Youth in Cambridge Win Battle over Vote
Council Supports Voting Rights at Age 17

By Keith J. Winston

The Cambridge City Council will petition the Massachusetts legislature to lower the voting age to 17 in city elections. An 18-month campaign by students at Cambridge's Rindge and Latin high school to lobby the council culminated in an 8-1 vote at the council's meeting on March 25. Passage of the motion followed three previous unsuccessful attempts to lower the city's voting age in the past three years.

The effect of the petition is both to grant permission to the legislature to enact a special law pertaining only to Cambridge and to request its passage. It is known as a "home rule petition" in reference to Massachusetts' constitutional scheme preventing the legislature from intervening in local matters without such a petition.

Seventeen-year-old Cambridge resident would be eligible to vote for City Council and School Committee and on local ballot questions if the legislature enacts the petition, which would make Cambridge the first American municipality to allow citizens younger than the age of 18 to vote.

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A man captured in Pakistan last week has been positively identified as Abu Zubaydah, the chief of al-Qaida operations outside Afghanistan. His detention began in December of 1996 when he was taken alive since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, according to U.S. and Pakistani officials.

American officials took custody of Zubaydah and some of more than 20 other suspected al-Qaida operatives from Pakistani authorities Sept. 11, according to one undisclosed U.S. military facility, according to senior U.S. and Pakistani intelligence officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity. Zubaydah was taken prisoner along with the other al-Qaida suspects and about 40 Pakistani early Thursday from a home in a sprawling area of the northern city of Taloqan now under the control of Al-Qaeda.

He was shot in the groin and thigh while trying to escape the Pa- kistani police and U.S. agents swarming over a home that he shared with seven or eight other Arab men, according to one Pakistani intelli- gence official.

Mysterious ‘Blob’ Off Florida

Since early January, a mysterious phenomenon has darkened the waters off the southern Gulf Coast of Florida, sending scientists scrambling to identify what is going on, raising some concerns among tourists, and keeping the fish away — but not, it appears, killing any great trout, according to one great trout.

The mass — called black water, black goo, the blob — at its peak in February was as much as 100 miles long, extending from just south of New Orleans to the Florida Keys. It now appears to be spreading as it moves south and north, as it slowly drifts south through the Keys, a shadow of its former self.

"We don't know what it is," said Allison McDonald of the Florida Marine Research Institute in St. Petersburg. "It appears marine life is avoiding it, which is another mystery. How come they want to avoid it?"

From satellite imagery, the blob appears black, but divers have described it as a "creepy green." At a meeting Thursday, scientists from all over the state agreed on one thing: It probably was not caused by runoff from Florida rivers that flow into the Gulf. Beyond that, their best guess is that it was some kind of massive plankton bloom. Scientists say the Florida event," as they call it, differs from the "dead zone" identified a few years ago near the mouth of the Min- neapollis River in the northern Gulf. Florida's coastal waters have not been affected by that occurrence.

A 9/11 Baby Boom?

NEW YORK

Expect more babies, more marriages and more divorces in New York City in the year following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, predict two psychologists who study how couples react to disasters. That's because life-threatening events seem to motivate "people to take sig- nificant actions in their close relationships," Professors Catherine South Carolina in 1989, temporarily reversing a decade-long drop in marriages because life-threatening events seem to motivate "people to take sig-

"Three strikes and you're out" for many such offenders, oppo-
site Stephen Breyer from the court's decision not to hear a similar case about the California law. At the time, no lower court had yet voided a California "three-strikes" law, and two other lib-

ers, John Paul Stevens and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, were on record as saying the issue was "serious" but needed more lower-court review. The votes of four of the nine justices are needed to agree to hear an appeal. The court is led by a five-member conserva-
tive-leaning majority.

Then, in October 2001, the San Francisco-based U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit over-
turned a sentence of two consecu-
tive 25-years-to-life terms meted out to convicted thief Lonsdale Andrade. The 9th Circuit held that "Congress does not permit the imposition of a sentence grossly disproportionate to the crime."
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Get Something Done

I am disappointed with Stephanie W. Wang's complaints about the L.A. and class councils (“Unanimous Apathy,” March 19). Although I am not quite sure what the UA-proper does, all I know is that the Class of 2002 Council rocks my world. In addition to having study breaks and forums, they threw their own rock concert (Naughty by Nature) which Donald Trumped Spring Weekend's, a successful career fair despite the turmoil of the fall and brought you Ten Degree Chill from a successful battle of the bands with MIT Habitat. Best of all, I attended the class of 2002 Foxwoods trip where I won 200 big ones playing Ace-Duce.

If you think there is a problem, then why don’t you run, or use the other avenues available to improve student life. In the prophetic words of W. Axl Rose: “You get nothing done”.

James P. Flynn '02
Progressing toward Gender Bias

Stephanie W. Wang

I am sure there was much talk of the progress towards equality during Women's History Month. Despite all that "progress," what has transpired at one of the world's major institutions, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), in the last few months?

In 2004 Rings Premier, a male factor, exhorted loudly and some even backed the "patriarchy rules!" as the two men seized control of the Institute. Naked women on posters actually liberate females and are viewed as "reputable" as the Graduate Student Council's use of the same stamp of approval on one of these posters. The IMF and the World Bank are ever investigating the status of women factually continued to diminish gender bias in all institutions.

I have never taken a women's studies class, yet I believe that men and women can evolve from feminism as some would be quick to suppose. Call it naive, but I have always believed that the discrimination is so incomprehensible, detrimental inequalities exist would be intrinsic to all humans. I do realize that the traditionalist fallacy in many parts of the world are far more harmful and deserve far more attention than some women have received. However, the same set of justifications are used all around the world, be it the IMF or the World Bank or almost any inequalities; gender bias should also be addressed.

With respect to the Brass Rat, the resounding argument was one for tradition. Yet, history shows that the IMF and the World Bank also the traditionalistic fallacy: if it is a tradition, it must be good. Reflect upon the numerous cultures which have been constructed throughout history. If traditions that persist in the 21st century were to be questioned, how would we be now? Voices silenced in the "democratic" process? Rampant enforcement of the IMF's and the World Bank's prescribed order. Heck, why not keep that tradition of the abject treatment of women? Do you still feel like a "deity" to me? For me and many others, if certain Chinese traditions had persisted, our feet would be bound, we would be bound to a man we never met, and we would be having babies until a sufficient number of boys had been born. And then, as the reactionaries and traditionalists, these scenarios remain the mainstay of the IMF and the World Bank today.

I am severely disappointed that factions of the IMF 2004 class have chosen the same path. One faction, which I'll call the absolutists, marginalizes their fellow classmates in the organization, claiming that the IFM did not have an understanding of the effects of such actions because it "justa ring." Yet it didn't harm the world when it was written in their blaming chauvinistic cause clucked in that "sacred ring of sacrifice and tradition" argument.

If traditions were not harmed, were not abolished, where would we be now? Would it be that this tradition of the absolute monarchy "chosen by a deity"

If traditions were not harmed, would we be where we are today? Our current society is more complex than the one that was associated with the tradition. We must question whether these traditions are truly beneficial to our society.

For if people really want the ring seal to reflect their beliefs, they shouldn't work on changing or reforming the seal rather than fall back to the old ways? Silly few think that the IMF's policy change was one of the foundations of the IMF. Thankfully, I recognize that reform was made and economic profit and can choose to not purchase what was designed within the patriarchal paradigm. But how many women are suffering very real oppressions every day — without choice — in countries where patriarchal traditions remains intact.

With respect to the supposedly harmless "looking back" of the IMF traditions, it is still not innocent and important. Let's make the clear distinction that these posters are not an extension of the IMF system is a form of art. But the IMF only sells a message and the message screams out of her physical attributes regardless of her abilities. It is "the system of valuation that constrains her, that she is a commodity over the world. The sex industry wreaks havoc on the lives of countless women. Sexually exploited women are not always people, and they certainly don't believe these assertions? Think HIV/AIDS. Think STD. Think rape and murder. Think is what happens to young girls and women in the Middle East where there is a society of "heaven, paradise," and gender bias.

It is hard to believe that there was a time when "carbon copy" was more than the little black dots on the page. That's right, in those days they didn't have "blind bubble copies." They were simpler, whorsefounder that time.

Yup, there used to be times when "spank" meant something different than whipping. There were times. When people at parties exchanged telephone numbers, not e-mail addresses. When the term "internet" was something that they even heard. Back then, for those who had the "shift" and "2 key" on their keyboard at the same time. And now we live in a digital age, an age where even car envy has been replaced by the ever rampant computer envy:

"So I hear you have a mean machine." "Yeah, I'm up on" "Ohh, what model?"
"Dimension."
"What kind of speed do you get with that baby?"
"Well, I have a -1,1,1,1 GHz. If I ever over-clock her. She's got dual Pentium 4 processors and 124MB of DDRAM.
"Wow, that is a powerful machine, you must have a lot of money to buy it."
"That it did, got me a 128MB video card too. Oh, and did I mention the 120GB hard drive?"
"Bestill my beating heart."

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And let's not get started on instant messengers, you know. The fact that a conversation is free, friends over the Internet was the greatest thing in the world. Now my parents are IMing. They can talk to their friends and family for free which is great. But now, they are actually doing the same things, which is making the communication standard. Forget exchanging phone numbers, if you really want to see something real, you just IM on the person and you'll have a conversation. And then there's no more talking, can set you can just type away and it will be typed up for you. There's nothing more romantic than a specialist screen name for that special someone. For god's sake, people, get a chime-box. So all the lovely ladies out there, I may only have a 800Hz AMD Athlon with 30GB hard-drive space, but I make up for it with my 19-inch flat-screen monitor. Please direct all your questions...
the crass rat

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not like we have a choice

like Y can’t u guys just use caps & airstreams instead! like normal pes huh? or under bottles even!

what about drinking fountains huh? drinking fountains & once a peaceful, y can u just drink from those?

dude SHUT UP! how many times do u want to hear us? all we HAVE is 3 houses. ok? that’s IT! 3 houses is nothing else. mortgage? that’s just how you make a house a home!!

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Vampires, martial arts, leather: What could be better fuel an action movie? Blade II has it all, and in heaping portions.

I liked the first Blade film. The atmosphere and storyline alone held my attention and made the first installment one of my favorites. The special effects were credible, and some of the acting a little off, but I loved it. If you hated it, you’ll hate the sequel.

Blade II stays true to the atmosphere and feel of the first movie, with more nuanced special effects. Goyer, who also wrote the original Blade, in addition to such classics as Crow City of Angels and Dark City, has produced a storyline that is both inside the boundary of its predecessors and yet daringly self-contained. Despite its flaws, Blade II is a worthy sequel.

Buffett was born half-human, half-vampire with the weaknesses of both; none of their weaknesses.

As the feared vampire hunter Daywalker, he has vowed to protect the human race from the vampires.

The film opens with a scene of his companion Whitaker (Kristofferson) from two decades earlier. In the meantime, Blade has adopted a new assistant, Scud (Norman Reedus), who uses his technical cleverness to create powerful weapons for fighting the blood-hungry vamps.

The martial arts direction in this film is amazing. The vampires have superhuman strength and speed: Violent, street-style combat scenes combine fast and furious blocking and punching with impossible moves. Huge sprawling sequences dazzle the audience as combatants weld a giant spiced mace, and the clash of the swords.

Artists and the army of weapons Blade uses to fight the evils of the night all add up to an intensely gory film.

Blade (Wesley Snipes) takes care of some Vampires in New Line Cinema’s action thriller, Blade II

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**FILM REVIEW***

**Blade II***

**Kick-Ass Action, Gut-Wrenching Violence**

By Dan Rohey

Blade II

Written by David S. Goyer

Directed by Guillermo Del Toro

Starring Wesley Snipes, Ken Krulickoff, Ron Perlman

Rated R

Some of the comic antics may have been the result of the deal with Comedy Central, since they do not always mesh well with the tone of the series. The brothers compete for the Braggart’s Cup at each stop on the “tour,” but the other characters and skits are sometimes out of place. Fonce de Leon shows up in St. Augustine and a drunken announcer runs through the course in his skivvies on Lake Geneva.

Also, for a show that claims to be about golf, there is surprisingly little golf in the Sweet Spot. Instead, skits seem to take up much of each episode. In the Wisconsin episode, Ryan Stiles playsLicence. In another, Tim Meadows plays a person buying a lawyer specializing in golf, wailing, “I will make them pay.”

The Sweet Spot has even taken some low-brow cues from Comedy Central’s The Man Show. John makes Joel funnel beer to give him “Wisconsin.” And, inevitably, in each episode, random women somehow make their way onto the course to dance around in bikinis.

Though some antics are contrived, others go against the spirit of the goal of the series: to watch the brothers compete for bragging rights. In the premiere episode, Joel relieves his eyes at Bill and Brian, saying, “Isa, Tina, let’s hit the ball.” The other brothers peg Bill with the nickname “Captain America.”

Moreover, like a childhood game among siblings, the rules of the Sweet Spot constantly change. At the Shimmer and Sneeze golf course in St. Augustine, Florida, Joel Murray insists that in order to take an extra shot, or Mulligan, a brother must be dressed by the other brothers in a particular costume. John must dress as Robin, Joel as a nun, Brian as Zorro, and Bill as Ben Franklin. If a brother fails to follow the rules, he is penalized with the nickname “Cap.”

The episode on the Grand Geneva Resort in Wisconsin has many elements that work, including themed holes like the 9th “Fall Contact” hole or the 10th “Open Season” hole. In fact, the course itself is designed to look like a forest in costume. John must dress as Robin, Joel as a mouse, and Bill as a husky.

Writing Arts for The Tech!
A funky eatery with a hip, youthful crowd, the Other Side Cafe is worth a try for anyone who hasn’t ventured in before. Far from your typical diner, the atmosphere, upon entering your eyes will be immersed in the environment: indigo-alternative rock playing in the background, lots of chatter among the patrons, and a remarkably relaxed atmosphere.

Seal yourself, there are no bad seats in the house. You can choose to stay outside on the front patio, as many smoking customers choose to do. Stay on the main level outdoor and watch the cooks rapidly prepare orders of food. Dr. My personal choice: ascend the stairs to the upper level to find a distinct setup. Include the comfortable couches where you can choose to have your meal served. Grab a window booth or get a table overlooking the lower level. Either way, if you go to the top you’ll be up near the patio neon lights that provide most of the upper level’s lighting.

The service is fast, friendly, and relaxed. The customers and waiters have a casual and carefree style to them, which fits in nicely with the laid-back wardrobes. The walls are adorned with murals and other decorative papers, and you’ll quickly notice the menu’s charmingly refreshing vocabulary.

"Everything is made fresh," according to the staff, so you’ll wait a couple extra minutes, but it is certainly worth it. While you’re waiting, grab a bag of chips and salsa with homemade guacamole on the side. The chips are crunchy and the dips are chunky.

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UA Resolves to Protect Choice Of Housing for Upperclassmen

By Christine Fry
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

The Undergraduate Association Council passed a resolution against the possibility that MIT might compel upperclassmen to involuntarily leave their current housing next year.

"A Resolution to Protect Choice in Housing," proposed by Benjamin J. Zeskind '93, UA Council vice chair and MacGregor House Representative, states "That compelling upperclassmen to involuntarily leave their housing should not be considered as a housing option for next year, and ... they be encouraged to move voluntarily through incentives, and ... contingency plans be developed that do not involve compelling upperclassmen to involuntarily leave their current housing."

"We're not trying to pick a fight. We want to be democratic," Zeskind said.

"This resolution is not reactionary to something coming down the pipeline," said James E. Devreux '02, UA President. Rather, the resolution is simply a formal statement of the opinion of the council on the issue.

"The plan to force students to move into Simmons Hall and the new graduate student residence at Sidney and Pacific streets is currently being considered by the administration to alleviate housing problems caused by housing all freshmen on campus next year," Devreux said.

"There are 19 days before short-term housing plans need to be made. Decisions have not been made," Devreux said. She told the council that 400 students must be moved out of the dorm system next year. This could be done through the Senior Segregate plan; giving Kappa Alpha Theta and Alpha Epsilon Phi, sororities that currently do not own houses, space in Sidney-Pacific; and by students choosing to join fraternities, sororities or independent living groups.

Sororities to be housed in dorm

The sororities will be given as many rooms in Sidney-Pacific as they need, according to Yun-Ling Wong '02, Interfraternity Council representative to the UA.

"We're seeing how many [sorority members] want to go. [MIT] will give us as many rooms as [members] willing to move," Wong said.

"There is still some uncertainty surrounding when construction of Sidney-Pacific will be completed. The sororities do not know when they will find out if the dorm will be finished by the fall." There are so many variables right now. There are no back-up plans," Wong said.

Institute use of fee still uncertain

The proposed $200 student activity fee will be split between funding the cost of construction and operation of the Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center and a discretionary fund for Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedict and Dean for Graduate Students Isaac M. Colbert.

The details of how the fee will be used are still not known by the UA and the Association of Student Activities Executive Board. Devreux described the details given by Chancellor Phillip L. Clay as "a little vague."

The fee is expected to raise approximately $2 million. The Zesiger Center fund will receive $1.4 million and the discretionary fund will be given $600,000.

"We're not seeing why the Zesiger Center should be treated differently [from Johnson Athletic Center]," said Victoria K. Anderson '02, UA Speaker and UA Representative to ASA Executive Board. Johnson Athletic Center operating costs are currently paid for through tuition.

The discretionary fund can be used by Dean Benedict and Colbert as they see fit. Devreux said the deans can use the money for such things as large campus events.

The future actions of the ASA Executive Board are unknown.

"We're trying to decide how much students want to fight this battle," Anderson said.

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Some Oppose Vest's Choice for Speaker

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counterbalancing speaker.”

In the few weeks that first petition was circulated, 368 signatures were procured. Though not all signatures were members of the graduating class, a “significant percentage” were seniors.

Wolfensohn not seen as exemplary

“The speaker should represent the ideals of what seniors should aspire to be,” Basu said. “[Wolfensohn] is not a fair example of what we should be doing as a class.”

Bass, who drafted the petition, is also fundamentally opposed to having Wolfensohn as a speaker.

“Just based on what he’s done, I think it’s horrible,” Bass said. “His organization makes a good third of its projects, which result in millions of dollars of revenue. Especially with forced displacement, international students at MIT have been affected.”

“Especially since this is the first time [Wolfensohn] has come to speak at MIT, calling him someone to look up to, someone who internationally called a failure by every economics professor I know,” Basu said.

MIT’s responsibility questioned

Though administration and students agree that MIT should recognize the variety of opinions on issues concerning Wolfensohn, they disagree on how this duty should be fulfilled.

“MIT, as an institute of higher learning has a responsibility to encourage development and foster diversity of opinion. Especially if you bring in someone like James Wolfensohn, there’s a certain obligation to ensure that all viewpoints are recognized,” Mendiratta said.

Kolenbrander, on the other hand, believes that the controversy surrounding Wolfensohn makes him an ideal speaker.

“I think that one of the most important things at an intellectual community is difference of opinion. It is important and expected that on matters there is a broad range of perspectives,” Kolenbrander said. “I’d be disappointed if all members of our community don’t feel strongly. I know that Wolfensohn represents some of the most important issues of our time.”

Student input disregarded

Though both the UA president and the GSC president presented five suggestions for commencement speaker, they were not recognized, according to Mendiratta. Wolfensohn was not among the suggested speakers.

“The commencement speaker is selected by the president and the invitation has been made,” Kolenbrander said.

“Personally my problem with [Wolfensohn] is that I have different views on global issues, but that’s not really the point,” Mendiratta said.

“What’s unacceptable is having a speaker who represents such a policy and not offering any challenge to that,” Bass said.

Alternative speakers suggested

Besides the original ten suggestions offered by the UA and the GSC, the students who are urging administration to offer a forum and to reconsider their decision for Commencement speaker also made up a list of speakers they saw as more appropriate. Among them were Joseph E. Stiglitz PhD ’67, a Noble Prize Winner in Economics, and Arundhati Roy, an author and winner of the Booker Prize.

In addition, 35 students have signed a petition to substitute Lawrence Turner ("Mr. T") as Commencement speaker.

Protests disruptive, necessary

Because of Wolfensohn’s prominence as head of the controversial World Bank, his presence often draws organized protests.

“You have to think that they’ll show up,” Mendiratta said. “There are certain groups that show up wherever Wolfensohn speaks that need to voice their opposition.”

The question of security, not only for Wolfensohn, but for the graduates themselves, arose from the expected protests.

“It’s a matter that all of us take seriously,” Kolenbrander said. “Commencement needs to be a celebration. Protesters have very important rights to oppose that will have to be balanced to keep graduation respectful and safe.”

“The security of the graduates is the primary concern,” Mendiratta said.

MIT Department of FACILITIES

CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

State Center

A new pedestrian walkway has been installed outside Building 57 which changes access to the Alumni Pool. Police detail will be on site when trucks are present at State loading area.

Zesiger Sports & Fitness Center

Removal of scaffolding is in progress. Access to W24 and Kresge Auditorium may be congested as construction continues.

Dreyfus Chemistry Building

Some of the sections of the building will be sealed due to decontamination and asbestos removal. Accessibility to certain areas of the east corridors will be restricted as work continues.

70 Pacific Street

Interior drywalling continues. Painting, floor tiling, and installation of bathroom furnishings are underway.

Vassar St. Utilities

Sewer replacement work has begun in Vassar St. from Building 42 heading west. Traffic flow and parking may be affected near the work zone. Drain construction is underway near the Stata site. Traffic and machine movement may cause delays. The parking lot between Buildings 45 and 46 is closed to allow for utility construction.

Memorial Drive Traffic Signals

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

Mass Ave Storm Drain

Workers will be installing a water main across Albany Street. No Parking signs will be posted on Albany Street from Mass. Ave. to Cross Street. Albany Street west of Mass. Ave. may be closed and a detour will be in effect. The street will remain open to local traffic.

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Students discuss voting benefits

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Many local issues directly concern high-school students, Heintz said, such as the "restructuring of the high school, school choice in the elementary schools" and the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS).

Chance of passage unclear

The legislation requested by the Council will be "very difficult to pass," said Christian Scorzoni, an aide to State Senator Robert E. Travaglini, whose district includes MIT. "I'd say the chances of it passing are close to slim to none."

Although Travaglini thinks "the merits are good to involve more people in the voting process," Scorzoni said, passing such legislation is "a long uphill process that I don't think it will gain much steam up here."

"Being cautiously optimistic, it may pass," said Matt Irish, chief of staff for State Senator Steven A. Tolman, who also represents parts of Cambridge and Boston.

Irish noted that many legislators have a policy of always voting for home rule petitions. However, he said, the legislative process is long, and the legislature is likely to be occupied with the commonwealth's budget for the rest of its session. If the petition is not enacted by the end of the legislature's formal session on July 31, "it would have to be refiled" by the council.

A previous council petition to allow Cambridge residents intending to become United States citizens to vote in school committee elections has languished in the Massachusetts House of Representatives since its submission in January 2001.

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Education Was High Priority for Wynne

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School of Management in 1958 and served as an associate dean at Sloan from 1961 to 1967, when he was named vice president, organization systems. He worked as vice president, administration and personnel, from 1970 until he retired in 1980. Following his retirement, Wynne continued to be active at MIT and in higher education. As vice president emeritus, he consulted on matters including redrafting MIT's Policies and Procedures Manual.

In 1993, he was appointed to the board of trustees of Maharishi University of Management (MUM) in Fairfield, Iowa. He and his son Robert, MUM's vice president of expansion, contributed to the development of the institution's MBA and PhD programs in management.

Wynne visited India in 1987 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Indian Institute of Management in Calcutta and was honored as the founding director of the Institute's post-graduate diploma in management program. In 1993 he was appointed to the board of trustees of Maharishi Institute of Management in India which, in collaboration with MUM in Iowa, offers an MBA program in five Indian cities.

Born in Salina, Kan., on June 14, 1920, Wynne earned a bachelor's degree in political science in 1940 from the University of Kansas and was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa honorary society. He began his graduate studies at Stanford University, but they were interrupted by World War II. Wynne served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy on destroyers in the Atlantic Fleet and aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Intrepid. He was a major in the U.S. Air Force in 1951-52 during the Korean War. Afterwards, he worked for the Air Force as a civilian in Sacramento, Calif., and lectured in industrial management at Sacramento State College.

He is survived by his wife, Helen (Gurley), of Magnolia and Casa de Camp; two sons, Robert G. Wynne of Maharishi Vedic City, Iowa, and John Wynne Jr. of Boston; two sisters, Dorothy Zimmerman and Gwen Tilley, both of Lincoln, Neb.; a brother, Robert B. of Boston; a daughter-in-law, Maureen of Mahli City; and a brother-in-law, Dan Tilley of Lincoln.

Donations in his memory may be made to the John M. Wynne Education Fund (which supports education for Dominican children), 18 Ocean Highlands, Magnolia, Mass. 01930. A memorial service will be scheduled at MIT.
Doug Stouffer practices juggling in Lobby 10 on Sunday afternoon.

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Lottery To Settle Transfer Requests

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hosing system in the past. "[My roommate and I] were 12th in line for Baker at one point and then we moved 18th for some reason," she said. "I didn't understand the process at all."

"Normally we had a very long list for house-to-house switches that many on the list have complained about," said Director of Housing Operations Karen A. Nilsson, who signed off on the lottery plan. "The lottery is a much better way to go."

Mandatory move questioned

The installation of a mandatory move has sparked some controversy. Initially, the required move was expected to go hand-in-hand with the lottery system. Others doubt the necessity of requiring students to commit to moving and say it may result in a reluctance to use the system.

"These are not big changes," Nilsson said. "This is not a real change in policy." Nilsson added that she did not expect that those who sign up for a transfer would decline their choice of dormitory.

Others, however, have done just that.

W. Maria Wang '04 received an offer from her first choice dorm but declined the offer after learning more details.

"I applied for a transfer to McCormick and they told me I got in a few weeks ago," she said. "I called Denise Valley whether the room was a triple with freshmen, which I didn't want. I informed her that it was a triple, and I therefore decided not to move." Wang said the new system has given her second thoughts about transferring.

"I don't think many people will start being reluctant to move with this new system," Cain said. "It may irk a couple people but it will not have a huge effect."

Simmons recruiting changes little

The new policy has also created unique situations for the Simmons dormitory.

"There was no relation between the lottery and Simmons," said Simmons Steering Committee Co-chair Vikash Gilja '03. "This is something they have been trying to implement for a while. I don't think it affects Simmons in any way."

While those who sign up for Simmons as a first choice before April 10 are guaranteed a spot, others may still request a spot after that date. Participants also have until April 10 to back out.

"The mandatory clause will probably not have a big effect on applicants," Gilja said. "It's really just a direct transfer. Right now we've had about 190 on the list, but there probably will be fluctuation."

Some students disagree. Wang, who had earlier planned to move to Simmons, said she was unsure about the change in policy. "Originally I was planning to see how the room lottery turned out and see who my neighbors were going to be," she said.

"There will obviously be changes to how the dorm is forming up until August," said Ruth M. Perlmutte '04, who hopes to transfer to Simmons in 2003. "I think people should reserve the right to withdraw their application until then." Perlmutter, however, is not withdrawing her own application for the dorm.

Gilja said that since the announcement of the lottery implementation, about 20 students have signed up for Simmons.
ZP's Victory in Shootout Caps Successful IM Hockey Season

By Todd Stefanik

After six months and 338 games, the IM hockey season has come to a close.

This year over 90 teams played hockey in nine different skill divisions, ranging from D- (whose description includes "can't skate well") to A league, where everyone on the ice is likely to be a fast, experienced puck handler. With well over 1,500 unique players on the rosters (about 1,000 of them actually playing), hockey is clearly a very popular activity at MIT.

Team names were as varied as the skill levels of the teams, with some of the more creative including Freeze Solid (Physics Grade), Evil Slide Rollers (Warehouse), Frigid Designators (Linguistics), and Hating Problem (AI Lab/CSE). One team, the Floating Goldfish (Next House) even came to play with their very own mascot on skates: a bright orange, felt goldfish-suited defenseman.

The top end of the A and B leagues looked similar to the previous season, with the Sloan A Team, GSC Tigers, Cold Fusion (Chemistry), and Seads (Aero-Astro) making playoffs in A league, and Execution Time (AI/Lab for Comp Sci), Zeta Psi, Toxic Waste (Chemistry) and the Ice Pack (HIST) rounding out the B league bracket.

The first round held no surprises, with the top seeds dispatching lower seeds as expected though the Zeta Psi-Toxic Waste game was a squeaker for ZP at 2-1 in B league.

While Sloan (5-0-0) won even their closest game of the regular season 1-0 while playing short handed (only five skaters and a goalie), they forfeited the A league championship game due to a scheduling conflict which arose too late to reschedule. As a result the GSC Tigers (5-1-1) won the A league championship by default.

B league final goes to double OT

The B league championship between Execution Time (6-2-0) and Zeta Psi (4-2-0), on the other hand, was easily the closest game of the IM Hockey season.

Execution Time jumped out to an early lead with three goals in the first period while shutting down Zeta Psi’s offense. Shortly into the second period, Zeta Psi put their first goal on the board to close the gap to two. Execution Time answered that goal, but was unable to contain Zeta Psi’s run over the next period and a half.

With Zeta Psi up by a score of 5-4, Execution Time scored again in the final minutes of the third period to tie the game at five. Ties are decided by shootout in IM playoff games since overtime is not scheduled.

Four shooters were chosen from each team to square off against the netminders. Zeta Psi’s Richard M. Hanna G started things off with a score against Execution Time’s Dylan Ziegler, who then closed the door on Zeta Psi’s remaining shooters. Only Bradford Snelander was able to beat Zeta Psi’s Jeffrey C. Mellen ’03, re-establishing the tie after four shooters.

Hanna scored again during the following one-man shootout, clinching the B league championship 7-6 for Zeta Psi, as Execution Time’s shooter was unable to solve Mellen at the opposite end of the ice.

Hockeyphiles on campus are now adjusting to life with no ice at MIT, and eagerly awaiting next October 15 when a cold floor will once again return to Johnson Athletic center. Until then, rollerblades will have to take the place of the genuine article.

Mark Foltz ’04 and Robert M. Korves ’04 contributed to the reporting of the article.

Women’s Tennis Victorious over Vassar in First Match of Season

By Caroline Tien

This past weekend, the MIT Women’s Tennis Team battled for five hours to open their spring season with a 6-3 win over Vassar College.

The sunny morning was favorable to the MIT women as they started with a 2-1 lead in doubles. Larrisa H. Egloff ’04 and Julee J. Koo ’03 used a fine combination of power and placement to close off their tight match at 9-8. Despite fighting a hard battle, Ann Hsing ’01 and Shirma Rayej ’04 lost 8-2 while Caroline Tien ’04 and Jessica Hall ’01 skillfully put their opponents away 8-3. Freshmen Jazlyn E. Cichon and Vanessa K. Selbst stepped up to the challenge, but lost 6-2.

Although they had a lead going into singles, the team knew that the singles matches would prove to be a long battle. Despite a tough first set, Rayej walked off with a 7-6, 6-0 victory, and alongside her, Koo easily overpowered her opponent to win 6-2, 6-1. Egloff used her strong serve and ground strokes to win 6-4, 6-2, and Tien battled for a while to win 5-7, 7-5, 6-4.

Despite impeccable footwork and patience, Hall lost 3-6, 6-1, 7-6 and Cichon lost 3-6, 6-4, 6-3. Selbst decisively blew her opponent away 6-3, 6-2, as did Hung with a 6-4, 6-3 win. Despite well placed shots, Jen Lee lost 7-6, 6-1.

Next weekend, the team will travel to Maine to face Bates on Friday. On Saturday at 10 a.m. they will play Trinity in their first home match of the season, and Sunday at 1 p.m. they will battle it out against Bowdoin on the home courts again.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

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Softball vs. Brandeis University, 4:00 p.m.

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