Shin Family Files Wrongful Death Lawsuit

By Qian Wang

The family of Elizabeth H. Shin ’02, who committed suicide in April 2000, filed a wrongful death civil lawsuit against MIT and its employees on Monday, claiming damages of $27.65 million. The family alleges that MIT administrators, medical workers and campus police officers acted with gross negligence and failed to provide adequate care to their daughter.

Deluca, the lawyer representing the Shin family, said at a press conference Monday at the firm of Murphy, Hesse, Toomey, and Lehnate that MIT violated its own regulations and did not properly treat Elizabeth. “In this case, MIT acted against its own policy. Elizabeth was not seen and treated when she should have been,” Deluca said.

The suit names MIT, MIT Medical, medical health doctors Peter Reich, M.D., Linda Cunningham, M.D., Kranke A. C. Onil, M.D., Lili A. Gottfried, M.D., and Anthony Van Niel, M.D. as defendants. In addition, the suit names MIT Medical, IT employee on file and the media.

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The 2002 Autonomous Robot Competition (6.270) got off to a roaring start as 60 teams clashed during Monday’s preliminary round. In the preliminary round, teams competed against one another on a playing field, and each team had to attain at least one point to qualify for the next round of competition. Since the entire competition is based on elimination, the results of these preliminaries will matter a great deal for the incoming rounds. The final round of the 6.270 competition will be this Thursday, Jan. 31, in 26-100 at 6 p.m. All robots will be impounded on Jan. 30.

This year’s task is to gain points by dropping colored balls into one of two holes on the playing field. The balls stack up in a tube underneath the hole, and the position of each ball in the tube from the bottom determines its point value. For example, the fourth ball from the bottom would be worth four points.

Preliminary test strategies:

The teams in the competition chose varied strategies to use in the algorithms for their robots. Aaron M. Sekoloski ’03 chose to do it for a total offensive as his team’s robot was exceptionally powerful. After getting the easy balls in, the robot would have a clear path to go for the hard ones.

Michael E. '69 speaks at a forum on war and the media.

OPINION

Stephanie Wang discusses how the flag has become a symbol of all that is wrong with America.

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Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi Tuesday sacked the most popular member of his cabinet, Foreign Minister Makoto Tanao, after an interview with a Umiteh Israeli in which Tanaka repeatedly took on the entrenched world of Japanese bureaucrats, lawmakers and companies.

Speaking in Tokyo Tuesday night, Tanaka said Koizumi had told her she was being dismissed to keep the latest installment of the squabbles from stalling passage of the budget for the current fiscal year.

Koizumi "asked me to agree to personnel changes," Tanaka told a gathering of reporters. "I asked, "Are you sure that means me? If I was being replaced, and he said that." There was no im- mediate word on who would replace Tanaka, the first woman to hold Japan's top foreign policy job.

During her time in office, Tanaka clashed again and again with career diplomats in his foreign office and was usually outspoken, from the short-hand style that endeared her to voters, but also earned ene- mies.

Olympics Asks for 60 More Law Enforcement Officers

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In a bid to further shore up security at next month's Winter Olympics, organizers have asked federal officials for as many as 60 more law enforcement personnel, authorities said Tuesday.

The additional officers, who would supplement a force of 10,000 police and military personnel already committed to the Games, would be deployed at transit hubs and open-air spaces.

Crowds are expected to gather nightly on the mall to take in Olympic action on big-screen televisions that will be set up at either end of the mall. The mall is adjacent to the arena that will host the snowboard and alpine giant slalom events during the Games, which began Feb. 8.

General John Ashcroft, who toured the Olympic facili- ties two weeks ago to get an overview of the $310 million security plan, was concerned about the vulnerability of open-air parks and galleries in the heart of Salt Lake City. He was also aware of the increased fear of terrorist attacks, according to an official who asked not to be identified.

Israeli Officials Plan Protection

Fences, Roadblocks, Ditches Are Included In New Security Plans

By Matzuki Miller

Israeli security chiefs presented plans to the government Tuesday to surround Jerusalem with fences, roadblocks, ditches and foot patrols to prevent more of the Palestinian suicide bombings that have wracked havoc in the city in recent weeks.

The National Security Council's plan, known as "Enveloping Jerusalem," also calls for checkpoints and electronic surveillance between West and East Jerusalem that critics say will in effect repin- tion. The concept is to put an obsta- cle in the path of those who are try- ing to penetrate the city for terrorist activities. But a wall inside the city, that's nonsense," said Raanan Ginott, a spokesman for Prime Min- ister Ariel Sharon. "It will not be easy for the Palestinian residents of East Jerusalem, nor for the Jewish residents of West Jerusalem. Everyone will have to contend with the new measures."

Police and security officials reportedly had proposed fences or walls to divide parts of Jerusalem. But Sharon and right-wing members of his government, a wall would signal a willingness by Israel to cede part of the city to the Pulales-

WORLD & VISION

Bush Vows to Defeat Terror, Warns of Terrorists at Large

By Amy Goldstein and Mike Allen

THE WASHINGTON POST

President Bush warned Congress and the nation Tuesday night that the country will long remain vulner- able to terrorism, as he pledged to devote the second year of his presi- dency to the twin goals of combat- ing the enemy at home and en- closing abroad.

In his first State of the Union address, Bush laid out a justification for a longer and broader war against terrorism that would expand into a campaign to instill education and democratic values in the Islamic world.

The president portrayed the threat in stark terms, disclosing that American forces in Afghanistan have found diagrams of U.S. nuclear power plants and that "thousands of trained terrorists are still at large." He said that hostile nations, including North Korea, Iraq and Iran, "represent an axis of evil" and is attempting to make nuclear, biological and chemical weapons.

Standing support for the largest increase in defense spending in two decades, which he will request in the budget the White House is to release in four days, Bush said: "The United States of America will not permit the world's most dangerous regimes to threaten us with the world's most-destructive weapon."

Bush also used the 48-minute prime-time address to outline his strategy for prodding the United States back to prosperity. He said he would strive to create new opportuni- ties for work, cushion the impact of unemployment, and foster a new ethos of voluntarism within commu- nities across the country.

"As we gather tonight, our nation is at war, our economic is in recession and the civilized world faces unprecedented dangers," Bush said in a confident, but subdued tone that characterized much of his speech. "Yet the state of our union has never been stronger."

The speech, delivered under extraordinary security in the ornate House chamber, essentially marked the opening of a third chapter in Bush's young presidency — a chap- ter in which he will seek to leverage the surge of public support for his performance since the Sept. 11 attacks into an enlarged war on ter- rorism and a string of domestic accomplishments.

Bush listed an array of domestic objectives the White House hopes to attain this year. They include expanded unemployment benefits, improved preschool and teacher training programs, greater protec- tion of pensions and a list of health care proposals ranging from patients' rights to prescription drug benefits to tax credits for people without insurance or jobs.

Sounding mindful of the divisive politics that often typify election years, the president exorted Con- gress to embrace his domestic agen- da "with the same spirit of cooper- ation we have applied to our war on terrorism." For their part, Democ- rats Tuesday night also struck a col- laborative tone, as House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., said in his party's official response that lawmakers "need to put partisanship aside and work together to solve the problems that face us."

The president also asked ordi- nary people to adopt the same kind of cooperative spirit in their own lives and their neighborhoods.

FEEDBACK
Pakistan Decides Not to Press Charges Against Suspected Nuclear Terrorists

By Peter Baker and Naeem Khan

WASHINGTON, Pakistan has decided not to press criminal charges against two of its nuclear scientists whose reported contacts with Osama bin Laden stirred fears of nuclear terrorism, according to officials and a lawyer involved in the case.

Although Pakistani authorities concluded the scientists violated a secrecy oath during trips into Taliban-controlled Afghanistan, the government decided they would not be interested in striking passenger planes to take hostages. But the attacks of Sept. 11, in which planes were used as missiles, showed that a cargo plane "has the same potential to create damage as one full of people does," said Luckey, a Northwest Airlines pilot who chairs the national security committee of the pilots association. The association has raised the issue with the government and intends to keep pursuing it, he added.

The Transportation Security Administration, created by Congress to set up the new security system, acknowledged that air cargo is not getting top priority now, as officials race to meet deadlines for screening passengers and their luggage.

Most passenger planes carry cargo in whatever space is not occupied by luggage. Some 60 percent of all U.S. air cargo flies on passenger planes, but no more than 4 percent of cargo is currently screened for dangerous items, according to John Magaw, head of the security agency. Congress required Magaw's agency to screen all passenger luggage in some fashion earlier this month, and it set a deadline of the end of the year for subjecting the luggage to bomb-scanning machines.

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Fear of The Flag

Stephanie W. Wang

I have always been thankful that Silicon Valley is not known for that good old yankie doodle spirit of ignorant patriotism. Imagine my shock when I was greeted with a deluge of American flags flapping before me on the ride home from the grocery store the other night. Wasn’t this place a nest of northerners who I believed in science, technology, and the Almighty Buck? A place where hard-working immigrants flapped the American dream and preserve their culture at the same time? Had the burning of the economic bubble led them to place in that city that is now a “impressive” military-industrial complex out of conveniency? Or is there more than a sinist-
ister reason?

I refuse to believe that the overwhelming mass of people who have affixed American flags to their garage doors, roofs, cars, T-shirts, and even shoes were compelled to do so by a newfound love for their country. Furthermore, I don’t think they rushed to the store to buy these flags because they undoubtedly support the unconditional freedom that the flag proclaims to symbolize. No, they decorate their lives with the flag to announce, “I am American!” They are afraid of social stigma, political correctness, and/or sense of patriotism of all those born and raised on this continent and therefore are waving the “I am not one of them. I am American” propaganda. Of course, most of these people are not aware of the discrimination that is easy to understand why their fellow citizens don’t like their American flag madness.

Proponents of the flag-flying movement usually state that they are merely exercising their First Amendment rights. An ever-present First Amendment trump card to vent their anger of the flag has become a symbol of American pride. Is it? Is it? What can be the purpose for waving the flag for all the wrong reasons?

The T-shirts scream, “united we stand ... all who dare to differ” Unfortunately, the flag no longer symbolizes freedom and all that is right with this country; the flag has become a reminder of all that is wrong with this country.

Perhaps when I call for an end to this American flag madness, you will see that there is presently an American flag trump card to silence me. Let me state in unequivocal terms the truism of that strategy, because I fervently support the First Amendment. It is for my love of the rights so astoundingly iterated by our forefathers that I am against this trend. It is my duty to my country, my family, my neighbors, my fellow citizens; I must renounce their “forefathers.” Some factions among all those born and raised on this land have been indoctrinated with the “imperfect America” propaganda. Of course, most

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If you personally approve of their use or not, opiates will be used. In a country where such drugs are illegal, a ban creates a consuming and deadly black market. What makes the topic of opiates even more interesting is the usage of methadone in treatment of heroin addiction.

The القوات the politicians, the authorities in all countries should take when deciding whether to keep drugs illegal or to legalize.

During the term.

I was dismayed by “Drop Posters May Be Replaced” in which The Tech reported the debate over the future appearance of Lobby 7 and its housing of drop-posters - or it’s not.

Both Professor Reiter and Director Gallagher miss the point. In his reference to the “front door to MIT,” Gallagher calls for a lobby that “should be very stream-lined and contemporary.” Gallagher calls for drop-posters to be replaced with a “blanket of virtual reality.” The article then describes some kind of (surprisingly expensive and non-existent) electronic medium that will replace the drop-posters and the posters. Are they serious? Not worthy to be read.

MIT is not a large, multinational organization, and its lobby should reflect what makes it unique (its students) and not a forced sterility and impotence more appropriate for the corporate world.

But the cost? Perhaps the expected donations and internal funds (tens of thousands of dollars?) expected for this myopic plan might instead be invested in the student life and learning initiatives so desperately clamoring for support - student activities, a dining system that works, permanent solutions to dorm overcrowding, better financial aid packages, not a novel idea; it has already been tried in other countries. Great Britain, the Netherlands, and Switzerland have all proven its merit.

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Snow Falling On Churches

Dana Trottirce

The recent snowstorm reminded me of why I dislike the ACLU. It may be hard to believe that one could dislike an organization whose purported purpose is to promote civil liberties, but I do. I learned this lesson a few years back when the ACLU filed a lawsuit against the town of Barrington, Rhode Island (not too far from my home town), challenging the town’s practice of sending snowplows to the parking lots of religious institutions in the town. The plowing did not apply to only a select group of religious buildings, but to all in the town. Yet the ACLU saw this as an establishment of religion and threatened to take the town to court. So the town conceded and did not plow the lots.

It is not clear that the ACLU was on the correct side of the law. In Agostini v. Felton (1997) the Supreme Court, overturning a previous ruling, held that New York could pay public school teachers to also teach in parochial schools. The parallel to the snowplow case is clear. Just as states can aid religious institutions by sending them teachers, states can also aid religious institutions by sending them snowplows. The ruling affirms that government need not any longer be completely separate from religion. It must only refrain from favoring one religion over another.

The ACLU also would have a hard time arguing that they were on the correct side of justice. Clearly if the town were plowing only the Episcopalian Churches the ACLU could argue the town was establishing one religion over another, but this was not the case. They were plowing the lots of all religious institutions in the town. Likewise, there was no coercion of citizens. No one was forced to attend mass just because they could now get to the Catholic Church more easily.

Perhaps a stronger position for the ACLU to take would be to argue that the plowing was tantamount to an endorsement of religion. But I doubt they would remain consistent to this logic and also argue that providing police protection to marching Klanmen is a government endorsement of racism, that providing clean needles to heroin addicts is an endorsement of drug use, and providing condoms in high schools is an endorsement of statutory rape. Just because the government aids an individual in pursuing an activity does not mean the government approves, much less endorses, the activity. The plowing need not be seen as an endorsement of religion, but as an act of respect for the town’s citizens. The government recognizes that religion is important to its citizens and provides them with means to explore religious beliefs as they wish.

Perhaps you may feel it is unjust to use taxpayer money for the snow removal. Clearly there are people who do not accept any religion; why should they have to pay to aid religions? Maybe this is unfair, but we never make this exception in any other aspect of society. The religious fundamentalist must still pay his property taxes, even though part of that money funds the teaching of evolution in our schools. I still must pay my taxes even if I object to its use in fighting the war in Afghanistan. The government often spends taxpayer money in ways that offend the principles of some taxpayers, even religious principles. And government does this with the blessing of the Supreme Court.

What the ACLU endorses, and what the Supreme Court has wisely moved away from, is a government that treats religion like an infectious agent. A government believing that if it has even the most neutral and minimal involvement with religion, this involvement will spread to the point where the government takes a stance on religion. Yet it is not true. By plowing the lots of all religious institutions the government is not taking a stance on religion. It does not say it is good to believe in God, rather, it says that if you wish to worship God we respect that and will do what we can to let you exercise that choice. The ACLU deserves government that is at least neutral when it comes to religion. It falls squarely in the camp of the secularists. For in the government the ACLU wants, government can go to no end to allow, allow religious symbols to be displayed on their land, or use their building for purposes. This government is exactly the government we would have if the government opposed the values of agnosticism. Instead, intentionally, government should not favor one belief system over another. It should encourage people of all faiths and all people without faith to express the convictions of their hearts. The ACLU should search for meaning in this complex world.

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Giving Something Back to Grads

Guest Column
Christina Silcox

Chancellor Clay’s letter about the “opportunity” of the overcrowding situation in undergraduate dormitories gave us graduate students quite a few hocks. First, I suppose was the idea that undergraduates having to live without study rooms in their dorms was enough reason to kick graduate students out of their own homes! Quickly following that shocker was the administration’s thought process that they could take away any number of graduate beds in Sidney and Pacific that would be an endowment of racism, that providing clean needles to heroin addicts is an endorsement of drug use, and providing condoms in high schools is an endorsement of statutory rape. Just because the government aids an individual in pursuing an activity does not mean the government approves, much less endorses, the activity.

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By Nina Kahety

Rufus Wainwright, the singer-songwriter famous for his operatic style, explains his unique musical expression and influences in this interview. Wainwright discusses his love for Verdi, his own compositions, and his approach to classical music. He also talks about his upcoming tour and the challenges of performing on stage.

MOVIE REVIEW

Food of the Gods
SoHo meets the French Riviera

By Scott Lee

In this review, Scott Lee explores the French Riviera as a vibrant culinary destination. He describes the blend of flavors, cultures, and experiences one can expect to find in this coastal region. The review highlights the rich food culture and the variety of culinary experiences one can enjoy in SoHo.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

The Arts

by Byron Smith

At The Arts, the atmosphere is both sophisticated and relaxed. The menu features a unique blend of flavors and ingredients that are sure to delight the palate. The contemporary decor complements the dining experience, creating a memorable dining experience. The restaurant offers a perfect setting for special occasions or a night out with friends.

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THE TECH

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Chess Team Third at Pan-Ams

By Euston M. Kimani

The MIT Chess Team recently tied for third place in the Pan-American Intercollegiate Team Championship, the top college chess tournament in the Western hemisphere.

With their high Pan-Am finish, MIT is now among the top teams in U.S. college chess. MIT is currently an alternate for the President's Cup tournament, which features the four best college teams in the country.

"We did better than teams who fielded players on the same tier as ours, and so this was an important victory for us," said Eliza Groberman '04, the current National US Women's Chess co-champion and president of the MIT Chess Club.

MIT lost only to the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) and the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), which both tied for first place. Both of these schools offer chess fellowships to attract top players from around the country.

MIT tied for third place with four other schools including Stanford University, Harvard University and the UTD and UMBC "B" Teams.

MIT defeated Harvard B, Rhode Island College, UMBC, 3-1 and Chicago B teams, ending with a score of 4 points out of 6.

The competition was held in Providence, Rhode Island in late December. Representing MIT were team members Groberman, Tamer Karatekin '04, Sanne V. De Boer G, and Alex Skorokhod '04.

Competitions ended on December 19, 2002.

The MIT team members felt that they could have done better had they not been placed in the same set as UTD and UMBC, which were undoubtedly the best teams in the tournament.

Skorokhod's decisive victory over the higher-ranked Donnie Rylander of UTD was undoubtedly the biggest upset of the game, especially because Rylander is ranked about 500 points higher than Skorokhod.

"The result is that MIT tied with Harvard, Stanford and other colleges which we really thought we could have done better than," said Karatekin, an MIT team member who is the national chess champion of Turkey.

"Last semester MIT beat the Harvard team by 7 to 2.5 which is a definitive margin," he added.

Skorokhod is the alternate for the President Cup. MIT plans to compete in the US Amateur Team Championship in December.

"We believe that there are many chess players at MIT who could contribute to the development of the game at MIT," Groberman said. "We are giving them a chance to come out and play."
Albert Among Speakers in Independent Media Forum

By Keith J. Weinstein

The MIT Western Hemisphere Project hosted a day-long program of presentations and panel discussions by members of independent publications and media outlets on Monday.

The event, entitled "A Forum for Independent Media on the Western Hemisphere: History, Culture, Economics, Politics," was among the first to be arranged by the group.

The program consisted of two sessions: a series of six lectures in the Stratton Student Center in the morning and afternoon, followed by a three-hour panel discussion in 10:250 in the evening. The demonstration also included a "media fair," where participants could browse and buy books and other materials from 25 publishers.

Barsamian faults radio stations

The three-hour evening session featured a lecture on "War, Terrorism, & Media" by David Barsamian, followed by "So What Do We Want? — And How Do We Get It?" by Michael A. Albert '69.

The two lectures were followed by a question-and-answer period with about 80 audience members, moderated by Linda Pinnow, co-director for WMBR, the MIT campus radio station.

"I am the Director of Alternative Radio, which describes itself as having no budgets or programs, but rather affairs program offered free to all public radio stations" out of Boulder, Colo.

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Michael A. Albert '69, former UA president of the Zapatista National Liberation Army, gestures to Linda Pinnow, news-coordinator at WMBR, during a lecture on the media's role in war and terrorism in 10:250 on Monday. Albert also drew a distinction between the Independent Media Centers, which allow anyone on the Internet to upload material, and their "media fair," where participants could browse and buy books and other materials from 25 publishers.

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Emotional Problems Plagued Shins at MIT

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and friends, and all those at MIT who tried to help her," Tanev said. "But it was not the fault of MIT or anyone who works at MIT.

Shins were unaware of problems

The claim they never real-
ized how vast Elizabeth Shin's emo-
tional problems were until after her
death. "That's something we learned
after the tragedy," Tanev said. "We just had no idea what was going on," Shin's father said. He said that he and his wife always believed that their dau-
ter was a happy and cheerful person
who thrived in challenging environments.

USA Today, however, reported that
Elizabeth Shin struggled with emo-
tional issues since high school.

The paper reported yesterday that
she cut her wrists after receiving an
overdosing on Tylenol. Several

Suit chronicles Shin's problems

The lawsuit gives a detailed
description of the events that led to
Shin's death from the time she
arrived as a freshman, based on
MIT medical records. Freshman
year, Shin was hospitalized for a
week at McLean Hospital after
overdosing on Tylenol. Several
MIT medical personnel and admin-
istrators learned about the incident.

She was then referred to a MIT
psychologist who diagnosed her
with "situation issues" and did not
provide any further medical
referrals for the summer.

Shin continued to have psychol-
ogical problems in her sophomore
year. During the fall semester, she
was referred by her advisor down
to see a psychologist, but she never
went to this appointment.

She also sent an email to a faculty member
stating that she was considering
suicide. The email was forwarded
to several MIT employees, but nothing
occurred as a result of the email.

Conditioned worsened in spring

In March, Shin met with several
of MIT Mental Health Ser-
ices' personnel after her dormmates
reported her suicide threats. She was
diagnosed with depression and also
a potential borderline personality disor-
der. As a result, Shin was prescribed
with several medications and was
encouraged to come into the
clinic whenever she felt suicidal.

In April 2000, Tanev told a dorm-
mate that she started to kill herself
by sticking a knife into her chest.

When the dormmate reported this,
Shin was taken to MIT Mental Health
Services and spoke to the on-
call physician. However, she de-
ed to meet with her personally.

Two days later, on April 10, 2000,
Shin's roommate reported to her
housemaster that she had threatened suicide again.

The housemaster contacted the on-call
psychiatrist, who told her that she
did not believe Shin was at risk. At 9 a.m.
the same day, a resident at Random
Hall heard the sound of a knife being
dug out in Elizabeth Shin's room. The
fire was reported, and a campus police
officer rescued Elizabeth Shin
from her room. She died four days later on
April 13, 2000 with severe burns over 65 percent of her body.

Shins hopes MIT improves

Since the incident, MIT has re-
vaccinated its Mental Health Ser-
vice. The Mental Health Task
Force released a final report on
November 30, 2000, which recommended
transformations including extending office
hours and increasing staff members in
the building. Shin-Song was already being treated from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on
Mondays during Thursday to 8:30 A.M. to 7 P.M.

However, DeLoe believes these
calls were not enough, and more drastic
measures need to be implemented.

"MIT is just putting more people and
more money into a flawed system," he said.

The Shin-Song also have problems
with MIT's privacy policy when dealing with
students who seek psy-
chiatric assistance.
This confidentiality,
looks allows colleges to ke-
ep information private and only
antly parents if the stu-
ten's condition is an emerg-
ent issue.

The Shin-Song firmly believe
that MIT should have notified them
of their daughter's condition. "MIT not
giving us that one phone call.

The Shin-Song also believe
that the Shin-Song should have
been informed of the doctor's
death. If not, they would have
mentioned this to what happened in Spain and the
Shin-Song believe that the Shin-Song
should have been informed that their
daughter was attending therapy.

"If we had known, we
would have been able to
encourage her to make an intake
appointment. Neither Associate
Dean Henderson nor Mr. Tanev
flew up with Ms. Shin, nor did they
confirm whether anyone at MIT Mental Health Services had met with her.

On December 5, 1999, Shin sent an email to a faculty member, Riaj Sharifi Dahan.

She expressed that she was contemplating suicide by taking an overdose of sleeping pills.

This email was forwarded to the Dean of Students, and Ms. Nina Davis-Millis, Ms. Shin's Housemaster at Random Hall.

On March 23, 2000, Shin sought treatment at the MIT Mental Health Services on a walk-in basis.

She saw Dr. Linda Cunningham and told her that she had cut herself to get back to reality and had thought of suicide thoughts. Dr. Cunningham prescribed an anti-depressant medication, but left it up to Ms. Shin to contact her parents about her diagnosed illness.

Dr. Cunningham made no effort to place
mitigation measures in place.

On March 30, 2000, Cunningham saw Ms. Shin twice, by appointment and as a walk-in patient.

She again expressed her morbid thoughts and her feeling that she was deteriorating and was not eating.

Even though Dr. Cunningham diagnosed Ms. Shin with a major depressive disorder, with borderline traits, she did not seek to obtain inpatient care for Ms. Shin, Cunningham said. Cunningham's assistant, Dr. Peter Reich, told Shin-Song that she felt hopeless and worthless.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, she discharged her the following day on March 31.

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Shin-Song told Dean Henderson that she would contact Ms. Shin and encourage her to make an intake appointment.

On April 4, 2000, Shin returned to MIT Mental Health Services on a walk-in basis, and met
with a staff psychiatrist, Dr. Lili Gottfried. Shin-Song stated to Gottfried that "she wondered why she was still alive" and how much money she had spent on treatment for depression.

She seemed to be deteriorating and was not eating. Even though Dr. Cunningham diagnosed Ms. Shin with a major depressive disorder, with borderline traits, she did not seek to obtain inpatient care for Ms. Shin, Cunningham said. Cunningham's assistant, Dr. Peter Reich, told Shin-Song that she felt hopeless and worthless. Notwithstanding the foregoing, she discharged her the following day on March 31.

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On April 7, 2000, Shin sent an email to her therapist, Eleanor Temelini, LCSW, who evalu-
ated Shin-Song and found that she was no longer a danger to herself or others. Shin-Song was sent home on a voluntary basis.

On April 10, 2000, Shin was brought to the police station. Shin-Song was booked for assault with intent to injure and to commit suicide. Shin-Song was later released.

On April 11, 2000, Shin-Song was released from the hospital. Shin-Song refused to
cooperate with the hospital staff.

On April 13, 2000, Shin-Song met with Dr. Shi and told him that her daughter had died.
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DID WE SHAKE HANDS YET? SOMETIMES I CAN'T TELL.

I HIRER A MAN-HATER TO BE YOUR SUPERVISOR. WHY?

FRANKLY, I'M A LITTLE TURNED ON BY ANGRY WOMEN IN PANTSUITS.

SHE'S DECISIVE. I LIKE THAT.
FoxTrot
by Bill Amend

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WHAT DOES THOSE THINGS HAVE TO DO WITH HIS MAYBE GETTING BRACES?
I YE GODS-THE EVIL MASTERS AND HIS HENCHMEN HAVE JUST BEEN EXPOSED!
YOU MEAN, DOES JASON NEED BRACES NOW?
I'VE DECIDED TO CHARGE YOU THE SAME PERCENT STRIPS.

WHAT KIND OF SHERIFF WOULD BRACES BE!? ARE YOU BUNKING FAPAS JASON. I HAVE THE Beta IF YOU WANT IT.
YOU HAVE TO ADMIT IT WOULD BE A LITTLE FUNNY TO SEE JASON WITH BRACES.

SO WHAT'S DOES JASON HAVE TO DO WITH BRACES?

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head straight for the opponent's side to act as an interactive obstacle.

Cynthia V. Vongsuvath '03, Jennifer Lee '03 and Jaya
Cromwell '03 decided to go with a small and fast vehicle that would
grab the two closest balls, put them into the holes and then head off to
the back to allow the back row.

Rikky Muller '03, owner of "Iago My Eggs," said that her team
decided to go for all their possible balls and totally ignore their oppo-

nent's to not sacrifice speed for
control and accuracy, which proved
to be a prudent trade-off as their robot emerged as one of the better robots,
almost scoring a total of six balls.

On the other hand, many teams also choose the strategy of getting
a few balls in quickly and then either blocking the holes or hinder their
opponent's movement. Members from team 29 said that their strategy
was to get the two closest balls into the holes as quickly as possible and
then block the two holes using two rollers that would be propelled from
the main body of the robot once the vehicle was properly positioned.

Robots need tweaking for finals

Each team has put in many hours of hard work into building their
robots, with most teams working more than eight hours each day.

Some of the teams had to make radi-

cal changes to their robots only hours
before the preliminaries to ensure
that they would work properly.

A member of team 35 said that
they had to build their robot from
scratch on Sunday as they decided
to change the design.

In the preliminary round, many
robots had problems with the start-
ing lights that are designed to help
the robot register its starting posi-
tion. While other robots' sensors
strangely refused to function.

Eric Fuller '03, Dewey R.
Rich
mond '03 and Jessie Matoe '03
were immensely displeased when their
robot managed to get 3 balls down the
ramp towards the hole but became
in their opinion, an imperfection of the board, none of the 3 balls managed to enter the hole. The balls were practically stuck on top of the hole. They lost

but still managed to qualify for the
subsequent rounds.

Robots reflect individuality

This year's robots displayed a wide range of designs. Billy F.
Waldman '05 and Andrew T. Marsh '02, named their three-legged vehi-

cle "Tricyclotops" and said that it had acrobatic ability and could do
flips on the playing field.

Jennifer Huang '02, Juha Cen '03 and Steven Huang '03 affectionately
named their robot "Panchy," and as the name suggests, it has pointers
that would promptly be used to grab their balls and could also later be
used to hinder their opponent's movement.

Team 4, consisting of Milan
Mandic '03, Ian Garcia '03 and Paul J. Coral '03, all of whom are Course
XVI (Aeronautics and Astronautics) students, named their robot "Chale-
ta." Its special feature was a cage-like structure that could be used to
entrap opponent's balls and prevent the other robot from scoring.

6.270 lives up to its reputation

6.270 is a hands-on, interactive
class that is held annually during IAP. The main goal of the class is to
design a machine that will able to navigate its way around a fixed play-
ning field, recognize its opponents, and manipulate game objects
such as balls. The specific set-up of the playing
field and method of scoring points changes from year to year.

This IAP's class did not fail to
live up to the reputation that 6.270
had established in recent years.

Allen Rabinovich '04, who is cur-
tently taking the class, said that it
is "more organized than some of
the other classes here at MIT."

He also feels that this year's competition
is more challenging than in previous
years.

The students work in teams of two or three, and each team is
given the same kit which contains sensors, electronic components,
batteries, motors and LEGO blocks. On top of this, teams must
program an algorithm for their robots that will autonomously
move on the playing field. The teams receive their kits at the
beginning of IAP and have three weeks to complete their robots.
MIT's new Associate Dean for Alcohol Education and Community Development, Daniel Trujillo, hosted the first of many on-campus discussions dealing with alcohol issues at Next House on Tuesday evening. The entire MIT community was invited to attend Tuesday's forum. Trujillo has already hosted similar discussions at a few fraternity houses.

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Is alcohol a necessary part of the college experience? Do you think more than half of MIT students drink at least two times per week? Is it okay for students to drink under the age of 21? Is alcohol a problem at MIT? At Next House? At police stations? Is alcohol a problem at MIT? At Next House?

These were the open-ended questions which Trujillo asked to the attendees to begin the discussion. Many of the responses to these questions by those in attendance seemed to differ substantially according to gender. Only six people, all males, thought that alcohol was a necessary part of the college experience, compared to thirteen who did not. Nine of the thirteen were women. It's an important part of your life to experience new things, but it's not necessary," said Bert Keith-Arvil '05. Only four students thought alcohol was a problem at MIT, but thirteen others thought it was not. Keith A. Bonawitz '02 was in the minority. "Alcohol issues still need to be addressed," Bonawitz said. "I've seen a lot of students unwilling to call medical transport, or destroying property."

Stacy J. Morris G, a graduate resident tutor, agreed. "I get really nervous when I see closed doors and think people might be taking shots in there."

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Most of the attendees thought that underage drinking was okay in principle. An international transfer student gave an interesting perspective on the alcohol situation. He said that he thought underage drinking was okay because there is a different cultural perspective of alcohol in most European countries. However, dissenters to this opinion still made their opinions heard. "It's illegal," said Katherine A. Leink '05. Morris supported the freshman. "I'm a little torn, but personally I didn't drink until I was 21." The forum lasted for a little less than two hours, and at the end, those who remained felt it was worth their time, including Trujillo.

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Other Dorm Options Pushed By Ashdown

Ashdown, from Page 1

Many concerned graduate students and organizations have written to Clay to plea their case. On Friday, he responded with a long e-mail addressing some major concerns.

"We will be working with the housemasters, the leadership of the house, and with others to address the concerns voiced, including finding alternatives that minimize impacts or that represent creative ways to advance our mutual goal of community life," he wrote. "Ashdown residents are not the only ones with a stake in what we do. However, to the extent we create a risk to what I imagine is a valuable and strong community at Ashdown, we will work hard to mitigate or eliminate that risk."

Discussion to occur Friday

On Friday, the housemasters of the graduate dorms, the GSC, and other interested observers will meet in Clay’s office. The GSC hopes to form a working group to address the problems facing all of the interested parties.

"We want a working group to meet and figure out the best option which minimizes the impact on the graduate housing system," said GSC President Dilan A. Seneviratne G.

"We want to get answers to questions like why Sidney-Pacific is not an option, is there a possibility of a subsidy for those displaced, and what his criteria are for meeting the overcrowding requirement," he said.

Graduate student leaders have been particularly upset with the feeling that this problem was sprung on them in the last minute.

"The problem of undergraduate crowding has existed for many years," Farver said. "They have known since 1999 that there would be this problem. They waited until the eleventh hour to announce that they would house undergraduates. The administration has proposed renovating Senior House and moving its students into the dorm."

Farver also referred to Ashdown’s dependence on first-year graduate students. Ashdown residents fill around 500 officer positions while trying to acquire points to move up to the scarcer singles and large doubles. If Ashdown cannot accept as many new students, it will not get as many ambitious officers, who play a vital role in the graduate community.

Another concern for current residents of Ashdown is the survival of Ashdown’s Thirsty Ear Pub, another important part of the graduate community, whose presence in the graduate dormitory might be at risk if undergraduate students moved into the dorm.

Ashdown survived past threats

If history can predict the outcome of this battle, then it is on the side of the graduate student community. The administration has proposed housing undergraduates in Ashdown twice before in recent history. In 1999, a steering committee proposed housing freshmen in Ashdown and moving the graduate students to MacGregor. In 1994, another committee proposed renovating Senior House and moving its student population into Ashdown. In each of these cases, Ashdown residents and housemasters met the proposals with concerted opposition, and they were eventually dropped.
Deep Lineup Helps MIT Women

The MIT runner, Julia Espel '05, were ancy 1. Alternatively, were also successful. Leading the MIT runners, Julia C. Espel '05 finished the race in third. Following Espel were Nancy J. Benedetti '05 and Jillian L. Dempsey '05, who finished in sixth and eighth respectively.

In the 1500m run, distance superstar Martha W. Buckley '05 ran another New England Division III qualifying time of 5:01.34 to finish in third. In seventh was Benedetti set a personal record in the event.

Returning in the 5K was Buckley, who out ran her competitors for a triumphant win in an ECAC qualifying time of 10:43.69. Mealani Imoukhuede G ran a solid race to finish in seventh with a personal record time of 11:51.06. Imoukhuede qualifies for NCAA.

In the field, personal records were ever-present, and an NCAA automatic qualifying standard was met. In the weight throw, Princess Imoukhuede '02 not only won the event, but also secured her place at the National Division III Championships with a throw of 16.23 meters. Akia A. Aso-Aso-Duru '03 placed fourth for MIT with another New England Division III qualifying mark of 40.8'.

Returning the triple jump, Gupta destroyed her own rookie and varsity records, qualified for the All New England Championships, and won the event with a 36' 1.75' performance. Nyenke finished sixth in an ECAC qualifying mark of 34' 6".

Meet finishes with strong relays.

The meet finished with the 4x400m and 4x800m relays. Running in the second place finish 4x400m relay were Kao, Poulsou, Silberstein, and Eze. Receiving the baton in third, Gaugler, and Dempsey finished off the relay to take third and set the rookie record in the event.

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**MIT Gymnastics Falls to CSU**

By Ken Nesmith

In their first home meet of the year, the MIT Mens' Gymnastics team lost to Southern Connecticut State University, scoring 144.35 to CSUSC's 184.90.

The team fared well after working throughout the fall to strengthen their routines, but ultimately they were unable to defeat the able Connecticut team. However, individuals Damari M. Engen '03 and Patrick R. Griffin '05 scored 43.8 and 38.85 all-around scores respectively, the third and fifth highest all-round scores for that day.

After a slightly shaky start on floor, the team moved to pommel horse, one of the most difficult events. It appeared that both teams allowed apprehension to hinder their best work on the horse, as the routines were marked by falls and errors uncharacteristic of the athletes. Nonetheless, competitors from both teams did manage to deliver visually stunning routines.

Engen struggled on the rings, with fault after fault on the horse, the team fared well overall.

The 1500m kicked off the first running finals on the track, and MIT stacked the event, hoping to score big early and still be able to double their runners back. The gamble worked as Sean Montgomery continued his undefeated season with a 3:57.44 time, easily winning the race and qualifying for nationals. Brian C. Anderson '94, Sean Nolan '03, and Daniel R. Feldman '02 finished in second, fourth, and fifth, respectively.

In the 55m high hurdles, Victor L. Williamson '04 had a two tenth of a second improvement, leading MIT with a 7.95 and second place showing. Richard F. Rajer '04 finished right behind Williamson in third, with Janika K. Ho, and Mielcarz taking fifth and sixth.

Strong start did not seal win

Even with strong early performances and a big lead, MIT was wary of Williams. In each of the previous three meeting with the Ephs, MIT had jumped out to an early lead, only to watch Williams come back in the middle distances, and sprints. Last year, Williams had used the 400m and 600m to start their comeback, crushing the Engineers by twenty points between the two events.

Determined not to let that happen

**Men's Track Dominates Williams, RPI, Westfield**

By Yuval Mazor

MIT and Williams have dominated New England D-III track for over 20 years, but the Ephs have had the upper hand for nearly a decade, including a 5.5 point heartbreaker last year. This past weekend, the Men's Indoor Track & Field Team traveled to Williamsburg, Mass., to face their biggest rival, the Ephmen of Williams College.

With revenge on their minds, and one of the most talented teams MIT has ever had, the Engineers crushed Williams 223-198. RPI took third in 98, and Westfield State trailed the field with 39.

The meet started with the long jump and weight throw, and MIT looked to jump out to an early lead. Thomas M. Hooser '05 led the way for the jumpers with a leap of 21'7 1/2, good for second place. Craig D. Mielcarz '03, Victor L. Williamson '04, and Austin K. Neudecker '05 took the last three scoring places, as all three were over 20 feet. However, Williams took first and fifth places, and the Engineers had to be satisfied the splitting the event, 13-13.

On the other side of the track, Christopher J. Khan '04 led the weight throwers, winning with a National Qualifying mark of 53'9.

**Men's Squash Team Drops Three**

Losses to No. 1-Ranked Teams Have Impact on National Ranking

By Robert Aronstam

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**Golden Bracket has won Intersectional Quad**

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