Sophomore Critically Injured in Random Hall Fire
Seven CPs Responding to Blaze Also Injured

By Mike Hall

A fire struck the fourth floor of Random Hall last night, injuring one student and seven Campus Police officers.
The fire originated in the room of Elizabeth H. Shin '02, a biology major, at 9:15 p.m. Shin was taken to Massachusetts General Hospital with third-degree burns on 65 percent of her body and is listed in critical condition. Shin's parents were notified soon after the incident.

Campus Police arrived on the scene shortly after the blaze started. Officer Sean C. Munnelly was credited by the MIT News Office for pulling Shin out of the burning room. After saving Shin, Campus Police then extinguished the fire before the Cambridge Fire Department arrived, according to Cambridge Fire communications supervisor Frederick C. Hart.

Munnelly was taken to Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center with smoke inhalation injuries, along with Officers Kevin P. Kirchdorfer and Donald P. Miller. Officers John W. Carr, Clarence A. Henninger, Ronald B. Ward, and Joseph S. West also suffered from smoke inhalation and were taken to MGH. All officers were listed in good condition.

According to the Boston Herald, Deputy Chief Thomas Stack of the Cambridge Fire Department said the main burn area was in the center of Shin's room. The nature of the fire is currently under investigation by the Cambridge Fire Department and the Massachusetts State Police.

Random Hall President Matthew S. Cain '02 said that over 90 residents were evacuated at about 9:20 p.m. and were re-admitted to the dormitory one hour later.
The Fourth Floor of the 282 Massachusetts Avenue section of

Emergency crews responded to a fire last night at Random Hall in which one student and several Campus Police officers were critically injured.

SwapIt.com to Lease W20 Space

By Rina Arnaout

The space on the first floor of the Student Center last leased by Newbury Comics may be occupied once again — this time by a start-up music company called SwapIt.com.

MIT's real estate office and the Campus Activities Complex are close to reaching an agreement with SwapIt.com that would put a music retail store within the Student Center. Individuals from SwapIt are currently writing a business proposal, which will be discussed with MIT by the end of the month.

"People in MIT's age group usually have a surplus of CDs," said CAD Director Phillip J. Walsh. SwapIt.com, which launched its web site just last Tuesday, is a company "looking at the bartering, or swapping, side of the internet."
The company swaps out products someone may not like for products they would like," Walsh said.

A "mail-in" service for swapping CDs will be put near Toscanini's Ice Cream next week, and the company will profit by charging a two dollar fee for buying the used CDs.

Student-friendly store chosen

Walsh believes that the real estate office has come to understand that the Student Center serves the student community and therefore must have student-friendly retail spaces.

"The fun lounge atmosphere is appealing to students... and returns something to the real estate portfolio..." said Assistant Director of Business and Financial Services Peter D. Cummings. "Part of the framework of the concept is that they want to participate in supporting student events," said Cummings, who believes that SwapIt.com may sponsor student events directly.

"We were very cautious of corporate sponsorships before, and I see [a relationship with SwapIt.com] as a way of crossing the boundaries" between retail and student life, Cummings said.

Although students have advocated that the empty student center space be turned into a lounge, Walsh said that the space must be leased to a retail store.

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Elections to Continue In Abbreviated Format

JudBoard Restarts UAP/VPCampaigning After Race Tainted by Postering Violations

By Dana Levine

In an attempt to repair an election process gone awry, the Undergraduate Association Judicial Board has issued a new set of guidelines and recommendations for the election of a UA President and Vice President.

The new rules provide for an accelerated two-day campaigning period, which will end today at noon. Following campaigning, a shortened three-day voting period will begin at 8 p.m. this evening.

Judicial Board members said that the motivation for reducing the length of campaigning this week was to allow the candidates to complete their school work, a rationale which some candidates strongly supported.

"I think that it's a good solution. It's nice to know that you can not campaign and that other people aren't going to poster either," said UAP/VP candidate Jason H. Wasfy '01.

However, Wasfy's running mate, Jennifer C. Berk '01, does not agree that these rules will benefit the candidates.

"I understand that the reason for this is to let us work this week, and that's reasonable. However, there are a lot of gray areas in the new election policy, "I like to be very careful, and this makes it hard," she said.

Presidential candidate Sanjay K. Rao '02 believes that the revised campaign rules will benefit both the candidates and the voters. He emphasized that this is an "issue-based election," and mentioned that "what it really comes down to is meeting people."

"In a further complication, Judicial Board member Leah S. Schmelzer '02 sent an e-mail to many of MIT's public discussion mailing lists asking the MIT community not to send e-mails to public forums which show a preference of one candidate over another.

Several members of the MIT community were outraged by this recommendation, which they felt limited free speech in the MIT community.

Students protest e-mail

UA Vice President Les Nenzer '00 was unsure as to whether the Judicial Board should have discussed the e-mail issue with other members of the UA before issuing the request.

"The decision was made and publicized by the JudBoard. There isn't really any precedent as to whether they should have sent it through other branches of the UA," Nenzer said.

Shawn K. Kiley G was somewhat surprised by Schmelzer's e-mail. "It seems inappropriate to try to limit discussions of the MIT community in general," he said.

Although Nenzer did acknowledge that the Judicial Board has faced many campaign violations in the past, he believes that it picked an inappropriate solution.

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The Weather

Today: Cool, overcast. 47°F (8°C)
Tonight: Miserable. 43°F (6°C)
Tuesday: Yes, it's going to rain. 47°F (8°C)
Details, Page 2
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By Sally Squire

Spring Waves

Hello... Goodbye... Hello...

By Greg Lawson and Rob Korty

The stark contrast of warm and cool so typical of early spring weather patterns continues this year unabated. Perhaps now more than ever we can appreciate the wave-like nature of our mid-latitude weather. As deep troughs internally out west and regenerate toward the east, they pass by successively producing temperature drops of over 40°F (22°C) and radial shifts in winds.

As the springtime weather exemplifies this, now the merry light winds which brought us snow has passed, the patterns have relaxed back to a more zonal state (from west to east) waiting for the next big trough to hit. However as we turn the calendar to May, you can expect a little more easterly flow along the Pacific Northwest and Atlantic coast. For now, expect a inter-mountain valley and high plains and eastern mountain regions.

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WEATHER

Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Tuesday, April 11, 2000

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International Observers Warn Of Fraud in Peruvian Elections

By Anthony Faldo

Peruvians have voted for a third time in less than a year in elections tainted by fraud. The final vote, to be announced tomorrow, will determine whether a round of voting in Peru.

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The presidential race in Peru is viewed internationally as a key test of democracy in Latin America and of the willingness of leaders in the region's young and troubled democracies to leave power.

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New Data Supports Benefits of Large Doses of Vitamins

By Sally Squire

There is no convincing scientific evidence that taking large amounts of vitamin C, vitamin E, or the nutrients selenium and beta carotene can reduce the chance of getting heart disease, diabetes, Alzheimer's disease or other illnesses, a National Academy of Sciences panel announced Monday.

Despite popular belief that high doses of these so-called antioxidants can protect the body from a variety of illnesses, including the common cold, there is insufficient evidence to recommend that Americans get more of these nutrients than is necessary to prevent basic nutritional deficiencies, the panel said. In fact, extremely high doses might lead to health problems, according to the panel, which did not give the time there is a potential for the (beta) toxin to cause death (the conservative side).

Referees with a history of at least 20 years of experience in the area of food law and toxicology have estimated that 23 of the 5.7 billion that will be spent on the ACCPAC accounting software arm. Other elements of the peri-division will follow as they reach "critical mass".

The ACCPAC arm appears to be approaching that level. CA said it is the largest seller of desktop accounting software in North America.

"We have several business units we feel should be independent," Wang said.

Turning to the IPO market would help CA address frustrations about its share price, which has languished at around $60.

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19 Marines Die in Crash of Controversial Aircraft

Plans to deploy a controversial military aircraft now in the final stages of testing were cast in doubt Sunday after 19 Marines were killed in a weekend crash that ranks among the most deadly plane accidents in years.

A tilt-rotor V-22 Osprey, built to take off like a helicopter but then rotate its propellers 90 degrees to fly like a fixed-wing craft, crashed Sunday evening after landing at a military airport near Marana, Ariz., about 15 miles northwest of Tucson.

The aircraft, which was landing when it crashed, was participating in an exercise simulating the rescue of personnel from a hostile environment.

By the end of 19, 14 were combat troops from Camp Pendleton near San Diego, one was from the Miramar Marine Corps Air Station in San Diego, and four were Osprey crew members from a helicopter squadron in Quantico, Va.

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Pressure From Conservatives Won't Stop Reform, Khatemi Supporters

The Washington Post

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World & Nation

19 Marines Die in Crash of Controversial Aircraft

Los Angeles Times

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Army Attempting to Reconcile Accounts in Harassment Case

By Paul Richter

WASHINGTON

Army investigators are trying to reconcile conflicting accounts of whether a female general at the center of a high-profile sex harassment case confronted a male peer when he allegedly groped her in her Pentagon office four years ago, officials said Monday.

Lt. Gen. Claudia J. Kennedy, the Army’s highest-ranking woman, has told authorities that she tried to settle the matter with Maj. Gen. Larry Smith when he allegedly touched her during an October 1996 meeting.

Smith, however, maintains there was no such discussion, according to officials.

The conflict is another signal that defense officials may find it difficult to find corroborated and clear-cut answers to a case that has troubled the Army since it came to light on March 30.

While sexual harassment cases often involve contradictory “he said/she said” testimony, the lack of supporting evidence in this instance could make it difficult to deal with allegations that have acquired enormous political sensitivity.

Kennedy, 52, the Army’s top intelligence officer, has been a symbol of the Army’s new opportunities for women. Smith, 55, is a decorated veteran with three combat tours in Vietnam and was nominated last August to be the Army’s deputy inspector general.

Both Kennedy and Smith repeatedly have refused to comment on the allegations.

Army officials, too, have declined all comment, citing concerns about privacy and the integrity of the investigation.

Elian’s Caretakers For Reunion

By Sue Anne Prossley and Karen DeYoung

WASHINGTON

More than three hours after it was originally scheduled, a meeting between a government-appointed team of mental health specialists and the Miami relatives of Elian Gonzalez finally got under way Monday to look as a substitute mother to the boy, was admitted Saturday.

Marisleysis Gonzalez, who did not sit in the Miami family made what” the federal government’s Mental Health Specialists Meet

The Miami relatives already had

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS

"Intellectual Property Rights"
by Dr. Jack Turner
Assistant Director, MIT Technology Licensing Office

Wed., Apr. 12, 2000
Room 4-163
6:7-30 P.M.

April 12: Housing and Community Affairs Committee Meeting
April 13: Orientation Committee Meeting
Both held at 50-220 at 5:30pm (w/ food )
OPINION

Worse and Worse

The Undergraduate Association has managed to flush any remaining credibility from this year's presidential elections. This time the culprit is the Judicial Board, which in its wisdom has decided to prohibit further campaign activities starting today and has asked all undergraduates to refrain from making endorsements in order, as described by JudBoard, to "maintain the integrity and fairness of the upcoming UA/UAVP elections this week."

Put shortly, these 'rules' are laughable; they are unreasonable, unpleasant, and unrealistic. In trying to look tough what was a last, desperate attempt at a real campaign, JudBoard has demonstrated the UA's complete inability to manage itself — its utter failure to represent student interests.

Running a fair election is critical, but instructing candidates to stop campaigning — to stop communicating — is no way to achieve fairness. In order to have an evenhanded election, candidates need an opportunity to express their ideas and describe their platforms to the community — an opportunity that has not yet existed amidst allegations of postering rules. In any other election, these were grounds to silence the candidates only further erode the integrity of this election.

The request that students remain silent on the question of endorsements is simply absurd. JudBoard has no business controlling conversations among students, and these attempts to cut off debate are an affront to the very notion of democracy. Of course, JudBoard has no way to enforce these rules, so students should feel free to exercise their rights and speak with impunity. It has been the worst week of the year, a needless congestion that has embarrassed all involved. JudBoard's latest proclamations only add fuel to the fire.

The Tech

A 'Caste System' of Majors

This past week, I picked up a copy of Time and a particular article, by a woman who graduated from Princeton, caught my attention. She explained how she worked as a teacher during the summer, and how everyone kept asking her why she was waiting to teach instead of getting a high-paying job considering her academic achievements and the school she went to. She rebuked by asking if the children (and future) of America did not deserve the best. It was a refreshing article overall and it led me to thinking about university education in general.

Think of how people describe their choice of major or future career. At this point, the medical, engineering, and electrical students come in immediately and are quite head-banged about their majors. Okay, so they work hard, but who doesn't? Personally, I have found and still find it disgusting that in a society like ours that is supposed to be "enlightened," there is a caste system in place in our universities. What makes the medical student better than the English student? What gives the engineering student the right to look down on the geography student? The fault does not lie with the students alone. This caste system is also accepted and perpetuated by the professors, parents, industries, the media, and others. We should not give the engineering student the right to look down on the children who became rich, invented something, or made news. What about the forgotten important alumnae? The ones that go on to become teachers, social workers, soldiers?

The current pride of these so-called top tier universities is the ultimate downfall. Students have to start learning to respect one another's majors. Believe it or not, everyone has to have something to do with a startup or stock options. Let there be comradeship once again in our institutions of higher learning. One does not need to look down at others just to make one feel more important. It would be great if this new attitude of comradery began in MIT but it will probably begin in Berkeley, since they are better at taking first steps (just kidding).

Bukola Afolayan G

Commission Wrong to Take Smith Off Ballot

Ed: The Tech received the following letter after the restoration of candidates Chris D. Smith and Kane J. Kane to the Undergraduate Association ballot.

Shame on the election commission for disqualifying Smith/Kane for such an insignifi-


cant collection of "violations." The alleged violations are unsubstantiated, one wants to have something to do with a startup or stock options. Let there be comradeship once again in our institutions of

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Students' Protest of Inane CPW Rules Shows Prefrosh MIT Spirit

Veena Thomas

I found it quite amusing that early on the morning the prefrosh were to arrive, workers busily repaired the ubiquitous wristbands which around Krege Oval for so long. Within hours, long strips of the former paraphernalia covered.

A symbolic “patching over” of relations with the prefrosh, the wristbands have been employed recently. This attempt at jealously of the prefrosh has been slipping in recent weeks. Nevertheless, MIT has attempted to treat the prefrosh with some dignity this year.

Many interested students by imposing harsh and nonsensical rules on them. A letter from Dean of Admissions Marilee Jones was carefully slipped into the packets of information distributed to all prefrosh. The letter, entitled “For Our Mom Away from Home,” as she signed the letter, didn’t read like the standard piece of advice admissions officers are required to send, the letter tempted prefrosh with promises “of the meaningful community MIT has to offer.” Read it by these words, it’s easy to miss the ramifications of the next section of the letter: “As a result of your ‘Mom Away from Home’ letter, we will also ensure that prefrosh have purple wristbands at all times to identify themselves as a member of the class of 2005. This year we will use purple wristbands to avoid confusion between prefrosh and regular MIT students. As a result, you will then wear some sort of identification in order to gain admittance to these events.”

But why would prefrosh be expected to identify themselves in this way? The college community has already easily identified throughout campus, with their bright-eyed optimism, happy smiles, and the large purple wristbands which they seemed to really need a further form of separating

Michael J. Ring

Given all of the fiascos related to Undergraduate Admissions, one would guess that the hapless undergraduate citizenry would have seen the worst by now.

But the UA has outdone itself this year’s all new of postering in the dorms, have been lampared by a lack of strong candidates, poor organization. When the third round of voting ended, the student activism worked: after meeting with the UA, many student groups and faculty members agreed to a compromise which must be run three times and will be held by an exterior organization, such as the GSC or the Class Council. The UA election commission moved with all the speed of a turtle粥粥粥粥 but concluded with perhaps the most useful piece of reading this letter to regard it as realizing the first of its purposes.

The student activism worked: after meeting with the leaders of the majors, the UA decided to change its terms of engagement. The UA will now distribute the prefrosh information packet. Admitting that she had made an “error judgment which resulted in the wrong candidate contract in the prefrosh information packet. Admitting that she had made an “error judgment which resulted in the wrong candidate contract in the prefrosh information packet. Admitting that she had made an “error judgment which resulted in the wrong candidate contract in the prefrosh information packet. Admitting that she had made an “error judgment which resulted in the wrong candidate contract in the prefrosh information packet. Admitting that she had made an “error judgment which resulted in the wrong candidate contract in the prefrosh information packet. Admitting that she had made an “error judgment which resulted in the wrong candidate contract in the prefrosh information packet. Admitting that she had made an “error judgment which resulted in the wrong candidate contract in the prefrosh information packet. Admitting that she had made an “error judgment which resulted in the wrong candidate contract in the prefrosh information packet. Admitting that she had made an “error judgment which resulted in the wrong candidate contract in the prefrosh information packet. Admitting that she had made an “error judgment which resulted in the wrong candidate contract in the prefrosh information packet. Admitting that she had made an “error judgment which resulted in the wrong candidate contract in the prefrosh information packet. Admitting that she had made an “error judgment which resulted in the wrong candidate contract in the prefrosh information packet. Admitting that she had made an “error judgment which resulted in the wrong candidate contract in the prefrosh information packet. Admitting that she had made an “error judgment which resulted in the wrong candidate contract in the prefrosh information packet. Admitting that she had made an “error judgment which resulted in the wrong candidate contract in the prefrosh information packet. Admitting that she had made an “error judgment which resulted in the wrong candidate contract in the prefrosh information packet. Admitting that she had made an “error judgment which resulted in the wrong candidate contract in the prefrosh information packet. Admitting that she had made an “error judgment which resulted in the wrong candidate contract in the prefrosh information packet. Admitting that she had made an “error judgment which resulted in the wrong candidate contract in the prefrosh information packet. Admitting that she had made an “error judgment which resulted in the wrong candidate contract in the prefrosh information packet. Admitting that she had made an “error judgment which resulted in the wrong candidate contract in the prefrosh information packet. Admitting that she had made an “error judgment which resulted in the wrong candidate contract in the prefrosh information packet. Admitting that she had made an “error judgment which resulted in the wrong candidate contract in the prefrosh information packet. Admitting that she had made an “error judgment which resulted in the wrong candidate contract in the prefrosh information packet. Admitting that she had made an “error judgment which resulted in the wrong candidate contract in the prefrosh information packet. Admitting that she had made an “error judgment which resulted in the wrong candidate contract in the prefrosh information packet. Admitting that she had made an “error judgment which resulted in the wrong candidate contract in the prefrosh information packet. Admitting that she had made an “error judgment which resulted in the wrong candidate contract in the prefrosh information packet. Admitting that she had made an “error judgment which resulted in the wrong candidate contract in the prefrosh information packet.
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This is a column in which we address questions and topics of all kinds concerning sex and relationships. Dr. Do It and Ms. Emotion do not claim to be experts in the fields but have been "around the block" a few times and have seen their share of situations involving relationships and sex. The opinions of Dr. Do It and Ms. Emotion do not necessarily reflect the opinions of this publication.

Dear Dr. Do It and Ms. Emotion,

I am 18 and a college student. Me and my boyfriend have been together for about a year. He is a strong believer in fascism, and I am not. I really think that he is fascist will really be a source for concern.

Dr. Do It: I'll say! It's definitely a source for concern. First of all, you shouldn't fall in love with someone just because you're desperate. I am sure you understand already this can potentially be a very explosive relationship. I have a very difficult time imagining this working out. However, if the sex is really that great, then who knows?

Actually, scratch that last part. I really want in someone you fall in love with. The important thing is to talk with your boyfriend about your concern with this. It is possible that your boyfriend is not really comforable with hanging out with your friends. He may be shy around a group of people he does not know well. You can discuss ways events where each of you invite your friends, although this could lead to the two groups socializing separately and not much cross-group interaction. Some possible ideas would be pot-luck dinners, picnics, or even sport activities.

Dr. Do It: You could also try come up with a unique approach to your relationship. For example, you could bring your friends to a meeting with your boyfriend. You can discuss ways you and he should really talk about this person, you might have a few things to discuss. Please send e-mail to <advice@the-tech.mit.edu>.

Ms. Emotion: I think that we have been 'around the block' a few times and have seen our share of situations involving relationships and sex. The opinions of Dr. Do It and Ms. Emotion do not necessarily reflect the opinions of this publication.

Ms. Emotion: When my boyfriend and I get together we do other things involving just the two of us or do other things with his friends. I would really like him to get to know my friends better too because I don't want to alienate myself from my friends and I would like the two of us to hang out with them. What can I do?

Social Juggler

This Week In MIT History

By Katie Jeffreys

On April 10, 1861 the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's charter was granted by the state of Massachusetts. William Barton Rogers and his brother Henry had conceived the idea of a polytechnic university unlike the humanities-based universities of the day. The industrial revolution had brought forth the need to emphasize practical studies of machines and industry.

Rogers was granted land in the Back Bay after submitting several petitions to the state and agreeing to raise $100,000 for the Institute. The tract would not only hold MIT, with its School of Arts, a Museum of Arts, and a School of Industrial Science, but also a Museum of Natural History.

The charter was followed in four days by the start of the Civil War. Plans for opening the Institute were not hindered by the war. Almost exactly a year later, on April 18, 1862, the MIT Corporation met, and elected William Barton Rogers as the Institute's first president.

According to the MIT charter <http://web.mit.edu/corporation/charters.html>, the corporation was founded "for the end of fostering and maintaining society of arts, a muse- um of arts, and a school of industrial science, and aiding generally, by suitable means, the advancement, development and practical application of sciences in connection with arts, agriculture, manufactures and commerce, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities, set forth in the sixty-eighth chapter of the General Statutes."

In the following years, construction of MIT's first building began. Construction was not completed by the first day of classes on February 20, 1865. Instead, the Mercantile Library on Summer Street in downtown Boston was used to educate the fifteen students enrolled, who were pursuing the professions of mechanician, civil engineer, builder and architect, mining engineer and practical chemist.

Want to see your work published in this space next week?

Then submit your poetry to poetry@the-tech.mit.edu.

Viewpoint

What did you think of this year's prefrosh?

One of my prefrosh said that he thought MIT women were easy.

Jeffrey C. Roberts '02

I actually didn't see any of them. I'm a senior, and I

live off campus.

Matthew B. Potts '00

They seemed short.

Christopher R. Rezek '99

They are smarter than me.

Eliza M. Desai '03

Most people went away with a happy feeling.

Mendel Chuang '02

They seemed really sociable. I went to a

party, and a lot of them really wanted to
dance.

Michelle E. Park '02

Compiled by Dana Levine

This space donated by The Tech
"Oh no! Someone tore this page from the Bible! Now we'll never know if He was crucified or not!"

**Crossword Puzzle**

**ACROSS**
1. Fulfill
5. Beer choice
9. Battle and Emma
14. Pakistan tongue
15. Medusa's rival
16. God or May
17. Level
18. Prepare to run
19. Sell up
20. Ave Stadium epic
22. Used a suction device
24. Border
25. Spirit
27. One for one deal
31. Ancient Items
35. Takes free
36. Gulch
37. Short sleep
38. Do _ others
39. Works for
40. Works for
41. Bishop
42. Observer
43. Waiting in the wings
44. Something at the end
45. Mexican shawl
47. School
49. Hook's end
51. Susan's river
52. Destroyed
55. Hill
60. Fertility goddess

**DOWN**
1. Pound pup
2. New York canal
3. Home of the first family?
4. Faced
5. Releases
6. Ms. Gardner
7. Performer's dates
8. Needle box
9. Feelings of mutual trust
10. Rolled parchment
11. Discomfort
12. Church recess
13. Plant starter
21. Middle of the month
22. Color shades
23. D-Sharp
27. Supportive fanwork
28. Title of "The Nanny"
29. Damasked fower
30. Military advance
32. Identifying
33. Walk-on part
34. Fire starter
37. Free cable
40. Powers
41. Identifying
43. Australian gemstone
44. Stanley Gardner
46. Mistreated
48. In a breezy manner
49. Hook's end
50. Yankee Yogi
52. Kicked the bucket
53. Wight or Men
54. Disgusting
55. Mend, as socks
57. Quarter
58. Mausoleum
59. Seth's son
60. Sign of assault

41, 42, 43: A. Isaksen

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See solution, page 18
AT ALL TIMES I ASK MYSELF, WHAT WOULD DOGBERT DO?

THEN IT DOESN'T MATTER THAT MY BRAIN IS THE SIZE OF A TINY DRIED PEANUT!

THAT THOUGHT WOULD MAKE DOGBERT HUNGRY.

DID I EVER TELL YOU ABOUT THE TIME I WENT SKYDIVING?

THAT SOUNDS LIKE A FALSE MEMORY PLANTED BY DOGBERT.

MY PARACHUTE DIDN'T OPEN. LUCKILY, I LANDED ON A TRAMPOLINE AND BOUNCED BACK INTO THE PLANE.

TAKE THIS TO THE TECHNOLOGY BUDDHA FOR ENLIGHTENMENT.

HE'S BUSY MEDITATING.

HE MUST BE VERY WISE.

MY PARACHUTE DIDN'T OPEN. LUCKILY, I LANDED ON A TRAMPOLINE AND BOUNCED BACK INTO THE PLANE.

JASON! STOP! LET SOMEONE ELSE CLEAR THE TABLE!

I CAN'T REMEMBER THE LAST TIME WE PLAYED CHESS TOGETHER, PAIGE.

I'LL LET YOU CHOOSE— WEL! LET'S RED OR BLACK? SEE...

THIS RED CLASHES WITH MY SWEATER, SO I'LL TAKE BLACK.

SUDDENLY ICK. DO THESE BOARDS ALL HAVE TO RUSH BACK. COME IN PLAID?
TechCalendar

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MIT's Mocha Moves Dance Squad Presents
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The Tech

April 11, 2000

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Students Hold Rally
For Lori Berenson

By Kevin R. Lang

Four years, four months, and ten
days into former MIT undergraduate
Lori H. Berenson's life sentence for
high treason in Peru, her parents
Mark and Rhoda Berenson spoke on
her behalf in 10-250.

Berenson was sentenced to life
in prison by a Peruvian military tri-
bunal in 1996 on charges of high
treason and terrorist activity. How-
ever, Berenson and her family have
continuously maintained her inno-
cence.

"Lori went to Peru because she
was concerned about the abuses of
human rights," Rhoda Berenson
said. "We have never seen specific
charges against Lori."

Mark Berenson spoke of his
daughter living without light, heat,
and running water for the past four
years, living on 69 cents worth of
food each day.

"These are violations of ... Uni-
ted Nations rules for the treatment
of prisoners," Berenson said.
"She's totally cut off from the
world."

Peru has defended the use of
military tribunals because rebel
groups like the Shining Path and the
Tupac Amaru Resistance Movement
are intimidated civilian judges to get
lenient sentences.

Mark Berenson said that Lori
has been in poor health for several
years, living on 69 cents worth of
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Undergraduate and graduate students perform in Paragati: The .COMing of Age in Kresge Auditorium on Saturday night. The performance was presented by SAAS (South Asian American Students) and Sangam (MIT's Indian Students' Association).

Joseph (Rick Sheridan '03) tells his brothers of his dreams in Next Act 2000's production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

Olufemi Omojola and Nia Jetter '00 perform "Spiders" yesterday afternoon during Movements in Time's presentation of "Liquid Sky." The performance was a preview for their Spring Concert scheduled for April 29 at Roxbury Community College.

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asa-exec@mit.edu http://web.mit.edu/asa
By Vladimir Zelevinsky

As per the title, in Dance Troupe's spring concert, Fusion, all aspects of dance combine into a spectacular show, easily the troupe's best so far.

Not to be overly critical toward the past Dance Troupe concerts, but, however consistently entertaining they were, one thing was lacking: variety. Out of twenty or so dance numbers, about half used to be utterly indistinguishable in retrospect: however flawless the MTV-style choreography, it did tend to be pretty much the same. No such problem this year, though: just about every single number in last weekend's dance exhibition not only works by itself, but also possesses distinct character and individuality, while contributing to a spectacularly entertaining show as a whole.

Dance Troupe's usual strengths are present in abundance: Fusion is highly theatrical, a visually extravagant blend of shapes, colors, and movements. The lighting design is, as usual, excellent; an early number when the audience is momentarily blinded by a brief flash of light and the number of dancers on stage is multiplied as if by magic, goes beyond being a simple dance exhibition and becomes truly theatrical, in the best meaning of the word. Fusion, by the way, is theatrical not only because of its visuals: choreography is also used to tell a story in brief but effective moments. For example, when the stage suddenly becomes empty, leaving a single dancer all alone in the center of the stage, the dance achieves empathic power. Another number, with its elaborate separation of stage into four primary colors, is evocative and joyful.

The main aspect of Dance Troupe, choreography, is as creative as ever, and even more varied, resulting in many distinct numbers. A number that was in danger of becoming as clichéd as a Gap commercial (khaki pants, washed-out tops, you know) is given elegant swing-like choreography, and a Wild West number is infused with a highly welcome sense of humor. Even the more MTV-like number is given a creative twist, when all female dancers have their hair down: it's not quite a Bob Fosse-like isolation, but it certainly provides a focal point for the whole dance.

Some dances work so well that it is frequently impossible to analyze them as a sum of their parts: they work superlatively, and that's all. It is always nice to see a classically choreographed number, but when it is danced to Handel's The Arrival of The Queen of Sheba, it becomes even more energetic and spectacular than the more modern numbers. When a single performer (Jull-Allan Weber '00) turns an ordinary chair into an expressive dance partner, the effect is simultaneously lyrical and startling. When the whole stage is submerged in muted shadowy forms, and a line of dancers, all dressed in black and white costumes, forms an undulating circular shape to an almost impossibly plaintive harmonica tune, the effect is nothing short of stunning.
By Efren Gutierrez
STAFF REPORTER

MIT mailed out a thousand surveys last Friday to gauge the severity of alcohol and substance abuse on campus. The core survey, as it is called, will compile a database for both MIT and Boston schools on student usage of these substances. "MIT is participating in this survey because of MIT's participation in the Boston Coalition," said Dean of Students Margaret R. Bates. "The Boston Coalition is a group initially made up of 24 area colleges, such as Harvard and Boston College. It was formed as a higher education task force whose charge is to find ways to alleviate dangerous drinking on campuses." The Boston Coalition collectively decided to participate in the core survey.

Dean Alberta C. Lipson of the Academic Service Office is coordinating administration of the survey at MIT. Surveys were mailed to one thousand randomly chosen MIT undergraduates, 250 from each class. The anonymous survey contains various questions, relating to the student's previous and current use of alcohol and illegal substances. The survey was developed by the Department of Education and has been given to students on several hundred college campuses across the country.

Surveys offer gift certificates

As an enticement to fill out the survey, each person who returns his survey is eligible to participate in a drawing for gift certificates from Tower Records. Those who don't respond to the survey immediately will receive a follow-up survey in about ten days. A follow-up postcard will be mailed even later to those who still haven't responded.

The data from the current survey will be processed through the core survey office and should be available during the summer.

MIT Med does survey in 1995

MIT Medical conducted a similar survey in 1995. "The reason this particular survey was chosen again was because it is the most widely used nationally," Bates said. In that survey, MIT was below national average in both alcohol consumption and substance abuse. The Wechsler group at the Harvard School of Public Health also carries out an alcohol survey every three years. MIT was not asked to participate in that survey this year. While the Wechsler survey focuses primarily on binge drinking and its effects on students, the core survey is meant to gather data on abuse of all types of substances.
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Twelve Students Get Temporary Housing

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Random was closed off indefinitely pending further investigation of the fire's cause and repairs from smoke damage, said MIT spokesman Kenneth D. Campbell. Approximately twelve students reside in the closed section and will be housed temporarily in lounges and other rooms at Random. Campbell added that all other floors in the 282 Massachusetts Avenue section and all floors in the 290 Massachusetts Avenue section were unaffected by the fire and remain open.

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MIT Will End Lease Of Worthington Units

By Naveen Sunkavally

MIT will terminate its seven-year lease of its 91 apartment units at Worthington Place this summer, according to Director of Real Estate Peter A. Lewis.

MIT will be "giving those units back to management, as soon as the agreement is actually signed" with the owner of Worthington Place, Lewis said. "Everything is still subject to final approval [but] we have reason to expect nothing will change."

The lease will terminate over the summer between June 30 and August 31.

MIT paying rent for empty units

MIT is currently paying rent for approximately 40 unoccupied units at Worthington Place, each costing $2,110 per month, according to resident Julie L. Eisenhard G. The termination of the lease was a way to put a stop to paying for unused housing.

MIT had leased units at Worthington Place in 1998 in order to provide housing for graduate students who were displaced from Tang Hall by incoming undergraduates.

Of the 91 units, 36 were reserved for those displaced from Tang, an additional 30 could be rented out by other graduate students, and the remaining 25 were meant for lease to MIT affiliates.

For the first year, MIT provided graduate students a subsidy to keep the cost at $1,450 per month; however the subsidy ended after the first year, and the price of a two-bedroom Worthington unit jumped to $2,110 per month.

Following the increase, a large fraction of the graduate students at Worthington moved out. MIT has tried to rent out the remaining 40 apartments vacated there, but it has been unsuccessful.

Residents not informed yet

Eisenhard said that none of the residents of Worthington has been informed of the termination of the lease yet. "We've heard rumors from MIT," she said. "As far as I know, I'm staying there until August."

However, in March, Worthington Place did present MIT tenants with an addendum to their lease that stipulated that MIT would pay their last month's rent. Worthington Place was not aware of the addendum at the time of signing the contract in 1998, but was reminded of it through MIT, Eisenhard said.

GSC not consulted

Graduate Student Council President Luis A. Ortiz G said he was not aware that MIT was working to terminate the lease with the owner of Worthington Place. While it is good that MIT will no longer be paying rent for empty apartments, it is "unfortunate MIT didn't subsidize grad students to stay in the rooms if they were to remain empty," Ortiz said.

If the agreement to terminate the lease is signed, graduate students living in Worthington will have to enter the housing market after August. MIT is currently making plans to renovate the NW30 building at 224 Albany Street by the fall of 2001 to accommodate 125 graduate students.

However, the ultimate goal is the dorm on Sidney and Pacific Street, which we have been pushing for five years," Ortiz said. Plans to build that dorm, which could potentially house 500-700 students, have been set back to 2003.

MIT has agreed to terminate its lease on apartments at Worthington Place, a Cambridge apartment complex located east of MIT's campus.
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JudBoard Policies Hinder Discussion

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"I think that they found a silly way of trying to solve their problem because it's not really a problem that can be solved," he said.

UA President Matthew L. McGann '00 noted that the e-mail was only a request, and that "a kind-ly request is not a violation of free speech."

Christopher R. Rezek '99 voiced concerns that this policy will keep students who are currently unin-formed from learning more about the candidates.

"What I'm afraid of is that stu-dents who are looking for more information about candidates will find it difficult to obtain it," he said.

Knelly noted that "limiting the e-mail forums limits the only way that students have for discussing the forums."

"I think that an open discussion of the candidates is healthy for the school. I don't think that you should limit the students' voices," Rao said.

Election marred by mishaps

This year's election process has already been marred by several mishaps. On Wednesday morning, a major bug was found in the election software, requiring the online voting process to be restarted.

In addition, several candidates have been charged with posting violations, many of which may have resulted from poster tampering by unknown parties. As a result of these alleged pos-tering violations, the ticket consisting of Christopher D. Smith '01 and Patrick D. Kane '03 was removed from the ballot on Wednesday morning.

An appeal was issued to the Judicial Board, who decided to put Smith and Kane back on the ballot but temporarily suspend VA Presidential elections until the matter could be sorted out further.

Low voter turnout feared

Many people who are involved with the election process worry that voter turnout for the revote will be much lower than for the original vote. In 1997, the last time that the UA election was rerun, only 643 students voted.

"To have a weak election like we did a few years ago is something that just can't happen. We need a strong mandate," Wasfy said.

"We have got to make sure that people don't lose faith in the UA," Rao said.

"The UA is a critical aspect of student life at MIT, and I encourage everyone to go to the polls," said presidential candidate Peter Shul- man '01.

Undergraduate Association Election Commission members ZheLIN- entzeit L. Scott '00 and Amy B. Tyssyloewicz '02 and Judicial Com-mitee member Leah S. Schneeberger '03 discuss policies for the upcoming re-run of the UA presidential election.
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Overmatched Young Team Keeps Their Spirits High to Upset Opponents

By Oskar Bruening

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"Although we didn't win the trophy we didn't win better than we expected and we did have the largest cheering section at the tournament." - Oskar Bruening

There are big days in the life of a kendoka, one who is entirely focused on striking kendoka, the art of Japanese fencing. The utmost importance is given to your kote, your penc, or kendoka armor, and shita, or play as if a sparring match were to start that night when you participate in your first formal tournament.

In last year's 4th Annual Shoryuha/Radcliffe Kendo Club Intercolligate Invitational, the Kendo Club, which included members at Harvard University, hosted the competition was held at Boston University. The former Radcliffe Kendo Club, is the most well-known intercollegiate kendo tournament in the United States. The former Radcliffe Kendo Club included members from Cornell University, McGill University, Yale University, and the University of Chicago. The MIT team managed to keep high spirits since they entered this year's tournament and was also the first tournament including Canada.

Several riders close to regionals

The results of this show brought several riders within reach of qualifying for this year's regionals. In order to qualify for regionals, a rider must accrue 35 points in his/her junior class, or 10 points in an intermediate class. 

St. Louis Cardinals

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Equestrians Focus on Regional Berth

By Jenny Lee

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### Sports

#### Women's Track Trounces USM

By Theresa Burianek

Last Saturday, under sunny but windy skies, the Women’s Track and Field Team hosted the University of Southern Maine, in what was dubbed the MIT “Beacons Out Meet.” What the meet turned out to be was a case of the extreme talent of the squad with a 122.5 to 76.5 victory over USM. TechTrack started the meet well with a victory time of 20:23.92 in the 5000-meter race for senior Jantutie Tong, a 17 second improvement on her previous time. From there the wind picked up and was evident throughout the day as Tech Track’s times were not their best performances. However, there were a few exceptions. Freshman Afua Banful left the competition in the dust as she claimed victory in the 200M dash, with a rookie record time of 27.76. Chi-An Wang ‘01 also performed well in her debut time of 72.24 in the 400 hurdles.

Despite wind MIT field prevails

While the wind hampered the times on the track, the MIT field squad had a much more successful day. Over 50 percent of the marks in the field events were personal records.

Leading the way was Princess Inokohide ‘02, a first place finisher in the discus, shot, and hammer. Inokohide also set a new school record in the hammer with a NCAA qualifying throw of 146.11”.

### Baseball’s Losing Streak at Four

#### By Alvin Eric Loreto

Engineers Seem to Produce Only Behind Pitcher Jason Szuminski’s Arm

After smooth sailing into their sixth victory in a row, the varsity baseball team finally encountered the rough waters of the NEWMAC last week. As a result, the T’s dropped their fourth straight games, leaving them with a 7-9 record.

Before abysmal defense doomed them to their current slide, the Engineers had stretched their winning streak two more games thanks to the wicked slider produced 10 strikeouts and many harmless ground-ball outs. April 5 saw Szuminski and his team take their show on the road to Worcester for their NEWMAC conference opener against WPI. Although he had lost a bit from his fastball, Szuminski exhibited solid control and excellent command of his off-speed pitches, giving up just one earned run in another complete-game 6-2 victory. Szuminski scattered seven hits and struck out 8, bringing his record to 3-1 and lowering his ERA to an astounding 1.85. The Engineers rallied to the win behind clutch two-out run-scoring hits in the 4th inning from Christopher J. Albrecht ‘00 and John J. Kogel ‘03, as well as a monster two-out, 3-run double by Matthew R. Berger ‘01 in the 5th inning.

The T’s returned to Worcester April 6 for another conference battle, this time with the defending NEWMAC champions, Clark University. MIT jumped to a 7-3 lead but could not hold on, eventually dropping a wild, sloppy 15-9 decision that gave Clark its first conference victory of the season. Despite the frustrating defensive performance, MIT displayed the what-ifs on offense; leadoff hitter Ethan T. Goetz ‘00 made yet another solid offensive contribution with three hits and three stolen bases, and third baseman Albrecht went 3-for-5 with a double and two runs scored.

On Friday April 7 MIT took a break from conference play to visit Brandeis University, traditionally one of the premier Division III baseball programs.