MacVicar Teaching Awards Announced

By Dana Levine

Today, six MIT professors will be named as MacVicar faculty fellows, MIT’s highest honor for undergraduate teaching.

This year’s fellows are Professor Rohan Abeyaratne of the department of mechanical engineering, John W. Belcher of physics, Ernest G. Cravalho of mechanical engineering, Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics Professor Dave J. Newman of P. D. ’92, Brain and Cognitive Sciences Professor Steven Pinker, and Jacquelyn C. Yanch of the nuclear engineering department.

The MacVicar Faculty Fellows Program was established in 1991 to honor Margaret L. A. Astrand ’53, MIT’s first dom for undergraduate education.

The MacVicar has a range of teaching awards. This is our highest and deepest honor,” said Dean for Undergraduate Education Rosalind H. Williams.

Abeyaratne, Belcher, and MacVicar fellows are typically nominated by fellow faculty members, typically department heads and chairmen, a committee of three students and three faculty members.

“There were all spectacular cases,” said Williams. “This award [comes] out of respect for both their intellect and their closeness to their students.”

Non-tenured professor selected

This year, Professor Dave Newman was the first non-tenured faculty member to receive a MacVicar fellowship. MIT has recently created a new category for non-tenured faculty members, which allows them to be honored without interfering with the tenure process.

“Yanch is part of the real excitement in the Aero/Astro department. She is from a department that has inspired its junior and senior faculty to build the undergraduate program,” said Newman.

Belcher of physics, Ernest G. Cravalho of mechanical engineering, John R. Dolls, MIT’s highest honor for undergraduates.

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Trilogy CEO Liemandt Kicks-Off $50K Contest

By Laura McGrath Moulton

Matthew F. Palmer

Students filled into 10-250 for the $50K Entrepreneurship Competition kickoff Wednesday, hopeful that their business ideas would bloom into successful start-ups and profits.

Student hopefuls came to the kickoff with their Palm Pilots and “Business Plans for Dummies” books in hand to hear keynote speaker for Liemandt, Founder and CEO of Trilogy Software, Inc.

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Verris believes that her Amtek team won because they were ‘unique and socially conscious.’”

She said the prize money will be reinvested into Amtek.

“The $50K competition might also help to match students with the right companies,” said Williams.

Two companies, Zorion.com and Trilogy Software, Inc., advertised employment opportunities at the kickoff.

Nicola Williams, an employee of Trilogy who handed out ‘Trilogy@MIT’ T-shirts, commented of maxed out credit cards made it "pretty disgruntled." The keynote speaker, Joe Lie-
Panel Suggests Streamlining To Help Fight Terrorism

The Washington Post

The federal government has a disorganized patchwork of 148 separate agencies, components, and parties, a finding that made the nation more vulnerable to terrorist attacks and creating an urgent need to streamline and consolidate power, which is now part of the Treasury Department.

Webster, chairman of a congressionally chartered panel that studied government terrorism-fighting ability, said the attorney general needs broad new authority over all aspects of federal law enforcement. He recommended empowering the FBI to control over the Drug Enforcement Administration, as well as the enforcement functions of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, which is now part of the Treasury Department.

"The risks and probabilities of our experiencing major terrorist threats continue to grow," Webster told the Senate Judiciary Committee's subcommittee on criminal justice oversight. "These suggestions have been made before, but there is increased urgency that they be considered due to terrorism and global crime. It is not an effort to supplant one agency over another...but to create less confusion and more effective results."

Austrian President Agrees to Form Controversial and Tenuous Coalition

The Associated Press

Shrugging off intense foreign pressure, Austria's president decided Monday to push through the Parliament his plan to form a new government that could end a political crisis that has paralyzed much of Central Europe for centuries before the Austro-Hungarian Empire collapsed in the ruins of World War I.

Federal Government To Fine Tobacco Business For Each Underage Smoker

The Washington Post

The federal government would fine tobacco companies $3,000 for each underage smoker if teen smoking isn't sharply reduced under a plan being devised by President Clinton, who also will propose a 25 cents per pack increase in the federal excise tax on cigarettes.

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Preparation for Noon Eastern Standard Time, Friday, February 4, 2000

The situation for noon Eastern Standard Time, February 4, 2000

WEATHER

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By Majorie Miller

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Trying to buy time for 11-hour negotiations, Mandelson said it would take several days to implement the legislation, and that the process could be halted immediately if the IRA were to budge.

Prime Minister Tony Blair met with his Irish counterpart, Bertie Ahern, for about two hours late Thursday hoping that Ahern might have some advances to report after daylong talks with the IRA’s political wing, Sinn Fein. But afterward, the two leaders acknowledged their efforts had fallen short so far.

A sudden change of heart by the IRA seemed improbable. Sinn Fein leaders angrily accused the British government and Northern Ireland’s First Minister David Trimble of violating the 1998 Good Friday agreement.

If the institutions are suspended, it’s the greatest disaster to befall Ireland in the last 100 years, and I hope that doesn’t happen,” Sinn Fein negotiator Martin McGuinness told reporters in Belfast.

McGuinness is a education minister in the Protestant-Catholic government of Northern Ireland that was formed in December after 25 years of British rule and a sectarian war between pro-British Protestants and Catholic nationalists who want the province united with the Irish Republic.

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I want his party's backing to enter a power-sharing government with Sinn Fein last November by promising to quit the Cabinet if IRA weapons were not laid on the table by February. He gave party leaders a post- election resolution later.

The British government fears that if Troubles hostage as first minister, the divided unionists may not vote for him again and the peace process would collapse permanently.

On Monday, a commission set up under the peace accords issued a report to the British and Irish governments stating that paramilitaries had not begun to decommission weapons.

Mandelson delivered the commission’s message to a House of Commons, where Labor and Tory members refused from their usual political sparring to present a united front.

“This is unacceptable. Notably in the case of the IRA, it has to be clear that decommissioning is going to happen,” Mandelson said.

Trouble welcomed the planned suspension and indicated he would give the government a few more days to try to resolve the crisis. He said the IRA’s refusal to start disarming or even lay out how it planned to do so amounted to a "contemptuous response" to the peace process.

Weather situation for noon Eastern Standard Time:

The announcement stunned Babitsky’s colleagues at Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty and was met with disbelief by supporters and human rights advocates. Some suggested that the bizarre report of a prisoner exchange was a cover story fabricated to hide the fact that Babitsky had been killed in the cuznt of the Russian troops.

“This is a barbarity,” said Babitsky’s lawyer, Henri Reznik. “Unfortunately, journalists in the North Caucasus have been placed on the same footing as rebels — a pen on Moscow visit of U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright — who was arrested earlier reports that he would be released and flown to Moscow.

He is now in the hands of the rebels and the responsibility for him lies with those who traded the three servicemen for him,” the Kremlin aide told reporters.

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By Richard C. Paddock

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A correspondent for U.S.-funded Radio Liberty who was arrested while covering the war in Chechnya was handed over to Chechen rebels Thursday in exchange for three Russian soldiers, the Kremlin announced.

Sergei Yastrebzhembsky, the government’s chief spokesman on the Chechnya war, said that veteran journalist Andrei Babitsky had been given to Islamic separatists despite earlier reports that Babitsky had been kidnaped by the Chechen rebel movement.

Babitsky’s colleagues at Radio Free Europe, who met with the rebels earlier this month, said Babitsky was handed over to them Thursday.

It would raise very serious questions about Russia’s adherence to its international commitments regarding the treatment of noncombatants.

Before word of the exchange came out, the issue of Babitsky’s mid-January arrest had attained such high profile that it came up this week during the Moscow visit of U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright — who sits on the board of the radio network. The U.S. Embassy in Moscow had earlier raised the issue.

President Vladimir Putin had been taking a personal interest in the case.

 even worse, State Department spokesman James Foley called the exchange “disturbing” and “unacceptable” and said: "If this report proves true, it would raise very serious questions about Russia’s adherence to its international commitments regarding the treatment of noncombatants."
Israel, Palestine Fail To Agree On Land Swap Plan by Deadline

By Rebecca Tournson

LOS ANGELES TIMES

Attest to Europe

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between the two leaders in recent months. But Barak's spokesman, Gadi Balintsky, later acknowledged what increasingly has seemed inevitable: that the two sides would not reach the ambitious deadline for producing the detailed blueprint. The Gaza talks also were meant to clear the way for Israel to transfer an additional six percent of the West Bank to the Palestinians, the latest in a series of troop withdrawals from the occupied territory that were stipulated under an agreement reached last September. Barak's security Cabinet announced the pullback on Wednesday.

Attemping to Reduce Inflation,

Europe Raises Euro Interest Rate

By John-Thor Dahlburg

Following the U.S. Federal Reserve's lead, Europe's central bankers hiked interest rates on the euro by one-quarter point Thursday, eager to tamp down inflation and rescue the multinational currency that hit record lows this week.

Leaders of the European Central Bank raised the benchmark interest rate, the Refi, to 5.25 percent. It was the third rate change in the short history of the euro, which was unrolled Jan. 1, 1999, and exists in all forms but cash.

The ECB's president, Wim Duisenberg of the Netherlands, said he and other members of the bank's governing council were worried that the slump in the euro's value — it dropped to a record low of 96.65 U.S. cents Monday — would kindle inflation because imports priced in dollars and other foreign currencies, including petroleum, would cost more in Europe.

Some analysts read Duisenberg's comments as prefiguring another rate hike soon. "Monetary policy must act in looking toward the future," Duisen-

berg said. The Eurozone acted a day after the U.S. Federal Reserve raised short-term lending rates by one-quarter point to 5.75 percent, the highest level in more than four years, also to keep inflation at bay.

Analysts said the U.S. Fed's decision increased pressure on the Europeans to act, since higher U.S. interest rates make dollar invest-

ments even more attractive to the detination of the euro. Since its inception, the euro has lost over 16 percent of its value rel-

ative to the dollar. Duisenberg on Thursday said higher interest rates should boost the euro's value by ensuring its attractiveness for for-

ign investors. The ECB's chief mandate is to keep inflation in the euro zone below 2 percent annually. The 11 euro countries are Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain.

Anti-Virus Program Is Main Cause of Many Weird Computer Malfunctions

The New York Health Department slapped a hospital with a $14,000 fine for failing to report that a doctor had carved his initials into a patient's abdomen and for ignoring past complaints about the doctor pulling the arms of newborn infants.

Earlier Thursday, state officials permanently yanked the medical license of Allan Zarkin for carving an "A" and "Z" into the stomach of a patient on whom he performed a Caesarean section Sept. 7. "It is my hope that Dr. Zarkin will not practice medicine in the state of New York ever again," said Health Commissioner Antonia Novello, who released a scathing report that outlined seven violations of state medical laws by Beth Israel Medical Center. The agency imposed a $2,000 fine per violation, the highest allowed under state law.

The department ordered Beth Israel to hire independent consul-

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Los Angeles Times
Looking Over ‘Looking Back’

I enjoyed reading Kris Schnee’s article “Looking Back at the 20th Century” [Jan. 26]. However, I do have several comments about the dates Schnee cites.

First, while pinocchio was discovered in 1928, it did not come into widespread use until about 1943, during World War II. Also, I have read extensively about tele- phone history, but nowhere have I ever seen a story about “repeaters,” human operators stationed along the route of a call who parroted conversations to each other down the line. The telephone industry term for an amplifier is a “repeater,” and before vacuum tube amplifiers became practical in the late 1910s, mechanical amplifiers were used. I believe that until vacuum tube repeaters became reliable, the greatest long distance connection possible was about a thousand miles (say, Boston to Chicago). One had to go to a special Long Distance station that was wired with very heavy gauge copper wire and used a high-current carbon transmitter. This allowed a much larger signal to travel farther with far fewer losses than normal telephone lines and transmitters of the day.

Additionally, the first transatlantic phone call was made in 1927 via radio-telephone, long before 1956. This service served well until the first transatlantic phone cable was laid in 1956. Finally, as far as the first experimental television broadcasts are concerned, the year 1928 is as about right, but it’s important to note that these systems used mechanical scanning systems, not electronically scanned imaging tubes and viewing tubes. Image resolution was limited to 15 or 20 lines. The first experimental television broadcasts were begun by RCA in 1931.

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What the president says in his State of the Union address may not be as compelling as news of the latest dot com, but it's probably far more important. In her Jan. 19 opinion piece "Twenty pages on 'irrelevant' points," Susan Buchman '01 uses counter-attack serves one to you") and 'I'm not interested in talking about the latest dot com,' but... "Tom-Nugent woman's Forum and men's Forum..."

The silence by scientists, and the lack of understanding of what's going on, is the time to acquire an understanding of what's going on, to figure out who will get your vote.

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Ethnographic Museum of Irrelevant Races

Highly Relevant

I t is difficult to imagine another exhibit, whether within a museum context or not, that is as simultaneously disturbing and moving as that which is showcased in the Ethnographic Museum of Irrelevant Races, located in Little Kresge (88 Massachusetts Avenue) at MIT. According to the museum the mission of the EMIR is to “catalog and protect from the beginning of time to the present, as well as ‘living specimens’ and their unique artifacts,” and to “preserve, interpret, and rethink and question how aspects of the world is immediately drawn to the exhibit’s complex settings for the relics and living specimens, going so far as to create magnificent Mayan ceremonial garb and a rotating platform for use in pole dancing. All of these ideas are skillfully implemented by the exhibit fabrication team, headed by MIT Faculty members Michael Katz and Diane Brainerd.

As admirable and complete as the elements of the settings are, however, it is the living specimens themselves that are so captivating. The seven specimens range widely in character, from the DJ Arab Menace (Arabia maximus fecagens), who “use[s] ... traditional Arab hospitality as a tool of seduction,” to La Puta de Guadalupe (virginis putrefactus kinetica), a “temperamental idyll” who accepts offerings and sometimes “fulfills the wishes of her supplicants.”

Although one’s initial emotions in regard to the specimens are of pity at seeing a fellow human in a cage or enchanted, these feelings are quickly replaced by deeper, more visceral emotions, such as confusion, fascination, and amusement, and in some cases fear, disgust, and even resentment. But in all cases it is impossible not to feel compassion towards this collection of tortured beings. They are, of course, not tortured by the museum staff who cares for them, but by the inner conflicts they express externally and which viewers can experience from the vantage point of visitors to the exhibit. As co-director Brenda Cotto-Escaler explains, “in today’s American society ... we live as fragmented beings” and the selection of specimens for the exhibit clearly and somewhat dispassionately reflects these contemporary feelings of despair, disillusionment, and rage.

The exhibit development team, comprised of Dramashop members Parama Chattopadhyay ’02, Richard Chen ’02, Thomas Cork ’99, Talia Kingsbury ’99, Holly Kosisky, Malena Mayorga, and Rani Matuk ’02, deserves strong commendation for its successful efforts in caring for their live specimens and bringing them forward for us to scrutinize.

In addition, the guards, Sloan Kuper ’03 and Dora Kelli ’03, are adept at anticipating trouble and ensuring that the specimens are watched closely, and are often available to answer questions about the exhibit. The Assistant Director of the Museum, Atand Sarwate ’01, and Dramashop member Teresa Hernandez ’02, are knowledgeable and helpful in providing information to the visitors not included on the sometimes convoluted placards which accompany each specimen in the exhibit. The docents also carefully monitor the interactions which occur, at first tentatively, between visitors and the specimens. The visitors tend to become more confident in their interactions as they get to know the docents, and they begin to discover that the specimens are not as foreign as they might have believed initially, as we all share a common humanity. These discoveries and others like them are ultimately what make the visit to this museum so powerful and affecting, and ultimately satisfying; this is definitely an event which must be experienced by all.

Also included in the Museum are a gift shop and video presentations which introduce visitors to “radical interpretations of culture based on race, hegemonic principles, covert ideology, and social construction.” The Museum’s hours are February 4, 5, 7, from 7-8:30, and 9-10:30; February 6, from 1-2:30, and from 3-4:30. The prices are $8 for students/senior citizens and $5 for the general public for each one and a half hour showing. Due to the adult content in some of the exhibits parental discretion is advised. For additional information, visit <http://emir.mit.edu>.
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MUSIC REVIEW
State of the Airwaves
Vigor, Victors, and Vegetables
By Dan Katz

I January was a stagnant concert month, February is clearly getting off to a good start to make it up for it. For one thing, the Paradise Rock Club is back to hosting decent acts again, starting with Scottish rockers Travis two days ago and continuing with Jump Little Children tonight. They've got stuff composition, though, from the Airwaves Show of the Week, a much-anticipated They Might Be Giants show at the Avalon (for which tickets went on sale in early December). If you prefer a more local flair, Boston's answer to TIMBO, The Gravel Pit, show up at the Middle East on Saturday night, while the orchestra Morphine will perform at the Somerville Theater Sunday night in a continuing effort to raise money for music education in the name of the late former frontman of Morphine, Mark Sandman.

And now, the moment you've all been waiting for... the winners of the State of the Airwaves Reader Awards. Due to the low number of entries, we had a quite a few ties, but in most categories, somebody managed to claw their way to the top (usually simply by getting more votes). Without further ado, here are your winners:

Album of the Year: The Fragile by Nine Inch Nails (now you pick for the year...)
Single of the Year: "Stair X" by Push It
Live Act of the Year: Metallica and the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra (clearly chosen)
Music Video of the Year (TIE): "Falling Away From Me" by Korn and The Tricky Donkey (by Coal Chamber)

Most Annoying Personality of the Year: Katie Jefreys (in a disturbingly unanimous decision)

Thanks to everybody who voted, and everybody who continues to read this column into the year 2000. (No, you're not going to get any dramatic and inaccurate millennium comments...)

Quick overview of the latest singles to hit radio: The Foo Fighters' impressively dark "Stacked Actors" proves that Dave Grohl can follow the heavier turn taken by Stone Temple Pilots on their latest album, but with better execution. Staind's "Home" is a little slower than "Mudshovel," a little poppier and less obvious than "Just Go," and in general, just the thing to keep them on the road to becoming the successors to Korn's nu-metal throne. And "Trash" is not the second single I would have recommended Jimmie's Chicken Shack to pull off their excellent album, Bring Your Own Stereo, but it's catchy enough to succeed. (Plus I always approve of a radio single that contains the line, "Tell your mom to stop calling me.")

So last week, diabolical herobirds and wildly acclaimed annoying personality Katie Jefreys revealed my deep, dark secret, and this week, I must confess it. Yes, it's true! I am currently dating a vegan. (And for your information, Katie, the "something" you clicked on last week was, in fact, I have found the warmth within my heart to look past this small transgression, to see the wonderful person she is despite her strange antipathy to consuming dead animals. However, some vegans lack that shining light beneath the green exterior — some instead possess more green within, in the form of glutenosity. Poor Katie, so obsessed with me that you have to point out my girlfriend's faults to the entire campus. But alas, I am taken, and you'd best find some other non-vegetarian to date in order to vicariously live out your subconscient desire to eat a hamburger.

No more voting to do, but you can still write to me! Send me your opinions. Send me your complaints. Send me your arguments. Send me clever things to say about vegetarianism before I run out of ideas. Whatever you send, send it to "airwaves@star-tech.mit.edu," and make an old music critic very happy. Until next week, same Airwaves-time, same Airwaves-channel, keep expanding your horizons.

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by Jennifer DiMase

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ALL TO PREPARE FOR A TEST NO ONE CAN PASS? THERE IS SOMETHING SERIOUSLY WRONG WITH THE SYSTEM...

I KNOW I'LL BOYCOTT CLASS! I'LL STAY IN BED AS A PERSONAL CRUSADE AGAINST THE INJUSTICE OF MIT...

HA! AND THEY SAY ACTIVISM IS DEAD AT MIT...

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I'M GLAD YOU ASKED FOR MY HELP. I KNOW ALL ABOUT COMPUTERS - HEH, I'M PRETTY GOOD WITH THIS STUFF YOU KNOW...

YES, IT TAKES A SMART PERSON TO INSTALL SUCH A COMPLICATED DEVICE. ONLY A MAN WITH MY EXPERIENCE CAN...

INSTITUTE MADNESS!

BY ALISON WONG

I DIDN'T DO IT! I REALLY DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT COMPUTERS - IT'S ALL JUST COLOR CODED, REALLY!

IT'S JUST MY SCREEN SAVER, MR. REED!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN I OWE YOU $100??!

THAT'S HOW I WANT TO BE A MILLIONAIRE IS PLAYED.

WHEN YOU ANSWER A QUESTION WRONG, YOU PAY ME WHATEVER THE DOLLAR AMOUNT IS UP TO.

WHAT IF I'D BEEN ALLOWED TO QUIT WITHOUT LOSING ANYTHING READY FOR THE $200 ZINGER?

JASON, OF ALL THE DISHONEST... I WANT TO BE A MILLIONAIRE.

IT TURNS OUT THE "I" IN "I WANT TO BE A MILLIONAIRE" REFERS TO HIM, NOT THE CONTESTANT. IT'S JUST HIS LATEST SCHEME TO SOAK US FOR MONEY.

THE ONLY THING THAT GOT ME OUT OF HOCK WAS THE LIFELINE.

YOU MISUNDERSTAND. PRIZED, I OFFERED HIM THE ONLY THING I COULD HAVE GAVE YOU ONE.

YOU CAN'T PAY ME WHATSOEVER THE DOLLAR AMOUNT IS UP TO.

ABSOLUTELY NOT! I LIKE MY COMPUTER IT, YOU THE WAY IT IS!

I CAN ANYONE NOT NOTICE, JASON?!

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I CANT DO ANYTHING BECAUSE I'M ALWAYS WAITING FOR SOMEONE ELSE.

AND YOU CANT QUIT BECAUSE YOUR STOCK ISN'T VESTED.

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I CAN'T WORK THIS INTO A SEATED.

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- **7:00 - 9:00 p.m.** - "Ethnographic Museum of Irrelevant Races". Dramashop production directed by Artist in Residence Guillermo Gomez-Pena who, with students, will create an original theater piece that explores the interface between performance, cultural identity and new technologies. Admission 6.00. Sala de Puerto Rico. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.

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Applications Jump 16 Percent to New All-Time High

By Karen Robinson

The number of undergraduate applications are in, and more students than ever before have applied for admission to MIT. The pool of applicants this year consists of 10,641 high school students, which is 16 percent bigger than last year’s pool of 9151 students.

The number of applicants has risen steadily for the past few years, said Elizabeth S. Johnson, Associate Director for Information Services and Research in the Admissions Office. Johnson noted that this partially reflects a national trend, as the number of high school students in the United States is also increasing.

The good economy in recent years has encouraged people to consider private colleges, Johnson said. Additionally, as computer engineering and other technological fields have gained wider recognition, more students have become interested in MIT.

The increase in applications has not been limited to domestic students, however. This year, the admissions office received over 2,000 applications from non-U.S. residents, which is up from 1625 applications last year. Therefore, international applicants comprise a somewhat larger proportion of the application pool this year (19 percent versus 17 percent in 1999 and 16 percent in 1998). This does not, however, mean that more international students will be accepted, as MIT tries to keep the international enrollment close to eight percent. This will require accepting a significantly smaller proportion of international students, as the matriculation rate for international students is somewhat higher than for domestic students, Johnson said.

Minority rates constant

The proportion of applications from women and minorities has not changed significantly from previous years, according to the Admissions Office staff. This year, 30 percent of applicants were female, compared with 27 percent last year and 31 percent two years ago.

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In addition, he served as the faculty resident at MacGregor house for a number of years.

More recently, Cravalho has played a key role in the overhaul of the undergraduate mechanical engineering curriculum. He designed and teaches Thermal-Fluids Engineering 1 and 2 (2.005, 2.006) mechanical engineering sequence, which has attracted attention worldwide.

"Few of us will have the momentous breakthrough that some of our colleagues have. Our biggest contribution is to the young people we educate. These people are multiplying the impact that I could have had as a single individual," said Cravalho.

Professor Rohan Abeyaratne was also named a MacVicar fellow as a result of his contributions to the mechanical engineering department. In 1997, Abeyaratne assumed the position of associate department head of the Mechanical Engineering Department.

In 1988, he received the Graduate Student Council Teaching Award.

"There are individuals who are outstanding teachers," said Williams. "However, they also have their departments behind them, and that is a tribute to the Institute as well."

Selection process

While evaluation of classroom teaching is an important part of the selection process, Williams noted that it was "not the only element considered."

All parts of the review process include substantial student input and comments," Williams said. This year, the selection committee had significant student representation, consisting of three students and three faculty members.

The selection committee, chaired by Dean Williams, goes through "quite a long process of discussion" of the various nominations, and eventually makes some final recommendations. These recommendations are sent to Provost Robert A. Brown, who makes a final decision.

A large amount of the committee's work lies in soliciting nominations and letters of recommendation, which are necessary for a faculty member to be considered for a MacVicar fellowship.

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