McGann Elected As Next UA President

By Kevin R. Lang

Though election results were delayed until early Tuesday morning, Matthew L. McGann ’00 and Lex Nemzer ’00 were named Undergraduate Association President and Vice President following a relatively problem-free election.

"We hope that we can serve the students well," McGann said. "We're very happy with the results. We look forward to representing the student voice at MIT.

I'm happy and enthusiastic about winning, and I'd like to thank everyone who voted. We'll be celebrating by watching the new episode of Buffy on Wednesday night," Nemzer said.

All results for the three class council elections are being withheld pending recounts. UA Floor Leader Ryan K. Pierce ’99 said that several of the races were close enough to merit careful recounts and rebalancing of the ballot totals.

Election results were delayed considerably because of the class council races. Despite the updated web-based voting software capable of automatically tallying votes, paper ballots had to be entered into UA computers by hand for counting. The UA did not release results until around 2 a.m. Tuesday morning, despite the fact that polls closed approximately seven hours earlier.

In an uncontested race for the two open UA Financial Board positions, Jennifer K. Chung ’01 and Jennifer Li ’02 were elected to FinanceBoard.

Turnout doubles from last year

Of the 4,187 eligible students, 1,320 or 32 percent voted in the elections, more than twice the number of students who voted in last year’s second of two UA elections. Around two-thirds of all votes cast were registered over the web.

Elections this year were largely free of the scandal and controversy that marked the 1998 campaign. Then-president candidate Paul T. Oppold ’99 allegedly sent mass emails, a violation of election code stating that mail could only be sent to personal acquaintances. This year, mass emails were not specifically forbidden. "We sort of allowed that this year, but we required that the candidates have to take people off of their lists if they complain," said UA Election Commissioner Gong K. Shen ’99.

"We did get some complaints about email sent to non-appropriate people."

The email violations, coupled with charges of questionable petitioning, forced the UA to run two recounts of the ballot totals.

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Bomb Kills Catholic Lawyer
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THE WASHINGTON POST

LONDON

A prominent Roman Catholic human rights lawyer was killed by a car bomb outside her home Monday afternoon as sectarian tension in Northern Ireland increased. Rosemary Nelson, 46, died in the hospital of injuries suffered when a device exploded under her car in Lurgan, 30 miles southwest of Belfast.

The dissident Protestant Red Hand Defenders, a group outlawed only this month for a series of bomb and grenade attacks, claimed responsibility for the killing, as police believe.

Officials noted that the key question now is whether the murder will prompt retaliation from nationalist paramilitary forces. A series of tit-for-tat actions could take the British province back toward the state of sectarian warfare that prevailed for 30 years until last year's historic Good Friday peace agreement.

In London, British Prime Minister Tony Blair vowed that the bombing would not be allowed to harm the province's shaky peace.

China Begins Demolition
Of Popular Muslim Enclave

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

City officials began demolishing a popular Muslim enclave on Monday, aggravating already-tense relations with ethnic minorities in its effort to spruce up the capital for celebrations marking a half-century of Communist rule.

The demolition of "Xinjiang village" also is part of a wider effort to expel over a third of the city's more than 3 million migrant workers over the next few years.

The area is known for its population of ethnic Uighurs from China's northwestern Xinjiang province. Its popular restaurants had long been in the way of planners who want to widen roads.

At night, Xinjiang village attracts droves of foreign students and tourists with its fast food and pottery. Smoke from ash-kebabs envelopes street-side diners feasting on homemade pasta, flat-baked bread and beer. Paddlers fill Xinjiang's famous rivers, rafts and - somewhat more furtively - hashish and heroin.

Until Monday, officials had spared the district for fear of sparking a flare-up of sectarian violence, a phenomenon that has been particularly pronounced since the 1989 Tiananmen Square protests.

Forbes to Launch Second Bid
For Presidential Nomination

By Ronald Brownstein

WASHINGTON

PlayMedia Systems Inc. has filed a federal copyright infringement lawsuit seeking more than $20 million in damages against a leading MP3 software maker, Nullsoft Inc.

The suit, filed in U.S. District Court here last week, claims that Nullsoft founder Justin Frankel did not pay to use program code developed by Los Angeles-based PlayMedia and incorporated in Nullsoft's popular MP3 software players, WinAmp.

Sedona, Ariz.-based Nullsoft denied the charges, and said it will file a counterclaim.

In a MP3 is a new format for downloading music from the Internet. The lawsuit serves as an ironic twist over the controversial digital format, which the recording industry has fought while trying to promote its own music industry. However, some fear a future oversaturation of pirate copy. The new format, which has been distributed to INS field offices but has not been publicly released, says the agency's goal in interior enforcement is to "reduce the size and annual growth of the illegal resident population."

The INS has used new powers under a 1996 immigration law to step up deportations in recent years, removing a record 169,000-plus people in fiscal 1998. But the increased expulsions are not keeping pace with the estimated 275,000 illegal immigrants who permanently settle in the United States every year, much less putting a dent in the core illegal population.

The top priority is to identify and remove "criminal aliens," many of whom "are released before their legal status is ascertainment or before the INS can be called to pick them up. The agency estimates some 221,000 foreign-born criminals are in federal or state jail or legal - two-thirds of them illegal immigrants. As many as 142,000 others are on parole or probation but are subject to removal under immigration law. An additional 161,000 are "abandoned" who disappeared after receiving deportation orders.

The next interior enforcement priority is dismantling networks that smuggle illegal aliens.

Weather

Mid-March Pleasantries

By Greg Lawson

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

A warm spell from yet more snow has ended and all its remnants will soon melt away. Today will begin on the chilly side with some gusty northwesterly winds as the low pressure responsible for the snow pulls away to the northeast. The wind and cold air will soon give way to a ridge of high pressure which has started to build from down over the Gulf and the southeastern US. Once the high is in place, it will govern over fair, spring-like weather as we reach temperatures in the 50s. Look for partly to mostly cloudy skies and light westerly winds through the next couple days.

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Albanians to Sign Agreement: Serbs Face Threat from NATO

By Roy Gutman

Kosovo Albanians formally announced Monday they will sign a U.S.-sponsored autonomy accord for the Serbian province. The announcement followed pressure on the Serbs, and NATO's secretary-general promptly warned that the alliance could strike pre-emptively against Serbia to avert a human rights "catastrophe.

Albanian guerrilla commander Hashim Thaci notified the State Department in writing and made the announcement at the opening of a second round of talks with Serb officials, in Paris. "This is not an ideal solution, but peace in Kosovo has no price," he said.

Javier Solana, NATO's secretary-general, broke into a breakfast meeting with reporters in Washington with the news. "They are going to sign. There is no question about it," he said.

He then laid out NATO's rationale for using force against Serbia: to avert a "humanitarian catastrophe" like the one last summer in which hundreds of thousands of ethnic Albanians were driven from their homes.

Solana warned that Yugoslavia's stronger Slavic Milosevic does not agree to the plan, under discussion when talks suspended last month, "we probably will have a humanitarian catastrophe," with tens of thousands of ethnic Albanians made homeless by the fighting which continues to rage.

"We have to be prepared to stop that violence ... We will be able to stop that," the former Spanish foreign minister said in a new explanation of NATO's rationale. "Our purpose is to damage, and damage severely, the capacity of the Vojvodina Army and MUP (federal police) to produce a humanitarian catastrophe.

Milosevic has repeatedly rejected the plan, which would cost more than 25,000 security personnel and replace them with 28,000 NATO troops, including 4,000 Americans. The Albanians had objected to the plan because it called for disarming the guerrilla army and made no provision for a referendum on independence.

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Chinese Premier Rongji Disavows Allegations of Weapons Espionage

By John Pomfret

Premier Zhu Rongji Monday denied allegations that China pilfered U.S. nuclear weapons secrets, calling the notion a "tale from 'The Arabian Nights,'" and said he expects a U.S. visit next month to be difficult because of tensions between Washington and Beijing over that issue and others.

Speaking with reporters at the conclusion of the annual meeting of China's parliament, the 71-year-old Soviet-trained engineer said he felt "an uneasy heart" at the prospect of facing American accusations that China has stolen defense-related secrets from sources in the United States in the late 1980s that allowed it to create a generation of smaller nuclear weapons.

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Baptist Group President to Resign

Addressing the near certainty of a prison sentence for his conviction on racketeering and grand theft charges, the Rev. Henry J. Lyons plans to resign Tuesday as president of the nation's largest black religious organization, his lawyers said Monday.

"He's going to step down (Tuesday) in St. Petersburg," said Denis M. de Vlaming, one of four lawyers who defended Lyons in his Florida trial that ended last month. "It would be beyond impractical for him to continue. He is doing the right thing.

Lyons' decision to step down as president of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc., marks the end of an era in his public posture since the scandal broke in July 1997, after Lyons' wife set fire to a $700,000 waterfront home the minister owned with another woman.

Throughout the controversy, Lyons has proclaimed his innocence and has rejected repeated calls to resign as the leader of millions of black Baptists.

Even after his conviction, Lyons said he had no plans to resign and appeared determined to stick to his plan to run for a second term as convention president — a pledge he likely would have had to fall from prison.

Scientists Announce First Definitive Test for Alzheimer's Disease

Forgetting where you put the car keys at age 65 may be normal, but forget too many things too often and it may be the first step toward Alzheimer's disease, experts say.

Scientists at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., say that a standard memory test can now identify people with a much higher risk for Alzheimer's, a first confirmed test for the disease. About 50 percent of those with minor cognitive problems on the test develop Alzheimer's within three years, the researchers said, and about 80 percent developed the disease in six years.

Before now, said Ronald Petersen, the study's chief investigator, "there has not been a clear method of evaluating people with memory loss.

In response, the federal government announced Monday that it will fund a $700 million study in 65 to 90 research centers that will weigh the use of the Pfizer drug Aricept against vitamin E as a way to prevent or slow Alzheimer's disease in volunteers who show mild to moderate cognitive problems on the memory test.

Alzheimer's affects an estimated 4.5 million Americans, causing severe memory decline and ultimately leaving people unable to perform even simple tasks. "If we could cut the rate of (cognitive) decline in half," Petersen said, "we could make an enormous impact on the individual, his or her family and society."
Letters To The Editor

Who's the Real Nutcase?

Recently I've heard a lot of rhetoric about the "violence" and "hatred" of something derisively called the "Christian right." These charges would be amusing if they weren't so serious.

The Bible is not ambiguous about homosexuality. There are a few Old Testament passages in Leviticus, plus a New Testament passage in 1 Corinthians 6:9 stating: "Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, norcovetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God." It is not possible to claim that God's Word approves, or is even neutral about, homosexuality.

So yes, we do believe that homosexuality is sinful. But we believe that vengeance for sin belongs to God, not to ourselves. Our responsibility is to tell people about it and help them escape it through repentance in Jesus — not to try and carry it out ourselves.

"Let him who is without sin cast the first stone" referred to ancient Israel's punishment for adultery: stoning. It certainly did not refer to advising the woman in question that adultery was wrong so she could change her ways! Is peaceful disapproval of something worth being condemned as mean-spirited, intolerant, and "homophobic" (my personal favorite — from the Greek, it would mean "afraid of man")? Every time I see such vitriol, I think the same thing: who's really intolerant?

But, you say, didn't violent rhetoric kill Matthew Shepard? No, it did not. Nutcases killed Matthew Shepard. Any movement with millions of people is bound to have a couple members who are a few fries short of a Happy Meal. As long as the First Amendment exists, someone will say something that will give these people a "reason" to do something stupid. Some people don't go around beating people to death, regardless of what rhetoric they hear.

A pattern of liberal reactions is starting to manifest itself. Don't like the pro-life movement? Test out John Salvi, one man, and condemn as "extremists" the millions who protest abortion peacefully with their votes. Don't like Christians who still believe that the Bible is the Word of God? Bring up the nutcases in Wyoming, who were looking for an excuse to kill someone, and ignore centuries of tradition held by entire nations of people. If one or two nutcases completely misunderstand what a movement is about and do something that runs against its stated beliefs, that's apparently enough to discredit the entire movement.

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Eric J. Plosky

If there's one thing I've learned during my time at MIT, it's that in order for things to change around here, somehow, gotta do it (if you don't, it seems to be). That's why I'm not surprised at the administration's recent call to renew Aramark's food-service monopoly ("Institute to Sign Dining Contract, Aramark Monopoly Endures"). If you don't have any one who has choked on death mask potatoes; nobody has suffered toxic shock; etc., from eating too many Networks burgers.

The question is: Where do we lay responsi- bility? In the past, I've criticized rapid, wholesale change and so forth, or perhaps 

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But Olver's comments on passage of that bill are telling, perhaps eerily foreshadowing a blessing to become a program." He says we can't know it. Furthermore, we cannot control the spreading of plants that are genetically engineered. We have human clones running around before we know it.

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An Inside Look at MIT Admissions

A student's own initiative takes top priority in selection process

By May K. Tso

Have you ever wondered how you got accepted to MIT? Or have you ever heard a friend say, "I just don't understand how I got in?" Many people have gotten in by mistake! Everyone's had to go through the admissions process from the student's side, but how do you deal with the process from the perspective of the admissions office?

Dean of MIT Admissions Marilee Jones says: "We've been admitting students here for a long time and I assure you that the applicant pool in the top tier schools is not anyone in the top third of the pool and has the same quality class overall. Must. Nah! I honestly wish we had the luxury of taking each class to take a few more risk cases, but the power of the applicant pool just precludes that."

Elizabeth S. Johnson, associate director of admissions, agreed: "I've been working here since 1985 and I don't recall that any one was ever incorrectly admitted. We are very careful about checking to make sure that the letter doesn't go to the wrong person. People are not admitted by mistake."

Two ratings used in admit process

The admissions process is quite involved. "Each applicant is evaluated in two basic ways: objectively and subjectively. The objective evaluation is a way of determining at the time of application basic academic (grades, rank in class, SAT scores) and ranking it relative to that of all other applicants," Jones said. "We cannot assess an applicant's potential in one algorithm. This sorts the students academically within the applicant pool," Jones said.

"For those who we don't admit, we keep their file and we literally see the best in space for them and we literally see the best in international level," she said. "But the nature of the activities can be anything. It's the passion that counts."

"People who take initiative in their lives, who activities," Jones said. "This sorts the students academically within the applicant pool. We use an algorithm."

The admissions office also looks at inter-dimensional considerations when the acceptance decisions are made. "The Admissions Office and the Financial Services Office are separate at MIT and play very different roles. This is not the norm in college admissions nationwide, even at top tier schools," Jones said. "Not knowing financial information frees up the Admissions Committee to admit the best—regardless of need."

Some receive special attention

In looking at the applicant pool, the admissions office takes everything into consideration. "For example, there are applicants from high schools of different calibers. When we begin to make decisions, we know that in some schools, B's are perfectly acceptable, that there might be 140 validicrations in a particular graduating class, that it is the norm in some schools for even one-third of the students to enroll in two year colleges," Jones said. "How the admissions office looks at involves the direct descendants of alumni. Jones said, "There is a bit of professional courtesy involved in the cases of the students but we don't admit students because we have such limited financial information because we have such limited space for them and we literally see the best in the world applying. We take about 1 in 16 international versus 1 in 5 U.S. applicants." Jones said.

There are also special admissions procedures for transfer and undergraduate admissions. "Transfer admissions are not as rigid as freshmen admissions because the number of applications is not as high, and most of our undergraduate students have more of a mixed bag of experiences. Still, though, we admit about 1 in 10 transfer students."

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VIEWPOINT

This week's question:

What would MIT life be like without the Greek system?

"Poor. It wouldn't be a loss for the people who don't live there, but for those who do, it would be an immeasurable loss." WALTER G. HOLLAND '01

"Way better. What use does it have other than being a convenient source of housework and entertainment? People need to be proud of something, there are a million more things more worthy of pride than a Greek letter and a bunch of brother. As far as having a 'community' like sorority or fraternity, I would far rather have a "Greek-oriented" community does create divisiveness, rivalries, and take up that space which maybe could instead be better spent on more worthwhile things."

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EVANGELOS KOSTOULAS '01

"We'd have fewer people to make fun of."

ANNA B. FALSBURY '02

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ERIC K. LEE '01

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Web communities and Free Tuition

Philip Greenspun talks about the future of the Web and MIT

By Aileen Tang

Philip Greenspun

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FEATURES

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Laboratory for Computer Science research philosopher Philip Greenspun has been thinking about the future of MIT. He graduated from Course 18 with a BS at the age of 18, received a Course 6 SM in 1993, and since then, he has been now teaching the first hands-on class at MIT about software engineering of innovative Web applications (6.916).

Philip Greenspun has started six companies and buried three. His current company, ArxData, builds database applications for about $1 million per project. He also runs his own Web publishing company which receives 700,000 hits a day.

As a software engineer, he built an open-source photography database system which is now used by thousands of Web publishers and millions of users. In addition, Greenspun has published a book titled, "ArxData and his Guide to Web Publishing," a coffee table Web-book in 4-color printing with Greenspun’s own photos interspersed throughout the text. He does not sell his photographs, but gives them away for free on photo.net if a person is willing to donate money to animal charities. photo.net generates about $13,000 a year for charity through amazon.com referral fees and orders for photographic prints.

Tell books how to harness the Internet

Everybody knows the Internet is "the future." The Internet Service Providers industry index has reflected this common wisdom by more than quadrupling in the last 12 months. As people scramble to log on to E-trade so they can buy 500 shares of Amazon or Yahoo stock on margin, few actually stop to remind themselves that companies like Greenspun's photographs have been interspersed throughout the text. He does not sell his photographs, but gives them away for free on photo.net if a person is willing to donate money to animal charities. photo.net generates about $13,000 a year for charity through amazon.com referral fees and orders for photographic prints.

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7:30 a.m. - Perspectives on Vision. 1 hour 30 minutes. Room 4-231. Sponsor: MIT Trustee.
11:10 a.m. - Terahertz Applications for Low-Temperature-Grown GaAs Photomixers. Simon Veigele, MIT, Lincoln Laboratory. EEE /-RO / Optics & Quantum Electronic Seminar Series. Blag. 4-30 Room B.
12:30 p.m. - How to use TOPEX altimeter for estimating sea level heights in the pre-TOPEX era. Alexey Kaplan, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University. Physical Oceanography Sack Lunch Seminars. Room 54-915.
3:30 p.m. - Lecture on Working In Groups: Conflict Resolution and Negotiation. Toto Robb. Management Development Program. 1 hour 30 minutes. Audron House, Huissler. Sponsor: GSC.
4:00 p.m. - Recent Progress in Multifunctional Asymmetric Catalysis. Professor Masakatsu Shibasaki, The University of Tokyo. George Buchi Lecture Series. Room E51-275.
4:15 p.m. - On the Hurwitz Enumeration Problem and Some Related Combinatorial and Geometric Questions. Dr. David Jackson, University of Waterloo. Combinatorics Seminar. Refreshments will be served at 3:30 PM in 2-349. Room E-5.
5:00 p.m. - Advanced Music Performance Recital: Catherine K. B. Labelle, G. piano.

Wednesday's Events

8:00 p.m. - MIT Chapel Concert. Richard Maloney, lute. Deborah van Ouellette. Admission $8, $6 students with 10 and senior citizens. Sala de Puerto Rico.
8:00 p.m. - -ISA Cultural Nights. Featuring Japan and its culture. Learn the art of origami, chopsticks and more, and see our delicious dishes. 2 hours. McCormick Hall. Sponsor: International Student Association.
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Senior House Hit By Rash of Thefts

By Frank Dabek

Senior House has again been plagued by a series of larcenies. In the last few days several items including $700 in cash, a CD player, and a laptop were stolen from students in the dormitory. According to a Campus Police bulletin issued yesterday there were four reports of items stolen. In some cases the occupant was asleep and most of the rooms affected had closed but unlocked doors. Victims described a possible suspect as a white male, about 30 years old, six feet tall and of medium build.

Captain Paul J. Baratta of the Campus Police said the CPs “didn’t find any problems with [dorm] security at all but some of the rooms were left open.”

Cynthia Jenkins, housemaster of Senior House said that the dorm is responding to the larcenies by “trying to make sure that all the residents in the house are aware of the potentials of problems.” She said that the problems originated with unlocked doors.

Robberies also occurred last year.

Senior House was the target of a similar string of robberies last year but Baratta classified both incidents as a “crime of opportunity” and said that “I don’t think anyone is picking out Senior House.” Jenkins concurred, saying “I think they found the individual last year. My sense is that it’s not really unique to Senior House.”

Baratta said that the CPs have had a “pretty good track record” for catching such thieves especially with the aid of the community. The Special Services Division is currently developing suspect information on these crimes. Anyone with information concerning the robberies should contact Detective. David Bruce at x8-9724 or use the CPs anonymous reporting page at http://web.mit.edu/cp/www/invest/anon.html.

Zareena Hussain and Kevin Long contributed to the reporting of this article.

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The Election Commission also required candidates to attend a meeting covering basic campaign procedures before any petitioning could begin, Shen said. She also noted that candidates had to use official UA ballot sheets to obtain signatures. According to UA election code, candidates cannot actively campaign while obtaining petitions. However, tracking down such violations can be difficult, especially since students often ask about candidates' campaigns when signing petitions, Shen said.

Last fall, the UA was forced to hand-count votes for freshman elections, since the web-based voting software could not automatically tally them. Shen noted that an updated version of the voting program can now automatically tally votes, and paper ballots will be automatically tallied once entered into the UA computers.

The UA also experimented with new means of promoting student awareness of candidates and their platforms. Shen noted that the UA hosted an online discussion forum for students to talk with candidates for UA president and vice president. The UAP and UA VP debates were also broadcast on MIT student cable.

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For more information contact cohen@media.mit.edu or call 253-4005
Dreger Fills Empty FSILG Adviser Role

By Frank Dabek

The recently created position of Assistant to the Adviser to fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups has been filled by former Interfraternity Council President Dane H. Dreger '99. Dreger was appointed to the position after the resignation of Barbara Treadway, who served a short stint as Dorow's assistant, and began work early this month.

Dreger said that he was chosen to fill the gap left by Treadway's sudden resignation based on his more than three years of experience with the FSILG system. According to Dreger, most of what Associate Dean and Adviser to FSILGs Neal Dorow does is hand over process and factual questions. "As a past president of the IFC... [I] handled the same kind of questions," he said.

Dreger replaces Treadway, who served a short stint as Dorow's assistant after Treadway had resigned after only one week on the job.

Treadway will also handle disciplinary problems - such as noise complaints — and forward them to Assistant Dean for Residential Life and Interfraternity Council President Frank Dabek.

Dreger is a student employee, however, and does not sit in any meetings of the dean's office. Dreger works three hours a day and factual questions. "As a past president of the IFC... [I] handled the same kind of questions," he said.

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Yesterday you told me to do the exact opposite of what you told me today.

It's my way of holding you accountable.

I have a vague feeling that I am not being all that I can be.

Who are you?

I'm a scapegoat.

Oops. I was aiming for the messenger. It's his own fault for being here.

I'm sorry you got shot, scapegoat.

I'm used to it.

The worst was the day I blundered across the National Rifle Association's chili cook-off.

At first, everyone wanted to stand near me. Then the accusations started.

Hey, Peter, want me to make you a PB&J sandwich for lunch?

Sure.

Bleech! What is this?

Jason, why are there jalepenos out?

See, Marcus? It's the drag from the front fins that's causing it to sway.

But I double-checked the coefficients.

I am not a wind tunnel!

Who keeps drawing these antennas on Beetle Bailey?

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CLC Proposes New Rules Limiting Kegs

By Frank Dabek

MIT's alcohol reform over the past year may have killed the tradition of keg parties but the Cambridge Licensing Council is considering hamstringing the last nail into the coffin.

The council will hold a meeting on April 1 to consider requiring dormitories in Cambridge to obtain a license before bringing a keg onto their premises. There are currently no restrictions on kegs in dormitories in Cambridge but the Interfraternity Council already prohibits fraternities from possessing kegs or tap systems in its risk-management policy.

According to Richard Scali, executive officer of the CLC, the proposed change would require any licensed dormitory residence which wishes to serve more than two gallons of alcohol in any container to obtain a license from the commission's office. Such a license would cost ten dollars. All MIT fraternities in Cambridge would fall under this restriction since they do not hold residence licenses. Both Harvard and MIT residences would be affected by this change and Scali said that the commission is seeking information on how the change would affect the two schools.

Krueger death prompts change

The commission has been considering such regulations since the death of Scott S. Krueger '01 over the past year. Several incidents involving underage drinking and fires in the past two months led the council to act now, Scali said. One of these events involved a party at Baker House where several students were cited by MIT for underage drinking.

Most of MIT's fraternities are located in Boston, however, where regulations of kegs already exist. Daniel F. Pokaski, a member of the Boston Licensing Board, said that the regulations "we have in place are adequate."

These regulations require stores to keep a record of keg sales. Pokaski said, however, that if the commission felt that these measures were not sufficient they would consider additional requirements such as forcing liquor stores to notify the police department of keg sales to dormitory residences.

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By Zareena Hussain

Motorola Inc. has announced a $5 million grant to be used towards the creation of a DigitalDNA Laboratory to be housed in the MIT Media Lab.

Focusing on embedded solutions—the computers that control cars, coffeemakers, and other pieces of technology—the new lab will work to make sure that all of these technologies are able to communicate with one another.

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Professor Negroponte serves on the Board of Directors for Motorola Inc. The Media Lab was founded in 1985 by Negroponte and Jerome Weisner. Current research activities at the Media Lab include the development of wearable computers, audio notebooks that can synchronize note taking with the speaker's voice, as well as research into human computer interfaces.
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tion of genetic errors in humans proves to be a good option in some cases. Many students who came to hear Wilmut speak did not attend the rest of the conference, but "fortunately, we did not have to turn anyone away," said coordinator Kelly V. Brogan '00.

Speakers address human cloning

Dr. David Mangus, graduate studies director of the Center for Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania, attributed people's aversion to human cloning to what he called "the yuck factor." As soon as there's a feel-good story about an infertile couple...a bouncing baby that happens to be a clone, the yuck factor. It loses presence, he said. The same was true of in vitro fertilization several years ago, he said. The real issue according to Mangus is "what regulatory systems will exist...if cloning is left to market, as often reproductive science is in this country."

Dr. Daniel Harrell, associate minister of Park Street Church, found something "theologically different" between a cloned individual and a conceived person, "because the procedure is so different...children are a natural fruition of love." Mangus and other speakers disagreed.

Several speakers noted that a physician's primary purpose is to help people, and Cloning Panel Member George Annas said cloning would not help achieve this end. Annas said cloning could lead to the "commodification of babies," and asked: "Are there any limits?"

Rifkin wary of genetic science

Jeremy Rifkin, author of 14 books on the implications of genetic technology and critic of biotechnology, cautioned audiences not to be "sophomoric reductionists," and to consider the impact that technology such as genetic manipulation may have. Rifkin predicted that genes and computers will play a role in the next century similar to that played by fossil fuels and industry in the 20th century. He warned that war over genetic information could result.

After the warning, Dr. Robert Weinberg, founding member of Whitehead Institute, renounced Rifkin's conclusions. Weinberg criticized the "fear of logic." Rifkin took in citing Ritalin and attention deficit disorder as examples of people "relying on genetics to solve problems that are sociologically and politically in nature." Weinberg asked that Rifkin "be a reductionist for a minute."

Dr. Judy Garber, attending physician in the Breast Evaluation Center, paraphrased Rifkin's statement that cystic fibrosis genes and genes coding for similar diseases could be beneficial by saying, "sure, if you have one gene you may carry resistance to a disease that we, in our highly advanced and technological society, fortunately no longer must worry about." Fixing such ailments is firmly within medicine's realm, she said.

The Gene Business

A third panel of speakers at the conference discussed the business and ethics of collecting genetic samples for use in research and commerce. The panel included Dr. Kari Stefansson, CEO of deCODE Genetics in Iceland, which is undertaking a project to collect a genetic database of all Icelanders for studies of genetic links to disease. Also speaking was Dr. Martin Teitel, executive director of the Council for Responsible Genetics.

Teitel warned that, although 75 percent of Icelanders who voted on the issue were in favor of the database, their information could be misused. Stefansson refuted Teitel's argument by stating that there would be no search function in the database through which a patient's records could be viewed. "It would be easier to break into every health institution in Iceland several times than to break into the database," he said.

Stefansson and other panelists agreed that obtaining funding for genetics projects created a series of difficult questions. While some questioners and panelists expressed distrust in the patent system, Stefansson said that one concern of deCODE Genetics is finding funding. It may be difficult to get a patent for a cure for a less common disease, so funding for such projects is difficult to find, he said.

Presenters appeal to wider audience

Speakers at the event balanced their speeches between technical jargon and layman dialogues when addressing the conference audience. As MIT student Tina Salmon '02 said, "they kept it in layman's terms but still technical enough that it was interesting." Salmon is considering majoring in biology, and said the conference peaked her interest.

Professor Tom Settlemire of Bowdoin College brought nine students to the conference and he said that they appreciated the wide range of issues addressed, especially the economic and social aspects. "That combination is something we as scientists don't think about as much," Settlemire said.

While some students found the prospects "scary," Stacy Chen '02 said that she is interested in the ethics of genetic research and cloning. "We were very happy about the turnout; everything far surpassed our expectations," Brogan said. She found it "treasuring to know that so many students and people in the area are interested in addressing these kind of issues"
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Imposter Posing as Cleaning Man Swindles FSILGs

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 Theta, and 518 Beacon St. (Sigma Phi Epsilon) Pika and ET refused to comment when reached Monday night. SigEp could not be reached for comment.

Hurst resents the negative claims made against him, saying "when it comes to ventilation duct cleaning, I think I know a little bit more about it than they [FSILGs] do."

Other ILGs report experiences

William H. Garcia deQuevedo '01, house manager of Theta Xi, said a man named Jeff Hurley "said he'd done some work for us in September and we still owed him $450. He said he needed to come by and do some more work."

Hurley did obtain a $450 check from Theta Xi Resident Adviser Christopher Drew, who was unaware of the earlier deQuevedo-Hurley conversation.

Hurley himself did not want to come by and do more work. He said he would call later that night, Drew said that "he just kind of appeared" to perform the service rather than being contracted by the fraternity.

Houlé '02, Theta Xi's social chair, said that the check given to Hurley was cancelled before it was cashed. Theta Xi has contacted the Campus Police regarding the matter.

Sigma Nu's house manager, Nathaniel V. Houle '02 let Jeff Hurley into the house at some point two weeks ago, but "walked around with him" as he inspected the basement. "He said he'd do this cleaning and then we were insured for a year against fire."

Houle "didn't want Hurley to come and clean" and indicated that Hurley should call "about when to come back." Hurley didn't call, but did come back to the house last Tuesday morning, identifying himself as "the guy who had been contacted to clean." After talking to Houle, Hurley proceeded to clean the vents via "spraying them with water in our sink" which "took him about five minutes."

Edward Essey, Chi Phi house manager, also spoke about an encounter with Hurley. In the transition between house managers, Hurley was given a check to pay for his claims of overdue payments.

He charged the house $450 for exhaust cleaning service and told them "he just wasn't telling the truth to the brother that answered the door."

Hurley did "perform some service, but we didn't contract for service." Hurley has also made a number of questionable statements. He claims to have talked to "the housing dean" including "Dean Dorow," actually in Europe for the past week. Hurley also told Essey that he knew the men's Varsity Hockey Coach, a claim which was not substantiated by the coach. At the least, many FSILG members feel Hurley has been misleading, if not blantly dishonest.

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Shaw and her partner placed fourth.

The next day started early with Pre-Bronze Smooth. In the Waltz, four out of the six finalists were MIT couples. In sixth place was Bill Litleplo G and Lin, in third, Berdnikov and Raskhodnivoka, in second, Sopiee and Yu, and winning the event, Misra and Leah Sinrich NYU. The Tango once again had four MIT couples in the final: Misra and Leah Sinrich of New York University took sixth, Litleplo and Lin took fifth, Sopiee and Yu placed second, and Berdnikov and Raskhodnivoka won the event. In the Foxtrot, Litleplo and Lin placed fifth, Sopiee and Yu took third, Berdnikov and Raskhodnivoka placed second, and Misra and Sinrich won the event.

The event of Pre-Bronze was the Viennese Waltz, which found four MIT couples in the second, Raskhodnivoka and Missin took the third, and Shao and Yu took the fourth. The Foxtrot completed the event.

Four MIT Fencers
Make Nationals

By Jenny Lee

On Mar. 13, the equestrian team participated in an intercollegiate tournament at the New York University. This recent achievement is one of the best in the history of MIT and the many hours that the riders have put into the sport.

By Jenny Lee

Equestrian Riders Continue To Show Well at Tufts Meet

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The team was 6-0 in the first round of the tournament and then lost to the MIT team in the second round. The results are still pending.

By Jenny Lee

The equestrian team's next two meets will be held on Mar. 27 and Dartmouth College on Mar. 30.
**Women's Indoor Track Finishes Successful Season**

By David Chatwin

The men's and women's swim team recently finished up the season at their respective New England Championships.

The Lady Engineers travelled north to Bowdoin College where they competed against 40 other teams. Despite fielding one of the smallest squads (only 14 women) the MIT swimmers were very competitive and finished in eighth place; the second highest finish by the women ever. Also quite satisfying was the fact that MIT defeated rival Wellesley College by several hundred points.

The relays provided a solid basis for the women's success, with all five relays placing in the top eight. The 200 yard freestyle relay squad, consisting of Deterre Dunn '99, Jen Navarro '00, Lauren Erb '01, and Andrea Harsanyi '02, placed 5th. The 400 free relay was swam by Dunn, Lea Engst '02, Lauren and Harsanyi. The 200 medley relay team consisted of Liz Krams '00, Ericca Fuchs '99, Harsanyi and Dunn. Dunn swam the 400 medley relay. And last but not least, the 800 free relay squad was composed of Navarro, Erb, Allison Fielder '02, and Christina Wilbert '01.

In addition to the impressive team performance, many of the women had outstanding individual swims. Dunn put the finishing touches on her remarkable swimming career at MIT. She made the National B qualifying cut in the 100 yard free with a time of 24.88.

In one of the most compelling races of the championships, department senior Kevin Musewelle '99 competed in the 1650 yard freestyle. Despite his previous focus on the sprint races, Kevin swam in the longest and most grueling event for his final individual competition. His time of 18:13.42 was a career best.

Other excellent performances included the sophomore sprinting duo of Nick Vantzelfde '01 and Stefan Bewley '01. Vantzelfde swam in 1:06.12 with a time of 57.96 and Bewley swam through serious shoulder injuries to place in the 50 yard free.

In the first day of the competition, six MIT swimmers missed qualifying for the finals by a few fractions of a second. The second and third days were better, with more of the MIT swimmers getting into the top 24 places. This was partly due to the increased fast support when the women's swim team arrived in full-force to cheer on their male counterparts.

The men's team lone diver, Dylan Birto '00 also improved as the days went on. Birto had a rough time in the one-meter event, but he stepped it up, however for the three-meter. Dylan ripped one of his most crucial dives, the full twister one-and-half, and placed better than expected.

"This was a fun team to work with," said Coach McLaughlin. "We had a lot of new faces this year, and we're looking forward to next year."

**UPCOMING HOME EVENTS**

**Wednesday, March 17**

Men's Tennis vs. Bowdoin College, 3:00 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse vs. Plymouth State, 6:00 p.m.

**Women's Indoor Track Finishes Successful Season**

By Elaine Chen and Lila French

The women's track team ended its season with a surprising performance at the East Coast Athletic Conference Meet held on Mar. 6 at Boston University. MIT scored 34 points to finish fifth out of 44 teams, an astonishing feat for a first-year program. The team just edged out Bowdoin (33 points), whose squad had defeated the Engineers throughout the season.

Wheaton College, who went on to take the national title, won with 106.5 points.

The powerhouse pole-vaulter squad led the Engineers in points. Lila French '99 was the event's champion, setting a meet record with 10'6". While Stephanie Norris '02 took second with 10'0". Their primary competition from Wheaton opened at 10' and heightened. Not to be outdone, Vanessa Li '02 came out of nowhere to take a one-foot season best. Her 9'6.25" jump earned her a spot in the field, completing the unprecedented one-two-three vault sweep. Tech's vaulters alone scored 24 of the team's 34 points.

Elaine Chen '99, who was seeded tenth in the 200m dash, finished fourth with a time of 26.99. Her 26.69 performance broke the school record she set one week earlier by almost half a second.

In the shot put, Princess Tsimbuleto '02 took the win with an amazing 7 inch personal record of 18'10.38". In the weight throw, she set a 6 inch personal record of 41'06". Both performances broke Imoukoué's own school records.

Alyssa Thoralvensen '00 was looking to improve her NCAA pre-divisional mark in the 55m hurdles. She ran respectable times of 9.02 and 9.12 in the trials and semifinals, respectively, but was unable to secure her place at Nationals.

Coming into the meet with the previous week's disqualification in the back of their minds, the 4x200m relay team hoped to redeem itself by taking advantage of the particularly fast, banked BU track. Chen, Kay Sullivan '02, French, and Adeline Kuo '02 all ran personal best times to finish in 1:49.33, earning them an unexpected fourth place finish and beating the school record by almost seven seconds.

MIT's other two relay teams both broke the school records. The 4x400m of Chen, French, Kuo, and Sullivan ran a 4:12.53, while the 4x100m team of Chen-Ao Wang '01, Milina Yamaskina '00, Melanie Harris '01, and Debbie Won '00 finished in 10:04.66, led by Bryant's 22.75 leg.

The team will spend spring break training and competing in Atlanta in preparation for the outdoor season. Their first meet will be the Engineer's Cup on April 3 at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

**SPORTS**

**Ballroom Dancers Place Well in NYC**

By Lauren Bradford

MIT Ballroom Dance Team made an amazing showing at the Manhattan Amateur Classic over the weekend at Prospect Hall in Brooklyn, New York. The event was hosted by the New York Chapter of the United States Amateur Ballroom Dance Association and there were over 100 couples attending. Despite long car rides and very little sleep, the MIT team did very well and brought home the ribbons to prove it.

Friday night started with Rhythm events, and Pre-Bronze was the first level on the floor. The first event, Cha Cha, had a five couple final, three of them MIT dancers. Tony Maesto and Sally Yu '00 placed fifth. Boris Berdnikov and Sofya Rashkodnikova took second, and Sam Sopiee and Nicole O'Bryan won the event.

The next event was Swing, and this six couple final was two-thirds MIT. Maestro and Yu once again took fifth, Mohammed Zaman and Lauren Bradford took fourth, Berdnikov and Rashkodnikova took third, and Sopiee and O'Bryan placed second.

The last Pre-Bronze event was the Rhumba and MIT dominated the final once again. Zaman and Bradford took sixth place, Berdnikov and Rashkodnikova took fourth, and Sopiee and O'Bryan placed second, making them second place overall in the Pre-Bronze Rhythm category.

The Bronze level opened with the Cha Cha/Swing Two-Dance in which Berdnikov and Rashkodnikova placed sixth and Sopiee and O'Bryan took second, they also placed fourth in the Rhumba. Dancing at the Silver level were couples Puluwah Wayrapya and Vickky Kheifets '09 and Zaman and Kheifets and their partner, who placed fourth and second, respectively, in the Cha Cha/Swing Two-Dance. Wayrapya and Kheifets took sixth, and Shaw and her partner placed second. Also dancing at the Gold level Shaw and her partner took third in the Cha Cha/Swing Two-Dance and in the Rhumba/ Mambo Two-Dance, Wayrapya and Kheifets also did well, placing in third.

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