**Spring Weekend Planning Begins**

**Committee Set to Choose Band**

By Karen Robinson  
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Planning is currently underway for this year’s Spring Weekend, and the committee has compiled a short list of possible bands for the Spring Weekend Concert.

“It’s pretty competitive, getting bands,” said Undergraduate Association President Matthew L. McGann ’00. McGann said the committee could not be sure they would secure the first choice band, They Might Be Giants.

Securing the band is an uncertain proposition, however, due to competition with similar concerts. Most of MIT’s peer institutions have similar events, and most want to get the same few bands, McGann said. Many schools have already bid on bands.

Last year, Basta Rhymes was the Spring Weekend Committee’s fifth choice band, but this year with more money and a slightly earlier start the committee hopes to get their first choice or second choice.

Committee members sought

The planning committee includes representatives from several student groups, including DomiCon, the Graduate Student Council, Graduate Dormitory Council, the Interfraternity Council, International Students Association, Lecture Series Committee, The Tech, and the UA. In addition, there will be either two or three student-at-large positions. Students can apply to these positions.

**6.270 Teams Delayed by Fried Controller Boards**

By Sanjay Basu  
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

MIT’s famed autonomous robots’ competition, 6.270, has been faced with a series of delays just days before the final competition.

Students in the course, who design and build robots to compete in the popular Independent Activities Period contest, are expected to finish their projects by January 25. But delays in acquiring controller boards for the robots have prevented some students in the contest from completing their projects.

“The contestants could really work around it,” said Anthony Hui ’00, one of the contest’s organizers.

“A big part of the contest is the mechanical part of the contest and the software API has been out, so they can write the code. They just can’t put it all together yet.”

Some of the problems, however, have found the delay to be debilitating.

“When you build your first chassis, you want to see how it works – how fast it goes. But you can’t do that without a controller board,” said Gabor Csanady ’02, a student competing in 6.270. “First they said that the boards are going to be late, and were coming last week. Then they told us it would come Wednesday and then Friday. Then they just stopped giving us dates altogether.”

Boards arrive with faulty circuits

The boards finally arrived yesterday, but students in the course promptly received an e-mail telling them not to turn the boards on.

“The e-mail reported, ‘We are having problems with the boards, DO NOT TURN IT ON. It may burn up.’”

When switched on, the boards reportedly produced smoke. “It appeared that there was a fabrication problem,” said Hui. “As of now, we’re currently working on an alternative board.”

Organizers did not set a new date for the boards’ arrival. The delay has not, however, disabled all of the students in the competition.

“The delay is annoying but our team seems to be on track,” said Naveen Goeta ’03. “I think we will have enough time to finish our robot.”

“For the delay, I can’t blame [the course’s practice systems].”

**Dorm Construction Schedule Threatened**

IPOP Clearance Major Remaining Issue

By Laura McGrath Moulton  
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Groundbreaking for the new undergraduate dormitory on Vassar Street should occur early this spring.

“We have to get over all of the regulatory hurdles before we can break ground, but that’s in process now,” said Project Director Deborah Poodry.

By that point, all parties hope the weather will be mild enough to avoid digging through frozen ground. However, Poodry said the cold should not be a major issue for the contracting company, Daniel O’Connell’s Sons, Inc.

“The permitting issue is the bigger issue right now,” Poodry said. The contractors are “chomping at the bit.”

Poodry projects that the construction will take eighteen months.

“That’s moving very quickly,” Poodry said. Assuming the project does take eighteen months, construction would have to begin by late February 2001 in order to open the dormitory by late August 2001.

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**Gay, Bisexual Fraternity Begins Rush in Boston**

By Mike Hall  
STAFF REPORTER

The Boston colony of Delta Lambda Phi, a national fraternity for gay, bisexual, and progressive men will conduct its first information session for its spring rush tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the Coffeehouse.

“Gay people need a supporting group of friends,” said Mark Seelig ’91, DLP’s sole MIT member. Seelig’s interest in DLP grew from his involvement with other MIT queer organizations, combined with his interest in the Greek system.

“I saw aspects of fraternity life that I thought were incredible,” Seelig said, “especially the close relationships between brothers.”

Fraternity offers support, family

DLP President Paul S. Mercurio, an earth sciences major at Boston University, started the local colony as a way to form close friendships with a variety of people. “I really wanted to connect to people,” Mercurio said, adding that he is interested in rushing men of all backgrounds and sexual orientations.

“I wasn’t going to join at first,” stated Christian P. Pinion, a music major at the New England Conservatory and DLP’s secretary and treasurer. After meeting Mercurio at Tufts University’s annual Safe Colleges Conference, Pinion started thinking about rushing DLP.

“I was meeting all these these people [at area universities] that I otherwise wouldn’t have met,” Pinion added. “It’s like a family.”

“Hands-off” policy among rules

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President Vest defends need-based financial aid and private funding in his annual report.

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The storm left a coldest feeling day in Beantown in almost twenty years. By Veronique Bugnion

Kohl Resigns Party Post in Disgrace

Federal investigators deceived former Los Alamos physicist Wen Ho Lee into agreeing to a polygraph examination last year and then mistreated him throughout the so-called lie detector session, causing him to fail, his lawyer argued in a closed hearing before a federal judge.

Kohl, 69, was named by Lee but also shows that the FBI used highly aggressive tactics in pursuing the espionage suspect. Lee, who was convicted of espionage in 2000, gave his word of honor that he would never make their names public. Within course of 24 hours, hitting both Russian forces were advancing from the northwest, east and southeast with the immediate goals appearing to be Minuska Square, a major intersection in southern Grozny, and a bridge of the Sunzha River that bisects the Chechen capital.

In a brief order, the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals favorably ruled in a federal equal pay law. The case of immunity from the suit pressed by female professors in Illinois, instructed the federal courts to reconsider their rulings in light of the high court’s decision last week that state college professors in Florida could not use their employers under the federal age-discrimination law.

Weather

Chilling Thoughts

By Veronique Bugnion

Gusty winds on Monday morning chilled the air to an effective temperature of -5°F, the coldest feeling day in Beantown in almost twenty years. After the temperatures of the past two days, the forecasted high of 25°F today will feel almost pleasant.

Although the prediction models do not fully agree on the timing and development of the next storm, Boston will likely get more snow on Thursday. The period of snowfall will, however, be fairly brief as the storm will rapidly move toward the Canadian plains.

Expect another blast of Arctic air and strong winds on Friday and Saturday in the wake of the storm... an already much too familiar thought.
Clinton Introduces Regulations To Crack Down on Illegal Guns

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar and Robert L. Jackson

WASHINGTON

February 13, 2000

The Supreme Court, turning away appeals from civil rights lawyers, let stand a ruling Monday in a Dallas case that blocks the building of public housing units in mostly white neighborhoods. In Dallas, officials acknowledged a "worldwide" history of blatant housing segregation in its public housing authority that extended into the 1970s and '80s. The city had seen a marked drop in its crime rate, Clinton called for 500 new agents and inspectors to police gun dealers across the nation, 1,100 more prosecutors at the federal and state level and development of new technology for so-called "smart guns" that can be fired only by their owners, not by children or thieves. Speaking in a gymnasium packed with law enforcement officers, lawyers and community leaders, Clinton softened-pedaled his embrace of a legislative position long opposed by congressional Republicans and the National Rifle Association — that the nation needs better enforcement of existing gun laws rather than restrictive new ones.

It's a state debate," Clinton said, declaring that "the real answer is we should do both." He added that "the drop in the national crime rate has been due both to changing laws and to better enforcement and prevention.

Clinton's conservative foes seemed to welcome his new approach. "I am pleased that President Clinton appears to be partially signing onto the Republican solution to reducing gun violence," said Sen. Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah, chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

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The Other Candidates
Presidential Contenders You Won’t See on the Nightly News

Michael J. Ring

So far, much attention has focused on the “serious” presidential candidates — Gore, Bush, Bradley, and McCain. True, one or more are widely regarded as those with a chance of capturing the White House. They are not, however, the only contenders seeking the office of President of the United States.

Hundreds of candidates, representing tens of parties, are vying for that post this year. Most of these candidates realize they have absolutely no chance of actually winning, but see the campaign as an opportunity to attract their pet issue, or just run for the fun of running.

Then there are the others... delusion hunters, the one-man band candidates, running not for the fun but for the ridiculous. Their chronicles are documented at http://www.politically.org.

Lyndon LaRouche, the grandaddy of presidential fringe candidates, is making his sixth run for the office. LaRouche, who holds several curious conspiracies obsessions, is running on a platform of returning to the Bretton Woods system of exchange rates. LaRouche was imprisoned for five years on fraud charges through the actions of what he calls a “Get LaRouche Strike Force” involving, among others, the FBI, the IRS, the Department of Justice, and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

Speaking of prayer, the political form of LaRouche’s fellow candidate, John Hagee, has made it clear that he is looking for a God-spoke to him. Reform candidate Ken Dixon argues “we are at the time, revealed to us by the Bible in the book of Revel.”

While their issues are unorthodox, these candidates fulfill the promise of democracy — demonstrating the ideal that the common American can seek any political office.

Do Vis, running under the Light Party banner, thinks he has a better health care plan than either Al Gore or Bill Bradley. He supports single-payer care but emphasizes “comprehensive medicine... acupuncture, natural paths, chiropractors, hypotherapists” and seeks to make vaccinations voluntary. Among other positions, Vis seeks a “solar-hydrogen-hemp based economy.”

Independent Lumar Eichols III promotes reducing school violence by having parents “take a vital part in their children’s care” every night so that children won’t be able to get out all night and therefore won’t fall under the influence of violence.

Fellow Independent Robert W. Gorter would like to join in the debate on the introduction of: A. Motor vehicles B. clothing C. household appliances.

Jack Trumper, leader of the United Fascist Union, promises that if elected, “the doctrines fed texts of the Fascist Party and the principles of the utopia will be incorporated into the American system of government.” This apparently would involve a military dictatorship reminiscent of ancient Rome. Additionally, the United Fascist Union envisions that the United States will be turned into a small, triangle-shaped nation. Shockingly, Trumper has spoken to a flying scarab society.

Worn to the bone, the finished move to the federal capital? Then A.J. Albertson is your candidate.

This might favor the “Populist-Democratic-Viking” ticket, then your Clay O. Hill is your man.

Joseph Newman, of the Truth and Action Party, is running for president while he’s not running for the US Senate. There are plenty of other offbeat candidates seeking election this year with platforms that are unusual, to say the least. Among these is a group of Scientologists who envision their party as “the party for the majority.”

I have set a humorous tone with this column, but ultimately these candidates are to be welcomed, not scorned. While their ideas are unorthodox, these candidates fulfill the promise of democracy for the rest of us who would like to see the country we envision turn into its ideal that the common American can seek any political office.

And at the very least, some of these candidates are worth a good laugh.

Twenty Irrelevant Pages

Independent Women’s Forum Attack on MIT Gender Report Misses the Point

Susan Bachman

Early last month, the Independent Women’s Forum presented a report by Judith S. Dowd, entitled “Gender and Science: A Threat to Women’s Future,” which it claimed would reputation in Gender and Jink Science.” Kleinfeld, who teaches at the Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, argues that the “MIT Study on the Status of Women Faculty,” the recent report on gender discrimination in the school of Science, “amounts to more than a political manifesto.”

Speaking of political manifestos, it’s important to understand the Independent Women’s Forum’s agenda. The IWF is a right-wing organization that “promotes individual responsibility, strong families, more opportunity - and low government - politics that help all Americans.”

The organization makes such well-researched claims as: other feminist groups used false statistics to persuade Congress to pass the Violence Against Women Act, welfare policies “reward [teenage girls] for having [children] instead of marrying,” and, in general, “women are less dedicated. It’s that lack of dedication is sexist, and completely discounts the choice women still have to continue to work or to have children.”

However, Borucke’s insinuation that the MIT study is designed to deal with a specific problem of academia in general. It was not intended to address the question of discrimination in the school of Science. Kleinfeld can spend another twenty pages arguing how the report fails to show that schools short change girls, but that given the fact of the MIT report, it’s another irrelevant twenty pages to tack onto the original.

But Kleinfeld argues that Borucke’s “thesis of feminism is Not the Story of My Life.”

I wish to respond to Michael Borucke’s column “In Search of a Better System” (January 13). Borucke writes an essay that is long on the principles of justice for the ready, short on the principles of justice for the people who really matter, who make up the bulk of the American people. Borucke has a lot to say about the way the American society is structured, and it is the work upon which the boss is dependable. Call it socialism or communism, it seems much more rational to take the power from the corporations and give it to the masses.

This is a style of government based on the worldly arcane notion that there are two immeasurable classes in society, the one that controls the other. Borucke’s attitude is that the American capitalist society of today is equivalent to benighted monarchies or Machiavellian despots is eschewed.

We currently live in the golden age of gender equality. What Bob Metcalfe helped invent Ethernet, which now provides the wheels for the Internet. Bill Gates had the courage and vision to drop out of Harvard (don’t laugh) to found Microsoft, which, for all its software engineering snafus, has driven the concept of the personal computer to its current status; and, the apportionment of success, of the political system. The Independent Women’s Forum Attack on MIT Gender Report Misses the Point. The boss work longer and harder than any of their subordinates — they are driven by desire for money, fame or love of their work. A “worker” in Borucke’s sense of the word is a worker who is an under-developed sense of entitlement. To value a person simply because of his or her low status in society means that the very people who make life so kind to the boss drives and talent to be successful. Borucke does not clearly outline his better system, or the people of its government he believes, or the people of his own government, or the people of his own community, or the people of his own state. Borucke does not clearly outline his better system, or the people of it's.
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**FILM REVIEW**

**Girl, Interrupted**

**By Amy Maneval**

Directed by James Mangold
Written by James Mangold, Lisa Loewer, and D.B. Sweeney
Based on the memoirs of Susanna Kaysen

*With Winona Ryder, Angelina Jolie, Claire Danes, Brittany Murphy, Elizabeth Moss, Jared Leto, Jeffrey Tambor, Vanessa Redgrave, Whoopi Goldberg*

Mental illness: if all else fails to be entertaining, there are always crazy people to liven things up. *Girl, Interrupted* does just that. Saddled with a weak plot, the filmmakers have created a film that alienates me from their characters. The movie is filled with so much angst. Ultimately, the small conflicts of the movie, the flashbacks are so completely disjointed. For example, Susanna's vulnerability of her character. Unfortunately, most of the worst moments are those in which the movie is filled with so much angst. The ward nurse Valerie is played very understandably by Whoopi Goldberg. In the best moments of the movie, her character is used in a disappoitingly limited capacity, almost re-framing from appearing. Surprisingly, though, one of the most complex characters is one of the most minor. Daisy, played by Brittany Murphy of Clueless fame, is not so much insane as compulsive or even evil.

**ALBUM REVIEW**

**Hallucinogen's Twisted Aural Pleasure**

By Sumit Basu

If your dreams are laced with the sounds of electronic music, you're probably into a single techne groove, if you're long for a secret weapon that will turn the next ho-hum house party into a main-rave, you must have Hallucinogen's Twisted. The first full-length album to feature Simon Posford (a.k.a. Hallucinogen), it was originally released in 1995 under the Trojan Dog (U.K.) label. The current release under Twisted Records came out in the UK in 1999 and brought Posford's sonic explorations to the rest of the world. In eight solid tracks, Twisted delivers 64 minutes of relentless goa trance. For newbies to the genre, this is an excellent introduction to the world of dance music.

The first track, "LSD," begins quietly but builds into a comfortable groove. Holding back on the snare and the distortion, it still packs a serious punch. It's rare to find a dance set with so much variation and innovation from a single artist and in a single album, and, as a result, I believe Halucinogen will headline the dance scene for many months to come. Whether you're looking for music to do problem sets to, new dance tracks to your next party, or just music to make your life better, I strongly suggest a dose of this heavy-duty acoustic drug. If you're still not convinced enough to buy the album, at least check out some of the tracks online — track samples can be found on several online CD stores, including <http://www.cdbaby.com>.

More info, new sample tracks, and booking requests (hint, hint, Spring Concert Organizers can be found on Twisted Records' web site at <http://www.twisted.co.uk>.)
Anna and the King
Etcetera, Etcetera, Etcetera

By Zimmane Ansari

T he latest incarnation of this classic tale of an eastern monarch and an English schoolteacher has been hollowed in Thailand for not portraying
King Mongkut as dignified enough and for the extent of influence Anna claimed to have had at the Siamese court. There may be something to the Thai government's qualms
with the historical reality of Anna and the King — but not with Chow Yun Fat, who plays the king with a truly regal and stately air.

Regal Chow Yun Fat is a scene-stealer with riveting screen presence; I can't think of any other favorite western actors with that kind of charisma. Besides the charisma, Yun-
Fat is a great actor; an Oscar nomination is definitely deserved here. He is completely convincing as a king: at times, bemused (his
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This space donated by The Tech
The Cider House Rules

A Maine Odyssey

By Vladimir Zelensky

Directed by Lasse Hallström
Written by John Irving, based on his novel
With Tobey Maguire, Michael Caine, Charlot-
tte, Deborra-Lee Furness, Eric Bana, Kari-
elle, Paul Rudd

I have to give it to Hollywood studios: once in a while, their perverse habit of glossing over any complex or potentially painful material can work as a viable artistic choice, focusing on the essence of the story and the emotions it evokes. The Cider House Rules is a film that does just that. It takes the central character of John Irving's novel and distills it into a powerful, moving story about the human condition.

Homer Wells is a young man who, despite being abandoned by his parents and raised in an orphanage, finds a sense of purpose and identity in helping others. The film follows his life as he runs a cider house, treating patients who are abandoned and neglected by society. It's a story about kindness, compassion, and the power of a single human act to change the world.

The film is shot in a way that is both visually striking and emotionally resonant. The use of color and light helps to convey the different moods and themes of the story, from the bright, sunny days of Homer's youth to the darker, more somber moments that come later in his life. The performances of the cast are also excellent, with Maguire and Caine shining as the central figures of the story.

Overall, The Cider House Rules is a film that is both entertaining and thought-provoking. It's a story about the power of hope and the resilience of the human spirit, and it's a testament to the importance of compassion and empathy in our world.

The following movies are playing this week- end at local theaters. The Tech suggests using 'FILM REVIEW' to complete listing of films and locations.

The Insider (****)
A great movie about a story that involves whistle-blowers and big corporations, with Pacino in top form as a corporate executive who is finally brought down by a determined reporter. A must-see for fans of political thrillers.

Scream 2 (****)
An excellent sequel to the original Scream, with a new slasher that is just as terrifying and suspenseful as the first. The characters are well-developed and the humor is just the right balance of witty and macabre.

Princess Mononoke (****)
An epic adventure film that is both visually stunning and emotionally powerful. The story is well-told and the characters are well-crafted, making it a must-see for anime and fantasy fans.

The Cider House Rules (****)
A remarkable film that is both visually and emotionally powerful. The story is well-told and the performances are outstanding, making it a must-see for fans of drama and human interest stories.

Mystic River (****)
A powerful story about the effects of childhood trauma on adulthood. The performances are outstanding and the direction is masterful, making it a must-see for fans of drama and psychological thrillers.

The Devil's Advocate (****)
A gritty and intense thriller that is both thrilling and thought-provoking. The performances are outstanding and the direction is masterful, making it a must-see for fans of crime and political thrillers.

The Last of the Mohicans (****)
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**FEATURES**

**Glazer & Fieldman Bring Errers to MIT**

By Sonali Mukherjee

Movies often walk a fine line between fantasy and reality. Take 83 Errers as an example. The setting of the movie is Pocono College in Small-town, Anywhere, USA, but it was filmed this summer in conspicuous spots around Boston and MIT.

The film deals with the workings of six college students all somehow intermingled in a comedic cascade of events which begins with a visit from the Dalai Lama. The actors were students from MIT as well as other universities such as Boston University and Stanford.

Writer and producer, Joshua E. Glazer '00 said the film is intended to give the audience such a general feelings of love, life, and happiness but it is giving its creators a sense that they may have stumbled onto a film worth marketing.

Movie explores love and activism

83 Errers, an original musical comedy directed by Michael Feldman, a student at University of California, Berkeley, premiers at MIT on February 17th as part of the LSC Movie Series. The movie features six main characters, one of whom Glazer himself plays.

John, played by Jeff L. Lieberman '00, is the hero of Pocono College. He revamps the druny, dull university into a place where motivation and spirit reign by establishing various student groups on campus.

One of his main reasons for doing so is to satisfy his philosophy on love: it really means something if it is solitary. That being stem from a relationship he had in Tibet (during his senior year abroad at high school) with a girl called Maria. Glazer, a graduate student at Stanford. Elsie was played by Kelly "McGoo" Smith '00. Maria's right of the board after business hours (workers in nearby infinite corridor-offices are apparently not amused by the continual ringing) causes the recorded bells to play their short serenade.

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Infinite Bells

When walking through the east end of the infinite corridor, passers-by may occasionally be treated to the whimsical tinkling of ancient bells. These sounds emanate from speakers installed as part of an exhibit on early metallography practices in ancient western Mexico. The display is based on a book called Sounds and Colors of Power written by MIT Associate Professor of Ancehology and Ancient Technology Dorothy Hosler. Pushing the button to the right of the board after business hours (workers in nearby infinite corridor-offices are apparently not amused by the continual ringing) causes the recorded bells to play their short serenade.

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**Wednesday's Events**

2:30 - 5:30 p.m. - China Energy Technology Program. This CEP forum will present this ABB/AGS program's approach to finding sustainable energy solutions for China.

Saturday's Events

8:00 p.m. - "Strings from Costa Rica", Jose Aurelio Castillo and Pablo Ortiz, violin & guitar duo perform traditional Latin American tango, samba, & tocaras composed by Gustavo, Joaquin, and Jesusmaru, among others. Admission $10.00

**Viewpoint**

Do you think IAP is necessary?

I think it is a good to have it, but is not totally necessary. It gives us a break and time to explore new things that we don't have time for during the semester because we are too busy with their studies.

Justin T. McCue '03

I think it is beneficial to the students because they get to experience things that they don't get to during the semester because they are too busy with their studies.

Warb Iriwahidj '00

I think it is a good time for students to take a well deserved break and it is a good time to concentrate on research.

Tiffany S. Santos '02

It's not necessary, but it is fun.

Marius J. Kirschenbaum '00

Yes, it's great to be at MIT and do what you want to do—not what you have to do.

Joseph L. Wang '02

Compiled by Aaron D. Mihalik
20th Mystery Hunt Offers Puzzlers a Chance to Show Their Stuff

By Katie Jeffreys

The 20th Mystery Hunt was held in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on January 19, 2000. The team consisted of about 20 teams competing to solve a complicated puzzle designed by fellow students. The team that won the competition was run by Eric Albert, who had participated in many mystery hunts. "I've done this for 18 years. This was a lovely hunt with great ideas and perfect execution," said Albert.

One group asked for a live duck to assist in a puzzle. More significantly, it required the group to place chairs in a circle and move the chairs or change seats, then paint letters on the bottom of the chairs. The solution required a letter from each of the puzzles to be arranged to reveal the phrase "APPROACH ROOM BAUM, COIN 9-136." The victorious team then found the coin 9-136.

Strategy is important, but it is not the only factor in winning. Katz cites the team's organization as one factor which prevented puzzles from getting lost or otherwise hindering the planning process. The team received a letter from each of the puzzles to be arranged to reveal the phrase "APPROACH ROOM BAUM, COIN 9-136.

The scenario presented required the participants to help Dorothy, from the Wizard of Oz, to get home. The "Manhattan Information Processing Board" had the technology to transport Dorothy home, but they had not had the time to do so. The puzzle required the group to place chairs in a circle and move the chairs or change seats, then paint letters on the bottom of the chairs. The solution required a letter from each of the puzzles to be arranged to reveal the phrase "APPROACH ROOM BAUM, COIN 9-136." The victorious team then found the coin 9-136.

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Berenson on Hunger Strike to Protest Conditions

By Frank Dabek

Lori Berenson, a former MIT student convicted of high treason by a Peruvian military tribunal, has begun a hunger strike to protest the conduct of her trial and draw attention to the conditions under which she is serving out her life sentence.

Gail Taylor, national coordinator for The Committee to Free Lori Berenson said that the hunger strike began on January 11, the fourth anniversary of Berenson’s conviction on charges treason. Berenson was allegedly involved with the Marxit Tupac Amaru terrorist group.

Taylor said that Berenson has not made any demands but was protesting the conditions of her incarceration. “The prison conditions are absolutely horrendous,” Taylor said.

Berenson was initially jailed high in the Andes mountains but was moved to a lower altitude jail where her health declined. Now she has been “taken out of contact with humans,” Taylor said, and the incarceration has affected her mental state.

Berenson has not set a timeframe for her strike and Taylor expects her to continue “as long as she physically can,” perhaps several weeks.

Supporters hold vigils nationwide

On the same day that Berenson began her hunger strike, supporters held vigils across the country.

In the Boston area, Carolyn Austin, a regional coordinator of the committee, organized a vigil in the South Station area. Austin became involved in the effort after seeing Lori’s story in the news. “I couldn’t believe that she was still there,” Austin said.

James Williamson, a longtime supporter of Berenson’s cause and one of the about 50 people at the rally, said, “the point is that she has never received any due process and deserved to be released.”

Berenson’s mother, Rhoda, in an interview in the New York Daily News, said that she was not surprised that Lori had begun the hunger strike and was anxious about her health but respected her decision and commitment.

Austin urges those interested in the case to contact their Congressional representatives. Detailed contact information can be found at [http://www.freelori.org](http://www.freelori.org)

Failed legal attempts to free Lori

The House of Representatives defeated legislation in July that would have withheld all but humanitarian aid to Peru if Berenson was not freed.

The American ambassador to Peru, John Hamilton, has also been in negotiations with the Peruvian government concerning Berenson.

The Peruvian government seems unwilling to grant Berenson a new trial, however. Prime Minister Alberto Baustanian said recently that Berenson will not receive a new trial unless she can produce new evidence of her innocence.

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Black Student Union Lounge

Wednesday, January 19

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Bishop Barbara Harris
Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts
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Thursday, January 20

“What can You do to Change the World?”

Dr. Janet Moses
MIT Medical
50-105
Walker Memorial
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Hey! What is this box doing here? I don't know, but it sure smells awful.

It's probably just the new line of Furbies that discharge on themselves—put it with those other boxes.

Engage! [GASP!] I taped myself in too well!

This packing foam is getting really disgusting. I wonder if it's safe to get out of this box...

Sniff. Sniff.

Sniff.

Ingesting acidic packing foam is really not my idea of a good time.

This does not improve the situation.
WHEN YOU FINISH THIS, I HAVE MORE ASSIGNMENTS FOR YOU.

CAROL: YOU'RE THE BOSS'S SECRETARY, NOT MY BOSS, AND THIS IS A PAGE FROM A MAGAZINE.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. YOU DIDN'T LISTEN. THAT CAN ONLY MEAN YOU'RE MY NEW BOSS.

LOOK WHO'S BACK EARLY FROM HIS BUSINESS TRIP. HOW DID IT GO?

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YES, I HAVE SUCKERS OF ALL TYPES.

EXCUSE ME WHILE I WAG.
WELL, HERE GOES NOTHING.

I THOUGHT THAT THING WAS A JOKE BU

GASP GASP GASP

I BELIEVE "ZERO" DOES INDEED COUNT AS "NOTHING." HMM.

IT'S AMAZING. I'VE LOST FOUR POUNDS AFTER ONLY THREE DAYS WITH THE AB-CRUSHER 2000.

ANDY, WHO AM I KIDDING?

I THOUGHT THAT THING WAS A JOKE, BUT I GUESS IT REALLY WORKS.

IS IT THAT IT BURNS LOTS OF CALORIES, OR DOES IT CHANGE YOUR METABOLISM?

ACTUALLY, IT'S JUST MADE ME TOO WEARY TO PULL OPEN THE REFRIGERATOR DOOR.

IT'S SAID EVERY SNOWFLAKE IS UNIQUE.

NOT A ONE IS LIKE ANOTHER.

DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS, ALL SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED FOR THE DAY.

WE REPEAT, ALL SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED FOR THE DAY.

YES, THEY ARE!

AND IT'S MY MR. MICROPHONE!

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I WISH THE KIDS WOULDN'T USE THEIR FATHER'S GOOD HAT ON THEIR SNOWMEN.

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Vest Publishes Annual Report

By Dana Levine

MIT President Charles M. Vest's recently released annual report for 1998-1999 defends need-based financial aid, addresses the faculty's responsibility to students, and discusses industry sponsorship of MIT research.

Vest emphasized the importance of need-blind admissions, which allows competitive universities to "select students from the richly talented pool of applicants on the basis of their capability, accomplishment, talents, fit to the institution, and contribution to the characteristics of the class as a whole."

Vest noted that many generous alumni were only able to attend MIT because of the financial aid packages which they received, and that they want to help out other needy students.

Vest defends need-based aid

As discussed in the report, increasing college costs and the expansion of need-based aid has forced many institutions to shift the bulk of aid towards merit-based scholarships and away from the neediest students.

"Our current financial aid policies reflect MIT culture well. To go to a merit-based culture would only divide the MIT community," said Undergraduate Association President Matthew L. McGann '00. Vest said that "through the quality of our programs, our reputation, and our recruiting efforts, we are able to attract and enroll classes of truly exceptional students," eliminating the need for any sort of "optimization."

In conclusion, Vest reaffirmed his belief that MIT "should remain true to our principles of need-blind admissions and need-based distribution of financial aid."

"MIT alone took on the Justice Department when it accused us and the Ivy institutions of violating anti-trust laws regarding financial aid," said Dean of Admissions Matthew Jones.

Faculty extend rule in student life

Vest also discussed "the faculty's collective responsibility to our students," specifically the interaction of faculty members in student life. Vest quoted the 1998 "Report of the Task Force on Student Life and Learning," which emphasized that MIT should focus its academic philosophy on "a triad of academics, research, and community."

"My view is that faculty do have certain collective responsibilities to our students beyond their formal duties in the laboratory and classroom," Vest said. He emphasized that all members of the faculty should maintain a high code of ethics, recognize that small decisions can have a large effect, and joining life and learning within the community.

As for the matter of the effects of incremental decisions on the larger picture, Vest cited the continual violation of terms regulations, which "can cause unresolvable conflicts for students who are balancing the demands of several subjects." He also mentioned the Report on the Status of Women Faculty in Science at MIT, which shows that small decisions can lead to widespread discrimination and inequity.

"I was heartened to see President Vest's forceful and eloquent translation of our goals to tangible changes in behavior for the faculty," said Graduate Student Council President Luis A. Ortiz '00.

Industry ties increasingly crucial

Vest also discussed an issue which came into the spotlight with MIT's Project I-Campus Microsoft joint venture — private research funding.

The federal government has typically given a great deal of funding to MIT, with federal funds covering 65 percent of operating revenues in 1965. This number has dropped drastically in recent years, falling to less than 32 percent in 1999.

Simultaneously, industry sponsorship has risen drastically, serving in Vest's words "to improve our education, to diversify our sources of financial support, and to create new pathways for contributing to the common good."

However, close ties with industry create new problems. "There are a lot of ethical issues involved with private industry funding. Industry partnerships are appropriate only if we can work out those ethical issues," McGann said.

Although these contracts should not be non-exclusive and MIT should own all research, Vest said, both MIT and private companies can benefit from such a pairing. "All recognize that producing innovative, well educated students who are knowledgeable about future-oriented fields...is a key goal of the partnership."

"In my experience industry partnership provides a great opportunity for supporting graduate student education," Ortiz said. "The nature of the research becomes a little more applied as a consequence."
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Oil Spill at MIT Power Plant under Investigation

By Rima Arnaout

An oil spill at MIT’s Cogenera-
tion Plant Sunday night has prompt-
ed an investigation.

The spill occurred when an 8000
gallon oil truck was making a rou-
tine delivery behind the Cogen build-
ing on Albany Street.

Thomas C. Sobczynski ’91 arrived at the scene at about 11 p.m.
on Sunday. "Things were pretty
calm there, but the streets were
being blocked off in pretty much all
directions. There was a Cambridge-
Police cruiser parked across the
road and other cruisers nearby," Sobczynski
said.

There was "a reasonably small
puddle of oil on the ground near the
terminals where they connect the
tanker trucks which fill up the tanks
in the building," Sobczynski said.
The puddle outside the building
"was about ten feet by six feet," he
said.

Sobczynski talked to a firefighter
at the scene. The firefighter "told me
they were estimating 5000 gallons
spilled and that it they wouldn’t have
seen much oil was already under the
building."

According to Sobczynski, the
fireman said that two tanks are con-
nected with a pipe that so pressure in
one is relieved into the other
tank.

"If the fireman suggested that
the pipe could have been or was
blocked and that the pipe burst and
that it would not seriously delay or
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Making Guidelines into Details
Kolenbrander will Oversee Implementation of Housing Plan

By Kevin R. Lang
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

After months of design and debate, Chancellor Lawrence S. Bacow '72 presented MIT with a residence plan last week. Yet one minor detail remained: turning some fifty-odd pages of guidelines and guidelines into bricks and mortar. As outlined in the report, much of the responsibility for implementation falls on Associate Dean Kirk D. Kolenbrander, who served as Process Manager for the Residence System Steering Committee. Bacow's report states that Kolenbrander will convene a meeting of the relevant parties to clarify the division of responsibility for the management and operation of the residence system. "It's going to take some time to craft that meeting," Kolenbrander said. The meeting will not consist solely of administrators, but rather "those persons who feel that they contribute to the living and learning environment," he said.

Kolenbrander said that although 2001 is fast approaching, the implementation process must be undertaken carefully. "I think we remain in the very beginning steps. Our plan has been to use LAF as a time to think very carefully about proper and appropriate options," Kolenbrander said. "At this point, very little action has been taken."

Student input remains important
Students disputed the RSSC and other housing proposals throughout the design process, but Kolenbrander does not anticipate the same level of protest and dissent the RSSC faced. "The work of the RSSC and the implementation process truly are apples and oranges — they have completely different objectives."

However, students will play a significant role in the process. "It's something we take very seriously," Kolenbrander said. Student input is "very important," he said. "I don't anticipate a great deal of setting around the table reaching decisions."

Dean changes impact process
The recent resignation announcements of Dean for Student Life Margaret Bates and Dean for Undergraduate Education Rosalind Williams have had mixed impact on the implementation process. Bates' resignation prompted Bacow to give Kolenbrander the primary responsibility for implementation. "To bring clarity to the implementation process and to ensure that adequate resources are available to implement the recommendations, I have asked Dean Kirk Kolenbrander to serve as a Special Assistant to the Chancellor for the Residence System on an interim basis," Bacow said in his report.

Williams' resignation has had less effect. "There's no particular piece of the implementation that we have to completely rethink because of her departure," Kolenbrander said.

Though Kolenbrander will coordinate the process, he believes that "RLSP will have primary responsibility for most of the implementation." However, orientation redesign will fall outside of Residential Life and Student Life Programs, as the Office of Academic Services currently handles orientation.

Specific plans yet to be determined
With many of the changes outlined in Bacow's report — including October rush, summer residence selection, and capital outlays — much specific planning remains. Currently, such planning has not yet begun. Regarding rush, Kolenbrander said that "we will work very closely with the IFC," Kolenbrander said that the process has not yet progressed to the point of financial planning.

While Kolenbrander has not selected a specific timeline for implementation, he noted that "we obviously all have the timeline of fall of 2001."
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Committee To Select Members

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Applications through the application at <http://web.mit.edu/spring/www>. The application deadline is today, but questions do not have to be answered in a great deal of detail, McGann said.

There will be one graduate and one undergraduate chair of the committee. Chairs have not been chosen at either of the Spring Weekend Committee meetings yet. The committee may wait until student members-at-large have been chosen, depending on the length of the selection process.

Douglas E. Heimburger ’00, UA representative to the committee, has been acting as an interim process manager until chairs are elected, McGann said.

Chairs may be chosen at the next meeting. McGann said, “We wanted the positions to be open to all members of the undergraduate community,” McGann has said. Heimburger has said The Tech on earlier occasions that he intends to seek chairmanship, to provide continuity in leadership for the Spring Weekend Committee.

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January 19, 2000
Ballroom Comes Up Big in Florida Dance Beginner Level Dancers Sweep Events

By Eric D. Nielsen

Eighteen dancers from the MIT ballroom dancing team joined over 800 other dancing enthusiasts at the 13th annual International Ballroom Dancing Festival. The team traveled to Florida, with every member competing in at least one final. Over the course of the roughly 150 events the team made 307 cuts to higher rounds and took home 78 places, with eight first places.

The festival, held at the Ocean Center convention center in Daytona Beach, Florida during the week of January 3rd, was a full seven days of dance workshops and competitions. A typical day entailed five to six hours of workshops in the morning and early afternoon. Competitions ran from around 3:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. most nights. During the two occasions when their were no scheduled competitions, the main competition floor was used for social dancing.

Mark Herschberg '06 and Vesna Kadelburg of Cambridge University sounded England, placed first in the Student American Rumba, Student Ballroom Dance, Page 27

Injuries and Other Factors Cause Low Turnout at University of Southern Maine Quad Cup Meet

By Deborah S. Won

In the second MIT women's indoor track and field season, the Engineers took second place in a Quad Cup meet.

The team traveled north to the University of Southern Maine for competition against Bates, Coast Guard, and the host team. The squad had hoped to repeat last year's three-way victory, but MIT fell to USM 141-122, while defeating Bates (110) and CG (100). This meet allowed the Tech tracksters to reap the benefits of the unseasonably warm New England weather.

Asa-Awuku '03 joined Luke Massery '02 executes his horse routine in a gymnastics meet against Southern Connecticut Saturday.

The varsity ski team concluded its pre-season activities this past weekend, and is poised for some strong results in its regular season races in the upcoming weeks.

The alpine squad started on-snow training in October, and continued until late June, despite the unusually warm New England weather.

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By Jonathan S. Sheltz

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second-place finish, ahead of the rest of the Thompson Division.

The women arrived to find a surprise in the presence of the Thompson Divi-
sion teams — Amherst College, Holy Cross, Tufts, Boston Universi-
ty, Trinity, and Northeastern, in addi-
tion to the Thompson Division. For the
individual standings, Paul led the
women in sixth place, with Briggs in
14th and women's captain Marianne
H. O'Neill '02 in 17th.

For the men, Green Mountain
took first as expected, with an unex-
pectedly strong Worcester Polytech-
nic in second (led ironically by a top
MIT recruit who had broken out after his first semester at the insti-
tute). After the first run in the morn-
ing, MIT was packed in tightly with
four other teams: Trinity, UConn,
BU, and Tufts. MIT had four racers
positioned in the top 21 for the after-
noon. But disaster struck as
Dumond provided his best imitation of
Australian Herman Mayer's
Nagano Olympic downhill crash,
while men's co-captain Ryan
Maupin '00 also spun out off the
course to lose valuable time. When
the snow had settled, MIT found
itself in seventh, only three seconds
off BU in fifth, and a mere 12 hun-
dredths off Tufts in sixth. In the
individual standings, Kalkurni took
15th, Bates 17th, and Maupin 21st.

The first regular season competi-
tion is scheduled for January 22-23
at Berkshire East, hosted by U-Mass
Amherst. Former standout skier
Brooke Baker '99 is expected to
make her debut appearance then as
Alpine Assistant Coach.

Skiers ranked in national poll
In the U.S. Collegiate Ski Asso-
ciation pre-season national poll of
ski coaches and conference directors
throughout America, the MIT
women took seventh in the nation
behind conference rival Clarkson
University (1st).

Contributions from freshman
Jessica L. Baker '03, combined with
returning standout skiers Jessica M.
Kleiss '00 and Teresa M. Hung '02,
may propel MIT to better results
than this.

The men took tenth in the poll,
with dominating conference rival
Clarkson in first. (Complete poll
ranking results are available at
http://www.mit.edu/co Owners/mtc.html.)

Team captain Derek G. South-
well '01 has not only returning stars
James W. Berry '00 and Samuel T.
Coradetti '02, but also a bevy of
freshmen, who could similarly pro-
pel the men to better results than
predicted in the poll.

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The dance festival returns to
Weymouth, Dorset, England next
year. In the meantime team mem-
bets are gearing up for the Spring
competitions which begin in Febru-
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will be competing earlier at La Clas-
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Occupational and Environmental Laws; Tuesday, January 25, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.; Review of the occupational and environmental laws which impact high technology businesses including the Occupational Safety and Health, Environmental Protection, Clean Air, Clean Water, and Resource Conservation and Recovery Acts. Business-tested advice for combining commercial success and regulatory compliance will be offered.

Chemical Risk Management in High Technology Enterprise; Wednesday, January 26, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.; Overview of the risk presented by the use of hazardous chemicals in the high technology industry. Issues to be discussed will include hazardous properties of materials, i.e., toxicity, flammability, and reactivity, adverse effects on workers and the community, control of hazards, and relevant regulations. The importance of designing for safety in the start-up phase will be discussed. Examples of real work situations will be presented.

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