Permit Concerns
Imperil Cambridge
Fraternity Events
Cambridge Licensing Commission
Levies Rush Sanctions on Kappa Sigma, ATO

By Frank Dobek

The Cambridge Licensing Commission has dealt a double blow to MIT's Cambridge-based fraternities.

At a hearing Thursday, the commission handed down stiff penalties against Alpha Tau Omega and Kappa Sigma and simultaneously alerted MIT to regulations that prohibit house events from hosting events attended by more than 50 individuals.

Kappa Sig will lose its housing license for 30 days during next fall's rush as a result of an incident in which a female party-goer was hospitalized after becoming intoxicated at the Memorial Drive fraternity.

ATO's sanctions, which are the result of a raucous New Year's party, include a ten day housing suspension, also during rush.

The penalties make clear a new strictness with respect to alcohol violations on the part of the commission. It is "no longer a rite of passage to be able to drink at a frat house," said Richard Scali, the commission's executive officer.

Licensing concerns halt events

Overshadowing the rulings against individual houses is a new understanding between MIT and Cambridge that houses must obtain city-issued permits to hold events with more than 50 people in attendance. As a result, the Interfraternity Council will not host large events in Cambridge until it determines that all houses have obtained all necessary permits, said Russell L. Spieoler '00, IFC Judicial Committee chair.

Both the city and the Institute are seeking clarification on the issue of the assembly permits.

Associate Dean Neal H. Dorow said that his office is acting under the conservative assumption that the commission is "putting all license holders on notice." Dorow, who acts as adviser to fraternities, sororities and independent living groups, said that it was unclear what regulations fraternities would have to meet to obtain the necessary permits.

Scali said that it is the commission's understanding that each house which intends to host events needs to apply for an extension of their certificate of inspection to allow such events.

Robert Bersani, commissioner of Inspectional Services, said that such extensions would be issued on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration building code compliance and the precise zoning of the property.

Other factors could include handicap accessibility and access to rest rooms, Scali said. Meeting such licensing, Page 23

Corporation Hikes Tuition Again

MIT Students Participate
In Primary Campaigns

By Rima Amout

Students are planning the annual tuition riot this week in protest to yet another tuition hike. Tuition is up 4.2 percent, from $25,000 this year to $26,050.

The cost of room and board will also increase 3.9 percent to make the overall cost of attending MIT $55,225 a year.

Housing, athletics cause hike

"The increases in room and board have been under the rate of inflation for some time now," said Chancellor Lawrence S. Bacow '72.

"If we're going to build new housing, especially for graduate students... we need to increase room and board rates a bit to generate the resources necessary to properly maintain them." Bacow said.

The increase of room and board may also help eliminate cost as a variable when deciding where to live, Bacow said. "When we keep dorm rents low, it also puts pressure on the entire housing system... FSUs have to keep their rents low as well," Bacow said.

The fact that the class of 2004 has a 1,000-member cap has not been a factor in the decision to raise tuition, Bacow said.

In addition, part of the increase in tuition will go toward the athletics program. The administration has eliminated the athletics card for next year.

By Laura McGrath Moulton

Conventional wisdom says that George W. Bush and Al Gore are likely to be the big winners in tomorrow's Super Tuesday primaries.

Here at MIT, students are out to prove conventional wisdom wrong. Many are organizing in support of underdogs Bill Bradley and John McCain offering Gore only lukewarm support and in general ignoring Bush.

"Most students here have eschewed the establishment candidates," said Christopher D. Smith '01, Bradley supporter and treasurer of the MIT College Democrats.

In preparation for today's primaries, the College Democrats will have booths in Lobby 10 and the Student Center. Smith said that Bradley supporters will go to Cambridge polling locations to hold signs and pass out campaign literature.

McCain supporters are planning to organize an event on the steps of 77 Massachusetts Avenue tomorrow, said Eric J. Cholankeril '02, coordinator for MIT Students for McCain 2000.

Smith said that sincerity and an intellectual side are behind the appeal of Bradley and McCain. "You've got these two genuine, thinking people," Smith said.

MIT's chapter of College Republicans is currently inactive. Former College Republicans officer Jonathan K. Lee G said he was not aware of any "Students for Bush" groups.

The Weather

Today: Pleasant breeze, 60°F (16°C)
Tonight: Partly cloudy, 47°F (8°C)
Tomorrow: Party cloudy, 59°F (14°C)

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Gore and Bush Are Leading in California as Primary Nears

By Cathleen Decker

On the final weekend before the presidential campaign's single biggest primary day, the candidates were galloping around the country in search of votes. But in California, they might as well have been running in place.

George W. Bush and Al Gore, their parties' establishment princes, continued to hold firm leads within their own ranks against challengers John McCain and Bill Bradley, whose campaigns were characterized in California more by lost opportunities than success.

Republican analyst Tony Quinn, echoing the comments of others, said McCain got off-track, losing his reformist message in the back-and-forth with the Texas governor about the religious right and campaign tactics.

McCain and his camp "got themselves off-message," Quinn said. "I thought he would have had much more traction here (in California)."

The race for California's 567 Democratic delegates, meanwhile, never got off the ground. Analysts had long seen evidence of weakness in support for the vice president, but his rival never came up with the themes to win over teetering Democrats.

"Bradley had his moment, but in the final analysis, he was not able to articulate a reason for the Democrats to abandon the nominee," said Darrel Sragow, a veteran Democratic consultant.

All told, the primary campaigns have underscored a basic truth about California politics: Despite all the national antering about the state's quirky image, it is immensely difficult for underdogs to mount a successful campaign. The place is too big, too expensive and too distracted from politics to allow most insurgent campaigns to succeed.

"California is obviously a huge nut to crack when you are the underdog campaign, the underfunded campaign," Sragow said. "It's pretty hard to make something happen in California unless you focus entirely on the state."

That, of course, was not possible. Since Bradley was defeated by Gore in New Hampshire one month ago, the former New Jersey senator has traveled from coast to coast, trying to build momentum somewhere. A Los Angeles Times poll published last week showed him behind Gore by a 51- margin among California Democrats.

For the Republicans, California has taken a back seat to hand-to-hand combat in a succession of states following McCain's big win in New Hampshire. South Carolina, where Bush triumphed; Michigan, where McCain spent Bush's and Washington, where Bush cut off McCain's momentum for a second time.

The Times poll found Bush with a comfortable lead among Californians' Republican voters, 47 percent to McCain's 26 percent, and even McCain's aides have stopped suggesting that he could win the 162 delegates at stake Tuesday.

McCain senior adviser Ken Kehlighian admitted that the campaign suffered last week, when it was embroiled in controversies over McCain attacks on leaders of the religious right and his refusal to attend a Los Angeles debate with Bush and a third GOP candidate, Alan. "Governor Bush was here first," said California state Sen. Jim Brunde, the leader of Bush's forces in the state. "He was here first, with the most, and he did a lot of the same before John McCain even hit anybody's radar screen."

Now we can start the healing process," U.S. District Court Judge Eugene Nickerson, who presided over the case in Brooklyn, Monday set an April 7 return date for the defendants.

When the verdict was announced, Bruder stared in disbelief, crying, "There is no justice. This is a travesty."

Apparently overcome by emotion, he first put his head down on the defense table and then buried his head on the shoulder of his lawyer, Stuart London.

The defendants' supporters and their families erupted with the verdict. Bruder's girlfriend burst into tears and Wise's mother collapsed in shock outside the courtroom.
Jet Skids Off Runway in L.A., Stops Yards from Gas Station

By Hugo Martin and Johnathan Bridges
LOUISIANA TIMES

A Southwest Airlines jet carrying 137 passengers and five crew members careened off a Burbank Airport runway Sunday night, skidding to a stop on an adjacent street where it hit a car. Three people were slightly injured.

The jet, a 737 arriving from Las Vegas, was landing at about 6:11 p.m. when it slid off the runway pavement, broke through a barrier at the end of the runway and came to a stop on Hollywood Way a few yards from a gas station.

The pilot suffered cuts to his scalp and was taken to a nearby hospital where he was listed in fair condition. Two passengers were also transported to the hospital complaining of back pains. There were no other injuries.

As the plane skidded across Hollywood Way, it struck a Ford Taurus, carrying a woman and an infant. Both occupants said neither were injured.

Federal Aviation Administration officials said it was too soon to determine the cause of the accident, but a spokesman said it appeared the pilot overshot the runway.

"It's too early to tell (the cause) except perhaps that he landed too long," said FAA spokesman Louis Diao.

Victor Gill, director of public and community affairs for the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena airport about 15 miles north of downtown Los Angeles, said the airport never shut down following the accident.

Gill said the National Transportation Safety Board has requested the plane remain on Hollywood Way until the investigation is completed.

ChinaBoostsDefenseSpending,
StrugglesToRaiseGrowthRate

By John Pomfret
THE WASHINGTON POST

Chinese leaders painted a picture Monday of an economy still struggling to shake off the effects of the Asian financial crisis, forecasting only a 7 percent growth rate this year and a record budget deficit.

Defense spending will get another double-digit rise, however, reflecting the last day of the annual session of parliament. Zeng Huaicheng, minister of the State Planning Commission, told sales are expected to rise nearly 28 percent to $9.75 billion. Western businesses have considered slow in China, which needs budget that projects a record deficit $14.6 billion, with the increase in interest payments from billions of treasury bills also being included in the deficit this year. Last year, the deficit was $11.8 billion.

Xiang also said that export tax rates would rise from 10 percent to 12 percent.

The landing was frightening, passengers said no one on board panicked as the plane came to a stop and the crew began evacuation.

"I doubt there's a single person on this plane that doesn't feel like the luckiest person in the world," said one.

The plane came to a rest only a few yards from the gas station, with twisted lengths of the runway's barrier sticking out of the plane's engines.

Laurel-Wreath Award

For more info., check out the Awards page.

Five graduate students are nominated for the annual laurel-wreath award.

For information, contact:

The MIT Graduate Student Council

March Calendar

7 Muddy Board Board Meeting
8 Wine and Cheese social (Sloan + MIT). 5-7pm, Walker Memorial.
10 Activities Committee Meeting
13 Orientation Committee Meeting.
15 5pm at 50-220
16 Housing and Community Affairs Committee Meeting. 5:30pm at Ashdown Crafts Lounge.
18 Academics, Research, and Careers Committee Meeting
21 Meet the Officers - Coffee Hour
29 Officer Nomination Deadline

April Calendar

5 General Council Meeting - Officers 2000-2001 Election

All graduate students are welcome. Food is provided. * @ 5:30 in 50-220 (above the Muddy)
Editorial

A Bad Decision, A Suspect Process

The Tech opposes the Institute’s decision to impose a $50 athletics fee on all students. This tax will not result in benefits such as facilities improvement or the return of JV teams. More importantly, the process by which this decision was made is terribly suspect.

Last fall, the Institute floated a trial balloon — raising the price of the athletics card to $50. That bubble was quickly popped by overwhelming student reaction against the fee. But, instead of listening to the students’ strong opinion that the cost of student fees to use the athletics facilities should not be increased, the administration has snuck in a surcharge which every student, not just athletics card holders, must pay.

The fee increase is especially absurd in considering the spotty services provided to the MIT community by the Athletics Department. The fitness facilities, for example, are disgraceful compared to those of other colleges (our “pro sports” counterparts). In addition, a survey among 113 varsity sports teams needlessly deprives many MIT students of a chance to participate in team athletics. The increase would have been easier to stomach if the added funds addressed these needs, but instead it was clear that this fee will not bring JV teams back, nor is there any guarantee that facilities will see any short-term upgrades.

At a time when the Institute is seeking to raise $1.5 billion with $100 million of that sum devoted to student life, it is ludicrous to tax students of whom many face difficulty confronting with ever-rising tuition bills, to open their wallets again to fix this problem. We fear that this will set a precedent — when other little issues crop up, on campus, the Institute will seek another $50 on tuitions.

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Letters To The Editor

Sliced Bread

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**Guest Column**

**Jeff Roberts**

Over the past year and a half, I've been a student of the MIT residence system, noticing and appreciating the diversity which exists among the residential houses. Each group is clearly the strongest social unit on this campus, and it's a shame that we don't have some kind of formal recognition for it. After all, the same conventional wisdom, the strength of the living group communities always has and always will adhere to the MIT, we're all still maintaining that a broader campus-wide community is possible is born, because when you take a break from the business of MIT, it's all the same. Here's a reason why, in terms an MIT student might say, "Why did they do that?"

No matter what department we claim to be in, we are all engineers. Whether we study chemistry or physics, there's no denying that we all know that the reason we're here is because we love to learn. Everyone loves to learn, and no one wants to do anything that makes it harder to learn. And everyone knows that engineering doesn't just happen in the lab. We've seen that people do all sorts of things with their hands, and we can even have enough stereo power to entertain most of the greater metropolitan region. I've found that the living groups really begin to feel the result of problems solving-community engineering, if you will. Then, the "culture" of all the living groups at MIT result from distinct solutions to the same problem. That's what brings them all together, and that's why the living group in asking itself, "How do we escape the overbearing pressure put on us by MIT?"

It's tough to get by at MIT, make no mistake about it. Within the halls and classrooms of 77 Mass Ave., MIT students are dominated by exams, project sets, lab work and demanding professors. With a student's life being so busy, it's easy to forget that MIT students have claimed their houses as their own. The houses, then, are a place to take control of each other. Each living group has to find its own way to assert that students and living groups are separate, different. Our system of independent living groups, extending from Cambridgeport to the family system of how living groups like to be free from the control of the administration, was developed by groups of students, but their locations away from campus also serve to assert their independence. The living groups, in particular, is an invention of students and their creativity, created with an idea for how students can have fun on a weekend, put together the resources (with the help, but not the influence, of MIT administration) for the invention for the benefit of the entire community. The living groups have become a source of competitive engineering design and implementation, which I hope to see more of in the future.

But it doesn't end there. We continue looking to each other, thinking about old ideas, and creating new ideas to make everyone's life better, to make the environment, the precision of the institute.

Living groups engineer community by having something in common. Attend a party, football games, televisions-viewing events and various other kinds of activities. But, this is not an in-group or out-group. It's a large, comprehensive group, protecting students with mutual support to combat academic pressures. And some groups rely on the old college-failsafe.

**Most Out-Of-Date: The Grammys**

**Veena Thomas**

There's an old story about how several hundred years ago, people in China were asked to estimate the age of an emperor. The people had all had ever seen the emperor before, and thus had zero information regarding the subject. But, as they were all gathered around the emperor, they gathered a large sample size, and averaged the results. They said, "Surely, we would reach a very accurate estimate!"

The 10,000 music professionals voting for the Grammy awards was the same.

The National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (NARAS) understandability reasonably well. But, anyone who has ever heard a song by Mathew, Bubba and Bob Dylan realized there's something wrong with its incredible record in picking top music hits. Music legends like the Beatles and Bob Dylan have never won in their music prime. In 1975, The Captain and Tennille's "Love Will Keep Us Together" beat out Bruce Springsteen's "Born to Run."

Finally, NARAS realized what was painfully obvious. That picking an award is far less important than the level of expertise among the selection committee. So in 1995, NARAS appointed an international selection committee for the top four music prizes, in order to eliminate some obviously unworthy choices popular among the general voting body. Has it worked?

Apparently not. This year's Grammy nomi- nees featured what MSNIC described as "the interchangeable Christina Aguilera and Britney Spears" up for "Best New Artist." Both Blond Ambition and Baby One More Time, respectively, flaunted a muscultural talent; they must rely on their looks to sell their music. Britney Spears, 16, must be the "true child prodigy" born in 1981, at the age of 17, focuses more energy on countless photo shoots and calendars than on her music.

"If I'm a little too much musical talent, it's another when your age speaks for you. Take a case in point. Some thing happens to them, it happens to listen to them. A case in point, Spears's "...Baby One More Time," with the video, "...Baby One More Time..."" Hit Me." A selected sample of lyrics from the song, "Oh, baby, baby, how was I supposed to know that you were the one I was going to love. Oh, baby, baby, how was I supposed to know that you were the one I was going to love. Oh, baby, baby, how was I supposed to know that you were the one I was going to love."

How was she supposed to know that something wasn't right here? How was she supposed to know that something was wrong? When she was 16, 17, 18? What did she do? Where did she go? Slowly and steadfastly in her acceptance speech. Fast-forward to the next "Baby One More Time" or general talent, and it's the case in point. The results and record to popular society — what are the Grammys really supposed to mean? What the hell are they? It's time to sweep the Oscars. Will anyone actually remember Britney Spears or the Backstreet Boys when they walk down the Red Carpet, no strangers to a metric rise to stardom with the old college-failsafe."

Remember the Spice Girls? The Macarena? With such hopelessly out of touch judging, it's no wonder some Grammy nominees lose credibility. Who won what award? How do we know that the memory of Jennifer Lopez's dress has more staying power than the actual awards winners, "It's time for a massive overhaul of the system."

**The Equality of Crime**

**Guest Column**

**Clay Martin**

A few homophobes' strung Matthew Shepard's body from a tree. Since 1878, at least 150 people had been killed for their sexual orientation, and many others were injured. No matter what department we claim to be in, the only people who might stop these hate crimes and their victims are the living groups. And the killing has increased, and so have the hate-crime acts and broaden the groups protected under current legislation. The same situation, which brings out the best in athletes. For now, the administration should also focus on figuring out what it will take to bring back BV teams and expand squad sizes.

In the next few weeks, we will see if the administration is willing to take the first step to move away from a racist universe. To insist they want to be heard, to be heard, to be heard. By the next year, he emerged as one of the most important men on the track, "As I had not..."
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Congratulations!
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Charles Vest, TBP member
Summer Getaways: UKROP Style

By Bhumika Mahiya

Forget Physics, Chemistry and Biology: grants such as the Eloranta Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship let students not only apply their knowledge to practical problems but also travel to Texas to interview factory workers, or attempt to understand the anthropology of eating disorders in Arizona.

The MIT Chorallaries finished in third place at an a capella competition over the weekend in Northampton, MA.

The MIT Chorallaries are Top 10 infmtography competition, Plan Upcoming 'Bad Taste' Concert

By Jacob Benihon and Sonali Mukherjee

A week before their highly anticipated Concert in Bad Taste, the MIT Chorallaries continued last Friday in the National Championships for the honor of Collegiate a capella competition at Smith College in Northampton, MA. Elected by a busing of fans the group put on a solid performance to make third place. The Chorallaries advanced to the semi-finals after destroying the competition on February 25 at Boston University.

A three-piece ensemble, the Chorallaries are made up of vocalists and an instrumentalist, who featured a solo by Joe Cirelli ‘01, named best soloist at the quarter final competition. After that they made straight to Paula Cole’s “I Am So Ordinary.” This song had a strong solo by Sheng Chong G. The final song was “Miserere Mei Deus” by No. Da. Mira Wilczek ‘93, the petite newbie, performed in the solo, while others were starred by unexpectedly singing loudy and powerfully while at the same time accurately mimicking Queen Stefa’s voice.

While the group put in a solid performance, they were edged out by the Harvard Callisters and Skidmore Academy, who also performed an act featuring amazing choreography in their treatise on what looks like “The Callbacks” advanced to finals April 30 in New York City.

In one of the disappointments with the third place ranking, the Chorallaries will shift gears this weekend to perform at the BASH.

The concert, beginning at 11:59 p.m., has been publicized around campus with various flyers. The attendees are promised a “shock” of the camp out a capella concert. With interests named such as “Shove it in your mouth or you might get cold” and “So here we’re talking about penis enlargement and forward thrust,” a quote taken from a Course 16 professor, the signs illustrate the theme of the concert: this is not your mother’s a capella concert.

The uniqueness of this concert may be what drives its popularity which began in the late thirties. In recent years, students have been known to wait up to 12 hours in line to guarantee themselves a spot in room 10-256.

The one to two hour concert will feature a wide variety of parody songs that range from raunchy to cheesy. While this year’s material is top secret, in recent years the group sang such songs as “Necrophilia Down by the Graveyard” and “MIT is Easy When You Dance to the Waltz.” No group will be safe from the Chorallaries’ cutting parody.

In addition to the songs, the Chorallaries in past years have also performed other acts. Past skits include “God’s Experiences as a Student at MIT” and “Alien Invasion on Register Day.” The famed Bad Taste t-shirts will also be on sale that night.
Dear Dr. Do It and Ms. Emotion:

I am really interested in a girl in one of my classes, and I've been trying to get to know her in some social occasions. We seem to have good chemistry, but things are moving kind of slow. Also, for some reason, I have this feeling she might be seeing someone even though she claims to be available. What should I do?

- Chemically Reactive

Dear Dr. Do It: Well, my answer to the first question applies here. Have you talked to her yet?

I understand that it's easier to give out advice than to take it. To my credit, I have been in situations like this where I'm not sure what's going on in a relationship and I know that I like this girl. But how does one approach this sort of subject? I don't know. It's different every time.

I suppose you could pick a moment where this chemistry between you and her is strong and bring it up the subject then. Ask her what's going on and where this relationship is going.

Of course, there is a chance that she doesn't even know. She's probably hung out with you because you're fun to hang out with, but you're not actively looking for a relationship.

As far as I can tell, a lot of people play it by ear. If you enjoy hanging out with her, cool. If you want something more and you think that she might feel the same, I recommend that you talk about it with her. Otherwise, it sounds like you guys are having fun together and that's great. The best position is in your current position and don't worry about what she does in her time outside of the relationship.

Dear readers: Okay, here's the deal. If you have any topic you want us to talk about, e-mail it to us. We'll choose the most interesting one and write about it in the next column.

- Do It with Emotion

If you have any questions for Dr. Do It or Ms. Emotion or topics you would like them to discuss, please e-mail to advice@tech.mit.edu.
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MICE STORY

- post epilogue -

running altogether on the round ball,

we are trying to be faster than the rest, sometimes faster than even ourselves...

and we are tearing apart our souls...

let's go fishing...

there's something sinister about these professors, and we need to get to the bottom of it! there's only one way to do this! from the inside!!

yes! my friends, i propose project infiltration!

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**Crossword Puzzle**

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**Dilbert**

- WE CAN'T MAKE ENOUGH OF OUR PRODUCT TO MEET DEMAND.
- OUR NEW STRATEGY IS TO BE MORE ARROGANT. WE HOPE THAT WILL LOWER DEMAND.
- CAN YOU TEACH ME TO BE ARROGANT?
- BAH!
- THIS WILL BE YOUR CUBICLE.
- IN SIX WEEKS OUR I.T. PEOPLE WILL CONNECT YOU TO THE NETWORK SO YOU CAN DO YOUR JOB.
- I'LL STOP BY EVERY FEW MINUTES TO SEE WHAT YOU'RE DOING.
- WE DON'T PAY ENOUGH TO HIRE BRILLIANT PEOPLE FOR OUR WEB TEAM.
- I NEED WEBIOT SAVANTS WHO DON'T KNOW THEY SHOULD HAVE BETTER JOBS.
- I'D EXPECT STOCK OPTIONS, OF COURSE.

**FoxTrot**

- EXCUSE ME, GIRLS?
- BECAUSE I ALSO NOTICED WHEN YOU FIRST SLIPPED IT INTO YOUR PURSE.
- NOT TO BE CYNICAL, UNDERSTAND PETITIVE, BUT WE'RE HAVING I THINK A VERY DIFFERENT CONVERSATION ON THE PHONE.

- FOOD COURT.
- I NOTICED YOU TAKING THAT CD OUT OF YOUR PURSE AND RETURNING IT TO THE SHELF BACK IN THAT STORE. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW GLAD I AM THAT YOU CHOSE TO DO THAT.
- NOT SO CYNICAL... IN FACT, I THINK HAVING A DIFFERENT CONVERSATION IN THIS STORE.

- HOLY COW! TAKE A LOOK AT THIS WEATHER FORECAST!
- SUNNY... DRY... HIGHS IN THE MID-70S!
- T-SHIRT AND SHORTS, HERE I COME!
- YOU MIGHT HAVE TOLD ME YOU WERE READING OLD NEWSPAPERS FOR SCHOOL...

- WHO CAN EXPLAIN THIS FIRST POEM? STACY?
- WHO CAN EXPLAIN THIS NEXT POEM? MICHAEL?
- FINALLY, WHO CAN EXPLAIN THIS LAST POEM? GINA?
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7:30 pm March 7, 2000
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A grade-tampering scandal in Cell Biology (7.06) was revealed by Professor Harvey F. Lodish of the Biology department last Thursday. Lodish announced to his course that unidentified students had broken into the course grader's secure computer system and had lowered the grades of about 20 students while raising the grades of two others. Although Lodish and co-instructor Professor Peter K. Sorger refused to comment further on the matter and did not reveal the names of suspected students, they did say that deans had identified the two students whose grades were raised and that disciplinary actions would be taken.

Lodish "pleaded for anybody who was responsible for this transgression or who knew who was to go talk to him at his office after class," said Vinod Rao '02, a student in the course. "He made it clear that the responsible parties would be punished either way, but suggested that a confession would be considered when determining the punishment."

TAs for the course, who also refused to comment on the incident, re-collected course exams to re-enter scores into a new computer system. The changes were apparently discovered when a few TAs began comparing hard copies of exams to the scores on their computer and found that some of the scores had been altered.

The computer system, according to Lodish, is "secure," so course instructors are attempting to determine who had access to the computer's password. "MIT disciplinary actions are confidential," said Dean of Students Rosalind H. Williams. The identities of the students involved, therefore, will not likely be disclosed.

The 7.06 incident is the third to hit MIT in recent years. The last major cheating incident here occurred in the spring of 1990, when nearly 80 students were accused of turning in duplicate code for their problem sets in Introduction to Computers and Engineering Problem Solving (1.00). In October 1998, students in a Laboratory in Software Engineering course (6.170) were also warned about cheating by course instructors. An e-mail sent to students in that course said, "It's ok to discuss how to solve problems with other students, but you must write your own code. It appears that some students did not follow this rule in problem set one."

No students were subject to disciplinary action for that incident, although then Department Head Professor Paul L. Penfield Jr. ScD '60 reacted to the event by saying: "At a general rule, the amount of cheating is low ... The students here are here because they love [the work] and they enjoy it."
March 7th

ToBGLAD Week:
"I'd Like to Solve the Puzzle, Please?"

I'll take a "B." Is there a "T"? Trying to understand ToBGLAD, LGBT, queer, and the rest of the alphabet is a lot more complicated than just asking Vanna to turn over a bunch of letters! At this session, we deconstruct the role gender, sex, and sexual orientation play in making up our identities and consider the space such variety adds to our lives and the MIT community. Bring your questions and your experiences! For more information, email lbgt@mit.edu.

Wendy Beauchamp, Ricky Gresh, and Nicole Hormon, Residential Life and Student Life Programs

March 28th

Putting it All Together:
Making Sense of MIT

The world is what you make of it and that includes MIT. Simplify your life by learning to make a four-year academic plan that helps you balance your classes and yet takes into account that you have social and personal needs.

Bonnie Walters, Academic Resource Center

April 4th

Finding Meaningful work in the world

Whether you're planning on taking a year off or searching for a more meaningful career path, you'll learn about a number of different options you can take. Come learn about the many exciting opportunities that await you in the field of public and community service. We'll talk about how to find a local teaching job, how to move across the country to fight fires and natural disasters, how to use your computer skills to help low-income communities and more. Find out how you can make a difference in your life... and someone else's.

Jill Soucy, Public Service Center

April 11th

The Challenges and Rewards of Interracial Dating

A panel of our personal interracial relationships will share their experiences, their interactions with their families and friends, as well the reactions of MIT and our greater Boston Area. After talking about issues that possibly come up for many couples, discussion will be open to everyone.

Norma Lopez and Mark Tracy, Residential Life and Student Life Programs

April 25th

Catching Some ZZZ's

Ever lie in bed wide awake and wonder when you were ever going to fall asleep? Need to know if you should pull that all-nighter or get some sleep before that test? Learn the answers to these questions and a lot more during this program on sleep.

Gina Baral, Health Education of MIT

May 2nd

Get Ready to RUMBLE... for Your Finals!

It's that time again! This spring, fight off the villains of distraction, procrastination, and denial! We'll help you find strategies to keep you focused so you can end this academic year with a bang!

Elizabeth Young, Academic Resource Center

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Disability requirements or changing zoning could prove prohibitively costly for the houses. Dormitories also must abide by these regulations, but most already have the necessary assembly permits and will not be affected, said Associate Dean Andrew M. Eisenmann '70.

The IFC, along with the administration, is prepared to take all necessary steps to gain whatever permits are necessary to allow large events to continue in Cambridge. In a widely circulated e-mail, IFC president David A. Brosnan '01 said, "We as an FSILG community must have the necessary assembly permits and will not be affected, said Associate Dean Andrew M. Eisenmann '70.

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Chopra Expounds On Vedanta

By Anishan Nayak

Consider the wit of Ronald Reagan and the charisma of Roberto Benini. Add to these characteristics the century old arid of an evangelical cleric, and whom do you get? None other than Deepak Chopra, the controversial medical doctor who shared some of his views on science, medicine, and life on Sunday at Wong Auditorium.

Chopra comes from an ancient Indian school of thought known as Vedanta and the mysticism and their own physiology. "And these different states of consciousness create their own biological structures," Chopra explained.

Controversial medical doctor Deepak Chopra signs books for fans after his lecture Sunday in Wong Auditorium.

Chopra feels that "learning to dispel some of the mysticism and cognitive mechanisms that evolve into our separate conscious states" can help us develop perceptual and cognitive mechanisms that may not only bring us a sense of well-being but may, in fact, help us fight disease.

This is precisely why Chopra's views on health are so controversial. As most physicians would contend, it takes much more than manipulating the psyche to circumvent the vast majority of physical ailments.

Audience reaction positive

During much of his lecture, Chopra took the audience on a journey through a myriad of scientific domains — from the depths of the subatomic world to the heights of the cosmos. On several occasions, he tried to demonstrate how Vedantic principles are consistent with those of contemporary science.

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I applied to the Council
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at MIT Grants Program!

My site visit with a Grants
committee member went well.
Encouraging! And how!

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particularly ful-
filled....

Now - How did that
happen?

I stopped by E15-305,
The Office of the Arts.

I just filled in this
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material...

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that your song cycle
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March 7, 2000

Center Breaks Ground

By Katie Jeffreys

STAFF REPORTER

Officials from MIT and Cambridge joined hands and shared shovels at a groundbreaking ceremony Friday that marked the beginning of the construction phase of the Ray and Maria Stata Center.

The ceremony began with brief speeches by President Charles M. Vest, Provost Robert A. Brown, and Cambridge Mayor Anthony D. Galluccio. The speakers, along with donors, Chairman of the Corporation Alexander V. d'Arbeloff '49, and the client and project team then performed the shoveling duties at the site where Building 20 used to stand.

MIT-Cambridge form new bond

Vest cited the ceremony as being a symbolic moment in creating "the next magic incubator." Building 20 was termed "the magic incubator" because of the technological contributions the workers there brought to the world.

"We look forward to all the scientific innovations we know will take place here," said Beth Rubenstein, assistant city manager for community development and a speaker at the ceremony.

Rubenstein cited the Stata Center as an example of civic cooperation. The plans of the buildings took into consideration pedestrian needs and include a plaza available to the greater Cambridge community.

In addition, Rubenstein said that "the city was very gratified that MIT decided to locate the parking underground." Galluccio echoed this support of MIT-Cambridge relations. He sees the Center as the first step in a series of joint projects. Galluccio has called for MIT to become involved in the Cambridge Public Schools' technology programs and help alleviate the Cambridge housing crunch by building more Institute housing.

He also joked that he was pleased that the Stata Center is a building whose name ends in a vowel.

Speakers praise center design

The actual structure of the building received accolades as well. The unique architecture of the building, consisting of non-perpendicular lines, varying materials, and bright colors will be a notable change to the landscape of the northeast corner of campus.

"It will have an impact on everyone who drives by it, everyone who goes in it, and everyone who has the privilege of working in it," Brown said.

In addition to the three stories of underground parking, which will replace the East Garage, Brown pointed out the Athletics and Day Care facilities, classrooms, and common space as important features of the building.

Big donors back center

Though the groundbreaking ceremony took place last Friday, construction of the Stata Center is set to begin later this spring. Designed by renowned architect Frank O. Gehry, the center will house primarily faculty in computer science, electrical engineering, artificial intelligence, and brain and cognitive sciences.

The Stata Center has received considerable financial support from donors such as William H. Gates III ($20 million), Alexander W. Dreyfoos Jr. '$5 million), and Ray and Maria Stata ($25 million). Many of the donors whose names appear at the groundbreaking ceremony were present at the event was so high that roughly twice as many people attended as there were seats available.

After the ceremony's reception was held, and photos and a video about the center were shown, along with a time capsule of Building 20.

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Voters Switch Parties To Vote For McCain

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"I have always followed politics closely, but never before have I had so much enthusiasm for any candidate," a sentiment echoed across the nation.

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Democrats vote for McCain

Cholankeril said the group has been focused on getting students to vote for the primary tomorrow by getting students to change their party registration to make them eligible to vote. McCain's unexpected appeal to Democrats and Independents has been one of the most unusual aspects of this campaign and the source of many of McCain's victories.

"Senator McCain appeals to voters across the spectrum, and over 30,000 Democrats across the state of Massachusetts were able to switch their party affiliation in time," Cholankeril said. He said the group's efforts had helped over 150 people register and change their affiliation.

"Any other activities, such as waving signs at subway stops and political events, have focused on 'visibility,'" Cholankeril said.

Many McCain supporters wouldn't support for the other Republican candidate, George W. Bush, should he win the nomination.

"I'd rather vote for Al Gore than Bush. My pecking order is McCain, Al Gore, Bill Bradley, and then Bush," Wu said.

Bradley, Gore campaigns strong

Among Democrats on campus, both Bradley and Gore have excited them to vote as well as take part in sign-waving around Boston and Cambridge.

"I am definitely more interested in this [campaign] than in the Clinton-Dole contest of 1996," Smith said, noting that the element of contest and suspense is real this year.

Strauss said that few MIT students had time to worry about the primary, however.

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Strauss said, "You'll find that a lot of people [at MIT] are cynical about organized politics, "but we'll go for specific issues not tacked on to party politics."

He urged students to consider working for a campaign.
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Vermont No Match For Men Gymnasts

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Dave Yin '03, who wasn't technically on the roster but whose unrefined enthusiasm overrode such trivial technicalities. He entertained the other teams with his newly-acquired back handsprings until it was in his best interest to stop.

Brendan Henry '03 soon took over, up to his usual habit of adding skills to his routines on the fly that neither he nor the coach thought he would do. This earned him a 6.5.

The Engineers ran head to head with Vermont until the last event, which brought it down to the wire with the four remaining gymnasts. This inspired the solo routine of possible 50 points) which included a pair of 9.8s by Megan Donoghue (9.1), Ellefson (9.15), Wolf (9.1), and Shui (9.15). Robin Chiu '00 closed out the beam set with a shaky 7.2, but MIT had already totaled up its best beam effort of the year with a 44.65.

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Women's Beam Team Leads Strong Effort

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Beam is where it all came together for MIT: Caitlin Dwyer-McNally '03 had an early slip on her routine but got back up to nail a trick that she has been missing all year and posted her season high score with an 8.15.

Then, the beam team accomplished something that has only been done once before at MIT — four scores of 9.1 or better. The foursome in order were Ellingson (9.1), Ellefson (9.15), Wolf (9.1), and Shui (9.15). Robin Chiu '00 closed out the beam set with a shaky 7.2, but MIT had already totaled up its best beam effort of the year with a 44.65.

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U-Mass, on the other hand, gave away a couple of points on beam as only two of their six competitors were able to stay on the equipment. Nevertheless, they put on quite a show and it was a great experience to have them come to MIT.

Seniors Cheng and Chiu have one last opportunity to compete at home as this year MIT is hosting the Division III Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference Championships Saturday at 1 p.m. The meet will take place in Rockwell Cage rather than in DuPont and will display the best of Division III gymnastics in the east. This meet will determine which teams move on to the Division III Nationals Championships in Springfield, Mass., on March 24-25.

As a final note, Ellerson will be defending her ECAC All-Around title which she earned last year with an ECAC record 38.125.
**Gymnasts Move Up Versus Rival UMass**

Women Cut Previous Loss by 10 Points

By Eduardo Ovalle

The University of Massachusetts at Amherst women's gymnastics team moved into fifth at the New England Women's Swimming and Diving Championships February 18-21. This was the final championship swim meet of the season for the 32 teams and over 400 women and girls who attended the three-day event. The Engineers battled hard with a sixth place finish and a time of 1 minute, 43.08 seconds which was Kaitlin Alberti '03, Ellen Kim '03, Andrea Harsanyi '02, and Laura Enge '01 in the 300-yard freestyle relay.

Building on the strong opening by the relay, Alberi placed third in the 50-yard backstroke with a time of 28.24. The 50-yard butterfly was dominated by MIT with two high finishes. Andrea Harsanyi '02 placed seventh with a time of 27.69 and captured the women's gymnastics team to close the gap between them-

**MIT Women Track Stars Compete in Championship**

By Deborah S. Won

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