Advising seminars a success

By Chris Selfecht

Graduate students from various departments are calling graduate alumni as part of a telephone to raise scholarship funds. The graduate advising seminars are offered annually by the Alumni Fund in conjunction with the academic departments.

"The departmental telethon is an effective way of raising scholarship funds," directly for a department, said Lee A. Greene, coordinator of the Graduate Alumni Fund. "The telethon is followed up to a letter that is sent earlier by the departmental heads to each alumni," she added.

Greene said that in a typical telephone session, an average of 20 volunteers spend about three hours soliciting funds through telephone calls from graduate alumni within United States and Canada. A collection session includes an initial training period in which each caller is given a script of the telephone operations.

Last year, the alumni office organized a telethon to collect funds for graduate housing at MIT. That telethon has been discontinued because very few callers showed up last year, Greene said.

The Alumni Fund has collected about $35 million from 28,100 alumni during the fiscal year ending in June 1991. Of this, only $2.1 million was collected from graduate alumni, while $11.4 million was collected from undergraduate alumni. According to Joseph S. Collins, managing director of alumni activities, this difference could be due to the fact that "the undergraduates have a stronger sense of the institution, hence feel closer to it."

Graduate students currently constitute 43 percent of the institute's alumni. Collins said that over the past 15 years the percentage of graduate students has increased because the institution has been a 'hot' topic in the past years.

滋味酒 freshmen in seminars by phoning and sending mail.

The Tech polled 76 freshmen by phone earlier this week. The results of the poll are a representative sample of the Class of 1993. Twenty-nine of those freshmen were advised, with a faculty advisor and eight participants in-in-house advising. Four freshmen were advised through special programs such as Project XL, ESQ and ISS.

Freshmen were asked if they were satisfied, satisfied, dissatisfied or not sure on their opinions of the advisors. They were also asked to describe why they felt that way.

Most of the students that were advised with their seminar found their advisor's knowledge and helpful. "My advisor really has a knack for knowing what is going on," said one. "I have attended at least once, probably twice," the other freshmen said.

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Graduate student telethon begins

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Funds solicited for classroom renovations

The MIT Alumni Fund board has launched a special program called Project 2000 to collect funds to renovate and modernize every classroom at MIT. Under this scheme, any person making a gift of $500 or more will be given a piece of the original steps leading up to 77 Massachusetts Avenue. The steps were removed in 1975, and are currently in storage, said Collins.

"Project 2000 has so far been received very well by our alumni," said Collins. "We have sent about 600 letters and have already received a number of phone calls promising their pledges for the project," he added.

"The key to successful fundraising is to involve the alumni in the whole process," said Collins. "Currently we have about 2,000 alumni volunteers who help us raise funds each year. There are also 44 alumni clubs around the country and 25 abroad which organize events throughout the year and help the Institute in other ways," he added.

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Investigators examine leak of Thomas charges

A special council will try to find out who leaked the FBI report on the sexual harassment allegations against Clarence Thomas. Under the resolution approved yesterday by the Senate, the four-month investigation will also seek to find out who leaked information about five senators’ dealings with former savings and loan owner Charles Keating. The vote to approve the probe was 96-12.

Bush blasts confirmation process

President George Bush called for an investigation of the Clarence Thomas leak today, in a speech that blasted the way lawmakers handled the Supreme Court nomination. Bush also recommended reforms in the confirmation process, including restrictions on congressional access to FBI reports about nominees.

Bush said the sexuay graphic testimony in the Judiciary Committee's hearings into the allegations made the Senate look “more like a burlesque show than a civic club.”

A number of the Senate’s committee that conducted the Thomas hearings is rejecting Bush’s criticism. As Vermont Democrat Patrick Leahy put it, “the only thing the Senate really needs reforming is the administration’s cynical approach to the Supreme Court.”

And he said changing the Senate system would amount to tampering with the Constitution.

Charges may be filed against suicide machine inventor

A sheriff’s officer in Pontiac, Mich., said it could take weeks to uncover a link between the suicides of 11 women found dead one by one in Oakland County and the operation of a machine that apparently causes suicide. Police said the inventor, Jack Kevorkian, killed the women in a “mercy killing” after they were diagnosed with a terminal illness. Kevorkian himself is a terminal cancer patient.

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Girl Scout mall outing ruined by guard

The members of Girl Scout Troop 823 want an apology from a suburban Los Angeles mall. Security guards at Northridge Fashion Square would not let the girls in for an official troop outing Tuesday night unless they broke up into groups of three and kept quiet. The guards cited a mall policy aimed at preventing gang violence. Troop leader Lois Young said she asked, “Do we look like a gang?”

The security director for the complex said the guards wanted to prevent the mall from being invaded, and if she said the guards had “no legitimate reason for this activity.”

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Economy looks shaky

Analysts said the government is providing more evidence of a precariously economic situation. Joel Prakken, with Economic H. Meyer and Associates in St. Louis, said there is not much to be optimistic about. Factory orders show a weakening in consumer demand, and unemployment insurance rose earlier this month.

Weather

Veiled foliage

A quiet fall weather pattern will continue for the next few days. The eastern two-thirds of the region will have the most rain, with a strong cold front pushing through late Tuesday. Southern winds will be around 10-15 mph (16-24 kph) today and again late Tuesday.

Clouding up with lows in the mid 50s (13 ° C), winds light and variable.

Saturday:

Partly cloudy, areas of fog forming.

Frigid

Battered wife acquitted

A woman who was charged with the “battered-woman” syndrome defeated her trial in a second-degree murder charge. She was acquitted but will have to face a civil suit.

Sheriff’s deputy alleged to force sex on women

The Los Angeles district attorney said a male Sheriff’s deputy repeatedly abused his authority to force women to have sex with him. Deputy Lloyd Shoemaker, 44, is now charged with raping two women and sexually assaulting a third in the past year.

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Genghis Khan rides again

Column by Matthew Hersch

Sometimes weeks go by and I won't think at all about Mongolia. Other times I can't manage to get the Asian highlands out of my mind. At times I even long for the Mongolian lifestyle, the endless scrolling of nomadic goat herders, living in tents and sleeping under the open sky. It's great. Despite 70 years of Soviet interference, the Mongols of the Mongolian People's Republic are still the same blissful, innocent folk we always thought they were — so weird, so wacky, so different... so damn smart. Like every other ethnic community in the world, Mongolia is moving from its socialist past into a new capitalist economy, and for a lot of reasons, Mongolia is going to make that switch faster than any other nation on the planet.

Situated in the ambit of the Soviet Central Asia, Mongolia was once the capitol of an empire that spanned most of the continent. Not quite Russian, not quite Chinese, Mongolia has always been a source of contention between China and the Soviet Union. Officially an autonomous region of China for much of this century, Mongolia has been under the influence of the Soviet Union since the 1920s. The Mongolian Communist Party formed early ties with the Russians, and Mongolia has been bordering on Soviet-satellite status ever since. Home of the Red Army in the 1930s, Mongolia was the battleground for Sino-Soviet border skirmishes in the 1960s.

Mongolia are traditionally out-of-doors nomads who herd privately-owned sheep and goats. When Karl Marx rode into Outer Mongolia in the 1930s, Red Army pilots tried to establish livestock collectivization and other communal ventures. The Mongolian government and economy ever since has been a mirror the Soviet totalitarian model. Though Mongolia is now partially the free enterprise of one million Mongolians, the population, still live like characters in Easy Rider.

But Marx and Engels never really translated well into local dialects. Mongolia doesn't have a proletariat of peasant-farmers or bourgeoisie — just sheep and goats and Mongolians. Instead of thrusting Mongolia to new social heights, collectivization only wrecked the ancient economy and robbed the populace of their individual herds.

Matthew H. Hersch, a sophomore in the Department of Physics, is an opinion editor of The Tech.
Cold fusion still hot in the science community

Column by Jason Merkoski

The specter of scientific misconduct looms large over the whole cold-fusion community. It's clear that, as in the case of the so-called "cold-fusion pioneers" Martin Fleischmann and Stanley Pons, there are some in the field who are willing to bend the truth in the service of a cause that is greater than themselves. It's also clear that, as with any scientific community, there are those who will seek to exploit the weaknesses of others in order to further their own agendas. But, despite the missteps of a few, the cold-fusion community is still alive and well, and continuing to push the boundaries of what we know about science.

The US Postal Service is a prime example of how the cold-fusion community can still be successful. The US Postal Service is known for its innovative and creative approach to fundraising, and has been able to raise millions of dollars through the sale of stamps featuring cold-fusion-related artwork. This is a testament to the ingenuity of the cold-fusion community, and serves as a reminder of the potential for success that exists in this field.

As the cold-fusion community continues to grow and evolve, it will be interesting to see how it will adapt to the challenges that it faces. Will it remain true to its principles, or will it succumb to the pressures of a changing world? Only time will tell.
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Safe sex video uses community members as models

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Complaints distributed
during discussion

After the video was over, Israel discussed the risk of contracting the AIDS virus, and methods

Fewer rush charges filed this year

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positive comments.

David E. Gautier '92, rush chairman for Sigma Phi Epsilon, said, "I think it's one of the closest rushes run in (MIT's) history. It's a good sign that the system is working. Everyone played fair." He said that his house was not involved in the tri- als.

"We had no major problems. Any problem was immediately handled during rush," he added.

The most freshmen well-advised

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or changed advice. "This is probably the most advice I've given," Friedman said. The administra-
tion has stressed to all students the necessity of staying group meetings.

Students who had 

dropped their seminars because of the nature of their curriculum or the place they chose to live. Programs such as these require that students to have an advisor from the program. In addi-
tion, Wesley Hall has in-house advising and tutoring for all freshmen. Many freshmen who were involved in these alter-
native curricula were satisfied with the advising they received. "The associate advisor gave me good advice," said Sarah B. '95.

Those students who do choose to have an advisor have the opportunity to participate in in-house advising and are assigned a regular faculty

students could use to avoid con-
tacting the virus, including 

"I was very informative," she

added. Israeli gave audience members words of caution in order for them to "feel comfortable around them." She then demonstrated how to swim and remove a condom, using a tube of lubricant as her

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**Sunday, November 3**

The Graduate Management Admission Council presents its annual National MBA Fair from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Boston University's Agganis Arena. Admission is free and open to all high school seniors and college students. For more information, call 617/373-1709.

**Friday, November 8**

Outdoor Explorations, which provides wilderness programs for people with disabilities, presents a program for the visually impaired next Tuesday, Nov. 10. The “Hiking for the Visually Impaired” slide show at 7:30 p.m. will provide information on the use of various techniques for different situations. The program will be held in the MIT Student Center, 4-156. For more information, call 617/253-4696.

**Monday, November 9**

The Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Colloquium Series, presents Prof. Dimitri Antoniadis on "The Applications of Ultra-Short Optical Fiber Devices." The talk will be held at the MIT Student Center, 4-156, at 4 p.m. For more information, call 617/253-4696.

**Monday, November 16**

The Technology and Culture Seminar at MIT presents "Understanding the U.S. and the Far East: China," by Prof. Charles A. Griswold. The talk will be held at 1 p.m. in the MIT Student Center, 4-156, Room 4-150. For more information, call 617/253-4696.

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The Toronto International Festival of Festivals

“Sweet 16” birthday marred by dearth of new directorial talent

THE TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF FESTIVALS

By MANAVENDRA K. THAKUR

The Toronto International Festival of Festivals celebrated its 16th birthday this year. Once the festival was over, however, it became clear that the occasion wasn’t quite as sweet as originally hoped.

As usual, the festival screened hundreds of films from around the world and of every conceivable variety. The festival’s reputation as a cinematic Mecca for serious filmgoers continues to grow, and certainly the lines seem to get longer every year.

But perhaps due to circumstances beyond the control of the festival’s hard-working programmers, the overall quality of the films decreased palpably. While there were definite winners among the bunch, the festival showed more than the usual number of clunkers this year.

To be precise, this was a year when serious filmgoers had to look toward the established directors of contemporary interests and artists. No, the festival did not discover new talent. What could have caused this?

One is the tumultuous effects of the Persian Gulf war, and the second is the addition of three new film series to the Toronto festival line-up.

The Persian Gulf theory is that the war restricted people’s ability to travel, disrupted previously organized conferences and events and otherwise delayed many ongoing projects. It probably also prevented many projects from even starting in the first place.

The genesis of this theory came during this year’s Cannes film festival, where film quality was at an ebb, according to reports of critics attending that festival. While the Cannes festival organizers may be passing the buck, it is plausible that the war disrupted the lives of hundreds of thousands of people who could also have added financial economic and political risks for filmmakers and artists.

Clearly, the increased risks would affect more heavily the efforts of independent, first-time or unknown directors than it would those of directors with more established reputations. The exact nature and degree of influence of the war is debatable, but it does seem likely there would be some deleterious effect. That effect is being reflected in film festivals that attempt to survey the global filmmaking scene, as do Toronto and Cannes.

The other reason for the lack of new talent originated closer to home. This year’s festival included three new film series, and

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Toronto festival suffers from lack of new talent

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It is too early to decide whether or not this was a good idea. The series were, "Fort Cinema," for directors making their feature film debut, "Asian Horizons," for films from Asian countries (primarily Taiwan and Korea) and "Latin American Panorama," for films from Central and South America.

While the festival has long championed films of first-time directors and films from Asia, Latin America and other parts of the globe, sufficient numbers of high-quality films in each category might not exist. It seems likely that part of the reason why the influx of new talent seems hobbled by clunkers is that these three new series got off to a woebegone start. While the festival organizers do not have any control over global political and economic conditions, they can revise the selection criteria for these series. Otherwise, the new series risk undergirding the same gloziness that currently mars — rightly or wrongly — viewer's perceptions of the Perspective Canada series.

Last year the festival celebrated its 15th anniversary and the quality of films on display seemed at an all-time high. This year was to have been the festival's "Sweet 16," as two organizers described it in the program. Also, it was not. Still, if the overall quality can decline precipitously in just one year, it can also rise just as quickly in the next year. The Toronto International Festival of Festivals has always worked hard to earn its reputation as the cinematic Mecca of North America, and that gives one confidence and hope that next year's Festival will regain its stride.

(Editor's note: Reviews of films from the Toronto International Festival of Festivals will appear in Tuesday's issue.)

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Classical guitarist John Williams is the heir to the traditions established by Andres Segovia. His informal style is inviting, his technique brilliant and rigorous. Program will include works by Villa-Lobos, Visconti, Granados, Albéniz and Codona. A Bank of Boston Celebrity Series event.

Jordan Hall, November 1, 8 pm.
MIT prior $7.

Tickets are on sale at the Technology Community Association, W20-430 in the Student Center. Office hours posted on the door. Call 2-4885 for further information.

The Tech Performing Arts Series, a service for the entire MIT community, from The Tech, MIT's student newspaper, in conjunction with the Technology Community Association, MIT's student community service organization.

The Tech Arts Staff: Concerts • Movies

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Saturday, October 26
12 noon - 5 PM
OPEN TO MIT COMMUNITY

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Banquet
Cambridge Marriott
Friday, October 25
Reception 5:30, Dinner 7:30 PM
Members FREE, Non-members $15
Get tickets in Lobby 10
Monday 10/21 through Friday 10/25
MIT excels in Head of the Charles

By Jeff Kuehn

The MIT varsity rowing teams posted impressive results in Sunday's annual Head of the Charles regatta. MIT entered eight crews in the race, now the world's largest rowing event. In all, 985 rowers competed in 16 categories, with MIT crews entered in six events.

The heavyweight men had an encouraging day, with the varsity eight finishing eighth in a field of 30 and the junior varsity finishing 22nd, both in the club eight event. The varsity boat was three seconds short of finishing in the top five.

Coach Gordon Hamilton said, "The competition was really, really, very tight. We put in a good, solid effort. That started me salivating, thinking about the spring season." The heavyweights finished far ahead of Columbia University, which they will face again very early in the spring season. The heavies also entered a club four which finished 25th among 45 entrants.

The varsity women entered a crew in the club eight event as well, finishing 19th among 28. Further, the women entered a youth four and a youth eight, both for rowers 19 or under. These crews finished seventh of 19 and 16th of 21 in their respective fields:

In the afternoon, the lightweight men rowed an inspired race to finish in the top third of the lightweight eight championship event. The varsity eight finished 12th overall and sixth among 22 college entrants. Boating crews from Rutgers University, Dartmouth College, Tufts University and the US Navy, MIT posted their best showing in recent years. A finishing time of 16:15 put them less than one minute behind the US national team, 40 seconds behind the French national team and 36 behind the top college crew, from Harvard University. The junior varsity finished 28th in this event, ahead of several varsity teams.

All three varsity and all three freshman crews will be racing this Saturday in the MIT Invitational against Tufts, Boston College, Simmons and others. Races begin at 7:45 am and run all morning. The course begins at the MIT boathouse across from Baker House and finishes at the Harvard boathouse, just past the Anderson Bridge.

Jeff Kuehn '92 is captain of the varsity lightweight crew team.

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