Vest Projects Losses Of $125M for MIT

By David D. Hauck

At the faculty meeting on Wednesday, President Charles M. Vest projected that MIT could lose $125 million per year because of dwindling federal support. In addition to Vest’s address, Dean for Undergraduate Education Rosalind H. Williams announced the plans for the Task Force on Undergraduate Life and the Task Force on Undergraduate Learning. Other agenda items included voting on the Masters of Science program in System Design and Management and discussing the attitudes of faculty toward retirement.

Indirect research costs, which would be cut in the proposed NIH graduate student tuition caps, are projected that MIT could lose $125 million per year because of dwindling federal support. The re-engineering team had set the deadline for@mail services, the redesign team is striving toward completing implementation of its changes “roughly five years from now. When all outgoing mail will be centrally processed, the Institute will make effective use of electronic communication, and the amount of junk mail will be cut in half,” Lambert said.

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**Balkan Leaders Approach Pact to End War in Bosnia**

**By Michael Dobbs**

The Washington Post

Balkan leaders in peace talks have moved closer to an agreement on ending the 3 1/2-year war in Bosnia, and on dividing the country into two self-governing entities for Croats and Muslims that could lead to a separation of the Serb-dominated Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns, the only man officiating as a peace negotiator, confirmed Thursday that an agreement had occurred since a visit Tuesday by Secretary of State Warren Christopher. But he declined to say what the agreement was or what it would mean.

"It may be significant; it may not be significant; it remains to be seen," Burns said. "We have made significant challenges remain. We cannot yet say that an agreement is within reach in the midterms of the final agreement." But he added, "I can tell you that we have made significant progress toward an agreement that could lead to a separation of the Serb-dominated Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina from the rest of the country, with the possibility of a reunification of the country in the future.

The latest progress follows 16 days of tense negotiations, during which the two sides have failed to make any significant progress toward an agreement that would allow the Serbs to maintain control over their territories in western and eastern Bosnia. The draft agreement appears to contain elements that will satisfy constitutional purists on both sides. The leader of the three-man Bosnian Serb delegation, Haris Silajdzic, who has emerged as one of the key players in the negotiations, said the agreement is "depressed by the latest developments."
Clinton Orders Thousands Back To Work Despite Budget Absence

By Paul Richter

WASHINGTON

President Clinton Thursday ordered thousands of furloughed government employees back to work next week to limit the damages caused by the partial federal shutdown, even as he vowed to veto any sponsored legislation that would stop government funding to resume all suspended government operations.

As the federal closure stretched through an unprecedented three work days, Clinton ordered back some 50,000 Social Security workers, 1,700 Department of Veteran’s Affairs employees, and 100 Medicare employees to resume processing claims filed by older people and veterans.

Noting on an average day that 28,000 Americans apply for Social Security benefits, 10,000 for Medicare and 7,000 for veteran’s assistance, Clinton said in an Oval Office appearance that “without remedial action the backlog will be so great that service to these citizens would not return to normal for months to come. ... I am determined to do what I can to reduce the damage to our people.”

A total of 800,000 employees, or 40 percent of the civil federal workforce, were furloughed Tuesday after the White House and Congress failed to agree on measures to authorize further federal borrowing made it pretty clear he doesn’t want to veto any legislation.

The legislation would provide stopgap funds to keep government running through the end of the fiscal year July 1.

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“A Congress Debate New Bill That May Up Speed Limits

WASHINGTON

Americans are only two votes and a presidential signature away from higher speed limits and a series of other rule changes that have prompted more comment than its main purpose — to release $6.5 billion in federal highway funds to states for the newly designated 160,955-mile highway system, which already handles a large share of the country’s travel and commerce.

Battles over billboards and Amtrak held up the bill until this week, in the end, billboards won and Amtrak lost.

The legislation would allow states to decide whether to allow billboards on parts of scenic highways by removing the “scenic” designation on parts of the highway. But states would not be allowed greater flexibility to use highway money for Amtrak passenger train service.

The legislation also contains significant safety rule changes. All federal speed limits would be eliminated in favor of state laws, states would no longer be penalized for failure to pass motorcycle helmet laws, and federal safety regulation of smaller commercial trucks — those under 26,000 pounds — would be eased.

The bill will kill more people than it will save, and that’s the first highway bill that will do so,” said safety advocate Joan Claybrook.

Panel Calls for Reducing Number of New Physicians

WASHINGTON

A bipartisan private commission predicted Thursday that price-driven changes in the way Americans receive health care will result in as many as 150,000 excess doctors by the year 2000 and recommended that the number of medical school graduates be cut by one-fourth over the next 10 years.

The commission, headed by former Colorado governor Richard A. Lamm and sponsored by the Pew Charitable Trusts of Philadelphia, said the reduction in medical graduates should be achieved by closing some of the nation’s 127 medical schools, not by cutting class size.

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What frustrates you most about the MIT bureaucracy? What ideas do you have for change? What works well?

What are your best sources of information and advice? What do you need but don’t know how to get?

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MIT Has Neglected Random for Decades

It was with some personal interest that I read the recent editorial concerning Random Hall ("Random Hall Deserves Institute's Attention," Nov. 7). After many days in Limbo during rush week of 1977, I became part of the "temporary" history of Random as an undergraduate living group. It was run down and beat up, though in our years a new boiler was installed, along with replacement windows and new steam valves. These were improperly installed because of the nature of the steam system — it was always too hot or too cold. Random suffered from instauration by Physical Plant because it was a temporary dorm. The phone service was terrible, and computer access was through an old TTY in the basement through a modell). Random Residents: We're really sorry, guys. Students groups better keep their money under their mattresses.

Mail Distribution: Re-engineering effort actually manages to reduce productivity. Way to go, guys.

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Tis the Season to Show Goodwill by Dropping Classes

Don't we all feel more fulfilled donating to a personal charity when we know that we have a pledge somewhere working up a sweat? If you want the dough, let's see the show, as they say.

Aid in this air of altruism evoked by the falling leaves, I, too, would like to encourage every good person among us to take the time to consider the less fortunate. As MIT students, we are especially lucky to be at the beginning of one of the world's finest educational facilities. Millions of young people on our age lack the resources and opportunities necessary to engage in serious study beyond high school. Instead, they either merge into the work force or remain mired in the mindlessness of state schools, whitling away their time on frivolities like successful sports teams and socialization.

How can we be complacent, wrapped up in our selfish world of knowledge and self-enrichment, while so many waste away their lives at our expense? Obviously we cannot. It gives me great pleasure to propose the first annual Institute-wide Drop-a-thon. On this glorious drop date of 1995, I encourage each of you to relieve yourself of your units for the sake of the less fortunate. Be it 9 or 12 or 24, every unit counts. Make the drop form your manifesto of change.

Have a collection. Get pledges — at least $1 per unit. Your contributions will be used by us to sponsor more equally charitable programs.

Drop in the name of goodwill. Drop in the name of charity. Drop until it hurts, and then drop some more. We have such a full course load, while others have so little. Take this time to visit the Registrar's Office and show them that you care. Show them that as a concerned student you are willing to put aside your own selfish goals for a worthy cause. You only have until 5 p.m., so act fast.

Once all forms have been submitted, each Committee on Academic Performance-fearing drop-a-thoner may then join a procession of doors of the Green Building — symbolizing our passage through four years of undergraduate study. We will then congregate in Kilian Court where, in a candlelight vigil, we will commence our charitable program with the burning of textbooks — a luxury of education far too often taken for granted. Spectators are welcome, but please bring a donation. Any freshman text will do.

A. Arif Husain is a junior majoring in cognitive science. He wonders if his opinions will impress medical school admissions officers.

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The Tech’s World-Wide Web staff is looking for new members.

May 1993 marked a new era in the 115-year history of The Tech: We started operating a World-Wide Web server, one of the first 100 in the world. Since then, The Tech Archive Team has been breaking new ground in the way newspapers are presented on the Web. And we've made a difference — people around the world are using our tools and our designs.

We're looking for qualified individuals to help us continue to make a difference in three key areas.

**Content developers** are the reporters, editors, and designers of our Web server. They will look for better ways to present news and information to the MIT community.

**Web programmers** create and maintain the tools that keep our online services running smoothly.

**Archivists** concentrate on bringing current issues online, even before the printed edition comes out. Archivists will also work to put some of the oldest issues of The Tech online by scanning microfilm copies.

Joining the Archive Team is a great way to gain Web experience and expand your career opportunities. We presented a paper at the first WWW conference in Geneva, and members of the team have helped produce commercial Web sites for companies like Time Warner. Team members have also created their own Web sites, including a Shakespeare server that is a 1995 Best of the Net nominee, an online guide to Kai's Power Tips, and a collection of classical Greek and Roman texts.

If you want to become part of the Archive Team, send electronic mail to [archive@the-tech.mit.edu](mailto:archive@the-tech.mit.edu) or stop by our offices on the 4th floor of the Student Center and talk to Dan Stevenson or Jeremy Hylton.
Off Course

By H. Ayala

![Comic Strip]

November 17, 1995

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James Bond returns for a thrilling ride in Goldeneye

GOLDENEYE

By Daniel Ramirez

Goldeneye is a truly worth the long wait. The first Bond film of the 1990s portrays a truly modern Bond. Brosnan not only captures a new interest in Bond films, but he reinvents a character that has long seemed lost in the shadows of previous Bonds. Bond is back and better than ever. Don't expect Brosnan to top the one and only Sean Connery. But Brosnan does hold his own and in fact adds a new dimension to the role. Brosnan adds a sense of excitement and danger that the previous Bonds lacked. But what would any Bond film be without its leading ladies? Goldeneye doesn't lack in this department either. It features two very talented and beautiful actresses, Izabella Scorupco and Famke Janssen, the stunning Bond women of the '90s.

The outstanding international cast also includes Sean Bean as Alec Trevelyan, Bond's once trusted colleague and friend; John Donnelly as James Bond, Brosnan's irreplaceable colleague; and Daniel Craig as his service}

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STAFF REPORTER

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Campus Pick: Shakespeare group works toward The Tempest

STAFF REPORTER

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The aptly named Shakespearean ensemble strives toward successful execution of the program of dramatic shorts, which is overseen by consulting director Kermit Dunham. Watch for in the cast: Chris J. Percus and Jennifer T. Nickel '96 in Cymbeline, Virginia J. Buie '98 and Paola L. Velez '98 in Marriage Blanc, Robert Fensalini, Fernando J. Pail '98, and Brenda A. Pendleton '97 in Pericles; and Fensalini, Young E. Kim '98, and Steven P. Yang '98 in Bluebeard.

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**ACE VENTURA: WHEN NATURE CALLS**

Written and directed by Steve Oedekerk.
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Directed by Robert Stephenson.

Starring Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke.

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**Making a birthday wish come true: A party at Ryles, catered by the S&S.**

(After having failed to save the life of a sacred animal, Ace finds the real star of the show to be the mother dithers...)

"Mary Poppins is a delight. Andrews plays a magical nanny who helps to bring a family together in turn-of-the-century London. The father is a banker, very precise, and a bit of a martinet. The mother dithers..."

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By Daniele Moriarty

All of us know that the real reason for all the unrest in the Middle East stems from conflicting views on who makes the best falafel. It turns out that next year's Nobel Peace Prize will have to be shared by three separate coffeehouses: Angora Cafe, Algiers Coffee House, and the Middle East.

Moises's Chicken truck offers a inexpensive and lavish. The truck is also conveniently located at MIT in the food truck lot. Grab a falafel and hummus combo. It's not much, but it does the trick, and it's relatively cheap as well.

Nearby in Central Square is the Middle East. Well known for its selection of live bands, this schizophrenic cafe is the only one of the three to offer any alcohol. The dishes on the menu, including Sunday brunch and various middle-eastern dishes, are served in the bakery as well as in a separate room two doors down the street. If you want to listen to some music, choose the bakery. But the other room offers two tables, with one of which is set back in an alcove looking out upon Massachusetts Avenue. The falafel is cheap and is about three times the size of the one from the trucks. It's about as spicy but of course is better blended.

The chickpea tea is also pretty good. Further down Massachusetts Avenue is Algiers Coffee House. The atmosphere goes well with the liberal arts aura of Harvard, which is only a block away. Upstairs is a pleasant setting of bare pine, criss-crossed in a familiar middle-eastern pattern. The original brick completes the appearance of a two-century-old building. There's a 10-foot wide opening in the floor, permitting a view of the patrons coming and going.

The menu offers breakfast all day and many other fine dishes, the most expensive of which is lamb kabob, served with couscous and tabbouleh. The falafel sandwich comes with a salad with a tad too much oil. The falafel itself is the smallest of the three prize winning cafes, even smaller than the inexpensive sandwich from the trucks. However, its flavor is much more concentrated, partly because there is no lettuce or carrots in the pita. The falafel balls are a much darker color and are cooked to a crunchiness requiring some care for the teeth. The chickpea tea is by far some of the best around. It comes in a nicely decorated pot and is brewed from real flowers.

From here it's necessary to hop on the red line to the green line to Kenmore Square's Angora Cafe. There you'll find a small outdoor patio and a smaller indoor area, each set with no-frills metal tables and chairs. Housed in what used to be a frozen yogurt shop, this friendly eatery specializes in healthy sandwiches. Displayed on the ice cream counter are several varieties of Bruselas bread. Make sure you have a serious appetite. For a relatively low price, you definitely get your money's worth. The falafel balls are surround- -causes some •

Carrey returns with plenty of laughs in Ace Ventura

Ace Ventura, from Page 9

This film, the new film will definitely prove to be Carrey's fifth hit at the box office. During its first weekend, it broke box-office records for the month of November by grossing $40.3 million.

Carrey is simply hilarious in this film. However, as the film progresses, the hilarity at some points seems more like a negative than a plus. In some scenes, much of Carrey's stuff seems repetitive. With nobody else to hold down his classic comedic talents, Carrey draws all the scenes to himself and causes some dull spots that should have been toned down. Nevertheless, the

Jim Carrey returns as a hyperkinetic pet detective in his new film Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls.

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Apollo 13

Tom Hanks takes his Oscar-winning ways to the moon in Apollo 13. The film, about 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 Hanks — 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. Hanks gives another solid performance in this film, but Ed Harris, as the main supervisor at 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 in the characters that they are: dependable family man Haise; slightly insecure family man Hal; and young, swinging bachelor Swigert. The main problem, though, is the film's pacing, which feels too calculated and methodical. If you're looking for grandeur, try The Right Stuff. But if you can't see that film on a big screen, Apollo 13 may offer some instant, if struck by lightning during his pregnancy, Powder also has a mysterious biomagnetic ability that affects electronic instruments around him and enables him to manipulate things electrically and magnetically. Of course, he's also telepathic. It's on the whole a poorly constructed and cliched film that ends up with an awkward message; 'With of the movie. However, this theme fades to a conclusion. Director David Fincher and director Wes Craven seem unsure how to deal with the material — as a humor- ous horror film or a violent comedy. In partic-

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pitches, an idea for a screenplay which Chili

plays Chili Palmer, a Miami loanshark

based on the seven deadly sins. Morgan Free;

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Random Hall Looks to Address Long-Ignore Problems

By Ramy A. Amaout

The plumbing and heating troubles resulted primarily from bad maintenance. The President agreed to resign if MIT would act on his request. Some representatives have done "a lot of raise awareness on this issue," said Katherine Nolan.

The suit is part of the continuing saga that caused Tewhey to leave MIT in April 1993. At that time, a judge must rule separately on the dismissal and if the repairs turn out costly, "I am confident that I will win," said Tewhey.

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Once the questions are answered and the defendants have responded to their interrogatories, the judge will rule on the suit against Tewhey claiming that he harassed her. The hearing was held in response to the defendants' written questions to be answered under oath. "I have three basic options: to file an appeal, to amend the complaint in accordance to the judge's decision, or to accept the decision and "walk away." The judge agreed to resign if Nolan's actions continued, according to the complaint. In the latest suit, Nolan against Tewhey claiming that he harassed her. "I have three basic options: to file an appeal, to amend the complaint in accordance to the judge's decision, or to accept the decision and "walk away."

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More Workstations Purchased for Athena Clusters

By Carina Fung

In a year's effort to keep computing facilities on the cutting edge, the Athena client workstations have replaced outdated models in public clusters.

The new computers, mostly consisting of Sun Sparcstation 5 workstations, are all dramatically faster than the workstations they replace, said Director of Academic Computing Gregory A. Jackson '70.

The replacements also include 32 Silicon Graphics workstations.

The Indys are particularly useful for applications with graphics applications since they offer 24-bit color, accelerated ZX graphics for three-dimensional imaging, and integrated video capabilities, Jackson said.

Martha H. Greenberg '96, a member of the Licensing Process Board, said that the ZX machines that have replaced the old XL boards are much faster and are intended for third-party software.

"The Indys are intended especially for advanced visualization and other graphically-intensive academic applications," Jackson said.

To replace all 50 XLC's, which were purchased in response to specific requests from faculty in several departments, Jackson said. In addition the cluster of new workstations was purchased to run Macintosh Application Environment, or MAE, a package that simulates a Macintosh computer on a Sparcstation workstation, he said. The MAE, a 32-bit machine, was designed to replace "old" Macintoshes, he said.

New machines replace old ones

"We try to replace about a quarter of the Athena environment each year," Jackson said. This means 250 new workstations are purchased each year, with about 100 in general-use clusters, another 75 in depart- ments, and another 75 in student clusters, he said.

Generally, the new machines are placed where the old computers were not and were not concentrated in any one area, Jackson said. The trade-in allowance is received for old workstations and put toward the cost of new ones, he said.

"The machines being replaced are primarily Digital Decstations 3100 and IBM RS/6000-320 workstations, all of which are at least 4 years old," Jackson said. A few Decstation 5000 workstations have also been replaced, he said.

Jackson said that Athena did not actually expand, since the total number of workstations is about the same as it was last year, except for a small new cluster in Raths Library and the new configuration of 2-032. The regular workstation replacements are "to replace obsolete equipment, not to increase the number of Athena seats," he said.

The Athena cluster in 4-035 is now semi-private and is said by certain classes like Computer Graphics (6.977) and various chemical engineering classes, said Abe J. Cohen '96, a member of SIPB. Jackson said that the general-purpose machines and most of the departmental machines are intended for student use. There are also about 100 more workstations not in general clusters, he said.

Demand is high for SGIs

Faculty and students generally seem to like the new workstations, Jackson said. "Everyone seems to like them. The complaints we get are that we don't have more of them," he said.

Stuart H. Schaefer '96 and Theodore M. Yang '97, both students in 6.837, said that while they like the graphics hardware that runs on the SGIs, there are too few machines. It is often difficult to find an available computer because "more and more people log on, sometimes spending all day in the clusters," Schaefer said. More SGIs workstations are needed to accommodate demand, he said.

"I do not think it is in the final end to the problem," Blake said. "The attitude of the housing board has been growing better. But I find it hard to believe that they will have no alcohol at the parties," she said.

"The fishbowl cluster in 11.4.13 recently received two new Silicon Graphics Indy workstations. The SGIs are two of 200 new computers purchased this year.

"I am not surprised about their change of attitude," Jennifer Ranciato said in response to Whalen's comment. "It is humorous that they would think that they can get away with it now that a lot of the neighbors will be watching.""
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Williams Announces Formation of Undergraduate Task Forces

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Institute money. Other losses include projected student aid cuts of $8.2 million per year. A best-case scenario could have student aid funds dropping by $1.8 million. Congressional cuts in civilian research accounts may amount to $81 million per year. The figures assume— with some uncertainty— that MIT will lose 30 percent in federal research sponsorship. Although the figures are estimated, a good portion of the cuts have already been passed, Vest said. "The situation could possibly get worse and worse," he said.

In addition, the Bates Linear Accelerator and the Alcator tokamak at the Plasma Physics Center are specific programs that MIT might target for cuts, Vest said.

In order to face these potentially drastic losses, MIT must respond in several ways, Vest said. The Institute must rely on enhancing private fundraising and developing industrial partnerships. The Institute will attempt to make budget reductions and reallocations of 6 percent. Re-engineering may also save money, he said, in that if these are done right, we will be able to "provide improved service and get costs down," Vest said.

The cuts will not really affect this year, Vest said. "This may be a year where we might tighten through with moderate losses." However, the Institute will experience the loss of real dollars next year, he said.

New task forces formed

Williams announced the purposes of two new task forces for Undergraduate Living and for Undergraduate Learning.

The task forces were formed to help update the Institute's framework for the incoming Class of 2000, Williams said. MIT's new framework was applicable for classes with lower diversity and need for practical education than today.

The Task Force on Undergraduate Living will explore ways to enhance student life and motivate students to participate in an institutional environment, Williams said. The task force will also work together with the Student Services Re-engineering team and help design residence and dining options.

"The task force must work with a high degree of community involvement," Williams said. The Task Force on Undergraduate Learning will seek to provide "student-friendly learning environments," Williams said. The task force will first assess the current status and needs of students by looking at the number of undergraduates as well as at teaching loads and career goals of students, Williams said.

New masters degree approved

The faculty voted unanimously to approve the new Master of Science program in System Design and Management, a joint program between the Sloan School of Management and the School of Engineering.

Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics R. John Haneman Jr. PhD '82 presented the results of a survey aimed at gauging faculty attitudes toward retirement now that mandatory retirement has been eliminated. A number of the faculty who responded saw part-time teaching as an attractive possibility during a retirement.

Chair of the Faculty Lawrence S. Bacow '72 discussed possible changes in the professor emeritus title of retired faculty, since the title is often received negatively. Some professors emeritus have complained that it is more difficult to publish their work without the title professor. One alternative might be to allow faculty to retain the title of professor for the first five years of retirement.

Mail Re-engineering Changes Cause Problems and Concerns

Mail, from Page 1

Specifically, this means that current mail-processing costs of $6 million will be reduced by $1 million. "There will be a shift of labor from the departmental level to a more centralized level," Lambert said.

Currently, mail services staff consists of about 40 people from across the Institute, Lambert said. That staff may be reduced by 16 people as mail services becomes more centralized.

The re-engineering of mail services is about one-tenth of the way completed, Lambert said. Roughly 40 of the planned 35 distributed mail centers will be under the centralized level.

The distributed mail centers utilize centralized labor to process outgoing mail, sort incoming mail, and perform other mail-related services for the entire Institute. An pilot program for processing outgoing mail is underway, with five of the Institute's 150 departments and divisions participating.

The mail scales have been removed from the five participating departments, and centralized labor processes all of the outgoing mail. This saves departmental labor, and allows the Institute to take advantage of bulk postal discounts, Lambert said.

For MIT to qualify for a discount, a certain volume of outgoing mail addressed to the same ZIP code must be gathered together, and the mail must be presented and barcoded. "This can be accomplished at the departmental level," Lambert said.

Centrally processing outgoing mail saves roughly five cents per piece of mail by consolidating all of the Institute's mail through a commercial mail service with other federal agencies and large-scale local mail users, like Boston University.

The Institute has roughly 250,000 pieces of outgoing mail each day, "so a savings of five cents per piece really adds up," Lambert said.

Lambert said. The positive aspects of mail services' re-engineering have not yet been implemented, including the large-scale savings of reducing junk mail at the Institute, Lambert said.

Roughly 50 percent, or 9 million pieces, of Institute mail can be considered junk mail, Lambert said. The goal of the redesign team is to cut this number in half.

"Mail services doesn't believe in mail police. We cannot determine what junk mail is or does not want," Lambert said. One way to cut down on junk mail is to give faculty members Day-Ohs stickers to mark the mail that they do not want and have their place mail in a separate mailbox.

Centralized mail labor would then sort through the unraveled mail and contact companies with a list of names to have removed. "The companies are happy with this arrangement, too. They save on costs as well," Lambert said.

FDA OKs MIT Drug

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has been marketing it, does not have a branch in the United States, so Wurtman founded the company Interneuron Pharmaceuticals in 1985.

The company operates without any of its own research or manufacturing facilities. Instead, it outsources contracts to other companies and laboratories.

With yesterday's FDA approval, production of the drug will be licensed to the pharmacological-giant Wyeth Laboratories, which does 12 billion dollars in annual sales worldwide, Wurtman said. Negotiations must now begin to resolve labeling and marketing issues, but the drug could be available to consumers in as early as six months.

The advisory board's majority vote followed an unordered decision at a first failed meeting several weeks ago.

"I am very, very happy about [the approval]. I think it will have a major impact on public health in America," Wurtman said.

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SPORTS

Women's X-Country Finishes 11th
In New England Regional Meet

By Lauren B. Klatsky

The women's cross-country team finished 11th in a field of 23 teams at the New England Regional Division III Regional meet on Saturday at the University of Maine at Orono.

At the awards ceremony, three MIT runners were named to the All New England Division III team, which consisted of the top 15 of 211 finishers. Jamie H. Eisenberg '98 finished 20th place, Eve Phillips '98 finished 24th, and Lauren B. Klatsky '97 finished 34th place.

The top four teams and top seven individuals will represent MIT at the NCAA Division III National Championship meet this coming weekend in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Coach Joseph A. Sosa said he had no set goals and conditions. "He said that the next season looks promising, with five of his top six runners returning."

The meet took place on a golf course which was muddy in some places and soggy in others. The runners had worse conditions at previous meets and therefore were confident into the race. When the gun went off, MIT fought for position as the mass of runners were forced to merge into a narrower path.

The grass on this portion of the course was quite wet and many runners lost their footing, including Phillips.

Despite the fact that there were no major hills, the course was rolling throughout its entire 3.1-mile expansion. But after a season of intelligent training, the Engineers responded well to this particular landscape.

Eisenberg crossed the finish line with a time of 19:21. She missed qualifying for the National Championship by just 13 seconds. After recovering from her spill, Phillips finished only five seconds behind in 19:17. Klatsky was in a kick at the end, passing six runners in the last 100 meters and completing the course in 19:31.

Captain Ann M. McNab '96 and freshman Amalia Olson '99 also finished as a duo, taking the 126th and 128th places in times of 21:42 and 21:49, respectively. MIT's last two runners finished well despite injuries. Robin C. Evans '99 took 142nd place after 22:00 with a sore ankle, and Lynn D. Conwell '96 fought knee pain to finish 164th in a time of 23:26.

Saturday's meet displayed "some of the finest competition that Division III has ever seen," Sosa said. The winning individual, a sophomore from Williams, broke the previous record for the course.

The Engineers are the only team at the meet out of all NCAA divisions earlier in the season.

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By Andy L. Weinstroth

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