STAFF REPORTER
By Efren Gutierrez

Biology, Management Tie For Second Place
Most Selected Major

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\[ \text{the dorm's house manager.} \]

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\[ \text{Baker House dorm room. Max's owner, Jessica Zmolik '03, hopes} \]

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Israel immediately retaliated for Hezbollah’s evening rocket fire on the border town of Kuryat Shemiona by launching airstrikes on a village reported to have been the source of the fire. Later Thursday, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak met with his security cabinet to consider further retaliation, according to television news accounts.

“North of the border, unless we love the Lebanese as much as they love us, we will suffer this sort of thing,” Barak told reporters during a later visit to Kuryat Shemiona. “Israel will not allow it to happen and we will have to respond and we will know how to respond.”

Bush Campaigns Swing To California

Texas Gov. George W. Bush swept through Orange County on Thursday hoping to focus on prayer and education, two subjects he actually campaigned about during the 2000 presidential election. Instead, the presumptive GOP presidential nominee found himself fending off questions about gun control and civil rights issues that are simply aren’t on the campaign agenda.

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By Mike Clay

Wide-spread, computer-controlled, federal agents in riot gear cleared a U.S. Navy bombing range of protesters Thursday, ending a yearlong stand-
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Rebels Seize More U.N. Troops In Sierra Leone, Add Hostages

By Colum Lynch

Heavily armed rebels continued to seize U.N. troops in Sierra Leone Thursday, raising the number of hostages to at least 69, including a British officer and a Russian helicopter crew, the Red Cross said, and the Kenyan peacekeepers, U.N. officials said.

The officials, however, revised the death toll from this week's clash with the West African Regional Peacekeeping Force to 76, compared with the previous report of 66, for the rebel group that heckled off the limbs of 25 hostages held by the U.N. troops as they left the capital, Freetown.

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Tamil Rebel Forces in Sri Lanka
Stand On Brink of Major Victory

By Dexter Filkins

A stunning string of victories by Sri Lanka's Tamil rebels appears to have given them enough momentum to take the war to a decisive moment.

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, a ruthless guerrilla army fighting for independence for a portion of the island nation, are on the brink of the biggest triumph in their 14-year war.

Tiger troops advanced Thursday to the outskirts of Jaffna, Tamil Eelam's cultural capital on the northern tip of the island, and hemmed in about 40,000 Sri Lankan troops holding the city.

Since overrunning a key government base two weeks ago, the rebels have been dominated Capitol Hill, 10 previously undeclared House lawmakers opposed to the bill sent a letter Thursday urging the House to vote against the measure, and 10 Democrats and four Republicans opposed it.

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The Africa-Caribbean measure, which would extend domestic press censorship to the foreign media.

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House Vote To Ban Trade Barriers Signals Positive Action on China Bill

By Nick Anderson

The House passed legislation Thursday easing trade barriers for impoverished nations in Africa, Central America and the Caribbean, after free-trade advocates charged that bills to stop the trend of increasing protectionism were stalling and that the United States.

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Mexican Presidential Hopefuls
Bring Campaigns North

Ship aside, Al Gore and George W. Bush.

In the next few days, California will become the battleground for a presidential race in the most dramatic set of post-NATPI political change, two of Mexico's three major presidential aspirants will arrive in Los Angeles on Sunday for campaign swings. Their goal is to win over an increasingly important Mexican constituency to the United States.

Most immigrants will not cast ballots in Mexico's July 2 election, since the country does not allow broad-based registration. They hope they will sway hundreds of thousands of relatives and friends back home. Those votes could be key in what is shaping up as the most competitive Mexican presidential race ever.

'Germans have become an issue in Mexican presidential politics in the 1990s,' said Alfonso Garcia Zarate, director of the Center for Alternatives, said in a telephone interview. 'The Germans have gained the upper hand politically and militarily. I don't know if the government can take it back. The rebel group launched its struggle for a Tamil homeland in 1983. The Tamil, a predominantly Hindu people who constitute less than 10 percent of Sri Lanka's population, have long complained of discrimination at the hands of the country's majority Sinhalese.

The Tigers, notorious for their suicide bombings, have been declared a terrorist group by the U.S. government.

The current crisis began last month when Tiger troops launched an offensive, dubbed Unceasing Fire, in a bid to take back Jaffna from government forces.

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TB Testing for Immigrants

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A surprising victory for the Chinese legislation, said a diplomat who has traveled to the United States.

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Agency Pushes for More Thorough TB Testing for Immigrants

WASHINGTON

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The disease is among the many health issues that migrants have been denied coverage because a quick check of all e-mails involving former White House intern Monica L. Lewinsky showed they had been sent in a burst to informal groups on policy.

A study conducted on June 18, 1998, the day before Bush was told of the financial troubles, found that 28,000,000 e-mail messages containing personal data were sent to personal e-mail accounts at the White House that had not been picked up by the automated system installed to make a permanent record of all e-mail messages.
I'M WORKING THIS YEAR'S CENSUS MAY BE GETTING TOO PERSONAL....

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Erratum

Tuesday's Spring Weekend concert review "They Might Be Giants," May 2 was found in the web edition of The Tech, and was written by the reviewer.
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**Guest Column**

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The Sloan Subject Prioritization System
Bidding Dates for Fall, 2000 Classes

http://sloanbid.mit.edu

Use your MIT ID# to access the site; leave the password field blank upon entering the system. Under 'personal information' create a new password -- and write it down!

Institute-wide bidding for Sloan courses:
Opens 9:00 a.m., Thursday, May 11
Closes 5:00 p.m., Friday, May 19

Successful bids will be posted on the bidding in early August as well as appear on your Registration Form on September 5.

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Mon., July 24, 12 p.m. - Tues., Sept. 5, 5 p.m.
MUSEUM REVIEW

New England Aquarium

Nyanja! Africa’s Inland Sea

By Heather Joy Anderson

ike 2000, I like them because they give you a chance to connect with nature, on your own terms. I especially like aquariums because I don’t have a scuba license, but I still like to feel connected to the greatest of the part earth: the ocean. So it was with eager anticipation that I looked forward to visiting the New England Aquarium to experience Nyanja!, known to most of us as Lake Victoria, which is the second largest body of fresh water in the world, right after our aptly named Lake Superior. I did enjoy my visit, despite the miniscule number of specimens and the politically correct theme (more on that later). Nyanja! occupies a tiny corner in the front of the aquarium, which isn’t very large to begin with. One of the two spectacular animals there can be seen right as you enter: an adult crocodile (yes, it’s real). Although its cage seems entirely too small and thus provokes more pity than fear, the crocodile really makes the whole trip worthwhile.

Unfortunately, most of the exhibits are virtually flooded with irrelevant cultural facts that seem to replace the biology. In fact, there is even a “marketplace” exhibit, replete with authentic crafts, that made me wonder what animal gave up its right to be seen and studied so we could marvel at African shoes and shampoo. If you do take your time to look at all the animals closely, you can at least get the feeling that you are in a new world, if not on another continent.

A couple exhibits are unique, if not alarming, such as the enormous orb spider that is Not Behind Glass. The very helpful and mildly scientific plaque tells you that the spider wouldn’t want to come over to you anyway, but its classic in-the-window-at-Halloween look makes it more competitive than piano majors (and now the theme song of current WCW Champion David Arquette (Vince Russo, are you on crack?), tries to mimic the song exactly, succeeds, and is therefore not worth listening to. On the other hand, intensity is missed quite a bit on Travis’s “My Would-Be Savior.” On the other hand, intensity is missed quite a bit on Travis’s "The Shape of my Heart" (written by Damian Isla G. and now the theme song of current WWF Champion "We’re Not Gonna Take It," produced for the soundtrack to Ready To Rumble and now the theme song of current WCW Champion David Arquette (Vince Russo, are you on crack?), tries to mimic the song exactly, succeeds, and is therefore not worth listening to. On the other hand, Les Rhythmes Digitales’ attempt to reinvent “Hey You (What’s That Sound)” changes it into a cold, mechanical beast that’s more inventive than Bif Nacked’s track, but just as painfully unlistenable. Relatively short edition of Airwaves this week, what with my being gradually crushed by the pressures of the Institute and all. But keep on contacting me with your gripes and gratitude about the column and the rest of the rock music world. The term’s almost over, but as long as you like me, you can bet I’ll be right back with you next year for more rock ‘em sock ‘em Airwaves action, provided I don’t get eaten by a shark or something. Until that happy day, have a great week and keep expanding your horizons.

Playwrights in Performance

100%MIT Drama

Playwrights in Performance, an annual production directed by Professor Alan Brody, associate provost of the arts, presents three one-act plays written by MIT students for the 21M.785 playwriting class. The show debuted last Friday and continues with free performances Fridays and Saturday at 8 p.m. in Kresge Rehearsal Room B.

(Above) Eddie (Rony Kubat ’00) (left) plays in the sand with his younger brother Oliver (Aaron Sanchez ’01) in Sandcastles, written by Thomas Cork ’00. (Left) Eban (Sean Austin ’99) professes his love to Dara (Teresa Huang ’97) in the play Holes, written by Vienngvily Odunosem G. Photos by Roshan Baliga—The Tech

THE ARTS
MUSIC REVIEW

The Dead Bands Society

Throw That Beat in the Garbagecan!

By Jacob Schwartz

The Dead Bands Society is a series of articles documenting some of the best bands of the '90s which are sadly no longer with us. We're talking demised, kicked the bucket, shuffled off the mortal coil, run down the curtain and joined the bleaching Choe Invisible. This is the first installment of the series.

The music of this period (at least for me) is a reason to think that Throw That Beat! was on its way out and struggling to recapture popularity. About this time, the band played a New Year's Eve show in Japan with Shonen Knife. Now that must have been one hell of a show! Shortly after, the band broke up. Klaus still has a solo career with Shonen Knife. Now that must have been a transformative experience for him.

This geekiness manifests itself in the lyrics as well, and is probably part of the attraction for me. I can identify with a lot of the band's themes. Many of Throw That Beat!'s songs are about childhood, from the seemingly innocent "Chocolate Bar For Breakfast" (which bears a striking resemblance to "Cake for Breakfast" from the second Carmen Sandiego soundtrack, perhaps my all-time favorite kid's album) to "Mummy Mummy," a song about being picked on at school. Even the band's love songs are often just about innocent, hearts-and-tears clichés. One of Throw That Beat!'s best kid-inspired albums, with songs about Superman and Mickey Mouse, is called Large Margie Sent Us! How can you go wrong with a band that makes PeeWee Herman references? It's all part of the bloop-bloop image, and the band admits that they make music that's fun.

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A rt reviews are, to a large extent, expressions of subjective opinions. I have to restate this right now because in the case of Gladiator my emotional reaction to the film clashes dramatically with my intellectual understanding of it. To put it tersely, Gladiator is a great film. I hated it. As films go, Gladiator is a truly impressive achievement, a triumph of modern cinema over the classical tradition. So long as one accepts the premise that Roman gladiators were cannon fodder, it's a powerful, moving, and deeply satisfying piece of cinema.

As for plot, the story has a classic three-act structure, moving from the hero's origin to the climax and back to the same place. The hero here is Commodus, the son of the Emperor Marcus Aurelius. Commodus is a spoiled brat, and when his father dies, he becomes emperor. Commodus is a sadistic tyrant, and he uses the gladiatorial games as a means of entertainment. He is also a skilled gladiator, and he takes pleasure in watching his opponents die.

The villain is Draba, a former soldier who becomes Commodus' personal bodyguard. Draba is a complex character, haunted by his past and driven by his desire for power. He is also a skilled fighter, and he uses his capabilities to manipulate Commodus and further his own goals.

The story is also about the power dynamics of Roman society; and from this position, using all the means at his disposal, Commodus rises to power. His rule is one of terror and violence, and he uses the gladiatorial games as a means of maintaining his power. The hero, Maximus, stands against this regime, and he uses his own skill and cunning to resist.

The visual effects in the film are incredibly well done, and they help to create a sense of scale and scope. The use of slow motion and other techniques makes the battles more dramatic and intense. The sound design is also excellent, with the music and the dialogue working together to create a sense of tension and suspense.

Gladiator is not without its flaws, however. The pacing can be slow at times, and the film can be overly long. The dialogue is sometimes stilted and unconvincing. Despite these criticisms, however, Gladiator remains a powerful and moving film. It is a testament to the power of the epic genre, and it is a film that will be remembered for years to come.
A Pretty Woman (1990) - A popular romantic comedy

The following movies are playing this week -

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867 Boylston Street, across from the Prudential

STAFF WRITER
By J. Erik Keiper
May 5, 2000

The rivalry in Keeping the Faith between Brian Finn (Edward Norton, left) and Jake Schram (Ben Stiller, right) over the affections of Anna Reilly (Jenna Elfman, center) begins almost immediately after Anna steps off the plane and into the two men’s lives.

If you are looking for the quintessential Italian meal you have it right here, served with complimentary focaccia and Italian bread with roasted garlic in olive oil. I do recommend reaching out beyond the ordinary Italian. I tried something like their Grilled Pork Chops with Vinegar Peppers ($19.95). A North End-style wrap, the huge cuts of handle broiled pork chops are grilled to juicy perfection. Smothered with delicately vinegary balsamic peppers, the entree verges on gastronomic overload.

On the patio of some restaurant on Newbury or gorgeous days than by spending them dining simply arrives and everyone knows it. Perhaps for some others it might suggest. The first day of spring is that day theFirst Day of Spring. The First Day of all look forward to the end of the cold and with want this stupid term to end.

The movie is poor, but interesting. It has a few things that you might expect from a British film. The cinematography is very good and the acting is actually quite good. The script is a bit weak, but overall it’s a good movie to watch. Director Ridley Scott pulls all the stops to create a visually stunning piece for the audience’s viewing pleasure. However, the visual effects are sometimes overwhelming and distracting.

The wine selection at Vinny’s has shrunked from around 100 down to about 25. Though the choice to decrease the selection was a bad one, at least they have kept some of the better wines, and at a reasonable price. The house Chianti ($19.95) made for Vinny’s by a Sono ma vinta, was average in most respects, but complimented Vinny’s Testa’s more acidic red wine sauce well. A better choice for a deep red was the Pedroncelli Mother Clone red zinfandel ($29.95). This full-bodied Californian was a perfect match to any of Vinny’s red pasta dishes, as well as the lamb and veal selections.

The entire collection at Vinny’s are the highlight of the place. Typically coming in serving size of solo (for one or two) or for three or more, larger parties should opt for a few more of different entries to be passed around family-style. The classic Italian dishes are not to be missed: Veal, Chicken, or Eggplant Parmigiana ($18.95 solo, $11.95 mo}, and Baked Lasagna ($12.95 solo). All come with plenty of food and are cooked perfectly al dente.

Vinny’s Testa’s Back Bay location on Boylston across from the Prudential center is the cornerstone of this successful local chain. General Manager Roger DuBois has turned family-style Italian dining into an experience trendy enough for the Back Bay.

A popular MIT culinary destination, Vinny’s has it all. Whether you’re out for a nice meal with your team or lab group, or if you’re out on a date with that special someone, Vinny’s provides well-prepared food in gut-busting amounts. Upon arriving, the request for a patio table on a nice day could easily double your waiting time. I thought we were lucky to get a table in the shade under an hour. The small café-style tables of Vinny’s patio are a bit small for two people, given the large size of the serving plates, and are nearly unworkable for a group of four. Additionally, the patio isn’t the most level surface in Boston either.

Looking past the defects in the furniture, our eyes turned to the gorgeous evening and the bustle of people moving under the shadow of the Pru. We began our evening with one of Executive Chef Matthew Overton’s best appetizers, the cold Mozzarella and Tomatoes Caprese ($8.95 solo [serve 2], $11.95 mo) (serve 4). The bunks of cheese were perfect in texture and flavor.

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The Tech Arts Staff

ON THE SCREEN

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

★★★★ Excellent
★★★ Good
★★ Fair
★★ Poor

28 Days (★★☆)
This is a film about all the light and fluffy aspects of rehabilitation. Confused by wildly changing tones and disparate acting, 28 Days could use a serious reworking. Sandra Bullock does the best she can with a difficult script, and a few times she comes close to pulling it off — the common thread. — LM

American Beauty (★★★½)
An extremely annoying movie; this deadpan black tragicomedy is a laughable failure as a work of art, being pretentious, simplistic, and self-important. Excepting a truly remarkable performance by Kevin Spacey (whose part is disparagingly small), there’s nothing to recommend this over-the-top metaphor, caricatures instead of characters, and a messy pile-up of red herrings instead of a plot. — Vladimir V. Zelyancesky

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Beyond the Mat (★★★½)
This unauthorized documentary about the people of 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 Robb’s and director Soderbergh’s strong points and uses them to comment on each other, creating a story where story and characters matter and where the visuals are handled with love and style at the end. — JM

Gladiator (★★★½)
This is a film that evokes mixed feelings. On one hand, Gladiator is an exhilarating movie to watch. Director Ridley Scott pulls all the stops to create a visually stunning piece for the audience’s viewing pleasure. However, the visual effects are sometimes overwhelming and distracting.

Running over the March 16, 2000, draft of the film at all the stops is brought out while the next course is brought out while the current one is still being worked on. It should be noted, though, that such overload is expected at a restaurant that has a huge place.
Nothing to do between now and finals? See Blue Man Group at the Charles Playhouse. Call 426-6912 for tickets and information on how to see the show for free by showing your ID.

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Classical Music

Boston Pops: Tickets $20-50. Thursday March 10, 8:00 p.m. at Symphony Hall. Friday March 11, 8:00 p.m. at Symphony Hall. Call 426-6912, ext. 3223 for tickets and information on how to see the show for free by showing your ID.

Exhibits

- Increase, a travelling exhibition featuring works primitive masks dating from 1850 to the Present. Call 253-5515 or 423-5515 for more information. It runs until April 22.
- Searching: Visions by Deaf Artists opens April 22. Call 253-5515 for more information. It runs through July 26.
the crass rat

Hey, don't you have a problem set to do?

Finales to study for? Praying to prepare to pray, flapping, essay to write still flapping.

Sigh—only 14 more days of freshmen standing...

So what exactly do you plan on doing?

Hey—let's go rescue the upper classmen!

Hello are you?

It's you?

Oh, oh!

? Are you sure you're sure?

You do know that as soon as you're supposed to leave, you're supposed to leave.

Well...

Thank you.

So what's Sam and I feel so relaxed. Now not only does this feel empty, but it's even more any more. But it feels weird. I know I just got back and...
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EC Residents Fear Inadequate Housing
Frank to Study System, Propose Reforms

Summer Housing, from Page 1

being shut down over the summer, were concerned that house managers from other dorms would prefer current residents of their houses over EC and Random Hall residents who applied earlier. "The average house manager picks from among [current] residents," said outgoing Dormitory Council President Jennifer A. Frank '00.

Over the summer, Frank will be working to reform the summer housing system. Her work will examine the effects that conference housing has on students and the way that preference is given to current residents of a dorm. Frank's proposal may include a lottery.

"It can't continue like this," Frank said.

Demand may exceed supply
Frank also said that there is no guarantee that enough housing will be created to meet demand. Only 100 summer slots were allotted for EC residents and 60-70 slots for Random residents after the allotment of rooms for summer programs and conferences, Nilsson said. During the term, 362 residents live in East Campus and 93 residents live in Random Hall.

Before allocating summer rooms, house managers allotted set amounts of EC and Random students to each dormitory, according to MacGregor House Manager Bob T. Ramsay. Next House was asked to house 50 EC/Random students, Senior House was assigned 46, Bexley 40, New House 28, Macgregor 12, and Burton-Connor 12. Baker and McCormick were not assigned EC and Random residents due to summer conference obligations.

Bexley rooms will remain assigned as singles, although most serve as doubles during the school year. Frank said that this decision may have been made in order to meet freshmen housing demand.

Nilsson said that using doubles as doubles would be an option if there are more requests for summer housing than slots after May 15th, but added that "traditionally, those doubles have been singles over the summer."

Roaming will also be affected by residents of Kappa Sigma and Alpha Tau Omega, who will live in dormitory housing during rush and through the end of their suspensions from living in their houses.

"We really don't know what to expect [with summer housing] until the drop date [May 15th]," Nilsson said. Both Frank and Nilsson stressed that summer housing was not guaranteed to any dormitory resident.

Matching quotas with preferences
Another applicant concern, said Frank, was that the quotas did not necessarily match the preferences of EC and Random students.

Senior House, the first choice of many EC/Random applicants, was filled quickly. Senior House's available space was limited because some of its rooms are used for conference housing during the summer. Conversely, New House and Next House were the two last houses to reach capacity for the summer.

"We were hit with a lot of people who got pushed" from other houses, said Next House Manager Julie Mills. "I didn't turn people away."

Many FSILGs are still open to summer residents. A list of open houses is available at <http://www.mit.edu/~ifc/summer.html>. East Campus President Brandy L. Evans '01 also created a web site of available non-dormitory summer housing for housing-crunched students. Her site is available at <http://www.mit.edu/~liane/summer.html>.

Naveen Sunkavally contributed to the reporting of this article.

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Okay, no big deal, you can just go buy some food...But imagine if you don’t have enough money to even buy bread.

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- 1 out of 5 children under 12 are facing hunger
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Stata Center
• A new construction fence is being installed around the entire site.
• The squash courts attached to the Alumni Pool are being demolished.

Building 18
• Temporary Faculty Offices will be delivered and set up next week on the paved section of McDermott Court.

Building 33
• Scaffolding is being set up for renovation of the east façade. When completed this summer, the façade will have new windows as well as a new finish.
• A slab for the hanger addition has been poured. The construction, which begins this week, includes structural steel installation, windows and roofing.

This information is provided by the MIT Department of Facilities.

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DormCon Examines Plausibility of Pets

Committee Formed to Develop New Policy

The academic year. Frank was optimistic about the chances that the committee will reach a decision this Tuesday.

The committee will specifically address the idea of a limited-scale pilot program which will allow cats, but not caged pets, in East Campus, Senior House, Random Hall and Besley Hall.

Nilsson said that caged pets are not included in the pilot because she is "looking at a very defined program that does not include a lot of exceptions."

Reconsideration of the unpopular policy came about when students strongly objected to the enforcement of the ban, alerted the Housing Office of Caltech's pet-allowing policy, and began work on a pet policy for MIT.

Pilot success depends on students

The working draft of the Pet Policy Proposal, available online at <http://web.mit.edu/dormcon/www/petpolicy.html> is modeled on the Caltech program, which allows residence halls to independently set a limit on the number of pets. However, Caltech's pet policy differs from the MIT proposal in that it allows both cats and caged animals.

Each of the dorms participating in MIT's trial program will designate pet-friendly areas and the maximum number of cats appropriate for the dorm layout and size.

To ensure the success of the pilot program. Frank emphasized that house managers and cleaning crews cannot be given added responsibilities as a result of pet presence. Pet owners must register their pets and ensure that any problems that arise with animal behavior or property damage are resolved quickly.

According to the proposal, designated students will "be in charge of all paperwork and follow-ups related to pet ownership, and each dorm's Judicial Committee will be responsible for settling disputes related to pet ownership."

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Jennifer A. Frank ’00, Matthew L. McGann ’00, and Christopher A. Spohr G are winners of this year’s Karl Taylor Compton prize, the highest award that MIT can bestow upon a student.

"It was a great honor to receive the prize," said Frank, who received the honor for her work as president of the Dormitory Council. After coming to the helm of a crumbling DormCon last year, Frank proceeded to revitalize the organization.

“At the end of last year and the beginning of this year, there was a lack of enthusiasm over the issues that were important," said Frank. Frank worked hard to change this, making sure that the interests of dorm residents were included in the discussion of issues such as room safety inspections and pet policy.

Andrew Gouldstone G, who nominated Frank for the award, praised her accomplishments and communication skills.

Gouldstone mentioned that Frank is able to effectively communicate with many different types of people from all over campus. “She has worked very hard to get students to voice their ideas and realize that administrators can be spoken to and not just yelled at,” he said.

Gouldstone also praised Frank’s work ethic, noting in particular her preparations for the Millennium Ball. “It’s not just the fact that people enjoyed it, but the work that she did” which impressed him, Gouldstone said.

As a result of Frank’s hard work with DormCon, many new people became involved with the organization. “DormCon got a lot stronger over a short time, which was incredible,” said Gouldstone.

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