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## UAC to Decide Fate of Ballots

By Jeremy Hylton MANAGING EDITOR

Undergraduate Association elections continued Friday for the nearly 700 voters whose ballots were stolen from Lobby 7 last Wednesday. The UA will continue to collect ballots from students who voted in Lobby 7 until this Friday.

"We did the re-voting on Friday and got 493 votes of the close to 700," said Raajnish A. Chitaley '95, chairman of the UA election commission. The remaining students may cast ballots in the UA office with Adam Goodie, UA office secretary, or a member of the election commission.

The election commission decided unanimously this week that the new Lobby 7 ballots and the original ballots from other locations will be counted. That decision faces a review by the full UA Council at its meeting Wednesday night.

"The election commission decided that these elections are valid. If the council overturns our decision, then we will have to hold new elections," Chitaley said. If the council supports the decision, the results of the election will be announced at the UAC meeting on April 1.

The commission originally had no recommendation to make to the UA council about the legitimacy of last week's ballots, but later reconsidered and decided to keep the ballots unless overruled by the council, Chitaley said.

"We think that just because one

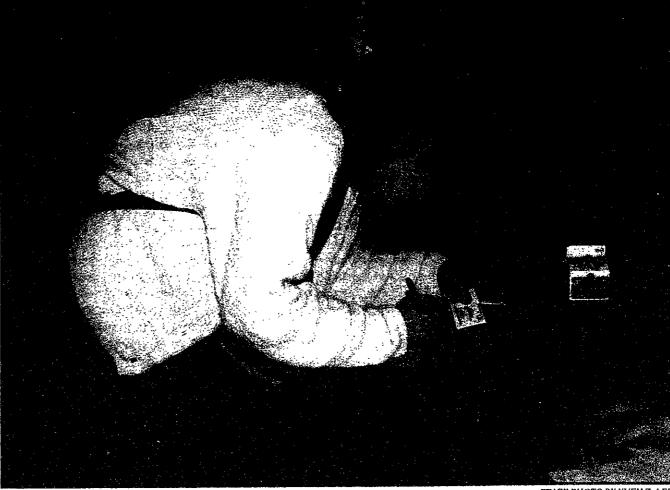
ballot box was stolen, all the other votes are still good, and if we can get those re-votes, the elections should still be valid," Chitaley explained

Some members of the council, who are also candidates in the election, believe a new round of balloting should be held. In an interview last Thursday, Shally Bansal '93, candidate for UA president, said, "If we want the election to be a fair one and a legitimate one, what we have to do is hold another election."

However, there is no consensus on a new election among council members, according to UA President Stacy E. McGeever '93. "I think there's a split between what different candidates think. Judging from what I've heard, candidates say they don't agree on the validity issue," she said.

The election imbroglio began when a small group of students stole a ballot box from Lobby 7 on Wednesday afternoon. The box was found empty in the Bexley Hall courtyard later that day. An attempt to steal the ballots cast at Walker Memorial was foiled by Hans C. Godfrey '93.

A group calling itself the Student's Revolutionary Government claimed responsibility for the theft. Peter S. Yesley '92, identified by several sources as leader of the group, explained that the so-called revolution began because of dissatisfaction with the UA.



STAFF PHOTO BY YUEH Z.

The UA elections went smoothly for many undergraduates who voted in the Student Center.

## Dean Delays Resignation Again

By Sarah Y. Keightley ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Although Jean P. de Monchaux, dean of the School of Architecture and Planning, had hoped to resign on Jan. 15, he has been unable to do so. De Monchaux's predicament will not be resolved until the advisory committee appointed by Provost Mark S. Wrighton finds a replacement. The committee has been looking for a new dean since October.

De Monchaux said, "The provost

has asked me to stay on as dean until a successor is found." He said he originally extended his term until Feb. 15 and then extended it again. De Monchaux said he and Wrighton are in "regular conversation," adding "I wish [the committee members] luck every time I see them." He hopes that his successor will be in place around July I or Sept. 1.

De Monchaux announced his intention to resign last spring, according to Associate Dean Lois A. Craig.

The advisory committee is made up of six professors in the architecture and urban studies and planning departments, a local Boston architect, two alumni, one with an architecture degree and the other with an urban studies and planning degree, and two graduate students from the architecture and urban studies and planning departments, according to Cynthia A. Rose, manager of the provost's office.

"Searches usually do take a long time," said Professor Bernard J. Frieden '57, who is chair of the advisory committee. "The last one [for the dean of this school] took a year and a half." He said it is uncertain how much longer the current search will take.

Aysen Savas G, a committee member who is studying architecture, said, "We're still having our meetings, but no one knows" how long it will take to find a new dean.

Jean A. Riesman G, the other graduate student on the committee, said, "We've been in the process of identifying candidates and that part ... is not exhausted." She said scheduling times to interview candidates takes time and requires patience. "I think search processes are pretty time-consuming — that is the nature of this kind of search. Committees are cumbersome."

Once he steps down, de Monchaux said, "I'll be spending a year or so in Geneva with the Aga Khan Trust for Culture, an architecture foundation working for opportunities for the urban poor in developing countries. I'm trying to do both things at the moment, and I'm really putting [the foundation] on hold." De Monchaux will then return to MIT as a faculty member.

## Ireland Urges Students to March

By Vinu G. Ipe

Patricia Ireland, the president of the National Organization of Women, spoke to a crowded 26-100 Sunday night as part of her tour through Massachusetts to galvanize support for NOW's national abortion rights campaign and the April 5 March for Women's Lives in Washington, D.C.

Ireland took the occasion of NOW's silver anniversary to note

the progress made in women's issues over the past 25 years. "When I first came out of high school and when I was a young adult, birth control was illegal in some states, even for married couples. People actually argued with me that women didn't actually need equal pay for equal work. Nowadays even the most conservative politicians speak of equal pay for equal work. In 1972, child care was a 'commie plot.' Now, even the

conservatives support child care," Ireland said.

"Abortion was illegal when I was a young adult in all but four states. I lived through that period. I know women who were injured because of it. My own mother, who had a series of miscarriages after I was born, was denied medication because the doctors feared that they might have performed an abortion,"

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## Olympic-Class Pool Slated For Completion in June 1995

By Vipul Bhushan CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

A new Olympic-class swimming pool, the centerpiece of the three-stage Central Athletic Facility expansion, has moved one step closer to becoming a reality. Last Tuesday, the athletics department visiting committee expressed enthusiasm for the idea, a key step toward clearing the way for its final approval. Construction of the pool could be completed as early as 1995.

The new L-shaped swimming pool, to be located between the Student Center and the Johnson Athletic Center, will be 50 meters long with an adjoining diving well. A movable bulkhead will be able to divide the pool into sections so that many groups can use it at once, and movable floor bottoms will be able to accommodate children who need shallow water as well as swimmers requiring more depth to dive from starting blocks

The new facility, the third phase of a

master plan for campus athletics conceived in the mid-1970s, will tie together the resources in Johnson, the DuPont Gymnasium, and the DuPont Athletic Center. As part of the project, Rockwell Cage, which was built from a pair of World War II vintage surplus Navy hangars, and the Briggs Field House will be demolished. Construction of the new three-story building is expected to cost \$55.7 million.

The Department of Athletics, Physical Education, and Recreation Visiting Committee gave the athletics facility proposal an "enthusiastic endorsement," Director of Athletics Royce N. Flippin Jr. said.

Simha also noted that the "administration has always been supportive of the athletics program." The warm reception this phase of the Central Athletics Facility

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## WORLD & NATION

#### Yeltsin Appoints Himself Acting Defense Minister

THE WASHINGTON POST

MOSCOW

Russian President Boris Yeltsin on Monday established a Defense Ministry and named himself acting defense minister, paving the way for the creation of a Russian armed force and the final dissolution of the Red Army, the last significant institution of the Soviet Union.

Yeltsin, returning from a two-week vacation, signed a decree establishing the first Russian Defense Ministry since the Bolsheviks abolished the czar's war ministry 75 years ago, according to Deputy Prime Minister Sergei Shakhrai.

Yeltsin advisers stressed that Russia will continue to participate in a joint military structure with other former Soviet republics, both for control of nuclear weapons and for conventional forces. Shakhrai gave few details of what a new Russian force will look like.

#### South Africa Prepares For Apartheid Vote

LOS ANGELES TIMES

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

In a final push for today's crucial referendum, South Africa's white leaders yesterday took out newspaper advertisements, handed out leaflets and appeared on radio talk shows to persuade thousands of still-undecided voters to make a final break with apartheid.

President Frederik W. de Klerk, who has vowed to resign if he loses, said in an open letter to South Africans that a "no" vote would "lead us to a dead end of division and destruction."

But right-wing leaders countered that a "no" majority would be a vote for the right of all ethnic groups in South Africa to govern themselves in their own separate lands.

## **Investigators Claim Part Of Earhart's Plane Found**

LOS ANGELES TIMES

ASHINGTON

The tiny stitching in a woman's shoe, the cap of a medicine bottle, and the letters on a scrap of metal were held out Monday as proof that legendary aviator Amelia Earhart died on a waterless South Pacific atoll, rather than in the ocean or at the hands of Japanese soldiers.

At a packed press conference here, an investigator with a nonprofit group asserted that his organization's four-year search had solved a mystery that has puzzled and fascinated the world since Miss Earhart and her navigator disappeared during their 1937 attempt to circle the globe.

Other experts remained unconvinced, however. Gillespie's group turned its evidence over to the National Transportation Safety Board, the agency that investigates plane crashes. While it found nothing inconsistent with Gillespie's theory, officials also found no absolute proof that the debris substantiates it.

#### Senate Counsel Subpoenas Journalists' Phone Records

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The special Senate counsel investigating leaks of Anita F. Hill's charges of sexual harassment against Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas Monday subpoenaed all telephone records of the two journalists who first reported the allegations for the two-week period before the charges were disclosed.

The action prompted strong protests from attorneys for Timothy M. Phelps of Newsday and Nina Totenberg of National Public Radio, who said they were considering asking the Senate Rules and Administration Committee or a federal court to intervene and block the special counsel's action. The subpoenas cover the journalists' home telephones and those of their news organizations.

## **WEATHER**

#### Winter Is Not Over Yet

By Michael C. Morgan STAFF METEOROLOGIST

While it may appear to many that winter weather is past us, don't be fooled. In recent years, the latest accumulating snow in the local area was on April 28, 1987, when four inches of wet snow blanketed the Boston metropolitan area. So don't count winter weather out, yet.

Our recent bout of colder weather will be briefly broken today and part of tomorrow as southwesterly winds ahead of a cold front usher in warmer weather from the central U.S. Once the front sinks to our south during Wednesday, colder air will slowly become established over southern New England. A disturbance out of the southwestern U.S. will move northeast passing south of New England late Thursday into Friday. Temperatures should then be cold enough to give us a period of snow and/or sleet and rain. Looking into the distant future, the cold weather should remain in place into next week. Two more possible snow events threaten us this Saturday and Monday of next week.

Tuesday afternoon: Partly cloudy with a shower possible. Highs around 47°F (8°C).

Tuesday night: Cloudy with a shower possible, then turning colder. Low  $32 - 35^{\circ}F$  (0 - 2°C).

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy early and becoming chilly. High near 40°F (4°C). Low 25°F (-3°C).

Thursday: Increasing clouds with snow developing. Colder. High  $30 - 35^{\circ}F(-1 - +2^{\circ}C)$ . Low  $24 - 29^{\circ}F(-5 - -2^{\circ}C)$ .

## Prosecutor Announces Probe Into Congressional Overdrafts

By William J. Eaton and Ronald Ostrow LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The growing House bank scandal escalated again yesterday, when a U.S. Attorney announced he had begun a preliminary investigation into the check-cashing practices of members of the House of Representatives and the White House acknowledged it was trying to determine whether any of its high-ranking former lawmakers were involved.

While no taxpayers' money was lost because of the now-defunct bank's practice of regularly covering overdrafts, federal laws prohibit knowingly writing a check without enough funds on deposit to pay for it, authorities said.

Federal investigators also will seek to determine whether federal laws against fraud, improper campaign spending or failure to declare interest-free loans on federal income tax returns may have been violated by members of Congress who held accounts at the bank.

In a related development, White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the president's counsel, C. Boyden Gray, was "making a check" to determine whether any former GOP lawmakers who joined Bush's team had cashed bad checks, including Vice President Dan Quayle and the president himself. Fitzwater said, however, that Bush did not overdraw his account when he was a House member from 1969 to 1971.

"It's just common sense that we ought to know," Fitzwater told reporters.

Five Cabinet members were in the House during part of the period in question — Secretary of Housing Jack Kemp, Secretary of Interior Manuel Lujan, Secretary of Labor Lynn Martin, Secretary of Agriculture Ed Madigan and Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney. Lujan and Kemp denied writing any bad checks, while the others said they were checking their records before making a formal statement on the matter.

Earlier in the day, Fitzwater acknowledged that one Cabinet member was under investigation in connection with the bank, but refused to release that person's identity.

The announcement of the investigation by U.S. Attorney Jay Stephens marked a new turn in the fast-breaking scandal that has rocked Congress and triggered estimates by political experts that as many as two dozen incumbents may be defeated in November.

A spokesman for the U.S. Attorney said the investigation began last fall when the General Accounting Office issued a sharply critical report on the bank's willingness to tolerate thousands of overdrafts without penalty.

Since then, the House ordered the bank closed and the House ethics committee issued a report citing 19 current and five former members as the worst abusers of the casual banking system during a recent 39-month period.

The House also decided in a 426-0 vote early Friday morning to list the names of all 355 current and former House members who wrote one or more bad checks during the period under scrutiny.

While Republicans on Capitol Hill attempted to fix the blame for the bank mess on the Democrats who control Congress, President Bush withheld judgment, saying each case would have to be analyzed separately.

"People are outraged by it," Bush told reporters. "I'm waiting and watching it unfold. It's an institutional thing. ... I'm not jumping on any individual and I think everyone has his or her own case to make to their constituents, to the people."

The names of 23 out of 24 of the House members found to be the worst abusers of the bank's lenient overdraft policy became known Saturday night. They include 16 current Democratic members of the House and two Republicans. Names of 331 other current and former members are to be announced Apr. 2.

In a preliminary political damage assessment, outside specialists and party officials said the furor over the bank would be a factor in some, but not all, of the districts where the incumbent authored a sizable number of bad checks.

Judging by the makeup of the list of 24, Democrats were expected to suffer more than Republicans if voters are as angry in November as they appear to be in March.

"This will increase turnover by a couple dozen," predicted Thomas Mann, a congressional scholar at the Brookings Institution. "There are people with clear interests in keeping it alive, including challengers, Republican strategists, term-limit advocates and radio talk-show hosts."

Spencer Abraham, head of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee, said the Democrats' control of the House would make Democratic candidates more vulnerable to GOP challengers, especially if they have leadership roles.

"The guys who are going to take the biggest hit there are the people running the store," Abraham said.

## Primaries Continue in the Midwest As Clinton and Bush Pick up Steam

By Jules Witcover THE BALTIMORE SUN

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Voters in Michigan and Illinois go to the polls today in Democratic and Republican primaries that are expected to give virtual locks on their party nominations to President Bush and Gov. Bill Clinton—unless former California Gov. Jerry Brown can further fuel the question of Clinton's electability.

Brown yesterday continued his efforts to do just that as he wound up his bid to finish at least second in Michigan and begin to elbow out former Sen. Paul E. Tsongas as Clinton's chief obstacle to the Democratic nomination.

The electability question, revived by Brown during a debate Sunday night with an acrimonious allegation that Clinton funneled state contracts to the Little Rock, Ark., law firm of his wife Hillary, continued on center stage Monday. Clinton and Brown exchanged more charges, and the former California governor accused Clinton of adopting what he called "the Nixon technique" of diversion by counterattack.

Clinton, in an early morning stop at the Busy Bee eatery in Northwest Chicago, again denied Brown's allegations and charged Brown with insensitivity to the broadened role of women in the work place. He also repeated charges that as Democratic state party chairman in California, Brown used his old law firm to oppose a state proposition limiting campaign contributions—a position that is now a centerpiece

of his own low-budget, limited-contributions campaign. The law firm was granted \$178,000 by a state court but the matter remains under appeal.

At Sterling Heights, Mich., High School, Brown countered that the Arkansas governor had taken a leaf from the political handbook of former President Nixon's late mentor, Murray Chotiner. Brown said Chotiner had counseled the young Nixon never to answer charges against him, but to divert them and go on the attack with charges of his own.

Brown said he was not being critical of Mrs. Clinton, who was "a free agent" as a lawyer, but insisted that Gov. Clinton "can't stand behind his wife" in the matter. Brown denied that his charges, picked up and expanded without documentation from newspaper stories, would damage the party. It was better to raise such issues now, he said, than for Clinton to be nominated and elected and for the country "to find out too late" that he had been involved in unethical conduct in office.

Clinton sought to use his forceful but controlled defense of his wife against Brown's allegations as further proof that he is tough enough to stand up to whatever the Republicans throw at him in the fall if he is the Democratic nominee.

His performance was in sharp contrast to those of two earlier Democratic presidential nominees, whose reaction to somewhat similar situations was said to have contributed to their defeats. In 1972, then Sen. Edmund S. Muskie of Maine, infuriated by charges of improper behavior against his wife Jane by the Manchester (N.H.) Union Leader, shouted and — some said — wept over their unfairness. Muskie won, but not by the margin expected. The episode haunted him and he faded as a candidate.

In 1988, then-Gov. Michael S. Dukakis of Massachusetts failed to show any emotion whatever when asked in a nationally televised debate with Bush what he would do if his wife Kitty were raped and murdered. His bland reply reinforced for many voters an impression that he was a mechanical and unfeeling man.

On the Republican side Monday, President Bush attended fund-raisers in Chicago and Milwaukee while continuing to wage a battle of negative television and radio ads with his challenger, television commentator Patrick J. Buchanan, who put in a final day in Michigan.

Clinton, who organized Illinois early and has many political and personal connections there, has been a strong favorite in the state from the start. A *Chicago Sun-Times* weekend poll gave him 48 percent of Democrats surveyed to only 21 percent for Tsongas and 7 percent for Brown.

In Michigan, a *Detroit News* weekend poll produced much the same results for the top two — 49 percent for Clinton, 18 percent for Tsongas, and 17 percent for Brown.

## Japanese Stock Index Plunges to a Five-Year Low

THE WASHINGTON POST

Japan's major stock index plunged 3 percent yesterday to its lowest point in five years, adding to fears that the nation is headed into a severe slowdown that could put a drag on world economies.

Since it began to slide in December 1989, the closely watched Nikkei stock index now has lost almost half of its value. dropping through the symbolic 20,000-point level to close yesterday at 19,837.16. Its dramatic decline is continuing at the same time that Japan's political and financial elites are threatened by scan-

"The cozy consensus is starting to come to terms with reality," said

Kenneth Courtis, an economist with Deutsche Bank's Tokyo office, referring to the once-common belief that Japan would undergo little more than a brief pause in its supercharged economic growth.

Many experts are now predicting that the Japanese economy is slowing to around 2 percent annual growth this year, compared with more than 5 percent during the 1988-90 period. Although a labor shortage has kept unemployment from growing, economic growth any less than 3 percent is considered a recession here.

Japanese companies, many of which are facing sharply lower profits, already are adjusting to new economic realities, curbing spending on plant and equipment and research and development. One of the companies showing sudden weakness is the electronics giant Sony Corp. "Suddenly, starting around last November, everything was declining," said Sumio Sano, a Sony director, following the recent disclosure of Sony's expected loss for the current fiscal year, which ends March 31.

As the demand for imports by Japanese consumers and companies has tailed off, the nation's politically sensitive trade surplus is rising to record levels. That is a disappointment for the Bush administration, which has looked to Japan to stimulate the sluggish world economy.

The market's decline also adds to concerns about the health of Japan's giant banks and insurance companies, which have been major suppliers of international capital

over the past decade. As the value of their stock holdings shrivel, the companies become less willing and able to lend and invest overseas. Coupled with these financial setbacks is a financial market scandal in which several brokerage firms were found to have been shuffling stocks from one client to another in an effort to keep them from report-

Last week, the president of Daiwa Securities Co., Japan's second-largest firm, resigned when his company was forced to absorb hundreds of millions of dollars in losses as a result of the practice, and many medium-sized firms are believed to face even more serious losses that may threaten their survival.

Also weighing heavily on the market's mood are bribery scandals

that some experts say could eventually bring down the government of Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa.

Many analysts had voiced fears that panic would ensue if the Nikkei penetrated the psychologically important 20,000-point level, but traders reacted with calm when, shortly after the start of the afternoon trading session Monday, the index dipped into the "teens."

One Japanese television network reported that the big moment produced "no panic — just a silent stupor" on the floor of the Tokyo Stock Exchange. Trading volume remained light - an estimated 200 million shares changed hands all day - and the market railied briefly to pass the 20,000 level again, then fell back again to close at the lowest since Feb. 20, 1987.

## Hussein, Arafat Consider Jordan-West Bank Confederation

By Caryle Murphy

THE WASHINGTON POST

CAIRO, EGYPT

King Hussein and Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat are considering declaring a confederation between Jordan and the Israeli-occupied West Bank as a way to give impetus to the stalled Middle East peace talks, according to Palestinian, Jordanian and Egyptian sources.

Hussein discussed the idea with Secretary of State James A. Baker III during his visit to Washington last week, a senior administration official told Washington Post staff writer David Hoffman. The U.S. official said Hussein did not refer to a discussion with Arafat, but simply said the idea of a confederation with Palestinians was being considered.

The Jordanian king told Baker that a confederation might make it

easier for the Palestinians to negotiate toward interim arrangements for autonomy, according to the official. But, the official added, Hussein did not provide details.

The U.S. official said the Bush administration's response was that the decision about a confederation was not up to the United States, but that Washington would welcome any effort to spur the negotiations toward interim arrangements. Recently the administration has been critical of the Palestinians for not focusing enough on near-term autonomy measures.

Arafat reportedly gave his assent to the proposal, conditional on final approval by the PLO's Central Council, shortly before Hussein traveled to Washington last week.

When the PLO declared a Palestinian state in 1988 on the

Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, it also agreed to form a confederation with Jordan after that Palestinian state achieved independence. The latest proposal would reverse that, declaring the confederation a reality even before a Palestinian state exists.

Some Arab sources portrayed the confederation proposal as a tactical maneuver to overcome Israeli arguments in the Washington talks that Israel is not an occupying force because the West Bank is not being claimed by a sovereign country. Jordan administered the West Bank from 1950 until 1988, when Hussein cut legal ties with the territory to signal the Palestinians that he had no designs on their land.

Others saw the new move as a way for Arafat, who has been forced to take a back seat to the West Bank Palestinians actually taking part in the talks, to reassert his authority in the negotiations.

Palestinian sources in Jerusalem said some Palestinian leaders in the Israeli-occupied territories were surprised to hear of the contacts between Arafat and Hussein, and were disturbed by what they saw as an initiative that could undercut their efforts to establish the Palestinians as an independent, sovereign party separate from Jordan.

In a press conference Monday in East Jerusalem, a member of the Palestinian delegation to the peace talks, Saeb Erakat, called the proposal for a confederation "premature." He pointed out that the peace talks presently are aimed at an interim agreement for Palestinian selfrule, and that an initiative for a Jordanian-Palestinian confederation could be discussed only in "final-

status" negotiations, which are not due to begin until three years after the interim period begins.

The idea for a Jordanian-Palestinian confederation is significant in part because it is likely to revive a long-standing argument made in Israel, chiefly by members of the Labor Party, that there is a "Jordanian option" for resolving the Palestinian dispute. Labor's Yitzhak Rabin is challenging Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir in elections scheduled for June.

A Jordanian-Palestinian confederation, some Arab officials argue, would strengthen Jordan's negotiating hand in the peace talks by giving its Hashemite kingdom a greater voice in West Bank issues, particularly the Arabs' demand that Israel stop building Jewish settlements

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## Let the UA Elections Stand

This year's Undergraduate Association elections are already the most controversial in many years. Tomorrow night, the UA Council will decide whether to accept the ballots as they stand — including those cast in a special election on Friday or to call for a completely new election. The council should let \_\_\_\_ stand the votes already cast.

**Editorial** 

Council members in favor of a new election will undoubtedly bring up a number of issues,

including the claim that a cloud of suspicion now hangs over the results and that there is no sense of who the "true" winner is.

Running another election would not make the results any more compelling. Perhaps students would have a greater opportunity to weigh the events of the last week before voting, but the number of people that actually vote would be extremely small. Holding another election would require more time and money, without any assurance that the results would be more significant.

The best argument against having another election, though, is that the commission has decided not to have one. The purpose of an election commission, aside from taking care of election logistics, is to ensure that no candidate can have an unfair advantage in determining election policy. The commission, none of whose members are running for office, has decided to keep the results as they now stand. On the other hand, several council members are running for an office and can be counted on to use the election process for their own interests. The council entrusted the election commission to run the election. The UAC should let it do just that.

#### **DuPont Weight Room** Needs to Be Expanded

The Tech received a copy of the following letter addressed to Athletic Department Head Royce N. Flippin Jr.

We are regular users of the weight room in the Dupont Gym. On the whole, we appreciate having the room as a place where we can exercise. However, we do have the following grievances which we feel deserve immediate

The weight room is extremely popular, but it is often so crowded that we risk injury. We invite you to visit the room on a weekday around 6 p.m. to witness first-hand what the situation is like. We often see people using free weights in the Nautilus and sit-up areas of the room, where they can hit others with their weights. While preparing for bench weights, one of us was hit in the forehead with a weight by another person doing free weights too close to the bench area.

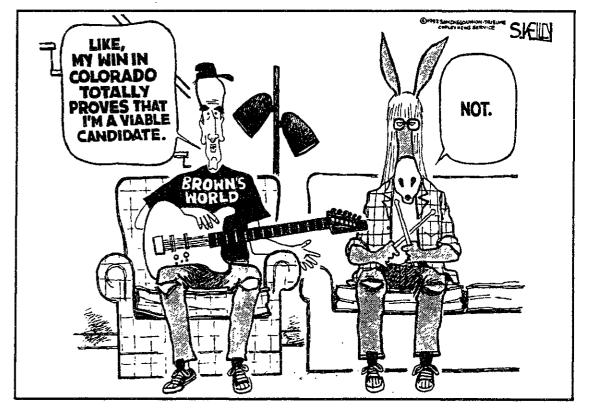
The greatest limitation on our safety and comfort in the weight room is the room's physical size. We therefore recommend that the room be expanded or that a second room be added to the present room, so that one may be used for weights and one for the bicycle

and step machines. Until a larger space can be found, we would like to see a more active effort made toward seeing that people return their weights when they are finished, handle the weights carefully, and only work in designated areas.

Michele Sprengnether spoke briefly with

Sports Equipment Coordinator Paul D. Grace about these matters. We would also like to hear your response. Thank you for your assis-

> Dana Hartley G Michele Sprengnether G and seven others



## Ballot Theft Amusing but Ultimately Pointless

Column by Bill Jackson SRG SYMPATHIZER

The recent theft of an Undergraduate Association ballot box is, first and foremost, funny as hell. At one time, each and every one of us normal people has thought those UA groupies take themselves too seriously, so seeing someone steal their ballot box is a great laugh.

The theft sent the UA into a frenzy. The election commission locked the doors and deliberated feverishly about what they should do and came out with their decision. The announcement: all those who voted in Lobby 7 would be allowed to vote again on the following Wednesday (tomorrow).

The candidates immediately began to whine and on Thursday, the commission made a bizarre reversal. The partial-repeat election was changed to Friday. However, the commission decided that it would simply sit on all of the ballots until this Wednesday night, when it will ask the UA Council whether the election

Apparently, like fine wine, the ballots need time to age properly before they can be counted. If this is true, than it was brilliant to throw the election to Friday, despite the obvious problems of quick publicity and throwing together a group of workers. Now the ballots have five whole nights to age properly in the musty UA "ballot cellar," so they will have a delicate and fruity bouquet when the feeble commission finally gets around to counting them.

The election commission's decision to move elections to Friday would have been a brilliant one if they had planned to count the ballots right away, declare the winner in time for today's Tech, and have the whole thing wrapped up by Spring Break. Now, however, the timing hasn't changed, and they've introduced a new possible point of contention; the quickly put-together re-voting process.

But enough on UA lameness in general. A more important consideration is why you, as an average MIT undergraduate, should care. (If you're a grad student, I apologize for the elite tone I'm using here. But what the hell are

you doing away from your lab bench/computing this reasonable assumption correct. er/books anyway? Get back to work.)

According to the UA Constitution, the Undergraduate Association exists "to improve the quality of our education, to provide ourselves with services which would otherwise not be provided, to express our views and represent ourselves before other groups whose decisions affect us" and other reasons which I planned to list here, but I got so bored typing the first part that I fell asleep three times, and this column has to be in by Sunday night.

Sure, the UA can provide a service or two. A Safe Ride is the sort of service the UA can effectively provide. However, when it comes to reality, the UA is better off representing student opinion to the administration than trying to become a banking-and-chartered-trips organization.

Who in the administration listens to the UA? Believe it or not, the "Magic King Dean of all Deans" himself, Art Smith, actually listens to the UA. He considers it a barometer of student opinion. If he is wrong in that assumption, it is not his fault for making the assumption, but the fault of the students for not mak-

You've all got a chance to try to keep anyone you think is an idiot out of the UA office (or run yourself), and if you turn that chance down, you've got to shut up and live with the

It might frighten you that anyone listens to the UA. If you are scared, you've got a couple of choices. The first is to get involved in it. Then maybe you can have a UA which puts water fountains in the Infinite Corridor and provides girlfriends on ValiDine, as the author of a recent "revolutionary manifesto" would seem to like. Or, you can help get rid of it and put something else in its place. But if your supposed purpose is to, say, show that the UA takes itself too seriously, then stealing the ballot box is, in itself... taking the UA too damn

If you really don't care, just avoid the UA like the plague. But it took a lot of effort and caring - to steal and break into a ballot box. Hacking a UA election for a while would've been hysterical. But if there was a point to genuinely destroying a UA election, it's lost on me.

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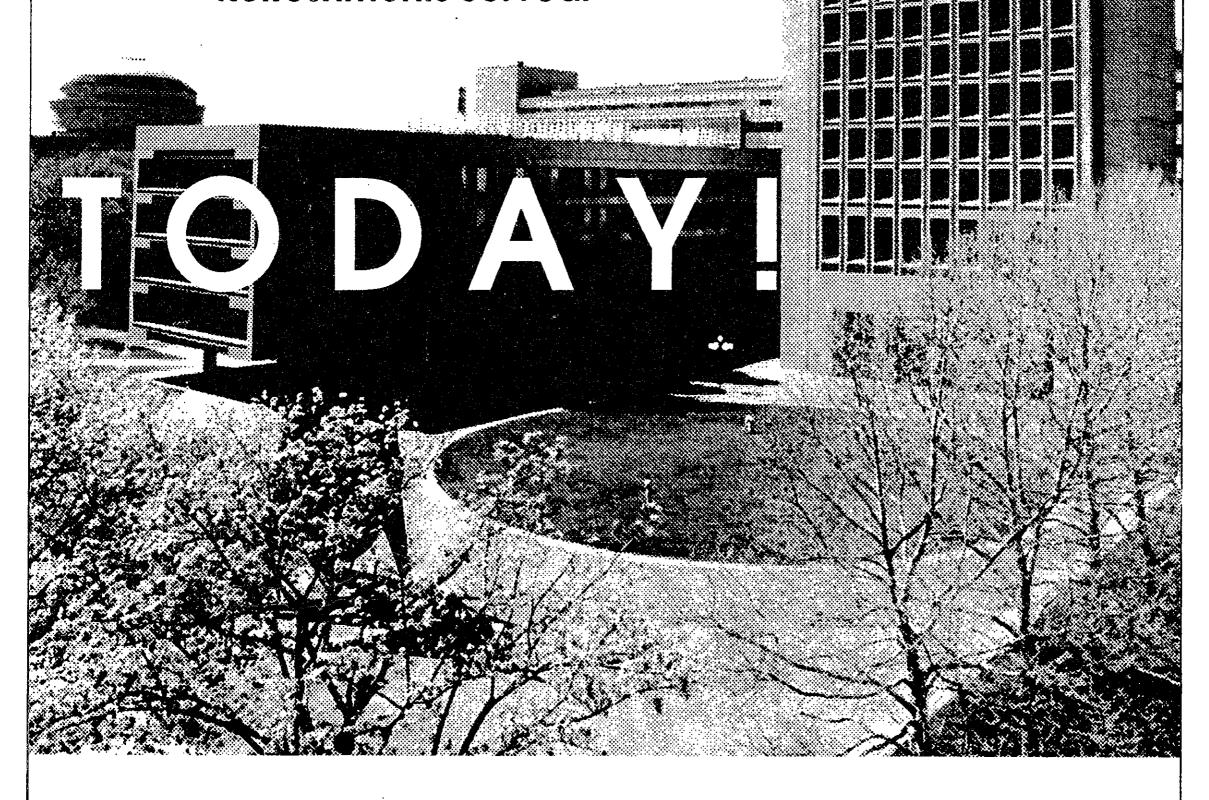
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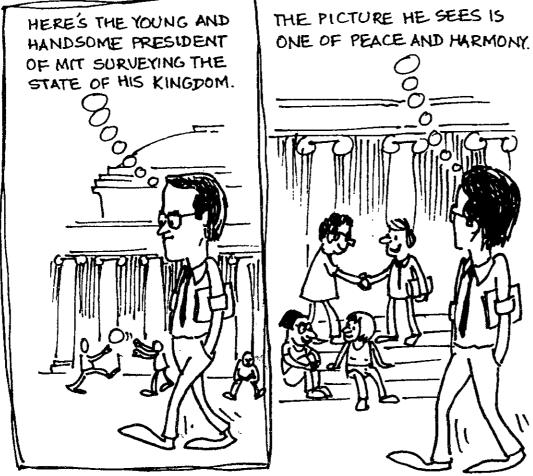
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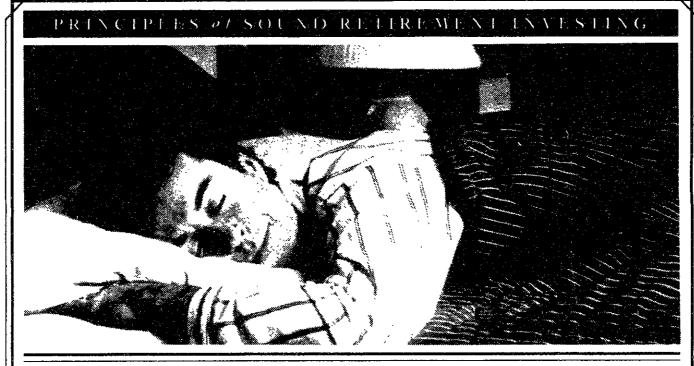
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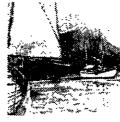


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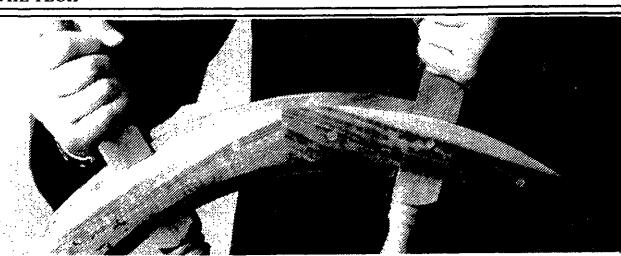
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Ireland told an estimated 400 listeners from around the Boston area that the march in Washington will have an impact on the future of women's rights in general. "I'll give you an idea of what a difference we can make when we fight back. Over the years, we strengthened the equal opportunity laws [and] passed the Equal Credit Opportunity Acts. We got a law passed requiring pregnancy to be treated as a temporary disability for work purposes. In 1973 we gained the right to control our bodies when the Supreme Court recognized the right to abortion, and they had earlier recognized the right to birth control," Ireland said.

However, Ireland was not optimistic about the present Supreme Court's commitment to women's rights. "While we have been fighting as hard as we can to hold on to the rights we have gained, right now we have a very, very serious threat

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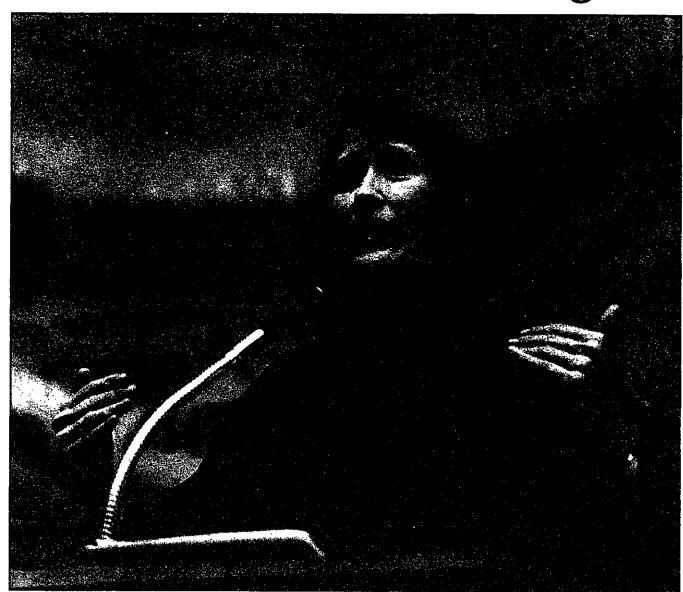
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to abortion and our reproductive rights. I am afraid that people think that the threat to abortion is only now materializing. But the reality is that 44 million women in this country have already lost their abortion rights — any woman who depends on federal government funds for help with health insurance has basically lost her rights," she said.

In an effort to encourage students to become more active, Ireland said, "On April 5, we need you for the most massive march Washington has ever seen. We're going to say 'No!' to the loss of abortion rights, 'No!' to the loss of Medicaid funding, and we're going to say 'No!' to the bullies at the clinic, and 'No!' to the back alley butchers.

"In addition to the march on April 5, we are engaging in a major campaign of non-violent civil disobedience. So the next time the Supreme Court tries to limit abortion rights further, they will be met by a very serious response by a grass-roots campaign," Ireland said.

Ireland ended her speech with a quotation from Sojourner Truth: If the first woman God ever made was strong enough to turn the world upside down all alone, then these women together ought to be able to turn it back and get it right side up again.



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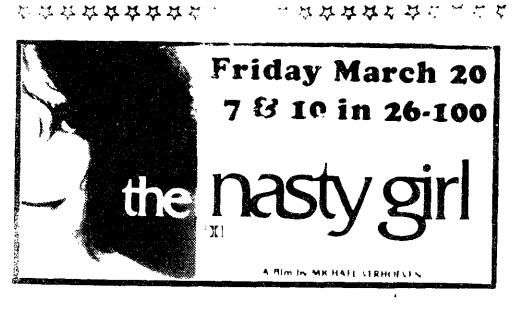
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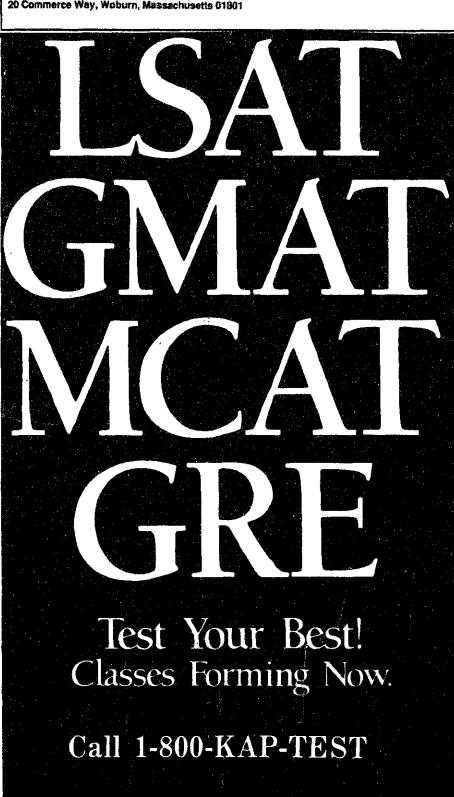
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## **Second Pool a Central Part of Athletic Complex**

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received makes it likely that the plans will proceed to fruition.

#### Demand for pool high

Director of Planning O. Robert Simha MCP '57 said the number of people needing athletic facilities on. the west side of campus will greatly increase in the coming years, as more students will be housed there. Plans for the eventual addition of new housing for 1,200 undergraduates around Vassar Street and 1,000 graduate students on "the other side of the railroad tracks" mean that the new swimming pool "plays a central role in all of our planning," Simha

About 20 students attended the visiting committee's meeting to express their support for the second

Gregory V. Shank '94; a member of the water polo team and an MIT Athletic Association representative, expressed his desire for centralized, first-rate athletic facilities. "We [the water polo team] lose our competitive edge" by practicing in the small Alumni Pool, he said, and likened it to forcing a basketball team to always practice half-court for full court games.

The Alumni Pool, opened in 1940, has a large and varied clientele, including varsity and club teams, researchers conducting experiments in the water, children in various programs, students in aquatics classes, and the increasingly large contingent of recreational swimmers squeezing a swim into a busy day, Benedick said. In addition to absorbing the present demand, he

expressed the importance of designing a facility which is "flexible to grow into the 21st century."

The Alumni Pool will eventually be refurbished and will pick up the heavy casual user demand, Simha said. He noted that MIT has traditionally focused primarily on "maximum participation" by members of the MIT community rather than on the promotion of intercollegiate and other organized sports teams.

John A. Benedick, head swimming and water polo coach, said that even though the Alumni Pool is open to the MIT community for at least 13 hours a day, many people are deterred from swimming there by the crowds and because the time set aside for recreational swimming does not fit into their schedules.

"People need a place [where] they can exercise when they have a free moment," he said. The new pool could be available to the MIT public all day nine months of the year and still be able to accommodate all the competitive aquatic teams, he said.

#### Money remains a hurdle

The consensus among speakers at the visiting committee meeting was to proceed with the first stage of the plan and build the pool and adjoining locker rooms at a cost of \$15.4 million.

Flippin said there "has been a stated intention to commit a major leadership gift to make the project a reality." Shank reported that an alumnus has pledged \$5 million toward construction of the facility and said that \$12 million will be needed altogether by the end of June in order for the plan to proceed on



A full-scale game of human chess complete with costumes took place in Lobby 7 Thursday.

Vice President Constantine B. Simonides pointed out that despite the overwhelming success of the Campaign for the Future, the money raised has been earmarked for other uses. However, he agreed that the administration views the plan for the new pool as viable.

Flippin was optimistic that the remainder of the money would be raised through other gifts. If this money is raised by June, the pool should be ready for use by June 1995, according to Simha. Committee chairman Howard W. Johnson said that because of the recession, the climate for new construction is very favorable.



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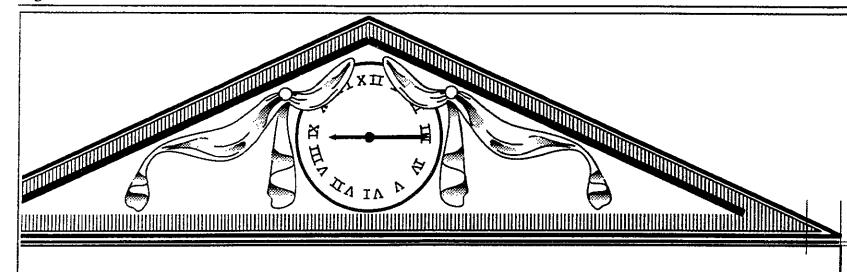
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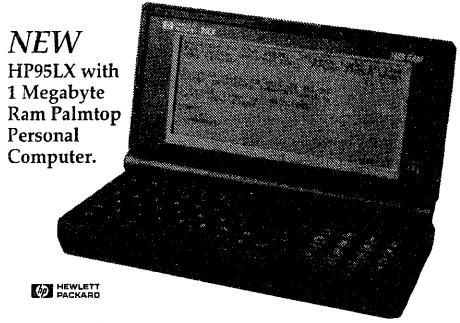
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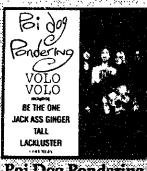
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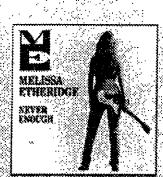
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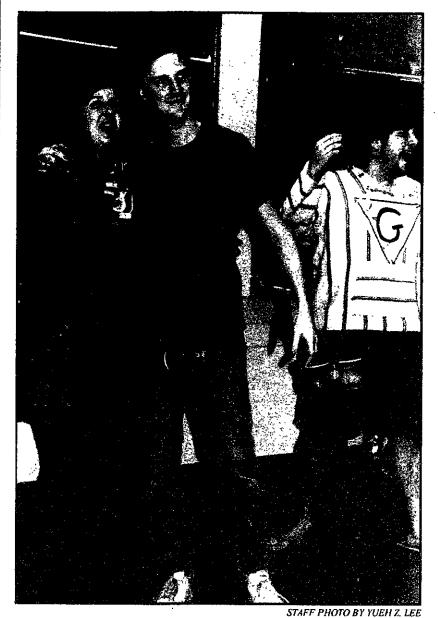
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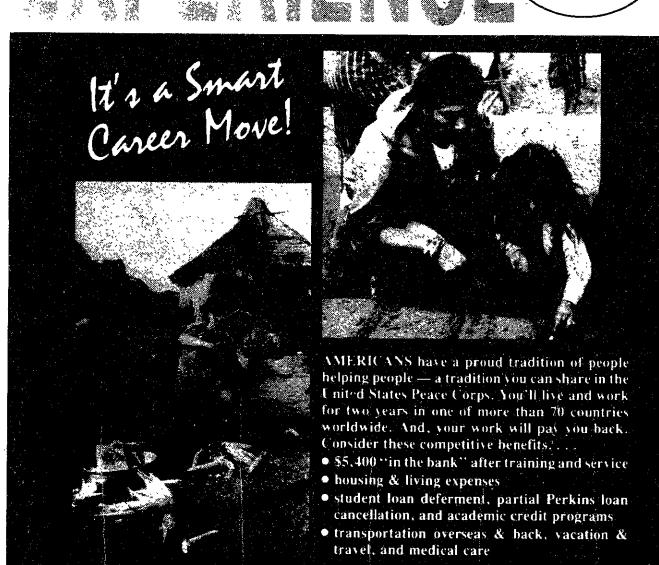
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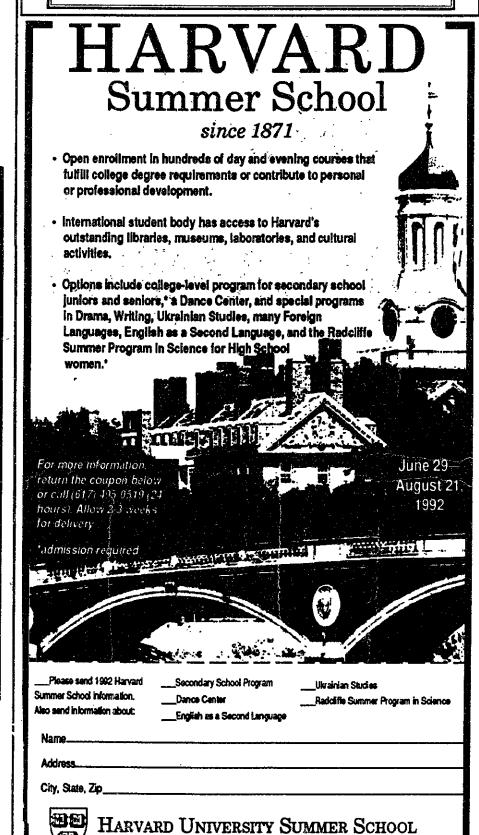


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## Baseball Team Hopes to Reverse Last Year's Record

By Danny Su

Coming off a disappointing 11-16 season, the MIT baseball team hopes it can reverse its record this year. The team is young and talented, with only three seniors. Fran O'Brien, the head coach, said the team is entering the season with a positive attitude despite the loss of two key players, Dan Paulsen and Brooks Mendell '93. Paulsen, the

starting catcher last year, is taking a year off, and Mendell, who had a record of 2-2 with an ERA of 4.05, is out for the season because of a back injury. But the team plans to repeat as the Constitution Athletic Conference champions, a division that includes Worcester Polytechnic Institute, the Coast Guard Academy, and Norwich, Western New England, and Babson Colleges. O'Brien expects tough competition

from the Coast Guard Academy, which finished second last year and has the strongest lineup coming back this year.

The pitching staff is anchored by Peter Hinteregger '93 and Eric Hopkins '94. Hinteregger complied a record of 6-1 with an ERA of 2.69 last year and led in almost every pitching category, including complete games, innings pitched, victories, and strikeouts. He was also the team MVP and was selected to the All New England team.

Hopkins had a record of 2-6 with an ERA of 7.57 and one save. When he is not pitching, Hopkins, along with two other players, will fill the catching void left by Paulsen. Coach O'Brien also plans to use him occassionally as a closer, and said he wouldn't be surprised to see Hopkins play all three positions in one game.

Behind the one-two punch of Hintergger and Hopkins, Nater Ritter '93 (0-1, 12.22) and Rob Lepard '95 will be the number three and four starters. Although Ritter had a rough season last year, he has the "best stuff" among the team's pitchers, according to O'Brien, who expects Ritter to have a better season and more consistency. When Lepard is not starting, he will fulfill the long relief role in the bullpen. He is joined by Matt Gimre '92, who is coming back from arm problem, Mkurlima Britt '94, and Mike Purucker '92. With only seven pitchers on the staff and one southpaw (Gimre), the team will have to juggle its pitching staff to avoid problems when it has four games in our days.

Infield is the strength of the team. At shortstop is Dan Sabanosh '94, who batted .258 last year, led the team in RBIs with 16, and was second in slugging percentage. He will also play third base when Hinteregger is playing shortstop. O'Brien is very impressed with the development of Sabanosh and expects him to play a bigger role this year.

The starting second baseman is John Mueller '94. Mueller batted .272 last year and led the team in atbats, runs scored, and doubles. He will help behind the plate when Hopkins is pitching. Ian Somerville '93 is the starting third baseman. He led the team in walks last year and batted .288. He is also one of the three catchers. Gimre will play first base when he is not pitching. Brian Christensen '94 is the utility man of the team. He is the most versatile player and plays all the infield positions. O'Brien expects Christensen to fill any void around the infield on any given day.

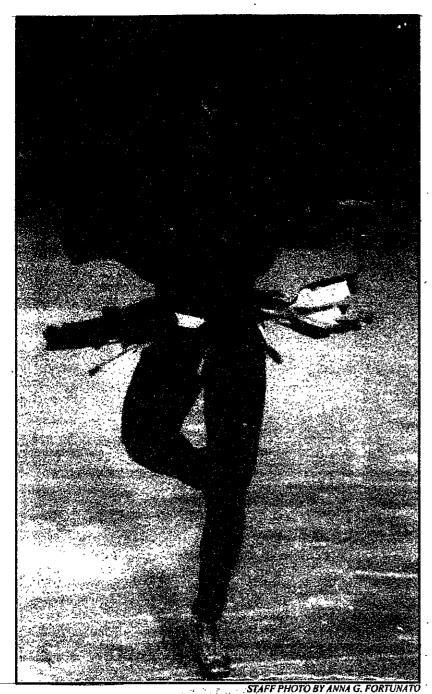
In contrast to the infield, holes need to be filled in the outfield. After the entire starting outfield graduated, O'Brien has asked Mike Purucker '92 to move from third base to the outfield. Purucker was the the starting third baseman in 1989 and missed last season due to back injury. According to O'Brien, Purucker is the quickest guy in the outfield. O'Brien also expects great contributions from Jon Gass '94 (.259) and John Olson '94. Olson had an excellent pre-season and will play a bigger role this year. Olson

and Gass will be joined by Lepard and Ritter in the outfield when they are not pitching.

With only seven home runs last year and no additional power hitter, O'Brien does not expect many three-run homers. Instead, the team will try to score one run at a time. Purucker is the leadoff hitter, and he has the best ability to steal bases on the team. Although O'Brien describes the overall team speed as average, they will try to move the runners whenever possible by using plenty of hit-and-runs. Christensen is the best hit-and-run hitter, and Mueller has the best bat control. But in general, the team will use the hit and run anywhere in the lineup. Also, the team will use bunts, squeezes, and safety squeezes to move the runners.

O'Brien said this is a team without any superstars, and he expects no one to carry the whole offensive load. He expects great leadership from team captains Hopkins and Purucker. On any given day, he believes this team can beat anybody, even Division I powerhouses like Harvard, Boston University, and Boston College. It's hard not to believe him.

The team leaves Wednesday for six games in Florida. Their first home game is on March 31 at 3 p.m. against Suffolk University. If you enjoy the little things in baseball, like bunting, hit-and-run, the squeeze play, and other, more fundamental aspects of the game, I strongly encourage you to go out and watch them play. It's sure to be an exciting season.



Lisa Rung, current president of the MIT Figure Skating Club, spins during the 1992 MIT Figure Skating Exhibition in Johnson Athletic Center Saturday.



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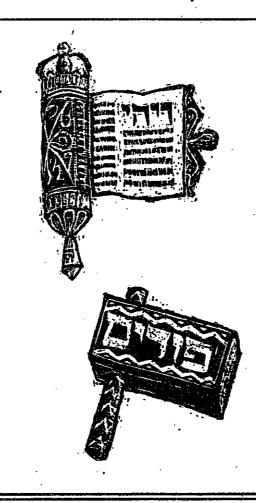
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## Arel Wins Highest Division III Gymnastics Award

By Catherine Rocchio ТЕАМ СОАСН

Three MIT women gymnasts participated in the the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association Division III championships March 6-7 at Cortland State University in Cortland, N.Y. All won awards — Kortney Leabourne '92 and Julie Lyren '93 were voted Academic All-Americans, while Lisa Arel '92, topping an amazing career in MIT gymnastics, was voted Outstanding Senior Gymnast of the Year, the highest honor Division III gymnastics offers.

Eight teams qualified for the championships, as did the top eight individuals from colleges that did not qualify as a team. The teams that qualified were from Gustavus Adolphus College and Hamline College in Minnesota; Oshkosh, LaCrosse, and River Falls Universities from Wisconsin; and Ithaca College and the State Universities of New York at Brockport and Cortland. Individual qualifiers represented MIT, Ursinus College, and the Universities of Wisconsin at Eau Clair, Stout, and Superior. The three women MIT sent represented the best showing MIT has ever made at the national championships.

Leabourne, competing in her second national championship, had an excellent meet. She gave her best performance of the year in the floor exercise, performing a full-twisting. layout somersault in her second tumbling pass for the first time in her college career. The difficulty of her routine and her energetic dance style were rewarded with a score of 8.6. Leabourne finished up the meet and her last competitive moment on her favorite event, vaulting, and stood up a beautiful handspring fulltwist for a score of 8.3.

Competing in her first national championship, Julie Lyren had the best overall score among MIT women, finishing in eighth place. Lyren's hard work over the past year paid off, as every event looked polished and smooth. Floor exercise was Lyren's first event, where difficult tumbling combined with dynamic leaps and jumps earned an 8.9. Lyren qualified for the finals on the balance beam, where two back handsprings, straddle jumps, and a roundoff-back somersault dismount earned a score of 9.05. Lyren received a medal for her total score of 34.8.

Arel qualified for the finals in both floor exercise and balance beam, but a bad break on the uneven parallel bars cost her a shot at an overall medal. She performed her difficult floor exercise with grace, beautiful style, and flexibility. Her marvelous routine earned a score of 9.1, assuring her of a spot in the finals the next day.

But Arel's luck turned in the next two events. Her powerful and well-landed full-twist handspring in the vault received a lower than expected score of 8.35. Arel ran into an even more disappointing pitfall on the uneven bars, where she lost her grip on the lower bar in the middle of a move she's done thousands of times in competition and practice. The fall cost Arel her spot in the allaround standings as her routine received only an 8.1.

Despite her bad luck, Arel shook

off her disappointment and competed superbly on the balance beam, where her routine earned an 8.85 and qualified her for the finals.

The finals were held on Saturday, where the top twelve

previous day's competition competed again for the six All-American titles and medals on each event.

Arel had perhaps the best beam routine of her life and earned an 8.8,

gymnasts on each event from the a score that moved her from twelfth place on the event to fifth for an All-American title. Her floor exercise was again outstanding and received a score of 9.05, landing her in seventh place overall for that event.

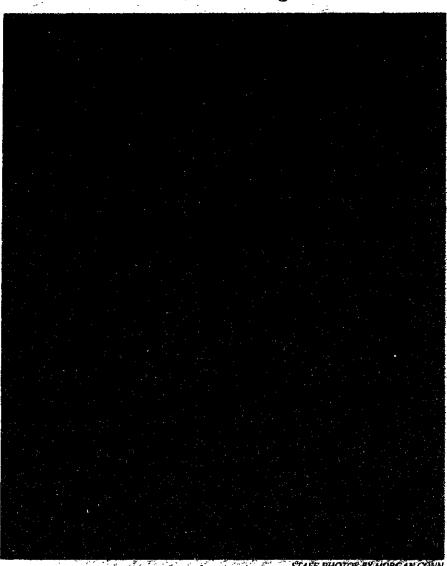
Lyren, the last competitor on the balance beam, suffered a few wobbles after the tension of the long wait but fought and succeeded in staying on the apparatus, earning an 8.35 and placing eighth overall.

Left: Julie Lyren '93 reaches for the stars while practicing one of her award-winning routines.

Below Right: Kortney Leabourne '92 demonstrates her grace on the balance beam.

Bottom: Which way is up? Julie Lyren '93 and Kortney Leabourne '92 confuse the issue with a show of strength on the balance beam.







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