Provost Moses Will Resign Post Aug 1

By David D. Hsu

Provost Joel Moses PhD '67 will resign his position on Aug. 1 and return to teaching and research on a full-time basis.

Moses, also a professor of electrical engineering and computer science, announced his decision to leave the post he has held since June 1995 at an Academic Council meeting on Tuesday.

The provost is the Institute’s chief academic officer and is responsible for managing much of the budget.

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Colleagues praise Moses

For students, Moses may be remembered for twice giving $40,000 grants to student activities and later tripling the student activity budget to $300,000.

“Moses has also looked into more flexibility during freshman year, a more robust advising system, classroom renovation, and tuition and self-help low, Williams said.

In addition to student-related issues, Moses has led initiatives such as the early retirement incentive program for faculty, increased support from industry, increased support for environmental research, and the System Design and Management program.

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By Norman Kempster

WASHINGTON

Struggling to prevent an offhand remark by his wife from scuttling plans for Israel-Palestinian summit talks as early as mid-month, U.S. peace envoy Dennis Ross to the Middle East revealed last week that he had turned to a less familiar side of U.S. political ethics with an address to the American Conservative Union.

Ross left for Jerusalem to try and persuade Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to agree to a Monday meeting with Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger flew to Washington to launch negotiations for a final Israeli-Palestinian peace treaty.

Playing hard to get, Netanyahu said in a televised interview, “don’t know if we’ll get to Washington by Monday because there are a lot of issues that are left open.”

The administration had hoped to use the upcoming biannual Middle East pressure into accepting a U.S. plan to settle a territorial dispute with the Palestinians.

But Washington seemed to lose the pay-to-play game. The first lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton, called for creation of a Palestinian state as early as the summer, and the administration too has long backed the idea of a Palestinian state.

The first lady’s remarks in a televised interview are seen as a potential threat to the president’s plans for a final peace treaty.

It is impossible to believe that in such a critical week when the Palestinians are calling for the dismantling of [Netanyahu] to come to Washington and accept the U.S. proposal, the first lady would press such a subject without checking with the president,” said American Conservative Union Richard Viguerie, chairman of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles.

“I am not sure that I can you can... This will harden the Palestinians. To them it seems like the president is on board for a Palestinian state.”

In closing arguments, the president added that the comments also will strengthen the determination of Netanyahu’s right-wing coalition in Israel for toughening its stance in the talks.

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Chrysler Corp., Daimler-Benz Officially Announce Merger

By Warren Brown

Chrysler Corp. and Germany's Daimler-Benz AG formally announced a $36-billion merger Thursday, creating a new automotive giant stretching across two continents with a combined market value of $92-billion.

The agreement must be approved by the shareholders of both companies, and by the governments of their home countries.

Labor unions, too, will have a say in whether the merger goes through. But the initial prospect for approval seemed bright Thursday in the flush of publicity about what one of the new business partners called a "merger of equals."

The proposed combination of America's third-largest automaker and Germany's biggest industrial company would create a colossal enterprise with annual sales of $310 billion and a worldwide workforce of 421,000 people.

Though incorporated in Germany, the new company would have headquarters in both Stuttgart and Auburn Hills, Mich., a Detroit suburban that now serves as Chrysler's base of operations.

"Both companies have dedicated and skilled workforces and successful products, but in different markets in different parts of the world," said Juergen E. Schrempp, chairman of Daimler-Benz, best known for the Mercedes-Benz. "By combining and utilizing each other's strengths, we will have a pre-eminent strategy in the global marketplace for the benefit of our customers."

Schrempp and Chrysler Chairman Robert J. Eaton said they anticipated no layoffs or plant closings to result from the merger. Indeed, Eaton said employment would likely grow at the combined company because Chrysler is already operating at 100 percent capacity in the U.S. and Daimler-Benz is expanding globally.

Schrempp and Eaton will share the top jobs at the new company for the next three years. Eaton said he planned on stepping down after that, leaving Schrempp in charge. As currently structured, the new company will be 57-percent owned by Daimler-Benz shareholders and 43-percent owned by Chrysler's.

Faults Discovered in Boeing 737s Result in FAA Inspection Order

By Don Phillips

Federal regulators Thursday ordered airlines to remove 152 older Boeing 737s from service in the next week for inspections, acting both unusual speed after the discovery of damaged wiring in one jet raised concerns of a fuel tank explosion.

The unusually tight schedule for inspections turns up new problems. In different markets in different parts of the world.

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But it's unclear where any disputes would occur, and several airlines affected by the emergency order said they could accommodate the fixes under the seven-day time frame. The action Thursday was not a formal grounding of the jets, like the DC-10 grounding in 1979, and thus far only has affected a small portion of the 2,900 737s in service worldwide.

The FAA also ordered less rigorous inspections of several hundred 747 and 767 jets.

Officials said the discovery was serious. Rich Brenhaus, Boeing's chief engineer for fuel system safety, said that if the same problem occurs on other 737s, "there is a potential for fire or explosion if conditions are right."

But officials said they were confident that the possible risk to passengers in the next week was small, but will take further action if the inspections turn up new problems. The 737 is the most popular passenger jet in the world.

"Using the best brains we can put on this, we think the seven-day period is enough," said Tom McVey, director of the FAA's aircraft certification service.

The problem arose when several days ago Continental Airlines mechanics were looking for a fuel leak on a 737. They discovered small pinholes in a metal pipe covering high-voltage electrical wires going to a fuel pump. The pipe is supposed to prevent the wires from coming into contact with fuel or fuel vapors, Boeing engineers said.

Undergraduate Association Council

Final Meeting of the Term Monday, May 11

8PM*Student Center 400

Some of the items on the Agenda:

- Installation of Class Officers and Council Floor Leader
- Approval of Finboard Allocations
- Approval of Treasurer and Secretary General

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*Space is limited*
Alcohol, Education, and Honesty

It is the position of The Tech that MIT should advocate lowering the drinking age to 18. The current age of 21 inhibits the development of responsible drinkers. It promotes the idea that drinking is a grown-up activity and alcohol is considered an adult beverage.

Editorial

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MIT has taken such political positions before. When government policies have interfered with its mission, MIT has not hesitated to make its voice heard. When the Department of Defense systemically expelled gay faculty members, MIT was at the forefront in supporting the Officers' Training Corps, the community acted. Students, faculty, and administrators unified and made their point clearly and forcefully.

When MIT's position is not made irrelevant, it is time for MIT to make a similar stand on the issue of drinking age.

Clearly, a higher drinking age does not prevent alcohol-related deaths and injuries. Unfortunately, no policy can say we can only seek to minimize the risk. The only way that these events can be contained is through education. MIT is currently

Idiotic

Some would argue that lowering the drinking age allows MIT's educational mission and will not be wonnable right now.

If MIT were to take this up, it will find itself in a political quagmire. Although the drinking age is set by the state of Massachusetts, the issue is also a national one, since the federal government will deny highway funding to states with a drinking age below 21. Any group campaigning to lower the drinking age would thus need to lobby both the federal and state governments.

This would require a great deal of time and effort and would put MIT in direct opposition with popular organizations such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving as well as powerful religious groups. There are no indications that either government, much less any group with a drinking age below 21, would support MIT in this endeavor.

In the current political climate, this is an issue that would not be worth a fight for anyone.

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Dissent

This issue would also distract MIT from the important legal challenge currently being filed on a battle that is fundamentally

It is the position of The Tech that MIT should lower the drinking age without providing a comparable safety net for 18 and 21 do not have access to such a safety net. Lowering the drinking age without providing a comparable safety net for these people would be an irresponsible move by the government, and advocating such a change would be an irresponsible decision by MIT.

Opponents would also argue that the frequency of highway deaths fell rapidly when states were forced to raise the drinking age. They are selling the public on a battle that is fundamentally

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Dan McGuire, Brels Alsulch, and Douglas E. Heimberger

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Jennifer Chung

The laundry machines at Berkeley inspired a revelation to me. Well, it might have been the dryers. One, at least, never fails. When one is doing laundry; after all, a certain percentage of laundry machines do just that, blow some fuses and even just the sheer drudgery of the act of laundry-doing causes one to drift unpinned into Laundrieland, ignoring all notions of reality, until the loud buzzing of the dryer machine sounds. And if the laundry is ready, the snapping of the switches will awaken one from a baleful state. I go in one machine and come out another.

So, a couple weeks ago, I dutifully dumped my laundry into a couple of machines in the larger Berkeley laundry room, and at the appropriate time, I dutifully returned, to retrieve my laundry. I had a bunch of odd socks, of course. Upon folding up the clothes in my load, however, I discovered that I had an odd number of socks.

That in itself is not so shocking. I have grown up in a society is full of such odd laundry machines as Evil Creatures who flaut their magical cleaning power which are dispensing clothes go in one machine, and at the appropriate time, a hypnotic spell. Clothes go in one machine and at the appropriate time, I’d have to run to guarantee fairness and justice for the workers will imnlement a wage to $6.65 an hour, and provide a minimum wage provides a barometer for fairness and economic justice in society. Nations which strive to care for their workers will implement a wage that grants economic security.

The minimum wage provides a barometer for fairness and economic justice in society. Nations which strive to care for their workers will implement a wage that grants economic security. A person who works full-time deserves to live above the poverty line. America had a proud tradition of providing this security to its working poor, but we have lapsed on this obligation in the past two decades.

Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) and House Minority Whip David D挺ertson (D-Mich.) have introduced legislation, entitled "The American Family Fair Minimum Wage Bill".

MOVIE REVIEW

Sliding Doors Shut Quickly On A Good Concept

By Vladimir V. Zelevinsky

Starring Gwyneth Paltrow, John Lynch, John Hannah, Joanna Trappellhorn

Written and directed by Peter Howitt

Five years ago, a small movie called Groundhog Day came out of nowhere and proved to be surprisingly good. In the era of high-concept movies (Aliens try to conquer earth, Arnold Schwarzenegger is pregnant, Robin Williams in drag, etc.), the story of a man stuck in time and forced to re-experience one day over and over again was turned into a wonderful film, with humor, romance, and a healthy dose of thought-provoking subtext. A couple of years later, the same writer/director team made another movie - Multiplicity. Seemingly cut from the same cloth as Groundhog Day, this second movie proved to be a disappointment - not as funny, not as charming, mostly perfunctory in its appeal, mostly sitcom-ish (if such an adjective exists) in its jokes, and largely pointless.

All this has a direct bearing on Sliding Doors. This one seems to go for the same feel as Groundhog Day - a high-concept that puts a spin on the reality, done as a frothy romantic comedy, with a layer of serious subtext. Unfortunately, the result, while quite appealing for most of its running time, is ultimately quite forgettable.

A young public relations executive, Helen (Gwyneth Paltrow, with a pitch-perfect British accent), rushes to make a subway train, but a little girl stops in her way. Helen, loses one second, and the sliding doors close. Or, What if a girl doesn't get in her way, and Helen makes the train? And the twist — which I'm very much tempted to call a gimmick — is that the movie follows both plot lines, switching back and forth between the-Helen-that-didn't and the-Helen-that-did.

From the moment when the plot lines split, they start diverging. In one, Helen meets a nice guy on the train, gets home early, and catches her boyfriend with his mistress. In the other, she is late, and nothing happens when she gets home.

The idea of minor circumstances tremendously impacting our lives is a great one, and the film manages to work a good deal of entertainment out of it. First-time writer/director Peter Howitt obviously has a lot of fun re-cross-cutting between the parallel stories, and he displays a great deal of deftness making clear to which story each moment belongs (at first, one Helen gets a bandage to distinguish her from the other one; later, they have different haircuts).

For about half of its running time, Sliding Doors is very welcome. Then it loses its spark. The novelty of following two stories at the same time wears off, and several things become painfully obvious. One of them is that neither of these two stories is interesting by itself. One Helen is trying to put her life together after discovering her boyfriend was cheating on her; another just mopes around, glumly suspecting something's wrong. Both of these plots are obvious and somewhat boring. Some spark's fly between Helen and James, the nice guy she meet on the train (John Hannah, from Four Weddings and a Funeral), but even this storyline soon loses any appeal, when it becomes clear that James is a very shallow character (not by the screenwriter's design), and all his charm comes from him quoting Monty Python - and not even different jokes, but one and the same, over and over again. When the running gag of a comedy is a borrowed quotation, it's sad indeed.

Despite this, the whole mood of romantic comedy still works quite well — the dialogue is well written (although it has way too many pop-culture references, ranging from aforementioned Monty Python to Seinfeld to Ellen John), and the direction and acting are generally sharp. However, during the last ten minutes, Sliding Doors makes an attempt to turn into a serious drama, and this just destroys it. All of the whimsical mood is lost, and the drama by itself is not convincing enough (since it is caused by several lamely obvious plot devices).

After all is said and done, the thing that works best in Sliding Doors is its high-concept. While certainly interesting to follow, it's definitely not enough to make a mediocre movie into a good one. Go rent Groundhog Day instead - it works not only as a high-concept movie, but as a good movie as well.

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At last year’s Cannes Film Festival, Iranian director Abbas Kiarostami sat in the audience for the screening of his latest film, **Taste of Cherry**. Kiarostami was not only the director of the film but was also the screenwriter, with the screenplay based on his novel, *Vernial adaptation of events in the life of just one field of contemporary world culture, appeared from the trendy New York City art photographer, played by Ally Sheedy, who disappeared upstairs from her*. As she tries to talk her scene more than a decade ago, is now living bored.

**Synthetic Pleasures**, Giorgio Moroder, and Prodigy, and frenetic movements to its mix. Bouncing from brief clips of *High Art*, *Frankenstein*, and working in science, to give us an entrance for all its surface flash. By concentrating on with a dual story of women bearing children for the world to see the meaning of creativity. Tilda Swinton in the title role, concerns memory extension," who is attempting to in the early 1800s. And the Countess Lovelace who, together with Emma, a modern-day researcher in "DNA

**Taste of Cherry** is a beautiful, subtle, and poetic film that offers a unique perspective on life and death. The film follows the life of a man who decides to end his life in a way that is both poetic and profound. The film’s themes revolve around the idea of death and the afterlife, and it explores the ways in which people cope with the loss of loved ones.

**MOVIE REVIEW**

**Taste of Cherry**

By Victoria Heitzfeldt

The week-long series of programs at the Festival includes a variety of events for film lovers. Among the highlights of this year’s festival are two programs of short films, one for the feature film "Conceiving Ada," which is a powerful and intimate portrait of a woman and her relationship with a computer. The other program features short films that are driven by the power of technology and the imagination of the director. These films explore different themes and ideas, including the relationship between humans and technology, the power of the internet, and the impact of social media on our lives.

**Women’s Cinema Spans Computers to Woody Allen**

By Stephen Brophy

Sixth Annual Boston International Festival of Women’s Cinema: Brattle Theatre, 40 Brattle Street, Cambridge, through May 15

This year, the Brattle Theatre will once again host the Sixth Annual Boston International Festival of Women’s Cinema. The film festival, which is a celebration of the work of women filmmakers from around the world, aims to promote and showcase the work of female filmmakers. The festival includes a range of films from different cultures and a variety of genres, including documentaries, shorts, and features. The festival will feature films that explore social issues, politics, and art, with a focus on female perspectives.

**Other programs worth checking out include**

**Kiehl’s**

**Clockwork Orange**, a dark comedy about a British banking executive, played by Matt Damon, Lisa Kudrow, and Toni Collette (the Spectre sisters, who wrote and directed, will be at the screening). **Mr. Big** (which kicks off a small retrospective of Mary Pickford movies) and will continue through the next several Sundays (Pickford: the first movie star, co-founded United Artists with Charlie Chaplin, D. W. Griffith, and Douglas Fairbanks), and two programs of short films, one for Mother’s Day, and the other a compilation of recent movies on lesbian desire.

For more information on these and the many other programs in this year’s festival, pick up one of the catalogs, or call the Brattle Theatre at 876-6373.
Chow Yun-Fat and Mira Sorvino star in The Replacement Killers, playing Friday at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

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ILGs, Frat Officially Announces Council Formation

By Jennifer Lane

Seeking a louder voice in institute affairs, six living groups have formed the Living Group Council. The council is composed of Epson Theta, Fenway House, pika, Student House, Tau Epsilon Phi, and the Women’s Independent Living Group.

The group released a statement Wednesday after meeting to select a name, elect officers, and author a press release. However, the top two elected positions, speaker and moderator, remain unfilled.

Grant F. Gould ’99 from ET was elected speaker pro tem, Jennifer C. Berk ’01 from WIG was elected secretary, and Sarah L. McDougall ’00 from Fenway House was elected treasurer.

LGC member houses decided to form a new organization in part because they “felt that the Interfraternity Council didn’t necessarily represent them very well,” Gould said. The LGC is about “ILGs having a stronger voice on campus and in the IFC.”

The LGC hopes to function within the IFC in a manner similar to the Panhellinic Council, which represents MIT’s five national sororities, according to their statement.

However, lines of communication between the LGC and IFC have yet to be opened.

“The IFC is “waiting for [the LGC] to start talking to us about anything,” Dreger said.

The Undergraduate Association will pursue designating one or two seats for LGC members-at-large, said Paul T. Oppold ’99.

The LGC is also looking to forge ties with the administration, although none have been pursued at this time.

Council brings ILGs together

The LGC will not be an exclusively political group. Member houses will be able to discuss issues related to alternative living groups such as communal living and inter-ILG social activities as well as other common issues.

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If I could be somebody besides myself, I would like to be Tarzan.

Then maybe the cops would think twice about arresting me for being up in a tree at the park, butt-nekkid and screaming.
Opinion polls seem to agree with those sentiments: 78% of the public believe that Sector 9 is a "valuable and trustworthy organization," up from 39% last week! Rhino-Man's funeral will be on Tuesday. He has no known relatives, and his age is unknown.

THE STORY SO FAR: In an act of revenge, Rhino-Man started a fire during a meeting with the Yakuza responsible for destroying his life. The building they were in burned to the ground...

Sector 9 officials today confirmed that Rhino-Man was among the victims of the mysterious fire last night. He was apparently on an undercover assignment, meeting with several Yakuza bosses, as footage from a hidden camera shows. Sector 9 hasn't yet released the entire tape.

Identified from the video as having perished in the blaze are Osaka crime lord Taro Shimuraka and reputed mobster Asahi Kuroshi. Twelve other bodies have been found, but are yet to be identified. More importantly, the tape catches Mr. Shimuraka admitting that all of the recent charges against Rhino-Man are, in fact, part of a sinister "smear campaign," prompting this statement from Professor Atama of Sector 9: "I hope that this tape— as well as Rhino-Man's valiant, sacrificial death—clear his name and restore to the public the confidence Sector 9 deserves."

by Zachary Emig
Read Tuesday's Tech for the stunning finales of RhinoMan and Off Course.

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Congratulations to Jennifer Grucza and Antonio Bruno who both knew that the Austrian composer Anton von Webern was accidentally shot and killed by a soldier in the U.S. occupation force at Mittersill near Salzburg at the end of World War II.

One widely popularized rumor about Catherine the Great claimed that she had a taste for bestiality and that she was crushed to death by an ill-positioned horse. This is not true: She actually died of a brain aneurysm while on the toilet.

Jennifer and Antonio each win a pair of tickets and a large popcorn, both provided by LSC.

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Send your answers to trivia@the-tech.mit.edu by 3 p.m. Wednesday. Two random drawings from all of the correct entries will be held to determine this week's two winners.

This feature was brought to you by the CAC Program Board. Today's factsoids are by the MIT Quiz Bowl team. Members of the quiz bowl team, LSC, and The Tech are not eligible.

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**PUZZLE SOLUTIONS**

1. **Crossword**

   **ACROSS**
   1. Noted uncle
   4. Money back, abbr.
   7. It is the word, so say some
   10. German article
   13. Chicken, Ring
   14. Promote
   15. 100 sq. meters
   16. Army
   17. Troupee
   18. April
   19. Nutritional abbr., 20 Spanish gold
   21. First line of a STC poem, part 1
   22. Bronze - Sn
   24. First line of a STC poem, part 1
   25. Sight in on
   26. Sight in on
   27. Possible genetic codon
   28. Inert gas, abbr.
   30. With 55-Across, 2-letter word to a crossword puzzle
   31. Citizen of Muscat
   32. First line of a STC poem, part 1
   33. Yellowstone catcher?
   34. Devastation
   35. Egyptian snake
   36. Type of silkworm
   37. Nice friend
   38. Aka Earvin
   39. Sharpen
   40. Affirm
   41. Course for Greenspan
   42. Holdups
   43. Growth culture
   44. Cereal brand
   45. Speedwagon
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   48. Rajah's better half
   49. Egg layer
   50. Broken glass, maybe
   51. Soil used in gardening
   52. George's VP
   53. Sterling - Cu
   54. Important 9 digits, abbr.
   55. Type of silkworm
   56. Sure
   57. Ukrainian abbrev.
   58. Western US national park

   **DOWN**
   1. Viewed
   2. The Greatest of All Time
   3. Alia Eswar
   4. Cereal brand
   5. June, in Rome
   6. Like beach sand
   7. Babyboim girl
   8. Pakistan language
   9. Fertilized name
   10. Electronic component
   11. Mestip in a beer, for example
   12. Early studio and radio
   13. Misspell in a Bee, for example
   14. B. Sanders, in 1997
   15. Type of scan
   16. Lee Harvey Oswald, maybe
   17. Speedwagon
   18. Sharpen
   19. Place for an anvil
   20. Affirm
   21. Lower part of the leg
   22. holster
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**By Anthony R. Salas**

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Oh...uh, Milkman Dan. I really don't need any milk delivered. I buy it at the grocery for about half of what you charge.

But, as you know ma'am, those paltry few extra dollars you pay for home milk delivery go toward the Lakewood Hills neighborhood dog and cat safety fund.

Dog and cat safety fund?!

You were the one who ran over my poor little Fluffy!

Yep, that's what happens when I drink cheap cough syrup. The safety fund allows me to drink only quality name-brand liquor.

**RED MEAT**

Dad...I can't sleep in the tent. Is it okay if I go sleep in the car?

Good heavens, son. We came camping so we could commune with the great outdoors.

But what if a bear comes?

We don't have to worry about bears...I took the precaution of smearing the neighboring campsite's tents with creamy peanut butter.

Why...? Do bears like peanut butter?

I don't know, but it sure got those blood-soaked marshmallows to stick.

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Tuesday is my day off, Karen.

Then, how come you're not at your own house?

Well Karen, you're probably too young to understand this...but outside of his work, Milkman Dan's personal life is a barren, desolate place, devoid of any meaningful human relationships or gainful pursuits.

That's so sad. Do you want to come inside and have a popsicle?

Ah...in a child's world, all ills can be soothed by the simple comforts of an ice cream treat.

Not really. It's actually frozen pee. I was saving it for my cousin Sean, but you'll do just fine.

Honey...wake up. Look at this.

Striking-looking, isn't it?

Ted...it's three in the morning. Why did you paint yourself white?

It's not paint...it's toothpaste.

And why is your body covered with toothpaste, Ted?

I can't exactly recall, sweetheart...but hot damn, I feel minty-fresh.

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Grading Experiment Extends Beyond Initial Three Years

H. M. Wilson PhD '70, then the chair of the Committee on Academic Performance, said that the faculty would definitely reconsider the issue of intermediate grades after three years ["New Grade Scheme Suggested by CAP," April 7, 1995].

At the end of August, the rules of the faculty will officially state that grades should be assigned without plus or minus modifiers. If the faculty continues to assign intermediate grades, it appears that they will technically be in violation of this policy.

"People realize that it was a three-year experiment and that it needs a resolution," she said. There just isn't time to look at the entire issue before next fall. SCP agrees with extension.

Jeremy D. Shor '99, chair of the Undergraduate Association's Student Committee on Educational Policy said that he agrees with the decision to extend the intermediate grading experiment.

"Seeing as we have not had any dialogue... I would not like to see them make the decision now," Shor said.

"I really want to see students have some non-trivial say in what the [CUP subcommittee on intermediate grades] decides," he added.

Professor of Foreign Languages and Literatures Suzanne Flynn, the head of the CUP, could not be reached for comment.

Vest Seeks Input In Finding Replacement For Provost Moses

President Charles M. Vest will appoint Moses' successor. "I felt requested that comments regarding the provost's role and specific suggestions of candidates be sent directly and confidentially to me by May 16," he said.

In the past, provosts have often been from MIT and either deans of schools, head of individual departments, or former chairs of the faculty.

The provost is "clearly going to come from the ranks of the Institute's faculty," said J. David Lotter PhD '65, vice president for research and dean for graduate education. However, "I think you might have a broader pool" than just the deans and department heads.

The position requires someone who is deeply familiar with MIT, Williams said. Vest said that the new provost "must have a deep commitment to, and understanding of, the values of academia, and MIT's mission as a world-class educational and research institution" and should be able to "guide the use of MIT's resources wisely, making difficult choices based on these values."

"The provost is a key member of the administration in its quest to provide the support and infrastructure that enable the faculty and students to achieve their highest aspirations," he said.

"There is no shortage of people who would do this job well," Birgeneau said. Zareena Hussain contributed to the reporting of this story.
Well, son... time to hit the sleeping bags. It's been a long day in the great outdoors.

But, dad... it's startin' to rain.

That's not rain, it's bat urine. These night skies are teeming with millions of bats.

Bats...?! What if they bite us?

Don't worry, they won't fly down here... those bats are just as afraid of the giant mulch ticks and pine leeches as we are.

Dad... I don't like camping.

No time for whining, son. We still have to check our sleeping bags for spiders.

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April 30: Bldg. 56, microwave oven stolen, unknown value; Bldg. NW22, bomber leather jacket stolen, $400; Student Center game room, backpack stolen, $150. Medical Service Calls: 6.

May 1: Massachusetts Avenue, an off duty MIT officer witnessed and an individual exit his vehicle, after being involved in a slight motor vehicle accident, and assault the operator of the other vehicle. The male, Olabimpe Adeyeni, of 28 Beacon Street, was placed under arrest for assault and battery; Bldg. 8, 1) stereo equipment stolen, unknown value; 2) laptop stolen, $4,000; 3) laptop stolen, $3,000; Alumni Pool, wallet stolen, $6 cash; Bldg. 20, file cabinet reported stolen, later found; Windsor Lake, vehicle stolen elsewhere dropped off here; Student Center, wallet stolen $100 cash; Bldg. 4, wallet stolen, $20. Medical Service Calls: 8.

May 2: Massachusetts Avenue, MIT Officers assist MBTA Police with removing Fred Sap, of no known address, from a bus for assaulting another passenger. Medical Service Calls: 6.

May 3: Bldg. 4, camera stolen, $300; Next House, Campus Police received a complaint of noise and officers observed a small but loud gathering. This was an unregistered event, no citable offenses observed, no citations were issued. Medical Service Calls: 6.

May 4: 33 Massachusetts Avenue, bicycle rack, bicycle secured with cable stolen, $240; Walker, computer stolen, $2,120; Bldg. E51, suspicious activity; Alumni Pool, wallet stolen, $4; New House, bicycle stolen, $150; Medical Service Calls: 10.

May 5: Bldg. E17, 1) computer keyboard stolen, unknown value; 2) typewriter reported stolen, later found; Bldg. 12, thermos stolen, $25; Walker, malicious damage to a door; Senior House, Cambridge Fire and MIT Officers discovered burnt pasta set off smoke detector, duPont Gymnasium, illegal use of credit cards, person believes cards taken when he left wallet at duPont; victim never lost possession of cards but charges were made against his account in Lynn, Mass. Medical Service Calls: 6.

May 6: 33 Massachusetts Avenue, bicycle rack, bicycle with lock stolen, $390; Bldg. 16, suspicious activity. Medical Service Calls: 9.

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Men's Tennis Wins Conference Title for Second Year Running

By Roger F. Crosley

DIRECTOR OF SPORTS INFORMATION

The MIT men's tennis team will compete in the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament for the second consecutive year. The Engineers will face Williams College in the first round, to be played at Amherst College on Saturday.

The team won their second consecutive championship of the Constitution Athletic Conference by defeating Babson College in the finals of the league's tournament by a score of 3-2. It will also be the final title awarded by the Conference, which will merge with the New England Women's & Men's Athletic Conference in the Fall of 1998.

MIT coach Jeff Hamilton was named Coach of the Year by his peers in the Conference. It is Hamilton's second consecutive selection as well.

Lila French '00 became the first MIT woman to win a New England Division III outdoor track and field individual event, when she captured the New England Women's & Men's Track and Field All-Conference title awarded by the New England Women's & Men's Athletic Conference in the Fall of 1998.

New England Women's 8 All-Stars have been named in the Conference's Spring Sports, and MIT athletes figure prominently on the squads. In women's sport, Sue Dey '98 and Heidi Chung '98 were named to the novice all-Conference boat.

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Women's Sailing Wins a Berth At the National Championships

By Kyle Welch

The MIT Women's Varsity Sailing Team finished fifth out of 17 teams in the New England Sailing Championships held at MIT this past weekend, taking the final qualifying spot for this year's National Championships, to be held May 25-27 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sailing in the A division for the Engineers were Jessica Lackey '00 and Anna Michel '98. Having now sailed for just under two years, Lackey is considered one of the top prospects in women’s sailing. She has been consistently beating sailors who have been racing competitively for over 15 years. Michel made the switch from Coed Varsity to the Women's Varsity for her final semester. She was voted as one of the top 10 crews in New England Women’s Sailing. Michel's experience and skill complement Lackey’s talents well. Together, they make a formidable team.

Jennifer Kelly ’99 and Susanna Miora ’00 represented MIT in the B division. Kelly is the Women's team captain and was a solid competitor for both the Coed and Women's teams during the entire season. Miora has been sailing for only eight months, but she has improved her skills at a remarkable rate. She is a solid performer and is predicted to be one of the top crews in the nation during the upcoming seasons.

During the first day of competition, the Engineers were consistent ly one of the top two teams in the seventeen-boat field, and Kelly and Miora finished the day in first place in their division. Lackey and Michel were in sixth place in their division, resulting in the team standing second in the overall rankings.

The second day began with some very shaky conditions, and MIT slipped a little in the standings. In the final race, with MIT’s qualifying position in jeopardy, Lackey and Michel staged a miraculous comeback at the end of the race to secure fifth place overall and a trip to the National Championships.

This is the first time an MIT team has qualified for the Nationals since 1993, when MIT represented by a team including Paula Lewis ’93, currently the top ranked professional woman sailor in the world and a two-time Olympian. Pre-regatta favorites Boston College, Harvard (Radcliffe) College, and Tufts University all failed to make the cut and will not be joining the MIT team in New Orleans.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Saturday, May 9
Sailing — Geiger Trophy, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 10
Sailing — Tech Dinghy Invite, 9:30 a.m.

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This is what some of your classmates have said on the Senior Survey:

“"The intellectual atmosphere here is second-to-none.”

"You have to be a masochist to come to MIT but it is worth it in terms of people you meet, research you do and cash you get.”

"I love MIT because it opened so many doors to me. I feel as if I can accomplish anything, if I choose to do so.”

"I really enjoyed my experience here.”

“"No real social life anymore.”

“"In retrospect, I would recommend a school that is more appreciative/supportive of interests in the humanities & social sciences in addition to technological/scientific support.”

“I’m not sure if the agony is worth it... Perhaps I’ll change my mind once my diploma is in my hand.”

“MIT made me feel cheated. It forced me to take time and spend it on stuff I had no interest in.”

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