**MIT May Discipline Students for Thefts**

By Helana Kadyszewski

The administration is deciding whether it should take disciplinary action in a case of out-of-state street sign theft allegedly perpetrated by four members of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Four MIT students were issued criminal citations this past Columbus Day weekend, following the apprehension of the truck they were driving by Brandon, Vermont State Police.

Joseph P. Carlucci '05, Eric A. Dominguez '04, Peter S. Faglom '05, and Nicholas J. Fabyak '05 were intercepted after a passerby noticed police of a sign reading "Welcome to the Town of Plymouth" in the back of the truck.

According to The Boston Globe, police found "an estimated 27 road signs in the truck. The signs were snatched from state highways and the Killington and Okemo ski areas. According to the police, the four students were in Brandon over the weekend for a party."

The four alleged thieves are all members of MIT's Beta Nu chapter of Delta Tau Delta. As reported in the Globe, the police had initially speculated that the thefts had occurred as part of a fraternity initiation stunt.

"We're all taking this very seriously, as we expect MIT will," said John C. Rondoni '02, president of DTD.

Rondoni was reluctant to release any details about the incident but did say that the four students have a court date set for January. He also asserted, contrary to the report that appeared in the Globe, that the thefts were "absolutely not associated with any formal or informal DTD initiation event."

Administration may take action on Monday, October 22nd, which is scheduled to be released by the office of the president of MIT.

**Buffet Back After Four Year Absence**

By Eun Jin Lee

The Graduate Student Council and the Class of 2003 successfully completed the second ever Infinite Buffet, a $65,000 event that attempts to bring together the MIT community by filling the infinite corridor with food.

Class of 2002 president Siva Keavin Nathan, former GSC president Soulaymane Kachani G, and Satwiksai Seshasai G were the principal organizers for the buffet, which will take place this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The buffet, which is free and open to the entire public, will line the infinite corridor and lobby 13 with variously-themed food catered by the MIT faculty club. People will be able to enter the event through buildings 7, 8, and 13.

The event will also feature a range of student group performances, and President Charles M. Vest and Mayer Anthony B. Gallova will make speeches at 1 p.m. A heated test in Killian Court will allow attendees to socialize with other members of the MIT community.

Buffet "under construction" is the theme of this year's buffet, which is MIT Under Construction. The organizers said that this is the last day to vote in Lobby 10 by donating money to charity in the name of a favorite UMOC candidate.

This year's candidates include perennial favorite Random Hall Milk, new undergraduate dormitory Simmons Hall, mandatory dining plans, Aramark, the MIT Museum, the Lobby 7 scaffolding, East Campus artwork Transparent Horizons, and objectiveism, the Ayn Rand-inspired philosophy. As of 5 p.m. Wednesday, Simmons Hall led the mandatory meal plan vote 593.83 to $77.49, with Random Hall Milk a close third at $62.63.

UMOC organizers were not surprised by the top three candidates. "Although the mandatory meal plan concerns more students, Random Hall milk has a whole dorm behind it," said UMOC committee member Andromeda Yehon. "Or in the case of Simmons Hall, there are many people who are concerned about the event..."
A Last Taste of Summer

By Michael J. Ring

Yesterday it felt more like late August than late October in and around the Boston area, as highs soared to mid-70s F. A strong storm system centered yesterday over the Great Lakes is responsible for this phenomenon. Pro- truding from the center of low pressure is a sharp cold front, which yesterday was situated over the Appalachian Mountains. Since New England was ahead of the cold front yesterday, we were in a zone of warm air and enjoyed the touch of Indian Summer.

The cold front pushed offshore tonight, however, and now a mass of cold air and gusty winds has settled over New England, so our temperatures for the next few days will actually be below the climatological mean. We should see temperatures in the 40s for most of the area today, becoming breezy and colder this evening. It is expected to be sunny tomorrow, however, and the cold front is forecast to be centered around the middle of the state. The temperatures should continue to be in the 40s overnight, but with cold air flowing in behind the storm, moderate to heavy snow is predicted for areas such as the upper peninsula of Michigan and Western Ontario. Only isolated showers will be possible.

Weekend Outlook:

Today: Mostly sunny and windy. High of 54°F (12°C).
Friday night: Clear and cold. Low near 32°F (0°C).
Saturday and Sunday: Mostly sunny and seasonably cool. High near 48°F (9°C) and low near 32°F (0°C).

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Justice Department Begins New Anti-Terrorist Measures

By Josh Meyer

When President Bush signs into law on Friday new anti-terrorism legisla- tion, the Justice Department and the FBI will immediately launch a law enforcement offensive as all- consuming as the one Robert F. Kennedy waged against organized crime 40 years ago, Attorney General John Ashcroft said Thursday.

It will start with an extensive "guidance" paper that Ashcroft said he will send to the 94 U.S. attorney's offices and 56 FBI field offices across the country, directing them to immediately implement the new sweeping — and controversial — counterterrorism law, which the Senate approved Thursday.

Intelligence information on suspected terrorists that was previously off-limits to FBI agents will be handed over to them so they can begin building counterterrorism cases.

Special "poking" wiretaps, which follow an individual rather than a phone number, will be put in place, and expanded search warrants prepared and executed.

Authorities will pursue a dramatically broadened list of terrorism- related crimes. In many cases, authorities will be able to hold sus- pects in custody for longer periods, in an effort to link them to suspected terrorist plots.

Agents will pursue suspected ter- rorists into the darkest corners of cyberspace, taking advantage of new subpoena power to obtain previously prohibited information about their credit cards and bank accounts.

And information obtained through grand jury subpoenas will be shared with other law enforce- ment agencies, loosening the secrecy that has long surrounded the federal indictment process, accord- ing to senior Justice Department officials.

Echoing remarks Ashcroft made to the nation's mayors in a morning speech, the officials said they expect the new law enforcement activities to have an immediate impact.

"This unleashes us to pursue these cases to the fullest extent," said one senior Justice Department official. "We could literally deploy within minutes." The officials said FBI agents and federal prosecutors were already preparing to go after a first wave of targets, and to receive long-awaited information gathered under the For- eign Intelligence Surveillance Act, which in the past was used primarily to disrupt threats to national security.

The officials would not discuss the potential number of cases, nor said the sensitive "hand-off" of information will be overseen by the new terrorism task force that Ashcroft created at the Justice Department.

By day's end Thursday, the number of people taken into cus- tody in connection with the terror- ism investigation had climbed to at least 952. That number was expect- ed to rise sharply since the new law goes into effect, according to FBI agents, prosecutors and Ashcroft himself.

Some defense lawyers said the new powers will further erode the constitutional and civil rights of Middle Easterners, others caught up in a federal law enforcement dragnet since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks against the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

Postal Service to Irradiate Mail

By Robert A. Rosenblatt

WASHINGTON

The Postal Service will install special equipment at 250 to 300 mail processing centers throughout the country during the next 15 to 18 months to irradiate mail and kill anthrax spores or other dangerous bacteria, a top official said Thursday.

The first machines will be installed at New York, New York and Washington, D.C., where letters contaminated with anthrax have been received, said Deputy Postmaster General John Nolan said in an interview.

Meanwhile, four tractor-trailer loads of mail destined for the White House and Congress have been sent to Ohio to be irradiated.

More than 90 percent of all mail — catalogs, advertising circulars, mass mailings from charities and bills from major companies, banks and utilities — is considered relatively safe from tampering because it is produced by professional printing plants under comparatively tight controls. But after barely half an hour the market began a steady recovery that quickly regained its confidence and traded the kind of turnaround that kills any bacteria inside an envelope.

The machines will be used primarily on the collection end of the postal process, Nolan said, pointing to the "hand-off" of mailers, reducing the amount of processing required by the postal service. Postal officials believe it does not need to be irradiated.

The machines will be used primarily on the collection end of the postal process. The letter carriers will pick up mail from homes and street boxes and bundle it for distribution to the appropriate mail-processing centers. There, the envelopes will be irradiated before being placed into the machines that read their ZIP codes and sort them by destination.

"We anticipate changing our production plans for the collection of mail, to do more centralization than we are currently doing," Nolan said. That means the potentially hazardous mail will be bundled for processing in a smaller number of facilities, to hold to a minimum the number of machines the postal service is buying.

At the destination end of the postal process, Nolan said, radiation treatment will be available as an extra service for customers deemed to be the likely targets of terror- ists, such as public officials and members of the news media.

Four million face mask envelopes have been purchased and 2 million have been disbursed to 140 locations. The masks can "filter out 95 percent of all airborne microorganisms or anthrax spores," the postal service said in its latest report on the anthrax scare.

The use of gloves and masks is encouraged, but not required.

UN Accuses Iraq of Smuggling Oil

WASHINGTON

Iraq was caught smuggling $10 million worth of oil through an Athens-based shipping company in violation of U.N. sanctions, the United Nations said Thursday.

The United States, United Nations and U.S. and U.N. officials have long suspected Iraq of siphoning off between $1 billion to $2 billion in oil revenue each year, but this is the first time the United Nations has obtained hard evidence.

Under the a U. oil-for-food program begun in 1996, Iraq is allowed to sell oil to buy humanitarian goods, pay restitution to vic- tims of the Persian Gulf War and fund improvements in the country's infrastructure. Iraq exported more than $1 billion worth of oil last year.

Benon Sevan, the executive director of the program, provided the U.N. Security Council with a letter Wednesday from a Greek captain who said he had evidence of 850,000 barrels of Iraq crude cargos being sold to the Greek tanker named Anthos.

Chiladaki Theofanis, captain of the oil tanker Anthos, wrote to the Greek shipping company in violation of U. sanctions, the瑜

The letter, which was released by the U.N., said that Iraq had paid the shipping company $10 million in exchange for the delivery of the crude oil.

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Anthrax Spores in Daschle Mailing - they were purer, finer and more of its mail handling centers and halted a mix of private and public employees government officials said Thursday. The anthrax used in the bioterror attack was genetically altered to resist the effects of sunlight and DNA analysis revealed all coming from the same "strain" or family. The government of Uzbekistan has agreed to open its border with Afghanistan to the Taliban in 1998.
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Since the September 11 attacks, the public forum has been sapped clean of itself of domestic trivialities and has turned to discussion of the shaken world stage. Right leaning publications provide justification and detailed analyses of military action and strategy, condemnation of the evil and irrational nations in the Middle East who rent the United States and have difficulty governing their own people effectively and the left Leaning voices in the media impugn our foreign policies and the special blend of arrogance and ignorance, unfortunately, in no small part of the average citizen in the past years, as the root of the terrorism.

In a time when thoughtful, open discussion is more necessary than ever, it is discouraging to see simple questions about our national interests poised in these forums, branded as anti-American, inappropriate, or as enemies within.

Now more than ever, careful and respectful debate can guide us informational dexterity needed to maintain a responsible, informed perspective as events unfold. I am an American. This country's social infrastructure, built with tremendous difficulty on the backs of many who sacrificed their lives for their country as well as those who sometimes unwittingly found themselves in the path of the nation's frustration, is unique and valuable. It grants its citizens the opportunity for growth, unparalleled freedom, and the means to remedy injustice. We are led here by a President who understands our minds the patriotic respect and admiration we have for our country, and bring us to realize just how fortunate we are to live in such a nation.

As an American, I refuse to surrender the ability to alter perceptions, critically, and analytically about our society, our government, and our world. I will not allow the privileges of freedom and opportunity crafted so carefully to the course of the last two hundred-plus years to blind us to mistakes we've made and mistakes to make. I will not surrender to the demands for unity and compliance in the pursuit of vengeance. We owe it both to ourselves and to those who have come before us to maintain a reasoned, simple honesty, and fighting for what is right, for what is just.

Those who bring nothing more to the public forum than reactionary and manipulative accusations should please redirect their energies to service to themselves, their country, and to reason. It is hard, though, to keep thoughts clear-headed and words well-conceived during a time when public discourse lacks the exchange of writings between Noam Chomsky and Christopher Hitchens, a columnist for the New York Times, both of whom have heightened tensions that try to terrify and terrify the small David Talbot and Andrew Sullivan, both respected political writers, engaged in a similar exchange. There is reason to believe that the kind of strikes against our country have yielded to an anonymous, growing swarm of threats and attacks, currently in the form of anthrax-laced mailings, that lack the visibility and impact of the traditional acts of war but nonetheless foster a sense of fear and vulnerability.

Last Tuesday, an MIT professor in building 14 received a tank ring, bearing the message, "What weapons do we use?" and "We citizens are innocent up until now. Nor for the first time in history must we be ready to be placed at our doorstep. The principle of morality I advocate can be captured in two words, 'do no harm'. This principle makes for the foreseeable consequences of our actions and decisions, as the principle in the Hippocratic Oath, first, do no harm."

What I do argue is that today there is a tremendous potential to broaden the potential of the loss on the September 11th for both those who are willing to engage in abusive manipulative and imperious power promoters as well as those who might not be listening to the American citizens, to, for one time, look ourselves and look hard in the mirror. What weapons do we use? What treaties do we refuse to sign? What signed treaties do we refuse to abide by? How much blood is being drawn from our collective veins? How many innocent citizens, safer or safer when the rest of the world perceives our nation as a cultural character when it is just the source of the benefit from this "Mafia Don't" model of foreign policy? How much has the nation's trust been lost, lives changed forever. (It was a visible sign of the initial highly-visible visible loss of the tragedy on September 11th.)

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If you don't live in Afghanistan, you might wonder what this has to do with you. It is not going to affect your professional career, your academic career. The sporting events will continue uninterrupted without the threat of biological weapons. Life will look as if nothing has changed.

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Only when we have managed to fully understand the implications of the events of September 11th, be put the networks in place of the CIA-inspired Talibans or the mercy of the equally merciless CIA-inspired terrorists, might you be able to understand the sacrifice of 7.5 million Afghans to average the death of 6000 U.S. residents. Bringing the Talibans to justice while standing on their blood, needlessly into harms way over and over again. It is not a meaningless paws, the "cultural tranglu", as the "Geo-political Hegemony?"

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Dan Tortorcic

I was searching the New York Times, looking for something economic to write about. Not finding much. I went to the sports section, where I found out that the Yankees are in the World Series again. I thought what any true New Englander would think: Yankees Suck. They suck because they’re where they are due to economic forces. Baseball is supposed to be about the best team winning; the Yankees’ success is about the wealthiest team winning. Economists have noted that sometimes bigger is better. Sometimes being a large company gives you benefits that you can’t have as a small company. A car company simply must be large in order for it to be profitable and to make more cars. When being large gives companies an advantage in an industry, the industry ends up only having a few companies in it.

Being big in baseball also gives you an advantage. Big in sport a different sense, though. Being in a large market gives you advantages over teams in a small market. And just like a large car firm can drive small car firms out of the market by charging lower prices, a large market team gets so much more money that they can build a team against which smaller market teams can not compete. Look at where most revenue from baseball is generated. One way is ticket sales. Being in New York, and surrounded by 11 million people, the Yankees can put a lot of people into their stadium. Even with the Mets as their competition, they still have access to many more people than Boston could ever dream of. Because of geographical forces and economic reality, the Yankees are going to make more money.

Local network television coverage is another major source of revenue. Yankees games are worth more to local networks, because quite simply, more people watch them. The Yankees are going to get more money for their games from the local affiliates than say, the San Diego Padres. More money means they’ll be so important if it were not for another economic reality: money can buy players. Sure people have some team loyalty, and care about the farn bit, but if you offer them enough money, you can usually convince them to play for your team. The teams with the most money attract the most talent and end up having the best teams. Then teams will lose to the Yankees, not because they cannot compete athletically, but because they cannot compete economically. That sucks, and it sucks more because it’s now a vicious cycle. The rich teams win more and more, become more well liked, and get a larger fan base. This brings in more money for the rich teams. Thus, the rich get richer.

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Christen M. Gray

While looking for information, it is easy to flip over to CNN, and get the latest briefing on the anthrax threat or the war with Afghanistan, but even the most trusting people should be able to see that there is something missing from these reports. Some will say the tactics just are, “Yes, tactics, they can’t very well reveal every movement of the troops. Osama bin Laden could be watching,”

Yes, indeed, our enemies have satellite TV. But if the Average Joe realizes that, so does our government, and so does the media. Ultimately, whatever runs across our TV screens is propaganda for Uncle Sam. Perhaps it is effective in that purpose, but then screen is propaganda for Uncle Sam. Perhaps people should be able to en e that there is something missing from these reports. Some people are especially accusing and suggest certain “conspiracy theories.” Francis A. Boyle, a professor of international law, even goes so far as to accuse the war of being pre-planned. Citing Pentagon war games and convenient location of troops around September 11, he claims the terrorist attacks to be either a pretext or a trigger, an act of terrorism to create a situation with the US so that the US can portray the attacks as a result of terrorism to the US. Some people are even doing this. I know a friend of mine who believes that the government is responsible for the attacks.

Search the newspapers, scan the internet. The New York Times, and The Boston Globe will give you a body count. But why does the BBC give a different, higher number?

Walking down the street, I am given a flyer called “Myths Behind the War on Afghanistan.” Delightfully, I read through it. But I can’t trust a paper some random person typed up and decided to pass out to strangers.

Sanjay Basso’s column this week, “The Wrong Way to Break Bread,” October 23, painted a very real picture of the actual effects of America’s “humanitarian” efforts, pointing out that our food drops are doing more harm than good. Yet, still, every pro-war candidate and commentator insists that we are helping the people of Afghanistan, or that the people are better off. Some people are especially accusing and suggest certain “conspiracy theories.” Francis A. Boyle, a professor of international law, even goes so far as to accuse the war of being pre-planned. Citing Pentagon war games and convenient location of troops around September 11, he claims the terrorist attacks to be either a pretext or a trigger, an act of terrorism to create a situation with the US so that the US can portray the attacks as a result of terrorism to the US. Some people are even doing this. I know a friend of mine who believes that the government is responsible for the attacks.

Find the numbers, there are hundreds of people exploiting all this confusion for their own personal gain. With regular frequency, various groups send out people to 77 Mass Ave to pass out literature and collect money. Everyone is trying to the the same conclusion: September 11; they prey on both patriotism and paranoia. It is easy to confuse this propaganda with actual news and reporting. However, no matter how pretty or organized, it is still just one person’s view, no better than the woman with the leaflet from her home computer.

As I walked by the student center one day, I saw a man with a table full of booklets, newspapers, and handouts. At the time, I was suspicious from paranoia. It is easy to confuse this propaganda with actual news and reporting. However, no matter how pretty or organized, it is still just one person’s view, no better than the woman with the leaflet from her home computer.

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On the other hand, the peace speakers cry that the country is blind to the facts that “hate breeds hate,” or to the fact that 5000 people die monthly due to our economic sanctions in Iraq. Are we all blind? We are at war. Congress did not declare it, but the bombs are falling and fear is mounting. Laws are being made quickly that will restrict our freedom and affect our lives.

These things beg so many questions, but there seems to be an amazing desire for answers. It is not paradoxism to trust unques-tioningly in the government, it is apathy. It is supposed to be a government by the people and for the people, and if the people don’t start asking questions and getting real answers, our system is a fraud.

"It were not best that we should all think alike; it is difference of opinion that makes horses race.

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Walking and
walking
looking and
laughing

So who exactly
are you trying
to say?

Well, I think that
the whole nature of
this relation
between work
and the sleep
life is screwed.

It's like...

Like what?

Like a troublesome
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Whoa!

That guy is
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I'm serious, it's
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No way! That's
like 10 people.
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Well, 5,
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U, that's bullshit.
How do you explain
your rows everywhere
always?--

Oh, that's
easy!

Ch-ch-oh,
my dear

Jumps

Nothing pisses me
off more than the anti-
tobacco campaign.

In a recent ad, a lame
jerk harasses people
who have anything
to do with cigarettes,
while the ad is to be
witty and "hip.

They're making
people think it's
okay to smoke.

But, I say, in
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has skaka crumpled
around his little
finger? Gross!

Will you please
stop bitching about
Mitch and Sarah?
So what if they're
a couple? Be
happy for
them!

But... this is Mitch!
This is a strange little
 Mitch we are talking about!
He is so opposite of
what a woman
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Well, I
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1:30 p.m. - Football vs. West New England College. Free, Room: Steinbrinck. Sponsor: Department of Athletics.


4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - "Chain Level Flow theory and hemodynamics of hemorrhagic dissection group," free. Room: MIT Club 2-413. Sponsor: Differential Geometry Seminar. Department of Mathematics.

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Continuum Seminar Series - Continuum-Atmospheric Perspectives on Melting: Thermodynamics vs. Kinetics. We discuss melting as an example of the dichotomy between the free-energy (thermodynamic) definition which tells us when the process occurs - the melting point - and the mechanistic (atomistic) picture which describes how. We will also consider the role of crystal defects. Other examples with a similar flavor, such as the understanding of materials stress, will be discussed if time permits. Room: 3-202. Sponsor: Mechanical Engineering Dept.

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Relaxation and Stress Management. What is stress, and how do we cope with it? How do we handle UROP "problems?" This roundtable discussion gives you an opportunity to share your own UROP experiences, and to hear from other students about their experiences. Students who have had or have UROPs are encouraged to attend, and UROP Office staff (and others) will also participate. Please RSVP by October 19th. Free. Room: 16-168. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, The Warehouse.

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Nov. 3: Christopher Williams CD release party.

Nov. 10: Cliff Eberhardt.

Nov. 17: AFI.

Nov. 6: Stereolab.

Oct. 24: They Might Be Giants.

Oct. 30: Mark Robinson, genre: jazz.

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Oct. 27: Boz Scaggs.

Oct. 27: Harlow.

Oct. 30-31: The Black Crowes.


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During yesterday’s Exhibition for the Council for the Arts at MIT, artist Kelly Heaton displays her work "Reflection Loop: The Pool" consisting of 400 re-engineered Furbies used to reflect the human body.
Sixty Teams Selected for 6.270 Robotics Competition this IAP

By Eric Berry STAFF REPORTER

MIT’s famous autonomous robot design contest, 6.270, completed its participant registration, and contestants were selected for the next Independent Activity Period’s competition.

93 teams enter this year’s lottery, a number slightly lower than the more than 100 teams who entered last year. All members of teams wishing to enter the contest were required to attend a registration session in the Chu Lounge (3-201).

Although the lottery had a weighting towards those who had previously applied and been rejected, seniority was not considered. The members of the 60 teams were announced on Sunday.

The table design and the rules of this year’s competition will remain a secret until the first day of IAP. The Tech has learned that the name of this year’s competition is “Chicken,” although no other details were disclosed.

Each of the 60 teams in this year’s contest will be given three weeks to assemble a fully autonomous robot using sensors, electronic components, batteries, motors, and LEGO pieces. The robots are programmed using interactive C—an interpreted form of the C programming language. The programs must be sufficient to control the robot for the entire duration of the match.

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What is Falun Dafa?
Falun Dafa, also called Falun Gong, is a traditional Chinese spiritual discipline that includes exercise and meditation. Its principles are based on Truth, Compassion, and Tolerance. Person who practice regularly find it to bring them better health, reduced stress, inner peace, and deepened morals. The practice was introduced by Mr. Li Hongzhi in China in 1992 and quickly spread by word of mouth throughout China and then beyond. Falun Gong is practiced by over 100 million people in 40 countries.

SOS! Urgent Call to Rescue The Falun Gong Practitioners Persecuted in China

Dear Friend,
We are students and faculty from MIT and 89 other universities in the U.S., united by our practice of Falun Gong and our concern for wellness and justice. We write to ask for your help in an urgent matter.

For two years now, we who practice Falun Gong in the free world have encountered a state-run campaign of terror in China that targets 100 million peaceful, innocent citizens. These people are targeted for simply believing in a meditation practice that nurtures on oneself the principles of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Tolerance. China's totalitarian regime perceives the popularity of this practice as a threat. These innocent people's lives are now at great risk.

The communist regime's rule of terror in China has stripped Falun Gong practitioners and many others of all human rights. According to human rights groups, over 100,000 Falun Gong practitioners have been arrested; tens of thousands have been thrown into labor camps without trial; at least 1,000 healthy practitioners have been put into mental hospitals illegally and subjected to psychiatric abuses. And while more than 300 are known to have died in police custody, inside government sources put the death toll at well over 1,000. Millions of practitioners have been pressured, threatened, and forced to go through brainwashing programs and forced to renounce their beliefs.

Yet the millions strong in China who practice Falun Gong have met this evil with fortitude, courage, and goodness. And despite two years of violent, brutal suppression, these people have not bowed before the oppressors. They have answered brutality with compassion, irrational fanaticism with calm reason, lies and deceit with honesty: in their heroic endurance and fidelity to Falun Gong's principles of Truth, Compassion, and Tolerance, they have demonstrated to the world how Falun Gong has made them persons of profound moral strength. They have resisted the largest totalitarian government in the world, and done so on their own. Now these brave persons need your help.

Let us show the Chinese regime that we are determined to stop all acts of violence, hatred, and terrorism.

We urge you to please write or call President Bush, or your congressional representatives to ask for the immediate end to the brutal persecution of innocent Falun Gong practitioners. The world needs justice. All living beings need sincerity, compassion, and tolerance.

Thank you,
Falun Gong practitioners and supporters at MIT and 89 universities in the US

Tell Us Your Experience with Falun Dafa

Mindy Chao (Course XV, 2003)
I've always had a personal interest in the teachings of Buddhism. When I was first introduced to the book ZhanZhu Falun, I read it with an open mind, and began my path to self-cultivation. Some ideas were a little hard to grasp at first, but with every reading, I noticed that my understanding had increased. As a college student, it is sometimes difficult to perceive what could actually be true in our ever-expansive world, this oyster of opportunity. In our struggle to reach the top, we sometimes forget the root of our existence, and the principles of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Tolerance. In my personal experience, searching within for reasons to unhappiness, growing from within yourself, is the best way to start cultivation.

Sterling Campbell (36 Drummer for David Bowie, B-52s)
Before Falun Gong I was quite cynical about a lot of these spiritual things, mainly because I was sick of giving thousands of dollars to people who put a price on spirituality and universal matters. I was surprised Falun Gong wouldn't cost me any money. When I began reading the practice's main book, ZhanZhu Falun, I drew my own conclusions, and I read it the whole book in the presence of something very unique and immense. There are no words to describe the feeling that came over me. I knew that I had found the ultimate truth.

Frequently Asked Questions About Falun Gong

Who is Mr. Li Hongzhi?
Mr. Li Hongzhi is the founder and teacher of Falun Gong. He introduced the practice to the general public in China in 1992. In keeping with Chinese tradition, Li is often respectfully referred to as "Master" or "Teacher," but he is not accorded special treatment, nor does he accept money or donations from students of Falun Gong. Li has given lectures on Falun Gong in many countries, including Australia, Switzerland, Canada, and the United States. For his contributions to humanity he has been given over 400 honors and awards, and is a two-time Nobel Peace Prize nominee.

Is Falun Gong a religion?
Like religions, Falun Gong has its spiritual beliefs. Through practicing, one strives to become a better person who is able to contribute more to our society, so the goal is similar. But in Falun Gong there are not any devotional activities or worship, nor any set doctrine or canon; there is also no membership, organization, or hierarchy. Falun Gong is more properly referred to as an ancient form of self-cultivation practice, often called qigong.

Why is the Chinese government persecuting Falun Gong?
Falun Gong is a group that simply grew too large for the communist leadership's liking; its 70-million-plus practitioners in China far outnumber any communist party members. The persecution was ordered by communist dictator Jiang Zemin, who feared loss of control over people's bodies and minds. Other, smaller groups that the State has not been able to take control of are persecuted, too, like Protestants, Roman Catholics, Tibetan Buddhists.

How has Falun Gong responded to this oppression?
Practitioners of Falun Gong in China have made appeals to the Chinese government via the proper legal channels, and have resisted the persecution with nonviolent public protests. There has not been a single report of responding with violence, destroying property, or the like - despite beatings, torture, jailing, murder, and other grave injustices. Practitioners outside China have taken up long marches, done hunger strikes, staged sit-ins, launched letter-writing campaigns, staged rallies, held press conferences, and documented rights abuses. What has been the United States' response, and that of the international community?
The US government has been unequivocal in its opposition to China's actions against Falun Gong. In November of 1999 the US House unanimously passed resolution 218, with the Senate concurring, which condemned Beijing's actions and called for the immediate release of all jailed practitioners. A new, even stronger resolution, H. R. 188, was introduced in July of 2001. President Bush and Secretary of State Powell have spoken out and issued statements. Governments around the world have responded with similar force. Human rights groups and other organizations have been outspoken in their support for Falun Gong's freedom of expression, including Freedom House, Amnesty International, Physicians for Human Rights, and the National Organization for Women.

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Infinite Buffet to Feature Music, Concerts

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construction tape to advertise across campus.

The organizers are optimistic about the turnout for the event.

"This is going to be the biggest student event ever," said Kachani. "We're expecting several thousand people to show up." The attendees will include students, administrators, faculty, and alumni living in the greater Boston area.

The organizers advertised vigorously, with everything from posters to ads on A Safe Ride vans. Of the event's $65,000 budget, $3,500 was spent on advertising alone for the four-hour event. "We felt that for an event which sought to bring together the entire community, an extensive publicity campaign was necessary," Sehassai said.

Although the event is free of charge, donation boxes will be located at several locations at the event to benefit the Red Cross Disaster Relief fund.

Student relations top priority

One of the ideas of us coming together was to break the wall between undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty, alumni, staff, and administrators," Nazemi said.

While the Infinite Buffet is open to the entire community, some have wondered how effectively a one-day event can bring about lasting improvements to the community. The Buffet can serve as a starting point for new relationships, Sehassai said, and "it will bring together parts of the community which don't typically interact... how often do professors and students interact on a social level?" The organizers have sent personal invitations to local MIT alumni.

Planning may solve logistics

The organizers of this year's event went to great lengths to avoid the problems that plagued the last buffet in 1997, including overcrowding and complaints of the long distance between stations with different foods.

The organizers worked with Assistant Safety Officer David Barber since May to draft a safety plan for the event. The plan "incorporated traffic flow considerations, fire hazards... everything you could possibly think of."

They solved these problems by having the event spilt out into Kilian Court as well as duplicate food stations with the same menu. The a cappella groups at the event will perform while people are standing in line, making the experience more enjoyable.

Sponsor donations range of services

A range of campus groups and organizations have contributed to the event, including the Office of the President and the Dean for Student Life. The organizers also received funding from Weekends/MT, a fund administered jointly by the Office of Residential Life and Student Life Programs and Office of the Chancellor and in conjunction with Dormitory Council and the Interfraternity Council.

"We had unparalleled funding from student groups and other organizations," Kachani said.

In addition to the cash, event sponsors have donated goods and services. "A lot of research and soliciting for this event has gone to cut costs so that we could focus our funds mainly on the food," said Sehassai.

The MIT campus police will provide security for the event, and the Campus Activities Complex has helped provide audio visual equipment and other furnishings necessary for set-up of the event.

"We're bringing together everything that MIT has to offer into one unique event," Nazemi said.

About 150 volunteers will help by setting up and running the event.

Planning began in April

The idea for a partnership for this event was first conceived in April by leaders of the class of 2003. After joining with the GSC, the two groups began to form plans to find resources and go ahead with the event.

"There is a huge lack of interaction on a student government level between undergraduates and graduates at MIT," Nazemi said. "This is one step in the right direction of defragmenting student governments on campus."

This collaboration between undergraduate and graduate student governments may help improve relations between the two groups for future collaborations. The main other project where these two organizations work together is in the annual career fair.

"We'd like for this event to happen every 4 years," Nazemi said. He hopes that this event will help improve future joint efforts from undergraduate and graduate governments.

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it yourself," Belcher said, explaining the need for more hands-on experience rather than a more theoretical mathematical approach. "Physics is tricky because there's all this math," said Dounashkin. "Should it just be an applied math class, or should it be something else?"

"The labs are in context," Belcher said. "The traditional lab is you go Thursday from four to six, it might be a week before or after you learn the material. Here, it is in context."

TEAL to be revised next year

Belcher said that if the pilot is successful, the program will be revised based on feedback from this fall's program, and offered again next year. "We're doing a lot of assessment and evaluation," he said. "We're learning while we're doing this. We're using techniques that others have used, but this is MIT, and the student body is somewhat different." Students in 8.02T were given a pre-test before the beginning of the class, and will be given a post-test afterwards. The same was done for 8.02 last year, as the beginning of the assessment process. "We've got a tremendous amount of support from the department and the institute," Belcher said. "Both monetary and in terms of the space, which is most important." The project is sponsored by the MIT Council on Educational Technology, and is funded by the d'Arbeloff Fund for Excellence in MIT Education, iCampus, the National Science Foundation, and varied other sources. If all proceeds as intended, 8.02T will be offered again in fall of 2002, and then in spring of 2003, at which point it will enroll about 600 students in six sections. The TEAL format would then be extended to students in six sections. The TEAL format from MIT except for 8.012 and 8.022 will be offered in fall of 2004, all introductory physics classes at MIT except for 8.012 and 8.022 will be offered in the TEAL format.

UMOC Once Honored Ugliest Man at MIT

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issue, for instance those who are interested in living in Simmons Hall in future."

Contest changed since inception

APO originally sponsored the Ugliest Man on Campus contest, until a woman described a "rather stunning" by APO's web site won the contest on the premise that she was an ugly man. The contest was subsequently renamed, and in recent years has focused more on politics and physical objects than ugly individuals.

"Back in the 1980s, people used to nominate themselves or their friends ... and they would campaign for them, which had been more interesting in my opinion," said UMOC manager Benazeeer S. Noorani '04. "That's why they used to raise much more money those days." To try and make up some of the lost ground since UMOC changed formats, APO has been actively publicizing the contest. "We have put up posters around campus, distributed flyers in infinite corridor and we have e-mail for potential interested e-mailing lists about UMOC," Noorani said. "However, the event is still not as well known to new students as it could be ... The money we have raised this year is similar to last year's UMOC."

Noorani said that APO used to offer a small campaign fund to UMOC candidates, but no one has requested it for several years. One student said he knew about UMOC simply from being at MIT. "I have been here for couple of years and that's how I know about UMOC," said David E. Earnett G. "I voted based on the most interesting manifestation rather than the charity it was supporting."

Charities supported this year include Amnesty International, Literacy Volunteers of Massachusetts, and the Jimmy Fund. When voting finishes, all donated money will go to the winning charity.

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Billy (Rogue Shindler) and Reno (Tania O'Connor '02) sing "You're the Top" in Musical Theater Guild's production of Anything Goes, showing in La Sala Friday and Saturday at 8, with matinees Saturday and Sunday at 4. Forging past its troubled start, the production has pulled itself together at the last minute to bring an energetic performance to stage that can be enjoyed by all.

― Nicholas White '02

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"We expect all of MIT's students to maintain high standards in the public eye, both on and off campus," Rogers said. "Fraternity members are no exception ... Right now, though, we cannot speculate on what kinds of punishments, if any, MIT will enforce."

According to Carol Orme-Johnson, MIT's Assistant Dean of the Office of Student Conflict Resolution, MIT may or may not decide to take jurisdiction in this situation. Typically, the decision is based upon the severity of the incident and how it affects MIT. "Any incident that is connected to an organized MIT group or activity is within the realm of MIT jurisdiction," said Orme-Johnson. "Whenever MIT students are involved, MIT reserves the right to investigate and enforce additional disciplinary action."

When asked to comment, ATO house president George S. Gluck '02 said, "It is unfortunate that both Delta Tau Delta and MIT are receiving this publicity as a result of the actions of just four individuals." Gluck maintains, along with Rogers, that MIT fraternities always seem to be under the spotlight.

"This happens to us all the time. It seems as though the press is only interested in the negatives." Gluck then went on to point out that the FSILGs give back a great deal to MIT, Cambridge and Boston.

Rondoni and DTD are currently cooperating with investigations by Benedict, Rogers and Orme-Johnson.

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Football Team Falls Against WPI, 31-29
By Thomas J. Kilpatrick

The Beavers arrived in Worcester, Massachusetts last Saturday morning to face the undefeated-in-league Worcester State Lancers. Despite an MIT comeback drive of four consecutive touchdowns in the second half, MIT lost to Worcester, 31-29.

Before the match, Worcester averaged more than 460 yards of offense per game, and was ranked 21st nationally by the American Football Coaches Association. In addition, the Beavers were greeted by a larger crowd than normal because many victorious Worcester State alumni were back for homecoming.

The game started poorly for the Beavers, who dug themselves into a 25-0 nothing hole in the first half. MIT struggled to contain Worcester’s quarterback Cean OkSANISH. OkSANISH is ranked first in the New England Football Conference in pass efficiency, and three touchdowns passes during the first half.

Beavers pick up in second quarter
Things started to turn around late in the second quarter when Beaver quarterback Philip J. DeutsCH ’03 rolled out and connected with wide receiver Robert D. KilpakT ’03 for a 27-yard touchdown pass, making the score 25-7. Worcester State fumbled their next possession, and MIT drove to the cusp of the end zone before time expired. The Beavers still trailed by six.

In the second half MIT did the unthinkable. Deutsch connected with wide receiver Robert R. Owslay ’02 on a 19-yard touchdown pass, and Deutsch scored a touchdown on a 61-yard rush.

The defense forced three turnovers in the second half on interception returns by Thomas J. KilpakT ’03 and Brian D. Hoying ’03, and perfect onside kick by Kevin M. Ferguson ’02.

Wide receiver Greg Nelson continued the momentum in the final quarter when he caught an 11-yard pass for a touchdown to put MIT ahead for the first time, 29-25. MIT had scored four unanswered touchdowns to regain the lead. Worcester did not give up, though, and scored on a 67-yard drive with just over seven minutes remaining in the game.

MIT’s next possession ended on downs at the Worcester 31-yard line, and they did not get the ball back until it was too late. The final score was 31-29.

It was a tough loss for the Beavers, who had one of their best statistical days of the season. The offense racked up 430 yards, 148 on the ground. Deutsch gained 93 yards on the ground in addition to completing 11 of 28 pass attempts for 245 yards and 3 touchdowns. Swansboro-transfer Alexander T. KarnAL ’04 completed two more passes for 36 yards. The wide receiving corps came up big again, as Owslay caught 5 passes for 176 yards, KilpakT caught 3 for 99 yards, and Nelson caught 3 for 47 yards. Kicker Ferguson extended his MIT career record with three extra points.

The defense had a big day, too, as it caused seven turnovers. Two were on fumble recoveries by Mark D. Boudreaux ’02 and Jeremy R. Arnold ’03, and four were on interceptions by Carter (2), Hoying, and KarnAL. The defensive line’s 3-man front of Thomas J. Hyne ’02, Lars A. Gronning ’05, and Brian C. Alvarez ’02, was able to apply steady pressure after the 1st quarter. Gronning led the team in unassisted tackles for the second straight week with five and added a sack. Hoying led the team with nine total tackles, and Alvarez added four unassisted tackles and a sack.

In the end it was not quite enough, though, as Worcester snapped a 2-game losing streak against the Beavers. MIT will play its final game tomorrow, at home, against Western New England College at 1:00 p.m.

Volleyball Takes 4th
Loses Semifinal Match
By Paul DILL

After losing a tough conference match to the Coast Guard Academy amidst the mayhem of 800 screaming cadets down in New London, Connecticut, MIT went to the Hall of Fame Tournament looking to get back on track. The Engineers did just that as they won three of five, beating Hamilton College (3-0) and Bates College (3-0) for the third time this season.

Unfortunately, Kelly A. Martens ’03, the team leader in kills this season, went down with a hamstring injury that kept her out of the matches on the second day of the tournament.

With an altered lineup, MIT fought hard in the semifinals against two time defending champion University of Puerto Rico (NCAA Division II). The Engineers would eventually fall short to lose the match (0-3).

The third place match versus Williams College increased the adversity for MIT, as outside hitter Jillian M. Kaup ’03 would go down in the first game. The injury, which occurred after Kaup dove for a ball, required her to leave the venue to get stitches.

After losing the first game, however, MIT would come back to win the second. The Engineers, however, could not maintain the momentum and lost the match 1-3.

The team put on a truly gritty performance given the circumstances, and two freshmen, Alice H. Chou ’05 and Jasmin Moghebli ’05, performed admirably in the face of such pressure.

The team is currently 27-5. Setter Christina Almodovar ’02 joined the MIT thousand dig club, getting her 1000th career dig against Coast Guard last week.