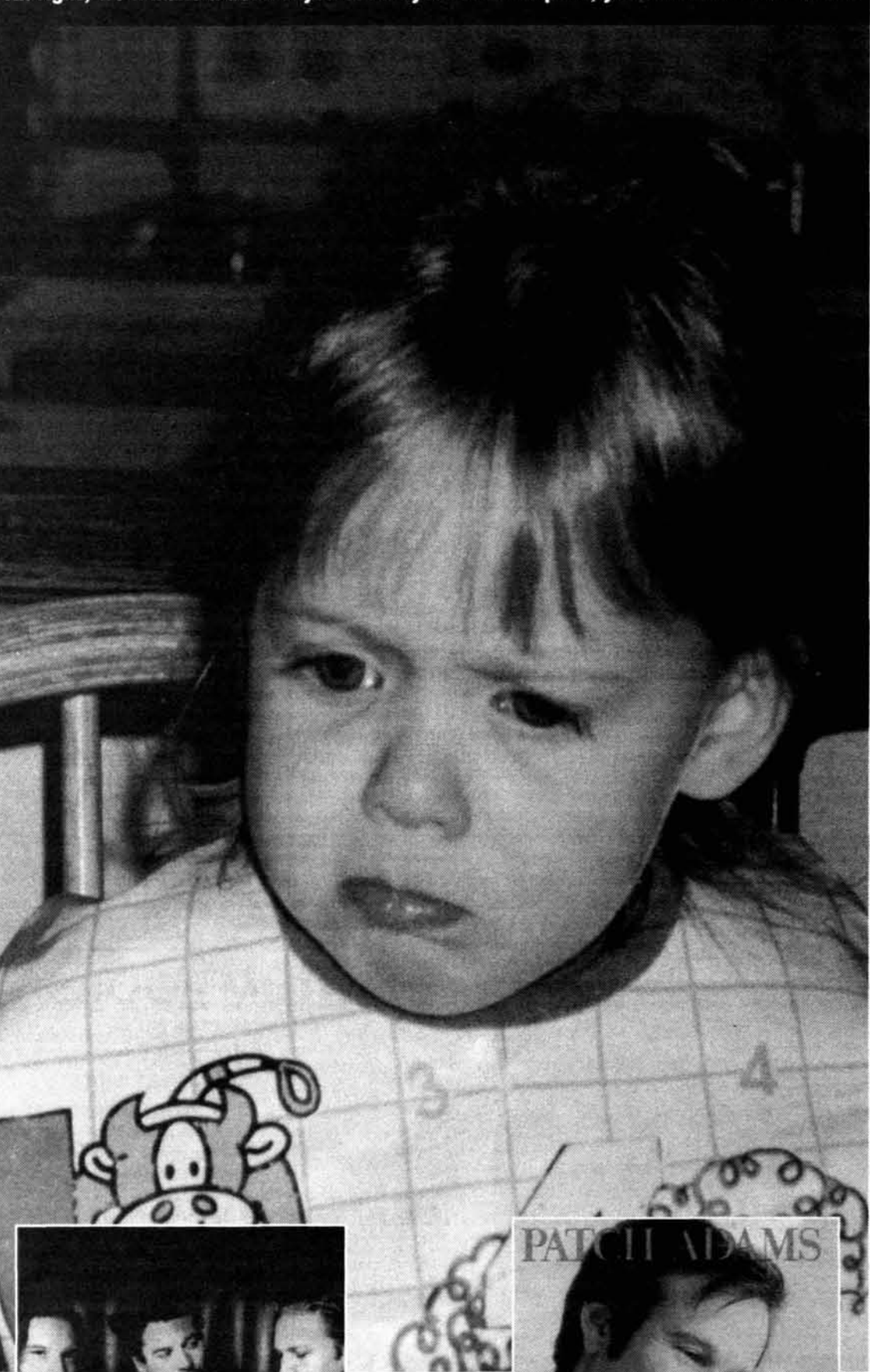
Associate Professor of Urban Studies and Planning Lawrence J. Vale participates in a variety of institute and departmental committees.

Within the Department of Urban Studies and Planning, Vale is the head of the undergraduate program and organizer of the faculty colloquium, as well as a member of the Urban Initiative Committee and the Policy/Steering Committee.

Last fall, Vale taught Introduction to Urban Design and Development (11.001J) and Imaging the City (11.947).

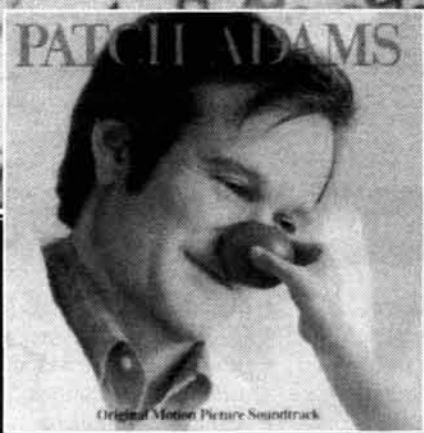
Vale is on leave for the spring 1999 semester and could not be reached for comment.

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him to do what he did," Elenes said. "We all have stories of more subtle acts, not as blunt or as frank as the e-mail in question," he said. "You aren't surprised that it happened, you just get upset that it actually happened, and to you," he said.

The Office of Counseling and Support Services, a division of ODSUE, makes sure that students are aware of what options they have, and refers students to other institute departments based on what course of action a student wishes to take, said Associate Dean and Head of Counseling & Support Services

Arnold R. Henderson.

"We don't do discipline because it's contrary" to the philosophy of counseling division, Henderson said. Discipline, however, is available through other groups.

"Any time a student feels harassed to the level that compromises the ability to pursue goals, you have the right to seek redress with appropriate mechanisms," said Leo Osgood, associate dean and director of the Office of Minority Education. In a case like this, "I would review the contents of the e-mail and then ask the student what they wanted to do, and then explain the mechanism," he said.



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POLICE LOG

The following incidents were reported to the Campus Police between Jan. 4 and Jan. 15. Information is compiled from the Campus Police's weekly crime summary and from dispatcher logs.

The report does not include alarms, general service calls, or incidents not reported to the dispatcher.

Jan 4: Bexley, report of gas smell, discovered stove pilot out; 33 Mass. Ave. bike rack, bike secure with chain and padlock stolen \$400; Bldg. W31, report of fraudulent use of credit card via of the internet; Albany annex lot, victim reports vehicle broken into, no signs of entry or anything missing; Bldg. NW16 report of homeless person in building, individual left on his own before CP arrival; Student Ctr., camera stolen \$70; Bldg. E40, computer stolen while in the process of moving \$7,000; Bldg. E17, report of suspicious person; West Garage, '99 Toyota broken into, cellular phone missing \$200; '95 Ford broken into, binoculars stolen \$50; New House, harassing phone calls; Bldg. E23, beanie babies stolen \$35.

Jan 5: Bldg. NW10, report of intoxicated person, individual was gone upon CP arrival; Bldg. E52, laptop computer stolen \$3,000; New House, parents concerned about students well-being, same okay and contacted parents; Edgerton House, report of two intoxicated persons fighting, individuals were directed to shelter; Bldg. 24, report of suspicious activity; Bldg. 10, report of homeless person, gone upon CP arrival; Bldg. W34, report of wallet stolen, wallet was only misplaced.

Jan 6: Bldg. 12, MIT ID card stolen; Bldg. 42, walkie-talkies stolen \$1,300; Ames St. report of trunk open on vehicle, same checked out okay; Bldg. 39 report of minor flooding; Amherst St. routine check and inquiry on vehicle, same waiting for an employee; Assist Cambridge Police on Memorial Dr. and Wadsworth for vehicle accident; Assist Cambridge Police at Mass. Ave. and Memorial Dr. with medical assist.

Jan 7: Bldg. 20, suspicious persons, same identified and checked out okay; Westgate, John Mellor arrested on domestic assault; Student Ctr., wallet stolen \$6; Bldg. 4, report of laser pointer being "shot" at students, same was an experiment and supervised by a technical instructor; Bldg. 2, wallet stolen unknown value; Bldg. 36, computer stolen \$2,900; Rear of Bldg. NW14, suspicious activity, same checked out okay; Bldg. NW17, homeless person, same issued trespass warning.

Jan 8: Green Hall, report of homeless person asleep in foyer, individual was sent along; Alpha Tau Omega, reports of persons throwing snowballs; Assist Cambridge Police, report of motor vehicle accident Memorial Dr. at Audrey St.; Hayden Library, wallet stolen \$50; Amherst alley, vehicle struck light pole causing damage to light pole; Bldg. 20, backpack containing cell phone stolen \$260; Number Six Club, report of an intruder, individual was located in Theta Delta Chi, alcohol citation issued for category #1; Bldg. E53, report of room unsecured, same investigated.

Jan 9: Westgate lowrise parking lot, window of '96 Dodge broken; Cambridge St and Third Ave. MIT vehicle involved in vehicle accident; Student Center, report of person living in a custodial closet, same was a terminated employee from a Studnet Center business; Alpha Tau Omega, report of snowballs being thrown from roof.

Jan 10: DuPont Gum, backpack stolen containing clothing and cash \$265; report of homeless person sleeping in restroom, individual was leaving on his own; Bldg. 68, report of skateboarders, same dispersed; Walker, report of broken window; Bldg. NW12, report of homeless persons blocking doorway, same were moved along.

Jan 11: Bldg. 26, report of wood stolen \$200; Alumni Pool, cash and credit card stolen from wallet \$130; Student Ctr., Bldg. 2, 1) Andrew T. Parziale arrested for trespassing; 2) suspicious activity, trespass warnings issued; 3) graffiti.

Jan 12: 33 Mass. Ave., bicycle stolen \$400; Bldg. 10, wallet stolen \$20; 77 Mass. Ave, backpack stolen containing checkbook and calculator, checks were later cashed for \$600, calculator \$80; Assist Cambridge Police at Main St. and Ames St. with homeless person, who was transported by ambulance; New House report of stolen ski jacket, same recovered in friends room; Hayward St. at Amherst St. vehicle vs. bicyclist minor injuries.

Jan 13: Student Ctr. report of suspicious persons; Bldg. 54, CPU stolen, \$2,399; Bldg. 3, report of man screaming in mens' room, situation resolved without incident.

Jan 14: Alpha Tau Omega, report of persons throwing snowballs off roof; Bldg. 7, assist Cambridge Police with a report of a 911 hang up call, unable to locate any problem; Bldg. 18, report of suspicious activity.

Jan 15: Amherst Alley, report of suspicious vehicle, same checked out okay; Alpha Tau Omega, report of ice balls being thrown off roof; Bldg. 26, Stephen Gouldreault arrested for trespassing; Sloan Lot, report of suspicious vehicle, same checked out okay; Memorial Dr. assist State Police with motor vehicle accident; Bldg. E15, report of suspicious person, same was identified as a delivery person; Eastgate, food left on stove causing heavy smoke; New House, noise complaint; Bldg. 4, computer stolen \$5150; Theta Delta Chi, sprinkler head broken off causing water damage.



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Friday, February 5

Pistol vs. U.S. Naval Academy

Saturday, February 6

Men's Basketball vs. Springfield College, 1:00 p.m.

Men's Indoor Track vs. Bowdoin College, Middlebury College, Springfield College and Westfield College, 1:00 p.m.

Men's and Women's Fencing vs. Yale University

Monday, February 8

Women's Basketball vs. Wentworth Institute of Technology, 7:00 p.m.

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By Roger Crosley

DIRECTOR OF SPORTS INFORMATION

In a recent Quad Cup indoor track meet, Dan Feldman '02 shattered the MIT freshman record in the 5,000 meter race by more than 16 seconds.

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Feldman ran a 14:54.21 to break the mark set by teammate Chris McGuire '00 during the 1997 season.

Women's Basketball

Vicky Best '99 scored 14 points in a recent game against Elms College to become the leading women's basketball career point scorer in MIT history. Best hit a three pointer on her final shot of the game to lift her career total to 1,199

points. Best eclipsed the mark of Mary Casserberg '94 by one point. In the same game forward Katie Spayde '99 scored a single game career high 24 points.

Women's Gymnastics

Sonja Ellefson '01 started the gymnastic season with a bang. Ellefson won the all-around competition in meets against Division II Southern Connecticut and Division I Yale. She won the beam in a recent meet against Southern Connecticut. Ellefson also won both vault and bars events, scoring a personal best 9.4 against Yale University and the University of Wisconsin Eau-Claire.

Men's Basketball

For the second consecutive week, Zach Inman '01 was named the New

England Women's & Men's Athletic Conference Co-Player of the Week for basketball. Inman received the honor after averaging 25.7 points and 11.3 rebounds in three games. In a victory over Emerson College, Inman scored a career high 31 points and grabbed 17 rebounds. He was also named to the Eastern College Athletic Conference New England Division III Weekly Honor Roll.

Crew

The heavyweight crew teams swept the University of Miami at the Miami Invitational Regatta during the team's recent training trip to Florida. In the varsity eight race the Engineers set a new course record with a time of 2:34.7, defeating the MIT lightweights by 2.7 seconds and Miami's heavyweights by 15.5 seconds.

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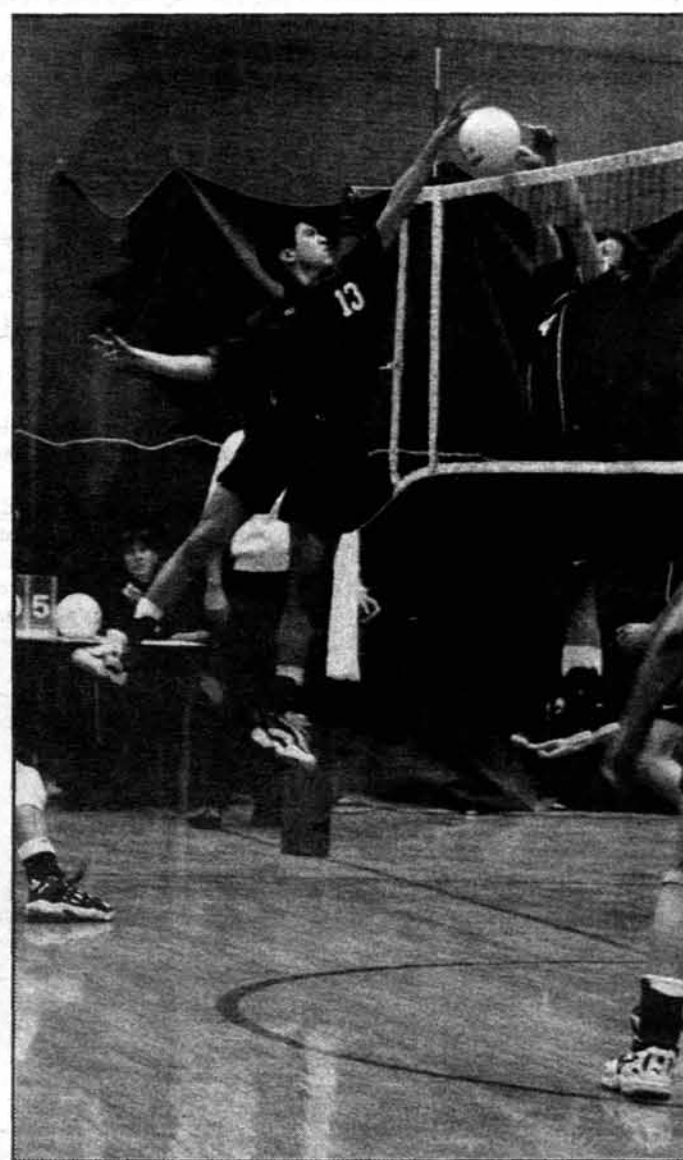
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