

Seale Discusses Plans to Improve UA Representation, Involvement

By Jeffrey Greenbaum
STAFF REPORTER

Winning the office of Undergraduate Association President by some 300 votes made Josiah D. Seale '03

Interview

even more optimistic than usual about changing student life at MIT. Throughout his interview with *The Tech*, he stated his firm belief that the UA can accomplish something if more of the student body gets involved. He also spoke about his recent campaign and the specific goals he hopes to accomplish.

The Tech: How did you get involved with the UA?

Seale: I started working with Anonymous Medical Transport. I ran for IFC Risk Manager. When I came back, I talked to student government people because I was still interested in this. I served as Committee Student Life Chair. I was on the police chief selection committee and other dean selection committees.

The Tech: Why did you decide to run for UA President?

Seale: I have seen that you can get stuff done in the UA. As it is now, the UA is sick and dying, but it's not hopeless. I wanted to make the UA useful. I know a lot of administrators. I have seen where the UA gets bogged down.

The Tech: How did you ultimately decide to run with Parul [Deora '04] as your Vice President?

Seale: I asked Parul early on and she said that she did not know what her schedule would like for next year. I was very picky about who I chose to work with because I wanted someone who showed that this

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Josiah D. Seale '03 was elected president of the Undergraduate Association last week.

WENDY GU—THE TECH

Admitted Class Size Falls By Nearly 100

Crowding to Blame for Drop in Admissions

By Sam Hwang

MIT offered a place in the Class of 2006 to 1,689 students this year, down from 1,787 last year due to overcrowding in dormitories.

The admissions office reported that a record number of 10,664 students applied for admission to MIT this year. Of those students, 3,602 applied through early action, of which only 520 were admitted. An additional 375 students were put on the waiting list.

Dean of Admissions Marilee Jones called this "the most selective year for admission at MIT." The acceptance rate this year was only 15.8 percent, down from last year's rate of 17 percent.

Overcrowded dorms a big issue

Lack of housing space has raised concerns for many members of the MIT community in recent years.

Due to this, the Admissions Council is aiming to enroll 1,000 students in the Class of 2006 (990 freshman and 10 transfer students), down from 1,034 students enrolled last year.

For the first time ever, MIT's enrollment management group, chaired by Dean for Undergraduate Education Robert P. Redwine, started actively solving the overcrowding problem by recommending to the Admissions Council that the number of students MIT admitted be reduced. The enrollment management group recommends to the Academic Council and the president a number of policies each academic year, including housing.

"Overcrowding was definitely a significant factor in accepting fewer students this year than in the years past," said Dean for Student Life

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Students Flee for Spring Break Sightseeing, Service

By Richa Maheshwari
STAFF REPORTER

With midterms wrapping up today and spring break in sight, some students have been preparing their getaways from MIT for weeks, or even months. Others, however, are not planning at all.

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With no concrete plans or arrangements, Sourav R. Dey, '02, Manu Seth, '02, and Goutum G. Reddy '02 are headed off to Iceland for their spring break.

"I don't even know what I'm getting myself into," Dey said. He

and his cohorts hope to rent a car at the airport and drive around for five days visiting the glaciers and volcanoes of Iceland.

"We also heard the clubs in Iceland are pretty nice, so we're going to try to go to those," Dey said. They plan to stay in youth hostels at night.

Going to Disney World

Amy I. Katz '02 is spending her third spring break in college at Disney World, where her two Alpha Epsilon Phi sisters, Samantha A. Weinstein and Karen H. Riesenburger '03, are joining her

for the first time.

"I want to go on Typhoon Lagoon if it's warm enough," Weinstein said. Katz warned that it probably won't be warm at this time of year. They plan to spend three of their days at the park, and one day at Universal Studios.

There's another alternative

Close to 100 people are taking part in this year's Alternative Spring Break, which has trips going to places all along the east coast. Amy L. Meadows '03 is the coordinator of a group going to West Virginia. The group of 10 students will help

repair and construct houses and do whatever they can to help the rural community.

"We're going to a very poor area so we're trying to get prepared," Meadows said. For the past two years she has done Habitat for Humanity, but she is going to West Virginia through a local organization called Appalachian South Folklife. They plan to drive for twelve hours and stay in wood-heated cabins in Pipestem, West Virginia.

"It will be very different from MIT, and a welcome change."

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Student Connected to Theft Of Computer From Bldg 18

By Brian Loux
NEWS EDITOR

MIT Campus Police arrested Mark L. Strauss '02 Wednesday for the alleged theft of a computer belonging to the Department of Chemistry, according to MIT.

Strauss was arraigned in Cambridge District Court Thursday and was charged with receiving stolen property. CPs are currently investigating whether Strauss may be connected to other computer thefts from campus buildings in the past few months.

Robert J. Sales, associate director of the MIT News Office, said Detective John Peterson from the campus police Investigations Unit, who responded to the initial call, was examining the scene in Building 18 when an unnamed chemistry graduate student overheard the conversation and noticed that a computer of the same description was being sold in the Boston Area on eBay.

"It was a serendipitous coinci-

dence," Sales said.

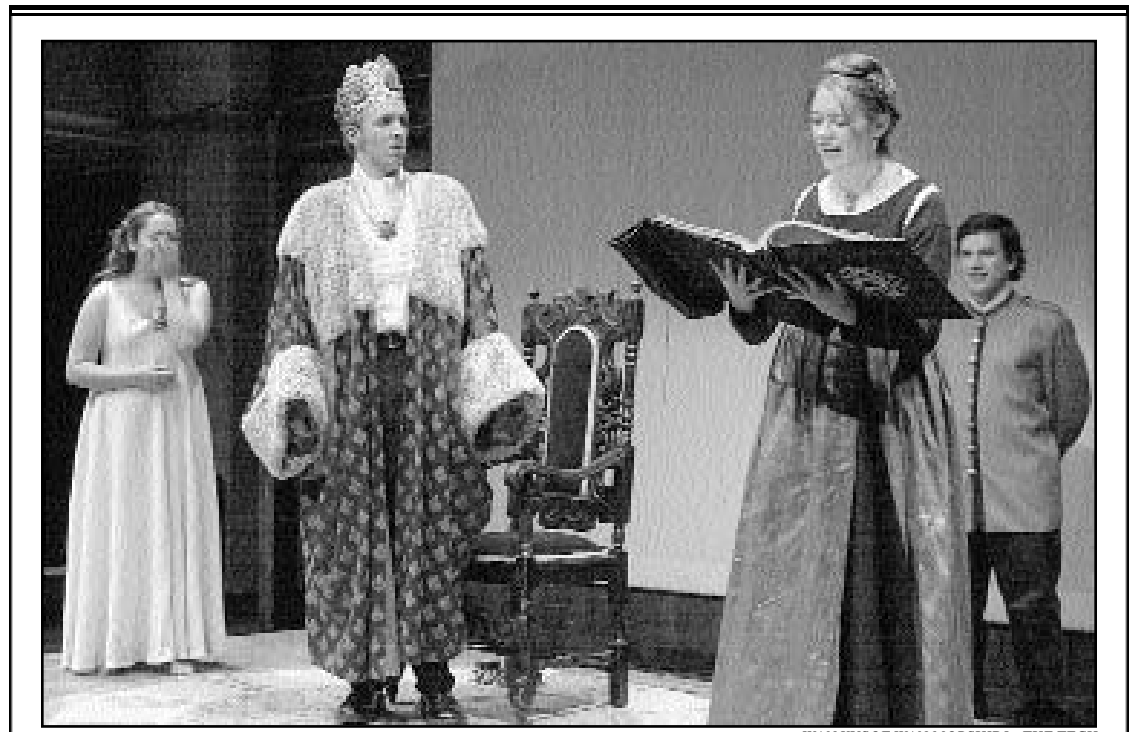
MIT said that a team led by undercover officer Mark Kelleher made a deal with Strauss to purchase the computer. Strauss met a plain-clothed Kelleher outside his Zeta Psi fraternity house Wednesday afternoon. Kelleher confirmed that the computer, valued at over \$400, was the one missing from Building 18 and the team proceeded with the arrest.

Zeta Psi shocked at developments

Matthew D. Aichele '03, president of Zeta Psi, said the fraternity members were "surprised" by the actions of their brother. "This was unbeknownst to any other member of the fraternity," he said. "It was an individual act in which nobody else was involved."

Police searched Strauss's room and seized approximately \$30,000 to \$40,000 worth of computers and

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Cleomenes (Brandy L. Evans '02) reads the oracle to the court of Leontes (Bob Mussett) during Shakespeare Ensemble's production of *The Winter's Tale*. The final performance will be tonight at 8 p.m. in La Sala de Puerto Rico.

The Chorallaries may be forced to pay for damages MIT says were caused by the recent Bad Taste concert.

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WORLD & NATION

Deadly Blast Near Embassy Doesn't Deter Bush Visit

LOS ANGELES TIMES

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Peruvian President Alejandro Toledo promised a crackdown on terrorist groups Thursday and officials closed off parts of central Lima in the wake of a bomb blast that killed nine people near the U.S. Embassy in Peru. The attack came three days before a visit by President Bush.

No Americans were killed in the blast late Wednesday, which injured dozens and left debris scattered in the street outside the embassy. The White House said Bush's visit would proceed Saturday as scheduled.

"Two-bit terrorists aren't going to prevent me from doing what we need to do, and that is to promote our friendship in the hemisphere," Bush said from the Oval Office.

The bomb exploded in front of a bank about 100 yards from the embassy, a fortress-like concrete structure in an upscale neighborhood in Lima. The bank and a shopping center took the brunt of the blast. No one claimed responsibility. Thirty minutes before the explosion, an anonymous caller phoned in a tip to Peruvian security officials, according to media reports.

Starr to Help Legal Team Challenge Campaign Finance Bill

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Kenneth W. Starr, whose investigation of President Clinton led to Clinton's impeachment, will help manage the legal team named Thursday to challenge the campaign finance bill that President Bush has pledged to sign into law.

Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., who has said he will be the lead plaintiff in a lawsuit against the measure, also announced that several other prominent lawyers have signed up for the fight.

Joining Starr as lead co-counsel will be Floyd Abrams, who as an expert on the First Amendment has represented many media companies before the Supreme Court — including The New York Times in the 1971 Pentagon Papers case. Another top lawyer signing on with McConnell was Kathleen M. Sullivan, dean of the Stanford University Law School.

All are offering their services pro bono, McConnell said.

His unveiling of the legal team — even before the campaign finance measure has become law — signaled the next phase in a long-running battle over whether limiting political contributions and expenditures amounts to limiting political speech.

More Virginia Locations Searched For Terror Funding Evidence

THE WASHINGTON POST

Federal agents 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.

A number of Muslim groups held 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.

Palestinian Suicide Bombing Sets Back U.S. Peace Effort

By Lee Hockstader

THE WASHINGTON POST

JERUSALEM

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

The bombing, the second in two days, delivered another stiff blow 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 (truce 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.

Thursday night, though, Israelis and Palestinians said the American approach was failing and American officials acknowledged it had been dealt a major setback. Israelis and Americans said the heart of the problem is that Arafat has taken no steps to stanch the operations of radical Palestinian groups.

"Anyone who thinks that by having some discussions we'll solve the problem is mistaken," said Ehud Olmert, the mayor of Jerusalem.

The Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, a militia tied to Arafat's Fatah movement, took responsibility for the bombing, as did the radical group Islamic Jihad. Involvement of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades would suggest that neither the offer of a meeting with Cheney nor direct criticism by President Bush has so far induced the Palestinian leader to crack down on militant groups.

Arafat issued a condemnation of what he called an attack on "innocent Israeli civilians," and he promised to arrest those responsible. Speaking in Arabic at a news conference, he said he would "take the immediate necessary steps to stop these actions and those who are behind them."

Pope's Easter Letter Laments Sexual Abuse by Clergy in U.S.

By Sheila H. Pierce and Alan Cooperman

THE WASHINGTON POST

VATICAN CITY

After months of silence on the child sexual-abuse cases that are shaking the Roman Catholic Church, Pope John Paul II said Thursday that the grievous sins of some priests have cast suspicion "over all the other fine priests" who perform their duties with honesty and heroic self-sacrifice.

The pope's comments came in a single paragraph of a nine-page, pre-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

respond in truth and justice to each of these painful situations."

Experts inside and outside the church described the statement as the first clear sign 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.

Since then, dioceses in more than 10 states and the District of Columbia have dismissed priests accused of sexual misconduct. Prosecutors have demanded access to church documents, victims are pressing lawsuits and some states are weighing changes in their statutes of limitations.

The pope's statement "is a signal of a quite serious realization in the

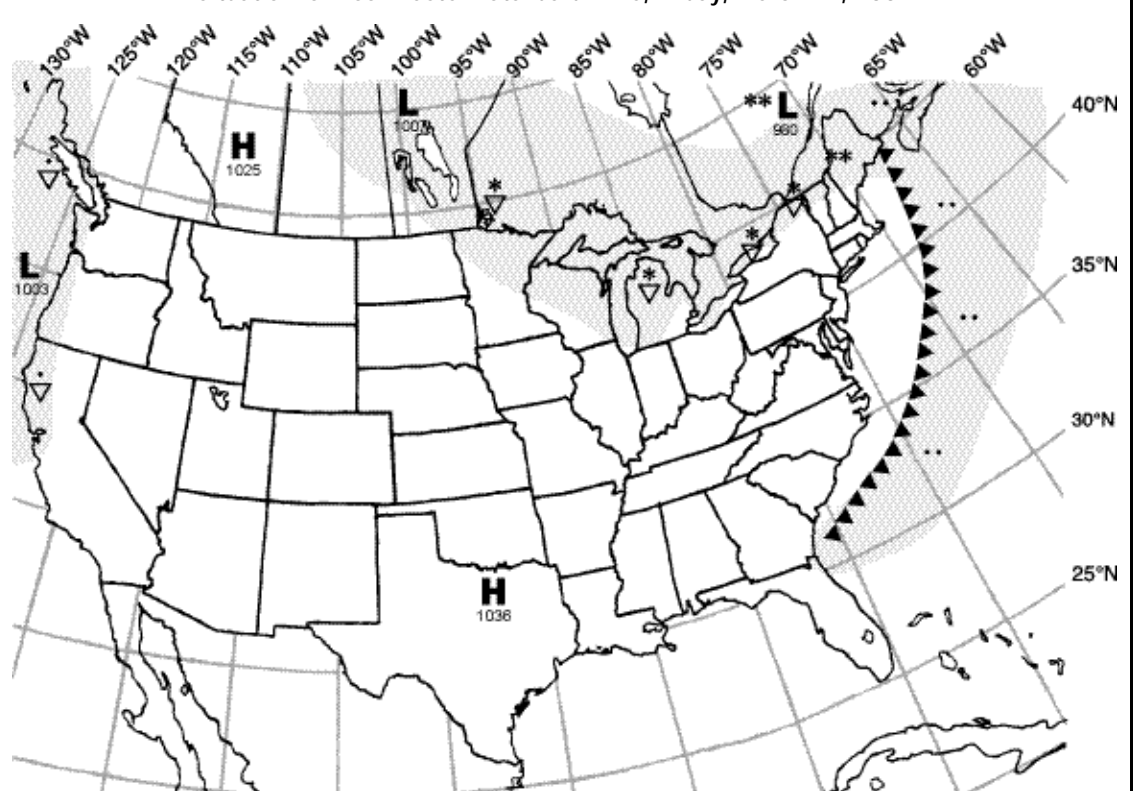
Vatican" that the scandal won't just blow over, said John Cornwell, author of "Breaking Faith," a book on problems facing Catholicism.

Some U.S. victims' groups called the statement overdue and disappointing. David Clohessy, national director of the 3,500-member Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests, or SNAP, said it was "troubling to see the continued emphasis on a few so-called bad apples" in the priesthood, rather than on systemic problems in selecting and overseeing clergymen.

"What everyone has learned beyond a doubt in the last few months is that despite a decade of promises and reassurances, bishops still do in fact reassign these men and cover for them," he said.

WEATHER

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



Winter on the Move

By Robert Korty
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

The run of warm weather will be with us through Saturday, before returning to near 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 13.4 inches of snow — 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 sunny with a high near 40°F (4°C).

Saturday Night: Clear. Low of 28°F (-2°C).

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

Secretary of Defense Promises 'Fair' Tribunals for Detainees

By Richard A. Serrano
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld promised Thursday a "full and fair" system of military tribunals for those detained in the war against terror, but critics said the process is gravely flawed because it does not provide adequate steps for defendants to appeal convictions.

Rumsfeld formally unveiled the new ground-breaking rules for tribunals, which the Pentagon calls "commissions," but added that the plan is, for now, just a blueprint. He noted that no one has been charged and no tribunals have been formed to hear any cases.

Although 300 prisoners are being held at the U.S. naval base on Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and hundreds more in Central Asia, Rumsfeld could not say when — or even if — the new policy, known as "Military Commission Order No. 1," will ever be used.

"We do not have any candidates

yet to be tried before commissions," he said.

But numerous civil rights groups and other monitors said the rules fall short of protecting defendants, particularly if they cannot appeal their cases to the federal courts but must instead rely solely on the U.S. military for fairness.

"The tradition of the United States is a system of checks and balances," said Mike Posner, executive director of the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights.

"An independent court system with judges provides a meaningful counterweight. It's served us well. It's one of the most fundamental cornerstones of our system, and they seem to have abandoned it."

Rumsfeld, however, said the tribunals should not be compared to military courts-martial or U.S. court trials because so much has changed since the Sept. 11 air attacks on New York and Washington.

"The commissions are intended to be different," he said. "The pres-

ident recognized that there had to be differences to deal with the unusual situation."

He added: "Let there be no doubt. Commissions will conduct trials that are fair and impartial."

William J. Haynes, general counsel to the Department of Defense, brushed aside criticism that the rules provide only one level of appeal — a three-member military review panel.

"Anybody that is tried will have vigorous, competent representation, and we expect that they will seek every avenue they can to protect the interests of their client," he said.

"And we are confident that the rules will withstand any scrutiny and that we will produce a full and fair trial and a just result."

But detractors pointed out that military courts-martial and the U.S. Courts provide many layers of appeals. They added that because the tribunals are a new venture, more safeguards such as appeals should be permitted.

Administration Proposes Changes To Medical Confidentiality Rules

By Amy Goldstein
THE WASHINGTON POST

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 be able to use their personal health information.

The proposal would alter a federal safeguard, adopted by the Clinton administration, that compels patients to give written permission before their records may be disclosed to doctors, hospitals, pharmacies and insurance companies. The new version would erase that requirement and, instead, say that patients must at some point be notified of their privacy rights by those who use their records.

In other changes that would loosen privacy rules, the administration wants to enable more parents to find out what medical services their teen-age children seek and make it easier for researchers to gain access to patients' records. In addition, business associates of various health care providers would be given more time before they have to follow the confidentiality rules.

But in at least one respect, the

administration is suggesting a significant strengthening of privacy rights by allowing patients to decide up front whether to allow their records to be used for marketing purposes.

The proposal, issued Thursday by U.S. health officials, represents President Bush's effort to tailor a policy that has daunted presidents and lawmakers for years: how much control to give consumers over the proliferating access to medical records in an electronic age.

Last April, Bush announced that he would move ahead with the medical confidentiality regulation adopted by President Clinton — but indicated he would modify portions of it to make them simpler and less onerous on health care companies and practitioners. Thursday, in disclosing what form those modifications will take, Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said, "the changes we are proposing today will allow us to deliver strong protections for personal medical information while improving access to care."

The new version was largely criticized by privacy advocates, physicians, and Democratic leaders on health care. But it was hailed by the insurance industry. "It's a major step toward creating a workable rule," said Karen Ignagni, president of the

American Association of Health Plans. She and other insurance representatives, however, contended that the administration should go further to ease regulatory costs and give the industry adequate time to adapt to the rules.

Administration officials said they will allow a relatively quick, one-month period for outside comment on its proposal, before HHS administrators begin to refine it and issue a final version. It does not require congressional approval.

In the meantime, the parts of the Clinton-era rules with which Bush agrees have taken effect, although health care providers will not be required to comply with them until next year. The basic aspects that remain intact guarantee Americans the right to inspect their own medical records that are kept in electronic form, determine who else has seen them, and complain when they are used without permission.

The proposed changes are the latest phase in a controversy that has shuttled up and down Pennsylvania Avenue for years. In 1996, as part of a broader health reform law, Congress set itself a deadline for adopting patient-privacy protections, saying it must do so within three years — or cede that authority to HHS.

Bush Pushes Border Security System To Target Mexican Crime, Immigrants

By Edwin Chen
LOS ANGELES TIMES

EL PASO, TEXAS

President Bush vowed Thursday to create a "smart border" with Mexico, saying he wants to speed the flow of people and goods across the frontier but target would-be terrorists and those who smuggle drugs and immigrants into the United States.

The joint initiative with Mexico seeks to develop a "biometric" ID system — using such identifying characteristics as fingerprints or retina scans — for frequent travelers from both countries that would let them use dedicated commuter lanes at high-volume border crossings.

Another goal is to develop methods of inspecting and then sealing trucks at their points of origin in Mexico so they can obtain clearance before they get to the border, and perhaps use the fast lanes.

"I want this border to be modern," Bush said in this Texas border city while en route to an international aid conference in Mexico. "I want

it to have the very best technology. I don't want it to be a neglected part of our country."

In a spirited speech to several thousand civilians and soldiers from nearby Fort Bliss, Bush said his commitment to modernize the United States' southern border demonstrates that his interest in Mexico hasn't waned despite a post-Sept. 11 preoccupation with the war on terrorism.

After his speech, Bush left for Monterrey, Mexico, to attend the U.N. conference and confer with Mexican President Vicente Fox. On his four-day Latin America trip, Bush also plans to visit Lima, Peru, and San Salvador, El Salvador.

Before leaving El Paso, Bush further highlighted his commitment to border security by touring the customs inspection station for commercial cargo at the Bridge of the Americas, which links this city with Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

Bush viewed a state-of-the-art detection device that agents now use to randomly check commercial

vehicles. He also examined a tour bus that was seized after agents discovered 1,500 pounds of cocaine hidden inside.

A more efficient border-crossing system has become an important goal for the administration in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks. Last month, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce reported that more stringent border inspections since September have led to long and often unpredictable delays in California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas.

Such delays, which also have been reported along the U.S.-Canadian border, have hurt business and slowed tourism, chamber officials said.

Each year, more than 300 million people, about 90 million cars and 4.3 million trucks cross the Mexican border into the United States. Commerce between the two nations has tripled since 1993, with more than \$245 billion of goods flowing between the two nations last year.

Telecom Firms Criticized On Accounting Practices

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Members of Congress lashed out at Global Crossing Ltd. and several other telecommunications firms Thursday, accusing them of misleading investors by using questionable accounting methods to artificially inflate their revenue.

It was Congress' first public attempt to delve into allegations of improper accounting at several telecommunications companies that had bought and sold access on each other's fiber optic networks. Lawmakers claimed the companies used the controversial transactions to boost their bottom lines in an effort to meet Wall Street expectations and support stock prices.

But Global Crossing Chief Executive John Legere, who testified at Thursday's hearing before the House Financial Services subcommittee on oversight and investigations, cautioned the members of Congress against leaping to conclusions about Global Crossing.

"Global Crossing is no Enron," Legere said in written testimony, referring to the Houston energy trader that has been the subject of several congressional hearings and a federal investigation.

Global Crossing Chief Financial Officer Dan Cohrs, who also appeared at the hearing, testified that his company entered into two dozen deals with other telecommunications companies, not to inflate revenue but to extend the reach and capacity of its network around the world.

Democrats Win Round In Energy Debate

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Senate Democrats Thursday beat back a Republican effort to scuttle a key provision of their energy bill that would require utilities to produce significantly more electricity from wind, solar, geothermal and other renewable sources of power.

The 58-40 vote came as Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., expressed frustration at the slow pace of action on the bill, echoing charges that Republicans had made about him before he brought the bill to the floor a month ago.

Later in the day, Daschle tried to force a showdown soon over whether to permit drilling for oil and gas in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge but was blocked by Republicans.

Democratic leaders plan to invoke Senate rules under which Republicans and several pro-drilling Democrats would have to produce a 60-vote majority to force the highly controversial ANWR issue to a final vote. Those who favor drilling in ANWR do not appear to have 60 votes at this time.

In his request to the Senate Thursday night, Daschle proposed that it vote on ANWR drilling April 9, after Congress returns from its two-week spring break, and then move on to other issues in the energy bill if drilling advocates do not get 60 votes. Republicans object to the 60-vote test and want the issue to be decided by a simple majority vote.

House Panel Plans to Split INS

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Lawmakers on the House Judiciary Committee reached a bipartisan agreement Thursday on a proposal to split the Immigration and Naturalization Service in two, a bid by Congress to assert its role in overhauling the agency.

The Bush administration had proposed a similar change to the INS that it sought to accomplish without congressional action. The proposal announced Thursday by Judiciary Committee Chairman F. James Sensenbrenner Jr., R-Wis., and Rep. John Conyers Jr., D-Mich., the committee's ranking Democrat, would create a clearer split between the INS's enforcement and administrative functions by giving the two separate budgets.

The House negotiators reached the compromise after the embarrassing disclosure last week that the INS had approved visas for two of the Sept. 11 hijackers six months after the terrorist attacks.

The agreement would keep the two INS divisions within the Justice Department and create the position of associate attorney general for immigration affairs, who would be the department's third-ranking official. The proposal also calls for the creation of a "children's office" to deal with immigration problems involving minors.

Video Surveillance Planned For Washington Mall

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The National Park Service will begin round-the-clock video surveillance at all major monuments on the Mall by October, moving aggressively in the wake of last year's terrorist attacks to tighten security around national symbols visited by millions of tourists each year.

Closed-circuit television cameras will be installed for the first time to monitor public areas in and around the Washington Monument and the Jefferson, Lincoln, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Vietnam Veterans and Korean War memorials, according to John Parsons, associate regional director for the service's National Capital Region.

The decision, disclosed in testimony Parsons submitted for delivery to a congressional panel Friday, drew sharp questioning from members even before his appearance.

"I know they need to protect the monumental core, but this is a surprise to us," said Rep. Constance Morella, R-Md., chairman of the House Government Reform subcommittee on the District, which called a hearing on the expanding use of electronic surveillance in the nation's capital. "How long are they going to capture on these cameras every face of every person who is there? How long do they hold this material? Who will have access to it?"

Parsons' statement said the U.S. Park Police would use cameras "only in public areas where there is no expectation of privacy" and "only for valid law enforcement purposes."

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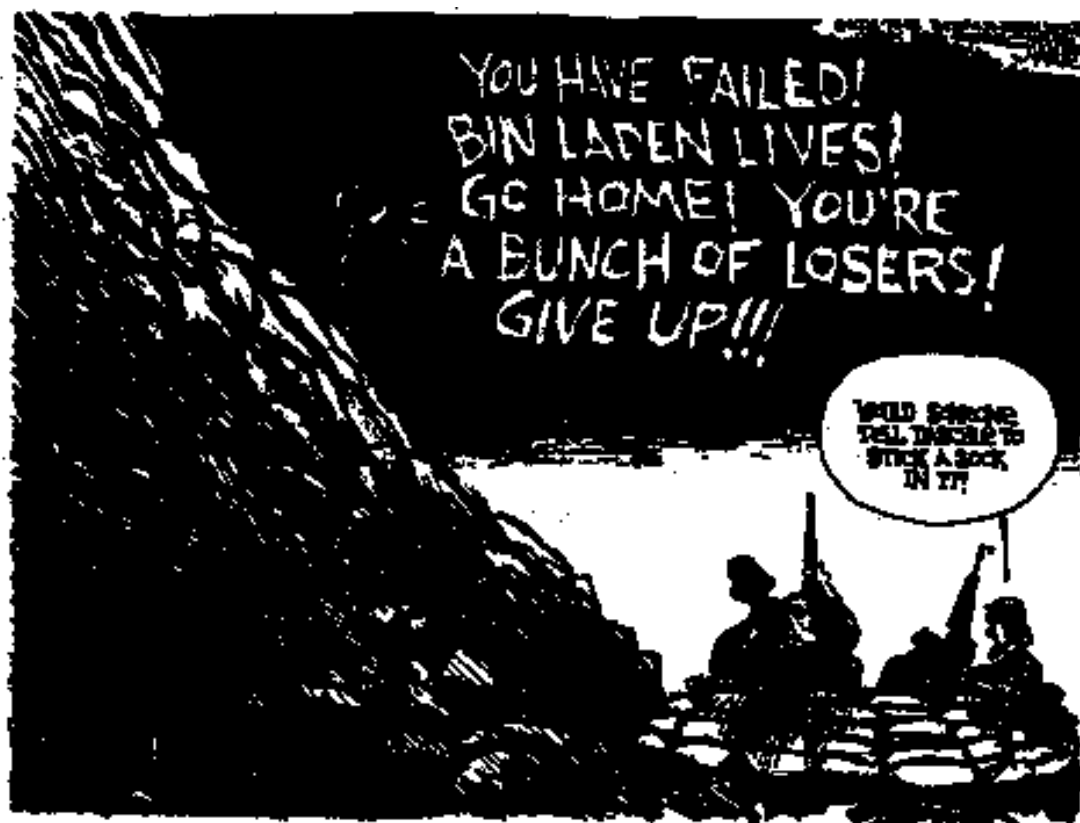
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"WORLD STRONG TELL THOSE TO STICK A SOCK IN IT!"

Letters To The Editor

A Cordial Debate

On Wednesday, March 20, a group of concerned students, including members of the Class of 2002, met with Kirk Kolenbrander, special assistant to President Vest, to discuss their concerns regarding the undemocratic and untransparent decision to invite World Bank President James Wolfensohn 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 Wolfensohn 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 Mendiratta G
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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 *Ursuppe* (where you are an amoeba mutating to survive in the primordial soup), and stay away from *Monopoly*.

Jim Kuchar '90

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. While I agree 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 Gluck, Ravensburger, Kosmos, and

Erratum

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

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Sweatshops in a Different Light

Khoon Tee Tan

It was in autumn 1999 that I left home for Cambridge University to begin what would be an eye-opening education abroad. Coming from Malaysia, one of the wounded "tigers" of the 1997-1998 Asian financial crisis, I was of the impression that the liberal West could never really understand the unique socioeconomic circumstances and challenges faced by newly industrializing countries. The admonishment from various Western institutions of the sins of East Asian cronyism, that we had ourselves to blame for not keeping our houses in order, is deeply 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 alive in Western society, complete with its own admonishments of the evils of capitalism. But despite my own reservations on unfettered capitalism, there is 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 none other than sweatshops.

That 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 determinedly right. It is quite unfortunate therefore that the attacks on the evils of capitalism have reached such a level as to practically drown out 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 comparative advantage of cheap labor in the incidentally poorer regions of the world is a capitalist trait. This is obviously wrong in terms of ethics.

But the commonly proposed measures to alleviate the conditions of sweatshop workers, such as imposing ethical investment criteria linked to labor and other issues, are not that attractive either. 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 comparative 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 skilled labor, capital and technology are not going to be solved by wrecking the sweatshops of the world through trade sanctions. In fact, this would mean that many currently employed people would be forced to join the millions picking scraps, scavenging for food and possibly indulging in crime. Abject poverty is a vicious cycle that keeps finding ways to rear its ugly head in the form of even worse conditions in society. This is why many countries reject attempts by developers to link trade with labor issues in the name of "fair trade." There is no rea-

son 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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"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 the rich should be juxtaposed with the most likely alternative scenarios, i.e. even worse living conditions. To quote Rizal Malarangen, a leading political economist at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies in Jakarta:

"For those workers in these foreign factories, the multi-national factories, the question is always the alternative — without that job, where would I go? They will have to return to the slums, without any stable job, or go back to their villages without any land. So life for them will be much worse." (BBC News, March 7)

This is not to say that the relative economic oppression of the poor is an acceptable

thing. In fact, the wider picture is not sweatshops *per se*, but the lack of economic freedom: the lack of choices and means through which people can live the types of lives that they have reason to value.

If we wish to expand the economic freedom of the poor, then we need to understand the actual circumstances which lead to such inhumane conditions that people are actually willing to work under appalling conditions for a meager income. Why should some countries be poorer than others? How come the policies one can perform successfully in one place fail dismally elsewhere? The answer very likely lies in a mixture of education, social stability and the strength of institutions such as government and the rule of law. Encouraging good governance, promoting socioeconomic stability and lifting educational standards are likely to alleviate poverty and provide greater economic freedom to the people of developing countries.

But one thing is certain: sanctions against sweatshop products do not help the poor. MIT would do well in not severing its own ties with sweatshop producers out of moral or political correctness. If by championing equitable wealth we get equal poverty amongst people, then there is a need to revisit our original intentions and reconsider our actions.

If pitching a view contrary to popular wisdom wasn't so perilous, it would be easy to conclude that sweatshops aren't so bad after all, and are not the real problem. But the truth is that sweatshops are not the real problem, and in fact, are one of the better alternatives once we consider the options. Perhaps if we wish to see sweatshops disappear, we should even encourage more of them to sprout. More sweatshops will make the labor market more competitive in the poorer regions of the world, leading to rising wages, while buying time for societies and governments to develop stable and functional systems that help ensure future progress and growth, which happily lead to greater wealth for all.



Yang, Not Yin?

Sandra M. Chung

I am not a rabid feminist. I listen to Tenaacious 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 found out that the shank of my class ring would bear two men, and that I would have no choice in the matter. Women don't deserve any special treatment simply because they're women, but we *do* deserve to be represented on the most prominent, lasting symbol of our MIT experience.

The brass rat is the second most recognized ring on the planet. It has its own committee charged with carefully selecting and arranging its features each year. No one can deny the potent symbolism of the ring. But nothing about the 2004 ring recognizes women as an important part of MIT. That omission sends a loud, incorrect message.

The blacksmith and the scholar on the official MIT seal (which is reproduced on the shank of each class ring) represent *mens et manus*, or mind and hand. Two-fifths of this class's minds and hands belong to women. Must the numbers reach fifty-fifty before we consider female students to have as much importance as male students on this campus?

One might argue that the *mens et manus* figures don't represent the student body, but rather the MIT tenets of science and industry. In that case, there's no reason to include humans at all. Just leave the book and the anvil and use the space for more symbols, for say, varsity sports. Silliness aside, grant that the two figures do to some degree represent the student body of MIT to many people, even if you yourself do not interpret it that way. As for androgynous figures, I recall collective chuckling at a picture of Michael Jackson at the ring premiere, so set that idea aside for now.

Several students commented that the woman proposed for the scholar was unattractive. I don't find either of the men particularly attractive, either. Is it more important for women to be attractive than it is for them to be intelligent, and is the reverse true for men? One could argue that both the ring figures should be attractive because the ring is an idealized representation. In that case we ought to put Athena on the ring. She is, after all, a goddess; a goddess of wisdom, at that, and the namesake for our campus-wide computer system. We'd be killing multiple birds with one

stone (rather than killing space with one owl).

Statisticians could assume that since the Class of 2004 is 42 percent female, the female scholar was doomed from the start. But many male students voted for the woman, and many female students voted to keep two men. The conflict seems to be less about self-representation than of tradition.

Traditionalists contend that altering the ring's version of the seal is a breach of, well, tradition. Indeed, we at MIT are firm traditionalists, with our dear, deceased Rush and our dedicated showerings of freshmen studying for their first 8.01 tests. The seal is one of our oldest and most prized traditions.

Yet we don't revere things simply because they're old. We revere things because they're meaningful to us. The official MIT seal's meaning has changed since it was adopted back in 1864. In fact, it has already been updated once, during President Howard Johnson's (1966-1971) administration.

The presence of women at MIT is in itself a breach of tradition. Skewed MIT demographics allow us to exist 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 technical institutes. MIT is a concentrated source of brilliant women, while in the rest of the world men still dominate technical fields in schools and the workplace.

Yet to alter the ring would not even be a

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complete breach of tradition. The ring itself is the tradition, not the design. Every year the seal suffers alterations when a committee customizes the shank 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 don't necessarily die, but change to fit shifts in values. Our values have shifted rather significantly since 1864, or even 1971.

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

One could argue that the original seal is simply better because it's the original seal, but that's a tenuous position. Assume, for hypothetical purposes, that the original configuration of the seal had a female scholar and a male blacksmith. How would we react if someone proposed changing the figures to two men? I doubt that hypothetical proposition would garner as much favor as the current, real proposition to change two men to a woman and a man.

In summary, there exist numerous precedents for creating traditions, altering them, and putting old ones to rest. Older ideas are not necessarily better ideas.

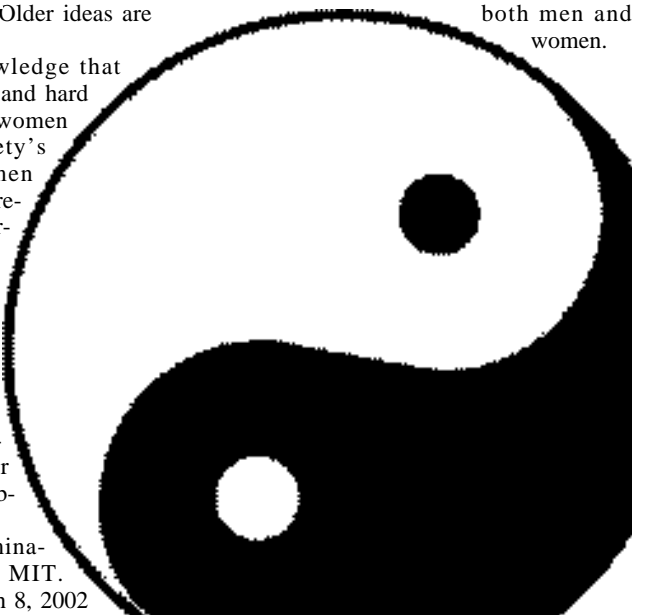
MIT is a center of knowledge that stands for innovation, talent, and hard work. It is also a place for women who defy and exceed society's expectations of them, women who (consciously or not) represent the achievements of generations of pioneers. MIT females stand out; we are unique and talented and we should be as proud, if not prouder, to be here as our male classmates. Perhaps it is because we are wrapped up in our own academic and personal issues that we can take for granted or ignore massive global issues like gender equality.

However, gender discrimination is a very real issue at MIT. According to a detailed March 8, 2002

report from the MIT faculty, women are still treated unfairly at the 'Tute. Provost Robert A. Brown states in his introduction to the report: "Women faculty members are not equal participants in our faculty community. A comment is repeated over and over that MIT is a 'man's world.' This must change."

The faculty includes members of generations that established their values at points much closer than our generation's current position to patriarchy on the social continuum between patriarchy and equality. They're still alive, so their values still apply. Even now, women in roles of power are thought of as masculinized females rather than clever, talented or hardworking people (perhaps some MIT women have had to emulate "male" qualities to get where they are and thus side with traditional values?). But the attitudes of subsequent generations are taking over and changing the character of society. Adding a female figure to the MIT seal would be a powerful gesture to support past, ongoing and future strides toward gender equality.

The seal has solemn importance to all of MIT, and the decision to change it cannot be wholly mine or even my class's. But our brass rat is perhaps even more important than the seal to my class, and more directly representative of my own time at the Institute, and I want a choice in how I remember MIT. Our ring represents ourselves and our school, and our school's high esteem represents the hard work and intelligence of both men and women.



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Defending The World Bank

Dan Tortorice

When President Vest announced that James Wolfensohn, the president of the World Bank, would be the 2002 commencement speaker, many of my fellow classmates were dismayed. Some have a deep-seated dislike for the World Bank and feel that the choice of speaker has tainted their graduation. Unfortunately, they have tried to taint the ceremony for others by proposing a view of the World Bank that simply is not true.

Let's start with the basic facts about the Bank. It was founded in 1944 to achieve global stability and eliminate poverty by funding development projects in poor nations. The Bank has over 180 members who donate funds, with most funding coming from wealthy nations. The bank uses these reserves as collateral, borrows from the world capital market, and loans 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 \$17 billion to the world's poorest nations. \$1.7 billion went to HIV prevention. \$1.3 billion went to health and nutrition programs. Since its inception it has loaned over \$30 billion for educational 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-reaching effects, but a specific example of the good it does will be more persuasive. Last year an earthquake devastated Gujarat, India. Immediately afterward, the Bank restructured loans to India to free up \$400 million over an 18-month period. In addition, the Bank approved \$500 million in additional loans.

One individual who directly benefited from the Bank's policies was Amirbhai Ranabhai, a carpenter who lived in the devastated Gujarat area and enrolled in the Bank's mason training program. Through the program he learned techniques for building more stable housing. Not only did he help make a stronger community, he saw a 25 percent increase in his income. This example is typical of what the Bank does. It gives the developing world a hand up, not a handout. It helps them develop and become self-sustaining instead of forcing them to become dependent on foreign aid.

The list of statistics and examples of the good the Bank does is almost endless. I am surprised at the dislike some individuals have for the Bank, but what surprises me more is their ignorance or deliberate withholding of important facts about its alleged injustices.

An oft-quoted example of Bank malfeasance is the Sardar Sarovar Dam project in India's Narmada Valley. Individuals decry the project because it displaced people from their homes. However, they never talk about the benefits of the dam. According to the Indian government the dam would have irrigated 1.8 million hectares of farmland in drought-prone areas. While it is unfortunate that people had to move from their homes, it is more unfortunate that farmland went barren for lack of water in a country where many people are unable to meet their nutritional needs.

Those who quote this example love to argue that when the World Bank decided to pull out of the project it was a victory for a developing 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 developing 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 60 developing countries specifically asking what services they wanted. Or that the bank has \$1.5 billion set aside to fund projects initiated, designed and directed solely by communities in developing countries. These critics are simply not giving you all the facts.

Opponents of the bank also claim that the World Bank is destroying the environment of Third World countries. This is an argument more against economic development than the World Bank. Yes, the Bank encourages countries to convert some of their natural resources into tangible products, but this is what economic development is. A forest is nice to have, but I would not choose the forest over the elimination of poverty. Neither

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should those living in developing countries. The bank's opponents also forget to tell you that the Bank has loaned \$16 billion to fund projects intended to help the environment.

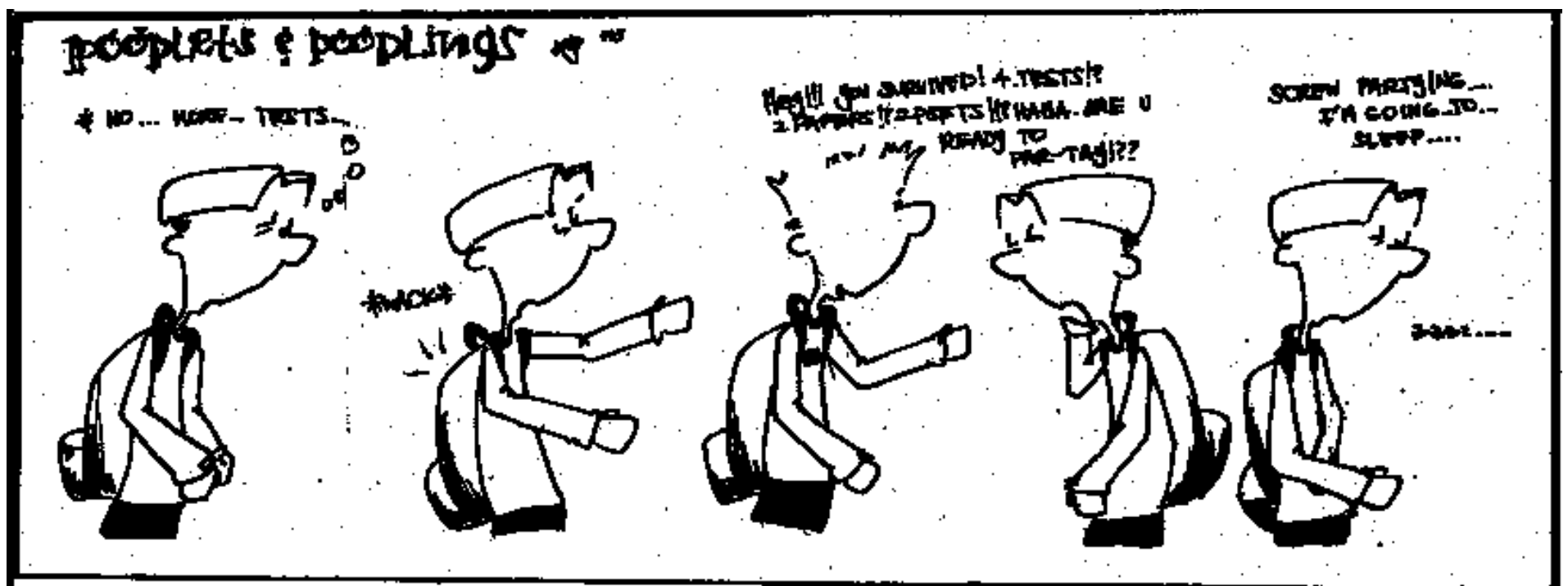
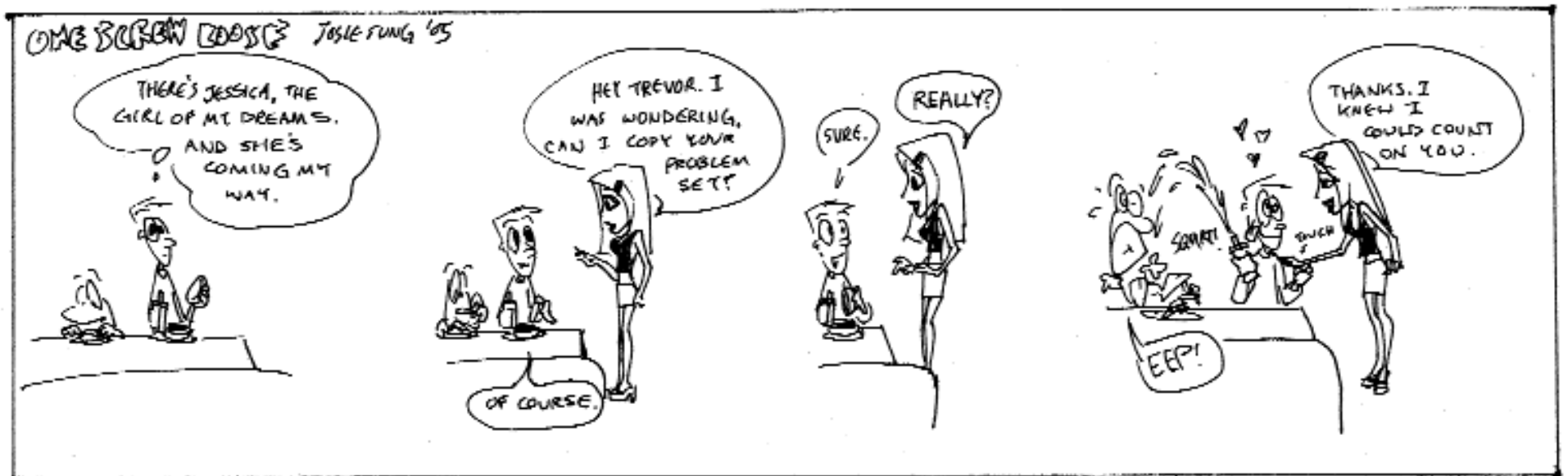
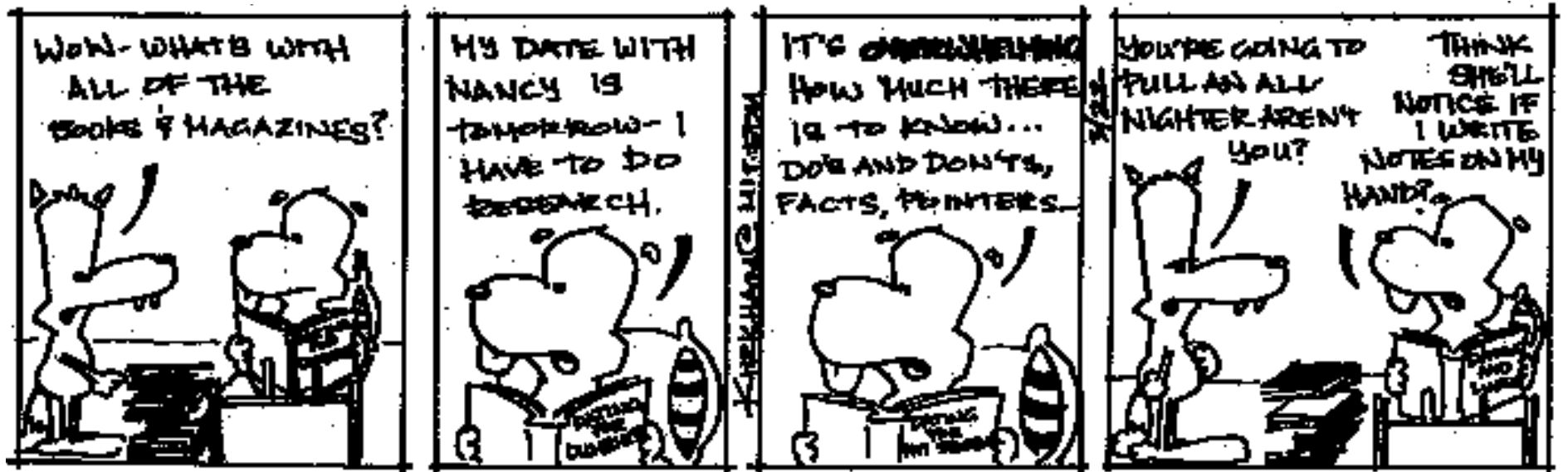
These individuals also object to user fees for health care services. They would have you believe that the Bank wishes to make the poor pay for their health care. However, they ignore the fact that the Bank supports exemptions of user fees for those who cannot afford them. Why have user fees at all? Remember: the Bank is simply that, a bank, not a foreign aid organization. When they make loans, there must be some chance that the government will be able to pay back the loan. Kenya and other developing nations simply can not afford universal free healthcare. It's only through user fees that the system can be sustained and the Bank can expect to have its loan repaid.

The World Bank isn't perfect, but those who rail against it are mistaken. It is an organization whose goal is to eliminate global poverty, and that's tough to achieve.

I implore the members of the Class of 2002 not to accept the words of those who disparage the Bank. Do not let them ruin your graduation. Do the research and you will see the justice of what the Bank does. You will see why Wolfensohn is a good man and you will see that you can learn from him.

We will all go out into the world and be very successful, but in the end, what matters is how we serve our fellow man. The Bank serves the poorest of the poor every day.

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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 supported software and recommended hardware the campus network security telephones and voice mail 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.

3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. – Thoughts on the Evolution of Chemical Engineering: One MIT Perspective. Chemical Engineering Department Spring Seminar Series. Free. Room: 66-110. Sponsor: Chemical Engineering.

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.

5:00 p.m. – Spring 2002 UROP Deadline (Supervisor Pay, Credit & Volunteer Proposals). All spring 2002 UROP proposals for Supervisor Pay, Credit or Volunteer must be submitted to the UROP Office in 7-104 by 5 p.m.

5:00 p.m. – Arts Grant Deadline. Deadline for 2001-2002 Council for the Arts funding. Forms available at the Office of the Arts, E15-205.

6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. – Sharing the Fire (Storytelling Conference). About Sharing the Fire 2002 Theme: "And this is why we tell the story" This year's STF theme - And this is why we tell the story - brings to the fore a question we've heard often in past years: "What are the real purposes of storytelling?" Different folks have different answers, of course. Perhaps you have your own. Come hear our keynoters' take on it, then add your voice to the discussions in the work-

shops. You're bound to learn and grow! Room: Tang Center (Building E51) Sponsor: Information Center. League for the Advancement of New England Storytelling.

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.

8:00 p.m. – The Winter's Tale. Directed by John C. Hume, music by Yan Yan Lam, fight choreography by Richard Hedderman. \$9, \$6 MIT/Wellesley students. Room: Sala de Puerto Rico. Sponsor: Shakespeare Ensemble.

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Monday, March 25

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – WinPartners. The WinPartners is a group of Windows workstation users and administrators who have banded together to support each other in the use of Windows. WinPartners share their experiences, ask and answer questions, solve problems, discuss hot topics, and warn each other of pitfalls. Any Windows user at any level of expertise and experience is welcome to join the group and attend meetings. Free. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. – "Spring Break." Free. Room: 4-159. Sponsor: Differential Geometry Seminar. Department of Mathematics.

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Bible Study. Bible Study: "Love, Sex and Sexuality in the Bible." Free. Room: W11-007. Sponsor: Lutheran-Episcopal Ministry.

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10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. – Music at The Ear. Krysalis, a night of trance with sasha, yannis, rajesh and selim, starts at 10 p.m. The Thirsty Ear Pub is located in the Ashdown House basement. Enter through the courtyard. Hours: Monday: 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Tuesday - Thursday: 7 p.m. - 1 a.m. Friday: 4 p.m. - 2 a.m. Must be over 21. Proper ID required. This event is funded in part by the Grants Program of the Council for the Arts at MIT. Free. Room: The Thirsty Ear Pub. Sponsor: The Thirsty Ear Pub. ATat, MITDMC.

Tuesday, March 26

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Microsoft Word User Group. The MIT Microsoft Word User Group (WUG) was formed for people at MIT, from beginners to experts, who are using or interested in learning to use Microsoft Word word processing software. Free. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. – Infant-Toddler Child Care Briefing. An introductory discussion for expectant parents and those new to parenting or child care, covering types of care, costs, finding and evaluating care, and parental leave. Pre-registration is required. Free. Room: Family Resource Center (16-151). Sponsor: Family Resource Center.

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. – Toastmasters@MIT Evening Meetings. Room 5-134. Free. Sponsor: Toastmasters.

Wednesday, March 27

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Web at MIT Quick Start. Learn how to explore the World Wide Web using Netscape, and get an introduction to the web at MIT. Topics include: navigation basics simple searching creating and editing bookmark lists printing a page a tour of MIT web pages for information and administrative applications basics of web certificates. Free. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.

12:00 p.m. – Curator's Walk-Through. List Visual Arts Center Curator Bill Arning leads a tour of Mirror Mirror at the List Visual Arts Center Feb 7-March 31. Free. Room: List Visual Arts Center (E15). Sponsor: List Visual Arts Center.

12:10 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Physical Oceanography Sack Lunch Seminar. Free. Room: 54-915. Sponsor: Physical Oceanography.

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. – spouses&partners@mit: Couples and Money. Join us for a fascinating discussion on this important topic. Childcare provided. Free. Room: W20-400. Sponsor: spouses&partners@mit.

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. – IFILM Film Seminar. Screening of an international movie accompanied by a discussion about it. Free. Room: 4-237. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, International Film Club.

Thursday, March 28

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Web Publisher User Group. The purpose of the Web Publishers User Group is to: provide a forum for information and support among its members help members improve their knowledge of electronic publishing, and their expertise in its technology and standards further MIT's business goals

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Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.

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

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. – Weight Watchers at Work meetings at MIT. New and returning members are always welcome at this weekly meeting on weight control. Friendly, relaxed lunch hour meetings. More info: tpriest@mit.edu. Room: Building 8-219. Sponsor: Information Center.

Friday, March 29

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. – Overview of Purchasing on the Web. This demo integrates all aspects of using SAPweb for purchasing including requisitioning external vendors, internal providers and preferred partners. In this session we will introduce the SAPweb requisitioning form, the new online catalogs and purchasing procedures for buying from preferred partner vendors, including Office Depot, VWR, BOC Gases and NECX. We will demonstrate how the new online ordering system interfaces with SAPweb and we will talk about how this new process differs from the ECAT purchasing process. Free. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – AI-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.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. – PSFC Seminar. Blobs and Edge Plasma Transport. Free. Room: NW17-218. Sponsor: Plasma Science and Fusion Center.

7:00 p.m. – MIT Anime Club Weekly Screening. 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. Membership, available at the beginning of the term, enable one to borrow media, and receive valuable discounts with area merchants. Free. Room: Room 6-120. Sponsor: Anime Club, MIT.

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.

9:00 p.m. – Ivy Plus Virtual Career Fair. Looking for a job? Check out the Ivy plus Virtual Career Fair. See details at <http://web.mit.edu/career/www>. Free. Sponsor: OCSA.

Saturday, March 30

8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. – Patrol. Shoot your friends! Travel to strange, new classrooms; meet interesting, unusual people; and kill them. A team game of shoot-em-up; guns provided. Free. Room: Building 36, First Floor. Sponsor: Assassins' Guild, MIT.

8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. – Evening of Dancing. Come for an elegant evening of dancing hosted by the MIT Ballroom dance team. This formal event is a great opportunity to show off your spring formal-wear and new dancing skill. Featuring a free dance lesson at 7:30 p.m.. \$8 students, \$10 adults. Room: Walker Memorial. Sponsor: MIT Ballroom Dance Team.

Sunday, March 31

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Easter Jesus Movie Celebration. Join us for a social and occasion to watch the famous movie about the life of Jesus based on the text of the Gospel of Luke in the Bible. This movie has been translated into over 600 languages and tells what Easter is all about. International students and families are welcome to join others from the MIT community to learn more about this important holiday. Free. Room: Tang Hall - 24th Floor Lounge. Sponsor: Baptist Campus Ministry.

Monday, April 1

12:00 a.m. – CCRR Grants Application Deadline. Monthly deadline for CCRR grant proposals. Free. Sponsor: Committee on Campus Race Relations.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. – "Geodesic length functionals and Weil-Petersson geometry of Teichmuller spaces." Free. Room: 4-159. Sponsor: Differential Geometry Seminar. Department of Mathematics.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. – Mechanics Seminar: The ASCI VTF, a facility for the simulation of the dynamic response of materials under shock and detonation-wave loading. Abstract: TBA. Room: 5-234. Sponsor: Mechanical Engineering Dept.

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. – STS Colloquium. The Digital City: IT as Process and Globalization as Outcome. Free. Room: E51-095. Sponsor: STS.

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8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. – UA Council Meeting. Meeting of the Undergraduate Association Council. Find out what's happening on campus! Free. Room: w20-400. Sponsor: Undergraduate Association.

More MIT PC Thefts Under Investigation

Theft, from Page 1

computer related equipment. "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

Spring Break, from Page 1

Meadows said.

Leslie 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.

"Since a lot of people haven't dealt with these sensitive issues before, our group has been preparing for this by doing community service work," Lai said, including Cambridge Cares about AIDS. "We plan to convene every night and talk about the experience. We wanted to make it a full learning experience for everyone," Lai said.

She thinks people with an interest in health were drawn to this program, and she is ready to serve meals to AIDS patients, help with the AIDS walk, and visit an HIV needle center where people can anonymously get free clean needles.

Other Alternative Spring Break

groups include two that are staying in Boston, one that is doing Habitat for Humanity and another group working with Hunger and Homelessness. Another group is going to North Carolina. Two groups are teaching, one in New York, and another in Puerto Rico. Although funding was challenging to obtain, the trips are all happening, and the students only have to pay about half of what it actually costs.

Debaters prepare for competition

Peter G. Miller '05 and Radha K. Iyengar '02 are representing the joint MIT/Harvard team in the National Debate Tournament for policy debate in Springfield, Missouri over spring break. The tournament runs from Saturday until Tuesday, and Sidharth V. Puram '05 will assist the debaters.

"I'm going to help because I want to learn about current issues, and I find it intellectually stimulating," Puram said. During the tournament he will assist the debaters by scouting other teams, finding evidence and updating the team's arguments.

MIT Alleges Damaged Equipment Caused by Chorallaries Concert

By Jennifer Krishnan

NEWS EDITOR

The Chorallaries may be forced to pay for damages allegedly resulting from their Nth Annual Concert in Bad Taste on March 9.

Assistant Dean for Student Activities Tracy F. Purinton met with members of the Chorallaries yesterday afternoon. "There will be no sanctions, per se," Purinton said, but the *a cappella* group may have to pay for the repair of damaged light fixtures and audio/visual equipment, as well as the cost of extra staff to clean up the mess Campus Police say they left behind.

"It's a matter of figuring out what happened ... and what we're going to do in the future," Purinton said. She said MIT Audio/Visual Services had reported damaged lighting fixtures and other audio/visual equipment after the concert.

Campus Police also reported that a significant amount of trash was left behind after the event. They

were particularly concerned about trash they found "right up against the President's office and the Chancellor's office," Purinton said.

"After the show, we spend a good deal of time cleaning," said the Chorallaries secretary Kuangshin Tai G. "We [did] our best to bring the room back [to its original state]. It's harmless."

Purinton said administrators would "keep an eye on their upcoming events, and definitely this event next year." She added that the groups will probably have to pay for a police officer to supervise upcoming Bad Taste concerts.

Capacity, end time concern police

Purinton said Campus Police had also expressed concern over crowding in 10-250 and the fact that the show ran past its registered end time.

"The room capacity only allows a certain number of people, [but the Campus Police said] there were people in the aisle and out the doorway," Purinton said.

Tai said Campus Police came to the show "a little after 12 [midnight], wondering what was going on. ... We stopped the show and told everyone we had to [clear] and aisle. The show was stopped for a good 10 minutes."

Police were responding to a complaint received at 12:08 a.m. that the concert was "crowded and wild," according to the police incident log.

Purinton said no police officers had been assigned to keep an eye on the annual concert.

The event was registered until 1 a.m. Sunday, March 10, the latest time MIT facilities can be used for events. Tai said the concert ended around 2 a.m.

Chorallaries member Emily C. Vincent '04 said the length and attendance of this year's concert "wasn't very different" than that of last year's.

"It usually goes until about two ... and there was about the same number of people as last year," she said.

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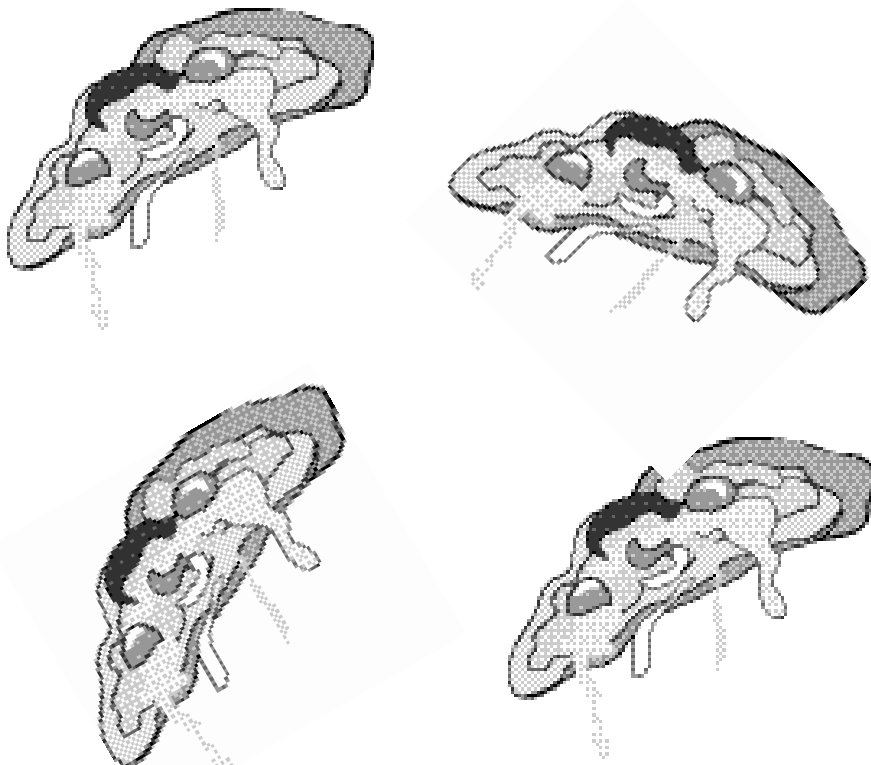


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Topics will include:

- ▶ Anonymous Medical Transport
- ▶ MIT Alcohol Policy

The first meeting will be held on Sunday, March 31st at 7:00 PM in the Stratton Student Center West Lounge (W20-201).

For information, please contact the COCSA programs office: 212-1276 or info@cocsa.mit.edu

Students With Passion, Distinction Sought for 2006

Admissions, from Page 1

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 Admis-

sions 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 year's 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

Redwine said he was also

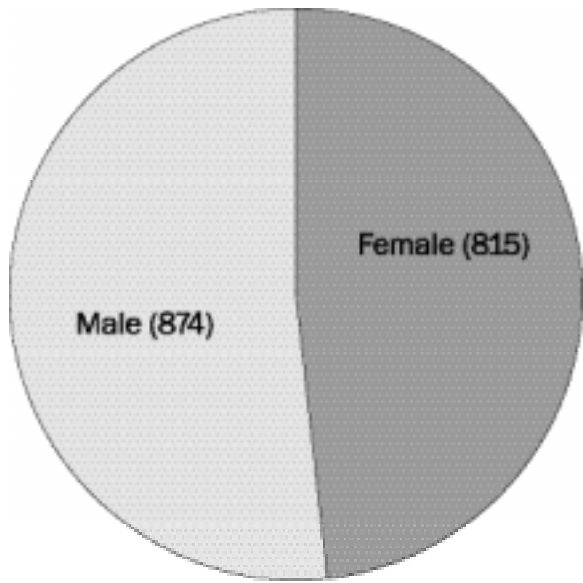
pleased to see the diversity of the student body. Three hundred thirty-four students identified themselves as either Native American, African-American, Mexican, Puerto Rican, or other hispanic.

"The class is 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."

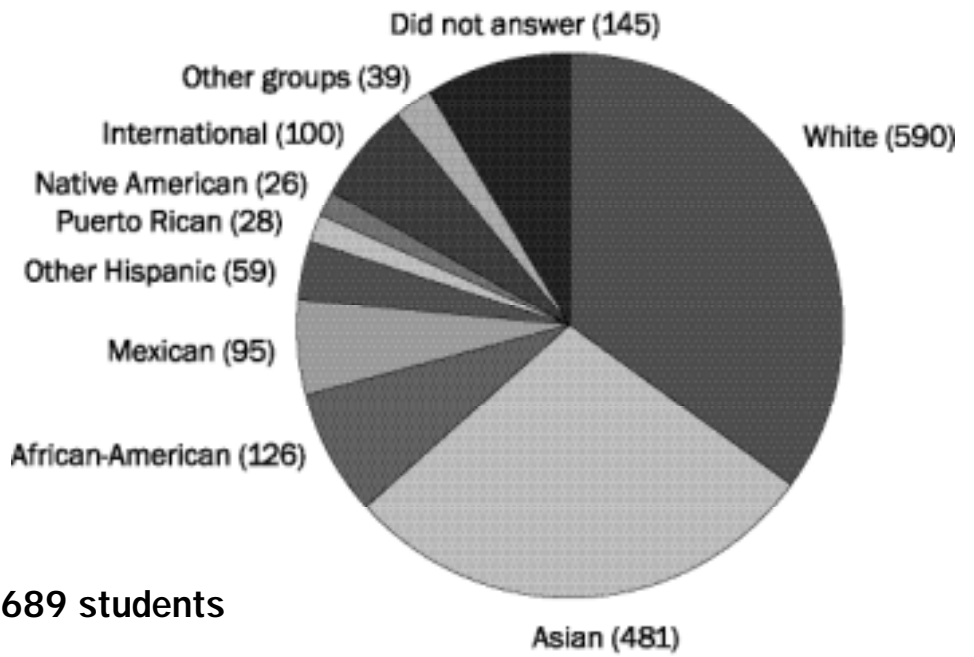
Prospective freshmen will have the opportunity to tour the campus during Campus Preview Weekend, starting April 5.

Class of 2006 Admissions Statistics

Breakdown of Admitted Students by Gender



Breakdown of Admitted Students by Ethnicity



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Sidneys Skillet with cashews, hazelnuts and chocolate topped with vanilla ice cream \$6.50

Apple and Pear Bread Pudding \$6.00

Deora Discusses Plans For UA In New Role as Vice President

By Jeffrey Greenbaum
STAFF REPORTER

John Adams once remarked that one of the most important traits of a vice president was to be as silent as possible. This task will prove very hard for VP-elect Parul Deora '04, who has the focused energy, passion, and optimism one usually attributes to college freshmen. She spoke with *The Tech* about the recent election and her plans for serving as vice president.

The Tech: How did you get involved with the Undergraduate Association?

Deora: I was invited to attend the UA retreat my freshman year, along with the UA representatives and class councils during that time. Though I had previously run for a class council position, I realized that I want to be more involved in the issues side of student government. Therefore, any further involvement I wanted to pursue in student government on campus would be with the UA. I am [currently] co-chair of the Institute Committee on Student Life. We've worked on the mandatory dining plan, and organized a campus wide forum that allowed students to express their views to the administration.

The Tech: Why did you decide to run for UA vice president?

Deora: I have known Josiah [Seale '03] for a while, and we've worked together as co-chairs for the Committee of Student Life ... so I know that we are compatible.

He had asked me to run for vice president a while back, but I was not sure what my plans were at that point. I knew that I would be interested in running for president or vice president, eventually. I figured that I could implement my goals that I have had as CSL chair as vice president.

The Tech: What did you learn from your prior experiences with the UA?

Deora: From my prior experience I have learned that communication is critical within the UA and with its constituency. Through talking with fellow students I have gotten a better idea of what aspects of student life they want changed. Many UA candidates make broad claims to wanting to enhance student life during the elections, but it is the simple things that will have direct influence on the day-to-day lives of students.

The Tech: During the UA debates you said that you would like to be "more involved in student issues." What are some of these issues?

Deora: I am interested expanding the MIT Card to vendors like

LaVerde's and Star Market. Also, I am interested in revamping the frequencies and the paths of Safe Ride and T pass subsidies. T pass subsidies will encourage people to go out more. It is easier to not get up and leave. ... I believe that the number one problem is the student's complacency. I have also talked to students a lot about what they would like to see. Many suggested events like Homecoming, which was like a homecoming. I would like to organize events that are open up to the entire campus so that people do not think that work is the only aspect of MIT life.

The Tech: How do you plan to implement these goals?

Deora: I would like to work with class councils since they operate as the social arm of the classes.

The Tech: You also mentioned during the UA debates that there is poor communication between the UA and the student body. How would you like to address this concern?

Deora: I think that ... people are not sure who represents them and what the committees do. This creates an apathy towards what the UA does. I want to publicize what the UA does so that the UA can be held accountable [for its agenda]. Students simply do not attend committee meetings. Students often do not know about what is going on except for the big headlines in *The Tech*.

I would like for there to be more forums with administrators and students. Also, I would like for there to be a consistent campus newsletter with committee updates.

The Tech: You have also mentioned that you would like increase student involvement in the UA. How would you like to do this?

Deora: I do not see why committees could not provide study breaks. ... People have to eat. We could also hold a UA publicity fair, like the mental health fair so people do not have to go out of their way to attend. We're hoping to expand council representation and follow up on how councillors give and get feedback. MIT is composed of microcommunities. In order for policies to take place, we need to hear student voices in the UA. This could be done by increasing representation from each resident microcommunity.

The Tech: What role will the UA have in working with other student government groups such as the IFC, Panhel, and ASA?

Deora: I have been exposed to fraternity life. I think they are the core social organizations on campus. The UA will have to work with the IFC to make sure that the living groups remain financially stable. The activities fee is in issue pertaining to ASA. We would work with

administrators to see where this money is going.

The Tech: How did you feel about the [Rhett] Creighton '02/[Victor] Brar '04 ticket and the Election Commission's decision?

Deora: When I first saw the posters that said sell your votes, I thought that this was an illegitimate way to run, considering that Rhett had led a legitimate candidacy last year. In the end, I believe that the student voices need to be heard. However, I do believe that the campaign approach they took was not the best way. The Election Commission could have handled the solution better, but I agree with the end result. There are a lot of supporters of Rhett, and I hope that he continues to stay involved.

The Tech: Jennifer S. Yoon '03 and Miquela C. Vigil '03 also emphasized student/faculty relations, other academic concerns, and the diversity on campus. What did you think of their platform?

Deora: I believe that their platform was very geared towards their involvements in the past. Yoon has been involved with finances, and Miquela has been involved with the Office of Minority Education. I can see why they considered these issues, especially student/faculty relationship. But, I also think that there are several issues that pertain to the student body. There are other priorities such as mandatory dining and what the state of dining would be.

The Tech: What did you think of the voter turnout?

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

The Tech: How do you feel that your term will be affected by serving as UA VP as a junior rather than a senior?

Deora: I don't think that it will be adversely affected at all because I got involved with the UA from the beginning. ... I have the personality to take initiative to get what need to get accomplished.

The Tech: What did you think went well with the UA and what do you feel could have went better?

Deora: Jaime [E. Devereaux '02] did a really good job on showing interest on meeting with committee chairs to keep touch with what we were involved with. As far as what students actually see, I think that a lot of students were disappointed when the mandatory meal plan headline came out. People turn to the UA to blame, but I don't think that this is attributable to Jaime. I think that the UA's image could only change as apart of an ongoing process.

Seale Wants Broader Student Participation

Seale, from Page 1

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

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

Seale: Parul will complement me in the areas in which 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 councillors.

The Tech: 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: Councillors are supposed to pass information onto their living groups. However, there is a breakdown in the link. [Outgoing UA President] Jaime [E. Devereaux '02] had the ability to e-mail all of the undergraduates. I would like to continue that by writing simple and plain e-mails. These e-mails would mention the relevant discussion lists to an issue and how to get involved with something.

The Tech: You also mentioned during the UA debates that the UA "does not attract talented, hardworking people [which] decreases the organization's credibility." How would you like to attract these hardworking people to the UA?

Seale: I want for people to realize that their efforts will mean something and that you can accomplish what you want within the UA. You can make a difference.

I also think that a sense of regularity is good. I would like to buy good food, not just pizza, and make council positions so that you could get CI HASS credit. That is very much in the works at this point. I want to let people realize that they can make a difference for their community.

The Tech: What is the typical size of these communities?

Seale: A community has about forty members. It can be a fraternity or a part of a dormitory like East Campus.

The Tech: In your platform, you mentioned that you are interested in addressing issues such as T-pass subsidies, increasing SafeRide routes and frequency, and rewriting the alcohol policy. What specific changes would you like to make?

Seale: We've already began talking to administrators about these issues. These are the type of things that can definitely happen. They are short term things that would make improve the quality of student life.

I would really like to make a bigger difference and make the student body more enfranchised. Making the UA more useful is a long term change.

The Tech: You mentioned earlier that you helped select the new the Chief of Police John DiFava will be an asset to the MIT community?

Seale: We're all really excited that DiFava is here. DiFava is very smart and has had a lot of relevant experience. He wants to reshape the

police force. It's refreshing that alcohol is not his top priority. He wants to work on community policing.

The Tech: What is community policing?

Seale: He won't be the type of officer that walks the halls. Instead, he has divided the campus into three parts so that the people in each part can get to know the police officers in their area well and increase the dialogue with police officers. For example, a police officer can remove someone from a party ... and can e-mail the living group the next day.

The Tech: How do you see your relationship with other student government groups such as the IFC, Panhel, and ASA?

Seale: [The UA, GSC, IFC, and DormCon ...] represent different people who have the same issues, some of the time. As freshmen are all living on campus, FILG's will have to draw closer to the dormitories. The UA is the overarching umbrella for dormitories and fraternities can work together.

The Tech: How do dormitory residents and FILG residents currently work together in the UA?

Seale: The council has member from dormitories and from fraternities. For example, on the Dining Committee, [Bradley C. Ito '02] from Fenway worked with people from the dormitories.

The Tech: What do you feel that Jaime and the UA did well this past year, and what do you feel could have been better?

Seale: I think that the UA did much internal change. The UA increased the Overall Allocation Funds and increased it by fifty percent. Jaime worked on being able to e-mail every undergraduate. The TEAL program not taking up the entire fifth floor Student Center Reading Room was another accomplishment.

However, the UA could have done a better job at representing the student voice at large. Students still feel disconnected from the UA.

The Tech: How did you feel about the Creighton/Brar ticket and the Election Committee's decision to disqualify them from the election?

Seale: I think they are great. I've actually talked to Rhett to see if he could run the Committee on Student Life. The committee chair gets to ask students what sucks most about MIT life.

In the whole debate, there was a lack of professionalism. I think that buying votes is damn sketchy. We won by a large margin so it didn't really matter, but it is not my speciality or expertise so I tried to stay out of the controversy.

The Tech: Jennifer S. Yoon '03 and Miquela C. Vigil '03 also emphasized student/faculty relations, other academic concerns, and the diversity on campus. What did you think of their platform?

Seale: Those are all things that the MIT community needs to work on. I think that there are a lot of issues to work on, but we can only take on so many projects at once. By getting better representation, we can address the issue of diversity...[by] having a representative from Chocolate City and Russian House [for example]. Student/Faculty relationships is a great place for SCEP. Advising could also be handled by SCEP. As the issues that I pick evolve, then we can move onto other issues.

The Tech: What about issues such as crowding?

Seale: I live at Senior House and we are not at all crowded. That was one reason I picked Parul as a running mate since she is from West Campus and can understand better the feelings there. You have to work on what [you feel] matters most. We also need to work on what is the most relevant for the student body.

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SPORTS

Nordic Skiing Season Finishes at Nationals

By Karl McLetchie
TEAM MEMBER

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

Timothy G. Garnett '02, 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 takes 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 kick waxing job, Yates had her best race of the week, finishing in fifth

place. The men's 15K race began at 11:00 a.m., after the sun had risen above the mountains. The conditions were slow, but Garnett managed to have his most successful race and finished in 13th place.

On Thursday morning, Yates joined the men's team to form a complete MIT relay team. All three team members skied well in the 3x5K relay, and with a photo finish, missed beating Colby Sawyer's mixed relay team by three seconds.

Team finishes meet with freestyle

The final event of the competition took place on Friday morning, with the men's 10K freestyle race. Despite a forecast of rain, the temperature stayed low and conditions were perfect for Garnett and McLetchie's last race. Garnett finished 14th and McLetchie finished 25th. Yates also had an excellent race, and finished in 10th place.

Although MIT did not have a full men's or women's team at the races, the athletes did well individually. At Saturday night's awards ceremony, all three athletes were honored as Academic All-Americans, and Yates was named second team All-American for finishing in seventh place overall for the week.



MARISSA L. YATES—THE TECH

Karl-Magnus W. McLetchie '02 climbs a 50m hill in his second lap of the 15km classic race last Wednesday morning. McLetchie was one of three racers representing MIT at the USCSA National Championship in Waterville Valley, New Hampshire.

Theta Chi Wins 'B' League Title

By Rory Pheiffer
STAFF WRITER

Theta Chi's Taku beat Phi Kappa Theta 39-25 to win the "B" league intramural basketball championship last Thursday, bringing the season to a close.

Neither team entered the playoffs as favorites to win the tournament, with PKT a four seed and TC a seven seed. Both teams finished the regular season 5-1, with PKT's loss coming against the Sloan B league team that qualified for the playoffs and the Takus' loss coming against Burton One's Lai's Dream.

In the final though, both teams played tough defense as they showcased the defenses that advanced them this far. After five minutes of battle,

the two teams were deadlocked at just 2-2. That was when John J. Kogel '03 stepped behind the arc to knock down two consecutive threes to finally get his team's offense uncorked.

Theta Chi used a box-and-one defense to shut down the Phi Kappa Theta offense as captain David R. Skordal '02 held PKT's main offensive threat to just three points the entire game. The PKT defense played tough as well though, keeping things close heading in to halftime, 22-16.

Theta Chi takes off in second half

Phi Kappa Theta came out of the gate quickly to start the second half as Alex Wong '03 hit a quick three-pointer to cut the lead to three. However, that was as close as they would get the rest of the game. The Takus' defense bested its first half effort in

the second, limiting PKT to just nine points the entire half.

Kogel and Gregory N. Nelson '02 came up with some clutch steals and loose balls to lead the Theta Chi defense and center Keith V. Battocchi '02 was strong on the glass on both ends of the floor, leading both teams in rebounds. On the offensive end it was Michael M. Batty '05 who led the team in the second half against the tenacious PKT defense.

PKT never found its shooting touch during the game as Theta Chi proved that defense does indeed win championships. Additionally, Theta Chi shot well from the charity stripe, thus never allowing Phi Kappa Theta to get back in the game.

Alexander Chang and David Skordal contributed to the reporting of this story.

SUNY Spikes Men's Volleyball Squad

By Nathaniel Sattler
TEAM CAPTAIN

Last Friday the Men's Volleyball team completed their season with a 0-3 loss to SUNY-New Paltz.

In their final match the Engineers fought hard against eighth-ranked SUNY, but MIT ended up losing three close sets 28-30, 29-30, 26-30. The Engineers were led by three graduating players in their final contest, Luis M. Otero '02, Andrew D. Copeland G, and Nathaniel M. Sattler '02.

archrival Harvard. Despite being overmatched by the more talented Crimson, the Engineers nearly won the first game losing by only two points.

The second game versus Harvard was just as close, with the Engineers putting forth their best effort of the year. Unfortunately, hard work was not enough to secure a victory and Harvard won the match in three games. MIT was led by the strong setting of Hao Hu '04, strong hitting from Ramon A. Partida '03 and Kabir J. Mukaddam '05, and timely serving from Eduardo I. McLean '02.

many close matches. At the beginning of the season, the team struggled to retain players and suffered from lack of participation. The team organized open tryouts and a triples tournament in order to recruit talented players on campus to the team.

The team's efforts paid off as it recruited numerous new players whose contributions during the season were invaluable and whose skill level improved dramatically over the course of the season. Two newcomers, Danchai Mekadenaumporn '05 and Linus J. Park '02, also helped manage the team during matches.

MIT will look to improve next season as their young players begin to mature and their veterans gain more experience.

Engineers fall to Harvard

On the previous Wednesday the team suffered a defeat at home to

Team finishes 2-21 on season

The Engineers finished their season with a 2-21 record, after losing

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS



Saturday, March 23

Sailing, Presidents' Trophy
Sailing, Southern New England
Team Race



Heavyweight Crew, Alumni
Race
Lightweight Crew, Joy Cup
Women's Crew vs. Dartmouth,
Smith, and University of New
Hampshire

Sunday, March 24

Sailing, Presidents' Trophy



Saturday, March 30

Women's Lacrosse vs.
Wellesley, 1:00 p.m.
Baseball vs. Colby Sawyer, 3:00 p.m.
Sailing, Dinghy Cup

Sunday, March 31

Sailing, Dinghy Cup



Monday, April 1

Baseball vs. Worcester State,
3:00 p.m.

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