Head of NAACP Speaks at the 25th Annual MLK Celebration

By Rima Arnoult

Kweisi Mfume, President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, discussed the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in the face of today's racial injustices yesterday morning in Walker Memorial at the 25th Annual MLK Celebration breakfast.

"Discrimination is not an article of the past. It is an article of the present," Mfume said in his speech.

"Colored people come in all colors," Mfume added, and "our survival will depend increasingly on dealing with our increasing diversity.

Mfume acknowledged that "the light does burn bright at MIT." However, a responsibility to change the world comes with MIT's greatness, Mfume said. "Technology makes it possible to network but also to live in isolation.

Defending affirmative action

Mfume's speech also touched on MIT's use of affirmative action.

Mfume warned against embracing precedents to eliminate affirmative action, saying that "they ship away at the ability of people who want to come behind you [students] and sit where you sit."

Vest pledges MIT's support

President Charles M. Vest also took the opportunity in his introduction of the honorable Mfume to reaffirm MIT's support of affirmative action in light of an

Vest to Award Three MacVicar Fellowships at Reception Today

By Kristen Landino

Each MacVicar Fellow serves a 10-year term and receives partial salary support, as well as an annual fellowship.

As part of the MacVicar Day celebration, the Institute will host James O. Freedman, president emeritus of Dartmouth College, who will give a talk entitled "Great Teachers, Great Teaching." The event is open to the MIT community.

Christopher A. Kaiser

Honored to be named a MacVicar Fellow, Kaiser said the program is important because "it is more than just a simple award. The program works to encourage better teaching in the long run by generating new ideas and insights into undergraduate teaching."

Kaiser's ideas for improving undergraduate education at MIT include "breaking up the larger introductory classes and offering courses in both the spring and fall semesters in order to decrease class size and student experience.

CA Man Charged for Sending Racist E-mail; MIT Students are Affected

By Jennifer Chung

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Quon agreed to plead guilty to 20 counts of sending threatening communications via the Internet. According to Elenes, some recipients of the e-mails said they were shocked.

Though the e-mails were traced by the FBI to a press release by the United States Attorney's Office in Los Angeles.

Federal authorities began investigating the case when a faculty member at California State University at Los Angeles contacted the FBI. The FBI then began investigating the recipients, the e-mails contained racial slurs on Hispanics," according to a press release issued by the United States Attorney's Office in Los Angeles.

Quon has agreed to plead guilty to seven counts of violating constitutional protections right at this time. The maximum possible sentence is seven years in a federal prison. The FBI also received e-mails. Quon is accused of sending threatening communications via the Internet.

MIT students outraged at e-mails

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Iraq Withdraws Forces From No-Fly Zones after Air Strikes

By Paul Richter and Robin Wright

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Iraq President Saddam Hussein has begun withdrawing air-defense batteries, artillery, troops and other matériel from his country's northern and southern "no-fly" zones after American and British patrols, U.S. officials said Thursday.

Although the withdrawals may be temporary, U.S. officials pointed to the regrouping as evidence of the effectiveness of a six-week campaign in which allied warplanes have inflicted substantial damage on Iraq's weaknesses without losing any aircraft or pilots.

Some U.S. officials speculate that Hussein may be changing his strategy out of fear that the seemingly one-sided fighting could demoralize the armed forces that are the foundation of his strength. "He's been demonstrating to his constituencies his weakness, not his strength," a senior Clinton administration official said.

Hussein has been challenging Iraq's West.texan-imposed no-fly zones since mid-December, after intensive U.S.-British airstrikes on his country. Iraqi fighter planes have repeatedly flown into the proscribed zones and occasionally fired at allied warplanes. Anti-aircraft missile batteries have "locked" their radar on the U.S. and British jets, often a prelude to an attack.

In response, the allied air armada has struck about 40 surface-to-air missile batteries, knocking out roughly 20 percent of Hussein's long-range SAM installations, according to U.S. defense officials.

By that reckoning, the interception of missiles has been more punishing than Operation Desert Fox, the December assault that targeted 34 air-defense batteries and struck about two-thirds of them.

President Clinton gave military commanders latitude last month to respond with broad counterattacks on Hussein's air defenses any time Iraq planes or radar make threatening moves.

The no-fly zones were imposed after the 1991 Persian Gulf War to shield the Kurdish minority in the north and dissenting Shiites in the south from air attack.

A defense official said Hussein has been moving equipment around rapidly, following a long-established pattern intended to confuse his adversaries.

He has apparently moved some equipment into the zones, which are south of the 33rd parallel and north of the 36th parallel. But "overall there's a net reduction," this official said. "He's had only two choices. Move it or lose it."

It is next to impossible to assess how many casualties the Iraqis suffered in the course of the air-defense strikes, but analysts say troops and crews often work near the equipment.

U.S. officials say Hussein's decision to regroup and dispose of some of his air defenses reflects the biggest limitation on his strategy - military morale.

"There's clearly been a lot of dismay and dissatisfaction among his supporters in the military, who feel as if they've been asked to implement hopeless missions and fruitlessly squander military lives in the process," Pollack said.

Since Operation Desert Fox, Hussein has alienated the Arab world by calling for the ouster of key leaders. His provocations have also kept at a distance the new Turkish government of Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit, an old-style nationalist.
Serbian Leaders Say They Will Attend Peace Talks on Kosovo

By Paul Watson

BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA

Serbian leaders agreed Thursday to join ethnic Albanians in peace talks, but both sides in Kosovo's conflict insist they won't drop demands that threaten to block a deal to end the bloodshed in the separatist province.

After a daylong debate peppered with attacks on the United States and NATO, Serbia's parliament voted 227-3 in favor of sending a delegation to the peace conference, set to begin Saturday near Paris.

But Serbian leaders rejected the deployment of foreign troops in Kosovo, a predominantly ethnic Albanian province of Serbia, to police any agreement. NATO is laying the groundwork for a peacekeeping force, which is likely to include U.S. soldiers.

"We don't accept the presence of foreign soldiers on our territory under any excuse of implementing any agreement that is reached," said one article in a 12-page resolution approved by parliament.

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HIV Medicines Show Unexpected Results, Harm Immune System

By Laurie Garrett

CHICAGO

When HIV patients take medicines that control the virus, their immune systems begin to recover in ways that are puzzling and counterintuitive, doctors are finding.

For example, patients recover immunity to some deadly opportunistic infections, but appear unable to fight diseases they were vaccinated for as children or to target HIV itself.

On Thursday, scientists reported that use of Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy, or HAART, can in at least half of all HIV patients push the viral population down to undetectable levels, allowing the beleaguered immune system to reconstruct itself. But it appears the reconstructed system bears little resemblance to the immune system of a healthy individual, and it's unclear exactly how well the cells and antibodies in the system can protect HAART patients.

At the Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunity Infectious Infections in Chicago, Dr. Brigitte Autran presented evidence on patients with advanced HIV infection. She said that after two to three years on HAART, these patients can muster reasonable numbers of immune system cells that can recognize and destroy some pathogens.

"The major indication clinically of a restored immune system is the dramatic decline in opportunistic infections that we all have seen," Dr. Constance Benson of the University of Colorado Health Science Center in Denver said.

And Dr. Jose Lopez and his colleagues proved the point by stopping preventive medication for parasitic pneumonia in HAART patients. Once the number one killer of people with AIDS, pneumocystis pneumonia is now so well-controlled that preventative medicine is unnecessary, he said.

That's the good news. But, Autran said, patients were not able to control infections for which they were vaccinated during their childhoods. Further, Autran's HAART patients could not muster immune responses against HIV itself.

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Boston Latin Doesn't Appeal Case

WASHINGTON

For the second time in just over a year, civil rights groups that feared losing a major affirmative action case in the Supreme Court have succeeded in stopping a lawsuit — this time, a dispute over admissions to the nation's oldest public school, Boston Latin.

The Boston School Committee, the city's school board, changed its mind at a closed meeting Wednesday night and voted unanimously not to ask the Supreme Court to review the constitutionality of a race-based admissions policy at the prestigious 364-year-old high school.

The U.S. Department of Education and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People confirmed that they and other civil rights groups urged the school committee to forgo the appeal.

The school committee had planned to appeal this month a decision by a federal appeals court in Boston striking down that policy because of its racial preference. No appeal will now be filed, and the case will end.

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The ever-contentious battle between the music industry and the internet hit a new low in the past month. The appropriately named Harry Fox Agency, the licensing arm of the National Music Publishers Association, filed suit against the International Lyrics Server on grounds of copyright infringement.

If you've ever had trouble recollecting the lyrics of a song vaguely remembered, or the title artist of a song from a couple lyric choices, you've probably visited the upcoming book The Algorithms, which will cater to the MIT woman looking for sexist, outdated music copyright violations won't be tolerated. Never mind that it's not always clear if copyright violations will be tolerated. Nevertheless, some threats of a lawsuit are enough to force many service providers back down. Apparently, long-time online music fans who are not willing to pay for downloading music are on the verge of changing their tune.
MOVIE REVIEW

The Thin Red Line

Pointless philosophizing and battle scenes

By Vladimir Zelnikovsky

Directed by Terrence Malick
Written by Terrence Malick, based on the novel by James Jones

There's a mixture of regret and annoyance which comes with the realization that the movie I'm watching could have been made into a great film if only I had an hour with it in the editing room. (It's not whether I could actually improve it, but the impression that counts. A recent example: The Thin Red Line.)

The story of the battle for Guadalcanal (Well, Pacific front, C-far-company charlie), written and directed by reclusive director Terrence Malick (whose last film, Days of Heaven, came out in 1979), was unrolled like a new novel by J.D. Salinger. The result is a languidly paced visually stunning, aura-enchancing, visually affecting piece of cinematic muck, replete with scenes that don't go anywhere, pointless philosophizing, and a plethora of pseudo-profound rhetorical questions.

The story follows a dozen monotonically-named soldiers (Cowper, Swoff, W进修, Fife and Kcek), who have one military task ahead of them: suicide attack or hill which is an enemy stronghold. Capt. James Staros (Elias Koteas) and Lt. Col. Gordon Tall (James Tissot) oversee the men, led by Ed Davis (Tobey Maguire) and Pvt. Jack Bell (Ben Chaplin) misses his wife. All of them are thrown together in the huge battlefield of war, set against the serenely beautiful landscape of swaying grass, light-filtering trees, and endless sea.

The middle hour of the film — the attack on the hill — is just about excellent, with staggering visual impact that places the viewer right in the middle of the battle. This sequence, for my money, is a touch more effective than the Omaha beach landing in Saving Private Ryan, while Spielberg depicts (to great effect) the external realities and confusion of combat, Malick's focus is the internal world — the psychological reaction of soldiers to the guerre and explosions around them.

Finally, we shared a generous plate of beef sausages with fresh herbs, diced carrots, pickled cucumbers, and green beans served on a bed of lettuce with fresh coriander —DACR (a columnar pork, beef, and fish combination of food styles from different regions in South East Asia). It is also about combining different flavors and textures of Asian dishes, a tricky feat for any cuisine. Penang's kitchen turned out to be a nice touch, as each dish came arrived. Though probably an accident, this each for us to finish one off before the next. The middle hour is exciting enough so this doesn't matter in the least. When film stalls, and greatly so, is in the framing sections: the opening and the closing, around 45 minutes each. These sections are largely devoted to exposition, character establishment (largely pointless, as I said before), and, most annoyingly, to express the film's philosophy, using a variety of overlapped monologues.

To be frank, these monologues drove me to the high point of annoyance. Malick is a good enough director to create a complex triple-counterpoint between the wonders of nature, horrors of war, and the existential problem of man, but this half-hour is between (the misshrouded prologue to the action climax works on all these levels). But, to perhaps drive his point home, we have long, rambling, pointless speechifying, delivered by six or seven people.

Since they all sound the same, it's hard to tell who is speaking, but that doesn't really matter anymore, since they all say the things used by any academic philosophy major to pad out their essays. It's hard to take it seriously when someone drones off-screen that "war doesn't make men... it turns them into dogs, poisons the soul." Oh please. This point is much better delivered by the superb visuals.

Another very risky choice that doesn't quite pay off as well is the film's structure. To put it simply, The Thin Red Line is not a narrative-based story, with much more attention paid to atmosphere and action and mood than to plot. The middle hour is exciting enough so this doesn't matter in the least. When film stalls, and greatly so, is in the framing sections: the opening and the closing, around 45 minutes each. These sections are largely devoted to exposition, character establishment (largely pointless, as I said before), and, most

restaurant review

Penang

Fusion Cuisine

By Daniel Metz

Penang
683-691 Washington St, Boston 617-431-8737
Entree: $24-31,975

Malaysian cuisine, which at its best heavily blends the influences of India, Thailand, and Indonesia, is a great treat for the Western palate. Penang, a popular Malaysian restaurant on the outskirts of Boston's Chinatown, offers the delicate fusion of these cuisines with great skill, although on a recent visit the kitchen's performance was somewhat mixed. Still, most people will find it's worth a visit.

Many of the appetizers on Penang's menu are more expensive than the average entree, though these are generally worth the cost. Most interesting of the lot was the Baby Oyster Omelette ($6.95), a very simple and fourflavor explosion of fish served on a bed of lettuce with fresh coriander garnish, but accompanied by an overly-sweet sauce. This dish is for oyster lovers only, as the pungent flavor of these little bivalves will turn some people off completely.

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Holl Discusses Ideas For New Dormitory

By Zareena Hussain

Steven Holl, the architect who will design the new undergraduate dormitory, came to campus Monday and presented his preliminary ideas for the dorm's design to administrators and students.

Sketches and plans for the overall design concept of the new dorm will be released on Feb. 26. After having met with administrators in the morning, Holl "said he wanted to see students," said Jennifer C. Berk '91, chair of the Undergraduate Association Committee on Housing and Orientation.

Later that day, students who had expressed interest in the new dormitory through meetings in the fall were contacted. A total of ten students were present to meet with Holl.

"The main thing today is to hear from you," Holl told students before presenting his ideas.

One central theme of the new dorm, Holl proposed to students, would be the idea of "a porous building's facade would give views out toward Cambridge from Briggs Field."

Holl said he wanted to preserve occupation of spaces wall blocking off the campus from outlying areas in Cambridge. Instead, voids in the building's facade would give views out toward Cambridge from Briggs Field.

He also included in his presentation plans for "activating the street" through the construction of space for community activities on the first floor.

Holl said he wanted to preserve access to a river view for all rooms by raising the level of rooms to a minimum height.

The construction of paths along the borders of the athletic fields as well as a pathway from dormitories along Memorial Drive to the dormitory on Vassar Street was another suggestion.

Students expressed general approval of the plans at the informal gathering and added that they would like more study space and the ability to be able to customize individual rooms in any new dormitory.

Founder's Group named

The committee of faculty and students who will form a core group to advise Holl in the design and construction of the new dormitory was selected Wednesday, according to Dean of Students and Undergraduate Education Rosalind H. Williams.

Dubbed the Founder's Group, the committee consists of five faculty members and seven students. They include Associate Provost for the Arts Alan Bredy, Professor of Foreign Languages and Literatures Suzanne Flynn, Professor of Architecture Leon R. Glickman, Professor of Materials Science and Engineering Lim W. Hobbes and Associate Professor in the Athletic Department Candace L. Royer.

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Students were selected from lists compiled through people "in the fall who had explicitly expressed an interest in participating in the Founder's Group," Williams said.

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The names of students to the committee were not released because not all had confirmed they would participate.

"The preference was for younger students," Williams said. Williams said she hoped that the Founder's Group could "become a sort of magnet for the larger community" to populate the new dorm.

Students were selected from lists compiled through people "in the fall who had explicitly expressed an interest in participating in the Founder's Group," Williams said.

In addition to this core group, "every student is invited to be part of the larger Founder's Group," Williams said, to advise the core group.

Reg Day Porn Makes a Comeback

By Susan Buchman

Considering that pornography was recently used as a teaching tool in 6.001, it should come as no surprise that the tradition of registration day porn has returned to the MIT campus. A porn marathon held in Wong Auditorium on Monday gave students the opportunity to indulge in one more evening of pleasure before the start of the semester.

"Reg day porn seems like a nice, debaucherous idea," said Peter R. Gamsack '01, who single-handedly organized the event.

When I arrived at the 8 p.m. start, "On Her Back: The True Story of Mechthilding" was playing. It was not a stereotypical porn flick: it featured classical music instead of the traditional bow-chika-bow-wow, and there was a surprising amount of gender equity of sexual pleasure. There was even a line or two of clever dialogue.

Reg day porn was once a well-attended event coordinated by the Lecture Series Committee, drawing crowds of several hundred. However, controversy led to its death in the mid-eighties.

Some people will never know of its return; some will greet it but prefer the vast resources of the internet and the privacy of a dorm room, and some will kick themselves for missing it. And, of course, some will be offended.

I fully acknowledge the existence of violent, demeaning, and misogynistic pornography. But all erotic film does not fit into this category, and I encourage all MIT students to enjoy porn which celebrates the pleasure of all its actors. However, I further encourage them to forsake the porn and go out and enjoy the real thing.

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4:00 p.m. - Houghton Lecture: Probing Tornadoes with Mobile Doppler Radars. Professor Howard Bluestein, University of Oklahoma. EAPS Department Lecture Series. Room S-4915. Refreshments at 3:30 p.m., Ida Green Lounge. Sponsor: EAPS.


9:00 p.m. - The Good Person of Szechwan. Production of play by Bertolt Brecht, directed by Theater Arts Lecturer Kim Mancuso. Admission $6 students, $7 others. Kresge Little Theater. Sponsor: Dramashop.

8:00 p.m. - She Loves Me. Production of show by Joe Masteroff (book), Jerry Bock (music) and Sheldon Harnick (lyrics). Admission $6 students, $8 faculty/seniors, $9 public. Sala de Puerto Rico. Sponsor: Musical Theatre Guild.

Saturday's Events
7:45 p.m. - AEPhi Live. A variety show of music and comedy whose proceeds go to the Charm Sheba Medical Center in Israel and the General Israeli Orphans Home for Girls. Admission $5. Kresge. Sponsor: Alpha Epsilon Phi.

8:00 p.m. - MIT Faculty Concert. Senior Lecturer George Ruckert, sarod; Monir Hossain, tabla. Presented by MITHAS (MIT Heritage of South Asia) and the New England Hindu Temple (NEHT). $15, $12—MITHAS & NEHT members and students. Wong Auditorium. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.

8:00 p.m. - She Loves Me. Production of show by Joe Masteroff (book), Jerry Bock (music) and Sheldon Harnick (lyrics). Admission $6 students, $8 faculty/seniors, $9 public. Sala de Puerto Rico. Sponsor: Musical Theatre Guild

Sunday's Events

8:00 p.m. - She Loves Me. Production of show by Joe Masteroff (book), Jerry Bock (music) and Sheldon Harnick (lyrics). Admission $6 students, $8 faculty/seniors, $9 public. Sala de Puerto Rico. Sponsor: Musical Theatre Guild

Tuesday's Events
12:00 p.m. - Eclipse Records. John Steele Dibner Institute Lunchtime Colloquia. Room E56-100. Sponsor: Dibner Institute.


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By Laura Moulton

MIT’s ever-growing commitment to the humanities took another step forward this week when a record twenty-seven sophomores and juniors were named Burchard Scholars for 1999.

The scholars come from a wide variety of majors, but all share the sense that humanities are central to their lives. Students were selected based on demonstrated interest and excellence in the humanities, arts, and social sciences.

Burchard Scholar Eric L. Gunther ’00, an Electrical Engineering and Computer Science major, called the humanities “an integral component of my daily life,” adding that music “at times... preserves my sanity.”

Mechanical Engineering major Martin N. Mbaya ’00 plans to use his knowledge of urban studies and planning in his native Kenya.

EECS major Janelle K. Prevost ’00 comes from an English-speaking Caribbean island with two French-speaking neighbors. She hopes to use her French language and literature studies to facilitate communication between the islands.

Philosophy and Linguistics major Jasper J. Chen ’00 is planning a career “addressing the medical needs of the poor and the underprivileged.” Chen said that he values opportunities such as the Burchard Scholar series because “a solid grounding in the humanities will ensure that one applies science and technology to society in more humanitarian ways.”

Program includes seminar series

Burchard Scholars will attend a series of dinners and seminars with faculty whose research involves the humanities.

The scholars’ hopes for the series are high. Rachel Stanley ’00 is anticipating “delightful dinners” and “stimulating conversation.”

Citing the diversity of backgrounds of the participants, Katherine C. Liu ’00 said she is looking forward to “broadening my horizons and an exchange of ideas” at the dinner seminars.

“The MIT has an uncanny way of dumbing down one’s sensitivity to the aesthetic, human, and emotional elements of the world around us, this scholarship is an opportunity for vital exposure to the unquantifiable ‘aspects of life, and to people who are interested in the things that really move us,” said Kelly V. Bregan ’00.

Dean of the Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences School Philip S. Khoury and Professor of History Bruce Mazlish established the scholarships in 1985 in honor of the school’s first dean, John E. Burchard. The program aims “to enrich intellectual life in the humanities, arts, and social sciences at MIT... through dialogue and discourse,” Khoury said.

The application for the scholarship involves an essay and a faculty recommendation, and is described as straightforward and even enjoyable by the scholars. Gunther even suggested adding an additional question so that applicants could demonstrate more than one facet of their interest in the humanities.

Between 75 and 90 students usually apply for the program. No preference is given to students majoring in the humanities. Khoury says that the “vast majority are in engineering and science,” although many minor or double major in the humanities.

Other Burchard Scholars include: Jonna B. Anderson ’00, Jason M. Chicola ’00, Benjamin K. Chun ’00, Sharmilling Ghaznavi ’00, Madhulika Jam ’00, Rana A. Jamal ’00, Marie L. Kosely ’01, Jason W. Krug ’01, Berta L. Lam ’00, David A. Mata ’00, Xiaomin Mou ’00, Richard L. Possemato ’00, Millie S. Roy ’00, Krzysztof J. Rybak ’00, Andreas Sundquist ’01, Gaurav Tewari ’00, Jason H. Wasfy ’01, Jon’athan E. Woon ’00, and David M. Zych ’00.

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New Guidelines for Career Fairs Released

By Susan Buchanan

After disorganization at a career fair in the fall led to complaints from several recruiters, the Campus Activities Complex and the Office of Residential Life and Student Life Programs released the first-ever rules governing career fairs.

Student groups interested in organizing a career-related event must now obtain written approval from RLSLP and the Office of Career Services and Pre-Professional Advising at least four months in advance of the event. To receive approval, the group must present a written proposal or budget. Groups may also need to combine events.

"These new guidelines were not meant to be restrictive, but supportive of those groups who have put time, money, and effort into hosting these kinds of events," O'Dair said.

Staff for Student Activities and the Office of Career Services and Pre-Professional Advising drafted the rules, which were reviewed by the executive board of the Association of Student Activities, according to Katherine G. O'Dair, assistant dean of RLSLP.

"There were no guidelines [in the past], for career fairs, and discussion of creating some policies began over a year ago with my office and the Office of Career Services and Pre-Professional Advising," O'Dair said.

Rules to establish consistency

According to O'Dair, the new rules will ensure a consistent level of quality at career fairs.

"Companies who choose to recruit at MIT expect a very high level of professionalism and service, and the majority of the annual career fairs provide this level of service. When they don't provide this service, it reflects poorly on MIT and the company may think twice about returning to recruit here, this is what we want to prevent," O'Dair said.

Complaints that followed a career fair in the fall co-sponsored by the Society of Women Engineers and the MIT Career Council made the rules especially timely. The problems arose as a result of the difference in the level of services promised by the two groups; the Career Council charged recruiters more than SWE did, and the difference was supposed to go towards amenities such as a resume book on CD-ROM.

However, a few of the companies recruited by the Career Council complained to O'Dair that they had not received what they had paid for.

One company requested a refund due to its disappointment with the services it received at a career fair. Although the Career Council refunded the company's money, concerns arose as a result of the incident.

"There was a miscommunication about expectations. SWE had some complaints about working with [the Career Council]," said Van L. Chu, '99, president of the Association of Student Activities.

The ASA was concerned because it had a lot to do with the MIT name," Chu said. O'Dair said that the new rules were not a direct result of the problems with the Career Council.

"As I mentioned before, we have been working on this prior to any issues that resulted from the MIT Career Council this past fall. The problems that resulted, including complaints from some companies, may have hastened our efforts to come up with guidelines," O'Dair said.

Number of career fairs restricted

In addition to the restrictions on hosting a career fair, the guidelines state that "a maximum of three student-organized career fairs will be approved in any given semester."

"Some companies complained that there were too many career fairs, that they were forced to pick and choose which event to attend without knowing which was best for their recruiting efforts. This is not good for the sponsoring organization, MIT students who are doing a job search, or the companies who expect a large turnout," O'Dair said.

The new guidelines will not significantly alter the current level of RLSLP oversight of career fairs. "Many of the student groups who hold career fairs have done so for years and we have worked closely with them to do so, so the level of interaction and support will not be changed," O'Dair said.

The guidelines appear in the 1999 version of "A Guidebook to Planning Events at MIT" which is published by CAC and RLSLP.

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Activities Staged Throughout MIT in King's Memory

The MLK Committee decorated Lobby 7 to look like the National Mall in Washington, D.C., where Dr. King delivered his "I Have A Dream" speech. The installation, entitled "Reflections: A tribute to all individuals who have supported the struggle for human rights," was sponsored by the MLK committee and designed by a group of students led by Eto S. Otitigbe '99.

The mirrored surfaces representing the reflecting pool in the Mall were designed to "involve the people in the installation... so you're looking at yourself from a physical perspective as well as from a deeper one," said Kerone H. Peat '00, part of the group that set up the Lobby 7 display.

Two musical performances in Lobby 7 yesterday afternoon rounded out the slew of events scheduled for the MLK celebration. Both the "Ain't That Good News" Gospel Quartet, featuring Semenya McCord, Wannetta Jackson, George W. Russell Jr., and Byron Gibbs and the South Mass Choir, directed by Darryll Matson performed.

Students appreciated the music and the "Reflections" display:

"I feel very moved by the music and the installation [of the D.C. scene] has come to life... I feel our purpose being vindicated," Prat said.

"The fact that there is a gospel choir singing in Lobby 7... is an indication that our presence [as minority students] is valued," said Ticoa V. Jones '00.

The celebration of Dr. King's legacy has not ended. Tomorrow's day-long "Cyber Sisters" conference at the Tang Center will conclude the Martin Luther King Jr. festivities. The conference is designed to bring together women of color to discuss the applications of information technology.

Minorities give MLK Award

Traditionally given to a faculty member, an alumnus, and a student whose contributions to MIT fulfill the legacy of Dr. King, this year's MLK Leadership Award recipients were Alexander Slocum PhD '85, Richard F. Williamson '85, and Adrian Holgate '99.

Slocum developed a web-based application called the Urban Design Corps to teach and display concepts in urban design. Williamson teaches in an elementary school for children who were expelled from the Boston Public School System.

The group of MLK Visiting professors including Dr. Lloyd Demetrius from Brain and Cognitive Sciences, Dr. Lynda Jordan from Chemistry, Dr. Pamela McClaney-Bell from Aeronautics and Astronautics, Dr. Starling Hunter from the Sloan School of Management, and Dr. Arnold Stancell from Chemical Engineering were also recognized at the breakfast.

We have slipped in some of the categories of minorities at MIT over the last 10 to 15 years. The MLK Visiting Professor program is only one mechanism to create the presence of minority faculty on this campus," said associate dean and head of the Office of Minority Education Leo Osgood, who spoke at the MLK Celebration Committee with Professor of Physics Michael S. Feld.

Mfume is a distinguished leader

Raised in Baltimore, Mfume graduated from Morgan State University in 1976 and received his master's degree in international studies from Johns Hopkins University.

A former U.S. congressman for Maryland, Mfume resigned from Congress in 1996 to become President and CEO of the NAACP.

In addition to leading the NAACP, Mfume currently serves on the Morgan State University Board of Regents, the Senior Advisory Committee of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, the Meyerhoff National Advisory Board of the University of Maryland, and the Board of Trustees for the Enterprise Foundation.

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in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, was "really psyched" to be named a MacVicar Faculty Fellow in 1999.

He praised the program as "a unique opportunity for professors who spend a lot of time with students to get together and discuss ways to broaden their impact on students."

When asked about the future of undergraduate education in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Slocum responded with a wish to "speed the fusion of synergy between design/manufacturing courses and engineering courses and improve the workload and stress on both professors as well as students."

Slocum also serves on the review panel for the National Science Foundation and the nominations committee for the American Society of Precision Engineering.

Lawrence J. Vale

Associate Professor of Urban Studies and Planning Lawrence J. Vale participates in a variety of institute and departmental committees.

Within the Department of Urban Studies and Planning, Vale is the head of the undergraduate program and organizer of the faculty colloquium, as well as a member of the Urban Initiative Committee and the Policy/Steering Committee.

Last fall, Vale taught Introduction to Urban Design and Development (11.001J) and Introduction to Urban Design and Development (11.001J).

Vale is on leave for the spring 1999 semester and could not be reached for comment.
Deans Comment on Harassment Policy

Arnold R. Henderson.

"We don't do discipline because it's contrary" to the philosophy of counseling division, Henderson said. Discipline, however, is available through other groups.

"Any time a student feels harassed to the level that compromises the ability to pursue goals, you have the right to seek redress with appropriate mechanisms," said Leo Osgood, associate dean and director of the Office of Minority Education. In a case like this, "I would review the contents of the e-mail and then ask the student what they wanted to do, and then explain the mechanism," he said.

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Jan 4: Besley, report of gas smell, discovered stove pilot out; 33 Mass. Ave. bike rack, bike secure with chain and padlock stolen $400; Bidg. W11, report of fraudulent use of credit card via the internet; Albury Annex lot, victim reports vehicle broken into, no signs of entry or anything missing; Bidg. NW16 report of homeless person in building, individual left on his own before CP arrival; Student Ctr., computer stolen $70; Bidg. E40, computer stolen while in the process of moving $7,000; Bidg. E17, report of suspicious person; West Garage, '99 Toyota broken into, cellular phone missing $200, '95 Ford broken into, binoculars stolen $50; New House, harassing phone calls; Bidg. E23, basement bushes stolen $35.

Jan 5: Bidg. NW10, report of intoxicated person, individual was gone upon CP arrival; Bidg. E52, laptop computer stolen $2,000; New House, parents concerned about students well-being, same okay and contacted parents; Edgerton House, report of two intoxicated persons fighting, individuals were directed to shelter; Bidg. 24, report of suspicious activity; Bidg. 10, report of homeless person, gone upon CP arrival; Bidg. W34, report of wallet stolen, wallet was only misplaced.

Jan 6: Bidg. 12, MIT ID card stolen; Bidg. 42, walkie-talkies stolen $1,300; Ames St. report of trunk open on vehicle, same checked out okay; Bidg. 39, report of minor flooding; Amberton St. routine check and inquiry on vehicle, same waiting for an employer; Assist Cambridge Police on Memorial Dr. and Wadsworth for vehicle accident; Assist Cambridge Police at Mass. Ave. and Memorial Dr. with medical assist.

Jan 7: Bidg. 20, suspicious persons, same identified and checked out okay; Westgate, John Meller arrested on domestic assault; Student Ctr., wallet stolen $6; Bidg. 4, report of laser pointer being "shut" at students, same was an experiment and supervised by a technical instructor; Bidg. 2, wallet stolen unknown value; Bidg. NW6, suspicious activity, same checked out okay; Bidg. NW7, homeless person, same issued trespass warning.

Jan 8: Green Hall, report of homeless person asleep in foyer, individual was sent along; Alpha Tau Omega, reports of persons throwing snowballs, Assist Cambridge Police, report of motor vehicle accident Memorial Dr. at Audrey St.; Hayden Library, wallet stolen $50; Amberton alley, vehicle struck light pole causing damage to light pole; Bidg. 20, backpack containing cell phone stolen $260; Number Six Club, report of an intruder, individual was located in Theta Delta Chi, alcohol citation issued for category #1; Bidg. E53, report of room unsecured, same investigated.

Jan 9: Westgate lower parking lot, window of '96 Dodge broken; Cambridge St and Third Ave. MIT vehicle involved in vehicle accident; Student Center, report of person in living a custodial closet, same was a terminated employee from a Student Center business; Alpha Tau Omega, report of snowballs being thrown from attic.

Jan 10: DaPont Gum, backpack stolen containing clothing and cash $265; report of homeless person sleeping in rainstorm, individual was located by his own; Bidg. 68, report of graffiti; Bidg. NW2, report of broken window; Bidg. NW12, report of homeless persons blocking doorway, same were moved along.

Jan 11: Bidg. 26, report of wood stolen $200; Alumni Pool, cash and credit card stolen from wallet $130; Student Ctr., Bidg. 2, 1) Andrew T. Pariziele arrested for trespassing; 2) suspicious activity, trespass warnings issued.

Jan 12: 33 Mass. Ave., bicycle stolen $400; Bidg. 10, wallet stolen $20; 77 Mass Ave. backpack stolen containing checkbook and calculator, checks were later cashed for $600; calculator $80; Assist Cambridge Police at Main and Ames St. with homeless person, who was transferred by ambulance to New House; Bidg. NW1, report of stolen ski jacket, same recovered in friends room; Hayward St. at Amberton St. vehicle vs. bicyclist minor injuries.

Jan 13: Student Ctr. report of suspicious persons; Bidg. 54, CPU store, $2,399; Bidg. 3, report of man sneezing in men's room, situation resolved without incident.

Jan 14: Alpha Tau Omega, report of person throwing snowballs off roof; Bidg. 7, assist Cambridge Police with a report of a 911 hang up call, unable to locate any problem; Bidg. 18, report of suspicious activity.

Jan 15: Amberton Alley, report of suspicious vehicle, same checked out okay; Alpha Tau Omega, report of ice balls being thrown off roof; Bidg. 26, Stephen Goodreaulet arrested for trespassing; Sloan Lot, report of suspicious vehicle, same checked out okay; Memorial Dr. assist State Police with motor vehicle accident; Bidg. 1, report of suspicious person, same was identified as a delivery person; Fanigate, foot left on stove causing heavy smoke; New House, noise complaint; Bidg. 4, computer stolen $5150; Theta Delta Chi, sprinkler head broken off causing water damage.

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UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Friday, February 5
Pistol vs. U.S. Naval Academy

Saturday, February 6
Men’s Basketball vs. Springfield College, 1:00 p.m.
Men’s Indoor Track vs. Bowdoin College, Middlebury College, Springfield College and Westfield College, 1:00 p.m.
Men’s and Women’s Fencing vs. Yale University

Monday, February 8
Women’s Basketball vs. Wentworth Institute of Technology, 7:00 p.m.

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SPORTS

Feldman Shatters Freshman 5,000m Record By 16 Seconds

By Roger Crowley

In a recent Quad Cup indoor track meet, Dan Feldman ’02 shattered the MIT freshman record in the 5,000 meter race by more than 16 seconds. Feldman ran a 14:54.21 to break the mark set by teammate Chris McGuire ’00 during the 1997 season.

Women’s Basketball
Vicky Best ’99 scored 14 points in a recent game against Elms College to become the leading women’s basketball career point scorer in MIT history. Best hit a three pointer on her final shot of the game to lift her career total to 1,199 points. Best eclipsed the mark of Mary Cresser berg ’94 by one point.

In the same game forward Katie Spayde ’99 scored a single game career high 24 points.

Women’s Gymnastics
Sonja Ellefson ’01 started the gymnastic season with a bang. Ellefson won the all-around competition in meets against Division II Southern Connecticut and Division I Yale. She won the beam in a recent meet against Southern Connecticut. Ellefson also won both vault and bars events, scoring a personal best 9.4 against Yale University and the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Men’s Basketball
For the second consecutive week, Zach Inman ’01 was named the New England Women’s & Men’s Athletic, Conference Co-Player of the Week for basketball. Inman received the honor after averaging 25.2 points and 11.3 rebounds in three games. In a victory over Emerson College, Inman scored a career high 31 points and grabbed 17 rebounds. He was also named to the Eastern College Athletic Conference New England Division III Weekly Honor Roll.

Crew
The heavyweight crew teams swept the University of Miami at the Miami Invitational Regatta during the team’s recent training trip to Florida. In the varsity eight race the Engineers set a new course record, with a time of 234.7, defeating the MIT lightweight by 2.7 seconds and Miami’s heavyweights by 13.5 seconds.

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