Φ ΓΔ Suspends 8, Fades Away

By Eric Sitt

Staff Writer

The φ ΓΔ community will need to search elsewhere to discover charm and grace, as MIT's charm school does off the list of activities being offered during this year's Independent Activities Period.

Charm School was a fun and light-hearted part of the January term. It provided a fun way for students to ask some serious etiquette questions, polish their social skills, and have a bit of fun. Students could go from booth to booth and earn a charm coupon for each lesson completed. Students could go from booth to booth and earn a charm coupon for each lesson completed.

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GDP Leadership Attacks Abortion
Procedure Litmus Test
THE WASHINGTON POST
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Republican Party leaders Tuesday began a full-scale drive to kill a proposed party rule that would prohibit giving financial support to any candidate who opposes the controversial Clinton-plan abortion procedure that opponents call "partial birth" abortion.

In a statement sent to all 165 members of the Republican National Committee last week, the party's executive committee had decided to debate the proposal at its winter meeting, RNC chairman Jim Nicholson said. "The question before that committee was whether to adopt a litmus test," he said, "and the answer to that question is no. It's a sloppy slipper that only serves to divide our great national party."

Three former RNC changers, Richard N. Bond, Halley Barbour and Frank J. Fabenker, lined up behind Nicholson. "I think this would be incredibly destructive to the Republican Party should it pass," Bond said.

Tim Lambert, a Republican National Committeerman from Texas, has proposed the litmus test to keep the seriousness of a procedure that he said amounts to "infanticide. There are some things so bad that we can't support them.

Tobacco Settlement Money Already Spent in Upcoming Budget
THE WASHINGTON POST
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In the budget he will release next month, President Clinton is expected to spend $16 billion from the national settlement of legal claims against the tobacco industry.

The settlement's development has not actually been set ided. By including the money in the budget even before tobacco legisla- tion is crafted, the White House is taking a calculated risk that pres- ence of the tobacco industry's money will make it easier to win passage for the proposed legislation.

"There's a good prospect we will get a national tobacco settle- ment," said Rahm Emanuel, Clinton's senior adviser. Even so, they must wait for the passage of the settlement. Emanuel acknowledged they have put more at stake for the president. With his budget now counting on the money, they believe, Clinton must make the tobacco issue a high priority for the upcoming congressional ses- sion.

The fiscal 1999 budget the administration will send Congress in early February is anticipated that the federal government will collect $10 billion from what legislation ultimately is passed, whether it be in the form of excise taxes or voluntary payments from cigarette manufacturers. The administration's budget will outline how the money would be spent — mostly to tobacco-related initiatives previ- ously endorsed by negotiators, such as increased regulatory enforcement, anti-smoking campaigns and biomedical research.

Food-Aid Officials Call for Help to North Korea
United Nations

Warning that North Korea could run out of food by April, the United Nations World Food Program appealed to the world Tuesday for $378 million in emergency aid to avert widespread starvation and malnutrition in the isolated communist country.

"We've used every tool in the box and will continue to use every tool in the box, but the economy is in such a bad shape that we can't go on forever," Michael Golden, WFP's executive director, said in a news conference in London. "The international community has been very generous, but it is time to make it more generous to prevent food shortages from becoming a famine."

Weather

Rain Bats
By Gerard Roe

The next few weeks will be generally miserable start to the new year, offset partially perhaps by temperatures that will be about 10 degrees warmer than normal. A large low pressure trough at middle and upper levels sitting over the center of the country has spread record warm weather over the eastern US. The trough is gradually begin- ning to drift west towards the northeast, but its slow progress has unsettled conditions for the rest of the week. The omnipresent cloud and winds will keep temperatures almost constant around the mid-40s.

Thursday: More rain, slowing towards day's end. High 46°F (8°C).
Friday: Even more rain. High and low in the 40s (5 to 9°C).

Indonesia Bailout Criticized Following-Continued Plunge
By Paul Blustein and Barbara Lerner Zinn

The $43 billion international rescue package announced Tuesday for Indonesia in danger of continuing, gov- ernment officials said, because the analysts warned Tuesday, as the Asian nation's currency plunged to a record low, that the IMF had announced a budget that failed to meet all of the conditions.

"Indonesia's troubles are the lat- est sign that Asia's financial crisis is worsening and the economic capital in billion in international bailouts that have been muddied by the World Bank and International Monetary Fund and other the region's one-proc- ess, policy package.

The currencies of Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia and the Philippines have been sliding for two years, each trading day of the new year. And Tuesday the Indonesian rupiah — which continues to fall against the dollar last year — fell the further.

The relentless turmoil in Asian markets is intensifying worries that the IMF's $43 billion in aid will be enough to reverse the region's slide toward economic deepening, but that the IMF's a groundbreaking

Clinton administration officials, who have been heavily involved in the IMF's bailout of Indonesia, are expressing similar views, although they refused to be quoted on Tuesday.

We would like to see the senior leadership in Indonesia stand up and play the role of a leader and show us the IMF's prescription has been right," IMF spokesman Jonathan Gertler said.

One possible outcome is that the IMF, which disbursed $3 billion in aid to Indonesia last year, may do — taken from the adult who wants to be cloned. Using an electri- cal pulse, scientists would fire the genes from that cell with a specially designed machine, and if those own genes had been removed. That cell would be allowed to grow into an embryo in the lab, number of developed embryos would be implanted into the womb of a surrogate mother, where it would develop into a similar genetically identical to the donor embryo.

Seed first announced his intentions at a Dec. 5 symposium on reproductive technologies in Chicago. "I've got the team togeth- er," he said, "and I'm going to take it seriously."
California Ski Accident Kills Representative Sonny Bono

By William Clabornie

The Washington Post

Rep. Sonny Bono, R-Calif., the canyon-hopping half of the Sonny and Cher singing duo who evolved into an activist mayor and a respected congressman, was killed in this mountain resort Monday afternoon when he slammed into a tree after skiing off an intermediate slope for a solo run through the trees.

Bono's swift death - a coroner's report said he died immediately of massive blunt trauma - resembles the fates that killed other lawmakers. Michael Kennedy, the 39-year-old son of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy as he played football with his children, was killed in a car crash. Brian L. Jones, a 22-year-old California ski instructor, died after the Hoover Dam collapsed. And the 75-year-old grandmother who died last September at a New Mexico ski resort was an avid and experienced skier, died about 2 p.m., five hours before the body was found partially obscured by a bulk of trees about 150 feet off the Upper Orion trail of the Heavenly Ski Resort on the Nevada-California state line.

Resort officials said that Bono, 62, who had been here for more than 20 years, was alone at the time of the accident. After riding a gondola to the top of the mountain with other family members, he skied alone and was not observed leaving the trail, authorities said.

Bono was skiing here with his wife and ex-wife Cher, his family children, Cisco, 9, and Chastity, 6, who logged behind her after one of the daughters stumbled.

Pierini said the family waited at the bottom of the trail for two hours and contacted authorities when Bono failed to show up. Resort officials said they first contacted the operators of shuttle busses that run between the mountain at local hotels and when there was still no trace of Bono, the patrol mounted a search.

Pierini said officials estimated that Bono was going between 20 and 30 miles per hour when he hit the tree. He said the autopsy by the Douglas County coroner showed "no indication of any substances or alcohol.""Experienced skiers here described that part of the Upper Orion trail as "easy-to-intermediate" with hard-packed snow that tends to become icy in the late afternoon shadows.

But they said skiers veer off the trail into the tree line, either in search of powder snow or to connect with other trails. The wooded area where Bono's body was found had about a foot of powdered snow and "trees all over the place," Pierini told reporters at a news conference.

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President Clinton Tuesday pro-
posed the largest expansion of Medicare in a quarter century, offering dislocated workers 55 and older benefits, the early retiree would be able to make health insurance available to millions of potential retirees age 62 up to 65 and another 700,000 dislocated workers 55 and older who either can't afford or lack access to comprehensive health care.

In order to receive the Medicare benefits, the early retirees would be required to pay a premium of roughly $300 a month and for those 150 million who would be eligible will pay premium that would cover their costs over time. Clinton said that the new proposal would not add significantly to Medicare's costs because the new enrollee would be required to pay a premium of roughly $300 a month and for those 150 million who would be eligible will pay premium that would cover their costs over time.

The Graduate Student Newsletter will be out on Feb. 15. Stories, comments, feedback, opinions, and announcements that are pertinent to graduate students are welcome and will be accepted until Jan. 23. Electronic submission to gsc-secretary@mit.edu is preferred, otherwise please mail to GSC Secretary at Room 50-220.

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Cuban Players Head For Nicaragua

The Washington Post

With their welcome in the Bahamas wearing thin and the Major League free-agent market beckoning, two star Cuban baseball players and five companions Tuesday appeared headed for Central America in a deal brokered by a Cuban American congressman from Miami.

Nicaraguan President Arnoldo Alvarado offered the Bahamians that he had agreed to grant temporary visas to the Cubans for "humanitarian reason." The Nicaraguan Embassy here said the deal represents the newest attempt to allow the entire group to escape deportation back to Cuba, rather than just the three who last week were granted permission to enter the United States.

The visas, valid for up to three months, also will give the defectors a safe haven while agents for the ballplayers work out residency arrangements with the government of Costa Rica, congressional sources said.

The deal, hastily patched together Tuesday with the help of Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart, R-Fla., came as the Bahamas ordered the two players to leave the country by Wednesday. The players, pitcher Orlando Hernandez and catcher Alberto Hernandez, who are of Cuban descent, were granted "humanitarian paroles" by the State Department last week along with Norris Bosch, the pitcher's girlfriend. That status allows them to enter the United States and seek eventual permanent residence here. Bosch took up the offer and flew to Miami on Monday.
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A Time For Living
The Press of Work and Time Can Strip Our Lives of Meaning

Naveen Sunkavalli

Leaving home the second time is a lot harder than leaving the first time. I arrived in California for my second vacation there. I found the weather so much better, the climate and the color of the sky, the way the smells of the city, the way everything seemed better. The first time I left home, all seemed to come out of control inside a dark room. I believe there are three types of stories that are felt. There are the stories that are written, and there are the stories that are felt. And while spoken language can be put into written language and vice versa, the language of feeling, of control, can rarely be translated to either. Thus, it is hard to explain why I feel the way I do.

Perhaps the first time I left home I had a mission to explore a new frontier; to see how an east coast city like Boston compared to California or learn the industrial street. Stories differed, how much louder or softer the fans cheered for their basketball teams, but the sense of being a part of an audience was much more citizens participated in city elections. This exploration brought me to one of the reasons I gave time the first time I left home. Not to mention that I also knew what I was missing by the second time I returned home.

"Sweet memories are the paradise of the mind," reads the fortune cookie I cracked open reminding me of an Ernst Dowson poem I once read as a child. I have a memory of my basket.

In his column, Dr. gropponte asks, "What makes an innovator stick to his habits?" While I have faith in the fact that a system is not always what it seems, I also think that there may be more to a system than meets the eye. Perhaps the first time I left home I had a mission to explore a new frontier; to see how an east coast city like Boston compared to California or learn the industrial style differed, how much louder or softer the fans cheered for their basketball teams, but the sense of being a part of an audience was much more citizens participated in city elections. This exploration brought me to one of the reasons I gave time the first time I left home. Not to mention that I also knew what I was missing by the second time I returned home.

In the Dec. 9, 1997 issue of The Tech, Brett Alsulch ["Other-worldly Media Lab Does Digital Digital"], Douglas E. Heimburger ["Negroponte's Wacky Columns""] and Anders Hove G ["Negroponte's Wacky Columns"]/articles discussed their thoughts on the MIT community. According to each of these articles, the MIT community is about the future of America and the technolog-ical elite. However, I would like to offer my personal experiences in the world of technology.

Last summer I was looking for a UROP. I'd heard about the Media Lab. Most of it was negative. However, I was asked to help the lab had done little real research. I sought out and obtained a Media Lab UROP just to see what it was like and I discovered that it was not all at what I had heard about.

The Media Lab does not do much conventional research into fundamental physical principles. Instead it pushes the limits of existing technology. There were some projects that did seem a bit wacky to me at first, and I could not see the point in pursuing them. For example, I was asked if I could think of a way to give everyone a little television screen and wearable computer. As we all know, a watch is a little too much. But the term wearable technology is no longer just a dream

The Media Lab is a hotbed for new and interesting ideas. The lab encourages engineers to think freely about how to use their skills to build a beneficial system. Just because a system does not do well for society does not mean it should not be pursued. Consider the case of Dolly, the genetically-engineered sheep. Genetic cloning is controversial, but does that mean that no one should look into the science behind it? It is for society to debate whether there is a good to close sheep, or whether to rig everyone with a computer for that matter.

In 1995, MIT students did not dismiss Media Lab UROPs as "cushy." In my UROP I learned about how to expand my mind, to think more about what I was doing. Each day I would ask myself "why?" questions. I have been given free reign to explore many different ways of building and designing. At the Media Lab, my ideas are not shot down right away. Instead, the lab empowers others to try them themselves and see if they work. I can do influence the direction of projects. I have been given a lot of responsibility for ensuring that the projects I'm involved in get done.

Before MIT students condemn the Media Lab as a "cushy" place, they should first take an honest look at what the Media Lab stands for and what it does. Stereotypes are not always accurate. In showing only a minute fraction of what the Media Lab is about, the columns by Heimburger, Brecht and Alsush have done injustice to all those who tire, sweat, and work to do good things for the world at the Media Lab.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Amistad

By Vladimir Zeleinsky

"Arlo Guthrie? I thought he was dead." That's what the audience thought when Arlo appeared at the House of Blues last December during his three-night stay in Cambridge. By the end of the night, however, they were proven wrong. He was not only alive, but very much still living.

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That style, with flowing timing and just enough humor, has kept him coming for more ever since. Last summer Arlo crowned the Further Festival, a Grateful Dead tribute concert, and when he returned to Boston last month, he hadn't missed a beat.

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**CONCERT REVIEW**

You can get anything you want at Arlo's restaurant.

By Joel Rosenberg

Arlo often blurred the line between his singing and his storytelling. He explained, "The Motorcycle Song" as a moment-of-truth vision he saw written across the sky in the split second following an accident he had on his bike. "Ring-A-Round-A-Rosy Rag," he explained, was inspired by a heavily intoxicated trip to the park with his friends. "Alice's Restaurant" was impeccably done, and had additional material describing how he has first-hand knowledge that Nixon owns an opened copy of Alice's Restaurant, and that the original version was eighteen

link between American ideology and history, is simultaneously engaging, shocking, and blissfully non-obsessive (unlike some recent movies, such as Rosseau, that tried to explore the same topics). Acting is excellent across the board with the possible exception being Morgan Freeman, who has one profound scene early in the movie, but practically disappears after that.

Technical aspects are similarly well polished. John Williams provides a sinuously non-Willianman (real subtle) score, editing is top-notch, and cinematography is as unusual as it is effective.

Most unexpected for me was the major comic element: the Africans struggle to understand the alien world. Their sarcastic comments to each other are frequently funny, and Anthony Hopkins somehow manages to make his John Quincy Adams (who came from retirement to be the slaves' legal advisor) be simultaneously noble, sentimental, and comic.

Oh yes, "Amistad" is Spanish for "Friendship". Life creates all the best photos.

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Written by David Franzoni.

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Speed, starring Keanu Reeves and Sandra Bullock, shows at LSC Friday night at 7 and 10 p.m. In 26-100, and again Sunday night at 7 p.m.

Go see the latest movies for free and let us know what you thought in the Tech's Arts page. Call us at 253-1541 and ask for David, or send e-mail to arts@the-tech.mit.edu.
Happy pending!

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Happy ice cream eating!

Groovy, baby! When you and your friends decide to take in a video store that IAP, head for the new releases rack and grab Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery, starring Mike Myers as a secret agent man Austin Powers and Elizabeth Hurley as a model performance, and cameo by Tom Arnold, Carol Fisher, and Burt Bacharach as terrific. It was released in theaters in 1997, but has a certain trachy O's humor to it. A e in point: the Fembot. Austin Power is hysterical and perfect for watching with a large group of groovy friends. BB Peace!

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New Director of Admissions

Jones Appointed at Year End

By Susan Buchanan

Marilee Jones was named Dean of Admissions on Jan. 1.

Marilee Jones was chosen for the position because of the work she had put into improving the admissions office during her time as interim director.

"I feel confident that I can speak for the committee in saying that in Marilee Jones we have gained for MIT the best Dean of Admissions in the country," said Associate Dean of Engineering John Vander Sande who headed the search committee.

She began her career in the admissions office in 1979. Since that time, she has been witness to many changes, most notably the soaring female enrollment at the Institute.

When he arrives the student body was only 17 percent female. It has now climbed to 39 percent. The mean SAT scores in both categories of admitted students have risen, as has the percentage of freshmen who were valedictorians, hitting 42 percent for this year’s freshman class.

Director faced stiff competition

A total of 64 applications were submitted for the position Vander Sande said.

The committee was looking for candidates “who had demonstrated success in undergraduate admissions, were knowledgeable of the admissions process, had strong records of managing a large office, and who were capable of conceptualizing and articulating a dynamic vision for admissions at MIT and nationally,” Vander Sande said.

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THE STORY SO FAR: Rhino-Man has been lured to a deserted island by two people claiming to be FBI agents investigating a "U-File". But when his back is turned, they level their pistols and fire!

They're called blanks, "Agent Mortimer". Did you really think I would give two hitmen real ammo?

H-how did you know?

Oh, come on! "Alien abductions"? UFOs? Maybe those paranoid delusions are taken seriously in America, but they don't cut it here. Like the FBI really wastes its time with those pipe dreams!

THE NOUN POETRY

flagella

Hi, mom!

I left my staple in Montana

a capella

veal

MAH!

Y'know, you guys don't seem evil. You guys don't seem evil.

I mean, if I wasn't in charm school, I wouldn't be inclined to let y'all in peace...

NEW STINKY GRRRRRRR

WHERE'S MY BABOOUKA!

THE TEACH
HI, I'M DAN, THE ILOGICAL SCIENTIST.

I'M MUCH SMARTER THAN YOU BECAUSE SCIENTISTS HAVE INVENTED MANY THINGS.

BUT THOSE ARE OTHER SCIENTISTS, NOT YOU.

APPARENTLY YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND SCIENCE.

YOU HAVEN'T EVEN LOOKED AT MY IDEA.

OH, I GET IT; YOU'RE ONE OF THOSE RELIGIOUS NUTS.

I DON'T MEAN TO BE RUDE, BUT IT'S NOT LOGICALLY POSSIBLE TO PROVE SOMETHING CAN'T BE DONE.

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR MOST PEOPLE, BUT I'M A TRAINED SCIENTIST.

DID THE TRAINING INVOKE ELECTRIC SHOCKS?

YOU'RE MY ROLE MODEL, WALLY.

DESPITE ALL THE PRESSURE AND FRUSTRAITION, YOU PRESS ON. YOU BEND BUT YOU DO NOT BREAK.

MY MOTTO IS "THEY CAN'T BREAK YOU IF YOU DON'T HAVE A SPINE."

WOW, YOU'RE LIKE A PHILOSOPHER!

MY ROLE MODEL IS USING DECEPTION TO IMPROVE HIS TIME MANAGEMENT.

WALLY IS DEAD. SORRY.

AND NOW THE DAILY PLANNING SESSION.

ASOK, I DON'T THINK YOU'VE PICKED AN IDEAL ROLE MODEL.

ASOK IS DEAD.
SO. I'M THINKING: WHAT IF EVERY PHOTON IS JUST A DENSELY PACKED UNIVERSE, AND TO THEM, OUR UNIVERSE LOOKS LIKE A PHOTON?

IF I'M RIGHT, I MIGHT BE THE FIRST RAT TO WIN A NOBEL PRIZE.

STRANGER THINGS HAVE HAPPENED.

NAME ONE.

SO... EACH PHOTON IS A UNIVERSE... THEN MASS IS JUST A PROBABILITY CLUSTER?

WOW! I THINK MY TINY SKULL IS SO FULL IT'S GOING TO EXPLODE.

LET ME GET A TARPALIN.

HAVE YOU BEEN TALKING TO OUR GARBAGE MAN AGAIN?

DON'T GET TOO CLOSE.

... AS YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS PASSES THROUGH EACH UNIVERSE, YOU TEND TO FOLLOW A LINE OF PROBABILITY.

AND SINCE IT'S MORE PROBABLE THAT MATTER IS NEAR OTHER MATTER, YOU HAVE THE ILLUSION OF GRAVITY AS YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS MOVES TOWARD THE NORM.

I SUBMITTED OUR GARBAGE MAN'S THEORY TO THE NOBEL PRIZE COMMITTEE.

I HOPE I WROTE THE THEORY RIGHT. I DON'T KNOW SHORT-HAND SO I USED PIG LATIN TO SAVE TIME.

DID YOU GET ALL THAT, RATBERT?

HEY, I'M NOT STUPID.

DOES THIS NORM GUY HAVE A LAST NAME?

IN SCIENCE, THE SIMPLEST SOLUTION IS USUALLY THE BEST. WHICH OF THESE THEORIES IS THE SIMPLEST SOLUTION?

WHAT'S AN "OTON-PHAY"?

I LOVE WHAT YOU'RE DOING WITH YOUR HAIR.

NOBEL PRIZE COMMITTEE

OKAY, WE'VE NARROWED IT DOWN TO THE THEORIES WE DON'T UNDERSTAND.

WELL... THAT WOULD BE WHATEVER IS ON TOP OF THE PILE.

ARE WE SURE WE CAN'T VOTE FOR OURSELVES?

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NOW THAT YOU'VE WON THE NOBEL PRIZE, I GUESS YOU'LL LEAVE THE GARbage INDUSTRY.

I'D MISS THE ACTION. I'D MISS THE SMELLS... THE SIGHTS... THE PEOPLE...

THE RATS.

I GOT A BOMB THREAT. I DIDN'T TELL ANYONE ELSE, JUST IN CASE IT WAS A HOAX.

IT WAS ONLY YESTERDAY THAT I WAS SAYING MY MORALE COULDN'T BE LOWER. I BOUGHT A LOTTERY TICKET TO INCREASE THE POTENTIAL IRONY.

DID YOU GO FOR A WALK AT LUNCH?

NOT EXACTLY.

MAY I TAKE A PEEK AT YOUR COMPUTER?

YOU HAVE TWELVE THOUSAND UNREAD MESSAGES.

LET'S SEE... IT LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVEN'T SIGNED TED'S CARD YET.

DO YOU THINK "CONGRATULATIONS" IS APPROPRIATE FOR A DEATH IN HIS FAMILY?

YOU NEVER KNOW.

ACROSS

1. Muscarine
4. Show clothes
9. Run already
12. Rock band
13. Handbill
14. Avenue (abbr.)
15. Group discussion
17. Not artificial
19. Galt
21. 14th Hebrew letter
22. Erube
24. Renue
26. Egyptian sun god
28. Marx's group (abbr.)
30. Triticale
33. 57th Greek letter
38. Falafels (Arabic)
39. Teacher's group (abbr.)
40. Trustees
40. Fakir
41. Foir
42. Regarding (Scottish)
43. Hardened adhesive
44. Pasting
45. Dash
50. New York waterfall
55. Slabs
57. Play division
58. Minus
60. Unit
61. Dna
62. Seid
63. Marry
66. Prohib
26. Sea
27. Crossbread
30. Canvas bed
32. Sydne
33. Summer drink
38. Bouquet edge
40. Tell a story
43. Tall
45. Angry

DOWN
1. Vigen
2. Winkle structure
3. Control (abbr.)
4. Tum
5. Beast of burden
6. Noise
7. Tyle
8. Slow down
9. Maids
10. Eggs
11. Net, jelly
16. Point of time
18. One
20. Temperature (abbr., pl.)
21. Fighting arm
22. Director's stick
25. Covered trunk
46. Provide with money
47. Surname
48. Against (surg)
50. Acrole (surg)
51. Frozen water
52. Had supper
53. Abreved (abbr.)
54. Direction (abbr.)
56. Color
59. Two (Roman)
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Laura Green, Ph.D., President, Cambridge Environmental, Inc.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY Thursday, Jan. 22, Room 2-105, 4pm
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Students looking for intellectual stimulation and salvaging for adventure can participate in the institute wide IAP Mystery Hunt on January 16. They will compete to find a hidden coin by solving mind-bending puzzle, audio, video, and Internet puzzles.

The IAP Mystery Hunt has traditionally been organized by the winner of the previous year's mystery hunt. This year's very unique and ingenious adventures every year, said organizer Deborah A. Levin '91.

"It's the longest running IAP event at MIT," Levinson said. The hunt often involves uncovering MIT trivia, exploring obscure parts of the campus, and not sleeping. More information on the IAP Mystery Hunt can be found at http://web.mit.edu/puzzle/

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