McInts Declines Housemaster Position

By Dan Cho

Associate Professor of History Anne F. McInts has resigned as future housemaster for Simmons Hall and will be replaced by Professor of Chemistry John M. Essignam and his wife, Ellen, when the new dormitory opens this fall.

The change in personnel was announced Friday by Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedict. McInts had served as chair of the Simmons Founder's Group and was expected to assume the role of housemaster once the new dorm opened in September, 2002. McInts made her decision to step down in mid-December due to personal and professional reasons.

The increasing demands in my department and also change in my family situation both were compelling me to think long and hard about whether I could do the job properly," McInts said, "especially opening a new dorm, with all of the attendant complications."

The delay in the opening of Simmons Hall, which was originally scheduled for September, 2001, also contributed to McInts' decision to decline the post.

Essignam had tough decision

In choosing the new the housemasters for Simmons, Benedict consulted McInts, the housemasters and presidents of several other MIT dorms, and Chancellor Phillip L. Clay. In the end, the Essignams were offered the position, in part because of a longstanding Institute practice of bringing experienced housemasters into new dormitories.

The Essignams, currently housemasters of New House, will be Simmons Hall's first housemasters.

Clay Outlines Housing Plan with Ashdown Grads

By Danos Chrlstodoulou

Chancellor Phillip L. Clay PhD '75 held a meeting to discuss housing undergraduates in graduate student housing Friday, establishing two task forces to handle further planning.

Graduate students involved in the meeting said they were satisfied with the progress made thus far. "I think it was a very positive meeting," said Shumangavala S. Sokka G, former president of Ashdown House and a member of the

MIT Watching Fourth West, But Floor Not Sanctioned

By Kevin R. Lang

MIT decided yesterday not to take disciplinary actions against the fourth floor of East Campus' west parallel after MIT Campus Police found a marijuana plant in a resident's room on Jan. 9, and residents will be under close watch from MIT in the future.

Assistant Dean Carol Orme-Johnson said MIT is taking three steps toward ensuring a similar incident does not occur in the future. First, "the enforcement of MIT policies around drugs and alcohol is going to be strict and vigilant," Orme-Johnson said. Second, Fourth West residents will be required to attend a discussion about drugs and alcohol. Third, residents have been warned that future incidents will be taken seriously by MIT.

"It's been made clear that they've had their last chance," Orme-Johnson said. She said no one has been moved off the hall, other than residents against whom MIT has "compelling evidence."

Though Orme-Johnson did not name him specifically, Peter N. Merts '04 is known to be the student who was found in possession of the marijuana plant on Jan. 9, and he is no longer living on the hall.

Merk's current MIT directory information lists his address as Durham, North Carolina.

Orme-Johnson said that MIT reserved the right to move residents in case of future incidents.

MIT punishes individual, not hall

Orme-Johnson said that the actions taken by MIT reflect the fact that the marijuana plant incident was not characteristic of the entire hall. "I think there are a lot of people on the hall who don't participate or appreciate the lifestyle that a few have adopted," Orme-Johnson said. "The floor really hasn't been punished."

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The Weather

Today: Sunny, cold, 32°F (0°C)

Toni:m: Clear, cooler, 21°F (-6°C)

Tomorrow: Partly sunny, 37°F (3°C)

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Proposed Visa Ban Mobilizes Students

By Richa Maheshwari

When Ali Mostashari G was admitted to MIT, he couldn't just send in his admissions reply. He, like other fellow Iranian students, had to undergo four to six weeks of background checks and travel to another country with an American Embassy to get his visa. Although some of his peers were not as lucky, he was fortunate enough to get a student visa. Today he is trying to ensure that others have the same opportunities that he did.

Mostashari, along with several organizations around campus, took action to oppose Section 366 of Senate Bill number S 1749, which states that visas will not be issued to aliens from a country that is deemed a "state sponsor of international terrorism" unless said alien is found to not be a threat to "the safety or national security of the United States" using guidelines to be established by the Secretary of State and Attorney General.

Groups ask Vest to take a stand

On Jan. 15, Nazbeh R. Tabarsheidi '02, president of the MIT Persian Students Association, wrote a letter to President Charles M. Vest about key terms with the bill. On behalf of the club she stated that "we believe the proposed legislation will virtually stop the admission of students and scholars of Iranian descent into the United

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Patriots fans overturn an empty BMW on Lansdowne Street Sunday night. Police intervention on Lansdowne was minimal until the car was overturned at approximately 1:00 a.m. The police, some brandishing rubber bullet guns, effectively dispersed the crowd within 20 minutes.
Russian President Responds Skeptically to ‘Axis Of Evil’

By James Gerstenzang and Edwin Chen

President Bush failed Monday to gain Russia’s agreement that Iraq, Iran and North Korea constitute what he calls an “axis of evil” bent on spreading terror and war.

Kasyanov made clear that Moscow is less willing than the United States to regard those nations as renegade nations that might be targeted next. Bush said the United States and Russia must “identify their enemies, real dangers, rather than imaginary ones.”

Asked whether he thought the threat Bush says the three nations pose is “imaginary,” the prime minister avoided a direct answer. Instead, he said that if specific dangers are identified, “we should provide evidence to each other and then assure all others that those threats really exist.”

Kasyanov added that a realistic posture to cooperate with the administration in seeking out such threats.

Bush's comments illustrate the balance Russia is trying to strike in its dealings with the United States, said Dmitri K. Klyuev, prime minister Frol Fishelevsky.

The president, in his dealings with the United States, said Klyuev, has reached beyond an appointment to a $9 million federal agency that has been eager to promote the success of the U.S.-Russian relationship, in the wake of the president's frequent contacts with Russian President Vladimir V. Putin. But as Bush seeks to leverage the Putin relationship beyond Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda network and the defeated Taliban regime, he is encountering a more complex international realities that might strain Russia's support for Washington's course.

Russia historically has been close to the United States in the past, especially in its push to get the United Nations Security Council to look into the Persian Gulf War's causes.

The Justice Department immediately promised to appeal the decision.

“Sharon is scheduled to meet Thursday with President Bush in Washington and has consented to be deposed before the panel Monday, but he has under siege at his headquarters in Ramallah for two months, Arafat, whom the Israelis have accused of fueling tensions in the region. Sharon has had upper hand at his headquarters in Ramallah for two months, accused Sharon of using his military sources said the men were trying to escape carrying a large device in the car that apparently went off prematurely.

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Bush Administration Proposes
Security-Laden Federal Budget

By Eric Plamnn
and Bill Miller
THE WASHINGTON POST
WASHINGTON

Concerns about homeland security permeate virtually every facet of federal spending as the Bush administration moves to redefine the government's mission in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the fiscal 2003 budget released Monday shows.

While police and firefighters, border security agents, biotechnology experts and intelligence agencies understandably were among the biggest gainers in the new budget — which contains nearly $38 billion for domestic security activities — agencies that once had only the most remote links to homeland security are being showered with funds for that purpose.

The Agriculture Department, for example, would spend $146 million on various programs to protect the nation's food supply from threats ranging from terrorists to insects. The Little Known Commerce Department Bureau of Export Administration would receive $30 million more than in fiscal 2002 to make sure that potentially dangerous materials exported to other countries don't end up in the hands of terrorists.

The Interior Department would be given $884 million over last year to protect national monuments and parks. The Small Business Administration would get millions more for its disaster loan program to assist in case of renewed attacks, and the U.S. Customs Service would boost revenue for homeland security activities by raising passenger fees for the政权 over their former fields. Fierce fighting erupted last week in Gardez, south of Kabul, when a local council objected to a provincial governor named by the national government.

Qanooni described the fighting as a "local problem" and asserted: "I'm very sure that what happened in Gardez will not be escalated and scattered throughout the country. It was a local situation, and there were hands of foreign countries. The situation is now under control."

Data Recovery Experts Predict Enron Records Not Gone Forever

According to news reports, various data recovery experts have been called in by Enron Corporation to help recover the thousands of e-mails and other documents that were deleted or wiped from Enron's computer servers in the lead-up to the company's bankruptcy.

Eric Thompson, founder and chairman of Provo, Utah-based Access Data Inc., which is providing forensic software to Rosen for use in the investigation, said even encrypted or password-protected e-mails and documents can be recovered. Thompson said that ASR, which is used by law enforcement and corporations globally, has a "very high recovery rate.""We typically enjoy a very high recovery rate."

Rosen, president of ASR Data of Cedar Park, Texas, one of the companies involved in the case. "We typically enjoy a very high recovery rate."

Rosen declined to answer any specific questions about the case, but sources close to the investigation said ASR is working at the behest of Andersen on the case. "We typically enjoy a very high recovery rate."

Come see the Martin Luther King Installation in Lobby 10

Come voice your opinion at a Discussion on Race Relations

"From Dreams to Reality:
The Illusion of Full Inclusion"

"Success, recognition, and conformity are the bywords of the modern world where everyone seems to crave the anesthetizing security of being identified with the majority."

-Martin Luther King, Jr., Strength to Love, 1963.
The lawsuit filed on Jan. 28 by the family of Elizabeth Shin, who was killed by gunfire on campus last December, is not so much of surprise as for its potential impact. With the suit filed by the family of Scott S. Wang, MIT quickly settled and moved on — by housing freshmen on campus, MIT could ensure that no freshman would ever again die following a fraternity pledge event. With the Shin lawsuit, however, MIT cannot distance itself in the same way — no one can guarantee that students will not commit suicide in the future.

The Tech community, President Charles M. Vest wrote that MIT would “respond to these unfair and inaccurate allegations in court,” which indicates that MIT will fight the lawsuit with all its resources and settle before or at trial. MIT is not under pressure to contact parents quickly, pushing the boundaries of confidentiality laws. In addition, students, knowing that their parents are likely to be contacted, might be more hesitant to seek help. Vest mentions students who “insist that information be withheld from their parents as a condition for accepting help,” even though such help has been applied in the Shin case. A settlement or Shin family victory would burden doctors in such situations, forcing them to put their families in front of students’ rights, privacy and medical interests. The Tech applauds Vest for defending students’ needs in his letter.

In addition, malpractice, which the Shin alleges, is unclear at best in a case of mental health care. One cannot know in advance how a case of psychiatric care will turn out. It may or may not be a case of mental illness, despite a seemingly obvious diagnosis in hindsight. Shin actively sought the help of friends, faculty, psychiatric professionals and MIT, but apparently she did not seek the help of her parents, even though MIT Medical encourages students to involve their parents in treatment. Her parents could only indirectly verify, but apparently they chose not to take this initiative, leaving the decision entirely to MIT faculty, administrators, and medical professionals.

The Tech applauds the Shin family’s feelings and reasons for filing suit against MIT; the grief from the loss of their daughter is clearly reason enough to see answers and justice. However, the Shin family’s case cannot change MIT’s mental health system and preventing future suicides; however, they should announce how much of the $27 million might win from MIT would be allocated toward health initiatives, much in the same way a scholarship fund was established in the Krueger settlement.

Annually funded for defending those at MIT who tried to help Elizabeth Shin, but more importantly, he should be commended for considering the impact on the MIT community in addition to the legal ramifications of the Shin lawsuit. MIT should remain steady in its resolve to stand up for students, even if it means fighting for our rights in a courtroom.

Patriotism Not Always Ignorant

In “Fear of the Flag” [January 30], Stephanie Wang made the unfair accusation that anyone who displays an American flag in their dorm room is not American or not patriotic. While I do agree that American flags can be symbols of social stigma and political condemnation. Simply believing that something is “ignorant patriotism,” and this is a gross error.

I have a flag — in fact I had a flag before flying it for the country. I do my share with everything done in the name of America. I support our Constitution and the Bill of Rights. And most importantly, I share a sense of community with other Americans through my flag, almost the only thing that entails. Wang only points out the “extra efforts to commit harm that can be directed toward evil or good. We need to put our effort into directing it toward good, not endeavoring to sting it. If you do not care about our current U.S. policy, write a letter or stage a protest. That’s patriotic. That’s patriotic thing to do.

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Might, Right, and Disinterest

Ken Nesmith

Our war on terror has been successful. We quickly and decisively reasserted American government, and though the daunting task of laying the foundation for a functional nation lies before us, by most measures we've been exceptionally successful in Afghanistan.

In our response to the attacks of Sept. 11, we've acted forcefully and decisively in punishing those who attacked our society. In doing so, however, we've perpetrated a framework of international relations that can be described concisely as "might makes right." The infrastructure existed for the United States to judiciously and deliberately pursue justice through a system of international law and trial, and the means to prosecute those involved in the attacks were available to us. We chose not to do so.

In this case, the identity of the guilty parties was not ambiguous. With firsthand information and the indisputable fact that our country had been attacked in hand, we did perfectly understandable and arguably rational things: we struck back hard. In primitive terms, we, the king of the global jungle, responded to the vicious beheading of a vital, weak animal by swatting it firmly away. We affirmed our role as a powerful figure not to be abstractly questioned.

That violent, reactionary behavior is simple, fundamental, and consistent with the history of international relations, for good or ill. It is the practical way for me right now. I am, after all, an American, and therefore on the side of the mighty and the corresponding right.

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Michael Borucke

I just spent the past three weeks in Ayiti (Haiti), which is the southernmost nation of the Caribbean. In particular, I was interested in looking at what is happening in the country concerned about the problems affecting the country is the lack of due process for the citizens. Being the poorest country in the western hemisphere, Ayiti has no infrastructure to treat its wastewater, has very little water, has very little food, has very little medical treatment, and is very susceptible to any self-pity. Instead there seemed to be a sense of 'what the hell, we're going to do anything but ourselves. At every collection site we visited, children gathered around us inquisitively looking at our glasses of water. They were used to seeing me - there was a smile. A few people took the opportunity to brush up on their English and struck up a conversation including your questions (I learned Creole). People asked about where I live, did I have siblings, what did I think of Haiti. Several times people told me, "I am happy to be Haitian." It seems that some of the facts being presented in the suit are sheer speculation; but one must construct a coherent story in order to win the public relations game. With enough bad publicity, the Shins can bully MIT into paying them anything they want, regardless of truth or justice.

Guest Column

Michael J. Salib

There has been a lot of talk lately about the Shin family's wrongful death suit and what it means for the future of the press conferences and the legal system. I think a basic fact has been lost.

It is important to realize that the specific "categorical facts" are merely a description of what the Shin family claims happened. We're only interested in the "categorical facts" and not the complete speculation. MIT can't publicly refute those claims (even if they're complete fabrication). There's no incentive to tell the truth here, because MIT would have to prove that those events did not happen.

The Shins are desperately hoping we won't notice that they have no evidence to back up their story. In February of her freshman year, they didn't realize she was suicidal. But McLean is a psych hospital; you can't just say "shhh" and send her back to the dorm. The doctors had to legally treat her. The Shins are fighting. With enough bad publicity, they will have the Shins get to hold a big press conference and say "Oh what a travesty on the faces of the people. Too busy with the press conference and "be all for MlT. But amidst the press conference and suppressing the truth and nothing but the truth, what really remains a simple solution: stop paying for MIT's relationship game. That is the real battle the Shins want is coming out of my pocket (and the U.S. government, let alone its people. If they should not be able to hold a press conference and say "Oh what a travesty, what really doesn't apply to you, personally. Why did I have siblings, what did I think of Haiti.

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It's a vivid example of how the media can make a story out of something that has surfaced in America since the start. Granted, the current generation has less need for the motivations and patriotism and national pride in the preceding generation's official and falsely motivated patriotism.

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Proud Patriot

Guest Column

Daniel D. Burkey

Stephanie Wang's opinion piece ("Fear Of The Flag," January 30) is one of many that has been influenced by the Sept. 11 that has questioned the motivation and sincerity of much of the apparent patriotism and nationalism since that date. In a country where patriotism is born in the wake of those terrible attacks.

Then I bought one and affixed it to the rear of my car. Some people have said that I was irrational. I know that, I like others, felt helpless and powerless in the hours, days, and weeks that followed. But I also felt that I needed to do something, I broke with the tradition of giving a donation to relief efforts, and I went to the flag shop in Arlington and bought an American flag, which is where I bought it. Then I bought one and affixed it to the rear of my car. I still fly it today. This is not a placard where it is proudly on occasion.

"Give's the Whole Truth"

Guest Column

Michael J. Salib

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The sections I am left with a varied mix of both anger and sorrow. Beside, I don't believe I am being asked to make my desire to display an American flag, and sorrow, because I can't help but feel for people that I think are being treated unfairly, that the motivations and patriotism and national pride in the preceding generation's official and falsely motivated patriotism.

The Shins are fighting. With enough bad publicity, they will have the Shins get to hold a big press conference and say "Oh what a travesty, what really remains a simple solution: stop paying for MIT's relationship game. That is the real battle the Shins want is coming out of my pocket (and the U.S. government, let alone its people. If they should not be able to hold a press conference and say "Oh what a travesty, what really doesn't apply to you, personally. Why did I have siblings, what did I think of Haiti.

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Liquor, Tobacco, and Ginseng

Akshay Patil

Korean.

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I can either fast for the twenty-four hours, or I can do what most of my family is doing: take a pill that induce constipation. “Why would anyone in their right mind voluntarily bring constipation upon themselves?” you ask. The answer is: Not the lack thereof, but the overall condition. Even natives would rather force constipation (not a pun) upon themselves than deal with a toilet on an Indian train. Since I consider hunger a preferable alternative to bowel upsets, I’ve decided to just not eat for twenty-four hours. What a wonderful world we live in.

Most cars in India lack side-view mirrors. Those that do possess these appendages keep the mirrors in the fatal position: eternally tucked in, close to the car’s body. These extensions serve only as nuisances to the driver who would have to attempt keeping these vestigial organs from hitting the pedestrians, bicyclists, other motorists, and livestock that inhabit the streets of India.

In addition, the rear-view mirror of a car is also little more than a decoration for the automobile. Most often, this instrument is found at a seemingly random rakish angle someone left it in when they last used it to comb their hair.

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the crass rat

I'M NEVER TAKING THAT MANY UNITS AGAIN... I WAS SO BUSY I NEVER HAD TIME TO GO HOME AT ALL...

GOOD GOD, TELL ME YOU AT LEAST WENT HOME TO TAKE SHOWERES...

WELL, NOT EXACTLY.

INTEGRAL FORCE

AN UNLAWYER VICTIM HOPES TO GET SOME QUICK CASH...

Ahwong

here's 2 another election off working in a fast food, off learning a bunch of physics bullshit. Joe desk cats stand as our police. Use good us by just a-fucking degree.

here's 2 more gods up our ass, and getting raped on more oxinons, and getting fuckered over by more pricks.

here's 2 getting raped and fuckered over only 2 proceed 2 a lifetime of endless bitterness and unemployment and never getting up the fuck together.

here's 2 yet another semester in hades.

may we all slowly crash and burn.

Captain Rocket

 Scratch 'n Sniff: Newspaper

The Revolutionary Z-Bra

May I present the Dr. and Sgt. Pepper

Cambridge City Council Morale of the Day: To prevent urinary tract infections, drink a glass of cranberry juice every day.
February 5, 2002

Dilbert®

by Scott Adams

ATTENTION ALL FRESHMEN!!
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The page contains a comic strip titled "FoxTrot" by Bill Amend. The comic features a dialogue between two characters, Steve and his best friend, about ordering dinner at Luigi's. The comic also includes a crossword puzzle with clues like "Daddy's Polish border river," "Downtown, too," and "We stopped at Luigi's. My friend Steve's working there now." The puzzle is solved on the next page of the comic strip.
Events Calendar

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Tuesday, February 5

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Excel User Group. The MIT Excel Users Group meets September - June on the first Tuesday of the month from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in building N42 Demo Center. It's purpose is to provide a means of support for members of the MIT community. The topic for each month's meeting will be announced in a mailing to all members of the list. The meeting format is as follows: The first fifteen minutes is for new issues, future topics suggestions and a Q&A follows by a thirty minute presentation to be followed with fifteen minutes of Q&A on the presentation. All levels of users are encouraged to attend. Free. Room: N42 Demo Center; Sponsor: Information Systems.

4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - University Committee on International Migration. "Migration, Remittances, and Development: Evidence from China and Mexico." Free. Room: CIS Conference Room; Sponsor: Center for International Studies.

7:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. - Ladies Night at The Ear. Every Tuesday is Ladies Night at The Thirsty Ear Pub, with special Tuesday-only beverages. The Thirsty Ear Pub is located in the-kitchen level of the Kresge Auditorium. Enter through the courtyard. Hours: Monday; 8 p.m. - 12 a.m. Tuesday - Thursday; 7 p.m. - 1 a.m. Friday; 4 p.m. - 1 a.m. Must be over 21. Proper ID required. Free. Room: The Thirsty Ear Pub. Sponsor: The Thirsty Ear Pub.

Thursday, February 7

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Weight Watchers at Work meetings at MIT. A great way to keep your New Year's resolution of losing weight. Come and meet others with a similar interest. Join in and make friends. Free. Room: E1-2. Sponsor: Health Service.

1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - SAP User Group. Free. Room: E5-111. Sponsor: Information Systems.

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Introduction to On-Campus Recruiting. Pre-registration is required.

8:00 p.m. - "Searchange." Dramashop's unique creative "immigration project" directed by Associate Professor Brenda Cotto-Escalera in collaboration with Lecturer Isaura Oliveira. Using a wide variety of performance styles and traditions, project participants will create an original piece about immigration. This "immigration project" directed by Associate Professor Brenda Cotto-Escalera in collaboration with Lecturer Isaura Oliveira.

Wednesday, February 6

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Euclids Quick Start. This session shows how to configure Euclids, create messages and address lists, send and receive attachments, and sort incoming e-mail. Free. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - A Q&A discussion Energy Consumption: Two Important Tasks. The public debate about reducing transportation energy consumption and CO2 emissions focuses largely on new technologies such as fuel cells, hybrids, and alternative fuels such as alcohols and hydrogen. Past improvements in vehicle efficiency have, however, come from steady improvements in mainstream technologies, e.g. better performing internal combustion engines and transmissions, and materials substitution. The technology opportunities, the impediments, the evidence of the limits of these two paths to help our transportation systems become less unsustainable as we move into the future will be discussed. Recent political events — the US Government's proposed fuel-cell "Freedom Car" Project; pressures for transportation systems to account for the cost of air pollution — will all be put in the context of current market trends. Free. Room: E40-496. Sponsor: Laboratory for Energy and the Environment.

12:10 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Physical Oceanography Sack Lunch Seminar. Free. Room: 54-115. Sponsor: Physical Oceanography.

3:00 p.m. - EECS WA Internship Orientation Lecture. All Course VI Sophomores & Juniors interested in applying for EECS Department's VIA Internship Program. Free. Room: 34-101, Edgerton Lecture Hall. Sponsor: EECS VI Internship Program.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - How to Work a Career Fair. Come and learn about the strategies for successfully working a career fair, whether you are a career fair veteran or are attending your first fair. Free. Room: E1-159. Sponsor: Career Services.

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7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Music at The Ear. Drum 'n' bass/jungle sounds hosted by Lab8. Free. Room: E38-615. Sponsor: Information Systems.

9:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Opening Reception. Gerald Shertzer: "City Borne." Dynamic water colors with strong color contrast and reference to urban environment. Free. Room: ES2-405 (50 Memorial Dr). Sponsor: The Dean's Gallery, Sloan School of Management.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Which Part of You is NOT for Sale? Free. Room: E38-615. Sponsor: Hippocratic Society. United Trauma Relief.

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - Renaissance Dancing. There are many forms of Renaissance Dancing that we practice. From Italian balli to courtly pavans to English country. We dance them all with flair and fun. Dress is common street clothing. No experience necessary; instruction is provided. Free. Room: 50 (Salon or 407 or 491). Sponsor: Society for Creative Anachronism.

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We would like to remind MIT students interested in Summer Analyst positions of the following dates:

**Firmwide Information Session**
February 6, 2002
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
MIT Faculty Club, 50 Memorial Drive

**Resume Drop Date: February 8**
**Firmwide Interviews: February 20**

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A vengeful Dantes (Jim Caviezel, right) faces off against Count Mondego (Guy Pearce, left) in The Count of Monte Cristo.
**MOVIE REVIEW**

### All You Need Is Love

By Ashley Robinson

#### Cast

- Jessica Brown Findlay as Sam Dawson
- Sean Penn as Lucy

#### Plot

Sam Dawson is a self-absorbed lawyer who is so wrapped up in his work that he doesn't have time for his daughter Lucy (Dakota Fanning). Abandoned by her mother shortly after her birth, Sam raises Lucy on his own. Although Sam's hourly wage at Starbucks does not allow for Rita's exorbitant price, she officially becomes more mentally competent. Lucy eventually realizes that her Dad's differences with family. Dakota Fanning finishes off Sean Penn's dialogue line to have back his "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds.

#### Review

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#### Conclusion

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**In general, the fight scenes are too ran-

**Victim being smashed against a cliff leave

**Drawn-out efforts of the hunting party to

**Help but feel a jaw-dropping sensation, say-

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**In the end, this movie is going to leave viewers either loving it or hating it. If an evening of horror, avant-garde, suspense, romance, and mutant doggies sounds like your cup of tea, then you might consider spending a couple hours with the brotherhood of the wolf.

**February 5, 2002**
MIT Department of Facilities

CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Vassar St. Utilities

The crosswalk at Vassar St. from Building 36 to 44 is blocked due to drain work. A new walk has been constructed according to ADA requirements, crossing from Building 36 to 45. Pedestrians should use this new walk and not cross through the construction zone.

State Center

Occupants of Building 36 may experience some noise and odor as work continues. Mitigation for construction equipment exhaust fumes in the area continues.

Memorial Drive Traffic Signals

Work continues on MIT's plans to install traffic signals at the intersection of Memorial Drive and Vassar Street. The signals are expected to be operational by the end of February.

NSU Trans-Am Project

NSU is installing a new 200 kW generator for the transpose line at the North Campus.

Simmons Hall

Installation of waterproofing, insulation, and windows is in progress.

Excavation of the west end of Vassar St. for utility installation continues.

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By Amerson Lin

"Paco Lopez" triumphed over "Keep Your Eye on the Gold Chain" and "Smash & Grab" to win this year’s Autonomous Robot Design Competition (6.270) last Thursday in 26-100.

The competition was charged with tension, especially in the last two rounds where the evenly matched finalists, "Paco Lopez," "Keep Your Eye on the Gold Chain," and "Smash & Grab" were caught up in a round robin that resulted in a two-point victory for "Paco Lopez." The "Paco Lopez" team, used what they called a process of trial and error to decide on a strategy which allowed them to elevate balls over obstacles.

We also watched footage from past competitions to decide on our winning strategy," Dioso said. They initially wanted to attack their opponents, but later felt that they would sacrifice too much in doing so.

This year’s task was to collect colored balls and place them into holes on the playing field. Underneath the holes stood tubes, and the point value of each ball depended on its height in the tube.

Runners-up proud of their work

Benjamin P. Walker '03, Jeremy Z. Walker '04 and Paul K. Youn '03, members of Smash & Grab, felt that they were extremely fortunate to reach the final round. Their robot featured a mini-car that would detach itself and move to block the opponent’s hole. Suffering a slight malfunction in the round robin, the team felt the problem could have happened at an time and thus considered themselves lucky to reach the final round.

Team 31, "Keep Your Eye on the Gold Chain," comprised of Matt N. Stolbach '02, Maxwell E. Planck '04 and Arthur T. Mak '05, was the third team to make it to the last round of the competition. "No team can expect to come this far," Mak said. "Having done so, we were overjoyed.

The fun and learning we had from the competition was more than worth the time we spent on it," Stolbach said.

Length of competition a factor

Thursday’s final round lasted for more than four hours, but notwithstanding 26-100 was packed as usual as students cheered on their friends. Todd Wagner, a residential advisor from the Chi Phi fraternity, said, "I’m just here to give moral support to my two teams." Because of its length, the competition became something of a survival of the fittest toward the end, as robots started to show signs of circuit board failure and fatigue. It was mainly due to the fact that the batteries were drained and at times contestants did not have sufficient time in between rounds to recharge.

The mock competition and preliminary rounds, which were held earlier in the week, definitely helped participants and organizers to fine-tune their robots and rules to allow for an exciting finale. From feedback based on the preliminary round, the organizers decided to add another rule that would give allowance to cases where balls were stuck around the hole. In such a situation, the score would be counted as though the balls had gone through the hole.

Similarly, many teams changed their strategies based on the performance of the other robots during the preliminary round. Dacheng Zhao '03, from the team "Balls Out," said that his team decided to switch from a strategy of getting four balls in quickly to one where their robot would get the two easiest balls in first and then move on immediately to prevent their opponent from scoring. On the other hand, teams with robots that performed relatively well such as "Lego My Eggo" decided to stick with their initial plan and hope for the best, with consistency being their winning strategy.

Robots entertain crowd

This year’s 6.270 competition was not just a display of intellect and strategy but also a showcase of creativity and humor. The placebo robots entertained the crowd as usual, with a dancing robot and a walking chicken/Yoda delighting the audience. In another demonstration, "Trickyclops," the brainchild of Billy F. Waldman '05 and Andrew T. Marsh '02, was brought back into the playing field because it featured one of the most interesting locomotion systems of the contest. Their robot could lie down, spin around and even do a flip. It was knocked out of the competition in an earlier round due to servo failure, but organizers felt that it deserved to be displayed to the audience.

The organizers also awarded a prize for their favorite robot, team 29’s "Stupid Chicken." Sean Lie '03, Steven Chan '03, and Buddhika N. Kottahachchi '02 made a robot that would get the two easiest balls in the goal quickly, and quickly to the center of the the ramp to release two rollers that would block the holes to the tubes. "I was thankful that my contribution finally worked when it mattered," Chan said.

In another match between "Twitchy & Scratchy" and "Smash & Grab," the robots ended up in what audience member Matthew J. Webber '05 described as a "bizarre mating dance." The two robots, both featuring smaller "baby bots" that would detach themselves and head towards the opponent’s side to block the hole, ended up in a writhing mess because wires extending from both vehicles became entangled.
MIT's Actions Designed To Avoid Future Trouble

**Fourth West**, from Page 1

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Progress Made on Campus Dining

The latest proposal for next year’s dining plan includes strictly voluntary participation and a greater degree of competition among on-campus vendors.

“Toscanini’s, located on the first floor of the Stratton Student Center. Students buy ice cream and coffee from Toscanini’s, another member of the board. “Competition will be introduced by seeking more than one contractor, [effectively] dividing one existing Aramark into as many as three,” said Kirk D. Kolenbrander, chair of the Campus Dining Board. The current proposal was created by Campus Activities Complex Director Phillip J. Walsh and Director of Campus Dining Richard D. Berlin III, based on a set of recommendations released by the Campus Dining Board in December. The board will incorporate recommendations from Walsh and Berlin into a new proposal, which will then be made available to the community and discussed at a town hall meeting in mid-February.

Aramark cuts evening hours

The board’s recommendations last December also included “moving toward operations that are financially self-sustaining,” Kolenbrander said. Aramark operations lost over $2 million during the 2001 fiscal year. Accordingly, this term both Walker Memorial Dining Hall and Lobdell Food Court will close at 3 p.m., a drastic reduction of hours. Walker and Lobdell were “losing a lot of money,” Berlin said. Lobdell averaged between 50 and 70 patrons each evening, not nearly enough to make the food court profitable.

Both Courses, in the Student Center, and Pritchett, in Walker Memorial, will still be open during dinner hours. Walsh noted that an added benefit to closing Walker and Lobdell for dinner was the possibility of using the large spaces for other activities.

—Jennifer Krishnan

Arrow Street Crêpes May Come to MIT

Arrow Street Crêpes may be moving into the Toscanini’s ice cream store in the Student Center.

Brady C. Pisha, manager of the MIT Toscanini’s store, said that there had been negotiations but no official decision. Owner Gus Rancatore could not be reached for comment.

Vikash K. Mansinghka ’04, a member of the Campus Dining Board, said having Arrow Street Crêpes on campus would be beneficial because it would provide “more breakfast and lunch options.”

Arrow Street Crêpes serves both dessert crêpes and meal-style crêpes, with ingredients such as cheese and eggs. Representatives of Arrow Street Crêpes could not be reached for comment.

Campus Activities Complex Director Phillip J. Walsh declined to comment specifically about Arrow Street Crêpes, but did say “there have been very substantive discussions about ... ways to achieve our goals,” including promoting the well-being of current vendors while “making things more competitive.”

Walsh said the CAC and dining vendors involved in the negotiations were “close to having something people will be happy about.”

Teet’s to stay out of Transitions

Last fall, Walsh said negotiations were underway concerning the possibility of moving Toscanini’s into the Transitions lounge, abutting LaVerde’s.

Pisha said such a move would almost certainly not occur. Teet’s requires a large supply of water, he said, and Transitions does not have any plumbing. Since the Student Center is “one big block of concrete, ... we’d have to rip up too much cement to make it cost-effective,” Pisha said.

“The Transitions space was never fully built to have plumbing,” Walsh said. “It becomes far more expensive” than originally imagined to relocate Toscanini’s.

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MIT Group Promotes Alternative Medicines

By Pey-Hua Huang

The staff reporter of the MIT and Harvard Van Xing Qigong Association held a banquet to celebrate a successful conference from Dec. 8 to Dec. 9, which was attended by over 500 scientists and over 200 scientific papers and experimental reports were presented.

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"They're two of our most experienced housemasters," Benedict said. "They've done excellent work there. They've established a sense of community."

The Essigmans spent over a week considering the offer, and they announced their decision to New House residents last Thursday.

"We had very mixed feelings about it because we were so close to the New House community," John Essigmann said. Yet the Essigmans were drawn to the chance to observe and help guide a fledgling dorm community.

When you take normal housemastering and throw on top of it the challenge of moving in and helping students form a community, I think it's the kind of thing that becomes irresistible," John Essigmann said.

Simmons' shaky beginnings

The change in housemasters is only the latest transition in the leadership of Simmons Hall. Two weeks ago, the Founder's Group was dissolved and a Steering Committee consisting of students and Graduate Resident Tutors was formed.

Neither Benedict nor the Essigmans were concerned that the many scientific experiments and has some of the various scientific testing that been performed on Van Xin Qigong from other alternative medicine disciplines. It has been subjected to scientific research.

Researchers praise practice

Dr. Xun first visited Boston in the summer of 1990, invited by research groups on life science at MIT, he delivered academic lectures on life science technology. Later he was invited a number of times to give academic lectures and conduct experiments at Harvard University.

Interested researchers from various departments of Harvard Medical School and MIT, including the Dana Farber Comprehensive, the Harvard School of Public Health, and MIT's Biology Department attended the recent Harvard-MIT Van Xin Life Science Technology Research Conference. One of the most important announcements to the researchers at the conference was the successful killing of 21 types of cancer cells by Van Xin Life Science Technology serial product XY-Yang Sheng Su, a powder supposedly treated with Qi, and the external Qi of Van Xin Qigong.

In a world where antibiotic resistance continues to increase and cancerous organs are commonplace, Van Xin Qigong may become a new avenue to explore, with MIT researchers potentially leading the way.
Mixed feelings about decision

Farver was pleased by the outcome of the meeting but expressed disappointment by the fact that undergraduates are likely to move into graduate dormitories. “We are disappointed that graduate student beds will be used to house undergraduates, but we are pleased that our concerns about disruption of graduate student communities have been heard,” Farver said.

She also raised concerns about the problems still facing graduate students. “There is still a severe shortage of graduate housing on campus,” Farver said.

“It was very productive and that was because it had more open discussion,” Senevirante said, “but it should have happened earlier before the e-mail went up.”

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He said that there would be 600 more beds for graduate students next year, subtracting the 150 or so that will be taken by undergraduates from the 750 that will be added by the 70 Pacific Street dorm.

“That’s not 750, but its not taking away, either,” Clay said. Considering the project’s future, Clay said, “I don’t want to suggest it’s going to be easy because we will have to try to anticipate all of the moves and all of the ways people think about the issue and try to come out with something that works.”

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Plans to Use Graduate Housing for Crowding Problem Still In Works

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The Middle Eastern Club and the Social Justice Cooperative joined forces to address these issues and posted an online request to Vest to take a stand on this issue last Thursday. Within two days, over 400 MIT students signed the petition to show their opposition toward the bill, with many calling the measure as example of racial profiling. Many students encouraged MIT to take a stand against the bill as it did with the 6-month moratorium on visas that was suggested in September.

In response to the letter and petition, Vest wrote that "all our leading higher education associations have endorsed this compromise bill." The Senate is expected to adopt this bill without amendment.

Student clubs voice opposition

"This bill makes everyone from certain nations guilty until proven innocent," said Mehdi Yahannejad G, president of the MIT Middle Eastern Club. "And how are people supposed to go about proving their innocence? The words right now are very vague, and our fear is that having restrictions is terrible."

Mostashari agreed, arguing that policies were already interfering with science too much.

"It is unfair to have political intervention with scientists where communication is necessary," Mostashari said. "Many people are already denied visas. New bills should be less restrictive as opposed to more."

"There is no correlation between the people from these countries being responsible for international terrorism," said Hazhir Rahmandad, G, vice president of MIT Persian Students Association. "A bill like this could be counterproductive because right now students from Iran or other countries are educated here and can share the ideals of democracy with the nation they are from."

MIT, students wait and see

Although MIT is not taking a stance opposing the bill, Vest wrote in his letter that "as the new statute is implemented, the national organizations that represent all universities and colleges will continue to seek and support implementation measures that will sustain the openness of our system for students and scholars engaged in legitimate study and research."

Vest could not be reached for further comment on the issue.

"We were hoping that the administration would say that these students are important to us, and take a stand on this bill no matter how politically disadvantageous it is," said Julia K. Steinberger G of the MIT Social Justice Cooperative. "But it looks like the bill will pass. It is more important than people give it credit for. Universities are meant to be open places for communication through all countries and having restrictions is terrible."

Since the bill relies on "standards developed by the Secretary of State" these standards must first be made. MIT students are now submitting to the fact that the bill will pass, and various organizations are discussing ways in which to implement the bill in a less autocratic as possible.

"We now want to learn how to cope with this legislation to ensure that it does not result in a lower number of student visas granted to students from these countries," Rahmandad said.
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Buckley Breaks Own Record for Mile Run

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England Division III qualifying mark. Relay team hits new season best

The last event on the track was the 4x400m relay. Since BU’s track has only four lanes, the 4x400m relay started with a California start. Having never started without blocks before, Kuo took off with the gun, keeping her competitors behind her for the first curve so as to avoid traffic. After her second lap around the track, Kuo passed the baton off to Tweedie, who ran a fast second leg. Running third leg for MIT, Silberstein ran an excellent 600m before passing the baton to MIT’s star miler, Buckley, who proved herself to be one of MIT’s fastest quarter milers. Buckley brought the baton home in a season best time for MIT.

This coming Saturday, MIT is hosting the MIT Invitational, a last chance qualifier before championship season begins. The meet will be held at the indoor track of the Johnson Athletic Center at 1:00 p.m.

To Members of the MIT Community:

As you probably know, the parents of Elizabeth Shin had filed a wrongful death civil suit against MIT for their daughter’s death in April 2000 in an MIT residence hall. The suit alleges that Ms. Shin committed suicide by setting herself on fire and charges breach of contract, medical malpractice, and negligence on the part of MIT doctors, staff, and members of our Campus Police.

It is a sad fact that in today’s litigious society, the very individuals who do the most to help our students can find themselves the targets of such claims. We grieve for Elizabeth Shin and try to understand the depth of her family’s anguish, but we will defend those at MIT who labored hard and appropriately to help her. We are extraordinarily grateful to them, and the Institute will of course provide them with legal services and our support during the litigation.

A number of people have asked us why MIT has not discussed the case more fully in public. There is obviously much more to the story than what the lawyer and the public relations firm hired by the family are saying in court papers and in statements to newspapers and television. The place for MIT to respond to these unfair and inaccurate allegations is in court, and not in the media. More complete facts will come out as the legal process continues.

That process will allow us to explain the critical need for confidentiality and trust between our students and the MIT staff members who care for them, whether in the Medical Department, the Dean’s Office, or the residential houses. The quandary that they face is balancing students’ legal and medical privacy rights with the obvious interests of parents in knowing how their sons and daughters are doing. This quandary is worked through on a case-by-case basis by professional judgment of how best to help each student. Such judgments are especially complicated when students insist that information be withheld from their parents as a condition for accepting help. We strongly encourage our students to involve their parents in their lives, and in almost all cases that is what happens.

For now, our response to the media has been a statement issued by Jeffrey Swope of the law firm of Palmer & Dodge, which most press reports have included:

The death of Elizabeth Shin was a tragedy — for this bright young woman, her family and friends, and all those at MIT who tried to help her. But it was not the fault of MIT or anyone who works at MIT. According to information provided by the family’s own lawyer, she had suffered from serious emotional problems that began at least as early as high school.

Many people at MIT had offered as much help and support as they could to her. While MIT regrets the need to do so, it will defend against the claims that have been brought against it and the members of its community who had tried to help her.

In the meantime, I hope you will support those in our community who have been touched most closely by this matter and that you will continue to care for all those with whom you work, study, and live here at MIT.

Sincerely yours,

Charles M. Vest
President
Women's Gymnastics Beats SUNY-Brockport Squad

By Eduardo Ovalle

MIT's Women's Gymnastics team beat Division III rival SUNY-Brockport at home on Saturday, but the Engineers fell to Division II University of Bridgeport, although Bridgeport won the meet outright with a 180.525, MIT beat Brockport with a season high 177.125 to 175.775 to garner their third win of the year.

SUNY-Brockport came to MIT ranked fourth in the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association and sporting a record of 8-1. However, they came into the meet with one of their best all-arounders on the bench with a sprained knee. The weekend before at Wilson College, Brockport had scored a full seven points higher than MIT, so even with freshman star Jordan Christiansen out of the meet, the Golden Eagles did not expect MIT to put up much of a fight.

MIT began the afternoon with a fairly solid vault total of 43.30, opened the door for MIT by falling off the beams five times. All MIT had to do in the last rotation was stretch their opponents to five

Women's Track Finishes Fifth at Greater Boston

By Adeline Kuo

This past Saturday, MIT's women's track team placed fifth at the Greater Boston Track Meet. The event was hosted at Boston University this year after a decade-long hiatus.

Competition at the meet included Division I schools BU, Harvard, Northeastern, Division II school Bentley College, and Division III school Brandeis University. Northeastern (122) and Harvard (116 1/3) battled for first and second places respectively, while BU (32), Bentley (29), MIT (28 2/3), and Brandeis (28) fought for the remaining spots in the rankings. The event was quite successful for the Engineers, as they took home the team's first ever meet.

Nyenke hits qualifying mark

Starting off the meet on the infield were the 55m hurdlers and sprinters. Cherie P Nyenke '04 ran a personal record trials time of 9.48 seconds in the 55m hurdles to qualify for the finals. In the finals, Nyenke was paired with her Division I competitors, finishing fifth in 9.43 seconds and qualifying for the New England Division III Championships. Colleen A. Horin '05 also performed well in the triple jump, as she finished in fifth with a New England Division III qualifying mark of 43'3.75", provisionally for the NCAA Division III Championships. Nyenke also performed well in the triple jump, as she finished in fifth with a New England Division III qualifying mark of 43'3.75", provisionally for the NCAA Division III Championships. Nyenke also performed well in the triple jump, as she finished in fifth with a New England Division III qualifying mark of 43'3.75", provisionally for the NCAA Division III Championships. Nyenke also performed well in the triple jump, as she finished in fifth with a New England Division III qualifying mark of 43'3.75", provisionally for the NCAA Division III Championships.

In the horizontal jumps, Nalini Gupta '05 qualified in the long jump with a 5'10" jump and Brandeis (8) fought for the top four spots in the triple jump. Gupta exemplified her jumping skills with a 35'3", ECAC-qualifying fifth place finish. Nyenke also performed well in the triple jump, as she finished in fifth with a New England Division III qualifying jump of 33'5.75", provisionally for the NCAA Division III Championships. Nyenke also performed well in the triple jump, as she finished in fifth with a New England Division III qualifying jump of 33'5.75", provisionally for the NCAA Division III Championships. Nyenke also performed well in the triple jump, as she finished in fifth with a New England Division III qualifying jump of 33'5.75", provisionally for the NCAA Division III Championships. Nyenke also performed well in the triple jump, as she finished in fifth with a New England Division III qualifying jump of 33'5.75", provisionally for the NCAA Division III Championships.

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Throwers have strong meet

Scoring from the throwing cage was Princess Imoukhuede '02 and Akua A. Asa-Awuku '03. With two second place finishes, Imoukhude was the team's highest scorer of the day. In the shot put, she put a distance of 40'9" to qualify for the New England Championships. More impressive in the weight throw, Imoukhude tossed the 20lb weight 215'5" to once again qualify provisionally for the NCAA Championship. Asa-Awuku also performed well in the weight throw, as she finished in fifth with 433'75" performance, which qualifies her for the ECAC Championships. Asa-Awuku also performed well in the weight throw, as she finished in fifth with 433'75" performance, which qualifies her for the ECAC Championships.

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