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Simmons Dining Improved

By Shan Riku

After vocal complaints from residents caught MIT's attention last week, prompt action by both MIT and Bon Appetit have led to noticeable improvement at Simmons Dining.

Simmons resident Chloe J. Tergiman '03 said that the food quality was back where it was at the beginning of the term, after the recent decline. "They had to improve, and yes, there was an improvement," she said.

Students said that Bon Appetit had also addressed concerns about the presentation of food. "The presentation is much better now," said Joel A. Sadler '06. "We appreciate their effort."

Some students complained about the quality of desserts served at Simmons Dining. "We had frozen dessert, and it was not ice cream," Tergiman said. This problem has also been addressed, and desserts are now served warm.

One major issue with Simmons Dining had been the amount of food students took from self-service trays. Overly generous helpings often led to food running out well before the official closing time, and Bon Appetit was losing money.

Supervision from Bon Appetit, including Chef Charles Griffin, now limits how much students can take. However, some Simmons residents prefer the new serving methods. "Quality over quantity," said Meghan E. O'Kane '06.

Benedict responds to criticism

Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedict responded to criticism from Simmons residents in a Nov. 19 e-mail message to sponge-talk, the public Simmons Hall discussion list, of which Benedict is also a subscriber.

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Iranian MIT Students Register with INS

By Jenny Zhang
STAFF REPORTER

Seven Iranian MIT students went to the John F. Kennedy Federal Building in Boston to undergo registration with the U.S. Immigration

and Naturalization Service yesterday morning.

Students reported varying degrees of questioning from the INS. Mehdi Yahyanejad G was asked for a United States contact,

driver's license, and social security number. "They were not very invasive with me," he said. "I think that people were treated differently based on English proficiency."

Hazhir Rahmandad G went to

the INS last Wednesday. During the interview, he was asked personal information such as his cell phone number, contacts in the United States, relatives' addresses, and social security number.

"They asked other things such as what airline and flight I used to enter the U.S.," he said. "If I couldn't answer some things, they did not push. They were very polite."

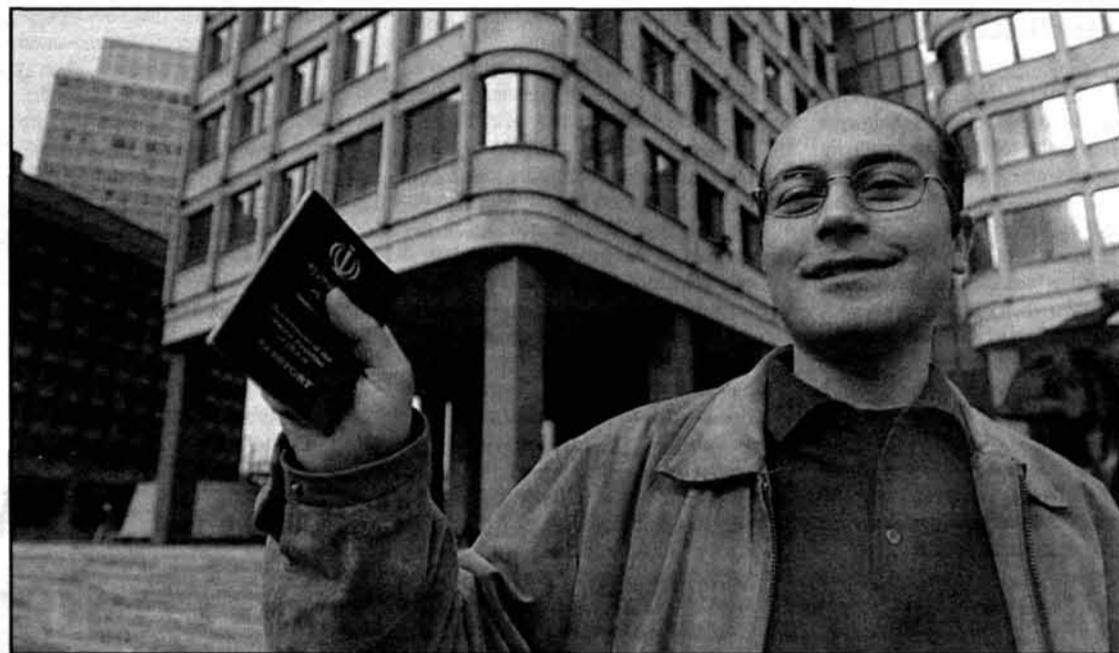
The interviewer also requested very private information such as his credit card number, and even looked at his wallet for numbers on other cards. "I'm uncomfortable with the fact that they have this information about me. I don't know where it will be and how it will be used," Rahmandad said. Mehdi Alighanbari G also said his wallet was searched.

Students have mixed feelings

Some students find the entire process wrong and are unhappy with the singling out of certain countries and invasiveness of some interviews. Others think that there is some use to it.

"This is unfair, and it won't prevent anything," said Peyman Khor-

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Iranian citizen Mehdi Yahyanejad G stands in front of the JFK building Monday morning before heading to register with the INS. Male Iranian citizens are required to register by Dec. 16.

Thanksgiving Means It's Time for Travel, Turkey

By Beckett W. Sterner
STAFF REPORTER

Three days can seem like an eternity right before Thanksgiving break, made worse by the fact that many of us already have a ticket to freedom — anywhere off campus.

Some had the foresight to buy early and cheap, while others are piecing together plans at the very last moment.

Margeaux S. Randolph '04 is one of the unlucky ones stuck on campus. She said she was staying here because of a late attempt to buy

tickets and the consequent lack of money to pay for them. Luckily for her, all of her work is due the Thursday and Friday of next week, so she said, "I'll find some stuff to do."

For some, the idea of Thanksgiving is deeply tied to the image of a juicy, lightly-browned turkey, while for others the chance to visit parents and old friends is just as valuable.

Heading home to New York early, Kelvin Chan G said that he has "tied up all the loose ends" and so will punt his full schedule of Wednesday classes and leave on

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Feature

Colleges Collaborate on Alcohol Abuse

By Nathan Collins
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

MIT recently signed an agreement to work to address alcohol abuse in collaboration with 47 other Massachusetts colleges and universities, but the agreement serves merely for guidance and does not bind MIT to any action.

The Massachusetts Statewide College and University Coalition on Underage and Problem Drinking "will use the Action Plan developed by its members as a guideline," and "commit to address issues of alcohol abuse," according to the agreement, called

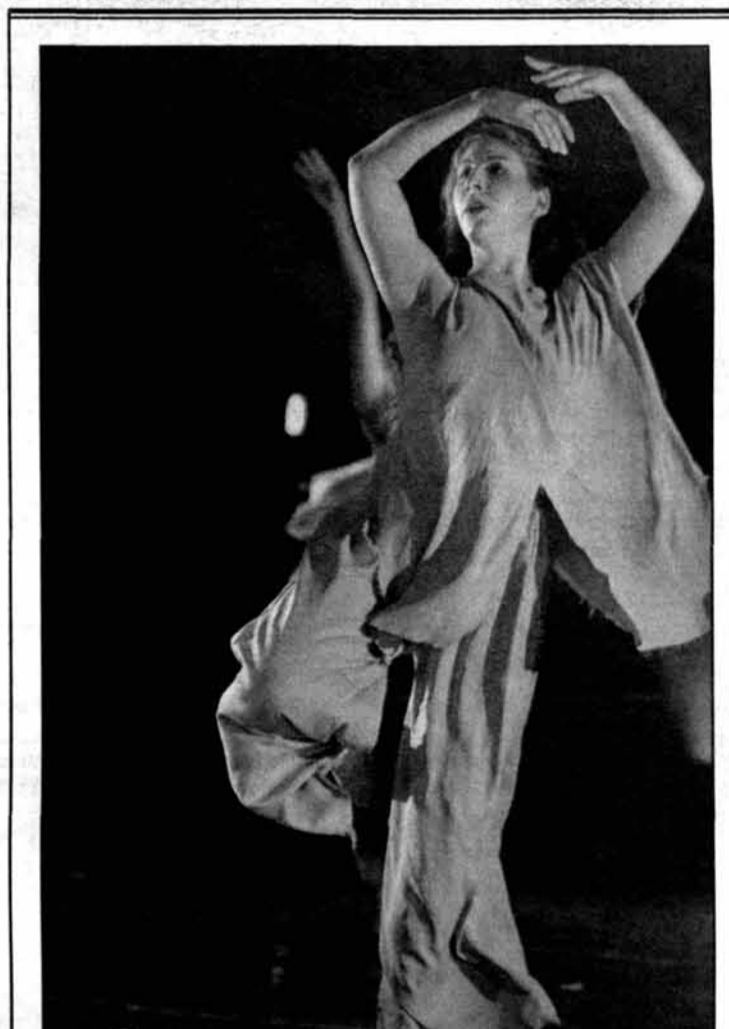
the "Commitment to Collaboration."

Member schools will also "explore prevention steps appropriate for each campus" and share successful strategies.

Agreement non-binding

Massachusetts schools are "committing to work together," said Daniel Trujillo, associate dean for alcohol education and community development, but they are not bound to the Action Plan. However,

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AARON D. MIHALIK—THE TECH

Irene E. Brisson '05 dances to "Silent All These Years" Saturday night during Dance Troupe's biannual performance. More photos, page 8.



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SEC Imposes Fine on Siebel, Cease-and-Desist on 2 Companies

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The Securities and Exchange Commission fined Siebel Corp. \$250,000 and imposed cease-and-desist orders on two other companies Monday in the agency's first enforcement actions under a rule requiring that companies disclose key information to all investors, not just a few.

SEC officials said the fine against Siebel — and the cease-and-desist orders to Secure Computing Corp. and its chief executive, John McNulty, and to Raytheon Co. and its chief financial officer, Franklyn Caine — underscore the agency's seriousness about upholding what is known as Regulation Full Disclosure, or Reg. FD for short. The rule, which was decreed by many publicly traded companies when adopted in October 2000, says that if a public company is going to disclose important, non-public information it must do so publicly rather than selectively.

The goal was to put all investors on equal footing rather than letting investment bankers or large, institutional shareholders trade on valuable information ahead of others.

Judge Orders Archdiocese To Hand Over Sensitive Records

LOS ANGELES TIMES

BOSTON

In a pointed rebuke to Catholic Church officials here, a judge on Monday ordered the Boston archdiocese to release 11,000 previously classified documents pertaining to 65 priests charged with molesting children over a 30-year period.

A separate ruling Monday by Judge Constance Sweeney requires the archdiocese to turn over psychiatric records of a priest linked to the case of retired priest Paul Shanley, whose trial on multiple counts of child rape is set to begin early next year.

Roderick MacLeish Jr., a lawyer for dozens of alleged clerical-abuse victims here, hailed the decisions as "a huge victory for us, the most significant rulings that have been handed down in any church abuse case in Massachusetts in terms of potential liability for the archdiocese and for Cardinal Bernard Law."

Yielding to an earlier court order, the archdiocese delivered the documents late Friday to lawyers for the alleged victims. A request from church lawyers that the documents be sealed from public view until at least January brought sharp criticism from Sweeney.

Capitol's Emergency Plans Flawed

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Lax emergency planning threatens the safety of more than 30,000 lawmakers and employees who work in the U.S. Capitol complex and of the national treasures stored at the Library of Congress, according to a congressional report released Monday.

The Office of Compliance, Congress's health and safety arm, concluded that although significant progress had been made over a two-year period before and after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, further improvements are needed in plans for responding to chemical and biological threats and in fire safety, alarm systems and emergency communications.

The biennial report to Congress includes a 31-page summary of safety and health hazards identified by inspectors. The report is required by the Congressional Accountability Act, enacted in 1995 to bring the legislative branch under national workplace safety laws.

The report says U.S. Capitol Police lacked an emergency response plan suitable to last year's anthrax crisis, potentially endangering officers, and that the Library of Congress Police failed to evacuate the library's main building during an April fire. It also says workers had complained that fire alarms are inaudible in parts of the complex.

Bush Signs Bill, Creates New Dept. of Homeland Security

By John Mintz

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

President Bush Monday signed into law the long-awaited bill to create a new Department of Homeland Security, the cabinet level superagency that will combine 22 separate federal agencies to protect America from terrorism, and nominated former Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge as its secretary.

Ridge, who has advised Bush on homeland defense for the past year as head of the Office of Homeland Security, now faces the mammoth task of melding together federal organizations with unique and at times conflicting mandates, traditions and cultures.

"We're taking historic action to defend the United States and protect our citizens from the dangers of a new era," Bush said at a White House signing ceremony moments before he placed his signature on the new law. "We're showing the resolve of this great nation to defend our freedom, our security and our way of life."

Ridge will take office on Jan. 24 and begin appointing top subordinates, and on March 1 a number of the component agencies will be

transferred into the new department. All the agencies will be merged into the department by Sept. 30, 2003.

Bush nominated two other senior members of his administration to join Ridge in the new agency: Navy Secretary Gordon England to be Ridge's deputy secretary; and Asa Hutchinson, currently the administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration and formerly an Arkansas congressman, to head the division that oversees border and transportation security.

Bush initially resisted calls to establish a homeland security department, but changed his mind last summer as congressional pressure grew and as criticism mounted of the performance of the CIA and the FBI before the Sept. 11 attacks. Ridge had said for months that he was not seeking the job of secretary of the new agency, but he, too, reversed course and ended up working for the appointment, government sources said.

Legislation to create the new department was delayed for months by Senate Democrats who resisted demands by Bush for new authority to establish work force rules for the department's employ-

ees. This month's election, which gave Republicans control of the Senate, guaranteed a victory for Bush and Democrats quickly relented.

The new department will have 170,000 employees and bring together such agencies as the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Secret Service, the Customs Service, the Federal Emergency Management Administration, the Transportation Security Administration, and the Border Patrol.

It will analyze terrorism intelligence to match it against the nation's vulnerabilities, develop new technologies to detect threats, coordinate the training and funding of state and local police and fire departments, and scrutinize America's borders and ports of entry.

A number of the largest agencies — the Coast Guard, the Secret Service, Customs, the INS and the Transportation Safety Administration — will transfer to the new department on March 1, according to the master plan. Other agencies will make the move later; the Agriculture Department's Plum Island Animal Disease Center, among others, will join the department on June 1.

U.N. Inspectors Arrive in Iraq, Pledge to Search for Weapons

By Rajiv Chandrasekaran

THE WASHINGTON POST

BAGHDAD, IRAQ

The first contingent of U.N. inspectors landed here Monday evening pledging to push hard in scouring Iraq to determine whether President Saddam Hussein's government still possesses weapons of mass destruction or has revived secret programs to develop them.

The inspectors said they plan to assess immediately Iraq's pledge to give international experts unfettered access to any site they wish to visit, a daunting assignment whose results could decide whether the Bush administration launches a war against Saddam's government.

The U.N.'s chief inspector, Hans Blix, told the Security Council at

U.N. headquarters in New York that he has informed Iraq he will exercise his right to inspect Saddam's presidential compounds and other sensitive sites. But he also noted that Iraq, while pledging cooperation, insisted inspections of the presidential sites and government ministries could not be conducted in the same manner as those of other facilities.

"We've had a lot of promises of cooperation," said Melissa Fleming, a spokeswoman here for the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), which is coordinating the inspections with a special U.N. commission assigned to examine biological, chemical and missile programs in Iraq. "We believe that's a good start. But we have suspicious

minds. We're here to test cooperation among other things."

In an apparent reference to U.S. criticism of the inspectors' plan to begin with low-key searches, Fleming said the IAEA and Blix's U.N. Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission have "appealed to countries to give us the patience that is needed to carry out comprehensive inspections." She added: "We have a huge mandate. It's going to take time."

Iraq has declared it no longer possesses any weapons or missiles banned by U.N. resolutions. The U.S. government repeatedly has said Iraq has secretly held onto chemical weapons, may have biological agents and is seeking to develop nuclear arms.

WEATHER

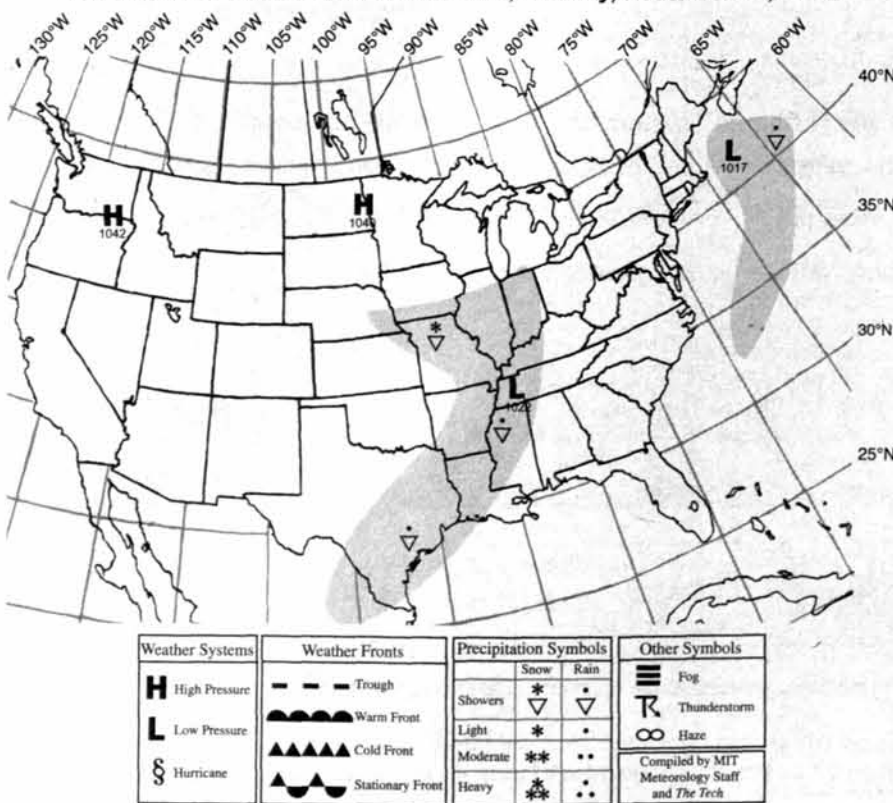
Thanksgiving Forecasts

By Mandy Hess, Robert Lindsay Korty, Greg Lawson, and Nikki Privé
STAFF METEOROLOGISTS

Forecasts for several mainland U.S. cities are printed below. Temperatures are in degrees Fahrenheit; C = (5/9)*(F-32). Abbreviations: S = sunny, PC = partly cloudy, CL = cloudy, R = rain, SN = snow. Happy Thanksgiving!

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Boston, Mass.	45/35 S	33/30 SN	28/17 S
New York, N.Y.	49/43 S	38/33 SN	35/28 PC
Philadelphia, Pa.	48/34 PC	34/31 SN	35/23 PC
Pittsburgh, Pa.	35/28 CL	29/25 SN	30/17 CL
Washington, D.C.	46/34 PC	40/31 R	41/26 S
Raleigh, N.C.	55/38 PC	50/28 R	42/24 S
Atlanta, Ga.	58/38 CL	48/35 R	50/33 PC
Miami, Fla.	80/70 PC	80/65 PC	77/63 PC
New Orleans, La.	62/48 R	53/48 R	58/48 PC
Nashville, Tenn.	38/30 R	38/25 PC	42/25 S
Detroit, Mich.	35/27 CL	33/25 CL	35/26 S
Chicago, Ill.	35/18 SN	28/15 S	32/22 S
Minneapolis, Minn.	25/10 S	25/15 CL	32/22 CL
St. Louis, Mo.	32/20 SN	30/20 CL	40/30 CL
Omaha, Neb.	25/15 SN	30/18 CL	38/22 CL
Dallas, Texas	40/28 R	38/25 PC	42/30 PC
Houston, Texas	50/38 R	45/38 R	48/35 CL
Denver, Colo.	29/11 S	39/13 PC	44/23 PC
Phoenix, Ariz.	70/52 CL/R	63/50 CL	65/48 CL
Las Vegas, Nev.	63/40 S	60/39 CL	59/40 CL
Los Angeles, Calif.	75/50 S	75/50 S	73/50 S
San Francisco, Calif.	70/48 S	69/47 S	64/45 S
Seattle, Wash.	50/33 S	52/37 S	51/39 PC

Situation for Noon Eastern Standard Time, Tuesday, November 26, 2002



U.S. Uncovers Theft of 30,000 Identities, Millions of Dollars

By Anthony M. DeStefano
NEWSDAY

NEW YORK

In a nightmare case for American consumers, federal investigators said Monday they uncovered the largest identity theft ring ever seen, which victimized more than 30,000 people and led to millions of dollars in losses.

The scam allegedly involved a former employee at a Long Island software company who, with nothing more than a laptop computer and some passwords, worked with New York street criminals to steal credit and financial information of victims around the country.

"With a few keystrokes, these men essentially picked the pockets

of tens of thousands of Americans," U.S. Attorney James B. Comey said at a Manhattan news conference.

Three men, Comey said, have been charged, and investigators are pursuing leads to more than 20 suspected accomplices.

The scheme involved the fraudulent accessing of the computer systems of the three major credit reporting companies — Experian, Equifax and TransUnion — Comey said.

Philip Cummings, 33, a former employee of Teledata Communications Inc. of Bay Shore, N.Y., was arrested Monday on charges that over a two-year period he used unique client passwords assigned to Ford Motor Credit Corp. and some

banks, which allowed him to access credit bureau files and then sell the information to his cohorts.

The company provides software that allows clients to obtain credit histories of consumers from credit reporting agencies. Cummings worked at Teledata's "help desk" and had access to computer passwords of clients like Ford, which provided access to the credit bureau files, prosecutors said.

Two other men, Linus Baptiste and Hakeem Mohammed, were charged earlier as the investigation gathered steam over the last eight months. Mohammed, 37, a Nigerian national, pleaded guilty last month to related charges; Baptiste was arrested Oct. 29, Comey said.

FEC Decision Allows Candidates To be Paid with Campaign Funds

By Thomas B. Edsall
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The Federal Election Commission voted Monday to allow challengers in congressional races to pay themselves a salary from their campaign funds, a move designed to enable more people with modest incomes to run for the House and Senate.

Republicans and Democrats described the 5-1 vote, which overturned past rulings, as a way to level the political playing field for middle class Americans wanting to run against a senator or representative, whose annual salaries next year will grow to \$155,000.

"This is very significant," said

Sam Popkin, a University of California-San Diego political scientist who has advised several Democratic presidential candidates. "It helps a lot of candidates move up the food chain, risking a shot at Congress and still feeding the family."

Michael Toner, the FEC Republican member who pushed the regulation, said under the new rules, "blue collar workers, teachers, middle class people" can afford to take time off from work to campaign. "Why should the only people running be incumbents or multimillionaires?" he asked.

The new rule also will apply to presidential candidates, who theoretically could pay themselves up

to \$400,000 a year — the president's salary — if they could raise that much money. But presidential candidates who accept public financing, as many serious contenders do, would be ineligible for a campaign-funded salary. Analysts said the rule will have much more impact on congressional contests.

The campaign-financed salaries would be limited, and challengers could receive them only if they raised sufficient donations from supporters. A salary could begin once a candidate files for office, and it would be limited to the lower of two numbers: the challenger's salary in the previous year, or the salary of the office sought.

Ukraine Faulted in Probe Of Radar Sale to Iraq

THE WASHINGTON POST

KIEV, UKRAINE

A report released Monday by the State Department disclosed details of U.S. suspicions that Ukraine sold aircraft tracking equipment to Iraq and reported that an Iraqi delegation last summer visited the Ukrainian city where the radar equipment is manufactured.

The report by a team of U.S. and British experts also said a Ukrainian contract to sell the highly sophisticated equipment to China may have been altered to allow its resale to a third country.

The experts who visited Ukraine last month ruled out a direct transfer of the Kolchuga systems to Iraq. But they left open the question of whether Ukraine covertly sold the equipment to Baghdad, saying Ukrainian officials were uncooperative and evasive.

"Frequently Ukrainian officials refused point blank to answer specific questions central to the team's work, especially when questions touched on the role of senior Ukrainian figures," the 15-page report said.

Last spring the U.S. and British governments began investigating whether Ukraine had sold Iraq the equipment in violation of international sanctions. The questions were raised after a former presidential bodyguard released a tape recording of a July 2000 conversation between Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma and Valeri Malev, then head of the state-owned arms sales company. The tape purported to show that Kuchma approved a \$100 million sale of four Kolchuga systems to Iraq through a Jordanian intermediary.

SAT Firm Probes Cheating

THE WASHINGTON POST

The company that administers the SAT is conducting a widespread investigation into allegations of cheating after eight boys at the Landon School in Bethesda, Md., admitted to copying and sharing answers to boost their scores.

Although they declined to comment on the specifics of their investigation, officials with the Educational Testing Service said Monday that they are reviewing not only the tests taken by the eight Landon seniors but also those of every student in the room at the Holton-Arms School in Bethesda, where the college entrance exam was administered Oct. 12.

On that day, students from a number of area schools, including Holton-Arms and Georgetown Preparatory School, were in the testing room. Sources familiar with what happened said the room was poorly proctored, opening an opportunity for sharing and copying.

"Some chitchatting started, and the next thing, kids were exchanging information," said Rob Bordley, coach of Landon's top-ranked lacrosse team, some of whose players admitted cheating.

ETS opens an investigation if a student's combined math and verbal SAT scores rise 350 points from one administration of the exam to the next. The New Jersey-based company also looks into irregularities when contacted by schools or test centers.

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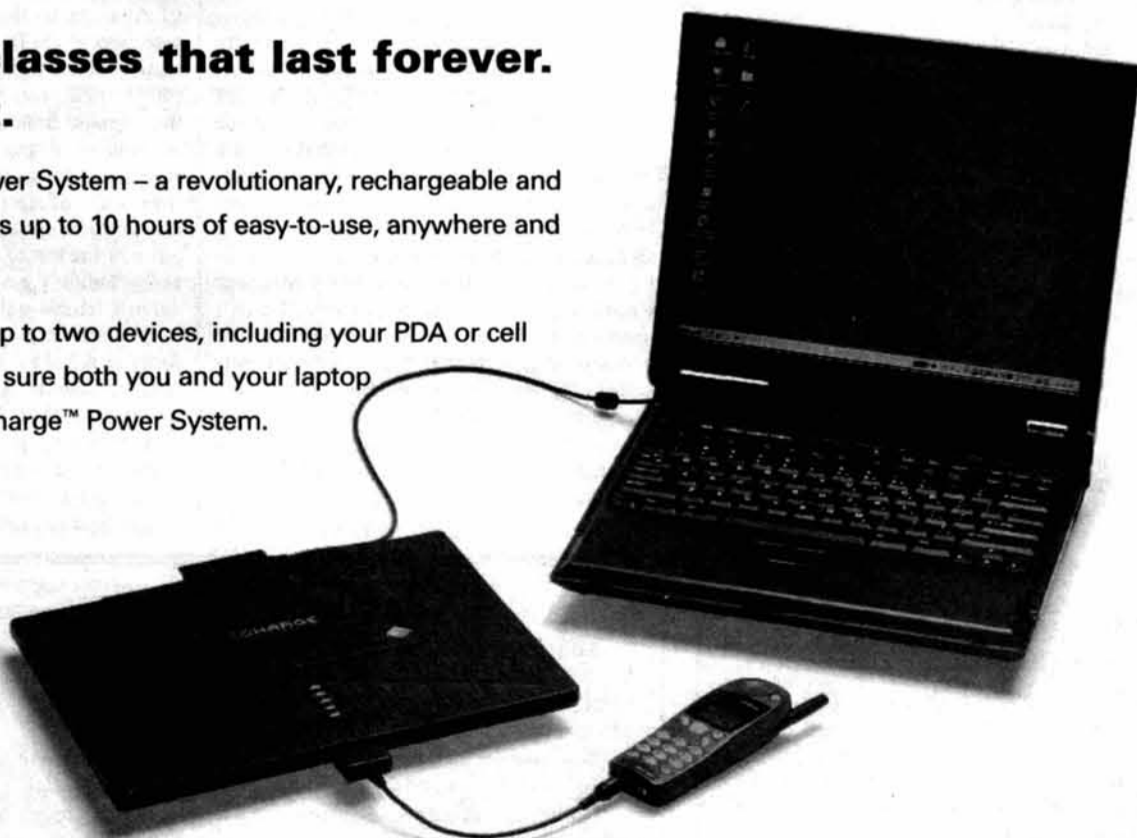
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OPINION

MIT Can Prevent Dormitory Fires

Recently, frequent fire alarms have been a problem for many dormitories. Regardless of whether these alarms are false, MIT needs to pay serious attention to the issue of fire safety.

In many cases, most dormitory residents do not even know the cause of the particular fire alarm. Certainly, MIT has this information on record. Students have a right to know the cause of such alarms, and it should be made readily available. It would not be burdensome for MIT to disseminate such information.

Since alarms sound so recurrently, many students have begun to dismiss them as merely false alarms. In the January 2000 Seton Hall University fire, which killed three freshmen, fire alarms at the particular dormitory had been faulty for some time, and students had become so accustomed to the false alarms that they didn't evacuate in the one case when a blaze broke out. This prospect should seriously frighten both students and administrators.

Furthermore, MIT's reticence in the face of the consistent alarms makes it appear they have not addressed the issue. If MIT is doing anything, officials should inform students. Residents are entitled to know what dangers their living environments pose and what measures are being taken to minimize these threats. If they are in fact false alarms, the systems should be repaired. If MIT can spend millions of dollars on projects like Simmons Hall and the Stata Center, can it not ensure reliable fire alarm systems?

MIT administrators must also realize that MIT students are

by nature strongly adverse to blindly following instructions. When six alarms go off over seven days, and students are not told that the system has been fixed, students have no reason to heed the alarm system. If students are told the reasons for fire alarms, whether they are false or legitimately triggered, as well as what exactly what causes a dorm-wide alarm to be set off, students would be more likely to improve the situation. For example, if the incessant alarms are caused by carelessness on the part of residents, such as cooking or candles, then students could take well-defined steps to solve the problem.

Students must take active responsibility in ensuring the safety of themselves and their neighbors. Residents should exercise caution and common sense when cooking, and they should obey all dormitory fire safety rules. Although these rules may seem annoying and inconvenient, they are essential precautions to minimize the high risk of extensive casualties.

Some dormitories do not have serious fire alarm problems. Some have reliable alarm systems that are only set off in the event of cooking fires or scheduled drills. There are also some dormitories in which house managers and others take on the duty of e-mailing residents about each fire, so students are kept informed. But that is not enough. Effective mechanisms for notification should be uniform throughout the dormitory system.

The time to address the issue of fire safety is now. MIT has been lucky that nothing horrible has happened, given the apparent disregard for fire safety seen today. Administrators and officials should act before MIT faces an all too preventable tragedy.



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Letters To The Editor

Republicans Like Women, Too

Gretchen Aleks writes that Republicans "still think women aren't capable of making their own decisions, ... and African-Americans should be subject to the death penalty while whites should not," ["Bringing Liberals Back to Politics," Nov. 19]. Aleks cites no support for these claims and of course there is none. Maybe she forgets that it was a Republican president (Reagan) who nominated the first woman to the Supreme Court (O'Connor) and a Republican president (George W.) who appointed the highest ranking woman ever to advise the president (Rice). As for the death penalty, I can't imagine what she is talking about. The incontrovertible fact is that a smaller percentage of African Americans murderers receive the death penalty than white murderers. If Ms. Aleks has any hope of effecting change in the real world, she ought to get her facts right first.

Douglas B. Levene '73

Discrimination Exists In Many Areas

Andrew Thomas wrote ["Discrimination," Nov. 19] comparing the membership practices of Augusta to the dearth of female faculty members at the Institute. The latter is a legitimate concern while the former is not. I do not, for example, see Mr. Thomas railing against the all-male fraternities (one of which I was a member of during my time) or the all-female sororities. Heck, he seems to have no problem that one of the nicest dorms at MIT, McCormick, is reserved solely for females (I put it at the top of my dorm selection list and, sadly, I didn't get in). Why not start a cause against female-only universities, like Wellesley, which receive federal tax dollars in the form of scholarships and other federal subsidies (something Augusta does not receive)? I understand that Wellesley and many other women's colleges were founded in an age when female college enrollment was disgustingly low and were a necessity to bring gender equity in education. However, this mission

has been met. According to the United States Census, in each year since 1982 more American women than men have received bachelor's degrees. Thomas is surely not implying that golf is more important than higher education?

Just like some women enjoy having women's only gyms to work out in, some men enjoy having a club to go to to escape from their wives, girlfriends and/or daughters so they can make talk about sports or the Victoria's Secret show, or crack the occasional fart joke without getting a dirty look. Not that these subjects necessarily preclude the presence of women, but sometimes it's nice to hang out with "just the guys." Also, there are many women-only golf courses that are quite beautiful and lush. Confusing a private club's membership requirements and the shameful faculty hiring process at the 'Tute only serves to distract and diminish from important causes.

I have a discrimination cause for Andrew. Almost every adult male citizen has done it and women have not. Register for the draft.

Mostafa Sabet '00

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A Dark Policy on AIDS

Shefali Oza

This World AIDS Day, Dec. 1, 40 million people across the world will be among those not affected by the expansion of new AIDS prevention campaigns — because they are already infected with HIV. These 40 million people, 95 percent of whom have no access to antiretroviral drugs, have joined countless other persons in a quest for increased access to medicines. But for years, this quest has been a battle against intellectual property and trade laws.

That battle appeared to come to a progressive conclusion a little more than one year ago in Doha, Qatar. There, trade ministers signed the Doha Declaration, officially stating that global intellectual property law should not prevent persons in any country from accessing medicines. The Declaration was heralded as a new era for those with HIV. But when we hear about the state of the AIDS pandemic this Sunday, we will hear that the situation has not improved.

Behind the closed doors of trade meetings over the past month, the U.S. trade representative has slowly repealed the Doha Declaration's mandate. In early November, he drafted the Free Trade Area of the Americas proposal, an expansion of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) for the rest of the Western Hemisphere. The patent protections in this agreement are far beyond the scope of those set by the WTO; they provide 20-year patent lifetimes and introduce a number of new exclusive arrangements that no other country in the world recognizes. Just a month after proposing this new free trade agreement, the U.S. Trade Representative flew to Sydney, Australia, where he pushed trade ministers to reverse the Doha Declaration's mandate by forcing a repeal on generic exportation laws.

That fight is continuing behind closed doors today, and we will see its results at the WTO council meeting on Dec. 10.

All of this may seem like progress for the research and development of future drugs. After all, isn't that what the pharmaceutical industry has been telling us for years about

patent protection? But recent evidence suggests otherwise. Pharmaceutical lobbyists have argued that patents are necessary in promoting innovation and providing incentive for innovators to bear the cost of innovation. Yet they do not mention that the top AIDS drugs were produced under publicly-funded research and development efforts through the clinical trial stage. They do not mention that

they sell these drugs at between 75 and 98 percent above production price (according to Harvard Medical School's latest survey). And they do not mention that while they make more profits as a percentage of revenue than any other Fortune 500 industry (19 percent), companies like Merck spend just five percent of the profit on R&D while spending 13 percent on advertising. (Pfizer similarly spends 15 percent on R&D and 35 percent on marketing, while Bristol-Myers spends 12 percent on R&D and 27 percent on marketing, according to *Fortune* and the industry's latest SEC filings.)

And so this leads us to one conclusion: generic medicine access is legitimate and necessary. For the nearly 40 million people who would die without it, generic access is a key to survival. The catastrophes of AIDS will not be solved by prevention alone; the

prevention efforts must be paralleled with greater access to treatment. Does this contention seem ridiculous? The evidence suggests otherwise. HIV rates are so high in some African locales that death rates are undermining the labor force and promoting instability in countries where antiretroviral treatment will be the only measure to prevent total social collapse. In fact, providing appropriate HIV treat-

ment has been deemed immediately feasible in even the poorest locales, such as the Central Plateau of Haiti, and with generic medicine use would cost less than three percent of what it would using patented medicines. AIDS drug prices come down significantly with generic competition, and multinational

companies operating in Africa have started to provide them to workers.

Many Americans think that treatment should be ignored in favor of "prevention-only" initiatives and argue that if Africans didn't get HIV in the first place they wouldn't need treatment. But this contention is no longer accepted by the public health community, which calls this idea a false dichotomy.

Prevention is essential, but in an environment where HIV equals a death sentence, little other than stigma and blame can arise from prevention-only programs. Reports from the recent international conference on AIDS revealed that offering appropriate

treatment is the only way to save whole societies where nearly all adults are already infected with HIV, and would leave countless orphans if they do not receive treatment.

As the government of Brazil has shown by providing antiretrovirals to all of its infected constituents, treatment dramatically reduces stigma, denial and blame and improves prevention efforts by taking the death sentence message away from the disease. As one South African woman recently said: "When they heard I was positive, people were scared to come into my [AIDS education] office and they treated AIDS as something which was removed from them. They had no information; they didn't know much. ... One day, after seeing how unfair it would be to die and leave my three kids with all the stigma of HIV/AIDS, I decided I am going to live." The woman received appropriate AIDS treatment and found that once others in her community realized that she had a treatable disease, and not the plague, she received "much traffic in [her] office, because people are more aware."

While the policies of politicians like South Africa's Thabo Mbeki are slowly changing for the better — South Africa now has several pilot antiretroviral treatment projects — attention must be paid to the role of international trade agreements as well. The Free Trade Area of the Americas and other proposals by the U.S. Trade Representative are undermining the chance for over 40 million people to survive. It is our responsibility to keep our trade representative accountable to our desires. This World AIDS Day, let's rethink our priorities and make an effort to change U.S. policies on AIDS.

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Mark Their Words

Andrew C. Thomas

I just find this hilarious.

Last week, the communications director for Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien was quoted as calling President Bush a moron. The context of the quote is, of course, unimportant in the eyes of global news agencies who seized upon the story. Since this issue is fairly black-and-white, only two responses could be seen — either that it was embarrassing and improper for an official of the Canadian government to make such a claim, or that the feat took extreme bravery.

I, for one, would like to applaud Francoise Ducros on her comment. Though even a little investigation will reveal that the comment was made offhandedly and supposedly off the record, the comment is reflective of the minds of many citizens of this planet, and not just a high percentage of citizens of this country.

The comment was made in the middle of the recent NATO conference in Prague.

The issue at hand is the invitation of several countries formerly behind the Iron Curtain — Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia — to begin talks to join the organization. This follows a recent trend in Russia's own efforts to cooperate with NATO, beginning with the creation of the NATO-Russia Council in May 2002. It is clear that the conference represents the greatest intentions of international cooperation, at least symbolically.

In typical Dubya fashion, the President used the opportunity to espouse his vision for a new Iraq, the same one he has force-fed the

world with little break for breath. At least in the past he has been within his respectable limits, both as the Commander-in-Chief of this country and as *ad hoc* diplomat to the United Nations. But to use his speech as a soapbox for his own views is both repugnant and completely unsurprising. It was for his persistence, or if you prefer, his obstinateness, that Ducros made her off-the-cuff remark.

Now, if that wasn't enough, Bush fired one off that almost went unnoticed. On Saturday the President made a tour of Lithuania and Romania to commemorate the new era of cooperation ahead. While in Bucharest, Romania, Bush had this to say: "The world has suffered enough from fanatics who seek to impose their will through fear and murder."

I know I'm not the only one who finds this ironic. hilariously ironic, even.

The people of this country are being kept in line through a blitzkrieg of fear tactics. Most importantly is the fear of criticizing the Big Cheese himself. After all, we are being told that to question the plans or motives of the government is tantamount to treason, rather than an integral part of the political process, and everyone has bought the argument without looking over it for dents or flaws.

I trust I don't need to outline who the fanatics are. I am, however, grateful that Colin Powell is around at the highest levels of government, as he is a man who has repeatedly stood up for his own principles, and in spite of

this still earned the respect of the country and its leader.

Is the American government engaging in a campaign of murder in order to reach its goals? I would contend that with a war on Iraq seeming inevitable at this point, murder will beget murder on both sides, not to mention the casualties that American military operations

have produced in the last year, largely taken in the name of revenge. This is a much broader statement, in no way limited to the domestic and foreign policies of

any particular country, but still represents a (fairly typical) self-righteous attitude on behalf of the presidency that anyone is completely justified in this activity.

When Ms. Ducros made her comment, she spoke out with what can be considered an inadvertent sense of honesty. Few are unaware that President Bush has certainly contributed more than his share of stupid comments over time. As the ultimate elected representative of the people of this country, his comments are supposed to reflect the country's thoughts. Blatant hypocrisy on the part of this country can do little but lower its international reputation, but only if other brave individuals start holding the president to his poorly chosen words.

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Give Thanks, Don't Try To Buy It

Gretchen K. Aleks

Finally! The Thanksgiving holiday is upon us. For an MIT student, Thanksgiving is probably most closely associated with the semester being practically finished, those final projects and papers that have been punted all term coming due, and finals approaching. For the rest of the population, Thanksgiving is more commonly associated with other things: big family dinners, lots of leftovers, and shopping the day after the holiday.

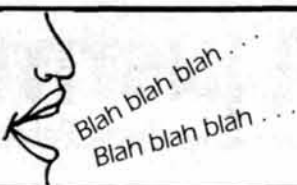
This year *Adbusters* magazine is publicizing National Buy Nothing Day in an attempt to rid Thanksgiving of that last association. The Friday after Thanksgiving is traditionally the busiest shopping day of the year. Retailers sell a lot on that particular day, and it also kicks off a shopping season that lasts until Christmas in which consumers shop and spend like there's no tomorrow. Unfortunately, Americans aren't overly consumeristic only around the holidays; many feel it is our God-given right to consume as much as we possibly can. This belief is especially appar-

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ent in the proliferation of SUVs. Despite the fact that SUVs make the road unsafe for drivers in normal cars, are totally unnecessary for everyday driving in urban areas, and get poor gas mileage, which translates into the production of lots of carbon dioxide and other pollutants, many Americans still buy these behemoths. Unfortunately, there are no deterrents to buying SUVs: gas taxes are kept low because, by golly, if an American wants to drive his big bad off-road vehicle to the corner grocery store, nothing should stand in his way, especially not a tax designed to regulate his socially-irresponsible behavior.

We should join *Adbusters* in turning our back on the rampant consumerism in today's society. Not only should we all refrain from buying anything this Friday, Nov. 29, but also we should strive to make this holiday season less materialistic. Anyone who needs to give Christmas gifts should consider, rather than buying a gift at the local mall, visiting <http://www.heifer.org>, the homepage of Heifer International. Heifer International is an organization attempting to promote sustainability in the third world. Donors give money to Heifer International, which in turn purchases livestock to give to a family in a needy area. For instance, for twenty dollars, a family will receive a flock of ducks, which will provide them with eggs and poultry, but will also provide agricultural benefits by eating insects and providing organic fertilizer. The family will therefore benefit for many years from the original flock of ducks and its offspring; additionally, a condition for receiving livestock from Heifer International is that the family will then give some of the offspring to another family. In this way, multiple families benefit for multiple years from one small gift. This is a much better return than you would get by purchasing a CD or a sweater.

Instead of shopping on Friday, go volunteer at a home shelter, a blood drive, or a retirement home. Instead of harming society by playing into a game which creates lots of waste and drives inequity in society, do something beneficial, even if it is just staying at home and working on a problem set. Whatever you do, buy nothing, and try to minimize your consumption through the season.



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CD REVIEW

Yet Another DMB Album

'Live at Folsom Field' Falls Short of Expectations

By Roshan Baliga

CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Live at Folsom Field, Boulder, Colorado

Dave Matthews Band

RCA Records

Nov. 5

By my count, *Live at Folsom Field* is Dave Matthews Band's fourth full-length live album. It's quite an impressive accomplishment, considering the band has only released six studio albums. But throw it in your CD player, and you might be disappointed. Rather than containing the trademarked raw jam sessions that distinguish the band's live performances, *Folsom Field* is a highly refined recording of a nondescript DMB concert. The band plays very well, but the CD lacks the energy that has popularized their previous live recordings.

Folsom Field comes at an awkward time for the band. Following the release of *Everyday* in 2001, DMB released *Busted Stuff* this July in response to fans' trading the unreleased album on the Internet. *Busted Stuff*, known to fans as the *Lillywhite Sessions*, is more similar to the band's earlier recordings than *Everyday*, which marked a divergence in the band's style. As one would expect, *Folsom Field* contains mostly songs from these two newer albums, with the majority of their playing time dedicated to tracks from *Everyday*. And therein lies the problem.

It isn't that *Everyday* was a bad album; it sold over 3 million copies, and personally I liked hearing the band playing a different style

of music. The problem lies in the transition of the songs from the studio to the stage. *Everyday* moved the saxophone and violin to the background in most of the songs, almost completely removed their solos that were present on all previous releases. Without the solos, I imagined that it would be hard to differentiate the studio versions of the songs from the live versions, and this is exactly the case on *Folsom Field*. With the exception of "Angel" and possibly "So Right," most of the songs from *Everyday* are indistinguishable from their live versions on "Folsom Field."

Disc one opens with an older single, "Don't Drink The Water," from *Before These Crowded Streets*. Butch Taylor's keyboards add something to the song that isn't present on the studio recording, one of the few things on this CD that impressed me. Of next few songs, "So Right" and "Big Eyed Fish" are mediocre, highlighted in the latter as the crowd cheers not with the music, but with Dave's cursing. "What You Are," another track from *Everyday*, includes the addition of keyboards, but is still very similar to the album version. While the band's performance on the old favorite "Crash Into Me" is good, I prefer the live version on *Listener Supported*.

Disc one closes with a rarity: two songs that are actually worse than their studio counterparts. "I Did It" and "If I Had It All," both from *Everyday*, seem to drag on, despite their short length. The band seems disinterested and apathetic, which I find shocking considering their previous live albums.

"Angel," which starts disc two, is the stand-

out track on this album. Though it's quite long, it shows heavy blues influence and includes background vocals by three women, Tawatha Agee, Cindy Mizelle, and Brenda White-King. The trio is quite amazing, and when combined with Butch Taylor's piano and Leroi Moore's saxophone, makes for an impressive song. Unfortunately, the mood is shattered in the next two, older tracks, "Warehouse" and "Recently." The band plays these well, but once again, previous live versions, such as on *Red Rocks*, are much better.

Carter Beauford's drumming has only gotten better, as heard in "Recently," but the recording fails to bring it out as in older albums. The difference in the recording is especially noticeable in "What Would You Say," in which the violin and sax are quieter than expected. "All Along The Watchtower," DMB's staple live song, is unique on *Folsom Field* because Dave plays the electric guitar solo. Disc two ends with a good rendition of "Stay (Wasting Time)" and a poor encore of "Two Step" and "Ants Marching." The version of "Two Step" is



DANNY CLINCH

Dave Matthews Band's latest, *Live at Folsom Field*, fails to deliver.

similar to the one on *Listener Supported*, and includes Butch Taylor on piano. "Ants Marching" is sub-par for the band, and can't compare at all to the version on *Red Rocks*.

In short, all the newer tracks sound similar to their studio versions, and all the older tracks are worse than the previously released live versions. I would only consider buying *Folsom Field* if I didn't already own *Everyday*, but in that case, I would recommend buying *Everyday* instead. It's a better album and will give you a better idea of where the band is headed than *Folsom Field*.

CONCERT REVIEW

Theorem: Chorallaries Superb in Fall Concert

Corollary: Brown's Harmonic Motion Okay, Too

By Keith J. Winstein

NEWS EDITOR

The Chorallaries of MIT

54-100

Nov. 22, 8 p.m.

The Chorallaries treated MIT to their fall concert last Friday, packing 54-100 and pushing the limits of a *capella* with an impeccable concert. Their guest group, Brown University's Harmonic Motion, was almost as good and had the crowd giggling throughout.

As my colleague Pey-Hua Hwang '04 observed in this space the last time the Chorallaries performed with Harmonic Motion, in May 2001, the Motion can suffer from a lack of balance. Their songs all hovered around the same volume, and the background was sometimes not quiet enough to let a soloist be heard over 15 voices singing "doooo," something the Motion's arrangements featured too often.

Nonetheless, the Motion put on a good

show and had the crowd laughing uproariously with their Celebrity Jeopardy-themed skit and a rendition of the Divinyls' "I Touch Myself" that most prominently featured lots of touching.

Vocal highlights included James L. Ollen-Smith on Jan Wayne's "Only You." The Harmonic Motion arrangement was uncharacteristically subtle, and Ollen-Smith is clearly a very talented singer who was backed up by an excellent soprano in the background. The performance would have been even better, though, if Ollen-Smith and the rest of the group had been able to agree on a tempo instead of fighting it out during the choruses.

The Motion finished their set with John Denver's "Leaving on a Jet Plane." It was almost paralyzing to hear the lilting voice of the previously unassuming Indrani R. Halady haunt us with the Motion's plaintive, almost gospel version of the song. By the end, the audience was hanging on her every breath and begging for more.

At this point, it was time for MIT's only



JINA KIM—THE TECH

Sandra Rindler '06 sings her heart out at the Chorallaries' fall concert, Choralpalooza. The Chorallaries teamed up with Brown University's Harmonic Motion to sing on Nov. 22 at 8 p.m. in 54-100.

all-MIT co-ed secular *capella* group that is not called "Resonance." The Chorallaries leapt on the stage (stage? lecture area?), cleansing the palate and jumping straight into an ensemble version of G. Brown's word-jazzy "The Distance." This also gave the group a chance to show off their choreography — something not captured in the group's line of relentlessly-hawked CDs — as they ran around 54-100 like syncopated race-car drivers.

After giving us something completely different from what came before, the Chorallaries did it again, spitting out a pearl with a 135-second rendition of Stephen Stills' "Helplessly Hoping." The trio of Emily C. Vincent '04, Daniel O. Bates '05, and Kuangshin Tai G was perfectly locked in harmony, and the understated arrangement was well-performed all around.

Changing gears again, Ross I. Runnion '04 turned red under his cowboy hat as he ground out an energetic and crowd-pleasing country performance of Aaron Tippin's "Kiss This." Runnion wasn't always quite with his background, but the group did a great job with a challenging arrangement. The high tenor line, in particular, was performed particularly solidly.

The background was not quite so great and had some intonation problems on the next song, Sadu Adu and Ray St. John's "Smooth Operator." Soloist Amy L. Schon-sheck '03 had a few intonation issues, too, but her silky voice was the accon of noir, and — a few technical issues aside — the song was generally well-performed and appropriately moody.

The next song was sadly the one blemish on the Chorallaries' otherwise well-prepared set. Aneal Krishnan '03 has a great voice, but he just was not able to hit the high notes in Hoobastank's "Running Away." Newbie Alexander S. del Nido '06 did a generally fabulous job, though, with the subdued super-high solo in John Ondrasik's "Superman." The audience, so eager to applaud, even interrupted the song in the middle.

The Chorallaries astounded with their finale, Paul Jabara and Paul Shaffer's "It's Raining Men." Vincent and Leah K. Premo '04 displayed an astonishing array of vocal talents on top of a flawless background and bopping choreography to boot. Playing off of each other and the rest of the group and taking all sorts of crazy ornamental risks, Vincent and Premo made it look effortless. The bootleg I made sounds like it could be on one of the Chorallaries' CDs.

The Chorallaries finished up with a venerated group staple — the group's arrangement of the Engineers Drinking Song. And Krishnan redeemed himself on the group's encore, an energetic version of Blur's "Song #2." The crowd would not be placated by just one encore, though, forcing the Chorallaries to come back and sing what they insisted was an unrehearsed version of Shakira's "Suerte," with Premo as the soloist.

The Chorallaries have set a high bar — not just for their rivals this *capella* performance season, but also for themselves in the future, with their near-perfect solos, inventive arrangements, and energetic choreography. One hopes they know what they've got themselves into.

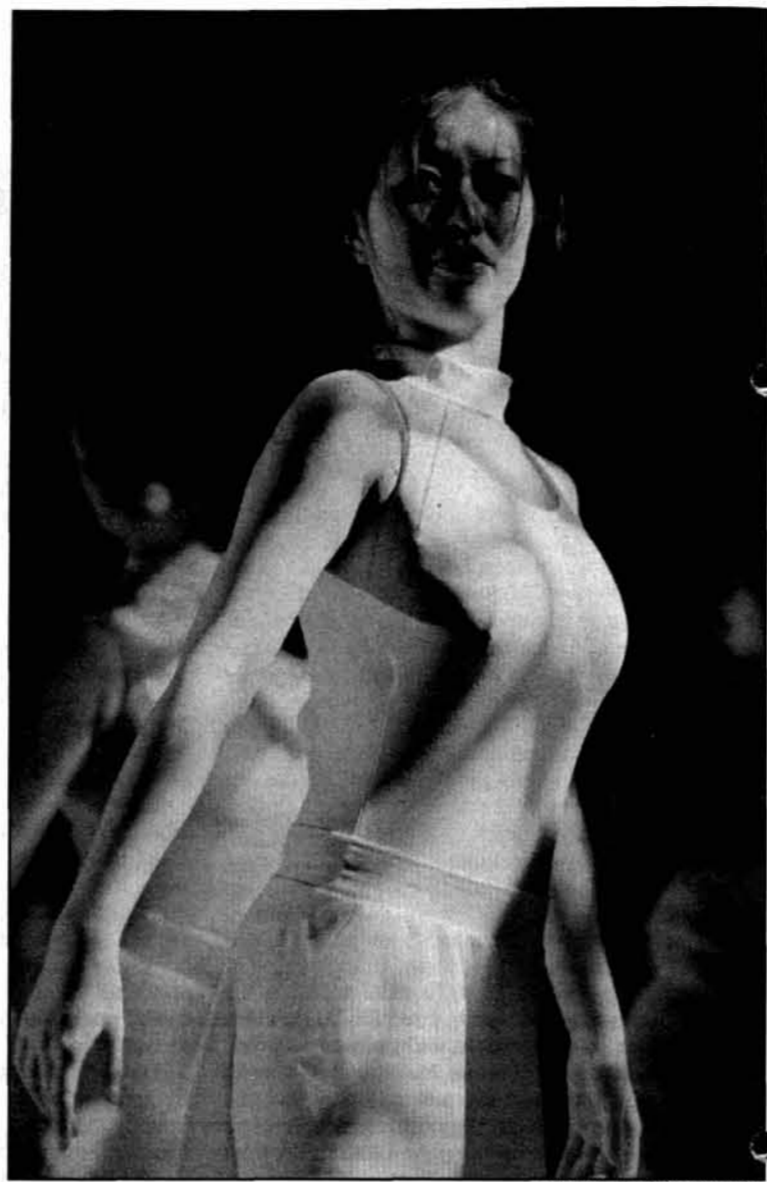


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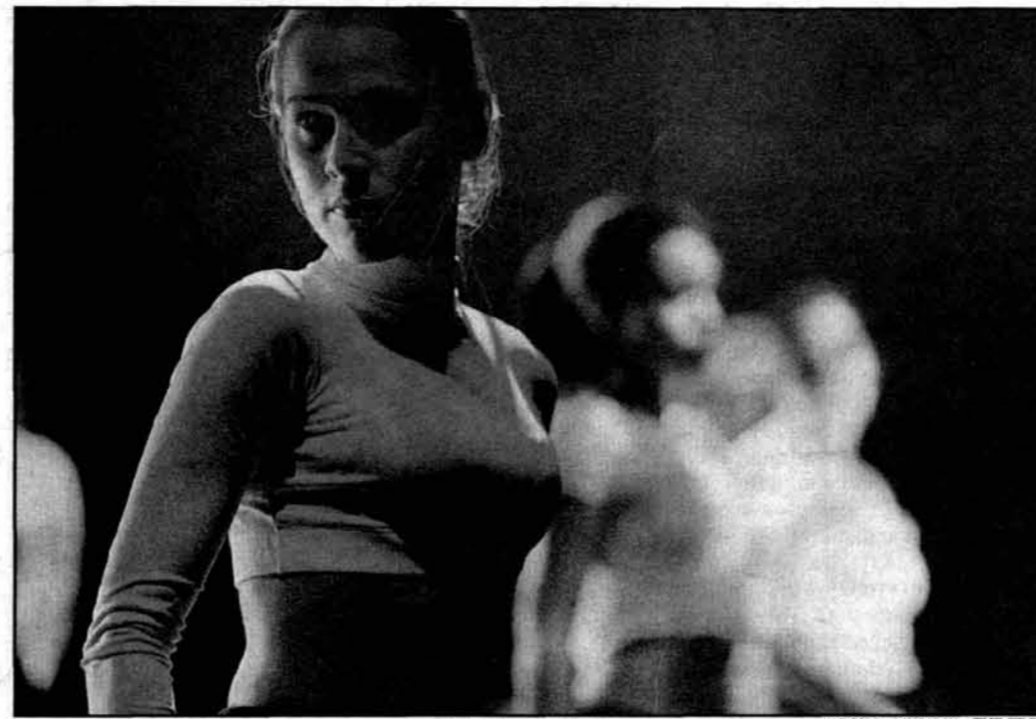
Charlene Chuang '05 (left) and Bo Kim '04 (right) sing sweetly at Choralpalooza. The Chorallaries' repertoire at their fall concert included crowd favorites such as "It's Raining Men" and "The Engineers' Drinking Song."



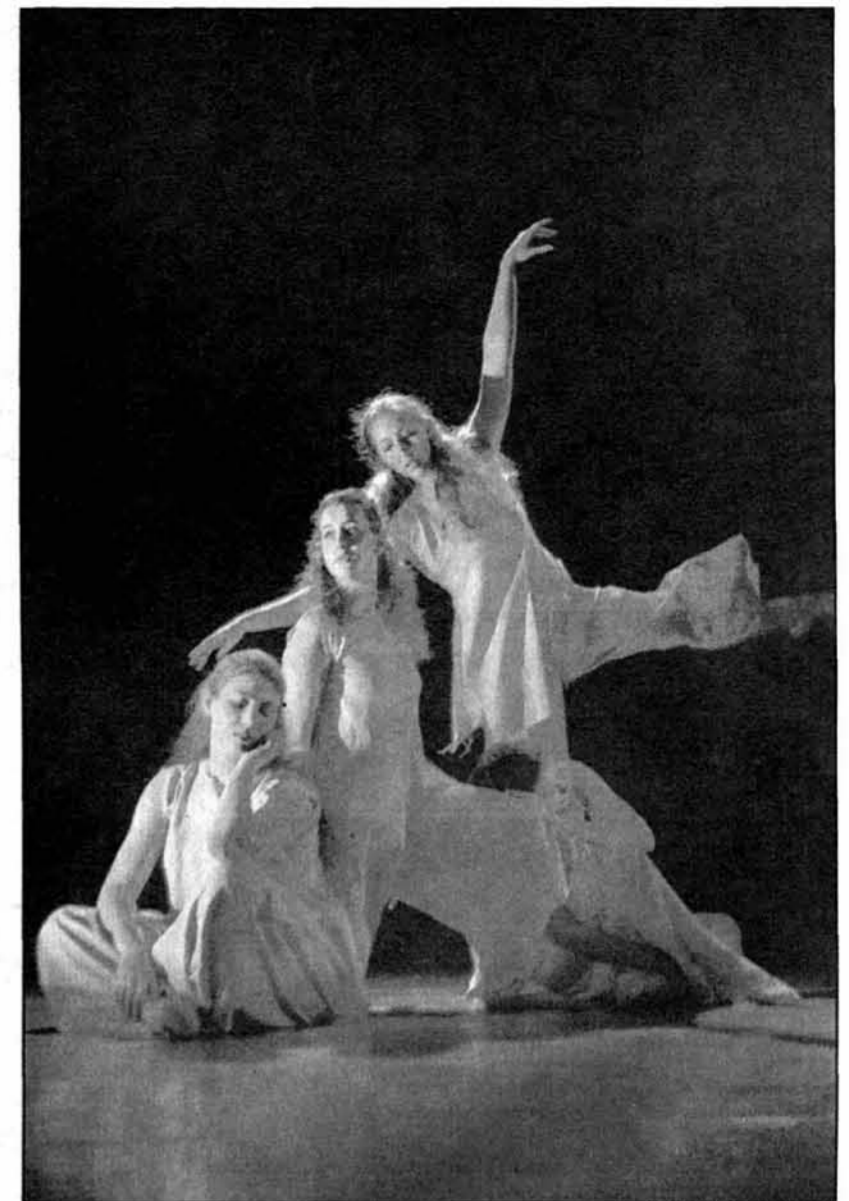
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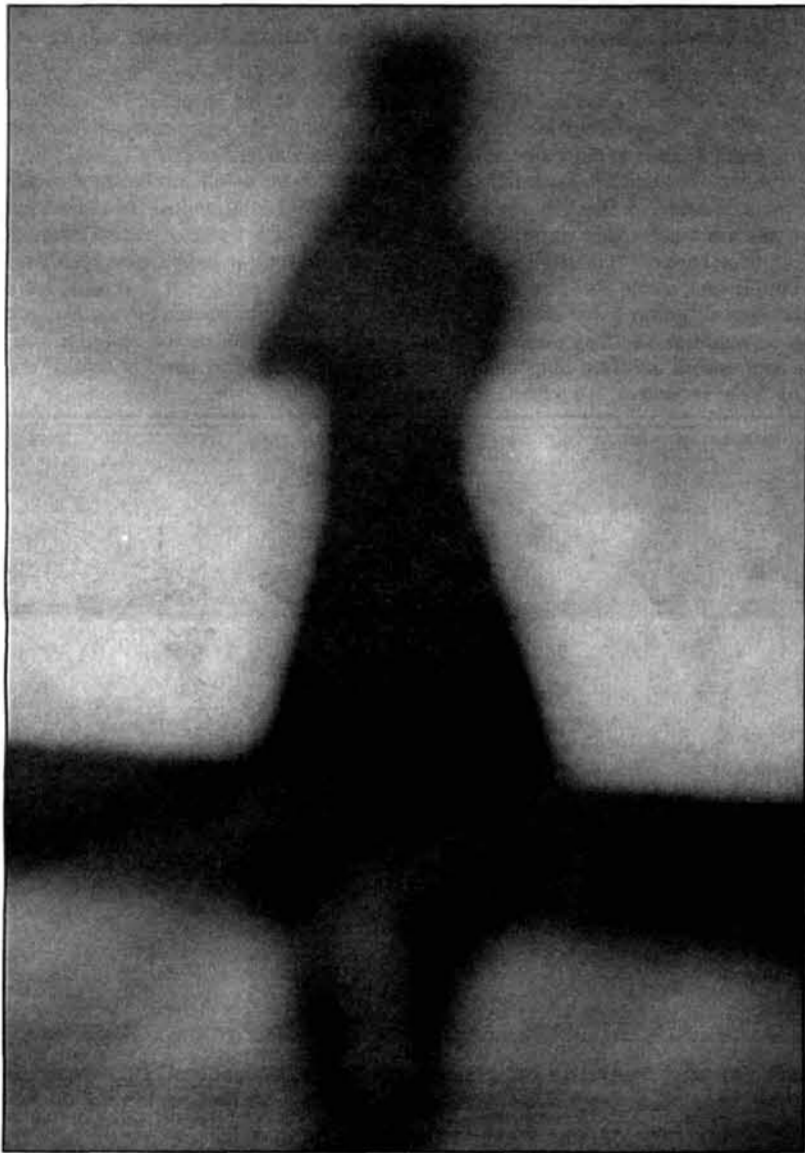
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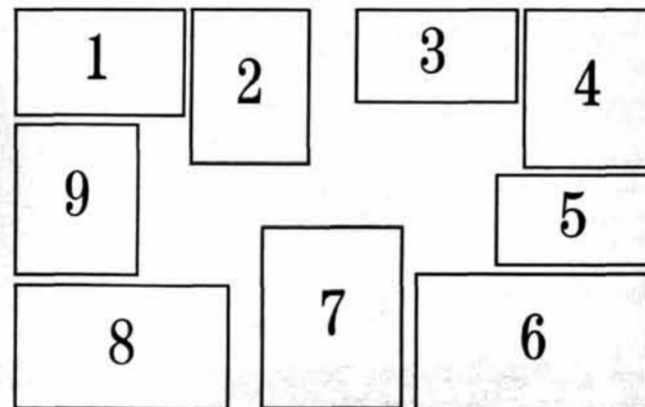
MIT students and affiliates perform in Dance Troupe's biannual concert last weekend.

1. (Left to right) Amy C. Fisher '05, Enid W. Choi, Nikki Johnson, Jessica Vechakul '05, Ji Han '05, and Justine C. Wang '06 leap across the stage in "Conjunction Junction."
2. Michelle K. Cheng '04 dances in "Heavenly."
3. Erika N. Ebbel '03 performs in "Worship."
4. (Left to right) Irene E. Brisson '05, Taly Dvorkis '04, and Michelle S. Machon '04 artfully pose in "Silent All These Years."
5. (Left to right) Juliana D. Olmstead '06, Justin M. Schmidt G, and Jennifer L. Wong '06 bop to the beat in "Nod Ya Head."
6. Ralitsa I. Kalmukova displays a talent with ribbons in "Rhythm and Fire."
7. Irene M. Rahman '06 and Alycia G. Hillman '03 kneel on either side of the glowing figure of Amber R. Jaycocks '04 in "Worship."
8. Sherry C. Kan '04 (left) and Enid W. Choi run in "Tribute."
9. Lights bring out the silhouette of a dancer in "Trio."

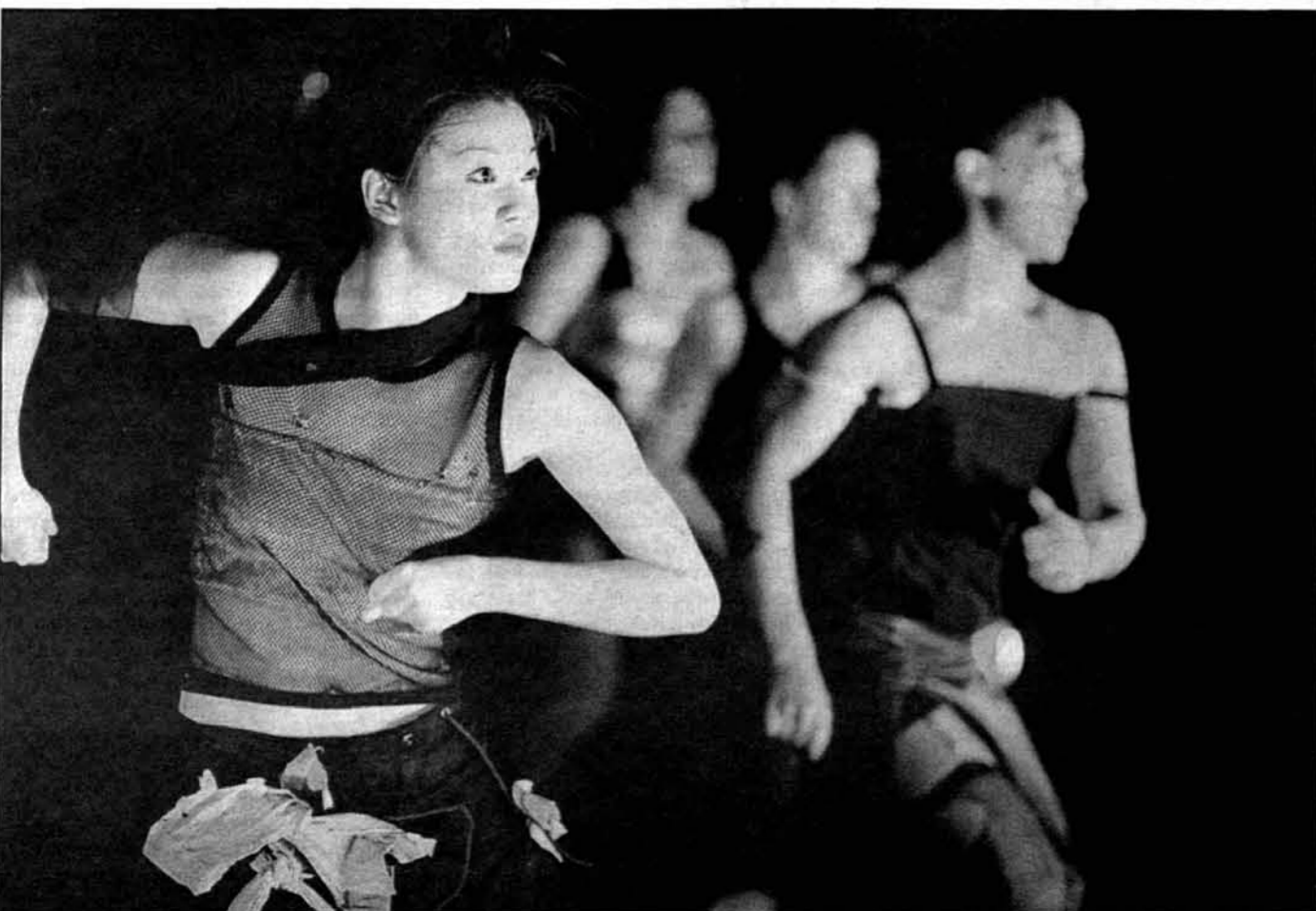


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THEATER REVIEW

The Very Model of a Modern Play

MIT Gilbert & Sullivan Players Present *Pirates of Penzance*

By Pey-Hua Hwang

STAFF WRITER

The Pirates of Penzance

La Sala de Puerto Rico

Nov. 21-23, 8 p.m.; Nov. 23-24, 2 p.m.

By William S. Gilbert and Arthur S. Sullivan

Stage Directed by Brian Bermack '95

Vocal Directed by Jen Hazel

Orchestral Directed by Jimmy Y. Jia, G

Having never seen a Gilbert and Sullivan musical before, I wasn't quite sure what to expect when I walked into La Sala de Puerto Rico on Saturday night to see a performance of *The Pirates of Penzance*. All I knew was that the show was supposed to be a comic operetta and include plen-

ed to sing. Jia then launched into an overture that was over eight minutes long, after which the first actors were finally seen on the stage.

The first act detailed the end of apprenticeship for Frederic (Stuart A. Stanton G), who was supposed to be a pilot's apprentice but was wrongly apprenticed to a pirate through the poor hearing of his nursemaid Ruth (Sonya C. Tang '04). Frederic then sees young women for the first time in his 21 years of life, falls in love, and vows to exterminate the pirates to whom he was once indentured.

This sort of wordplay, paradox, and running gag is found throughout the rest of the show. (For example, the pirates will not kill anyone who claims to be an orphan.)



DONG WANG—THE TECH

The Pirate King (Graham T. Wright G, center) is paraded around by two pirates (Rob Morrison '96, left, and Gregory J. Lohman G).

ty of G&S satirical style. The show was sold out and even though people who had reserved tickets showed up the suggested 20 minutes before the show, the 8 o'clock show didn't begin until 8:20.

The orchestra conductor, Jimmy Y. Jia G, was the first to speak to the audience and instructed everyone to stand up and sing "God Save the Queen." I was not surprised that everyone stood up, but I was surprised at the number of people who actually decid-

tion made it very hard to understand what they were singing, especially in faster songs such as "Climbing Over Rocky Mountain."

The romantic leads, Frederic and Mabel (Miranda E. Knutson '06), were also hard to understand, but for different reasons. Knutson had amazing projection and high soprano range, but she seemed to have difficulty controlling pitch and tended to slide words together in favor of tone quality over clarity of lyrics. Stanton's performance suffered from

the opposite problem. He had good pitch and diction, but he lacked projection. Edith (Vanessa H. Quinlivan '06) and Samuel (Jonathan E. Blum '06) had the same projection problems.

In contrast, Major-General Stanley (Evan Xenakis) was delightfully pompous and pitiful, with all of his solos easy to understand.

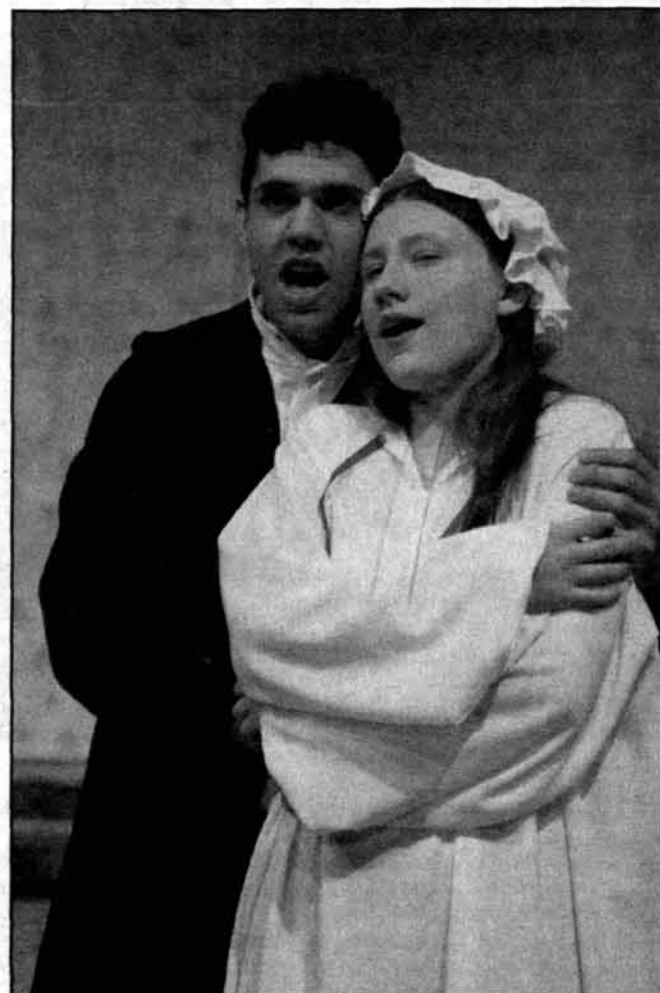
After a 20-minute intermission, which seemed to this writer unnecessarily long for a two hour show which began almost a half-hour late, the second act began. It was decidedly more exciting than the first act, featuring an attack on a castle, love lost and found, the hardships of being a policeman, the joys of being a pirate, and lots of physical comedy. The singers seemed to have used the first act as a warm up, as the real performances kicked in during the second act.

The Sergeant and Policemen in "When a Felon's Not Engaged," were highly entertaining, especially when the bass section demonstrated just how low their voices could go. The Pirate King (Graham T. Wright G) and Ruth, the pirate maid, were also vivacious as they danced about and triumphantly announced to Frederic that he was born on the 29th of February during a leap year and therefore, much to his dismay, was actually still indentured to the pirates. "With Catlike Tread," which involved the pirates singing about how quiet and stealthy they are while stomping heavily across the stage, was also a highlight of the evening.

The costumes were fairly simple but effective, and the set was just elaborate enough to

allow for depth of movement on the stage and some comic moments involving disguises. The less-than-subtle beaver sculpture in the middle of the Castle Garden was also an amusing addition. The lighting was basic and there didn't seem to be any changes in color swaths; nevertheless, the necessary characters were spotlighted when needed and kept the show pleasing to the eye.

What this show lacked in substance, it made up for in enthusiasm. I think I would have enjoyed the show more had I read the libretto first and been familiar with the songs so I could understand what the actors were singing. All in all, G&S succeeded in developing the character of a "Rollicking Band of Pirates" who still love Queen Victoria.



DONG WANG—THE TECH

Frederic (Stuart A. Stanton G, left) and Mabel (Miranda E. Knutson '06) serenade each other in the MIT G&S Players' production of *The Pirates of Penzance*.



JINA KIM—THE TECH

(Left to right) Muses Eileen Huang '05, Elizabeth Lin '06, and Reesa Phillips '06 sway to the music in their fall concert Saturday night. The Muses, MIT's all-female a cappella group, sang a diverse repertoire, including "The Sweetness" by Jimmy Eat World and "Possession" by Sarah McLaughlin.

Solution to Crossword

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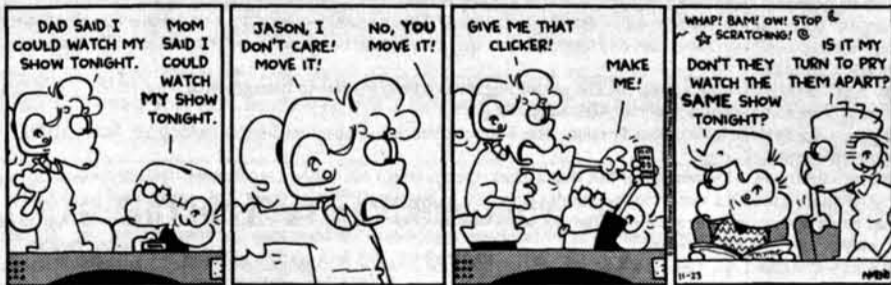
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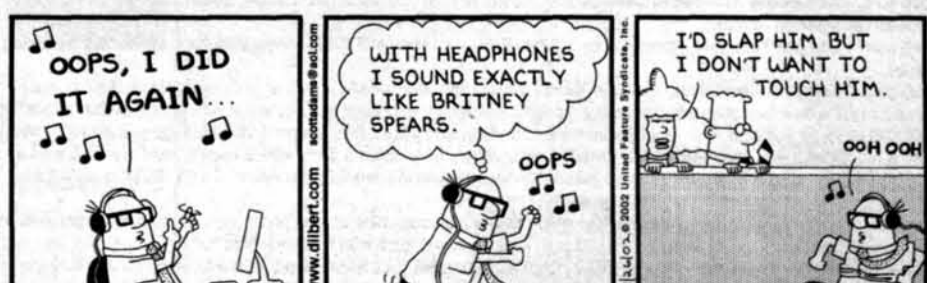
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After dinner we can rape your women and chase you down to Oklahoma!

FoxTrot by Bill Amend



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Crossword Puzzle

Solution, page 10

- ACROSS**
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 5 Alan of "Shane"
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 15 Mutt of Garfield's jokes
 16 Actress Fiorentino
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 20 Like old jokes
 21 Rock full of crystals
 22 Affirmative action?
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 25 Way out
 27 Funny Sid
 30 Bern's river
 31 With 45A, line
 34 Makes eyes at
 38 Hairpiece
 39 Pooh's creator
 41 Bauxite or galena
 42 Emulate Ricky

- Henderson**
 45 See 31A
 48 Movie piglet
 50 July birthstones
 51 Patisserie
 54 Actor Glenn
 56 "Much ___ About Nothing"
 57 Hot drink
 59 Serious situation
 63 Sinker
 66 Calvin of fashion
 67 Molten flow
 68 Zip about
 69 "End of the Road" star Keach
 70 Fingerboard increment
 71 Fencer's sword DOWN
 1 Track circuits
 2 "New Jack City" co-star
 3 Sundance's girlfriend

- 4 Serving no purpose**
5 Cut off
6 Saying
7 Did lunch
8 "Whip It" rock group
9 Not quite presto, musically
10 "___ Abner"
11 Cockamamie
12 So long, senior
13 "___ of Iwo Jima"
18 Get back in the sack?
19 Inklings
24 Fedora feature
26 Std.
27 Intimidates
28 Mine access
29 Outskirts
30 Dancer Pavlova
32 Intuitive feeling
33 Bridge authority
Culbertson

- 35 Mischievous**
Norse god
36 A Great Lake
37 Espies
40 Saragossa's river
43 Tad's dad
44 Theft
46 Surpass
47 Butt in
49 Invitation letters
51 Gets behind
52 Over 18
53 Politically divided peninsula
54 Type of battery
55 Soprano Emma
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60 PDQ relative
61 Bog down
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Events Calendar

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Tuesday, November 26

- 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Childrens' Skating Registration.** Skating instruction is available for 6-12 year old children of the MIT community. A series of eight lessons for both beginner and intermediate level skaters will begin Saturday, December 7. Class sizes are limited, and registration is available on a first-come basis. Deadline for enrollment is Dec. 7, 2002. Course will be held on Saturdays: 12n -Beginners; 1p - Intermediates. Adult lessons are also available providing there is sufficient interest by parents. Students registered prior to Nov. 26 will receive a \$5 reduction in fee. \$65 with MIT Athletics Card; 75 w/o. Room: W35-297X. Sponsor: Physical Education.
- 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. Following the Admissions Information Session is a Student Led Campus Tour which begins in Lobby 7 (main entrance lobby). Groups over 15 people need to make special reservations. free. Room: Admissions Reception Center, Building 10, Room 10-100. Sponsor: Information Center.
- 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Chanukah Sale.** Sale of Chanukah related items including menorahs, candles, dreidels, Chanukah decorations, chocolate gelt, and small gift items. free. Room: Lobby 10. Sponsor: Hillel, MIT.
- 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 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. The Campus Tour begins in Lobby 7 (Main Entrance Lobby at 77 Massachusetts Ave). free. Room: Lobby 7 (Main Entrance Lobby at 77 Massachusetts Ave). Sponsor: Information Center.
- 11:55 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - VCPIA Lunch Meeting.** Weekly lunch meeting sponsored by the MIT Venture Capital & Principal Investment Association. free. Room: Tang Center. Sponsor: MIT Venture Capital and Principal Investment (VCPI) Association, MITEntrepreneurshipCenter.
- 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Blood Drive.** Come help save lives by donating blood or volunteering to help with our drive! See our web page for more information or to make an appointment to donate. free. Room: Student Center - La Sala de Puerto Rico. Sponsor: American Red Cross Team and Network, Blood Drives.
- 2:00 p.m. - Admissions Information Session.** free. Room: Admissions Reception Center, Building 10, Room 10-100. Sponsor: Information Center.
- 2:45 p.m. - Campus Tour.** free. Room: Lobby 7 (Main Entrance Lobby at 77 Massachusetts Ave). Sponsor: Information Center.
- 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - PSFC Seminar.** Plasma Window for Various Applications with Some Puzzling Physics. free. Room: NW17-218. Sponsor: Plasma Science and Fusion Center.
- 4:00 p.m. - MIT Astrophysics Colloquium: TRACY CLARKE.** Diffuse Radio Emission and Magnetic Fields in Clusters of Galaxies. free. Room: MIT Center for Space Research, 70 Vassar Street, Room 37-252, Cambridge, MA. Sponsor: Astrophysics.
- 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Media Lab Colloquium Lecture Series.** Twinkling, humming and teaching new dogs old tricks: some experiments in the spectacles of participation. free. Room: Bartos Theater, Media Lab. Sponsor: Media Lab.
- 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - MechSeminar: On Strange Vibrations and Mysteriously Sinking Tones in a Hot Coffee Mug.** Prof. Kausel discusses, demonstrates, and explains the reasons for a peculiar and intriguing acoustic phenomenon that takes place when a ceramic mug containing cold coffee is heated in a microwave oven. This lighthearted, down to earth, yet rigorous presentation should be delightful to all. Not to be missed!. free. Room: 1-390. Sponsor: Engineering & Environmental Mechanics Group.
- 4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - GTL Seminar Series.** The Ecstasy and The Agony of Axial/Mixed-Flow Compressive Turbomachinery Aerodynamic Design. free. Room: 31-161. Sponsor: Gas Turbine Laboratory, AeroAstro.
- 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - The Magic of Materials: From Metals with a Memory to Brilliant New Lasers.** Department of Materials Science and Engineering Distinguished Lecturer Series. free. Room: 6-120. Sponsor: Dept. of Materials Science and Engineering.
- 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Toastmasters@MIT Evening Meetings.** 77 Mass. Avenue, Cambridge, Building 2, Room 2-131. free. Sponsor: Toastmasters.
- 6:30 p.m. - Architecture Lecture.** Landscape, Space, and Structure. Lecture by Jürg Conzett, structural engineer, Chur, Switzerland. free. Room: Rm 10-250. Sponsor: Department of Architecture.
- 7:00 p.m. - Women's Basketball vs. Anna Maria.** free. Room: Rockwell Cage. Sponsor: Department of Athletics.
- 7:00 p.m. - Film: "The Garifuna Journey": Diaspora is Not the End of the Story.** The Garifuna are an indigenous people of African and Carib-Indian descent who resisted slavery and still live in parts of the US and Latin America. Join us for a film (45 mins.) on the Garifuna community in Belize. One of our members is going to Belize in January to work on HIV/AIDS education. If you have experience to share, please attend. Or stay after the film to find out how you can get support for your own research, volunteer work, or activism abroad. free. Room: MIT 4-231. Sponsor: MIT Western Hemisphere Project.
- 8:00 p.m. - 9:40 p.m. - Movie - Leela.** Leela, a Hollywood production with Indian stars, is a dynamic expression of the struggles and celebrations of expatriate lifestyle, a true reflection of how the South Asian-American community is beginning to emerge, blend, and influence the mainstream American culture in its own exquisite ways. Leela is an aware, liberal woman who struggles with the true meaning of independence. Krishna, born of Indian parents in America, is uncomfortable with his hyphenated existence. It is a universal story of two paths that cross each other and pause a moment before moving on. \$5.00. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: AID-Boston.
- 9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. - LIVEmusic@theEar: Krysalis.** Krysalis, a monthly night of psychedelic trance. Pub Hours: Monday: 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Tuesday - Thursday: 7 p.m. - 1 a.m. Friday: 4 p.m. - 1 a.m. The Thirsty Ear Pub is located in the basement of Ashdown House. Enter through the courtyard. Must be over 21. Proper ID required. free. Room: The Thirsty Ear Pub. Sponsor: The Thirsty Ear Pub.

Wednesday, November 27

- 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Childrens' Skating Registration.** Room: W35-297X. Sponsor: Physical Education.
- 10:00 a.m. - Admissions Information Session.** free. Room: Admissions Reception Center, Building 10, Room 10-100. Sponsor: Information Center.
- 10:45 a.m. - Campus Tour.** free. Room: Lobby 7 (Main Entrance Lobby at 77 Massachusetts Ave). Sponsor: Information Center.
- 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Rainbow Lounge Open.** MIT's resource lounge for lesbian, bisexual, gay, and transgendered members of the community is open. Note: Due to the LGBT Issues Group meeting, the Lounge will close at 5 (it usually is open until 7 PM on Mondays). free. Room: 50-306. Sponsor: lbgt@MIT.
- 2:00 p.m. - Admissions Information Session.** free. Room: Admissions Reception Center, Building 10, Room 10-100. Sponsor: Information Center.
- 2:45 p.m. - Campus Tour.** free. Room: Lobby 7 (Main Entrance Lobby at 77 Massachusetts Ave). Sponsor: Information Center.
- 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Optimality in Metabolic Networks.** This Harvard-MIT Seminar in Computational Biology, sponsored by HST's Bioinformatics and Integrative Genomics Program, is offered in conjunction with a journal club as part of HST.588 (Special Subjects in Medical Engineering and Medical Physics). free. Room: E25-119. Sponsor: HST.
- 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - film: FOOD, USA 2000.** Among others hear about a place where healthy food is considered a right granted by law and about the struggle of independent farming in Canada. free. Room: 2-105. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Students for Global Sustainability.
- 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Buddhist Meditation: Guide to Bodhisattvas Way of Life.** Meditation, Lecture, and Discussion on Shantideva's monumental philosophical treatise. free. Sponsor: Buddhist Community at MIT.
- 8:00 p.m. - Weekly Wednesdays @ the Muddy Charles Pub.** Meet your fellow social graduate students at the Muddy Charles Pub located in the Walker Memorial Building. What will be there for you? \$1 drafts, a variety of beers, wines and sodas, lots of free wings, Sox on the screen. Bring IDs. free. Room: Muddy Charles Pub. Sponsor: Edgerton House Resi-

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8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - IFILM Film Seminar. Screening of a movie followed by a discussion. free. Sponsor: International Film Club.

8:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. - Swing Dancing. No partner required. Beginners welcome. free. Room: Student Center 2nd floor. Sponsor: Lindy Hop Society.

Thursday, November 28

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Conversational English Class. Join us for a free conversational English class for international students and spouses at MIT. Most attendees are women able to speak freely who desire to increase their English skills. Class covers a variety of topics including American culture and holiday descriptions. Free. Room: W11 Board Room. Sponsor: Baptist Campus Ministry.

8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. - IFILM Film Seminar. Screening of a movie followed by a discussion. free. Room: 4-237. Sponsor: International Film Club.

9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - SAVE Meeting. Join us when we discuss environmentalism at MIT in all its aspects, including: assisting the MIT administration to improve environmental conditions; taking a boat along the Charles to clean it; trips to local nature reserves; and plants for the MIT community. free. Room: 1-246. Sponsor: SAVE.

Friday, November 29

12:10 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - GABLES Lunch. GABLES is the M.I.T. gblt staff & faculty group. The lunch is an opportunity for us to gather in a social environment to meet and greet one another. It is also a venue for us to talk about issues of interest to the M.I.T. and larger communities. Our colleagues from the wider community are invited to join us. free. Room: Various. Sponsor: GABLES.

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - F.A.T. (Friday After Thanksgiving) CHAIN REACTION. Do you really want to brave the mall on the Friday after Thanksgiving? Here's a fun alternative. Round up Friends and Family and take part in MIT Museum's annual F.A.T. Chain Reaction. Imagine a ball rolling down a track that lands on a board that tips a book that falls onto a string that pulls six precariously balanced blocks that fall into a pan causing it to get heavy enough to. Yes, you get the idea! Bring your own link or come watch the action. MIT Artist-in-residence, Artum Ganson, renowned chain reaction creator, will be on hand to help with connections. Past teams have included everyone from girl scout troops to artists and engineers, with a little string and duct tape, they all work together beautifully. Registration for Participants is \$10.00 for a team of up to four people. Spectators pay regular museum admission. Room: DuPont Gymnasium 120 Massachusetts Avenue. Sponsor: MIT Museum.

Saturday, November 30

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Childrens' Skating Registration. Room: W35-297X. Sponsor: Physical Education.

Sunday, December 1

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Childrens' Skating Registration. Room: W35-297X. Sponsor: Physical Education.

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Buddhist Meditation and Prayers. Meditation in Buddhist Tradition: sitting and walking meditation followed by chanting. free. Room: Mezzanine Lounge, Student Center. Sponsor: Buddhist Community at MIT.

Monday, December 2

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Childrens' Skating Registration. Room: W35-297X. Sponsor: Physical Education.

10:00 a.m. - Admissions Information Session. free. Room: Admissions Reception Center, Building 10, Room 10-100. Sponsor: Information Center.

10:45 a.m. - Campus Tour. free. Room: Lobby 7 (Main Entrance Lobby at 77 Massachusetts Ave). Sponsor: Information Center.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Introduction to Email at MIT. This quick start gives an overview of how email works at MIT and the different email protocols that are available. Supported programs for use at MIT are described, along with pros and cons of choosing one over the other, brief instructions on getting started, and pointers to more information. The "spam" email problem and what can and can't be done about it will also be presented. Room: N42 Demo. Sponsor: Information Systems.

12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Extending the Life of Buildings: From Fallingwater to Carnegie Hall. free. Room: 7-431 AVT, Dept. of Architecture. Sponsor: Building Technology Program.

2:00 p.m. - Admissions Information Session. free. Room: Admissions Reception Center, Building 10, Room 10-100. Sponsor: Information Center.

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Dreamweaver MX Quick Start. Dreamweaver MX offers a significantly new interface to users as well as enhanced features that make it easier to work with templates, CSS style sheet. This session will be geared toward those who are already somewhat familiar with Dreamweaver from previous versions. free. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.

2:45 p.m. - Campus Tour. free. Room: Lobby 7 (Main Entrance Lobby at 77 Massachusetts Ave). Sponsor: Information Center.

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4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Rationality of renormalized Chem classes. free. Room: 2-143. Sponsor: Differential Geometry Seminar. Department of Mathematics.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - CMSE Colloquium. Title to be announced. free. Room: 13-2137 (von Hippel Room). Sponsor: Center for Materials Science & Engineering.

5:00 p.m. - CCRR Grants Deadline. Deadline for all CCRR Grant applications. free. Room: 7-211. Sponsor: Committee on Campus Race Relations.

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - LGBT Issues Group Meeting. Meeting of faculty, staff, and student committee dedicated to ensuring MIT is welcoming and support of its LGBT members. Please e-mail lbgt@mit.edu if you are interested in joining the Group. free. Room: West Lounge (2nd Floor, Student Center). Sponsor: lbgt@MIT, Student Life Programs.

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Negotiating Job Offers. This session will demonstrate how to effectively how to evaluate and differentiate between different job offers and how to make an informed career decision. free. Room: TBA. Sponsor: OCSPA.

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Places of Tomorrow. Part of colloquium Regulating Place: Standards and the Shaping of Urban America. free. Room: Room 10-485. Sponsor: Department of Urban Studies and Planning.

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Aga Khan Special Film Presentation. Between Prayers: Proscribed Scenes from a Historic Monument. free. Room: 3-133. Sponsor: Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture.

7:00 p.m. - Cyanide and Gold: Is a US Mining Company Poisoning the People of Honduras? JESSE BARNES spent the summer in the village of El Porvenir, in Honduras, near one of the country's largest gold mines. To retrieve gold profitably, the owner of the mine - a US corporation - uses cyanide solution to leach the precious metal out of the ore. Is this method poisoning the people and the environment? Jesse's project aimed to find out; and to empower the people of El Porvenir so that they can continue to monitor the quality of their environment. free. Room: MIT 4-237. Sponsor: MIT Western Hemisphere Project. MIT History Faculty.

9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. - Monday Night Football at The Ear. Watch the game on The Thirsty Ear's big screen TV every Monday night. Tonight: New York Jets vs. Oakland. Pub Hours: Monday: 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Tuesday - Thursday: 7 p.m. - 1 a.m. Friday: 4 p.m. - 1 am The Thirsty Ear Pub is located in the basement of Ashdown House. Enter through the courtyard. Must be over 21. Proper ID required. free. Room: The Thirsty Ear Pub. Sponsor: The Thirsty Ear Pub.

Some Gobble Up Early Feasts

Thanksgiving, from Page 1

Tuesday. In any case, he said that his family's dinner will not be a traditional one: there will be no "getting up early in the morning to make the turkey," although they have dinner together. Other than that, he said, the point of the weekend is "hanging around with old friends" around the city.

President Charles M. Vest will be among those heading away from MIT for the holiday. Vest said that there is "nothing like small grandchildren to make one thankful," and that he is very happy to be visiting them over the holiday.

Along with children, however, he also said that "in our family, I revel in taking the major role in cooking the traditional turkey dinner, including my secret recipe for stuffing."

Find an on-campus turkey binge

Often the sleepy, satisfied feeling of the holiday is made worse by Thanksgiving dinners the weekend before. Some dormitories schedule their special dinners for the Saturday and Sunday before the break, to make sure dinner is served before half the floor has departed.

Jean Marie Downing '06 said that although she will not make it home this year, the dinner held by MacGregor's E Entry was "a lot of fun. There was way too much food." Often residents will make their own food, only to discover later that a smorgasbord of home-cooked food seems to inhibit productivity.

Downing said that while she planned to go out and enjoy Boston with some of her friends around the



Christine P. Fleming '04 serves a slice of ham to Shawntel B. Hines '06 during a Thanksgiving dinner organized by the Black Students Union in New House on Sunday night.

city, not making it home for Thanksgiving means that she will "have to come home for Christmas."

Volunteering for the holidays

Ivana L. Sturdivant '04 will go with her family on Thanksgiving day to volunteer at the Ronald

McDonald House in her neighborhood. She said that for seven years, she and her family have helped to help prepare the food on Wednesday and then serve breakfast, lunch and dinner to the hungry. She also said that after such a long day they "just chill."



Adam D. Kraft '05 (left) and East Campus president Ryan D. Williams '03 gather with other residents, graduate advisors, and alumni on EC's Second West Sunday night to celebrate Thanksgiving early.

Questions Asked Vary Among MIT Students

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sand, a graduate student at Northeastern University.

"I think it's good to know who is entering and leaving the country. However, they are going too far when they ask for parent contacts and sometimes credit card numbers," Yahyanejad said. "I don't know how effective it will be because those who have something to hide may just not show up, and take the risks."

Yahyanejad also questioned the list of countries from which people must register with the INS.

"The selection of countries whose citizens are required to go is very political, not necessarily based on national security," Yahyanejad said.

New countries added to list

Originally, only males born on or before Nov. 15, 1986 who were citizens or nationals of Iran, Iraq, Libya, Sudan, and Syria were required to appear at the INS by Dec. 16. On Nov. 22, the INS added Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Eritrea, Lebanon, Morocco, North Korea, Oman, Qatar, Somalia, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen to the list. Those with citizenship from these countries must register by Jan. 10, 2003.

"My registration took 50 to 55

minutes. I think that with more people due to the recent addition, the process is a little faster because they want to get through everyone," Rahmandad said.

"I waited over two hours, but actual registration took about 40 minutes," Yahyanejad said. "The line moved pretty slowly, it seemed that they were being very inefficient."

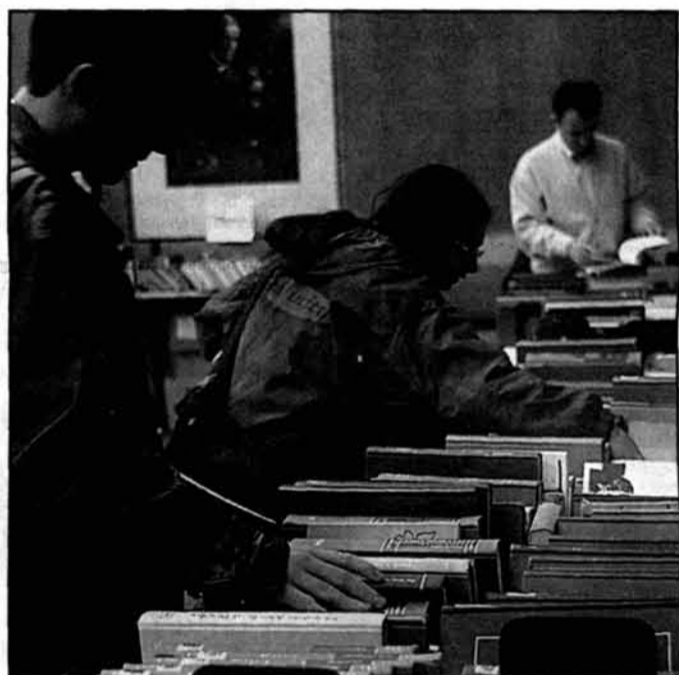
The actual registration process includes a photograph, fingerprints, and an interview under oath.

Yahyanejad said he thought that many people may not know that they are supposed to register. "We were notified by e-mail, and some people don't have access to the Internet," he said. "Some students have relatives that did not know this was going on."

INS contact ongoing

Those who register with the INS must report back for an interview every year and inform the INS in person if they leave the U.S. Those who do not register by a given date may be subject to fines, arrest, or deportation.

According to the INS Web site, registration is being carried out because "in light of the attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001 and subsequent events ... the Attorney General has determined that certain nonimmigrant aliens require closer monitoring."



A student searches through the books on display at the MIT Libraries' book sale in the Bush room. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the MIT Libraries' Preservation Fund.



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Vassar St. Utilities

For several weeks, due to an underground telecommunications ductbank project, doors exiting to the rear between buildings 34 and 38 will be closed. There will still be one exit from the Building 34 lobby in the direction of Building 26. The pedestrian route from the Albany St. garage through Building 34 to the main campus will not be available. People should enter the campus using the pedestrian walkway under Building 39.

Stata Center

Waterproofing inspection and window installation are ongoing. Construction of tunnel connection from Stata Center to Building 26 is underway. Some odor may result from this work; air fresheners are available for offices that experience problems. Preparation for utility work between Building 56 and the Alumni Pool has begun.

Vassar Streetscape

Paving in front of the Stata site is complete. Curb placement on the south side of the street is underway. Traffic to Building 39 will use the normal exit and entrance lanes once again. These lanes will stay in effect for 3 or 4 weeks until the next phase of the project. The lanes will again change to one-lane in and one-lane out from one entrance as construction sequencing dictates. North side sidewalk construction will begin in December.

Building 7 ADA accessible entrance

Concrete removal to prepare for installation of entranceway will take place shortly. Some noise resulting from jack hammering may occur. Landscaping north of the main steps will take place in the spring, after the ADA ramp is in place. Construction of the ramp will continue into January.

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Benjamin J. Kochan '05, one of the DJs for WMBR's "Late Risers Club", sorts through records at WMBR on Monday. WMBR's fundraising drive last week reached its \$75,000 goal.

WMBR Hits \$75K Donation Goal

By Keith J. Winsteln

NEWS EDITOR

WMBR, MIT's campus radio station at 88.1 FM, achieved its goal of raising \$75,000 after this month's week-long drive for donations

David J. Etlin G, the station's general manager, said, "WMBR's 2002 fundraiser was our most successful yet, receiving pledges from around 1,300 listeners and passing our \$75,000 goal set by last year's fundraiser," Etlin said.

WMBR appears to have met its annual fundraising goal in most of the past several years, even as the station's goal increased from \$35,000 to the current \$75,000.

The station is principally supported by listener donations, with some financial support, plus free studio space and electricity, coming

from MIT.

The fundraising drive was supported by local restaurants, who provided food to fundraising volunteers, and by the Cambridge Trust Company, which waived credit card processing fees on donations to the station, Etlin said.

Station upgrades to continue

In the upcoming year, WMBR will continue to maintain its studio and upgrade its equipment in the basement of Walker Memorial, said Juliet L. Outten G, the station's treasurer.

"The equipment wears out and breaks and dies, and we have to get new equipment," she said.

Also, Outten said, "We maintain an extensive record library. We always need to update and keep on

top of current music."

"We are an all-volunteer organization, so listener contributions go directly to capital expenses instead of salaries," Etlin said.

Student involvement increases

Student involvement in WMBR has doubled this year, Etlin said, and more than 30 students now have weekly shows on the station.

Etlin encouraged students seeking their own WMBR shows to take the group's class during the Independent Activities Period in January, "How To Be A Giant In College Radio (Learn To Be a DJ)."

"Several students who attended our last IAP course got their own radio shows the following summer," he said.

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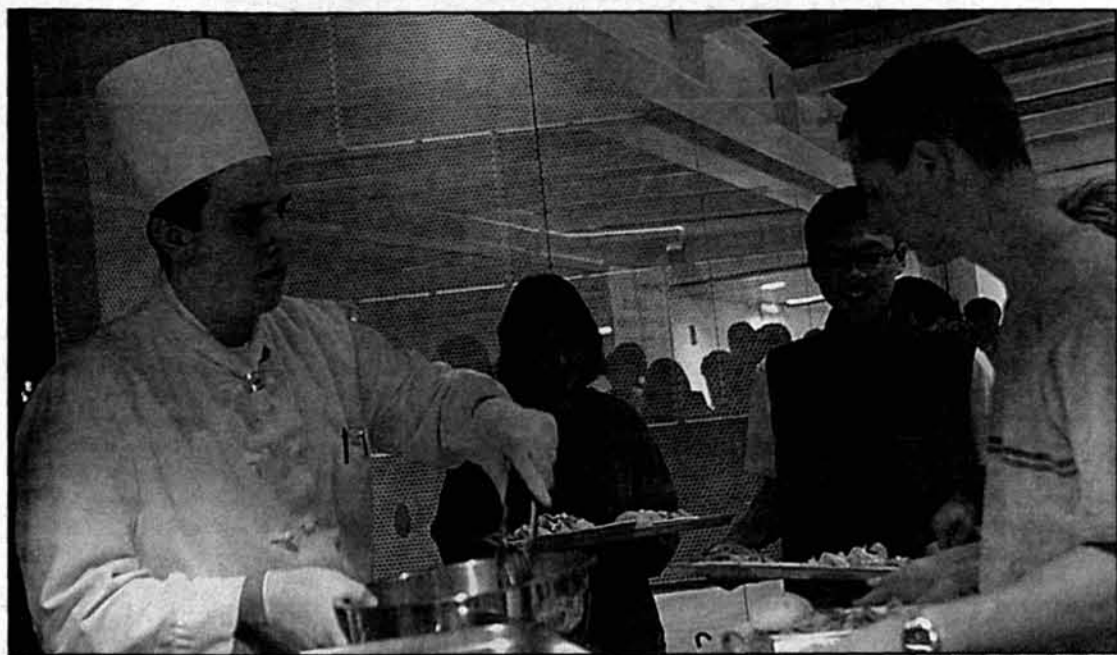
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Friday, Dec. 6th/1 pm



Bon Appetit Chef Charles Griffin prepares fried chicken in teriyaki, honey mustard, BBQ, or spicy sauce for students at Simmons Dining Monday evening. Griffin has been present at Simmons Dining since last week in response to residents' complaints about declining quality.

Bon Appetit Seeks More Feedback

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Benedict said that the "regional vice president of Bon Appetit is here at MIT and has brought in a culinary team and the permanent Simmons Chef Manager, Charles Griffin, has been assigned to supervise service from this point forward."

Benedict also announced that nutritional information would be provided to residents, after some voiced concerns regarding dietary restrictions. Other concerns regarding early posting of menus and food quality and presentation were addressed in a message from Bon Appetit the following day.

Bon Appetit adds feedback board

In an e-mail message sent Nov. 20, Richard D. Berlin III, director

of campus dining, told Simmons residents that the Office of Campus Dining "deeply regrets the recent lapses in service with your dining program. Our communications must and will improve to ensure the active involvement in menu planning and other aspects of service that was promised to you all."

One means to improve communication was the addition of a "Tell the Chef" comment board, where comments and suggestions would be passed along to Griffin.

The first "Tell the Chef" comment sheets were distributed on Sunday, and early feedback was positive, said Kathie Hanwell, Bon Appetit general manager for MIT. "We've done a little bit of changes in our menu mix as well as the presentation. So far, we got a lot of

positive feedback from students."

Firing rumors dismissed

In the discussion leading up to last week's Simmons Dining Committee meeting, rumors circulated among students that Bon Appetit had fired staff. However, Hanwell said that "no permanent employees have left."

"We had temporary staff in place," Hanwell said. She said that Bon Appetit hired temporary staff at the beginning of the fall expecting to be fully settled in the Simmons dining hall by November. With the dining hall delayed until January, food will continue to be transported to Simmons from Next House.

"We are just looking forward to moving into the actual dining hall, working at the kitchen and using the facilities there," Hanwell said.

DormCon to Discuss Drinking Agreement

Alcohol, from Page 1

Trujillo said the plan has "promising strategies."

MIT has already implemented programs similar to those suggested by the Action Plan, including alcohol training for graduate resident tutors and a student advisory board, Trujillo said.

The original intention was for schools to commit to the Action Plan, but MIT had concerns about "committing without student support," Trujillo said. Other schools had expressed similar concerns, he said.

Trujillo said that MIT also didn't want to sign up "for a cook-book approach" that did not necessarily address MIT-specific concerns.

Substance-free housing disputed

Dormitory Council Vice President Tyler J. Bronder '03 said he was concerned about substance-free housing, a provision of the Action Plan that asks colleges to provide "substance-free or wellness housing" to students who request it.

Bronder said that divisions between substance-free and other areas could "start to really separate themselves" from each other. "I think the last thing anybody wants is for a freshman to pick a room solely because it's in a 'non-substance-free' area," he said.

DormCon President Grace R. Kessenich '04 said that Trujillo was coming to the next meeting on Dec. 5 to discuss the agreement. DormCon members were concerned with the provision for substance-free housing, which was inaccurately reported in *The Boston Globe*.

FSILGs already taking action

Mira E. Wilczek '04, Interfraternity Council external relations chair,

said that IFC conducts its own training programs and has worked to improve its alcohol responsibility. "The IFC has taken many steps to ensure that alcohol is being used responsibly," she said. "We've definitely taken great strides."

In addition to MIT-based programs, MIT has worked with the Cambridge License Commission and Harvard University, Trujillo said.

Wilczek said the collaboration recently led to an alcohol-free show at the House of Blues.

Plan calls for state assistance

The Action Plan, which comprises nearly 40 specific policies, covers alcohol training, administration and campus police involvement, orientation, housing, athletics, and numerous other topics. The plan calls for an advisory board to "identify strategies, programs, and events that foster prevention of alcohol abuse and the development of a positive, pro-active campus culture."

An important part of the plan is the provision of technical assistance from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Trujillo said.

The Action Plan calls for the Attorney General's Office and the Department of Public Health to "provide technical assistance as appropriate."

According to an August 2002 draft of the Action Plan, participating schools may also "participate in an anonymous standard assessment" program and meet to discuss the program's progress.

The Commitment to Collaboration stems from meetings last Spring with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Attorney General's Office in which the Action Plan first took shape, Trujillo said.

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CEO Bezos Discusses Amazon

By Marissa Vogt
STAFF REPORTER

Jeff Bezos, the founder and CEO of Amazon.com, spoke to members of the MIT community last night about using technology to distinguish his company.

Bezos, who graduated from Princeton University with a degree in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, made a dramatic entrance on his Segway Human Transporter. When Segway HTs first go on sale, they will be available only through Amazon.com

Bezos talked about the importance of technology to his company. Amazon.com's vision, Bezos said, is "to be the Earth's most customer-centric company, to be the place to find, discover, and buy anything you want online, and to use technology to drive innovation."

Personalization helps site grow

The company has grown tremendously since it was launched in 1995, and Bezos credited this to a combination of invention, innovation, and personalization.

"You can't really run a business

of any kind if you're not going to listen to your customers," he said. "We've done a tremendous amount of invention and our goal is to build a place where each individual customer has his or her own Web site."

Robert A. Frederick '96, manager of Amazon.com's Web services and mobile device access group, also addressed the audience and

to products on Amazon.com. Among these were Amazon Lite, a method of linking Amazon search results to other Web site; Mockerybird, which lists products from book watch, Google, and Amazon; and "Yes bar," a tool that displays the song that is currently playing on the radio on any station and has links for people to buy the music on Amazon.com.

Variety of products help business

Bezos also credited the company's success to "incredibly eclectic" line of products available on Amazon.com and the variety of product recommendations.

Customers find the personal recommendations and reviews particularly useful, and often quite humorous, Bezos said.

"We do sometimes have people write spoof reviews. We've had God review the Bible, and last year somebody started posting customer reviews pretending to be Emily Bronte, saying 'I hate Jane Austen,'" Bezos said.

The talk, entitled "Earth's Most Customer-Centric Company: Differentiating with Technology," was sponsored by the MIT Association for Computing Machinery and the MIT chapter of the Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

"You can't run a business of any kind if you're not going to listen to your customers." —Jeff Bezos

demonstrated various ways of accessing Amazon.com's services from other Web sites.

Frederick said his goal is to define a capability to interact with Amazon.com and get search results from outside sources.

"The more people that are interacting with our products, the more products we'll sell," Frederick said. "We try to understand what our customers are doing, where they're coming from."

Frederick demonstrated different tools that their software developers have created to enable people to link



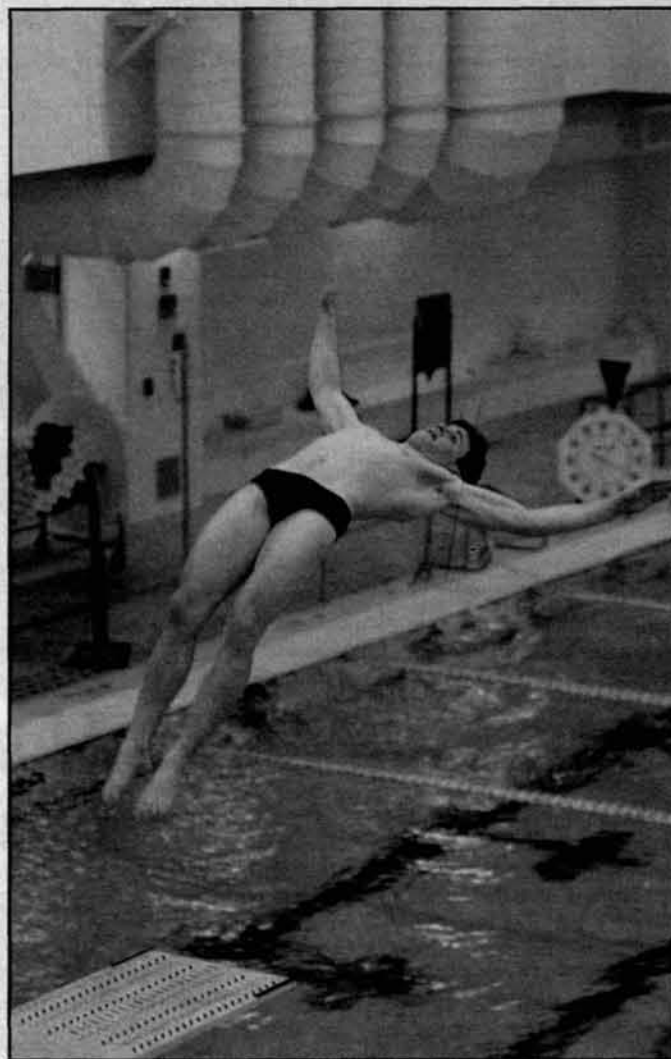
DANIEL BERSAK—THE TECH

Brent R. Fisher '03 knocks an opponent off his skates during Monday night's scrimmage against the District 10 Sabres at Johnson Athletic Center. MIT went on to win the game, although nobody kept score.



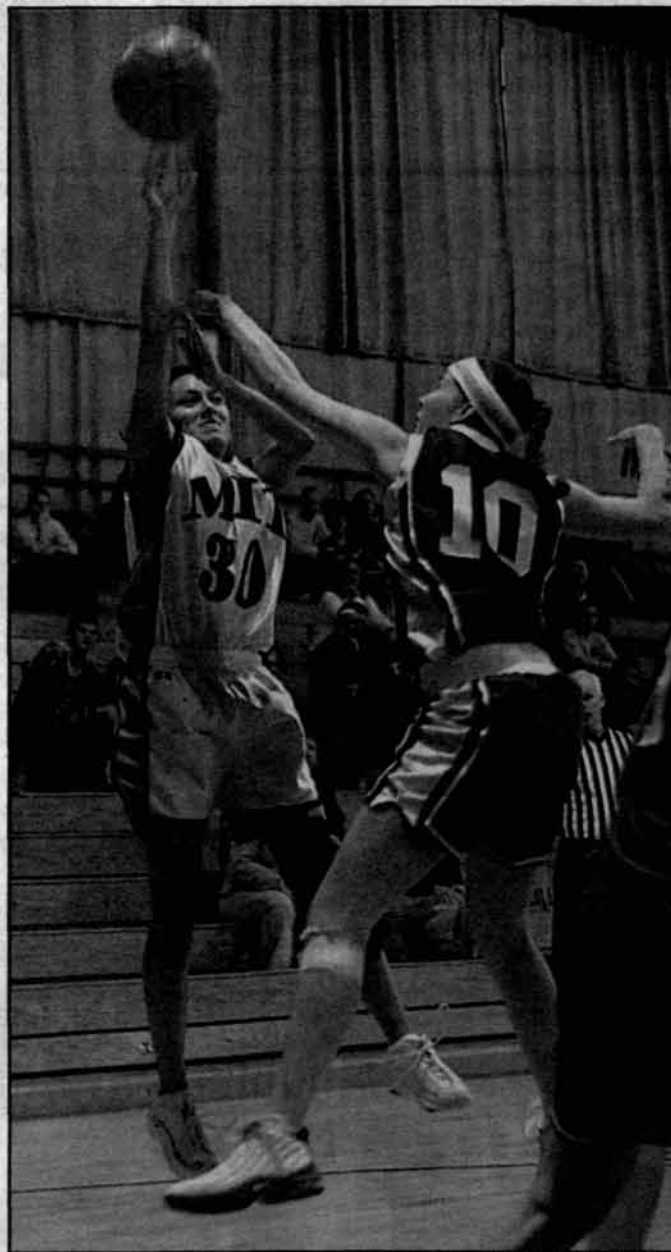
AARON D. MIHALIK—THE TECH

Kunal K. Surana '03 returns a shot during the men's squash match against the U.S. Naval Academy on Sunday. Surana defeated Navy's Edson Greenwood 3-0 (9-1, 9-4, 9-1), but MIT lost 8-1.



AARON D. MIHALIK—THE TECH

Damian M. Engen '03 dives during the men's and women's swimming and diving meet on Saturday. The men's and women's teams each picked up two wins by defeating Babson and Bowdoin Colleges on Saturday.



ROSHAN BALIGA—THE TECH

Maria E. Hidalgo '04 (left) sinks a jump shot during Saturday's game against Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. MIT beat RPI 68-56 in the finals of the Tip-Off Classic tournament, which included teams from MIT, RPI, Tufts, and Emerson. Dorothy A. Phoenix '06 and Rayna B. Zacks '05 were named to the All-Tournament team, and Crystal A. Russell '03 was named the MVP of the tournament.

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