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By Vincent Chen

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AS, and The Tech presented oral arguments before the board to supplement previously submitted written arguments.

The UA/GSC judicial board was organized in response to The Tech’s appeal of the ASA decision. While both the UA and the GSC have appeals procedures, this is the first joint judicial meeting.

Fairness of process questioned

Student governments are confident that the board will come to a fair conclusion.

“Up until now, it was clear that the ASA decision was upheld. However, we believe that it would be fair to have such a meeting on campus, where people can come together and talk about issues.”

The ASA President Alvar Saez-Otero G. said that “[the] ASA has the chance to be heard and to have a fair hearing.”

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Indiana Factory Worker Kills Co-Worker, Self in Shooting

An employee who had gotten into an angry dispute Thursday with a co-worker at a milling factory here returned with a gun, shot the man, leaped out of the plant and killed himself.

He was dead when they found him," said Capt. Julie Dijak of the Elkhart County Sheriff's Office. The shooting punctuated several emergency measures in this quiet, northern Indiana community of 29,000. Some students at the nearby elementary school already had gone home by bus, but others were held indoors until the gunman was found.

New Afghan Government Unstable as Politicians Threaten Boycott

A landmark Afghan power-sharing agreement began fraying Thursday, just a day after it was signed in Germany, as prominent politicians from the country's ethnic minorities were left out of the interim government vowed to boycott it or try to reopen negotiations.

(With copies of the 10-page document still eluding from fax machines) The agreement is a key figure, including a powerful northern warlord and the current de facto finance minister, complained that the U.N.-brokered pact did not include all the factions in Afghan society.

With the presidential election now set for December, the future looks uncertain to ugly and violent.

The swift denunciations underscored the challenges involved in building a new government in Afghanistan to replace the once-dominant Taliban militia. Attempts to fashion compromise Afghan governments in recent years have unraveled, with bloody consequences. Much of Afghanistan has returned to the days when tribal leaders ruled their turf regardless of the leadership in Kabul.

Senate Struggles Over Homeland Security, Recovery Spending

The Senate Thursday headed toward a showdown over attempts by Democrats to increase spending on homeland security and recovery by $15 billion more than President Bush is willing to accept.

Despite a veto-threat from Bush, Democrats pressed ahead with plans to increase funds for domestic security by $7.5 billion and to provide $7.5 billion more for New York and other targets of the Sept. 11 terror attacks. The money would be added to the spending bill for defense and anti-terrorism efforts for the current year.

But behind the numbers was a broader political fight in which Democrats sought to portray themselves as the champions of home- land defense and confront the Republicans with the pain of choosing between providing funds for homeland security and popular programs to fight bioterrorism and other domestic threats.

The cliffhanger 215 to 214 vote proposed by Democrats but was favored to provide $5.65 billion more for homeland security by redshirting the $20 billion in anti-terrorism spending that Republicans oppose. The measure, proposed by Republican leaders, would cut amounts allocated to military and other programs.

Bush Gets More Trade Power

In the Cards

Robert Korty

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The Taliban agreed Thursday to surrender in last pockets of control in Afghanistan in return for guarantees of safety for its top leaders, including Mohammed Omar, the reclusive cleric who founded the radical Islamic movement and has been hunted for two months by U.S. forces and their Afghan allies.

The deal with the Taliban was negotiated by Hamid Karzai, the newly appointed head of a post-Taliban interim government. Karzai said that the Taliban had agreed to surrender in Kandahar, Helmand and Zabol provinces in southern Afghanistan, where they have faced mounting pressure from U.S. airstrikes and tribal forces led by Karzai and others.

It was unclear whether the agreement, and especially its handling of Taliban leaders, would satisfy the various forces fighting to destroy the Taliban. In Washington, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said the United States stood by its demands that Omar and other Tal-iban leaders be brought to justice for their support of accused terrorist Osama bin Laden.

But the Taliban offer appeared to signal the imminent collapse of a movement that just a month ago controlled 96 percent of Afghanistan. Abdul Salam Zaeef, the Taliban's former ambassador to Pakistan, said Thursday after the deal was announced that the Taliban was finished as a political movement: "I think we should go home," he said.

Omar and other Taliban leaders had publicly exerted their forces to fight the death of the leaders of the Pakistani militiam and some Tal-iban field commanders had been negotiating toward a peaceful end to the conflict. Throughout the two months of fighting, similar deals had been struck with the Taliban to fall back from several cities with a minimum of fighting, and the past announced Thursday appeared to herald the Taliban's final retreat.

The dissolution of the Taliban would increase the chances that a new interim Afghan government, agreed to on Wednesday and due to take power on Dec. 22, could get off to a smooth start. But several Afghan factions Tuesday repudiated the new leadership, saying it did not fairly represent Afghanistan's ethnic groups. Particularly troubling to supporters of the interim arrange- ment was the pronouncement by an ethnic Uzbek military leader, Gen. Abdulrazied Dostum, that he would boycott the new government.

Even a deal for the Taliban's surrender would not mean the end of U.S. military operations in Afghanistan. Osama bin Laden, the leading suspect in the Sept. 11 attacks, remains at large and is believed to hiding in the mountains of eastern Afghanistan.

But the destruction of the Tal-iban would be a significant advance in the U.S. campaign. The Bush administration's special envoy for Afghanistan, Richard Haass, declared in testimony on Capitol Hill: "The Taliban regime no longer exists... This military victory is the basis for all else that we may try to accomplish in Afghanistan."

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Ashcroft Defends Anti-Terrorism Tactics before Senate Committee

By Dan Eggen
THE WASHINGTON POST

Attorney General John Ashcroft resolutely defended the Justice Department's aggressive anti-terrorism tactics Thursday, telling a Senate judiciary committee the measures are necessary to prevent future attacks and stave off a renewed Israeli assault on the Hamas militant group. "We need honest, reasoned debate, not fear mongering," Ashcroft said. "To those who scare the American people with phantoms of terror and everyone's fear for their safety, they are rendering their country more vulnerable and giving aid to the terrorist cause.

The attorney general accused unidentified critics of exaggerating or mischaracterizing administration policies, saying the Justice Department "has sought to prevent terrorism with reason, careful balance and excruciating attention to detail.

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Among the questions he faced were those about how the FBI is handling its investigation of foreign nationals and plans to try hundreds of alleged terrorists and their accomplices before military tribunals. "We do not let the confrontation degenerate into civil war, but both sides say Israel's demand that Arafat dismantle the organization and lock up its hardcore activists has created a situation fraught with danger for the Palestinians. Arafat may have no choice but to take them on."

Israel launched a military assault on the underpinnings of Arafat's regime Tuesday after a series of suicide bombings in Jerusalem and Haifa over the weekend, claimed by Hamas, killed more than two dozen people and wounded scores. But it suspected air raids after Arafat phoned Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, asking for more time to make arrests.

Arafat's bold language promised protest from interest groups, who have criticized government tactics as infringements of civil liberties. But judiciary committee members were circumspect in comparison, confining most of their questions to specific policy issues and appearing reticent to pick a public fight with an attorney general leading an enormously popular anti-terrorism campaign.

The most spirited debate centered on gun policy, as several Democratic senators criticized Ashcroft for preventing the FBI from checking whether some of the hundreds of people detained in the government's post-Sept. 11 investigation had sought to purchase guns in the United States.
Letters To The Editor

MIT's Computing Services?

Hooray for Philip Burrowes' column ("Restoring Athena's Glory," December 4, 2001) that details how MIT's internet services have embraced the lowest common denominator solution by phasing out the SGI machines and limiting MIT students' platforms.

The situation is even worse than what Mr. Burrowes describes. When US announced that the SGI platform would be withdrawn from MIT, I asked Academic Computing what would happen to classroom visualization software and materials that are specific to SGI.

After continuous dithering, procrastination, dissipation, and broken promises, the implicit communicated answer is that all SGI-specific classroom visualization will disappear. Too bad for MIT students who should expect cutting edge technology for their tuition dollars.

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Getting Priorities Straight

Matt Craighaft

While in Afghanistan the war on terrorism raged, Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., was well underway in Washington, D.C., the budget war. The federal government was spending roughly $2 trillion dollars next year, and the net interest cost on the national debt was coming down, a matter for the most widely publicized fact of the moment. After all, the budget was being reduced by war, for the most part, for the first time in the 21st century.

It is both amusing and discouraging, at a time when our nation’s budget threatens to retreat into deficit territory for several years to come, that our government is handing out money to tobacco producers — at the same time that it sponsors anti-smoking programs. Another of the worst budget moves tracks heading toward our way. Sen. Robert Byrd’s (D-West Virginia) “Drug-Related Spending” amendment, which earmarked $15 billion for tobacco-related programs, was passed in a mindless rush.

I am writing this letter to express my concern about the budget process and its impact on public policy. The budget is a complex and multifaceted document that is often difficult to fully comprehend. However, it is important for us to understand the budget and its implications in order to make informed and responsible decisions.

The budget process involves several stages, including the preparation of budget requests, the consideration of budget proposals, and the final resolution of budget decisions. Each stage is crucial in determining the overall direction of government spending and revenue.

The budget is a reflection of our nation’s priorities, and it serves as a blueprint for the allocation of resources. It is essential that we make informed decisions and ensure that our budget reflects the values and needs of our society.

I urge you to take an active role in the budget process. By staying informed and engaging with your representatives, you can help ensure that your voice is heard and that your concerns are addressed in the budget.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Together, we can work towards a budget that serves the needs of our nation.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
THE ARTS

CONCERT REVIEW

A Tale of Two Concerts: Toons & Resonance Sing

MIT/Wellesley Toons Live Up to Expectations, Leave Newcomers Resonance Sing With Big Shoes to Fill

By Pey-Hua Hwang

It was a night of a cappella as the MIT/Wellesley Toons and MIT's Resonance had back-to-back concerts. The Toons concert began at 7 p.m. with their guest group the Boston College Acoustics, and the Resonance started shortly thereafter at 8:30 p.m.

The Toons

The Acoustics, a co-ed group, opened with "It's My Life," by Bon Jovi. Though lacking the choreography characteristic of the Chorallaries, it was full of energy and had in its favor a soloist with particularly good projection. The rest of their set was less impressive, but the group seemed to be enjoying themselves and even had a bit of minor choreography in their last song, "Everywhere," by Michelle Branch.

The Toons' second guest group, the Boston University Dear Abbeys, an all male a cappella group, then took the stage. The Dear Abbeys were dressed in matching Dear Abbeys baseball style three quarter sleeve t-shirts and started their set with "Hungry Like A Wolf," by Duran Duran. This song featured an interesting key change as well as some impressive voice percussion. Two other notable songs were the mellow, "Lady in Red" by Chris Deberg, where soloist Victor Sandman had some impressive falsetto notes, and "Take on Me" by A-Ha, sung by Sean Landers, who topped and managed to project over the heavy background, which also seemed well suited to their parts. Most of the songs were ballads, but "Don't Cry" by Seal ended their set and had some very well-executed voice percussion. Their newest member Sean Cotton sang "Dream," which was also well received by the audience and pulled the oldest a cappella tradition in the book of serenading an audience member.

Then Resonance took the stage as Corey M. Gerritsen and David Ng'o 02 launched into "If You Could Only See" by Tonic. With some dust help from Ngo, he managed to project over the heavy background, which also had a relatively good imitation of a guitar riff. Then the Toons took us back to the good old days with a tv medley of sitcom themes from Cheers to Who's the Boss. They ended their set with "Ready to Go," by Republica with soloist Niyati Gandhi 02. Unfortunately, it was often too hard to hear Gandhi because it seemed as if the evening's excitement had the rest of the Toons singing too loudly. However, it didn't stop the audience from applauding wildly and staying around to hear the encore song of Vertical Horizon's "You're A God" sung by Charlie Floyd 03.

The Resonance

It was a tight time squeeze to hurry to the Resonance concert that followed. Brandied Voice Male opened for the relatively new group. Voice Male's repertoire consisted of classic a cappella tunes and oldies. For a very small group with only seven members, Voice Male had wonderful balance and although one member, Seth Herring, rendered solos for four out of their five songs, the rest of the group seemed well suited to their parts. Most of the songs were ballads, but "Don't Cry" by Seal ended their set and had some very well-executed voice percussion. Their newest member Sean Cotton sang "Dream," which was also very well received by the audience and pulled the oldest a cappella tradition in the book of serenading an audience member.

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Another strong performance was given by Carrie A Niziolek 05, who sang "You look so Fine" by Garbage. She didn't get as much backup as Rego, but her voice had a fullness lacking in some of the other solos.

Then Resonance invited down its three existing alumni to perform the first song that they had ever performed together, "StuQ Sail Away" by Self. This song had by far the strongest background vocals even to the point of covering the soloist, Leal. However, there were also more people singing backup. The energy was very good and they exited the class room amidst cries of encore, applause and raucous cheering.

After the break the crowd for a minute, they returned to sing "The Animal Song" by Savage Garden with soloist David M. Zych. His solid voice and clear falsetto begged the question of why he hadn't soloed in more pieces. Resonance then made their final exit in a conga line.

All in all, this relatively new group displays plenty of energy and has the potential to become an established MIT a cappella group. However, it is also clear that it may take a while for them to truly become fixture at the Institute.
C Knight, Tu-Th, 4:30-7:p.m.; Fri., 6-8 p.m. Call for schedule.
**Events Calendar**

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**Friday, December 7**

- **12:00 p.m.** - Psi Upsilon. The Physical education society for Psi Upsilon closes on Dec. 1st. All psi member's are welcome to attend. Fee: Free. Room: Seeweb.

- **12:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** - MTG. The ACM/IEEE Chapter's annual programming competition is held during AP. This year we are offering competitions to implement an artificial intelligence for an army of virtual robots in a 3D real time strategy game. Check out the web page and register. Fee: Free. Room: ACM/IEEE.

- **8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** - Hitachi/MIT Day. Room: MIT. W68 Audionum Tang Center. Fee: Free. Room: W68 Auditorium.

- **9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** - Holiday Craft Fair. The Technologies Community Outreach hosts their annual holiday sale. Items for sale include holiday ornaments and decorations, handmade children's clothing, pottery, tautals, stuffed animals, jewelry, and much more. Fee: Free. Room: Lobby 5. Sponsor: MIT Women's League.

- **9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** - Copyright Required Deadline for course material for Spring 2002. The MIT Copy Technologies Center deadline for submitting copyright request for course material is Dec. 10, 2001 for material that will be used in course readings for the Spring 2002 semester. If you need additional time to submit copyright requests please contact the copyright administrator at 258-5275. Fee: Free. Room: Copy Technologies Center.

- **1:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.** - FileMaker Pro User Group. The MIT FileMaker User Group (fmug) was formed for people at MIT, from beginners to experts, who are using or interested in learning to use FileMaker database software and related products. After several years of dormancy, the group has been revived to acknowledge increasing interest in FileMaker products on campus and to help the user community transition to FileMaker 5.x. Fee: Free. Room: 242 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.

- **3:00 a.m. - 4:30 a.m.** - "Simple Systems and Other Myth." MIT's Engineering Systems Division presents the first presentation in the Biennial Lecture Series. "Simple Systems and Other Myth." Mr. Neman R. Augustin is former CEO, President, and CEO and current chairman of the Executive Committee of Lockheed Martin Corporation. Reception follows from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Fee: Free. Room: Barbi Theatre. Lower Atrium. Sponsor: Engineering Systems Division.

- **7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.** - Ballroom Dance Workshops. Beginner ballroom dance steps will be taught. There will be an opportunity to dance and socialize with other attendees. Fee: Free. Room: 4-120. Sponsor: Ballroom Dances.

- **7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.** - FileGun Exercise Workshops. The FileGun exercise is an easy and effective way to relieve stress and improve physical and mental health. Millions of people in over 40 countries practice this safe and enjoyable exercise monot. Fee: Free. Room: 1-242. Sponsor: FileGun Crafts.

- **7:30 p.m.** - The Princess Diaries. LSC Presents The Princess Diaries. $3. Sponsor: LSC.

- **8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.** - Club 2. New People from MIT and Wheatley L. Show up anytime during our event. We'll put you in a team with others to build a tower out of toothpicks and marshmallows, the team with the highest tower wins. 0, 10 just hang out and watch others build. Gift certificates for the winning team. Fee: Free hot chocolate and desserts for everyone. Fee: Free. Room: 20 Chimneys (Student Center - Third Floor). Sponsor: Club2.

- **7:30 p.m. - 9:45 p.m.** - Total Toral Turn on. Classic Presents Classic Performances. $3. Room: 10-250. Sponsor: LSC.

- **8:00 p.m.** - The Crucible. Production of Arthur Miller's drama. $10, $8 other students, MIT faculty/staff. Sponsor: MIT Community Players.

- **9:00 p.m. - Summit Gala: Fall Fall Concert. Traditional Balinese music and dance. $7, $3 students, free with MIT ID and for children under 12. Room: Kresge Auditorium. Sponsor: Gamelan Galak Tik.

- **12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.** - The Creator. Arthur Miller's famous reading of the Salem Witch Trials. $6 MIT and Wellesley students; $8 Faculty/Staff, Senior Citizens, and other Students; $10 General Admission. Room: Kresge Little Theater. Sponsor: MIT Community Players.

- **8:00 p.m.** - Tora! Tora! Tora!. LSC Classics Presents Tora! Tora! Tora!. $3. Room: 10-250. Sponsor: LSC.

- **8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.** - Cross Product. MIT's a cappella Christian ensemble. Fee: Free. Room: 4-120. Sponsor: Cross Products.

- **7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.** - Cross Products Fall Concert. MIT's a cappella ensemble. Fee: Free. Room: 6-120. Sponsor: Cross Products.

- **7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.** - Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back. LSC Presents Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back. $3. Room: 10-250. Sponsor: LSC.

- **8:00 p.m. - 12:15 p.m.** - Afrique Magique: 2nd Annual Semi-formal. Annual Semi-formal. Sample delicious African cuisine while listening to poetry and background kora (classical west african instrument) music. Enjoy a live band performing african dresses and Erica may follow set by an after party. $12 persons, $20 couples. $10 each for groups of 4 or more. Room: Hulaween Room, Ashdown House. Sponsor: African Students Association. Website: www.femm.org

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- **8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.** - MIT Logarhythms Winter Concert. MIT Logarhythms Holiday Concert. MIT's oldest and only a cappella ensemble present their annual Christmas concert, featuring their now legendary reputation for high performance and outrageous brand of humor. Performing guest groups include The Middleby Maniacs. Fee: Free. Room: Rm 25-105. Sponsor: Logarhythms, MIT.

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- **1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.** - Continuum Seminar: A Constitutive Model for the Large Strain Time Dependent Behavior of Articular Cartilage Embedded in a Complex Hydrated Tissue Consisting of a Vascular Network of Ulnar and Dorsal Arteries. $10 each for groups of 4 or more. Room: Hulaween Room, Ashdown House. Sponsor: African Students Association. Website: www.femm.org

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New Rush Changes
Top Agenda of IFC

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Hanson '03; Inter-FSILG Relations Chair Fred F. Gao '04, New Member Programs Chair Eric Zhang '04, and Secretary Andrew J. Kutas '04.

"I think that they have a good idea of where the IFC needs to go and will do a good job of the transition in 2002," said current IFC president Rory P. Pheiffer '01.

New officers plan rush changes

The new IFC officers will be faced with the challenge of following new rush and freshmen housing policies in the coming year.

"I think that some of the work that they'll do will help lead the transition into 2003," Pheiffer said.

The IFC must make sure that rush and freshmen are not isolated from both rush and financial viability, Yen said.

"With the changes imposed for next year, I am afraid that a number of the incoming freshmen will not have the opportunity to engage in what I am sure most affiliated upperclassmen would consider some of the most rewarding experiences of their lives," said De Hoyos.

The new IFC vice-president discussed new activities to be part of next year's rush, including a "Greek Week" preceding rush to draw freshmen to fraternities.

"I think that it will provide an excellent kick-off to getting everybody primed for what will, hopefully, be another successful living group rush in spite of the changes," De Hoyos said.

Another change that these new officers will have to deal with is the succession of the Pathenitical Association from the IFC.

"I think in the coming year there will be various challenges faced by the two organizations while they try to develop their autonomy while maintaining relations," Pheiffer said. "Since this will be their first year on their own, Panhel will need some time to do some things on their own, establish a name for themselves on campus."

Increased unity top on agenda

Top on many of the elected officers' agendas is to increase unity within the MIT community as a whole by dispelling misconceptions of the Greek community.

"There is a great antagonization of the IFC in many cases, in which members of the community feel that we are unfair and incapable," said Gao.

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self a target.

"It really shouldn't have to come to that ... when you have to sacrifice a strong part of your belief for your safety," she said. Raising awareness and reaching out to each other, she said, helps combat that fear.

"The real victims were the ones who lost their lives," Mohammed Jalal Khan G said. "I didn't want to allow myself [to be considered as a victim when] I was one of the luckiest ones, with a very minor problem.

Khan also expressed concern about the apparent threats to due process rights that the series, presentation of mass detentions and interviews of Muslims in America, as well as President Bush's announcement of military tribunals.

"They are not a concern for you, they are a concern for all of us," Ven said.

The previous dinners in the Ramadan@MIT series were the MIT chaplaincy iftar night and bringing a friend to iftar night.

Talk addresses Islamic perspective

In his keynote speech, Saeed offered an Islamic perspective on the American values of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Quoting from the Koran, the Prophet Mohammed's sayings, and the likes of Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson, Saeed said that Islam teaches that life is precious. Saeed went on to say that according to Islam individuals have both freedom and responsibility. "We all have a choice to do right and wrong, and by giving us that choice, Allah holds us accountable," he said.

The speech was followed by a question and answer session moderated by Saeed and five other members of the MIT Muslim community. Members of the faculty and administration asked questions, such as how Islam reconciled to story of creation with current scientific evidence and how Judeo-Christian prophets fit in to Islam, in open microphone format.

CCCR develops awareness video

During the series, Saeed attended the Campus Committee for Race Relations recorded a video about what it is like to be a Muslim at MIT.

This effort was separate from the Ramadan@MIT series, but included input from the MSA.

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The students also worked closely with Linda Noel, program coordinator for student activities. "I was excited when some of the students who were planning [the event] came to my office ... the whole series is a great opportunity for all members of the MIT community to come together and learn from each other," she said after attending the event.

Ramadan is the ninth month in the Islamic calendar when Muslims fast from dawn to sunset. It is also a month of reflection and prayer. Muslims believe that their holy book, th Koran, was revealed during the month of Ramadan. The month travels with the lunar calendar and will start next year at the beginning of November.

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Survey Finds RLA Program Is Success

By Brian Loux

A survey conducted by the Office of Residential Life and Student Life Programs has concluded that the pilot Residential Life Associate program has performed well in its first three months.

The survey took detailed opinions of housemasters, graduate residence tutors, and RLA aspects. Katherine O’Dair, assistant dean of residential programs, said that the survey identified a need to clarify the role of the RLA and how they balance power with the housemasters, graduate resident tutors, and medical support.

The administration plans to address these issues in depth over the upcoming spring semester and target dorm specific issues. “There will be some confusion of roles,” said O’Dair, “but that’s to be expected with the situation.”

“It’s very important to remember that we are only three months into the program,” she said. “Three of the four RLAs are entirely new and are learning the cultures of their zones. A good part of their time was taken up learning about that.”

“The RLA program is an entirely new thing to campus,” said McCormick Housemaster Charles Stewart. “Right now I think they’re trying to figure out a best way to be helpful on an unusual campus like MIT’s. I think they’ll do more later.”

O’Dair said that the RLSLP was working on a plan to get a large volume of student feedback. “Our thinking was that students wouldn’t have time to respond right now as finals pressure increases,” she said. “We are hoping to get their responses next semester.”

Some students were not familiar with the RLA program. “To be honest I am not sure if Prajapati is often here,” said Smitha Raghu-ran Nathan ’05.

O’Dair said that the extent of RLA involvement depends on the individual and the dorms. In family dorms like Eastgate, RLA Gabrielle Pardo has taken on a much more active role due to the lack of a housemaster, she said.

However, in dorms with pre-existing housemasters and GRTs, the RLA’s role may be more oriented towards administrative support. “One thing we didn’t want was to have the RLAs walking the hallways,” said O’Dair. “We made sure the RLAs did not walk into the houses uninvited.”

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Work Will Continue Next Fall

Simmons Hall, from Page 1

"I think [ongoing construction] is going to be a reality," Associate Professor of History and future Simmons Hall Housemaster Anne E. McCants said.

Similar ongoing construction has taken place since the new graduate dorm at 224 Albany Street, better known as "The Warehouse," opened to residents earlier this year.

"Sometimes it's challenging to live with the ongoing construction, but I think it's worth it to get the finished product," said Lori Leeman, housemaster of 224 Albany Street.

Dilan Senevirante, president of the Graduate Student Council, said that construction at the Warehouse was "fairly troublesome" especially because the construction delays were discovered late in the process.

Grads keep 76 Pacific Street

If MIT had determined that Simmons could not open in time for the fall semester, undergraduates would most likely have been housed in the new graduate dormitory at 70 Pacific Street and displaced many graduate students from campus housing.

The Graduate Student Council was concerned about the potential lost revenue for the graduate reserve fund that would have resulted from losing 70 Pacific Street housing fees for a semester.

The fact that Simmons is now on schedule is good news for everyone," Senevirante said. "We hope this announcement guarantees there will be no displacing of graduate students" from the graduate dormitory under construction at Sydney and Pacific.

Sahil Somani, secretary of the Tang Hall Residents Association and co-chair of the Graduate Student Council housing and community affairs committee, said that the announcement was a "sigh of relief" for graduate students. "The whole situation had the administration putting grad students at a disadvantage," Somani said. "You always keep your fingers crossed and hope that this is really what's going to happen."

Many optimistic about new dorm McCants, who will serve as Simmons housemaster next year, said she was "thrilled, of course." "It's just terrific," she said. "All I can figure is we have the late summer here to thank for this; we got lucky."

Founder's Group member Jeffrey C. Roberts '02 said that he had heard some good news in the weeks leading up to the decision, and he "hadn't been too concerned about it."

However, he added that he was "definitely relieved" to hear that Simmons would open on time.

Roberts said that he was confident the project team would successfully meet the completion schedule, but he recognized that "it is a challenging project and you never know what's going to happen."

Simmons planning gearing up

Benedict is said that the real planning for student life issues are yet to begin. "We're all excited, and now the real work begins," he said. "We have to start kicking those [plans] into high gear."

McCants said that MIT needed to "go full-speed ahead on getting some students who are committed to living there." She will be speaking with Benedict, Associate Dean for Student Life Programs Barbara A. Baker, and Undergraduate Residential Services Manager Denise A. Vallay next week regarding the logistics of getting upperclassmen students to move to Simmons.

However, planning is likely to be on hold until Independent Activities Period begins since the term is ending shortly. "It can't move now, before the end of term," McCants said.

Roberts, who no longer needs to plan for a "Spouse-in-Exile" group of future Simmons residents living in temporary housing, said that he will host one final "Spouse Committee" meeting before the end of term on December 15. Key issues for the Founder's Group include a number of administrative topics, such as house governance, selection of graduate resident tutors, visiting scholars, and associate housemasters, as well as issues such as marketing, publicity, and dining. "Most of that work is going to start over IAP," Roberts said. He acknowledged that planning had been delayed by the uncertainty over Simmons' opening date. "The decision has kind of held things back," Roberts said. "We'll hopefully get more people starting to sign up and see where we go from there."

Contingency plans still developing

Although MIT has decided to go ahead with plans to house students in Simmons next fall, contingency planning is still proceeding in the event of emergency delays. "You always need to be prepared," Benedict said. However, he said that the later phases of construction could not result in delays significant enough to push back the dorm's opening. Rather, MIT would know far enough ahead "if there's a big problem" to plan accordingly.

Roberts agreed that some contingency planning is still necessary, but not on the scale previously discussed in the event of an IAP opening. "We may have to still talk about some smaller contingencies," Roberts said, such as a delay of a few days before students can move in.

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Slow Start for Squash

Despite Return of Surana, MIT Drops Three

By Robert Aronstam

The squash team's 2001-2002 campaign began with one win in the opening four matches. The losing victory was over Colby College by a score of 7-2. The defeats came at the hands of Stanford, Bowdoin, and Cornell by scores of 4-5, 1-8, and 0-9, respectively. Despite the slow start, the team still has hopes of improving upon their national ranking of number 23 from the 2000-2001 season.

Surana fills former position

This season marks the return of the team's number one player, Kunal K. Surana. '02, after a one-year hiatus. Refocused and ready to compete, Surana led MIT with a 3-1 record in the first four matches. Surana easily topped his Stanford and Bowdoin opponents, but had a slightly greater challenge against his foe from Colby. After dropping the first four matches by a score of 9-3, Surana changed back in the following three games. The victory was secured by scores of 9-5, 9-3, and 9-7 in the final three games.

The final game of the match required a comeback, as Surana found himself down 5-7 and facing a three game deficit. Surana's Stanford match was particularly hard fought. The match went the full length of five games before Monson emerged victorious.

Her agile opponent stubbornly retrieved nearly every shot that Monson dealt. However he maintained his height advantage, forcing Surana to hit errant shots. Relying primarily on drives to the back corners, Monson eventually wore down her opponent, forcing him to hit erratic shots.

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SPORTS

Sport Taekwondo Takes Fifth at Cornell

By Christina Park

On Saturday November 3rd, the MIT Sport Taekwondo Club sent a 26-member team to Ithaca, New York for the 14th Annual Northeast Taekwondo Invitational hosted by Cornell University. The tournament saw competitors from 14 different schools, including Cornell, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, and NYU.

MIT, the newest team in the Ivy/Northeast Taekwondo League, made up for its lack of experience with enthusiasm and heart and by showing team spirit and limiting perseverence. The final results placed MIT fifth overall, with a point total marginally behind third place Harvard and fourth place Yale.

The day opened with forms competition, in which Taekwondo students highlighted the beauty of the "art" in martial arts through a choreographed set of blocks, kicks and punches. Much like in gymnastics, scoring is based not only on technical merit, but also on artistic elements such as grace, balance, power, and agility.

Dr. Margaret H. Cho '04 and Boachi Nguyen G. nearly swept Women's Green/Blue belt competition, filling the first and third, respectively. Cho's background as a figure skater proved beneficial to the women's first loss of the season, despite valiant efforts by the sabre squad. Following St. John's, the women demolished Yasser 25-2. Purcell, Del Castillo, McKeehan and Manoohsingh went undefeated at St. John's, the defending national champions.

At the close of the first half of the season, the women boat a 9-1 (6-1 NCAAs) and the men an 8-1 (5-1) record.

Neil Keav Dvorar '02 (epee) and Caroline M. Purcell '02 (sabre) led the way, improving their personal records to a team best 16-2. Dvorar and Purcell were undefeated in the team victories over Brown University and Vassar College.

Women posting convincing wins

The women felt little pressure from their first three meets, winning 11-16 over Brown, 22-3 over BC and 19-8 over Brandeis. In team format, three fencers from each squad - epee, foil and sabre - face each of the opposing school's respective fencers, for a total of nine bouts per squad and 27 bouts per school.

Epee and foil got off to slow starts against Brown, but the sabre girls picked up the slack going 5-0 and 8-2 behind 3-0 outings by Purcell and Jennifer A. McKeehan G. McKeehan and Manoohsingh went undefeated 9-0. Dvorar and Danielle M. Moore '02 both went 3-0 for foil and Smith, Casano, Michelle A. Nadermann '03 and Crystal Shih '04 added two wins apiece for open.

Men survive stiff competition

In a day marked by team unity, the men's team survived an early match loss against Brown in their first match. Despite Dvorar's 3-0 performance for the epee squad, neither epee nor sabre posted winning records. With a strong example of team harmony, the foil squad went 7-2 to win up half the wins in the 14-13 contest. Oliver J. Chadwick '02 and Vincent Chen '05 both contributed two victories, but the 3-0 performance of William F. MacFarlane '06 and the day.

The team score stood at 13-13 as MacFarlane faced Brown's top foil fencer. With the team's fate in his hands, MacFarlane proceeded to soundly defeat his opponent, leaving the entire Brown team stumped.

Still reeling from the loss of the season for their best fencer, the sabre squad got its chance to do so against Rafael E. Bras '02, Jason M. Zhao '02, Joel K. Eisen '02, Michael P. Phibbs '04 and Kevin T. Pham '04. The 8-0 victory was ample recompense for BC's victory last year.

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UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

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The highlight of the infiel d events came during the triple jump. First, Chou faced off against her own varsity record with three leaps totaling 54" 10 1/2". Then, Baochi set the bar, called it a 34'-0" finish, surpassing the previous vars i record and claiming the rook ie record. Both jumps were ECAC-quality marks.

In the women's division, Imoukhuede '02 qualified provisionally for the NCAAs Championships in the weight throw with a throw of 49'-11". While Akua Anwaiwku '03 qualified for the New England Championship in the event, Imoukhuede also got off to a great start in the shot put and a solid ECAC-quality throw of 33'-9 1/2".

On the track, Merid N. Silberstein '05 broke the rookie record in the 400m hurdles, finishing in a time of 57.75. In the 1000-meter, Julia C. Eaple '05 qualified for ECAC-Championships with a 3:27.12 and showed her potential to take down both the rookie and varsity records in the event.

Tomorrow at MIT's Johnson Athletic Center, the team will attempt to begin the season with an undefeated record, as they face off against Springfield College and the University of Southern Maine.