New IFC Officers Emphasize Unity

By Joanna Garelick

Many of the new officers in the Interfraternity Council and Panhel- lianic Association are returning, experienced members.

New officers, who were chosen for both bodies in elections last December, took office this month.

Jason D. Pride '97 and Laura L. DePaoli '97 will head IFC and Panhel as presidents after serving previously in top leadership posts in the organizations.

"This year, IFC hopes to educate the Greek and MIT community to a point where discriminatory actions do not occur," Pride said, referring to a history and perception of problems involving members of the Greek community.

DePaoli wants to bring together the groups within Panhel, and to value integrate them with other groups around campus.

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Whitewater Bank Involved in Scam

WASHINGTON

A federal bank examiner told the Senate Whitewater committee Tuesday that the Arkansas savings and loan at the center of the scandal, Madison Guaranty Savings Bank of Madison, was involved in fraudulent real estate deals that amounted to "a pyramid scheme.

James Clark, whose 1986 examination led to a federal takeover of Madison Guaranty and the arrest of founder Robert C. Ford, said he was told by an unidentified source from the bank's loan department that the bank was "involved in some way in the Whitewater deal or something similar to it.

Clark said he had interviewed the unidentified source, who he did not name, and that the source had been a "called" bank examiner for the Federal Home Loan Bank Board.

Clark said the source had told him that the so-called Whitewater deal was a "pyramid scheme" involving a bank in Florida.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. said Monday that it has issued an order to end long-contested limitations until March 1 for bringing civil claims against the Rosefin firm.

Memo May Threaten Israeli Spy

Publication of a Pentagon memo warning that Israel may be using drug lords in its fight against U.S. drug traffickers, has embarrassed Democrats in both parties who wanted to delay, as the price for prompt action on the debt ceiling.

The committee and other investigators, including independent investigative counsel Clinton Clinton, last year, a sympathetic play called "Pollard" drawn huge crowds in Tel Aviv and helped supporters collect tens of thousands of signatures on a petition calling for presidential clemency.

Democrats Take the Offensive in Budget Battle

WASHINGTON

Less than six months ago, Democratic congressional leaders could not get the time of day from Republicans. But a series of GOP missteps, including decisions to provoke two private congressional showdowns over tax cuts for the wealthy and deficit-cutting measures to wound Medicare and Social Security, has emboldened Democrats to be more aggressive in their dealings with the majority party.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle last week forced Republicans to vote on the START 2 nuclear-arms-reduction treaty with Russia, which some GOP senators wanted to delay, as the price for prompt action on the GOP-backed defense-authorization bill. After some delays, both measures were approved.

Daschle and Senate Democratic leaders raised strong objections to Speaker Newt Gingrich's plan for a "downpayment" on deficit reduction and tax relief, saying Congress and the White House should continue to work toward a balanced-budget plan that includes smaller Medicare and Medicaid savings and a smaller, more-targeted tax cut than Republicans are proposing.

Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman, D-Conn., and Sen. Carol Moseley Braun, D-Ill., are planning a series of speeches this week aimed at persuading their colleagues that the national debt has reached a critical point.

WEATHER

Back to Cool...

By Michael C. Morgan

GENEVA

Geneva, Illinois: cool weather of the past few days will be history as cold air slowly sinks southward over the area. A developing cyclone will track to the northeast from the Delaware coast this morning. The cold front will cross the area this afternoon and well to the east of New England by sunset. With the cold air in place, and abundant moisture, this relatively fast moving cyclone will produce wind gusts up to 40 mph, and a 50%-60% chance of freezing drizzle.

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Oklahoma bombing Trial Begins: Emotions Run High

By Richard A. Serrano

OKLAHOMA CITY

They came to court Tuesday morning in what some people described as the civil war of the century. So many emotions were at play that it gave the impression that Oklahoma residents have felt since the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building that it had been in their personal lives.

One observer noted political analyst Eduardo Izquierdo, who said the case will go down in history as a momentous occasion.

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Studies Find HIV Level, Not Immune Cells, Measures AIDS

By Marlene Simons (AP photo)

WASHINGTON

Scientists reported Tuesday that infected persons with high levels of an immunodeficiency virus AIDS more rapidly than those with lower amounts of the virus, a finding that likely will affect how individual treatment decisions are made.

Addressing the Third Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections, researchers said that measuring viral load is a much more accurate predictor of disease progression than the current method of counting CD4 cells, the key immune system cells that are the primary target of the virus.

"Our findings...can predict disease progression as far as 10 years into the future," said Dr. John W. Mellors, the study's lead investigator. "You actually can define the individual risk of AIDS before it occurs. This gives us a real handle as to where the individual patient is going." The levels of virus should "absolutely" have "more weight" in assessing a patient's prognosis than gauging the strength of the immune system through CD4 levels, Mellors said.

"You can actually see a doubling of (viral) levels at least two years before you see a 100 cell decline in CD4 levels," he said. It is viral reproduction that ultimately depletes CD4 cells, leading to the destruction of the immune system.

In the largest study of its kind, the researchers at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center used a new test developed by Chiron Diagnostics to analyze blood plasma samples collected every six months from 181 HIV-positive individuals over a three-year period. They determined that the risk of developing AIDS symptoms after seven years was less than 10 percent among those with the lowest levels of virus. On the other hand, 60 percent of those with the highest viral load progressed to AIDS in five years.

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China Warns Taiwanese Leaders About Presidential Elections

By Ron Tempest

SINGAPORE

On the one hand, Chinese Premier Li Peng did not issue a timetable for the reunification of the mainland and Taiwan as an influential Hong Kong newspaper had predicted, but the Tsai family move into a panic. On the other hand, the hard-line Chinese leader did not rule out the "force and demand war" Taiwan, leaders that employing upcoming presidential elections on the "海峡两岸" as a justification for political independence would be viewed in Beijing.

Whatever changes might occur in the way in which the leadership is chosen, according to a high-profile speech Tuesday at the Great Hall of the People, "they cannot change the fact that Taiwan is part of China and its leaders are only leaders of a region in China."

In a reference to Taiwan's first national presidential elections, scheduled for March 23, Li warned that: "It will lead nowhere if some people attempt to use the change of the schedule for March 23, Li warned, "for reunification."

But, like Jiang, he warned, "In the week that the Chinese premier Li Peng did not issue a national presidential elections, before they go on the ballot. Then he played in the 1991-1992 All-Star game and in the 1992 Olympic. He came back before the 1992-93 season but retired again before the regular season began. Last year he won the franchises and decided on.

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Letters To The Editor

Gay Community Had Duty to Protest Talk

In response to last week's letter from Jennifer N. Mosier '96 ["Robicheau Has Right to Hold Seminar," Jan. 24], I am compelled to introduce a few points of fact.

First, I thoroughly agree Peter N. Robicheau had every right to offer his event, and have its description published in the IAP guide. In a way, he has done the queer community a favor. He has opened himself and his misconceptions to public scrutiny.

However, just as Robicheau had a right to offer his event, the MIT gay community had a right to protest it — more than a right. I feel they had a moral obligation. The ex-gay therapy Robicheau championed is not condoned by the American Psychiatric Association. It is usually administered by unlicensed lay people with no psychiatric or psychological credentials. It is based on theories which the majority of the psychiatric/psychological community have not believed since the 1960s. And it has been shown not to work. These religiously motivated "therapists" prey on people who, due to the incredible, insidious, and pervasive antipathy toward homosexuals in our culture, are unable to accept themselves and their same-sex feelings.

Did you know that a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services study estimates lesbian, gay, and bisexual teens are two to three times more likely to attempt suicide than their straight peers? Such people are drawn into ex-gay organizations, which through techniques comparable to those used in brainwashing further their belief that they are not good, worthwhile people if they're gay? They're told they must spend as many as seven years at these institutions in order to be "cured" of their homosexuality, time during which they will be unable to see a qualified, licensed, trained who can help them overcome their negative self-perceptions.

Robicheau's lecture was full of misinformation and terrible prejudice. He opened his speech claiming that he had no objections to people who chose to be, and were happy being gay. Then, throughout the rest of his lecture, he contradicted this opening, repeatedly making statements to the effect that people "fall" into the "unhealthy" same-sex relationships of "the Lifestyle," a lifestyle he at one point equated with prostitution.

Justin C. Miller '97

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Richard III brings masterpiece to modern audiences

RICHARD III

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Even when translated to the big screen, Shakespeare plays can often feel too real and constrained. The latest instance of Shakespeare on film, Richard III, attempts to dispel this feeling of "forever." The basic story is the same: The evil Richard of Gloucester (Ian McKellen) emerges from a bloody civil war that created the same: The evil Richard of Gloucester (Ian McKellen) emerges from a bloody civil war that created the place for you. To

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Emotional brutality makes for brilliant Dead Man Walking

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By Audrey Wu

For those of you who don't bother to read long movie reviews, I will get straight to the point: Dead Man Walking, which addresses the hotly debated question of whether the death penalty should be allowed, is one of the best films I have seen in a long time. What are you waiting for? Go see it. Now.

For the rest of you: Susan Sarandon is in her usual top form as Sister Helen Prejean, a rather naive nun who finds herself unwillingly enamored in controversy when she becomes the spiritual adviser to Matthew Poncelet, a convicted killer on Louisiana's death row. Sean Penn, who is perhaps better known as a sex symbol (or Madonna's "boy toy" than for his acting prowess, hasn't headlined a major movie since Carlito's Way in 1993. He will almost certainly catapulted into the ranks of the Hollywood elite after this film. His chilling portrayal of Poncelet is convincing and effective.

What makes Penn's performance especially impressive is that Poncelet's character is deceptively complex. One moment, he is a cold-blooded killer; a bigot whose first word is probably a racial slur; a wannabe Nazi who sports a swastika tattoo (among several other colorful designs); and a wannabe terrorist who, in television interviews, actively promotes his ambition to bomb federal buildings. At other times, he can be very charismatically persuasive. Whether he is heartless; his inevitable death will be no loss. He and a friend contribute to the murders; each accused of firing the fatal shots that killed the victims. Poncelet's friend hired a hotshot lawyer and received a life sentence, while he could afford only a public defender and received the death sentence. Meanwhile, Poncelet's mother is heartbroken, and cannot testify to his appeal hearings without breaking down in tears. Poncelet's brothers are conscripted at school. Intertwined with these scenes, which bring up feelings of sympathy for Poncelet, are appalling reminders of the brutality of the murders: flashbacks to the murders and displays of the intense grieving of the family of the victims, who feel that Poncelet's death would give them some semblance of peace. The film shows how the murders ripped apart the marriage of one of the victim's parents: "full death do us part," the father bitterly comments.

Even politicians do not escape the scope of the film. Most politicians find it politically impossible to be seen as soft on crime. In the film, Poncelet is not much more than a pawn in their bids for election. But the most clutch scenes comes at the end of the film. While Penn is subjected to the anguish of waiting for the guards to escort him to the death chamber, the audience too feels each brutal moment slowly tick by. Worst of all, Poncelet is reduced to a scared child, and no matter how terrible the murders were, I don't believe there was anyone in the audience who could, without any twinge of conscience, think that he deserved to die.

Dead Man Walking is a definitive triumph for director Tim Robbins. It would have been too easy for Robbins (or any director, for that matter) to make a film that staunchly took one side of the issue. What is an impressive feat, and far more difficult, is that Robbins puts forth the controversy without pretending that only one side is right. The film challenges you to actually give some thought to the death penalty issue. I wouldn't suggest seeing it if you're looking for a good time at the movie theater. Don't look to this movie for much action, adventure, or excitement. From the beginning, Poncelet's execution is inevitable—you spend more than two hours waiting for it. Although I know that different people will react differently to the film (one of my friends found the execution scene hysterically funny for some strange reason), be prepared for your curiosity to be a taking. Robbins' view is finally summed up in Poncelet's last words, "I don't think killing is right, whether I do it, or you, or the government."

Be prepared to re-evaluate your particular view on the death penalty. You will walk away from the movie theater with a sense of the tragedy of any murder, whether it is committed by a person or by the government. And you will leave with a better sense of why, for the approximately 2,700 people who wait on death row today, and the more than 20,000 people who are murdered in the United States each year. Now what are you waiting for? Go see Dead Man Walking for yourself.

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MANN. He is the cop who doggedly pursues De Niro at the Las Vegas Strip (where even the golden arches of McDonald's are adorned with a multitude of flashing lights). The soundtrack of soulful contemporary songs by Sting, Don Henley, and Elton John. The soundtrack features songs such as "Organized Crime," "Drunk on Love," and "Living in the Face of God." The soundtrack also includes "Enlightenment," a song by Sting, which features a quote from the character of Mr. Jones, played by Bill Murray. The soundtrack is a key element of the film, contributing to the atmosphere and mood of the story. 

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Nixon

Oliver Stone's most recent flick, Nixon, manages to capture the essence of the historical Richard Nixon's twisted character. While Anthony Hopkins doesn't exactly resemble the president, he does effectively mimic much of the president's nervous mannerisms. Nixon contains a number of fictional scenes created by director Stone — scenes that are already uneasy facts of the Nixon scandal. In spite of the scandals, Stone actually lays out none of the "17. It's the president's obstruction of justice that is the subject of the film, and the extreme blindness of the characters. If you are male, I would suggest not watching this film for your first date. Furthermore, unless you want to watch two hours of male bashing, I wouldn't suggest seeing it at all. -AW. Sony Copely.

Waiting to Exhale

Waiting to Exhale, the provocative mover picture based on the bestseller of the same name by Terry McMillan, addresses how four thirty-something women cope with the many losers they stumble over in their search for a decent man. The film should be commended for bringing the vibrant voices of middle-class African-American women to the fore. In addition, the performances by the four heroines are quite good. Although the characters often times act as dumb as dumb as actresses, the actresses manage to shine and the camaraderie among the four women appears heartwarmingly genuine. In addition, the film does make some rather incisive observations of post-relation-ship-trauma female behavior. The film's weaknesses, however, lies in its disjointedness and the extreme blindness of the characters. If you are male, I would suggest not watching this film for your first date. Furthermore, unless you want to watch two hours of male bashing, I wouldn't suggest seeing it at all. -AW. Sony Copely.

Toy Story

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In this science-fiction offering from director Terry Gilliam (Brazil, The Fisher King) and writer David Peoples (Blade Runner, Unforgiven), Bruce Willis plays Cole, a prisoner in a post-apocalyptic future, scientists hand-pick him as a "volunteer" to go back in time to uncover information regarding a mysterious virus that wiped out most of the earth's population. He runs into problems, however, when he gets thrown in a mental institution. Although there are impressive performances all around — most notably Li Baotian-in his role as Mr. Tang, the ruthless godfather chief of the Tang family-run underground Green dynasty, and Shue falls in love with David (Greg Kinnear). The direction is magical; for example, it's very easy to see how Shue grows up in Paris. - Kamal Swamidass. Sony Nick.

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Waiting to Exhale, the provocative mover picture based on the bestseller of the same name by Terry McMillan, addresses how four thirty-something women cope with the many losers they stumble over in their search for a decent man. The film should be commended for bringing the vibrant voices of middle-class African-American women to the fore. In addition, the performances by the four heroines are quite good. Although the characters often times act as dumb as dumb as actresses, the actresses manage to shine and the camaraderie among the four women appears heartwarmingly genuine. In addition, the film does make some rather incisive observations of post-relation-ship-trauma female behavior. The film's weaknesses, however, lies in its disjointedness and the extreme blindness of the characters. If you are male, I would suggest not watching this film for your first date. Furthermore, unless you want to watch two hours of male bashing, I wouldn't suggest seeing it at all. -AW. Sony Copely.

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MIT Related to Top Biotech Companies

By Rochelle Tung

Companies founded by MIT faculty or alumni produced nine of the top ten best-selling biotechnology drugs in 1994. This and other Institute contributions to biotechnology over the past two decades were presented in an Institute study released earlier this month entitled, "MIT, the Federal Government, and the Biotechnology Industry: A Successful Partnership."

The nine drugs were developed by three large biotech companies: Amgen, Biogen, and Genentech. An additional 42 biotech companies are also founded by MIT faculty or alumni. The 45 companies combined employ 10,000 and have a total revenue of over $3 billion, almost one-fourth of the total revenues of U.S. biotech companies.

Biogen, co-founded by Professor of Biology Philip A. Sharp, was the first to develop the intron A alpha interferon used to treat 17 different types of cancers and viral infections, including hairy cell leukemia, Kaposi's sarcoma, and hepatitis B and C. Sharp, a 1993 Nobel laureate, is head of the Department of Biology.

Amgen was co-founded by former Professor Emeritus of Chemical Engineering Raymond F. Baddour Sc'69, and developed three top drugs: Neupogen, which boosts white blood cell production; Epogen, which stimulates red blood cell production for treatment of anemia; and Procrit, used to treat anemia from chemotherapy of AYT treatment of leukemia.

Genentech, the first major biotech company, was founded in 1976 by Robert A. Swanson '69. In 1977, Genentech produced the first human protein, somatostatin, in bacteria. Human insulin, the first human protein, was developed in 1978 and marketed in 1982. The human growth hormone was cloned by Genentech scientists in 1978. Important modern drugs include Humulin, which treats diabetes; Genzerin B, which treats hepatitis B; and Activase, which treats acute ischemic stroke.

Other MIT biotech contributions

The study showed that the 30 MIT-related Massachusetts biotech companies have created 3,200 jobs, with total annual revenues of $520 million. All statistics were for 1994.

The Institute is awarded 30 to 40 biotechnology patents each year and has negotiated more than 100 license agreements with biotech companies since 1986. The license companies have attracted more than $630 million in investment capital and employ 1,200.

The study also found that of the $85 million in life science research conducted annually at MIT, about $75 million is federally sponsored.

MIT biology and biotechnology researchers work in the Department of Biology, the Center for Cancer Research, and the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research. The Institute boasts five Nobel prizes in medicine or physiology as of 1986. It was not until recently that the Institute was noted for its biology and biotechnology advancement, in large part due to former department head Professor Gene M. Brown, said Vice President for Research and Dean for Graduate Education J. David Lister PhD '65.

Programs in the biological sciences were ranked first or second in the nation in a National Research Council study released last year.

Gender Conference Stresses Male Involvement in Fighting Sexism

By Christina Chu

A full day seminar last Friday focused on issues of multiculturalism and gender and stressed the importance of involving men in fighting sexism.


"The line is now long over all for men to start taking an active role in ending men's violence against women, and sexism in all its forms," Katz said. "Men have a critical role to play in teaching other men and young boys what they can do to end sexism."

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by willy ziminsky

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By H. Ayala

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Jim’s Journal

Today Ruth came over with a bunch of leaves.

“I want to put them in a book,” she said.

She said she used to like doing that when she was a little kid.

So she got wax paper and pressed the leaves and put them in a book and everything.

by Jim

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Zevin Provides Helpful Hints
For Living in the Real World

Charm, from Page 1

I learned how to deal with embar-
mament. Now I won't tell somebody that his/her zipper is
open!" said Charm School student
Elizabeth A. Schave G. "I wanted to earn
a PhD in an hour and it looked easy.

"If nothing else, it is very fun to
watch," said Dhaya A. Y. V studying
"I have been meaning to attend since
I have been here, but I just
never got around to it. I learned that
how you walk is based on how you
feel."

"I attended the 'How to Tell a
Lifeguard' class because I have
bombed before," said Jimmy M. 
"I figured I need some help," said Jimmy
M.

"I want the students to have a
sense of what makes a joke funny and
what makes humor work," said
class instructor Jeff Bigler.

"They can feel more confi-
dent."

"Walking is a favorite form of
MIT locomotion," said Merritt,
who taught the walking class.

"MIT students use what I call the
elegant 'Institute scuttle,' with
hair down, no eye contact,
and no motion except from
the knee down. "Students are constant-
ly in a hurry and walk in a utilitari-
an manner," Merritt said. "I am
confident that we can stamp out
the 'Institute scuttle' in our life-
time."

"There are things to avoid, such
as flailing body motion," said Dhaya
Shiminaramayan '96, who taught a
class on body language. She ges-
ticulated with her arms to demon-
strate what she meant: "These are
very intrusive and unbecoming.
Try to remain poised."

James J. Mahoney, assistant host
in the president's office, taught a
class on proper table manners, enti-
tlying "It's Alimentary at Manners
Cafe."

"I'm fascinated by the hype.
Since I work in food service, this is
something I don't understand —
the misunderstanding of what tools to
use at dinner," Mahoney said. "It's
fun to see people so eager to learn,
and be so conscious about what I
hope found so obvious."

Students learned how to enjoy
their elevator ride in a class on ele-

dator etiquette taught by Eleanor P.
Crawford of undergraduate educa-
tion and student affairs.

To properly enjoy an elevator ride,
students should make eye con-
tact and offer to select a floor for
other riders, Crawford said. The
big no-no of elevator riding includ-
ing entering the elevator before all oth-
ers have exited, standing near the
doors when exiting at the last floor,
and taking the elevator for one
person.

Big shots battered
Institute big shot Glenn P.
Strebe (vice president for finance
and treasurer) taught the class on
"Buttering Up Big Shots." Strebe
advised that student "don't just stand
there. You need to take the initiative
to develop a meaningful relationship
with an important person. Think
about what you want to communi-
cate to the other person."

"It's important to make connec-
tions with important people because
doors open to those who have good
careers," said class instructor
Marcia K. McNutt of the Depart-
ment of Earth, Atmospheric, and
Planetary Sciences.

At a class entitled, "Electronic
Mail and Communications," Vivek
Pandit G made clear a fine point
of etiquette. "When people ask me
to leave them voice mail, they really
mean don't call them. You can
leave them voice mail with out-
lining them on the phone. It's a
way of saying don't disturb,
and it took me a while to figure
out."

To graduate, students were hand-
ed coupons at each class's booth
after they passed the subject, which
usually only required participation.
Six coupons earned a Charm School
Bachelor's Degree, eight earned a
master's, and 12 coupons earned a
PhD.

Speaker address 'entry-level'
Among the myriad of exaggerat-
ed ideas on how one should live
after college, Charm School com-
mencement speaker Dan Zevin
included topics such as finding
"entry-level" living space, creating
an "entry-level" resume, and pursu-
ing "entry-level" dating in the real
world.

Zevin, writer of Entry-Level
Life: A Complete Guide to Mas-
tering as a Member of the Real
World, humored the audience with
witty and insightful comments on
entry level life after college.

"Imagine that you're not at MIT
anymore, and that you've left your
spotless record behind you. This is
a life where you wake up before the
sun sets" and the calendar doesn't
revolve around September and May,
Zevin said.

"The key after college is that you
just pretend you know what you're
doing and dress for stress," Zevin
said.

Fabrication and exaggeration
will help to make jobs sound wild-
ly important on your resume,
Zevin said.

"Act as a liaison between
sonny soup and dishes"
for a dish washing position, he
said.

As for entry-level meal plans,
"there's no more cafeteria after col-
lege," he said. "On the one hand
you don't have to eat the slop but on
the other hand you have to start
cooking for yourself."

Therefore, an entry level chicken
would be a half-cooked chicken in a
microwave, Zevin said.

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comm phone stolen, $66; Student Center backpack stolen, $40; John-
son Athletic Center indoor track area, wallet stolen, $30.

Jan. 20: Burton-Comer House, bicycle stolen from suite area,
$150.

Jan. 21: MIT Police assist Cambridge Police in apprehension of
individuals arrested for larceny; East Campus, disturbance; Ashdown,
1 bicycle stolen, $270, 2 obscene phone calls.

Jan. 22: Bldg. E17, ladder stolen, $80; Bldg. 14, suspicious activ-
ity; Bldg. 68, 1 backpack stolen, $300, 2 cash removed from wallet,
$30; Student Center, bicycle stolen from rack, $300; Bldg. 34, chairs
and table stolen, $150; Bldg. 4, bicycle stolen from 3rd floor room,
$250; Bldg. 13, larceny of check, $750.

Jan. 23: Dupont Gymnasium, wallet stolen, $95; Dupont men's
locker broken into, watch, wedding band and cash stolen, $320.

Jan. 24: Bldg. 33, suspicious activity; Bldg. E51, man's winter
cost stolen, $500; Bldg. 4, bicycle stolen from rack, $220, Alpha Phi
fraudulent use of a credit card.

Jan. 25: Bldg. 33, bicycle stolen from rack, $500; Albany Street
garage, electrical cable stolen, $3,390.
Jim's Journal

Tony called me really early this morning.

"Jim," he said. "My power went off! What time is it?"

I told him it was 5:30.

He thanked me and hung up.

by Jim

Pressure, Confidence and Self-Esteem

Pressure to excel is inherent in any institution that strives to be the best of its kind. For many of us, MIT is our first experience in an environment where the problems are so challenging and our fellow students are so capable. The challenge to our confidence and self-esteem can be enormous and leads to pressure to "measure up."

There is a temptation to suggest changes to reduce this pressure; a lighter course load, easier grading, easier courses, less homework, etc. Experience teaches us that in the long run, self-esteem and confidence cannot come from reducing the challenges we face. Confidence and self-esteem, rather, are inward manifestations of a very special experience.

This experience comes the same way scientific knowledge is obtained: by testing in a real situation. When we face the challenges of solving real and difficult problems; when we solve problems others have attempted and have not solved; when we break ground with new knowledge; when we see our own solutions tested by reality and verified, then we acquire confidence and self-esteem. There simply is no other way. And recognition, when it comes, is fully deserved.

In the most basic terms, we gain confidence and self-esteem not by reducing challenges, but by meeting and overcoming them. Less pressure does not produce self-esteem, and it certainly does not provide confidence.

Our challenge is to approach every problem with this perspective. Our challenge is also to develop the attitude that only the best effort is acceptable and the belief that we can, in fact, produce the best work.

While we struggle and learn, we need to remind each other that we have chosen the finest and most challenging educational institution of its kind, and that the confidence and recognition will eventually come.

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IFC Vice-President
Position Shared by 2

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Other new IFC officers include: Joseph M. Lee ’97 as rush chair, Jennifer Yang ’97 as treasurer, Daniel B. Plonek ’98 as secretary, and Amy M. Harman ’98 as risk management chair. Christopher G. Rodarte ’97 as IFC Judicial Committee chair, David C. Naffziger ’98 as relations chair, and Duane H. Drugan ’99 as community service chair.

Since much of the board has served on the IFC before, they are "not going to have many problems with transition," Price said. "They're just going to have to adapt to new positions."

The positions on the IFC Executive Board and IFC judcomm are elected by the presidents of all fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups.

This will be the first year that the position of vice president is shared by two people. Gilon and Rodriguez ran together because "they see the role of the vice president becoming larger," and therefore decided to split the duties in terms of internal and external responsibilities, said Neal H. Dow, assistant dean and adviser to FISGUs.

The two will work out exactly how the responsibilities will be split. However, until the IFC constitution is amended, the two count as one vote on the executive board.

Panel review ensures equality

As with the IFC, this year's vice president position was split into two positions. Executive Vice President Julie J. Mayo ’98 takes charge of the newly formed Panel Review Cabinet and will handle event programming.

Vice President of Panhellenic Rush Shirley H. Hung ’98 is in charge of the Junior Panhellenic Conference, rush counselors, and the Panhellenic Judiciary Committee, which handles rush violations.

Jamie A. Bulter ’99 and Shirley S. Mihardja ’99 were elected treasurer and secretary, respectively.

The five top Panhel positions rotate among the five sororities to guarantee representation to all Panhel groups. The new rush chair, Wanda A. Chiu ’97, was selected from the five sororities that do not hold positions of president and vice president this year.

Any Panhel member can run for the remaining positions. Other newly elected officers are: Michelle J. Bennis ’99 as community service chair, Stacy A. Williams ’99 as social chair, Hannah Moshan ’92 as housing chair, and Ori G. Buchall ’99, and Lisa E. Tatterson ’99 as community service co-chairs.

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Prof. Mario Molina, Prof. Jeffrey Steinfeld
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Prof. John Southard
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12.004 Introduction to Planetary Science
Prof. Tim Dowling
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Prof. Sam Bowring, Prof Ed Boyle, Prof Fred Frey, Prof Tim Grove
2-6-4 LAB

12.214 Environmental Geophysics
Prof. Dale Morgan
3-3-6

12.401 Beyond the Solar System
Prof. Chuck Counsellman, Dr. Heidi Hammel
2-2-5

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We can't get the information, we just don't have the funds on the line.

Agencies may have to bar awards

The programs of the NSF, NASA, and the EPA received funding at the levels specified during the latest House-Senate conferences of the appropriations bills.

Those agencies may now have to "bar the award of new funds for programs that have been cut back for the next year," Crowley said. "This will disrupt support for graduate and faculty trying to establish their research. Those programs interrupted will have no funds to pursue their research."

"Earlier this month, appropriations bills were signed that funded other sponsors of science research, including the National Institutes of Health. The NIH was quickly rescued and funded for the balance of the fiscal year. That is more than they had requested. This will allow NIH to operate "with stability and predictability," Crowley said.

"While federal research and development is far better than it has been in the past, there is a great amount of uncertainty as the budget negotiations continue," he said.

"I am hopeful, but the reality is less money in the future. MIT will have to work a lot harder to keep its funding level where it is," Norris said.

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Track Posts Close Win over Springfield

By Todd Chamoy

The men's track team showed great depth in pulling out a tough victory over Springfield College last Friday. The meet was held at John College, who, along with Colby College, comprised the remaining teams in the Quad Cup meet. The final score of MIT 212.5, Springfield 176.5, Bowdoin 160, and Colby 36 was a little too close for comfort. "While I was pleased with the victory, I thought we lacked the passion that we displayed [against Coast Guard earlier in the season]. The exception was the throws, they really carried the ball."

The MIT throwers, severely out-numbered by Division II Springfield, showed excellent performances from everyone to make up for the deficit in talent. In the 35 lb. weight throw, Michael T. Butville '98 led the Engineers with an outstanding 45-foot-10.5-inch throw that elicited cheers from the home crowd as he readily shook the field house. His throw put him in second place, just ahead of the Miller from Springfield. Also throwing well and placing in the weight throw were Wade Morehead '98 and Todd Chamody who finished 5th and 6th respectively.

As if not to be outdone by his teammate in the weight throw, Keith Bevans G waited until the last possible moment to put away his competition on his sixth and final throw in the shot put, he threw 43-feet-2.5 inches, just a quarter-inch ahead of a Bowdoin thrower, and good enough for 3rd place. Patrick Danen '98 and George Torres '99 each had personal bests in the shot put and both scored valuable points for MIT.

Sastry, Alvin help MIT victory

Ravi V. Sastry '98 was a standout once again, placing in 5 of the 15 individual events, including 1st place in the long jump, where Lincoln Bonner '97, Jared Miller '99, and Akin Aina G joined him to sweep the top four places, dealing a crushing blow to the opposition with 27 points in just one event. A solid day from Alvin helped MIT as well. He placed 4th in the long jump, 3rd in the 55-meter dash, and 3rd in the 200 meters.

Surprisingly, MIT was able to win the meet with only two individual victories. In addition to Sastry's long jump, Edgar R. Ngwenya '97 won the 400 meters with a time of 0:53.96, a solid half-second lead over the second place, Michael T. Butville. The Engineers placed at least three athletes in the first 14 events, and in a meet that close, every point counted. "Champions are measured by winning the close ones, not the easy ones," coach Taylor said.

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Men's Fencing Loses to Brandeis

By David Nauman

The win streak was over. With a confidence that had seemed unstoppable, the MIT men's fencing team fell to Brandeis University on Saturday, February 3rd. The game was played in the Brandeis University Field House, with the crowd of Brandeis fans cheering loudly and proudly, while the MIT fans were quiet and subdued. The score was 24-12 in favor of Brandeis.

The MIT team had been on a winning streak for the past two months, with a record of 12-0. They had defeated every opponent they had faced so far, including Brown University, which was ranked third in the nation. However, the defeat to Brandeis marked a turning point for the team.

There were some excellent individual performances against BC, including freshmen Olivia Su '99, who, having fenced for the first time in her career, showed great potential. Junior Michael DelPlessie '99, who had been practicing for months, finally got his chance to shine. Senior Jennifer Mosier '96 also fenced well, finishing with a 9-2 record. Her squadmates, including Olivia Su and Michael DelPlessie, also contributed to the team's success.

Despite the loss, the team remained optimistic. Head coach Janet Yang said, "We knew it was going to be a tough match, but we gave our best effort. We'll use this loss as motivation for our next matches." Assistant coach Matthew Yamashita echoed her sentiments, saying, "The MIT fencers are extremely difficult to fence when their teammates are around them."

Toughest meet against Brown

The toughest meet of the weekend was the last meet against Brown University. MIT fought a very hard battle against this strong team, but lost a very close match 15-17 (6-10, 9-7). Brown won the final results for the conference title this year. The team needed more experience and better teamwork to win this match.

There were also many outstanding individual performances. Saturday, MIT defeated the Baruch College and defeated a strong Wellesley team, in the final results for the conference title this year. The team needed more experience and better teamwork to win this match.

Operational hours:

The women's varsity fencing team continued its winning season this weekend, competing in nine dual meets in two days, and has an excellent chance of winning the New England Fencing Conference championship for the season.

On Saturday, they competed in the Wellesley College Invitational Tournament. The event was fast-paced and hard work over IAP resulted in an undefeated day for the team.

The first meet was against Vassar College, which MIT won 20-10. The second was against Vassar College, which MIT won 24-6. The third meet was against a tough opponent and rival, Brandeis University. The women's team had a close loss in December with a score of 20-12 (6-10, 14-2). In reference to this victory, head coach Konnise said "after several years of domination by Brandeis, it's really satisfying to beat them decisively."

The next home game will be against Brandeis on Sunday, February 10, at 2 p.m. at the Brandeis University Field House. The team is looking forward to this match and hopes to continue their winning streak.

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