Simmons Opens to Student Tours

By Tom Kilpatrick

Simmons Hall has been there. In fact, ground was broken in time for last year's Campus Preview Weekend. It rose quickly in the fall months, and everyone gawked at its "waffle" exterior. Rumors circulated that aluminum foil would cover the outside, creating a chrome sheen in the sunlight.

Simmons Hall continues to be a mystery to most students, as questions of who will live there, when it will be open, and why it looks so funny abound.

On Wednesday, I had the opportunity to take a peek inside Simmons, on a tour organized by steering committee co-chair Vikash Gilja '03 and the Casii Group, a liaison between MIT and those directly involved in the building's construction.

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Deans, Students Clarify Activity Fee Allocations

By Jennifer DeBoer

Following confusion from student leaders regarding the recently announced activity fee, officers of the Association for Student Activities, Undergraduate Association, and Graduate Student Council met recently with Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedict and Dean for Graduate Students Jane M. Colbert recently to discuss the addition to next year's tuition.

Misconceptions arising from information in the original MIT News Office press release were clarified at the meeting. In an e-mail sent to student group officers, ASA President Alvar Saenz Otero G said that the only correct part of the press release was the 4.7 percent total tuition increase, which included the $200 fee. The rumor of a separate "Student Activities Fund" was disapproved.

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MIT Wins $50 Million Grant From Army

By Kevin R. Lang

The U.S. Army chose MIT Wednesday to develop military applications for nanotechnology with a $50 million grant to found the Institute for Soldier Nanotechnologies.

MIT will collaborate with the Army, DuPont, Raytheon, and Massachusetts General and Brigham and Women's Hospitals to develop nanomaterials for soldiers designed to "heal them, shield them, and protect special forces," according to MIT Edward L. Thomas, a professor in materials science and engineering, who will serve as director of the new institute.

"The focus of research at the Institute for Soldier Nanotechnologies will be a new "battle suit" for special forces, Thomas said. Due to the inherently high cost of the suit, "not everybody in the army would have one," Thomas said. "You don't need to make this things mass-produced for millions of people." Howev
**Operation Anaconda Fails To Yield Grand Prizes**

**THE LOS ANGELES TIMES**

The U.S.-led Operation Anaconda has failed to yield any top al-Qaeda leaders, and an American commander said Thursday that the terror network's upper echelon may not have been in the Shokat Kote valley when the battle began.

But even without achieving its ultimate quarry — terror chief Osama bin Laden — the biggest U.S.-led ground assault since the 1991 Persian Gulf War has removed "hundreds" from the rolls of inter- nationa...
Thursday rejected the nomination of Amy Welt and other conservative nominees. Republicans accused Democrats of contributing to a vacancy "crisis" on the federal bench by delaying or blocking Bush's nominees. Democrats said the White House was hindering the process by seeking to "stack the courts" with conservative extremists. The vote was a blow to both Bush and Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., who considers Pickering a friend and who led the fight on his behalf. After the vote, Lott said from the Senate floor that he took the judge's defeat "personally" and described it as a "slap at Mississippi." Bush called the committee's decision "unfortunate for America." He said Pickering "deserves better than to be blocked by a party-line vote of 10 senators on one committee." The vote appeared to kill the nomination, although Republicans could try to revive it on the Senate floor. That would require 60 votes, however, and Democrats expressed confidence they could prevent it. Faced with the inevitability of the committee vote, Bush had appealed to Democrats to let the full Senate decide Pickering's fate. At Wednesday's news conference he said "a few senators are standing in the way of justice" by blocking the nomination in committee.

Federal Grand Jury Indicts Pearl Murder Suspect on Two Charges

A federal grand jury in New Jersey indicted a British national Thursday in the kidnapping and slaying of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl in Pakistan, paving the way for U.S. efforts to try the case on American soil.

Ahmad Omar Saeed Sheikh, an Islamic militant who was previously charged in a separate kidnapping, was accused by U.S. authorities of orchestrating a plot to lure Pearl into captivity in Karachi through the use of fictitious e-mails and other subterfuge.

Saeed, who is currently in Pakistani custody, was charged with conspiracy to commit hostage-taking that resulted in Pearl's death, and hostage-taking that resulted in the reporter's death. Both crimes are punishable by death. "Saeed led a ring of co-conspirators who carefully and methodically set a death trap for Daniel Pearl, hid him into it with lies and savagely ended his life," Attorney General John Ashcroft said Thursday. "The men who conspired to kill Daniel Pearl and kidnap Bela Nuss did not act at random, but carefully chose their targets, their methods and their words." Saeed said in a Pakistani court last month that he helped plan Pearl's abduction, then claimed later that police tried to coerce him into making a false confession.

Pearl, 38, the Journal's South Asia bureau chief, was kidnapped in January while researching a story about connections between Islamic militants in Pakistan and Richard Reid, who allegedly attempted to blow up an airliner in December with bombs hidden in his shoes. Almost a month later, a video containing grisly footage of Pearl's slaying was delivered to the U.S. consulate in Karachi.

Thursday's indictment, filed in Trenton, N.J., near the Wall Street Journal headquarters, is aimed in part at applying pressure on Pakistani authorities to turn over Saeed, officials said. It was handed up by a New Jersey grand jury because e-mails from Pearl's kidnappers were received by the Journal in that state.

Bush Eyes Lifting Curbs On Aid for Colombia

The Bush administration plans to ask Congress next week to remove all restrictions on U.S. military aid to Colombia, including those that limit assistance to counter-narcotics efforts, impose human rights stan-

Testimony Questions Knoller's Effort to Shield Victim

A San Francisco attorney whose dog fatally mauled a neighbor probably would have suffered severe injuries if she had attempted to shield the victim as the defense has argued, a prosecution witness tes-

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OPINION

Another Election, Another Scandal

Undergraduate Association President and Vice President write-in candidates Rhett Creighton '02 and Victor W. Brar '04 have offered to pay anyone who votes for them $10, stirring controversy among members of the MIT community. The Election Commission Campaign Rules Board Chair Daniel D. Liston '04 dealt with the situation in a highly unprofessional manner, ultimately tampering the election to the point where it must be rerun.

The promise of $10 for anyone who votes for Creighton/Brar clearly constitutes a bribe. Unfortunately, there is no rule in the election code or campaign rules that specifically limits the actions of write-in candidates, no matter how reprehensible their campaign tactics. The best option the Election Commission could have taken would have been to let the election run its course, and then deal with the dispute by appealing to a higher authority, such as the UA Council, Judicial Review Board, or undergraduates themselves. Article VI, Section 2, Clause 2a of the UA Constitution prescribes that either a three-fourths majority of a council or a petition signed by ten percent of the undergraduate body is sufficient to require a special election for U.A.P.V.

The actions taken by the commission were legitimate, as per Article II, Section 2, Clause B of the Election Code, which states, "The Commission shall be empowered to enact any special rules governing the election process that do not conflict with the Constitution, the Bylaws of the UA Council, or this Code." Thought the actions undertaken by the commission are authorized in the Election Code, Liston's e-mail comments illegitimately undermined the reason we need to enact these rules. Liston resigned from his post as the commission's chair following his resignation. Liston was the one who asked for the inclusion of a personal in an e-mail to Creighton, after online voting had commenced. Liston advised him to "go back to your poerless, innate (sic) existence," in a later e-mail, he wrote that all votes for Creighton/Brar were void, and that "the election commission's duty to elect officers of high standards." Election Commission Herbert "Herb" Liston '02 later confirmed that all votes for Creighton/Brar would be invalidated; Creighton and Brar subsequently announced their intention to appeal the decision.

At this point, it is unclear what will happen to votes cast for Creighton/Brar. This uncertainty has tainted the electoral process. Due to editing errors, paraphrased dialogue from the concert was incorrectly cited as direct quotation. On several occasions, the name "Chorollaries" was misspelled as "Chorollaries." The name of Louis S. Berger '02 was misspelled as Berger.

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A photo of Aneal Krishnan '02 should have been captioned: "...his experiences in Afghanistan, rather than "...his experiences in Pakistan." Due to editing errors, paraphrased dialogue from the concert was incorrectly cited as direct quotation. On several occasions, the name "Chorollaries" was misspelled as "Chorollaries." The name of Louis S. Berger '02 was misspelled as Berger.
Peace As Deterrence

Michael Boruce

America is not the city on a hill. Nor is America the envy of the entire world. It's impossible to think of a time in recent history when this. The U.S. was not attacked because people were jealous of American freedoms, it was represented in its response and military actions abroad. This is also important to understand if we are to realize the benefits of peace as a tool not to be attacked again.

A quick note: all wars are de facto considered "just", even to those who proved it to themselves. How the people of the countries waging war (if they believed they were) and the public's or their leaders' official positions, would be explained. In the case of the Vietnam War was initially seen as just, the Jewish Holocaust was seen as just by the Nazis, and even the Chinese war against Japan was seen as just by the Americans of the time. The binary "right"/"wrong" theory of war, in its absence of any "neutral" side in a conflict, is a fairly hollow concept in my view.

We need to take a lesser extent Great Britain, France, or Germany, for the disaster that has been happening in Iraq. So when the U.S. put Saddam in power and supported him, knowing the number of ethnic minorities within Iraq, promising this was the last time Saddam would threaten the oil supply of the entire world, and that public enemy number one, and their casualties during the war on Iraq. A decade of sanctions later, Saddam is still in power and the Iraqi people are suffering. And yet the U.S. is currently contemplating another all-out war on Iraq.

The U.S. is financially, militarily, and ideologically supportive of one side in a "hot" war in the Middle East. The U.S. influence in that region and its presence at the negotiating table has done more to perpetuate the cyclic violence than fight it. Even after decades of blocking U.N. resolutions to the establishment of a two-state, the U.S. has a military presence on the ground. Surprisingly, the U.S. representatives were the creators of said proposal. Will this be a step towards de-escolation? How much money does the U.S. have budgeted for Israel's defense? The U.S. establishes military bases all over the planet against the wishes of the people in those areas. The U.S. has military bases and the"insurgency" in Iraq, and the U.S. has military bases in the U.S. because it is "a part of war.” Thus considered "just" by the leaders and to an extent this. The U.S. was not attacked because people were the envy of the entire world. It's OPINION (especially in time of war) is a fairly hollow one, and the White House declared war on the must search for clean water to drink. The U.S.

Don't you remember when every television was currently contemplating another all-out war on Iraq. Whatever happened to board games? The so-called al Qaida network is global; that money spent on video games is money more diverse audience than either consoles' or games that did get produced, like Mario Party, what woman should be and derived .from playing, whatever happened to board games? When nobody else was around, and right, that the youth- is more conducive to the ideals of democracy and trying to sustain itself when the innovation seems to try sustain itself when the innovation seems to try.
**the crass rat**

**WHY DO YOU HAVE A FRUIT LOOP STUCK TO YOUR FACE?**

**IT'S MY SIMULATED EYEBROW RING--I FIGURED I SHOULDN'T RUSH INTO THE REAL THING...**

**PLUS I HEAR NANCY LIKES THE BAD BOY IMAGE.**

**OH, THAT'S CAUSE I DON'T HAVE THE NIPPLE RINGS ON YET...**

**INTEGRAL FORCE**

**I'VE BEEN SCOPING OUT THE BUILDING, TELL ME WHAT YOU SEE.**

**A MARVELOUS PIECE OF ARCHITECTURE BY STEVEN HOLL THAT EXPERIMENTS WITH LIGHT, MATERIALS, AND ACOUSTICS, THE EXTERIOR PANELS ARE...**

**...SCALAR. I'M TALKING ABOUT THE PEOPLE INSIDE THE BUILDING.**

**I'M JUST GETTING TO THAT.**

**INSTITUTE EVIL**

**JEEZUS! THEY EVEN COMBINED THE BACK BAY PEOPLE... AND TURNED THEM INTO VECTORS, PROBABLY.**

**DAMN... WHERE'S THE B.B. WHEN WE NEED THEM??**

**GASP... IT'S EPIC! AND THEY STOP HERE! I GOTTA GET ON IT. IT'S THE ONLY WAY OUT...**

**WAT!!!**

**CT-STOUGH!!**

**...NERD!!!**

**SMRT PRSON!**

**AND YOU CAN PUMP MY GAS WHILE YOU SERVE MY FOOD...**

**YESTERDAY...**

**hey.**

**hey.**

**hey.**

**nerd.**

**hey.**

**he.**

**happy tt day.**

**happy tt day.**

**happy tt day.**

**happy tt day.**
Someday, when you have bored stinky, too, stinky, too.

EXCLUSIVE ENIGMA

Use your flesh-eating words about goodbyes.

Meet your new cubicle neighbor. His name is Medical Mel.

How'd you get yours off?

Some day you'll have beard stubble, too, BubbleBoy.

I ciss you your flesh-eating alphabet army. Goodbye.

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Meet your new cubicle neighbor. His name is Medical Mel.

Haven't you completed your skills inventory?

I'm submitting it now.

They use that information to transfer you to doing you don't want.

You'll be okay as long as you didn't check any of the boxes in the Hazmat section.

Mel will be making loud personal phone calls all day.

I tried to run but the doctor had been an Olympic javelin champion.

U. dumbarse! hello? u can't shut your old rid of it. by simply staring at him, i'll put you to sleep! i told u, the crow isn't just in the air, o.k? i prefer's deep in 3's, then, complete a e bodyguards!

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MEET YOUR NEW CUISCILE NEIGHBOR. HIS NAME IS MEDICAL MEL.

I know! i liked it at all speaking like Calvin skill & Tommy Girl in here!!
February 13th, 2002 Walker for the Class of 2004 & special invite only (bring Invitation or MIT ID)
The following movies are playing this weekend at local theaters. The Tech suggests seeing:

- **4 Days and 40 Nights**
  - Just as Josh Hartnett sets out to go 40 days and nights without sex, he meets the woman of his dreams. While it has its moments, 40 Days and 40 Nights relies on the charm of repetition, of one theme grates on the viewer.

- **The Count of Monte Cristo**
  - A member of Europe's high society, in an attempt to win back the woman and the life he once had. —Eric Chemi

- **Crossroads**
  - Three little girls bury a box of their dreams. While it has its moments, you'll cry, you'll sing and dance, you'll get to bond through N*SYNC sing-a-longs and decide to take a road trip out west. Many adventures ensue on the car trip. The girls bond through N*SYNC sing-a-longs and giggling. See Crossroads! You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll sing and dance, you'll get to see Britney in a pair of little boy's BVDs. And, oh yeah, this movie sucks. —Megan Ginter

- **40 Days and 40 Nights**
  - I Am Sam relies on the charm of repetition, of one theme grates on the viewer. —Dan

- **Rollerball**
  - Plot, congruity, plot understandability, and finally, plot existence follow character development down the toilet in this atrocious movie. As for action scenes, there aren't many, and what is there isn't memorable except for its ridiculousness. If you're thinking of going to this one, just stay home. —Brian Loux

- **Super Troopers**
  - Dumb cops play tricks and have wacky fun while on duty. The movie starts off cleverly but quickly degrades into a cliched story about catching drug smugglers and saving the troopers' jobs. Good for a few laughs but quickly forgotten once you leave the theater. —Megan Ginter

- **The Time Machine**
  - A mediocre time traveling movie based on the classic novel. Though mostly enjoyable, with wonderful supporting performances by Orlando Jones and Jeremy Irons, the film lacks continuity in both plot and theme. —Rich Redmsk
April 15: Bobby Collins

Herbie Hancock comes to Avalon March 26, showcasing tunes from his latest album, Future 2 Future.

DJ's, Queen of Disco, brings a DJ set of Saturday night hits to her W2D-483. For list of submissions, please contact ott@the-tech.mlt.edu.
$50K Semifinalists Announced

We founded the startup Arris Networks as well as Arrispoint Communications, which was sold to Cisco for $5.7 billion in 2000. Wu is currently Chairman of Acopia Networks, Inc.

In his speech, Wu discussed the state of entrepreneurship following this past year's drastic downturn in the economy. He described the years between 1995 and 2000 as the "golden years" for startups.

"Right before the crash, everyone was in the mood, that if you have some idea that is good you can go out and get a company started," said Wu. "You’re guaranteed to make a lot of money."

"Today people are cautious about how to spend money," Wu said. "Corporations don't spend billions of dollars buying companies now."

We then outlined some basic advice for today’s entrepreneurs, stressing a level-headed attitude and a focus on long-term growth.

Parduhn, however, said that this year's entries were, on average, of "higher quality" than those in years past. As evidence, he pointed out that 37 out of 114 teams were chosen as semifinalists compared to only 32 out of 135 companies last year.

NovOculi captures new prize

New at this year's ceremony was a $100 prize for the best one-minute company pitch. The winner of this year's prize was NovOculi, which is developing novel tools and techniques for eye surgery. Andy A. Rubinson led the MIT section of his team, which has members from Duke University and the University of Maryland.

Although the NovOculi team has already won $80,000 in entrepreneurship prizes from the other universities, Rubinson felt the prize was an honor and a good sign for the company's future.

Rubinson said he did not yet know what he will do with the $100. "For now, I'll frame it," he said. Judging for the competition was by a panel comprising entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, lawyers, and industry experts. The semifinalists will submit complete business plans to the judging panel in April. The judges will then select a handful of teams as finalists who will deliver oral presentations to the panel. One winning team will be selected to receive the first place $30,000 prize and two runners-up will receive $10,000 each.

$200 Fee Under Discussion By Admins

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however, asked that certain technical issues with graduate student payments make the inclusion of the fee as part of tuition disadvantageous.

Half of fee will go to student life

Only about half of the funding, Benedict said, will be used to support the cost of the new athletic facility. Benedict will receive approximately $450,000 and the Graduate Student Office approximately $200,000, to be allocated by the deans themselves. Benedict has already mentioned large event funding, Fall Festival, Spring Weekend, multi-cultural events, career fairs, club sports, and class councils as possible recipients of funding.

In addition, Benedict said more of the money will be held back for special initiatives that will be under the direction of the provost and the chancellor.

Colleste said that he had some ideas in mind for "promoting student life," but he also warned input and proposals for the use of the new funds made available to him.

"The impetus for creating the new fee came from our pressure to provide more funding to student groups on campus, which has been growing all year. Combined with the advent of the Zesiger Center, our wish to increase the funds for student life took the form of this addition," Benedict said.

Patrick J. McGovern, Jr. ‘59
Entrepreneurship Award

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Deadline for Nominations: March 22, 2002

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Horowitz Talks as MIT Republicans Make Comeback

By Jessica A. Zaman

The MIT College Republicans have reappraised the school political front, adding fire to an already commercially successful scene. Horowitz claimed Chomsky was criticized the recent actions of Horowitz criticizes Chomsky... "It would be killing each other, are living the college demonstrations. Mic institutions of our times, calling..." Horowitz argued that people around Institute Professor and conservative perspective, which is currently working to make a greater presence at state meetings and dinners. They are organizing to attend a convention proposed by student groups. "You get properties that are unusual, unpredicted, and can be combined." Thomas said he expected an announcement next week for the battle suit a 'vision'. He made reference to the current states by our attackers, even the enemy. A parallel, idealized... "Human life is irrereplaceable," he said. "You can't put a cost on it." "The whole thing is soldier survivability — soldier protection," he said. "In addition, the project will focus on "making the suit try to beat you, and then keep you from getting to a hospital."

Gotta Sing?


MIT May Receive Future Funding If Army Finds Research Successful

The institute is expected to be staffed by up to 150 people, plus 80 graduate students and 20 postdoctoral associates. Thomas said that while the new initiative does not specifically create more faculty positions, he expected that "this center will help attract some more faculty to MIT." With the high level of funding for equipment and research, Thomas said he expected the institute to grow in the future. They are expected to add faculty to this, maybe it up to 50 at steady state," he said. MIT is still negotiating where to allocate the space for labs, but Thomas said he expected an announcement next week for the 25,000 square feet of research space the institute is expected to receive. MIT chose over other schools Although the Army is not officially releasing the schools which made proposals for funding, Cornell University and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, both said the bids public, and CalTech and Northwestern University were reported to be competing as well. Thomas said the Army would disclose the full list after May 1, when funding is scheduled to begin. "Officially, the army's not acknowledging any schools that sent in a proposal," Thomas said. Thomas said he thought MIT's history of being one of the few major universities to bring in real-world results gave the Institute the advantage. "We're world-class if you think about science and technology," Thomas said. "Technology is our name, and we've got some of the best faculty and best and brightest students." He said MIT's relationship with industrial partners also helped, since MIT's partners were actively involved in writing the proposal, in addition to contributing additional millions of dollars in research funding. "We wanted partners to be integrated in the centers and committed to doing something," he said. "I think the Army was impressed with both our science and with our teams and the people we had selected."
Unique Simmons Architecture Has Feel of ‘Spaceship’

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minute wait out on Vassar, five other students, including a Tech photographer, and I were led into a one-story building the size of a small house on the Briggs Field side of Vassar. The on-site construction coordinator, Phil Vance, was our guide.

A taste of what’s to come

I thought the small building was an office at first, but upon entering I noticed that it was set up like a dorm room. Vance explained that it is a prototype room for the dorm across the street, complete with the exterior waffle design and full interior furnishing.

The room was nice; one wall contained all windows. Each square window is two feet by two feet, and three of them fit from floor to ceiling. The sample room was a double, so that wall contained 18 windows, all operable. The other walls were concrete, with the ceiling around nine feet.

The room as a whole gave the effect of being on a spaceship: the metallic trim along the exterior of the windows, the light grey’s green glass against the ceiling, the loft bed’s frame with its randomly placed holes, the compact, fluorescent lights in the corridor, and all the little holes in the wood ceiling. The bathroom had a mirror in the shower and the sink resembled those found on commercial airplanes, small and useless.

In fact the feeling of being in outer space did not subside when we entered the actual dorm itself. As the tour guide explained, perforated aluminum will be a “feature of the building,” present along the dorm’s stairwells, exterior, and various terraces.

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Rules Board Chair Resigns, Calls E-Mails 'Mistake'

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in accordance with the UA Constitution, Council Bylaws and Election Code, and to set "additional require-
ments" for write-in candidates.
Smith's argument is "actually a much stronger argument than what Lee herself uses," Creighton said. "He had a good one against us. It says they can do whatever they want," Brar said.
Creighton said Lee is "completely not following any set of rules." Lee acknowledged in her e-mail that "there is no specific rule in the Election Code or Campaign Rules that says that offering voters money for their vote" is illegal. "Apparently at least this basic rule should have been there was neglected," Lee wrote. "However, the rules are only the minimal explicit set rules of the Commission and Rules Board and say so explicitly."
Count delayed pending appeal
Creighton and Brar appealed their disqualification to the UA Judicial Review Board, which has final over-
sight. The Board will make its deci-
sion by the end of Friday, said Jud-
Board Chair Leah S. Schmelzer '03. "We'll meet with the Election Commission and get their side, and we'll meet with Rhett and his run-
ning mate and get their side," Schmelzer said.
In the meantime, Lee has announced that the commission will postpone counting ballots "until after Jud-Board's decision regarding the appeal to the Creighton/Brar ticket decision."
Brar criticized this delay as con-
ceived so that the Commission would not have to "show the kids on campus how many votes we got."
"We know we won," Brar said, with Creighton citing a figure of 399 undergraduates who had e-mailed them to claim their $10.
"They know that we're in the lead," Creighton said. "A lot of peo-
ple said they voted for us without e-
mailing us."
Lee strongly denied knowing the current ballot standings. "The only person who has looked at" the elec-
tronic voting results "is the person running the site," she said.
The technical coordinator, Mitchell E. Berger '03, confirmed that no one else on the Election Commission had access to early returns from the electronic voting system.
Ruling overturns earlier decision
The Election Commission's dis-
qualification of Creighton and Brar effectively overruled an "Official Decision" issued Tuesday by the Campaign's three-member Cam-
paign Rules Board.
The board, created in December 2001, is empowered under the Elec-
tion Code to "interpret the campaign rules for the election, hear official complaints, and to enforce sanctions as necessary."
Because Creighton and Brar are running as write-in candidates, the Board had written, "Any sanctions placed against them must therefore take the form of voting restrictions on MIT's students placing votes for them, which would be a direct harm to the purpose of the write-in blank on all ballots. Besides public knowl-
edge of violations and infeasibility, no plausible, direct sanction against this ticket is possible."
The Commission issued a new ruling two days later, imposing the "direct sanction" of disqualification. Lee said several campaign-related events occurred after the Tuesday ruling, and the Commission decided it had to issue a new decision.
Rules Board chair asked to resign
After learning of two e-mails Campaign Rules Board Chair Daniel D. Liston '04 sent to Creighton and to the mit-tail mail-
ning list, respectively, Lee asked Lis-
ton to resign.
On Tuesday, Liston wrote to Creighton regarding his candidacy, "You are wasting your time and mine... I figure your goal is to dis-
rupt the election, poke some holes in the UA, and get your name in the tech. Congrats. You've done every-
thing you've wanted. Now when this is all done with you can go back to your powerless, inane [sic] exis-
tence. Sleep well."
Wednesday night, Liston sent to mit-tail a summary of what was to be the Election Commission's decision. Lee strongly denied knowing the nature of his e-mails.
Lee said that Liston had not con-
cluded the rest of the Commission before sending his e-mails, which were both signed with his title, "[Election] Rules Board Chair," and that she felt Liston's resignation was good for the Commission due to the increasingly personal nature of his e-mails.
Liston said he "made a mistake" writing his e-mail to Creighton. "I no longer speak for the Commis-
sion," Liston said, but he urged stu-
dents to "think about the welfare of the entire student body and not just their pocket."
Bush fund off limits to voters
Lee said that the source of Creighton and Brar's money was irrelevant to the Commission's deci-
sion to disqualify them.
Regarding Creighton and Brar's pledge to use the $5,000 Vannevar Bush '16 fund to disburse among their voters may run into trouble. The Bush fund was established in 1950 with a $10,000 grant made to MIT "without restriction," but with the "suggestion" that it be used "to defray [without accountability] the extraordinary expenses incident to" the office of UA president
Lawrie Wade of the Office of Student Life Programs said the money would not be able to be used as Creighton and Brar have pro-
Creighton and Brar suggested, though, that they would try to cir-
cumvent these restrictions, giving the example that they might route the money through their fraternity, Tau Epsilon Phi.
Candidates mixed
Creighton and Brar's opponents displayed mixed responses on the Election Commission's decision. "I think there needs to be election reform," Jonath S. Yoon '03, who is running for UA president with Miquel C. Vigil '03, said. "I'm going to say I support the Election Commission's decision," Yoon said.
"I just don't believe that the way [Creighton] approached his campaign and campaigning this year was as tasteful as it should have been," said Paul Dorea '04, who said she was "impartial," as to the Election Com-
mision's decision. Dorea is running for UA vice president with Jonath S. D. Scale '03.

Council for the Arts at MIT

ARTS SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Open to sophomores, juniors, seniors, and graduate students regardless of major
Application Deadline: Wednesday April 3, 2002

Who are the Arts Scholars?
A community of MIT student artists, from all disciplines

Who should apply?
Students who are committed to work in one or more disciplines in the arts and who wish for more interaction with fellow student & faculty artists

What is the program?
The program is structured around informal monthly dinners accompanied by presentations or excursions. Presentations may be given by faculty members, MIT artists-in-reside, fellow students or Boston area artists.

When does the program start?
The full 2002-2003 program begins in September 2001

Students may apply to the program by completing and submitting an application form that includes a brief essay describing the student's involvement in the arts, and his/her interest in participating in the Arts Scholars Program. Also required are:

• 2 letters of recommendation - one from an MIT faculty member familiar with the applicant's artistic work
• interview with selection committee members
• Samples of previous work when applicable

Applications & guidelines are available at 3-234 and E15-205
Monday - Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm
For more information: http://web.mit.edu/arts/scholars.html

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Several Squads Take Taekwondo Bronze

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Bocanegra-Thiel ’04, Juan I. Rodriguez ’04, Andrew T. Vue ’03, and Vladislav Gabovich G finished the day successfully for the team, advancing through the brackets and meeting Cornell B1, the eventual champions, in the semi-finals. Though Bocanegra-Thiel lost the lightweight match to an advanced red belt, Rodriguez showed sheer willpower and desire to win, winning a very emotional match against their middleweight. Vue came close in the deciding heavyweight match, but Cornell won in the end and the men finished with a bronze, tying the team overall for first place.

The win was a major milestone for the Sport Taekwondo Club, since Cornell has been the league’s dominating team for many years. The team heads to Columbia University on April 6 for the next INCTL tournament.

MIT Department of FACILITIES

CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Zesiger Sports & Fitness Center
Removal of scaffolding will begin. Drywall framing and rough plumbing continue, with special precautions regarding generation of noise. Access to W34 and Kresge Auditorium may be congested as construction continues.

Dreyfus Chemistry Building
Some of the sections of the building will be sealed due to decontamination and asbestos removal. All affected areas will be marked and barricaded off.

70 Pacific Street
Interior drywalling continues. Painting, floor tiling, and installation of bathroom finishes are underway.

Simmons Hall
Installation of windows and windowpanes continues. Installation of the permanent roof membrane is nearly complete.

Vassar St. Utilities
Sewer replacement work has begun near Building 42 and will continue west. Traffic flow and parking may be affected. The crosswalk at Vassar St. from the Albany St. garage to the main entrance of Building 39 is back in place. The rear of the parking lot between Buildings 45 and 48 is now closed to allow for construction of the BCSC and Stata utilities.

Memorial Drive Traffic Signals
The Traffic Lights at Wadsworth and Endicott Streets are fully installed. Testing of the signals is now underway. Landscape work will begin in the spring.

Graduate Student Council

GSC Officer Nominations
Open until March 27, 2002
Run for the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Visit http://gsc.mit.edu for election guidelines.

Committee Chair Elections
Throughout this month in the GSC office (50-220).

Housing & Community Affairs - March 19
Orientation - March 20
Academics, Research, & Careers - March 21
Activities - contact gsc-ac-chair@mit.edu

GSC Awards Nominations
Graduate Teaching Award (1 for each school)
Perkins Award for Excellence in Graduate Advising
Edward L. Horton Fellowship Award

Eloranta Summer Research Fellowships

Several $6,000 summer research fellowships, intended to encourage challenging intellectual activity during the summer months, are available to MIT undergraduates. Areas of study or research may be in any field: science, engineering, the humanities, arts, or the social sciences. Originality is important. The planned activity must be student organized or student-directed.

All MIT undergraduates are eligible, including those whose planned research begins the summer immediately following graduation.

How to Apply: A well-written proposal presenting a concise research plan should be submitted by the deadline to the UROP Office, 7-104. At least one letter of recommendation or support for the proposed research is needed, from an MIT faculty member. This letter may accompany the proposal or be mailed separately. A budget should be included with the proposal. Award Winners are chosen by the Eloranta Fellowship Committee at the end of April.

Contact: Staff in the UROP Office, 7-104, x3-7306, europl@mit.edu For additional details, please see the Eloranta website, web.mit.edu/eloranta.

Two Lady Engineers Track All-Americans

By Stanley Hu

Two Lady Engineers Track All-Americans

The Women's Swimmers Team won the NEWMAC Championships held Feb. 22 to 24, registering three new area records and winning the year's loss to the United States Coast Guard Academy.

"This was the best NEWMAC's out their '7's not exactly where we had ever had," said head coach Mary Siovenski. "I'm not satisfied with how it went in on the All-American team." Siovenski shelled the conference record for the year's two competitions.

Second place. Bruce J. Di Bello '05 also had an impressive meet, winning two events, fourth in the 100 yard butterfly, and swimming on four of MIT's "A" relays. His time of 2:08.66 in the 200 yard IM broke the conference record, but was "a B cut" in the 100 yard butterfly.

Deep MIT lineup leads to win

The MIT women's gymnastics team placed in the top eight of all three of their individual events. Makee Gong '05 in the 100 yard freestyle, the 200 individual medley, and the 400 individual freestyle; David L. Lohrey '05 in the 200 freestyle, the 200 breaststroke, and the 200 individual medley; and M. Tiffany Nguyen, Tiffany Coleman '05 in sixth and Ira Bednarski '05 in seventh. The rest of the floor line-up seemed to be so proud," Siovenski said. "They were so proud, they had a really great record, and the feel of the throw. I hadn't felt that all season. I was really excited about what I had done compared to where I had started off." Siovenski has been transfixed in the thrower's ring of disappointment.

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