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Pentagon Announces Plan To Scale Back Air Patrols

The Pentagon will scale back the combat air patrols that have been flying over Washington, New York and other major U.S. cities since Sept. 11, but it will maintain planes and crews ready to fly on runways across the nation, officials said Monday.

Citing the high cost of the flights, the drain on Air Force resources and the likelihood that the patrols could deter another air attack on the U.S. homeland, officials said it is possible that patrols over New York will stop altogether.

“Combat air patrols in the air, even on Sept. 11, may not have made a difference,” a senior military official said. “What pilot is going to want to shoot down a civilian airliner? The Sept. 11 attacks, if they were going to be stopped, would have had to be stopped at the airport, not once the planes were in the air.”

The round-the-clock patrols have cost the military more than $500 million. They have tied up more than 260 aircraft — including fighter, AWACS radar control planes and C-130 transport planes — 350 air crews and 10,000 Air Force personnel at 30 bases throughout the United States.

Dozens Charged in Connection With Web Child Porn Ring

Eighty-nine people, including two Catholic priests, two police officers, a foster parent and a nurse, have been charged in connection with an Internet-based child pornography ring that authorities have broken up, Justice Department officials announced Monday.

The charges have been made in a 14-count indictment, and 50 more arrests are expected later this week in the first phase of a nationwide crackdown on Internet-based child pornography. More than two dozen of those arrested have admitted to molesting 36 children, according to the FBI. The others were charged with possession of child pornography.

“It is a clear new marketplace for child pornography has emerged from the dark corners of cyberspace,” Attorney General John D. Ashcroft said at a news conference at FBI headquarters. “Innocent boys and girls have been targeted by offenders who view them as sexual objects. These individuals must be stopped.”

The sting, known as “Operation Candyman,” included more than 225 searches in more than 20 states.

Three Years for Iranian Man Who Interfered With Flight Crew

Weeping and pleading for mercy, an Iranian immigrant was sentenced to two years and nine months in federal prison Monday for threatening to “kill all Americans” after he was caught smoking on a plane bound from Los Angeles to Toronto.

Appearing in chains before a Los Angeles federal judge, Javid Naghani, a 38-year-old Los Angeles businessman, apologized for violating the no-smoking rule on airplanes, but denied uttering any anti-American remarks during the Sept. 27 flight. “Judge, give me a chance, I’m sorry about smoking.”

Naghani, a legal U.S. resident, was convicted by a federal jury in December of interfering with the Air Canada flight crew. Defense attorneys had said that they expected the withdrawals to be completed by dawn Tuesday, and that Palestinian security forces would be obligated to take control of the territory and halt attacks against Israelis.

Palestinian officials said they had ceased fire talks were impossible as long as the reoccupation stood. Coupled with the renewed U.S. effort to coax the two sides toward truce talks, the Israeli pullback nurtured a faint glimmer of hope that the first day of spring tomorrow.

The withdrawals, which began last week with the arrival of Anho- yya Zaan, the U.S. special envoy to the Middle East, were carried out under American pressure. Nonetheless, Palestinians were angered that Cheney, who arrived Monday afternoon, had no planned meetings with the Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, or his senior deputies. He was scheduled to meet three times with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel and once with the Israeli president, Moshe Katsav.

“Taw is talking about peace between Palestinians and Israelis and he decides for reasons incomprehensible to us not to have a scheduled meeting with President Arafat,” said Saeb Erekat, a top Palestinian negotiator. “If he’s on a peace mission as he says and he’s not meeting with President Arafat, I wonder if he’s trying to make peace between himself and Sharon or between Sharon and Israel.”

In his week-long tour of nine Arab countries, Cheney has faced relentless pressure to intervene on behalf of the Palestinians, and the vice president’s advisers have stressed in the last two days that he is willing to meet with Arafat’s deputies. But Cheney’s aides said Palestinians were insisting that the vice president meet with Arafat himself.

That presented Cheney with a dilemma: If he refuses to see the Palestinian leader, it would feed Arab complaints that Washington has taken Israel’s side. But if Cheney does meet with Arafat, he would enraged the Israelis, who have pressed hard for the West to isolate the Palestinian leader, and would shift the policy of the Bush administration, which has shunned Arafat.

President Bush has refused to invite Arafat to the White House, saying he must take more decisive action to rein in Palestinian mili- tants. And the vice president is said to be no fan of Arafat’s.

This afternoon, in a welcoming ceremony on his arrival at Tel Aviv’s Ben-Gurion Airport hosted by Sharon, Cheney kept up the pressure on Arafat.

Pakistanis Authorities Seeking Links Between Church Attacks

Pakistanis authorities are investigating possible links between Sunday’s attack on a Christian church here and a deadly assault in October on another Christian congregation in nearby Punjab province.

In both cases, the suspected tar- get of the attacks were Americans. The group under investigation is a banned Sunni Muslim militant orga- nization with strong links to the former Taliban regime in Afghanistan. Also under investigation is the possi- bility that the Islamist attack — which killed 17 people includ- ing two Americans — was a suicide mission. That could mark a worrisome expansion of the extremist threat, and most difficult to stop, form of terrorism.

Four of those killed in the attack at the Protestant International Church in this capital’s diplomatic quarter have been identified, includ- ing a U.S. Embassy employee and her 17-year-old daughter. But the fifth was injured beyond recogni- tion.

As no family members have come forward to identify those remains, police have speculated that the final victim may have been the same man who hurled at least three grenades into the congregation dur- ing Sunday services. A Western official connected with the investi- gation identified the fifth victim as a man identified in Pakistan’s media as “one of the perpetrators,” suggesting that more than one attacker may have been involved.

“He was blown to pieces,” the official said. “The force of the explo- sions inside the church blew out windows and shattered blood on the floor.”

According to Pakistani Commu- nications Minister Javed Ashraf Quzi, a former military intelligence chief, at the top of the list of terror- ist organizations suspected in the Sunday attack is the Sunni militant group known as Lashkar-i-Jhangvi.

Banned in August by President Pervez Musharraf because of a series of violent attacks on the coun- try’s minority Shitie Muslim commu- nity, the heavily armed Lashkar-i- Jhangvi has been linked by witnesses to the Oct. 28 attack at a Sunni militant organization in this capital.

In that incident, attackers strapped with explosives left a mannequin carrying a Kalashnikov assault rifle, killing 15 wordgopers and a police- man before escaping on motorcycle.

Although all of the victims in the Bahawalpur attack were Pak- istani Christians, authorities believe that primary targets were two Ameri- can missionaries who had been expected to attend the service.

Snow for Spring

By Michael J. Ring

After one of the mildest, driest winters in recent memory, New England experienced a long-overdue dose of snow yesterday, with more on the way for the first day of spring tomorrow.

This week the core of the jet stream, the intense upper-level current which greatly influences the paths of storms, stretches from Texas norththeastward to Maine marking the edge of the region of the world. For most of this winter the jet stream has taken a more northerly track, passing over eastern Canada instead of the northeastern United States, and consequently we have experienced very dry conditions this winter. With the jet now taking a more southerly track, sever- al storms will pass through the area over the next week.

Yesterday’s storms were the first of these events. A second storm, currently over the Tennessee Valley, will slide northeastward and bring us a mixture of light rain and snow ending; clearing late. Lows near freezing.

Tonight: Cloudy with flurries after midnight. Lows near freezing.

Wednesday: A mix of light rain and snow. Cold with highs of only 35°F for the day.

Thursday: Sunny and milder. Highs near 43°F (6˚C) and lows near 25°F (–7˚C).
The settlement, on a peak known as Victoria, is so remote and rugged that American and Peruvian archaeologists described it as a “spectacular view” from 8,000 to 11,000 feet. A platform built at the peak provides what they said was a “stunningly beautiful country,” said Virginia, who is associated with the National University of San Antonio Abad of Cusco.

The team has so far explored only one side of the mountain, but has found the ruins of more than 100 structures, including circular dwellings, agricultural storehouses, cemeteries, funeral towers and corrals, used for raising llamas. Much of the site is still overgrown with dense cloud forest.

“The government cannot engage in intentional deceit in order to prevent (you) from going to a court of law,” Jennifer Harbury, a lawsuiter and widow of a Guatemalan guerrilla fighter, told reporters Monday.

Since then, Harbury has been seeking to hold liable key officials for lying, including former U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher and National Security Adviser Anthony Lake.
**Letters To The Editor**

**Supporting Our Colleagues abroad**

It is aware that the Libyan people’s court has recently sentenced 152 of Libya’s university professors and students. Two professors got the death sentence: Professor Salem Abu Hanak, head of the Chemistry Department at the University of Jowary, and Professor Abdullah Ahmed Izzedin from the Engineering Faculty of the University of Tripoli. The rest of the accused were handed sentences ranging from 10 years to life in prison.

Twenty of these people hold PhD and Master’s degrees from American universities. The urgent appeal to the U.S. academic community, both professors and students, is to unite in support of this freedom of expression and of academic liberties. The Libyan government continues to systematically silence the academic community in Libya because they are the only engine of social change left in depilated and oppressive country. Bear in mind that the group in question neither committed nor advocated any violence. In fact, they did nothing more than collectively call for democratic reforms, social justice, and an end to corruption. This action, natural as it may seem in the United States, is in violation of a 1972 Libyan law that bans assemblies and is punishable by execution. This action, natural as it may seem in the United States, is in violation of a 1972 Libyan law that bans assemblies and is punishable by execution.

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Guest Column

Jeff Roberts

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When I came to MIT I became very interested in the residence system, particularly the dorms. I quickly learned, as did my fellow students, that dorms are not just residences but social groups, and that each one has its own personality. As a thinker, I immediately wanted to know more. Why are dorms communities so strong? From where does each dorm get its characteristics? So when I learned, in 1998, that MIT was planning to open a new dorm in three (now four) years, I knew I wanted to be a part of it. I wanted to learn about how a new dorm is created from the very beginning. I decided to get involved, and the joining of my long descent into the underworld of MIT residential life politics. But that’s not what I’m discussing here.

Ever since I’ve been on the Founders Graduate Committee (FGC), I’ve been interested in the new dorm — Simmons Hall, as it’s now called — trying to figure out why it was interesting to me. After all, I’d be just another one of the 10,000 students as a whole? If you’ve got a strange (“unique” for the politically minded) name you learn little rules about your name. For example, if you Preston was the most interesting questions.

What will Simmons Hall be like? What kind of personality will it have? Will it be like Baker? MacGregor? East Campus? For these I have one general answer: It will be like other dorms in the ways all dorms are alike, and will be unlike other dorms in the ways all dorms are different. Each dorm has unique personalities. Moreover, we know that dorm personality is based not just on the personal characteristics of the residents, but on history, tradition and on the interactions of its residents as a group. Therefore, we value the culture, not the dorms themselves.

When does dorm culture develop? Architecture is one important factor, and the borderline is apparent in the design of Simmons Hall. Simmons Hall will have some influence, but the culture will develop over time, within the system, by the students themselves. This is important for many reasons. First, students will be the most basic force in the development of dorm culture. It is important to students active in the dorm culture, but to students who are not interested in the dorm culture. We must be careful not to be separated from the culture. We must also not allow students who are not interested in the dorm culture to contribute to the development of dorm culture.
America, just as it had some years earlier in health care. Under President Johnson, government — must do so.

As a consequence, many individuals are not the ones responsible for the vicious idea of “someone else’s money,” but instead see health plan options, and employees spend more because it’s “someone else’s money,” encouraged the spread of the vicious idea

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OKAY, I'M GOING IN THE BACK WAY

YOU GO IN THE MAIN WAY AND WE WILL MEET BEHIND THE STAIRCASE INSIDE.

BUT THAT'S JUST NOSE WORK!

WHAT DID I TELL YOU? Brawn has a nose.

what can i say? with a 12-hour exam coming up, i don't have 2 spend much more than 2 minutes there.

so, i'm going home. afternoon. big Achilles. 1 week. 12 hours. i can't have 2 forget just curves.

OMG! we, a group! screech round 3, i'm changing the scene. a tight scene. 28 scenes.

CAME SOONER TOOK FANCY BACK.

CHRISTINA, I'M OUT TO TELL YOU SOMETHING...

I DON'T WANT TO KNOW IF YOU WOULD GO OUT...

MARY!

CAN I HAVE A COPY OF YOUR MATERIAL...

YES...

OH, RIGHT. I THINK 1 WOULD...

I CAN'T DO IT. I'M FIFTH IN THE ORDER.

POOOPIEHTS PRPOOHINGS

HEL-LEN!

OH, I'M YOUR BEST.....
Rodriguez received a 1997 George Foster Peabody Award for his NewsHour essays on "An Argument With My Mexican Father," as well as two BBC documentaries. Most recently, he was awarded the 2002 National Book Critics Circle Award for his book "Brown." Rodriguez's awards include the Frankel Medal from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the International Journalism Award from the World Affairs Council of California. He lives in San Francisco and is one of television's highest honors.

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**Crossword Puzzle Solution, page 14**

**ACROSS**
1. Zest competitor
2. "At Seventeen" singer Janis
3. Mr. Gardner
4. Backslides
5. Miss America
6. Cut ruthlessly
7. Rock composer
8. Milhous
9. Adroit
10. Masseuse
11. Sanford of "The Jeffersons"
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26. Take ten
27. Wrap up
28. Flips
29. Mass of hair
30. Sound of disgust
31. In the style of
32. Truant from the troops
33. Choice of what came first
34. Carte du jour
35. Large vase
36. Ginger
37. Tire gauge abbr.
38. Dagger handle
39. Heatthrob
40. Hard and fast rules
41. Dally of "Judging Amy"
42. British rule over Huron/Ontario
43. Beginning on Sumatra
44. Japanese grappler
45. PDQ relative
46. Took into one's family
47. City in Western Australia
48. When it's light
49. Fastened loosely
50. Above you?
51. Pull back on
52. Tailor's helper?
53. Leave high and dry
54. Adversaries
55. Sheer silk fabric
56. Tailor's helper?
57. Adroit
58. Adversaries
59. Chooses
60. Heavily
61. See 17A
62. Deadlock
63. Purpose
64. Frozen dessert
65. Gadzておく Polpée
66. Huron/Ontario
67. Take by force
68. Puerto __
69. Puerto
70. At bay in a bay
71. Certain feds
72. See 69

**DOWN**
1. Platter spinners
2. "Sharp Interface Model"
3. Ms. Gardner
4. Marle of "Judging Amy"
5. "Gadgeteer Popeil"
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**Tuesday, March 19**

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Trade, Production, and the English Customs and Excise, 1843-1842. Dibner Institute Lunchtime Colloquium. Free. Room: E56-100. Sponsor: Dibner Institute.

**Wednesday, March 20**


12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Excel Quick Start. This course presents an overview of Excel's basic functions, as well as some of its more powerful features and capabilities. Free. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.

Join The Tech.

HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT ALCOHOL AT MIT?

We want to hear from YOU!

STUDENT ADVISORY COALITION
The Office for Community Development & Substance Abuse programs is inviting all interested students to participate in the Student Advisory and Other Drug Advisory Coalition. This student coalition will function to identify student and community concerns, evaluate strategies and solutions for change, and make significant contributions to the policies and procedures associated with alcohol and other drug matters.

Topics will include:
- Anonymous Medical Transport
- MIT Alcohol Policy

The first meeting will be held on Sunday, March 31st at 7:00 PM in the Structure Student Center (Week: Lounge, 3120-291).

For information, please contact the OCSA program office at SLC-3794 or simply call 253-7680.

<join@the-tech.mit.edu>

The Writing Prizes

Competition Deadline: April 5, 2002

Fiction and Science Fiction
Short Story
Essay
Drama
Poetry
Science Writing for the Public
Visual Arts

The Harold & Arlene Schnitzer Prize in the Visual Arts

The MIT Student Art Association invites all registered MIT students to submit works of art to the Schnitzer Visual Arts Competition.

Prizes will be awarded as follows. In addition, the winners' art will hang in the Wiesner Student Art Gallery from May 14 through June 30.

First - $1500
Second - $900
Third - $600

To apply for the Schnitzer prize, you must submit a completed application and all supporting materials to the Student Art Association, Stratton Student Center, Room W20-429, between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm on April 3. This is the only day and time applications will be accepted. A complete application consists of the following materials:

1) example of artist's work: a) three pieces of original work or b) one piece of original work and visual representations of other original works (i.e., slides, photographic prints, etc.),
2) a written statement concerning artist's intent as it pertains to his or her works and art in general,
3) a completed application form, available in W20-429.

Sponsored by the MIT Student Art Association
Students Protest Genetically Modified Foods at Star

By Michael Borucke

Last Tuesday, MIT students joined environmental and consumer activists protesting against genetically modified foods at the Allston Star Market on Commonwealth Avenue.

Approximately fifteen Greenpeace and student activists arrived at the store at mid-morning and began taking ladders off of a van parked adjacent to the store. Using the ladders to scale the store, activists hung a banner from the roof and attached placards saying, "Stop Genetically Engineered Foods" to the store’s windows.

Other activists stood on the sidewalk in front of the store holding enlarged, "Caution: Biohazard" yellow tape. Still other activists handed out informational pamphlets to passers-by. Within fifteen minutes Star Market employees had removed the placards from the window and forced those activists on the roof to descend. Police allowed demonstrators to carry banners in front of the store.

Among the demonstrators were MIT graduate students Julia K. Steinberger and Brice C. Smith and MIT alumna Saurabh Asthana '00. "GMOS [genetically modified organisms] represent a potentially serious threat to public health," Smith said. "The people have spoken, and they don’t want GMOs."

Other demonstrations occurred simultaneously at supermarkets in Rhode Island, Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont.

Protest kicks off of national campaign

Organized by Greenpeace and Clean Water Action, the protests kicked off a national campaign against Shaw’s, Star, SafeWay, and other supermarket chains selling genetically modified products or products that include genetically modified ingredients.

Linda Sethcell of Clean Water Action said the aim of the campaign was to remove all GMO foods from store shelves. "These experimental foods are uncontested and unwanted. And we’re here calling people to action to get them out of our grocery stores," she said.

Previous attempts to influence the grocery store behavior have met with little success. Last year, the GE-Free Markets Coalition handed over 15,000 customer comments to Shaw’s CEO Ross McLaren. This did not precipitate any action on the part of the grocery giant. Neither Shaw’s nor its subsidiary, Star Market, have since asked their customers if they are concerned about genetically modified foods. Shaw’s parent company, UK-based J Sainsbury PLC, has already removed products containing genetically modified ingredients based on the concerns of their consumers.

In a letter to Coalition representatives, McLaren wrote that GMO products had not been pulled from shelves because "we have not experienced any Shaw’s brand products being genetically modified." McLaren wrote: "We are unable to comment on the raw materials used in the manufacture of all Shaw’s brand products."

The Shaw’s Web site addresses the labeling of genetically engineered food in particular detail. According to the Web site, "We support the role and responsibility of FDA to determine appropriate food labeling. Consultation with the FDA should be carried out for all genetically modified food or food ingredients. [The] FDA should establish criteria for ‘GM Free’ and ‘non-GM ingredient’ labeling."

Polls show support for labeling

As Shaw’s waits for federal labeling regulations, some public opinion polls show a majority of consumers are concerned with GM labeling as well as Genetically Modified foods themselves. A poll conducted by ABCNews.com in June 2001 found that 93 percent of respondents wanted genetically engineered food to be labeled. A Harris poll in June 2000 found that 96 percent of Americans thought the government should require labeling of all food from genetically engineered crops. And a PBS poll conducted in April 2001 found that 65 percent of the 21,000 respondents felt genetically engineered crops should not be grown at all.

Despite McLaren’s claims to ignorance of genetically engineered products being sold at Shaw’s stores, a recent study sponsored by the GE-Free Markets Coalition found that five Shaw’s brand products tested positive for genetically engineered ingredients. Those products included Shaw’s Brand Crispy Corn Puffs Cereal, Shaw’s Brand Yellow Corn Chips, Shaw’s Brand Complete Pancake and Waffle Mix, and Shaw’s Brand Taco Dinner.

Some claims that the genetically modified ingredients in the cereals pose special risks, Setchell said GMO’s can “create new food allergies” to which young children are especially susceptible.

Crossword Solution

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March Madness Means Mascots, Cheers, Aramark

By Eun J. Lee

March Madness is here. Even we nerds at MIT can't completely isolate ourselves from the excitement. So when I walked into the MCI Center in Washington, D.C., on Friday morning, I was immediately hit by two college teams duking it out for the NCAA title. This past weekend, I witnessed the madness firsthand at a watching eight East Regional games at the MCI Center in Washington, D.C.

On Friday, I watched four round one games back to back, and on Sunday afternoon, I saw Friday's winners (Maryland, Wisconsin, N.C. State, and UConn) play each other in two second round games.

I was not only going to give a play-by-play of each of the games, because God knows there were enough sports reporters and cameramen at the games. For those of you who couldn't be there, here's what you missed off the basketball court.

March Madness at cost?

At each basketball tournament, the first thing I noticed was that there were very few actual college students at the games. This is probably because of the tickets. Tickets were expensive. My tickets were $80 for each session (there were three sessions, so it was $240 for the weekend), which got me seats in the prime location of the nosebleed section at the MCI Center. The irony was that the nosebleed section was packed, but the lower tiers of the arena were about a third empty during the first round games. Being resourceful college kids, my companion and I sneaked down into the lower tier after the second halves of all of the first round games. This was most difficult to do during the second round games. All of the games that we attended were completely sold out, which explains why this is the only sport in which I have ever gone to where the scalpers actually asked the fans if they had any extra tickets.

It was worth being at the game in person. The experience was completely different than any game I have seen on television. To be able to walk into the arena, I could just feel the buzz of excitement from the fans and the team. Even when I was not a die-hard fan for any of the teams other than N.C. State, the games were exciting to watch because of the energy from the crowd. It was kind of fun to be able to listen to commentators during the entire game, but at the same time, it would have been nice to have replays shown on the big screen television.

Aramark rears its ugly head

By halftime of the first game I was famished, so I found my way to a large box, I was disappointed to find that the pizza inside had shrunk and was only four slices. Homefield advantage is not a thing to be taken lightly. Both Siena and Wisconsin were doomed from the beginning in their games with Maryland. I still can't figure out where Siena College is, but they got my pity when I realized that they were the only school without a band, and the officials took away their school paraphernalia during Hampton vs. UConn game. The Terrapin fans were relentless and quite frankly, really annoying. I thought I would kill someone if I heard another person yell "Yeeaaaaaaahhbb Terys!" Every field goal scored by Maryland was answered by the roar of the crowd. The comparative silence following their opponent's plays was far worse than any sort of jeering or booing that the crowd could have done. It was annoying to me because I was an outsider, but the pure passion of thousands of people of a couple of boys playing basketball really hit me as something really fundamentally simple, pure, and beautiful. Of course it's just a game, but the fact that people from different walks of life could feel so passionately about something and be brought together by something so simple really resonated deeply within me.

Where is Siena, anyway?

Some field goals were different, there was a fine line distinguishing one from the other. During the second round games, three of the four teams had red as their team color. The entire lower tier of the arena was red, which seemed to defeat the purpose of having a team color since the teams could not be distinguished from one another.

The bands played the same songs which were continually interrupted by a different school mascot or name. Even the cheers all sounded the same. "Let's go, Maryland" became "Let's go, Badgers," and then became "Let's go, Hokies." The cheering sections obviously didn't do their research before certain games, like when the Maryland squad cheered "Let's go, red!" during the Wisconsin vs. Maryland game (Wisconsin is also red) or when Michigan State's cheerleaders yelled "Go State!" during the Michigan State vs. N.C. State game.

From my exposure to cheerleaders from my high school, I can't say that I have ever felt that they are really necessary. However, I suppose that I loathe college cheerleaders a little less than those in high school. They actually were entertaining to watch (especially more so for some other than others), and they did a lot more acrobatics routines than I expected. The Hamp ton cheerleaders were by far the least sophisticated of all the schools. Their routine was limited to booty dancing across the floor of the arena, and yet they got the loudest applause of the game from the crowd.

The spirit is contagious

College athletic events seem to be unique social situations, and sometimes I feel that sports fans would make great case studies for social psychologists. Even old people act completely crazy when you throw them into a sporting arena. My friend's uncle got punched in the face during one of the first round games by a man who was sitting in his seat. The forty-year-old man next to me was ogling the Maryland cheerleaders with his binoculars and making lewd comments to his friends about how he missed his promiscuous college days.

Complete strangers struck up conversations about different teams and how they thought they would do during the tournament. Maryland fans consold dissilu sted N.C. State fans after their team narrowly lost during the second round. The entire crowd (including myself) was joined through the chant of "Ref, you suck!" during last part of the N.C. State vs. UConn game, in response to a seemingly unfair call. The whole experience threw me into a completely different social situation than I had ever experienced at MIT, and it made me wish that our school had some non-robotic sporting event that could bring our community together.

Here is recap of the weekend's expenses.


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Ring Includes Subtle Symbols of Sept. 11

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clases of 2002 and 2003 were also invited to the premiere, as were the president and vice president of the class of 2005. "We wanted to give the freshmen a head start and for the upperclassmen to share in the experience," said Ring Committee member Tina Shih '04.

Most guests were very pleased with the results. "I think the presentations were very entertaining yet professional," said Brad M. McCoy '02. "Everyone enjoyed what they did!"

Committee adds unique features

The Leonid meteor showers were represented in the skylines that traditionally adorn the sides of the ring. Also keeping with tradition, a map of campus was added to the inside of the ring. The map included buildings under construction like the Stata Center, "the technological brainchild of electrical engineering," as committee member Neelish Chadusama '04 put it.

Construction was also represented in a dust cloud that surrounded the great dome on one shank of the ring. The ring also included an outline of the Stata face, symbolizing the Athena computer system, a sunken sailboat next to the letters "RUSH" in the Charles River, and the letters MIT screwed together to represent the seal.

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Professor of Anthropology Joan E. Jackson, chair of the committee investigating the School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, said that fields of specialization in which women tend to concentrate are often marginalized and command lower salaries than the traditionally male-dominated disciplines, sometimes causing entire departments to feel as though they were “second-class citizens” at the Institute.

One male faculty member interviewed by the HASS committee is quoted in the report as saying, “We’re all women here.”

Lotte Bailyn, a professor in the Sloan School and chair of the school’s committee, reported a similar phenomenon among the Sloan faculty. According to Bailyn, male faculty specializing in strictly quantitative research areas often receive better pay and treatment than their colleagues with other specializations.

Marginalization a major issue

All committee chairs reported that marginalization was a major problem in their respective schools. They said this marginalization takes the form of exclusion from group grants, PhD committees, and a lack of information on opportunities and mentoring.

While marginalization is difficult to measure and correct through policies, several panelists said that simply generating awareness through their report and the faculty meeting would do much to improve the situation.

“In the long run, it’s really a consciousness-raising issue,” Hopkins said.

Family also a concern

Balancing professional and family life was a major concern for many women faculty as well as many of the young male faculty.

Department Head and Professor of Mechanical Engineering Rohan Abeyaratne said that family life was the major factor in a recent faculty candidate’s decision to accept a position at another university.

“Even though MIT was a much better school, she felt that there would be much better daycare for her child” at the other university, Abeyaratne said. “And so we lost her.”

Reports received well by faculty

Although all the committees concluded that gender bias does exist, they also highlighted recent progress made since the 1999 School of Science report. Such progress includes the hiring of more women faculty, the appointment of women faculty to leadership roles, and more equitable salaries.

Panel members agreed that their reports were well-received by the faculty as a whole. They received several rounds of applause from the audience throughout the course of the meeting.

Hopkins also noted that MIT administrators were much more willing to discuss the issue of gender bias than those at other major universities.

“I really would like to commend the MIT administration,” Hopkins said.

Vest and Brown both expressed MIT’s commitment to gender equality, saying that MIT should take a leading role in addressing this issue.

“As every one of these reports pointed out, there are a lot of women having good experiences at MIT, great careers,” Vest said. “We just want everybody to be that way.”
Contested Class Council Races

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Vote-Buying Ploy Likely Increased Turnout for Other UA Elections

Turnout, from Page 1

"As many people just voted online," Lee said. "Plus, paper balloting was on Friday, when fewer people have classes. I voted online this time," La'O said. "It was easier."

Many council seats uncontested

Sin of the elections for seats on the 2003 and 2004 Class Councils were uncontested, including 2003 president.

"I think [so many uncontested elections] happened because people don't feel their UA council actually represents them," said UA President-elect Josiah D. Seale ’03. "Next year, I hope to increase resolution with more representatives from individual communities."

Disqualification of Ticket Upheld

At the six-point decision, JudBoard ruled that "the Creighton/Brar campaign strategy was indeed a form of bribery and/or vote buying."

"The Creighton/Brar ticket is hereby declared to be ineligible to hold the offices of the UA President and Vice President and the ruling of the Commission to this effect is upheld," the written decision continued.

"The board interviewed Creighton and Brar Friday afternoon, and then deliberated for four hours Friday night. It issued its opinion around 10 p.m. Saturday night over the mit-talk mailing list."

Creighton also said that the rules could be more flexible. The rule changes JudBoard recommended are too tailored to this particular case, he said. "I was surprised that they thought changing the rules would be necessary. They case would prevent things like this happening in the future," Creighton said. "I can see it happening in an even earlier years. The new rules put in the safest way to make the elections better is to not let me run."
**Sports**

**LLUA Wins ‘A’ League Basketball**

**Top Seed LLUA Takes Intramural Title With 37–35 Edging of ATO Gold**

**By Rory Pheiffer**

Alpha Tau Omega Gold edged the Little Lebowski Urban Achievers (LLUA) 37–35 March 11 to win the “A” League Intramural basketball title.

**Top-seeded LLUA reached the finals by continuing its determination to dominate its opponents, with victories of 84–44 against the Black Graduate Students Association and a 51–28 whipping of the Slavic Tribes.** ATO Gold used two seven-point victories over the Asian Athletic Association’s Tobs Five and Delta Upsilon’s Ducks to dominate their opponents, with victories of 64–34 against the Black Graduate Students Association and a 51–28 thumping of the Slavic Tribes. ATO Gold used two seven-point victories over the Asian Athletic Association’s Tobs Five and Delta Upsilon’s Ducks to dominate their opponents, with victories of 64–34 against the Black Graduate Students Association and a 51–28 thumping of the Slavic Tribes.

LLUA, in typical fashion, jumped out to an early lead as Craig Breen G and Joseph Costello G each buried a pair of three-pointers. It looked like LLUA was going to run away with it, but it was out of time outs, though, and LLUA’s shooting percentage dropped significantly.

Howell ‘04, and Colin E. Champ ‘04 kept LLUA’s top scorer and defense from Lyle Paladin-Tripp in check. Fortunately for LLUA, they found their offense again, as they started to make their shots and force turnovers on the defensive end. They recovered from their deficit and pushed the lead to five with just three minutes to play. It looked as if they were going to pull away, but LLUA began missing their one-and-one free throw attempts, allowing ATO to pull within two with under a minute to play. With fifteen seconds remaining, ATO fouled Breen, sending him to the free line for one-and-one attempt. Breen’s free throw was off the mark, and ATO grabbed the rebound for one last attempt.

There was trouble in the second half as Wentworth went on a 3–1 run, reducing MIT’s lead to only one at halftime. But the Engineers went on to widen the lead in the second half, finishing with a 10-point win.

Brent M. Schreiber ‘03, Scott B. Mahur ‘03, Brian C. Alvarez ‘02, and Chris W. Wilmer ‘02 forced the sea-soned Wentworth offense to take only outside shots for most of the game. Goalie Christopher Ng ‘05 played his part as stopping the attack with 14 saves on the day.

The key to MIT’s success was the ability to win the ground ball situations. The slippery turf combined with the aggressive MIT defense begot many changes in possession. Both MIT defense and midfield capitalized on these opportunities. The defense totaled 16 loose balls while the midfield turned many of their 25 ground ball wins into scoring situations. Wentworth led the pack with 8 ground balls to his name.

MIT’s offense also forced hurried situations on the other side of the field. The Panther defense was often unable to clear the ball out of their own zone. Attackman Carter Powers ‘05 made it his personal mission to get in the face of the opposing goalie, which resulted in many scoring opportunities for MIT. Powers had five goals, resulting in five goals, respectively. Consistent pressure from the front lines caused the young Panther defense to buckle and forced the rest of the Engineers to take their offense again, as they started to make their shots and force turnovers on the defensive end. They recovered from their deficit and pushed the lead to five with just three minutes to play. It looked as if they were going to pull away, but LLUA began missing their one-and-one free throw attempts, allowing ATO to pull within two with under a minute to play. With fifteen seconds remaining, ATO fouled Breen, sending him to the free line for one-and-one attempt. Breen’s free throw was off the mark, and ATO grabbed the rebound for one last attempt. ATO was out of time outs, though, and they brought the ball up-court and eventually made an errant pass to the reporting of this story.

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**B League Bracket**

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**UPCOMING HOME EVENTS**

**Tuesday, March 19**

Baseball vs. Wentworth, 3:00 p.m.
Women’s Lacrosse vs. Gordon, 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 20**

Men’s Lacrosse vs. Endicott, 4:00 p.m.

**Thursday, March 21**

Baseball vs. Gordon College, 3:00 p.m.