**OpenCourseWare**

**To Place Most Class Material on Internet**

By Navone Sunkavally

At a high-profile press conference Wednesday, MIT publicly announced its commitment to a ten-year plan to make material from nearly 2,000 courses freely available on the Internet.

OpenCourseWare, the project to put the material online, is expected to cost about $150 million and has a goal of providing lecture notes, course outlines, and assignments from 500 courses over the web within the next two years.

Chair of the Faculty Steven R. Lerman '72 presented the project as a challenge to the “privatization of knowledge” and a way to encourage the world-wide dissemination of educational ideas. Faculty participation in OpenCourseWare is completely voluntary, although most Faculty are expected to go along with the project, said Dean for undergraduate Education Robert P. Redwine.

**What is the value of MIT?**

A common question regarding OpenCourseWare concerns the effect the project will have on the value of an MIT education. If MIT is providing all of its course material online, some may question why students should pay to come to MIT. Administrators and student leaders alike were optimistic that an MIT education could stand alone from the material in its courses, and that, if anything, the project would improve the value of MIT's educational experience.

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Sensitve Documents Were Destroyed After Milosevic’s Fall

After the fall of former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, but while his former secret police remained in office, tons of police documents were destroyed and illegal copies of files on former opponents were also destroyed, Serbian Interior Minister Dusko Mihajlovic said Thursday. The period from Oct. 5 until Jan. 25 was used for the active destruction of evidence, Mihajlovic testified in a session of the Serbian parliament’s Defense and Security Committee. “In our ministry, tons and tons of files were destroyed.” There was also “unauthorized copying onto CDs of data from the files of all opposition leaders, which was taken away from the service for still unknown reasons,” Mihajlovic charged. Charges have been filed against people suspected of responsibility for the destruction and theft, he said.

The decision not to force out former Serbian secret police chief Rade Markovic much more quickly was a matter of bitter dispute among the former opposition figures who came to power in Yugoslavia and Serbia, the country’s main republic, after Milosevic was driven from office in October.

Administration Drops Plans To Eliminate Salmonella Testing

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration Thursday dropped plans to eliminate salmonella testing of ground beef served to children, is an extremely important issue and USDA will continue to take appropriate steps to ensure the safest possible food supply is available for all consumers,” Veneman said in a statement.

In an administration noted for its internal discipline, the abrupt reversal quelled a budding controversy on an issue of food safety that is of concern not only to children across the country. The reversal also comes at a time when officials are sensitive to appearing too closely aligned with industry interests after suspending arsenic restrictions for drinking water and cleanup requirements for mining operations earlier.

Federal regulators have told lawyers for Rupert Murdoch’s News Corp. that they’ve temporarily stopped considering his $5.4 billion offer to acquire Chris-Craft Industries Inc.

By Jonathan Peterson

The Chris-Craft deal would put Murdoch in the unprecedented position of having 10 television stations, including WWOR-TV in New York, which owns 4 television stations, and could fuel a growing dispute over President Bush’s policy of ending the98-99 trade deficit.

The Bush administration will send Congress a budget proposal that would scale back a broad range of domestic programs — including workplace training, renewable energy and health care access — that have grown rapidly in recent years.

The House voted 237-197 on May 24, 2000, to extend normal trade relations with China, House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, who opposed normal trade relations with China, said Thursday he will support the extension.

True Boston Weather

By Efren Gutierrez

Frida: Clouds will develop late in the afternoon. High of 51°F (11°).

Incident May Cause Review Of China’s MFN Trade Status

By Elaine S. Povich

Administration officials and members of Congress, treating causally, Thursday held out the possibility of retaliating against China for its decision to eliminate a U.S. spy plane and its American crew members.

While emphasizing that the situation was still fluid and expressing the hope that the crew and plane would be returned soon, leading foreign affairs experts in Congress suggested trade relations with China could suffer. They also said the situation has strengthened the hand of those who would like to see additional military weapons to Taiwan — something China strenuously opposes.

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Six Major Drug Firms Agree To Cut Price of AIDS Medicine

By Maggie Farley
GLOBE-ANGELUS TIMES

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Conservatives Fear Strong Federal Role in President's Education Plan

By David L. Greene
WASHINGTON TIMES

President Bush arrived in Washington with grand plans to reform the public schools. But now, Bush is under pressure from conservatives in his own party to retreat from a central element of his education agenda.

Several Republicans complain that Bush's plan would amount to federal meddling, by instructing states on how to test. As they have helped write Bush's ideas into legislation, these conservatives have so far succeeded in watering down some of the tough language in his plan.

Bush is absorbing the most heat from the Education Reform Caucus, a group of loosely aligned lawmak-
Open Debate and Political Correctness

The reformation debate held at MIT this past week allowed conservative political commentator David Horowitz and black activist Dorothy Bentley-Lewis to publicly debate the issue of monetary reparations to African Americans for the first time. While previous discourse between the two groups consisted largely of one-sided ads and propaganda pamphlets, this forum forced each side to respond publicly to the other's criticisms.

It is hard to commend the firing of shots from behind party lines, a tactic which both Horowitz and Lewis have used to support their positions and attack any detractors. This sort of action engenders little more than ill will unless it is accompanied by constructive and open debate. While verbal debate is not the perfect forum for expressing a conflict of opinion, it is the simplest and fairest tool which exists.

Wednesday's forum shed light on issues with far greater implications than reparations, and called into question the recent tendency towards political correctness. In attempting to remain politically correct at all cost, many people and organizations leave themselves unable to properly express their true feelings.

Valid points are lost in the interest of politeness, and unnecessary political correctness eventually breeds a sense of ignorance and compliance.

The volatility of the reparations issue has prevented debate from falling within the rigid realm of current political correctness. N'OBRAS, a group co-sponsored by Lewis, made several statements that crossed all lines of political correctness, and in doing so expressed the true and unchoked beliefs of its membership.

Horowitz has stated openly that reparations are not the issue at stake, and even expressed his support for attempts to help struggling blacks within America's cities. However, the sheer absurdity in mind of N'OBRAS's monetary demands led Horowitz to include the reparations issue in his self-proclaimed "ten year campaign to free universities from political correctness and censorship." By refuting the statements of the black reparations movement in an equally farrago manner, he clearly expressed his right to discard political correctness and to openly discuss statements which were politely ignored in the past.

The Tech supports the constitutionally guaranteed rights of all Americans to speak freely and express their opinions, even when those opinions are radical and seemingly outrageous. Our belief in the power of this form of free speech led us to offer monetary sponsorship to the event.

Political revolutions come about only through the unchecked expression of opinions, and not through muted and checked statements. America was not founded through acquiescence with the opinions of the ruling majority, and the Civil Rights movement required more than a few harsh exchanges of words.

While a properly functioning democracy allows for peaceful and civil changes in both policy and leadership, it requires that all sides be open with respect to their true opinions. Therefore, it is essential that honesty not be sacrificed in the interest of political correctness.

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I spent spring break along the U.S.-Mexico border in El Paso, Texas. I'm on my way home now. After two days of being cross-country and another two days spent scrambling for data along the border, I'm looking forward to the two days I'll travel back to MIT. Since the experience is still fresh in my mind, I thought I'd share some observations and broad generalizations about Texas, Mexico and life in general.

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This newspaper recently carried a controversy over the proposal to make the U.S. government pay "reparations" for slavery; that is, to pay one ethnic group for crimes committed against dead people by other dead people. Reparations advocates deserve applause for their intelligence in choosing America, with its deep pockets and loose purse-strings, as their mark, instead of the many other countries involved in slavery throughout history. They are also wise to demonstrate their argument now, because this challenge is not seen as a direct threat to the property rights of individuals.

John Locke wrote that property rights stem directly from the right to the liberty. The products of your work become your property unless you negotiate otherwise, because you have "mixed your labor" with them to improve upon nature's raw materials. The profit of American slaves' work was stolen from them by their "owners" (a small number of these black) and used to develop this country's power and wealth. However, slavery has been illegal here for 136 years. Since 1865, America's ill-gotten wealth has been spread around the world, used to win wars and control the people; people have spent their lives improving the industry, technology, and luxury of this country, adding their labor to that of the past, that to forcibly redistribute American wealth now would hundreds of millions of people of our accomplishment. We would cheat those now living to repay theft from the dead.

The standard pro-reparations argument for not buying the past is inert, the idea that the moral wrongs inherit debts incurred by their predecessors. We hold Third World countries accountable (perhaps unjustly) for the debts of past dictatorships, so why not hold slavery the present-day American people and their government? Shall we say that there is no moral wrong that the U.S. government is responsible for by the present generation? In that case, let's look at a debt America has left unpaid for far longer than slav-

The Crusades meet the criteria which reparations theorists have established for an unpaid American debt. From the 11th to the 14th centuries, white Europeans engaged in war throughout the world, in the name of religion. The Crusades were sanctioned via a sustained systematic program of repression, endorsed by government.

The Crusades, from the Turks, enslaved the people of Constantinople (now Istanbul) when the Crusaders decided that it was too far to go, returned long-lost knowledge to Europe and helped to spark the Renaissance. The modern world was built by the energy released then, so therefore we owe the Muslim world our Enlightenment and all the wealth associated with it.

How does America fit into this? The Crusades were ordered by the Catholic Church, which was, when the de facto international government of Europe. It commanded armies, collected taxes, wrote laws, crowned emperors, and engaged in other government functions like censorship. It was a religion with a high degree of power throughout the United States.

Of course, the Crusades are a bit distant from American history. We could also talk about how our philosophical ancestors conquered North America from the American Indians, taking their land and building a country with its resources. Were we to return all American wealth, which was not at some point a product of conquest, we would have to give back pretty much everything west of the Mississippi.

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In early March, the National Organization for Women declared a state of emergency in response to the Bush administration's war against women's reproductive freedoms. Hoping to raise awareness of Bush's trifling record on women's rights, NOW has organized the March for Women, a protest against the Bush administration. bush's move to make women's rights a priority is the future of the women's rights movement should he choose to keep his seat in the Senate. This challenge is not seen as a direct threat to the property rights of individuals. Bush has demonstrated his preference for women through his actions as president, from trivial matters, such as mandating that all female White House employees wear skirts, to serious matters, such as closing the White House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach. By abolishing the group, Bush has indicated that he has no intention to consider women's needs in his office. This is the current president's move to control the women's rights movement in his capacity as president.

Between his wars, the Bush administration has come under fire for its relations with the Supreme Court. With sitting justices having voted to strike down Roe v. Wade, Bush has continued to pressure for legislation that would give the court the open seat. Bush's attorney general, Ashcroft, is anti-choice, and his administration has taken steps to deregulate the environment. Finally, in regard to Reed's tangent about Third World debt, private corporations who make deals with developing countries and other immoral regimes, rather than with other pri-

Bush's moves to make women's rights a priority are simply because they have the potential to advance current rights that are taken for granted, such as family planning, family, family leave, and affirmative action. All of these achievements are possible because they have been progressive progress made over next four years. Drone warfare does not justify tort action against the governments of today, even if, hypothetically, the children of the Nazi's and many of their direct descendants are still alive, and are directly injured by the Holocaust, because no one justifies their claim to receive tort action, simply to keep them from going extinct. The question of reparations is different.

If we have accepted that dead criminals are beyond the reach of the law, we must accept that compensation for victims long deceased is out of our purview. Slavery is a historical event, not an event in American history; that's all it is now — history.

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This result seems imminent, considering how Bush is consolidating power. Bush has already appointed the fourth Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, the swing vote in any decision reached by the court. The confirmation of Barbara Lagoa, who has already shown her allegiance to the conservative justices of the court, will likely to be confirmed as long as Bush has the votes. This will further solidify the Supreme Court's conservative majority, which was tipped in the Bush administration's favor with the appointment of Justice Rehnquist, who died in February. If Bush is able to fill the court's open seat, he will have the opportunity to appoint an anti-choice judge. This action would enable the court to order an abortion, over the objections of an individual. This action would enable the court to order an abortion, over the objections of an individual. This action would enable the court to order an abortion, over the objections of an individual. This action would enable the court to order an abortion, over the objections of an individual. This action would enable the court to order an abortion, over the objections of an individual. This action would enable the court to order an abortion, over the objections of an individual. This action would enable the court to order an abortion, over the objections of an individual. This action would enable the court to order an abortion, over the objections of an individual. This action would enable the court to order an abortion, over the objections of an individual. This action would enable the court to order an abortion, over the objections of an individual. This action would enable the court to order an abortion, over the objections of an individual. This action would enable the court to order an abortion, over the objections of an individual. This action would enable the court to order an abortion, over the objections of an individual. This action would enable the court to order an abortion, over the objections of an individual. This action would enable the court to order an abortion, over the objections of an individual. This action would enable the court to order an abortion, over the objections of an individual. This action would enable the court to order an abortion, over the objections of an individual. This action would enable the court to order an abortion, over the objections of an individual. This action would enable the court to order an abortion, over the objections of an individual. This action would enable the court to order an abortion, over the objections of an individual.
Laughing in the Face of Death

MTV's New Ad Campaign Crudely Tests About STDs

Ken Nesmith

MTA patrons may have noticed new billboard advertisements from MTV parodying public health messages about sexually transmitted diseases. One ad declares that "there aren't any people who have MTV and don't know it," a clear jab at the demographic. Another asks, "Can you get MTV from lying down with someone who has MTV?" The concern over with the arguments against all of these proposals for more pollution in LDCs (intrinsic rights are non-tradable industries (transport, electrical generation) and that the unit transport costs of be undone. It can't. I don't think I ever saw the original ad, but there were enough parodies of the ad pub- lished in every corner of available advertising space that I got the idea, and I haven't seen a fried egg since.

The drug issue is certainly a serious one, but I think the endless parodies of that adver- tisement have oversold the dangers and cut the dangerous potency of drugs than they did the slightly silly presentations of the ad. TDs are a weird kid with the infamous egg ad. As best as I can recall, they are usually simple and the slightly silly presentation of the ad.

I thoroughly enjoy ads that manage to be humorous and thought-provoking. One notable recent ad came to PETA. AIDs a new ad dramatizing a cat's amorous adventures accompanied by an admonition to perform breast self-exams, is simply hilarious.

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**MOVIE REVIEW**

**Enemy at the Gates**

Law and Harris Bring Suspense to the Screen

By Pey-Huei Huang

_Staff Writer_

__E__nemy at the Gates reduces the epic scale of the Stalingrad War to the personal scale of the ... Zaitsev, an infantryman, to a bar and drinks.

**BOOK REVIEW**

**Textbooks for Wizards**

Rolling Offers Two Brief Windows to the Wizard World

By Jane Madurah

_Staff Writer_

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The author of the _Harry Potter_ books has
already been releasing a new addition to
the series this summer. To fill this gap, the
upcoming Harry Potter movie has spurred
outlets for teaching, discussion, and
teaching materials. Quidditch Through The
Ages, by Kennilworthy Whisp was one of
those materials. The book is well put together
and, with the power of the media, turns him
in to just such a hero.

As Vasili's officer counts increases, however,
the Germans send their best marksmen,
Major Konig, after him. Thus begins a
well-done, for _Conker's Bad Day_.

**VIDEO GAME REVIEW**

**Conker's Bad Fur Day**

A Review of the New Nintendo Game Designated for Mature Audiences Only

By Chad Serrant

 Graphics: 9.5/10 Sound: 9.0/10 Gameplay: 8.5/10 Overall: 8.5/10

_Staff Writer_

_Year_ ago, Rare, a Nintendo, do-only development team, showed screen-
shots of their upcoming platformer. It had a cute squirrel jumping from
multiple platforms, squishing bad guys, and some sex. _Conker's Bad Fur Day_
has moved an inch since Super Mario 64
(And Sonic Adventure.). _Conker's Adven-
ture was the same thing_, but it is a cute
squirrel.

Then, Rare got nifty.

_**Conker's Bad Fur Day**_ is probably the first platform game that's
rated "M" for "mature". It has blood, it has sexual themes, and it has
cursing. This game is definitely aimed at adults.

The game starts with _Conker's 21st birthday_. Now that he's 21, _Conker_ heads
to a bar and drinks himself stupid. He stumbles out, barfs on
someone's shoes, and passes out. He wakes up in the middle of nowhere,
and it's up to you to guide him home.

Like I said before, _Conker's BF D_ is aimed squarely at adults. Most of the characters
_Cooker meets either rude or looking for some sex_. _Conker_ meets a picklock, a can of
paint, and a paintbrush who came at him while trying to kick his (well, you know.) _Conker_
later meets the king of the bees, and _Conker_ helps him cheat on the queen bee by "pollinating"
with his own pollen.

Rare knows their way through the N64's
hardware, and it shows. _Conker's BF D_
has some of the best graphics ever produced on the
N64. Every character is animated.

The character models look like they're
out of a cartoon. _Conker_ has a real-time shadow
that reacts to its environment (although this makes
him confusing because you don't know
where you're looking.) Anyone who's been
 playing _Conker_ will find it fine.

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April 6, 2001

**THE ARTS**

addicted will have to shiver and hope that 2002
promises to be the year of _Fantastic Beasts_.

**Fiction**

It must be acknowledged, however, the Germans end their best marksmen
__Zaitsev, an infantryman__, to a bar and drinks.

**Sound**

This movie is not for those with a strong
dislike for graphic violence, or a short
attention span (it is 193-minutes long, and
there are those with an appreciation for
detail and the instincts of war, this movie
is worth the price of the ticket.

**Characters**

**Quidditch Through the Ages**

With its

**MORALITY**

**WHERE TO FIND THEM**

(aside from their obvious quality) is that all
book makes this a masterpiece.

**Fantastic Beasts**

In a separate conversation, _Zaitsev_ comments to _Tania_ that
"give them hope, what we need are heroe ."

**Where To Find Them**

Vassili as he, by many strokes of luck,

**The**

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**TEXTBOOKS**

"A German illumi-

The modernist style gives Rowling's wit more room than the

**Reading**

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Memento
Fractured Consciousness

By Vladimir Zekovesky

Written and directed by Christopher Nolan
With Joseph Fiennes, Denise Richards, Ian Hart, James Dreyfus
Rated R for violence, language and some drug content

The first thing that is most conspicuous about Memento is its structure: the main story line is broken up and shuffled. The immediate effect — and perhaps the most impressive thing in the whole movie — is that it forces you to think, for the entire running length, more than the usual time to calculate the situations and characters. Another recent film that Memento is vaguely similar is The Usual Suspects — a stylishly directed crime thriller that is about as much more than mere style and mere crime, with the final plot twist reverberating through the whole structure, adding heft and meaning. There are also shades of Harold Pinter's The Birthday Party — but, better than all of the above, this film excels in putting the audience in the same fractured state of mind as its ticking bomb of a protagonist.

This protagonist, Leonard Shelby, is played by Guy Pearce (the cop in glasses from L.A. Confidential) with a mixture of steely determination and increasingly frazzled despair. This only makes sense, since Leonard is trying to revenge himself upon an unknown criminal, while added with a peculiar memory ailment that makes it impossible for him to remember what happened to him even a few minutes ago.

The film grabs on this idea with runs with it, exploiting it to the fullest with enviable precision. There is a lot of plot in Memento, and all of it runs like a well-oiled clock, each gene synched with every other, all puzzle pieces falling into place. The film also manages to be darkly humorous. The comic highlight is the scene that begins with the middle of the chase, with Leonard not sure if he is chasing or being chased.

On hand there is also Joe Pantoliano, mysteriously friendly, and Catherine Stem, mysteriously helpful. Memento certainly needs sharp acting, because it has less than half a dozen characters of any impact. Cast in a whole, it does feel somewhat underpopulated; the visuals are elegant, but the emptiness of the streets betrays the film's modest budget. In any case, a movie that is such a love letter to the actors from The Matrix in colorful supporting parts deserves extra points for bravura and sincerity. It is also supremely relevant and deep, if you ever left a phone message to yourself, or wrote something down just to remember it again. This is a film that will give you a jolt of recognition. It is also about the way we think of people we meet and label them with a single pithy phrase: "She's screwy," or "He will try to replace the ones of the events we don't particularly care for.

The ending, in particular, harnesses both tragedy and triumph, a desperate attempt on Leonard's part to become a human being. With a stellar soundtrack, O Brother, Where Art Thou? is adapted from Homer's Odyssey — with a Coen brothers' gay kidnapping, and Mexican thieves. Overall, it is a great comedy that is light on an action-packed plot and character development. Though half of its humor is not for you if you leave wanting more. — Jacob Benish


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Shadow of the Vampire (1994)

This movie is a combination of an epic war story and a tense game of the hunter and the hunted, as Jude Law and Ed Harris play Opposing German and Russian snipers, respectively, in World War II. Joseph Fiennes acts as the Russian press officer who makes a legend of Vassilis Zeitzov (Law) and brings him to the attention of the German army, as well as forming part of a love triangle between Zeitzov and female sniper Tasia (Rachel Weisz). This is a tale of truth, tragedy and tension. Those disturbed by graphic violence will not want to see this movie. — Pey-Hua Huang

Hamish (1999)

Compared to The Silence of the Lambs, this sequel is lacking lead Jude Foster, director Jonathan Demme and, pretty much the point as well. Ridley Scott directs by swapping the camera around and the screenplay (David Mallet and Steven Zaillian, of all people) jumbles unevenly. At least Anthony Hopkins still seems to have some fun. — Rebecca Lob & VZ

Breakhearters (1999)

Sigourney Weaver and Jennifer Love Hewitt star in a morally depraved Hereafter.

Sigourney Weaver and Jennifer Love Hewitt star in a devilishly crude mother-and-daughter coming team. The mother hooks a rich bachelor, marries him, and catches him in a compromising position with another woman (her daughter). Acted poorly, written decently, the only merits of the movie stem from its unorthodox and frighteningly unbelievable theme. — Devdoot Majumdar

Head Over Heels (1995)

A parody that wants to be a romantic comedy, this is only quasi successful and somewhat undeveloped in its take on the nature of obsession and the vanity nature of artistic genius. — JH

Smash (1995)

Madonna's new hobby 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 Taranto-esque crimes, throw in a touch of very British humor, and mix. This fantastically entertaining movie, with its crisp score, a botched diamond heist with the chaos of underground boxing, is a must-see, especially for anyone unfamiliar with Ritchie's first film. — JH

State and Main (1997)

The immovable object meets the irresistible force when small-town America collides with Hollywood in State and Main, the latest from writer-director David Mamet. State and Main offers a costume party for the Commoners, sights and sights, and a well-concocted story. The film brings together a talented ensemble of American stars, including Phillip Seymour Hoffman, Alec Baldwin, and Bill Murray, in a project that's usually high-brow production ethos back down our main street. — VZ

Traffic (2000)

Stephen Soderbergh's captivating docudrama of a film makes for a movie that transcends both the zombie apocalypse and the written and perfectly acted, this movie is also a movie that's breaking and definitely Oscar material. — DM

Can You Count On Me (2000)

Winner of the 2000 Cannes Grand Jury Prize, this is a poignant film about a sister and a brother. Offering provocative writing, sincere acting and engaging editing, this film treats you like a friend who's been inadverantly abandoned on a dark and dirty family drama unfold. The characters are real and their challenges tangible. — EB
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April 6 - 12
Compiled by Fred Choi

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Down with Science

by Jennifer DiMase

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WHAT THE...?

SHEESH, NO WONDER WHY IT WAS ABANDONED—THIS ONE WAS PRINTED WRONG!

I AM PHYSICALLY PAINED BY THE THOUGHT THAT SOMEONE HERE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO SPELL MIT.

the crass rat

WOW—CAMPUS PREVIEW WEEKEND ALREADY.

JUST LOOK AT ALL OF THEM... IT'S SO EASY TO PICK OUT THE PRE-FROSH.

OH YEAH? WHY'S THAT?

THEY'RE THE ONLY ONES TAKING NOTES IN CLASS...

OMG FRIDAY, BABY!! LET'S GET THE HELL OUTTA HERE! I'VE BEEN TEXTING ALL WEEK & I WANNA PLAY NOW!!

C'MON, GET UP! WE BUILT'S GOING 2 BE ASLEEP! DON'T U SEE? WE'RE FREE!! WE HAVE NOTHING DUE TOMORROW!! WE CAN DO WHATEVER WE WANT!! WE CAN GO OUT & PLAY TONIGHT!!

Oh, we can set boys all night to eat ice cream & bitch about how thirty this week was how much crap we have 2 do this weekend & how lost we'll get from the ice cream.

THIRSTY EAR PUB

WE COME FOR THE TASTY BREW...

...BUT WE STAY FOR THE FEMALE FROSH.
"According to the map, we turn left and at the end of the trail is the perfect place to ***!"
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by Bill Amend
Silicon Valley Atmosphere.
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By Pey-Hua Hwang

STAFF REPORTER

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Work Begins on Lobby 7’s First-Ever Renovations

By Jennifer Krishnan

Lobby 7 is getting a facelift. Preliminary work began on the MIT landmark’s first-ever renovations last week. The renovations will cost $1 million and are due to be completed by the end of this summer.

“It’s the main focal point of this campus,” said Department of Facilities Senior Project Manager Ronald J. Catella. “It’s our front door.”

As part of this project, the skylight and skylight at the top of the Building 7 dome will be uncovered. They have been closed since the 1940s.

A second phase of the project is the rejuvenation of the antique lighting system in the lobby, Catella said. “Supplemental lighting will also be installed.” The renovation also includes restoring and cleaning all the stone surfaces and work on waterproofing the roof. On the exterior of the building, pieces of the limestone above the lettering which have cracked off will be replaced by the end of the summer.

Prior to commencement, only planning and preliminary work will be done. The actual restorations will all take place over the summer.

The Department of Facilities is also planning to improve the doors of Lobby 7. Catella said they plan to anti-lock all the doors. However, work on the doors will be complicated because of the ornamental glass wall. This part of the project will not happen until 2002 or later.

The renovation has been “talked about as a project for five years or more,” Catella said. Some testing and spot cleaning were done a few years ago, but “funding didn’t come through, so it was put on hold.”

Catella said there was initially some “trepidation” about putting scaffolding up in Lobby 7 before commencement. However, now he views it as an asset, because the alumni who visit this spring will see that the Institute is putting the funding to good use.

“We think it’s going to generate more donations” from alumni, Catella said.

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Seneviratne Elected New GSC President

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funding for graduate student activities. "The Institute gave the GSC $56,000 this year, compared to $192,000 for the undergraduates," he said. "We need to get the Institute to buy into the idea of giving more money to graduate students.”

Finally, Seneviratne said he would focus on improving career services for graduate students and support for the construction of Building 7.

Jethwa said that as vice-president he would "encourage more representation from different departments.” Additionally, Jethwa proposed a "graduate research expo” at which graduate students could learn about each other’s research. Jethwa added that he hoped such an event would help match new graduate students with advisers.

Blunt, the newly-elected secretary, described three functions that he said should be fulfilled by the secretary. Blunt said the secretary should “act as a liaison with the rest of the MIT community,” including the undergraduates and faculty. He further said the secretary should "act as a liaison between graduate students and the rest of the world,” including the press and government agencies. Finally, Blunt said that the GSC secretary should “facilitate communication within the GSC.”

Zhang said he would improve links between Sloan MBA students and the rest of the graduate student community. Zhang, who holds a PhD in biomedical sciences, stressed the importance of career skills. "It’s not only important for students to get a good life at MIT, but also the skills to survive after leaving MIT," said the treasurer-elect. Zhang said closer ties with Sloan could help provide those links.

Outgoing GSC President Soulaymane Kachani praised the incoming officers. “I think they are bringing in different perspectives,” Kachani said.

"The four officers are great.” Kachani said that Seneviratne has extensive experience interacting with the administration, Jethwa communicates well with students, Blunt is suited to working with publications, and Zhang brings business experience to the council.

Balloting at the election was open to current GSC officers and committee chairs as well as representatives of each department.
Horowitz and Lewis Discuss Reparations

Reparations Debate, from Page 1

"I have never had to put the whole thing together," he said. Horowitz said that the ad is part of a "ten year long campaign to free universities from political correctness censorship. If there had been debates like this on campuses across the country, I would never have had to put the first ad."

Lewis, the co-chairperson of the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (NCOBRA), said that her "career was inspired by all the injustice and prejudice she experienced in the white education system."

"Reparation is not about slavery; it's about the continuing hardship, and the United States government is accountable," Lewis said. "We are the descendants of the slaves and the country is based upon inherited wealth."

Campus groups funded event

The talk, which was entitled "40 acres and a Mule: Does America Still Owe Blacks?", was organized by Alpha Phi Alpha, a fraternity established for men of African descent. The original idea was to have a discussion on the reparations issue. Horowitz also expressed concerns about the "racial McCarthyist atmosphere present on college campuses" as well as the "leftist extremists who are appealing to the African-American Community."

"I believe the involvement against the reparations movement, Horowitz believes that he has been targeted. He has been labeled as being racist... when what really is on stake is the right to speak on an issue that is volatile without being smeared or demonized." Horowitz said that, in fact, he marched in civil rights rallies in 1948, long before most college activists were born, and during the 1960s he edited the leftist magazine Ramparts. Lewis described the African-Americans who are in prison as being "the two million African-Americans warehoused in the concentration camps they call prisons."

"There is still slavery in America. We are newly enslaved by alcohol, crack, meth, violence, poverty and lies," she said. The debate allowed the student audience to place questions on issues regarding reparations as well as other social concerns. Despite the political tension, the atmosphere of the debate was subdued, and students expressed their support for both Lewis and Horowitz through occasional claps.

Organizers question reparations

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Lewis said that African-Americans at least need reparations so that they can leave the country and go back to Africa in ships "in style." Lewis also believes that the United States and other colonial nations should pay reparations to African nations. "Reparation is an international issue. Not only do African-Americans deserve reparations, but African nations also deserve reparations from their colonizers."

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The debate's organizers solicited support from campus groups, and received funding from the Undergraduate Association, The Tech, and the College Republicans.

Panelists discuss reparations

Horowitz argued that it would be difficult to ask each American citizen to pay reparations. "A new Mexican immigrant, call him Jose Martinez, who is having trouble putting food on the table for his family, and you ask him to pay reparations?"

Horowitz also asked Lewis whether wealthy African-Americans would be eligible for reparations. "Should reparations also go to the Winfrey's, the Jordans and the Cochranes?" he asked. Horowitz also argued that the current U.S. government already paid a portion of its debt through the issues it incurred during the Civil War. "The United States government is a government that has given the lives of 350,000 of its sons to defeat the slavery movement," he said.

Lewis, however, said that the government has offered little financial compensation for slavery. "In contrast to the reparations paid to the Jews for Holocaust, the Japanese for World War II, and the Vietnam veterans is very little said or done on the issue of slavery in America."

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Ireland Expresses Support for Women in Science Report

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...she said. "I think you should have good sex!"

Women in science report

Ireland spoke about the report

written two years ago about women at the time when "people try out different things and make mistakes that can have deadly consequences."

She asked men to remember that "if you're with a woman who is so intoxicated she isn't able to give consent..." According to science, "if you're with a woman who is so intoxicated she isn't able to give consent, she has the right to say no."

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Led by Szeto, Viloria, Curling Reaches Gold

By Brent Yen and Joyce Meechai

This year MIT sent two teams to Madison, Wis. for the 10th annual USA College Curling Tournament. Both teams from MIT finished in the top four of their division, with one taking first place.

This year organizers separated the participating schools into three pools, based on total team experience. The MIT curlers competed in Pool C, for those teams with under 10 total years of curling experience.

The MIT teams skipped by Raymond L. Szeto G and John A. Viloria G both did extremely well, making it to the final four of the tournament. The team skipped by Viloria included Brent J. Yen G, second Jonathan M. Hixon G, and Madison local Tracey Last as lead. The team faced Marquette University, Bowling Green State University, and the other MIT team.

Viloria called defensive games into the house on the fast and straight ice at the Madison Curling Club. He relied on his team to make their takeouts and take advantage of their opponents’ mistakes by splitting the house with multiple draw shots.

In the final game of the opening round against Bowling Green, Viloria came through in dramatic fashion with his team trailing by two points in the final end. He calmly drew the hammer to the eight foot mark to score three and win the draw 7-6.

The team’s 3-0 record qualified them to play in the gold medal match against also undefeated North Dakota State University. The final against North Dakota State was evenly matched, with neither team able to score a big end. With the score tied 3-3 in the seventh end, MIT stole two to give them a cushion going into the final end. This two-point margin proved to be enough as Viloria’s team controlled the house in the final end and held on for the win.

The team included Joyce Meechai G as vice, Larry Baeder as second, and Christopher Restif as lead. They had a busy weekend with a game Friday evening and three on Saturday. The team faced the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Harvard, the Viloria rink, and North Dakota State. Though the team’s main strategy was a draw game, there were takeouts to be made including several beautiful double takeouts.

The team went 2-2 and qualified for the bronze medal match, which they lost in the last end on Sunday. The two teams to which they lost were the two teams that had to battle it out in the gold medal match.

The members of the MIT Curling Club have made rapid improvements since the club’s inception last year. This year marks the first time a team from MIT has participated at the national collegiate event, and the MIT curlers were excited about playing well in their debut appearances.

College curling in the United States is currently dominated by schools such as Harvard; however, with teams such as MIT, Harvard, and Rutgers competing last weekend, the MIT Curling Club hopes that the sport will continue to develop in this area of the country as well.

Heavyweight Crew to Take On Columbia in Alumni Cup

By Brian Richter

A Riverside Boat Club crew squeezed past MIT’s first varsity heavyweight crew this past Sunday in Tech’s final pre-season scrimmage. The race featured three Riverside eighteens and two from MIT. It caps a week of double sessions here in Cambridge over Spring Break.

The MIT varsity team, Jonathan L. Berkwik ’03 (cox), Thomas A. Becker ’03 (stroke), Nicholas K. Altenzurche ’03, Joshua G. Kubi ’03, Martin M. Toller ’03, Andrew D. Copeland ’01, Jason M. Bell ’02, Igor L. Belakovskiy ’01, and Brian K. Richter ’02 jumped quickly off the starting line. At around 600 meters into the race, the Engineers extended their lead on Riverside to half-a-boath’s length.

The Engineers held this lead comfortably for the next 700 meters. At that point, however, Riverside challenged and pulled even with the MIT right for the last 500 meters. The Engineers pulled together a reasonable sprint, but were outdone in the final strokes by their opposition’s strong finishing sprint. Riverside overtook MIT up the final line in 6:09. MIT finished in 6:11.

The loss has motivated MIT to dig deeper, work harder, and flush out technical flaws in their final week of preparation before collegiate competition. “I think it is better than last this race,” said Becker. “If we had won, then we wouldn’t have thought so seriously about the things we need to improve to beat Columbia in our upcoming season opener.”

Men Lose to Number One Ranked University by 15 Seconds

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Men’s lightweight takes on Yale

The lightweight men raced Yale in Connecticut last Saturday. Last year, Yale came in second in the Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges sprints and won the national championship.

The MIT men made a strong stand against the number one-ranked Yale boats. In the first varsity race, Yale gained ground against MIT immediately. But MIT raced back up, regaining the distance on a turn. Yale gained ground against MIT last 500 meters. The Engineers pulled together a real effort and late in the race, MIT (5:41.8) lost to Yale (5:27.2) by 15 seconds in the first varsity race, an eight-second improvement over last year. Racing in the first varsity boat, the Coxswain Shana L. Dauler ’02, Zachary A. Lavallée ’03, Steven Curr ’01, Kevin E. Schmidt ’01, Antonio B. Gezzi ’02, Nodar S. Shirinhava ’01, John F. Dow ’03, Eric A. Dusler ’02, and Mark D. Laughter ’02. In the second varsity eight event, MIT (5:43.9) lost to Yale’s second varsity boat (5:28.2), but put on another strong performance. The Engineers improved the gap between the two crews by 15 seconds from last year’s times.

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This coming weekend, the MIT men are at home and the women are in Philadelphia. The heavyweight men race Columbia on Saturday, and the lightweight men race the U.S. Military Academy on Sunday. On Saturday, the MIT women take on Georgetown, Drexel, and St. Joseph’s in Philadelphia.

Performance Improvement Over Last Year.

The MIT varsity eight are hungry for revenge from last year’s loss on the Harlem. The varsity are within fourteen seconds of Yale’s novice squad is made up of experienced rowers, some of whom have rowed at the international level. We’re confident that with this type of progress, we can steadily move up the ranks and find ourselves contending for a medal at this year’s Eastern Sprints in May,” said Reynolds.
Jeffrey J. Billing ’01, MIT’s opening pitcher on Wednesday, took a loss for the game. It was lost to WPI 7-1. Knowing that UMass-Boston possessed a spotless record and averaged 20 points per game, the Engineers were apprehensive before heading to the turf. Team member Eli J. Weinberg ’02 said, “This was the first game of the season we actually thought we would lose going into.” There were also several players absent on MIT’s 11-season record and last-downs.

After establishing a lead of 4-3 by the end of the first quarter, the engineers walked off the turf, Coach Walter A. Alessi admitted, “I’m expecting the guys to get better.” The men’s next home game will be against Connecticut College on the turf Tuesday, April 10 at 4 p.m.

Baseball Gets Off to Rough Start; Team Drops Six Games in Florida

By Alvan Eric P. Loretto

So far, the 2001 MIT baseball season has gone the way of the weather. Some of the team’s games have been rocky like a South Florida thunderstorm; others have been cold like New Hampshire spring snow. Plagued by weak hitting and a slew of errors, the T’s dropped six of seven games in their season-opening trip to Homestead, Florida. A handful of freshmen contributed most of the trip’s highlights. As a team, MIT looked a bit rusty; an early-season squad pitting itself against much shaper teams. MIT’s slump has continued after their return to New England, as the team dropped its conference opener last Tuesday. The loss extended the team’s losing streak to five.

Saturday, March 24 was officially Opening Day for the Engineers’ season. They started off by dropping a morning game to perennial New England powerhouse Williams College and an afternoon game to Minnesotan Gustavus Adolphus. The pitching struggled and timely hits were few and far between in 20-4 and 8-6 losses to the Ephs and the Golden Gusties, respectively.

Outfielder David J. Ostlund ’04 started his collegiate career off with a bang, going 4 for 4 with a triple, two RBIs, and two runs scored in the first game. Day two of the trip saw the T’s notch their first victory of the year by winning track by beating the previously undefeated University of Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (12-2), and a rematch with Florida St. Thomas (22-1), England powerhouse William College and an afternoon game to Minnesotan Gustavus Adolphus.

The losses mounted due to embarrassing sloppy defensive play by the young team. MIT committed 24 total errors in losses to Endicott (9-6), Florida St. Thomas (22-1), Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (12-2), and a rematch with Williams (12-2). The poor performance on defense wasted multiple-hit performances by Alloire, Lorenz, Lo, first baseman Robert L. Weiker ’03, and third baseman Jeffrey J. Billing ’01.

The Engineers returned to Cambridge March 11, but their Friday and Monday games were cancelled because of inclement weather. The T’s ended their 7-game winning streak against the 2000 NEWMAC champion John Carroll University and an afternoon game to Wheaton on Saturday for a noon doubleheader against the 2000 NEWMAC champion John Carroll University. The T’s were 1-1 on their season-long 7-game trip.

By Lauren Owens and Michael Galbraith

Women’s Crew Defeats Smith, UNH

WOMEN’S ROWING

MIT women’s crew raced the University of New Hampshire, Dartmouth, and Smith College last Saturday on the Charles River. The MIT crew placed second in its race with a time of 7:18.7. They lost to Dartmouth (7:06.9) by 11 seconds and beat both UNH (7:28.27) and Smith (7:25.61). The Engineers are 1-0 this season and their performance was an improvement over last year’s, when MIT lost to Dartmouth by 25.2 seconds.

In their first varsity boat combat, coxswain Karissa D. Patterson ’03, Ants, Lauren G. Yenson ’03, Jessica L. Wargo ’04, Danielle S. Smith ’02, Jill A. Rosenfeld ’02, Tenley D. McGarvey ’04, Katherine S. Faraguna ’01, and Kristen E. Cook ’00.

The body of our race felt very solid, and I’m pleased with the outcome,” said Graham, the captain of the women’s varsity team. “We had a beaten UNH and Smith at in the last two years.

The MIT lightweight women’s boat also had a strong race. They competed in the JV openweight event and finished in 7:29.23, only 54 seconds behind Dartmouth. The Dartmouth JV boat caught an over-the-head crab near the 1000-meter mark.

The MIT lights led the race in the final 300 meters, but Dartmouth came back in the final sprint to win with a time of 7:28.69. MIT beat both UNH (7:58.05) and Smith (7:52.16) by over 20 seconds.

Racing in MIT’s lightweight boat were coxswain Krupparna S. Rao ’04, Lisabith L. Willey ’02, Hillary K. Roff ’02, Season Kim ’01, Chandra J. Claycamp ’03, Sarah K. Yesson ’03, Lesley D. D. Frame ’04, Megan L. Galbraith ’04, and Aditi Garg ’03.

In the second varsity event, MIT rowed their four rowers from their first varsity boat and beat MIT by four seconds, 7:25.61 to 8:16.1. Both boats placed second in the race, beating two Dartmouth fours, which finished with times of 8:22.92 and 8:29.71.

MIT’s novice eight rowed a solid race, and improved over last year’s.