Belly to Perform at Spring Weekend Concert

By Sarah Y. Keightley and Eva Moy

This year’s Spring Concert on April 23 will feature Kelly, with Cold Water Flat as the opening act. The concert will be held at the Boston Armory in Allston.

Cold Water Flat is a band consisting of three brothers, and they have been playing together for about three years. They are known for their folk-rock sound and their ability to get the crowd dancing.

Kelly is a pop rock band from the United States. They rose to fame in the late 1990s and have released several albums. Their music is popular among college students and has been featured in many films and TV shows.

The concert is free and open to all students, alumni, and their guests. It is sponsored by the Student Center Committee (SCC), which is responsible for coordinating and funding the annual Spring Weekend events.

The concert will feature several other bands, including Might Be Giants, which will be performing for the first time at Spring Weekend. They are a band from the Boston area that has been active since the early 1990s.

Students looking for a good time are encouraged to attend the concert. It is a great opportunity to enjoy some great music and support the Student Center Committee, which helps fund many of the activities on campus.

The concert will start at 9 p.m. and is expected to last until 11 p.m. It is recommended that students arrive early to secure a good spot in the crowd.

Students are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and shoes, as the concert will be taking place outside. Additionally, it is suggested that students bring water and snacks, as there may not be many food vendors available.

MIT and Amgen Ink 10-Year Pact

By Sarah Y. Keightley

MIT and Amgen, a biotechnology company, announced their agreement for a decade-long partnership.

Amgen will fund research efforts at MIT for a year for 10 years — in exchange for some patent and technology licensing rights on this research, according to the press release. The company will also use the research results to develop and manufacture pharmaceutical products.

Both sides are pleased with the collaborative arrangement.

"This agreement with Amgen represents an essential element in the kind of future I see for MIT — a synergy of basic research efforts at universities and long-term commitments by industry," said President Charles M. Vest in the press release.

"We are enthusiastic about this promising collaboration, which could serve as a model for industry-academia partnerships," said Gordon Binder, Amgen's chairman and chief executive officer, in the press release.

Permission is a 'definite plus'

Director for the Center of Cancer Research Richard O. Hynes PhD '71 said that the collaborative effort is similar to others that have been made between university scientists and corporations. "Fascinating talk to a companion all the time," he said.

Still, this agreement is unique because it is department-wide, and the donation is quite large, Hynes said.

"I think it's a good thing — a definite plus," Hynes said. "We'll see more arrangements like this. But it's a much bigger check than usual. It's amazing. It's very healthy," he said. Because government funding is rising too slowly, industry funding helps cover the increased expenses and enables more research projects to be carried out, he said.

"This university-industry collaboration will advance the already rapid pace of scientific discoveries in biology and other sciences," Vest said.

Scientists can make discoveries, but "we can't develop them to a point" where the public can use them, Hynes said. This is where the pharmaceutical companies can take the idea and develop it, he said.

The partnership between academia and industry is "beneficial to both parties" and the public in that it "leads to increased transfer of technology to the public," Hynes said.

Terms of the agreement

In the agreement, Amgen will donate $1.5 million to MIT for up to 10 years. MIT researchers who are interested in working with Amgen can initiate their own projects and publish articles on their work, though Amgen has some control over the research and its direction.

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"MIT and Amgen will jointly hold patents that are the result of the joint effort," said Provost Mark S. Wrighton.

Moreover, Amgen scientists can come to MIT as visiting scientists. To determine which projects will be pursued, Amgen will review regular proposals.
Clinton Signs Education Reform Plan into Law

By William J. Eaton

WASHINGTON

President Clinton signed into law the framework for his administration's nationwide education reform Thursday, telling hundreds of ele

mentsary school students here that the country now will have "world-class stan-

tary school in San Diego, where he is vacationing. "No one believes

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Success Report in Treatment Of Disease with Gene Therapy

By Rick Weiss

Marking a landmark achievement in the nascent field of genetic medicine, scientists Thursday received the first public glimpse of a gene-therapy technique to bring about lasting improvements in a disease that causes heart disease.

The experimental technique, which attempts to replace defective genes with normal ones, appears to have halted the progression of heart disease in a patient — a 30-year-old Que- beco-born pancreas transplant patient, whose disease had progressed despite current treatments.

The woman, one of five patients in the experiment, saw a pregnancy with normal development, for the first time since his disease began.

The patient, who requested that her identity remain secret, suffers from a disease called familial hypercholesterolemia, which causes cholesterol to rise to eight to 10 times normal levels, leading to clogged arteries and a greatly increased risk of heart disease.

The details of the ailment, called familial hypercholesterolemia, need bypass surgery and, for the most part, no treatment.

But that technique is not permanent, and doctors say that people with the disease can have their cholesterol levels repeatedly rechecked every few months — and that's what the patient said she intended to do.

In a statement issued on Thursday, the National Institutes of Health and the Massachusetts General Hospital's Institute for Human Gene Therapy announced the results of its research.

The experiment was not the first gene-therapy technique to be tried in the United States; NIH researchers tested that successful technique last year in a patient with a genetic defect related to heart disease.

They believed that the first gene-therapy procedure performed earlier this week by two Palestinian scientists might try to do in the weeks ahead, perhaps moving small pock- ets of treatments to various parts of the body and then to the entire body.

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Letters To The Editor

UROP Policy Changes Must Be Fixed

As a Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program “success story” and modest financial supporter of the program, I have been following the UROP funding issue and am deeply concerned.

While I suspect that the changes are due to nothing more than an oversight on the part of MIT’s negotiator with the government on accounting practices, it saddens me that people feel there is nothing to be done on the matter. Impossibly! In fact, the statements in Tuesday, March 29 issue of The Tech suggest a way to recover some, if not most, of the difference.

If the wages of a UROP student could be lowered, the level of student involvement could be maintained at near its present level. The matter is simply one of redirecting the employee benefit contributions back to the students. I do not think it is possible to give summer UROP students paid vacation to make up for a lower salary while maintaining the goals of the program. Nor do I feel that covering medical insurance would be attainable given the necessary negotiations. The employee benefit money collected on UROPs must somehow be shifted between accounts within MIT. To me the answer is clear: this money should be used to cover housing costs of UROP students in dormitories. If this does not extend the projected capital, you could issue each student a meal plan to make up the difference. You might also consider covering some of the “small” fees which MIT charges, for example, athletic cards fees. Surely such a plan will be justified if you can convince the right people of its importance.

I hope you will find some way to ensure that the UROP program continues its important mission with as many students as possible. While stop-gap measures, beginning with this summer, are important, the eventual goal must be to restore the waived-overhead status of UROP salary as quickly as possible.

Robert H. Kassel

One of the largest sperm banks in the United States is looking for donors.

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Forget To Turn In A Request For Fall Term Funding???

Don’t Worry. You still have time. If you are an ASA recognized student group that is more than 50% undergraduates, you can still apply for funding for the fall term of 1994-95. Just get a funding request form from the UA office in W20-402, fill it out and turn it in to the UA Finance Board office in W20-547 or the UA office. But be sure to get them in by Tuesday, April 5th, or you run the risk of not getting funded. If you have questions, stop by or call the office.
IFC TO PARTICIPATE IN SEVERAL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

The MIT IFC has several community service projects scheduled which will make it easier for individuals to get involved. Upcoming events include: the Hunger and Homelessness Project, the Walk for Hunger, the Goodwill collection, and Project LINKS.

The Hunger and Homelessness Project is scheduled for April 16. It enables each student to participate by pledging three hours of his or her time to help at Boston-area homeless shelters and soup kitchens. The project's goal is to encourage people to become more involved with helping the homeless. States IFC community relations chair Joel Huggins, "This will help make individuals more comfortable serving in local shelters on their own time."

It is the tenth annual Hunger and Homelessness Project. It's being headquartered in Boston for the first time ever. Several celebrities, including the current Miss America, will be in attendance. Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream and American Express are helping sponsor this event. They will be donating $600 worth of ice cream and American Express T-shirts to participants in the project.

The IFC will also continue to be involved with the Project LINKS program. The program is designed for MIT students to help Cambridge elementary schools by volunteering time and help. There are currently 120 MIT students involved with the project. Huggins would love to see this number increase this year. Those interested should contact their house's community relations chair.

The other upcoming projects include the annual Walk for Hunger, scheduled for May 1. On Saturday, May 14, Goodwill is planning to drop off several dumpsters near the independent living groups to make it more easily accessible for everyone to donate something to Goodwill.

These are some of the exciting community service projects scheduled for the spring term. States Huggins, "It is easy to get involved, so just do it!"

STUDENTS RAISE $172,000 AT ANNUAL ALUMNI TELETHON

$172,000 were raised at the 1994 Alumni Telethon. 400 MIT students helped in this effort to gain monetary support from the alumni. Of the 5048 alumni who called, 2913 donated money to MIT.

The independent living groups were rated on a point system based on how much they helped to make the telethon a success. Alpha Phi, who had 34 sisters volunteer, finished in first place. Delta Tau Delta and McCormick Hall finished close behind.

Some of the money donated by the alumni will be given directly to the Independent Residence Development Fund (IRDF). The IRDF gives low interest loans to ILG's which are making improvements to their houses, or in some cases, buying a house.

States Emily Berkowitz, program manager for the Alumni Association, "One of the key reasons why the telethon was successful this year was that 228 people donated money this year for the first time ever."

Berkowitz adds, "Even though this year was a success, if more living groups got involved as Alpha Phi and the other top groups, the next telethon could easily be more successful than this year's.

"Since some of the money will be donated to the IRDF, your living group will possibly benefit directly from the money that is donated. So remember, this is an annual event. If you missed the chance this year, jump at the opportunity next year."

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GREEK WEEK 1994
SET FOR SEPT. 18-24

The IFC Greek Week committee is already preparing for Greek Week 1994 scheduled for September 18-24. This year's theme is 'Let the Games Begin' and will conclude that evening with the annual Greek Week Ball to be held at Walker Memorial.

If you would like to help plan the 1994 Greek Week, call Alison Walters at x5-8228 or email awalters@mit.
Above the Rim

Directed by Jeff Pollack.

Written by Barry Michael Cooper
and Jeff Pollack.

Starring Duane Martin, Tupac Shakur,
Marlon Wayans, Leon, and Bernie Mac.

By Christopher Chiu

April 1, 1994

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The movie itself is about Kyle-Lee Wilson (Duane Martin), a high school basketball phen-om whose talents are about to be noticed by Gram- town. As the film develops, a struggle ensues over who will control his future. Through his best friend Bugaloo (Marlon Wayans), Kyle is introduced to Birdie (Tupac Shakur), a ruthless drug dealer who always sports a smile on his face and a razor in his mouth. Birdie tries to recruit Kyle to work for him using money and women as bait. Birdie has two foreboding forces working against him, though: Malika (Trent Pinkston), the boy's mother, and Shep (Leon), a former high school basketball star who now works as a security guard. This rather central conflict isn't the only thing that happens after-school TV special; what saves the story is the refreshing way Pollack presents the simple plot could have been cribbed from a simple film. While the movie is about Kyle, Shep, and Birdie, the security guard and the drug dealer, were, even though they were born to the same parents, they could not be more different. Kyle is handsome and restrained. He never shows emotion. To be exact, he never shows just how much hurt there is on the inside. The problem is, he never will stand his ground, neither on the court nor in his personal life, which is why he remains only a security guard.

On the other hand, Birdie is ramboyst and extravagant in his clothes, in his spending habits, and even in how he marks his enemies. He is restrained, but in a different way. He never shows his true emotions unless he is outside of the general public's eye. Birdie's difficulty is that he must rely on his henchmen more simply to stay alive; the threat of being gunned down by his adversaries is always there. As for Kyle, he is an only child, but for much of the movie he thinks everyone owes him something.

Kyle's mother is under the most pressure of all the characters, for she must work hard to support herself and her son. However, while Kyle, Shep, and Birdie are all physically stronger than Malika, her self-reliance makes her stronger than any of them. At last the meaning of Birdie's aphorism is clear. What Pollack is trying to tell us is that self-reliance, to be able to support yourself and be secure in your abilities, is a source of strength. During the course of the film, Kyle must learn that the world does not revolve around him. He must do things for himself to improve his chances of getting into college, rather than waiting for schools to call him. This is the very idea of strength and weak-ness that makes the characterizations so mov-ing. With the exception of Kyle's mother, every character has their own Achilles heel. Kyle is a superb basketball player, but he tends to be too selfish. This gets him in trou-bl everywhere: on the basketball court he misses opportunities for his teammates by score by taking every shot himself and never passing the ball. Off the court, he never treats the people around him — his mother, his coach (David Bailey), Shep — with enough respect. Shep is the best basketball talent in the neighborhood, but he is, as Kyle's mother put it, a "nummier." He always runs away from his problems rather than standing up to them and trying to solve them. He is haunted by memories of his best friend (and teammate) falling off a rooftop and his lack of success as a basketball player outside of high school. Birdie has money, women, and weapons, but his scene relationships will not be an embarras-sment to him, and he is insecure about his physical strength. Kyle's coach, is a hard working, honest man who really doesn't know how to motivate kids who are one-fourth of his age. Bugaloo is a wonderful comedian and has street smarts, but he never knows how to be serious, when to laugh, and when to cry.

This explains what makes Above the Rim so memorable. The movie presents a vivid study of how each of these characters tries to succeed at life. Just as in basketball, each man sees his strengths to overcome weaknesses: not just physical weaknesses, but mental ones as well. With itsGarfield theme, Above the Rim may very well be one of the finest films of the year.

Monks' exquisite Chant tops charts, surprises all

CHANT

Post-Roman Records.

By J. Michael Andresen

April 1, 1994

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Perchance the music world moves in circles, as the fashion world purportedly does. If this is the case, then the latest popular group from Spain has found an unlikely popular sensation. The monks, however, aren't relishing their appearance. Still, the monks are quite baffled by it, he never shows emotion. To be exact, he never shows just how much hurt there is on the inside. The problem is, he never will stand his ground, neither on the court nor in his personal life, which is why he remains only a security guard.

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ON THE SCREEN

The film is merely a vehicle for the staggering (Anna Nicole Smith), and a scheme to neutralize terrorists. Sometimes the acting appears more brain-dead than the plot, as transparent as ever, centers around a production values are appealing and transcendent.

providing an effective retaliation against England's tendency to bring freedom to the Continent. Quite simply, it ranks as one of the best films of 1993. —Scott Anderson

Naked Gun 33 1/3: The Final Insult

From what was promised to be the final chapter in an unpretentious trilogy, this film offered a riveting portrayal of a young man named Jerry Colson who is convicted, along with friends and family, of an IRA bombing of a British pub in 1974. The film addresses the grave injustice that the British government dealt the Colsons, but it uses the relationship in prison between Jerry and his friend Guiseppie (an excellent Pete Postlethwaite) to carry the film's message of hope and redemption. Director Jim Sheridan's pro-IRA bias provides an effective retaliation against England's tendency to make Ireland a scapegoat for the IRA's actions. And Emma Thompson gives a solid performance as the lawyer who struggles to win an appeal for the Colsons

The writing is hilarious, and he shines in his first starring role. Playing Ace Ventura — the lawyer who struggles to win an appeal for the Colsons — is extremely powerful, and brings to light one of the most striking feature of the film is the impeccably funny. Carrey's facial and vocal caricature of a man running from the law in this comedy by Ted Demme. After goofing up a burglary, the couple's son and various in-laws. The film is full of funny scenes, most dominated by Leary, but there are also serious moments. Both sides of the spectrum are acted well by the whole cast. —Kamal Swamidoss.

Philadelphia

His Hollywood idea that "AIDS is really about discrimination and human dignity. Tom Hanks is the HIV-positive lawyer who alleges he was fired from his prestigious law firm because of AIDS discrimination, and Denzel Washington is the homophobic lawyer that agrees to take his suit to court. The film's power lies in its message, but at times it suffers from Jonathan Demme's heavy-handed direction, distorting stilted sentiment for raw emotion. Still, the performances of Hanks, Washington, and a fine supporting cast carry the film to a near-triumphant conclusion.

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es, the survey will also be made available through the Athena Computing Environment. From any Athena workstation, a user will be able to fill out an electronic form. The survey can be saved in a user's home directory and worked on, during more than one session before it is submitted, McGavern said.

The Athena version of the survey will be available from the day the survey is delivered to students until the end of April, McGavern said.

Instructions for using the Athena version will be distributed with the paper survey. Questions about the electronic survey and any problems with the survey will be general can be sent by electronic mail to senior-survey@mit.edu.

Respondents will remain confidential. Each student was assigned a code number that will be used to link survey responses and de-identify students.

Only the Registrar will know which name goes with a code number, but the Registrar will not receive survey data, according to the survey instructions.

The survey is divided into six major sections. Respondents are asked 22 short-answer questions, ranking statements on a scale of one to four, and a few open-ended questions.

"Some test marketing [suggested] it would be worth it to do a short- answer questionnaire, but the results were not all that we hoped for," Merritt said.

"We found that the fact that this is the end of term and the seniors are feeling all kinds of pressure," Merritt said. "We hope they can salvage a half-hour to do this," Merritt said.

Stanford provides model

Stanford University has performed senior surveys for many years, and their survey served as a model for the MIT survey, Merritt said.

Merritt was particularly pleased to note that Stanford's survey has resulted in concrete changes being made. "The data they have gathered from the senior surveys has prompted substantial changes in curriculum and instructional style within several of our academic departments," Merritt said.

The survey was developed by the Educational Studies Working Group and the Dean for Undergraduates in Instruction and Student Affairs. The EZWG includes administrators from the Admissions Office, the Registrar, Information Systems, the Planning Office, Career Services, and the Dean's Office.

The first section of the MIT survey is about experiences in study areas and asks 12 short-answer questions about how satisfied students were with specific areas of their department — and how important that area was. The survey asks about the quality of instruction, advising, laboratory facilities, and many other areas.

"One question asks about the age-old chestnut pace and pressure," Merritt said. "It asks, first of all, what about this pace and pressure? Was it too bad for you or was it a pace you enjoyed?"

"Some students expect the pressure and thrive on it. Others are destroyed by it. Then the second part [of the question] was, what was the best part of doing this pressure?" Merritt continued.

Many of the questions asked in departmental programs are repeated in the second section, which is focused on the freshman year. Questions are asked about the quality of instruction, students' enjoyment of subjects, and the amount of contact with instructors outside of class.

There are also questions specific to the freshman program. The survey asks about Residence Orientation Week, the freshman credit limit, and punishing record grading.

Other sections of the survey cover

1/3 student life, including questions about living groups, student activities, and jobs during the semester.

1/3 financing an undergraduate's education, including questions about how students paid for their education and how much debt they accumulated.

1/3 student's future plans, including a question about which programs students know well enough to write a letter of recommendation.

A section of general questions concludes the survey.

Past efforts informal

Past efforts to collect graduating students' reactions were more informal. Several departments conducted their own surveys and Associate Provost for Institute Life Samuel J. Keyser asked students to write him letters about their experiences.

Keyser stopped asking for letters a few years ago, when the number of responses declined.

Keyser "got a lot of very picturesque and sometimes inflamed language. There was no way you could get a representative view of the class," Merritt said.

It has been difficult to draw general conclusions about students' reactions from past efforts. "If we don't know the real feelings of students, we are relating anecdotes, impressions, and things we think most students are feeling or saying, but that we don't really have any evidence," McGavern said.

There are no definite plans to conduct another senior survey in the future. But if the response for this year's survey is strong, the Dean's Office may consider conducting a survey of graduating classes, or it may conduct a survey of this year's past efforts in a few years from now to find out if graduates feel differently about their experience at MIT.

Belly to Perform at SCC's Spring Weekend Concert

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James L. Russell '95. He said he will definitely not attend the concert.

However, his co-worker at the 24-Hour Coffee House, Mary A. Frye '95, said that the students who listen to Boston's alternative radio station WFNX are "familiar with the band for the most part" since Belly has "a couple of songs that were big." Still, Frye said she probably will not go to the concert because she does not listen to Belly's music.

On the other hand, Karen W. Ho '94 said that Belly is a great band and she is definitely going to the concert.
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ball coming out to the 37, coaches may opt to let their punters "pooch" the ball and pin the opposition without a kick.

Another rule change that may backfire on the Lord's of Gridiron is moving the kickoff back to the 35-yard line, done to increase the number of kickoff returns, and hopefully, the number of kicks run back for a TD. While this may be the case initially, coaches will catch on and either kick the ball out of bounds or squib kick it to the up-backs. Worse yet, this will likely cause teams to carry two kickers (a field goal kicker and a "long distance" kickoff specialist) like the Giants' David Treadwell and Brad Dallesio. This will take an important roster spot away from another playroster spot away from another player.

Lastly, the NFL should stop trying to imitate Arena Football and heed your humble scribes' advice about a rule change: make a safety worth 5, not 2, points. A safety is an impressive team accomplishment (coordination of efforts by offense, defense, and special teams), and should be worth more than a field goal, but less than a TD. Moreover, in the hierarchy of football scoring that all bookies have memorized, a safety should beat a touchdown. Of course, if the same jamokes who installed the 2-point conversion have anything to say about it, the 5-point safety will have as much chance of going through as a Libertarian Party candidate Howard Stern does winning the election for governor of New York.

It's nice to see another former professional athlete whining once his record has been broken. It started with Jim Brown and continued with Wilt Chamberlain. The great ones just aren't able to live with the idea that someone else will eclipse their records on paper, even though they will still be revered as great.

This past week, after Wayne Gretzky broke Gump Worsley's once-immortal record of 801 goals scored, Howe turned to trumping his own record rather than congratulating Wayne. Instead of saying how Gretzky is a class act (The Great One still says that Howe is his idol), had a booby in his head and is well deserved of the scoring record, Howe went on to proclaim that he still is the all-time leading scorer because he scored 171 goals in the WHA, goals not counted in his NHL total of 801. Of course when Wayne scores 1,800 this will all be moot.

The death of Eugene Ionesco reminds us of these two items from the real-life version of "The Theater of the Absurd," professional boxing. First, racon-de-jelice, Roberto Duran knocked out something named Terry Thomas in a super lightweight fight in Mississippi on Tuesday night. Unlike George Foreman or Larry Holmes, Duran will never again be able to beat the top- ranked fighters in his weight class, he ought to return to Panama and live off his still tremendous popular name before he really gets hurt (see Vinny Pazienza). Second, Mer- rill Ray Mercer has been acquired by trying to bribe Jesse "The Body" Ferguson during their first fight. Although his loss to Ferguson was recently avenged, Mercer lost a big payday versus Riddick Bowe and his credibility as a heavyweight champion. Maybe this will teach Mercer the lesson: either bribe your opponent before the fight, or else make sure your opponent's name rhymes with Mommy Morrison.

Some People Commit Child Abuse Before Their Child Is Even Born.

According to the surgeon general, smoking by a pregnant woman may result in a child's premature birth, low birth weight and fetal injury. If that's not child abuse, then what is?

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Football's Rule Changes May Backfire in the End

Everett Moore Baker Memorial Foundation and the Award for Outstanding Teaching

On December 8, 1950, on the way back from a humanitarian trip to Egypt, Everett Moore Baker, then Dean of Students at MIT, died when his plane crashed onto the desert. During his tenure at the Institute he made such impact on undergraduate life that the students of MIT wanted to keep the memory of his name, his work, and his spirit alive, so that generations of students who had never had to opportunity to meet this man could remember his contributions to improving life at MIT.

Thus the Everett Moore Baker Memorial Foundation was born.

The purpose of the Foundation is to implement programs to improve the life of undergraduate students. Among other legacies, the Foundation helped to start Freshmen Associate Advising. More recently, we were involved with advocating the more of more signs around the Institute to help freshmen, visitors, and others new to the campus, in getting around our confusing system of interconnected buildings.

Perhaps the best-known of our current projects is the Everett Moore Baker Award for Outstanding Teaching. It is fitting that the only teaching award presented each year to faculty chosen by undergraduates bears the name of Everett Moore Baker, for the quality of teaching at MIT has a great impact on our undergraduate educational experience.

The life of a professor at MIT is not an easy one -- like students, they often have to deal with pressure from many directions and juggle their different academic responsibilities. Consider acknowledging your professors that you feel have paid noteworthy attention to their teaching responsibilities by nominating them for the Baker Teaching Award.

Nomination forms will be arriving in your mailbox soon. If you have any questions, are interested in joining the Baker Foundation, have any project ideas which you would like to see carried out, or would like to email your nomination to us, please contact the Foundation members at baker_foundation@mit.edu.

Nominations must be RECEIVED by: Friday, April 8th

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Arkansas will have no conscience when it comes to shooting the rock, from downtown. Arkansas' deep bench (the best from 9th to 13th in the country) allows Coach Richardson to play a faster pace and freestyle style of ball. Although Luke Olson will play nine players, he will stick with the starting five. Look for victorious pig squeals both Saturday and Monday night as Sir Vixes Arkansas prevailing with Williamson tapping in the winning basket, 92-90.

Florida vs. Duke: Low Kruger has done an excellent job against the zone. However, his past efforts have been nullified by how Michigan and Louisville have been parked in the tournament. What Detroit did not do was play a three-guard set of Arizona, they have trouble matching up against Jevon Crudup in check (Mizzou), but Crudup is no Corliss Beck are all on the court together), (i.e., Scotty Thurman for the Hogs). 6-9 towards demanded attention. Michigan had success against the three guard set of Arizona, they have trouble matching up against Jevon Crudup in check (Mizzou), but Crudup is no Corliss Beck are all on the court together), (i.e., Scotty Thurman for the Hogs). 6-9 towards demanded attention. Michigan had success against the three guard set of Arizona, they have trouble matching up against Jevon Crudup in check (Mizzou), but Crudup is no Corliss Beck are all on the court together), (i.e., Scotty Thurman for the Hogs). 6-9 towards demanded attention. 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Three Women Gymnasts Compete at National Meet

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half somersault dismount and emerged with an outstanding season with her bar score of 7.5 and all-around total of 33.75 that left her ranked 16th in the nation overall. Not just missed qualifying for the finals round on the balance beam by only 0.05.

Rocchio began her meet on the balance beam where she was seeded in the gold medal position. After missing a gorgeous and difficult handstand and performing the joystick dismount, she dismounted, fell off the handstand and landed on her head. She then missed her second dismount on double bars and earned her 5th place, and Rocchio's team's combined scores of 17.55 assured MIT of the firepower to win the title for their performances.

Rocchio, competing on the floor exercise as well, landed an even stronger double back than the day before and received another 9.3, which was the 6th highest score of the day. Combined with her score from the previous day, her total of 18.6 put her in 8th place.

Overall, the three All-American titles brought home by the MIT gymnasts, combined with the excellent performances by Solled, assures MIT of the firepower to make sure that next year's season will be the best ever for women's gymnastics at MIT.

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Ultimate Goes 3-2 At N.C. Tournament

By Andrew Kirmse

Last weekend, the MIT Ultimate Frisbee team traveled to Wilmington, Del., to play in the AIAW College Eastterns tournament. The team went 3-2 in a field of 24 teams from as far away as Singapore.

In a welcome contrast from Boston College’s ultimate team, which often came in the heat and clear and warm. A strong gusty wind necessitated a zone defense, in other words, not enough to commit mistakes. In the first game against the University of Virginia, MIT started sluggishly and fell to a 5-1 defeat. After a long battle and several key missed opportunities, MIT was tied 2 apiece, forcing a win-by-two overtime. UVA had two chances to put the game away, but MIT came back to win 16-14.

The wind sailed for the next game against the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, last year’s national collegiate champions. After again falling behind 5-1, MIT pulled out a trick defense that shut down Wilmington completely and brought their lead down to 6-5. Wilmington’s superior athleticism and stifling man-to-man defense finally brought them victory, 11-7, after the game was time-capped.

With an 13-5 victory over the University of Vermont next, MIT found themselves ranked second in their pool going into Sunday’s games. While the top seeds earned byes, MIT played last-ranked Williams College in an extremely b lack and white game. With many team members missing, Williams fell 13-3. MIT lost to North Carolina State 11-5, which ended their tournament.

Easterns was an opportunity for MIT to see some of the best Ultimate teams from around the country, as well as some local rivals who also made the trip. The next tournament is April 2 at Rutgers University.

The women’s lacrosse team defeats the Elms College Blazers, 29-6, Thursday afternoon.

By Catherine Rocchio

While the average MIT student was busily preparing to head off on a week long vacation for Spring Break, two weeks ago, three members of the women’s gymnastics team headed off to Philadelphia to compete in the Division III National Gymnastics Championships. Janet Sholled ’97 was making a return appearance at the tournament after competing in last year’s event while rookie standouts Helen Luna ’97 and Tani Chiarenza ’97 were making their debut.

The meet, hosted by Ursinus College, boasted competitors from across the nation with teams from Minnesota and Wisconsin dominating the field. Both Rocchio and Sholled qualified into the meet as all-arounders (competing on all four events). Chiarenza, suffering from a recently torn anterior cruciate ligament in her knee, was forced to decline her all-around berth to compete on the uneven bars only.

Good news for NFC East teams: Now that Johnson has skipped town, the Dallas Cowboys are ridding themselves of Jimmy Johnson’s money last fall and appalled that he didn’t get as much credit as John- son did for turning the Boyz around. This is not to say that coach lThis is not to say that

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