Gathering Addresses Diversity

Students ‘Speak Out,’ Open Dialogue

By Vicky Hu

Participants in the Speak Out forum wore all black in an act of unity on Tuesday as they gathered at noon at 77 Mass. Ave. The group marched to the steps of the Student Center, where a podium and microphones were set up.

“I am very afraid. I fear that this community will yield to the inequities of this situation and yet again, our collective voice will not be heard,” said Jonathan S. White ’00 as he dissected the community, “I’m afraid that what is meant to alienate, separate, and further divide will yield to the insecurity of this situation and again, our collective voice will not be heard…”

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“Larry’s credentials as a scholar, educator, and leader make him an ideal choice for Tufts,” said Tufts Board of Trustees Chairman Nathan Gantscher.

Bacow will replace outgoing president John DiBlaggio, who announced his departure from the Medford-based school last fall.

For over 20 years, Bacow has served the Institute as a professor of environmental policy and as an administrator. “Larry Bacow’s contributions to MIT have been extraordinary,” said MIT President Charles M. Vest. “He has led our efforts to advance the implementation of the recommendations of the Task Force on Student Life and Learning and has played a major role in establishing our alliance with Cambridge University. But above all, he has been a member of MIT’s core leadership team.”

As Tufts president, Bacow plans to integrate the university’s seven schools and to create additional research opportunities for undergraduate students. He will also attempt to increase the university’s $600 million endowment, which is small when compared to local rivals like MIT (est. $6 billion) and Harvard ($19.2 billion).

“My job is to make sure we are doing our best to compete with (MIT and its peer institutions),” Bacow said. “We’ll be tough competitors.” Bacow will begin at Tufts in the fall.

Vest planning transition period

“I doubt that there will be an interim appointment for chancellor, Vest said. He also declined to comment on potential candidates for chancellor, if the position is to be filled at all.

Bacow Chosen as New President of Tufts

MIT Chancellor and Professor Leaves a Legacy of Big Plans, Student Confrontations

By Dana Levine

The open forum was organized to facilitate conversation on the MIT campus about racism, sexism, and multiculturalism. It was co-sponsored by many different student groups.

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Focus to Reducing Demand

Clinton Calls for China's Quick Entry into WTO

Former President Clinton on Thursday urged China's quick entry into the World Trade Organization, saying the United States should work as a partner with the Asian nation so that "the world will be a better place.

In a speech here to the Fortune Global Forum, a gathering of about 700 international business executives, Clinton said his efforts as president to build a strong Sino-American relationship were part of a larger drive to involve the United States in Asia's future. He spoke of the growing interdependence of nations as "the central reality of our time" and predicted that the trend will outweigh national differences.

The president has predicted that entry into the WTO will take place by the end of the year.

In both tone and content, Clinton's remarks stood as a contrast to the Bush administration's initial months of dealing with China. Shortly after President Bush assumed office in January, his foreign policy team altered the U.S. approach to China, describing the regime as a strategic adversary, as opposed to Clinton's characterization of it as a strategic partner.

Bush Shifts Drug War Focus to Reducing Demand

President Bush ordered a major shift of emphasis in the war on drugs Thursday - away from "eradicating the incidence of drug use or reducing the amount of drugs used" to a new strategy - along with treatment and interdiction - in what he called "an all-out effort to reduce drug use in America." The new drug policy has compassionately responded to drug use as a moral refusal to accept it, he said.

"We must, and we will do, a better job," Bush said. During his remarks, the president also declared his unequivocal opposition to the legalization of drugs, which he said would lead to a "catastrophe." The president announced the shift in a Rose Garden ceremony while introducing the new director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, John P. Walters, a conservative proponent of former drug czar Bill Bennett who believes street-level drug dealers should be incarcerated.

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The Senate gave final approval Thursday to a broad budget plan endorsed by President Bush that will permit the biggest tax cut in decades and aims to restrain spending on a range of nonmilitary domestic programs.

Despite thousands of episodes of unprotected intercourse, undoubtedly with some AIDS infected men, scientists are shocked to find that a group of more than 100 Kenyan prostitutes had somehow concocted the first experimental vaccine expressly intended for Africans not infected with the human immunodeficiency virus - and a hope for safeguarding the lives of the 95 percent of Africa's population that are not infected.

"They started tearing off the stands," said one witness, who never materialized. The latest call for retention of elements of the Bush plan, reduce it to the figure envisioned in the budget plan and still win bipartisan support.

The emerging legislation would provide more money in the bottom tax rate and delay until 2012 or later the scheduled 10 percent increase in the top rates. The various compromises that have been made are intended to be effective, reduces revenues even more than the original Bush plan, which was expected to cost about the same as the decade covered by the budget blueprint. The Senate budget plan the Finance Committee to complete its work next week, with GOP leaders hoping to deliver a final bill to the president's desk by Memorial Day.
Palestinian Security Buildings Come Under Attack from Israel

By Mary Curtius

Israel blasting buildings of Palestinian security forces in the Gaza Strip with missiles Thursday, a day after Prime Minister Ariel Sharon held the Palestinian Authority responsible for the slayings of two Jewish teenagers.

Five surface-to-surface missiles slammed into downtown Gaza City. Dozens of people were injured, Palestinians said, and five were hospitalized.

The attack came hours after a roadside bomb killed two Romanian workers who were repairing a Gaza border fence for the Israelis.

Israelis also thrust several hundred yards into Palestinian-controlled territory in Gaza on Thursday, bulldozing crops and destroying a police outpost near the Kissufim crossing, where the Palestinian workers were killed. Palestinians said three police officers and a civilian were wounded in a firefight that ensued.

“We are fighting among mortars fire and other attacks emanating from,” said Raanan Gissin, Sharon’s spokesman.

The Palestinian security forces with which Israel worked until fighting erupted in September “stopped being security forces a long time ago,” Gissin said. “They became terrorist forces, and we warned them several times against continuing this policy.”

Three of the missiles fired in the late afternoon reportedly struck Palestinian police headquarters. At least one other missile hit the offices of Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat’s Fatah faction, about 400 yards from his headquarters on the Gaza coast. Arafat reportedly was unharmed.

Israel’s commentators blamed Islamic religious leaders and the Palestinian Authority for inciting acts of individual terrorism against Jews.

But Palestinians denied that the killings were an anti-Semitic act, or that incitement in Palestinian and Arab media, which some intellectuals acknowledge does exist, is the cause for such attacks.

House of Representatives Votes To Withhold $244M in U.N. Dues

By Juliet Elperin

The House voted Thursday to withhold $244 million in U.N. arrears next year, striking back at the world body for its decision to oust the United States from a seat on a U.N. human rights panel.

The move came despite warnings from the Bush administration that it could scuttle a deal aimed at settling a long-standing dispute over U.S. debts to the world body.

The 252-165 vote was for a proposal that would allow Congress to pay $582 million in back U.N. dues this year but suspend the next installment unless the United States regains its seat on the U.N. Human Rights Commission.

“This is a deliberate attempt to punish the United States for telling the truth when it comes to human rights violations around the globe,” said Rep. Henry Hyde (R-Ill.), the chairman of the House International Relations Committee who authored the proposal. “To our critics who would say we’re overreaching and overreacting, I would say to do anything less would be a repudiation of our values.

The proposal, which drew the support of 189 Republicans and 62 Democrats, underscored the depth of anger on Capitol Hill in the wake of last week’s vote to remove the United States from its traditional seat on the human rights panel as well as the degree to which many lawmakers remain uneasy with America’s close ties to international organizations.

The United States was edged out of its position on the rights commission in a secret ballot among U.N. members that awarded Austria, France and Sweden the three seats reserved for Western countries.

The halt in payments, which came as the House took up the State Department’s authorization bill for the new fiscal year, threatens to unravel a deal struck in the final weeks of the Clinton administration.

Under that agreement, the United States agreed to pay nearly $1 billion in arrears in exchange for a smaller share of the U.N.’s peacekeeping operations and overall budget.

Virginia Governor Rescinds European Heritage Month

Virginia Gov. James Gilmore declared May “European American Heritage and History Month,” then rescinded the proclamation Thursday after learning that it had been requested by a white supremacist group headed by former Ku Klux Klanman David Duke.

Administration officials blamed the blunder on staffers who didn’t recognize the name of the group, the National Organization for European American Rights, or its Virginia governor, Ron Doggett, a well-known state activist who says whites and blacks should live separate and equal lives.

“David Duke’s group masquerades as an advocacy group for diversity but preaches white supremacy and a dogma of exclusion and hatred,” Gilmore (R) said in a statement issued hastily Thursday morning. “My aims and goals as governor of Virginia are 180 degrees from theirs. A simple mistake was made.”

Gilmore struggled for a year over another contentious proclamation, declaring April “Confederate History Month.” Under pressure from the NAACP and others, Gilmore scrapped that proclamation in favor of one that denounces slavery as the cause of the Civil War and recognizes its black and white combatants.

Bush Sends Fast-Track Trade Plan to Skeptical Congress

President Bush sent his long-awaited trade plan to Congress Thursday, asking lawmakers to grant him broad latitude in negotiating free-trade agreements, which he contends are the key to global prosperity. The proposals got a tepid reception in Congress, where Democrats and some Republicans expressed doubt about Bush’s ability to win approval of the trade package.

In a letter to congressional leaders, Bush said his trade proposals reflect his “strong commitment to open markets around the world for the benefit of American workers, farmers, and businesses.” He urged lawmakers to grant him “fast-track” authority, known previously as “fast track” authority, which would allow him to negotiate trade deals without subjecting them to amendments.

Democrats said they will not support such authority unless Republicans agree to their demands that any new trade agreements include ironclad protections for workers and the environment. Bush’s trade plan acknowledges the importance of such deals but offers few specifics on how he would achieve them.

While Republicans are generally supportive, some are leery of trade deals of any stripe. One senior Republican aide said Bush will have a “very difficult” time rounding up the votes to pass the package.
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**Risk Management Clarifications**

Although an Executive Hearing for Alpha Tau Omega is not being held until next Wednesday, I need to clarify the risk by which the IFC serves in a benefit of its members as an organization that governs itself. We are not working with MIT or the CLC to try and "shut one of our member fraternities in the house" (as the FSILG has done). Instead, we are working with MIT and the CLC to allow the IFC to practice a self-governing system. The IFC is not the IFC, and we are awaiting the results of our hearing. The IFC is serving as a frontline facet needed for MIT to keep itself at arm's length from its own duty work," as Chak claims, but rather, we are working our job as a governing board not to conduct the investigation.

If there are any further questions concerns the IFC policy, actions, or goals, please contact the IFC President P. Pfeiffer at rpp@mit.edu, or any other member of the IFC Executive Committee entirely by e-mail (ifc-exec@mit.edu) or any of the respective officers on the Committee.

The IFC Executive Committee

**MIT Admins: License to Beat Up?**

I would like to take this opportunity to applaud the administration for doing the right thing. In the wake of the ATO/RooM incident, finally, we see the rights and needs of the members of our community being upheld. Every community and institution of which I have previously been a part has blatantly viol- ated my rights. But MIT, on the other hand, has shown that it supports my right to beat people up if they call me names. I will probably take this opportunity to start wearing my yarmulke. Not out of pride at my Jewish heritage, mind you, but in hopes of hearing more anti-Semitic comments. Thank you, MIT, as a sign of my appreciation, I will donate $10 to my senior gift for any anti-Semitic the administration lets me attack without penalty.

Geoffrey Williamson

**Fun With C Lip Art**

As a Jewish Jew, I find Aaron Inksen's "Fun with Clip Art" [May 4] to be insulting, although I'm sure he didn't mean it that way. May I suggest that if you want to contribute to an atmosphere of tolerance on campus, you avoid publishing pieces that more so than anything else, indicate a lack of understanding of what an event as "around 25 people present in a small event under the definition with less than the FSILG ...". It continues to list guidelines for interpretation of what an event might be. The FSILG property or is funded in any way by the FSILG. In April 2001, The Tech published a piece by Daniel T. Lee that provided a broad interpretation of what an event as "around 25 people present in a small event under the definition with less than the..."

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** närna**
On Friday of Spring Weekend, members of the Roots engaged in a miniature scuffle with some students and a hunt for authority and prerogativity. In responding to some statements that were racially insensitive and the subsequent hunt for authority, the group has been involved with invasions involving other groups at MIT and Harvard, and most notably, an incident involving hate mail from a brother to a gay student which eventually led to the student being strung up on barbed wire fences in Wyoming. These actions form an unfortunate pattern, and it is irresponsible to present MIT's censure as a result of this behavior compared to fratrimony.

Today, America is a relatively rare expression of the image of the American master vision, a moral equivalent of war. Unfortunately, this ideological rhetoric was marred by the Bush administration's willingness to stretch its credibility to its own American people. This eventually led to gas-siphoning, increased drug trafficking, and the election of an actor as Carter's immediate successor. Nevertheless, it showed that the people of this country had too much pride to sit idly by as troubles mounted around them.

At least, that was the idea. President Bush seems to have a different conception of the American master plan: a moral equali- vatization of stagnation. So long as the idea of stagnation and the rest of the country along with it is maintained, things will get sorted out. Compare his approach to the contemporary energy crisis in California and in Chicago (which just shows that the rest of Illinois is backwards) with the current crisis in the power industry. While Bush advise Americans to regard the deficien- cies in our power infrastructure as signs of potential energy overconsumption, the official word out of Washington is, “It should be the government's policy to maintain the status quo all the way of life... The American way of life is a blessed one, and we have a bounty of renewable, clean energy. Nobody wants it."

Not only is the current energy problem a major snag, but it is now the American patri- otic duty to pretend that nothing is happening. For those who doubt the precedents for such tactics, look no further than World War II—Superman, who protected the flag of America’s economic struc- ture, there are three possible conclusions one can draw from these facts:

The first is that racist elements still exist within our society, and it may take government intervention to correct them. The force of the charge is routinely denied and dismissed with curious zeal, but it must be true to deserve more explo- ration. The second possibility is that blacks have not overcome the handicaps left by hun- dreds of years of slavery and the following period of discrimination. Consequently, it may again be necessary to offer a hand up to set them on equal footing.

The final conclusion is that the black race is inferior. If everyone is on equal footing, as the pages of a right-wing editorial page would have you believe, then blacks are not able to perform as well as members of other races. There is something inherent to being black which means that one is less likely to perform well in society as those who are not black. On occasion, you will make less money, go to jail more frequently, use more drugs, and hold inferior employment positions, if you are employed at all.

There is no certain or anyone else for that matter that the energy crisis has not yet admitted to this sort of racism. But their logic leads naturally to this conclusion. They angrily deny it to itself, and they deny it to the world. It is unfortunate and destructive that this is so.

In summary, it seems that America, a society where tensions still exist and in some cases seem to be escalating, a recent analysis reviewing the implications of things that he himself has said about China, and the rest of the world. The American master plan: a moral equivalent of intransigence. The most salient statistic is that blacks, as are whites. Recent evi- dence might suggest that blacks are much more likely to be promoted and rewarded in the organization than whites, and were much more likely to face disciplinary action for the same state he lost in the election... He holds our well-being in higher regard than his own standing. Also, he is just a puppet. Other elements of the country's policy are equal obstability. Look no further than the management of China in shades of Gerald Ford's debate bluff about no Soviet domination in Eastern Europe. Bush in our interest in the globe days of American imperialism, the former Secretary of State’s vision, and the rest of the world are affected by.

Don’t forget that the United States has restarted surveillance flights near China, due to the idea that the United States has no authority in this regard. They have, however, been involved in voting the U.S. out of the United Nations — a sufficient one, even if the conclusions are varied. These calls will likely produce a cynical response in most who hear them, and with good reason: they seldom accomplish much. It could be that living in a diverse college community is as good an educator as we can hope to create, and it may be the most important thing we can do, but not to perfectly plan the results of the latest election.

Perhaps it is time to stop seeking the same tired solutions, because they are failing us. Perhaps it is time to consider a serious step: to make it a point to personally explore our own feelings about ourselves and racist attitudes. Perhaps it's not time to reflexively respond to a relatively minor inci- dent consisting of a hypothetical quote from a movie and a derogatory comment that may or may not have existed. Perhaps it is time to stop harried forayed of rushed and ineffective solutions.

There is a race problem in America, and it is not going away. The solutions we thought we had a decade ago are not working. We have a legacy of discrimination, and others alike.

Kenesha Bennett

On Tuesday, several...
Down with Science

by Jennifer DiMase

May 11, 2001

the crass rat

I DON'T WANT TO STUDY.

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WEREN'T YOU ON THAT PAGE WHEN I LEFT TWO HOURS AGO?

I HATE MY LIFE.


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uhhh... me... 2

and... i... will... tests... 9 a week... tests... in... a hour...

me... 2

don't u just love the feeling u get when u only had 1 hour of sleep and u have 2 exams 2 go to?

Yeah... i'm... in... i'm... i'm... i'm


In 10 mins, you're getting tossed around in a prison...


Mat and Solar

We have the last Solar and were... someplace... well...

EXCELLENT...

Well... this... revenge


...uh...


...

I'm not laughing at you...

I don't wanna... I have a plan
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Resonance is: David Zych, Jay Humphries, Jon Sheffi, Sarah McDougal, Matt Leal, Usman Akeju, Rego Sen, Amrita Ghosh, Bo Zhao, Steve Niemczyk, Charlene St. Pierre, Sara Jo Elice, Sara Tenenbein, Dan Lowrey, Jessica Hinel
Amores Perros (★★★) — A Chicar car crash ties together the lives of five emotional refugees in what is certainly one of the most important cultural and stylistic movies to ever come out of Mexico. Beautifully shot (and gut-wrenchingly violent), Amores Perros will must-see for devotees of international cinema, and for anyone interested in, or familiar with, Latin American culture. Look for more good things from a director hailed as the Tarantino of Mexican Cinema, Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu. — Joel Horne

American Gods (★★★★) — MIT alumns Dune Kadarne stars as Krishna “call me Kris” Reddy, a young Indian-American who is deeply affected by American culture that only a cute Indian-American girl can lure him back toward his native side. Writer/director Piyush Dinkar Pandya sketches some hilarious portraits of kids caught up in cultural cues, but ultimately the film seems to settle for being a very light-hearted and fairly uninteresting romantic comedy. The serious issues surrounding cultural conflict are left entirely untouched. In this, the film will only entertain those with a healthy appetite for Indian in-jokes. — Amandeep Loomba

Blow (★★★★) — Christian Bale plays George Jung, the ambitious young capitalist responsible for creating the Colombion cocaine drug trade. Nick Cassavettes and David McKenna’s script seems to overly sympathize with Jung and omits the real story of how the cartel was created and coke trafficking. However, director Ted Demme’s biopic does rise above its own shortcomings. With a great lead turned in by Bale and a wonderfully supporting role by Ray Liotta, Blow may not win a single Oscar, but it is one of the better films available in current release. — Joseph Graham

Brotherhood of Blades (★★) — Starring Renée Zellweger, Colin Firth, and Hugh Grant, Brothers’ Journey is an experiment in action of Helen Fielding’s novel. For any girl that has ever struggled with a novel, the film is a good laugh and shows what one often would like to say but refuses from saying. However, if you’re in the mood for a large amount of action or very deep drama, don’t choose this movie. — Pey-Hua Huang

Center of the World (★★) — Wayne Wang’s new film revolves around the sort-of-crazy but endearing Richard (Peter Sarsgaard of Boys Don’t Cry), a dot-com millionaire with a Petronius fascination for Florence (Molly Parker), a stripper of the watch-but-don’t-touch variety. After he convinces her to spend three nights in Vegas with him for ten thousand dollars and a promise to uphold a contract (no actual sex, no kissing on the lips, visitation privileges between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m.), the emotional stakes rise and the relationship spirals out of control. Three nights, two hookers and five latex dresses later, Richard and Florence are left to pick up the pieces. Moral of all the pretense? Don’t being a frigid bitch with you to Vegas. — JH

Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles (★★) — Paul Hogan returns as the Outback’s most famous croc-hunter Mick Dundee and the only thing different this time out is the film’s setting. Mick duads his way through all the LA hot spots like the proverbial fish out of water, again. Rooms of the popular original Dundee flicks may enjoy the third installment as long as nothing new is expected. — JG

Driven (★★) — Director Renny Harlin mixes stock footage, choreographed stunt driving, and computer-generated effects with very impression- ing results. Unfortunately, Sylvester Stallone’s screenplay lacks any kind of convincing human drama. Driven provides plenty of action while the story and characters take a back seat. — RJ

Freddy Got Fingered (★★) — A bizarre, incompetent son, Gordon (Tom Green), encounters lame jobs, love, wild ani- mals, and shocked people in his hilarious, action-packed pleasure to give his slightly dis- turbed, delving father (Rip Torn). Fingered makes for a must-see for fans of Green’s television show, which is essentially duplicated in the film. — Sandy Chang

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

Memento (★★★★) — Christopher Nolan’s Memento is a puzzle box movie, breaking up its narrative and shifting it in time, and is superbly successful in putting the audience in the same frame of mind as the ticking bomb of a protagonist, who is pursuing a criminal while suffering from memory loss. Top-notch suspense, dark comedy, and abundance of meaning make this a movie to be Remembered. About half of the cast of The Matrix appears in colorless supporting parts. — Vladimir Zeldovitsky

The Mummy Returns (★★★) — A bigger film than the first on the scale of action sequences and digital special effects (which make for a truly spectacular last half an hour), but less funny — and thus less enjoy- able. Brendan Fraser still uses his great comic timing, but the plot is just a sequence of unnecessarily slow-moving plot devices involving overly elaborate and exotic deaths.

One Night at McCool’s (★★) — Liv Tyler shines as a seductress with an unexpected ulterior motive who brings passion, crime, and happiness into the lives of three very different men. — SC

You Can Count On Me (★★★) — Winner of the 2000 Cannes Grand Jury Prize, this is a poignant film about a sister and a brother. Offering provocative writing, sin- cere acting and engaging editing, this film treats you like a friend who’s been inadvertently asked to sit in the living room as a fami- ly drama begins unfolding. The characters are real and their challenges tangible. — Erik Blankenship

ENDERS’ ZONE A DUD

By Chad Sarratt

I’m here, I don’t know what the Armada is after, and I don’t know what an “Ender” is, although the game frequently refers to them. Unless you check out the web site <http://www.konami.co.jp/english/products/zone/> you won’t know a thing about the game. And I shouldn’t have to check out a web site to get the main story, that’s what instruction manuals are for.

But when you start the game, you won’t care. The PK2 controller (finally) offers opti- mal play control, and allows you to travel in all three dimensions without funky camera problems or confusing controls. But the game actually uses the right analog stick.

Everything seems to be good at first, but then the actual gameplay sets in. Bandai, enter your enemy squad, get passcode, get new weapon, leave area. The battle scenes are great, but there are only seven or eight enemies that you can fight; and even those enemies are four times as thick as the previous parts. And when you have to fight hundreds of identical enemies, that creeping feeling of boredom will grow on you very quickly. It’s a minor blessing that the game is short (three to five hours, max).

The game has five bosses with set attack patterns, weaknesses, and taunts. In a move oddly reminiscent of StarFox, the game requires you to use the right weapon at the right time. Those moments were fun, but after you send the boss rolling, it’s back to the banal world of “passcode-hunt.”

The graphics for this game are incredible, and the models are great (not as cool as Onimusha despite their limited vari- ety, and the running screen effects are beautiful to look at. The game engine can handle multiple objects with no slowdown at 60 frames per second.

The sound helps to set up the mood. Finally, someone used techno music the way it should have been used — in a futuristic game. The tracks are techno, but not the generic techno crud that rattle in my ears every time I play an action game. The original soundtrack music and the mood makes your playing experi- ence totally riveting to the nose.

The story and vocalization was pretty terri- ble, though. For one thing, the voices are pret- ty boxy, ranging from okay to terrible. (Note: I wish Celvice would shut up. I really do. I don’t need someone congratulating me for every minor accomplishment I make.)

Another thing, if you’re going to have voices that suck that much (with no lip sync to accompany it, by the way) at least have an available Japanese soundtrack. Onimusha did it. The Bouncer did it. And both of those included a Japanese track while still being crammed with full motion video sequences, so there is no excuse. The story could have been cool, but it has so many vocalization problems.

This game is a relic of a bygone era. The player mode is practically non- existent, so it’s not even worth mentioning. This game could have been so much better, but limited gameplay and terrible localization ruins one of the greatest visual and aural treats you can find on the PS2.
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ATO Case Will Go Before IFC

By Matthew Palmer

The Interfraternity Council Judicial Committee has charged MIT’s Alpha Tau Omega fraternity with three counts relating to the altercation between some fraternity brothers and The Roots band two weeks ago.

At its Executive Board Review on Wednesday, JudComm and ATO will discuss the facts of the case and possibly determine a punishment.

The IFC has charged that ATO violated parts of the IFC’s risk management policies, according to IFC JudComm Chair Thomas B. Fisher ’02.

Specifically, Fisher alleges that ATO failed to register a small event on the roof where alcohol was present (namely, the roofdeck gathering of people), thereby failing to comply with state law, and that their actions were, according to the policy, “detrimental to the reputation of the MIT Community, the Interfraternity Council and its members.”

The Executive Review comes after ATO has sanctioned itself, and has been punished by the administration, over the weekend of the incident.

Still, Fisher said he feels the review is warranted. “That’s the big fear here — what might happen with the CLC intervention is possible — and so we feel the need to come from the incident, especially in defining an event,” he said.

ATO has already taken. “I feel like the Executive Review gives us a good opportunity to highlight what we’ve done and ask for support,” Glover said. “We’re definitely in light of the corrective actions we’ve been done. He also said he hopes that the CLC will feel enough has been done. He also said he hopes that “MIT will back us up on this because the reputation of the IFC will certainly be damaged as a result.”

Incident hurt IFC reputation

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EECS, Management Leading Majors for Class of 2004

By May Zhou

May 11, 2001

Results from this year’s freshmen major selections have arrived, and Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Management, and Biology remain the three most popular major choices.

Of the 989 students in the Class of 2004, 928 declared a major, 15 chose to remain undeclared, and 46 are missing forms, as reported by the Registrar’s Office. Most students expressed a mixture of excitement and nervousness: “I was nervous for a little while,” said Lisa M. Bell ‘04, who will major in economics. “Then I realized whatever I did could be changed if I didn’t like it, plus I realized that it was all about exploring anyway, so it became more about choosing what I wanted to find out about myself.”

Departments see minor changes

The overall distribution of majors among the five academic schools continues to follow past trends. As in previous years, the School of Engineering is again the most popular school, attracting about 53 percent of the freshmen class. The School of Science came in second with 25 percent, and the Sloan School of Management rounded out the top three with 11 percent.

Across the departments, however, trends have shifted.

One notable change is the arrest of a steady growth pattern in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS). While continuing to be the most popular department at MIT, Course VI has experienced a drop of about 40 to 50 majors compared to last year.

There are three reasons for that, according to Anne M. Hunter, Administrator of the EECS Bachelor’s Programs and the Master of Engineering Program.

“First, it’s because of the economy, especially as it affects the job market,” said Hunter. “Second, students who want both VI and XV [Management] are going ahead to find out about myself.”

“I chose [Course] XV because I want to make money,” said Nick Bash ‘04. “I like the fast-paced and risk-difficult world of industry today.”

Some of the smaller departments, such as the Department of Ocean Engineering, have been actively trying to draw new majors with special programs and open houses.

“Our Pre-Orientation program was well-received, although we were hoping it would attract more freshmen and sophomores,” said Sharon H. Trotsh, Administrative Officer for Ocean Engineering. The department has grown from only seven undergraduates four years ago to its current number of 16.

Open Houses help freshmen

When asked about their choice of major, freshmen cited various deciding factors.

Many took advantage of the departmental open houses during the first weeks of April to gain a better sense of each major’s academic focus and career opportunities. Students sought additional information, especially about the smaller departments, by asking upperclassmen, professors, and advisers.

“I met for less than ten minutes with my adviser,” Bell said about the selection process. Bell said that her adviser took much of the pressure off of the seemingly weighty decision. “He basically told me to do whatever I was interested in, and to not be afraid because if I decided to switch, it was no big deal.”

“I chose to be Course IX because I like 9.00 and because I really didn’t like physics,” said Michelle B. Machon ‘04, who is also considering minoring in mathematics. “I thought about being an engineering student, but I realized that physics was so tough for me … I didn’t want to struggle throughout my four years here and I wanted to enjoy what I studied.”

First year influences major choice

For some freshmen, experiences in certain classes became important influences, both positive and negative.

Clarissa Y. Smith ‘04, who declared Course XXV, Linguistics and Philosophy, attributed her decision to a class. “I enrolled in 24.900, Intro to Linguistics, and the class was just very intriguing.”

Also affecting the decisions of many freshmen was the level of student-faculty interaction.

“I intend on doubling in VI and XI [Urban Studies and Planning],” said Sean J. Leonard ‘04. “But I chose Course XI first because I wanted to be associated with a smaller major … [where] there’s a faculty focus and opportunities such as a department field trip that large departments do not offer.”

Students who have not yet selected a major may do so any time during their sophomore year.
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I am currently in Greece on MIT business, so I will visit the Oracles at Delphi to seek their suggestions," Vest said.

On a more serious note, Vest said that he is “giving considerable thought to best structure and people for the administration going forward. I place great emphasis on having a leadership team having complementary talents and expertise.”

Residential life Bacow’s legacy

As Bacow departs for Medford, he leaves behind a legacy of ambitious long-term plans, some of which have brought about contentious relations with students. Bacow mentioned the redesign of the residence system as an important part of his MIT legacy. The redesign, based heavily on his 1999 report, combined student interests with the requirement to house all freshmen on campus in 2002. Bacow’s plan was praised by student leaders at the time.

“MIT is losing someone who played a strong role in shaping this campus as we move into the next century, and his presence will be missed here,” said Undergraduate Association President Peter A. Shulman ’01.

However, recent student life decisions made under Bacow have drawn criticism from the student body. Early in the academic year, students criticized the administration’s plan to place TEAL, a new physics program, into the Student Center’s fifth floor reading room. Many claimed that this represented an unwelcome intrusion of academic life into student territory. Students protested more recently after the preliminary description of a Residence-Based Advising program was leaked to students. Under the proposal, administrators would live with students in undergraduate and graduate dormitories. Both proposals were eventually modified by the administration after students voiced their concerns.

Bacow responded by saying that initiatives like TEAL and RBA were critical in reaching his goal of integrating students and faculty. “Massachusetts Avenue should not be a wall,” he said. “We need more integration.” In his view of the MIT experience, Bacow said that students would benefit greatly from getting to know at least one faculty member well enough “to keep in touch for the rest of their lives.”

As chancellor, Bacow worked to support a variety of programs that brought students and faculty together, participated in student-faculty activities like Leadershape, Stochastic Student Dinners, and served as faculty adviser to the Zeta Psi fraternity.

Bacow impacted athletics program

The state of MIT athletics also reflects Bacow’s legacy at MIT. Under his administration, the Institute increased funding for athletics by 30 percent, added new varsity sports, and began work on the $45–52 million Zesiger Center. At the same time, however, junior varsity teams were removed from the athletics budget.

“If you’re going to have an excellent [athletics] program,” Bacow said, “you need to make hard choices.” He added that the decisions made would provide a long-term benefit to the Institute’s athletic life.

Bacow said that the Cambridge-MIT Institute would also mark his legacy. “Our students who are over there [in Cambridge] are having a great time,” Bacow said, adding that he looks forward to the expansion of the program this year.

Bacow to Leave MIT

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Institute Professor Paul A. Samuelson spoke on “The New Ball Game in Economics” Tuesday night to a packed 6-120.

The Nobel Laureate focused primarily on the action of the Federal Reserve and its role in determining economic policy, as well as “Merlin the magician” — better known as Alan Greenspan.

Samuelson said that in defiance of all the orthodoxies of central banking, “the Federal Reserve must be our main economic stabilizer.” However, he also said that Greenspan did not believe that it was his goal to prop up the stock market.

The stock market has the power to predict what happens in the main market, Samuelson said. “Yes, Wall Street predicts the future.” However, he also mentioned that “the mechanisms between Wall Street and Main Street are not the same today as they were in say 1929.”

Samuelson was also critical of the Bush tax cut policies. Acknowledging that he himself had been a classical economist, he felt that “only when Miss Capitalism is in mortal peril … in an oxygen tent … should fiscal policy be altered,” and that changing the fiscal policy would be “not a crime but a blunder … I’ve learned that I can sometimes be wrong, but the worst crime is to stay wrong.”

He also pointed out the generation gap between himself and most of his audience several times as he asked the audience if they had ever heard of the “liquidity trap” or the “paradox of thrift,” and no one raised his or her hand.

Samuelson also made several allusions to the difficulties of forecasting the economics of the future. “Economics is necessarily not a precise science,” he said. He also noted that it was best to use “informed intelligence over dogmatic rules” when trying to determine public policy, and that “optimal forecasting should be sluggish forecasting.” He said that in this way there would be a couple of economic turns that would be missed; however, it would still be far more accurate than just throwing darts at a board.

He also described America’s mentality as an “overspending, zero-saving society.” Samuelson opens floor to questions

After he finished his prepared speech, Samuelson took questions from the audience. An engineer asked if Samuelson would care to explain the “liquidity trap” or the “paradox of thrift.” Samuelson responded, “Do you expect me to rectify four years of undergraduate education in five minutes?” but then proceeded to explain as the engineer exclaimed, “it’s all about efficiency.”

Audience members also asked why Samuelson favored monetary (supply-side) as opposed to fiscal (demand-side) economics. He answered by saying that until 2020 there should be a build up of capital because of the impending retirement of the baby-boomers and that higher capital would also spur productivity.

Samuelson also talked a bit about Japan’s economy. “Japan has the most misgoverned system,” he said as he cited an overly bureaucratic system where all of the economics were learned in-house.

Samuelson joined the MIT Department of Economics faculty in 1940. In 1970, he won the Nobel Prize for his work to raise the level of scientific analysis in economic theory. He was the first ever to win this award. In 1948, Samuelson wrote the best-selling introductory textbook Economics. In addition, he has written Foundations of Economic Analysis and five volumes of The Collected Scientific Papers of Paul A. Samuelson (1966-86).
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Watch for posters on campus...
By Rubi Rajbanshi

Professor Hale Van Dorn Bradt began teaching at MIT as an Instructor in Physics in 1961, after earning his PhD in physics from MIT. This year, the popular astrophysicist is retiring. The Tech interviewed Bradt and got the inside scoop on his future, his interests, and his 40-year career at MIT.

The Tech: You earned your PhD at MIT and have been teaching since then. Why did you never leave?

Bradt: You know, a professor friend of mine, Professor Deutch [Institute Professor John M. Deutch] was asked this question and replied, ‘because I like change.’

The Tech: So MIT is an ever-changing place … is that your reason?

Bradt: Yes. MIT was always a fine institution with exciting research opportunities and even the possibility of creating them.

The Tech: You majored in music at Princeton University. How did this lead to a PhD in Physics?

Bradt: Actually when I was at Princeton I was flipping a coin between physics and music. When I joined the U.S. Navy training base after a year or two in college, I realized I could think spatially and logically in mathematical ways others couldn’t grasp as fully. So I came back to Princeton my senior year and ended up staying there a fifth year to take the physics classes I needed to get into MIT grad school, and I never left.

The Tech: What are some of the most significant changes you’ve seen at MIT?

Bradt: Well, demographically, I would say that MIT has changed dramatically in terms of the prevalence of women and minorities and different nationalities. There is also a tremendous flexibility in the kinds of courses students can take. In my day, we had a choice of only one math course, one physics course, and one chemistry course. There was even a scheduled day every week where we would have exams.

The Tech: What has stayed the same?

Bradt: (laugh): Spring fever …

The Tech: What will you miss most about MIT?

Bradt: Things like the excitement of knowing and even being part of new discoveries, interacting with students in a teaching environment which proved to be very rich. Every September was very exciting for me. I’ll also miss the incredible people I have worked with these past years, although I hope to keep in touch with them. There was never any backbiting or small-minded scientific competition among my peers here.

The Tech: Will you continue to do research in astrophysics after you retire?

Bradt: I probably won’t take the lead on any big projects but I’d like to stay in touch with projects that have interested me, like the Rossi Timing project. I’d like to maintain an active academic life although I won’t be teaching any big lectures anymore. I might go to some freshman seminars sometimes though, maybe in astrophysics. I’d actually like to get out a published multi-volume set on astrophysics.

The Tech: How far are you on that project?

Bradt: It was actually one of those things, like a senior thesis, that you never finish, but it’s almost completed now. I hope to get the first part of it out within a month or two after classes finish.

The Tech: Any big trips soon?

Bradt: I’ll stay around Cambridge, since I’ve got two daughters and several grandchildren around here. My wife and I, though, may go to Chile for a while.

The Tech: To visit the observatory of Rome?

Bradt: Yes. Actually, we’ve gone to that observatory frequently the past few years and we’ve gotten to know the people of Italy, the language, and the experiences were rich and rewarding.

The Tech: So you have a lot of things lined up …

Bradt: A lot of things that I love. I used to go sailing around here and I have a fast sporty seventeen-footer that I’d like to tip. I feel like almost like a freshman again, not knowing what’s out there … there’s an adventurous feeling about this.

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Members of the Society for Creative Anachronism practice Renaissance-period fighting on the lawn behind Kresge Wednesday evening. The Society also sponsors chainmail workshops and Renaissance dancing at MIT every Wednesday.

Hale Bradt Retires after 40 Years at the Institute

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Students Make Varied Plans for Summer Vacation

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groups on campus, including the Black Students' Union, Stop Our Silence, Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, Inc., and Tufts Coalition for Social Justice and Non-Violence.

Guest speakers included not only MIT students and faculty, but also students from the University of Massachusetts and Northeastern University. MIT's Speak Out comes at a time when Northeastern students have been fighting to keep the university from demolishing a building to make way for a new academic center.

Northeastern announced yesterday that it intended to go through with its relocation plans.

A Promise to “Raise Awareness”

Kassett V. Coleman '04, one of the chief organizers of Speak Out, explained the goals of the MIT event. "We thought it would be great to send the message that there should be more open dialogue about these issues. As a community, we have a greater voice and can be more powerful than as separate organizations with the same concerns. We hope to spark off more events like this," Coleman said.

"I have heard stories about racism on this campus, and what people e-mail me and say that they have not experienced sexism or racism, I thought 'well, maybe they just don't know.' Hopefully this event will raise some awareness of these issues here at MIT," Coleman added.

Dean Ayida Mithmbu told the crowd that "It's been 35 years since I have seen a spontaneous demonstration on a campus. I feel good, but at the same time, I am saddened because you are confronting the same issues that others were addressing decades ago."

Racism is here and it is thriving. Most of the time, no one of us up to, but at AT&T, people called these young men on it," Aimee L. Smith G. wrote on Monday.

Michael M. Torrance '02, however, disagrees. "In my time here at MIT I have not experienced any form of racism. That does not mean that it doesn't exist, but I worry sometimes that people jump to action following an alleged incident without gathering enough evidence and rashly thinking things through.

MIT responds to Roots incident

AT&O President Erik M. Glover '04 apologized for "the embarrassment that some of its members have caused the MIT community" and said as pass he that he is "proud of the way my brotherhood has acted in such adverse circumstances. The incident has acted as a catalyst for positive change. It has heightened awareness, inspired many, and facilitated conversation."

Dean of Graduates Students Isaac M. Colbert urged students to "submit articles expressing their concerns and promote awareness about racism and sexism through The Tech." He urged students to "ask questions about these issues, but also trust the leadership and trust the experiences of older people.

Student representatives from Northeastern University, the university that has the most students to Speak Out, and MIT students to support their cause. Students at Northeastern, which is celebrating the relaunch of the John D. O'Bryant African American Institute, said that "This is the time when you must be ready to tear down the John D. O'Bryant African American Institute in 2003. It is the epitome of progress and heads in the direction of success," said Director of Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity, Patricia A. M. Cains.

Petitions and flyers promoting new ideas proposed by members of the student body to better educate the campus about racism and sexism were passed around the crowd at the forum. Some suggestions included making a multiculturalism class part of the General Institute Requirement. The letter also included an official MIT seal from featuring two men to featuring one man and one woman. "Let us honor the women scientists and engineers and show case them as part of this illustrious institution," said Zhelemirent L. Scott '99. In response, Dean Larry Pinkard explained that it was apposed to expose these ideas last week, but I look forward to considering them in the months to come.

Speakers stress student response

The hosts of the forum stressed at Speak Out's closing that the event is not an attack on ATO or on the administration. "The administration is a big part of the issue today. They showed their support in numbers, and it is important that they heard what the students had to say," Coleman said. "There were lots of different perspectives and ideas in planning this event, some were more extreme than others. The important thing is that the end result is good," said Geno Williams '01.

"This is the beginning of the conversation," said Pius A. Uzamere II '04 suggested having a "Write Out" as a follow up to Speak Out, where "people submit articles expressing their concerns and troubling these issues here at MIT," Coleman added.

"I think that opening lines of communication regarding gender and race are very important." Pius A. Uzamere '04

Roberson, Associate Dean Blanche E. Staton said that the students are creating "conversation that is so beautiful in weaving together the issues of racism, sexism, and diversity. You will continue to feel inferior, under-respected, disregarded at times. Change won't take place overnight, but one day at a time, one person at a time. MIT is recognized for its excellence in academics and research. You are now striving to achieve excellence in how to treat each other.

I am overwhelmed by the positive community response to this incident. This is the epitome of progress and heads in the direction of success," said Director of Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Patricia A. M. Cains.

"As we [lawyers] do this, there is no historical precedent. There was an iconic thing you've built," Lessig said. "That story of the potential of the Internet, as told by its creators, that Lessig believes is desperately needed. "If you can't even teach the world just what you've done," Lessig said. "Teach us, in terms you know, of the justice or of freedom, that was imbedded in the code you built."

Stanford Law Professor Lawrence Lessig

Lessig Examines Law And Freedom Online

By Joel Rosenberg

Technologists are to blame for making the power of freedom on the Internet to evade, Stanford Law Professor Lawrence Lessig told a crowd of technologists in 34-101 yesterday.

And now the only way to keep that freedom from disappearing is for people to speak up and teach the lawyers (and everyone else) why the Internet was created the way it was in the first place.

"Teach us, in terms you know, of the justice, or freedom, that was imbedded in the code you built," Lessig said, "and show us how the code is counteracting bad policy. You will quickly erase that same justice or freedom.

Lessig explained how the Internet architects humbly avoided "opening one vision" of the network over another, and instead kept the network as simple and open as possible for others to create through it.

This innovation, Lessig said, was unprecedented in communications technology, and excited innovators from around the world to consider the "code layer."

For historical reasons, the law allows cable companies to restrict what travels over their wires, but prevents such behavior by phone companies. In the "content layer," Congress has already established copyright controls beyond what historically has been considered reasonable, and lawyers are busy pushing enforcement.

With both of these layers pushing in towards the "code layer," the neutral protocols which get the content over the wires, the goal of the powerful interests is to remove new ideas proposed by technologists in 34-101 yesterday.

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News Briefs

Northeastern Demolishes African American Institute

Northeastern University President Richard M. Freeland announced last fall that Northeastern will continue with plans to tear down the John D. O'Bryant African American Institute in 2003.

The building, which is located in the center of the Northeastern campus, was founded in 1968 at the height of the Civil Rights movement. It houses the African American Studies Department, a 6,000 book library, and other resources geared toward black students. The building was also the site of in-the-dormitory, rather than in-the-city, which would be up to three times the size of the original.

Northeastern students claim that the university is not being responsive to their requests to preserve the building, which they believe is a historical landmark. Some have threatened to occupy the building until university officials reverse their plans for demolition.

Thousands to Lose Financial Aid

According to the United States Department of Education, nearly 60,000 students are at risk of losing financial aid and public enforcement of the Higher Education Act's (HEA) drug provision.

Out of the 4,796,228 financial aid applications for the 2001-2002 school year processed by the department, 34,749 contained a "yes" to Question 35, "Have you ever been convicted of a drug violation after completing an additional eligibility worksheet.

Out of about one-half of the total number of applications expected to be filed (9,877,994 were processed for 2000-2001), 17,492 have yet to return a completed worksheet or are partially eligible. Meanwhile, another 10,954 still refuse to answer the required drug questions. Of the 2,054 students who still qualify, only 1,949 actually qualified after completing an additional eligibility worksheet.

Groups such as the NAACP the United Student Association and the National Association of Student Legal Advocates have argued that the HEA drug provision deals a double blow to minorities by thrusting the pre-existing racial bias in drug convictions into higher education. Statistics compiled by the Leadership Committee on Civil Rights show that African-Americans make up 13 percent of illegal drug users but 55 percent of those convicted of drug offenses.
2.007 Robots Run on Wireless Controls for First Time

May 11, 2001

D. Sprunt G, a 2.007 teaching assistant making this switch,” says Alexander Delhagen. “It adds freedom to the future of the design contest itself.”

Students orchestrate their machines’ movements via laptop touchpads, each with four electric channels so that up to four motors can be independently controlled. While each student drives his or her own machine, he or she may solicit the help of another person for actions like triggering a mechanism at a certain time.

“It was the most challenging contest in a while. The physics of the table was more complicated,” Slocum said.

Origin of The Tiltillator

The unofficial theme of the contest derives from the film 2001: A Space Odyssey. Slocum originally wanted to anodize the beams and columns of the table so as to give the appearance of an “ominous, black monolith” in Space Odyssey fashion. The aluminum parts required for the idea, however, were too expensive.

At its inception, the pendulum seesaw design had no clear name. Slocum originally favored the title “Oops, Hal, I Tilted Again” à la Space Odyssey.

“None of the students liked that at all, so on our website we asked students to pick a name,” he notes. The Tiltillator became the clear favorite.

“Another unofficial theme of the contest may have been a certain female pop singer. “In the [Pappalardo] Lab, I would hear students go, ‘Oops, I can’t believe I did that again,’” said Slocum. We put two and two together, and Britney Spears became a sort of theme.”

Slocum will not give away details of next year's table design but offers, “Next year’s design will make Britney Spears seem sedate.”
By Adeline Kuo

This past Saturday, the MIT women’s track team journeyed to Middlebury College to compete in the New England Division III Championships. After an exhausting drive northeast, the team still managed to perform well, taking 11th place overall with all 28 points.

Melanie L. Harris ’01 led the team to a positive start as she completed the 10k race in a personal record and All New Englands qualifying time of 40.126, taking sixth place.

The 3000m steeplechase, while an exhibition event only, was well run by Sarah K. Perlmutter ’02. Coming around the track 7.5 times and over 35 hurdles, Perlmutter earned a fourth place finish in her first ever 3K steeplechase with a time of 12.54.77, setting a steeplechase record. Perlmutter will again exhibit her talent tomorrow at the All New England Division Championships.

Among the distance events was the 4x100m relay. The team, consisting of Adeline L. Kuo ’02, Melanie A. Miller ’04, Chi-An Wang ’01, and Clarissa Y. Smith ’04 finished in a time of 50.25, a sixth place finish.

In the 800m run, Chi-An Wang ’01 moved up from her eighth place seed to take seventh in an ECAC qualifying time of 2:20.83.

On the field, Princess Imoukhuede ’02 powered out half the points for the team in the hammer throw, she not only finished in second place, but also qualified provisionally for Nationals with a throw of 155’.10”.

In the shotput, Imoukhuede launched a 40’ 5” throw for a fifth place finish. Imoukhuede scored another two points in her seventh place finish in the discus, where she set a new personal record and qualified for ECACs with a toss of over 113’.

In the triple jump, Nyenke leaped to yet another excellent jump of 35’3 3/4”, finishing fifth.

The 4x800m relay, consisting of Smith, Wang, Sarah E. Cotton ’04, and Martha W. Buckley ’04, managed almost an effortless second place for a fifth place finish in 9:36.36.

Today and tomorrow, the team will be at Williams College competing at the All New Englands Championships. At this meet, individualists will concentrate on their primary events rather than attempting to contribute to the team scoring.

**Scoreboard: Women’s Track**

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