KS Avoids Sanctions
One Brother Blamed In Trashing of House
By Frank Dobek
Kappa Sigma emerged unscathed from their latest brush with the Cambridge Licensing Commission. No disciplinary action was taken on charges stemming from a January 23 incident in which the first floor of the fraternity's Memorial Drive house was trashed and a smoke detector activated.

Commission members accepted KS's explanation that a house member, acting alone, was responsible for the damage.

A campus police incident report presented by Campus Police Lt. and tenant Stephen Joiner at the CLC hearing on Tuesday night reported that upon arrival officers "discovered the entire first floor to be a complete catastrophe." The report stated that "tables and chairs were knocked over, food thrown all over the floors and walls, and kitchen products and barrels were all over the floors."

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Candidates for UA President spars over issues ranging from MIT culture to student representation

By Jonathan Sheffi '03 asks a panel of UA candidates about their views on activities funding during Wednesday's UA Presidential Debate.

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New York Senate Race Is Heading for New Fund-Raising Record

By Glenn Kessler

The Washington Post

A booming economy and a slowdown in Medicare spending has extended the financial life of the old-age health program from 2015 to 2023, the most upbeat assessment by the program's trustees in a quarter-century.

The report — and an almost equally positive evaluation of the Social Security trust fund — could increase pressure on Congress to add new benefits to the Medicare program without bothering to tackle fundamental changes that would deal with the looming retirement of the baby-boom generation, lawmakers said. Democrats and Republicans alike have offered competing bills that would provide a prescription drug benefit to the Medicare program.

The Medicare trust fund, which pays hospital costs for 39 million Americans, gained eight years in its projected solvency in the past year. The Social Security fund is projected to last until 2037, an increase of three years.

Administration officials and several members of Congress warned that the reports should not delay action on dealing with the baby-boom retirement crisis, when the number of workers per beneficiary is expected to drop from 3:4 today to just over 2 in 2030.

Baby boomers, who were born between 1946 and 1964, will begin to retire by the end of the decade, and the Medicare report projects enrollment will double, to $11 trillion, by 2035. When that happens, the trustees warn, the cost of caring for those retirees will overawe the system as it's now structured.

"There is one downside to this year's good news," said Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, one of the trustees. "It invites complacency, and complacency is a prescription for disaster." President Clinton, speaking to several hundred people at an event at the Selfhelp Austin Street Senior Center in Queens, N.Y., said the reports demonstrated progress but also pressed for his plan to provide a prescription drug benefit to seniors.

But Sen. John B. Breaux, D-La., a leading advocate of major overhaul of the big entitlement programs, warned that prolonged solvency does not address long-term needs of Medicare and Social Security, and could undermine efforts to put the two programs on a sounder financial footing.

"Extending the solvency of Medicare and Social Security for a couple more years does nothing to modernize the structure of both these vital programs, and in fact, reduces the sense of urgency that improvements need to be made soon to protect the 77 million baby boomers who start retiring in the next 10 years," Breaux said.

Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., another proponent of restructuring Medicare, suggested the new solvency projections might make it easier to add prescription drug benefits to Medicare but urged that they be tied to more fundamental reform.

"Prescription drugs and reform must still go hand-in-hand if we are to weather the upcoming democratic shift and take full advantage of broadening access to medicines and technology," he said.

If anything, the trustees report, which surprised many budget experts — who show how good economic news and a little luck can radically change the financial picture of these entitlement programs, which account for nearly 40 percent of the federal budget.
Bush Presents New Proposal
To Increase Teacher Training

By Kenneth J. Cooper
THE WASHINGTON POST

Texas Gov. George W. Bush Thursday proposed to improve the quality of the nation’s teachers, which polls show to be a big issue with voters concerned about education, by calling for nearly $3 billion to recruit and train teachers and give them a tax break.

Bush’s new proposals on teacher quality shored up the Republican presidential candidate’s stance on an education issue that Vice President Gore has addressed with a more elaborate and costlier set of plans to provide college scholarships, incentive pay and salaries for teachers.

Previously, Bush has supported block grants that states could use for a variety of training programs for teachers already in the classroom.

Although members of teachers unions constitute a core constitu-

cency of the Democratic Party, and Republicans regularly bash them, Bush seemed to go out of his way Thursday to convey in his words and new proposals respect for teach-

ers and an appreciation of their central role in improving public schools.

The leader of Houston’s teachers union, an affiliate of the American Federation of Teachers, met the Texas governor at a middle school here and joined him in a roundtable discussion of education issues held by a conservative talk show host and broadcast on a local radio sta-

tion.

“Education reform is empty if it doesn’t take account of the needs of educators,” Bush said. “Teachers are not the object of education reform, they are the engine of edu-

cation reform. They have a high calling, and we must respect it.”

The biggest proposal Bush offered was a $2 billion increase over five years in federal spending to recruit and train teachers, particu-

larly in the academic subjects that they teach rather than instructional methods. The additional $400 mil-

lion a year would more than double the amount that the government cur-

cently dedicates solely to teacher training, $335 million.

Contractor To Begin Restoration Of Recovered E-mail Messages

By Robert L. Jackson
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Presidential counsel Beth Nolan assured a congressional committee Thursday that copies of thousands of White House e-mail messages that were missing for two years are secure and intact on backup com-

puter tapes, but she said efforts to restore them will take nearly six months.

Under questioning by skeptical Republicans, Nolan said the work will be done by an outside contrac-

tor who has estimated that the job will take 170 days. At that point, she said, the White House will be able to determine if any of the lost messages are relevant to investiga-

tions of the Clinton administration by congressional panels or indepen-

dent counsels.

“The backup tapes of e-mail records are secure,” Nolan testified. “We have already begun the process that will enable us to search these records, and we will do so as quick-

ly as possible.”

Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., chair-

man of the Government Reform Committee, demanded to know why his panel was not immediately noti-

fied in June 1998—when the prob-

lem was discovered—that some of the missing e-mails might be related to Democratic campaign-finance abuse, a subject his committee was investigat-

ing.

The topic is of continuing interest to Republicans because activities of Vice President Al Gore figured heavily in that inquiry.

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Nolan insisted that the break-

down was unintended and stressed that 7,700 e-mail records dealing with campaign-finance issues on the computers of individual White House officials had been supplied to Burton’s committee.

Aging Process Is Propelled by Cell Duplication Failure, Study Says

LOS ANGELES TIMES

The wasting that comes with age—wrinkled skin, weakened bones and nagging physical complaints—may result from genetic mistakes that begin in middle age as cells lose their ability to reproduce properly, a new study concludes.

The new research, published Friday in Science, offers a tantalizing—and tentative—explanation for the physical ravages of time.

If confirmed in subsequent studies, it suggests a single underlying factor at work in degenerative diseases ranging from Alzheimer’s disease and arthritis to cancer, heart and diabetic disease.

From the moment of birth, the human body is under assault by the natural chemistry of the world we inhabit, by the radiation from the sun that nurtures us, by the repetitive stress of moving muscle and bone against the force of gravity. Yet for decades, the body’s cells can shrew off all effects and flawlessly replace themselves, until inevitably and mysteriously they begin to fail.

Seeking clues to why the human body wears out over time, researchers at the Scripps Research Institute and the Novartis Genomics Institute in La Jolla, Calif., found that as the years add up, so do the genetic mutations that occur when critical cells lose their ability to reproduce properly.

Germany Sets Up Anonymous Drop Boxes for Unwanted Infants

HAMBURG, GERMANY

Foundlings left on the doorsteps of churches, orphanages or for kind benefactors have been sent to better lives by desperate mothers at least since the days of the Bible, when Moses was floated down the Nile to safety. But in a wealthy country such as Germany, which is a member of the best social security nets in the world, few thought to look so far backward for a solution to the disturbingly recurrent problem of unwanted newborns being abandoned to cold and hunger.

With Friday’s inauguration of Germany’s first designated foundling drop-off site since the 1700s, child welfare workers hope the option of a safe and anonymous abandonment will save lives among the 40 or so castoff newborns found nationwide each year, most dead of exposure.

Project Findelbaby—or foundling—is little more than a night deposit box with a warm bed beyond the delivery slot and a sensor that alerts caretakers of an arrival. The brainchild of social workers in this port city that has long been a magnet for prostitutes, runaways and drug addicts, the receptacle in the ground-floor door of a day-care center allows the hand-over of unwanted infants with no questions asked.

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Erratum

An article about the McCormick pilot program in residence advising ["Pilots Explore Residential Advising," Mar. 28] incorrectly stated that McCormick had 50-100 students living in the dorm. In reality, there are about 250 students living in the dorm. Random Hall houses approximately 100 students, not the 200 reported in the article. McConnick had 50-100 students living in the dorm. In reality, there are about 250 students living in the dorm. Random Hall houses approximately 100 students, not the 200 reported in the article.

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Shulman-Chuang for UAP/VP

The Tech endorses Peter A. Shulman '01 and Mendel Chuang '02 for Undergraduate Association President and Vice President. Shulman and Chuang offer the right combination of idealism and pragmatism, and would be the strongest, most effective advocates for the student body.

We believe Shulman is the presidential candidate best capable of handling the student Government's concerns of the coming year. While he is relatively inexperienced, his running mate Chuang has spent two years in class and UA office. The candidates group that distrust between students and the administration is a severe problem which must be rectified for other initiatives to succeed. The outgoing, affable Shulman would be a UA president students could approach with their concerns and know that the student body president would give them all due consideration.

The decision between the ticket of Jennifer C. Berk '01 and Jason H. Wasfy '02 presents a difficult one. Berk's three years of service on UA and Institute committees sharply contrasts with Shulman's recent involvement in UA affairs. Berk's experience in housing, an issue Wasfy himself acknowledges, requires outspoken leadership and the ability to engage the public. Berk herself concedes that she does not present herself well in large crowds.

However, Berk does not present herself as a leader around whom students can rally. The position of UA President requires outspoken leadership and the ability to engage the public. Berk herself concedes that she does not present herself well in large crowds. The Tech worries about her ability to transition from the intimate, closed dealings with the administration as a committee member to the open, public position of UA President.

Most importantly, we urge every undergraduate student to exercise his or her right to vote. The UA needs a strong voice, but it can only be a strong voice with a strong turnout at the polls. Undergraduates must shed their apathy and vote next year if they want a successful UA.
Monsanto’s efforts to suppress Hormone Labeling Typify Biotech Politics

Steve Wilson and Jane Akre, were hired in 1996 by Fox News in Tampa to file a report about rBGH—a hormone that stimulates milk production in cows. The report was based on Monsanto’s efforts to keep this information from the public. The story, which was never run, contained several inaccuracies, and was not supported by any evidence.

Monsanto is a chemical giant, and we all know that companies who are under scrutiny can’t be trusted. In the case of Monsanto, the company has been involved in the production of chemicals that have caused various ailments, including cancer. In 1967, the company was charged with producing Agent Orange, a herbicide that contains dioxin, which has been linked to various health problems.

Monsanto had a lease to produce Agent Orange, and it was reported that the company knew about the dangers of the chemical. However, the company did not inform the public of the dangers, and the chemical was sold to the U.S. military. In 1971, the company was sued for damages, and the case was settled out of court.

In 1996, the company was again under scrutiny for its role in the production of Agent Orange. The company was accused of knowing about the dangers of the chemical, but not informing the public. The company denied the accusations, and the case was settled out of court.

Monsanto has a long history of suppressing information that is damaging to the company. In 1967, the company was sued for producing a chemical that caused cancer, but the case was settled out of court. In 1996, the company was sued for producing Agent Orange, but the case was settled out of court.

Monsanto is a large company that has a long history of suppressing information that is damaging to the company. The company has a history of knowing about the dangers of the chemicals it produces, but not informing the public. This behavior is not only unethical, but it is also illegal. The company should be held accountable for its actions, and the public should be informed of the dangers of the chemicals it produces.
State of the Airwaves
Superstar, Stir, and Self-Indulgence
By Dan Katz
THE ARTS

Look out, people, the mother of all so-much-bands is in town. That’s right, it’s KORN, who invade the Worcester Centrum tonight and earn the Airwaves Show of the Week. I’m not only impressed by the strength of their opening acts: Spike & Mike’s Sick & Twisted Animation Films, overachieving New Englanders Starkiller, and the wonderfully monikered band Mindless Self Indulgence. However, this show has been sold out for weeks, so if you don’t know about it by now, you can’t really do anything about it. Nothing like wasting valuable editorial space. In other rock ’em sock ’em concert action, Jim’s Big Egg Hot Club Passion for April Fool’s Day (which just sounds dangerous to me) and next Wednesday Rollins Band (who always sound dangerous) check in to the Avalon Ballroom.

Hope you had a nice Thanksgiving. As usual, when I get time off I get the opportunity to catch up with MTV, and I noticed a few things. First and most shocking, Hanson’s new single, “This Time Around,” is really good. And it’s a rock song. Not a heavy rock song, but no less rock than Third Eye Blind or Counting Crows. It’s got some very nice piano and guitar playing and a terrific chorus, and sadly, it’ll probably never get played on alternative radio because the kids have a bad image. It probably belongs on an alternative playlist more than Cypress Hill’s rock remix of “Superstar,” which is virtually identical to the rap mix, aside from the absence of Eminem and the addition of some cheesy distempered rock chords. But Cypress Hill are hardcore and Hanson aren’t, and rock radio stations have rebellious images to protect, which means hypocrisy wins out.

The mysteries of life are varied and plentiful. Where did the dinosaurs come from? Is Elvis Presley really dead? And why are Dope songs so catchy? This last point is prompted by “Everyday Sucks,” Dope’s latest offering to hard rock radio, and like it’s predecessor, “Dopehead,” this release has your head rank and the average price of metal (with the possible exception of Powerman 5000). How do these bands manage to make hard-edged sound so infectious? My theory is this brilliantly written rhythm guitar. As the verses roll by, there’s a constant “chug-chug” in the guitar line that just makes the music flow. It’s not exactly a new theory in the realm of hard rock, but I can’t remember the last band that pulled it off as well as the boys from Dope.

Dri’s “New Beginning” is getting more and more radio play, and it’s not a big surprise; it’s a catchy, poppy song by a pop act. Much like “Lunch,” another catchy, poppy song by a pop act, Dri’s got a heavy chorus that sounds kind of like um . . . oh, the chorus to “Lunch” by Dwee. I love originality in the music industry.

And finally, Mario’s absence could easily be the reason of the time of the third annual MTV News sweepstakes about her close relationship with Trent Reznor. “Well, we met for the first time at the MTV Video Music Awards and we talked for a while and we’ve talked on the phone a few times. He’s a really nice person and extremely talented, so maybe we’ll be able to collaborate.” Does anybody else think she sounds like one of those people who run into Leonardo DiCaprio in an elevator and spends the rest of her life telling people about it? Or maybe it’s just me. (At least thanks to, not me in the elevator.)

Believe it or not, State of the Airwaves has a birthday next week. That’s right, we’re getting the birthday bash! Of course, the Strokes, and all those other bands that got us through those hazy days of our high school years. The party starts at 11 PM, and you can’t miss it.

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Beyond the Mat
Random Acts of Exposé
By Dan Katz

Directed and written by Barry Blaustein
With Mick Foley, Jake Roberts and Terry Funk
Lions Gate Films

His name is Dan and I’m a Jerichoic. In fact, I do tend to talk about it rather openly, but this my first admission in a mainstream publication that I’ve been watching professional wrestling for years. I still watch it, and I love it. There are two spring movie releases associated with wrestling this year; Ready To Rumble, a David Arquette comedy endorsed by the accelerating downward spiral that is WCW, and Beyond the Mat, an unauthorized documentary about the wrestling industry and its employees. I’m going to discuss the one that isn’t a complete waste of time.

Barry Blaustein’s Beyond the Mat comes with more acclaim than one would expect from a wrestling film. Since documentaries aren’t all that accessible, the Oscar committee designates a list of ten films that voters in the category must view for eligibility. BTM made that list, although it was not eventually nominated (allowing me to throw all my support behind Bugsy Sbarra’s Social Club). Truth be told, the film focuses primarily on the lives of wrestlers outside of wrestling, specifically those Blaustein witnessed growing up. This gives the exchanges an intimate atmosphere, but at the same time the movie occasionally feel like an episode of Fame.

I’m still not quite sure what Blaustein was trying to do structurally with the movie. On the one hand, he achieves a nice effect by exploring many different levels of wrestlers, including the current superstar (Mick Foley), the recent retiree (Terry Funk, who has retired for “good” on at least five separate occasions), the young trainees, and the washed-up veteran (Jake Roberts). On the other hand, Blaustein throws eclectic footage into the film in the order that he encountered it, creating more of a short-term autobiography than a concentrated study. MTV’s recent documentary “True Life: I Am A Pro Wrestler” juxtaposed the stories of three wrestlers at completely different stages of their careers with very powerful and engaging results. Blaustein has an even greater variety of material, but he doesn’t use it as effectively as he could, and the outcome is disappointing.

There are numerous guides to the inside world of pro wrestling available now in multiple formats (the best by far is Mick Foley’s best-selling autobiography, Have A Nice Day), but Beyond The Mat scores over the others in its coverage of two major issues. The centerpiece of the movie comes from a chilling sequence with Jake Roberts who frankly discusses his cocaine addiction and his inability to communicate with his family often through muddled rantings that are even more, frightening (and more compelling) than his notoriously spooky character interviews. The coverage of rock-taker Foley is also compelling: Blaustein’s footage of Foley’s wife and children watching one of his most violent matches at ringside and crying is poignant; his admission that he achieved a nice effect by exploring many different levels of wrestlers, including the current superstar (Mick Foley), the recent retiree (Terry Funk, who has retired “for good” on at least five separate occasions), the young trainees, and the washed-up veteran (Jake Roberts). On the other hand, Blaustein throws eclectic footage into the film in the order that he encountered it, creating more of a short-term autobiography than a concentrated study. MTV’s recent documentary “True Life: I Am A Pro Wrestler” juxtaposed the stories of three wrestlers at completely different stages of their careers with very powerful and engaging results. Blaustein has an even greater variety of material, but he doesn’t use it as effectively as he could, and the outcome is disappointing.

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The following movies are playing this week at local theaters. The Tech suggests visiting <http://www.boston.com> for a complete listing of times and locations.

**Excellent**
**Good**
**Poor**

The Cider House Rules (***)

Despite the fact that the protagonists' name is Homer, this film ends up feeling less like a Homeric epic and more like a Norman Rockwell painting: hardly great art or even art at all, but something with instantly recognizable Murphyanity and an overall impact that can hardly be ignored. Credit this mostly to luminous acting and the screenplay's understated emotional complexity. - VZ

Mission to Mars (**~2)

This latest Brian De Palma movie borrows so much from such space films as Contact, Alien, and 2001: A Space Odyssey that the result is not only poor — it's laughably poor. Mission to Mars relies heavily on computer graphics and insults its audience with bad writing. The final product would do better as a piece for Mystery Science Theatre 3000. - VZ

The Next Best Thing (***)

Madonna and Rupert Everett star as best friends who accidentally have a baby together. While Madonna and Everett are convincing in their roles, the premise of a gay man getting drunk and having sex with his female best friend is too far-fetched to swallow. Furthermore, the complicated custody battle that takes up the final third of the movie destroys the flow created by the first part of the film. - Fred Choi

The Talented Mr. Ripley (***)

A lot to recommend: a complex plot, accomplished acting (Matt Damon and Cate Blanchett especially), and gorgeous visuals; especially impressive is the degree to which the audience gets to understand and identify with the film's immoral protagonist. A bit too slowly-paced, though. - VZ

The Tigger Movie (***)

Pooh, Rabbit, Kanga, Roo, and of course, Tigger return to the big screen in the newest Disney animated adventure. This story of Tigger's quest to find other tiggers benefits from top-notch animation, but feels too childish to be enjoyable. - EB

Topsy-Turvy (****)

Following the trials and triumphs of Gilbert and Sullivan as they create their masterpiece The Mikado, Topsy-Turvy holds and keeps the audience's attention. But it's the breathtaking final five minutes that make the film worth seeing. - VZ

Toy Story 2 (**~2)

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The Whole Nine Yards (5)

There are films that are bad and there are films that are so bad they are good, and then there is The Whole Nine Yards, which is so bad it's not even so bad it's good; and there's no point about writing anything about this stillborn, humorless, sexist, violent piece of garbage, not even worth deciding if the word "sucks" or "stinks" applies better, and since I already killed an hour and a half of my life watching this abomination, I'm not going to write more than a single sentence about it, so there. - VZ

Wonder Boys (****)

Wonder Boys, director Curtis Hanson's first film since L.A. Confidential, is an edgily offbeat comedy that takes in sweet and sour, developing, though most of that time it is a delight. Michael Douglas stars as the unshaven, over-the-hill writer and professor Grady Tripp. Tobe Maguire and Katie Holmes play Tripp's students, with Maguire stealing the spotlight as a darkly enchanting would-be Poe. Also enjoyable are Robert Downey Jr. as Tripp's bouncy editor, and Frances McDormand. Though overlong and overstuffed, the plot is always amiable and amusing, and the cast makes this one worth watching. - Roy Rodenstein

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**Ben Affleck (left) and Giovanni Ribisi in New Line Cinema's drama, Boiler Room.**

**American Beauty (****)**

An extremely annoying movie: this deadpan black tragicomedy is a laughable failure as a work of art, being pretentious, simplistic, and self-important. Excepting a truly remarkable performance by Kevin Spacey (whose part is so incredibly small there's nothing to this movie beyond tortured metaphors, caricatures instead of characters, and a messy pile-up of red herrings instead of a plot. - Vladimir V. Zelevinsky

**The Beach (****)**

The quest for the perfect world drives some people to madness, some to obsession, and some to The Beach. In this utopian odyssey chronicling one young, macho man's odyssey chronicling one young, macho man's

**Being John Malkovich (****)**

A hilarious independent British black comedy that is slow to warm up, but grows on the viewer as it progresses. Beautiful People focuses on a number of Londoners and their unique stories, and how their lives intersect over the course of a day. It should be noted, however, that only people who appreciate dark comedies and British independent films would truly enjoy this film. - Karen Feigenbaum

**Biler Room (****)**

A fairly clever, decent movie about the shady dealings of the employees of a small brokerage firm. Witty dialogue and good acting make the film hard to forget, but Boiler Room turns out not to be as thrilling as it claims to be. - Jumane Jeffries

**Beyond the Mat (****)**

A film so different, so whacked-out, so anything but a standard rip-off, with the same stupid computer graphics, fake sets, plot lines, acting is lukewarm. Additionally, the dramatic details, such as the lighting, create a mental hospital, Winona Ryder manages the opening sequence, a perfect closing shot. - VZ

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Like most OmniMax movies, Dolphins is strong on visuals, filling the screen with popping images, but falls somewhat short on the story and characters. The film's strength is in following dolphins as they play and hunt, but is less successful when it attempts to say something about humans. - VZ

**Erin Brockovich (****)**

A great film that successfully combines many genres: courtroom drama, mystery, relationship and character study, satire, and wish-fulfillment fable. Erin Brockovich makes use of actress Julia Roberts' and director Steven Soderbergh's strong points and uses them to complement each other, creating a movie where story and characters matter and where the visuals are mundane and stylized at the same time. - VZ

**Galaxy Quest (****)**

Not quite the Star Trek parody that it starts out like, more of a Star Trek rip-off, with the same stupid computer graphics, fake sets, plot holes (all of the above rather irritating), and general air of absurdity and cheese (very enjoyable). It's also neat to see a bunch of good actors having fun. Rather stupid, really; at the same time, rather cute. - VZ

**Girl, Interrupted (****)**

Exploring the struggles of a teenage girl in a mental hospital, Winona Ryder manages the low but not highs of her character effectively, creating a somewhat skewed view of the movie. However, Angelina Jolie and Brittany Murphy are excellent supporting actresses and serve to balance the movie, while the rest of the acting is lukewarm. Additionally, the dramatic details, such as the lighting, create moods and scenes that are compelling, but that do not make up for the lack of plot. - AM

**Magnolia (****)**

A sprawling incoherent mess of a movie, with a story and characters that manage to be both jaw-droppingly obvious and make no sense whatsoever. On the other hand, the annoying narrative bombast is compensated by great visual verve, and the climactic sequence is simply the most wildly creative
Marine naturalist Dean Demal swims with Jolu, a bottlenose dolphin. Max film dolphins, now playing at the Museum of Science. Call 717-2723-2500 for show times.

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Kevin R. Lang

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Biotech Experts Debate Gene Therapy, Regulation

By Naveen Sunkavally

Two days after the 3000-strong Biodevastation protest rocked Boston, a group of high-profile pundits on biotechnology gathered in a public forum to discuss gene therapy and its implications.

Tuesday night's Technology and Culture Forum featured panelists with a variety of perspectives. James Heywood '91, whose ailing brother inspired him to learn heavy-duty oversight, which rocketed - 91 last year, and 23 in the first two months of this year. Of those trials, 61 percent are with the private sector, blinded by commercial possibilities, tend to hype biotechnology to outrageous extremes.

Researchers are less likely to report the adverse effects of their experiments. Krimsky said. And in journals, such as Scientific America, researchers write about biotechnology without revealing their affiliations to biotechnology companies.

Two emotionally charged moments Two dramatic emotionally charged moments occurred later in the question-and-answer period of the forum.

One woman, whose 5-year-old child is suffering from a rare disease, and is seeking gene therapy, denounced Annas, saying she could judge what was best for her child. "I am a physician and my husband has a PhD in biochemistry," she said. Stephen Heywood, the ailing brother of James Heywood, who was a member of the audience, also railed against Annas. "What makes [gene therapy] not real science?" Heywood asked.

Later, a woman affiliated with Biodevastation 2000 asked the panel why gene therapy was receiving so much funding when there are so many solvable diseases in the third-world related to diet and nutrition. Mickelson responded by saying that only 65 percent of gene therapy was funded by the government.
By Katie Allen

What if there were an opportunity for faculty, staff, undergraduate and graduate students, and their families to interact in an informal and fun setting? Sound like yet another premise from a UA presidential candidate? During Spring Weekend, the third ever Johnson Games will try to make it a reality.

The games were first held in April 1988 as part of the community celebration surrounding the dedication of Johnson Athletic Center. After the success of that event, the games were brought back for President Charles M. Vest’s inauguration in 1991. Both of these events were attended by over 2,000 MIT community members. According to organizer Ted Johnson, associate director for programs and director for community services, “There was always the hope the events would happen but it would have to be at least once in every student’s academic life.”

However, eight years passed without a recurrence of the games. Many MIT community members, remembering the last Johnson Games, had suggested that MIT run the games again, and after the success of the Millennium Ball, the offices of the President, Provost, and Chancellor agreed to fund the games. Chancellor Lawrence S. Bacow ’75 said, “Last time, everyone thought that it was fabulous. We hope to make a regular event of it, because it is such a great community-building event.”

The games will take place Saturday, April 29, 2000. Although the actual events are secret, to keep the Games fair, they will include a wide range of activities designed for all ages. Johnson said that “the games include a broad spectrum of events. People who are not particularly athletic can very easily participate. We are encouraging people to bring their families.”

As President Kathy Willmore, added “there really is something for everyone. For example, older faculty and staff members may not be the team members chosen for a contest that involves scaling a wall, but they would be excellent at something like MIT trivia, which has been an event in the past.”

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Dr. Do It: Ms. Emotion, I see what you’re saying but I think that you might be going a bit overboard. What’s the rush, don’t worry about major or what major you’re in? Regardless of age difference experiences people come from all kinds of different environments. So you may not like dating a “frat boy”, but that is independent of age. The most important aspect is whether you feel that both of you are at similar maturity levels in order for the relationship to work. While you both might come from the same school, also consider that’s it’s more relevant what experiences each of you has had and what either of you is personally looking for in the relationship you are pursuing.

Good relationships entail an relatively even balance, where both partners in the relationship have equal say and agree on the direction of the relationship. However, it is common that the less experienced person in a relationship may end up giving up more control than he or she should and in the end this will not work. If both people in the relationship respect each other’s concerns and are comfortable with them then the relationship has a better chance of working out.

I notice that I have said all of this with out bringing in age. It can be argued that the older person in a relationship typically has more experience and will have more control in the direction of the relationship, but this is not a hard fact across the board. I have also heard that women mature more quickly than men when it comes to relationships, but this is not always the case. I have met very mature teenager and very immature thirty-something year-olds, both men and women. So it really comes down to the bottom line as summed up in Ms. Emotion’s last statement, which I do agree with: only the two of you can know realy whether the differences between you are too significant. It can be argued that the relationship to work.

Dear Dr. Do It and Ms. Emotion: I was wondering what your opinion is on intra-hall dating. I’ve seen several of the people on my hall begin and end relationships and it’s never pretty. Since they live so close together they tend to isolate themselves from the rest of the hall, and the relationship always progresses very quickly since they’re basically living together. When these couples broke up it created a lot of tension on the hall and their friends felt like they had to take sides. It really divided the hall up.

- Hall Monitor

Ms. Emotion: This is an interesting scenario that I’ve seen many of my friends go through. I happen. I think it’s inevitable that when people live near each other and become friends, that they fall in love. It’s just the way things are. We all need to have an open mind about these relationships. They may come with their own set of obstacles, but that doesn’t mean they can’t work.

Couples who find themselves in this position usually have a way of keeping their romance fast, too soon relationship trap. Because they live so close together, it’s hard to keep the relationship private. - Video a “normal” couple. Sleeping in the same bed and eating all meals together becomes a given, and privacy and space become minimal. It’s natural, especially in the beginning of a relationship, to want to spend all your time with your significant other. When you don’t live on the same hall then you’re forced to have some healthy time apart, but when you live together you often spend more time together than you should. A couple may behave like they’ve been dating for years, but that doesn’t mean that they are equipped to deal with the lifestyle that they have established. I would suggest that these couples define some rules to help keep the relationship progressing at an appropriate pace. Only eat one meal together per day and eat the others with your friends or in a big group. Make “dates” for the weekend and spend the rest of your weekend with your friends or studying and doing chores by yourself. Only sleep over on the weekends or after “date.” And try to do things with your friends instead of always just the two of you.

Lastly, if the relationship does come to an end, try to think about your friends. Hopefully you haven’t alienated them from your life while you were involved, because you will need them now. When you go to your friends for comfort, remember that they are also your ex’s friends, and he will need support too. You might need to have some distance from your ex for a while, but essentially, if everyone is mature about the situation, both you and your ex can hangout with the group at the same time.

Dr. Do It: Sometimes people end up entering into a relationship with people on their hall out of convenience. It can be really unhealthy to do this, because of what you have described, causing alienation of friends and the potential for dividing up the hall by friends taking sides when a couple breaks up. However, it can work out if two people really are compatible. It is difficult to have a relationship where almost all of your free time is spent with your significant other because you will find yourself getting on each other’s nerves. One definitely needs “alone” time away from the significant other, which helps keep the relationship healthy.

This can be difficult both people in the relationship share exactly the same circle of friends. The best way to overcome these problems is not to date anyone in your hall and force yourself to expand your horizons by meeting new people outside of your hallway. But if you really do find yourself attracted to someone in your hallway, then at least realize the implications associated with it, and be prepared to deal with them.

If you have any questions for Dr. Do It or Ms. Emotion or topics you would like them to discuss, please send e-mail to <advice@the-tech.mit.edu>
Tech Dinghy #23 graced the corner of Lobby 10 this week to remind students that the MIT sailing Pavilion opened for business last Tuesday. Students can purchase a year-long sailing card for $25 from the Cashier’s Office.

The music library offers some of the best amenities in the MIT library system, accented by a musical score decorating the upstairs railing.

By Katie Jeffreys
FEATURES EDITOR

The Lewis Music Library, which was renovated in 1996, offers a much more aesthetically pleasing environment than other libraries. Peter Munstedt, music librarian, said that “the use has doubled since we opened.”

The main reading room is well lit, with large widows overlooking the patio which separates it from Hayden Library. The furniture is comfortable, most notably the adjustable couches which have backs that fold.

Uphairs are 23 study areas equipped with turntables, cassette, laser disc, video and DVD players. The media players are available for use by any students who wish to study at the desks, but “we do give priority to people studying for music classes” said Munstedt. Also on the second floor are conference rooms, one of which is a group viewing and listening room.

According to Munstedt, the library holdings include about 25,000 scores, 10,000 books, and 20,000 recordings. These pieces are from many genres: “Classical is the core collection, but we have jazz, film music, electronic music and world music,” said Munstedt.

The library staff is also available to provide support to students. “We help them find music and do research,” said Munstedt. Additionally the library provides “handouts people can use to guide them in starting research.” These pamphlets are available online as well at <http://libraries.mit.edu/music/>.

The site also has a newsletter, called “What’s the Score?” which discusses library news and recent acquisitions.

The library’s renovations brought a music theme to the structural design of the rooms. From the fabrics to the frosted glass railings and windows, the music motif is evident. The collections were also moved to humidity and light controlled environments with space-saving shelves.

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Viewpoint

What qualities are you looking for in a UA president?

MIT students seem stressed out. The UA president should be able to address their academic concerns.

-Sheetal Karthik '01

I'm looking for someone with a plan.

-Kevin Nazemi '03

I think the UA should provide us with comprehensive social security and universal health care.

-Saurabh Asthana

I'd like someone who's willing to work with the administration to enhance the traits MIT is famous for, not detract from them through bureaucracy.

-Matt Yount '03

This UA president should be a poised, confident, experienced, capable individual who cares deeply about improving student life and one who acts in the best interest of the entire student body.

-Winnie Chan '02

This Week in MIT History

By Katie Jefferys

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(read the out loud, if you still don't get it, you really are an MIT student)

so chick says you can help me.
call me billy, when have you got?

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WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE UA DEBATE?

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YEAH, I KNOW! LIKE THE TALENT SHOW WAS ALRIGHT, BUT ...

... THE SWIMSUIT COMPETITION WAS A LITTLE TOO MUCH!!

Alison Wong

UA PRESIDENTIAL PAGEANT
"Hey Jimmy...try not to poke the back of my head with your boner."

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Anger
2. Violent conflict
10. Vault
14. Lancifter's lady
15. Metric square measure
16. Hammer tips
17. Legislative body
18. Seal
20. Patch symbol
21. City on the
22. Snooker
24. Watercraft
25. Small snake
28. Cattle collective
29. 'Emma' author
30. "God's Little Acre" co-star Ray
32. Caviar base
33. Cat in boots?
34. Usher
35. Fatuity
37. Postulated memory units
38. Ski-slope mounds
39. Runny cheese
40. Sorting product
41. Chafier
42. Depressed
43. Ice-cream container
44. Ground
45. Divine talk
46. Flower with velvety petals
48. Piece of beef-eater's brain

DOWN
1. Some: Fr.
2. Pub brew
3. Former First Lady
4. Touch-toned?
5. Gain
6. Fish-lover's mecca
7. Classic TV family
8. Biblical peal
9. Send (money)
10. Ungpering sign of damage
11. Molinaro and Martino
12. Excess weight
13. Meadow mama
19. Surround with hostile forces
22. Pipsqueaks
23. Usnea
24. Ukea bee?
25. Opponents
26. Unit equal to one ampere per volt
27. Decorative garnish
29. Boring routines
30. Obesebeakian
31. Power
33. Amazons
34. Pit of player
35. Small snake
36. Indicate
37. City west of Venice
38. Jazz singer Laine
39. Sea eagles
40. Stylizing product
41. Chatter
42. Evening affair
43. Affectionate touch
44. Very slow pace
45. Dundee folk
46. Postulated memory units
47. City west of Venice
48. Piece of beef-eater's brain

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ANNE, I NEED YOU TO REVIEW MY FIRST DRAFT.

I DID THE ANALYSIS USING YOUR BAD ASSUMPTIONS.

I CANCELLED OUR DUMPSTER SERVICE TO SAVE MONEY.

YOU KILLED ANNE L. RETENTIVE WITH A TYPO?

NO, SHE'S IN A COMMA.

THEN I APPLIED YOUR FLAWED LOGIC AND ARRIVED AT YOUR PREDETERMINED ANSWER.

SHALL I BEGIN DISILLUSIONING THE TEAM?

THIS NEEDS A PIE CHART.

I DISCOVERED AN ALTERNATIVE THAT COSTS NOTHING.

EVERYONE TEAR OFF A PIECE AND PUT IT IN YOUR POCKET.
Monday it was meatballs in red sauce.

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Attention Roger Fox!

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Friday’s Events

9:00 a.m. – Elорanta Summer Fellowships-Proposal Deadline, Elорanta Summer Fellowship proposals must be submitted to the URO Office in F-173 by 5 PM on Friday, March 31, 2000, Sponsor: URO. 10:00 a.m. – Being John Malkovich. An out of work puppeteer goes to work at an odd office in New York and discovers that his office has an even odder feature - a portal into the brain of actor John Malkovich. Admission 2.5. 26-100. Sponsor: LSC. 12:10 p.m. – GABLES Monthly Lunch. A social get-together of the MIT Gay, Biexual, and Lesbian Students and Supporters group. Contact David Priglowski at 258-0235 or dpriglos@mit.edu for more information about this month’s lunch. To be announced. Sponsor: GABLES.

5:00 p.m. – AMP (Advanced Music Placement) Student Recital. Rachel Levinson ’01, violin; Tom’oko Inui (G), piano. Bright Sheng’s The Stream Flows; J.S.:Bach’s Center. Snacks and refreshments will be served. Open. More info: Call Van Chu at 3-8722. www.mit.edu.

Saturday’s Events

9:30 a.m.: 3:00 p.m. – Sailing Regattas. Sailing Team regattas held at local venues. MIT, BU, Harvard. Cheer on the Sailing Team or just enjoy a spring day by the river. MIT/ Harvard. Sponsor: MIT Nautical Association.

10:00 a.m. – Galaxy Quest. The crew of actors elect to go into space because some aliens mistook one of them to be true galactic battle heroes instead of the actors that they are. Tim Allen, Sigourney Weaver, Alan Rickman. Admission 2.5. 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

Sunday’s Events

11:30 a.m.: 3:00 p.m. – Sailing Regattas. Sailing Team regattas held at local venues. MIT, BU, Harvard. Cheer on the Sailing Team or just enjoy a spring day by the river. MIT/ Harvard. Sponsor: MIT Nautical Association.

7:00 p.m. – Beloved. The crew of actors elect to go into space because some aliens mistook one of them to be true galactic battle heroes instead of the actors that they are. Tim Allen, Sigourney Weaver, Alan Rickman. Admission 2.5. 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

Monday’s Events

Kappa Sig President Christopher Peikert '00 reported that John G. Tilly '00, acting as an individual, was responsible for the vandalism. According to the incident report, Joseph W. Bingold '01 told responding officers that Tilly was responsible for the condition of the house. Bingold was the highest-ranking fraternity officer at the house at the time but not an eyewitness to the event. The report says that he told officers that it was a tradition of the house that "seniors of the house would go around and make a mess for [underclassmen] to clean it up."

According to the report, Bingold said, "Tilly ... decided to destroy the house on his own," Bingold told The Tech that his knowledge of the situation was second-hand at the time he spoke to CPs. However, he said that Tilly made a full confession of his actions. Both Bingold and Peikert said that, other than this incident, the work week tradition of vandalizing the house had not occurred during their time at MIT.

KS sanctioned Tilly by revoking his active status in the fraternity and asking him to move out of the house. He was also required to complete 50 hours of community service with the Cambridge Fire Department. In addition, MIT required Tilly to complete a written and oral report about his experience.

Tilly refused to comment.

Richard Scali, executive director of the Commission, said that the commission members were "very happy that they [KS] took some action on their own."

The Commission praised the house's proactive work in punishing Tilly during the hearing.

Peikert said that he was pleased with the decision and credited the favorable outcome to the CLC's recognition that the house dealt effectively with the situation by evicting Tilly.

While the house was not sanctioned, this incident will remain in the commission's records and will come up again if KS faces the board in the future, Scali said.

KS has been before the CLC three times in the recent past. They will begin serving a 30-day suspension of their housing license this fall during rush. That suspension stemmed from the hospitalization of a partygoer who was drinking at KS.

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Weymouth Activist Blasts Police Methods

By Julia Steinberger and Saurabh Asthana

The MIT campus is covered with fliers advertising parties and events and raising consciousness about various social issues. In the South Shore town of Weymouth, however, high school students and a local activist were arrested and charged with "tagging" for putting up posters advertising an event in support of Mumia Abu-Jamal last fall.

Last September, two high school students and Weymouth activist Nick "Red" Giannone were poster- ing telephone poles on Route 3A to advertise a forthcoming high school walkout in support of death-row prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal. Although garage sale advertisements and local elections were public- licized on the same telephone poles without incident, the students who posted the fliers for Mumia Abu- Jamal were arrested by the Wey- mouth police.

Bias alleged in arrests

Giannone, 24, said he believes their arrests were politically moti- vated. Giannone, the principal Boston area organizer of the activist group Refuse and Resist, has long protested police brutality. He is also an advocate for Mumia Abu-Jamal, an African-American journalist who many believe was framed by the Philadelphia police for the murder of a police officer.

Recalling his arrest for tagging, Giannone said, "[The Weymouth police] brought us to the station and, you know, gave us the, 'What are you guys doing? You guys weren't even born when this happened.' They actually referred to us by racial slurs. They called us the n-word. All of us were white, by the way, but that just shows the open racism of the police."

According to Captain Jim Thomas of the Weymouth Police Department, Giannone's arrest was unrelated to the case he was adva- cting. Thomas said, "I'm sure the content of the fliers had nothing to do with the arrest."

Thomas also said that he was certain the police had followed all the required guidelines in the subse- quent arrests and charges.

Police made arrests at walkout

At the time of his arrest for post- ing fliers, Giannone was on proba- tion for a prior disorderly conduct charge stemming from a 1998 protest against police brutality. He also helped to organize opposition to a proposed police "emergency response unit" which he believes raised opposition to him among the police.

Giannone did not believe that his probation could be violated by organ- izing a walkout at his old high school in Weymouth. However, he was eventually arrested twice: first for "tagging" while advertising the event, and then on the actual day of the walkout.

"We kept on promoting the walkout anyway [despite the tag- ging charges]," Giannone said.

Police were waiting at the high school when he arrived and Gian- none took several photographs, he said. "One of the cops said 'We'll be taking your picture too, you moron, when we arrest you.' That's before I had done anything. That just shows they had already isolated me... It was a premeditated arrest," said Giannone.

Giannone and two students were arrested at the walkout for trespassing on school grounds and disorderly conduct, and three other students were later summoned to court on the same charges. The high school stu- dents involved were offered proba- tion on the condition that they com- plete high school.

Giannone jailed for ten days

Giannone faced charges in Quincy District Court, where he appeared with his court-appointed lawyer at a February 7th surrender hearing. His lawyer had prepared to argue against the legitimacy of the arrests on First Amendment grounds. The tagging law Giannone was accused of violating has been declared unconstitutionally vague in a Charlestown court.

Despite this precedent, Gian- none's lawyer was not able to pres- ent his defense. "My lawyer said it might take an hour to argue the case," said Giannone. "[Judge Coven] said 'You're proba- bly going to lose, your client will do six months jail time.'... The judge said I was going to lose before hear- ing the case," Giannone said.

Giannone's lawyer decided to strike a deal with the prosecutor rather than argue the case before a hostile judge, Giannone said. He eventually accepted a sentence of 10 days in jail and maintains he is cer- tain that he is being singled out for his political beliefs.

Among those who agree is a par- ent of a high school student who participated in the walkout. In a let- ter to the Patriot Ledger (Quincy), Bill DeTellis wrote "Prosecuting someone for putting up fliers on telephone poles is pure hypocrisy. [The police] should not use power for their own personal issues."

Nick "Red" Giannone, an activist from the South Shore town of Weymouth, was arrest- ed for "tagging" local telephone poles with rally announcements.

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**Women's Water Polo Wins Three Games But Can't Overcome Harvard**

**By Jeffrey J. Colton**

The Engineers took second place in a round-robin tournament this past weekend in which they won four out of five games. Despite won-derful Florida and Hawaii vacations, most of the team returned early from spring break showcasing great dedication to the team. The tournament started off Friday night and was a great start for their weekend. Starting off with a seven-goal lead at the first quarter, Middlebury was no match for MIT. Captain Andrea Harsayi '02 and Jen Epply '03 led the team as the entire bench got some playing time. The game ended 17-0 recording MIT's first shutout of the year.

The next day the Engineers would host three games against Harvard, Connecticut College, and Wesleyan. Arriving at the pool at 8 a.m. for warm-up, MIT would face its hardest competition of the tournament. Harvard, ranked 18th in the nation, dominated the game (18-1). Harsayi scored the Engineers' only goal.

The following game would be difficult for MIT to bounce back as Connecticut College came to the tournament with a lot of intensity and a desire to earn respect. "It was a close game," assistant coach Wes Vuong '03 stated. "I don't think we played well. The whole weekend was tough coming off spring break." Missing starter Yiyan Vuong '03 made this game a lot closer than it should have been. However, the women's team triumphed in their first overtime game 11-10. "Both teams were missing people due to spring break," commented head coach Jeff Ma. "But the squad we brought beat the squad they brought and that's all that matters."

MIT's third game followed the same night against Wesleyan, who are the second best team in the nation. The game had no lead heading into the final quarter, but Wesleyan eventually got the upper hand, winning 12-4. Wesleyan was missing top starter Emily Hagar, and the Engineers were able to take advantage of this as they cruised to victory.

The following day, opponent Bates College, a first year team, joined the tournament and faced the Engineers. This allowed "a lot of our lesser experienced players to step up," assistant coach T. Gorte '00 said. "We're not accustomed to, which is really nice. But we still lost a lot of work," Chaoh said. The final score ended up 9-3 as MIT finished up the season in 4-7 against Bates.

**Baseball on Win Streak**

By Alvan Eric P. Loreto

After a fateful start in suffocating South Florida heat, the MIT baseball team has suddenly become red-hot in the cool spring air of New England. Led by the bats of captains Kevin B. McKenney '00, T. Gorte '00 and the reliable arm of David M. Pheiffer '00, the Engineers have won four straight after opening the 2000 season 1-6 against Northeastern.

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The following day, opponent Bates College, a first year team, joined the tournament and faced the Engineers. This allowed "a lot of our lesser experienced players to step up," assistant coach T. Gorte '00 said. "We're not accustomed to, which is really nice. But we still lost a lot of work," Chaoh said. The final score ended up 9-3 as MIT finished up the season in 4-7 against Bates.

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MIT Tops WSC in Last Year's Battle

Ethan Goetz '00 makes a frantic retreat to second base after Worcester State's pitcher caught him looking. Aggressive play and a few stolen bases bought the Engineers an extra run, winning Monday's game 3-2.

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out single in the fast inning by catcher Jeff Lamothe, freshman home run Alvan Eric P. Loreto '01 from second, but Ramapo center fielder Jeff Marvinko threw out Ryan S. Balter G at third base to end the game, securing a 2-1 victory for the Roadrunners (4-1). Lack of offe by MIT spoiled a complete-game gem by up-and-coming pitcher Brian S. Nykiel '02, who allowed just one earned run and four hits for the game. More strong pitching was turned in by the Engineers against Massachusetts College (6-4), but this time the Tech offense finally broke through for ten hits and the 7-0 victory. A sweet relief to both Nykiel and McKeown as early to stike Piko a lead. Piko only allowed two hits and no earned runs over the course of the game. A three-run double into the right-field corner by Matthew R. Berger '02 in the seventh capped the win.

Lemcke-Windler's absence hurts

Before the Engineers returned to Cambridge, the T's landed a rematch with the College of New Jersey, and the Lions steoked to their first taste of a victory with a 2-1 thumping of MIT. As expected, the Engineers were in the thick of Lemcke-Windler's absence, and TCNJ took full advantage with an offensive explosion that validated their lofty national ranking. The Lions crushed ten extra base hits off MIT pitchers Berger and Jeffrey J. Billing '01, including two doubles and a towering grand slam by senior center fielder Mike Eaton.

The Engineers finally showed fatigue under the blazing Florida sun off Lancer runner Keith Bianchini this year. The result was fast-paced, error-free leadoff hitter Goetz went 3-for-4 with a home run, securing a 2-1 victory for the Engineers.

Three game winning streak

The T's returned to Cambridge, opening a 4-game homestand with a doubleheader last Saturday against Bowdoin College (MA). The Engineers swept, 8-2 and 5-1, to keep the Bobcats (8-4) winless on the year. The first game, MIT's Billing evened his first set. MIT's Billing evened his first set. The final set saw many moments swings, as Keskulin jumped out to an early lead, only to fall down 4-5 and facing match point. She staved it off, however, and ral- led for a 7-5 third set win. Koo won in her typical fashion at third singles, 6-0, 6-2. Rao won her first conference match at fourth singles, 6-4, 6-2. Singh had a rare poor performance at fifth singles, as she was unable to win a game. Priscilla Cheung '02 lost 6-2, 6-3. Tanaka dominated her first game but fell to Rochester's singles, but also lost (6-3, 6-2).

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