Vest, Annan Depict a Challenging Future at 131st Commencement

By Jean K. Lee

After a week of clouds, sunny skies prevailed Friday, June 6, as graduates, families, and guests gathered in Killian Court for the 131st commencement. A total of 2,242 degrees were awarded, including 1,023 bachelor of science and 1,257 advanced degrees.

President Charles M. Vest began his remarks with a tribute to Paul E. Gray '54, his predecessor and the outgoing chairman of the MIT Corporation. Gray was presiding over commencement for the third time.

In his charge to the new graduates, Vest emphasized the importance of taking professional and social responsibility in a changing world driven by three forces: science and technology, international commerce and diplomacy, and market-driven efficiency and shared value. "We have done our part to address the dilemma posed by the changing population in America and the world," he said. "We are thinking that address will be received by all people, even the most skeptical of your ideas."

Vest outlined three areas which would provide opportunities for achieving this goal: "Creating - a better world for all people, and sharing - scientific and technological knowledge for the greater good, and exercising responsibility for our environment, and addressing the problems and opportunities of a changing population in America and elsewhere."

Vest added that colleges and universities play an important role in addressing the dilemmas posed by changing population by enrolling students from diverse backgrounds. He urged continued support for affirmative action, and explained why MIT continued to champion the program. "We have done so because it is the right thing to do."

Vest emphasized the need for society to rebalance the roles of private and public sectors in a world with a decreasing trust in government and which is moving towards privatization. "Increasingly, industry will be called on to address issues of concern that extend beyond the traditional principles of market-driven efficiency and shareholder value, and you will be charged with seeing this through," he said.

Registrar Accidentally Sent Grades to Parents

By Douglas E. Heinburger

A computer glitch caused spring term grade reports for 197 undergraduate students to be mailed to their home addresses, despite the fact that they had registered another address for grades. The move would have serious consequences for determining the students' final grades.

"My understanding is that the bill has not been received," Colbert said. "There must be some delay in the system." Colbert added that the address change would not affect the students' financial aid. "We are working on this as a matter of urgency," he said.

Bills face rocky road in Senate

The fact that the provision is not contained in the Senate tax bill lowers its chances for survival. "I would think it does not have a real chance in the Senate," Colbert said. "My understanding is that the bill has no real support." Colbert added that the whole bill is a little bit premature."
**Senate Passes Controversial Increase in Medicare Age**

**By Robert A. Rosenblatt**

WASHINGTON  
A step intended historically to shore up the financial health of Medicare, the Senate voted Tuesday to require all retirees to pay substantially more for the benefits they receive. 

Taking another politically risky move, the majority leader, Tom Daschle, signaled that members of the baby-boom generation will pay into Medicare more during their years of eligibility than they did when they were young. 

The changes, if signed into law, would follow the Senate's vote to lift the financing cap to allow the 1.6 million Medicare beneficiaries whose incomes exceed $15,000 for individuals and $25,000 for couples. 

The premiums they pay to receive coverage of doctors bills would increase on a sliding scale, from $27 a month for the first $75 a year maximum of $2,102 per person for individuals with incomes of $100,000 and couples with $125,000. 

The age of Medicare eligibility, now 65, would begin in 67 in the year of the bill's enactment, 2000. Anyonw who is 59 or older now would not be affected by the change. 

Both proposals were endorsed by President Clinton during his per conversation with the Senate to take up amendments to a key bill scheduled for a final vote Thursday, but the amendments also make other changes affecting Medicare and restores welfare benefits to tens of thousands of poor elderly. 

The House begins debate Wednesday on the Medicare bill, which does not contain the big premiums or higher eligibility standards proposed by Clinton. 

The conflicting positions on Medicare reform could presage a poten- tially divisive political struggle in the fall. The Senate-House conference committee will be appointed to resolve the differences, with the Clinton administra- tion and the House on one side of the issue and the Senate on the other. 

Advocates for the elderly were quick to react to the Senate's decision. "We are shocked and disappointed today," said Martha McSweeney, presi- dent of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare. 

The Senate's means-testing plan will divide Americans based on their income, set senior against senior, and create a per- runous road toward becoming a welfare program in the eyes of the public and a deal unaffordable to an ever fewer. 

In 1996, Congress approved a major expansion of Medicare, which included unlimited hospital and pharmaceutical coverage, to be paid for by a tax on affluent elderly. The tax, which would have topped up at $500 a year, sparked a revolt among affluent seniors. Congress replaced the tax with a premium, which voters then take effect. 

The premium payments approved by the Senate on Tuesday would be far bigger, rising as high as $4,204 for couples. 

Proposals of up to 50% more than the numbers, however, is the dramatic pol- icy change embodied in the Senate's Medicare reforms. The premium increases represent a fundamental shift in the basic nature of Medicare. The premium has provided equal benefits at equal cost to all Medicare beneficiaries. 

Only 1.6 million of today's 38 million Medicare beneficiaries have great capacity to pay up $50,000 a year. A change would save an estimated $1.9 billion over five years, a com- prehensive benefit change with a $3 billion program with annual expenses of $200 billion. 

The Senate proposal, if signed into law, would set a clear precedent for future attempts by the government to increase income, with richer beneficiaries paying more for coverage. 

"The problem is not something truly worth being remembered," said one and a half under the sliding-scale premium payments as well as the higher eligi- bility standards. 

It was a stunning defeat for liber- al defections of the traditional Medicare program, which character- ized it as a threat to beneficiaries of the middle class. 

The Senate approved the income-related premium by a vote of 77-20 on Tuesday. After a fierce internal struggle by the key months. 

"As a consequence of it being untested, we changed it back to the status quo," said Clinton administration official to the White House and the Joint Economic Committee. "As a consequence of it being untested, we changed it back to the status quo," said Clinton administration official. 

Although the air is gradually cleaner in most parts of the country, scientific studies sug- gest that the effects of particulate matter on smog-producing ozone and fine airborne particles known as par- ticles matter. Both come from a variety of man-made as well as nat- ural sources, although the biggest culprits are heavy industry, utilities and automobiles. 

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The regulations would toughen restric- tions on smog-producing causes, and one of the milestones for the new standard is the draft. 

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House Backs Trade Privileges for China, Rejecting Challenge

By John E. Yang

WASHINGTON

The House upheld President Clinton's decision to renew China's trade privileges Tuesday, turning back efforts by Christian conservatives and liberal Democrats to punish Beijing for its human rights record, trade practices and weapons sales.

After more than three hours' debate, the effort to overturn the president's decision was defeated 259 to 173 on a roll call vote. Although it was the largest number of House members opposing China's most-favored-nation trading status since 1990 -- the year after Beijing's bloody crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators in Tiananmen Square -- it still fell well short of passing.

The issue took on added significance this year because of concerns about whether Beijing will keep its pledge to preserve economic and political freedoms in Hong Kong after it takes control of the colony next week, and because of reports that Chinese officials may have been trying to buy political influence in Washington through illegal campaign contributions. In addition, Christian conservatives, led by Gary Bauer and his Family Research Council, worked against renewing China's trade status for the first time, complaining about what they called Beijing's persecution of Christians, Muslim and other religious leaders.

As they have in past years, major corporations such as Boeing mounted a substantial lobbying campaign in many congressional districts intended to remind voters of the supposed economic benefits of trading with China.

In the end, 79 Republicans, 93 Democrats and one independent voted to overturn the president's decision.

Among the 147 Republicans who voted to back the president were House Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia, who, by tradition, rarely votes. Majority Leader Richard K. Armey of Texas, Majority Whip Tom DeLay of Texas and House Republican Conference Chairman John A. Boehner of Ohio.

Tuesday's vote was not the end of this year's congressional debate on U.S. relations with Beijing. Lawmakers have introduced several measures intended to toughen American policy toward China and promote democracy. Among the steps under consideration would be increases in Radio Free Asia broadcasts, more funding for the National Endowment for Democracy and possible restrictions on products made by companies controlled by the Chinese army.

Study Suggests Global Warming Threatens National Park System

By James Gerstenzang

LOS ANGELES TIMES

In a largely overlooked but potentially alarming development in the debate over global warming, a study released Thursday by a well-respected international environmental group that increasing temperatures are threatening the United States' national parks and wildlife areas.

From the heights of the American glaciers to the California seashore, from the Everglades to the Arctic, the changing climate is bringing noticeable shifts in forest and wildflower meadows, and in sea and shorebird numbers, according to the report by the World Wildlife Fund.

The study adds a new, closer-to-home element to the pressure being put on the Clinton administration to restrict U.S. emissions of greenhouse gases. Other industrialized nations attending a global environmental summit in New York this week are pressing Washington to adopt a more stringent position; many -- but not all -- scientists blame global warming for growing emissions of greenhouse gases.

"The effects of global warming are not merely a future impact in faraway places," the report says.

"The first signs of climate change have been detected and can already be seen in our own backyards. Alarmingly, many of North America's most cherished natural areas, the national parks, are clearly feeling the effects of global warming," it says.

Forests are beginning to invade the famed floral-carpeted Alpine meadows of Glacier National Park in Montana, where the retreat of the glacier itself already has been documented.

Melting permafrost beneath the surface of national lands in the Alaskan Arctic could become sinkholes, unable to support their natural surface vegetation. And, in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, a distinct strain of brook trout could become extinct as the cool waters of the Carolina border on which it depends warms even more.

"Warming of the surface layer of the ocean by as much as 1 degree centigrade in some places since 1953 has led to declines of 80 percent in some populations of zooplankton in the California Current," the report says.

N.J. Teen-Ager Who Gave Birth in Bathroom Charged With Murder

By Blaine Harden

NEW YORK

A New Jersey teen-ager who gave birth in a bathroom at her prom, then returned to the dance floor and ate a salad was charged Tuesday with murder after an autopsy found the baby she discarded in a trash can was either strangled or suffocated in a plastic bag.

"The child was alive when he was born," said Monmouth County Prosecutor John Kaye. "It fits the definition of a 'knowing murder.'"

The prosecutor told a news conference Tuesday in Freehold, N.J., that Melissa Dexter, 18, may have used the sharp edge of a sanitary-napkin dispenser to cut the umbilical cord on her June 6th night just before dumping her newborn boy in a bag in a bathroom stall.

"Tell the boys we'll be right out," Kaye quoted Dexter as telling a girlfriend who had come into the bathroom to fetch her. The prosecutor said Dexter, a vocational-high-school senior who lives in Forked River, N.J., then put back her long, sleeveless, loose-fitting black dress, cleaned herself up and went out to meet her 19-year-old date. He has since said he was the unknowing father of the child.

Kaye said the autopsy found air in the baby's intestines, proving he was able to breathe. The cause of death, he said, was "asphyxiation due to manual strangulation and obstruction found in a person or orifice." The prosecutor later said the baby either was strangled or suffocated after being put into a plastic bag.

Heroin, Speed Supplanting Crack Cocaine

By Roberto Sure

WASHINGTON POST

Heroin and methamphetamine are rapidly supplanting crack cocaine as the drug of choice among many hard-core addicts, while a variety of "boutique drugs," along with marijuana, are gaining favor among young people, according to a nationwide study issued Tuesday by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Although cocaine continues to be widely abused, the report found that the popularity of both crack and powdered cocaine is declining and that young users in particular have come to disdain crack as a "ghetto drug.

Last year, methamphetamine became the most commonly abused drug by persons seeking treatment in the San Diego area and several other parts of the West and Midwest, according to the drug report, known as "Pulse Check."

In Los Angeles, methamphetamine, a highly addictive stimulant commonly known as speed, ranked close behind crack cocaine as the second most common cause of admission to treatment programs, the report said.

The report, which is issued twice yearly, reflects information drawn from law enforcement officials, treatment providers and other experts on drug abuse. It is designed to identify trends in drug use and to supplement longer-term research based on population surveys.

The report issued Tuesday details trends observed in the second half of 1996.
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The story "R/O 9/7: To Feature Alarmed Donners; Letter, Messaging," printed in the Friday, June 6 issue of The Tech, incorrectly stated that Clearinghouse was being discontinued. Clearinghouse will continue to be used for the benefit of the Massachusetts Independent Living Groups this fall. Dormitories will use the fresh message system described in the article.

[Editorial page]
If so, chances are you don’t write for The Tech’s Opinion Department. Opinion writers do more than just write columns. Every day we’re out on the front lines, breathing down administrators’ backs and talking up big ideas all across campus. In many ways, The Tech is more than a way to learn about journalism: It’s also the fundamental medium for community expression at MIT.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A PART OF THIS SMALL ÉLITE?

On one hand, joining the Opinion staff is easy: All you need are some opinions and the desire to express them. But beyond that you must also have the moxie to stand up for what you believe. And sometimes that’s not easy at MIT, where so many people hold the wrong-headed notion that they’re not supposed to speak up, that students are only here to attend classes and vegetate in clusters. Time and again the pessimists and naysayers have been proven wrong. This is our community, and its quality and fate hinges on our commitment to self-expression and good citizenship.

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Commencement '97

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FILM REVIEW

Batman and Robin delivers mindless fun

BATMAN AND ROBIN

Directed by Joel Schumacher.
Written by Akiva Goldsman, Christopher McQuarrie.
Starring George Clooney, Chris O'Donnell, Uma Thurman, Arnold Schwarzenegger, and Alicia Silverstone.

By Dan McGuire

The real world was a tragic figure, forced by his past to eliminate the city of crime. But the last film in the Batman franchise pretty much didn’t move away with the whole voyage-of-self-discovery thing, leaving us with shallower characters and muddled motivations. But great backdrops and special effects and a tolerable but mindless plot make Joel Schumacher’s Batman and Robin a pretty fun ramp anyway.

In this installment, Batman (George Clooney) and Robin (Chris O’Donnell) must save the city of Gotham from two new villains: the emotionless Doctor Freeze (Arnold Schwarzenegger) and the sensual yet deadly Poison Ivy (Uma Thurman). Freeze is a scientist turned bad by circumstance. While working to cure his sick wife of a rare disease, he falls into a vat of chemicals which change his blood to ice, making him unable to survive at temperatures above 50 degrees below zero. Now, working from a secret lab in an ice cream factory, Freeze is laying plans to take the city hostage to get the funds he needs to find a cure for his wife’s illness.

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This sort of conflict seems to be what the episodes of each season, although my interest tends to wane quickly thereafter. The Boston season holds promise if for no other reason than the novelty of some recognizable Boston locations scattered throughout the 13 episodes.

Getting back to Tuesday night in the Avalon, it was certainly an event to go down in the footnotes of The Real World history, as pathetic as that sounds. The first band to play was the infamous Unleashed, a.k.a. Neill’s band from the London season, who were introduced by Sharon from the same season. Neil, with full toggle, led an interesting set which started off with a slow, Fugazi-esque hal- lad and ended with a typical punk showing off his vocals and guitar chops. It was actually somewhat impressive with Unleashed, although I wouldn’t recommend them to anyone who has at least a moderate appreciation for punk.

Neill mentioned that their CD is available at Newbury Comics. Next came Midnight Voices, which is Mohammed’s band from the San Francisco season. It is safe to say that the crowd absolutely loved Midnight Voices, although Mohammed is not an integral to them as Neill is to Unleashed. Most of the energy behind Midnight Voices comes from their charismatic lead singer, whose name I don’t know.

The blend of old-school rap and new-school hip-hop was definitely the musical highlight of the evening, and I wouldn’t be surprised if this band makes it over the next few years.

...and start getting real.” Only in the in-your-face language of MTV are “polite” and “real” used to describe what reason they got fired.

The storyline and character development of the series, but its special effects are very good and Gotham is downright spooky.

My main complaint is that the movie takes itself far too seriously. Its over the top characters and cliched situations are ripe for self-parody. No movie should be able to have a villain say “Today Gotham, tomorrow, the world!” with a straight face, but Dr. Freeze cheerfully does just that.

But despite the flaws, I liked Batman and Robin. Don’t expect great art, or even decent drama, from this movie. Expect lots of exotics and a plot that will let you net your brain on idle. And sometimes, especially for the dog days of summer, that’s exactly what’s needed.

TELEVISION

The Real World: Boston debuts in July

By Jonathan Litt

The real world would be The Real World if it be The Real World could be real? Such is the type of question I asked myself while waiting in line to catch a glimpse of the The Real World cast at a wrap party at the Avalon last Tuesday. Indeed, how realistic is it to live for free in a lavishly furnished apartment with seven strangers and with MTV cameras crew in tow 24 hours a day? Perhaps a more fitting name would be The Real World.

The episode is one aspect of The Real World that is, unfortunately, a bit too realistic: most of the time nothing at all that interesting happens. At no point was this more evident than during the painfully boring fourth season in London, where the most memorable thing that happened was when Neil (the British rock musician) got part of his tongue bitten off by a car’s exhaust through a car window. Now, working from a secret lab in an ice cream factory, Freeze is laying plans to take the city hostage to get the funds he needs to find a cure for his wife’s illness.

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The following incidents were reported to the MIT Campus Police between June 5 and 18:

June 5: Tang Hall, Fon-juai Tsai 6, of Tang Hall room 16D1, arrested for domestic violence.

June 6: Bldg. 2E2, laptop computer stolen, $500; Killian Court, Ming-Mung Zhao, of 201 Pleasant St., Arlington, arrested for trespassing.

June 7: Tang, wallet stolen, $25; LaVerde Market, person stopped for shoplifting.

June 9: Senior House, malicious damage; Bldg. 9, computer stolen, $38,150; Bldg. E25, annoying phone calls; Tang, bicycle stolen, $194; Bldg. 68, 1) report of suspicious person; 2) wallet stolen, $15; Student Center, wallet stolen, $45; Bldg. E25, report of unwanted person; Bldg. E32, T-shirts stolen, $1,407.

June 10: Herman garage, patio stool, $330; Bldg. E25, annoying person; New House, bike stolen from common room, $255; Student Center, Ian Miller, of 791 Tremont St., Chelsea and Grand Marshal, George Constantine Morfopoulos G, outdoor reception, lost $1,250.

June 11: Bldg. 10, eight boxes of lady fingers stolen, $8; Bldg. E15, punchers stolen, $4,000; Student Center, four juveniles arrested for attempted larceny of bikes and other related charges.

June 12: Bldg. 20, suspicious activity; Bldg. E19, laptop stolen, $4,700; Student Center, 1) laptop stolen, $4,000; 2) backpack stolen, $110; Sloan lot, 85 Cadillac broken into.

June 13: Bldg. 6, two chairs and pillows, $175; Bldg. 26, pocketbook stolen, later recovered missing $10; Bldg. 9, pocketbook containing $2,000 cash and cellular phone stolen, $1,500.

June 14: Bldg. 2, CD player and disc stolen, $270; Bldg. E38, malicious damage to vending machine.

June 16: Bldg. E52, suspicious activity; Bldg. 10, fax machine stolen, $1,000; Bldg. 9, suspicious person.

June 17: Bldg. 2, VCR stolen, $240; Bldg. E53, suspicious person; Bldg. 48, computer stolen, $500; Bldg. E51, bike tire stolen, $50.

June 18: McCormick, domestic disturbance; Tang, bike stolen from room, $400; Bldg. 2, suspicious person; Bldg. E15, two laptops stolen, $8,000; Bldg. 46, $70 cash stolen from wallet.

New and Old Grads

Enjoy Commencement

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case of the 1947 and 1972, the 50 year and 25 year classes, respectively, welcoming them to the world of alumni.

Many enjoyed this year’s commencement ceremonies. “The exercises went very smoothly,” said Gayle Fitzgerald, the director of conference services and events, who coordinated this year’s ceremonies. “It was beautiful run,” said Kenneth A. Marshall ’47. “It was fun and exciting to be in it.”

Others reminisced about their own graduation. “It’s amazing how things have changed,” said Ginny F. Lannon ’47. She especially noted the increase in the number of women graduates as one of only a handful of women during her own days at MIT. “It’s great to see more women in the sciences,” she said. “It’s incredible — even the class president was a young woman.”

“Tm glad to remember about my own commencement — what a great day it is to graduate,” said John J. Murphy ’47.

“Tf all of those who help make this commencement happen did an extraordinary job. There are literally hundreds who make it happen,” Fitzgerald said.

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diplomacy and those of scientific research.
Both fields, he said, use reason to engage the forces of anarchy. To illustrate his point, Annan first listed the tragedies of the century including the two World Wars and the Holocaust. He then noted the progressive steps achieved under the auspices of the United Nations, such as the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty and the Biological Weapons Convention.

"And so, as this century draws to a close, we are justified in concluding that international organization has helped tilt the balance toward the domain within which the power of human reason prevails," Annan said.

Both fields are also experimental, and knowledge is often gained by trial and error. International organization is "an experiment in human cooperation on a planetary scale," he said. "We at the United Nations are working hard to firm up the grounds on which the project of international organization rests. And we are doing so by recognizing its experimental nature and embracing the imperative of inventiveness that this implies."

The last similarity between the two fields is that both "speak a universal language and speak universal truths," Annan said. These universal truths, which are in the arena of international affairs include human dignity, fundamental equality, and a yearning for peace, are steadily making themselves heard, he said.

Internationalism should be goal
Addressing the degree recipients, Annan said, "I call upon you to work indefatigably to anchor the [United States] to the course of internationalism, to its historic mission as an agent of progressive change and the rule of low, equal opportunity, and the irreducible rights of all individuals. The need is pressing; the moment is now."

Annan, who has devoted his career to the United Nations, serving in Ethiopia, New York, Geneva, and Egypt, said he would announce reform plans next month that would "compare favorably with any such reforms yet undertaken by any public sector organization, anywhere. We seek a United Nations that will view change as a change—not for its own sake, but change that permits us to do more by doing it better." MIT built intellectual confidence
Annan fondly remembered his days at MIT between 1971 and 1972. "At the outset, there was intense competition among my cohorts. Each was equally determined to shine and to demonstrate his leadership qualities. I say 'his' because there were no women among us. I am certainly glad that has changed." Annan's statement elicited spirited cheers and applause from the many female graduates in the audience.

Annan told of a revelation he had in the middle of his first term at MIT while reflecting on how he could possibly survive in the group of over-achievers in his class. "And the answer came to me most emphatically," he said, "not by playing according to the rules. Follow your own inner compass, I said to myself. 'Listen to your own drummer.' To live is to choose. To choose well, you must know who you are and what you stand for, where you want to go and why you want to get there."

"What I took away from MIT, as a result," he said, "was not only the analytical tools but also the intellectual confidence to help me locate my bearings in new situations, to view any challenge as a potential opportunity for renewal and growth, to be comfortable in seeking the help of colleagues, but not fearing, in the end, to do things my way."

Grades Mailing Raises Student Privacy Issue

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Programmers of MIT's SIS and the registrar's office led to the reports being printed after the expiration date. "We thought [the addresses were valid] until midnight of that day instead of 12:01 am of that date," Scribner said. As a result, the grade report addresses expired before the reports were printed. Grade reports were then sent to home addresses rather than the special grade address.

Although the reports were mailed several weeks ago, the registrar's office had not received any complaints until The Tech contacted it during the preparation of this article. "If we had known about this, we simply would not have sent them out," Scribner said.

The registrar's office has decided to move back the expiration date of the grade report addresses to prevent the problem from recurring. "We knew we were getting close to the expiration date and we decided to move it back," Scribner said.

Privacy serious concern at MIT
MIT has had a long-standing privacy policy favoring student consent over parent access. Ferreira said, "The issue of who gets the report is an issue of dealing with the student and requiring their consent to send the grades to the parents."

The Committee on Privacy, which serves as a forum for discussion of privacy concerns involving MIT Graduate Students
Lobby Against Tax Bill

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Hemmery, director of insurance and fiscal services, said. Nevertheless, groups are mobilizing to strike down the legislation. The problem will be revisited by a House-Senate conference committee chartered with ironing out the differences. Coram said that the GSC would target the members of that committee with lobbying efforts.

However, Colbert said that it is also important to send a message to the hill's supporters. "We need to send a message to the bill's sponsors in the House," he said. Those who back this proposal need to be made to understand the importance of a graduate education, Colbert said. We need to express our opposition, he added.

MIT Graduate Students Lobby Against Tax Bill

The glitch that caused the misaddressing of grade reports was not related to WebSI, which was inaugurated in May, Scribner said. The problem was caused solely in the MIT's SIS system, which is now being reviewed.

The WebSIS team will update its software to show the grade report address through the revised expiration date. The problem is caught quickly and corrected, Ferreira added.

The WebSIS software currently shows the grade report address for the summer term. Patel said, "The grade report address is term-based" and must be re-entered each term, she said.

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Grades Mailing Raises Student Privacy Issue

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Programmers of MIT's SIS and the registrar's office led to the reports being printed after the expiration date. "We thought [the addresses were valid] until midnight of that date instead of 12:01 am of that date," Scribner said. As a result, the grade report addresses expired before the reports were printed. Grade reports were then sent to home addresses rather than the special grade address.

Although the reports were mailed several weeks ago, the registrar's office had not received any complaints until The Tech contacted it during the preparation of this article. "If we had known about this, we simply would not have sent them out," Scribner said.

The registrar's office has decided to move back the expiration date of the grade report addresses to prevent the problem from recurring. "We knew we were getting close to the expiration date and we decided to move it back," Scribner said.

Privacy serious concern at MIT
MIT has had a long-standing privacy policy favoring student consent over parent access. Ferreira said, "The issue of who gets the report is an issue of dealing with the student and requiring their consent to send the grades to the parents."

The Committee on Privacy, which serves as a forum for discussion of privacy concerns involving...
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18. Six (Roman)  
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21. Minue  
22. Wreath  
23. Sufferage  
26. Time period  
27. Avenue (abbr.)  
28. Day of weak (abbr.)  
29. Put together  
31. Direction (abbr.)  
33. Plan: diagram  
35. Haven of burtace  
39. Floor covering  
52. Egg-shaped  
56. Sodium  
58. Silverware (abbr.)  
59. Ear projection  
60. Even (poetic)  
61. Where child at  
62. Winglike structure  
64. Slightly  
66. Are  
67. Mouth (pl.)  
69. Egyptian ram god  
71. Run away to wed  
74. Slip  
9. Advertisement (abbr.)  
10. Affectionate  
12. Original (abbr.)  
16. Yaw  
19. 2nd smallest state (abbr.)  
21. Snake  
22. 2264 Greek letter  
23. Covered trucks  
24. Kite  
28. Painting  
30. Hotel  
31. Away  
33. Foster cage  
34. Curry  
37. Test  
38. Each  
39. Female sheep  
40. Period of time

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31. Period or time

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I'VE NOTICED THAT WHEN A NEW POLICY MENTIONS ME BY NAME, IT'S NEVER A GOOD THING.

CONGRATULATIONS; YOU'VE MOTIVATED ME TO ACT RANDOMATIC.

I'M GOING OVER HERE AND I DON'T KNOW WHY.

THERE'S ONLY ONE THING THAT COULD MAKE THIS BONUS MORE FRIGHTENING.

I GOT ONE, TOO.

The Tech
June 25
1997

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by Katy-Cat