MIT Ranks First in Engineering

By Maria Wang

MIT received top rankings in U.S. News and World Report's annual graduate school survey. For the 13th straight year, MIT's School of Engineering was ranked first. "It's wonderful seeing our educational research program acknowledged that way," said Dean of the School of Engineering Thomas L. Magnanti. Magnanti said that three major elements distinguished the MIT engineering program: "First of all, the students and faculty. Secondly, MIT is an icon for engineering. Thirdly, the accomplishments of research and educational innovations."

"We're currently working with the Council on Educational Technology and iCampus, which is a partnership with Microsoft to develop information technologies that improve higher education," Magnanti added.

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Makita Makes Changes, Renames Residential Coordinator Position

By Matthew Palmer

The Office of Residential Life and Student Life Programs has restructured its description for Residential Coordinators, and given them a new name. The latest description focuses more on the specific services that the newly renamed Residential Life Associates will provide. The main characteristics remain unchanged: four RLAs will still be housed in undergraduate and graduate residence services to provide various support services to the MIT community.

"We always had a support role in mind," said Assistant Dean for RLSP Katherine G. O'Dair. "The first job description didn't reflect that. And I think that the new name better reflects their responsibilities."

The new description says that an RA "offers resources, skills, and energy in the areas of crisis response, event planning, activities support, training, and effective communication between MIT's student life administration and residence halls."

"I think the current language is much stronger, clearer, and allows people to really see the proposed functions for the RLAs," said Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedict. Specifically, he said it emphasizes that "this person is not going to be a disciplinarian."

This draft may be revised until the RLAs take office, but O'Dair said major changes are unlikely. "We asked for and received feedback," she said. "The housemasters have approved, and [Benedict] is in the process of approving it."

The job description has "much better stated the intentions of the program, which is to provide housing staff support and promote RA programs in the residence halls," said Dormitory Council President Jeffrey C. Roberts '02. He said the description was reconceived with the input of student input, much of which was communicated through Dormcon.

Benedict also said that community input was important to the revision. "The first draft we are now using reflects student, staff, and housemaster input," he said. O'Dair and Benedict held several forums and meetings with dorms to gauge public opinion.

O'Dair said the residential offices of the RLAs should finalized by next week:

McComick to house an RLA

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Vest Signs Letter, Urges Stem Cell Research Funding

By A.S. Wang

President Charles M. Vest joined over 100 university presidents in signing a letter of petition urging the Bush administration to maintain federal funding for stem cell research.

Similar letters have been sent to President George W. Bush within the last month from 95 members of the House of Representatives, as well as from 80 Nobel laureates.

"Before signing the letter I consulted with several biologists and research leaders," Vest said. "MIT currently does no human stem cell research, but we do some animal stem cell research, and those faculty foresee great potential benefit to human health."

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Stem cell research, which first came into the public eye in 1998, is hailed by proponents as a promising area of biomedical research because of its broad range of applications in medical treatments, as well as its potential contributions to biological understanding. However, it is now also facing the scrutiny of government regulations and ethical debate.

In 2000, the Clinton administration pledged strong support for this research by approving a set of guidelines for stem-cell work, and appropriated federal funds for human embryonic stem-cell research for the first time. Opponents to this funding, including Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-Miss.) and Sen. John S. McCain (R-Ariz.), have raised arguments against it because embryonic stem cells are obtained by destroying human embryos.

The current policy favoring stem cell research may be reversed if President Bush signs an executive order blocking federal funds for being used for stem cell research. Bush has already expressed his opposition to the use of federal funds to study stem cells derived from human embryonic stem-cell research for the first time.

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Northwest Airlines, Mechanics Union Reach Agreement

Northwest Airlines and its mechanics union reached a tentative contract agreement early Monday as a special Presidential Emergency Board was preparing to issue an order that would have basically imposed terms of a settlement on the two sides.

Details of the new agreement were not available pending ratification by the Airline Mechanics Fraternal Association. Richard Anderson, Northwest's chief executive officer, said that when he assumed leadership of the airline in February, one of the priorities was to improve relations with the mechanics union. "We believe this tentative agreement with AMFA positively advances those goals," he said in a statement announcing the settlement.

O.V. Delle-Femine, AMFA national director, said he thought the agreement would be an industry leader for Northwest mechanics, but he said that probably wouldn't last too long as agreements with other mechanics unions are negotiated later this year. "It's like a baton race," Delle-Femine said of the contract's industry leadership status.

Administration Proposes Shift in EPA Enforcement to States

WASHINGTON

The Bush administration would begin to shift some responsibility for enforcing federal environmental protection laws from the Environmental Protection Agency to the states under a plan announced Monday.

As a first step, the administration's proposed fiscal 2002 budget would cut $10 million, resulting in a 9 percent reduction in the EPA's enforcement budget for state and regional offices, while providing the states with $25 million in grants to step up enforcement and $25 million more for environmental assessments.

The proposal, if approved by Congress, would mark a significant departure from a more aggressive policy of federal enforcement and prosecution of polluters since the creation of the EPA in 1970. The agency was founded in the Nixon administration to address environmental problems that were being ignored by state and local officials or that were beyond the resources of the states to address.

State governments have had a mixed record of enforcement, with some taking an aggressive role and others tolerating flagrant violations of environmental laws by industry, according to environmentalists and federal enforcement experts.

Gay Republican to Hold AIDS Post

WASHINGTON

President Bush plans to name a gay Republican as the director of his Office of National AIDS Policy on Monday and will broaden its mission to focus on the disease's spread internationally, an administration official said Sunday.

The standoff has been brewing between the Mexican government and Yucatan state since 1992. The U.S. government has offered to compensate Yucatan if it cooperates with the United States on the matter.

Bush also plans to announce a task force to address the AIDS crisis internationally, particularly in Africa. The group will be co-chaired by President pro tempore of the Senate Tom Daschle and Human and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson. It will include national security advisor Condoleezza Rice and Bush's domestic policy adviser, Margaret LaMontagne.

By Chris Kraw

MEXICO CITY

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The decision came after the U.S. government had intervened to recognize the Supreme Court's resolution," said Roderick Ai Camp, professor of government at Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, Calif.

The standoff has been brewing since a federal election tribunal ruled that Yucatan's PRI-controlled legislature had illegal union members. Last August had illegally reappointed the old election council.

"This sets a wonderful precedent that Mexicans are learning to use the structures and processes they've created," said Roderic Ai Camp, professor of government at Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, Calif.

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By Tom Bowman, Jay Hancock and Frank Langfitt

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New information from U.S. crew members about the collision of a Chinese jet fighter and a Navy spy plane shows the Americans were not at fault, U.S. officials said Monday, stifling Washington's resolve in rebuffing Beijing's demands for an apology.

Interviews with the detained 24 crew members held on Hainan Island reveal that Chinese pilot Wang Wei passed three times below the lumbering EP-3E reconnaissance craft, within two or three feet before striking the U.S. plane's left wing with the fighter's tail and plunging into the sea, said Pentagon officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

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The United States "were flying a straight and level course," said one Pentagon official. "The swerving took place after he was hit, not before."

The U.S. plane banked left and downward when its pilot lost control. A spokesman for the Chinese Embassy in Washington Monday said: "We stand by our eyewitness account of the other Chinese pilot." He repeated its demand for an apology on Monday, saying it is not satisfied with Washington's comments.

"Regrettably, the United States' statements are still unacceptable to the Chinese people. We are highly unsatisfied," China's Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhu Bang Zuo said at a news conference.

The United States has said for a week that it will not apologize for the April 1 collision. Analysts fear the collision and its aftermath could lead to a rupture in U.S.-China relations.

Political Battle Ends in Mexico

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"Diplomacy takes time," Bush said before a Cabinet meeting. "But there is a point — the longer it goes — there is a point at which our relations with China could become damaged."

Weather

Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, 10xday, April 10, 2001

East Coast Warm-up

By Robert Korty

WASHINGTON

Much of the eastern half of the nation will continue to enjoy warm weather this week, said Rich Montgomery of the National Weather Service in Sterling, Md. "The temperatures were in the mid-70s to low-80s across the entire region," he said.

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Armenia and Azerbaijan Make Progress During Peace Talks

By Norman Kempster

The presidents of Armenia and Azerbaijan told President Bush on Monday that they have made substantial progress in talks aimed at ending more than 12 years of ethnic conflict over the disputed enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh, a senior U.S. official said.

"We were surprised at how far they came," one official said in reference to negotiations last week in Key West, Fla., between Armenian President Robert Kocharyan and Azerbaijani President Heydar A. Aliyev.

The official said Bush encouraged Kocharyan and Aliyev during separate meetings in the Oval Office to "keep at the process." The rivals agreed to resume their talks in Geneva this week.

Two administration officials briefed reporters at the White House on the condition that they not be identified because of the diplomatic sensitivity of the talks.

The optimistic assessment of the U.S. mediators was echoed by spokesmen for both Armenia and Azerbaijan.

U.S. officials said Kocharyan and Aliyev agreed to keep confidential the details of their talks, which are aimed at ending a conflict that began over ten years ago in 1988, when both countries were republics of the Soviet Union.

After six years of fighting, the combatants declared a cease fire in 1994. Nagorno-Karabakh is an uneasy one, with several hundred casualties a year from land mines and sniper fire.

Nagorno-Karabakh is an enclave in Azerbaijan with a predominantly Armenian population. In 1988, Armenian separatists declared independence. Backed by the Armenian government, the separatists gained control of the mountainous territory and an adjacent belt of land between it and Armenia proper.

Although the Key West talks marked the 16th time that Kocharyan and Aliyev have met, there was a substantial change in format in last week's negotiations.

Palestinian Use of Mortar Shells Signals New Escalation of Conflict

By Tracey Wilkinson

Palestinian fighters have added mortars to the arsenal they regularly use against Israel, drawing heavy retaliation by Israel, which has begun maneuvering to neutralize the threat.

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Gaza has seen a fierce escalation in recent days, with Palestinians firing mortars at Israeli targets and Israeli retaliating with rocks, auto- tank missiles and mortars of its own. There has been mortar damage on the Israeli side, while two Palestinian police stations, an office of Palestinian Authority President Yasir Arafat's Fatah movement and a civilian home were destroyed over the weekend.

After months of using rocks, assault rifles, Molotov cocktails and the occasional suicide bomber in their fight to oust Israel from the West Bank and Gaza and taking the brunt of casualties - Palestinians have increased both the range and the destructive potential of their firepower by using the mortars.

A mortar shell crashed Monday into the Awtun Jewish settlement in Gaza, Palestinians said that on Sunday Israel launched surface-to-surface missiles, another first in the spiral of violence.

No Israelis have been killed in the shelling, but three were injured, including a 1-year-old. The retaliation by Israel, which has come swiftly since the government of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon took office last month, has injured scores of Palestinian police and civilians.

"We consider ourselves to be free to act against Israeli targets, without restraint, whether inside or outside of Gaza," said the leader of a unit that has carried out shelling.
The Challenges of OpenCourseWare

In two years, MIT students can look forward to two significant changes in student life: the requirement that all freshmen be housed on campus and the very probable elimination of second-year housing. Administrators and Undergraduate Association President Peter A. Shulman '01 have said that OpenCourseWare in no way means that MIT is giving away its copyright for free. They argue that an MIT education includes more than just course notes and assignments; an MIT education also encompasses interaction with faculty, multiple research opportunities, dorms and FSILG life, and other aspects of the MIT community.

While this argument may hold water for graduate students, who interact substantially with faculty and have their primary focus as research, The Tech does not see this as a convincing argument for undergraduates. Do undergraduates really come here for the enriching student life and opportunities for community involvement?

The classroom environment for undergraduates, the majority of science and engineering courses do little to encourage interaction with professors, and students often find themselves learning on their own with their peers. Those professors who are good at teaching and encouraging students are often not given tenure. And our advising system, which fails many more students than it helps, leaves students directionless and stranded.

Thanks, Mr. Horowitz

I had to write to commend your paper on the coverage of the reparations debate on campus this past week. I have to ask, though: why didn't your paper carry the advertisement that you mentioned? Were you not offered the advertisement or did you simply not print it? It would have been good for this campus to see the advertisement in your paper; then one could really gauge how nonchalant MIT students are toward this issue.

I would like to commend one person above everyone else for this reparations debate: none other than Mr. David Horowitz. Love him or hate him, he has done a great service to the reparations movement by raising the issue on campus. When was the last time we heard about reparations before last week? I have to say that this is the only columnists of The Tech who are willing to learn from Horowitz. He did not just get one point across, but gave another compelling reason for students to come here. Until the majority of science and engineering courses do little to encourage interaction with professors, and students often find themselves learning on their own with their peers, those professors who are good at teaching and encouraging students are often not given tenure. And our advising system, which fails many more students than it helps, leaves students directionless and stranded.

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FRI DA Y S AT D Y

Don't Mess with El Paso

I've already broken the law by coming here.
I will see a crue, dilapidated town
filled only with beggars and criminals. I'll
just have to find another city, I suppose. Tech.
Then we won't have to rely on the
drugstore any more.

As far as the United States stealing Texas
and California from Mexico, Mexico steal-
ing Texas from Native Americans, then
predominantly Apache and Comanche, and
the Apache and Comanche stealing it from
east earlier tribes, I can't imagine why we
would be angry about that. If history hadn't
gone that way, I would not be here.

My father would be in Western Poland or
east Germany, if they even existed.

I'll write to ifc-talk and com-
plain about the IFC/MIT/fraternity re-
lationship. What is with the
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Guest Column

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How Free Is Trade?

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The governments of 34 nations in the Americas are currently negotiating the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA). The stated purpose of the agreement is to liberalize trade, services, and investments between the nations. But there is much more at stake than creating an agreement in a secretive, undemocratic manner. While businesses have been involved from the beginning, local governments are building an agenda for the public. This week, let us begin discussing this draft text. The governments hope to finish negotiations between 2003 and 2005. In the meantime, there is already an expansion of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) between the United States, Canada, and Mexico enacted in 1994. While corporations have benefited from these changes, many other sectors of society, including peasants, laborers, and women, have not. For example, industrial workers have seen their wages decrease by 10 percent in Mexico. In the United States, between 200,000 and 3 million jobs have been lost. The 1997 "Latino Review of NAFTA" found that Latinos, African Americans and women are overrepresented in jobs lost due to NAFTA. In Latin America, NAFTA gave corporations the right to sue governments. Under this provision, U.S. firms like Metalclad, headquartered in the Mexican state of Luis Potosi because the government of the state ruled that a hazardous waste dump could not be constructed on land to which Metalclad had bought the rights. A NAFTA tribunal, which consists of three judges, ruled that Metalclad should be compensated. In addition, the same tribunal in 1999 found that Santa Barbara should have paid Metalclad $2 million because the city was discriminating against a town corporation's ability to do business in the town. This resulted in a rise in water prices between 40 and 90 percent. And protests and outcry from the Santa Barbara government failed to force the corporation to rescind the contract.

It is also expected that countries will not be able to give preferences to domestic providers, and once access is granted to investors/corporations, the terms of the agreement will not allow of domestic enterprises, which are similar to the demands of Structural Adjustment Programs administered by the International Monetary Fund (IMF). For example, the IMF's seizing the city of Cochabambas, Bolivia, is now being challenged by the citizens of Cochabambas. This resulted in a rise in water prices between 40 and 90 percent. And protests and outcry from the Santa Barbara government failed to force the corporation to rescind the contract.

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Down with Science by Jennifer DiMase

Mat and Solar

OMG I am getting fact from just looking at this pizza! This is so scandalous, I don't know what to do!!

UGH, how did we already establish this century's ago?! We're allowed to be ugly, ok? We go to...

LOOK!! DON'T UNDERSTAND!! UGH!!! I just FAILED an exam, ok? I can't be ugly anymore, buddy!

Ohhh, that's right I forgot, the Law of Pretty = Suvort, dude, sux 2 b U!!

Thank You for your Interest

How did you like CPW?
I really liked
the MIT boys.

The boys in high school always ignore me, but at MIT, I hooked up with 20 guys!

I guess that shirt of yours finally paid off!
by Bill Amend

HIGH SCHOOL REUNION
I STARTED WITH
NOTHING. NOW
I HAVE MY OWN
CUBICLE.

BY NOW THAT
WE'RE BOTH ADULTS,
WOULDN'T YOU LIKE
TO... YOU KNOW?

WE'VE DISCOVERED
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preserve.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT
THE ENDANGERED
SPECIES. OUR
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NO IMPACT.

I'M SAD TO REPORT
THAT OUR OIL DRILLING
HAS CAUSED THE
EXTINCTION OF THE
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by Scott Adams

Fun With Clip Art
"Lemme tell ya, the only thing
around here that's straight is
this ruler and these boards."
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TechCalendar

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Tuesday, April 10

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Money, Fraud, and the 'Americanization of Science': Oil and Geology in 19th Century California. Dibner Institute Lunchtime Colloquium. Free. Room: 56-110. Sponsor: Chemical Engineering.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - FileMaker Pro Quick Start. This session introduces database terms, shows how to create a simple database, and covers the basics of using FileMaker Pro. Free. Room: N4-202 Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Telephone and Voice Mail Quick Start. If you are new to MIT or have been here a while but have not used these services before, this teleseminar will help you. Voice mail is this class is just what you need. Instructors will explain features which have or may be of use to you. This class will cover the most common problems and where to go to help. Attendees will learn what features are available on different phones and classes of service. You will also be able to ask questions during this teleseminar. in the classroom. Free. Room: E19-732. Sponsor: Information Systems.


4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Gas Turbine Seminar Series. Free. Room: 31-161. Sponsor: Gas Turbine Laboratory.


7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - Opening Night at the Wo Call Chowsky, free. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: The Technology and Culture Forum at MIT.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Irony and Identity: The Invention of Paper Scrolls. An Evening with Noam Chomsky. Free. Room: Killian Hall. Sponsor: Program in Writing and Humanistic Studies.

7:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - The Right's Attack on Affirmative Action. The Right's Attack on Affirmative Action. Free. Room: Room 26-100. Sponsor: Program in Writing and Humanistic Studies.

7:15 p.m. - General Body meeting and Election. Free. Room: 4-231. Sponsor: GSA.

8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Modern Square Dance. This challenging class teaches you Plus level square dancing set to a wide range of modern music. We begin by teaching you the calls which make up each level of dancing, which you then apply throughout the class. A group of eight dancers works together in this unique form of American dance. Focus is on fast and rigorous learning, reaction time, and flow. No experience or partner necessary. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a sheet or something similar to dance on. Free. Room: Lobdell Dining Hall - Student Center. Sponsor: Tech Squares.

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - International Film Club Film Seminar Series. Free. Room: 4-231. Sponsor: International Film Club.

8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - Ashdown House Coffee Hour. Free, Room: Ashdown House Huluizer Room. Sponsor: Residential Life and Student Life Programs.

Friday, April 13

12:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Al-Anon Open Discussion: Al-Anon Meeting. Free. Room: E25-101. Sponsor: MIT Medical.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Windows NT Quick Start. Master the basic free parts of Windows NT - the desktop, icons, mouse pointer, Start button, and Taskbar. Learn how to launch or exit from applications, find files or folders, and use windows online help. Free. Room: H42 Derby Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Department of Chemical Engineering Seminars. Thursday Theorist Seminar: The Beginner's View. Free. Room: 66-110. Sponsor: Chemical Engineering.

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. - Inevitable Intersections. Refreshments will be served at 3:45 p.m. Free. Room: 14E-304. Sponsor: Program in Writing and Humanistic Studies.

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Musical Theatre Guild, String Orchestra, Orchestral Ensembles. With Jeff Lieberman, piano; Zack Coleman, Bergmann, Henderson .. free. Room: Killian Hall. Sponsor: Music and Theater Arts Section.
**MOVIE REVIEW • • •**

**Blow**

*The Newest, Greatest Drug Flick*

By J. F. Graham

Directed by Ted Demme

Written by David McKenna & Nick Cassavetes

Starring Johnny Depp, Penelope Cruz, Paul Reubens, and Ray Liotta

Rated R

Edgecrafter, Traffic, and GoodFellas sit at the top of the drug film genre, then they are going to have to make room for Blow at the top as well. Blow tells the full and full story of Massachusetts native George Jung (played by Johnny Depp), an ambitious and opportunistic character who capitalized on the cocaine craze of the seventies and early eighties.

By using Martin Scorsese's gangster saga (GoodFellas) as an obvious model for the story, Ted Demme (Goodfellas) has created for Director Brian DePalma as Tony Montana (the drug lord that Al in each violent films ever made) and intensity of a business that only the power seen in Goodfellas bio-pic with a somewhat more likeable, and do is keep the story line focused on Depp's at times funny, group of characters. 

But it is Depp who handles this task and part of brilliance is the process, right to the film's heart: film scene. Depp has never been better. In the past, he often played quirky, cartoon-like character roles such as Edward Scissorhands, Ichabod Crane in Sleepy Hollow, and director Ed Wood. Unfortunately, these films, along with a few others, managed to place Depp in the under-rated actors category.

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The fast-paced musical video style of filmmaking that is so becoming all too common with a new generation of filmmakers these days is ever present in Blow. The camera is no longer just a steady observer; instead it has actually become an extra, taking on a character of its own, constantly jumping from place to place, moving in and out of focus, changing film stocks, and using滥iously spitting out the scat chorus at least once every few hours for the last two weeks, and the track still hasn't got-

**THE ARTS**

**State of the Airwaves**

*Nellset, Nada Surf, and New Found Glory*

By Dan Katz

I know the majority of you have been keeping track and won't have to be told this, but this week marks the grand second anniversary of the debut of State of the Airwaves. Yes, for two years, the gray box of musical justice has graced the pages of *The Tech*. Here's some collectors' trivia: a complete set of State of the Airwaves is worth $3,500 in auction today.

Recently, however, I have been getting to know some of my fellow music fans. I am not alone; if I were, I'd have to play for more unusual tracks like Big Dumb Face's "Rebel," which has an irresistible beat and chorus, even though it sounds as if it's been performed by a very small man with a Southern accent. Thankfully, one of the top adds to alternative radio last week was Depeche Mode's new single, "Desert," a gorgeous, low-energy, integration of synthesized sound and acoustic guitars.

The song I truly can't get out of my head, however, is Lifehouse and Power-derful. For two bands that basically seem to be regurgi-

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A Celebration of Asian Culture

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Following that act was another display of Asian beauty, put on by the Thai Strauss at MIT. Performing two dances and on ensemble piece, the Thai group put an incredible amount of work into the evening. The dancers, in both dances, performed almost akin to a spiritual dolls movement, paying special attention to the ebb and flow of the tide to sylph-like music. Their costumes,4-5 colors with a red with (vita versa), complemented a blinding, gold crown upon each of their heads - mimicking the radance adorning a Thai temple, and just as enchanting. The final Thai performance was an ensemble of all sorts of Thai instruments, ranging from woodwind to string, each bringing a distant Western counterpart.

The evening opened with such beauty, members of Oori burst on stage with Oh-Bool-Choom, a Korean five-drum-dance. Laden with dramatic tactics and keenly choreographed motions to match the tribal rhythms, Oori fit the drama and heightened anticipation reminiscent of a Roman coliseum. Repeating the hypnotic rhythm over and over, this eight-woman troupe demonstrated incredible synchronization - the hybrid of an Asian marching band with free-form martial arts and interpretational dancing. Ending with an artistic reverberation of the gang, the members of Oori left the audience with the same pure excitement that they embarked with. Next came the only Indian performance of the evening, a Korean five-drum-dance, to open Sunday's Grains of Rice. 

Asians alike) was treated to a dozen different entrees (mainly Asian), all in all, the evening was a success, leaving the audience satisfied and entertained. The explosion of creativity behind the name "Grains of Rice" only betrays the great accomplishment made by the Undergraduate Association to the Department of Architecture. Sponsoring a whole gamut of organizations ranging from the Undergraduate Association to the Department of Architecture, and made up of virtually all Asian cultural groups on campus, Grains of Rice entertained a packed Walker Memorial late into Sunday night.

For an $15 ticket, the MIT community (Asians and non-Asians alike) was treated to a dozen different entrees (mainly Chinese) and 11 cultural acts. As the goal of the evening was to entice and enlighten the audience, this writer found himself very much awakened and appreciative of the Grains of Rice presentation, as a whole, not so much for its technical and artistic precision, but for its greater purpose.

It is in third year running, "Grains of Rice: A Celebration of Asian Culture" brought to MIT precious glimpses of various cultures that seldom find themselves presented back-to-back. The explosion of creativity behind the name "Grains of Rice" only betrays the great accomplishment made by the Undergraduate Association to the Department of Architecture.
FOOD REVIEW

The Essential Vegetarian
Fast Food Nation

By Katharyn Jeffreys
STAFF WRITER

I received a disturbing e-mail this week, which was sent to the Vegetarian Student Group listing me as a ‘vegetarian’ subscriber. The writer had seen an article discussing Eric Schlosser’s book ‘Fast Food Nation’, which indicated that animal products are used in flavoring McDonald’s french fries.

The article relates that ‘the legendary “subtle something” that makes McDonald’s french fries a cut above the competition used to come from frying bits in beef tallow. But when McDonald’s switched to vegetable oil in 1980, it wanted to maintain the subtle beef taste, so the company added a “natural flavor” made at a flavor factory.’ The originator of the e-mail wrote to McDonald’s to verify this, and received confirmation that ‘For flavor enhancement, McDonald’s french fry suppliers use a minute amount of beef flavoring as an ingredient in the raw product.’ It went on to say that, “The reason beef is not listed as an ingredient is because McDonald’s voluntarily (restaurants are not required to list ingredients) follows the ‘Code of Federal Regulations’ (required for packaged goods) for labeling its products. As such, like food labels you would read on packaged goods, the ingredients in “natural flavors” are not broken down.”

This is another example of the fast food industry’s not considering vegetarian needs. Vegetarians can either pretend they don’t know about these “miraculous” bits of animal contaminating their food, or switch to a diet that contains less processed foods and more certified vegetarian foods. I personally draw the line to include most processed foods, because of convenience. However, ideally I would cook with products that do not contain questionable “natural flavors.”

Over the weekend I went to Bangkok Blue, located on Boylston, just across from the library. As the name implies, the restaurant serves Thai food. However, I was less than impressed. I ordered the spicy tofu, but asked for it to be prepared slightly less spicy. Nonetheless the spice nearly drowned out the flavors of the food. There were maybe six woggles of tofu mixed in with some mushrooms, baby corn, snow peas, and a whole mess of bamboo shoots. I would have liked more tofu and less bamboo, but was full after pulling out the “good stuff” from the plate. The menu contained a whole section of vegetarian options, but none of the specials and few of the appetizers (which I had heard were wonderful) were vegetarian. In addition, some of the vegetarian dishes were served on sorer sauce, a quick I have found at many Asian restaurants that really irks me. The service was relatively good, the waitress was attentive without being overbearing. The decor was very bright, with painted tile tables, glass bricks on the wall, and bright lights hanging just above every table. We went in at a little after eight on a Saturday night, and there was no wait at all, even for a party of six.

I love potatoes, and since McDonald’s french fries are now off limits, here is an alternative potato recipe that you can eat with your fingers at well.

Potato Appetizers

1 pound potatoes
2 tablespoons olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste
1/2 teaspoon paprika
1/2 cup wheat germ

Preheat the oven to 375°. Peel and chop potatoes. Place potatoes in a pot of water and cover. Boil until soft. Mash cooked potatoes with oil and then add salt and pepper. Shape mixture into 1-inch balls. Mix paprika and wheat germ together in a separate dish. Roll potato balls in paprika and wheat germ mixture until coated. Place on greased baking sheet. Bake for about 20 minutes. Let stand on folded paper towels before serving with toothpicks.

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Preheat the oven to 375°. Peel and chop potatoes. Place potatoes in a pot of water and cover. Boil until soft. Mash cooked potatoes with oil and then add salt and pepper. Shape mixture into 1-inch balls. Mix paprika and wheat germ together in a separate dish. Roll potato balls in paprika and wheat germ mixture until coated. Place on greased baking sheet. Bake for about 20 minutes. Let stand on folded paper towels before serving with toothpicks.
Susanne Gansicke has roamed the streets of Timbuktu, travelled with Marco Polo, and seen at least a few of the wonders of the world. Now, she'd like to tell you about it.

In her capacity as Associate Objects Conservator for the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Gansicke travelled through North Africa all the way to the Ganges River in India. She is an archaeologist and spends a fair amount of time around excavations. She is good at what she does, having received an Andrew Mellon Fellowship to work at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. But she's keenly aware that stories bring history alive and that photographs bring those stories even more alive.

The story begins auspiciously on a bus somewhere in Mali. The bus stops in what appears to be the middle of nowhere, but men get off to walk home nonetheless. Gansicke says this emphasized a point — the cultures she was about to be immersed in were travelling cultures.

The theme continues throughout the presentation. At various times we see men travelling slowly down rivers, or random strangers on a road to somewhere that looks, to American eyes, like nowhere. Throughout, Gansicke stops off to check out the not-often-seen sights: fantastic shrines that didn't make the Seven Wonders of the World, and children running through the streets of a blue city, to name a few.

The photography in Gansicke's presentation has some exciting moments. Her portraits of North African women and families show a side of the culture that can often be glossed over. Gansicke does not present African women in their colorful clothes simply for the sake of being exotic. In the handful of portraits, we see people as they are today on the ancient road. One portrait of a family reminded me of pictures my aunt takes, not of National Geographic-esque cover portraits.

One thing that really stands out in the photography is color, particularly in the photographs from India, where marigolds seem to adorn everything from people to bicycles to elephants. India is also the location of the blue city just mentioned. Even in the dryer, dustier climates of Mali, color is important. The yellows and browns are impressive against the sky, and there is nothing like a narrow passageway partially lit by the sun to make for great lighting.

Still, this is a presentation of a story, and while the photographs are at times quite lovely, the story and the photographs come together to make the experience complete. Gansicke's presentation is a sophisticated and subtle bedtime story — by themselves, the plots and the pictures are maybe not the stuff of greatness. Together, they lull us and surprise us and give us nice things to dream about. The image that stays with me best is of a man pushing a boat slowly upstream in the sun, surrounded by green plants and blue sky, going to somewhere that looks like nowhere.

Susanne Gansicke’s photographs often document the history of West and North Africa and India, but they also show viewers something of the way life is lived in these places. A man looks off in the distance on a river in Africa (top), and a bicycle is one of many things adorned in marigolds in India. Susanne Gansicke, an Associate Conservator at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, travelled around the region, stopping off at Timbuktu and the Ganges River and many places in between, as an archaeologist, and she recorded her travels on film. Striking color, intimate moments, and fine storytelling weave together into an exciting portrait of locations seldom seen by American eyes. Gansicke and MIT Sangam present the result, Lotuses for Osiris and Marigolds for Vishnu: A Photographic Portrait of Cultures from Niger, Nile to Ganges, Wednesday, April 11, in Room 6-120 at 6:30 p.m. 

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The MIT Chamber Orchestra performs for prospective freshmen during last Friday's Campus Preview Weekend concert.

By Jeremy Baskin

On Thursday afternoon, about 750 pre-frosh descended upon the campus to explore MIT and experience student life for a weekend. On Friday night, five performing ensembles descended upon Kresge Auditorium to showcase the MIT music program to the campus at large, but specifically to the pre-frosh.

With such a goal in mind, and since Kresge only seats about a thousand people, one would have hoped for a bigger crowd than usual, the auditorium was, however, a little bit less than half-full. Compared to the amount of fraternity parties and other social events that MIT and Boston had to offer, on the other hand, maybe the Campus Preview Weekend concert didn't do too badly, after all.

The program started with the Chamber Orchestra's interpretation of Ottorino Respighi's *Ancient Airs and Dances* for Lute, Op. 1. An early 20th-century Italian composer who lived most of his life in Rome, Respighi is known, like the French Maurice Ravel, as a master orchestrator. Respighi's most recognized work is a trilogy of symphonic tone poems based on ancient Rome: *Fountains of Rome*, *Pines of Rome*, and *Roman Festivals*.

Although *Ancient Airs and Dances*, the piece heard on this program, has no relation to the aforementioned trilogy, the mere placement of Respighi at the beginning of the program, coincidentally or otherwise, immediately evokes thought of ancient Rome in the audience and provided a much-needed continuity with the last piece on the program, Roman Odes, by Michael Weinstein.

Each movement in *Ancient Airs and Dances* is based on a theme written by a different Renaissance composer. One initially thinks of Stravinsky's modernization of Perotin's themes in the *Pulcinella Suite* as the archetypal contemporary composition based on themes from past centuries. After listening to the *Ancient Airs and Dances*, however, one gets the impression that Respighi was less interested in radically changing the strings, although a version exists for full orchestra.

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The second movement is a lively and exciting piece based on an ancient folk dance from Italy, the *Roman Odes*. It is his best known for his jazz compositions; some solos were heard; the only things that seemed to be lacking were some solos by members of the rhythm section.

Changes of pace were plentiful in this program. The next ensemble on stage was the Percussion Ensemble. They performed the third movement from *Gainsborough*, by Thomas Gauger. A member of the Boston Symphony Orchestra's percussion section and a former member of the faculty of music at Boston University, Gauger is not simply a fixture but a bright light in the world of performing percussion.

The third movement (*Presto*) of *Gainsborough* is lively and exciting and employs the concepts of melody and harmony, just not in conventional ways. Hearing xylophones and marimbas carry the melody should remind pianists of the percussive roots of their instrument.

The Percussion Ensemble, which performed this piece in its entirety earlier this year, worked hard to give this movement the edginess and adrenaline it needs, and for the most part, rhythmic precision was maintained. It's too bad that the logistics made for such a large separation between the conductor and the musicians and the audience; they were for the most part at the back of the stage with about 40 empty chairs (for the upcoming ensembles) in front of them.

"Another piece, another genre" could have been the motto of this concert, as the Festival Jazz Ensemble stepped up to the plate to deliver a swinging rendition of Oliver Nelson's *Stolen Moments*. Born in St. Louis in 1932, Nelson, an alto saxophonist, studied composition and musicology and also between the musicians and the audience; they were for the most part at the back of the stage with about 40 empty chairs (for the upcoming ensembles) in front of them.

The Festival Jazz Ensemble did an excellent job of performing the piece. The rhythm section, solid as a rock, served as a reliable base for the ensemble. Many pleasant wind solos were heard; the only things that seemed to be lacking were some solos by members of the rhythm section.

The Wind Ensemble closed out the program with two pieces. The first was *Postcard*, by Frank Ticheli, a 43-year-old composer and faculty member of University of Southern California. A short, rhythmic work, *Postcard* showed off the different sections of the Wind Ensemble, which played the piece with excellent cohesion.

The program closed with *Roman Odes*, by Michael Weinstein. It was commissioned in memory of John Curfey by the Wind Ensemble and given its premiere three weeks ago by the Wind Ensemble and the Chamber Chorus in Kresge Auditorium. The piece is scored for wind ensemble, small chorus, and solo French horn.

In his spoken introduction to the audience, Weinstein described what he was looking for when he came upon the texts of Horace that he subsequently set to music: "... something outside the arena, outside conquering the world, about the Romans. There's not much, but there is Horace."

The quasi-liturgical, quasi-folksong was given an even better performance this time than it had been given three weeks ago. Especially improved was the movement for brass sextet.

Jean Rife's horn playing, from the balcony, was refined and expressive as always. The chorus, singing very well throughout, had some difficulty projecting over the wind ensemble, although one could hardly blame the chorus for that problem of balance. The opening and closing movements, which involved processions onto and off of stage, respectively, were very effective with the lighting, but proved to be extremely difficult to coordinate rhythmically.

One final comment about the program involved the lighting. Given the high-quality of all the groups performing, it was unfortunate that the evening had to be tarnished by some amateurish lighting. Throughout the entire evening, the lights were too dim, except when pieces were finished and the players took their bows. It is not a crime to a little extra hint of stage that doesn't have musicians on it is lit, especially if it helps the audience feel as if they're not in a cave with a flashlight at the end with some musicians in that light.

No good audience member, however, would let such small issues ruin an enjoyable evening of music, though, as this evening certainly was.

The MIT Chamber Orchestra performs for prospective freshmen during last Friday's Campus Preview Weekend concert.
A crane at the Stata Center site is visible from a window near the Dome Café in Building 7 at sunset.

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New Food Trucks May Appear Outside Building 68

By Brian Loux

A new food truck will soon take its place in the line-up outside of Building 68.

Some students may have already noticed that the bright yellow truck of Alright Catering has been absent from its usual spot for over a week. In fact, the truck, specializing in jerk style cooking, has left the campus for good. Its operators cited personal reasons for the decision. Butch Harris, the truck’s operator, “seemed to have very good business, and seemed very sorry to leave,” said Richard D. Berlin, Director of Campus Dining. “It was very sudden... I received a fax from him on March 25 that March 23 was his last day.” Harris was not available for comment, but he said in the fax to Berlin that he deeply regretted leaving behind his loyal customers and friends on campus.

Over the last week, Alright Catering has worked with MIT to find a replacement. Alright Catering sold its yellow truck to Chef Chow’s House in Brookline, which hopes to soon take the vacant spot. “We looked over their menu and tried to edit it to maintain the many Japanese-oriented dishes, but they will also serve the very popular burritos that Alright catering vended.”

“We know that it is our specialty, but we will make it our specialty.” Chef Chow’s House will use the same yellow truck. Its name will be Lunch Box Express, not to be confused with the truck of the same name with a similar menu that operates on Massachusetts Avenue.

“We have been in the food business for a very long time, but this is our very first experience operating a food truck,” said Chow. She said her Brookline business had serviced Harvard students well for a long time, “and we are hoping to serve more of Cambridge, so we were eager for this opportunity to work with the MIT community.”

Chef Chow’s House is currently waiting for approval of their temporary license. Berlin said that he does not expect any complications with the approval, so Lunch Box Express should be able to begin service after tonight’s CTC meeting.

Contracts expire in June

The Lunch Box Express, as well as the other three trucks in the same location, Goosebeary’s Mo’ Chik, and Maurice’s Pizzeria, may only retain their spots until June 30. Under a new initiative by MIT, a committee will convene in the near future to decide which four trucks will serve MIT for the next two years.

“It gives us a chance to maintain a variety of new dining options on campus and it gives us a chance to maintain good relationships with the city,” Berlin said. “We give all entrepreneurs a chance; we do not consider incumbency.”

The committee will be made of students, staff, and faculty members. “Most likely we will have representatives from the Student Dining Committee as members,” said Berlin. The committee will then solicit bids for the four spots from local food businesses. “The committee will review the menus, trucks, and foods of the companies,” said Berlin. “They will then make decisions based upon the quality, value, and variety of foods that each truck offers.”

In the past, MIT received several applications from different businesses. All of the food trucks currently stationed near Building 68, including the fledgling Lunch Box Express, plan to rebid for their spots. “We definitely want to look for more options and more businesses will fare well. We should look for more options for the student community,” said Kelly M. Hogan ‘02.

One of the applicants this year is a Mediterranean restaurant located two blocks north of 77 Massachusetts Avenue. Student reaction to the policy has been mixed. Some are skeptical. “It’s definitely a good idea to switch the ones that are not doing well, but we should definitely keep ones like Goosebeary’s if they are doing well,” said Matt Alaniz ‘02.

“It is important to offer variety, but that doesn’t mean the businesses will fare well. We should definitely keep ones like Goosebeary’s if everyone like it,” said Matt Alaniz ‘02. "We definitely want to look for more options for the student community," said Kelly M. Hogan ‘02.

The already popular Goosebeary’s food truck, located next to Building 68, should gain more customers now that the “Jamaican Jerk Chicken” truck has stopped serving at MIT.
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(bottom) Senior House residents enjoy an intense match of Twister during the Senior House Boobie-que on Saturday. Tanya I. Burka '03 took first place in the competition, winning the $2 prize.

(right) Brooke Bryant (Wellesley '03) sings "Angels Would Fall" by Melissa Etheridge, one of the MIT/Wellesley Toons' four Campus Preview Weekend concert pieces.

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Graduate Schools Earn Top Rankings

Rankings, from Page 1

schools are among the strongest."

Department rankings stay high

Individual departments also earned high rankings. The electrical engineering and computer science department and the mathematics department were both ranked number one in their respective disciplines.

"Starting around the 1950s, some individuals understood they could take advantage of the position of MIT as a wonderful center for engineering, a center for mathematic research with wonderful mathematicians," Vogan said.

MIT's Sloan School of Management ranked fifth, down one place from last year. The top business schools in descending order were Stanford, Harvard, Northwestern (Kellogg), and the University of Pennsylvania (Wharton).

"There's always movement up or down one or two places," said Executive Director of the MBA Program Margaret C. Andrews SM '92. "The importance is that we're ranked in the top five."

"It's a collegial department, both among students and faculty," Blanchard said. "We talk about research with each other and make progress together. It's intellectual fun."

The rankings were based on criteria including reputation, student selectivity, faculty resources, and research activity. Surveys were sent to thousands of academics and professionals in the fall of 2000 for evaluation of programs in business, education, engineering, law, and medicine. Rankings for the sciences were determined in 1999.

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Laureates, lawmakers also appeal

Earlier in the year, President Bush received an appeal on the same issue from 80 Nobel laureates, including seven MIT professors. The letter outlined the therapeutic benefits of stem cell research, arguing that they outweighed the ethical issues involved.

"The discovery of human pluripotent stem cells is a significant milestone in medical research. The therapeutic potential of pluripotent stem cells is remarkably broad," said the Nobel laureates. "While the petitioners recognize the legitimate ethical issues raised by this research, it is important to understand that the cells being used in this research were destined to be discarded in any case."

The Nobel laureates cited the precedent of using fetal tissue in medical research to support their argument. "For the past 35 years," they wrote, "many of the common human virus vaccines, such as measles, rubella, hepatitis A, rabies and polio vaccines — have been produced in cells derived from a human fetus to the benefit of tens of millions of Americans. This precedent has been established for the use of fetal tissue that would otherwise be discarded.

"Stem cell research could have significant research in terms of medical treatment, it would be a terrible thing to not have the opportunity to understand its power," said Institute Professor Jerome M. Kowel, an Institute laureate who signed the letter.

Professor Rudolf Jaenisch, who recently testified before Congress on banning human cloning, explained that "the goal of stem cell research is to obtain a source for any somatic cell type that could be derived from culture. This can be used to help the sufferers from all kinds of diseases: heart, liver, brain, blood, etc.

"It is important to understand the biological basis for this research," Jaenisch said.

Some oppose stem cell research

The letter brings to attention how many lives might be saved or improved from 80 obel laureates, including seven MIT professors. "The discovery of human embryonic stem cells as "evil."

The Catholic Church has established its position in stating that "use of cells from human embryos could not be justified, regardless of how many lives might be saved or improved from the resulting research," said the Most Rev. Edward M. Egan at the annual meeting of the Association of American Medical Colleges. "Extracting the cells destroys the embryo, which should be treated as a human being," Egan said.

In a letter to the NIH, 20 Republican senators echoed this view, stating that research derived from destroying embryos is unethical and unwise.

The future of the stem cell research is still under deliberation at the White House, which still lacks a new science adviser.

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**Characteristics and Responsibilities**

1. **Provide support to residences, including, but not limited to:**
   - Working with Housemasters, House Managers, and House Counsellors to ensure smooth operations.
   - Advising and providing administrative and logistical help in support of events and functions.
2. **Provide support to Graduate student residents, particularly in residences lacking Housemasters.**
   - Working with Graduates, Graduate Student Office, Graduate Student Council, House Managers, and Graduate Coordinators.
3. **Provide support to graduate professional residents, including:**
   - Working with the Graduate Student Office, Graduate Student Council, House Managers, and Graduate Coordinators.
4. **Working with students and faculty to ensure a safe and healthy environment.**
   - Providing direct support to Mental Health and Counseling and Support Services (CSS) for the graduate residences without Housemasters.
5. **Provide access for on-site staff for after hours and weekend emergency situations and student concerns.**
   - Working with the Graduate Student Office, Graduate Student Council, House Managers, and Graduate Coordinators.

**Preliminary Requirements**

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- Creativity, enthusiasm, and the ability to handle challenging situations with tact are essential.
- Must possess solid teamwork skills and be able to demonstrate collaboration.
- Proficient in computer and web applications, or the willingness to learn new systems is preferred.
- Understanding and relating to students of various backgrounds is essential.

**Application Process**

- Application deadline: June 20, 2001.
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near flawless performance in no more than half an hour.

MIT Edgeworths

The Edgeworths of the week, on Sunday, stretched MIT to the limits of their abilities. The team members all put forth their best efforts physically and mentally, and thereby early on in the match. While joking and smiling was plentiful during the holidays, the team members returned to the Edgeworths this week, the players were steed as the first double partners in more than a few years.

"We’re going to have our hands full," said Coach Jeff Hamilton, expressing the concern of the team.

The doubles matches set the tone for the Edgeworths, as both teams were flying. Fists were pumping. Shots echoed off of the walls of the tennis bubble.

The number one doubles match had Jeffrey P. Augustyn ’03 and Kolosnikov ’02 returning, setting up two worthy opponents. Both teams struggled to hold serve early in the set. MIT and Bowdoin combined for nine service breaks in the doubles set, both teams awarded service breaks.

Augustyn and Kolosnikov managed to win the game through sheer effort. In the final game of the set, the Edgeworths, Bonlive Bobby over a loop.

Kalousnikov jumped to a 40-love lead in the backhand lob over the net and went directly towards the net and went directly towards the ball, finding an opportunity, and the Edgeworths were able to maintain this high level of confidence.

The Bowdoin match began.

"We all just decided to take the race back and make the boat go fast enough to volley the ball back. The Bowdoin match was particularly fast, especially in the first few hundred doubles teams lost and the doubles lost and the doubles point was given to Bowdoin. MIT began the match with tremendous confidence. After being surprised opponent sent the next shot down low, the Edgeworths were able to return the volley leading to service break.

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Anne Thompson '01 pitches in the home-opening doubleheader against Mount Holyoke College. MIT lost both games (1-0, 6-3), despite having only one error on defense the whole day.

**Crew Drops Cup to Columbia**

By Brian Richter

MIT heavy-weight men's crew opened its spring racing season at home Saturday against the Columbia Lions. While only the second varsity eight defeated the Light Blue, the rest of the squad raced well for their first appearance of the year.

The second varsity eight are Melissa E. Light '01 (cox), Jorge A. Panduro '03 (stroke), Collis P. Ward '03, Sidney E. Henderson '03, Stephen P. Bathurst '03, Patrick R. Buckley '03, Keith W. Vanderlinde '02, Obrad Scepanovic '02, and Mark H. Ijom '01.

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"We raced them really well and showed a lot of potential considering it was our first of the year and our boat has only been together one week," said Becker. "Now we have the opportunity to train really hard over the next six weeks before we get them at Sprints."

The Columbia varsity team featured six seniors who have rowed together for four years, whereas the MIT squad's core lies in its sophomore strength. Columbia finished 15th at Division I National Championships last year and expects to do significantly better this year, as they only lost one member of that boat.

The MIT second varsity boat, which also featured a sophomore core, proved stronger than Columbia. MIT moved first off the line and broke free of Columbia early on. The Lions moved even just before the 1000 meter mark, but the Beavers were able to push them back to maintain a six seat lead. At 1500 meters into the race, the Light Blue moved a whole length on the Lions and held even through about 500 meters into the race when the Light Blue began moving steadily away, taking a seat about every 250 meters. MIT took back seats during several planned moves; however, Columbia's more experienced crew always answered back.

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Women's Tracks Takes Meet Over WPI, RPI

By Adeline Kuo

Tennis Dominates Week

By Robert Aronstam

Springfield’s Second Half Scoring Run Pushes Pride Past Women’s Lacrosse

By Brian White

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Tuesday, April 10
Baseball vs. Babson College, 3:30 p.m.
Softball vs. Babson College, 3:30 p.m.
Men’s Lacrosse vs. Connecticut College, 4:00 p.m.
Women’s Lacrosse vs. Endicott College, 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 14
Baseball vs. Springfield, 12:00 p.m.
Men’s Tennis vs. U.S. Coast Guard Academy, 1:00 p.m.
Men’s Lacrosse vs. Maine Maritime Academy, 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 17
Softball vs. Wheaton College, 3:30 p.m.
Women’s Lacrosse vs. Clark University, 4:00 p.m.
Women’s Lacrosse vs. Wheaton College, 6:00 p.m.