Herman Feshbach

Institute Professor Emeritus Herman Feshbach PhD ’42 died on Dec. 22 of heart failure. He was 83.

During his career, Feshbach was known as one of the world’s pre-eminent nuclear physicists. His research advanced the field of nuclear reaction theory and the structure of nuclei.

Professor of Physics Marc A. Kastner, chairman of the physics department, told The Boston Globe that Feshbach “was an extremely smart, very friendly man, but he also had a toughness about him. He helped many of us start our careers, and was always straight-forward and very thoughtful.”

In addition to his physics research, Feshbach also fought to increase the number of underrepresented minorities at MIT. He served as chairman of MIT’s Equal Opportunity Committee, which advised the hiring of more female faculty members in 1991.

Feshbach served as a professor in the Department of Physics for over a half-century. In 1973, he was appointed chair of the department, a position he held for ten years. In addition, Feshbach helped create the Center for Theoretical Physics, which he directed from 1986, Feshbach won the National Medal of Science. He was a member of the National Academy of Sciences and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, as well as the president of the American Physical Society and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Feshbach received his bachelor’s degree from the City College of New York in 1937.

He is survived by his wife Sylvia, three children, three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

CLC Orders Next House To Be Dry

Third East Also Goes on Probation for Six Months after Incident

By Matthew Palmer

In response to an October alcohol violation, the Cambridge License Commission placed Next House’s Third East wing on probation for six months and said that the entire dorm must remain dry for three months.

“Individuals have to be responsible for their actions,” CLC Chair- man Benjamin C. Barnes said at the hearing in December.

If any alcohol incident is reported during Third East’s probation, even if it’s not as severe as the one that caused the sanctions, the Third East residents will be evicted for ten days. The punishment comes after a Halloween party alcohol incident on the floor in which an underage female student who was not a resident was confronted and tabbed. He was punched in the face, and then was wa confronted and tabbed. He was able to get out of the alley and was taken to the hospital but died a short time later.

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Hayden and Barker May Switch Places

Library System Faces Staff Shortage

By Jennifer Krishnan

The Humanities and Engineering Libraries may soon have to switch places. The exchange is part of a proposal being considered by the Faculty Committee on the Library System to consolidate the Science and Engineering Libraries.

Barker Engineering Library occupies the fifth through eighth floors of Building 10, under the Great Dome. The Humanities Library is currently housed on the second floor of Hayden Memorial Library (Building 14S), directly above the Science Library.

The proposed move would allow Hayden to become one big Science and Engineering Library, rather than two disjointed libraries.

Committee considers options

The proposed move is one of several options being considered by the committee in response to recent surveys of students and faculty. These surveys reported that “students [and faculty] felt that the distributed library system was difficult to use,” said Director of Libraries Ann Wolpert.

“MIT is unique in that, compared to our peer institutions, our library system is highly distributed,” Wolpert said. Rather than having a large, centralized library, as Harvard does, MIT has five major libraries and five smaller libraries.

“Another possibility would be to build a new Science and Engineering Library north of Vassar Street,” said Professor of Mechanical Engineering John F. Liebhard, head of the committee.

“Then Building 14 could be freed up and serve as a center for MIT’s humanities and social sciences libraries. This would probably cost $50 million and take five to ten years to accomplish.”

Libraries face storage problem

At the same time the committee tries to consolidate the library resources, the committee is trying to deal with a severe lack of shelf and storage space. “All of our large libraries have exceeded their available shelving capacity,” Wolpert said. They are now sending books to the Barker Engineering Library, north of Vassar Street.

Postdoctoral Student Killed in Mexico

By Pey-Hua Hwang

Constantine Giannitsis Ph.D. ’00, a postdoc in the Department of Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences, was murdered by three teenagers on Sunday, Dec. 31 in Taxco, Mexico.

Raised in Greece, Giannitsis was on a trip in Mexico when the three youths, aged 15, 16, and 17, stabbed him and stole his passport along with eight dollars in cash.

According to the Greek Embassy in Washington, Giannitsis was taking photographs in an alley in the historical part of the city when he was confronted and stabbed. He was able to get out of the alley and was taken to the hospital but died a short time later.

Giannitsis’s murderers were arrested by the Embassy and Mexican police on Jan. 3.

Because Giannitsis’s father, Anastasios Giannitsis, is Greece’s Minister of Labor and Social Affairs, Constantine’s death became a focus of much of the Greek media. Friend Jeffrey Scott Ph.D. ’00 said that Giannitsis would probably have shrugged off all the attention with an “oh, come on,” which was one of his common phrases.

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Candidate Chavez Withdraws From Confirmation Process

By Dana Milbank and Thomas B. Edsall

Washington, D.C.

President-elect Bush's embattled choice for labor secretary, Linda Chavez, declining Washington's "game of search and destroy," withdrew from the confirmation process Tuesday over revelations that she housed an illegal alien.

In a defiant letter, Chavez, a conservative commentator and former Reagan administration official, surrounded herself at Bush transition headquarters with immigrants and others who stopped to offer testimonials about Chavez's acts of compassion.

Chavez said it was her choice to withdraw. But Bush officials dropped their support after allegations surfaced that she misled Bush's questioners by omitting information about the illegal immigrant and may have sought to influence a former neighbor's account of the relationship.

The Chavez episode illustrated the costs imposed by Bush's truncated transition period and the difficulties he faces dealing with a closely divided Congress. While Bush drew praise for quickly assessing the gravity of the Chavez controversy and moving to put it behind him, he and his aids also were criticized even by some allies for appearing to have been blinded by each new development.

Shortly after Chavez's withdrawal, Bush issued a terse statement in which he did not repeat Chavez's complaints about having been treated unfairly.

"Linda is a good person, with a great deal of compassion for people from all walks of life," the president-elect said. "Her upbringing and her life's work prepared her well for the issues facing the Labor Department. I am disappointed that Linda Chavez will not become our nation's next secretary of labor."

Chavez portrayed herself as the latest victim of "the politics of personal destruction" and lined up the testimonials to underscore her claim that she housed the illegal immigrant, Guatemalan Maria Mercado, as an act of charity, not as an employee, which would have put her in violation of federal law.

Chavez's departure ended a brief controversy reminiscent of the nomination of Zoe Baird to be President Clinton's attorney general. Baird withdrew after it became known that she had employed an illegal alien and failed to pay Social Security taxes. "I do believe that Zoe Baird was treated unfairly," said Chavez, who had been critical of Baird during that controversy eight years ago.

Chavez, who had been targeted for defeat by organized labor after her nomination a week ago, said she "would have made a great secretary of labor" but had concluded since the illegal alien report broke Sunday morning that she was "becoming a distraction."

Attention turned immediately to a potential replacement. A transition source indicated that Bush had a nominee in mind and was unlikely to turn to those most often mentioned before her selection: former representative James M. Taylor, a Missouri Republican, former Republican Party official Rich Bond, and Rep. Jennifer Dunn, R-Wash.

Among those mentioned as possible choices were Stephen Perry, an African American executive with Tenen Co. in Ohio, who served in the administration of then-Ohio Gov. George Vovinick; Ellie Anderson, a welfare reform specialist who worked under Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson; and former Peace Corps director Elaine Chao.

Study Reveals Security Flaws

Destroyer Bombing Shows Vulnerability To Terrorist Attacks

By Paul Richter
Los Angeles Times

A high-level Pentagon study found Tuesday that the bombing of the American destroyer Cole last October revealed dangerous shortcomings in U.S. military security and intelligence-gathering.

The report, which did not attempt to assess leadership performance in the attack, found that the U.S. planes and ships remain highly vulnerable to terrorist attack as they shuttle American forces through dangerous regions. And it said that U.S. ships are too focused on old, Cold War threats and needs to devote more attention to shadowy terrorist foes.

The Oct. 12 attack, which occurred while the destroyer was refueling in the harbor of Aden, Yemen, revealed "a seam in the fabric of our efforts to protect our forces," the report said. Seventeen U.S. sailors were killed and 39 injured when a bomb carried on a small boat blasted a hole in the side of the ship. The U.S. official who oversaw the study at admisthurs.

Despite the study's conclusions, it remains unclear whether any U.S. official will be found in any way at fault in certifying the attack that happened to the $1 billion destroyer.

Retired Navy Adm. Harold Gehman and retired Army Gen. William W. Crouch, who headed the study panel, said no individuals, organizations or foreign nations in their report. Their job was not to assign fault but to "improve the processes," Crouch said.

And, so far, the Navy's command has rejected the idea that any blame should be attached to the Cole's skipper, Cmdr. Kirk S. Enfold, or to the ship's crew. Though an investigative officer found that the crew failed to follow dozens of required security precautions on the day of the attack, senior Navy officials declined to assign blame, arguing that none of the precautions would have averted the blast.

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Situation for Noon Eastern Standard Time, Wednesday, January 10, 2001

WEATHER

Changing Temperatures and Colors

By TaSo Yeon

FRONT FORECAST

For this issue, Naveen's taking a break from his weather-forecasting duties. I will provide today's forecast instead. Not being a meteorologist, I can't tell you about fronts, and not being Naveen, I can't provide you with baseball analysis. What I can do is give you some weather trivia.

If it seems cold to those of you from the lower latitudes, just be glad you won't have to face it. In 1957, a record low of -12°F (-24°C) was set, a chilly way to introduce America to the year of Spunk. The winter in 1950 seemed to reflect political situations. The nice hearing up of the Cold War was preceded by a record high of 72°F (22°C).

We'll be getting a variety of weather in the coming week, so keep your eyes on the weather map. Be sure to use Zephyr, your personal weather viewer. It's expensive, but Steady blue, clear view, Flashing blue, cloudy due. Steady red, rain ahead. Flashing red, snow instead.

Extended Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny. Winds and cold. High in the mid 20s (-4°C), low near 10°F (-12°C). Tomorrow: Sunny and clear, high near 30°F (-1°C), low near 20°F (-7°C). Fri-Sat: Mostly sunny, high in the lower 30°F (5°C). Sun-Mon: Partly cloudy, high near 35°F (-1°C), low near 30°F (-1°C). Tuesday: Chance of rain or snow showers. Low near 25°F (-4°C), high near 40°F (-5°C).
Playing hardball with Western governments to win further debt relief, Russia confirmed Tuesday that it would not honor its $8.4-billion dollar debt which it has scheduled repayments this quarter to the Paris Club of creditor nations.

Prime Minister Mikhail M. Kasyanov said in a statement that the government failed to budget to meet its full repayment obligations and that he had asked his deputy, Alexei L. Kudrin, to quickly begin negotiations with the Paris Club members.

"Uncertainty concerning the country's ability to repay the debt is growing," the prime minister was quoted as saying by the Interfax news agency. Kasyanov said the government had identified $2.5 billion of government assets that could be sold off, but that it would need more money for payments to the Paris Club, which holds an occupying state's debt to the tune of $58.5 billion.

"Let there be no doubt, there is no question, that the Russian state intends to pay its debt," he said.

Kasyanov told reporters that his government had "suspended" its plans to arrest suspected Palestinian members.

Alexei L. Kudrin, Russia's Finance Minister, raised the idea of pushing its luck a little bit, playing hardball with Western creditors, in an interview with the French news agency. Kudrin said the Russian government is pushing its luck a little bit, playing on the verge of a foul, "said analysts of Russian brinkmanship the effort "to establish whether it can change the creditor's policies," he said.

Two more Palestinians were shot and killed Tuesday by soldiers in the West Bank, in separate incidents, both after the Israeli army lifted its blockade of Palestinian towns and villages.

In his petition to the Supreme Court, Siham Thabet asks that "the executions without trial, taking place as an act of an operational initiated action and not in the course of a war and or a military action, be declared unjust and void."

"I received the request from the Jerusalem government, which held a vigil outside the Supreme Court on Tuesday to protest the death," said Peace Now's Jobs Funke were forced to resign for failing to halt the spread of the disease to this country after it had already killed at least 80 people between 1985 and 1986. Germany's 'mad cow' crisis felled it $1.25 billion in trade with the United States last year alone. And the crisis is continuing to erode consumer faith in government and in the purity of some Germans' food.
In an effort to correct some of the deficiencies in the MIT library system, the administration is considering consolidating the Science and Engineering Libraries in the Hayden Building and moving the Humanities Library to the Great Dome. We do not believe this proposal will solve any of the problems facing MIT's libraries, and will only drain resources from more promising initiatives. MIT should stop considering this poorly thought-out plan to save library space.

The most pressing concern facing the MIT library system is a lack of space, and any initiatives which better use space should be carefully studied. But switching the Humanities and Engineering Libraries will not solve this problem. The engineering collection has about 15,000 more volumes than its humanities counterpart, and the Barker Library contains about 10,000 more square feet of assignable space and roughly 4,000 more feet of linear shelf space than the Humanities Library. It does not make sense to shoulder the engineering library onto the small humanities space.

Additionally, the expenditure of resources on researching the space switch diverts time, energy, and money from other priorities. The switch of the two libraries, involving the physical transfer of over 50,000 volumes, promises to be too costly and time-consuming to make the transfer worthwhile. The location of the Science Library with respect to Barker is the least of the problems with library system. Making libraries more attractive for student use and increasing storage space are more worthwhile.

Renovations to the libraries, improvements which are overdue in some locations, could not a small amount of increased on-site storage space. Additionally, the libraries should devote their energy to acquiring more off-site storage space, which is also increasingly in short supply.

Out of the attempts the libraries have been their use of technology. Services like WebBib trout and Lexis-Nexis are accessible from every networked computer at MIT. Perhaps a similar system could be used to make library resources available off-campus. A system by which users could request volumes over the Internet and then pick up the volume on campus with a short time span of say, an hour, would be a great service to the MIT community. Certainly, this is a better use of resources than the proposed space shuffle.

Creating the perfect library system probably involves building a new large central library on campus, something which is now exceedingly difficult as MIT at the point in time. But more effective management of space and proper investment and maintenance can make the campus spaces attractive. Throwing away money and time on an avowed space swap does nothing to increase the system's capacity and only creates more problems than it solves.

Letters To The Editor

Barnes Unacceptable

I was dismayed at the parody of Benjamin Barnes, Chairman of the Committee on Library Collection, in the issue of The Tech published Dec. 12. The parody of Mr. Barnes carried distinctly racist overtones that were completely out of bounds. This public display of derogatory racial stereotypes, attitude, and occupation is unacceptable, reflects very poorly on all of us at MIT, and can only cause hurt and damage to Chairman Barnes and to our community. I have personally met Mr. Barnes and suggest that those responsible for the parody do the same.

President Charles M. Vest

Mental Health Task Force Seeking Help

In the increased speed of communication, here is some more information about the Student/Staff Task Force on Mental Health. This quarter the task force received a number of responses from various groups on campus. The task force is a diverse group, containing undergraduates, graduate students, a GRT, members of the MIT Medical Mental Health Service, the Director of Counseling and Support Services, Dean for Student Life Larry Benedict, and others. Yet we understand the need to work with others beyond our small group.

If you would like to give us input, please e-mail "mh-taskforce@mit.edu," or look for the student surveys which should appear early next term. For more information and periodic announcements, feel free to add yourself to "mh-talk@mit.edu".

David A. Mollis '02
Student/Staff Task Force on Mental Health

Erratum

In the Dec. 12 issue, the article "MIT Students Win Rhodes, Marshall" states that Associate Professor of Urban Studies and Planning Lawrence Vale advises both the Rhodes and Marshall scholarships. In fact, Vale only advises the Rhodes scholarships. Professor Linn W. Hobbs in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering advises the Marshall.

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A Bridge for Lenny

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The next four years
Jyoti Tibrewala

Here comes yet another mindless game show to litter our airwaves. They call this one “Templation Island,” and it comes from the Fox network. The show sends four unmarried couples to a tropical island where a group of young singles awaits its chance to seduce the couples. Does anyone else see something wrong with this picture?

The first time I saw the commercial for “Templation Island,” I asked myself, “Who would actually do this? What kind of person would be willing to test their relationship like this?” But then, there’s also the other point of view. By participating, you’re saying that your relationship is so strong that nothing can tear it apart. This is the premise of the entire show: testing the strength of a bond between two people. Whatever happened to human relationships being personal?

Last time I checked, any bond between two people was sacred and something that neither person should take for granted. People who would seemingly decide to put themselves in a situation with the potential to destroy everything that is special should be ashamed of themselves.

Admittedly, it seems noble to put so much faith in a bond, but it’s also somewhat foolish.

As an added bonus, the couples will go on dates with the three singles who best reflect their ideal mate. You’re only human. What makes you think you can resist the temptation? Can you call me old-fashioned, but aren’t we all constantly seeking privacy? How do we expect to keep the details of our lives and relationships private if we’re busy pandering those relationships on national television?

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One can only hope that the privacy factor is one that was not considered, rather than one that was disregarded. It might seem glamorous at first to have your life featured on television, but in the end, it might not be all it’s cracked up to be. Does the phrase “too good to be true” sound familiar?

Another group that should be embarrassed is the portion of the public that would watch the show. Unfortunately, the number of people who would watch the show is probably larger than the number who realize how wrong this idea is. This isn’t some fictional soap opera, these are real people in real relationships. Although the participants themselves volunteered for this, people who watch this show will be promoting such programs. Watching such shows will get ratings for the networks which in turn will be encouraged to put out similar garbage in the future. And they only require minimal encouragement. Given the outcome of their last reality show, “Who Wants to Marry a Millionaire?”, we can’t take that risk.

That isn’t to exclude the network itself. That goes without saying. It is not considered entertainment to watch people try to ruin other people’s lives. But even though the premise of “Templation Island” is flawed, it could have been put to better use. Fox might have received less criticism if they had used this same plot for, say, a soap opera; or anything fictional, for that matter. In that case, the reduced censure would be due to the fact that the plot would be substantially subter.

A fictional version of “Templation Island” might have a bigger audience. “Templation Island” airs tonight at 9 p.m. on Fox. Do a good deed for society and don’t watch it. That is, unless you’re looking forward to still more reality programs in the future.
The truth became legendary—the illustrious Baker Teaching Award, the only award professors receive through undergraduate nominations, has historically been viewed as a "kiss of death."
By Izzat Jarudi

West Side Story

By Tom Shachtman

Written by Marie Harrod

Everything from the growth of railroads to the development of science in American history: "The conventional view of American history is that it was the 'iron horse' that finally froze the 'red man,' but one could with as much justification have said that it was the refrigerator." Even with the right tools to test for sub-zero temperatures, however, the chemists and physicists first had to understand heat through the theory of thermodynamics developed in the nineteenth century before they could design the right experiments. Through thermodynamics, scientists were able to explain and predict phenomena that had been observed and recorded for centuries. By the late nineteenth century, scientists were finally able to "paint the map of Frigor" and the way to master it: the liquefaction of gases. The scientists moved from gas to gas down the scale, liquefying oxygen, then nitrogen, then hydrogen and finally reaching a mere five degrees Kelvin in 1908 with the liquefaction of helium. Despite the cold, absolute zero is a point of zero thermal energy, an "a mystery without a solution." Yet Shachtman's story does not merely belong with that race for absolute zero. First, he devotes several chapters to explaining the theory, technology, and historical context of how the progress of science and society could not be the hottest news in the winter of cold. Of course, people would be more interested in the bitter cold than the winter. Cold again if you're inside, prolonged exposure to talk of temperatures below zero, again if you're outside, prolonged exposure to talk of temperatures below zero. Then, he provides a history of the cold and the challenges scientists faced in their efforts to master it. From gas to gas down the scale, liquefying gases, the scientists moved from gas to gas, finally reaching a mere five degrees Kelvin in 1908 with the liquefaction of helium. Despite the cold, absolute zero is an unreachable point, a "cold pole" that becomes less critical because, in 1905, Walter Nernst articulated the third law of thermodynamics. This law states that at absolute zero, all thermodynamic processes come to a halt. Even today, when scientists conduct experiments at billionths of a degree of absolute zero, their goal has shifted from understanding the properties of matter at absolute zero to understanding the behavior of matter at finite temperatures, which may once again transform modern industry as well as help in the study of the quantum world.

While recounting the technical details of how the pursuit of absolute zero — a point of zero thermal energy — eventually led to the development of modern industry and technology, Shachtman also manages to evoke the excitement of the journey by inserting personal anecdotes and relevant anecdotes about the personalities involved. By the end of the book, the reader will have a better understanding of the personalities involved and the influence of their work on science and society. From the story of absolute zero, the reader will see how some larger egos have become obstacles themselves along the way. Shachtman's storytelling adds another layer to an already impressive chronicle of the pursuit of absolute zero. Although he has moved towards the melodramatic when he characterizes the conquest of cold as a clash between men and nature, it's difficult to deny its impact on civilization after reading Shachtman's book.
Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1 Minor devil
4 Major ruler
11 Allow
14 Common rodent
15 3-D miniature scene
16 Pindar poem
17 Packing, as cargo
19 Writer Burrows
20 Saying
21 Evidence of embarrassment
23 Noggin
25 Error makers
27 Mr. Baba
28 Hubbubs
31 On pins and needles
32 Charlie or McKellen
33 Dumbfounds
34 Any person
35 Showy flower
37 Writer Burrows
38 Health haven
41 Capital of Chile
42 Ford or Dodge
43 Zenith
44 Contemporary
45 Colorful parrots
46 Cinders
47 Split diamonds
48 Available to borrowers
49 So long, in Soho
50 Staff of life
51 Explosive letters
52 Military division
53 Representative
54 Pink baby?
55 No sweat
56 Gardner of "Mogambo"
58 Even score
59 High mount
60 Sine qua non
61 Obtained
62 Crowd's call
63 Artists (to be)
64 Bill's partner?
66 With skill
67 Hill dweller?

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4 Spice film
5 Julian garnish
6 Walt Kelly's comic strip
7 Period of note
8 Sushihke
9 Shafar and Epp's
10 Spooked
11 Fully equipped
12 Two-lee
13 Itty-bitty
14 Nod
15 "Joanie Loves Chichi" star
16 Flair
17 Tenon's partner
18 Forum rob's
19 Cooking box
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56 Gardner of "Mogambo"
58 Even score
59 High mount
60 Sine qua non
61 Obtained

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The Usual Suspects

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I'VE BEEN TOLD TO MAKE A SUCCESSION PLAN.

THE SUCCESSION PLAN

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THE PLAN SHOULD SAY WHAT TO DO IF I DIE.

AND IF SATAN MAKES YOU STAND IN FLAMING COALS UP TO YOUR NOSE, TRY STANDING ON YOUR TEETOPS FOR ETERNITY.

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January 10, 2001

by Bill Amend

I'M THE SUCR-FREE PLUM FAIRY. I HEAR AFLIE CHICKETS CHE!-

WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU CAN'T FIND THE CHANCE OUTSIDE? THEY'RE RIGHT HERE IN THIS DRESSER!

PETER, YOU'RE THE COFFEE EXPERT—THINK WHAT SORTS OF INSTANT WILL BE ENOUGH!

IT'S A DEPRESSION, BUT IT CRACKS NOSES.

WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WITH A MUG?

OH, WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH A MUG?

DON'T SIT, ROBO-PUP! SIT!

AWWW, MY ROBO-PUP'S NARROWING ITS EYES. HE'S CALLING ME SANTA!

NOSECRACKER!

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Gaggle Cops 121st Tech Managing Board Elections

SPECIAL TO THE TECH

After a month of immunity challenges, bathing suits, and fat naked men, the television show Tech Survivor revealed its winner last night to a nationwide audience of millions.

The Tech survivors endured countless hardships during their month on Straton Island. The show’s producers purposely starved the contestants, providing them with only four catered meals per week. The poor souls were also cut off from all outside communication, save for seven Internet-ready iMacs and a 61-inch television with cable. The torture lasted until the bitter end, when the castaways had to endure a banquet at a three-star restaurant instead of the four-star treatment they had grown to expect.

Jordan “Naked Victory Dance” Rublin ’02 won the game’s grand prize of Island Chairman after scheming against rivals Ryan “Depressed Detroit Fan” Orlybiski ’01 and Katie “Swan Hawk” Jeffry ’01. Rubin was helped by support from the UA Alliance, consisting of fellow well-fed management majors from the other end of Straton Island.

In the election for Island Editor in Chief, Mike “Grouch” Ring ’01 edged out Jeffrey and Dana “High as a Kite” Levine ’02 after promising to feed his hungry island-mate with the carcass of Eric “The Red” Plonsky.

An ingénue bit of scheming, Plonsky “No Cake for You” Thomas ’02 swept all of her colleagues’ cannibals and threatened to keep everyone thirsty unless she was re-elected Island Business Manager. The vote for Thomas was unanimous after the lone dissenter died of dehydration.

Eric "J" is for Jewish Cholankeril ’02 won the office of Island Managing Editor after showing off his buff bronzed bod to the multitude of female viewers at home. Cholankeril built muscles in his upper legs after repeatedly bending down to beg his fellow castaways to lift with him.

To prepare for his turn in charge of the island, Levine sought the office of Island Executive Editor. Since his new position is undefined in the game rules, Levine will follow in the footsteps of his predecessors.

Naveen "Little Kahuna" Sunakavally ’01, Rima "In Red" Arnaout ’02, and Matt "Token Hottie" Palmer ’03 seized control of the Island News Alliance and planned to stave off starvation by feasting on the surplus freshmen castaways who landed on the island during the game. Laura "As Murderer" Meulsteen ’01 declined to join her ravenous colleagues, citing her desire to have a life outside of the game show.

After the departure of Rubin, Cholankeril, Ian "Traitorous SPA Fiend" Lai ’02, and Mary "Frank" Obolentick ’02, the Island Production Alliance was left without a leader until former chairman Satwik "Marry Me, Colleen" Sesharati ’01 volunteered to steer the department proudly into the island sand.

The dynamic duo of Mike "I swear it was an accident I turned to that page of the picture books" Hall ’03 and Krys "James Stockdale" Schies ’02 seized control of the Island Opinion Alliance, them moved its headquarters from the island’s west shore to the east shore.

Aaron "Yeah, cool, whatever" Mithalik ’02 followed by wrestling control of the Island Sports Alliance from Mr. No 59.

The Island Arts Alliance began to fall apart after alliance co-leader Rebecca "Smoke 'um Peace Pipe" Loh ’01 won a coveted Reward Challenge — a romantic luxury cruise with actor Edward Norton. Loh’s heartbroken co-leader, Annie "Pikachu" Chol, was left with slim pickings for a replacement and eventually settled on Devdoot "Token Fresh" Majumdar ’04.

As dusk settled on the island, Nathan "Tom" Collins G and "www." Sephir "org" Hamilton G won command of the Island Photo Alliance after replacing the island’s water wells with screwdrivers and Manhattan.

Meanwhile, in the Island Business Alliance, Rachel "Take a Drink" Johnson ’02 rose to the position of Advertising Manager by promising to keep Reebok and Bud Light as sponsors for the show’s spring segment.

JH "Hannie" Richards ’02 was tapped for Island Operations Manager after training Thomas for his new leadership role.

While the young finished their island elections, the old-timers sailed off into the sunset. James "Bout" Camp G was appointed Island Contributor, while Eric "The Red" Rublin ’99 retained his non-voting, non-productive position of Island Senior Citizen. Frank "Fair and Unbiased Ombudsman" Dabek G abandoned his title of Island Senior Citizen and Arbitrator after openly declaring his support of all the Tech alliances at the end of the show.

After struggling to move their tired, exhausted bones, the Island Advisors followed in their own boat, with B(ow) D(own) "To Me" Calen, V. Michael "Junior" Bove, Robert "Hired Gun" Malchman, Joel "Riot in the Streets" Rosenberg, Josh "Isn’t She Cute?" Hartman, Simon "and" Garfinkel, Indy "Solar Panels" Nengy, Saul "Dreamcatcher" Plonk, Jeremy "Reston" Hylton, Jonathan "On a Roll" Off, Richmond, Barry "NY Times" Savman, Diana "Token Advocate Female" Ben-Aaron, Budd "Hannah" Fox, Renex "Halfa" Lerner, and Paul "Indexing Project" Schindler in tow.

Panel discussion

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Overall, Next House Housemas- ter Borivoje Mikik agreed with the decision. "Essentially, the CLC had to deal with the situation at hand, including the fact that there was another incident," he said. The other incident occurred on June 24 and also concerned the transport of an intoxicated underage female to the ed Center.

Barnes said the fact that this was the second incident at Next House over a six month period contributed to the strict decision. "I want to thank you for your patience and understanding," Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedict said at the hearing. He called the decision "a very reasonable response."

"The sanctions could have been a lot worse," Undergraduate Association President Peter A. Shulman said. "I was thrilled that the CLC reduced the wing would not be in jeopardy."

"It's inappropriate that students not involved in the incident are sanctioned. It's not building community," — Peter A. Shulman, UA President

Giannitsis Will Be Remembered by MIT Friends

Giannitsis was remembered fondly, "he used to come into my office with any new pictures he'd taken and we would discuss the artistic pictures."

Brian K. Arbic Ph.D. '00 spoke about Giannitsis's "amazing curiosity about other cultures. ... He was always there." Nathan Srebro G, who worked with Giannitsis in the MIT International Film Club, also commented "his sort of enthusiasm is what makes i-Film fun." Scott added, "He knew too many languages to count," and always encouraged others to learn more languages as well. Harnik mentioned that when she was learning Spanish, Giannitsis would send her e-mails completely in Spanish and only be too happy to explain any words she didn't know. When asked what she would say to him if given another chance she said, "I would tell him how much he meant to me."
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The Cambridge Planning Board has allowed MIT to proceed with the design development phase in its construction of the new graduate dorm at the intersection of Sidney and Pacific streets. The decision came at the Board meeting with MIT on December 12 and was made with regards to the construction schedule MIT has presented to the Board. "I think the integration of the dorm into the residential area has come a long way" since the original presentation of MIT of its plans in September, said Lisa Paden, secretary of the Board. At the September meeting the Board had granted MIT an Interim Planning Overlay Permit, necessary for all buildings greater than 50,000 square feet in Cambridge. However, although it issued the IPOP, it was still investigating several outstanding design disagreements and requested MIT come back to the Board with revisions. Those disagreements involved issues ranging from the opacity of the glass looking into the courtyard and the appearance of the entryway to the location and number of parking spots. While some of these issues have been resolved, others are still outstanding, and the Planning Board will continue to supervise MIT's construction, Paden said. Such an arrangement is not unusual, Paden said, and has been made in cases that such as that of Cambridge Research Park. The graduate dorm is expected to be open for occupancy by August 2002 and will house 600-750 students.

RU-486 Available in Massachusetts

After approval by the Food and Drug Administration in September, Mifepristone, formerly known as RU-466 or "the abortion pill," is available in Massachusetts. The Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts began offering the drug at its clinics on Jan. 1. MIT Medical covers surgical abortions as part of its student insurance coverage. When asked whether the insurance would also cover the new medical procedure, officials at MIT Medical refused to give a definite answer without an appointment. As abortions are not performed at MIT Medical, students seeking abortions are sent to the Planned Parenthood clinic in Boston. According to the clinic, MIT does not cover medical abortions, and it is up to companies with other major health care providers — such as Tufts Health Care and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care — in that policy. It is still uncertain whether MIT will change its insurance coverage to include a mifepristone abortion now that Massachusetts offers the drug. Ilana M. Goldhaber-Gordon G, a member of MIT Pro-Choice, said that "unless there's a huge price discrepancy, MIT women should be able to choose whatever method is more comfortable to them." Goldhaber-Gordon also said that she has "very impressed" with MIT's OB/GYN services on the whole. "Psychologically, [the medical abortion] is closer to a miscarriage than a surgery," said Naomi I. Eckman '02, also a member of Pro-Choice.

Catherine M. B. Santini G, a member of MIT Pro-Life, said that "in terms of RU-486 I'm pretty disappointed it's available here in Massachusetts. It hasn't been shown to be a safe alternative." "Unfortunately there's so much policy behind the pill that it doesn't address the medical complications behind it," Santini said, citing uncontrollable bleeding as one side effect that has killed some women. As for insurance companies that cover abortion, "I think that it's really sad that they spend their money trying to destroy human life rather than to save human life," Santini said. Mifepristone, which has the brand name Mifeprax™ in the United States, terminates pregnancy by blocking progesterone, a hormone essential to maintaining pregnancy. According to information at <http://www.plannedparenthood.org>, mifepristone is a safe option for abortion for women in the early weeks of pregnancy.
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This weekend was a rough one for the women's ice hockey team, with losses to Williams College (15-0) and Holy Cross (13-0). Fortunately for defender Dara T. Jeffries '03, a shot to the knee late in the second period against Holy Cross caused no serious injury.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Thursday, January 11
- Men's Basketball vs. Wentworth Institute of Technology 8:00 p.m.
- Wrestling vs. US Coast Guard Academy 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 13
- Men's Indoor Track, Beaver Relays 1:00 p.m.
- Women's Basketball, Akoma Game 1:00 p.m.
- Men's Hockey vs. Bates College 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 16
- Men's Basketball vs US Coast Guard Academy 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 17
- Men's Hockey vs. Bridgewater State College 7:30 p.m.

Crystal A. Russell '03 drives the lane past William Smith defenders on route to Monday's 64-61 overtime win. The Lady Engineers also beat Brandeis University 58-53 last night, improving their overall record to 8-4. They will face Salve Regina University in Rockwell Cage tomorrow at 6 p.m.