GSC Tries To Keep Grad Beds
By Rima Amamot
SPORTS AND FEATURES DIRECTOR
Following a proposal by Chancellor Philip L. Clay PhD ’75 to find space for 140 undergraduates in the graduate housing system, members of the Graduate Student Council are searching for solutions to the undergraduate overcrowding crisis that would not come at the expense of graduate beds.

"The next step is basically to get input," Clay said. He said he was "actually quite gratified" by the e-mail suggestions he has received so far. The memo was "deliberately sparse on implementation details" to allow for feedback, he said.

Ashdown likely solution
Although he is open to ideas from the community at this point, Clay said that the likely solution will be to house the 140 undergraduates in Ashdown House. Clay called Ashdown the "most appropriate as opposed to Tang, Sidney and Pacific," or other graduate dormitories. He also thought that housing small numbers of undergraduates in the middle of large graduate communities like Sidney and Pacific would protect remaining undergraduates unreasonably.

At a meeting between senior administrators and Graduate Housemasters last week, two proposals were pitched, said Ashdown Housemaster Terry P. Orlando. Orlando explained the proposals to residents.

"It sounds like currently the two options from where the 140 beds would come from would be Ashdown and Sidney-Pacific," he said. As far as the Ashdown idea goes, the plan is to divide the dorm into two separate living groups with separate entrances and separate facilities. There’s just myriad logistical problems.

MIT Grad Allegedly Faked Death to Avoid Debts
By Kaithalinstein
A former MIT graduate student faked his own death in 1990 to avoid paying his bursar’s bill and student loans, federal prosecutors charged in a civil complaint on Jan. 11. The former student, David M. Venezia ’89, had been arrested two days earlier and was also held on separate criminal charges that he defrauded an Army scholarship program while attending Boston University in 1997.

Venezia received a Master of Science degree from MIT’s Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering in 1989, but he failed to pay off his $4,000 bursar’s bill after graduation, according to MIT documents that were part of the government’s filing.

Additionally, prosecutors say Venezia filed five times between September 1989 and November 1999 to defer repayment of $23,000 in student loans to attend Brandeis, Northeastern, and MIT, each time claiming that he was unemployed.

The government asserts that during that period, he was a full-time civil engineer at the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center in Natick, Mass.

Venezia’s attorney in the criminal case, James J. Sullivan, confirmed that Venezia “worked at Natick Labs at some point” but said he is now an administrator for the United States Park Service.

Venezia allegedly faked death
Prosecutors accuse Venezia of eventually resorting to more extreme means to escape his debts. A log of attempts to collect Venezia’s $4,000 bill, part of the government’s exhibit of bursar’s office documents, includes the notation: “7/09/90 Call received from Michael Venezia, says his cousin David died from an auto accident.” Michael is David Venezia’s middle name.

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Alfred A.H. Keil
Former Dean of Engineering Alfred A.H. Keil died on Wednesday, Jan. 9, at the Goddard Nursing Home in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, who suffered from Alzheimer’s disease, was 88 years old.

Keil was one of the world’s leading authorities on naval architecture and ocean engineering.

He has made a lasting contribution to the school and to the Institute through his efforts to articulate a new and broader vision of engineering education and to use the resources of the school with increased effectiveness," wrote then-President Jerome W. Warner and then-Chancellor Paul E. Gray ’54 in 1977, when Keil stepped down as dean of the School of Engineering.

Professor James D. Bruce ScD ’64, an associate dean under Keil, served as interim dean after his departure. Bruce remembered Keil as a remarkable scientist and educator, an innovative educator, and a friend.

"His ideas concerning engineering and science education, though early, have often stood the test of time and are being implemented now," Bruce told Tech Talk. "He really had a warm heart. He cared about people. I often think of seeing him with my children when they would come to the office at the end of the day."

Born in Kornamentsdorf, Germany, on May 1, 1913, Keil received the Doctor of Natural Science degree from Friedrich Wilhelm University in 1939. After receiving his degree, he conducted research and experimentation on the physics and effects of underwater explosions.

Following World War II, he worked for the U.S. Naval Technical Mission in Germany from 1945-46 and came to the United States in 1947 to join the Navy’s Bureau of Ships. As chief scientist of the Navy’s Underwater Explosion Research Division in Portsmouth, VA, for 12 years, he became an authority on ship protection.

Keil became technical director of the Structural Mechanics Laboratory at the Navy’s David Taylor Model Basin in Washington, D.C.

Alfred Keil, Page 14

Student Finds 1941 Brass Rat in Desert
John R. Velasco ‘05 holds a 1941 MIT class ring that he found on a camping trip in California’s Borrego Desert on December 27. The ring is inscribed with the owner’s initials, only the first two letters — J.H. — are readable.

While the Alumni Office was unable to identify the owner, Harold Radcliffe ’41 suggested that the ring might belong to James Henry Ferguson. Ferguson, a member of Phi Beta Delta fraternity, was listed as dead in the 1975 alumni newsletter. However, Velasco was unable to locate Ferguson’s next of kin.

Velasco was still surprised by the discovery. "The biggest mystery is how [the ring] got to the desert." He thought that because the Navy and Marines conducted exercises in the Borrego Desert in 1941, the owner might have been in the armed forces and lost the ring during training, but the full story remains unknown.

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CPs Find Drugs, Beer Keg on Fourth West
By Eric J. Chelander
In separate incidents at East Campus, illegal drugs were found inside a resident’s room, and a beer keg was discovered in a hallway closet.

Both the drugs and the keg were found on the fourth floor of East Campus’ west parallel, soon after fire alarms went off on the floor. The MIT Campus Police incident log lists the drugs as having been found at 6:13 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 9, shortly after a fire alarm went off at 3:42 p.m.

According to Capt. Carlzon, the MIT Campus Police, the keg was found on Friday, Jan. 11, after a fire alarm went off in the fourth floor junior’s closet. The beer keg was reported found at 4:44 p.m. less than an hour after the alarm went off at 3:56 p.m.

"The keg was visible from the hallway," Carlson said. “We seized it and got in touch with the liquor store.” The keg was later returned to student goes through the...
Rumsfeld Defends Detention
WASHINGTON
In the face of continued criticism of U.S. treatment of al-Qaida and Taliban prisoners, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld Tuesday mounted a vigorous, hour-long defense of security procedures used at the U.S. military facility in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The existence of the detention center at Guantanamo Bay is proper, it's humane, it's appropriate, and it is fully consistent with international conventions," Rumsfeld said at a Pentagon briefing. "No distance has been harmed. The numerous articles, statements, questions, allegations and breathless reports on television are undoubtedly by people who don't understand international law and the implementation of the law by people through tactics such as shaming them are all classic techniques employed to 'break' the spirit of individuals ahead of interrogation.

Al-Qaida Leader Revealed Plot Against U.S. Embassy in Yemen
WASHINGTON
A senior al-Qaida leader held by U.S. forces in Afghanistan provided information about an alleged plot to blow up the U.S. Embassy in Yemen with a truck bomb that led to last week's decisions to close the embassy consular office and tighten security around the facility. Bush administration officials said Tuesday.

The information was provided by Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi, a former al-Qaida member who is the most senior al-Qaida member known to be held by the United States.

Donors Pledge $27.2 Million for De-Mining Afghanistan
LOS ANGELES TIMES
Officials from 24 nations and international organizations Tuesday pledged $27.2 million, including $7 million by the United States, for de-mining Afghanistan, at the close of a two-day conference on rebuilding the country. While the funds were welcomed by Afghan government officials, they're a fraction of the $668 million over seven years that U.N. experts say is needed to eliminate the nation's land mine and unexploded ordnance problem.

Kmart Corp., known for blue-light specials and Martha Stewart sheets, Tuesday filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. The spin-off of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia is the latest in a string of bankruptcies for retailers, and the right move for a company that is running out of options.

Kmart's decision comes in a day of high drama in New York City. The White House disclosed on Tuesday that if Congress has the right attitude, we can get a lot done.

Kmart, which operates more than 1,200 stores, filed for Chapter 11 protection Tuesday, just a day after a split-by-election battle among its three primary shareholders ended with the company's largest shareholder, retail giant Sears/Quill, taking control.

"The White House said the first lady's mother, Jenna Welch, bought 200 shares of Enron at $49.90 a share on Sept. 21, 1999, and sold them all for 42 cents a share on Dec. 4, two days after the bankruptcy filing. That was a loss of $8,096.

Bush also made a preemptive strike against the upcoming Capital Hill investigations of Enron, several of which are likely to explore his administration's treatment of major donors, including Enron executives. While Bush acknowledged that Congress has a right to investigate the collapse of the company, he warned that investigations against Enron, "The Congress also needs to stay focused on the American people," Bush said. "We're running a war. We've got to make sure our homeland is secure, and we've got to make sure people can find work. We'll take care of our business."

The new wave of hearings will begin on Thursday and will likely last months. "I'm confident that if Congress has the right attitude, we can get a lot done."

WEATHER
By Nichole Prike

The region of high pressure which gave us clear skies yesterday will move off of the coast today, and winds from the south will carry warm air over the city during the day, with temperatures well above normal. This could be the end of a three-week heat wave. A strong cold front will arrive on Thursday. After the front passes through, relatively mild temperatures will prevail through the weekend. For those who prefer cooler temperatures, a cold front will arrive mid-week.

Extended Forecast
Today: Increasing clouds through the afternoon, fog and rain possible late. High near 50°F (10°C).

Tonight: Fog and some rain, lows around 35°F (2°C).

Thursday: Rain, highs in the mid 40s (7°C). Clearing overnight, lows in the mid 30s (-1°C).

Friday: Partly cloudy, highs in the upper 30s (1°C), lows in the 20s (-5°C).

Weekend: Continued partly cloudy, highs in the lower 40s (5°C), lows in the 20s (-5°C).
India Claims Calcutta Gunmen Connected to Sept. 11 Attacks

By Paul Watson

LOS ANGELES TIMES

Yoking its own fight against extremists to Washington's war on terror, India claimed Wednesday that two alleged assailants in last week's attacks in the bustling city of Calcutta were wanted criminals with links to the Pakistan-based militant group Jaish-e-Mohammed, responsible for the September 11, 2001, World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks.

India's government disavowed the Indian allegations as "baseless." Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf has called for the world to send a "clear message" to Pakistan on the need to fight terrorism, a demand that the Pakistan government has been reluctant to meet.

"We have been in contact with Pakistan for almost every major terrorist attack," an Indian government official said, adding that Pakistan has failed to provide information on the perpetrators.

Pakistan's government had asked India for "credible" information, the official said. "Pakistan is willing to do its part to fight terrorism, but only if India provides credible proof of linkages between the two countries."
Opinion

How Northerners Beat the Winter Blues:

- EXPENSIVE TROPICAL VACATIONS
- ARTIFICIAL SUNLIGHT TREATMENTS
- MUSIC THERAPY
- WATCHING NEWS FOOTAGE OF SOUTHERNERS COPING WITH SNOW

“it’s an Olympics security measure...the skiers slalom around law enforcement officials.”

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The most recent proposals put forth by the Task Force on Student Life and Learning cite that "the thoughtful projects that exist at Ashdown House are an example of how to bring about a strong sense of community amid the unprecedented plights we face, which are closely aligned to MIT's educational mission."

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Logistical problems aside, this proposal challenges the assumption that a dormitory student system should attempt to foster. Graduate dorms have their own unique communities and support systems. These are sandstone-colored old god house governance systems that involve a significant fraction of its residents. An average 200 students live in off-campus five or six house units (such as coffee houses, 150 students live in a dormitory. Without the dorm, it is one of its sides an important role in the grad student community as a whole, hosting popular events open to graduate students, and is presumed to be a part of a graduate community. For example, the 1998 Report of the Task Force on Student Life and Learning states that "the thoughtful projects that exist at Ashdown House are an example of how to bring about a strong sense of community amid the unprecedented plights we face, which are closely aligned to MIT's educational mission."

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Pikmin are absolutely adorable. Olimar adds to the charm. Before you can damage them, a mushroom sees in his head. The challenge mode opens up. You can see boss' weak points or overcome their defenses.

Bomb rocks and are thrown the highest. The yellow one can carry items. Red pikmin are strong and can block, destroy walls, and fight the local monsters.

Olimar can use these creatures to recover his spaceship when a comet slams into it. He loses several instruments and you're left with a potato. Don't forget the core multipliers of these creatures.

Gamecube owners should definitely read this. The calming effect that you won't find often.

Time is the problem with Pikmin. The 30-day time limit destroys your ability to sit back and amuse yourself. Pikmin die after only a few hours and can be easily completed in a rental period. The lack of a multiplayer mode hurts the game.

The foreign world is very beautiful. The developers went to real forests and took lots of pictures, and the effort definitely paid off. You can easily confuse the game graphics with photographs. The pikmin look a little blocky, but are fluidly animated.

The music is very calm and quiet. The pikmin have different sounds for their actions. You will know when they are under attack and when they are knocking a wall down, and you'll love their hello notes.

Reduced to one video on the other consoles, the XBox controller only has two top buttons, so Electronic Arts had to remove tricks from it. Definitely not what I wanted.

EXTREME G 3

Published by Acclaim
PlayStation 2 and Nintendo Gamecube
$49.95

The Extreme G series began with a futuristic racing game similar to the Wipeout, which debuted on PlayStation. Extreme G 2 tried its best to be even better, but the N64 couldn't handle the graphics and was plagued with slowdown. The physics engine was pretty lousy and hitting a wall at high speeds would automatically flip you around. Acclaim went back to the drawing board, and they produced an excellent racer in Extreme G 3.

Unlike G 1 and G 2, the bikes have the same stats, so your character choice is a matter of taste. There are 10 courses, separated into four leagues. You earn cash for placing in seventh or higher, and you can use it to buy upgrades for your bike.

The Gamecube controller is perfect for this game. The A button accelerates, while X and Y act as support for boosting and weapons. The B button gives a rear view and the shoulder buttons act as side air brakes. The slippery PlayStation 2 analog sticks don't have as much grip as the Gamecube sticks, so turning and leaning is a little more difficult on the PlayStation 2.

G 3 concentrates more on racing than weapons. There are no more weapon pick-ups along the track, and you can't destroy all of your opponents like in G 2. Instead, you need to make fewer mistakes than your opponents. You must navigate turns correctly and pivot onto slopes and inclines for more wheel grip. And because using your boost costs shield energy, you must avoid taking damage.

The computer AI treats everyone equally. It's no longer you versus team CPU, but a multiplayer mode where one or two bikers controlled by humans. Computer bikes shoot at each other, boost ahead, bump into walls, and miss important shortcuts. In other words, they act like humans would, and it's about a game that did that.

The weapons have been toned down so the game concentrates more on racing than fighting. Those who liked the explosive aspects of Extreme G 4 will be disappointed. The heat seekers always hit their marks, but are weaker than the straight-ahead rockets. The rear blasters have no range, and the micro mines need only be touched to go off.

The game has multiplayer options. The arcade mode is entertaining but deceptive, since the game is about racing. You can choose a cooperative career mode and play two members of the same team if you want an extra buddy during those really tough races.

Most racing games don't have enough content. Extreme G 1 and G 2, they have no 10 tracks don't excite me. This game really needs a bigger pool of maps for players to choose from. Though this game is very dark, though the brightness changes, but they're not enough.

The graphics need a bit of explanation. They are not the best we've seen, but they are very well done. The cartoon with the 3-D aspects of video games, it's truly a compromise between the two styles. Gamers will find the textures too plain, while cartoon fans will resent the 3-D. Everything looks like the cartoon would if it were in 3-D. Batman has an overall snowy jaw, Joker has inverted eyes (black outside, white pupils), and Gotham City has a red sky. The game is very dark, though the brightness adjustment helps some. However, the game will seem flat on some textures looks downright ugly.

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Batman Vengeance

Published by Ubi Soft
PlayStation 2, Nintendo Gamecube and Microsoft XBox
$49.95

Rated T for Teen

Batman's exploits have been related, translated and interpreted through television, movies, and comics. There have been a few Batman games, but they couldn't capture the feeling of being the Dark Knight. Batman Vengeance manages to stay loyal to Batman and is the best Batman game ever made. In terms of gameplay, however, it is very limited.

The storyline of Batman Vengeance emanates from The New Superman-Superman Adventures series on the WB network. In this game Batman is being hunted down and kidnapped by the Joker. At the end of a climactic battle, the Joker jumps off Gotham Bridge and the screen dies a crime wave with Mr. Freeze and Poison Ivy riding the crest.

The music is great, it brings the excitement of the events, and he must stop the source before all of Gotham is destroyed.

Batman Vengeance lets you act just like Batman would. Throw a batman to disarm gun-wielding mummies, or sneak along walls and bustoff from behind. The combat system is simple, yet highly effective. You can punch, kick, block, or use special attacks to pummel evildoers. Other enemies won't approach if Batman is in a one-on-one battle, which makes 3-on-1 matches a lot easier. The grappling hook lets him move only on specific surfaces that are marked for grappling, which really limits where you can go.

Limited movement is the game's major problem. The automobile is a one car action game. I had hoped to travel around Gotham City finding clues to the next area, solving side mysteries, or scouting neighborhood and stopping common thieves, but Batman Vengeance focuses on the specific path, and the stages boil down to "beat badguys, open door, beat badguy." The Batplane and Batmobile stages are welcome changes, but they're not enough.

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Batman soars through Gotham skies with his trusty batrope.
Dinner afterwards

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So you guys are going another crazy Pac Tournament, eh?

FoxTrot by Bill Amend

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Dilbert® by Scott Adams

DILBERT THE SALES GUY
I'LL TALK TO YOU EVERY DAY IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND.

DILBERT THE SALES GUY
DON'T TALK TO ME EVERY DAY. YOU MIGHT CHANGE YOUR MIND.

DILBERT THE SALES GUY
DID YOU KNOW THAT IF YOU CROSS "SALES" WITH "TALK" YOU GET "STALK"?

DILBERT THE SALES GUY
I WOULDN'T BUY THIS B.S. WITH YOUR MONEY.

DILBERT THE SALES GUY
IT'S OVERPRICED, HARD TO USE. FULL OF BUGS AND IT SOLVES NO PROBLEM.

DILBERT THE SALES GUY
I SPIT ON YOUR PACK-AGING!

DILBERT THE SALES GUY
HERE'S MY CARD. NONE OF THE INFORMATION IS CORRECT.

DILBERT THE SALES GUY
WHY DON'T YOU CALL ME, I'M WORTHY.

DILBERT THE SALES GUY
YOU MUST HAVE A LOT OF CLOUT IN YOUR COMPANY.

DILBERT THE SALES GUY
SHUT UP AND BUY SOMETHING.

SALES TRAINING
A TRAINED SALES-PERSON CAN SELL ANYTHING TO ANYONE.

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DON'T ACT LIKE YOU'RE SELLING SOMETHING.

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FOR THIS NEXT DEMONSTRATION I NEED A VOLUNTEER WHO CAN'T SEE WHAT'S COMING.

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It's overpriced, hard to use. Full of bugs and it solves no problem.

I won't buy this B.S. with your money.

I'm going to sell this road-kill to one of you for a thousand dollars.

Why don't you call me? I'm worthy.

You must have a lot of clout in your company.

Shut up and buy something.

A sales training you heard me, goober. Now beg for our product.

Never sell to your customer. Make your customer sell to you.

A good sale is like a good wedgie: your victim shouldn't see it coming.

A trained sales-person can sell anything to anyone.

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Events Calendar

Wednesday, January 23

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Summer Camp Briefing. An overview of resources to help identify and select day camp and summer enrichment programs for children. Frees. Room: 16-151. Sponsor: Family Resource Center.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - FileMaker Pro Quick Start. This class introduces users to the FileMaker environment and its functions using an existing database as a model. Free. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Support Staff Forum, Report to the Support Staff from members of the OIS. Questions and Answer period to follow. Free. Room: 66-110. Sponsor: Working Group on Support Staff Issues.

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Draper Lab Tour. We will begin with an introduction to the Draper Laboratory, its history, and major projects. We will then visit several areas of the Laboratory and see some ongoing activities. Restricted to U.S. citizens or Green Card holders, free, but limited to 35 participants. Room: Draper Lab Reception Lobby. Sponsor: AeroAstro.

3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Seminar: "Thermal Phenomena in Superlattices and Nanodevices". The audience will get an overview of the research at the MIT Superlattices and Quantum Structures Laboratory. Free. Room: 12-101. Sponsor: Mechanical Engineering Dept., Sloan Automotive Laboratory.

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Industry Open House. Come learn about the different roles that you can play in a career of the high tech industry. Meet senior level company representatives who will share industry trends and what it takes to be successful in their industries. Participants: Automotive, General Motors; Government, International Business Machines; Medical, Zoomed Medical Technologies; Guidant; Entrepreneur, Sitara Networks. Sessions will run twice, 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Bring your questions and your resumes! Free. Room: 4-415, 4-419, 4-153, 4-159, 4-231. Sponsor: Freshman Alumni Summer Internship Program.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Renaissance Dancing. There are many forms of Renaissance Dancing that we practice. From Italian balli to courtly pavans to English country dances. We dance them all with flair and fun. Dress is common street clothing. No experience necessary. Registration fee is $15. Room: W20 (Sala or 407 or 311). Sponsor: Music and Theater Arts Section.

Thursday, January 24

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Extravagular Activity. "Living in a Vacuum: Extravagular Activity." IAP Event. This lecture will deal with preparations for working outside a space vehicle and with operational considerations necessary for successful EVAs. Brian Toomey, JSC Docking Systems Engineer. Free. Room: 10-50. Sponsor: Society for Creative Anarchy and Science Fiction.

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - IFILM Film Seminar. Free. Room: 4-237. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, International Film Club.

8:00 p.m. - Saxophone Quartet of the United States Marine Band. Virtuosic interpretations of music selected from the 20th century repertoire and performed in uniform. Program includes the Boston premieres of Quartet of Saxophones by MIT Lecturer Curtis Kneeland Hughes and a work by Israel/Boston composer Leo Nasok. Also, various works by Duke Ellington and bluegrass standards. Free. Room: Bean Hall. Sponsor: Music and Theater Arts Section.

Friday, January 25

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Orientation to Computing at MIT. This seminar provides basic, non-technical information about the MIT computing environment. Topics include: help resources operating systems supported software and recommended hardware the campus network security telephones and voice mail-related health issues. Free. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - MIT WinPartners. The WinPartners is a group of Windows consultant, educators, and professionals who have banded together to support each other in the use of Windows. WinPartners share their experiences, ask and answer questions, solve problems, discuss hot topics, and warn each other of pitfalls. Any Windows user at any level of experience is welcome to join the group and attend meetings. Free. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information System.

Saturday, January 26

6:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Modern Times, Rural Places. "We are Not in This Together". In western North America during the late nineteenth century, railroads, operating in conjunction with nation states, created rural places. These railroads were the epitome of late nineteenth century modernity. Using both written and oral history, this history of the rural West is born modern. The farmers of the West, who are still often portrayed as refugees from the island communities that the railroads and modernity smashed, see us as foot soldiers of the last century’s modernity. The farmers of the West can’t control all of this, or this being functional, of modern. The rural West that they created was an ordered place, shaped, at least partially, to the capabilities of machines and the measurements of engineers. The political and social discussion that existed in the western Canada and the United States was, however, intimately connected with this new order. Free. Room: Building ES1 Room 095 (Basement). Sponsor: STS.

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Seminar: "Bringing New Eyes into the Problem: Developing a Buying for Preferred Vendor Partners". Free. Room: Building ES1 Room 095 (Basement). Sponsor: STS.

Monday, January 28

10:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Independent Media Forum on the Western Hemisphere. Progressive writers, journalists, film-makers, activists, and publishers will give presentations, conduct workshops, and try to answer your questions about the history, cultures, economics, and political of the Western Hemisphere. Free. Room: MIT Student Center / 10-250. Sponsor: MIT Western Hemisphere Project, MIT Humanities Library, MIT Press Bookstore.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - WinPartners. The WinPartners is a group of Windows experts who use, teach and advocate the use of Windows. WinPartners share their experiences, ask and answer questions, solve problems, discuss hot topics, and warn each other of pitfalls. Any Windows user at any level of experience is welcome to join the group and attend meetings. Free. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - "War, Terrorism, and the Media". Why let sleeping dogs lie when you can get a newspaper to do it? Taking up where Mark Tavis left off, David Barsamian (Alternative Radio), Mike Albert (Z Magazine), and Linda Pinkow (WMBR News Department) will discuss what we should keep in mind when we look at the mass media's coverage of war and terrorism. Free. Room: MIT 10-250. Sponsor: MIT Western Hemisphere Project, MIT Humanities Library; MIT Press Bookstore.

Thursday, January 29

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Overview of Purchasing on the Web. This demo integrates all aspects of using SAPWeb for purchasing including requisitioning external vendors, internal providers and preferred partners. In this session we will introduce the SAPWeb requisitioning form, the new online catalogs and purchasing procedures for buying from preferred vendor partners, and SAPWeb and the new online ordering system. Free. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Film and discussion: "Land of the Free, Home of the Brave". This movie uses interviews with American soldiers as they describe their experiences fighting in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Kosovo to discuss why they fight, why they fight the way they do, and the fear and uncertainty that haunts them. In making this documentary, the filmmakers were placed in the crosshairs of America's war on terrorism. Free. Room: MIT 10-250. Sponsor: MIT Western Hemisphere Project, MIT Humanities Library; MIT Press Bookstore.

Friday, January 30

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Thirsty Ear Pub. The Thirsty Ear Pub is located in the Ashdown House basement. Enter through the courtyard. Hours: Monday - Thursday: 4 p.m. - 1 am. Friday: 4 p.m. - 2 am. Must be 21 or older. Free. Room: Thirsty Ear Pub. Sponsor: AeroAstro.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - The Media and the War in Afghanistan: A Panel Discussion. Free. Room: TBA. Sponsor: The Tech.

7:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. - Ladies Night at The Ear: Every Tuesday is Ladies Night at The Thirsty Ear Pub, with special Tuesday-only beverages. The Thirsty Ear Pub is located in the Ashdown House basement. Enter through the courtyard. Hours: Monday - Thursday: 4 p.m. - 1 am. Friday: 4 p.m. - 2 am. Must be 21 or older. Free. Room: Thirsty Ear Pub. Sponsor: AeroAstro.

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Stackers (Free Sneak Preview). Dave (Devon Sawa), Sam (Jason Segel) and Jeff (Michael Vartan) are all about to graduate from Harvard University with Honors in lying, cheating, and schmoozing. The three roommates have pretty much scammed their way through the last four years of college and now, during the final exams, these big-men-on-campus are about to be busted by the most unlikely dude in school. When Ethan, a "geek" (Jason Schwartzman), finds out about the three college students' scam that allows them perfect grades without doing any homework, he blackmails Dave into helping him win the heart of Angela, the most popular girl on campus. Except Dave finds himself falling for Angela too. Free. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.
LGC Rush Kicks Off Friday

Independent Living Groups to Rush as a Community

By Jennifer DeBoer

The six member houses of the Living Group Council will hold a rush separate from the Interfraternity Council's spring rush, beginning Friday with a kickoff event in Killian Court.

The kickoff, which will also take place inside Room 4-145, marks the first of eleven days of rush events designed to acquaint prospective independent living group residents with the houses. These events, as well as the subsequent bidding and pledging processes are geared towards both undergraduates and graduate students, since half of the ILGs also house graduate students.

LGC defining itself outside IFC

For the first time, the houses will be running rush as a community, instead of by each respective group. "The LGC has a different image to promote as a whole," said Emily M. Marcus '02, LGC rush chair and Epsilon Theta member. "[Rushing this way] helps people to know that all the houses exist, instead of just learning about one."

This year, the participants will be the co-educational living groups pika, Fenway House, Student House, and Epsilon Theta; all-male Tau Epsilon Phi; and the Women's Independent Living Group. These houses, while still members of the IFC, will also host separate LGC rush events during this time.

Marcus aid the ILG houses share similar interests, prompting this year's concentration on rushing as a community. Publicity for the rush events is sponsored jointly by the ILGs.

WILG unable to rush with LGC

WILG, though participating in the kickoff, will not be able to participate in rush during Independent Activities Period. Bathroom renovations have rendered the house unsuitable for house tours and the absence during IAP of some of WILG's members prompted the decision to forego LGC rush events.

"We're still supporting the LGC in its rush events," said Kristen E. Cook '04, rush co-chair for WILG. "It's good to have [IAP rush] all together to give it a rush-like atmosphere."

Differeent mood for ILG rush

IAP rush, a week longer than Fall Rush 2001, will be "lower key" than the IFC's rush at the beginning of the school year, Marcus said.

"It will be a calmer environment," Marcus said.

Erin R. Tyndall '04, rush chair for Epsilon Theta, said the LGC rush will be "more laid back."

Though the LGC is using this year's new IAP rush to establish its own separate personality from the IFC, all the houses will still participate in the IFC's spring rush, which will begin on Feb. 25, though they will also host separate LGC rush events during this time.

"This (IAP rush) is a possibility for the LGC to make a bigger presence," Cook said.

LGC prepares for Rush 2002

Despite the changes to conventional MIT rush that will be implemented next year, Marcus believes the ILGs will be affected minimally. "All the houses are prepared for the transition for next year," Marcus said.

Cook believes next year's rush is better in some ways, especially for freshmen. "Next year will be virtually a year round rush," Cook said.
Epsilon Theta - Want some really good food? Come by ET after 5 and we'll have dinner all set up and ready for you. We be having bagels, donuts, donut holes, maybe even some coffee. We'll each choose our favorite coffee. Anyone that's a coffee lover will love it. Also, bring your own cards if you want to play some cards. It's always a fun gathering. Come by and see us. We'll even have some marshmallows for you to roast. It's always a fun time. Come by and see us sometime.

Jen

Wednesday, January 30

All day - Fenway House - Want more YAOI? Start ratting yourselves! We'll have YAOIweek for sure! It's from now until next Wednesday. We'll have YAOI everywhere. We can even have some YAOI! We'll have YAOI everywhere. It'll be fun. Come on over and see us!

Jen

Because WILG is undergoing renovations during JAP, WILG is not participating in IAP rush. We will be at the kickoff event, so if you're interested in rushing WILG or would like more information, look for us there or e-mail willgrushchairs@hotmail.com. WILG will be participating in spring rush which begins February 25. Stop by for cheesecake and a capella, snowboarding, out door mall shopping, and chocolate!
Join MIT's Living Group Council for IAP Rush Kickoff
Friday, Jan 25th 3:00-5:30pm Killian Court & 4-145
Undergraduate and Graduate Students Welcome
Snowballs or Winter Croquet
Cotton Candy & Snow Cones
Meet members of the LGC Houses
Have Dinner at an LGC House
(Vegetarian Options Available)

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6:00 pm - Fenway House - Join us for dinner, but don't eat too much, cause right after- wards, we're gonna have a dessert party!
6:15 pm - pika - Dinner. Mange Mange!
7:00 pm - Epsilon Theta - Desserts, Games, (thud), Desserts and games! If you've been going through sugar withdrawal, this would be a good time to visit ET. We'll fix you right up.
7:30 pm - Student House - Anyone up for a movie? Let's go to the theater! We have a theater less than 10 minutes from the house.
7:55 pm - Fenway House - Come be creative, relive those kindergarten days. Make sock puppets and paint t-shirts. Punk rock, grunge rock, classic rock or no kind of rock at all.
8:09 pm - pika - Fox in socks carrying rocks and clocks going tick tax all together in a mad, and don't forget the lawn.
9:00 pm - Epsilon Theta - The magic sugar fairy told me to walk to the end of the rainbow so I would be safe from the clowns and clocks going tick tax all together in a mad, and don't forget the lawn.

Thursday, January 24

All day - Fenway House - Fenway House kick-off! What does that mean? We have no idea either. Heck, it's Thursday, there's gotta be something good on. We won't mention the Y-word (you can if you want to)," but don't eat too much, cause right after- wards, we're gonna have a dessert party!
3:00 pm - Fenway House - Come over and have hotdogs and fries! The vegetarians :) What better do you have to do than come over, and Kirk fighting to the death ...

Friday, February 1

all day - Fenway House - Hey, it's a new month! What's so special about February? Not much, but by this time, Skuld will be sure we're ready for Mock the Week! Read! Discuss the historical merits of Lincoln & Read! And laugh at X in a Gravemarker! We're all crazy here, so we're going to make you crazy too. Do come over.
12:00 pm - Epsilon Theta - It's noon! That means it's time to eat lunch. They're cheap, but come over and have hotdogs and fries! The vegetarians :) What better do you have to do than come over, and Kirk fighting to the death ...

Saturday, February 2

all day - Fenway House - It's the weekend! What better do you have to do than come over to Fenway, and sit around! Star at the wonderful pictures in the GMC, drool over our murals, watch for the boldest amazingness of Fenway in general. We will dazzle your eyes (we are not responsible for any bodily injury to web participants) and our Fenwaysess! Yes ... that is ... anybody up for a game of Go? Of course.
10:00 pm - Fenway House - Hang out, Teror readings and AOL CD skeet shoot.
12:00 pm - Fenway House - Lunch, with a diff. finesse.
1:15 pm - Epsilon Theta - Sleep is for the weak, luckily it's now the weekend! ...

February 4

Monday, February 4

all day - Fenway House - Sit with us in our depression as hell (classless) begin again! Better watch the fun before it goes away! Where else can you find girls obsessed over purple-spackled crocheted Comicon Halloween costumes that might even dye your hair purple to boot? Boo!
6:00 pm - Epsilon Theta - sigh. Cosiwa start tomorrow...But for tonight, there's still fun to be had! Join us for one last dinner before the term everyone!

March 1

Tuesday, March 1 

all day - Fenway House - Classics start soon! Ask Rich (do Fenway). Eat our food, converse with our brothers and sisters, have us feed you for the Cwaw Cards! Watch as we try to get our hands on the ever elusive T.ord by CLAMPI CLAMPI. Watch us as Skuld tries to convert every body to Oha! and fails miserably! There's always the Mit Miyumora and Utaha movies sitting around, and who's up for Shannara Princess?

February 4

Sunday, February 3

all day - Fenway House - classics start soon! Ask Rich (do Fenway). Eat our food, converse with our brothers and sisters, have us feed you for the Cwaw Cards! Watch as we try to get our hands on the ever elusive T.ord by CLAMPI CLAMPI. Watch us as Skuld tries to convert everybody to Oha! and fails miserably! There's always the Mit Miyumora and Utaha movies sitting around, and who's up for Shannara Princess?

6:00 pm - Epsilon Theta - Get ready to tailgate with us as we prepare for our Mock the Superbowl Party! There will be all sorts of unhealthy tailgating food, so don't miss out on your last chance to tailgate till next season!

7:00 pm - Epsilon Theta - Mock the Superbowl! Or just watch it with us if you really want to see the game ;). You wouldn't want to miss the half-time show would you?

11:00 pm - Epsilon Theta - You're missing the Superbowl commercial!!! Get over here to catch them before it's too late. Or I suppose you could watch the game too ...

Miss out on LGC rush? Haven't found the place for you yet? Look for us, including WILG, during the ISC's spring rush! It starts Monday, February 25, with a residence mid- way plus food, games, a raffle, and prices in La Sala (second floor of the Student Center).
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Iems there," said Ashdown President Jennifer M. Farver. G.
At the time, the housemasters were led to believe that the Ash-
down proposal involved taking freshmen only. Subsequent com-
munications seemed to clarify that the plan involved housing a mix of under-
graduates, not just freshmen, Orlando said.
Clay was adamant that whatever the final solution is, it will not
include housing only freshmen in the graduate dormitories. "That
would be a change in policy. We don't have freshmen dorms. We
don't have freshman sections of dorms," Clay said.
Clay also thought that the idea of a physical barrier within a dorm
was unreasonable.

**Students wary of temporary fix**

Members of the graduate com-
munity fear that what starts out as a
temporary solution for undergraduate
crowding will become a perma-
nant change to graduate dorms.

In terms of how MIT plans to
phase undergraduates out of gradu-
ate housing in the three to five
years promised by Clay's report,
Orlando is hoping for "something
a little bit more definitive ... how to
make the 140 beds go back to zero."

"It's not at all clear to use
that number won't continue to increase ... because as long as MIT is
looking at having a FSILG dorm, the number of
undergrads living on campus is going to increase," Farver said.

Clay explained that a long-term solution for undergraduate crowd-
ing would involve managing enrollment and making sure frater-
nities, sororities, and independent
living groups are able to operate at their
maximum capacity. Next year's incoming undergraduates
would not exceed 1,000; he said.

Success will be harder to ensure
for the other main component the
administration is depending on to
reduce the need for undergraduate
on-campus housing, namely
strengthening the FSILG system.
"We're going to try," Clay said. "It
is in our interest to do it, it's in the
FSILG's interest."

Clay stands by the principles of
supporting FSILGs put forth by former
Chancellor Lawrence S. Bacow '72. Within a few weeks Dean for
Student Life Gary L. Benedict and
members of the IFC will be ready
to announce the exact dollar
amount and allocation of MIT's
pledged support.

**Grad students resist plan**

Graduate students opposed to
using any graduate housing, whether it be
in Ashdown or the yet unoccupied
Seymour and Pacific dorms, to allevi-
ate undergraduate housing.

"There has been extensive dis-
cussion carried out by the individ-
ual graduate house governments in the
residences to bring the students who
are affected the most up to
speed on what's going on, and there
was unanimous concern among students that 140 beds is too
much to give up," said
Graduate Student Council President
Dilan A. Seneviratne. Furthermore,
mixing undergraduate and gradu-
ate students "would work to the
detriment of both communities," he
said.

"I don't think it's a fair solution
to use graduate beds to house undergraduates," Farver said.

Clay recognized graduate stu-
dent opposition to using 140 of
Seymour's and Pacific's 750 beds for
undergraduates. As stakeholders in
the residence system, some gradu-
ate students "think we should give
them all of what we promised, but I
think it's fair to say that the issue
[of crowding] was not new last
week," and that using graduate space temporarily was a possibility,
Clay said.

Farver said that if the adminis-
tration had wanted to alleviate
undergraduate crowding, it should
have used the money it put into
Simmons Hall, for example, more
wisely.

"Each bed Simsmons cost four
times as much as each bed in Sid-
ney-Pacific," she said. "It seems
that money has been put into the
undergraduate housing system, and
[decrowding] hasn't been an issue
that was prioritized. It's not clear
then why graduate students would be left holding the bag."

Because a portion of graduate
rents goes toward the graduate
reserve, a fund for improving the
system as a whole, "not only are
we losing beds, but the system is
losing money," Farver said. Under-
graduate rents, even if they were to
go toward the graduate reserve, are
lower.

Finally, students wish they had
known earlier that graduate hous-
ing was being considered seriously.
"Part of the problem with this
whole issue has been going slow," Farver said. "February 12 is a very
short amount of time to make a
very important decision."

While she wants to await hear-
ing the graduate students' reac-
tive before giving her opinion,
Undergraduate Association Presi-
dent Jennifer M. Farver G.
among students that 140 beds is
"the notion of having the column that's been established in Ashdown."

Still, Devereaux sees a "couple reasons why undergraduates can be
looked at in terms of [housing] pri-
orty." MIT has made a commit-
mment to graduate undergraduates.
"Also, undergraduates do not have
the same earning capability that
graduate students do" and therefore
would have a harder time affording
off-campus housing.

**Roundtable to kick off process**

Representatives from the GSC
graduate and dormitories are plan-
ing a roundtable discussion with members of the administration next
week.

The group will "look at the big
picture of the problem and the
nitty gritty details," Simmons.
Among the possible ideas to be
discussed at the meeting is one to
use the graduate beds for grad-
senior planners doing to an MEng, and have those students
remain in that housing as first
year graduate students. "Some
people have suggested that it would
be better to have seniors in graduate
student housing than it would to
house freshmen," she said. "It's
about as far along with that idea as we are right now," Farver said.

Clay hopes to conclude the
attendance period by Feb. 12. After
a few days of consultation with
Deanne Issac M. Cohn, the con-
dict, among others, he will
announce the major element of the
solution. A finalized proposal is
expected by the end of February,
and that document must be complete by
the time MIT describes next year's tuition
and housing situation to incoming
students in April.

Finding ways to relieve under-
graduate crowding is a priority
front Jan. 11, when Clay
wrote in an e-mail that space would
have to be found in the graduate
crowding. While other mea-
sures such as reducing undergra-
tuate population and building more
housing, he mentioned graduate
housing as the most viable short-
term option.

"We cannot announce new resi-
dence initiatives after student ini-
tiatives, new dorms, and not
address crowding," Clay said.
Situation Reminiscent of Fifth!'

"The admins called a meeting to get our input... but it was all lip service. The decision had been made," Gonda said. "What really pissed us off was that they said, 'This is for your own good.' They were trying to destroy our support structure.

"Ultimately they backed down from splitting the hall up... the only people who left were the people directly involved," Gonda said.

He added, "I don't think you can really compare the two situations. The situation on Fifth East was "the result of a long chain of events," he said. While the current events "seem more extreme" he added.
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Alfred Keil, from Page 1

D.C. in 1959, and was the first
technical director for the entire
organization from 1963 to 1966.
During this period, he made exten-
sive contributions to improving
the structural integrity and surviv-
ability of naval vessels.

Keil came to MIT in 1966 as
head of the Department of Naval
Architecture and Marine Engineer-
ing, now the Department of Ocean
Engineering, the oldest academic
department of its kind in the coun-
try. Under his leadership, the depart-
ment added a graduate degree pro-
gram in ocean engineering in 1967
and launched a joint-degree program
with Woods Hole Oceanographic
Institution in 1969.

Not long after his arrival at MIT,
Congress passed the National Sea
Grant College and Program Act.
Recognizing the opportunity for MIT
to benefit from participation in this
new national program, Keil succeeded
in obtaining the first grant awarded
by the new national program. His lead-
ership led to the establishment of the
MIT Sea Grant Program in 1976, of
which he was the first director. In
December 1976, MIT became the
first private university in the nation to
be declared a Sea Grant College.

By Christine Fry

As much as the reopened sky-
light and newly-shined floors have
changed the look of Lobby 7, the
possible absence of drop posters
might be the biggest change of all
for MIT students.

The Lobby 7 project group held
a forum last Thursday to discuss
new ways of presenting information
without the use of traditional drop
posters. Members of the restoration
group are concerned about the pre-
sentation of information because
much of MIT's community and visi-
tors pass through Lobby 7 on a reg-
ular basis.

"Lobby 7 is the front door of
MIT," said Wellington "Duke"
Reiter, professor of the practice of
architecture and adviser to the pro-
group. "I think everything we put in
Lobby 7 should be very streamlined and
contemporary." Reiter said he would like to find
a high-tech replacement for drop
posters. The project group empha-
sized the inappropriate nature of
drop posters in such a historical
space. "They're not respectful of the
space, quite frankly," said project
group member Gayle M. Gallagher.

"The railings are meant to be
transparent. It's as if you put a brick
wall there. You can't see out of
[drop posters]," Reiter said.

However, Reiter said he would
like the new technology to still
allow students to display informa-
tion creatively. "What I like about
drop posters is people made them," Reiter said.

Audience members oppose plan

One possible way to replace
don't posters is to project informa-
tion on the walls of the lobby. Some
of the audience members voiced concerns about eliminating drop
posters entirely.

"Most people are walking through
very quickly. Drop posters are
particularly effective because
you can see them all the way across
[the lobby]," said Lecture Series
Committee (LSC) member P. Alexa
Roffe G.

"There's something nice about
the static nature that you can stop
and look at when it catches your eye," said Elinor L. Snyder, admin-
istrative assistant for the Graduate
Student Council.

Reiter said he also would like to
find a better way to organize the
paper posters in Lobby 7.

"It's amazing, the tyranny of 8.5
by 11 pieces of paper on this cam-
pus," Reiter said. He added that he is
confident that a solution will be found.
"There must be an MIT
answer to this," he said.

Displaying the passage of time

The project group presented a
computer-designed model that dis-
played one possible way to inform
the public of current events at MIT
as well as commemorate monu-
mental discoveries and events that
have occurred at MIT. In the
model, each pedestal in the four
corners of the lobby represented a
different aspect of time. The two
pedestals on the infinite corridor
side of the lobby would display the
current time and date and events
occurring that day. The two
pedestals on the Massachusetts
Avenue side of the lobby would display coming events and perhaps

special achievements at MIT.

The logic behind this arrange-
ment is that students rushing
through in the morning on the way
to class could check the time and
what they can do after class. In
the evening, when people are
returning to West Campus dormitories or home, they could find out about
events in the next few days and
even some history about the
school.

Reiter is not certain how these
aspects of time are to be manifested.
However, he stressed that the group
wants to use technology developed
at MIT to display the time and
information, "something missing 20th
and 21st century technology."

"There are ways of displaying
information in [Lobby 7] that I think
are in harmony with MIT's goals," said
David Feidt, the lead restora-
tion architect from the Eheim Yaf-
teer Prescott firm.

Timeline, budget indefinite

Because a definite plan for the
furnishing of Lobby 7 has not yet
been made, Gallagher said she is
reluctant to set a deadline for the
new technology to be in place.

"We're not talking timelines. We
want to do it right," Gallagher said.

The source of funding will also
remain indefinite until a finalized
plan for Lobby 7 is established.
Gallagher said that the funding
will most likely come from donors,
with the Institute providing the
remainder.

"There's a commitment to do it,"
Gallagher said.

The next Lobby 7 forum will take
place on Wednesday, Jan. 23
at noon in In Sala de Puerto Rico.
Multiple Charges of Fraud Brought Against Venezia

Fake Deaths, from Page 1

MIT mailed a letter of condo- lence along with a form to submit with a death certificate or newspaper obituary clipping to discharge the debt. Only the form was returned. It appears in the bursar's file exhibited filed out by "Mike Venezia," who identified himself this time as David Venezia's broth- er. The date of death was listed as July 1, 1989.

Next to Mike Venezia's signature is a note, "we are very proud of David's accomplishments and would like to have a continued [unreadable] with MIT. Thank you! Sincerely!"

"It appears student has not died!"

Prosecutors allege the phone call and form were fakes. MIT adminis- trators were suspicious at the time, due to the omission of a death cer- tificate or obituary clipping. After further requests for a death certifi- cate went unanswered, the bursar's office log indicates that MIT used the TRW (now Equifax) credit-reporting service to investigate Venezia in January 1991.

The credit check found a similar delinquent account at Brandeis Uni- versity, with Venezia's debt being paid off from "payroll deductions." It was not immediately clear how the bursar's office file, which included Venezia's social security number, became part of a public court filing by the federal prosecu- tor, Assistant U.S. Attorney Suzanne E. Durrell, the signed author of the civil complaint, said her office only learned of the MIT- Venezia correspondence in Decem- ber 2001, when the case was referred along with the documents by the U.S. Department of Educa- tion Office of the Inspector Gener- al. The Inspector General's repre- sentative Roger Murphy and Chism-Freeman of the MIT bur- sar's office both declined to com- ment on the existence or timing of any communication or cooperation between their offices.

While he apparently took pains to appear dead to the bursar's office, Venezia seems to have kept up connections to MIT in other ways. He is listed as a new member of the MIT Club of Boston in that year's February 1996 newsletter. His online Alumni Network Serv- ices information was last updated on November 9, 2001.

Dept. of Education not informed

Despite the fact that by January 1991 MIT and Brandeis both believed him to have faked his death to escape debt, Venezia was subsequently able to discharge $23,000 in federally guaranteed stu- dent loans at the expense of the Department of Education by submit- ting a falsified death certificate to his bank in June 1991, prosecu- tors allege.

Under the system known as the Family Federal Education Loan Program, Venezia had reportedly obtained his student loans from a Boston bank, with the American Student Assistance Corp. (ASA) serving as the "guarantor" of the loans.

The U.S. Department of Educa- tion, in turn, had promised to cover any losses by ASA. In the event of a debtor's death, ASA was to com- pensate the bank that issued the loan, and the Department of Educa- tion was to then compensate ASA.

According to the civil com- plaint, the Boston bank that issued Venezia's student loans received a Massachusetts death certificate for Venezia in June 1991, causing them to give up on recovering the loans and request reimbursement. As a result, ASA paid the bank $22,000, and the Department of Education subsequently paid ASA the same amount, plus interest, in late 1991 and early 1992.

The death certificate listed the cause as a motorcycle accident and the date of death as May 25, 1991, almost two years after the date given to MIT.

This alleged falsification and erroneous federal reimbursement was apparently not discovered until fall 2001, when the Department of Education Office of the Inspector General compared the Venezia cer- tificate submitted in 1991 with the official Massachusetts death certifi- cate of the same number, which the complaint asserted was actually issued for an Erin O'Neill who died September 23, 1991.

Both certificates were attached as exhibits to the government's civil complaint, but The Tech was not immediately able to examine either document.

The civil complaint requests with various legal tools, among them separate accusations of false claims, fraud, unjust enrichment, and payment by mistake, that Venezia be required to pay back the money he allegedly cheated out of the federal government. The prosecution further asked the court to make Venezia pay triple dam- ages, plus a $10,000 penalty for each false statement he is found to have made.

It is not clear that Venezia would have any problem paying back his student loans today, over a decade after he was convicted in federal court of criminally defrauding an Army scholarship program in 1997. Under the civil complaint, if Venezia repays his debt, the criminal case could put him in jail.

According to the criminal com- plaint, while Venezia was employed by the Army's National Labs in 1996, he applied for a full- tuition scholarship under the Army's Professional Development Program to obtain a Masters in Business Administration from Harvard University.

As part of the scholarship appli- cation, Venezia was alleged to the Army that he would be need- ing full-tuition reimbursement because he was not receiving and would not accept any other scholar- ship "contributions, awards, or pay- ments." Army Special Agent Vin- cent A. DeSalo issued a sworn affidavit that, in reality, Venezia already knew by this point that he had been awarded two merit scholar- ship grants from BU.

Because he did not disclose these to the Army, his tuition bill was overpaid by $17,000, causing BU to have Venezia refund that amount, which DeSalo alleges Venezia pocketed. The particular crime at issue in the criminal com- plaint is that of making a false state- ment to the Army, which carries a penalty of up to five years in prison.

Sultan, Venezia's criminal attorney, said the issue in the crimi- nal case is not whether Venezia illegally took the $17,000. "If someone sent him that money then maybe he should be required to give it back," Sultan said. "But to call someone a criminal for that is like trying to slay a flea with a bazooka."

The "certification" that he required full-tuition reimbursement that Venezia is alleged to have issued was actually one sentence in a complicated forty-page document, Sultan said.

The question a jury will have to decide, Sultan said, is "Did he knowingly, intentionally, and will- fully sign a statement which he knew to be false?" Sultan added that, "Lots of people sign federal forms all the time," and sometimes make mistakes, but that doesn't make them criminals.

Venezia was released from prison on Jan. 15 for $10,000 cash bail following a hearing before a criminal judge magistrate. Another hearing is scheduled for this after- noon, when the government will present additional evidence for the case to continue. Sultan expects the government to success- fully pass that "very low bar."

Assuming this likely outcome, prosecutors will have 30 days in which to bring an indictment, Sul- tan said.

Joseph C. Stark '03 and Philip J. Butler '04 begin construction on a catapult in the East Campus courtyard Tuesday. The catapult — a trebuchet — will use a 350lb counterweight and 5 meter arm to launch projectiles up to 50 meters, according to their calculations.
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human rights.

Wednesday, January 23
"No Easy Walk (1961-1963)"

Georgia, Alabama, the March on Washington

This episode depicts three major Movements. In Albany, GA, the
nonviolent tactics are tested. In Birmingham, Alabama
in 1963, children join the civil rights struggle and protestors face violent
opposition. In 1963, the March on Washington reveals broad support
for the civil rights movement.

Thursday, January 24
"Two Societies (1965-1968)"

"Two Societies" reveals the divisions that existed between
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from the southern freedom
movement by the late '60s.

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north. Dr. King and his Southern Christian Leadership Conference
(SCLC) led protest marches through White suburbs, where
its nonviolent methods were sorely tested.

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Housemaster Sought For New Grad Dorm

By Jeffrey Greenspan

With the new graduate dormitory at 70 Pacific Street scheduled to open on time, grad students are currently in the process of selecting the dormitory's housemaster.

The Housemaster Search Committee recently narrowed their list down to two potential candidates. The committee members will soon inform Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedict and Dean for Graduate Students Isaac M. Colbert of their recommendations.

In selecting a housemaster, the committee members seek someone who can serve as an advocate for the dormitory's residents, someone who will want a housemaster who realizes their importance in the current debate on decrowding undergraduates, Farver said. Although the possibility of housing undergraduates in Sidney and Pacific has yet to be resolved, “that is clearly an issue we would need to discuss during the interviews,” Benedict said.

Finally, the housemaster will serve as mentor for the dormitory’s residents, someone who can help foster a community for the dormitory. “The housemaster needs to provide input on behalf of the students who do not yet live in the building,” said Housemaster Search Committee member and Ashdown House resident Jennifer M. Farver G.

Housemaster’s role defined

Farver said the committee members want a housemaster who realizes that he or she must play an active role in building the dormitory’s community by establishing a house government and “in a unique challenge, especially given that the dorm is so large,” Farver said. Sidney and Pacific is expected to house 750 residents.

In addition, since graduate dormitories do not have graduate resident tutors, the housemaster must encourage a house government to play a key role in organizing the dormitory’s events.

Housemasters for graduate student dormitories also serve as advocates for their dormitory’s residents since “graduate students often find themselves with few advocates on campus,” Farver said. The Sidney and Pacific housemaster will serve an important role in the current debate over keeping graduate beds for graduate students versus decrowing undergraduates, Farver said.

The committee members have searched for prominent researchers, and both of the finalists are senior members of the faculty with distinguished careers, Farver said. Both candidates also demonstrate an interest in student life issues, she added.

Committee sets agenda

The committee members are also in the process of selecting an associate housemaster for the dormitory. They are searching for an associate housemaster due to the dormitory’s large size. After these two selections are made, a founder’s group will be formed.

In addition, the dormitory’s rent has not yet been established. An intern at the Sloan School of Management will conduct a rent study on all of the residence halls and write a report to help establish the dormitory’s rent, Benedict said.

Construction progress continues

The Graduate Student Council recently ordered furniture for the dormitory. Construction workers have begun installing the dormitory’s windows and roofing is ninety percent complete. By the end of the month, the contractor hopes to begin working on the building’s interior, as elevator installation has recently begun.

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Religion and Political Violence

- Dr. David Little, Harvard Divinity School
  Scholar on Buddhist aspects of the Sri Lankan conflict
- Dr. Marc Gopin, Fletcher School
  Scholar on religion & conflict resolution in the Middle East
- Dr. Louise Richardson, Executive Dean of the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study
  Scholar on terrorism & the Northern Ireland conflict
- Heather S. Gregg, PhD candidate, Political Science, MIT
  Scholar on the causes of religious violence
- Moderated by Prof. Roger Petersen, MIT
  Scholar on conflicts in the Balkans

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(The last in our IAP film series on terror & human rights)
5:30 pm - 9:30 pm
10-250

February 4
[Open Meeting]
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5:30 pm
1-135

February 6
What Part of You is Not For Sale?
Economic Justice & Consumer Choice
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6 pm
6-120

February 15
What's It Like Being an Activist?
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12:30 pm - 2:30 pm
3-2419

February 22
The Uses of Haiti:
A Discussion with Paul Farmer & Noam Chomsky
7:30 pm - 10:30 pm
3-101

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Music of Latin America
A Concert by the Panama Players
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CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Media Lab Expansion
Demolition of E10, E20, and the loading dock has been completed. A temporary pedestrian sidewalk is in place around the perimeter of the work site. Noise, dust, odor and vibrations are being mitigated to industry standards.

Simmons Hall
Exavation of the west end of Vassar St. for utility installation continues. This may affect traffic flow.

Vassar St. Utilities
Access to the Main Lot under Building 39 will be restricted beginning in mid-January and continuing for several weeks. From Vassar St. westbound, there will be no left turn allowed. Exiting from the Main Lot will be permitted to the right only.

Zeisler Sports & Fitness Center
Roof work, dry wall framing, rough plumbing, casting of floor slabs, and fireproofing continue, with special precautions regarding generation of noise.

NStar Transmission Line project
NStar is installing a 115 kv transmission line along Memorial Drive from Pleasant Street (near Howard Johnson's) to the Longfellow Bridge. This work is now underway and will continue through the winter. Lane restrictions may cause traffic delays.

Dreyfus Chemistry Building
Areas south and west of the building may be fenced off to accommodate staging requirements. Operation of equipment may result in noise between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

For information on MIT's building program, see http://web.mit.edu/evolving
This information provided by the MIT Department of Facilities.
Women's Track Tops Bates, Bowdoin, Mt. Holyoke

By Adeline Kuo

This past Saturday, the MIT Women's Track team traveled to Bates College and defeated Bates, Bowdoin, and Mt. Holyoke College, with final tallied scores of 204.5 to 183.5, 168.5, and 54, respectively.

As usual, the pole vaulters got the meet off to a strong start. Sophomore superstar Catherine A. Twendt '04 won the event with an NCAA provisional height of 10' 1"/4". Having already qualified provisionally for the NCAA championships last week, Vanessa Li '02 proved her vaulting consistency by placing finishes in both the 55m and 55m hurdles.

In the hurdles, MIT excels in field, distance runs, and in the hammer. Princess Gupta led the way for MIT, finishing 3rd. Following her was Didi Gupta led the way for MIT, finishing 3rd. Following her was Didi Stein and Smith, and led MIT to yet another 2nd place finish. Finishing the meet, the distance medley relay, composed of Jennifer Kuo, Poulson, Quinlan, and Eze, took 2nd and qualified for ECACs.

In the throws, Princess Imoukhuede '02 took 1st place once again for the ECAC championships in both horizontal jumps. Nyenke also contributed many points in the horizontal jumps, finishing both events in 3rd place, with a New England Division III qualifying mark in the long jump and an ECAC qualifying mark in the triple jump. Rounding out MIT's domination in the long jump were Smith, whose jump qualified her for the New England Division III Championships, Eze, and Silberstein, finishing in 4th, 7th, and 8th places, respectively. Also scoring for MIT in the triple jump was Saundra S. Quinlan '03, who finished in 6th in a New England Division III qualifying jump.

MIT's final score with her 5th place finish in the 55m and her 7th place finish in the 200m. Freshman Shauntel L. Adeline L. Kuo '02 contributed 8 points to MIT's final score with her 5th place finish in both the 55m and 200m. Having great speed and hurdling skills, Cheree P. Nyenke '04 breezed through the finish lines of the 55m and 55m hurdles in 4th and 2nd places respectively. Right behind her in the hurdles was Nalini Gupta '05 in 3rd. Colleen A. Hori '05 finished the race in 6th. In the 400m dash, Gupta led the way for MIT, finishing 3rd. Following her was Didi Eze '05 in 4th.

MIT excels in field, distance runs

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With three athletes debuting in the 5000m run, MIT successfully clinched thirteen points, as Aliha F. Lehan '05, Meredith N. Silberstein '05, and Li finished in 3rd, 5th, and 6th, respectively. In the 1000m run, distance phenomenon Martha W. Buckley '04 led MIT with her 2nd place finish in a New England Division III qualifying time of 3:13.44. Placing with Buckley in this event, Meleani K. Naka-mura G ran an excellent race to finish in 7th. Also running the 1500m, Buckley '04 and the five competitors in front of her ran in a tight pack to all qualify for the ECAC championships. Rounding out the distance events, the 5000m run was well re-presented by MIT athletes, as Nancy J. Benedetti '05 finished in 4th, and Jessica Karnis '05 and Kate S. Wasserman '04 finished in 6th and 8th respectively.

In the sprints and hurdles, MIT scored an impressive 64 points, with Clarissa Y. Smith '04 leading the way by winning the 55m dash and taking second in the 200m. Adeline L. Kuo '02 contributed 8 points with her third place finish in the 55m and her 7th place finish in the 200m. Having great speed and hurdling skills, Cheree P. Nyenke '04 breezed through the finish lines of the 55m and 55m hurdles in 4th and 2nd places respectively. Right behind her in the hurdles was Nalini Gupta '05 in 3rd. Colleen A. Hori '05 finished the race in 6th. In the 400m dash, Gupta led the way for MIT, finishing 3rd. Following her was Didi Eze '05 in 4th.

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In the jumps, Gupta showed her domination, as she placed 2nd in both the long and triple jumps and 8th in the high jump. Gupta once again qualified for the ECAC championships in both horizontal jumps. Nyenke also contributed many points in the horizontal jumps, finishing both events in 3rd place, with a New England Division III qualifying mark in the long jump and an ECAC qualifying mark in the triple jump. Rounding out MIT's domination in the long jump were Smith, whose jump qualified her for the New England Division III Championships, Eze, and Silberstein, finishing in 4th, 7th, and 8th places, respectively. Also scoring for MIT in the triple jump was Saundra S. Quinlan '03, who finished in 6th in a New England Division III qualifying jump.

Yuval Mazor '02 sprints to secure first in the 600m dash during Saturday's home meet against Bates College and Coast Guard. In the final lap of the race, Mazor caught a Bates College runner, winning in 1:23.27. Mazor helped the men's track and field team win their first regular season meet with 204 points to Coast Guard's 92 and Bates' 56.

More School Spirit Than a Cheerleading Squad

The story of America's most unlikely sex star.
The gymnasts had several good routines. Shui has been invaluable to the team over the years and her experience and performance will provide great leadership for MIT’s three freshmen all-arounders. Merritt S. Tam ’05, Ashley R. Rothenberg, ’05, and Whitney E. Watson ’05 not only debuted in the all-around for MIT, but they anchored the vault and floor line-up as well.

All three performed flipping vaults, and although they are still a week or two away from feeling confident about their vaults, each performed better on the vault than they have so far this year. On floor, Watson scored a 9.1 with a brand new routine, while Tam earned a 9.55 for a routine she has performed since before coming to MIT. Rothenberg struggled a bit with a new, difficult routine, but nailed her first-ever double-back mount. The floor exercise also saw solid routines from Cecile E. LeCocq ’02, Tanya J. Burke ’03.

The bars usually require the most effort for improvement, and a new set of rule changes have made the event even more difficult this year. Nevertheless, the bar team scored 40.55 total, only ten tenths below MIT’s high score on this event for all of last year.

First meet jitters usually get the best of everyone, but these gymnasts should settle down and get comfortable with their routines soon enough.

Team heads away this week.

In true MIT fashion, the schedule for the upcoming week does not allow time for the gymnasts to train to improve their routines. The engineers head back to the competition floor at Brown tonight, followed by back-to-back meets in Pennsylvania; first at Ursinus College on Friday night and at Wilson College on Saturday afternoon.

The solo home meet will be Saturday, Feb. 2, against a much-improved Division III opponent, SUNY-Brockport, and Division III University of Bridgeport. If the team survives the next three meets, they will be in good shape to compete down the stretch as the season progresses.

The return of Cindy Chung ’04 from a sprained ankle could have a huge impact on the team.

**Men’s Squash Splits Two Matches Against Navy, Connecticut College**

By Robert Aronstam

The squash team traveled to Yale University on Saturday to compete in two intercollegiate matches.

In the first match of the day, the Naval Academy dominated the lower two-thirds of the lineup and secured the victory by a score of 6-1. The second match was MIT’s second of 2 years.

Top three pull off double wins

MIT had one of its best seasons from its top three players: Kunal K. Sarma ’03, Simon C. Bradford (CMJ), and Navneet G. Gohil ’03, who each won both of their matches. Sarma cruised through his two contests, winning both in three games: 9-1, 9-5, 9-6 vs. Navy and 9-6, 9-3, 9-4 vs. Connecticut. Bradford and Gohil ended off their Connecticut opponents in three games by scores of 9-2, 9-1, 9-4 and 9-2, 9-2, respectively.

However, both players needed five games to defeat their Navy foes. Gohil’s match was particularly hard fought. He rebounced from a 1-2 games deficit and won the final two games in tiebreakers. The resulting match score was 2-9, 9-7, 5-9, 10-8, 10-8.

MIT dominates Connecticut

Continuing the trend of the past few years, MIT easily beat Connecticut College. The #8 and #9 players, Rodney E. Huang ’03 and Steven S. Liu ’02, overwhelmed their opponents in three games by scores of 9-2, 9-0, 9-4 and 9-6, 9-3, 9-4, respectively. Rita E. Monson ’04 added yet another classic five-set win to her career total. The match also marked her second five-game win over Connecticut. Her first came at last year’s team national tournament.

Team captain Robert A. Finn ‘02 won a dramatic five-game match despite being humped by an ankle that he twisted in the Navy match. The final score of this back-and-forth battle at the #5 position was 9-7, 9-1, 9-3, 9-4. Finn’s court movement was remarkably good, considering his injury. He never seemed to falter, even when his opponent ran him side to side.

Recalling the complications of his injury, Finn said, “I had to work a lot harder because of [the ankle injury].” However, Finn did an excellent job of disguising his condition, so that his opponent would not take advantage. In fact, it was not until late in the match that Finn collapsed on the court in agony, shortly after being wrong-footed. Even after this incident, Finn took less than a minute to recover and resume play.

Finn maintained his preferred style of play throughout the match. His relentless hustle was only slightly tempered by the wounded ankle. On most winning points, he scrambled and retrieved every shot from his opponent. He mixed hard drives along the side wall with off-served shots that were only a few inches above the baseline. This eventually allowed him to drive the ball past his opponent. Using this strategy, Finn emerged with a very well-deserved victory.

The squash team continues its tour of New England with trips to Amherst and Wesleyan next week. For updated match schedules, pictures, and other information, please visit the team’s Website at <http://tech.mit.edu/squash/www/>.