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MIT Plans For Spring Weekend

By Nancy L. Keus

With spring just around the corner, preparations are underway for a number of Spring Weekend events. The event's coordinating committee plans to announce its selections for the featured Spring Concert band within the next two weeks.

"A dramatic increase in families has left us operating in a different league from before. We're looking to attract a bigger, more expensive set of bands," said Satwiksai Seshasai '91, chair of the Spring Weekend Committee.

Financial support for the event derives from a joint contribution between the Undergraduate Association and the Graduate Student Council, as well as funds solicited from the Office of the Dean for Student Life, the Dormitory Council, Weekend@MIT, and Large Events Funding.

A December online poll that surveyed the music preferences of over 800 MIT students for the Spring Concert helped pinpoint the music tastes of the student body. "What the poll shows consistently every year is that this campus has a very large group of people who are interested in hip-hop and rock music," Seshasai said.

Yet beyond this general canvass- ing of musical interests, it is more difficult to choose specific bands from survey data. "The poll limits the genre. It's most useful for giving us ideas about the preferred kinds of bands but not about specific bands," Seshasai said.

Previous Big Screw Winners

2000 Neal H. Dorow, Assistant Dean of Residential Life and Student Life Programs
1999 Carl D. Martin, Associate Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering
1998 Course X-Senior Year
1997 Neal H. Dorow
1995 Matthew H. Braun '93, systems pro- grammer, Information Systems
1994 Introduction to Computers and Engineering Problem Solving (1.00) professors
1993 Elto S. Levit '89, staff associate for residence and campus activities
1992 no contest
1991 Pascal R. Chesnais SM '88, Media Lab systems programmer

I'm retiring in June, and this is my last chance to to win," said Professor Michael D. Ernst '89 asked students in his Laboratory for Software Engineering (6.170) class to vote for him in honor of his birth- day, which was this week. Of his nomination, Ernst said his TAs "are just doing this to express their prof- found respect for me as an educator." 

"I give impossible quizzes ... and they're even at night," said Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Leonard Lai, who teaches Computer Structures (6.046). "If that doesn't deserve a screw, what does?"

Professor Hale Van Dorn Bradt '91, who teaches Physics II (8.02), said he nominated himself "to see what would happen." He added, "However, that could change very quickly. "Most of the big donations come in on the last or next to last day," said APO President Ian S. Lai '02. "I think I might have even seen a $100 bill once." So far $602.25 in donations have been collected. Lai said that total donations are usually in the low thousands. The contest raised almost $3,000 last year and $1,380 in 1999. Other con- tenders in this year's race are Chancelor for Lawrence S. Bacow '72, Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedict, and former MIT President and EECS Professor Paul E. Gray '54, who teaches Circuits and Electronics (6.002).

The Big Screw donation booth in Lobby 10. Alpha Phi Omega spons- ors the annual fundraiser. A fun event for charity. All the money collected this week will go to a charity selected by the winner. McMillan's chosen charity is Transition House, a shelter for bat- tled women and children. He said he chose this charity because "it focuses on children.

"I think I chose the best charity," said Bradt, who selected the MIT Community Service Fund. The fund's donations go towards social work in Cambridge. If Ernst wins, the money will go to the Massachusetts chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. "It's one stop shopping for every- thing that matters," he said. "Women's rights, gay rights, work- 

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The Weather

Today: Partly cloudy, 47°F (8°C)

Tonight: Clearing rains, 32°F (0°C)

Tomorrow: Partly cloudy, 43°F (6°C)

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The previous census high for the city was hit in 1970, when the population reached 7,898,086, only to see a precipitous drop to 7,071,839 in 1980.

The Senate approved legislation Thursday that would revamp the nation’s bankruptcy law by making it harder for consumers to wipe out their debt.

The 1 to 15 vote — hailed by the credit-card industry and derided as unfair by consumer groups — included the support of 36 Democrats. It comes two weeks after the House approved a similar bill and makes almost certain that the legislation, which President Bush has indicated he will sign, will become law this year, possibly within weeks. It would be the most significant change in the nation’s bankruptcy laws in two decades.

The bill’s swift passage, coupled with last week’s decision by law- makers to revoke workplace safety rules that had been debated for 10 years, underscores the new influence business has in Washington now that both Congress and the White House are in Republican hands for the first time in half a century.

The legislation is intended to make it harder for individuals to erase debts under Chapter 7 of the U.S. bankruptcy code and make more file under Chapter 13, which would require them to repay a portion of their debt over 5 years.

“Reforming the system will be good for consumers and families,” said Sen. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa), the bill’s lead sponsor. “It will bring more fairness for those who work hard to pay their bills.”

Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), the top Democrat on the Senate Judicia- ry Committee, which has jurisdiction over bankruptcy, voted for the bill, but with some reservations. “The credit-card industry is still getting a heck of a windfall and a lot more than they deserve,” he said.

But he and consumer groups say the industry needs to be more responsi- ble about how aggressively they market credit to consumers.

Republicans bought off most amendments favored by consumer groups that might have unraveled compromises among lawmakers in recent months.

But senators made several major changes to the bill shortly before passing it Thursday evening. These are likely to be the key sticking points when they sit down with members of the House to reconcile the two versions of the bill.

The Senate added an amendment that would cap the home equity a bankruptcy flier could keep at $125,000.

The House version is more com- plex. It would permit bankruptcy fil- ers to keep home equity up to $250,000 if the home was purchased within two years of filing for bank- ruptcy. The equity in homes pur- chased before then would be exempt to state homesteading laws, includ- ing those of Texas, Florida and Kansas, which have no limits on the value of homes consumers can keep when in bankruptcy.

The hearings debate was sparked by several bankruptcy fil- ings from well-known people, including actor Burt Reynolds, who kept multi-million dollar homes in states with unlimited exemptions.

The Senate added an amendment that would require a consumer would still be able to sue a lender — or purchasers of a loan — if the terms of the loan violate federal lending laws.

Another amendment would enable a person filing for bankrupt- cy and separated from a spouse to exclude the spouse’s income when courts determine eligibility for bankruptcy.

As congressional committees prepare to write a budget that is faithful to President Bush’s tax and spending proposals, farm state interests are demanding a huge, decade-long commitment to agriculture that could strain the administration’s plan.

In the House, some Republicans from farm states have made clear to budget committee members that they want agriculture taken care of as a condition for their support of tax cuts, sources said. In the Senate, farm state Republicans, facing re-elec- tion next year, a Democratic proposal with bipartisan support would increase spending on agriculture by $100 billion, an amount that equals or exceeds Bush’s proposals for Pentagon modernization or expanded health coverage for the uninsured.

Bush’s decision, contained in a letter to Senate Republicans on Tuesday, has provoked dismay in Europe, where Green parties exercise growing clout, and resentment is building against the United States’ reluctance to engage in an international effort to combat glob- al warming.

“This letter was a real poke in the eye to the European Union,” said Kate Keizer, global warming director of the National Environmental Trust. “This letter sounds like they want to walk.”

Regulators across the U.S., an influential moderate allied with environmentalists, added, “I don’t think that will encourage the private sector to do their part to fight global warming.”

Talks on how to comply with a protocol negotiated in Kyoto, Japan, in 1997 that prescribes sharp cuts in emissions of carbon diox- ide, have been delayed for years before the Senate begins a major debate on reform, Bush did not rule out compromise.

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By Juliet Eilperin

House GOP Begins Campaign For New Abortion Restrictions

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By Paul Watson

WASHINGTON

House Republicans, now with an ally in the White House, on Thursday embarked on a new campaign for national restrictions on abortion, starting with a bill that would impose one of the strictest rules in the country and harm a fetus during an assault on a pregnant woman.

As a House panel began work on the proposal making it a federal crime to harm a fetus during an attack, abortion foes and supporters alike acknowledged the beginning of an effort to capitalize on President Bush's election and enthusiasm for the agenda promised by former President Clinton.

Bush has already pleased abortion opponents by signing away family planning funds to international groups that provide abortion referrals and by appointing conservative John Ashcroft as attorney general. Now, lawmakers say, in the coming months they will seek incremental restrictions on abortion while averting a direct confrontation over women's constitutional rights to obtain the procedure.

The bill would ban one on a controversial procedure opponents refer to as "partial birth" and in medical language prohibited anyone but a parent from transporting a minor across state lines to have an abortion, and limitations on who can perform the procedure. The bill previously known as RU-486 approved by the Food and Drug Administration was rejected shortly before the House left town.

Abortion foes, who are the president of the pro-choice movement, said they would also try to add abortion language into a bill on expanding unemployment compensation for federal employees.

"There's some significant opportunity to complete some issues where not only members of Congress, but the majority of people in the country, are on the same side," said Rep. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), a conservative who led the charge to substitute a ban on "partial birth abortion", said Democrats "will have to take them one step at a time. We see this not as an abortion issue but as a women's rights issue."

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Hotels, restaurants, and attractions are essentially empty in a season that should be overflowing with visitors.

There is considerable debate over what this means for the Lake District and other tourist areas in the region. Most people agree that tourists are not coming. They are not sure how long that will go on.

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Letters to The Editor

GSC on W rong Side Of Day Care battle
[Ed: The first letter below was sent to administrators, Graduate Student Council rep- resentatives, and student mail-list mailing lists. The second letter below is a response to the first.]

As a graduate student and a mother, I would like to express my outrage about the article on the front page of the Mar 9 Tech: “GSC Wins Day Care Battle.” The article did not report any forward thinking in solving the all-too-serious problem that graduate student parents, staff, and faculty at MIT face in finding day care at MIT or in Cambridge. Rather, it reports a “victory” of the Graduate Student Council in the “battle” to keep a day care center out of the planning for the Sidney-Pacific dormitory, citing a lack of need for day care campus and pointing to the troubling spectre of increased traffic to the dormitory. As a student who was on the MIT day care waiting list for at least one and a half years before receiving a call about a possible opening, this sounds hollow and insulting to say the least, and is particularly hurtful coming from a group that purports to represent the entire graduate student body. This is the first time many graduate students have heard of the problem of finding day care at MIT.

It is sadly ironic that this decision comes in the wake of MIT’s placement of the 100 Best Companies for Working Mothers. The tone set by the GSC’s president, Soulaymane Kachani, is not exactly one that says the least, and is particularly hurtful coming from a group that purports to represent the entire graduate student body. This is the first time many graduate students have heard of the problem of finding day care at MIT. It was what wasn’t there. The article strayed from their party leadership to support statements like, “Only 13 of 220 Republicans senators and representatives vote for a repeal of the ergonomics rules” that doesn’t feel that we should take every- thing by the administration are “fought” by our suite. They deserve most of the credit for motivating and organizing the RBA campaign.

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Kris Schnee

Last Friday evening, we had a heretic on campus. His name is <http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/Hangar/2437/> Kris Schnee, a law professor at Berkeley and author of several books including <http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0520858314/> Darwin on Trial and <http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0252065802/> The Wedge of Truth: Splitting the Foundations of Naturalism. You can guess the man's philosophy. He came to MIT to present us with a large block of Swiss cheese, a complex argument against the theory of evolution and natural selection. He then went on to explain how, legally, one can only play discs which match the region codes, which are pre-coded to legally make it to a North American DVD player and disc to Europe and to watch it there. That is, unless you bought the right to invoke the access code, in which case it is quite possible for the DVD player to make your artificial restrictions on your viewing rights. One such restriction mechanism is the regional coding system. DVD players can be equipped with several region codes, such as "1" for North America and "2" for Europe. DVD players can only play discs which match the region code. It is a legitimate way to take a North American DVD player and disc to Europe and to watch it there. However, it is illegal to watch a movie in Europe, and should be able to watch it when you are in Europe.

Because of CSS, though, all the DVDs bought in Europe play only on European DVD players. There are ways around the problem, like using multi-region DVD players, but all of these involve additional expense and hassle.

There's a reason for the MPAA to temporarily restrict viewing regions, but CSS curtails your rights permanently and even if you jump through hoops to get them back.

To make the regional coding system work, it had to be secret. Then, the MPAA could force creators of DVD players to agree to their terms and pay a hefty licensing fee for in return for being let in on the secret.

However, this meant that major corporations that needed to make a profit, only developed DVD player software for Windows and Mac. Other operating systems, like GNU/Linux and FreeBSD, were out of luck. But remember: when you buy a DVD, you don't buy the right to watch the movie. You buy the right to watch the movie. Period.

Frustrated computer programmers found a solution to this dilemma by cracking the CSS code. This CSS code was distributed on several web sites, against which the MPAA promptly filed suit. The lawsuit is based mostly upon the nonsensical Digital Millennium Copyright Act. Among other things, it prohibits the dissemination of any source code that circumvents protection measures for copyright data.

The law is incredibly vague, and proponents of DeCSS are having fun with the suit. A programmer at all is, only implementation of an algorithm, which is no more a device than a partial derivative is. If posting the source code online is illegal, what about posting an English translation of the code? Resolving the code really Composition hakut? If it's legal to chant "e to the h, do then can it be illegal to sing the DeCSS algorithm song?

These word game are funny, and, in fact, necessary for our legal system. They also point out how ridiculous the DMCA is. But don't you forget: there's nothing completely about this. You don't need to under- and copyright law. You don't need to understand the source code of the program. You don't even need to know how to use a computer. The fact of the matter is, when you buy a DVD, you buy the right to watch a movie.

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M IT students are not only willing, but eager, to go out of our way to listen to the new and strange, and to argue any issue someone cares to throw at us

The Open Field

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, despite last year's fare hikes, provides a relatively pleasant ride. Each line is clean, clearly scheduled, and (reasonably) crowded.

That is, each line save one. This line stands apart with constant overcrowding, dingy facilities, and a generally unpleasant overall quality. It is not the Orange — although Downtown Crossing can get pretty bad — but the anachronistic and embarrassing Green Line.

The Green Line is unique in the Boston metropolis rail systems is the only rail/line setup under which only one "color" main travels given the same name as a subway system. Mag. Metro, however, lets trains with various destinations pull into the same place. Both methods have their pros and cons, but both way the plan is usually maintained throughout the railroad.

Not so with the Green Line. Trains leaving Lechmere end up splitting into two, three, four, and eventually five or six lines. How? As the Red Line runs on an overhead source. Combined, these two unique features allow passengers to easily walk in front of a Green train’s path, and that is in fact often necessary when trying to get to other parts of a station.

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It has been said that discussing class consciousness is detrimental to our society. Sure, there are rich and there are poor, but that’s life, that’s capitalism. The gifted and ambitious naturally accumulate wealth while the slow and lazy (the masses) naturally starve. Talking about class only raises antagonism that keep society from working at an optimal level; they keep maximum profits from the upper classes, and they only get the working classes killed or fired. Maybe it’s better if Americans continue to believe this nation has but one big middle class or that America is the closest possible approximation to such a society.

But American society has always been based on class. Our benevolent founding fathers were of a certain class, and they used men of a lower class to protect their property from the British upper classes. To protect their property again (this time from the lower class they just employed against British aggression) the upper class crafted a constitution, which cleverly spoke of freedom and liberty. (more)

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The following movies are playing this week—

THE TECH

** Cast Away (★★)  
Wetten? Actor John Herfel’s police thriller substitutes trendy camera-style filming for making over substance of content with predictable results.  

** Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon (★★★)  
Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon is a "wu xia" martial arts fantasy cum with period romantic drama. It is a showcase for accomplished direction, stunning cinematography and special effects, and remarkable martial arts choreography. The most impressive aspect is the performance by a relative newcomer, Zhang Ziyi, who explodes on the screen like a force of nature. — VZ

** Down to Earth (★)  
Chris Rock plays Lance Barton, an aspiring stand-up comedian who meets an unmitigated disaster. He strikes a deal with a relative newcomer, Heavenly Keys (Eugene Levy) and King (Tracey Ullman) to be transformed as a rich, white business tycoon. Chris Rock plays his character with genuine enthusiasm and sincerity, and does not even utter a naughty word, conforming to the film’s PG-13 rating. — Erik Blankinship

** The Gift (★★)  
Featuring the acting talents of Cate Blanchett, Greg Kinnear, and Huffman Swank, and being a screenplay by Tom Epperson, it is safe to say that the film, under the direction of Sam Raimi (A Simple Plan), is a formulaic and predictable good movie. And it is ... to a point. While this year about to be released with a psychic gift has well-rounded characters and well-developed tension, the latter part of the film reads only cursory on the creation of F. W. Murnau’s legendary (and amazingly enduring) 1922 silent classic Nosferatu, in which a video-actor/vampire Max Schreck (Willem Dafoe) terrorizes the film crew, led by director F. W. Murnau (John Malkovich). Despite a brilliant performance by Dafoe, and a demonstrated mastery of creating the look of early silent horror, the film, Shadow of the Vampire is only quasi-successful and somewhat undeveloped in its take on the nature of obsession and the vampy nature of artistic genius. — JH

** Head Over Heels (★★)  
A parody that wants to be a romantic comedy; Head Over Heels is a story about two people that fail for each other in the midst of the New York City fashion scene. Having sex and acting naturally is the goal of the movie, which must be considered funny at times, especially because of some laughable performances. If you have too much time to waste, you can go and watch it. — Bogdan Fedele

** The Mexican (★★)  
The quest for a sought-after object is full of excitement and heartbreaks along the way. The Mexican is filled with Julianne Moore, a kid named and Mexican thieves. Overall it is a great comedy that is acted on a plot-based and character development. Though full of laughs, the film will leave you wanting more. — Jacob Benisht

** O Brother, Where Art Thou? (★★★★)  
The Coen brothers’ latest endeavor is a zany comedy that is filled with the performance by Dafoe, and a demonstrated mastery of creating the look of early silent horror, the film, Shadow of the Vampire is only quasi-successful and somewhat undeveloped in its take on the nature of obsession and the vampy nature of artistic genius. — JH

** Snatch (★★★)  
Malones’s new buddy Guy Ritchie, bolstered by the run-away-success of his first feature film, Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels, can hardly be blamed for sticking to a successful formula — take roughly six Tarantino-esque criminals, throw in a touch of wry British humor, and mix. This fantastically entertaining movie, which deftly mixes a bobbled diamond heist with the chaos of underground boxing, is a must-seer, with a soundtrack for any unfamiliar with Ritchie’s first film. — JH

** State and Main (★★★★)  
The immovable object meets the irresistible force when small-town America collides with Hollywood in State and Main, the best from writer/director David Mamet. State and Main contains a few really good one-liners and sight-gags, and a well-conceived story. The film brings together a talented group of actors including Will Roberts, Hanks, performance, is courageous and elaborate — and surprisingly joyless and lit-tle fun to watch. — Vladimir Zelevinsky

Cast Away (★★)  
All the physical courage and technical accomplishments of Cast Away are not enough to balance its unwieldy structure and make it anything but an extended catalogue of human misery. Just like the central Tom

15 Minutes (★★)  
Breaking into their set with "Mass Pike" to try to please the crowd, though it didn’t do too well with the Weezer crowd, though it’s well … a lot more refined. Songs like "Don't Hate Me" and "Coming Home" are splendid in concert as they do on the album. "Action & Action" and "Red Letter Day" were powerful, though, as were their less-well-known EP tracks, "Woodson" and "Forgive and Forget." TGUK put on an awesome show, as were their less-well-known EP tracks, "Woodson" and "Forgive and Forget." TGUK put on an awesome show, as were their less-well-known EP tracks, "Woodson" and "Forgive and Forget." TGUK put on an awesome show, as were their less-well-known EP tracks, "Woodson" and "Forgive and Forget." TGUK put on an awesome show, as were their less-well-known EP tracks, "Woodson" and "Forgive and Forget." TGUK put on an awesome show, as were their less-well-known EP tracks, "Woodson" and "Forgive and Forget." TGUK put on an awesome show, as were their less-well-known EP tracks, "Woodson" and "Forgive and Forget." TGUK put on an awesome show, as were their less-well-known EP tracks, "Woodson" and "Forgive and Forget." TGUK put on an awesome show, as were their less-well-known EP tracks, "Woodson" and "Forgive and Forget." TGUK put on an awesome show, as were their less-well-known EP tracks, "Woodson" and "Forgive and Forget." TGUK put on an awesome show, as were their less-well-known EP tracks, "Woodson" and "Forgive and Forget." TGUK put on an awesome show, as were their less-well-known EP tracks, "Woodson" and "Forgive and Forget." TGUK put on an awesome show, as were their less-well-known EP tracks, "Woodson" and "Forgive and Forget." TGUK put on an awesome show, as were their less-well-known EP tracks, "Woodson" and "Forgive and Forget." TGUK put on an awesome show, as were their less-well-known EP tracks, "Woodson" and "Forgive and Forget." TGUK put on an awesome show, as were their less-well-known EP tracks, "Woodson" and "Forgive and Forget." TGUK put on an awesome show, as were their less-well-known EP tracks, "Woodson" and "Forgive and Forget." TGUK put on an awesome show, as were their less-well-known EP tracks, "Woodson" and "Forgive and Forget." TGUK put on an awesome show,
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Anderson said that, in order to make the dormitory atmosphere less academic, Next House may lean more towards traditional advising groups over advising seminars.

**Next House versus McCormick**

While similar in concept, the Next House pilot will differ from the McCormick pilot in several important ways.

First, Next House has chosen to have only half the incoming freshmen participate in the program, with the rest participating in traditional dormitory rush. Next House usually receives about 110 freshmen a year, Anderson said.

“We definitely still wanted to have rush,” Riordan said. “There were a lot of concerns. [For instance], if we took all the freshmen over the summer, we might end up not getting any guys based on decisions about joining fraternities.”

Anderson said that having all freshmen chosen over the summer would also limit the diversity of the type of freshmen living at Next House. “We want diverse freshmen to come to Next House,” she said.

Another difference between the Next House and McCormick pilots concerns the type of housing assignments students chosen over the summer receive during rush.

In the McCormick pilot, freshmen chosen over the summer received a permanent housing assignment in McCormick. In the Next House pilot, freshmen chosen over the summer will still receive a temporary assignment like other freshmen arriving on campus, Riordan said.

The freshmen will then take part in floor rush like other freshmen chosen through the housing lottery. “We thought that isolating the entire program” by having freshmen participating in the program live in a different part of the dormitory from other freshmen “would create too much divisiveness,” Riordan said.

“We haven’t partitioned off any wings,” Anderson said.

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**Next Seeks Diversity**

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March 16, 2001

The following incidents were reported to the MIT Campus Police between February 19-28, 2001. This summary contains most incidents reported to the Campus Police but does not include incidents such as medical shuttles, ambulance transfers, false alarms, general service calls, etc.

February 19: Memorial Drive and Massachusetts Avenue, assist State Police with vehicle accident; Bldg. 41 lot, suspicious activity; Bldg. 4, malicious damage; Bldg. 7, report of homeless person; Bldg. 36, report of homeless person.

February 20: Bldg. 24, suspicious box, checked out okay; Bldg. 36, suspicious person; Walker, kitchen area broken into and food stolen; Ashdown, 1) suspicious activity; 2) fraudulent use of debit card; Student Center, 1) bicycle stolen, $600; 2) report of male and female in women’s restroom.

February 21: Student Center turn around, report of vehicle stolen, same only misplaced; Du Pont, suspicious persons; Burton, smoke from an overheated washing machine; Bldg. 66, small fire in a lab; Bldg. 8, fire in men’s restroom.

February 22: Bldg. E52, suspicious person; Bldg. 45, cell phone stolen, $200; Ashdown, coat stolen, $160.

February 23: Walker, 1) wallet stolen, $10 cash; 2) backpack stolen, $125; Bldg. 24, scanner stolen, $84; Du Pont, backpack stolen, $160; Bldg. E19, reported larceny, items only misplaced; Bldg. 6, check and inquiry of individual.

February 24: Bldg. 37, suspicious person sleeping in office; Wadsworth, check and inquiry of two individuals; Kresge, check and inquiry of four individuals; Boston, Sigma Phi Epsilon, noise complaint.

February 25: Boston, Lambda Chi Alpha, noise complaint; Boston, Delta Upsilon, fire on roof, tear of Bldg. 42, check and inquiry of two individuals; Student Center, harassment; Bldg. E33, $188 cash stolen; Anselmi Street, report of couple arguing; Memorial Drive, vehicle broken into, same reported to State Police; Edgerton House, report of smoke in hallway, someone burnt the toast.

February 26: Bldg. NW62, power tools stolen, $600; Bldg. 18, construction equipment stolen, $2,250; Student Center, bike stolen, $100; Bldg. NW17, homeless person.

February 27: Bldgs. 4 and 16, suspicious activity; Student Center, suspicious person, trespass warning issued.

February 28: Bldg. 8, radio stolen, $590; Bldg. NE43, annoying phone calls; Brookline, Zeta Beta Tau, larceny by check; Du Pont, two suspicious persons, gone upon Campus Police arrival; Bldg. 9, suspicious person, gone upon Campus Police arrival.

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The crass rat

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Friday, March 16
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Al-Anon Open Discussion: Al-Anon Meeting. free. Room: E25-101. Sponsor: MIT Medical.
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. – Orientation to Computing at MIT. This seminar provides basic, non-technical information about the MIT computing environment. Topics include: telephones and voice mail, operating systems, supported software and recommended hardware, the campus network, security, computer-related health issues. free. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. – MIT Jewish Faculty Affairs Luncheon Series. “From Dinosaurs to Birds: The Evolution of Yiddish Literature.” $10 for lunch, pay by Wednesday, March 14th. Room: W11 Small Dining Room. Sponsor: Hillel, MIT.
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. – “The Green Edge: Competitive Advantage and Environmental Gain in the IT Industry.” Environmental and Sustainability Brown Bag Lunch. free. Room: E4-261. Sponsor: Center for International Studies.
1:30 p.m. – The Politics of Welfare Reform. free. Room: 4-237. Sponsor: Women’s Studies Program.
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. – Chemical Engineering Department Seminars. Microchemical Systems-Synthesis of Chemicals and Information. free. Room: 66-110. Sponsor: Chemical Engineering.
4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. – Discrete Morse Functions from Lexicographic Orders. Refeshments will be served at 3:30 p.m. in Room 2-338. free. Room: 2-238. Sponsor: Combinatorial Seminar. Department of Mathematics.
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. – Challenges faced by Women at MIT. Alice Brown-Collins will speak on the challenges MIT women face, such as professionalism vs. femininity and career choices vs. family. Both men and women are encouraged to attend. free. Room: Student Center (W20-491). Sponsor: Black Christian Fellowship, Graduate Christian Fellowship.
8:00 p.m. – John Corley Tribute Concert. MIT Wind Ensemble (Frederick Harris, director) and MIT Concert Choir (William Cutter, director); Jean Rife, horn soloist. World Premiere of Roman Odes commissioned by the MIT Wind Ensemble in memory of John Corley. Grainger’s Handel in the Strand, Colonial Song, The Gum-Suckers March, Copland’s Down a Country Lane. Pre-concert lecture – 7 p.m. The MIT Wind Ensemble pays tribute to John Corley, conductor of the MIT Concert Band for 51 years who passed away last October. Mr. Corley established a repertoire of 350 pieces with the ensemble and commissioned 40 new works. In tribute to his memory, the MIT Wind Ensemble has commissioned Boston composer Michael Weinstein to write a piece for chorus and winds.
Room: Kresge Auditorium. Sponsor: Music and Theater Arts Section.
8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Ballroom Dance Lessons. Amer. Rhumba 1 at 1 p.m., Swing 2 at 2 p.m., Mambo/Salsa 3 at 3:40 p.m. Free social dancing from 3:30-4:30 p.m. $1 to $5. Room: Lobby 13. Sponsor: Ballroom Dance Club.
9:00 p.m. – Annual Israeli Folk Dance Festival. Performance celebrating the joy and exuberance of Israel and the Jewish culture through dance. Sixteen dance groups from throughout the northeastern U.S. will participate, including B’Yachad Dancers (Branford, CT), Shai Holt (Columbia University), Lehmanet et HaGegg (Brown University), Yofi (University of Pennsylvania), Nilhav (Hebrew College Brookline), Mazal of Cambridge (MIT). Also performing are the chorus and dance group of the Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Boston. It will be preceded by a free folk dance party with open dancing, requests and a screening of the video of 2001 Israel Folkdance Festival. Sponsored by MIT Hillel and the Israel Folkdance Festival of Boston, Inc., a non-profit, tax-exempt organization. $12. Room: Kresge Auditorium.
10:00 p.m. – The Rover. Play by Aphra Behn (1640-1689) directed by Kim Mancuso. $8, $6 students. Room: Sala de Puerto Rico. Sponsor: Shakespeare Ensemble.

Sunday, March 18
1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. – Ballroom Dance Lessons. Amer. Rhumba 1 at 1 p.m., Swing 2 at 2 p.m., Mambo/Salsa 3 at 3:40 p.m. Free social dancing from 3:30-4:30 p.m. $1 to $5. Room: Lobby 13. Sponsor: Ballroom Dance Club.
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Monday, March 19
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. – Mac Tech Partners. free. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. – “Special Lagrangian geometry and integrable systems.” free. Room: 4-159. Sponsor: Differential Geometry Seminar. Department of Mathematics.

Tuesday, March 20
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. – The International of Science in the Land of the Communist International: International Scientific Congresses in Stalin’s Russia. free. Room: E56-100. Sponsor: Dibner Institute.
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Windows NT Quick Start. free. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. – Sheared Convection in Two-dimensional Liquid Crystal Films. free. Room: E38-615. Sponsor: Center for International Studies.
4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. – Disturbed Precision Control of Structuronic Shell Systems. free. Room: E4-236. Sponsor: Engineering & Environmental Mechanics Group.
4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. – MTL VLSI Seminar Series. 3D MAPS. 3D Arrays of Meso Actuators on Plastic Substrates. free. Room: 34-101. Sponsor: MTL VLSI Seminar. Boston Area MEMS.
4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. – Gas Turbine Seminar Series. free. Room: 31-161. Sponsor: Gas Turbine Laboratory.
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. – “Unintended Consequences of Migration Policies: Cases and Lessons.” Mr. Abella is Chief of the International Migration Branch, International Labour Office (IL0), Geneva. free. Room: E38-615. Sponsor: Center for International Studies.
7:30 p.m. - 16 Months of Cultural Immersion in 16 Countries. Recent college graduate Amanda Higley will talk about her 16 month trip through 16 countries in Europe and how the “international language” Esperanto made it not only possible, but also very inexpensive. free. Room: 4-237. Sponsor: Societi por Esperanto, MIT.

Crossword Puzzle

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The Tech
March 16, 2001
UCs In-State Tuition Policies Spark Suit

Plaintiffs Seek Changes to Residency Rules

AMY KENT / THE TECH

UC's In-State Tuition system is facing a lawsuit over its stringent but potentially confusing residency requirements that result in out-of-state tuition and fees for some California residents.

California students who attend state-run universities have their educations funded by the state and federal governments. Because out-of-state students do not receive similar benefits, the cost of their tuition reflects the actual, marginal cost for their education.

By California state law, it takes less than six months to become a California citizen, which includes rights such as the right to vote and to receive welfare payments. However, the UC system sets residency requirements that are much more strict than those of the state.

In addition to living in California for at least five years, all UC students must prove that they are financially independent before they can pay in-state tuition and fees.

As a new California citizen, Markowitz has not paid UC tuition, and he has filed a registered voter of California and pay California taxes, yet he finds himself out-of-state tuition,” said Professor Stephen Reis, a native of Arizona. “This system is flawed.

Currently, Josh Markowitz, a third-year graduate student at UC Hastings School of Law, is suing the Hastings Board of Education under similar residency requirements.

As a new California citizen, Markowitz, who was adopted by his parents from Honduras, stating that the UC requirements are unconstitutional, and that he should not have to pay the extra $11,252 per year in tuition that results from his out-of-state status.

Markowitz argued that the jurisdiction of the court is whether the resident is above the school’s education board and what the state Constitution and new legislation to override the current laws.

According to Markowitz, different schools have different resident requirements, but in the case of Sandy v. California Department of Social Services (Alt. 2001), which the Supreme Court of California ruled that becoming a resident of California guarantees a person all the rights that any other resident receives.

The court ruled that becoming a resident of California entitles a person to the benefits of receiving California welfare payments. This refuted previous legislation, which had stated that a new California resident would receive the lower of the two payments between what is offered by California and the person’s previous state of residence.

Markowitz disdained the case against the UC system will probably come months early this summer and will have to be settled at a later date.

By Matt Schrader — The Guardian

Police crush student’s protest

A Middle Tennessee State University student protesting the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association’s basketball tournament at the Murphy Center Wednesday morning was threatened with arrest.

Ron Bronson, a junior who heads the organization Students Against Paul Parking, was standing by the Murphy Center ticket office holding a sign that read “TSSAA’s On The Sidelines” and “The TSSAA Parking” when he was approached by an unidentified security guard.

Bronson said the security guard asked him to leave, and when he refused, Bronson was arrested. First Amendment and Two MTSU Public Safety officers approached and told him that he was not permitted to be on the grounds of the Murphy Center because the TSSAA had rented the facility. After being threatened with arrest, Bronson left the premises.

The administration has sold his right for free speech to the highest bidder, in this case TSSAA.

Bronson said while he was talking to event staff, a spectator took the sign from his hands and ripped it in half. He said the security personnel present did nothing to the spectator, who he could only identify as a teenage male.

Major Roy Brewer of the university’s public safety department said the actions of the officers were justified.

Brewer said Bronson had not obtained a permit to protest, and therefore asked to leave. He said when Bronson refused to do so, the officers told him that if he did not leave he would be arrested.

“(Protectors) cannot interfere with [the tournament] in any way,” Brewer said. Brewer defined interference simply as “not being in the way of the [student] is supposed to be.”

The Freedom of Assembly statement in the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook says, in part, “right to assemble for the purpose of conducting a demonstration, march, or sit-in activity must be made in writing to the dean of Student Life or their designee at least five working days in advance of the anticipated activity.” It also says that if the protest is found to be disruptive, that, among others, a representative of Public Safety may stop it.

However, Paul McMasters, First Amendment ombudsman for the Freedom Forum in Nashville, said the reasoning given to Bronson (that he was obstructing traffic) was not related to the First Amendment, but rather the march and sit-in activity present in the case.

McMasters also said the fact that the student left under duress does not speak well of the public safety department’s actions.

“It seems to me that the student was well within [his] rights,” McMasters said, although he acknowledged that the situation was complicated because Bronson did not have a permit.

By Kevin Cox — Sidelines

03/15/01

Hunger Action Group Volunteers

Time, Raises Funds for Charities

Rachel Rosenfeld Lafo, Senior Curator at the Decordova Museum and Sculpture Park in Lincoln, Mass., discusses Bernice Abbott’s photography as part of “Photography in Boston: 1955-1985,” which she edited with Gillian Nagler. Thursday’s lecture was sponsored by MIT Press.

By Diana S. Cheng

The second annual Walk for Hunger, which the Hunger Action Group holds each spring, continues to raise money for hunger relief agencies.

Group volunteers at Saturday’s Break, a soup kitchen at the United Methodist Church of All Nations in Boston. They also volunteer at CASPAR, a center which gives drug addicts “rehabilitation services in addition to being a shelter.” Deardon said.

The Hunger Action Group serves lunch and talks to the residents of the shelter. Deardon said that Aramark is generous to assist the efforts and that CASPAR provides the group’s food-salvage program.

“I know of a person I talked to at CASPAR who is not better than where he was the first time I visited CASPAR this past fall,” Deardon said. “I’m just there to cheer them up.”

On Saturday, the Hunger Action Group visited Rosie’s Place, a shelter on Albany Street in Boston, for the first time.

Deardon said that Rosie’s Place had “a lot of stuff for us to do, and we felt like we were helping a lot.” She added that “people got to go out to talk to people” and that “talking to people is better than helping to serve food.” Deardon also said that “direct interactions with people are more of a personal gesture” in the fight to eliminate hunger.

Maria Chan G organized the visit to Rosie’s Place. She said, “Rosie’s Place and its volunteers are providing a community to those in need of one.”

Each fall, the Hunger Action Group organizes the National Hunger Awareness Week at MIT. In 2000, they raised $854, which they donated to CASPAR, “to be used for food or food appli-
ances,” Deardon said. Since CAS-

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Spring Weekend Features Host Of Activities to Unify Institute

Senshui said.

The price and willingness of a band that may eventually perform are shaped by a number of different factors, said Senshui. These include whether a band prefers to play in college venues, if it will play at MIT specifically, and whether there may be other shows in the area.

Also in the works for Spring Weekend is a so-called Odyssey Ball, a 2001. A Space Odyssey-themed affair that boasts "galactic attire or optional black tie," Senshui said. The purpose of the event would be to unify parts of the campus, like the Johnson Games did last year.

Panned by the President's Office, the Ball is expected to be open to students, faculty, staff, and families alike.

Spring Weekend Committee member and ball organizer Tara Paravar '03 believes that the Odyssey Ball will be "one of those events that could really bring everybody together."

Last year's Millennium Ball, organized by student groups, the Campus Activities Complex, and the Office of Academic Services, drew around 2,000 people — twice the anticipated audience.

"There's a huge interest in the event," Senshui said. "The scale of this year's planned affair differs from the millennium-themed 2000 Ball. The Odyssey Ball will take place outside in the environs of Kresge Oval and will make use of tents that can hold up to 10,000 people.

While the Odyssey Ball will in many ways be the successor to the Millennium Ball, which featured different activities in various parts of the Student Center, it will retain the unity of a single large event. "Having everyone in the same space really changes the dynamics of the event," said Senshui.

A third and new event, entitled Kresge Kickback, will allow students to relax outside Kresge with free lunch and live music. To be held in the space between Kresge and Amesbury Alley, it will feature the first annual ATO-produced "Mr. MIT Competition."

A description of the "Mr. MIT" contest boasts its intent is to "find the most talented, personable, crowd-pleasing individual on campus."

Chair Rashmi Khare '01 emphasizes that for AXO as an organization, "the overriding goal of Lip Sync will be to support our philanthropies — the McDowell Colony and the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center."

Yet another event that will coincide with Spring Weekend is the International Students Association's colorful International Fair (I-Fair), in which the international clubs of the MIT community have the opportunity to present the culture of their respective countries. Spring Weekend planning is a joint effort of the Graduate Student Council and the Undergraduate Association. Its committee, which is comprised of seven undergraduate student representatives and four graduate students, coordinates all events related to Spring Weekend.

Some of the aforementioned events are still in their planning stages. Students who want to be involved may contact spring@mit.edu. Of the planned festivities, Committee Chair Senshui notes, "As a graduating senior, I am expecting this to be the biggest and most exciting Spring Weekend that I've ever attended."
Usman O. Akeju '04 and Kay U. Sullivan '02 flirt in Shakespeare Ensemble's production of "The Rover." Performances are this Saturday and Sunday and next Thursday and Friday in La Sala de Puerto Rico.

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defense and a slow offense. This method of play wins on opponents, and should be tough to advance.

I will pick BYU over the Cincinnati Bearcats. Cincinnati won their regular season this year, but Conference USA was incredibly weak. The Bearcats are not nearly as impressive as they have been in previous years, and are hardly worthy of a five seed.

As with most eight-nine games, the West region should be a good one. St. Joseph’s, the Atlantic 10’s regular season champion, does not deserve such a low seed. But regardless of where they should be seeded, the Hawks were not fortunate in drawing Georgia Tech in round one. Tech has been playing well all year, and their fast-paced offense will be difficult for St. Joe’s. The underrated Hawks will lose.

Stanford, Iowa State, and Maryland should all coast through their first round matchups. Although I tab them as overrated, Indiana, one of the hotter teams in the tournament, should beat Georgetown. Who are not playing nearly as well as they were in the first half of the season.

The hot teams will continue to prevail into the Sweet 16, as I look for Stanford, Maryland, Indiana, and Arizona to advance.

Midwest Region

This quarter of the draw is stacked with typical big-name programs and a few potential sleepers. Illinois, Arizona, and Mississippi, like most one through three seeds, should coast through their first round games.

Many experts are claiming that the next seed, Kansas, will struggle against their first round opponent, the Cal State Northridge Matadors, but I disagree. The Jayhawks are a very good four seed, and being known as a team to choke early, Roy Williams will have his boys prepared to take it to the Matadors.

Sitting in round two for Kansas should be Syracuse. Syracuse’s opponent, the Hawaii Rainbow Warriors, are starting to put it all together, as was shown by winning their conference tournament. But Syracuse has too much firepower for Hawaii.

Moving on to the 6-11 game, we have what appears to be a very attractive match-up, pitting the Notre Dame Fighting Irish against the Xavier Musketeers. This should be an easy win for the Irish. Xavier hasn’t beaten any team that is really good, and it will show here.

Last year Butler took Florida (the eventual national championship runner-up) to the buzzer. This year Butler enters hungry for a bit more. This is bad news for the Demon Deacons, who have been struggling as of late and will likely lose here.

Finally, Tennessee will face Charlotte. The game is completely dependent on which Tennessee team shows up to play, but I expect the Volunteers to win since it is March and they should come with their best.

In round two, I see the top four seeds advancing without much trouble, although I expect a sleeper team to look for Butler to hang with ‘Zona.

South Region

Perhaps the most wide-open region this season, South seeds should be everybody’s favorite to pick a dark horse from.

People seem to think Gonzaga is the top seed, but North Carolina and Michigan State are ripe to be upset early.

I do not agree with this sentiment actually. If anything, what this year’s college basketball season has shown me is that there is not necessarily a truly great team that everybody is striving to beat. Instead, the top teams are all good and they will be tough to knock out. I don’t foresee too many upsets between the high and low seeds.

Anyway, moving on to the picks for the South. The top seeds should again find little problem in their opening games. I honestly doubt North Carolina will have much trouble with Princeton, though Western Kentucky might put a scare into Florida before Florida pulls away. Also, Oklahoma should not see Indiana State as much of a threat.

As I said, Gonzaga seems to be a popular pick this year, since the Zags have asserted themselves as a tournament-caliber team in the past few years. Virginia is a talented team though, and because of the level of competition they faced this season, they should win this tough game.

The South contains another great 6-11 match-up, this one featuring two defensive juggernauts. Temple has been 1-8 against teams that have qualified for the tournament. Texas, on the other hand, is 8-6. Even though the numbers say go with Texas, I believe that John Chaney, as always, will have his team ready to frustrate the Texas offense. Look for Temple to pull the upset in a low scoring, slow-paced game.

Penn State and Providence provide for an interesting match-up. Providence’s team leader, John Linehan, leads an exceptional defense, one that should be good enough to stop standout guard Joe Crispin, and with it, PSU’s dreams.

Finally there is California squaring off against Jerry Tarkanian’s Fresno State Bulldogs. These two teams both play similar pressure defenses. I look for Fresno State to battle past California in a fast-paced game filled with scoring.

Squaring off in Atlanta should be MSU and the Sooners and then UNC and Florida, though both UNC and MSU will have to fight hard to do so.

Final Four

Since I have run out of room for my column, I cannot further analyze the brackets. Let me say a few things though. If Duke gets past UCLA, they should win it all. My other Final Four teams include Stanford, Florida, and Arizona. Some of these teams will struggle more than others, but I’ll go into more detail next week. A few sleepers to think of about in your Final Four include UCLA, Kansas, Arkansas, and Wake Forest. In the end, look for Duke to beat Arizona in the final.

Pheiffer Calls Duke All the Way

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March Madness: Let The Mayhem Begin

By Rony P. Pheiffer

Many of you are stiching as Spring Break is only a week away, but if any of you are die-hard collegiate hoops fans like myself, you real treat came last Sunday as March Madness officially kicked off with the unveiling of the brackets.

Looking at the field, no team jumps out as the favorite. Some people like Stanford, who dropped only two tough games all season long. Others feel Duke, Arizona, and Maryland, who all finished the season strong, will continue the pace into the tournament.

So who’s going to take it all this year? To be honest, I’m not so sure myself. But in the process of trying to figure out who it will be, we’ll take a strong look at each bracket and see what we can surmise.

East Region
The East is once again arguably the toughest region of the bunch. This region features four of the six major conference tournament winners in Duke, Kentucky, Boston College, and Iowa.

If you’re looking for an upset, start first with the Iowa Hawkeyes. Although they played well last weekend in the Big Ten tournament, and although it has upset potential, I think that USC’s toughness after playing their Pac-10 schedule should help them in the end.

As for the other first round match-ups, I see both Duke and Missouri winning their games to face each other in the second round.

West Region
This region features some of the most overrated teams in the field, namely Indiana and Cincinnati, but also features the most underrated team: St. Joseph’s.

In the Sweet Sixteen will be Duke, UCLA, and Kentucky, with the fourth spot going to either Boston College or the winner of the USC/OSU game. Look for Boston College to advance as they continue to prove all of their doubters wrong.

Midwest Region
In the Midwest, no team comes into the tournament hot. Wisconsin has been struggling as of late, but aside from that, this could be one of the tightest games in the tournament, and although it has upset potential, I think that USC’s toughness after playing their Pac-10 schedule should help them in the end.

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South Region
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Equestrian Team Kicks Off Season

By Jenny Lee

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Badminton Hosts Boston Open

By Lui Shan Yang

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Since 1998, the MIT Badminton Club has been organizing and hosting tournaments, attracting over 180 players from some 20 states and four countries. The Boston Open has established itself as one of the largest tournaments staged in the United States. It has attracted some of the top U.S. shuttlers with its enticing prize money and its solid reputation, nurtured over the last four years.

This tournament promises a weekend of a captivating display of brilliant stroke craft with high leaps, fast speed smashes, stylish cross-court shots and swift footwork.

Although less popular in the United States, badminton has a strong following around the world. Badminton has been featured as a full-medal event in the Olympics since the 1992 event in Barcelona.

Badminton is one of the world’s fastest racket sports, requiring quick reflexes, fast moves and agility. In top international competitions, the shuttlecock in a smash has been timed to speed over 200 miles per hour. Badminton is also a demanding aerobic sport. In a typical two-game match, a player runs the equivalent of approximately 1.62 kilometers.

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Kathy A. Luke ‘04 placed fifth in the open division over fences after drawing a difficult horse. Also riding open over fences was Keven E. Landino ‘02, who won a respectable third place.

Tara L. Mullaney ‘02 took second place with a brilliant stroke of luck in her intermediate jumping class.

Competing for the first time since returning from a semester abroad in England, Jenny J. Lee ‘02 placed fifth over fences in the intermediate division.

In the advanced division, Ari Rho- dal won third place in her jumping class.

The flat phase of the competition took place in the afternoon. Rho dal placed fifth in alumni equitation after drawing an extremely slow horse. Landino and Luke both rode in the open division and placed fifth in their respective classes.

Lee made her debut in open equitation after point-up from the intermediate category last April. However, an unfortunate horse draw left her with a sixth-place finish.

Mullaney drew the same horse as Rhodal for her intermediate flat class race, and also placed sixth.

This show brought Lee within three points of qualifying for the Regional in the intermediate over fences division. A rider must accrue 35 points in order to be eligible to participate in this competition.

Two MIT equestrians this year have already qualified for Regionals. Sara Eriksm ‘01 will be riding in the advanced walk-trot-canter division, and Diana S. Cheng ‘03 will compete in the walk-trot category.