Committee Releases Student Life Report

By Jennifer Chung

Earlier this week, the Student Advisory Committee to the Task Force on Student Life and Learning released preliminary findings to help the Task Force improve the quality of student life at MIT.

The report discussed student opinions and theories on a wide range of issues, including residential life, academics, student activities, and the non-academic role of faculty members.

The report was actually completed in May, but the committee chose to schedule reasons to withhold its findings until the beginning of the new term.

The committee held workshops during Independent Activities Period last year to gauge student opinions about a variety of subjects related to student life and learning. It is "based on community input and much internal committee discussion, deliberation, and analysis," wrote committee member Luis Ortiz C in a letter to the Co-Chairs of the Task Force in May.

Team defines "Educational Triad"

One of the ideas expounded in the report is that of an "Educational Triad" consisting of academics, research, and community. According to the report, each of the three nodes in this triad develops and encourages the others even as each component of the triad is

Mosquitoes Infiltrate Institute Dormitories

By Brett Altschul

The cooler weather at the end of this week may end the mosquito problem on campus that has caused students in dormitories to voice complaints and prompt various reactions by the administration.

Several dormitories on the west side of campus, including MacGregor House and Burton-Conner House, have experienced significant problems with mosquitoes this year.

"They're really annoying," said Misha K. Hill '98, a resident of Baker House. "I don't know where they're coming from, and if some body does, I wish they would do something about it.

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In one extreme incident, the Campus Police transported a student to and from the Medical Center to be treated for mosquito bites.

No danger of infection

However, there is no danger of any kind of infection from the mosquitoes, according to Charles Lutes of Environmental Health and Safety. MIT's exterminator for the dormitories.

Freshman Dies after Tragic Accident at Home

By Douglas E. Helmberger

Umaer A. Basha '01 died Wednesday at Children's Hospital in Chicago after accidentally drowning in the shower.

Basha was taking a shower Monday at his parents' home in Lake Forest, Ill. when he fainted, said Robert M. Randolph, senior associate dean for undergraduate education and student affairs.

Basha's huspous filled with water and he went into a coma. "Efforts to revive him ultimately failed and he died Wednesday afternoon, after being taken off a ventilator," Randolph said. Doctors ruled the death accidental.

Basha, a resident of East Campus, was a member of the Muslim Students Association and the crew team, said Jed Z. Buchwald, professor of science, technology, and society and East Campus housemaster.

"They were, you know, upset," said Ayida Mthembu, associate dean for counseling and support services and associate housemaster of East Campus. "They're a very caring and very, very unlikely," said Ayida Mthembu, associate dean for counseling and support services and associate housemaster of East Campus. "They're a very caring and very, very unlikely," said Anwer A. Basha, Umaer's father.

Residents of the second floor of East Campus' west parallel met with counselors from MIT medical and members of the Office of the Dean for Students and Undergraduate Education, Randolph said.

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Mosquitoes, Page 12
A confrontation at the University of Virginia has sparked a police investigation and an appointment of a committee to examine race relations and other issues.

The incident occurred Tuesday night at the end of a U-Va. student forum on Asian issues. Among those speaking at the forum was Prof. W. Ake, a political science professor at Virginia Commonwealth University.

As the event broke up, Drake and an assistant dean at U-Va. Ishmael Connor, both African Americans, were alerted to a confrontational situation in the lobby of the building, Minor Hall.

According to various accounts of the incident, Officer Deborah Higgins, a security guard, was present in the lobby of Minor Hall when the altercation began.

"She grabbed me and pushed me back," he said. "I asked her to call my boss, and she said, 'Incident, like this reminds us that we have a long way to go.'"

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Bob Woodward
WASHINGTON

The executive assistant to Vice President Gore has testified that she was not present when the vice president's chief of staff, Bill Daley, read aloud a copy of the call sheet that was prepared for his telephone solicitations of contributors to the Democratic National Committee.

Gore's copy of the call sheet was prepared for his telephone solicitations of contributors to the Democratic National Committee. According to various accounts, the call sheet included information about contributors who were associated with the Democratic National Committee, and it was intended to help Gore solicit contributions from those individuals.


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Gore's attorneys had hoped that the Justice Department task force investigating the phone calls would address whether a law barring fund-raising by politicians from federal employees applied to the vice president or to calls made to people not on federal property.

"If that's the case," Gore said Thursday that the absence of any indication that the Justice Department would proceed further would likely cause Gore to extend the 30-day review to a pre-liminary investigation.

"The office was able to come up with copies of call sheets in 46 instances," he said. "That's why, given the nearly dozen sessions when the chief fund-raiser, kept copies and was present at most but not all of them." Gore said he had "Peirce's memory," to determine whether Gore had solicited contributions from a particular person.

Officially said they could not be presented with a number of call sheets or records of all calls made because there was no master list of contributors. But, Gore said, "The effort was to have a paper to remember what we had." Gore also said he had "a Peirce's memory" to determine whether Gore had solicited contributions from a particular person.

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Forbes Antitrust Inquiry

Intel Corp. is facing a wide-ranging antitrust investigation by the Federal Trade Commission over alleged deceptive advertising.

Intel, which makes chips that serve as the brains of personal computers, has been accused of advertising its chips as the "brains" of personal computers.

"This isn't a case of monoply power," said Intel attorney Ira Zuckerman. "It's a case about whether Intel has a legitimate competitive advantage over other companies in the market for personal computers.

According to industry sources, the investigation is a sweeping one that includes examining whether Intel has used its market share to hinder competition.

Intel makes about 85 percent of the computer logic chips that serve as the brains of personal computers. In the past few years its market share has also been growing rapidly.

A copy of the subpoenas circulated by the FTC, the investigation already is focused on several issues: what Intel knows about the market share and whether it has used its market share to hinder competition.

Intel has made these threats to cut prices to compete with the prices of competing companies and has made offers to projects that will make the chips more efficient.

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House Democrats Step Up Fight Over Voter Fraud Probe

Steve Scalise, the executive assistant to Vice President Gore, has announced that the Justice Department will begin investigating voter fraud.

"We're going to take this fight to the streets, to the courts and to the courts of public opinion," Scalise said.

According to Scalise, the Justice Department will begin investigating voter fraud as soon as possible.

The Justice Department has already begun investigating voter fraud in several states, including Florida, Georgia and Texas.

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Fair Fall Flair

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Ginny Terrandex, Gore's press secretary, said that the re-election campaign was "a long time coming." The re-election campaign was starting to take shape after the vice president said he would run for re-election.

"No one really cares about the campaign," she said. "We're trying to focus on the issues and the policies and the candidates, and we're not sure what the next step will be."
Turkish warplanes bombed rebel Kurdistan positions inside Iraq Thursday, Downing Street said. The operation was launched, according to a Foreign Ministry official, "to protect Turkey's interests in the area."

The Special Air Service, cleared from the area during a large-scale attack last May and June were trying to re-establish positions along the mountainous border between Turkey and Iraq.

Military spokesman were unavailable for comment, but the govern-

The Turkish Embassy was not yet complete. The service was

A group of FBI and Turkish intelligence, including Lord Wakeham, the chair-

By Andrew M. Vara

"We've listened and we've acted," said Lord Wakeham, the chair-
Affective Action Is Not Patronizing

In her column on affective action ("Taking In the Scenery," Sept. 23), Stacy E. Blau ’98 has once again succeeded in dramatizing the ills of society in an effort to force her viewpoint on the student body at MIT. Her point in this instance—that affective action is a program white males use to diversify their surroundings by supplementing the scenery around them—is altogether too blatant an attempt to express her social arrogance.

Affective action has and continues to be wholly an attempt at preventing women and minorities from being discriminated against because of their history of unjust social inequality. MIT’s intent in implementing such a policy was and is to prevent discrimination, not to patronize non-white and non-white students.

I do agree with the idea behind Blau’s column—that affective action, as it is, should no longer be an MIT policy. Admission board members should be beyond discriminatory practices. However, she makes the same mistake that affective action does when she attributes its implementation here at MIT to a group of white males. Blau does directly what affective action does indirectly: she needlessly homogenizes society into groups based solely on gender and race. She misses the point.

The reason that affective action should be stricken from policy is because it views people based on their gender and racial background, while ignoring more relevant measures, like test scores, grades, and especially personality—not because it is patronizing.

Worse, Blau makes no attempt to devise an alternative solution to the problem that affective action tries to address. She merely attacks MIT policy without looking at the issues surrounding decisions regarding policy implementation.

Dana S. Spiegel ’99

The Paper Waste

I’ve been wondering about something for a while now. It’s not the most serious, conscious person, but sometimes things really pop out at you.

The paper manufacturing process uses up many trees. Although trees are renewable, they take a long time to grow back, and there is a strong negative environmental impact until they do. Besides, a bit of thought will tell you that more paper production means more land must be set aside for making wood pulp, which does not do good things for the ecosystem. Paper manufacturing also produces waste products and uses a significant amount of energy.

Furthermore, the vast majority of paper ends up in the trash. Even recycling isn’t perfect: it requires more energy and material, and generates more waste. And it doesn’t do anything about the original environmental cost.

I walk down the Infinite Corridor every Tuesday and Friday. As far as I can tell, there are literally thousands of copies of The Tech that go unread every printing. It’s even worse than it appears, since there are so many that people freely leave them in classes or throw them out and pick up another later. This is no input and generates more waste. And it doesn’t do anything about the original environmental cost.

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The culprits are usually students looking to put the idea into practice is pretty hard. Some (it takes to attend technology per se. There is nothing holy for technology to become gods. death itself. Perhaps technology will allow us things to do and experience. Technology provides us with new things. Technology is good for us: It motivates us and gives us ability to live comfortable lives. to become gods.

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So where did all the Athena chairs go? I'm sure Brian Murphy would like an answer. Murphy is the custo- mer services support team leader for Information Systems. In lingo, this means that he is in charge of replacing all the vanishing Athena chairs in all the computer classrooms of the Institute. He is the speng a $15,000 to replace all missing chairs. Murphy, along with the rest of us, is rather baffled as to why they have to buy so many chairs every year.

Perhaps people dislike technology because it makes it easier for us to destroy not only a few people but all of us. People also blame environmental degradation technology (if it were not for technology, we wouldn't have the time to blame these things on anything or anyone. We'd be no better off than prede- cendants foraging for food. Indeed, technology may hold the solutions to problems like war and environmental problems.

There is another important reason technol- ogy is good for us: It motivates us and gives us direction. I dislike sameness or repetition. The only way to avoid it is to think of new things. I technology holds the key to new things and to do things of experience.

The idea of thinking is the technology itself. With imagination, one can do at least try moving slowly toward chang- ing or entertaining enough for them. You can also hall of fame and many Athena chair drag racing tournaments (complete or entering into being an Athena chair Water Polo) (save the water, of course). It is quite quick among the not missing items — only to replace them again not too long. With the enough computing, the Quadrennial cafeteria tables, class and take it and that it seems the Institute always gives for (rather, replaces), white

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*Film Review*

The Peacemaker

When keeping track of just most of the missiles isn't good enough

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Given that The Peacemaker is the first ever movie from the newly formed DreamWorks movie studio, the bratchild of Steven Spielberg, it comes as a certain surprise that the plot is one of the most basic action movie plots — catching the terrorist who stole several weapons of mass destruction and intends to use them. This plot was already used, reused, and overused in action movies (The Rock, James Bond movies (Thunderball), Jackie Chan movies (First Strike) and even parodies of James Bond movies (True Lies). And yet here we see a big, important, and expensive movie earnestly using the same plot again.

The key word here is "earnestly." It is surprising how far this earnestness gets us. The first hour and a half of The Peacemaker are paced slower than is customary for the action movies nowadays, but this gives the filmmakers time to put in characterization (not much, but some), psychological motives for the villains (who are more complex than standard-issue bad guys), and the all-important details. When we see a passenger train about to be demolished by the terrorists, the movie tries to get us outraged by reminding us that there are people on the train — a sleeping old man, a young couple, a woman who is breast-feeding her baby. And then the imminent destruction does cause our outrage.

Not quite surprising, considering that one of the producers of this movie also produced Schindler's List.

Since the plot is so ordinary, it's the details that have to be good. And attention to details is the thing that The Peacemaker does right. All Russian and Serbian characters are played by Russian and Serbian actors, so all the native language dialog is unaccented (anyone remembers Sean Connery's accent in The Hunt For The Red October?). The current political situation, geography and science are also done correctly; this, however, might make the movie less accessible to the general viewers, since the understanding of how a nuclear bomb works is necessary to fully appreciate the ending. And quite an ending it is. After an hour and a half of action which borders on blandness, there's a taut and exciting finale, set in New York city, which is especially fun to watch if you actually know Manhattan.

Another nice thing about the movie is the presence of Nicole Kidman. It's a rare thing to feel a competent, in-charge female in an action movies that isn't there for romance. She also sets a very high standard of acting, and George Clooney is not quite up to it. He spends the first half of the movie just standing around and smirking, which grows quite irritating. Fortunately, in the second half, when the cat-and-mouse game turns personal, he stops smirking and actually does some decent acting.

All in all, a surprisingly conventional movie, although done as well as could be expected given such a generic plot. Perhaps DreamWorks wanted to secure a broad spectrum of viewers with their first outing, but they missed a chance to be more daring. Perhaps Amistad, a historical drama directed by Steven Spielberg, coming out in December, will be more interesting.
AGE OF EMPIRES

By Mark Huang

As a world traveler, I clicked a few more times. My efforts revealed that the extent of his vocabulary ranged from “Jahweh” to something else that sounded remotely like a fish dying in a blender. I tried playing the sample backward, to see if the slave was really saying “Zug zug” or “I’m there!” to let me know that he had been stolen from another game and placed in Age of Empires, but this wasn’t the case.

Despite my first impression, Age of Empires grew on me. The graphics are excellent (albeit slow in higher resolutions), the pieces are beautifully animated, and the interface is immediately intuitive. I really have only a few complaints about it. The artificial intelligence could use a little, well, intelligence. The pieces could be more balanced. And reality would do well to get in around the Bronze Age.

Unfortunately, the things that I’m complaining about, AI, balance, and realism, are what separate your average real-time strategy game from, say, Minesweeper. Currently, there are at least five major strategy games competing for brand new shelf space: Dark Reign, Outpost 2, Total Annihilation, Dominon, and Dark Colony. This list doesn’t even include the giants of the movement, Red Alert, Warcraft II and Civilization II. All of these games, with the possible exception of Dark Colony (a terribly dull game), are second-generation offspring: meaner and faster than their predecessors and still realistic yet creative. Age of Empires, on the other hand, evokes a bit of nostalgia for good old Civilization, but doesn’t nearly approach the level of complexity or fast-paced concentration that games like Red Alert pioneered. Furthermore, Age of Empires doesn’t come out until much later this fall and will almost be an afterthought to the Great Warcraft Imitation Festival of 1997. Already, gamers are tiring of strategy games and awaiting Ultima Online, coming out this week.

Admittedly, though, Age of Empires has its competition beat hands-down in the research and premise category. You can’t really compete against 10,000 years of meticulously detailed human history as a backdrop for a game. What Ensemble Studios could have done with their advantage, however, was use it to bolster the reality of the game. Hundreds of years pass by for each minute you play, which interferes with the game’s real-time nature. You’re supposedly building and cultivating a civilization, but by the time you can tell your slaves to build a single house, you’ve already passed through another Age. Not to mention the fact that during a multiplayer game, you’re slapping buildings down and building armies up as fast as you can, and aren’t thinking about what a monumentally Great Thing the human spirit is, which is sort of what Civilization and SimCity do for you, only better. Single-player is perhaps the only rewarding mode in Age of Empires. You can ignore the fact that fighting a single battle or felling a deer takes the equivalent of a hundred years, and simply concentrate on raising your civilization to glory.

Because I previewed an early beta of Age of Empires, I don’t think it’s quite fair to Ensemble or Microsoft to complain in further detail until the game is released. A host of bugs and addendums need to be fixed; pieces sometimes get stuck in corners, units may not follow commands properly ("No! That’s not where I told you to go today!"), and the game runs quite slowly (although I’ve heard varying reports). There has been much talk about the AI, the final version of which some are already heralding as a masterpiece. If it is indeed so, it wasn’t present when I played. The nature of the pieces in Age of Empires also makes the game quite unfair in certain circumstances. The value system must change radically in the final version if Microsoft has any hopes of selling the game to serious players.

The hype surrounding Age of Empires is well-deserved. The game represents one of Microsoft’s largest gaming endeavors and Bruce Shelley’s (co-founder Civilization) latest work. Ensemble Studios itself is packed with talent, and, given Microsoft’s previous successes, the marketing of the game should at least see an entertaining sight to witness. For now, though, if you’re saving your money for a game, don’t wait until Halloween for this one. Try Ultima Online if you can find a copy, or, if you’re looking to break into the strategy genre, Red Alert or any of its children.

Next week: Hardware Review: 3Dfx-based graphics accelerators.

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The Council for the Arts at MIT Grants Program

Next deadline: September 26

The Council for the Arts at MIT Grants Program was created to give members of the MIT community the opportunity to create, learn about and participate in the arts. The Grants Guidelines are now on line at: http://web.mit.edu/artis/www/grantguide.html

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MIT Women's Collective Promotes Issue Awareness

By Jennifer Lane

Walking through Lobby 7 Tuesday and Wednesday beneath clotheslines full of painted T-shirts, many students first came into contact with the MIT Women's Collective, a new organization on campus formed to promote awareness of women's issues. Each T-shirt in Lobby 7 represented a female victim of violence, and the shirts were color-coded by type of incident. Each shirt was made by victims of violence, or their close relatives.

The Clothesline Project was "a great success," said Michelle L. Evans '99, one of the group's original founders. The display increased awareness and prompted meaningful discussions, she said.

Shirts were supplied by the Boston Chapter of the National Organization for Women, one of several groups sponsoring over 300 clothesline projects a year, nationally and internationally. All told, the effort has amassed over 35,000 T-shirts.

Collective promotes awareness

The Women's Collective was formed this summer by a core group of seven female founders, and has since expanded to roughly 25-30 people, including several men. The collective became an Association of Student Activities-recognized group two weeks ago.

"I find it very exciting that women are coming together to make the Institute an even better place for women," said Dean for Students Margaret R. Bates. One of the primary purposes of the group is simply to promote awareness of gender issues which are often not dealt with at MIT, Evans said.

To that end, the collective will review the report of the Student Advisory Committee to the Task Force on Student Life and Learning, and formulate a response and recommendations to give to the Task Force.

Evans pointed to several issues of gender on campus that needed attention. For instance, results of the 1994 Senior Survey conducted by the Educational Services Working Group reported several gender discrepancies in the results.

In the survey, women were less satisfied with their experience at the Institute and were less likely to see improvement in their self-confidence, self-esteem, and creativity while at the Institute.

The collective has many other goals for the MIT community. Among them is the desire to provide a supportive community for MIT women on campus. Therefore, the group will be seeking the establishment of a Women's Center on campus.

Bates thought that the collective's proposed center might work in conjunction with the existing Margaret Cheney Lounge in room 3-310. The lounge serves as a haven in which women can study or work.

The collective also seeks to open an avenue for women's voices on campus, including those of students, faculty, and administration members. Another goal of the group is to provide an intellectual atmosphere for critical thought and open discussion on topics relating to women through lectures, film screening, and analysis of literature.

To this end, the group's Wednesday meeting highlighted a talk by Professor Margery Resnick entitled "Katherine Dexter McCormick: Autonomy and Collectivity."

Resnick had the group consider how collective action is often necessary to effect change. A collective that unites autonomous individuals from different perspectives is a powerful means of accomplishing shared goals, she said.

The MIT Women's Collective stretched clotheslines across Lobby 7 earlier this week. Each T-shirt on the line represented a victim of violence, printed with words of their own anguish.
Indian dance master Chitresh Das gave a demonstration of his art on Monday in Killian Hall. He was artist in residence this week, and has taught several classes to MIT students.

### MIT dates & deadlines

**Upcoming student deadlines and other important Institute dates**

This service is brought to you by the Office of the Dean of Students and Undergraduate Education. If you know of important dates we have missed, please send them to deadlines@mit.edu, and we will add them to the deadlines Web site: http://web.mit.edu/odsue/deadlines/

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*Resumes welcome.*
Ananya Guha '99 performed a short kathak dance with her fellow students in the recently opened Endicott Center (behind the MIT Museum). She is among the four students who take classes in the dance form taught by Gretchen Ruckert, who studied the art with Chitresh Das (opposite) for 25 years.
Professor Noam Chomsky attacks U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East at a lecture on Wednesday night at the First Parish Church at Harvard.

"Process peace questioned"

Leaving this question open, Chomsky next defined the U.S. "peace process" in the Middle East.

"Chomsky cited numerous occurrences that he thought constituted U.S. hypocrisy in the Middle East. He said that in examining documents more closely, it became more apparent to him that the United States was one of a few countries that had never fully accepted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in particular Article 13, which guarantees refugees' rights to leave or to return to their country.

Chomsky also felt there was an element of hypocrisy in the Oslo accord, which gave Israel a "carte blanche" right to the territories, forcing Palestinians to accept "all legal rights of Israelis anywhere in the occupied territory."

"Chomsky spoke of other examples that supported his beliefs, including an incident in February 1971 between President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and the United States whose true significance historians have "wiped out" from history. He stated that the U.S. has consistently and almost single-handedly voted against all U.N. resolutions that would grant Palestinian rights.

Chomsky concluded his speech by saying that "those who have force and violence at their hand get what they want, especially if they can control the information."

"U.S. militarism discussed"

During the question and answer period, Chomsky went on to say that the United States was supporting "apartheid" in Israel in order to funnel oil profits to itself and that part of the reason apartheid was overcome in South Africa was the U.S. lack of capitalistic interests. "Capitalism is basically not racist," Chomsky said, "as long as it can exploit somebody...like interlinked atoms."

"Chomsky said that the "U.S. administration is the most extreme fundamentalist administration" and that before the Clinton administration, "never before has there been an administration to the right of the Israeli regime." Chomsky points to the Beirut bombing and U.S. initial assumptions about the identity of the Oklahoma City bomber as evidence of a double-standard the public has for deeming an act terrorist."

Chomsky also stated that the American "population hasn't got a clue to what's going on. If the American public did [know], there might a shift in U.S. policy, as in South Africa," he said.

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"Mosquito Problem Studied"

No harmful germs have been found in this species, the culex mosquito, or northern house mosquito, Lutes said. "The risk is absolutely minimal."

"The mosquito problem did not seem too severe, since not that many people complained, but it was clear that a problem existed," said J. Kenneth Donaghey, the house manager for Burton-Conner Hall.

"I think that three [students] asked me about it," Donaghey said.

"I've never seen this problem before," said Kenneth Donaghey, also called Lutes Environmental.

"They'd already gotten calls from other dormitories," Donaghey said.

It was more of a city problem than an MIT problem, Donaghey said. "A lot of mosquitoes just happened to hatch in the area," he said.

"Exterminator researches problem"

Lutes said that he is currently researching the problem. After hearing from the exterminator, Cambridge and Massachusetts health agencies and an entomologist with whom to work.

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Obesity Drug Recall Ends MIT Royalties

By David D. Hsu

With the recall of the obesity drug dexfenfluramine on Sept. 15, MIT lost a revenue source previously expected to bring in at least one million dollars per year in royalties. Dexfenfluramine, commercially known as Redux, was voluntarily recalled after some patients using the drug developed heart valve damage.

The bulk of the research on the treatment of obesity with dexfenfluramine was conducted at MIT by Richard J. Wurtman, professor of neuroscience, and his wife Judith, research scientist in the Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences.

Since MIT owns the patent on dexfenfluramine, the Institute received royalties, typically one to five percent of sales.

Sales of the drug in 1996 reached $132 million, according to The New York Times: "We received more than one million dollars last year," said John Nelsen, director of the Technology Licensing Office.

After the Food and Drug Administration approved the drug in Nov. 1995, Wurtman said sales were expected to reach $500 million annually. One analyst had predicted $1 billion dollars in annual sales by 1999, according to The Boston Globe.

"This year, MIT will receive next to nothing" after the recall, Nelsen said.

However, royalties are not something MIT depends on, Nelsen said. Redux income was not used for general operations but rather for wartime costs.

Although the Institute is sorry that the money is gone, "it won't impact MIT in any noticeable way," Nelsen said.

Wurtman is waiting for more information in a few months. "I don't know if it's real or not," Wurtman said. He said he expects more information in a few months.

The recall occurred just over one year after the drug first went on sale in late 1996. A few months after Redux hit the market, Wurtman said the drug was identified as "the most successful new drug ever launched, over a million prescriptions have already been written."

The drug opened miracle-like expectations. Sheldon Levin, a diet doctor, even wrote The Redux Revolution, a book about the "most important weight loss discovery of the century."

Drug's safety questioned

Redux later graced the Sept. 23, 1996 cover of Time, but at that time, questions were already being raised about the drug's safety.

"Minor side effects, like a dry mouth and fatigue, were noted. More serious side effects, like toxicity and hypertension, were cited by various studies."

Still, Redux managed to shrug off most of the bad publicity. In July, the Mayo Clinic reported that 24 patients developed heart valve disease after taking a drug combination of fenfluramine and phentermine. Fenfluramine contains dexfenfluramine. There were also reports of cases of heart valve damage in patients taking only Redux.

The Mayo findings were reported in the Aug. 28 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine. Later findings showed that of 291 patients screened, 30 percent had abnormal valve findings.

Based on the new data, manufacturers agreed to withdraw both Redux and fenfluramine, and the FDA recommended patients stop taking the drugs.

With the recall of Redux, questions have been raised about the

FDA approval process. The FDA defends itself, saying that Redux labeling claimed that safety was not shown for longer than one year of use. In addition, dexfenfluramine had been marketed in Europe for over 10 years without displaying a link between the drug and heart valve problems.

Interneuron Pharmaceuticals, a company founded by Wurtman, acquired the patent and developed the drug. Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories produced and marketed Redux.

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The Princeton Review Sued over GMAT Prep Books

By Carina Fung

In a battle between two test preparation giants, Kaplan, the nation's biggest test prep company and Princeton Review, the upstart, the consumer is the chief rival. The Princeton Review, which recently launched several computer-adaptive test books for the Graduate Management Admission Test, is charging Kaplan with various false claims in advertising its products and services to students seeking admission to business schools. Kaplan, the biggest business partner of the Graduate Management Admission Council, sued Princeton in late October for the same alleged infractions.

Starting in October, the GMAT will be offered exclusively as a computer-adaptive test, which modifies the test by adjusting the difficulty of the questions based on the test taker's response. Questions get harder if a student answers previous ones correctly or easier if they answer incorrectly.

Current test materials produced by Princeton and Kaplan are not computer-adaptive. Kaplan also produces Princeton Review books and comes in either paper-based versions, or in paper-based versions accompanied by computer-based practice tests on CD-ROM. Kaplan claims that the cover of Princeton Review's book Cracking the GMAT CAT - 1998 Edition has false claims because the book contains "four computer-adaptive tests on CD-ROM", while, in reality, only one full simulated GMAT is available on CD-ROM.

Kaplan filed suit last Tuesday under the federal Lanham Act in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, alleging that Princeton Review is using false promotional claims to sell books and software. Kaplan is seeking immediate injunctive relief requiring Princeton Review to stop using the claims.

Andy Rosen, Kaplan's chief operating officer, said that legal proceedings began after Princeton Review refused to heed complaints from Kaplan and customers.


Princeton Review responds

Paul Cohen, spokesman for Princeton Review, said that there was indeed only one full simulated GMAT CAT in the package. He also explained that the series of Cracking review books, for other standardized tests such as the Medical College Admissions Test and the Law School Admission Test, all have the same statement on the cover.

"These books do really contain four complete tests on one CD-ROM, but the GMAT CAT, only one full test could fit on the CD-ROM," Cohen said. There are actually the equivalent number of questions on the CD-ROM as four full GMAT CAT tests. "The computer-adaptive version is modified so that the student takes as a larger pool of questions must be created for each test," he said.

John Katzman, president of Princeton Review, called the charges "laughable... Their software simply doesn't sell enough to rank as one of our competitors," Katzman said.

Kaplan claims that in addition to deceiving students, Princeton Review has compromised bookstores in its effort to promote its books. "This puts bookstores and software retailers in the incredibly uncomfortable position of marketing a product that blatantly misleads the test taker," Katzman said.

"This lawsuit is a pathetic misuse of the courts to stem the wildly successful sales of our products, which are not only the market leaders but which have won every competitive review," Katzman said.

Kaplan notified

"We were first alerted to this problem of false advertisement when students called us," Rosen said. Some students who had bought the book and had found the missing tests called Kaplan if they had better preparation materials.

"It's one thing to make a mistake, but another to knowingly and intentionally deceive customers," Rosen said. "We [Kaplan] do not want to be underemphasized by those who make false claims," Rosen said.

Kaplan said that they complained to Princeton about the misleading statements, but it refused to take corrective measures. The Princeton Review claimed that it took measures to correct the mistakes as soon as they were discovered, long before being contacted by Kaplan. It also said that it had informed Kaplan of this before Kaplan sued, making litigation unnecessary.

The Princeton Review called Kaplan's claim that it had corroborated customer complaints baseless and untruthful. The Princeton Review knows of no customer who has complained, and that individual has been offered a full refund and a copy of the new software package to come out in several weeks.

"It's one thing to make a mistake, but another to knowingly and intentionally deceive customers," Rosen said. "It would have been better if they had addressed the problem instead of forcing us to sue them."

Initial court hearing last Friday

Kaplan went into court last Friday on a motion for a temporary restraining order to stop Princeton Review from making these alleged false claims. Rosen also filed a letter to the court and at the hearing last Friday, lawyers representing Princeton Review, Random House, Inc., and Mindscape, Inc. acknowledged that the statements Kaplan identified were false, and said that their clients agreed to stop selling products with the offending statements.

Cohen said that at the hearing last Friday, Kaplan asked for a temporary restraining order on Princeton Review's GMAT test-preparation materials, but the judge rejected it. Following this, Princeton Review made a statement that they had already stopped the shipment and printing of the products with the erroneous statements, he said.

With temporary relief secured, the court scheduled a full hearing to come out in several weeks.

GMAC also files lawsuit

The GMAC has also filed suit against Princeton Review in federal district court in Virginia for falsely claiming that Cracking the GMAT CAT, 1998 Edition has "two authentic computer-adaptive GMAT tests in Princeton Review's materials. The court decided to limit ourselves to something that was clearly in our domain. In pursuing the other false advertisement claim, we would have to follow different arguments and took different restitution," Wilson said.

Princeton Review agreed to cover the word "authentic" with stickers on all existing copies within 45 days, if GMAC would drop the lawsuit, Wilson said. GMAC did indeed drop the lawsuit, and the paperwork for the settlement was completed Tuesday night.

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Report Says That MIT Needs Change

Task Force, from Page 21

A distinct area of a student’s education—research helps integrate theoretical science with engineering, community enables students to understand independence and adult life, and academics has always been the core of education.

Committee advocates activities

The committee particularly noted students’ living conditions and extracurricular activities such as athletics, music groups, and government. It found that students tend to form close relationships with the members of their living groups, inhibiting diversity because living groups tend to be homogenized.

The introduction of extracurricular groups introduces diversity into a student’s normal social circle, the report said. When student activities are impeded through such problems as too much classwork or not enough funding, however, students become limited in their social interactions and experience less diversity. The committee pointed out that “MIT ranks at approximately 25 percent of its peer institutions in the level of funding granted to student activities.”

“The Task Force agrees with the Student Advisory Group that we need to find ways strengthen the interactions between the nodes” of the triad, said Professor R. John Hansman PhD ’82, co-chair of the task force.

Not enough ‘variety’ at MIT

Several interesting points were raised in the report regarding the humanities. One student complaint noted in the report was the “little variety in the choices of MIT majors and minors.” Despite the claim that many of MIT’s less technical departments “are ranked among the top departments in the world”, students inevitably focus in the sciences and engineering, the report said.

In addition, the report suggests that “MIT should have a law school or department specializing in technological issues.” Given the rapid rate of fusion between technology and society, humanities departments that are more developed might be beneficial in the education of the MIT student, the report said.

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Despite the broader focus on less technical topics, "it seems as if MIT has not been able to keep pace with the changing and expanding needs of society," the report said. Thus, the Task Force was formed to look into the role of MIT graduates in society. Specifically, the report said that it appears MIT's education does not adequately provide training for communication, teamwork, and analytical ability.

Now that the committee has compiled student opinion in writing the report, it will discuss strategies for addressing student concerns with the Task Force. A subsequent report outlining solutions and recommendations regarding these concerns is tentatively scheduled to be released in the summer.

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Glad you enjoyed them, Karen. Personally, I don't understand why they'd call them "sanitizing deodorant cakes." I just can't imagine that they taste anything like cake.

I hate you, Milkman Dan.
Women's Cross Country Places Fifth Out of 20 at Invitational

By Janis Eisenberg

On Saturday, the women's cross country team competed in the UMass-Dartmouth Invitational, its first large meet of the season. MIT placed fifth out of 20 teams, with a score of 131.

Coming in ahead of MIT were Trinity College with 67, Bates College with 129, Connecticut State University with 131, Monmouth College with 141, and Babson College with 173.

The meet was an opportunity for MIT to gauge its position among teams against which it will compete throughout the season. In particular, the team met its New England Women's 8 rivals Wheaton and Babson Colleges, which finished in seventh and 12th.

The race was run almost entirely on grass fields around the UMass campus and was extremely flat. The easy course generally led to fast times for the team, although some runners were bothered by the high humidity.

Placing third, Janis Eisenberg '98 finished in 18:36, followed by Shao-Fen Tung '00 who was 15th with a time of 19:13. Debora Won '99 soon followed, in 19:36, which placed her 22nd.

Melanie Harris '01 was the next Engineer to finish, in 19:50 and 31st place; a personal best. Tanya Zecevsky '99 was next in 63rd with a time of 20:44, a significant improvement over the previous weekend.

The last three varsity runners came in close together: Robin Evans '99 who was 68th in 20:51, Margaret Nervegna '01 in 21:02, and Leah Nichols '00 in 21:09.

Due to the large number of teams competing there were separate varsity and junior varsity races. In the junior varsity race, Desiree Mitral '98 was the first MIT runner, finishing in 21:16. She was followed by Lauren McCann '01, with a time of 22:38.

The team will see many of the same competitors on Saturday, when it will run in the Rhode Island Invitational.

Despite Gusty Winds, Sailors Perform Well

By Sheri Ann Cheng

Windy weather this past weekend gave MIT sailors some brushing up in sailing fast. Gusty winds of over 20-knot winds caused regattas at Dartmouth College, MIT, and Salem State College to end early on Sunday.

The river hasn't seen many windy days yet this season, and overall, the strong winds this past weekend were welcomed by the team as a fun challenge and a learning experience.

The women's team traveled to Dartmouth's Lake Mascoma for an intramural regatta, sailing with 16 teams from New England and the Mid-Atlantic States. The weekend started out light and shifty, with conditions very much like sailing on the river.

Division A sailors Jen Kelly '99 and Sheri Cheng '99 stayed relatively consistent and sailed well in the top half of the fleet.

Wind speed increased by the end of Saturday, and as the division A boats approached a mark in what was to be the last race of the day, a large squall came in. Coach Kyle Welch said it could be "the worst day of the season so far." Within a few short seconds, all but three boats were flipped over in the lake. Four boats managed to finish, but MIT remained in the water for the rest of the race.

Sunday was a bit windier, with wind consistently blowing at about 20 knots, and temperature dropping 10 degrees from the previous day. Kelly and Cheng had a drifter day, staying upright and sailing smart all day.

The regatta was finally ended. Much said, "It was a great race. We performed well, and we're excited for the season."
Nothing is Settled Until the Buzzer on Monday Nights

By Chris Brocsum

Let's talk about the possibility of players being paid off in the NFL. I don't mean to sound skeptical, but one has to look a little further than the last few Monday Night Football at a 11 games to see the evidence in full detail.

Cowboys squeeze to victory. The Eagles barely beat the Packers. This week on the winning play, the Packers moved the Super Bowl from Sunday afternoon to Monday night in an effort to promote a competitive, engaging game. Amen to that.

This is as tied with the Patriots. In other news, it is official, believe it or not Tampa Bay is 4-0.

Thi is week, during the second half, MIT increased the intensity in game 15-13, Wheaton showed why they are ranked with intricate passing to take games two and three. And excellent passing to take games two and three.

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Women's Volleyball Defeats Wheaton In Tough Five-Game Away Match

By Paul Dill

The Wheaton's varsity volleyball team posted its third victory in four matches against ranked teams Tuesday night at Wheaton College.

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**SPORTS**

After 17-Year Dry Spell, Water Polo Beats Harvard

By Chris Briscoe

The men’s varsity water polo team pulled out an impressive 11–10 victory Tuesday evening against Harvard University. The victory ends a 17-year drought.

Lead by the outstanding play of Charles Wykoff ‘98, Zac Lee ‘98, Stefan Beyew ‘01 and Matt Haasman ‘01, it was close the entire game as neither team lead by more than three.

MIT started out strong as Lee controlled the opening sprint and Haasman scored on MIT’s first possesion to give the Engineers the early lead. Harvard seemed sluggish at the start and MIT took a 2-1 lead on two goals by Beyew. Mike McCarl ‘99 finished off the quarter with a goal to put MIT on top 4-2 going into the second.

Unfortunately, Harvard rebounded and silenced the crowd with a four-meter and a long two-pointer to take a commanding 7-4 lead midway through the second period. MIT’s offense seemed to stall as the Engineers had difficulty getting the ball into the hole, however MIT’s inspired defense kept it close.

Lee scored the first of his two goals on a penalty two-pointer to cut the deficit to one. Under MIT’s control for the rest of the period, MIT went into the half trailing 7–5.

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Haasman scored again late to take one point lead. Under two minutes to play, MIT called a time-out. MIT’s offense flowed to a large, game-winning point with 1.65 left to play to give the Engineers the lead they would hold onto until the end.

Humphrey also triumphed at third singles with a 6-2, 6-2 win. At fourth singles, Kwon struggled through a lengthy three-set match, but was barely ousted by her opponent with a score of 6-7(5), 6-4, 6-2.

Another impressive victory belonged to Cunningham, at fifth singles. After splitting the first two sets, she displayed remarkable perseverance and determination by winning the match in a third-set tiebreaker. The final score of that match was 6-0, 6-2, 7-5.

The other co-captain, Susan Lin ‘99 played a tough match but suffered a heartbreaking loss. Cunningham and Kwon played to a 8-6 defeat at first doubles. The second doubles team of Humphrey and Kwon played to a 8-6 win.

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**Men’s Cross Country Finishes Behind Tufts To Take Second at Meet**

By David S. Kelman

Racing spikes churned in the topsoil Saturday as the men’s cross country team took on nationally ranked teams from Tufts University and Bates College. The Engineers triumphed over Bates but fell short in their battle against traditional local rival Tufts, who spotted a particularly solid top five.

After the dust settled, the final standings left Tufts with 31 points, MIT with 44, and Bates with 55. The newly created five-mile race course, located at Tufts’ Veterinary School 45 minutes west of Boston, is a demanding hilly, undulating creation that accounted for uncharacteristically slow times posted by all competitors.

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**Women’s Tennis Defeats Wheaton To Stay Undefeated in Conference**

By Michelle Youn and Nora Humphrey

On Tuesday, the women’s varsity tennis team added another victory to their conference record with a 9-0 loss in the senior doubles, Nora Humphrey ‘98 and Hannah Kwan ‘00 suffered a 9-7 loss in an extremely close match.

Team-co-captain Nisha Singh ‘99 led the way as she went on a tear at third doubles, secured the second point with an 8-3 win. Amazingly, both doubles matches was that of the fourth doubles team, Jenny Hich ‘01 and Lauren Cunningham ‘01. They, too, played long, competitive set but lost 9-8 (7-5) on an extremely close match.

In singles play, MIT took control by surrendering only two losses. At first singles Youn took an easy win, 6-2, 6-0. Nakamura breezed through her match at second singles with a stunning 6-1, 6-0 victory. Nakamura claimed victory at second singles 6-2, 6-0. Third singles Humphrey played a close match losing 6-4, 6-4.

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Saturday, Sept. 27
Baseball vs. Merrimack College, 12 p.m.
Football vs. Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 12 p.m.
Ridge vs. Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science
Women’s Tennis vs. Smith College, 1 p.m.
Women’s Volleyball in the MIT Invitational Tournament, 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

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Women’s Sailing in the New England Singlehanded Qualifiers

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