CPW Rules Dropped
Following Protests
Prefrosh No Longer Restricted to Campus
By Matthew Palmer
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"This was an honest judgement," Dean of Admissions Marilee Jones said of the admissions office's contract, which stated that prefrosh can only leave campus to visit an FSLG.

"I eliminated the contract" Thursday morning, Jones said. Students coming later in the morning were not asked to sign the agreement, and there will be no written contract next year.

The admissions office also distributed purple wristbands, which prefrosh were told to wear in order to gain admission to the many activities planned for the four-day CPW. Associate Director of Admissions Zaragoza A. Guerra denied CPW, Page 19

Roberts Elected as Dormcon President for 2000
By Frank Dobek
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"I promised to continue the improvements current President Jennifer A. Frank '01 has made to Dormcon, one of MIT's five student governments which represents the dormitory system," Roberts said.

"Dormcon is on an upswing. I want to keep that going," Roberts said.

Roberts said his efforts will focus on the continuing redesign of the residence system including dorm rush and continuing negotiations on the Institute policy on pets which may be finalized before the end of the term.

"Roberts will also be involved in "creating more student-designed and student-led resources" in the dormitory system, such as the proposed "FireLinks" who would oversee fire safety inspections. He also plans on continuing to work closely with the Interfraternity Council and other student governments."

"Dormcon is looking to the future," Roberts said.

Cain, who will serve as Vice President, will focus his efforts on "shaping the future of dorm rush." He also noted recent improvements to Dormcon's stature: "We've started a lot of good things...I want to carry them to fruition."

At the same meeting, Brady L. Evans '01 was re-elected secretary and Scott E. Parnell-Saunders '02, treasurer. Andrew T. Singleton '02 will serve as the next Dormcon judicial committee chairman. The social

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Graduate Student Council
Holds Presidential Elections
By James Camp
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"In contrast to this year's UA elections, the Graduate Student Council elections concluded smoothly as Soulaymane Kachani G won the presidential race, with the office of Vice President going to Ryan J. Keeshover G.

The remaining races were uncontested: Krishnan Sriram G was elected Secretary, and J. Alan Geoff G won the position of Treasurer.

Kachani, who would otherwise have run uncontested, resigned his nomination before the elections to give others a fair chance to run. Kachani was then renominated at the meeting and ran against Christopher S. Protz G and J. Alan Geoff G.

Elections included debate
The GSC elections featured a speech by each candidate followed by a question-and-answer period with the candidates answering as a panel. Questions occasionally touched on prior leadership experience, but candidates focused mainly on graduate student issues and the various roles of the GSC.

Kachani said his main goal would be to improve communications with the administration, graduate departments, and the students the GSC represents. "The GSC needs to be the brain of the administration," he said.

To better communicate with students, Kachani intends to improve the GSC's publication, the Graduate Student News, and to work more closely with MIT's student press. He also hopes to continue last year's successful Orientation week in order to help graduate students get acquainted with the GSC and help them get a
**Mir Space Station Opens For Business**

Hoping to give the Mir space station new life as a commercial venture, two cosmonauts entered the rundown station Thursday and persuaded it make it habitable again eight months after the last crew shut it down.

Foreign investors, working with the Russian government, want to use the station as a launching pad for a series of money-making ventures, such as scientific experiments, advertising from space, Internet camera hookups and perhaps even a space hotel for wealthy adventurers.

For the first time, private companies will be able to arrange to use an orbiting platform in space without having to get government approval - as long as they have enough cash.

"Mir has in fact become a private business," said Sergei K. Grokov, chief engineer of state-run Energia, which built Mir. "Today, Mir is open to any commercial offers that may come along."

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By Kamran Khan

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**National Cancer Institute Reaches Out to Racial Minorities**

**WASHINGTON**

The National Cancer Institute on Thursday announced $60 million in new grants to large research institutions to help link them with community programs to better prevent, treat and study cancer among racial minorities.

The aim is to reduce the unequal cancer burden borne by blacks, Latinos and other minority groups.

"It is designed to encourage people from the community to work with scientists," said Dr. Richard D. Klausner, director of the instit- ute.

Cancer is the second-leading cause of death for all Americans, but blacks have a cancer death rate about 35 percent higher than that of whites.

Possible reasons include poverty, lifestyle, cultural differences and access to health care. Also, recent studies have suggested that health care providers often offer different treatments, depending on race, and that whites fare better in this regard.

"The question we are dealing with is why cancer affects ... groups differently," said Dr. Harold Freeman, chairman of a presidential advisory panel on cancer.

"The reasons for these disparities need to be investigated further."

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**Bush Makes His Pitch on Education Field**

**SACRAMENTO, CALIF.**

If there are two things that George W. Bush knows well and loves to talk about, they are baseball and education.

Friday night in Houston, Bush will indulge one of those passions when he presides over the Astros' home opener at Eurer Field, the team's new ballpark.

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**Weather Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Friday, April 7, 2000**

**By Bill Ramstrom**

**STAFF METEOROLOGIST**

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**Bribery Investigation Spotlights Corruption of Israeli President**

By Tracy Wilkinson

LOS ANGELES TIMES

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Police investigators who conducted the probe presented a 120-page report Thursday to state prosecutors. Citing lack of evidence, they recommended that Weizman not face criminal charges for bribe-taking and tax evasion.

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On Thursday, police closed the case, recommending Weizman not stand trial. But the resolution quieted neither the calls that Weizman resign nor the public angst over the tarnishing of a national leader and the system he heads.

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Rep. Davis May Have Solicited GOP Donations from Microsoft

WASHINGTON POST

National Republican Congressional Committee Chairman Thomas M. Davis III, of Virginia, came under fire from Democrats Thursday after telling Microsoft chairman Bill Gates the software giant had not been sufficiently supportive of the GOP.

Without naming him directly, Rep. Vic Snyder (D-Ark.) alluded to Davis's actions in asking the ethics committee to clarify whether House Republicans improperly asked Gates for campaign donations during a closed meeting in the Capitol Wednesday.

According to several GOP lawmakers, Davis asked Gates why the party had not received as much "political support" from Microsoft despite its support for policies favoring the technology sector. He also argued that House Democratic leaders were less supportive of the high-tech industry's agenda.

"Although House rules allow members to discuss campaign activities amongst themselves, it would appear to be a violation of both House ethics rules and federal law for a private citizen, Mr. Gates, to be solicited for funds, discouraged from donating to certain organizations, or to have to account for the level of funds donated to a political party, by members in the House in the Capitol building," Snyder wrote in the top Republicanี่ Democratic e-mail on the ethics panel.

Democrats dismissed the letter as a partisan stunt. "It's more ado about nothing," said John Feehery, spokesman for House Speaker Dennis Hastert (R-Ill.).

**Council Threatens Russia with Sanctions over Attack on Chechnya**

WASHINGTON POST

The Council of Europe, a 41-nation human rights assemblage, became the first foreign organization to threaten Russia with sanctions over the war in Chechnya Thursday when it launched proceedings to suspend Moscow from its ranks.

The council, which met in Strasbourg, France, demanded Russian officials stop the war immediately and begin talks with elected Chechen officials. It also urged member governments to take Russia to the European Court of Human Rights for atrocities committed against civilians.

Russian officials reacted negatively to the council's action. Moscow has described its operations in Chechnya as anti-terrorist actions and denies abuses.

The Foreign Ministry called it "cause for concern," and threatened unspecified retaliation. Russian members of parliament who attended the council's assembly meeting in Strasbourg walked out. Passions ran so high that a Russian delegate and a Chechen representative came to blows outside the session.

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Subject: Prefrosh Violation Dinner

Date: Thu, 06 Apr 2000 05:28:56 -0400

From: "'Choomy'" <jlieber@MIT.EDU>

Prefrosh are not allowed to stray into Boston this weekend... that's why they are going to have a helluva good time when we escort them to an illegal dinner Friday night at the Prudential Food Court.

Please inform your prefrosh about the:

Prefrosh Violation Dinner

meeting at 77 Mass Ave

FRIDAY @ 6:00pm

Has MIT upset you by treating its undergraduates like children? We will not let the cycle continue, and we will treat the prefrosh to a wonderful and memorable evening in the process.

Tell everyone you know, and bring yo' prefrosh! @! @! @! @! &$ *

let's do it.
Editorial

In its latest display of administrative brilliance, the Institute has made a mockery of Campus Preview Weekend, insisting that prefrash stay on campus, wear purple wristbands, and agree to abide to the other provisions of a very contract-like document distributed to prefrash by Dean of Admissions Marilee Jones.

Fortunately, quick, loud student anger brought this absurdity to campus attention. As many students have independently pointed out, it is only realistic to expect that prefrash will behave reasonably during their visit to MIT — no underhanded drinking, no outright debauchery, nothing that would seriously embarrass either MIT or the prefrash.

But tagging prefrash with wristbands, and requiring them to remain on campus? Ridiculous.

Dean Jones was compelled to e-mail an explanation of her ‘contract’ to several public mailing lists yesterday. As far as prefrash leaving campus is concerned, Jones claims overprotection as a motive. Prefrash has been offended by the misteeps which plagued the last UAPVP elections. Hopefully these rules will help the UA return integrity to the electoral process.

Furthermore, allowing class council and FinBoard elections to take place on the same day as the prefrash vote is to sacrifice what little enthusiasm is left for this process, the suspension of the Undergraduate Association president and vice-president elections brings a much-needed fresh start to an election whose credibility has been seriously eroded.

The decision to suspend the elections also returns Smith and Kane to the ballot. In removing the candidates the election commission acknowledged that the rules were vague and suspect. We must now make the additional effort to go to the students and encourage voter participation. The UA should allow candidates more freedom in campaigning in order to encourage student body interest in the elections. In addition, all candidates should return without the taint of sanctions from the previous election.

As the UA has conclusively fumbled web-based voting, it must now make the additional effort to go to the students and encourage voter participation. The UA should consider paper ballots — taking place over the course of several days — in order to rekindle some interest. A system of voting precincts will help the UA return integrity to the electoral process.

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Since the election has been restarted, however, a clean start mandates that Smith and Kane return. The decision to restart the election acknowledges that the rules were vague and suspect. We urge the commission, given this opportunity, to reconsider their rules for the upcoming round of elections. In the next election the UA should allow candidates more freedom in campaigning in order to encourage student body interest in the elections. In addition, all candidates should return without the taint of sanctions from the previous election.

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While this election has turned into an utter disaster, this decision represents the best choice given difficult circumstances. Nevertheless, the next UA president will face a daunting task in trying to rebuild the beleaguered organization's public image and effectiveness.

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A Third-Party Run for McCain

Maverick Style, Broad Appeal Makes Strong Candidate

Michael J. Ring

Former presidential juggernaut John McCain has decided to focus his energies this summer and fall on helping Republicans keep control of Congress and win state elections.

His campaign is unusual — and disappointing — to the extent of allowing someone who, during the primaries, resisted the siren song of proposing a massive tax cut.

Of course, he's not the only one (maybe George W. Bush) has accused McCain of being a Democra — the ultimate anti-military, pro-life, pro-gun voting record.

John McCain's politics don't fit well into the mainstream of either party, which is exactly why he should fire up the Straight Talk Express for a third-party run.

Third parties have been afterthoughts in American politics, and this column is not below having a few peeks at the more esoteric candidates ["The Other Candidates," January 19]. But in all seriousness, a strong independent challenge is just what the country needs right now.

Consider the two men the major parties have produced in their recent past: Bill Clinton and George W. Bush. One has uncontrollable urges to exaggerate and something to say, and the other, everything from the Internet to Love Story. Like his boss, Al Gore seems willing only to take the applause of the radical left. Neither is addressing the most important issue of our time: the health care to the environment, an issue on which Al Gore was once one of the most thoughtful candidates. Nor has the president put his soul into new campaign financing reform, which could fundamentally alter the system.

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Letters To The Editor

UA Debates:
Tech Leads the Way

I would like to thank The Tech for hosting and coordinating last week's UA Presidential and Vice Presidential debates. The turnout was higher than any in my four years as an MIT student. I think the debates were incredibly informative, even in a muddled field of candidates.

I would also like to thank The Tech for providing dinner at both debates, providing much-needed sustenance for hundreds of MIT students. Finally, I'd like to thank the audience who attended the debates, as well as the candidates themselves. If the debates are any indication, I think next year will be a great one for the UA.

Matthew L. McGann '00
President, Undergraduate Association

No Proof That Posters Were Illegal

It is unpardonable and not even very probable that "illegal" campaign posters were actually put up by the accused candidates or their supporters. Under the current regime of demerit points and automatic disqualification, it is half an hour's work to take a candidate's poster down. Under the current regime of campaign regulations and general interest in the election, the decision to subsequently ban all Infinite Corridor posterism is doubly absurd.

Gabe Weinberg '01

Keeping the 'Fun' In 'Clip Art'

I personally don't think it is fair for The Tech to get rid of "Fun with Clip Art." I always thought the cool thing about the comic section in The Tech was that there are cartoons for all sorts of people. I agree that some of us are perverted and have twisted minds, so therefore we enjoy reading and laughing at "Clip Art." Second, even though it is the cartoons that take up the least space, it is the one that causes the greatest impact on the students, be it making them laugh or making them think. For this reason, I think it should be allowed to stay.

Aram Harrow '01

UA Poster Ban 'Absurd'

On Tuesday, The Tech reported that UA Election Commissioner Zheleinrentice L. Scott '00 banned campaign posterism in the Infinite corridor due to her assertion that candidates had been "engaging in illegal activity" ["Postering Violations Taint UA Elections," Apr. 4]. Scott asserts that posters have been tampered with — and that the tampering was done by candidates. The first assertion is based upon fact; the second assertion is ludicrous, since no evidence has been presented that in any way shows candidates had anything to do with the violations.

If you have ever put up posters on this campus or watched a poster board evolve, you know that random posters get ripped down all the time as the whim of passersby. The probability (without any evidence) that candidates tampered with UA posters is absurdly small, especially in light of already tight campaign regulation and general interest in the election. The decision to subsequently ban all Infinite Corridor posterism is doubly absurd.

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Ceci N'est Pas Une Lettre

I think that it might be interesting for people to know that the last hack— pictured on the cover of Tuesday's The Tech — is a direct parody of the painting "The Betrayal of Images" by Belgian Surrealist Rene Magritte. The painting depicts what is definitely a pipe, and is captioned "Ceci n'est pas une pipe." Translation: "This is not a pipe." I think it's great that references to art, which is largely ignored at MIT, can be included in some small way in our school's culture.

Hao-yin Yu '00

Ring's 'Power' Play: U.S. Leader Not Tops

Michael J. Ring's excellent article advancing reform of the American primary system ["Reforming Primary Politics," Apr. 4] was marred only by its closing line, which stands as an amusing illustration of American navel-gazing: "Surely Democrats and Republicans alike would like to spend more than a month deciding who they wish to nominate for the most powerful leader of the world."

Here we learn that the President of the United States is not only the leader of the world, but that he is the most powerful leader of the world. (Is there a hierarchy? Is Kofi Annan the least powerful leader of the world?) Rest assured that this comes as news to the billions of his 'constituents' worldwide who are ineligible to participate in the American primaries.

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**FILM REVIEW ***1/2

**High Fidelity**
Hilariously Realistic

By Michael Frakes

Directed by Stephen Frears
Written by Scott Rosenberg, D.V. Devincenzi, Steve Pink, and John Cusack
Starring John Cusack, Iben Hjejle, Todd Louiso, Rob, and Lisa

Since the first time I watched *Better Off Dead* in grade school, I've always enjoyed the eccentric, sarcastic role of John Cusack and his invaluable ability to make me connect with the amusing plights of his characters. High Fidelity is certainly an exception. Cusack co-writes and stars in this hit, witty comedy that gives us a chance at a fun and unusually realistic look into the world of relationships and the love of music.

Directed by British filmmaker Stephen Frears, *High Fidelity* is based on a 1995 novel by Nick Hornby. After previous unfulfilled drafts, Cusack decided to help screenwriters Scott Rosenberg, Steve Pink, and D.V. Devincenzi complete the script, transferring the story to the city of Chicago. As he did with *Great Expectations* in 1997, Cusack proves his ability to write an intelligent and humorous script, driven by quickly and easily identifiable characters.

Cusack plays Rob, the romantically unfortunate owner of a used-record store, *Cherry Bomb*. Rob is a bit of a music snob, having lived his entire life listening to one depressing love song after another. “Did I listen to this song in a museum? No. Was I miserable because I listened to pop music?” he questions. At his financially struggling store, Rob is assisted by Barry (Jack Black) and Dick (Todd Louiso), two young guys obsessed about music and pop culture. Rob does and spends all day quibbling over minute details of obscure music, writing lists such as “The Top 5 First Songs on the First Side of an Album, or The Top 5 Songs About Death.

All of this is done with his latest girlfriend, Laura (Iben Hjejle), Rob makes up one more Top 5 list: his all-time Top 5 breakups. He takes us through each one of them, from the one he first began to hate and can no longer stand to the one he still loves lustily despite being physically overwhelmed by bliss. Laura has moved in with Ian, a New Age con." (All in Japanese no film; ed to what is perhaps the best short film in the Dead or Alive Tournament, driven by quirky and easily identifiable characters.

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**VIDEO GAME REVIEW**

**Dead or Alive 2**
On Any Player’s Most Wanted List

By Jumana Jelfies

Tecmo for Sega Dreamcast
1 to 4 players

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**High Fidelity** gives one of the trust representatives of the new generation of moviegoers who will find in a movie. We don’t watch Rob in a typical movie circumstance, where, in the middle of some exciting conflict or drama, he falls in love with the perfect woman, with whom he will live happily ever after. Such a fantasy doesn’t happen often in real life. "High Fidelity" realistically shows us that many relationships don’t succeed. Rob, like most people, goes through many cycles, in which he has a girlfriend, breaks up, takes time to deal with it, and then moves on. In time, he comes to realize that a fantasy relationship, in which he is entirely satisfied, does not exist, and he manages to be honest with himself and recognizes when he has found someone that he should’t let go.

The movie is at its best in the recent record store, where we delightfully observe the idiosyncrasies of Dick and Barry. We know them very well. They are the guys from the video store who know every cult film ever made, or the guys down the hall who know everything there is to know about computers. They are passionate about their knowledge and stubbornness.

You won’t leave the theater with any profound realizations about relationships or some fantastic hope of finding that perfect love, but I assure you, you will enjoy and connect with this personal descent into Rob’s life. With witty dialogue, likable characters, and an honest perspective, *High Fidelity* is a must-see.

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**John Cusack stars as Rob Gordon, whose long-time girlfriend Laura (Iben Hjejle) eventually walks out on him, causing him to examine his failed attempts at romance and happiness in *High Fidelity*.**

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**Rob neurotically obsesses over the possibility of Laura (Iben Hjejle), who he first kissed under the moon in *Grosse Pointe White*:**

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**Lisa (Jonn Cusack), Laura’s best friend, that Rob narrates the film for us. Instead of a typical voice-over narration, however, he talks directly to the camera. The technique works well here. Rob is a neurotic character who spends the entire movie trying to rationalize his failures with relationships. He needs to talk things out, and he certainly isn’t going to do that with Dick or Barry. So, he talks to himself instead (so actually, as many of us might do in a similar situation. The audience acts as his counselor, listening to him during a troubling time.**

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FOOD REVIEW

The Essential Vegetarian

By Katie Jeffreys

This week I would like to talk about soy. It is the versatile legume highly esteemed by vegetarians, yet meat-eaters often fear it, visualizing it poorly prepared, in a rubbery or slimy tofu state. Yet soy is far more ubiquitous than one might think.

Tofu is porous, allowing it to absorb the flavor of what it is cooked in. Typically, tofu contains between ten and fifteen percent protein and only five to nine percent fat. It can be blended into dips.

Tofu is a traditional soy product, along with soy milk, whole soy flour, dried soybeans, fresh green soybeans, and fermented foods such as tempeh, miso, and soy sauce.

Soy milk is becoming increasingly popular with health-conscious individuals, along with many people who experience lactose intolerance. Soy milk comes in several flavors, including chocolate and vanilla, and can be found in calcium or vitamin-enriched varieties. It also does not spoil as cow's milk does, making it a reasonable staple. Also available are other dairy replacements such as soy cheese, ice cream, and yogurt. While not as creamy as their cow-milk cousins, these products provide a unique taste and dietary supplement.

The further from the bean, however, the less nutritional punch it contains. In its natural state, soy is dense with protein, and contains a variety of B vitamins. It may also be high in fat and low in processed and salted, in not a meat substitute, for example. Fresh green soybeans can be used as any other legume, in stir fry or as a side dish.

Soy flour is frequently used in even the most common breads, pastries, and pastas. Using the full fat soy flour, low fat and textured varieties can be created. Textured soy flour (or textured vegetable protein) is used to create synthetic meat products such as "ground beef" creamers, available in the supermarket. This flour is also used to extend the life of meat products and hold together ground meat in patties or sausages.

Soy is also a part of many other meat substitutes, including vegetarian hot dogs, burgers, sausage, bacon, and lunch meat. Not all of these products contain much soy; however, as they are highly processed. They may also be high in fat and low in nutritional value. Reading labels is crucial to a wholesome meat substitute.

Soy has several properties which make it very healthy. It has a high protein content, and soy fat is not the artery-clogging saturated fat of animal meat, but omega-3 fatty acids, which are believed to protect against some chronic diseases. Soy is also rich in calcium, iron, zinc, several of the B vitamins, and fiber. Iron and B vitamins are especially important, as they are often found to be lacking in the average vegetarian diet. Furthermore, the calcium consumed from non-meat sources is absorbed more readily in the system.

Soy also contains a number of vitamins and minerals which are lacking in the average diet, and the Food and Drug Administration agreed. Twenty years of research led the FDA to link the consumption of soy protein with a reduced risk of coronary heart disease. New foods which contain 6.25 grams or more of soy protein per serving can carry a label noting the health benefits of soy. The FDA found that 25 grams of soy protein a day (four 6.25 gram servings) effectively reduce total cholesterol and LDL-cholesterol levels.

In all, soy is a versatile crop that is a very healthy alternative to meat, beans, and dairy. This week's recipe offers an interesting alternative to tofu cubes, which appeal to many omnivores. As always, please e-mail me at <kjeffreys@foh.tehc.mit.edu> with any suggestions for the column.

Fettuccine with Silken Tofu Alfredo Sauce

Serves 4-6

1/2 cup pureed silken tofu (see note)
1 tablespoon light margarine
3 cloves garlic, crushed
1-pound tub or about 1 1/2-2 ounce aseptic packages silken tofu
1/2 tsp. low-fat milk or soy milk
1/2 cup grated fresh Parmesan cheese
2 teaspoons salt
Freshly ground pepper to taste
Extra Parmesan cheese, optional

Bring water to a boil in a large pot. Cook the noodles in rapidly simmering water until al dente, about 10 to 12 minutes, then drain. In the meantime, host the oil in a small skillet. Add the crushed garlic cloves and saute over medium-low heat for two to three minutes, or until they are golden. Remove from the heat and discard the garlic cloves.

Combine the next four ingredients in a food processor and pour in the melted margarine from the skillet. Process until completely smooth and creamy. Combine the hot, drained noodles and the sauce in a large serving bowl and toss together. Season to taste with freshly ground pepper and toss again. May be topped with Parmesan cheese. Serve at once.

Note: A combination of green and white futu cheese makes this a very attractive dish.

Join us alone or as a team to compete for the best edible Matza structure!

Tuesday, April 11-- 4pm-5:30pm
Twenty Chimneys, Stratton Student Center
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PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Boston Ballet

Don Quixote

By Christiana Briggs

March 30-April 9, 2000
The Wang Center

Boston Ballet's production of Don Quixote is a brilliant rendition of Migeon de Cervantes' 17th century novel of the same name. Originally created by choreographer Marius Petipa for Moscow's Bolshoi Ballet in 1890, this version is staged by Boston Ballet's Resident Director Anna-Marie Holmes, choreographed Caroline Loirac, and performed by Boston Ballet's Associate coaches Ballet Mistress Tatiana Legat and Yatayana Terekhova and Ballerina Dancer Jengho Brons.

What makes this new version of the ballet intriguing is the addition of several traditional Spanish dances, including dances with customarily handmade Spanish shawls and tambourines. It also adds the role that as an interpretation of ballet and, with combined with excellent coaching, dancing, and acting, creating an evening of which Boston Ballet should be proud.

Don Quixote is a ballet with chivalry, romance, and comedic adventure. It tells the tale of a scruffy, elderly and slightly delusional Spaniard, Don Quixote, who, sitting amidst his books, dreams of being a great knight. He believes that he must save this fictional lady from peril and sets off on his adventures, in search of Dulcinea, the lady of his dreams, and Sancho Panza.

Thursday evening's opening night cast was spectacular. The lead dancers, Yuri Yanowsky and Basilion Kolton as Kitri, the Barcelona maiden Quixote imagines, and Aleksandra Koltun and Jorgo Papacutin, as Basilio and Don Quixote, were always, please e-mail to: food.jpg@mit.edu

Yanowsky has matured into a spectacular dancer both technically and artistically; he is certainly Boston Ballet's leading male dancer. His excellent technique was apparent during his solo variations which included high jumps and numerous turns, while his artistry was showcased through his interactions with Kitri, from flirtations to comic display.

Kolton was stunning. Technically flawless, her high kicks, beautiful jumps, and sharp, dynamic style—matched with her flirtatious and flambouyant personality—made her an ideal Kitri. In a tragic turn of events, Kolton fell at the end of the second act and had to be carried off stage. She will be sorely missed as she recovers from her injury, a ruptured Achilles tendon.

Larissa Ponomarenko, who was to perform the role of Kitri on Friday, February 11, was replaced by Tatiana Legat for the third act of the ballet. She showed great poise and appeared unfazed as she danced the final act and traditional wedding scene pas de deux with Yanowsky. Ponomarenko's was a more understated interpretation of Kitri, but her dancing was close to perfection—clean, crisp, and beautifully executed, including the 12 fettuccine turns during her solo in the third act.

The dancing overall was lively and energetic. Boston Ballet's dancers were able to smoothly transition from classical ballet into flamenco and street dancing with capes, shawls, tambourines, and castanets, which required a great deal of practice and coordination.

The lead role was Simon Ball, who performed the role of Espada, a lead matador, and April Ball, who performed a stunning solo as a gypsy woman. Vadim Strukov almost stole the show as the hilariously funny Gauche. His ability to wield a cane, umbrella, and lace handkerchief caused giggles to ripple across the audience. The two girls from the ballet world who performed en pointe as cupids in the second act maintained perfect lines and demonstrated amazing young talent. In particular, the lead cupid, 13-year-old Janine Ronayne, showed strong promise. The leading lady and cupid was originally performed by a young girl in the 1869 Bolshoi Ballet production, but more select companies chose to have the role performed by a woman. This is the first time Boston Ballet has chosen a talented young dancer to perform the role in the school to perform the role.

The costumes and sets, designed by Nicholas Georgiadis, transported the audience into a world of steamy Spanish taverns and wild gypsy camps, with fanny black and red costumes and handmade Spanish shawls from Spain. The bright costumes provided a sharp contrast to the beautiful rustic orange hues of the set and costumes. This is an exciting and memorable new production of Don Quixote.
Red Hot Chili Peppers

CONCERT REVIEW

Red Hot Chili Peppers

By Naveno Sunkavalli and Aaron Mihailik
dailygreenhouse.com

After breaking out nearly ten years ago with their album Blood Sugar Sex Magik, the Red Hot Chili Peppers are still breaking new ground with their most recent album Californication. The album has gone triple platinum, the single “Scar Tissue” took a Grammy for Best Rock Song, and the single “Other Side” is currently at the top of the Billboard Modern Rock charts for the eighth straight week.

Now combine the Peppers with the Foo Fighters — another modern rock band coming off the successful album release There Is Nothing Left To Lose — and you’ve probably got the best summer concert possible this year (July 16 at the Tweeter Center). Don’t miss them.

The Peppers and Foo Fighters tore the roof off the sold-out Mullins Center last Sunday, their seventh concert appearance in support of their albums. From the opening Foo Fighters song “Monkey Wrench” to the Peppers encore “Soul to Squeeze,” the concert was pure guitar rock and hardcore funk bliss.

The night began with the Muse, a trio of nearly 20 years from the United Kingdom, that sounded a lot like Radiohead with less melody. The performance suffered, as lead singer Matthew Bellamy could never quite separate himself from Radiohead singer Thom Yorke. Although they varied a lot of songs in their set list, most of them sounded too distorted to be enjoyable in a concert environment.

Six Muse songs later, the Foo Fighters took the stage, and the difference between an opening-opening band and an opening band became all too clear. The Foo Fighter’s opening song, “Monk Wrench,” brought the house down, and the usual radio favorites, including “This Is a Call,” “Stick Around,” “My Hero,” and “Everlong,” followed in quick succession. The highlight of the Foo Fighter set was the tender Dave Grohl solo “Big Me.”

It was somewhat surprising, however, that, for a band touring to support a new album, the Foo Fighters didn’t play much off it. “Nothing Left to Lose” — only the radio songs “Learning to Fly” and “Stacked Actor.” Instead the set focused on the Fighter’s eponymous debut album, with decent songs like “Breakdown,” “Alone,” “Easy Target,” “Weenie Beansie,” and “For All the Cows.”

For all the Foo Fighter’s crunchable, some modern rock riff — they were well worth the ticket price — the Chili Peppers were the stars of the show. With the Peppers enjoying an opening set, the crowd actually engaged with the set, making them dance, and making them sing.

The Peppers’ opening song, “Around the World,” their second radio release off Californication, was better than the entire Foo Fighters set, and it set the stage for the rest of the night. Instead of focusing on old material, the Peppers’ set focused mainly on material from Californication, sometimes giving the songs a completely new meaning and sound. For example, in their performance of “Other Side,” by far the best song of the night, John Frusciante’s supporting falsetto was brought out much more than it had been in the crowd. Was it singing through the entire song, from start to finish. Songs like “Right Time” and “Californication” and “Scar Tissue” were so good in concert that another immediate listening of Californication was mandatory. The Chili Peppers also concert, and the Foo Fighters aren’t too bad opening band and an opening band. “Ramble On,” the Peppers gave it a whole new dimension, bursting out into hardcore guitar in the harmony parts.

Perhaps the only downside to the Chili Peppers set was the lack of any pieces from One Hot Minute, the album before Californication. The apparent explanation is that the Chili Peppers are not familiar with the material off One Hot Minute. Dave Navarro, currently working on a solo album, had written and played the guitar tracks to One Hot Minute while guitar Frusciante had taken a leave of absence. Frusciante returned to the band after Navarro’s departure for Californication.

But that’s only a minor quibble, at best. The Red Hot Chili Peppers are awesome in concert, and the Foo Fighters aren’t too bad themselves. If you’re sticking around MIT this summer, be sure to catch them July 16 at the Tweeter Center.

The Better Life

MUSIC REVIEW

State of the Airwaves

Avaleon, Atlantic, and Avaleon

By Dan Katz

crashments.com

As I write this, the latest album by the Red Hot Chili Peppers is in the charts, and it’s doing well. The album is titled Californication, and it’s a departure from their previous work. The album features a more laid-back, melodic sound, and it’s received mixed reviews from fans and critics alike.

In this review, I’ll be focusing on the album’s strengths and weaknesses, as well as the overall impact it has on the modern rock scene. I’ll also be discussing the album’s production values and the role of technology in its creation.

The album opens with the track “One Hot Minute,” which is a great start. The song features a driving beat and catchy vocals, and it’s sure to be a hit with fans. The next track, “Californication,” is a bit more experimental, but it still manages to capture the band’s signature sound.

Overall, the album is a great listen, and it’s sure to be a hit with fans of the band. The Red Hot Chili Peppers have truly come into their own with this album, and it’s sure to be a contender for album of the year.

In conclusion, Californication is a great album that should not be missed. If you’re a fan of the Red Hot Chili Peppers, you’ll love this album. If you’re not, you’ll at least be won over by their musical talent. So go out and get a copy today. You won’t regret it.
Matthew Perry (left) and Bruce Willis in The Whole Nine Yards.

The following movies are playing this weekend at local showtimes. The Tech suggests using http://www.boston.com/for a complete listing of times and locations.

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**Excellent**

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American Beauty (***)

An extremely annoying movie: this deadpan black tragocomedy 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 disappointingly small), there's nothing to this movie beyond tortured metaphors, cartoonesque instead of characters, and a messy pile-up of red herrings instead of a plot. — Vladimir V. Zelinsvsky

Beyond the Mat (***)

This unauthorized documentary about the world of professional wrestling tackles some major issues, but seems to lack structure, and thus, loses some of its impact. While some wrestling fans will enjoy Beyond the Mat, the majority of viewers are likely to be turned off — those unfamiliar with professional wrestling are likely to get confused by the constant name-dropping, while die-hard fans will be disappointed by the shallow coverage. And, by all means, this is no film for the faint-of-heart. — Dan Katz

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 humanity and an overall impact that can hardly be ignored. Credit this mostly to luminous acting and the screenplay's understated emotional complexity. — VZ

Dolphins (***)

Like most OmniMax movies, Dolphins is strong on visuals, filling the screen with eye-popping images, but falls somewhat short on story and characters. The film is stunning as it follows 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 handsome and stylized at the same time. — VZ

High Fidelity (***)

John Cusack co-writes and stars as Rob Gordon, owner of a semi-failing used record store, in this honest, witty romantic comedy. When his longtime girlfriend Laura (Iben Hjejle) walks out on him, Rob is forced to examine his failed attempts at romance and happiness. But don't expect a sugar-coated love story. High Fidelity offers a realistic look at the world of relationships. — Michael Frakes

Mission to Mars (***

A sprawling incoherent mess of a movie, with 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 out of film-making of 1999, even enough to warrant a do with the rest of the movie. — VZ

The Best Next 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 Cho

The Whole Nine Yards (**) 

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, vapid 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 (****)

Wander Boys, director Curtis Hanson's first film since L.A. Confidential, is an endearingly offbeat comedy that takes its sweet time developing, though most of that time it is a delight. Michael Douglas stars as the unchaven, over-the-hill writer and professor Grady Tripp. Tobey Maguire and Katie Holmes play Tripp's students, with Maguire stealing the spotlight as a darkly enchanting would-be poet. Also enjoyable is Tobey Maguire Downey Jr. as Tripp's loony editor, and Frances McDormand. Though overlong and overwritten, the plot is always amiable and amusing, and the cast makes this one worth watching. — Roy Ronesnson
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A weekly guide to events in Boston

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Trio. Apr. 7-8: Gonzalo Rubalcaba (also Dead) benefit show for the Purity Project, $10. Sat., 9 p.m., Templeo on Dartmouth St., Boston. For tickets and information on how to show for free by volunteering.

April 8: 3 Doors Down. AXS Apr. 8: Rippopotamus. Gilford Community College. Box office, 300 MAss. Ave. M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m. or to purchase single tickets 977-0693.

April 8: The Original Jazz Music (All performers have two shows a day). 45 Quincy St., 02138. Information line at 747-8820.

April 8: Charles Playhouse. 74 Warren St., Boston. $10. Open daily at 5 p.m. for refreshments, socializing, showing, shopping, with emphasis on Italian culture. Inquiries to the director. Mozart Symphony No. 39. Pre-1999: Barber: Violin Concerto; Ravel: Piano Concerto in G. Tickets $28, $20, $14, $6, $2. For more information, call 368-9345. For more information, call 9478 after 10 a.m. on the day of performance. More information on Mozart's Sym-}
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the crass rat

Institute Madness!

You hosting pre-from Neil?

Yeah, I'm gonna host it! And you have a single?

And look at this spotless room!

Wait, you have a single? And I have these movies we can all watch!

Wild wild west?

Xippo's Courseload

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1 Assigned tasks
4 Located
7 Pair of antlers
9 Finished
11 April 15
14 Made possible
15 Post box
16 ...Paulo
17 Half
18 Razed
20 Knapsack
21 Elevation
22 Down
23 Comstock output
24 Temperance
25 Roosevelt's dog
26 Highland horn
27 Union
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30 New.
31 Conductive
32 Elements
33 Cut of spades
34 Lincoln's labor
35 Spiny trees
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48 Travel widely
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51 Soft drink
52 United Arab
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56 Tranquil
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1 Church leader
2 Lacking confidence
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7 Holds on to
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14 General
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22 Prehistoric
23 Lion's fare
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25 Bowl over
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27 Elizabethan Austrian
28 Poet of Spain
29 Power propeller
30 Made amends
31 Thyroid treatment
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34 Effort
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Fun With Clip Art

Aaron Isaksen

"Wow! That's the exact same vibrator that my mom uses."
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Wally's Claim of Disability Will Be Put to the Test

Here we go... oh yeah... come to ask... go, baby, go!

Does He Ever Move?

It looks that way when I jiggle the camera.

I Came Back Early from My Fake Disability Leave.

I Missed the Camaraderie and the Stimulating Conversation.

I Didn't Know You Were Gone.

Not bad for a Tuesday.

Always Ask Yourself, What Would Dogbert Do?

This Bumper Sticker Will Help Remind You.

Umm... I wouldn't do that.

You really should try it.

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Eileen Johnson Is Doing Her 800K Report Presentation This Morning, and Jason Wants Enough Time to Scoot His Desk Right Up Front.

This Is the Girl He Swears He Doesn't Like.

I Told You He's a Sweetie Underneath It All.

Jason Sure He Wants Wofled Down to Get His Cereal to School Early Today.

Eileen Jacobson Is Doing Her Book Report Presentation This Morning, and Jason Wants Enough Time to Scoot His Desk Right Up Front.

This Is the Girl He Swears He Doesn't Like.

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7:00 p.m. - Chasing Amy. See through the eyes of director Kevin Smith. Holden (Ben Affleck), a comic book author, meets and falls in love with Alyssa (Joey Lauren Adams), a comic book artist who happens to be a lesbian. Admission 2.5. 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

7:30 p.m. - Send Down Girl. Asian Film Series: China A young teen girl is sent away to a remote corner of Tibet for manual labor in 1975. A year later, she agrees to go to even more remote spot, where she finds the door; $6/$7 for non-students in advance/at the door. Admission 6.00. Kresge Little Theater. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.

8:00 p.m. - Dance Troupe Spring Concert. Tickets: $5/$6 for students in advance/at the door; $6/$7 for non-students in advance/at the door. Admission 6.00. Kresge Little Theater. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.

8:00 p.m. - Jazz Combo & MIT Wind Ensemble Concert. Fred Harris, music director. Admission 0. Killian Hall. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.

8:00 p.m. - Princess Ida or The Castle Adnantam. MIT Gilbert & Sullivan Productions. $9, $7 MIT community/other students/children/seniors; $3 Prefrosh w/Prefrosh ID. Admission 5.00. Sala de Puerto Rico. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.

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9:30 a.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. Tufts. Sponsor: MIT Nautical Association.

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - 5th Annual 5K Road Race. Run the 5K Road Race to benefit MIT Nautical Association. Sponsor: Tufts. More info: Call Family Resource Center at 253-4397. Email frc@mit.edu. Web: http://web.mit.edu/spectroscopy/www/.

11:00 a.m. - Smith-Purcell Radiation in the Relativistic Regime, John Walsh, Dartmouth College. Refreshments served at 11:45am. More info: Call Paul Rivenberg at 253-8101. Email nperberg@tdc.mit.edu. Web: http://web.mit.edu/spectroscopy/www/.


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10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Bilingual Reading. Andre Makine, author of "Dreams of My Russian Summers." Part of the Global Writers Series in collaboration with the Program in Writing & Humanistic Studies; co-sponsored by the Kelly Fund. Admission 0. Room 6.437. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.

11:00 a.m. - "Clockwatchers." Women's Studies Student Programming - Screening of a film followed by discussion with the director. Admission 0. Room 4.421. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.

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12:00 p.m. - Fire in the Alley. Saturday, April 8th, noon to 3pm. A barbecue for the entire campus on Amherst Alley in front of Baker House. Organized by Baker House and Student Ulife Programs. Snacks and refreshments will be served. More info: Call soosan beheshti at 253-2832. Email soosanemit.edu. Rm 35-225.

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FIRE IN THE ALLEY

THE TECH Page 15
Rebecca Berry '95 cuts lumber to size for the MIT Habitat for Humanity Campus Build held last Sunday in front of the Student Center. 85 Student volunteers built 62 frames in six hours, raising over $1,400 in the process.

Fears sparked by past protests and fire hazard concerns have hampered MIT's chapter of Habitat for Humanity efforts at hosting a community service event.

On May 6, Habitat organizers will sponsor 100 members of the MIT community, including faculty members and administrators, who will sleep on Kresge Oval and kick off Habitat's "Eight Months to $80,000" campaign, an effort to raise $80,000 for poverty housing development by New Year's Eve.

Habitat's original idea for the event included having participants sleep in boxes in order to gain sympathy for the experience of a homeless person. Now participants will sleep on the ground.

"The Cambridge Fire Department just told us we can't use boxes," said Catherine K. Foo, an organizer for the event. The Facilities Use Committee agreed. "They were worried that people would be sitting in their boxes, smoking and lighting candles ... The Committee was also worried about strangers wandering off the street and joining our event," Foo said.

While fire hazards were rectified by eliminating the boxtown idea, the group faced concerns about crowd control, noise, and a 1 a.m. curfew on campus events.

"We decided to fence off the oval and use wristbands so we can keep track of who belongs there," said Foo. Although MIT took measures to change the event, they nevertheless support Habitat, according to Assistant Dean Katie O'Dair. "We are very supportive of this idea and think that the students have done a wonderful job in responding to some of the concerns we had, including non-MIT access to the event, noise levels for adjoining residences and events, safety of students participating, logistics, and rain plan," O'Dair said. "We want to be particularly aware of safety issues as students will be outside all night."

Those participating in the sleep-out will collect pledges to sponsor the building of both one Boston home and two houses overseas. During the fundraiser, speakers will discuss poverty housing and the homeless.

Habitat for Humanity is a service group known for building and sponsoring housing development projects for the homeless.

Past boxtown event disrupted MIT

In 1990, MIT's Coalition against Apartheid erected a shantytown on the Oval to protest the Institute's investment policies. The students built a shack and sat around it to oppose MIT's purchasing of products from companies investing in South Africa. MIT claimed its holdings totaled $34 million, although the coalition claimed that the figure was $285 million. Police arrested 26 of the student protesters.

The protest drew several people from around Cambridge, who occupied the shanty and were disarmed by Campus Police. A later rally opposing the arrest of the 25 students drew over 200 protesters and resulted in 32 more arrests, including that of an MIT lecturer and a Tech photographer who were not involved in the event.

Although Habitat's plan is far from a protest, memories of the shantytown idea were stirred in administrators afraid of people unaffiliated with MIT coming onto the Oval.

But the boxtown idea proved successful at other universities raising money for Habitat groups. In 1997, the University of Connecticut held a "Loveback" sleep-out fundraiser in 20 degree weather, with record turnout. John Hopkins University students recently raised $3,000 through a similar fundraiser.

MIT Habitat members have adjusted their proposal to eliminate the boxes from their event, making campus committees and safety office officials more likely to approve this new plan.

If they have decided to sleep out without cardboard boxes in sleeping bags or blankets, then the plan is a good one and we can move forward in taking care of all of the logistical details," said O'Dair. "The ultimate goal is awareness of issues of homelessness, and this event would be successful in meeting this goal even without cardboard boxes."

Sleepout is second recent event

The sleepout will mark the second Habitat for Humanity event to recent weeks. Last Saturday, the group organized "Campus Build," a project to construct sections of walls for fifteen homes in Roxbury.

The frames constructed by MIT students will be incorporated into homes built next month. 50,000 families are currently on waiting lists for affordable housing in the Boston area. With the help of 85 volunteers, 62 frames were built in six hours, said Habitat member Kristanna E. Logan, who is part of the group's communication team.

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**WAN YUSOF WAN MORSHID - THE TECH**

Rajul Shah '01 performs the graceful movements of the Odissi, an Indian Classical Dance, devoted to deity Lord Krishna. The dance was one of the highlights of Grains of Rice, a Celebration of Asian Cultures, an annual event held last Sunday in Walker Memorial.

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**KRZYSZTOF GAJOS - THE TECH**

King Hildebrand (Jonathan Weinstein G) threatens to "most politely" hang King Gamer (David Daly) in the new Gilbert and Sullivan Players' production of Princess Ida opening tonight in La Sala de Puerto Rico. Prefrosh reduced-price tickets are available in lobby 10 or at the door.

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Members of the MIT Lion Dance Troupe perform the opening ceremony for Grains of Rice Sunday. The Lion Dance is often used to symbolize courage, energy, and wisdom, as well as to provide blessings and ward off evil.
Rush proposal discussed

Prior to his election, Roberts presented a preliminary proposal for dorm assignments and dorm rush. Under the proposal, which is the product of residence system implementation foreseen in the past week, freshmen would fill out a dorm preference card over the summer and receive a dorm assignment before they arrived on campus. Individual dorms would be responsible for making the room assignments.

During orientation, freshmen would participate in an integrated dorm rush alongside other orientation activities. They would then have the option of keeping their original room assignments or participating in a "no frick" lottery in which they could move to a dorm they ranked higher or remain in their current assignment.

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Roberts Presents New Dorm Rush Proposal

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This year, the new dorms have a lot of "good, fresh ideas," and the experience necessary to lead, he said.

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IFC, Dormcon Work To Alter CPW Rules

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rumors that violators of the rules could be denied admission.

Restrictions cause student uproar

"Prefrosh are not to go off campus except to go to FSILGs," Guerra wrote in an e-mail Wednesday. "No tours of Boston, no tours of Cambridge, no tours of Tower Records.

IFC President Damien A. Brosnan '01 said this interpretation of the rules was one asking hosts to "refrain from taking prefrosh off campus throughout the weekend." When the IFC adopted a similar rule, they expected prefrosh to be allowed into Boston, but not onto other campuses.

Hearing of the discrepancy, Brosnan and Dormitory Council President Jennifer A. Frank '00 met with Jones yesterday morning. Jones called the old rules "too rigid. You can take prefrosh to dinner or a tour." "Or else, you'd have to be question-rigid. You can take prefrosh to dinner or metal detectors.

Many FSILGs had canceled regular off-campus events because of the regulations.

Jones said the on-campus rule was created in response to concerns over safety and litigation. Most parents agree with it.

"It's a good idea, especially for girls," said Barbara Sunter, the mother of a prefrosh.

"childish. I feel like a kid at the mall and eat in Boston.

So don't worry about breaking a few rules this weekend," the letter said. "Just don't do anything stupid.

Students, who had vehemently opposed the new rules, were generally pleased with the changes. Jeff I. Lieberman '00 was planning a protest "Prefrosh Violation Dinner" so prefrosh could break the rules and eat in Boston.

Lieberman said the dinner is now about prefrosh meeting each other and is not a protest. "We stood up [to the admissions office] and accomplished the goals."

Tours, talks planned for weekend

Despite the wristband scandal, CPW has gotten off to a strong start. 714 prefrosh are on campus this weekend — 45 percent of the admitted class compared to last year's 43 percent.

Campus Preview Weekend is held to show prefrosh "a true experience of MIT, with a range of academic and social activities." Events planned include a dance, UROP tours, panel discussions, and residence tours.

In addition, Comparative Media Studies Professor Henry Jenkins, Professor of Psychology Steven Pinker, and Assistant Professor of Material Engineering Christine Ortiz will be lecturing today. Speaking Saturday is Associate Professor of Architecture Wellington Renter.

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Suspension Decision Returns Smith/Kane

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the election commission and Jud-board. This is how government works," said Smith.

Judboard decided to begin the election anew with Smith and Kane on the ballot, but sanctions will be levied on Smith and Kane and possibly other candidates. Judboard took over the decision process as a result of an appeal by Smith after his removal from the ballot. Smith stated that he was surprised by the commission's findings that he was in violation of the election code.

"The other candidates had been accused of putting their posters in the wrong places. To the best of our knowledge, we didn't have any problems with our posters," Smith said.

Poster provoked punishment

"If there was a way of keeping them on the ballot while maintaining the integrity of the rules, we would have done it," said election commission member Sarah L. McDougal ’00.

According to McDougal, the election commission's major reasons for removing the team were excessive postering of Next House and Smith's use of his name at the top of posters advertising a speaking engagement by Congressman John Linder from Atlanta, Georgia.

Vice Presidential candidate Jason H. Wasy ’01 also felt that the Linder posters were particularly egregious.

"Chris Smith shouldn't have tried to disguise his campaign posters as advertising a speech with Congress-man Linder," said Wasy. "That was deceptive and that was wrong."

Wasy emphasized that candidates are given seven chances before being thrown off of the ballot because every candidate will inevitably make a few mistakes.

Wasy believes that Smith and Kane's postering violations were ample reason for them to be thrown off of the ballot.

"I think that it's a hard situation because we need to have rules, but I hate to see people thrown off the ballot because of a few simple violations," said Wasy. He said, however, that he did not believe that many of the violations committed by Smith and Kane were small issues.

Other students did not agree with Smith and Kane's removal from the ballot. "I thought that those were only minor infractions, and were not totally against the spirit of the campaign," said Scott D. Schneider G. He cited "red tape" as the primary reason for the team's removal.

"They did make us aware of the rules. If we had done those things, then they would be justified in kicking us out," Smith said.

Rule violations led to removal

Under the current system, candidates are given points for each poster violation that they commit. The election code and point system was detailed in a packet given to each candidate at the beginning of the process.

Candidates are notified of the nature of each violation and the number of points assigned. Most violations are assigned a predetermined number of points, but the election commission decides how to assign points for unexpected violations.

When a candidate has more than seven points, the election commission votes on whether or not to remove him from the ballot. Smith and Kane were charged with 11 points for poster violations and the election commission decided to remove them from the ballot.

Poster tampering raised concerns

This year, candidates raised allegations of poster tampering. "I never thought that a candidate would try to sabotage another candidate's campaign," said McDougal.

"Jennifer and I have been penalized a few times for violations which I didn't think that we were responsible for," Wasy said.

Presidential candidate Peter Shulman also noted that several posters of his were moved in an attempt to earn campaign points.

"Personally, I saw posters that were put up for Peter and Mendel that had obviously been taken down. Why did this and why did they do it is unknown," McDougal said.

As a result of this poster tampering, election commissioner Zhelinren Scott L ’00 declared that all candidates must remove their posters by 12 a.m. Tuesday morning. Candidates who neglected to remove all of their posters were penalized one point.

Wasy strongly agreed with the mandated removal of UA campaign posters. "In some ways posters hinder a meaningful discussion of the issues," he said.

Rima Arnaout contributed to the reporting of this story.

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Bug Forces Voting Extension

By Dana Levine

As a result of bugs in the voting software, the Undergraduate Association election commission was forced to restart the online election system at about 4:20 AM on Wednesday.

According to Aaren M. Ucko, the system administrator for the election system, the problem arose when he received some sample code from the server's documentation.

"Unfortunately, the code in question had a bug that allowed my system to inadvertently corrupt its databases under some circumstances," he said.

The software had been used successfully for the Spring Weekend survey and freshman class elections, but Ucko claims that the bug "did not manifest itself, at least not obviously." The system uses a database which contains every undergraduate's name and year. The bug allowed some people who had already voted to vote again, while it prevented someone who had not voted from voting for the first time.

When Ucko discovered the bug, he took the system down to replace the database with a functional one. This prevented him from keeping any of the old data, as the software is designed to make it impossible to link anyone to who has voted with the vote that he has cast.

Some of the candidates are bothered by the election's extension. Vice Presidential Candidate Jason H. Wasy '01 believes that the extension will give voters ample time to vote.

"If I were making the decision, I would end the election on Friday night. To vote, you really only need three or four minutes," he said.

Sina Kevin Nazemi '03, running for class president, believes that the extension has helped candidates who didn't adequately prepare for the election. Nazemi fears, however, that they might not do their job in a timely manner if elected.

"It gives candidates who didn't put forth a concerted effort in the first week of elections a second chance, while lessening the efforts of those who made a concerted effort the first time," he said.

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President Kachani Will Form Ties with Other Student Groups

GSC, from Page 1

A good start on life at MIT.

Finally, Kachani hopes to build ties with other student organizations and provide social events for graduate students in addition to continuing the GSC’s tradition of focusing on key issues such as housing and graduate advising.

Kershner sprinkled his speech with buzzwords such as empowerment, visibility, and sustainability, noting that the administration’s willingness to ask the GSC for guidance depends on maintaining the Council’s strong membership and reputation.

“I have a strong interest in maintaining a legacy of involvement,” Kershner said, pointing out that the Council offers its members the chance to make a difference.

Sriram noted that the GSC’s basic problem is a lack of communication with the students it represents. As secretary, he said, he intends to reach out toward students through more aggressive publicity and features on the GSC web site.

Groff says his main goal as treasurer will be to provide accessibility to funding for GSC-sponsored student groups. As part of this goal, Groff intends to break the funding cycle into shorter periods so groups will not have to apply months in advance.

Officers begin in May

According to current GSC president Luis A. Ortiz G, the new officers will not begin their terms for another month. Officers-elect will take their offices in a brief ceremony at the May general council meeting.

Several new committee chairs will begin their duties in May as well. Committee chairs have been selected for three of the GSC’s standing committees, with the Activities committee scheduled to choose new co-chairs Monday.

Officers represent diverse fields

Kachani, an Operations Research student, is a long-term member of the GSC and served as chair of its Academics, Research, and Careers committee during the past year.

Kershner, of the department of Materials Science and Engineering, has served the GSC as a representative since October, during which time he organized a variety of joint GSC-Sloan activities.

Sriram is a Mechanical Engineering student and has served the GSC for one year as a member at large.

Groff is a student in the Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology (HST), has served the GSC as HST Representative, and has participated actively in the Shakespeare Ensemble and Graduate Christian Fellowship.

GSC Presidential candidates Christopher S. Protz G, Soulaymane Kachani G, and J. Alan Groff G (left to right) respond to a variety of questions during the GSC’s election meeting Wednesday. Kachani won the office of President, while Groff was elected Treasurer and Protz will serve as Orientation Committee Chair.

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**Back-to-back Victories for Tennis**

**Women's Tennis Defeats Wesleyan and Vassar by One Match**

*By Nisha Singh*

The women's tennis team faced two non-conference opponents this weekend. The team defeated Wesleyan at home 5-4 on Friday. The following day, they won at Vassar College in another close 5-4 win.

**Wesleyan match competition**

In doubles play against Wesleyan, the top two doubles were extremely competitive. First doubles co-captain Meital Kamnok '00 and Kelsey Koskinel '02 toughed out an 8-6 win while Jiliee Koo '99 and Jess Hall '92 fought back from a 5-2 deficit, robbing off the left singles games for an 8-6 victory. Third doubles, Tara Rao '99 and Nisha Singh '00 played well, but lost 6-3 to a slow start.

In singles play, the top two players both had close first sets, but once they claimed them, their games picked up, and they cruised for the rest of the match. Kamnok won 7-5, 6-2 at first singles, and Koskinel won 6-4, 6-2 at third singles. Tara finished off her opponent very efficiently, garnering a 6-1, 6-1 victory. The fourth, fifth, and sixth singles matches didn't go as well for MIT. Hall lost 6-2, 6-0, Rao lost 6-2, 6-3, and Singh lost 6-1, 6-1.

At seventh singles, Ayaoko Tanaka '01 had the longest match of the weekend. After losing the first set 6-4, she came back to win 6-3. Ayaoko's comeback was determined to be the outcome of the match, which Tanaka lost, but only after having played for two hours.

**Vassar match competition**

Against Vassar, MIT performed well. Vassar doubles. Kamnok and Koskinel had another close match, winning 8-6. Koo and Hall executed to perfection at second doubles, scoring a 6-1, 6-0 victory. Though they played some good points. Tanaka and Yi-Ning Chang '02, playing in their first match together, won 8-4 at fourth doubles.

Nakamura had an interesting match at first singles. She fought her opponent off in the first set, losing 7-5. However, she then showed no signs of mercy in the second, blanking her opponent 6-0. Koskinel's match at second singles proved the crucial fifth point that MIT needed to win. After losing the first set 7-5, Koskinel gathered herself together, winning the second set 7-5. She then withstood the opponent off the court, dropping only one game in a 6-0, 6-1 romp. Hall faced a difficult match at fourth singles, losing 6-2, 6-1. Ayaoko had an exciting third set at fifth singles. After winning the first set, she lost the second 6-2, and the final set 6-3. Singh lost 6-2, 6-1 at sixth singles despite jumping out to a 4-2 lead. Tanaka lost by the same score at seventh singles. Lastly, Chang pulled out a satisfying 6-2, 7-5 win at eighth singles.

Head coach Matsuoka had the following to say about the two matches. "We did not play our best tennis, which gives us some things wrong. The next time we travel to Vermont for the Middlebury Tournament."
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Heavyweight Crew Heads to New York
Alumni Cup May Return to the Beavers

By Brian K. Richter
State Times

Varsity heavyweight crew opens its spring racing season in New York City this weekend. The Engineers face the light blue Lions of Columbia on the Harlem River in the annual Alumni Cup regatta. The Alumni Cup’s long history has been one of intense competition, with the victories being split almost evenly between the two schools. No school has ever held the cup for more than a few years (Columbia has held it for the past two years). The Alumni Cup is arguably one of the most important regular season races for MIT all year. Columbia has become a strong team recently, pleasing 11th at Eastern Sprints last spring with a sophomore-loaded boat. Just last weekend the Lions showed their improving strength by finishing ninth at the prestigious San Diego Crew Classic, just seconds behind Yale’s Yale. Coach Hamilton said, “This may be the fastest Columbia boat in over 40 years.”

The Engineers have been training all winter with Columbia in their minds. The addition of double session workouts this last week make strong hopes of stealing the race this weekend. MIT recently has chosen to focus on starting fast and spanning well as these are parts of the race that must be executed perfectly for the Engineers to upset the stronger Columbia squad.

Scrimgale hints work is needed
The varsity learned that their sprint needed a lot of work last Sunday in a scrimmage against Riverside Boat Club and MIT’s first freshmen heavyweights. Three boats were nearly evenly through the last five hundred meters when both the freshmen boat and Riverside pulled ahead by a few seats to upset the varsity and cross the finish line first with a more composed sprint. The Lions return most of their squad from last year’s victory over MIT, whereas MIT returns only key players to their varsity boat.

MIT’s freshman squad is entering this race with a lot of well-deserved confidence. So far this spring, in scrimmages and practices, the freshmen have proven they can upset their own varsity squad. They also surprised the Columbia as a worthy opponent, and I think that this is a great opportunity for us. I feel that we’ve been getting faster and stronger with every practice, and I am confident that we can perform at a level that will allow us to win some more light blue shirts.”
—Engene Hieattstein ’00, captain

Harvard first freshmen boat with their speed; Harvard’s freshmen proved to be the fastest freshmen in the country by winning the Head of the Charles by nearly fifteen seconds last fall. The freshmen squad this year is graced with five of very strong novices who have picked up the sport quickly and in many cases proven to be stronger oarsmen than their experienced teammates. The freshmen look forward to winning their first intercollegiate race this weekend, as a preliminary step towards their goals of beating some of the fastest boats in the country.

Pheiffer Picks Favorites
In National League East
Only the Braves and Mets Will Play for the Title

By Rory P. Pheiffer
SPORTS

Spring isn’t here yet, but baseball does not seem to care. It has arrived earlier and earlier each spring. Spring training starts in February, exhibition games the first days of March, and opening day in late March. This year Major League Baseball decided to conduct opening day in Japan, forcing the Mets and Cubs to travel to another country to open their baseball season. As much as I’d like to tell you that all the signs that indicate baseball season has arrived are apparent, there aren’t really any signs to indicate such. Regardless, as much as it may seem like it, it is time to grab your sunglasses and a few dollars for a hot dog and pop (or soda if you prefer) and make our way to the ballpark (well, don’t forget a warm coat too).

National League East
The Atlanta Braves owned the National League East during the 1990s, and I don’t expect anything to change in this decade. They still have a solid pitching staff and their batting order now has more solid hitters at the top with Reggie Sanders and Quilvio Veras. A team with Javier Lopez and Andres Galarraga coming back strong after injuries makes the Braves again unbeatable.

The Mets made some nice off-season moves for their pitching staff where they will be able to move Al Leiter back to the second spot in the rotation and make newly acquired Mike Hampton the staff ace. They also have the potential to potenial on offense, with the likes of Ricky Henderson, Darryl Hamilton, Mike Piazza, Robin Ventura, Todd Zeile, and Eric Bell. I don’t think they can compete with the Braves because Atlanta has more depth and consistency. If the Mets were going to make it to the World Series, last year was their year. Their time has come and gone. As for the rest of the teams in this division, don’t look for any of them to give Atlanta or New York too much trouble. The Phillies have too many holes in their line-up and the Expos increased their opening day payroll this year, but did so by only concentrated on pitching, leaving their offense and fielding still less than desirable. Lastly, the Florida Marlins, a team just three years removed from being crowned World Champions, will continue their recent trend of fighting to remain out of the National League basement.

Look for NL Central and more division previews in upcoming issues.

Women’s Rugby Club Loses Tough Game

By Kristin Brodie
SPORTS

The women’s rugby team had their first game of the season against Springfield College last Saturday. The Engineers made a good effort, but lost the match 15-10.

Despite the loss, the team is looking better than ever this season. There are many returning players as well as some new, experienced players joining us for the first time.

Several of the rocks played great on Saturday. Lee Knight ’00 and Heather Sites ’03 both scored for MIT. They assisted MIT in tackling, gaining yardage and keeping possession throughout the entire game. All players in the game seemed to be performing strong, well-timed tackles right and left. Barika Poole ’01 single-handedly stopped many of the opposing team’s girls from scoring by completely knocking them off their feet — even the other team’s spectators began cheering Poole’s performance.

With all the athletes the team is fielding, the spring season looks very promising for the women’s rugby team.