

An exhibit of work by students in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. IAP design workshop captures the interest of Xudong Tang G in Lobby 10. Display boards and a sculpture, designed and built by 30 MIT and Wellesley students, will remain on display until Sunday.

In her address, keynote speaker and Harvard Law Professor Lani Guinier applied King's ideals of change and inclusiveness to academic elitism. She delivered a self-proclaimed "joyful message about what we need to change." While urging King's methodology of taking from the margin and rethinking the whole, Guinier criticized what she referred to as a "misguided commitment to testocracy," and, citing several studies highlighting a disparity between exam scores and life performance, challenged the audience to abolish high-stakes testing.

In a lengthy question-and-answer session following the presentation, Foster answered questions about her view of abortion in cases of rape and incest. Drawing from personal experiences, including living with sisters who were victims of rape, Foster still argued against the use of reproductive services. In the case of the pregnancy putting the mother's life at risk, Foster yielded, saying, "The mother is our first priority." But, in closing, she stressed, "We believe abortion is violence against women as well as children."
President Andres Pastrana ventured into the heart of rebel territory Thursday for a high-stakes meeting with Colombia’s most powerful guerrilla leader in an attempt to salvage the country’s battered peace process.

The talks ended inconclusively, with plans by Pastrana and the rebels’ taciturn veteran commander, Manuel Marulanda, to meet again Friday morning.

“It was a very productive meeting,” Pastrana told a throng of reporters as he emerged from the seven-hour encounter. “We’re going to continue working, and we’ve decided to meet again and continue our conversation tomorrow.”

The meeting, after weeks of nail-biting standoffs and public ultimatums, had been billed as a last-ditch effort to rescue Colombia’s two-year peace process from near collapse.

The Left Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, walked away from the negotiating table in November to protest massacres by right-wing paramilitary death squads.

**Scientists Find Evidence to Support 'Supersymmetry'**

Physicists have found provocative evidence that a subatomic particle known as a muon, which is actually a type of heavyweight electron not found in ordinary matter, is not alone in its peculiar properties.

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The results announced Thursday could provide support for a relativistic theory known as "supersymmetry," which proposes that for every conventional subatomic particle there is a corresponding supersymmetric partner (or "sparticle") whose magnetic effect is different in a predictable way from its companion’s.

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**Study Praises California's Tobacco Control Laws**

California’s tobacco-control laws are among the toughest in the nation, making the state a role model for other governments in the battle to decrease deaths from tobacco use, according to a study released Thursday by the American Lung Association.

Ex-smokers in all 50 states, a family of four earning $50,000 a year would pay $1,600 less in federal taxes. The plan would reduce the current five-rate personal income tax structure to four lower rates: 33, 25, 15 and 10 percent.

Other elements of the plan include doubling the child tax credit to $1,000 per child, reducing the tax penalty suffered by married couples and eliminating the estate tax, which Republicans call the death tax. The estate tax is levied on estates worth more than $675,000, about 2 percent of all estates.

Bush also wants to reduce the tax rate on the first $6,000 in income — $12,000 for a couple — from 15 percent to 10 percent. Since the tax rates are applied to income at different levels, even the wealthiest taxpayers will benefit from the creation of the 10 percent bracket, making it one of the most expensive elements in the plan. While Bush says that one in five families with children would pay no income tax if his plan is implemented, the effect of the Bush proposal is that people making more than $200,000 will likely have the largest increase in after-tax income.

In an unusual step, Bush is sending up his tax plan before he has released any details on his proposed budget for the next five years. The $1.6 trillion figure likely understates the cost of the plan to the Treasury. Indeed, some analysts say that making the plan retroactive and certain technical issues could push the price tag above $2.5 trillion, even before Congress adds any of its ideas to the mix.

Democrats, while supporting a tax cut to $800 billion to $900 billion, contend that Bush’s plan would reward the rich and bring back the budget deficits that finally were extinguished under President Clinton. One analysis circulated by Democrats estimates that 43 percent of the benefits of Bush’s plan would go to the wealthiest 1 percent of Americans, with large incomes of $900,000 a year. The richest Americans would especially gain from repeal of the estate tax, Democrats say.

Bush has vehemently rejected that analysis, and a Bush spokesman Thursday said it is misleading because it does not consider the tremendous boost a few hundred or thousand dollars can be for a family struggling to pay bills. “My plan dramatically reduces the marginal rate on many low-income earners, rewarding overtime or a hard-work raise, encouraging Americans on their path to the middle class,” Bush said.

**Bush Sends Plan for Trillion Dollar Tax Cut to Congress**

By Mike Allen and Glenn Kessler

President Bush sent Congress a plan Thursday for the deepest federal income tax cut in 20 years and used a dire warning about the economy as opening ammunition in a legislative battle that could define his first year in office.

Bush estimates his proposal would cost $1.6 trillion over 10 years — though the cost to the Treasury is likely higher — making it more modest than the visions of many Republicans and more expensive than Democratic leaders say they are willing to support.

But Bush said he is eager to work with Congress on the specifics and implored lawmakers to “pass my tax relief plan with the swiftness these uncertain times demand.

“A warning light is flashing on the dashboard of our economy,” Bush said. “We just can’t drive on and hope for the best.”

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**Rich Team Kept Work Secret**

Traders' Lawyers Strategized Secretly for Clinton's Pardon

By Robert O'Harrow Jr.

Lawyers seeking a presidential pardon for fugitive commodities trader Marc Rich strategized about how to win support from politicians and big campaign contributors, but worked hard to keep their own secret, according to a sworn affidavit.

One e-mail sent in November to former White House attorney Jack Quinn and other Rich lawyers stressed “a need for secrecy and possibility of potential leaks.” News of the effort didn’t leak, but the announcement of President Clinton’s pardon of Rich triggered a wave of controversy, in part because prosecutors in the tax evasion case never knew clemency was under consideration.

Former acting attorney general Eric Holder, speaking for the first time on the issue, told the House Government Reform Committee that he had “only a passing familiarity” with Rich’s case and challenged Quinn’s account that he was “intimately involved or overly interested in this matter.”

At the same time, Holder said that he told White House counsel Beth Bye the pardon was imminent and that Bye had authorized him to negotiate the deal. Holder regretted he didn’t do more to prevent the pardon, something he said he would do now if he had the chance. “Knowing every- thing that I know now, I would not have recommended to the president that he grant the pardon,” he said.

Committee chairman Dan Burton (R-Ind.), a Clinton foe, said he knows the president’s pardon is absolute, but called the hearing because “we want an explanation. We think the American people would like to know how it happened.”

Rich and his business partner Pincus “Pinkie” Green were indicted in 1983 for allegedly cheating the government out of $48 million in taxes and trading with Iran during the hostage crisis. Norland and former Clinton aide Bruce Lindsey declined invitations to appear. An aide said they will be subpoenaed at a future hearing.

**Brief Warmup**

Situation for Noon Eastern Standard Time, Friday, February 9, 2001

Clear and cool. High 35ºF (2ºC).

**Weekend Outlook**

Today: Dizzily, temperatures warming through the 40s (5-10ºC).

Tonight: Drizzle and a few showers. Temperatures remain about 47ºF (9ºC).

Saturday: Warm early, clearing and cooling by afternoon. High 50ºF (10ºC) in morning.

Sunday: Cold and clear. Low 22ºF (-6ºC).
Explosions, Both Literal and Political, Greet Ariel Sharon

By Tracy Wilkinson

Israel's Prime Minister-elect Ariel Sharon confronted crises on political and security fronts Thursday, scarcely 48 hours after his electoral victory.

Two blasts from an explosives-rigged car in an ultra-Orthodox Jewish neighborhood in central Jerusalem narrowly missed dozens of yeshiva students when the devices exploded on a narrow, cramped street in the late afternoon. After the explosions, huge crowds of religious Jews gathered to chant “Death to Arabs!”

An injured 65-year-old woman was taken to a hospital and nine other people were treated for shock as a result of the attack. Police later said they had arrested one suspect.

“The Arabs are trying to put fear in us,” said 21-year-old Joseph Brandis, a student originally from England. “Especially with a new prime minister, they want to say, ‘You can have Barak or you can have Sharon — it doesn’t matter,’ we’ll get you.”

Sharon, who promises an uncompromising line against Palestinians, said that the bombing is further proof that the Palestinians aren’t doing enough to stop terrorism and that he won’t negotiate with them until they do.

Sharon had other problems Thursday as he turned to the task of forming a government. He heard from a parade of politicians from his right-wing Likud Party, each reportedly seeking a seat in his Cabinet.

The hawkish former general reiterated his desire to form a national unity government with the left-of-center Labor Party of outgoing Prime Minister Ehud Barak, whom he beat in an unprecedented electoral landslide.

But a rudderless Labor continued to implode, with its top members caught in an orgy of finger-pointing and deep division over who should lead it after Barak’s resignation as party chief and whether to join Sharon in a coalition government.

Reformer to Review Pentagon

Marshall Tapped by Bush Administration For Military Review

By Thomas E. Ricks

The Bush administration has asked one of the Pentagon's most unconventional thinkers to conduct a sweeping review of the U.S. military, and aides said he plans to spend most of next week visiting military bases and laying out his ideas.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has tapped Andrew Marshall, head of the Pentagon's internal think-tank, and asked him to report back his preliminary recommendations by the end of next week, sources said.

Although he is little known to the public, Marshall is a controversial figure in defense circles for his outspoken criticism of some of the traditional pillars of U.S. strategy and procurement policy. He has questioned the usefulness of the new F-22 fighter, the crown jewel of the Air Force's current acquisition program, and called the Army's heavy tanks and the Navy's aircraft carriers possible deathtraps that ought to be phased out before they prove to be the horse cavalry of the 21st century.

Whether or not these conclusions are part of his final report, Marshall has long and close association with Rumsfeld, and his appointment was viewed by senior Pentagon officials as the second clear signal in the past week that the new defense secretary plans to make a dramatic impact on the military. President Bush pledged during his election campaign to improve the quality of the armed forces, and aides said he plans to spend most of next week visiting military bases and laying out his ideas.

Yet Bush summoned some senior commanders this week by deciding not to seek an immediate increase in the defense budget. Before providing new funding, Rumsfeld informed the top brass on Tuesday, the administration wants a fundamental review of the U.S. military's strategy, structure and missions.

Pentagon officials said Thursday that Rumsfeld has an understanding — though not quite a promise — that once the study is finished, the White House will support as big an increase in the defense budget as he deems necessary.
The Tech received a copy of the following letter sent to Boston Globe staff member Patrick Healy, the author of the Globe’s two-part series on suicide at MIT.

I expect to see in the Globe running such an amateurish and overly dramatized article as yours; I expected something of its ilk in The Tech or a Friday night FOX special hosted by retired sheriff John Bunnell, not the pages of a “respectable publication” such as the Globe.

Your article was a mockery of every decent idea and instinct that might still remain in journalism today if it were not for the likes of writers like you, who are more focused on selling a story and making a living than actually saying much of anything at all.

What was the point of your front page escapade? To “pierce the mystery of why people commit suicide, and describe the human costs of their deaths?” People commit suicide because of dissatisfaction with life. A disproportionate number of MIT students are discontented with life. Why? Because we are forced to live in a world run by people just like you, those who talk and talk and talk, but never really say anything at all. You revealed intimate details about a person whose existence you would have never even cared about had it not helped you write a front page piece, and for what end? You reach no conclusion, ending only with a forced “Moving On” paragraph.

Is that the best you could come up with? I just lost the last ounce of faith I had in journalism as a respectable profession.

Justin A. Ramos ’04

Erratum

A theater review in Tuesday’s edition of The Tech (“Cabinet: A Night in Berlin”) misidentified the performer of the songs “I Don’t Care Much” and “If You Could See Her.” The songs were performed by Steve Nureyev G.

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The solution to this problem is not to scrap GT programs, but to rework the IQ test. If we were to classify everyone into groups according to whose IQ lies in other areas than words and numbers, then developing a more comprehensive test would help. Giving up on GT will not work.

Additionally, the Counterpoint article accuses the writer of not being a GT person, and not having any idea about what GT is. I think that this is where GT could be better implemented. If reform is needed, it is to the TOP of the students, not the bottom. Educational programs should not be based on the intelligence of the students, but on the intelligence of the teachers.

The most insidious argument Long presents against GT education takes the form of flag-waving. "Whatever way you slice it," Long wrote, "the truth is that GT selection is not the quintessential example of American democracy. Few people could deny that it fosters elitism among our elementary schools.

The proper word here is not elitism, but excellence. GT education offers challenges to the students who are not able to tackle them, and celebrates their achievements. If reform is needed, it is to eliminate IQ scores as the magic key to entering the program, and to make sure that the programs are open to the self-selected elite of kids who have talent and a willingness to work hard. Meritocracy is the goal — an elitism of the sort you slice it.
To a Right Whale, fishing nets and lines are like the trap of a spider's web. Once entangled, the lines bite deeper and sharper, cutting further into the flesh, slowing the animal down and introducing disease and infections to the body. This torment can last for months, even years before death occurs. Today only 350 of these wonderful creatures remain in the North Atlantic. The Canadian Whale Institute has established the Eubalaena Award Competition to encourage the discovery of solutions to their entanglements. The answer will help to save the species. And it could come from a number of disciplines - from marine engineering to modified fishing techniques. Go to our website for a more complete briefing on this tragedy and details on the Eubalaena monetary prize. Your expertise is needed now to save this creature from sure extinction.
THE ARTS

THEATER REVIEW

The School for Scandal

Something to Talk About

By Fred Choi

Dramashop is a drama group on campus known for their consistently high-quality productions. Their latest show, The School for Scandal, features creative direction by MIT Theater Arts Professor Michael Ouelette, an outstanding cast (many with strong acting experience), and their always phenomenal incidental music by MIT Professor Charles Shadle. Their production of Richard Sheridan’s classic, intricate farce reinforces their reputation as a truly formidable drama group.

Although it is common for directors to move the setting of a classic play to a different time period or location, Ouelette has chosen to accentuate the universality of the themes of gossip and slander in Sheridan’s 1777 comedy of manners by blurring the lines between time and place in this production, to fascinating effect. Characters chat on cell phones and eat fast food, but also carry walking sticks and recite witticisms. The background cityscape includes recognizable modern day monuments of all periods, most interestingly based on 18th-century fashion but which feature recognizable modern day figures, particularly the woman’s (beautifully designed by MIT faculty member Bill Fregosi, who designed the sets designed by MIT faculty member Bill Fregosi, who designed the sets, directed by Michael Ouelette, MIT Faculty Writer) costumes, particularly the older nephew, and the younger nephew’s love interest (Rachel Kline ’01). The stellar cast, under Ouelette’s tight direction, skillfully navigates all the threads of the plot and makes the most of every one of the play’s riotously funny moments, including a scene of intended reconciliation that ends in a shouting match and a classic scene in which the wife hides behind a screen as her husband converses with the older nephew.

Sheridan’s tricky script consists almost solely of quick, snappy dialogue and reactive pauses in which looks are meaninglessly exchanged, almost solely of quick, snappy dialogue and reactionary pauses in which looks are meaninglessly exchanged, almost solely of quick, snappy dialogue and reactionary pauses in which looks are meaninglessly exchanged, almost solely of quick, snappy dialogue and reactionary pauses in which looks are meaninglessly exchanged, almost solely of quick, snappy dialogue and reactionary pauses in which looks are meaninglessly exchanged, almost solely of quick, snappy dialogue and reactionary pauses in which looks are meaninglessly exchanged, almost solely of quick, snappy dialogue and reactionary pauses in which looks are meaninglessly exchanged, almost solely of quick, snappy dialogue and reactionary pauses in which looks are meaninglessly exchanged.

Fortunately the appearances of GiRim Sung ’01 and John Hume as additional gossipmongers immediately push the scene forward with their added energy and characterization and from then on it isn’t long before names become people and the situations become side-splittingly comic. Sung and Hume, along with Max Goldman ’04, Anand Sarwate ’01 and Brian Keller ’01, excel in their supporting roles. Their performances help add to the detail of this production that makes it feel more than just a college performance. With their elaborate and ambitious production of The School for Scandal, the Dramashop demonstrates once again how high-quality college theater can be.
On The Town

A weekly guide to the arts in Boston
February 9 - 16
Compiled by Fred Choi

Send submissions to otttech@het.edu or by interdepartmental mail to "On The Town," The Tech, W20-483.

THE ARTS

February 9-16

Fridays: Dwayne Peters, Forced

Saturdays:

Feb. 10: Addison Groove Project.

Feb. 11: Roshambo, Lolita's Ceilings, Full Powered Halo.

Feb. 13: Kurt Rosenwinkel

Feb. 15: Adam Sherman and The Brigade.

Feb. 20: Robbie Lee Quintet.

Feb. 22: Paolo Conte.


Feb. 23-24: New York Voices & STP


Music

Clubs

Anis 617-262-2414

Sundays: 70s Soul Brunch.

Thursdays: 80s. DJ Leo. Sunny Afternoon

Club Passim 617-496-2223

Feb. 10: Andrew Auernheimer. $5, 19+

Feb. 17: War of the Worlds. $5, 19+

Feb. 21: Trey Anastasio. $75, 21+

Theater

The Doctor's Dilemma
Through Mar. 14 at the Loeb Drama Center (64 Brattle St., Cambridge 02138). Call 617-547-8300 for tickets. Directed by Scott Elliott. Based on the play by George Bernard Shaw. 8 p.m. Wed., Thurs., Sat. 2 p.m. Sun. $25, $20 seniors/students. "A delightful, classic comedy that is fast-paced and hilarious, with superb acting. An excellent production. If you like your classics with a modern twist, you'll love the result." -ONE Act Review (www.onerectivew.com).

Exhibits

Institute of Contemporary Art 555 Boston St., Boston, 02119, 212-420-3100, presents "A New Leaf," Feb. 9–March 23. Tues.–Sat. 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Free. "A New Leaf" presents the ICA’s largest and most comprehensive exhibition of the work of Bernardaud’s studio and presents a wide range of contemporary artists who have drawn inspiration from this iconic French maker.

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It Happens Here, Too!
MIT Looks at Issues of Relationship, Responsibility and Respect

WEAR A PURPLE RIBBON all week to show your support for sexual assault and domestic violence awareness.
Stop by our information table in the Student Center Lobby!

Monday, February 12
Surviving the Urban Campus Culture
Magazine Lounge, 2pm - 4pm
Student Center, 2nd Floor
Learn ways to be "streetwise" at MIT.

Emotions 101: How Emotions Can Affect Relationships with Others
H-150, 7pm
Look at some of the most common emotions and learn how to understand and use them in positive and constructive ways in relationships.

Sober Sex Jeopardy
Lobello, 7pm
Student Center, 2nd Floor
Play the game and test your knowledge! In question form, please!

Tuesday, February 13
What's Love Got To Do with It?
What Is a Healthy Relationship
Cheney Rooms, 3:15, 4pm

Respect and Care: A Community Response
2-105, 5pm - 7pm
Panel discussion of resources at MIT targeted towards students, friends, and family.
* Some service support is available

Wednesday, February 14
Got Questions? We've Got Answers.
BSU Lounge, 5pm - 7pm
Everyday things you always wanted to know about him or her but were afraid to ask.

Thursday, February 15
"NO-YES"
10-290, 7pm
In the emotionally gripping presentation, Kole Kember discusses her journey from victim to survivor of date rape.
* Some service support is available

Clothesline Project
On display 2/13 - 2/15, 2/17
Lobello, 1st Floor
Student Center, 2nd Floor
Create and display shirts honoring victims and survivors of violence.

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As a result of her internship, she's just the beginning. Since joining the company full-time in 1988, Heidi has coordinated many environmental projects with a team of engineers, including the restoration of local waterways. Today she serves as an environmental contact for seven assembly plants and four other facilities located in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico.

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Friday, February 9, 2001
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10am - 3pm

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So I finally decided on the "granite print" paper for my resume...

The fine speckled finish provides a look of texture, yet the 25% cotton fiber gives the paper "a snazzy, elegant feel..."

Good God.

Well, what are you using?

I just wrote mine on a couple of napkins...

...Stupid course is...

I am slowly discovering I am lousy at math, analysis, and really, truly learning the extent of my ignorance.

That word "pasta" is so very difficult!

Omg look! 26 grams! Holy!!

Good grief! 200 calories per serving!!

Snick! Absolutely unassAILABLE what with all the work we are doing...

Oh... wait! What is that smell? I keep forgetting we are here on the first day...
Visit and add events to TechCalendar online at http://events.mit.edu

**Friday, February 9**

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Al-Anon Open Discussion: Al-Anon Meeting. free. Room: E25-101. Sponsor: MIT Medical.

12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Eudora Quick Start. This session shows how to configure Eudora, create messages and address lists, send and receive attachments, and sort incoming e-mail. free. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. – "On the Road in 2020: An Assessment of Future Automotive Technology". free. Room: 3-133. Sponsor: ME Seminar Series.

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. – "tute Gay Ice Cream Friday (TGIF). An opportunity for LGBT and friendly folks from all over campus to meet, socialize, network, and, most importantly, have ice cream and cookies. Come now before the term work piles up! free. Room: Talbot Lounge, East Campus (Bldg. 42). Sponsor: LBGT Issues Group.

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. – Valentine’s Potluck Party. Everyone in your family is welcome to join the party. Please bring a dish to share - 8 servings of a main dish, salad, or dessert. In case of inclement weather, please call Jennifer Rexskel at 253-6144. free. Room: 10-105. Sponsor: spouses&partners@mit, MIT Medical. MIT Japanese Wives Group.

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. – Missions and Urbana. Emile Ellis will share on how to get involved with missions. Also, come hear the testimonies of students who went to the Urbana conference last December. free. Room: W20-491. Sponsor: Graduate Christian Fellowship.

8:00 p.m. – School for Scandal. Dramashop production of Richard Brinsley Sheridan’s 1777 comedy, directed by Senior Lecturer Michael Ouellette. $8, $6 MIT students. Room: Kresge Little Theater. Sponsor: Dramashop.

8:00 p.m. – Cabaret. Classic musical by Joe Masteroff (book), Fred Ebb (lyrics) and John Kander (music). $9; $8 sr. citizens/MIT faculty/staff students elsewhere; $6 MIT/Wellesley students. Room: Sala de Puerto Rico. Sponsor: Musical Theatre Guild, MIT.

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**Monday, February 12**

1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. – Web Publishing Overview (Formerly HTML Demo). This three-hour lecture demonstration session gives an overview of the electronic publishing process as it works at MIT, focusing on: how to code files using HTML tags (HTML is the HyperText Markup Language, the standard for publishing on the Web), how to upload files to the Athena system for delivery through MIT’s primary Web server, web.mit.edu. Special attention is paid to issues affecting websites at MIT (MITnet rules of use, Athena file conventions, special services available on web.mit.edu, etc.). free. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. – “A Mod 2 Index Theorem for Twisted Signature Operators.” free. Room 4-159. Sponsor: Differential Geometry Seminar. Department of Mathematics.

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. – Aaga Khan Lecture: Architecture of the Public Square: Representations of the City and City Life in Jaffa (1799-1950). free. Room 3-133. Sponsor: Aaga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Hungarian Movie. free. Room 4-237. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Hungarian Student Association of MIT.

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. – The Grand Duke Auditions. MIT students only on Feb. 12. Auditions Feb. 13 and Feb. 15 for everyone. Bring 2 copies of a prepared song. Room: Student Center Room 413. Sponsor: Gilbert and Sullivan Players, MIT.

7:00 p.m. – Emotions 101. Knowing more about emotions is an essential part of taking good care of ourselves and creating healthy relationships with others. But too often emotions are seen as bad, weak or something to be avoided. In this workshop, we will look at some of the most common emotions and learn how we can understand and use them in positive and constructive ways. Part of it happens here, too: MIT looks at issues of relationship, responsibility, and respect. A week of raising awareness and moving towards change. free. Room: 1-150. Sponsor: Residential Life and Student Life Programs, Counseling and Support Services and many others.

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New Dorms to Ease Grad Housing Crisis

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new Sidney-Pacific building [a new graduate dorm] is built, which will have 750 beds. This will be open to continuing students and there will be enough capacity on campus to accommodate everyone who wants housing.

About 50 percent of all graduate students apply for housing each year. MIT currently houses 27 percent of its approximately 5,650 graduate students. The two new dormitories will increase capacity to approximately 43 percent of all graduate students.

"Forty percent of graduate students are international students, many of whom come in August and find that they don’t have housing. Many don’t know Boston, the language, or the culture," said GSC Housing and Community Affairs Co-Chair Shunmugavelu D. Sokka G. "The plan was to give more priority to them at the expense of continuing students."

Students understand the change

Brendan P. Foley G felt that finding off-campus housing would be especially difficult for international students. "I was really lucky when it came to housing. I got one [apartment] off the web and the other through word of mouth. But word of mouth isn’t the best way to find housing, and new students, especially international students, don’t have that advantage," he said.

Undergraduates applying for graduate housing were hit the hardest by these changes. However, many understood the need for change.

International Student Association Vice President Tomoko Iida ’02 said that although she would be adversely affected since she is considering graduate school at MIT, she understood the rationale behind the change.

"It’s hard for international students to get an apartment because they ask for your credit history and other things we don’t have when we first come to this country ... They are asking American continuing students to find an apartment for themselves instead," because it will be easier for them, she explained.

Lottery deadline moved to March

The deadline for applying for graduate student housing was moved from May to March because, according to Sokka, "people before were informed whether or not they had MIT housing in August." Sokka hopes that with the new deadline, the process will be completed by June. "This way, people aren’t in limbo for so long and can look earlier for apartments if they didn’t get housing," said Sokka.

Kachani pointed out that in the past, new students did not know what their housing situations would be until August or early September. "They end up having to convert lounges into barracks where 40 people sleep on the floor for 3 weeks until they find housing," he said.

Last year, most of the lottery process was completed on paper, less than twenty percent of applicants chose to apply online. This year, everyone will be required to use the online forms.

In addition, students will be able to receive constant feedback regarding how much on-campus housing is left and which lottery numbers are being served when. "Graduate students will have a clear picture of whether they will get housing or not. Therefore, if they don’t get housing, they can look for [an apartment] earlier," said Kachani.

Kachani hopes that these changes will rectify the deficiencies he perceived in the old system.

The new system was ready to be implemented in November, and by January, both undergraduate and graduate students were receiving information about the changes to the lottery.

Jennifer Krishnan contributed to the reporting of this story.

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Moderator: Kosta Tsipis, Director
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**Guinier Keynotes MLK Event**

Institute President Charles M. Vest chatted with students before the Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast in Walker Thursday morning.

However, the morning’s most poignant moment belonged to Ramirez, the student recipient of the MLK Leadership Award, who tearfully accepted her prize on behalf of the entire Chicano community at MIT. Vest lauded Ramirez for her service to the MIT community, citing her work as an associate adviser and the former president of La Unión Chicana por Aztlan.

In a continuing celebration of King’s legacy, an installation designed by students in the IAP MLK Design Seminar is currently on display in Lobby 10. Kedra N. Newsom ’02 explained that students in the seminar watched videos and held discussions about civil rights in order to create a piece of art that reflected contemporary racial struggles.

Students then created four gold bodies, each burdened by a ball and chain representative of the larger issues of ignorance, miseducation, denial and complacency that society faces. Also on display are three "rooms": focusing on stereotypes, violence and immigration as minority issues. The artwork will be dedicated in a ceremony today at noon in Lobby 10.

**Stipends Increase**

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by than stipend increases. “I think housing costs have gone up significantly since rent controls have been removed in Cambridge, and I don’t think we were taking that into consideration,” he said.

After the GESG made its recommendations, the Schools of Science and Engineering chose to approve the increases. The Schools of Humanities, Arts, and Social Science and Architecture and Planning have yet to vote on these increases, but there is considerable pressure to accept them.

Individual departments have the ability to modify stipends by up to ten percent, but such a move would be extremely unlikely. Graduate Student Council President Soulaymane Kachani praised the GESG’s actions. “David Litster really did a lot. He pushed for as much as he could,” said Kachani.

**Housing prices to increase**

However, Kachani believes that the increases were merely sufficient to combat rising costs of living. In previous years, Kachani said that the stipend increases were actually smaller than cost-of-living increases.

Dean for Graduate Students Isaac M. Colbert said that MIT determined cost of living for graduate students by obtaining housing and food costs from standard sources. These were then compared to the stipends and costs and at peer institutions.

MIT plans within the next few years to raise rents for on-campus graduate housing to match market prices: “The fact of the matter is that they are going to increase rents on campus,” said Kachani.

According to Kachani, MIT plans to increase rents by four to five percent per year for the next five years. Currently, a double occupancy room at Ashdown House costs $550 a month, which is comparable to the price of similar housing off campus.

Kachani said that the MIT Medical Center plans to become self-sufficient, which should increase medical costs for graduate students.

Although Colbert hopes that this will give graduate students more purchasing power, he said that “we have no hopes of meeting all their financial needs.” Kachani claims that, according to his calculations, a stipend of $2500 per month would be required to cover all graduate student costs.

“I think that we are really moving in the right direction in terms of housing, stipends, and other things,” Colbert said. “I want graduate students to know that the administration is really making an effort.”

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This year’s MIT $50K Entrepreneurship Competition started with the Spring Kick-Off on Tuesday night, featuring a keynote speech by Tom Leighton PhD ’81.

Leighton is an MIT mathematics professor and the co-founder and chief scientist of Akamai Technologies, Inc.

$50K contest has three rounds

Elad B. Gil G, lead organizer of the contest, described the three rounds in this year’s competition. As part of the opening round, each participating team must submit a three to five page executive summary by Feb. 20. The summary would cover such issues as the teams’ central business concept, potential markets, competitive advantages, and future finances.

In round two, about 30 to 50 semi-finalist teams are asked to submit full 20 to 30 page business plans. These plans would elaborate on the first round’s executive summaries. By this time, most teams would have had considerable exposure to and contact with potential investors.

For the final round, five to eight teams are selected to give 25-minute presentations, including a 10-minute question and answer period, to a panel of judges. The $30,000 Robert P. Goldberg Grand Prize is awarded to the winning team, and two $10,000 cash prizes are given to the runners-up.

“IT’s interesting how the $50K Competition brings together both sides of MIT every year to make creative business models,” Gil said. “One thing you can do at MIT is recruit a world-class advisory board.”

Commenting on Booz-Allen’s close ties with the competition and the Sloan School of Management, Krishnan said that “we hope to build some great businesses this year, so don’t disappoint us.”

He went on to list the most exciting fields for start-ups, stressing that business-to-business, not peer-to-peer enterprises hold greater potential in today’s financial markets.

Akamai a past $50K contestant

After a brief listing of previous years’ finalists and notable contestants, Gil introduced the keynote speaker, Tom Leighton, a former Sloan faculty member and a finalist in the 1998 $50K Competition. Leighton graduated summa cum laude from Princeton University with a bachelor’s degree in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and received his PhD in mathe-
Goldman, Sachs & Co.
The following divisions will be interviewing on campus:

Global Investment Research
February 23 on-campus interviews
For consideration, please submit resume no later than February 9

Investment Banking Division
February 15 on-campus interviews
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February 21 on-campus interviews
For consideration, please submit resume no later than February 14

Fixed Income, Currency & Commodities—Research
February 20 on-campus interviews
For consideration, please submit resume no later than February 14
Naveen Goela '03 reaches a rail shot during the varsity squash match against Connecticut College on Tuesday. Goela shut out his opponent 3-0.

Going into the final event, the triple jump, the three schools were separated by a total of 2.5 points. The sole MIT jumper was Chinwe P. Nyenke '04. With the support of all her teammates, she bounded to fourth place and a personal record of 33'8.75. This jump bettered her own rookie and varsity records and was yet another New England Division III qualifying effort.

In the end, MIT finished fourth with 87 points, only half a point behind Tufts, who finished third with 87.5 points, while Ithaca took second with 94.5 points. MIT will host a coed invitational meet this coming Saturday as more Lady Tracksters attempt to qualify for championship meets.

**Scoreboard**

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Naveen Goela '03 blocks the spike from a Roger Williams University forward with assistance from Kai McDonald '03, winning the point in the second game of the match. Roger Williams defeated MIT 3-1 (28-30, 30-28, 30-20, 30-23) in DuPont on Tuesday.

**Track to Host Meet Saturday**

Traditional meet took second with an ECAC qualifying effort while Crystal S. Ray ’04 took fourth with another New England Division III qualifying throw. Miquela C. Vigil '03 just missed scoring for the team, placing ninth with her personal best throw.
In Close Meet at Tufts

By Teresa M. Hung

The MIT women’s track team traveled to Tufts this past Saturday to compete against the Tufts Jumbos as well as Amherst, The College of New Jersey, Ithaca, Springfield, Trinity, Wesleyan, and WPI. Despite a solid team effort, MIT settled for fourth place in a close and exciting meet.

Early in the meet, MIT vaulted to second place thanks to the first and second finishes of Vanessa Li ’02 and Catherine A. Twedtedle ’04 in the pole vault. Li won the event clearing 10 feet and Twedtedle tied for second clearing 9 feet. Li’s height qualified her for All New England again while Twedtedle’s set a new personal record height and qualified her for the Eastern College Athletics Conference tournament.

With three participants in the finals of the weight throw, MIT was guaranteed big points. Princess Inosudhode ’02 again led the way with yet another NCAA provisional qualifying throw of 51’9.25” to claim first. Teammates Akua A. Asa-Awuku ’03 and Adrienne M. Irmer ’02 took third and sixth respectively with their efforts.

Asa-Awuku improved her personal record from a foot and again qualified again for ECACs. Irmer again qualified for New England Division IIIs.

Nydia M. Clayton ’04 wowed all her teammates as she broke the 55-meter hurdle varsity record twice and provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division III National Championships. In the trials, Clayton claimed the varsity record by 0.01 seconds with her time of 8.54. In addition, she broke her own record as she finished in 8.45. In addition, Clayton took third in the long jump with yet another ECAC qualifying effort.

Adeline L. Kuo ’02 finished seventh in the 55-meter dash in another New England Division III qualifying time. Joining her for New England Division IIs championship meet are Chi-Ao Wu, Michael H. Mcletchie ’02 and Sarah E. Cotton ’04. Wang qualified in the 800-meter while Cotton qualified in the 400-meter with a rook record performance of 1:28.70.

Martha W. Buckley ’04 continues to improve each week. Running in the slow heats of the 1000-meter and 1500-meter, Buckley’s times of 3:14.44 and 5:00.65 respectively were fast enough to steal sixth and eighth places. In addition, she improved on the rookie records she already owned and qualified for ECACs.

Highlighting the team’s solid efforts, the 4 x 200 relay team of Kuo, Melanie A. Miller ’04, Candace N. Wilson ’04, and Clymmer a team best of 1:53.39 to take first place.

With just the shot put and triple jump remaining, there was a tight race for second place between Tufts, Ithaca, and MIT. The throwers, as a team, needed to improve each week.

Nordic Track Team Finishes Second Again

By Teresa M. Hung

The Nordic ski team held on to the number two spot for the third week in a row on February 3. This past weekend, MIT traveled to Osswe, New York. Despite deep snow and a challenging course, the men’s team captured 3rd, 4th, and 5th in last Saturday’s 10 km skate race.

The team finished with Samuel T. Coradetti ’02 in the lead and Christopher M. Testa ’03 and Derek Gardner Southwell ’01 finishing just seconds behind Timoth- y G. Garnett ’02 and Karl-Magnus W. Molsness ’02. Testa also had good races, finishing 11th and 20th, respectively.

Unfortunately, illness plagued the two members of the women’s team. Teresa M. Hung ’02 pulled in third on the first place finish and then withdrew in the 7.5 km skate race, but due to the onset of a strong cold, she had to sit out Sunday’s relay with her fellow sick teammate Marissa L. Yates ’03.

The men, however, delivered a fine performance in the 3 x 5 km classic relay. Southwell held own on the first leg, riding the tails of two of the fastest classic skiers in the league. Testa skied a strong sec- ond lap, and Coradetti skied like a madman to finish off the race in second place.

MIT will host this weekend’s meet at Prospect Mountain in Ben- nington, Vermont.

Women’s Swimming Finish Second in Middlebury Invitation

By Victoria Anderson

The MIT men’s and women’s swimming and diving teams competed at the Middlebury College Invita- tional on February 13 and both squads finished second only to the host team.

The men finished with 420 points to Middlebury’s 545 and well ahead of the two other teams. Middlebury’s College and Nor- wich University scored 198 and 190 points respectively.

The women were slightly closer to the host team, scoring 447 points to Middle- bury’s 571, and also lost Saint Michael’s and Norwich’s scores of 249 and 124.

In the men’s meet, MIT only won two events, but managed to stay competitive in team scoring by garnering several second and third place finishes. The two individ- ual victories came from Jonathan S. Varsanik ’04 in the 200-yard and 100-yard freestyle events with times of 1:49.32 and 50.13.

In both races, Varsanik was closely fol- lowed by teammate Stefan B. Brewley ’01, who touched in at 1:53.84 and 50.44 for sec- ond place in both events.

Other sec- ond place finish- es that added depth to the Beaver’s lineup included Ken- neth D. McCracken G’s performance in the 100 butterfly with a time of 56.21, and the 1:30.81 finish by the 200 freestyle relay of Nathan H. Vantelfde ’04, Varsanik, Brewley, and Erem M. Kic- man ’04.

The women also earned only two victories, one from a relay, and the other from Andrea J. Harmsworth ’03, Robert A. Finn ’02, Rita E. Momon ’04 and Martin V. Tiberg ’02 who picked up the four wins against Middlebury while losing only one, against Hamilton in the 10 and 15-8 during the first two games.

Upcoming Home Events

Saturday, February 10

Men’s & Women’s Indoor Track & Field, Quad Cup Invitational, 2:00 p.m.

Men’s Basketball vs. WPI, 2:00 p.m.

Women’s Ice Hockey vs. Sacred Heart University, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 11

Women’s Ice Hockey vs. Manhattanville College, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 13

Women’s Basketball vs. Wheaton College, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, February 16

Men’s Volleyball vs. Eastern Mennonite University, 7:00 p.m.