

# Dorm Lottery Ends Today

Tuesday



### The Weather

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Tonight: Mostly clear, 60°F (16°C)  
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## Orientation Activities Impact Dormitory Rush

By Jeffrey Greenbaum  
STAFF REPORTER

MIT's packed schedule of Orientation events has had a mixed impact on dormitory rush, with some dormitories rebelling against what they view as a restrictive official schedule and others simply seeing low turnout.

In a statement released by the Dormitory Council in Sunday's issue of *The Tech*, Dormcon said that they will not prohibit dormitories from scheduling a rush event at any time.

East Campus and Senior House are conducting dormitory rush events during scheduled Orientation events and distributing pro-dormitory rush propaganda during Orientation events, such as during Sunday's PlayFair.

In an e-mail written by Daniel E. McAnulty '04 to several public East Campus and Senior House mailing lists, McAnulty said he and others "participated in handing out [the propaganda] in front of Johnston [during the PlayFair]. Some of the freshmen thought that we were stupid ... other frosh, embarrassed, explained that they had been dragged along by their friends and that they expected to leave after seeing what it was."

McAnulty said that he eventually

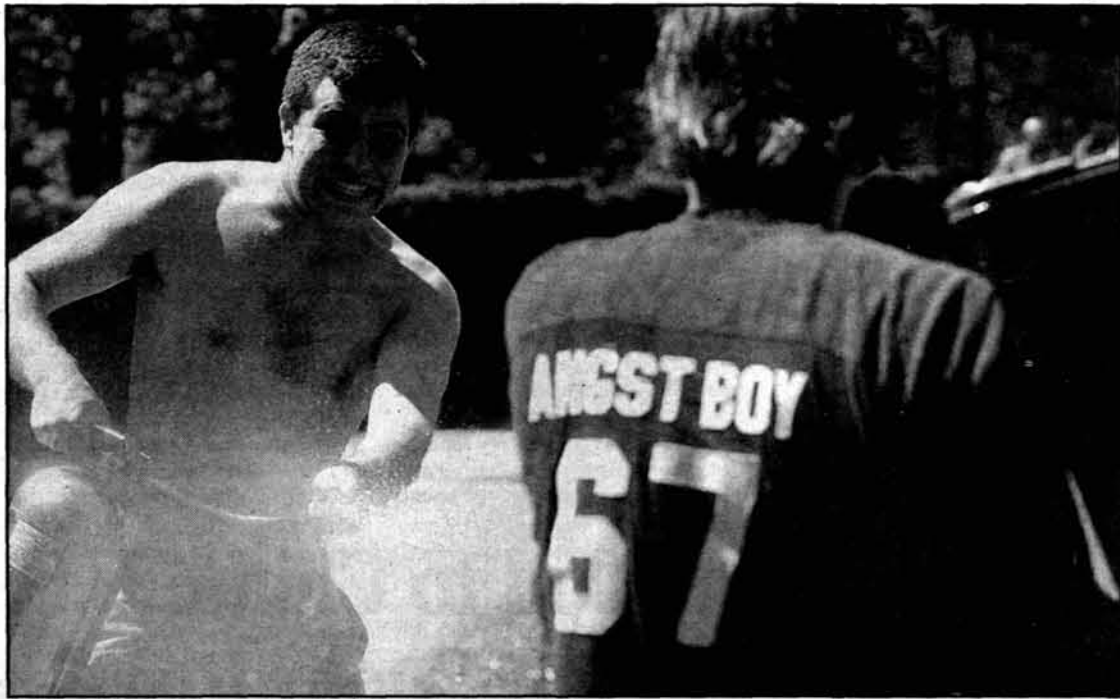
went inside the PlayFair and that the "Orientation deans start[ed] tailing us, yelling at us, stealing our inflatable shark."

Mark C. Feldmeier G, a former

undergraduate resident and current graduate resident tutor from East Campus, said, "I think that this will heighten their awareness and send a message to the administration that

what's going on is not appreciated by the students. Hopefully it will cause some change."

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AARON D. MIHALIK—THE TECH

Craig A. Lebowitz '03 hoses down Daniel J. Katz '03 during Water War II on Kresge Oval. 'West Campus' failed to show up this year, so 'East Campus' fought amongst themselves.

## Student Activities Office Offers Improved Services

By Keith J. Winstein  
NEWS EDITOR

The Student Activities Office, which provides banking services to student groups and dormitories, announced a series of improvements yesterday in an e-mail to student group treasurers.

The changes are part of an effort to make the office's services more convenient in the wake of last year's

controversial decision to bar student groups from holding outside bank accounts. Topping the list of changes is a promise to give student groups speedier access to funds in their accounts.

"If you get your check request in by 1 p.m., you get your check the next day by noon," said Tracy F. Purinton, assistant dean for student activities. Previously, the office only

issued checks on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Alvar Saenz Otero, Graduate Student Council treasurer and former Association of Student Activities president, worked with the office on the service enhancements.

"The goal was to make the student activities office work as much as possible" like a bank, he said. "Ideally we would have gotten

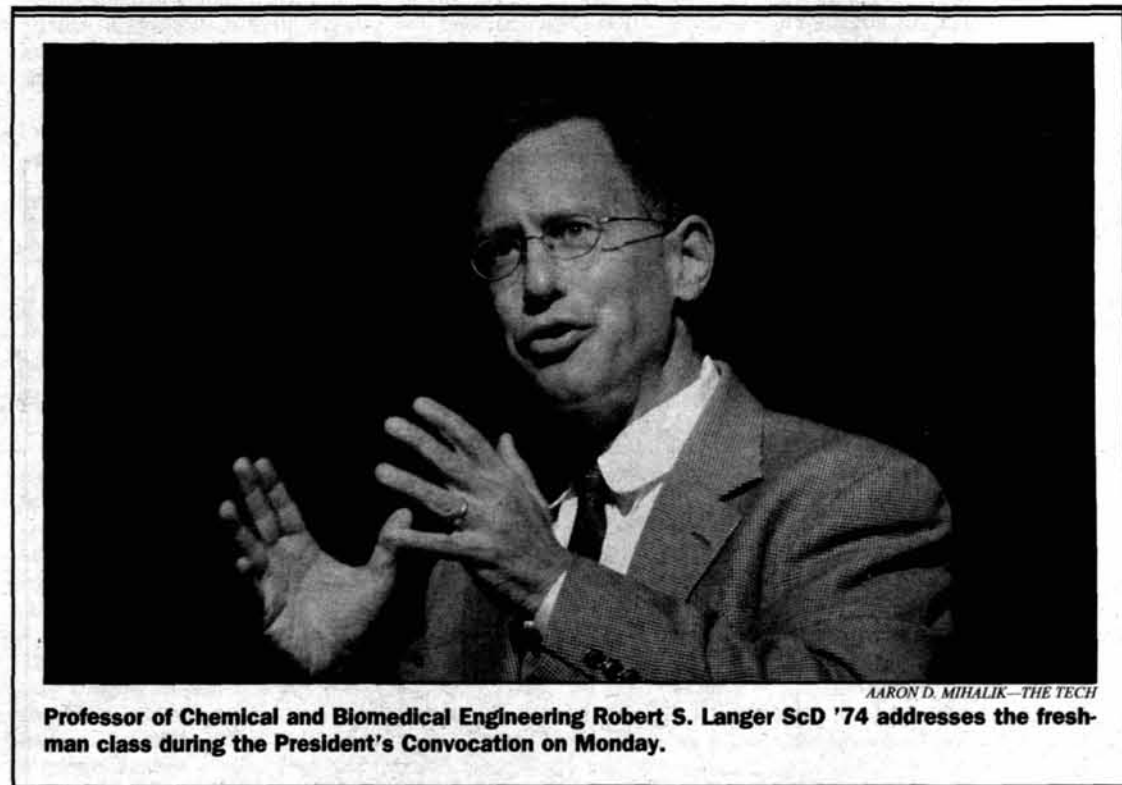
same-day reimbursements."

Groups to get petty cash, interest

Purinton also announced an emergency "petty cash" policy, under which a student group may receive up to \$200 in cash immediately, freezing its account until the office receives receipts accounting

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AARON D. MIHALIK—THE TECH

Professor of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering Robert S. Langer ScD '74 addresses the freshman class during the President's Convocation on Monday.

## In MIT Construction Boom, Campus Gets New Buildings

By Kevin R. Lang  
NEWS AND FEATURES DIRECTOR

Newly arriving freshmen have undoubtedly heard much about Simmons Hall and its ongoing construction, and many new graduate students are aware that the Sidney-Pacific Street dormitory is open for business, but these are hardly the only projects on campus right now.

MIT is in the midst of its biggest construction boom since the 1950s. If you have been wondering what that crooked mess on Vassar Street is, or when the shiny glass building next to the student center will open, read on.

Ray and Maria Stata Center

Jutting up from Vassar Street in every imaginable direction, the Ray and Maria Stata Center will stand on

the former site of MIT's famous Building 20, a "temporary" space for some fifty years.

Frank O. Gehry, the world-renowned architect of the Bilbao Guggenheim Museum, designed the complex of buildings that will house the Laboratory for Computer Science, the Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, the Laboratory for Information Decision Systems, and the Department of Linguistics and Philosophy.

The building's namesake, Raymond S. Stata '57, donated \$25 million to start the project. Microsoft co-founder and chairman William H. Gates gave \$20 million to fund a tower of the building bearing his name, and Alexander W. Dreyfoos '54 donat-

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# WORLD & NATION

## WorldCom Executive Tried To Halt Co-Worker's Questions

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Beleaguered WorldCom Inc. Controller David Myers tried to muzzle a co-worker who raised questions about the company's books with outside accounting firm Arthur Andersen, according to documents released Monday by a House subcommittee.

Myers sent a threatening e-mail to Steven Brabbs, WorldCom's vice president for international controls in London, after Brabbs — allegedly without authorization — approached Arthur Andersen about the way in which millions of dollars in WorldCom expenses were accounted for.

"Do not have any more meetings" with Arthur Andersen, Myers wrote in a Jan. 22 e-mail to Brabbs. "I spoke to AA this morning and hear that you are still talking about asset impairments and facilities. I do not want to hear an excuse. Just stop. Don't make me ask you again," Myers wrote.

The e-mail was part of a series of WorldCom documents released by the House Financial Services Committee's investigation subcommittee, which has been probing questionable accounting practices that helped drive the nation's second-largest long-distance carrier to file for bankruptcy last month.

## FBI To Return to Anthrax Scene

THE WASHINGTON POST

The FBI announced Monday that it will again search the Florida office of American Media Inc., hoping that new techniques will reveal how deadly anthrax spores entered the headquarters of the tabloid publisher last fall.

The new search, which should begin no later than Wednesday, will focus on finding a letter or other method of delivery as well as collecting additional spores from the Boca Raton office, which has been shuttered and quarantined since it was contaminated with anthrax spores last fall, officials said Monday.

Photo editor Robert Stevens died of anthrax and another AMI employee, mail room worker Ernesto Blanco, became severely ill but later recovered. Stevens was the first of five people to die in the series of anthrax attacks last fall.

The FBI searched the mailroom and workstations of affected employees after last fall's attack. It found anthrax spores but no letters like the ones that emerged in some of the subsequent anthrax attacks in New York and Washington. It is not known whether the AMI anthrax was delivered by mail or in some other fashion.

## Banking Executives Give Brazil Hope on Loans

THE WASHINGTON POST

The troubled international initiative to rescue the Brazilian economy got a shot in the arm Monday as executives of 16 major banks, meeting in the presence of U.S. regulators and Brazilian officials, issued a statement voicing their "intention" to maintain credit lines to Brazil.

The meeting at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York marked an important effort to shore up the International Monetary Fund's \$30 billion bailout of Brazil by persuading banks to stop pulling money out of the country. Despite the announcement on Aug. 7 that Brazil would receive the largest loan in IMF history, an outflow of funds from the country has continued, threatening to undermine the U.S.-backed rescue, which is aimed at keeping South America's biggest economy from collapse. One of the problems has been the canceling of credit lines by foreign banks.

Initially at least, the meeting and the statement issued afterward appeared to produce the desired effect. Brazilian financial markets have rallied in recent days in part because of the disclosure that the meeting would be held, and Monday the country's main stock index jumped 4.35 percent.

# Appeals Court Says Hearings Cannot Be Closed to Public

By Charles Lane

THE WASHINGTON POST

A federal appeals court ruled Monday that the press and public must be allowed to witness immigration hearings for suspects detained in the Sept. 11 investigation, strongly rebuking the Bush administration for its policy of maximum secrecy in the war on terror.

A three-judge panel of the Cincinnati-based U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit concluded that the news media and ordinary citizens alike have a constitutional "right of access" to deportation proceedings which was violated by a Sept. 21, 2001 Justice Department order closing hearings deemed of "special interest" to the terrorism probe.

Under the order, "the Executive Branch seeks to uproot people's lives, outside the public eye, and behind a closed door," Senior Judge Damon J. Keith wrote in the opinion for the court. "Democracies die behind closed doors. The First Amendment, through a free press, protects the people's right to know that their government acts fairly, lawfully and accurately in deportation proceedings."

The ruling in the case of Michi-

gan activist Rabih Haddad marked the first time since Sept. 11 that a major component of the Bush administration's legal approach to the anti-terror campaign has been declared unconstitutional at the appeals court level, which is a step below the Supreme Court.

This ruling is not the last word on the issue, however. The Justice Department, which had argued that there is no right of access to administrative hearings such as those conducted by immigration judges, may appeal the case either to the full membership of the 6th Circuit or directly to the Supreme Court.

"The Justice Department disagrees with the Court's conclusion that the Department's guidelines for determining which proceedings should be closed are too broad," said Barbara Comstock, a spokesperson for Attorney General John Ashcroft. "The Justice Department has an obligation to exercise all available options to disrupt and prevent terrorism within the bounds of the Constitution, and will review today's opinion in light of our duty to protect the American people."

Department lawyers might wait to shape their full legal strategy until the Philadelphia-based U.S.

Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit decides a similar case pending in that court.

Under the so-called "Creppy memo," issued by chief immigration judge Michael Creppy on Sept. 21, 2001, the Justice Department considers all immigration hearings involving terror suspects off-limits to the press and public, including the detainee's family.

The most minor disclosure of information could help terrorist groups understand how much intelligence the government does or does not have, undermining the anti-terror effort, Justice Department officials have said.

But Keith wrote that the government had failed to show that secrecy was necessary to protect national security in every case.

If the 6th Circuit's approach were to prevail, current and future deportation hearings would be presumed open to outside scrutiny, unless the government could persuade a federal court that the proceeding had to be completely or partially closed to protect sensitive intelligence.

More than 750 of the 1,200 people detained in the aftermath of Sept. 11 were held on immigration charges.

# In Nod to China, U.S. To Freeze Islamic Separatist Group Assets

By Henry Chu and Sonni Efron

LOS ANGELES TIMES

BEIJING

In a political victory for China's Communist regime, the United States has declared it will freeze the financial assets of a shadowy Islamic group reputedly dedicated to promoting independence for the northwest Chinese province of Xinjiang.

U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Richard L. Armitage, on a two-day visit here, said Monday that the Bush administration considers the so-called East Turkestan Islamic Movement a terrorist organization because it carries out attacks on civilians. China accuses the group of waging a violent separatist campaign in Xinjiang, home to a Tur-

kic-speaking people known as the Uighurs, most of whom are Muslim.

Armitage's announcement came as a surprise because until several months ago, Washington, D.C., explicitly had refused to draw a link between the war it has declared on terrorism and Beijing's attempt to crush separatist sentiment in the province, a large territory rich in natural resources.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said that although the United States would freeze the assets of the East Turkestan Islamic Movement group, a decision had not been made whether officially to designate it a terrorist organization.

Neither Boucher nor Armitage explained what specific information

had prompted the change in the administration's thinking.

Other sources said the administration reportedly has gathered evidence from Uighurs captured in Afghanistan that validates the Chinese assertion that the East Turkestan Islamic Movement has connections to al-Qaida, and has committed terrorist acts inside and outside China. These sources said a decision to place the group on America's official "terrorist list" would be forthcoming, perhaps as early as this week.

There are reports that the United States has detained perhaps half a dozen Uighur suspects in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and that the Chinese government has been seeking to interrogate them.

# WEATHER

## Predicting the Weather

By Greg Lawson

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

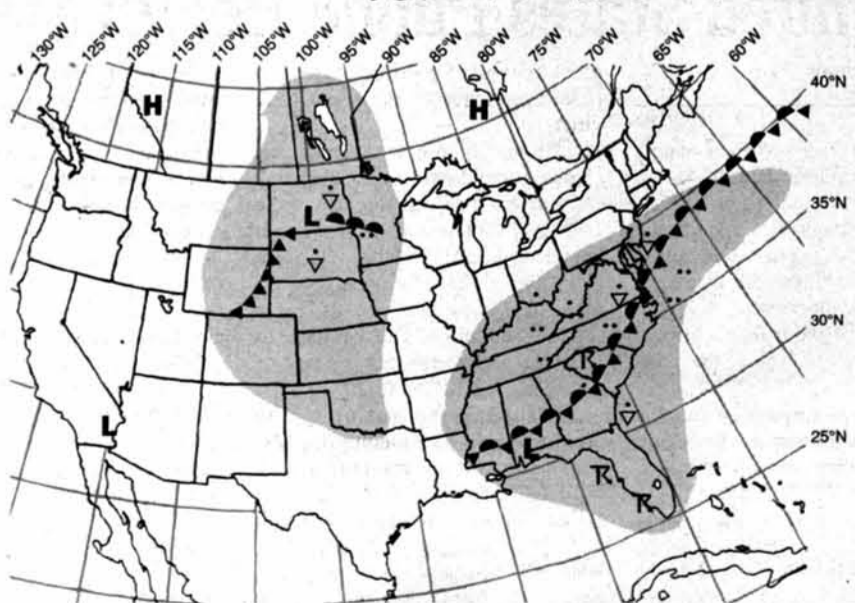
How appropriate that the first forecast of the semester be a difficult one! The synoptic situation is a tricky one. The jet stream, our major weather system mover, is well to our north, leaving surface highs and lows to head eastward sluggishly. Late summer and fall often see a large, broad high semi-permanently settled over the Mid-Atlantic Ocean. It is sometimes called a Bermuda high or a blocking high, and New England is currently sandwiched between it and another strengthening high over Ontario. The two are battling, leaving a stationary front roughly paralleling the east coast. Instead of the jet stream ushering through full-fledged frontal cyclones (surface lows), the stationary front will allow smaller, weaker disturbances to travel northeast along it. The challenge as to whether we'll have rain this week is predicting where the stationary front will be and how often and how strong these disturbances (called short waves) will travel along it. The latest model runs indicate our best chances of rain are roughly 50 percent on Thursday.

Regardless of the precipitation, it is evident that the high to our northwest will govern our wind patterns. With the winds spiraling clockwise outward from its center, we will soon feel cooler, drier air from the Canadian Maritimes. This should last until the weekend, when the Canadian high finally dislodges and moves out to sea.

### Extended Forecast

Today: Very Pleasant. Mostly clear skies. High 72°F (27°C).  
 Tonight: Mostly clear. Light northeasterly winds. Low 60°F (16°C).  
 Wednesday: Cooler with clouds arriving. High 68°F (20°C). Low 58°F (14°C).  
 Thursday: Cloudy with a chance of rain. High near 70°F (20-22°C). Low near 60°F (15-17°C).

Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Tuesday, August 27, 2002



Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
<b>H</b> High Pressure	--- Trough	Snow:	Fog
<b>L</b> Low Pressure	— Warm Front	Light Rain:	Thunderstorm
<b>S</b> Hurricane	▲ Cold Front	Moderate Rain:	Haze
	— Stationary Front	Heavy Rain:	

Compiled by MIT Meteorology Staff and The Tech

# Vice President Argues for War, Pre-emptive Strike Against Iraq

By Dana Milbank

THE WASHINGTON POST

CRAWFORD, TEXAS

Vice President Dick Cheney argued Monday for a pre-emptive attack on Iraq's Saddam Hussein, declaring there is "no doubt" the dictator has weapons of mass destruction and is preparing to use them against the United States and its allies.

The vice president's remarks, to a Veterans of Foreign Wars meeting in Nashville, provided the most detailed and passionate case the administration has made for action against Iraq, and it gave the issue new urgency by implying that hostilities could not wait long.

"Deliverable weapons of mass destruction in the hands of a terror network or a murderous dictator, or the two working together, constitutes as grave a threat as can be imagined," Cheney said. Repeating President Bush's caution that "time is not on our side," he added: "The risks of inaction are far greater than the risks of action."

Cheney's speech to the veterans

served as the Bush administration's answer to growing criticism — even from prominent advisers to President George H.W. Bush — that it had failed to make a detailed and convincing case for an American attack to remove the Iraqi dictator.

While mentioning in passing that the administration is considering all options and would consult with Congress and allies, Cheney seemed to be ruling out anything short of an attack. He contended that all alternatives had failed: U.N. agreements, inspectors, international ostracism, even four days of American bombing in 1998.

"What he wants is time, and more time to husband his resources to invest in his ongoing chemical and biological weapons program, and to gain possession of nuclear weapons," Cheney said. "Armed with an arsenal of these weapons of terror and a seat atop 10 percent of the world's oil reserves, Saddam Hussein could then be expected to seek domination of the entire Middle East, take control of a great por-

tion of the world's energy supplies, directly threaten America's friends throughout the region, and subject the United States or any other nation to nuclear blackmail."

Cheney has been hawkish in administration debates about Iraq, and his remarks Monday were strikingly firm and explicit. In notable detail, Cheney listed justifications for removing Hussein in what he called a "candid appraisal of the facts." He mentioned Iraqi firing on American and British planes in the no-fly zone imposed after the Persian Gulf War; Hussein's efforts to assassinate former President George H.W. Bush; the invasions of Iran and Kuwait and the firing of missiles at Iran, Saudi Arabia and Israel; and Hussein's ranking by the State Department as a sponsor of terrorism for two decades.

Cheney argued that Hussein has broken United Nations agreements from 1991 to end his nuclear weapons program, destroy his chemical and biological weapons, and admit U.N. inspectors.

# White House Lawyers Try to Keep Reasons for Clinton Pardons Quiet

By George Lardner Jr.

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

President Bush's lawyers are trying to keep the inside stories of Bill Clinton's last-minute pardons secret with a claim of executive privilege that extends far beyond the White House.

In pleadings filed in U.S. District Court here this month, including affidavits from White House Counsel Alberto Gonzales and Deputy Attorney General Larry Thompson, the Bush administration is contending that the privilege covers not only advice given to a president about individual pardons, but also government papers he has never seen and officials he has never talked to, such as the sentencing judge in a particular case.

In the past, executive privilege has been recognized for advisers who operate within the White House. Now Bush's lawyers, in opposing a lawsuit filed by Judicial Watch that seeks access to Clinton pardon records, are saying it covers officials anywhere in the government who are asked for input about pardon requests.

The pardon authority is "a core Presidential power exclusively entrusted to, and exercised by, the

President himself, and the documents generated in the process of developing and providing advice to him are squarely subject to the privilege," Assistant Attorney General Robert D. McCallum Jr. said in an Aug. 12 memo seeking summary dismissal of the Judicial Watch case.

A public interest law firm that has challenged Republican and Democratic administrations, Judicial Watch sued the Justice Department under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) last year for records concerning pardons granted or "considered" by Clinton in January 2000. The 177 pardons and commutations he approved his last day in office kicked up a storm, especially over the clemency he bestowed on fugitive financier Marc Rich, a man prominently listed on the government's international "lookout" list, and his business partner, Pincus Green.

"It's a bad faith argument," Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton said of the government's position. "The courts have already said that executive privilege does not exist outside the White House. The Bush administration is now covering up for Bill Clinton, Marc Rich and Pincus Green."

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said: "The president has always been entitled to receive confidential advice and candid assessments from attorneys in the federal government. ... To release such documents would have a chilling effect on the deliberative process."

In the past, even pardon recommendations sent directly to the president from the Justice Department have been routinely made public by government archivists after the passage of some years. But in response to other recent requests for historical files, separate from the Judicial Watch suit, the Bush Justice Department is asserting the same privilege to maintain the secrecy of pardon records as much as 75 years old. One set being withheld on instructions from the Bush White House deals with the clemency granted Marcus Garvey, leader of the back-to-Africa movement, who was released from prison in 1927 after his conviction for stock fraud.

Bush has yet to invoke executive privilege in the Judicial Watch case, a Justice Department spokeswoman confirmed. In the past, the courts have said he must do this personally, but the government's pleadings do not indicate whether he intends to do so.

# Bioterrorism Experts Discuss Future Of United States Public Health System

By Vicki Kemper

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The latest in a series of events elevating the public health system from the distant backwater of U.S. medicine to a central role in the nation's defense against terrorism is unfolding here this week in a cavernous hotel ballroom.

But none of the officials attending the first meeting of a new advisory council on public health preparedness is gloating about the new respect — not to mention \$3 billion in federal funding — they've gained since last year's anthrax attacks.

If anything, the potentially overwhelming challenge of helping to prepare the nation for a smallpox, botulism, plague, or other bioterror attack energized the council's 21 members and a corps of public health officials to use their new status and resources also to address their more traditional concerns: controlling infectious disease epidemics, immunizing children, and

most recently, guiding state and local responses to the West Nile virus.

"Bioterrorism creates enormous challenges and risks to the system," Dr. Julie Gerberding, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said Monday. "If there is a silver lining [from the anthrax attacks], it is that we do have renewed attention. But we have to make people realize that it's part of providing care all the time."

Indeed, the formation of the committee — 21 epidemiologists, health school deans and other public health experts who report to Tommy G. Thompson, secretary of health and human services — is merely the Bush administration's latest affirmation of the public health system's role in bioterrorism preparedness.

Jerome M. Hauer, director of the Office of Public Health Preparedness, itself less than a year old, said he knew of "no other time in federal government history when so much money has gone out so quickly."

It was in January that President Bush signed legislation passed by Congress providing \$3 billion for public health preparedness. By the end of that month, \$1.1 billion had been awarded to states and major cities, and 20 percent of that was made available immediately. By early June, after state plans for the money had been approved by federal officials, virtually all the state and city funds had been distributed.

Explaining that federal officials had a "low threshold for bureaucratic nonsense," Hauer said they "wanted to ensure the money was used to build a system, not to buy toys."

The funds are being used to renovate laboratories and increase their capacity, to improve the detection of bioterror and other infectious disease outbreaks, for health worker training, bioterror response facilities and equipment and the development of so-called "surge capacity," making sure that at least 500 hospital beds are available to handle a sudden influx of bioterror victims.

# Death Sentence Upheld Despite Lack of Defense

LOS ANGELES TIMES

SAN FRANCISCO

The California Supreme Court upheld a death sentence for a Los Angeles man Monday even though his defense lawyer failed to call a single witness in the sentencing portion of his trial.

The state high court decided 5-2 that evidence of the defendant's tragic childhood and abuse in racist Alabama prisons would not have been enough to persuade a jury to fix punishment at life instead of death for triple murder.

Records of the trial contain "no indication the jury was inclined to sentence [Jesse James Andrews] to life imprisonment," Justice Janice Rogers Brown wrote for the court.

Justices Joyce L. Kennard and Carlos Moreno dissented, arguing that a jury might have voted for life had it been told of Andrews' time in brutal and racist penal institutions in the South, including prisons later found to impose cruel and unusual punishment and juvenile facilities likened to slave camps.

# Scientists Develop Adhesive Based on Gecko Hairlets

THE BALTIMORE SUN

For centuries geckos have been revered as one of nature's coolest climbers. Whether they're skeddaddling up smooth glass at three feet a second or dangling from a hotel ceiling by a single toe, there's almost nothing the little lizards can't scale. Greek philosopher Aristotle marveled at the gecko's ability to "run up and down a tree in any way, even with the head downwards." And for more than a century the gecko has tormented scientists trying to divine the secret to its grip.

Now a group of biologists and engineers, who call themselves the Gecko Team, has solved the longstanding mystery and created the first artificial adhesive based on the gecko's sticky secret. Their research, published Tuesday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, could lead to everything from exotic new Post-It notes to sure-footed space robots capable of climbing Martian cliffs.

The secret to the gecko's grip, it turns out, hinges on one of the animal world's worst cases of split ends, and a quirky property of quantum physics known as the van der Waals force.

Geckos have millions of microscopic hairs sprouting from the bottom of their feet. The hairs, called setae ("see-tee"), split into as many as 1,000 tinier hairlets, each capped with a triangular pad whose shape has been likened to a hamburger flipper. These tips, called spatulae, are about the size of a small bacterium.

# Russian Pleads Guilty In Caviar Smuggling Case

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Gourmets beware: That exotic smoky gray delicacy that you recently spread on a "blini" pancake — perhaps with a dab of sour cream — might have been contraband.

Viktor Tsimbal, a Russian who was the president and owner of the Miami-based Beluga Caviar Inc., pleaded guilty Monday to orchestrating a ring that smuggled large quantities of caviar — more than Russia's entire annual worldwide export quota — to the United States.

Smugglers were paid \$500 to carry luggage filled with 50 to 75 1-pound tins of black-market caviar from Poland to U.S. airports, according to papers filed in U.S. District Court.

Epicureans pay top dollar — about \$100 an ounce — to nibble beluga roe from Caspian Sea sturgeon, praised for its sublimely smooth, buttery taste. But the fish species is paying a high price for those taste treats, biologists say.

Caspian sturgeon are protected under an international treaty that strictly limits imports and exports of caviar. But Beluga caviar from Caspian Sea sturgeon is in such peril that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed adding it to the endangered species list. That would cease all imports.

"Caspian Sea sturgeon may have been around since the age of dinosaurs, but the appetite of smugglers for profit has the potential to extinguish them from the Earth," said Tom Sansonetti, assistant attorney general of the Justice Department's environment and natural resources division.

# Starbucks Seeks to Enter Macao's Coffee Culture

LOS ANGELES TIMES

MACAO

For six years, the Starbucks coffeehouse chain has expanded in Asia by selling its coffee to nations of tea drinkers.

Now there's a new challenge.

This month, the Seattle-based company opened its first outlet in one of Asia's few genuine coffee cultures — the former Portuguese colony of Macao.

"We don't want to compete directly with the local coffeehouses," said Pedro Man, president of Starbucks Coffee Asia Pacific Ltd. "We just want to be part of the scene." That it already is.

Unconced in an elegant, brightly colored colonial home along the old cobblestone Senado Square that forms the heart of central Macao, the Chinese enclave's newest coffee hangout — corporate flag, green logo and all — has generated considerable curiosity.

One day last week, a steady flow of local residents and tourists from mainland China warily approached the entrance and carefully eyed the invitation offering them to "discover the Starbucks experience."

Many of the curious appeared either too unsure or too shy to enter, but some of the 10 customers sitting at tables inside said they were already converts.

"It's close to the office, and the quality of what you get is good," attorney Luis Resadas said as he swilled the last of a mid-morning espresso. "I'm glad they're here. I'll be back."

# OPINION



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## Erratum

Yesterday's article on first-year freshman programs ["Alternative Academic Programs Offered"] omitted one option, the Media Arts and Sciences Freshmen Program, in which students enroll in a special advising seminar and two MAS courses, and attend MAS recitations of Physics (8.01) and Introduction to Solid-State Chemistry (3.091). The program emphasizes connections between these first-year courses and current research at the MIT Media Laboratory. Freshmen interested in the program can attend the Q&A Session and Sign-Up today in E15. More information on MAS can be found at [www.media.mit.edu/mas/fyo.html](http://www.media.mit.edu/mas/fyo.html).

# Adopting Adaptations

Philip Burrowes

One's first year at a new school is more than just advancing another step, it's a blind leap into an abyss from which one may never escape. To escape such impending doom, intrepid scholars must steel themselves to wage battle anew against the hordes of professors, TAs, and curve-wrecking peer. No matter how heralded, how lauded, how well accomplished they once were, their slate has been wiped clean, and to rest on their laurels/heralds/accomplishments is therefore tantamount to satisfaction with nothing. A plan is necessary, not some ad hoc, perfunctory push towards a PhD. Why waste time and energy, however, making a new plan when old ones lay ripe for the taking? You just have to know who you are, where you want to end up, and the right place to look.

Take our own Athena system, which recently doubled the default storage space available to a single account and will eventually change the password to the various clusters around campus. Any person who uses computers on a regular basis — even those NMC weirdos — should take heed and gain weight as fast healthily possible. Such increased girth will make you exponentially more attractive, however, so be careful to roll out a new set of secret handshakes, esoteric Red Dwarf quotes, and oblique references to your Website. Finally, you'll be able to separate your real friends from the ones that just want your quota.

Still don't get? Have a few dozen more examples until the point gets really boring.

*Adaptation:* Vanilla Coke/Pepsi Blue.

*For Whom:* People who want to make a big splash despite changing only superficially.

*How:* The obvious answer is to dye your hair, although there's always the option of coating yourself in some sort of confectionary gel. Most people will see through either gimmick.

*Adaptation:* Pop Idol/The Kumars at No 42.

*For Whom:* Foreigners, especially from (or by way of) the U.K.

*How:* Yes, some Americans go for the overtly-immigrant type, but deep down they're xenophobes and they know it. "American Idol" shows us that imports should openly claim to be American (as opposed to the more subtle "Canadian method"). NBC's plan of turning a

South Asian BBC comedy into a "Mexican-American" sitcom suggests that when all else fails, pretend to be Latino.

*Adaptation:* Halloween: Resurrection.

*For Whom:* Someone trying to breathe new life into a tried and true concept.

*How:* Throw several Next Best Things (Busta Rhymes, Tyra Banks, the Internet) into the mix and hope something sticks. Unfortunately, acquiring individual people would be difficult given the 13th Amendment and all — blame the GOP — but it's a surefire semi-hit if you do.

*Adaptation:* WWF/WCW.

*For Whom:* Former competitors who must now share the same space.

*How:* Just because that jerk from your Sophomore Spanish class also got into MIT doesn't mean you have to be great friends. Don't simply pretend he doesn't exist, however; mock him mercilessly using all the dirt you learned about him in high school. Internecine competition provides an edge to keep you going without the threat of truancy officers.

*Adaptation:* Jennifer Love Hewitt/Angie Martinez.

*For Whom:* Students who have long planned to enter "unscientific" fields.

*How:* Despite possessing access to world-class faculty in nearly

all disciplines, MIT students are all expected to be engineers, and every poet or musician is believed to have put aside artistic aspirations to attend the Institute. Like Jennifer Love Hewitt and Angie Martinez's continued forays into the recording industry, their "success" in other fields makes them appear as though they're merely using celebrity to substitute for actual talent (the "Jennifer Lopez" method). Ignore people that cast such aspersions on Course XXI majors — they're merely jealous because their classes will be very boring.

*Adaptation:* Boyz II Men.

*For Whom:* The Prodigal Son (or Daughter).

*How:* Tired of being compared to successful relatives, or afraid of not living up to ancestral

standards? First of all, stop whining about being rich, you ungrateful brat. Second of all, if you really can't stand your family, disown them and strike off on your own. Be forewarned that your problems may be independent of blood; Boyz II Men's album sales since leaving Motown have maintained the disappointment felt when Evolution followed II.

*Adaptation:* Smallville.

*For Whom:* Hopefully Nobody.

*How:* Don't do anything like this show. It took a silly idea (Superman never made good television, so why should his apocryphal and ambiguous adolescence?), threw in almost campy villains despite pretending the series was "dark," and then put Metropolis in Kansas, of all states. There's a reason the comic book Smallville was in Kansas, people. Nor did they ever make good on the rumored Bruce Wayne cameo. Still, people can't get enough of the fake Matrix effects (i.e., fake Hong Kong wire-action), can they?

*Adaptation:* Kermit T[he] Frog.

*For Whom:* Dick Clark.

*How:* Some characters are ageless. Literally.

From the instant the infantile interpretations of the Muppets appeared in 1984's "Muppets Take Manhattan," viewers have been treated

to an unfathomable paradox in which Kermit, that puppet protagonist nonpareil, has coexisted with himself on the airways at different ages. Recall the episode of Muppet Babies where, although ostensibly a "baby," (but clearly older than Robin, his tadpole-of-a-nephew) Kermit also appears as an adult in one of Gonzo's fantasy sequences. Most recently, he has appeared as a juvenile in the new "movie" "Kermit's Swamp Years," which mucks with the already questionable continuity of the franchise (is he married to Miss Piggy or not, and why do they eat at Denny's?). Anyway, this illumines the path for any of us who don't wish to advance through abyss just yet, instead remaining a Toys "R" Us kid, if you will: be confusing.

*Adaptation: WWF/WCW*  
*Internecine competition provides an edge to keep you going without the threat of truancy officers.*

# The First Step is Admitting You Have a Problem

Vivek Rao

With yet another Major League Baseball work stoppage looming on the horizon, the world of sports is abuzz with frustration, anger, and outrage aimed at both the players and the owners, with fans and media alike furious at the possibility of a strike. Yet as the appointed hour draws closer — the union has vowed to walk out on Aug. 30 if a settlement has not yet been reached — it is becoming apparent to any true fan of the game that a strike is the only thing left that can save the future of baseball.

At the heart of the crisis currently facing our national pastime is the great divide between the "haves" and "have-nots" of Major League Baseball. As long as teams like the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox can afford to outspend their competitors, thereby amassing the most talented rosters, small market teams such as the Kansas City Royals and Milwaukee Brewers will continue to suffer, and so will interest in the game. The current dearth of competitive balance plagues the game far more than any steroid controversies or designated hitter rules ever will.

Perhaps baseball fans can take some solace in the fact that current labor negotiations are centered around narrowing the gap between the sport's rich and not-quite-so rich. Revenue sharing is no doubt the most obvious solution, as it would force teams to contribute some portion of their local earnings to a communal pot, with that money then being distributed among all the teams.

This would prevent teams with massive local media contracts from gaining the upper hand over their less fortunate counterparts. The current labor agreement calls for some amount of revenue sharing, but clearly not enough. While both sides of the dispute believe in increasing revenue sharing, they cannot seem to agree on how much, as players are reluctant to hinder the spending power of the big money owners.

The other primary point of contention is the luxury tax, which is essentially an alternate manifestation of a salary cap. A luxury tax only goes into effect on portions of a payroll above a

certain cap, causing wealthier teams to think twice about spending inordinate amounts of money on players' salaries. Not surprisingly, the players and owners are miles apart on this issue, with the union adamant in its objections to a luxury tax, while most owners feel it is a necessary component of the financial structure of the game. At last check, the two sides were \$30-40 million apart in their proposed luxury tax caps, with the players' proposal affecting only one team.

In the end, baseball may very well be incurable. The owners' proposals are clearly the more logical, and their plans for revenue sharing, a luxury tax, and a host of other minor issues would almost certainly improve the standard of the game and inject some enthusiasm and interest into younger fans (as of today, Major League Baseball's fan base is the oldest of America's four major professional sports). The players' union, meanwhile, clearly does not rate competitive balance as being as important as salaries on its list of priorities. Union head Donald Fehr, who affects his industry as few other labor chiefs can, appears to lack the long-term vision needed to preserve interest in the sport.

Yet at the same time, while the owners are finally realizing what needs to take place for their game to return to national prominence and fend off the charge of booming organizations like the National Football League and NASCAR, they are still the ones responsible for the current situation. Had they not exorbitantly spent beyond their means, driving salaries far beyond reasonable market value, the state of the game would not be so grave as it is today. Along similar lines, it is difficult to justify blaming the players for simply trying to earn as much money as possible. After all, if a player is used to earning \$10 million a year, why should he accept a system that could conceivably cut that number down to \$6-7 million?

The bottom line is that Major League Baseball is busted. It is not the product it once was, and it no longer commands a dominant share of the professional sports industry. While the owners are to blame for driving player salaries and ticket prices to ridiculous levels, they must at least be commended for trying to remedy the

situation. The players, meanwhile, though justified in trying to maintain their favorable position, must realize that unless the current competitive imbalance is addressed, the popularity of baseball may be doomed.

A couple of naive solutions have been tossed out there, but neither seems logical. Many people hope that owners and players hammer out some sort of agreement to avoid a work stoppage. Such a solution is narrow-minded, for in order to work out a deal before Aug. 30, the two sides will have to dodge the crucial issues facing Major League Baseball and simply work out some kind of short-term solution. The other hope is that if there is indeed a strike, fans will stage a boycott of their own when the players return to the field, thereby punishing both owners and players and forcing them to realize that the fans' concerns must be addressed. The problem with that solution is, although there is evidence of gradual decline in fan attendance and merchandise sales following past work stoppages, there is no history of widespread fan boycotts, and to rely on that is foolish.

Instead, the best hope for baseball fans is a long and bitter labor dispute that carries on for a year or so. If both the players and owners remain stubborn and unmoving, each side refusing to compromise, then there could possibly be a long work stoppage that would extend into the 2003 season. If that were to happen, then Major League Baseball would no doubt feel the effects of canceling thousands of games, and the two sides would theoretically be more willing to address the fundamental issues of the game. Having skewed the entire financial spectrum of their sport, owners must now pay by canceling an entire season. That would hit their wallets hard, but it would also be the only way of forcing the rock solid players' union into legitimate reform of the pillars of the current setup, specifically revenue sharing and a luxury tax. Though a long labor dispute would no doubt hurt the popularity of the game in the near future, it is the only way of assuring that professional baseball can remain strong for decades and centuries to come. It is time for Major League Baseball to cut its losses and rebuild.

# The Godfather Attitude

Eric J. Plosky

We've all been taught to cooperate, to play nice, to stay inside the lines if we want to get things done. "Follow the rules." "Obey the law." "Go through channels."

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

With the Class of 2006 beginning to mill around on campus, now is the perfect time to repeat one of my favorite old chestnuts: Don't listen to any of that crap. From now on, take the Godfather as your model for getting things done. Always seize the initiative. If you can't bend the rules, break them — sometimes it's the only way to get something done. Don't play word games with your opponents; crush them. The system isn't in control; you are.

Look, I realize that if you're a freshman, your head is probably spinning with all that's going on. (Hey, I remember what it's like.) But you're an MIT student now. Momentary confusion is no excuse for allowing yourself, for instance, to be sucked into whatever egregious deal the smiling shills at Fleet Bank are trying to push this year. Fortunately, taking control is easy. The Godfather Attitude™ Can Be Yours — you need only keep a few simple precepts in mind.

First, be vocal. If something is bothering you, complain about it. Loudly. Incompetent or failed attempts at assistance should be reacted to harshly; don't allow yourself to be mollified by half-measures. "Well, at least they're trying," you might think. So? If you're not actually going to make a difference, forget about it; a difference which makes no difference is no difference. Don't shut up until your concerns are answered satisfactorily. (Note that you might have to compromise a bit on your definition of "satisfactorily.") Compromise is a tactic, not a vulnerability.)

Be a pragmatist. Figure out what is possible and then go and get it. Don't chase lofty ideals; pursue the practical. Success will encourage you to seek larger and larger goals, and eventually even the lofty might be within reach. Start small, paying attention to matters immediately surrounding you, and you'll be able to make more of a difference than the idle dreamer would imagine possible. You can still muse on world affairs and the karmic nature of the universe, but don't expect anything to result from such wonderings. Get down to business.

Be shrewd. Figure out who knows what's going on — in every situation there's always at least one person (not necessarily the person in charge) who knows absolutely everything — and focus your attention. No need to be confrontational or adversarial; in fact, if you're crafty enough, the person on the other end of your problem will suddenly realize that he's become your ally.

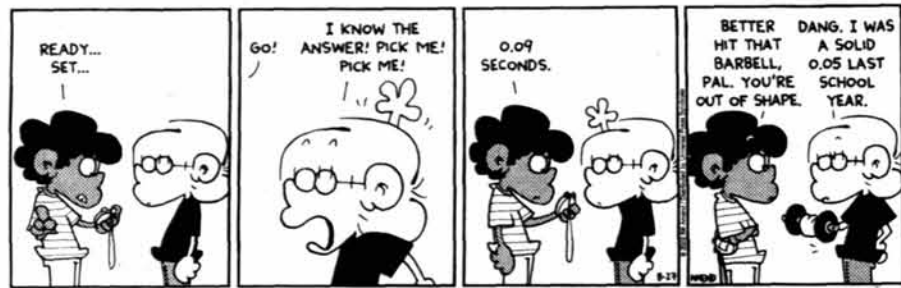
Be bold. If existing procedures or organizations can't handle what you have in mind, bypass them. Create a whole new way of doing things. Start a crusade, as long as you have the dedication and resources a credible crusade requires. Don't fall back on clichés; you'll look feeble. Innovate. Put a new spin on an old quark.

Be attentive. If you sense an opening or an opportunity, grab it. People-watching is always entertaining and usually rewarding if you're sufficiently perceptive, because you'll soon divine who knows what. Get to know people's strengths and weaknesses, and determine what they know. Don't assume that situations will remain forever, helplessly opaque. Look and listen.

Be patient. Get the details, and calmly scrutinize the fine print. Don't allow yourself to be pushed around, pushed into deals, taken advantage of. Know your rights, what you're entitled to, and settle for nothing less. Be a commanding presence — in a difficult situation, speak slowly, be deliberate with your gestures, and never raise your voice. Take your time. If you have to raise something, just raise an eyebrow.

Finally, be irreverent. People who take themselves too seriously quickly become seriously annoying, and have a tendency to fade into obscurity before they have a chance to accomplish anything. Keep a sense of humor. After all, you may be the Godfather, but this is only MIT, where the motto hidden somewhere on every Brass Rat is IHITFP.

## FoxTrot by Bill Amend



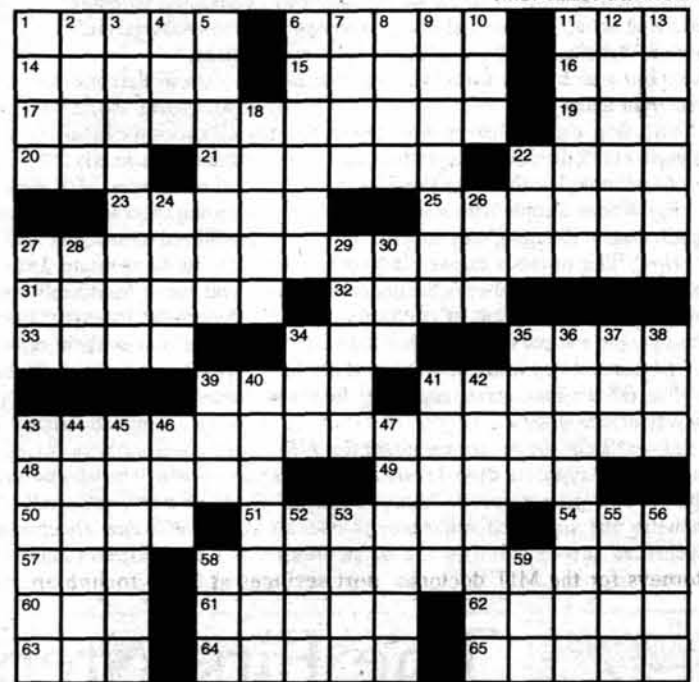
## Dilbert® by Scott Adams



## Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Palm fruits
  - 6 Slow, in music
  - 11 Shrinks' org.
  - 14 1985 John Malkovich film
  - 15 Apply elbow grease
  - 16 One of the twelve tribes
  - 17 Dessert for Chiquita?
  - 19 California fort
  - 20 Station from Tenn.
  - 21 On the market
  - 22 Ballerina's skirt
  - 23 Fuming
  - 25 Amatory
  - 27 To boldly go, e.g.
  - 31 Brothers in arms
  - 32 Mississippi senator
  - 33 Coloring agents
  - 34 Marsh
- DOWN**
- 1 Obligation
  - 2 Lawyer
  - 3 The Captain's Toni
  - 4 Former queen of Spain
  - 5 Wind in and out
  - 6 Diminish
  - 7 Montreal player
  - 8 17th-century actress Gwyn
  - 9 Three-pronged spear
  - 10 Giant great
  - 11 Tropical rodent
  - 12 4th episode
  - 13 Cite as pertinent
  - 18 Pros' foes
  - 22 Kiddy
  - 24 Jacob the journalist
  - 26 Musical dir.
  - 27 Downcast
  - 28 Layer
  - 29 Warship grouping
  - 30 Charged particle
  - 34 Repair
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  - 36 Vegetable grown on supports
  - 37 Mai\_\_ cocktail
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  - 42 Phases
  - 43 Hoodwinked
  - 44 Baroque
  - 45 "Tracey Takes On" star
  - 46 Rogers or Campanella
  - 47 Makes joyous
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  - 59 Pi follower



## Events Calendar

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Tuesday, August 27

**9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour for the Spouses of Newcomers to MIT.** New spouses can drop in for a snack and opportunity to chat with other families and MIT staff members. There will be a demonstration of the spouses&partners Newcomers' Frequently Asked Questions Web site and a play space for children. free. Room: Bush Room (10-105). Sponsor: spouses&partners@mit, MIT Medical, MIT Women's League.

**9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Course Catalogue Distribution.** Anyone with an MIT ID can come by Room 8-119 and pick up a copy of the 2002-2003 course catalogue. free. Room: 8-119. Sponsor: Reference Publications Office.

**10:00 a.m. - Admissions Information Session.** Admissions Office Information Session gathers at the Admissions Reception Center (10-100). Enter MIT at the main entrance, Lobby 7, 77 Massachusetts Ave (domed building with tall pillars). Proceed down the center corridor to Room 10-100 on the right. free. Room: Admissions Reception Center, Building 10, Room 10-100. Sponsor: Information Center.

**10:45 a.m. - Campus Tour.** Student Led Campus Tours are approximately 90 minutes long and provide a general overview of the main campus. Please note that campus tours

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do not visit laboratories, living groups or buildings under construction. Groups over 15 people need to make special reservations. Campus tours start at the conclusion of the Admissions Information Session. free. Room: Lobby 7 (Main Entrance Lobby at 77 Massachusetts Ave). Sponsor: Information Center.

**2:00 p.m. - Admissions Information Session.**

**2:45 p.m. - Campus Tour.**

**6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Toastmasters@MIT Evening Meetings.** 77 Mass. Avenue, Cambridge, Building 2, Room 2-131. free. Sponsor: Toastmasters.

**10:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - Getting Connected to MITnet.** This lecture will help guide you through the process of configuring your laptop or home computer to connect to MITnet so that you will have access to online services available to MIT community members only. Attendees will learn about the different options they have for connecting to MIT from on and off campus. In addition, all attendees will receive a CD containing the necessary software for accessing MITnet and MIT's online services such as e-mail and WebSIS. This session is highly recommended for all incoming graduate students, visiting scholars, and new faculty and staff. Room: 4-270. Sponsor: Information Systems.

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# Attorneys Dispute Experts' Access to Shin Records

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her at a very critical time ... was provide her with a telephone consultation," he added.

"That is the sad story," DeLuca said. "Dr. Cunningham, Dr. Gottfried simply passed her off."

In his closing statement, DeLuca argued that MIT did not make use of an exception in its privacy policies, based on the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, allowing parents to be notified in case of danger to the patient.

"There couldn't have been a more clear risk," DeLuca said.

## Tribunal questions Shin's history

The tribunal comprised a medical doctor, a legal expert, and a judge. The legal expert questioned whether Shin sought treatment over the summer of 1999, after having been treated at MIT that spring. DeLuca said that the Shin family relied on MIT Medical doctors' advice, which did not include a recommendation for additional treatment over the summer.

Regarding Shin's mental health problems in high school, allegedly resulting from her graduation as salutatorian instead of valedictorian, DeLuca said "her parents were aware that she was upset about that," but did not know the extent to which the incident troubled Shin as she described it to MIT Medical doctors in 1999.

## Outside experts evaluated case

DeLuca's arguments were largely based on letters from doctors Virginia Wright, director of suicide prevention at the University of Virginia; Bernard Katz, a forensic psychiatrist; and Thomas Gutheil, a Harvard Medical School professor of psychiatry and expert on suicide and psychiatric care.

Attorneys for the MIT doctors

claimed that Wright and Katz did not have access to notes from Eleanor Temelini, a social worker who helped coordinate Shin's care with Cunningham. The MIT attorneys claimed that Gutheil did have these notes, and thus his evaluation of the case was much more favorable toward MIT.

However, in a rebuttal following the defendants' closing statements, DeLuca said that all three doctors had full access to Temelini's notes. "That frankly was a very surprising inaccuracy," DeLuca said. "We did indeed provide all the records."

Attorneys for the defendants could not be reached for comment.

## Cunningham's actions contested

Cunningham, who worked most closely with Shin, gave her "a rather thorough evaluation," DeLuca said. However, he presented Wright's argument that "she failed to take any appropriate action that would have kept Elizabeth safe." Wright cited numerous deviations from the standard of care Shin should have expected, including a failure to provide an adequate support system and discuss the option of medical withdrawal from MIT.

DeLuca also cited Katz's opinion that Cunningham failed to appreciate the severity of Shin's case, and that this failure directly contributed to her suicide.

However, Edward T. Hinchey, one of Cunningham's attorneys, cited counterexamples to many of DeLuca's arguments. He said that even though Cunningham was only a part-time MIT employee working one day per week as a psychiatrist in the medical department, Shin preferred seeing her on a regular basis rather than another doctor.

In addition, Cunningham sought additional help for Shin, through Associate Dean Arnold R. Henderson, the head of counseling and support services at MIT, to lighten

Shin's courseload in the spring of 2000. Hinchey argued that Shin needed to be kept involved in MIT because she was receiving support from friends and professionals there, but Shin chose not to involve her parents. She also worked with Temelini to coordinate outside care with a behavior-therapy group in Cambridge, which Hinchey called "a premier program from a patient like Ms. Shin."

As time progressed toward Shin's April 2000 suicide, Hinchey said, all of the steps were in place to begin intensive treatment. Shin told Cunningham that she was not suicidal, and that she was speaking to her parents despite being afraid of disappointing them. "The care provided by Dr. Cunningham was appropriate," Hinchey said.

## Reich led MIT Medical at time

The claims against Reich allege that as the director of MIT Medical, he was in a position to set policies for his staff that could have given Shin more aggressive treatment that might have prevented her death, DeLuca said. Reich was "in a position to provide that kind of treatment policies and procedures," he said.

DeLuca also alleged that Reich failed to follow up on Shin when she did not see a staff psychologist in November of 1999. Shin was originally referred directly to Reich, but he subsequently directed her to the staff psychologist.

However, Reich's attorney noted that Katz saw no negligence for Reich. He also cited precedents in which department heads were not held liable for the negligence of doctors working under them.

## Girard's care called 'inadequate'

DeLuca said that Wright was particularly critical of Girard, citing "a number of deficiencies" including failure to diagnose, failure to

provide adequate treatment, failure to provide continuity of care, failure to follow up, and failure to take protective measures for Shin's own safety. DeLuca called Girard's actions "inadequate and irresponsible," saying that she diagnosed Shin with the same "broad brush" she used to diagnose many other students.

However, John Ryan, Girard's noted that in Gutheil's letter, he said Girard provided care within reasonable standards, and Katz did not comment at all on the quality of Girard's care.

"They affirmatively support Dr. Girard," Ryan said. He also noted that Girard did not become associate director of MIT Medical until August 2001, making the argument of administrative responsibility irrelevant.

## Gottfried saw Shin before suicide

While Cunningham was Shin's primary contact with MIT Medical, Gottfried had contact with her at a critical time, DeLuca said. He cited Shin's arrival at MIT Medical on April 4, 2000, when she appeared "almost delusional," DeLuca said. Gottfried, who was there at the time, met with her for 30 minutes before recommending that she continue treatment with Cunningham.

However, DeLuca said Katz was "extremely critical of Dr. Gottfried's cursory review of Elizabeth's condition at that time." DeLuca claimed that Gottfried did not review her medical records at that time.

Ryan, also Gottfried's attorney, noted that Gottfried saw Shin on only one occasion as a walk-in patient, that she recommended Shin see Cunningham on April 6, and that Gutheil's report was supportive of Gottfried's care.

## Discovery ongoing in case

The discovery phase of the

case against MIT and non-medical faculty and staff is ongoing, DeLuca said, with depositions continuing.

Shin's family filed the lawsuit against MIT and its employees on Jan. 28 and indicated their intent to seek 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.



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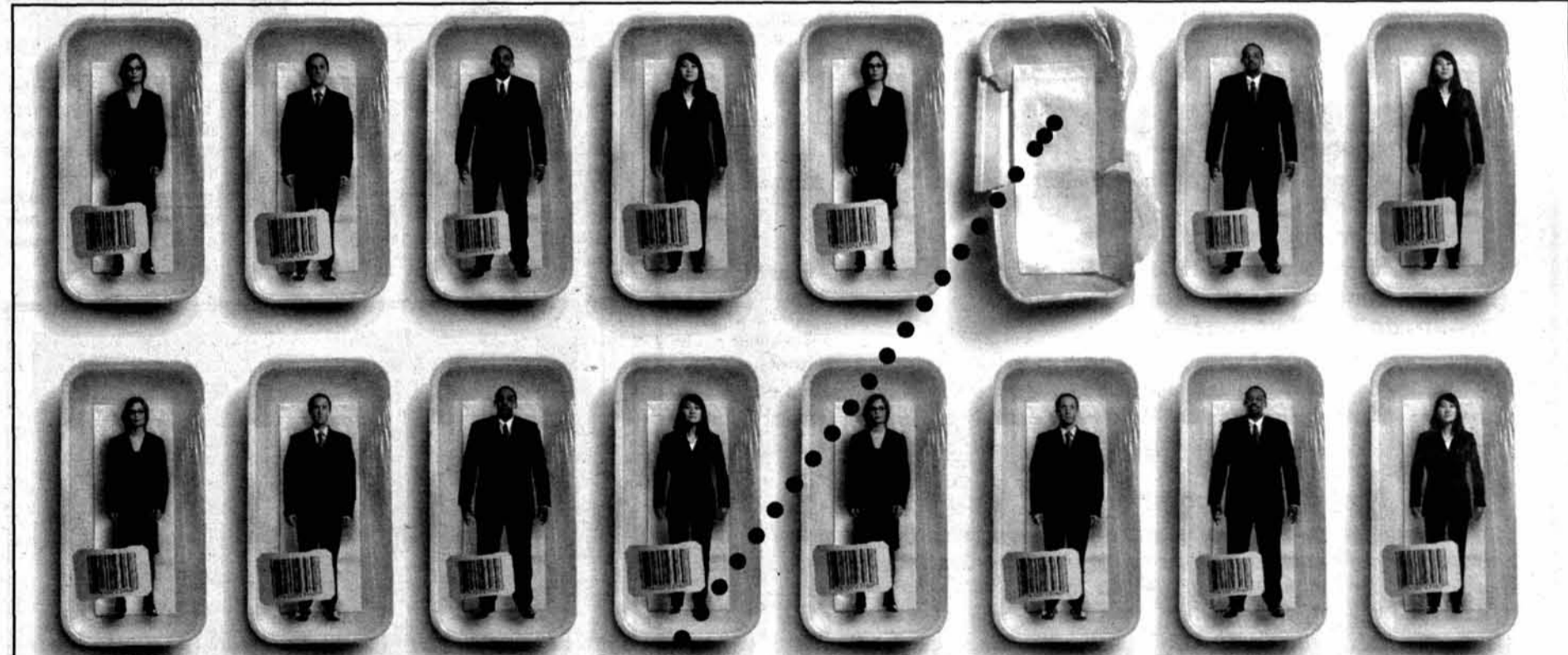


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# Orientation Schedule Means Quiet Rush for Dorms

**Dorm Rush**, from Page 1

However, Feldmeier said that "it's too bad that we feel that we have to compete with the administration's events."

**Orientation a compromise**

Members of the administration said they were disappointed to read Dormcon's statement because they worked with students, faculty, and

staff in order to reach a compromise about the Orientation schedule.

Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedict said an Orientation planning committee decided there would be a specific time for Orientation events and a specific time for rush events and that the two would not conflict.

"What's disappointing is that members who were a part of this committee are in abrogation of the

agreement," Benedict said.

Because Killian Kickoff and off-campus rush no longer exists, Benedict said that the committee decided to shorten the period of Orientation and rush. In addition, Benedict said that "faculty had been complaining that rush and Orientation used to be so long and so exhausting that students were tired during their first classes." Instead, the new schedule "allows a [longer] easing off period

before classes begin," Benedict said.

Because of the changing Orientation schedule, Benedict said that "we sent out even more information to the students so that they could make a more informed decision. Given that people have better information, people can make a more informed decision, and less people will need to move."

Benedict said that students "have a legitimate point" that the freshmen should meet the upperclassmen, but he also said that the process could be sped up given that the dormitories send the incoming freshmen so much material.

For example, incoming freshmen were asked to complete questionnaires to help better assign them to their rooms.

Benedict said that "I have had several complaints that many questionnaires were ignored."

**Some skip scheduled events**

Josiah B. Rosmarin '06, who did not attend Monday's President's Convocation, is currently living at East Campus. Instead, Rosmarin participated in East Campus' East vs. West Water War.

He said that "nothing is mandatory, and I'm living by that."

Jonathan B. Downey '06 also did not attend the President's Convocation because "I had a lot of stuff to do, such as buying books." In addition, Downey decided to take a tour of East Campus and realized that "it's a lot cooler than what people make it out to be."

"I'm going to go to the events that I want to go to," he said.

However, Christopher J. Mattenberger '06 said that he has been attending some of the MIT-scheduled Orientation events.

"I guess nothing is really mandatory, but I've really been expanding my viewpoint [by attending]," Mattenberger said.

**Dorm events rather uneventful**

Despite Dormcon's advice to freshmen, some dormitories are not seeing many freshmen who are interested in moving at the rush events. Instead, those who are currently living at the dormitory appear to be more active in the given dormitory's events.

"A lot of people are coming by [to Burton-Conner], but nobody is asking questions about the dorm," said Jenny A. Lichter '05, Burton-

Conner social chair. She said that at the Residence Midway she "didn't answer a single question about what the dorm is like."

Many upperclassmen and freshmen have said that dormitory rush has turned out to be a chance for upperclassmen and freshmen to meet rather than for upperclassmen to recruit freshmen.

"I think that the dorms are doing a really good job of making it like last year's rush," Lichter said.

Carly A. Saylor '05 said that Burton-Conner will not host any events that conflict with the Orientation events.

Amanda M. Stockton '04, a recruitment chair for McCormick Hall, said that McCormick is not hosting any events that conflict with Orientation. Stockton said that this is a chance for McCormick's girls to get oriented with MIT as well as McCormick.

Laurie A. Eich '03, who is the rush chair for Baker House, said that Baker is not holding many rush events this year.

"I think that the majority of the people who are living in Baker preferred it first, so I don't think that they are going to move out," Eich said. "It's disappointing, we don't really have to do much."

**Freshmen explore passively**

Many freshmen have said that they are looking at the other dormitories during dormitory rush, but that they intend on remaining in their current assignment.

Chen Li '06, who is living at East Campus, said "it's great ... I'm going to stay." She said she has visited Simmons Hall and might visit some of the other dormitories.

Several commented that they enjoy the free food, but that the events are not helping them in the dormitory selection process.

Stephanie Lee '06 said that "I don't feel like eating ice cream and other foods will help me decide where I want to live." However, Lee said that these events are fun to have before classes begin.

Melissa W. Gregson '06 said that "the way that they are doing dorm rush is confusing. I just want to settle in already." Gregson, nonetheless, said that "the choice is cool."

Mattenberger said that he likes visiting the other dorms during rush because he can "explore the personalities that MIT has to offer."

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Three East Campus residents smile as they watch their friend summit the giant rush tower at yesterday's barbecue. The tower was over fifty feet high and made up of several hundred pieces of wood.

# New Construction, Renovations Abound

**Construction**, from Page 1

ed \$15 million for a similar naming opportunity.

Currently, the Dreyfoos Tower is being erected, and exterior brickwork is underway. Utility work such as air handling units, fire protection, and plumbing is also continuing. The Stata Center is scheduled to open in Fall 2003.

**Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center**

Planning for the Al and Barrie Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center began years ago, with the original seed money an \$8 million donation from Albert L. Zesiger '51 and his wife.

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The building is currently being outfitted with fitness equipment, much of which visible through the windows of the Student Center. Interior finishing work is continuing as well.

**Building 18 renovations**

Repair work on the east

concrete façade of the Dreyfus chemistry building (Building 18) continues, adding to the general construction mess on campus.

The building was designed by I.M. Pei '40, whose works include the Hancock tower, the entrance to the Louvre, and MIT's own Green Building (Building 54). Building 18 is home to the Department of Chemistry, and the project will renovate laboratories, replace mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire safety systems, and restore the exterior facade. One major change is the increased use of natural light to illuminate lab spaces.

**Vassar Street utility work**

For all the tilted confusion of the Stata Center and dusty drilling in and around Simmons, perhaps the most intrusive project for many students is the Vassar Street utility work. Vassar is now one-way from Main Street to Massachusetts Avenue, and will be until January. Pedestrians can only use sidewalks on the north side of the street, but access to all buildings on both sides of Vassar is still available.

The work will upgrade the vast array of systems buried beneath Vassar Street, including electricity lines, telecommunications lines, water lines, sewer lines, storm drains, steam pipes, and cooling systems. MIT has undertaken the project in cooperation with the City of Cambridge because of the heavy burden new MIT construction — Simmons, 70 Pacific Street, and The Warehouse graduate dormitory (Building NW30), not to mention the Stata Center and Zesiger Center — has placed

on local utility lines.

**Renovations abound**

Aside from the major projects on campus, renovations to Baker House, Building 3, and the Hayden Library are underway. Baker House is having new windows installed as a final phase of the

long-running renovations to Alvar Aalto's modernist masterpiece. Building 3 is having some masonry work done, and the Hayden Library (Building 14S) circulation desk is being renovated and expanded to include the Reserve Book Room collection and 24-hour study space.

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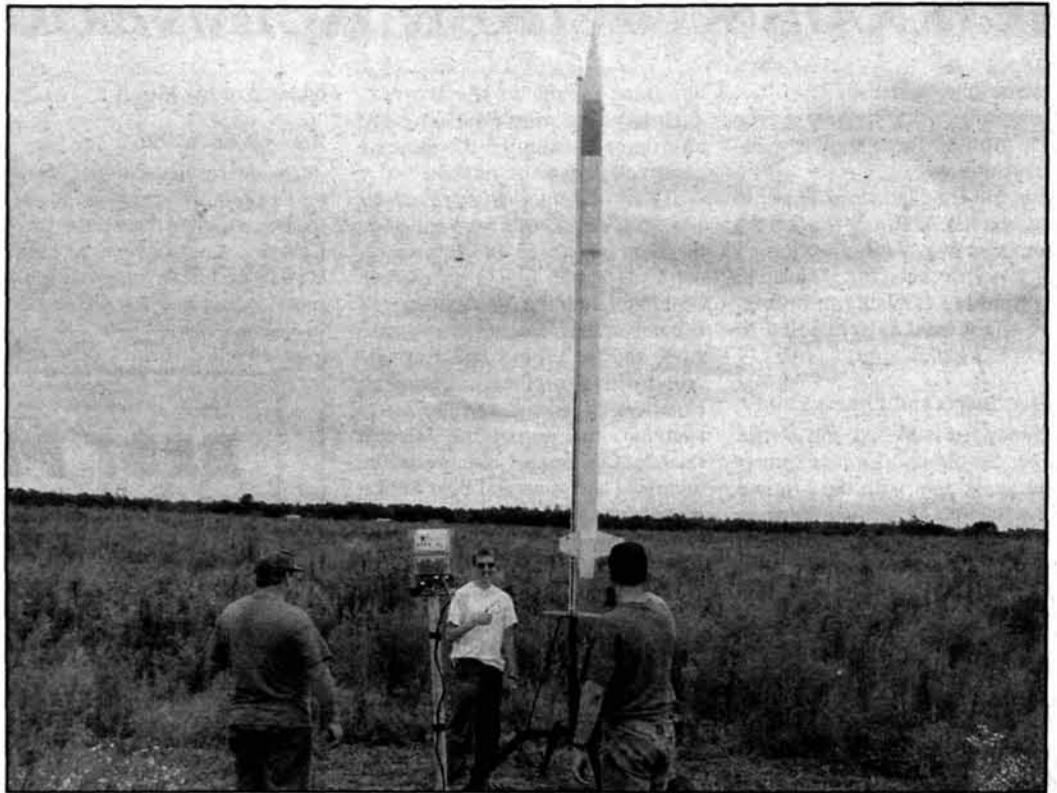
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Banking through the office “adds about a day to our turnaround time writing checks and it’s a little bit more paperwork,” he said, but with the service improvements, “it’s not insurmountable.”

“I appreciate how much work the Student Activities Office has done,” Saenz Otero said, but “I’m still not happy with the [outside bank account] decision and how it was made.”

Purinton acknowledged the criticism and said the office was attempting to do its best under the strictures of the outside bank account decision.

“It is a work in progress and we are planning to continually assess our services this year and get input from students about what is working well and what is still challenging,” she said.

## Solution to Today's Crossword

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## Solution to Yesterday's Crossword

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By William Kahlstrom

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**Over 2,200 to Graduate Today**

By William Kahlstrom

More than 2,200 MIT students will graduate today, marking the end of a school year that was filled with challenges and achievements. The graduates will be receiving their degrees in a ceremony held in the MIT Chapel. The graduates will be receiving their degrees in a ceremony held in the MIT Chapel. The graduates will be receiving their degrees in a ceremony held in the MIT Chapel.

**Pre-Commencement Events Focus on World Bank**

By William Kahlstrom

MIT students will participate in a series of pre-commencement events that focus on the World Bank. The events will be held in the MIT Chapel and will feature a presentation by the World Bank's President, James D. Wolfensohn. The events will be held in the MIT Chapel and will feature a presentation by the World Bank's President, James D. Wolfensohn.

**CLC Makes F For Month**

By William Kahlstrom

The Cambridge Local Commission (CLC) has made a decision regarding the funding of the MIT student center. The CLC has decided to fund the student center for the next month. The CLC has decided to fund the student center for the next month.

**Students Debate**

By William Kahlstrom

MIT students will debate the issue of student government. The debate will be held in the MIT Chapel and will feature a panel of students and faculty members. The debate will be held in the MIT Chapel and will feature a panel of students and faculty members.

**Incoming Freshman Number Fewer Than in Past**

By William Kahlstrom

The number of incoming freshmen at MIT is expected to be lower than in previous years. This is due to a combination of factors, including a decline in the number of students applying to MIT and a decline in the number of students accepted by MIT. This is due to a combination of factors, including a decline in the number of students applying to MIT and a decline in the number of students accepted by MIT.

**Royer Speaks on Athletics Construction and Reform**

By William Kahlstrom

MIT President Charles I. Royer will speak at a meeting on athletics construction and reform. The meeting will be held in the MIT Chapel and will feature a presentation by Royer. The meeting will be held in the MIT Chapel and will feature a presentation by Royer.

**MIT RIOTS ROCK CAMPUS Students, Police Clash In Saturday Night Protest**

By William Kahlstrom

MIT students and police clashed in a riot on Saturday night. The riot was the result of a protest against the MIT student center. The riot was the result of a protest against the MIT student center.

**New Rates, Commons Meals Are Factors Behind Rioting**

By William Kahlstrom

New rates and commons meals are factors behind the rioting at MIT. The rioting was the result of a protest against the MIT student center. The rioting was the result of a protest against the MIT student center.

**JudComm Censures Yoo Doi; Lapse of Responsibility Cited**

By William Kahlstrom

The Judicial Committee (JudComm) has censured Yoo Doi for a lapse of responsibility. The censuring was the result of a report on Yoo Doi's conduct. The censuring was the result of a report on Yoo Doi's conduct.

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GREETING.

TODAY is issued the first number of our paper; and, although we tremble at the thought of the work before us, we begin gladly. We believe that the same public spirit that founded THE TECH will sustain it to the end. The Institute has never been rich in paper. Only one, we believe, has ever been published. Some years ago, the Spectrum shone for but soon faded away. Still later, an was made to establish another paper; and the first number never appeared. And now comes THE TECH.

**Welcome, Class of 2006**

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**Freshmen Arrive for Revamp**

By William Kahlstrom

The Class of 2006 has arrived at MIT, and the school is preparing for a revamp of the student center. The revamp will include the construction of a new student center and the renovation of the existing student center. The revamp will include the construction of a new student center and the renovation of the existing student center.

**FILGs Face Fewer Restrictions on Pre-Rush**

By William Kahlstrom

The Freshman Interlocking League (FILG) is facing fewer restrictions on pre-rush activities. This is due to a decision by the MIT student government. This is due to a decision by the MIT student government.

**Martin Deutsch**

By William Kahlstrom

Martin Deutsch, a physicist, has been awarded the Nobel Prize. This is a significant achievement for Deutsch and for MIT. This is a significant achievement for Deutsch and for MIT.

**Student Opposition Halts Death of 'Dot'**

By William Kahlstrom

Student opposition has halted the death of 'Dot'. This is due to a decision by the MIT student government. This is due to a decision by the MIT student government.

**Dot Plans Incite Student Protest**

By William Kahlstrom

Dot plans to incite a student protest. This is due to a decision by the MIT student government. This is due to a decision by the MIT student government.

**Chomsky Speaks about U.S. Role in United Nations**

By William Kahlstrom

Noam Chomsky has spoken about the U.S. role in the United Nations. This is a significant event for MIT and for the world. This is a significant event for MIT and for the world.

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**Women's Crew Protests NCAA Rule Changes**

By William Kahlstrom

MIT women's crew team has protested NCAA rule changes. This is due to a decision by the NCAA. This is due to a decision by the NCAA.

**Women's Team Gathers Over 2,000 Signatures In Support of Women**

By William Kahlstrom

The MIT women's team has gathered over 2,000 signatures in support of women. This is a significant achievement for the team and for MIT. This is a significant achievement for the team and for MIT.

**Bratt Wins APO's Big Screw; Money Goes to MIT Community Service Fund**

By William Kahlstrom

Bratt has won the APO's Big Screw award. The money from the award will go to the MIT Community Service Fund. This is a significant achievement for Bratt and for MIT. This is a significant achievement for Bratt and for MIT.

**Licensing Discusses**

By William Kahlstrom

The Licensing Commission has discussed the issue of licensing. This is a significant event for MIT and for the state. This is a significant event for MIT and for the state.

**JOHNSON'S OFFICE SEIZED**

By William Kahlstrom

Johnson's office has been seized. This is due to a decision by the MIT student government. This is due to a decision by the MIT student government.

**SDS action protests discipline proceedings**

By William Kahlstrom

The SDS has held action protests against discipline proceedings. This is a significant event for MIT and for the world. This is a significant event for MIT and for the world.

**After than no bus**

By William Kahlstrom

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**Vote to Kill and-Term P/NR Spring of 2003**

By William Kahlstrom

A vote to kill and-term P/NR was held in the Spring of 2003. This is a significant event for MIT and for the world. This is a significant event for MIT and for the world.

**EPA, MIT Reach Agreement over Violations**

By William Kahlstrom

The EPA and MIT have reached an agreement over violations. This is a significant event for MIT and for the world. This is a significant event for MIT and for the world.

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