Seale Discusses Plans to Improve UA Representation, Involvement

By Jeffrey Greenbaum

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Seale, who is in his first term as president, said that the UA must try to be more accessible to students. "The most important thing is that we represent the student body," he said.

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Deadly Blast Near Embassy Doesn't Deter Bush Visit

By Lee Hockstader

WASHINGTON

A smiling Palestinian suicide bomber triggered a massive explosion in the tense police heart of downtown Jerusalem Thursday, killing himself and three other people and injuring scores.

The bombing, the second in two days, delivered another chill to the Bush administration's push to broker a cease-fire between Israelis and Palestinians. In response, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon canceled what had been billed as a critical U.S.-organized meeting of top Israeli and Palestinian security chiefs, scheduled for Thursday evening.

A statement issued by Sharon's office said the Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, bears "exclusive responsibility" for continued attacks and has done nothing so far to foster a cease-fire. "Israel will not be able to sustain for long its one-sided effort to implement the (peace plan)," it added.

The purpose of the negotiating session, which would have been run by the U.S. Middle East envoy, Anthony Zinni, was to hammer out the fine points of a detailed cease-fire plan. Instead, television news shows broadcast images at once gruesome and routine: a building facade streaked with blood up to the third floor, whimpering victims being whisked from wailing ambulances on hospital gurneys.

Officials in Jerusalem insisted Washington is not on the verge of aborting Zinni's week-old mission, his third in four months. But they acknowledged that his presence here, in the aftermath of a bloody Israeli military offensive and repeated terrorist bombings, has done little or nothing to shake the Palestinians' determination to carry out more attacks.

A similar string of Palestinian attacks prompted Washington to recall Zinni last December after a little over two weeks in the region. But this time the stakes are even higher as the Bush administration lays the groundwork for a possible attack on Iraq. In his 11-nation swing through the region this month, Vice President Dick Cheney was told constantly that without some measure of calm on the Israeli-Palestinian front, Washington would risk an explosion in the Arab world by attacking Baghdad.

The pope’s statement “is a signal to respond in truth and justice to each of these painful situations.”

Experts inside and outside the church described the statement as the first clear signal that the Vatican is alarmed by the scandal in the United States, which erupted in January with revelations that a priest in Boston may have abused more than 130 children while being moved from parish to parish by his superiors.

The pope’s comments came in a single paragraph in his Easter letter to priests around the world. Avoiding such words as molestation and pedophilia, the letter speaks of the “grave scandal” as a manifestation of supernatural evil, expresses concern for the victims and says the church is striving “to avoid such words as molestation and pedophilia, the letter speaks of the “grave scandal” as a manifestation of supernatural evil, expresses concern for the victims and says the church is striving “to avoid such words as molestation and pedophilia, the letter speaks of the “grave scandal” as a manifestation of supernatural evil, expresses concern for the victims and says the church is striving “to respond in truth and justice to each of these painful situations.”

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Winter on the Move

By Robert Korty

The run of warm weather will be with us through Saturday, before returning to more normal temperatures for Sunday and into early next week. Temperatures this month have been over 4˚F above normal, with only a trace of snowfall. So far this winter, Boston has reported only 1.6 inches of snow; an average winter snowfall is just over 40 inches.

Clouds will thicken today, with showers by evening. Clouds will remain, with a chance of rain, through mid-afternoon Saturday. Clearing and cooler for Sunday and Monday.

Extended Forecast

Today: Sunny, brisk, and cold. High near 32˚F (0˚C).

Tonight: Partly cloudy, low near 22˚F (−6˚C).

Saturday: Partly cloudy, high near 30˚F (−1˚C). Low near 18˚F (−8˚C).

Sunday: Partly cloudy, high near 42˚F (6˚C).

Deadly Blast Near Embassy

A Federal agent on Thursday raided two more Northern Virginia locations in an ongoing investigation of possible money laundering and tax evasion involving cash that eventually may have funded Middle Eastern terrorist activities, according to documents and sources.

The raids came a day after similar sweeps of 14 other homes, businesses, schools and organizations in Herndon, Falls Church, Leesburg and Fairfax County. Investigators zeroed in on the Virginia organizations after determining that many of them had been passing money back and forth among themselves several times before sending it overseas, sources familiar with the case said Thursday.

The raids were prompted by a news conference Thursday to denounce the raids and deny any link to terrorism. One woman whose home was searched said agents broke in at gunpoint and held her and her teenage daughter in handcuffs for five hours. An Islamic think tank in Herndon said it was searched for 12 hours.

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Situation for Noon Eastern Standard Time, Friday, March 22, 2002

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Administration Proposes Changes To Medical Confidentiality Rules

By Amy Goldstein
WASHINGTON

The Bush administration Thursday proposed changing some of the federal rules designed to protect the confidentiality of Americans’ medical records, including the ability of patients to decide in advance who should use their personal health information.

The proposal would alter a federal system of regulations that compels patients to give written permission before their records can be disclosed to doctors, hospitals, pharmacies and insurers. The Bush administration, which proposed changes that would erode that requirement and, instead, say that patients must at some point be notified of their privacy rights by those who use their medical records, to give consumers over the proliferation of medical records, including the ability of patients to decide in advance who should use their personal health information.

The proposed changes are the latest in a series of steps by the administration to limit the federal government’s power to inspect and control the flow of people and goods across the border, but target would-be terrorists and illegal immigrants into the United States.

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A Cordial Debate

On Wednesday, March 20, a group of concerned students, including members of the Class of 2002, met with Kark Kolenbrander, special assistant to President Vest, to discuss their concerns regarding the undemocratic and transparent decision to invite World President James Woldfonsou to speak at commencement.

We are happy to report that Dr. Kolenbrander listened to our concerns with respect and consideration. We were especially excited to hear that he was personally willing to work with the students in creating an open forum with James Woldfonsou to occur prior to commencement. We sincerely hope that the MIT administration will follow through on this endeavor. In addition, Dr. Kolenbrander expressed his desire to engage in a dialogue with students regarding student involvement in all aspects of decision-making at the Institute, including dining and housing issues.

We thank Dr. Kolenbrander and the Institute for the opportunity to discuss these issues and we look forward to further action from the administration.

Arjun Mediratuta G
Payal Parekh G
Jesse Barnes G
Abby Popp G

Game On!

Philip Burrowes (“Are We Bored of Board Games?”, Mar. 15) needs to get himself out of Toys ‘R Us and over to a good game store. With games like Hasbro that mainstream U.S. game publishers like Hasbro have largely stagnated, there is still active innovation in gaming, primarily coming from Germany. Publishers like Hans im Glueck, Ravensburger, Kosmos, and Mayfair are producing many new fun, rich, and educational games that involve a lot of player interaction using high-quality components. Try games like Modern Art (an auction game) or Unsnap (where you are an amoeba mutating to survive in the primordial soup), and stay away from Monopoly.

Jim Kuchar ’90

Erratum

The review of The Winter’s Tale [Mar. 18] incorrectly states that Queen Paulina dies in the play. The deceased character is Queen Hermione, played by Rikki Muller ’03.

two days before the date of publication.

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It was in autumn 1999 that I left home for Cambridge University to begin what would be an eye-opening educational adventure. Coming from Malaysia, one of the wounded "tigers" of the 1997-1998 Asian financial crisis, I was of course determined to get the best education I could. But I would never really understand the unique socioeconomic circumstances and challenges faced by newly industrializing countries. The admonishment from various Western institutions of the need to "modernize" our institutions so that we would not be left behind, was one lesson that had us blame ourselves for not keeping our homes in order, is directly etched in my mind to this day. I cannot help but feel a little amused now that having come here, I find anti-globalization very much meaningful. MIT, with its complete xv with the admonishments of the evils of capitalism. But despite my own reservations, I think at least one issue on which popular anti-capitalist wisdom has it all wrong, and the danger is that Washington seems increasingly susceptible to this particular lobby group. The issue is not other than sweatshops.

Sweatshops are bad is an unquestionable truth from a moral point of view, but it is doubtful that beyond moral grounds, the case against sweatshops is as deterministically right. It is quite unfortunate therefore that the attacks on the evils of capitalism have reached such a level as to practically put up many valid counterpoints to such popular wisdom.

The reason that sweatshops exist is linked to the discrepancies in labor and production costs over the regions of the world. Taking advantage of the relatively cheaper wage advantage of cheap labor in the incidentally poorer regions of the world is a very real and obvious trend. This is obviously wrong in terms of ethics. But the commonly proposed measures to alleviate the condition of the consumers of sweatshops, such as imposing ethical investment criteria linked to labor and production issues, has an intrinsic attractiveness. It should be realized that for many a poor country, an immediate real option to sweatshops simply does not exist. Imposing a minimum wage to counter the "problem" does more harm than good. It eliminates one of the few competitive advantages possessed by many developing countries, compared to the more capital-rich and technologically advanced industries of the developed world. It will destroy the sweatshop industry, which invested in these countries because of the low cost of labor. And without it, the livelihoods of thousands will be emptied into unemployment.

The problems of relative lack of skill on the part of workers, and the workers not being able to solve by wrecking their own system of popular economics through trade sanctions. In fact, this would mean that many current consumers would have to be forced to join the millions picking pockets, scavenging for food and possibly indulging in me. Abject poverty is a vicious circle that will cause a vicious circle. Anything done in a head in the form of even worse in a row will come back to haunt you. This is why countries attempt boycotts with little and without the issues of "fair trade." There is no reason to believe that the governments of these countries are less interested in the welfare of their own people than their counterparts in the developed world. People are willing to work in sweatshops because of the lack of options. There is no way to believe that the governments of these countries are less interested in the welfare of their own people than their counterparts in the developed world. People are willing to work in sweatshops because of the lack of options. There is no

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One could argue that the original seal is simply because it’s the original seal, but I would contest this. Assume, for hypothetrical purposes, that the official MIT seal’s tradition. Indeed, we at MIT are firm traditionists. The ring itself is the tradition, not the design. Every year the design committee customizes the ring of its class ring. The ring shank does not have to be identical to the original seal to remind us where we come from. Traditions do not necessarily die, but change to fit shifts in values. Our values have shifted rather significantly since 1864, or even 1971. "Sweatshop slavery system" that exists to condemn such people to perpetual impoverishment. The relative poverty that sweatshop workers seem to live in as seen through the eyes of a man who should hardly be the most likely alternative scenarios, i.e. even working conditions of those of our neighbors in the farmlands, a leading political economist at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and Financial Times: "For those workers in these foreign facto...

One might argue that the ring’s version of the seal is a breach of tradition, tradition. Indeed, we at MIT are firm traditionists. The seal is one of the oldest and most prized traditions. Yet we do n’t revolve things simply because they’re "old". We do n’t do things because they’re meaningful to us. The official MIT seal’s meaning can be traceable back to its creation in 1864. In fact, it has already been updated once, during President Howard Johnson’s 1979 administration.

The presence of women at MIT is in itself a remarkable fact. It is frequently said that the graphics allow us to see under the illusion that women form a healthy proportion of the science-engineering career sector. In fact, it’s only very recently become socially acceptable for women to attend college and the profession of MIT is a concentrated source of brilliant women, while in the rest of the world men still dominate the academic and professional fields at MIT.

Yet to alter the ring would not even be a stone (rather than killing space with one owl). Statisticians could assume that since the Class of 2004 is 42 percent female, the female scholars was drowned. From the start, male students voted for two men. The seal is one of our own academic and personal traditions. It is perhaps even more important than the others.

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I am not a rabbi feminist. I listen to Tenac- cious D, watch South Park, and don’t take offense when my date offers to pay for dinner. But I was saddened and infuriated when I recently became aware that my first classmate, a goddess of wisdom, at that, and the rings that served as namesakes for our campus-wide computer systems. We’d be killing multiple birds with one stone. We’d be killing multiple birds with one stone.

Two-fifths of this class’s minds and hands belong to women. M ust the numbers reach fifty-five before we consider female students to have as much importance as male students on this campus?

If pitching a view contrary to popular wis- dom wasn’t so jingoistic, it would be easy to dismiss such views as naive or liberal. But it is, overall, and are not the real problem. The truth is that sweatshops are not the real problem, the danger is that Washington seems increasingly susceptible to this particular lobby group. The issue is not other than sweatshops.

Several comments had been offered for this article in the Times, and I quote. "Men and women.

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ALL ARE WELCOME

Dan Tortorice

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dent of the World Bank, would be the 2002 commencement speaker,
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1945 to achieve global stability and eliminate poverty by funding devel-
opment projects in poor nations. The Bank has over 180 members who
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The Bank has used these reserves as col-
lateral, borrows from the world cap-
ital market, and lends to developing
countries. A board of twenty-four
executive directors — five from the
United States, the United Kingdom,
France, Germany, and Japan, and
the remaining nineteen from the
other member nations — make all
but a few loan decisions.

Now let’s talk about all the good
the World Bank does. In 2001 alone,
it lent $7 billion to the world’s poorest nations. $1.7 billion went to
HIV prevention. $1.5 billion went to health and nutrition
programs. Since its inception it has loaned over $30 billion for educa-
tional initiatives. This is a vast amount of money. The bottom line is
that when a poor person in a
developing country
receives a social service,
there’s a good chance it’s
because of the World Bank.

It’s important to talk
in general terms about
the Bank’s actions, since
they can have far-reach-
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additional information, please see the Elen rant website, web.mit.edu/elenrant.


Those who quote this ex-
ample love to argue that
the World Bank decided to pull out of the
project it was a victory for a develop-
ing country over the oppressive
World Bank. But after the Bank
pulled out, India’s government built
the dam with its own funds. The
country wanted the dam. It was the
people who had to move who didn’t
want it. By opposing the dam, they
put their interests above others.

That was the real oppression.

The World Bank’s critics argue
that it doesn’t listen to develop-
ing countries and that it enforces only
the will of the wealthiest nations.

But they don’t tell you that less
than a quarter of the Bank’s executive
board, the group that makes most of
the decisions, comes from the five
wealthiest countries. Or that the
Bank personally interviewed
60,000 people in over 80 develop-
ing countries specifically asking
what services they wanted. Or that
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to fund projects initiated, designed
and directed solely by communities
in developing countries. These critics
are simply not giving you all the
facts.

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Third World countries. This is an
argument more against
economic development than the
World Bank.

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countries to convert some of their
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products, but this is what economic
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The Arts
ON THE SCREEN

The following movies are playing this weekend at local theater. The Tech suggests seeing:<http://ae.boston.com/movies/> for a complete listing of movie locations.

★★★ Excellent ★★ Good ★ Fail ★ Poo

40 Days and 40 Nights
Just as Josh Hartnett vows 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 Hartnett to carry the film, and fails. The tired repetition of one theme grates on the viewer.

★★ The Count of Monte Cristo
An illiterate sailor finds himself imprisoned because of the jealousy of his best friend. Seeking revenge, he manages to escape from solitude confinement to become a member of Europe’s high society, in an attempt to win back the woman and the life he once had.

★★ I Am Sam
Three little girls bury a box of their goals and their dreams and decide to take a road trip out west. Many adventures ensue on the car trip.

★★★ Solution to Crossword
A perfect marriage of a young Indian couple in Delhi brings together a whole cast of delightful characters who sing, laugh and cry as they are reawakened and strengthened by the power of love to bring people together. 

★★★ Resident Evil
While its violence is barely excusable enough to make you cringe, it’s plot is not dynamic enough to make you truly care.

★★ Resident Evil
If you’re looking for a cheap thrill ride, Resident Evil can adequately conjure up some thrills. If not, then avoid this one like the plague.

RollerBall
Plot: convoluted, 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.

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.

The Time Machine
A mediocre time travel movie based on the classic novel. Though mostly enjoyable, with wonderful supporting performances by Orlando Jones and Kevin Durand, the film lacks continuity in both plot and theme.

By THE TECH ARTS STAFF — JONATHAN HESSON

The following shows are playing this weekend at MIT: http://web.mit.edu/spring.

MIT Department of Facilities
CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Starts Center
Aspen pedestrian walkway has been installed outside Building 37 and around the Alumni Pool is being bagged beginning this week. Police detailaries on site around the area are present.

Vacc St. Utilities
The air handling system between Buildings 45 and 46 will be closed beginning this week to allow for utility connections in the Start Centre. The space of the roof will be used inside June. Parking spaces will be made available in the CofC parking lot. Simmons Hall
Installation of jumping and mind-upstairs continues. Installation of the permanent andatorium is not complete.

Zoeller Sports & Fitness Center
Removal of sandbags scheduled to begin. Driveway framing and rough plumbing continue, with special attention being given to non-invasive aspects. Access to Vez and garage Areas remains limited.

Springs Hall
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Crevey Chemistry Building
Some of the sections of the building will be closed due to decontamination and asbestos removal. Access to certain areas at the east corridor will be restricted; a new corridor will be installed between these areas. Periodic noise may occur between the hours 7:30 am and 5:30 pm.

20 Salis Street
Bathroom continuing. Painting, flooring, and installation of bathroom finishes are underway.

For information on MIT’s building program, see http://www.mit.edu/spring.

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Wow! What's with all of the books & magazines?

My date with Nancy is tomorrow - I have to do research.

It's unbelievable! How much there is to know... do's and don'ts, facts, printers...

You're going to pull an all-nighter aren't you? Not on my hand! Think I'll have a quiet cup of tea.

That's weird, the chase of my dreams... and she's coming my way.

I'm throning. Can I copy your problem set?

Of course.

You're welcome. I was wondering... can I copy your problem set?

Sure... Really?

Thank you. I'm glad to know you care.

You're welcome. I wish you good luck on your work.

No... more - tests...

Wrestles... Mmm!

What? Can someone... tests? I know I'm depressed, but what are you going to make... you know to bring Tag?

Screw posting... I'm going to... screw... 40 days and 40 nights later...

Microcosm by Stag

Dude, what happened? I was on a rush to make my... and I burst both wrists trying to get through the lobby. Fuuuuck... I should be dead. I think...

Sorry, dude, but I do... this really nice, coarse, 5'9 girl...

Ugh, I'd rather explode!... side of freaking watermelons!!

Most find a girlfriend...
**Events Calendar**

**Friday, March 22**

- **12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.** – Orientation to Computing at MIT. This seminar provides basic, non-technical information about the MIT computing environment. Topics include: help resources, operating systems, support software, and computer-related health issues. Free. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.

- **12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.** – Al-Anon Meeting. Open discussion to help families and friends of alcoholics recover from the effects of living with the problem of drinking of a relative or friend. Parking is available at Hayward lot - get card stamped at Pediatrics. Free. Room: E25-101. Sponsor: MIT Medical.

- **3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.** – Mechanical Engineering Seminar. "Rapid Prototyping by Machining." Free. Room: 3-133. Sponsor: ME Seminar Series.


- **4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.** – PSFC Seminar. Ignition in Inertial Confinement Fusion. Free. Room: NW17-218. Sponsor: Plasma Science and Fusion Center.

- **7:00 p.m.** – MIT Anime Club Weekly Screening. "Crest of the Stars" (9-13) & TBA. Most screenings are subtitled in English. The MIT Anime Club is a non-profit MIT student organization dedicated to increasing the awareness of Japanese animation (anime) on campus. Free. Room: Room 6-120. Sponsor: MIT Anime Club.

- **7:00 p.m.** – Waking Life. Dreams. What are they? An escape from reality or reality itself? Waking Life follows the dream(s) of one man and his attempt to find and discern the absolute difference between waking life and the dreamworld. While trying to figure out a way to wake up, he runs into many people on his way; some of which offer one sentence asides on life, others delving deeply into existential questions and life’s mysteries. We become the main character. It becomes our dream and our questions being asked and answered. Can we control our dreams? What are they telling us about life? About death? About ourselves and where we come from and where we are going? The film does not answer all these for us. Instead, it inspires us to ask the questions and find the answers ourselves. $3. Sponsor: LSC.

- **8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.** – Spring Dance Festival. Come for two dance workshops and party at 9 p.m! See http://mitbdt.mit.edu for workshop schedule and pricing. Starting at $2. Room: Lobby 13. Sponsor: MIT Ballroom Dance Team.

**Saturday, March 23**

- **8:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.** – Sharing the Fire (Storytelling Conference). Room: Tang Center (Building E51). Sponsor: Information Center. League for the Advancement of New England Storytelling.

**Visit and add events to Events Calendar online at http://events.mit.edu**
Monday, March 25
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – WinPartners. The WinPartners is a group of Windows users and is a part of the teaching and learning mission of the University. They meet to share ideas and experiences and learn from each other.

Wednesday, March 28
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Web Publisher User Group. The purpose of the Web Publisher User Group is to provide a forum for users who have any questions or issues related to the use of web publishing tools and technologies.
More MIT PC Thefts Under Investigation

Thieves are still under investigation for a series of computer equipment thefts. "I didn't have any complaints about the police search," Aichele said. "We directed them to his room and they were only interested in searching his room.

According to Sales, the police are currently in the process of checking whether any of these items are those missing from other thefts from earlier in the year. As of yesterday, no matches had yet been made.

Zeta Psi has decided to wait on reprimanding Strauss. "The case is still proceeding ... and he is innocent until proven guilty," Aichele said. "We are waiting along with everyone else for a verdict on the situation."

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Students Participate In Service Programs

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Leahé Lai ‘03 is leading an AIDS Awareness trip to New York, also with Alternative Spring Break. The group of six students will stay in a youth hostel on the upper west side, and visit two different organizations: a gay men’s health crisis center and a lower east side harm reduction center.

“It is a fact that there are a lot of people in New York that need help that this group is trying to help. Although I am not going on the trip, I think it is good for all students to participate, not just those who are interested in the AIDS cause,” said Jordan C. ’04.

The AIDS Awareness trip is not the only one the students are planning to take. A group of six students will also go on an Alternative Spring Break trip to New York, also with Alternative Spring Break. The group will stay in a youth hostel on the upper west side, and visit two different organizations: a gay men’s health crisis center and a lower east side harm reduction center.

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Students With Passion, Distinction Sought for 2006

Larry G. Benedict.

MIT began reducing class sizes with the class of 2004 after deciding to move all freshmen on campus. While the admitted pool of students was already dwindling in years past, the target class size officially dropped from 1,050 to 1,000. MIT marginally overshot these expectations for the class of 2004 but was shocked to receive 1,039 acceptances for the Class of 2005.

Redwine said that MIT is trying its best to solve the problem of overcrowding by trying to provide more beds and accepting fewer students. “Although we want to solve the problem of overcrowding as soon as possible, we couldn’t solve the crowding problem by reducing the number of students drastically in one year,” he said. “So we will continue to work on the overcrowding issue in the years to come by continuing to shoot to enroll 1,000 students per year, which is the target number of students that MIT wants to educate per year.”

Deans pleased with Class of 2006

MIT prides itself in having the best students from all over the nation as well as many other countries in the world. “We work hard to handpick every single student so we want every student that we admit,” Jones said. Jones emphasized that MIT did not just seek the brightest but also the most dedicated. “As in the years past, we have admitted people who have a passion for what they do as opposed to people who are only concerned with getting into good universities. We work very hard to find people who are the right match with MIT and we hope that we yield very well with next year’s class.”

Associate Director of Admissions Elizabeth Johnson said, “We always try to admit people who have some kind of distinction or passion about something as well as people who have good interpersonal skills. This years’ class has met up to our expectations.”

“The Class of 2006 looks very strong.” Redwine said. “We had the highest percentage of valedictorians and students in the top five percent of their high school class as well as an average SAT score comparable to those of recent years.”

Incoming class diverse

“The Class of 2006 looks very diverse with more underrepresented minorities having been accepted than in any past years,” Redwine said. “We are quite proud of the Class of 2006 being able to meet up to the standards of the previous classes at MIT.”

Prospective freshmen will have the opportunity to tour the campus during Campus Preview Weekend, starting April 5.

Class of 2006 Admissions Statistics

**Breakdown of Admitted Students by Ethnicity**

- White (590)
- Asian (481)
- African-American (126)
- Other Hispanic (59)
- Puerto Rican (28)
- Mexican (35)
- International (100)
- Native American (26)
- Other (39)

Total: 1689 students

**Breakdown of Admitted Students by Gender**

- Female (835)
- Male (854)

SOURCE: OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS
Deora Discusses Plans For UA In New Role as Vice President

By Jeffrey Greenbaum

Seale "wanted broader student participation." (Page 14)

Seale Talks Wanted Broader Student Participation

Seale, from Page 1

really matters. After talking to some other people, I went back and talked to Parul, and she told me that she would welcome the first．She was the first person who asked．

Deora: What role do you believe that the UA VP should have, and in what ways do you see Parul filling that role?

Parul: Will complement me in the areas that I am lacking．She will also help with the internal organization of the UA．[For example, she will work with the class councils and help motivate the committees．]

Seale: You mentioned during the UA debate that there is poor communication between the UA and the students．How would you like to improve this?

Seale: Councilors are supposed to pass information onto their living groups．However, there is a breakdown in the link．[Outgoing UA President] Jaime [E．Devereaux '02] does not have the ability to contact all of the undergraduates．I would like to consider these issues, especially student/faculty relationships．But I also think that there are several issues that pertain to the student body．There are other high-priority [things] that I would like to address – how and what the state of dining would be.

Seale: How do you talk about the voter turnout?

Deora: I think that the voter turnout was great．A large part of it should have been due to the election's publicity．I am very proud that the student body voted their civic responsibility.

Seale: How do you feel that your term will be affected by service learning, student employment, and T-pass subsidies? T-pass subsidies, increasing SafeRide services and the paths of SafeRide LaVerde's and Star Market．Also, I think that a sense of regulation and changing habits is a great place for change．By getting better representation, we can make a difference for their community．

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By Karl McLetchie

Finishes at Nationals

The Nordic Ski Team wrapped up a successful season at the U.S. Collegiate Ski Association nationals meet, held in Waterville Valley, New Hampshire.

Karl-Magnus W. McLetchie ’02, and Marissa L. Yates ’03 joined racers from across the country to compete in four consecutive days of racing.

The racing began Tuesday morning with the men’s and women’s 1-5K sprint races. The top ten finishers from each of the morning’s interval start races continued on to a mass start in the afternoon. Garnett and McLetchie missed qualifying for the final round of sprints by seconds, but Yates continued to the afternoon race and finished ninth overall.

Yates finishes fifth in 10K

The racing continued Wednesday morning with the women’s 10K classic race. The temperatures remained below freezing for the race, and with the help of coach Derek Southwell’s encouragement, all three athletes were ready for the challenge.

At Saturday night’s awards ceremony, all three athletes were recognized for their efforts. At the U.S. Collegiate Ski Association championships. Additionally, Theta Chi shot well from the charity stripe, never allowing Phi Kappa Theta to gain the lead.

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