President Vest Welcomes Freshmen

By Romy A. Arnaut

President Charles M. Vest, incoming Dean for Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs Rosalind H. Williams, and Undergraduate Association President Carrie K. Mah '96 were on hand to welcome the freshmen to MIT at the annual freshman convocation yesterday.

The speakers — including Professor of Biology Eric Lander as keynote — had motivational words of introduction and advice for the Class of 1999. Above all they urged that students learn actively, both from faculty and from each other, appreciate their cultural diversity, and enjoy the intellectual adventure they take part in here.

Vest began by impressing on the freshmen that their real lives have definitely begun. "[You may think] the next four years will prepare you for the real world," he said. "It's time to get yourself out of this preparation mindset. Real life begins today, right here at the Institute."

Success in that life — and in the world beyond — will take teamwork, Vest told the audience of more than 1,100. "Leadership and teamwork are very closely interdependent — they feed on each other," he said. Moreover, despite the "perceived tension between individual achievement and group accomplishment" and the natural sense of competition in academia, modern organizations deal with problems so complex that teamwork is essential, he said.

Vest and the others urged the freshmen to take advantage of everything MIT and the Institute have to offer for the welfare of their living groups and not for the freshmen," Herschberg said.

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MIT mascot Tim Beaver got involved in Project MOYA yesterday, doing "a trust fall" with one of the groups of freshmen. More MOYA photos are on pages 6-7.

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China Releases Human Rights Activist Harry Wu

By Maggie Farley

Harry Wu, the Chinese-American human rights activist, abruptly walked out of a courtroom on Wednesday morning trial, showing no signs of remorse before his trial. As a result of Zaire's brief, gun-point action, it seemed there was a break-through in the situation as Chinese authorities seemed to accommodate both parties. The verdict and expulsion seemed to accommodate both the hard-line factions here, who regarded the Chinese-born Wu as the ultimate traitor for his exposes on China's human rights abuses.

The world had watched closely as the Chinese regime's handling of Wu's case had culminated in a momentous decision that the following facts show that I have disregarded the interests of the Chinese government and the Chinese people directly or indirectly and that I have violated Chinese laws, the news service quoted Wu as saying in a letter he had written to the court before his trial.

Some of the descriptions in that publicized confession — such as the claim that he was beaten and forced to sign the confession — were strikingly similar to passages in Wu's memoirs about the torture he endured at the hands of the Chinese authorities. Wu had referred to being beaten and forced to sign documents.

China's state television broadcast a scene from Wu's four-hour Wednesday trial from inside a Chinese courtroom, police cars, children, and women sitting on the ground in the foreground. As a result of Zaire's brief, gun-point action, it seemed there was a break-through in the situation as Chinese authorities seemed to accommodate both parties.

Photojournalism Pioneer Alfred Eisenstaedt Dies at 96

By Gerard Roe

Alfred Eisenstaedt, a pioneer of modern photojournalism whose camera recorded many of the historic photographs of World War II including that of a soldier kissing a nurse on New York's Times Square to celebrate V-J Day, has died at 96.

Eisenstaedt, who lived in New York City, died late Wednesday of cardiovascular disease at his home in Manhattan, his friend William Mark's announced Thursday.

One of Life magazine's first four photographers, Eisenstaedt was working for the magazine when he took the iconic Times Square photo. It became a Life cover, a symbol of the end of the war, and a defining moment in American culture.

He was perhaps best known for his candid photographs of the famous; Eisenstaedt seemed to have the talent to bring out the essence of an era and capture the spirit of a moment.

"You know," said Eisenstaedt a few years ago in the German accent that never left him, "It's strange. I have photographed literally from 1920s but I am not afraid of them no matter who I was shooting.

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Manatee Making 2,000-Mile Trip Ditches His Transmitter

Cheesie, the wayward manatee whose 2,000-mile trip up the East Coast has captivated the attention of biologists and marine life enthusiasts, has quietly disappeared from the public eye after shucking his transmitter this week in Connecticut waters.

"We believe he's on a southward track, returning to warmer waters," said Chris Stawski to photograph you with a camera in my hand.

New Orders for Durable Goods Fall Unexpectedly

By John Balzar

New orders for durable goods such as cars, computers and industrial machinery unexpectedly fell a 1.7 percent last month, the Commerce Department reported Thursday.

More than three-fourths of the decline in orders received by manufacturers resulted from a 19.7 percent decrease in new orders for manufacturing in March. The production and employment in that part of the economy weakened this week in Connecticut waters.

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"I am too happy to really tell my feelings," she said.

She had left international leaders hard to press the Chinese to release the human rights activist. The Chinese regime had urged Hillary Clinton to boycott the international women's conference.

Rwandan Refugees Endure Resistance on Road Home

By Gary Rosen

At dawn, families by the hundreds rolled up their bed mats, folded their plastic tents, scraped their faces, and moved to the road. The refugees were heading back towards Rwanda, embarking on a 200-mile trek to begin expulsions of Rwandan refugees. It was time to go home, families had lost.

Then, on the roadside, they sat.

All Thursday long. It was a blinding sun, and the refugees had little water.

Once again, Rwanda's refugees found themselves pawns in the tor- tured politics of central Africa. The issue of their repatriation should go home. The U.N. has been trying to coax them back to Rwanda, urging them to return home.

The world community has said it can no longer pay the $100 million a year for them. The government of Rwanda has been urged by the U.N. to find ways of accommodating more than 1 million refugees for 14 months now, and he was eager to begin forcing some 15,000 of them across the border.

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By Garrett Rose

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Ethnic Discontent in Russia: Growing after Communist Era

By Carol J. Williams
KAZAN, RUSSIA

On a tiny island near Kazan, the capital of Tatarstan, an American law professor who lost his job because of his ethnic background found a way to build a fence.

"When I was little, I used to dream of blowing up that monu-
mement," he said. But the professor, who has lived in Russia for 14 years, now is content to guard the fence around the Balta Bistennaya Monument, which was erected to commemorate the death of three American diplomats in 1920.

"I am not interested in a breakup of Russia, because no single entity could survive on its own," he said.

U.S. Secretary-General Proposes Major Withdrawal from Croatia

By Stanley Meisler

Washington, D.C.

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"We are here to protect our people. We are not like the Israelis," he said.

"But now I think it should remain," he said. "We are not going to be a reminder of the futility of blowing up that monument."

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**OPINION**

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During your stay at MIT, you will meet living proof of this simple dictum. Modern science has nearly established that facial hair looks bad on everyone (my department's faculty excluded, of course). More importantly, half-grown undergrad beard drool will bring with them the following dubious advantages: (1) The Committee on Discipline may confuse beard undergrads with the SIP office for the duration of the semester. (2) Beard undergrads may be forced to play "Magic: The Gathering" in the Fristbowl cluster. (3) The housing selection algorithm will be reversed for beard undergrads; automatically assigning them to Beakley Hall. (4) Beard undergrads will never be able to get rid of the smell of Aromark food that always clings to their facial hairs.

And, of course, (5) beard undergrads will not be allowed to join sororities. So if you get nothing else out of this column, freshmen, remember this: Don’t grow a beard; you’ll look like an idiot.

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Off Course

By H. Ayala

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Project MOYA

Photos by Carol Cheung, Amy Hsu, and Eva Moy.

Yesterday afternoon on Briggs Field the Class of 1999 participated in Project Move Off Your Assumptions, led by volunteer upperclassmen.

(Top) Following the convocation in Kresge Auditorium, freshmen found their group leaders by matching cards the volunteers held up around Kresge Oval to assignments they received during registration on Wednesday.

(Center) One of the many MOYA activities required that groups of freshmen find a way to retrieve a water filled can from the center of a circle they were not allowed to walk into. Although many groups succeeded in removing the can, methods varied widely, including this group which managed to fully suspend one of their lighter members.

(Bottom) Another group activity required that freshmen, while blindfolded, group themselves with others who had been assigned to the same animal, while only allowed to communicate using the sound of their assigned animal.

(Bottom Left) Although most of the activities yesterday were planned well in advance, some groups finished early and continued to play together.

(Top Left) Another blindfolded game required that freshmen line up in order of height, without looking at each other or talking.
The key of the whole story, and the reason for so much of the humerous lines of dialogue. But Pocahontas falls short of its predecessors on these points. The writers do not adequately develop the romantic relationship between Pocahontas and John Smith, and the trademark-Disney exciting, climactic fight scene in which good conquers evil is indiana, predictable, and disappointing. But overall, Pocahontas is in itself an entertaining movie, replete with many funny and poignant moments. More importantly, it contains a timely message that speaks out against discrimination and emphasizes the importance of respect for all people and the environment. At least there are a few less minutes in length. Pocahontas is successful in delivering its audience a brief but intimate love story.

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Pocahontas overflows with many trade- marks of a Disney animated film: a bewitching heroine with great marketing potential, a villain who takes his character flaws to an unhealthy extreme, catchy songs and animal characters that have more personality than most of the humans. There are, however, other important qualities that audiences have come to expect from Disney flicks, such as dafting animation, an entertaining story, and humorous lines of dialogue. But Pocahontas falls short of its predecessors on these points. The writers do not adequately develop the romantic relationship between Pocahontas and John Smith, and the trademark-Disney exciting, climactic fight scene in which good conquers evil is indiana, predictable, and disappointing. But overall, Pocahontas is in itself an entertaining movie, replete with many funny and poignant moments. More importantly, it contains a timely message that speaks out against discrimination and emphasizes the importance of respect for all people and the environment. At least there are a few less minutes in length. Pocahontas is successful in delivering its audience a brief but intimate love story.

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★★ First Knight

This latest in Hollywood escapism infuses the King Arthur myth with modern themes, but unfortunately forgets about the magic. Richard Gere plays a cocky Lancelot, who, when he's not riveting the continent as we know it, is now the new Guy Guinevere. Unfortunately for him, she's already betrothed to Sean Connery's King Arthur, and so Lancelot's heart is broken. First Knight has a lot going for it — Ormond's subtle performance is reasonably convincing. But Connery is wasted as King Arthur. Though he looks and sounds the part, his character flaws to an unhealthy extreme. The rest of the film is devoted to the Mariner's misanthropic tendencies being subdued by his two annoying female companions and the Smokers chasing grace to the tin.

To be fair, Waterworld gets most of the effects across nicely: The trimaran sure looks neat, and the semi-comic actions of the Smokers on jet skis flying off ramps during the attack on the atoll had me rolling in the aisles. But every aspect of this production was handled much better (and for a lot less money) in The Road Worder. Hopper appropriately goes over the top as the main villain, but Tripplehorn's character is unnecessary and Margera is cloyingly cute to the point of nauseous. Coster, as the strong, silent hero, is merely adequate.

In short, Waterworld (already a month in general release) looks like a well-made but expensive flop. Although the special effects look nice on the big screen, the film probably doesn't lose much of its campy grandeur on video. Case in point: The film's grandiose musical score gives way to Harry Manx's "Fiercely Gurne" theme during a visual tour of the Smokers' industrial facility. A little more humor like that could have made this film something more than the standard action-movie replay it is.

By Scott Deskin
By the tech arts staff

On the Screen

★★★★ Apollo 13

Tom Hawks takes his Oscar-winning ways to the moon in Apollo 13. The film offers astronaut Jim Lovell's account of the nearly disastrous real-life mission to the moon in the spring of 1970; when things go wrong on board Apollo 13, it's up to Hawks — I mean, Lovell — to hold the crew together so they all get home safely. The cast for Apollo 13 works well together, having met up on several fronts in the past. Hawks gives another solid performance in this film, but tid Harris, as the main professor on Mission Control, has the best, most understated role. One of the movie's problems is that the script is too formulaic and casts the performances too much to the caricatures that they are: dependable family man Lovell; slightly insecure family man Haise; and, of course, the unforgiving attitude of Mother Nature toward the production.

One looks past all the hype and egos sur-}

rounding the project. Waterworld isn't so bad. Especially an alternate version (i.e., ripoff) of the post-apocalyptic George Miller's epic The Road Worder, Waterworld generates a fair amount of tough-and-tumble excitement which, in gets some.

In the future, a narrator ominously tells the audience, the polar ice caps have melted, sub- mersing the continents as we know them. A character known only as the Mariner (Cost- ner) has adapted to this new world, sailing around on a sunbaked, gizmo-enhanced trimaran and generally keeping to himself. He has no body scout. In an early sequence he leaves a sailor defenestrates to a band of menacing "Smokers" on jet skis, while he makes his escape. Robin Hood, eat your heart out.

When the Mariner arrives at an atoll trad- ing post, he makes some deals by exchanging his dirt for goods. (In Waterworld, dirt — a symbol of the elusive "Dryland" — is as valu- able as gold.) But when the locals learn that
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remains in his rehabilitation program), Bell, All-Star second baseman Craig Bigg-
or, and catcher Tony Eusebio will be asked to carry the league's most potent
payroll in the National League final.
Local Area Banks Offer Variety of Student Packages

By Eva Muy STATE STAFF

Choosing a bank is usually one of the first priorities of incoming students. Students should consider more than monthly fees and interest rates — convenience, service, and the ability to add features such as overdraft protection and bank credit cards are important elements of bank packages.

Most banks allow both checking and savings withdrawals, as well as money transfers and balance inquiries. Some banks charge a service fee for automated teller machine transactions made at machines owned by another bank, called "out-of-network" transactions.

Kemp, senior personal banker at Cambridge Trust Company in Kendall Square, offers a few suggestions to students shopping around for a bank. "First of all, [look for] the convenience of banking," she said. Reasonable prices are also important for students who cannot maintain a high balance. A longer-term relationship may emphasize the importance of good service. "That's what sets us apart from the bigger banks," she said.

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Shawmut Bank

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Kemp, senior personal banker at Cambridge Trust Company, said. "We're having fun, but some of the novice runners feel like they're not keeping up with the rest of us," she said. "But they're all too preoccupied with their softer godlike enterprises to be bothered by that. You're a central part of their mission here." In fact, nine times out of ten, professors cite the student as their reason for coming to MIT, he said.

To this end, Vest encouraged students to involve themselves in the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, although he noted that most students do not hold UROP projects during their first term here.

Williams echoed Vest's greeting, welcoming students "not only to MIT, but also to adulthood," and also put her new office at their service. "I'm welcoming you not only as a faculty member, but also as a 'younger you.'" said Williams, who officially takes office next Friday.

"And I stress the 'you,' because while there are many administrative people who share responsibility for undergraduate education, the office of the dean for undergraduate education and student affairs is the one administrative entity where your welfare is in the sole concern.

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Conley said that the situation got somewhat out of hand," Chugh said. "It was unfortunate that the MOYA finale had to be held up because of it."

"I think that we all did the best we could under the circumstances once the upperclassmen moved towards the football field," Chugh said. "We averted what could have been a worse situation with, for example, the upperclassmen going out on the field while the finale was in progress, he said.

"Our intention was resolved from the melee: an upperclass female student seriously injured her knee on a fire hydrant when she was jostled, according to secondhand reports."

Future of dinners uncertain

Herschberg said he has been "discussing just canceling Thursday Night Dinners altogether" in future years because of this year's problems.

Stressing that the ultimate decision will be up to the R.O. Committee, Milloses said that he thinks "we need to reevaluate" the dinners.

Chugh would not commit to any changes, saying it would be "something to be discussed after R.O. is over."

Many people would be involved in any major decision like that, he said.

Chugh said he is not worried about any similar problems at this afternoon's Killian Kick-Off to begin rush. Although it also involves upperclassmen gathering freshmen, the Kick-Off is "not so disorganized as Thursday Night Dinners" and should run smoothly, he said.

The crowd of upperclassmen waiting to take freshmen to Thursday Night Dinners ignored requests to move back and rushed toward the freshmen completing Project MOYA on the football field.
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