U.S. Team Dominant at Regatta

Boston Hosts 34th Head of the Charles

By Brian K. Richter

The United States National Team won the men’s championship eight event at the 34th running of Head of the Charles Regatta — the world’s largest rowing event — here in Boston this weekend. MIT Alumnus Donald Smith ’95 won the Championship Single event proving himself to be one of the fastest single scullers in the world.

The race, which runs three miles up stream from the Boston University Bridge to the Northeastern Boathouse, featured over 6,000 oarsmen and over 300,000 spectators. People came from all over the world and all over the country to participate in the event. The rowers’ skill level varied from club enthusiasts and masters category rowers to world champions and the fastest collegiate crews. The weather was excellent for spectators. However, strong winds made conditions a little more difficult than normal for the oarsmen.

U.S. National Team dominates

In the premier men’s championships eight event the World Champion U.S. National team cruised to an easy victory with their closest competitors being the Team Dominant at Regatta.
Buchanan Leaves GOP, Declares Reform Party Candidacy

The Washington Post

The Republican Party, which has been the dominant political force in the United States for many years, has undergone significant changes in recent years. One of the most notable changes is the emergence of third parties, such as the Reform Party, which is being considered for potential inclusion in the upcoming presidential election. The Republican Party's decision to pursue a more centrist and inclusive approach, in an effort to appeal to a broader range of voters, has led to increased competition and a more diverse political landscape. This shift has also sparked a debate within the party about the role of the government and the extent to which it should intervene in the economy and social issues. The issue of trade and immigration has become a central concern, with the possibility of increased tariffs and stricter immigration policies becoming increasingly likely. The Republican Party's stance on these issues has drawn criticism from both within and outside the party, with some members calling for a more aggressive approach to these problems. The future of the Republican Party and its ability to remain a major political force in the United States remains uncertain, as it navigates the challenges of a changing political landscape.
China Tries 4 Dissidents; Charges Falun Gong Figures With Spying

China put four political dissidents on trial for subversion Monday and charged the jailed leaders of a banned spiritual movement with the capital crime of stealing state secrets.

China's top court affirmed the death sentences for four dissidents who were convicted last week of subversion.

The Supreme People's Court said it rejected appeals by the four men against their convictions and their sentences of the death penalty by injection.

The men were convicted of having organized or taken part in the Falun Gong movement, which Beijing has banned as a cult.

Falun Gong, or Falun Dafa, is an unorthodox religious cult that seeks to restore ancient Chinese traditions and has followers in China and overseas. The Chinese government considers it a cult that has caused serious social harm.

The men were convicted of spreading Falun Gong's teachings, organizing illegal activities and inciting subversion.

They are among an estimated 10,000 Falun Gong practitioners who have been sentenced since the cult was outlawed.

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Letters To The Editor

American Foreign Policy Blunders

The recent column on Pakistan ["The Pakistan Coup's Other Side," October 22] has overlooked the fact that Pakistan's coup is merely the latest in a long line of U.S. foreign policy blunders. Our backing of Saddam Hussein's regime helped spark an Islamic revolution in Iran that continues to plague U.S. foreign policy, serving as a parable of how our support of repressive governments eventually returns to haunt us.

American policymakers made the same mistake when arming Iraq as a bulwark against Iran—it was not long before Saddam Hussein turned the weapons we had lavished upon him against American soldiers and allies. After a decade of appeasement and billions in U.S. support, a nuclear and militant Pakistan is now backing Taliban extremists in Afghanistan and fanning the flames of Islamic fundamentalism.

Pakistan's metamorphosis from the inti- mate ally America knew in the 1980s to a potential adversary is a lesson to be considered when looking at our relationship with other Islamic nations firmly entrenched in authoritarian tradition. Turkey has among the worst human rights records on earth, and over the past 25 years Turkish troops have violated the sovereignty of Greece, Cyprus, Iran and Iraq, a list that includes two European democracies and, among them, a NATO ally. Turkey still occupies 40 percent of Cyprus after its 1974 invasion and has unilaterally occupied a "security zone" in Iraq territory. U.S. policymakers are now looking the other way as Turkey quietly pursues a nuclear weapons program, seeking to purchase the same technology from Canada that sparked Pakistan and India's nuclear arms race.

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Falwell ‘Apology’ Too Little, Too Late

Guest Column
Craig A. Lebowitz

Jerry Falwell is back in the headlines. Last week the Reverend Falwell, chancellor of Liberty University, responded to critics who accused him of targeting homosexuality through personally-funded pamphlets, evangelical television spots. On his web site he asked his two guests out to them that they doesn’t matter if what Falwell says is fact or fiction, he can say whatever he wants. There is no way for me to prove Falwell’s teachings are wrong. I just don’t like what he’s teaching.

So how do I prove Falwell’s teachings are driving any kind of violence? Remember, Falwell has no knowledge of “documented cases where Biblical teaching had resulted in anyone committing violent acts against gay people.”

In the first place, Falwell’s apologetic has closed his eyes to reality. In late January, the Baptist minister said that God destroyed the two cities because of the wickedness of homosexuality. “This comes far too late,” where the Bible says that women were created for men and 11 percent of adopted brothers were both male. Falwell’s justification: the Bible says so. “In Genesis 1:26, and hearsay are true. Let us suppose that the majority of the MIT undergraduates enjoy alcohol on a regular basis. Let us suppose that more and more groups are not going to be able to control alcohol use on their own. Let us suppose that there are extensive reports of alcohol abuse on college campuses; that there is some hard drug consumption and that the results of the studies are scattered from hallways to recently moved behind the safety of closed doors.

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Just Curious
Gabor Csarny

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Aaron D. Mihalki

Aeonus is a new MIT/Wellesley literary magazine which was published for the first time last week. The purpose of Aeolus is to create another voice for the arts on campus and to bring about a greater awareness of, and a stronger community around, the arts. Riaz S. Dhami '01, treasurer of the publication, said that they wanted to create "a literary voice on campus everybody knew about."

There are other literary arts magazines at MIT, the founders of Aeolus wanted to add to what was already available and therefore to strengthen the presence of the literary arts on campus. The idea for the magazine began in the spring of 1998 but the publication didn't really get rolling until early 1999. For the first issue, MIT and Wellesley published two different versions of the magazine, but future issues will be identical. The Wellesley edition came out this spring, and the MIT version was released last week. The first MIT distribution consisted of 2700 copies, but the number will rise once the same version is being produced on both campuses. Aeolus is funded in part by the Council of the Arts.

Starting with the next issue, the magazine will also be web-based and can be found at [www.aeolus-mag.org](http://www.aeolus-mag.org). The web site is a place to which people can log in to read articles online. A system in which people log in to the site will even allow editorial meetings to take place online. A web-based issue will appear in the fall, and a hard copy issue will potentially be released during IAP or in February.

Aeolus publishes a monthly online newsletter called Frieze in connection with the literary magazine. It consists of art reviews and a calendar of arts events in the area, among other things. Frieze is printed and then posted online. A system in which people log in to the site will even allow editorial meetings to take place online. A web-based issue will appear in the fall, and a hard copy issue will potentially be released during IAP or in February.

As described on the web page by Wellesley student Cathi Kwon, Frieze is "a forum for art." It's a place for the arts experience. To act as a catalyst between the art and the community.

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Brian Hughes ran for Ugliest Man On Campus in 1973 on a vampire theme complete with blood donation.

This Week in MIT History

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Votes are cast by students for a penny each. At the end of the week, the candidate with the highest total of votes wins a small prize, the honor of being UOMC, and right to choose which charity receives the rearnings of the fundraiser. Often, the UOMC candidates are encouraged to run representing their living group. Random Hall resident Adam C. Powell ’97 bragged of their "Fourth Floor UOMC in the last time it was a letter to the Tech after the 1995 competition. [To genkaleg athletic on] [Vllcct] [November 3, 1995]

Debbie Worthen ’94 was the first UOMC winner in December 1993. Cindy G. Helexer ’70 (1968), the first woman to run for UOMC, said winning Lobby 7 for one dollar and one cent was "the funnest thing pretty of all." Other notable UOMC winners include mid-seventies long term candidates Agagaku and Sadie Bilgegaw, “the Hung” and Brian Hughes, "Count UOMC," who was famous for his vampire costume and coffins in Lobby 10, and 1996 winner Steven J. Issa ’97 (who had lost to the Random Hall milk the previous year by 47 cents).

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Are you planning on voting in the upcoming election?

Yes. I'm voting for the guy who goes to MIT — Erik Snowberg.
  Daniel Chak '02

No. I'm too young.
  Melissa A. Edoh '02

I'm voting by absentee ballot in my home state.
  Melissa Horoschak '02

I would, and I'm registered actually, but I don't know enough about the candidates to make an educated decision. Definitely in the Presidential election though.
  Susan J. Yuditskaya '01

No. I haven't been paying attention.
  Leiter Kang G

No. I used to vote just to get the miniature pencil that comes with the absentee ballot, but then I realized that starting a miniature pencil collection really wasn't that important to me.
  Kristy A. Stokke '99

No. I have never voted before. I don't think it affects me that much directly. I will definitely vote in the bigger elections.
  Gary Mitropulos '01

Yeah, I plan on voting. This will actually be the first time. I think it was a good idea for students to promote voting and help others register, because I know that's what got me motivated.
  Tamra L. Haby '01

No. I'm not an American citizen... can't vote
  Philip B. Tan '01

Compiled by Katie Jeffreys

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Tuesday's Events

12:00 p.m. - Athanasius Kircher's Correspondence Network and the Longitudinal Problem, Michael John Gorman, Dibner Institute Postdoctoral Fellow.  
- Please call if you plan to attend: 253-6898 OR Send an email: [physics@mit.edu](mailto:physics@mit.edu).  
- More info: Call Trudy Kontoff at 253-6898. Email: [trudykontoff@mit.edu](mailto:trudykontoff@mit.edu).  
- Rm E56-100.  
12:00 p.m. - Gifted Children: Social, Intellectual, and Emotional Issues, Delvred V. Lovecky, Ph.D., Gifted Resource Center of New England.  
- More info: Call Family Resource Center at 253-1592.  
- Email: [delvred@mit.edu](mailto:delvred@mit.edu).  
- Rm 15-249.  
12:30 p.m. - Miniaturized Components for Single Chip Radios, Peter Gamml, Bell Laboratories, Lucent Technologies.  
- Refreshments in the Conference Room.  
- More info: Call Debrahon Hedges-Pabon at 253-5291. Email: [dhp@mit.edu](mailto:dhp@mit.edu).  
- Rm 34-101.  
1:45 p.m. - Low Order Models for the Performance of Gas Bearings, Mr. Nicholas Savoulides, MIT, Gas Turbine Laboratory.  
- Refreshments in the Conference Room.  
- More info: Call Dept of Architecture at 253-7891.  
- Rm 10-260.  
3:30 p.m. - Cutting the Costs of Higher Education, Phil Greenspan, Mr. Nicholas Savoulides, MIT, Gas Turbine Laboratory - Refreshments in the Conference Room.  
- More info: Call Dept of Architecture at 253-7891.  
- Rm 10-260.  
4:00 p.m. - Applications of Raman Gain In Optical Transmission.  
- More info: Call Markus Jochum at 253-8232. Email: [mjochum@mit.edu](mailto:mjochum@mit.edu).  
- Rm E56-100.  
4:00 p.m. - Experiences in Interactive Expression, TBA - Visiting artists who use digital media and interactivity or audience participation in their work, will focus in depth on one piece, with a quick overview of his/her work, followed by discussion.  
- Rm E40-290.  
4:15 p.m. - Unifying Threads in Membrane Studies - from Dystrophy to Synthetic Blood Cells, Dennis E. Discher, Ph.D., Biophysical Engineering Lab, University of Pennsylvania.  
- Refreshments in the Conference Room.  
- More info: Call Professor John Bush at 253-4387. Email: [jbush@mit.edu](mailto:jbush@mit.edu).  
- Rm 3-238.  
4:00 p.m. - Dynamics of “Small World Networks”, Duncan Watts, Postdoctoral Associate, Sloan School of Management, MIT.  
- Refreshments to follow in Room 2-349.  
- More info: Call Professor John Bush at 253-4387. Email: [jbush@mit.edu](mailto:jbush@mit.edu).  
- Rm 3-238.
Down with Science

What is this?! Are you plucking out all your feathers?

No... just rearranging them after molting a little today...

Yeah... could you go grab me some staples?

Woo! What are you all dressed up for, Steve?

Midterms are killing me...

I'm trying to trick myself into feeling better on the inside by looking good on the outside...

So the more awful and tired I feel, the better dressed I become...

Just wait until you see the tuxedo I'm getting for finals...

Hey Xippo, you're a robot right?

Yet you display abilities far beyond current Earth technologies.

Yeah?

Where do you come from?

Well, that happens to be a long and complex story involving a great deal of excellent action.

I'll tell you about it sometime, ok?

And what's with this constant theme of comic strips without a resolution?

But math is fun...
I MUST IMPRESS HER WITH MY SUPERIOR KNOWLEDGE...

UHMM... HI...

ALLOW ME... OR DANNIEL IN DISTRESS... BLAH BLAH... RESCUE FROM EVIL... BLAH... EXPLAIN HOW TO ESCAPE... BLAH... GRAVITY'S FORCE...

Then... A... CAUSE... BLAH... OF COURSE... EXPONENTIALLY... WITH THIS COEFFICIENT... E^V2 + F1... WITH AN INTERNAL... BLAH BLAH... E+ F1...

I THINK SHE LIKES ME!

THERE - THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.

LATELY, I'VE BEEN FEELING A LOT OF PRESSURE TO DO WORK.

WALLY, DO YOU REALIZE THIS IS YOUR JOB?

WE'LL BE DESTROYING ANOTHER HEALTHY COMPANY VIA A PROCESS WE CALL Merging.

NO ENGINEERS WILL BE DOWNSIZED AFTER THE MERGER.

AND TECH WRITERS SHOULDN'T WRITE THAT DOWN.

TINA THE TECH WRITER

WHY MUST THE TECH WRITERS BE DOWNSIZED AFTER THE MERGER?

IF YOU PRICK US, DO WE NOT BLEED LIKE ENGINEERS?

WHAT KIND OF EXPERIMENT?
Head of the Charles 1999

Alum Smith Wins Singles

Regatta, from Page 1

Germans (15:00.51) who finished 12 seconds after them. Molesey Boat Club from England, Brown University and the Princeton National Team Training Center rounded out the top five. Princeton and Yale Universities were the second and third fastest collegiate finishers.

In the women's championship eight event, the Canadian National Team won, followed by the U.S. and Denmark.

The Men's Championship single proved more exciting this year than ever before as it featured a number of the world's best scullers, many of them will compete in the Sydney Olympics. A number of them already hold World Championship and Olympic Gold Medals. MIT Sloan alum Don Smith (18:24) surprised the rowing world when he passed two-time Head of the Charles and two-time world champion Jamie Koven (18:56) in the third mile of the race. Smith then extended his lead to capture a nine-second victory over second place finisher Cyrus Beasly, U.S. single sculler at the Atlanta Olympics.

Another sculler affiliated with MIT, Mike Perry '99, left a mark on the rowing world with a high finish in the Championship Single, guaranteeing him a spot in next year's regatta. Perry captured 7th place in 19:09.

In the Lightweight Eights race, the U.S. National team again won followed by the Canadians and then Yale University.


Head of the Charles Highlights

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Michael M. Perry '99, 19:09, finished 7th out of 45
Professor Hartley Rogers, 23:59.30, finished 3rd out of 19
Sloan Crew Women's Four, 22:26.13, finished 22nd out of 53
Sloan Crew Men's Eight, 19:17.39, finished 12th out of 73
Women's Varsity Heavyweights, 19:17.39, finished 12th out of 73
Head of the Charles 1999

Men's Results

By Brian K. Richter

This year's Head of the Charles Regatta proved to be both disappointing and encouraging for the MIT men's crew team. The novice heavyweight finished in 24th place out of 46 teams in the Championship Eight event after a poor start, as the world's most competitive head race. The lightweight also finished 26th out of 25 and the lightweight double scull team finished 27th out of 25 as well. However, our 4th oldest college regatta this year.

The freshmen eight - Benjamin F. Greshak '99 (stroke), Patrick W. Robbins '99 (2), Alexander T. Jacobs '99 (3), Stephen P. Bellah '99 (5), Patrick D. Ward '99, Nicholas K. Ahlman '99 (6), Jeremy L. Alexander '99 (7) and Jeffrey T. Lotz '99 (bow) - based on the hopes of Thursday's men's varsity eight (27th out of 46) at the Pre-Head Regatta at Harvard. This was the second time in the last twenty years that MIT has had enough experienced freshmen to enter a competitive boat in the Head of the Charles, which made their performance even more special.

The eight freshmen rowed a very strong race. They placed third in the freshmen league competition from Boston University, Boston University, and Boston University. They were steadily placed in the third and final heat in the Championship Eight event after a disappointing start. They rowed hard in the final heat. The eight was also placed 16th, 15th, and 14th, respectively, in the same heat. The heads were rowed in 1.5 hours, 1.4 hours, and 1.3 hours, respectively. The freshmen did not place in the varsity eight event.

The varsity eight - Amanda Y. Yang '99 (stroke), Christopher J. Preddy '99 (2), Brian K. Richter '99 (3), Eugene W. Watanabe '99, Mark H. Chen '99, Edward D. Coakley '99, Andrew A. Lewis '99, and Joseph L. Parker '99 (bow) - unfortunately did not fare as well. Racing in the 16th place but the last year's varsity team, this year's Beavers could not match last year's performances and finished 29 places back.

The race started off well for the Engineers but took several turns for the worse. From the start through the end of the Magazine Reach the Beavers rowed solidly, gaining on their race plan and were among those to the Cornell University boat that started in the same time. From one of the earlier lights the crew was able to gain a little over two lengths on the boat. The Beavers were gaining on the boat but were not able to pass it. The boat was not approximately a boat length on the course ahead of them but the race was well under way.

Although the race of the week the MIT crew allowed some hope to gain on and gain on the course ahead of the Cornell team and add a little more length to the race. The Beavers were the first to pass the Cornell boat as they were the first to pass the Beavers just under the barber's hatch at the Front of the Charles and through the Harvard Bridge.

MIT's freshmen squad cores again on the Charles this Saturday in the MIT Invitational, hoping to further prove their ability to perform well. The entire crew's team will race in the First of the Charles Regatta on November 28. Both races start at the MIT Coach and finish by the Harvard Bridge.
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GET TO THE GOOD PART.
Decker turns down place on CCA slate

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this year, despite the political risk associated with turning-down a CCA slate offering.

"I have people who have supported me and have supported both CCA and independent candidates," Decker said. "And the differences between those two camps have not been policy issues. They've been over these historically entrenched camps."

"The stereotype," said Decker, "is that if you're CCA, you're a liberal from an upper class background. And that if you're not, you're a conservative."

"But there's a lot more people who fall in the middle," Decker said. "That's where I come from."

Decker called Cambridge "a city in crisis," saying that the city council has not had the strength to come together and build coalitions.

"My strength is that I bring a lot of people together who have not been together in the past," Decker said. "We took a risk by not being on a slate, but it's about saying that it's time to do things differently and not be boxed in by labels that do not give the full picture of who I am."

Decker comments on Snowberg

"Decker also commented on the candidacy of MIT student Eric Snowberg '99, who is also a Cambridge City Council candidate. "I don't think it's enough to support a student just because he's a student," Decker said. "With that said, I think Eric Snowberg has done his homework and is running on a solid set of issues that he cares about. There are people here who have lived longer in Cambridge than he has and are running for a council position even though they know less than he does about the community."

But Decker also pointed out that Snowberg's campaign has called attention to the problem of student apathy at universities, particularly with regard to local politics.

"Students come to MIT to learn," Decker said, "and while they're there, part of their experience is being part of the community. But when students come of age to vote, they're leaving home and entering this whole new world, and that's where their interests lie."

"Apathy has such a negative connotation," Decker said. "But usually it's just the fact that student interests aren't so local. Getting students involved in local issues is a challenge."

Decker attributed responsibility for student inactivity in local issues to neighborhood universities.

"This is where the universities can be involved," she said. "The universities have to be more connected with the community. But I certainly think students can put pressure on their universities and initiate reform at the local level. When I got involved in issues involving both my university and my community, I began to realize my power to change things."
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SAC Plan Calls for $275M in Capital Improvements

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community has really made this report happen," McGann said. McGann advocated that the student residents receive a support staff, and that graduate resident tutors receive an actual budget with which to plan social and academic events. McGann also suggested that MIT try to bring alumni back to campus and to bring together people "across the MIT community.

Financial concerns dismissed

UA Vice President and SAC committee member Les Nemzer '00 discussed the financial aspect of the SAC proposal. Nemzer described the plan as "relatively preliminary, but a good estimation of what we're going to need financially." The plan, which calls for $275 million above the current capital plan of $750 million, consists of three phases. These phases, to be completed by the summer of 2009, would have to be made. The SAC report proposes the formation of a committee called the Student Life Council, which would contain undergraduates, graduate students, faculty, and possibly alumni. This committee would deal with student life issues on a daily basis.

One of the subcommittees of this group, called the Monitoring Committee, would review the performance of senior level administrators. The committee would award a 10 to 15 percent salary bonus to those senior-level administrators who fulfilled their responsibilities. Other employees could also be recognized for their efforts.

Unless people are accountable for the progress of the system, the system won't work very well," Nemzer said. "It's critical to MIT's residence objective and educational mission.

Nemzer advocated active fundraising from alumni, emphasizing that MIT "needs their money."

SAC chair John Hollywood spoke mainly about the administrative aspects of the proposal, advocating effective management and governance of the residence system.

Hollywood stated the committee's goal is to make freshmen feel both academically and community oriented. She mentioned that steps should be taken to make sure that students don't feel intimidated by the faculty. The SAC's proposal suggests a preliminary summer lottery, followed by a later lottery after students arrive on campus. Freshmen would have the option of either staying in their original dormitory or moving to a different residence. Each spring and fall, a new lottery would be run, allowing students to either stay in their current residence, pledge an independent living group, or enter the dorm lottery. Frank stated that a housing guarantee for all undergraduates would be beneficial, as crowded housing is preferable to no housing.

In addition, the plan provides stipulations for MIT to aid freshman with financial support and graduate students to fill empty beds. "The housing system hasn't changed to support changing genders," Frank said. Under the SAC plan, MIT would provide houses for the two communities which don't currently have houses and any new living groups which may form.

During the question and answer period, SAC member Liana F. Lareau '00 mentioned that MIT's peer institutions Dartmouth and Cornell have recently undergone $200 million dollar residence system renovations. In order for MIT to remain competitive, massive overhauls and financial investments would have to be made. "If MIT implements this system, then we will have a high quality residence system," said Committee member Jeremy D. Shor '99. "The only justification for having a residential university in the 21st century is a residential system.

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MBTA Considering Extending T Hours

By Karen Robinson
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

MBTA officials and legislators are still considering the possibility of extending subway or bus service to early morning hours beginning with a pilot program in January. If the program is implemented, the MBTA will likely extend service hours Friday and Saturday nights until 2:30 a.m. or 3:00 a.m., said Lydia Rivers of the MBTA Public Affairs Office.

A MBTA official has yet to decide whether a pilot extension to late-night T service will use subway or bus lines or both.

"Extended hours would begin on a trial basis," Rivers said. "We have to weigh the cost with the rider-ship.

Providing MBTA bus service is in most cases more cost-efficient than offering subway service, according to officials.

Another factor that limits the scope of the initial extension is the work of maintenance crews who use eight hours to perform preventive maintenance on the rails, Rivers said. On the present schedule, the crews have about three hours to complete their tasks, according to Rivers.

Bill originates in late 1998

Senator Stephen Tollman of Boston, originated the late-night T bill in December 1998, said House Committee Member Sean McDonald.

The bill directed the MBTA "to see if it is feasible, convenient, and if the ridership is there" to justify extending subway and bus service hours, McDonald said.

When they passed the bill, members of the legislature advocated using buses for the pilot program both for cost and safety reasons, according to Tollman. Members deemed it safer to have people congregating above ground at bus stops rather than in underground subway stations, Tollman said.

However, if the subway does run, only the most cost-efficient branches will be in service during the extended hours. This includes B- and C-lines of the green line which have high late-night traffic.

Another possibility, subway lines that are not cost-efficient to run during early morning hours may be replaced by more cost-effective bus service during the extended time.

Idea originates at U/Mass-Boston

The extended hours would be geared toward college students out late on weekends, Tollman said. "There are 100,000 students in the Boston/Cambridge area," he said. "That's a real issue."

The impetus for this bill came when Tollman spoke at the University of Massachusetts, Boston, he said.

"The students said they need more options, to get home from clubs, bars, and so forth... you can wait up to two hours for a taxi," Tollman said. "If that could be addressed by something as simple as running the T two extra hours," it's definitely something to consider, Tollman said.

When Tollman filed the bill he "didn't expect anything more than a study," he said.

Russian House Runs As Write-in Candidate

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milk (Random Hall) has had for the last five years." Zbarsky's charity is the Jimmy Fund.

The method of voting has remained the same since 1953. The student body votes with their passes or membership cards, contributing to the candidate deemed ugliest at UMOC's Lobby 10 booths. At the end of the competition, the candidate receiving the most money is declared "Ugliest Man/Woman on Campus." The winner's charity receives all the contributions donated during the competition.

As in most elections, voters can write-in candidates for UMOC. After the first day of campaigning, five write-in candidates were nominated by students as the real ugliest object at MIT. Highlighting the write-in nominations was a $2.00 nomination for the Russian House kitchen. Mark D. Knapbel, 'OO, vice president of Russian House, admitted that the kitchen would have deserved the title in years past, but argued that "it is looking a lot better now than when it could've won the contest."

Some passers-by questioned the decision to use the Russian House kitchen, contributing to the candidate’s campaign.

Regardless of the outcome, UMOC is the Old Balkans the Old Balkans a chance to express its appreciation for the ugliness of others.

Ellen Cooney, a writer in residence at MIT's writing department, signs and discusses her novel The Old Balkans after a reading at Brookline Booksmith last Friday. The event was a stop of her book tour that includes almost 20 readings throughout the country.
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Oct. 13: Bidg. 9, report of homeless person, trespass warning issued; Tang hall, suspicious persons; Bexley Alley, Jose Uniques, of no known address, arrested for larceny of a bicycle; Bidg. 18, larceny of Monocular, $500.

Oct. 14: Bidg. 6, Michelle Giannotti of 4562 Western Ave, arrested for trespassing; Bidg. 39, laptop computer stolen $4,200; Bidg. NE43, suspicious person.

Oct. 15: Boston, Lambardi Chi Alpha, larceny of a laptop computer, $6,000; Student Center, MIT ID stolen; Bidg. NW14, vacuum stolen $9,560; Bidg. 26, annoying phone calls; Bidg. 1, report of shoe found, but not the owner; Bidg. 68, report of skateboards, same had left area prior to CP’s arrival; Bidg. E25, report of suspicious package, package gone upon CP’s arrival; Westgate, report of suspicious person; Bidg. E51, suspicious person, same issued trespass warning.

Oct. 16: Lobby 7, suspicious persons, checked out okay; Bidg. E52, two laptop computers stolen $6,000; Boston, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, neighbor reports a bottle was thrown at him; Bidg. 9, check and inquiry, trespass warning issued; Bidg. 68, trespass warning issued to skateboarder; Baker House, request for medical attention for male subject to possible alcohol intoxication.

Oct. 17: McCormick, report of person screaming, no cause found; Student Center, Ismael Maisonet Jr. of 3 Pickney Street, Somerville, MA arrested for trespassing; Bidg. 1, check and inquiry, trespass warning issued; Bexley, report of larceny by credit card, same checked out okay; Westgate, report of suspicious trash barrel; Albany Garage, pedestrian reports being struck by vehicle.

Oct. 18: Bidg. 7, suspicious activity; Bidg. 54 assist Cambridge Police with a 911 hang-up call, no cause found; East Lot, hit and run damage to vehicle; Student Center, Kevin L. Sanchez of 58 Willow Street, Cambridge, MA arrested for trespassing; Main Lot, suspicious activity; Cross Street, Rachid Haddar of 175 Shirley Street, Winthrop, MA, taken into custody on an outstanding warrant.

Oct. 19: Bidg. E55, suspicious person; Purrington St., Dace Menton of 240 Albany Street, Cambridge, MA arrested for possession of heroin; Alumni Pool, wallet stolen $10 cash; West Garage Annex, report of suspicious person, checks out okay; Mass. Ave. and Vassar Street, assist Cambridge Police with vehicle stop.

Oct. 20: Briggs Field, assault during a soccer game; Bidg. 7, computer memory stolen $200; Mass. Ave. and Vassar Street, assist Cambridge Police with pedestrian struck by vehicle; Hayward Garage, damage to vehicle.

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Defense Postpones Hearing in Guy Case

By Rima Amout
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

The pre-trial hearing for Susan M. Mosher '99 and Rene A. Ruiz '99 was postponed from October 15 until November 19.

"The parties agreed to postpone the pre-trial hearing," said Michael Andrews, Mosher and Ruiz's attorney. "It was at my request, and the prosecution didn't object to it. It's not unusual," Andrews said.

The People vs. Mosher and Ruiz was filed in response to the death of Richard A. Guy from nitrous oxide asphyxiation. The trial will be held in Cambridge District Court.

Mosher and Ruiz face numerous charges in connection with the death, including four counts of drug possession and conspiracy to violate drug laws.

Andrews declined to comment specifically on the strategy he'll use in the defense of his clients, nor did he wish to comment on their guilt or innocence.

Mosher and Ruiz were not arrested but were instead summoned to appear in court Sept. 10, where they pled not guilty to the charges.

At the Sept. 10 arraignment, Cambridge District Court Judge Sevenil Singleton also said that Mosher and Ruiz would not be allowed on the MIT campus without police escort.

According to Andrews, the pre-trial conference will be the first time when prosecution and defense meet to discuss information about the case.

The prosecution will exchange with the defense the products of its investigation, which could include police reports and search warrants. This way a case is not a trial by ambush, Andrews said.

"Generally speaking, a variety of pre-trial conferences or hearings can take place before a case ever gets to trial," said Attorney Anson Kaye of the Cambridge District Court District Attorney's Office.

While it is impossible to generalize for a specific case, "there are certainly cases that take over a year before they get to trial," Kaye said.

No other students charged in case

At September's press conference about Guy's death, MIT Campus Chief of Police Anne P. Glavin had said that more charges may be filed against Mosher and Ruiz or that other students may also be charged in conjunction with Guy's death.

While investigation of "the case is still ongoing," so far no other students have been arrested, Glavin said Friday.

Also, "we have not added any" more charges to the complaint against Mosher or Ruiz, Glavin said.

The charges against Mosher and Ruiz were filed at Cambridge District court by MIT Campus Police Officer Mary Beth Riley.

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