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Prospective Students Hit Campus for CPW

By Jennifer Kristman
NEWS EDITOR

Over 700 prospective freshmen arrived on campus yesterday for Campus Preview Weekend. About 850 prefrosh in all are expected to participate in this year's CPW, said Associate Director of Admissions Zaraguzo A. Guerra. He said he expects between 675 and 700 parents to attend as well.

Prospective student Laurie D. Burns said people had generally been friendly. "Having been here three hours I can see that [the stereotypes about MIT are] not the truth at all," she said.

This year's turnout is significantly higher than that of recent years, particularly the number of parents attending. Last year, only 770 students and 400 parents attended CPW.

Guerra said parents are invited and encouraged to participate in CPW because "they are a major stakeholder in the student's decision."

Many prefrosh staying in FSILGs roughly 40 percent of the prefrosh are staying in fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups this weekend, and the reminder are being housed in campus dormitories, Guerra said.

David S. Glasser of Pennsylvania, who happens to be Jewish but expressed no preference for housing, was assigned to stay at Alpha CPW, Page 15

Elected GSC President

By Kevin R. Lang
STAFF REPORTER

The Graduate Student Council elected its officers for the 2002-2003 academic year yesterday, choosing Sanith Wijesinghe G as president, John P. Lock G as vice president, Vijay Shilpiekandula G as secretary, and Alvar Saenz Otero G as treasurer. Outgoing GSC President Dilan Seneviratne said he thought the new leadership gave the GSC "a very good mix of experience and youth and energetic people." The new officers will take over at the May GSC meeting.

Wijesinghe ran unopposed. Although he was running unopposed at Wednesday's election meeting, Wijesinghe declined his earlier nomination at the meeting to allow nominations to be reopened. Wijesinghe said he thought grad-students more aware that involvement in GSC officers takes an average of 35 to 40 hours per week.

"That's significant time that you take away from research," he said.

Wijesinghe said he thought graduate students were often limited by their research from getting involved in GSC offices. Many faculty advisors do not allow their students to get involved as officers due to the lost research time, he said. However, Wijesinghe said the GSC needs to make graduate students more aware that involvement and research can be balanced.

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MIT's Legal Approaches Vary in Different Cases

By Keith J. Weinstein
OPINION

To students occupied with the daily grind of MIT life, it may not be obvious that MIT is more than just an academic institution.

Analysis

MIT not only deals with teaching, research, and student life; the Institute is also involved in many legal battles. A review by The Tech of 17 of the Institute's currently ongoing lawsuits found that in court, MIT has interpreted its non-commercial status differently to suit different legal situations.

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Ashdown House Launches Non-Aramark Meal Option

By Jeffrey Greenbaum
STAFF REPORTER

In an attempt to diversify dining options, Ashdown House will open its dining hall to the MIT community on Tuesday evenings with a rotating international cuisine. Local vendors will serve the food in Ashdown's Hulstzer room. The dining hall will open this Tuesday with Indian food from Passage to India restaurant.

The dining plan will serve as a way of "developing a greater sense of community of the Ashdown students, developing a greater sense of camaraderie, as well as the opportunity to have a series of social events around dining," said Dean for Students Larry G. Benedict.

Dean for Graduate Students Isaac M. Colbert said the plan was a "fine way to strengthen graduate community across the Institute, especially given that the dinners would be open to all."

Aramark not involved in plan

A group of Ashdown residents formed a committee and decided that they preferred to have food from local restaurants, making this the one of the only dining halls on campus that does not work with Aramark.

In particular, the committee members decided to invite restaurants that serve international meals because "Ashdown has a significant international population ... [and] international cuisine in popular at Ashdown," Shilpiekandula said.

In addition, the committee members selected this dining plan because "we thought that this would provide a more cultural option to the

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Institute Professor Nicholas Ashford discusses global sustainability to kick off a new lecture series.

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OPINION

Dan Tortorice argues why Yasser Arafat must go for peace to be reached in Israel and Palestine.

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Welcome, Prefrosh
Bush Confronts Prime Minister With New Demands for Israel

By Alan Sipress

WASHINGTON

In dispatching Secretary of State Colin Powell to the Middle East, President Bush has substantially broadened the range of issues up for immediate bargaining and front- ered Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, for the first time with unwel- come demands from the Bush administration.

Bush's remarks Thursday included the harsh criticism he has ever directed at Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. But they were wrapped around a negotiating agenda reflect- ing the White House's conclusion in the past few days that the Palestinians must be provided with more tangible enticements to stop attacks on Israelis so the peace process can resume.

The president explicitly urged immediate action by Sharon to ease the longstanding blockade on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, which has staggered the Palestinian economy and made the cleared demand ever issued by an American presi- dent for an end to Israeli settlement activity in occupied territories.

The insistence on stopping settle- ment construction is certain to run afoul of Sharon, who has long been a chief patron of Jewish set- tlers, and is but one of several American demands that could lead to friction with the Israeli govern- ment.

Yet, even as the Bush adminis- tration sets new, more difficult requirements of Israel, U.S. officials are not contemplating the kind of ambitious negotiating strategy adopted by the Clinton administra- tion in pursuit of a final peace deal. Eighteen months of violence and dramatic political changes inside Israel and Palestinian societies now preclude this.

In addition to calling on Israeli to take specific steps to satisfy Pales- tinean political and economic con- cerns, Bush is also seeking to enlist U.S. allies in the Arab world, name- ly, Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia, to help win Arafat's agreement to crack down on militant groups and accept an American-brokered cease- fire. Powell spoke with the leaders of those countries Thursday and plans to visit them during his upcoming mission.

A senior U.S. official said administration thinking had evolved since the weekend and concluded that "these ideas that we were putting on the table were too nar- row. It wasn't enough. It simply didn't provide an incentive for the Palestinians and the Arabs to start saying and doing things we wanted them to."

For much of their tenure, Bush and his national security team have endorsed Sharon's demand that a Palestinian crackdown on violence precede broader negotiations and accepted that Israel's security needs trump Palestinian political aspira- tions, at least in the short term.

Powell's new mission will be to chart a negotiating course that includes security measures and political steps satisfying both sides, what a senior administration official called "road maps and reciprocal obligations." The goal is the restora- tion of calm after 18 months of bloodletting and a resumption of negotiations toward a final peace deal.

But although Bush said "the out- lines of a just settlement are clear," he left them vague. He said only that this would include "two states, living side by side in peace and security." He made no mention of the issues that have long bedeviled peace talks and thwarted President Clinton's efforts.

Hanssen Report Criticizes FBI For Failure to Monitor Agents

By Dan Eoggan

and Chad L. Cates

PHILADELPHIA POST

The FBI's "pervasive inatten- tion to security," including a fail- ure to monitor the computer use and personal finances of its agents, enabled Robert Hansen to pass secrets to Moscow for more than 20 years, according to a special commission's sharply worded report released Thursday.

"Simply put, security is not as valued within the Bureau as it is in other agencies," concluded the commission, headed by former CIA Director William Webster. The report quoted an FBI Internal Security Task Force that found "security policies are too often viewed as a nuisance to negotiate around, rather than (as) edicts with which to comply.

Hanssen, whom the commis- sion interviewed and quoted pub- licly about his spying for the first time, told investigators that he passed secrets to the Soviets and Russians because of financial pres- sure, career humiliation and a feeling of desperation. He gloated over the lack of security by his superiors in the FBI.

"The only thing that possibly could have uncovered my espion- age activities was a complete investigation of my financial posi- tion and professional financial accounts," which would have revealed wealth that his salary couldn't explain, Hanssen said. "If I had been a more malvolent spy than I was," the FBI "would have had a very difficult time finding me."

"I could have been a devastating spy, I think, but I didn't want to be a devastating spy," he told the commission. "I wanted to get a little money and to get out of it.

"I was told in interviews that believed Hanssen's espionage activities were fueled by money "pawns," which came from his not getting the recognition and advancement he believed he deserved. Webster, who was FBI director when Hanssen carried out his espionage activities, will brief the Senate Judiciary Committee on the report on Tues- day.

WEATHER

Winter Relapse

By Nikki Priye

PHILADELPHIA POST

The weather which visited us earlier this week did not linger, and this weekend will seem more like early March than April. A region of high pressure will grip the Boston area all weekend, with a bout of cold air and flurries arrive Saturday to dampen spirits. Only a few flakes are to be expected, unlike in 1982, when more than 13 inches of snow fell during April 6-8. This cold snap should not last long, however, and more seasonable temperatures will return early next week, with highs in the 50s F (11°C).

In the rest of the country, strong thunderstorms and flooding are possible over the southern central states this weekend, from Texas to the Ohio valley, as storms move in from the west. As storms move eastward, there will be a slight chance of snow showers in the New England states.

Extended Forecast:

Today: Becoming cloudy, with chance of drizzle late, highs in the low 40s F (5°C). Night: Cloudy, chance of flurries, lows in the mid 20s F (-4°C).

Saturday: Chilly, with some clouds, highs in the lower 40s F (6°C), lows at night in the low 20s F (-7°C).

Sunday: Sunny but cool, highs in the mid 40s F (7°C), lows around 30°F (-1°C).

Monday: Warmer but windy, highs around 55°F (13°C).
HUNDREDS ARRESTED OR DETAINED FOR ALLEGED ASSASSINATION PLOT

BY ROBYN DIXON
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Targets of an alleged Afghan assassination conspiracy included foreigners, the country's exiled king and Prime Minister Hamid Karzai, authorities said Thursday, accusing those arrested of "undermining, threatening, sabotaging and harming this government."

Interior Minister Younis Qanooni said about 300 opponents of Karzai's interim regime were arrested or detained in recent days, and 160 remain in custody. Authorities claimed to have seized bomb-detonating devices and documents outlining assassination plots, but Qanooni said the plot never got beyond the planning stage.

Qanooni was among those on the hit list, Afghan security officials said, as was Defense Minister Mohammed Qasim Fahim and Mohammad Zaher Shah, the monarch who was expelled in 1973 and who is expected to return to Afghanistan this spring. Qanooni said the plot was also aimed "against our foreign guests as well" but did not specify whether he meant soldiers, peacekeepers, diplomats or others.

The majority of those arrested were connected with the Hizb-i-Islami party of warlord Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, who had returned from exile in Iran and was now in western Afghanistan, according to Qanooni.

Qanooni: "These are people who have been accused. The accusations are not yet proven. An investigation is under way, and in phases it will determine whether they are innocent or guilty," Qanooni said.

But he added: "What I'd make clear is that they were engaged in undermining, threatening, sabotaging and harming this government."

It was difficult to determine to what extent the assassination threat was real, or whether those arrested were engaged in legitimate political activities in trying to reorganize the Hizb-i-Islami party.

However, the arrests revealed the fault lines in Afghanistan's fledgling peace process.

BUSH, BLAIR PREPARE FOR NEW TALKS ON U.S. ROLE IN MIDDLE EAST CRISIS

BY EILEEN CHEN
AND ROBIN WRIGHT
LOS ANGELES TIMES

On the world stage, British Prime Minister Tony Blair stands without rival as President Bush's head cheerleader — to such an extent that critics deride him as "America's poodle." But Blair arrives here Friday for a weekend of consultations with Bush, and to some degree, he appears to be up to the task of being a counselor with some degree of independence.

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The talks between "George" and "Tony," as they call one another, should be cordial, reflecting a mutual affinity and their many shared interests. But Blair and Bush face no shortage of difficult subjects, quite aside from the Middle East and Afghanistan. That includes a further expansion of NATO and a trade dispute with Europe resulting from the United States' recent imposition of tariffs on steel imports.

"I think you're going to see a very wide-ranging series of discussions," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said at a news briefing Wednesday.

"The United States and Great Britain enjoy a very special relationship. ... And the two leaders enjoy spending time together and talking about these various topics," he added.

On the Middle East, they agree on a common framework of action — the implementation of a cease-fire plan devised by CIA Director George J. Tenet, followed by negotiations on a final political settlement outlined by former Sen. George J. Mitchell.

But notwithstanding Bush's announcement Thursday that he is dispatching Secretary of State Colin L. Powell to the Middle East, Blair may propose a British or European role in the search for peace in the region.

American Captured in Afghanistan May Face Federal Charges

WASHINGTON

U.S. officials are considering transporting an American-born prisoner from Guantanamo Bay either to a Navy base in Norfolk or to Alexandria, where he could stand trial on criminal charges similar to those filed against John Walker Lindh, the California man captured in Afghanistan, government officials said Thursday.

Yasser Hammoud, 22, who was captured in the same Afghan prison rebellion as Lindh last November, has been telling U.S. interrogators at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba for weeks that he was born in Louisiana and moved with his family to Saudi Arabia as an infant. Foreign agents recently located his birth certificate in Baton Rouge, La., and government officials are weighing how to handle his case.

U.S. officials say they have not finally confirmed Hammoud's citizenship, but he has been in this country a year, emotionally and practically as a U.S. citizen unless they renounce their citizenship. It could not be learned whether he is a Saudi citizen.

Bush and Congress battle lines on trade expansion legislation

WASHINGTON

President Bush on Thursday gave Congress less than three weeks to act on legislation to expand U.S. trade, but Democrats said no progress was possible until the administration agreed to help workers laid off because of foreign competition.

Bush challenged the Senate to begin work by April 22 on two controversial bills. One would give him "fast-track" authority to negotiate new trade agreements, and the other would grant trade preferences to Colombia, Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador.

The president said U.S. credibility and South American stability were at stake. "These bills are good for America, these bills are good for our friends," Bush said in a speech to State Department officials.

But he was silent on a third measure that Senate Democrats insist must be part of the legislative package: more aid for U.S. workers who lose their jobs because of imports.

Senate Democrats said they were willing to approve the fast-track and Andean trade legislation by Memorial Day but only if the deal included further trade adjustment assistance.

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GIVE 17-YEAR-OLDS A LOCAL VOTE

After an 18-month campaign by students at Cambridge's Rindge and Latin high school, the Cambridge City Council will bring a petition requesting suffrage for 17-year-olds in local elections to the Massachusetts state legislature.

Seventeen-year-old Cambridge residents would be eligible to vote for City Council and School Committee elections, in addition to local ballot questions. Cambridge teenagers would be the only people in the country younger than 18 allowed to vote in any election.

It is true that there is no obvious reason why the voting age would be lowered, as it was with the ratification of the 26th Amendment in 1970, which gave 18-year-olds the right to vote. In that case, teenagers argued that those who were old enough to be drafted for the Vietnam war should be old enough to vote in national elections, and the voting age was lowered from 21. In Cambridge, however, there is no obvious reason to lower the local voting age other than encouraging students to vote while still in high school.

However, there do not seem to be any legitimate arguments against letting 17-year-olds vote in city elections. Seventeen is no less arbitrary an "appropriate age of maturity" than 18. The inclusion of 17-year-olds would not noticeably change the local political landscape, especially given Cambridge's strong liberal voting bloc.

If nothing else, the plan is a noble experiment, and a good first step in reenergizing a dwindling spirit of civic duty shown by the poor student voter turnout each November.

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However, there is perhaps no greater argument for lowering the local voting age than the simple fact that students currently too young to vote are asking for the right to do so. The fact that Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School students initiated the campaign to petition the state legislature is a powerful reason for the enfranchisement for area high schoolers. Furthermore, educational funding initiatives and school board elections will hit very close to home for those who experience the education system firsthand. While one could argue that the voting age could be lowered even further for this reason, there comes a point when students will simply be too young to either take a serious interest in voting or sustain it throughout the high school years. By letting 17-year-olds vote, students will be given the opportunity to register and get a first taste of voting just in time for their first opportunity to vote in national elections the following year. With any luck, lowering the local voting age could have a significant impact on state and national turnout.

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Mostafa Sabot ’00
Out With Arafat

Dan Tortorice

I believe you usar Arafat was committed to peace. I used to believe that he wanted a just resolution to the Israeli-Palestine conflict — the only way to resolve the current crisis. I was committed to Israel and the Mouse House’s merchandising and films on the Fox Network, but it has actually centered around the work of the world. While he has indeed who can? The recent decision, for example, to air repeats of it has actually centered around the work of the world. While he has indeed who can? The recent decision, for example, to air repeats of until they monopolize the airwaves. Yet there. The final nail in Arafat’s coffin was hammering in on Tuesday. It was well known that Al Aqsa received funding from Arafat’s Palestinian Authority but the direct link had yet to be established. Then, on the Tuesday, Arafat will be willing to use terror to draw a televangelical example, for example, to air repeats of until they monopolize the airwaves. Yet there. 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Workers will be installing a water main across Albany Street. No Parking zone. Drain construction is underway near the Stata site. Truck and trailer movement may cause delays. The parking lot between Buildings 49 and 50 is closed to allow for utility construction.

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Hey, thanks! Look! That's my other roommate. wanna meet him?

You...no go. Good. Remember mandatory for me...don't even get to sleep...

Hey, Sattousha!!

OH MAN! Is the girl hot preposterous

Crap warp. Hey! He's cute. My uncle. The kids are getting spilled

one screen loose

Awww! It's a cute little cheeselike!

It's so happy and soft!

And ripe...juicy...

Needs salt.

Microcosm by stag

Wow! This place is so super cool. The buildings have numbers, the classes are numbered, and I even got my own personal ID number! I'm a number HEAVEN! Yeah, that plus the hot girls and the great food. I love this freaking place.

WTF?!? Oh well, off to the Media lab?

Sure, sugar daddy!!

Grwaww!!
The weather today will be a mild 60 degrees.

No! Wait! News satellite photos just came in.

The weather today will be in the low 20s. Expect lots of snow and ice.

Gotta love New England.

Our next speaker was a famous athlete until drugs and booze ruined his life.

Spunk Hei! What? MUSH.

It’s not inspirational until you’re doing those things.

FoxTrot
by Bill Amend

PAGE, WE’RE SUFFERING TO TELL YOU TO TURN OVER AND SAY "Hello!"

NOW WE HAVE TO JUMP ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP OF

CALLED "BEACH" UNDER THE SEAT, WHICH

AND WE'RE TRYING TO GET THE POOL IN THE BEACH.

Dear, when you know that the name of the game was a surprise,

Dilbert
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Today is the three-year anniversary of our first meeting to discuss requirements.

And we’re still discussing requirements. Does anyone have any problems here?

When you’re done, can we talk about requirements?

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It works fine on my magazine.

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Okay, your PC is defective and you’re selfish. That’s an attitude. Package you’ve got going there.

Events Calendar

Friday, April 5

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Campus Preview Weekend Arts Reception. Reception with food, music, arts freebies, conversation and info about MIT's arts programs for admitted pre-fresh and their families. Free. Room: Kendall Lobby. Sponsor: MIT Office of the Arts.

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Support Staff Ice Cream Social. Social gathering for all MIT support staff sponsored by the Working Group on Support Staff Issues. Free. Room: Bush Room 10-105. Sponsor: Working Group on Support Staff Issues.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - AI Alumni 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. - "Rahman in Europe." Michel Wierolle teaches at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), in Paris. In addition, he is the Director of CADS (Centre d'Analyse et d'Intervention Sociologique) and of the monthly magazine "Le Monde des Debats." Co-author and editor of nearly 20 works, Michel Wierolle is known as a specialist of a number of subjects: histoire et multiculturalism to social movements and terrorism. Free - Refreshments will be provided. Room: E38-615. Sponsor: MIT France Program.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Planar Triangulations and a Brownian Snake. Refreshments will be served at 3:30 PM in Room 2.349. Free. Room: Room 2-338. Sponsor: Combinatorics Seminar. Department of Mathematics.

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - LBGT CPW Welcome Reception. An informative LBGT CPW Welcome Reception to tell incoming freshmen about services and resources available on campus. Parents are welcome. Free. Room: 5-104. Sponsor: LBGT Issues Group, GaMIT.

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Elanara Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships-Proposal Deadline. Peter J. Elanara Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships-Proposal Deadline for submission of proposals. Room: Academic Resource Center, 7-124. Sponsor: Academic Resource Center, UROP.

5:00 p.m. - Vera List Prize Competition Deadline. Competition for $500 prize to full-time MIT students who demonstrate unusual and thoughtful expression on any aspect of contemporary art performance art, architecture, an individual artist or work or art, an art movement, etc. Submit by 5 p.m. Room: Rm 1-46-303. Sponsor: Program in Writing and Humanistic Studies, List Visual Arts Center.

5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - (CPW) Science Fiction Society Meeting. Our weekly meeting in the Library. Meet us, hear us babble, talk to us about science fiction and fantasy, or just wander through the collection. Free. Room: 3-173. Sponsor: Science Fiction Society, MIT.

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Bradford and Barbara Washburn: Reminiscences of Mt. McKinley, the Matanuska, Mount Everest, and two lifetimes of joyful adventures and discoveries. Happily married for 65 years, Brad and Barbara are legends in Boston. As explorers, mountaineers, and cartographers they have led mapping expeditions ranging from the top of Mount Everest to the bottom of the Grand Canyon. Together they pioneered aerial photography, beginning with early surveys of Mount McKinley from the open door of a Bellanca skiplane in the 1930's, and culminating with the Learjet orthophotography of Mount Everest. The definitive maps of the Grand Canyon and Mount Washington are among their achievements. Brad and Barbara are the parents of the modern Boston Museum of Science, spanning the Charles River. Brad led the museum for nearly 40 years. Together they built it into a national treasure. It was the first in the world to bring natural history, physical sciences, medical sciences, and a planetarium together under one roof. But most people know the Washburns as explorers. Barbara is the first woman to climb Mount McKinley, the mother of three children, and veteran of numerous major ascents and wilderness treks. It is reviewed as one of the greatest landscape photographers of all time. Ansel Adams once wrote: "Bradford Washburn is one of the very few people who have combined spectacular experiences in the wilderness with equally spectacular achievements in the world of civilization. One never knows what next to expect from this roving genius of mind and mountains, but whatever it is, we know it will be excellent and effective." Free. Room: 10-250. Sponsor: GO Global Explorations - MIT Expeditionary Alliance.

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Integrating Work and Faith. Mens et Manus et Christ et Tu. Jim Bruce, MIT Professor and Vice President of Information Systems will lead us in a talk / interactive discussion.
8:00 p.m. - Dance Troupe Spring Concert. Dance Troupe is a student run organization and all pieces in the concert are student choreographed. A wide variety of dance styles, including modern, ballet, tap, jazz and funk, as well as fusion are featured in a special arrangement by our outstanding faculty. All performances are free. Room: Kresge Little Theater. Sponsor: DanceTroupe.

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10:00 p.m. - The Business of Strangers. Free for Freshmen! Debut director Patrick Stettner's dark thriller about a successful businesswoman (Stockard Channing) and her young assistant (Julie Carmen). The film will be shown with a working businesswoman (Fred Willard) still at an airport hotel. $3. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

Saturday, April 6

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Science Fiction Library. Here be dragons, also spaceships. Also over 90 percent of all science fiction literature (fictionally everywhere published in English). Browse, read, whatever. Free. Room: MITSF, W20-273. Sponsor: Science Fiction Society, MIT.

12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Materials Science and Engineering Open House. Take a tour of open houses and laboratories to see what unique research is being done at MIT. Free. Room: Materials Science and Engineering. Sponsor: Department of Materials Science and Engineering.

12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Roadkill Buffet CPW Show! Come experience the feel, the amaz- ing, the dynamic energy of the Roadkill Buffet CPW Show! A team game of shoot-em-up; guns provided. Free. Room: E51-151. Sponsor: Roadkill Buffet.

2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - The Institutions of Higher Learning. The formal program in the second season of ARCO, Arts Boston Contemporary Dialogues, a series of annual panel discussions focusing on issues of interest and concern to the fine arts community of Boston. Bill Am- ing, dir. of Art and Education for the Museum of Fine Arts; John Koenig, Director of the American Institute of Art; and visiting Artist program at Montserrat College of Art, Beverly, Joe Ketner, Director Rose Art Museum; and Brandeis University. Linda Norden, Director. Room: 31-208. Sponsor: Art and Education Commission.

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Solar Electric Vehicle Team (SEVT) Open House. Free for all interested individuals. Meet our leads, see the latest equipment, and learn about our activities. Room: In front of Burton Con- struction. Sponsor: Solar Electric Vehicle Team, MIT.


4:00 p.m. - Dance Troupe Spring Concert. Dance Troupe is a student run organization and all pieces in the concert are student choreographed. A wide variety of dance styles, including modern, ballet, tap, jazz and funk, is featured. $6 in advance, $7 at the door ($1 discount for pre-shows). Room: Kresge Little Theater. Sponsor: DanceTroupe.

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1:00 p.m. - Hansen, Alonzo Harris (Denzel Washington, Academy Award Best Actor 2002). When rookie cop Jake Hoyt (played by Will Smith) steps into the tough streets of Los Angeles as a new cop, he soon realizes that the police that run the city are more interested in padding their pockets than making a difference. Free. Room: The Thirsty Ear Pub. Sponsor: The Thirsty Ear Pub. ATat, MITOMC.

1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - MITR - My Friend (English movie with an Indian theme). Special movie screening hosted by SANGAM- the Indian Students Association. $5 ($3 for MIT students). Room: 10-250. Sponsor: Sangam.

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - MITHAS and New England Hindu Temple: 7th Annual Hindu Festival. MITHAS and New England Hindu Temple members; $10-students with 10; $5 MIT students with 10. Room: 10-250. Sponsor: Sangam.

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Mechanical Engineering Seminar - Fast and 'Robust: Hexapedal Robots via Embedded Actuators and Sensors. Free. Room: RLE Conference Room 36-428. Sponsor: Research Lab of Electronics.


3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Musical Performance Series-March 2-May 10). The MIT Wind Ensemble and MIT Festival Jazz Ensemble (Fred- erick Harris, music director) and the MIT Concert Choir (William Cutter, music director) will collabor- atively present a concert of music ranging from the Baroque to the contemporary. Room: Kresge Auditorio- rum. Sponsor: Music and Theater Arts Section.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Neil Shore. Music of Berg, Bartok, Debussy and a premiere by John Zorn. Free. Room: Kresge Auditorium. Sponsor: Music and Theater Arts Section.

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*** Excellent  
** Good  
* Fair  
* Poor

**40 Days and 40 Nights**

Just as Josh Hartnett vows to go 40 days and nights without sex, he meets the woman of his dreams. While it has its moments, 40 Days and 40 Nights relies on the charm of Hartnett to carry the film, and fails. The tired repetition of one theme grates on the viewer.

Blade II

Although the plot is even less original than the first, Blade II still delivers with its blood-drenched, dark vision of the world hidden from the viewer. Seeking revenge, he manages to escape imprisonment because of the jealousy of his best friend. While it has its moments, the film stretched thin.

**Monsoon Wedding**

The arranged marriage of a young Indian couple in Delhi brings together a whole cast of delightful characters who sing, laugh and cry as they are reawakened and strengthened by the power of love to bring people together. Monsoon Wedding is a vibrant, light-hearted romantic comedy with a talented, all-star Indian cast and the intimate creative touch of Mira Nair.

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**Resident Evil**

While its violence is barely excessive enough to make you cringe, its plot is not dynamic enough to make you truly care. If you’re looking a cheap thrill ride, Resident Evil can adequately conjure your adrenal. If not, then you would think this is the T-virus.

RollerBall

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

Super Troopers

Dumsh cops play tricks and have wacky fun while on duty. The movie starts off cleverly but quickly degrades into a clichéd story about catching drug smugglers and saving the troops’ jobs. Good for a few laughs but quickly forgotten once you leave the theater.

The Time Machine

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

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Hiring Information Meeting
Wednesday, April 10th
N42 Demo Center
4:45-6:15
Ashford Kicks Off Series on Sustainable Development

By A. S. Wang

Kicking off a five-part lecture series addressing the topic of sustainable growth, Institute Professor Nicholas Ashford spoke Wednesday on the global issue of sustainability. "Following the Technology and Culture Forum's 40-year tradition of dealing with interdepartmental issues," event organizer Amy McCread described the lecture as, "an overview on the general topic of sustainability.

Ashford, an MIT professor of technology and policy, addressed the complex issue of sustainable development by first identifying the major problems and the proposed source of those problems. He then discussed the current theories on clearing those obstacles to sustainable growth.

"Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of both the present and future generations," Ashford said, "addressing the needs and adverse effects within nations as improves the relationship among nations."

Among the five major problems he identified, Ashford said that inequality of access to economic and political power and poor communication between knowledge bases are two key systemic problems. "The classic driver of economic growth has been technological innovation, but today, trade must also be added as a driver — it is the exploitation of excess capacity," Ashford said.

"Sustainable growth therefore involves economic growth characterized as well as development in distribution, employment, environment, health/safety, and purchasing power.

Ashford compares America to EU. In the course of his speech, Ashford pointed out interesting patterns in the European Union's development compared to the development in the United States. "The US is globalizing but the EU is globalizing. There are enormous wage disparity differences as well as unionization contrasts," he said.

Before ending his talk, Ashford presented his view on innovation. "It used to be land that was the most important factor endowment, but today, it is the improvement on information communication systems," Ashford said. "This innovation can be sustaining as well as disrupting, either can be incremental or radical."

Faye Duchin, dean of humanities and social sciences at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, was the first to respond to Ashford's overview.

Adding her own views towards the topic of sustainability, she said that "there has not been a lot of discussion on understanding production and later technology," Duchin said, that "there has not been a lot of attention given to understanding how we live."

Duchin proposed that "progress can be made in this understanding of life style" through large scale interdisciplinary projects involving many organizations and specialists from many fields. Robert Kaufman of Boston University was interested in the environmental aspect of sustainable development. He shifted the discussion towards the natural and physical limits of development.

"The current Bush policy focusing on technological development is simply looking at making technology better to sustain development," he said. "But regardless of the degree of technological efficiency we can achieve, can this Earth support six billion people if every single of them lived like the average American? I think the answer is clearly no!"

Ashford agreed with Kaufman's point, saying that "the increasing rate of energy use is grossly outstripping any chance that we can be supported by the current rate of use in fossil fuels. We either invest in nuclear energy or completely take over the oil fields. This is an undeniably truthful."

Leaving the topic open-ended, the concerns in sustaining development took up the entire two-hour discussion. Future lecturers in the series will address the issues of employment, environment and technology in detail, with the fifth talk reconciling these three topics.

"Today is simply a taste for what is to come," Ashford said.

Daylight Saving Time starts early Sunday morning. Remember to set your clock ahead!

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'Business' Definition Varies In MIT's Suits

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In response, MIT wrote, "As a charitable, not-for-profit corporation devoted to education and research, MIT denies that it has a 'place of business.'" But in several lawsuits it has filed, MIT has used language nearly identical to that of Shin lawsuit to describe itself.

"Plaintiff MIT is a corporation which is incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with its principal place of business located in Cambridge, Massachusetts," MIT wrote in the first paragraph of its August 2001 patent infringement complaint against Sony Electronics Inc. MIT also used identical language in an October 2000 lawsuit against Sharp Electronics Corp., and in an April 2001 lawsuit against Toshiba America Inc. These lawsuits have since been settled.

Practice common, attorney says

Daryl Lapp, an attorney with Palmer and Dodge, LLP for MIT in the Shin case, said the differing stances had no legal significance. "The point of our denying that MIT is 'in business' for purposes of the Shin case is that they are trying to establish Chapter 93A liability against MIT ... which would involve establishing that MIT is 'in business' in that sense of the word," he said.

MIT's mention of its "place of business" in its own lawsuits pertains to whether the federal court in Boston is the proper venue for a lawsuit against MIT. MIT is "in business," Lapp said.

"It's a term of art," he said. "It's two different lawsuits using the term differently."

MIT also used similar "place of business" language in a trademark infringement lawsuit against Time Inc. and CNET Networks Inc. in which it finds itself needing to argue for, rather than against, its having commercial status in order to assert a claim under Chapter 93A.

In the Time Inc. case, MIT has asserted "unfair and deceptive trade practices" under Chapter 93A that Time and CNET are "falsely representing that they are affiliated" with MIT. For this claim, MIT relies on an assertion that "Plaintiff MIT and defendants [Time and CNET] are commercial entities." This time, it is MIT's adversary which tries to paint it as non-business. In their responses, Time and CNET respond by asserting that each "denies that plaintiff is a 'commercial entity.'"

Institute involved in federal suits

MIT's 12 federal lawsuits, of which nine involve claims of patent infringement, appear numerous in comparisons with similar institutions. A search of the federal judiciary's U.S. Party/Case Index found Harvard University currently involved in two federal lawsuits, neither involving patent infringement, and the California Institute of Technology and Stanford University each involved in one patent infringement lawsuit and four others. The index lists Princeton University as a party in six federal lawsuits, of which none involves patent infringement.

Prefrosh View Campus Positively

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Epsilon Pi, MIT's Jewish fraternity

"I'd rather be in a dorm," Glasser said, adding that he wouldn't experience the "diversey MIT tools" by staying in a Jewish house. No prefrosh are housed in non-Jewish homes. These are students who are guests of Campus Preview Weekend," Guerra said. "Still, the first focus is on getting people to MIT," she added. But everybody knows people are going to have to make choices over the summer, and everyone wants to "influence those choices in a positive way." But no one wants it to turn into all-out rush.

"We've let everyone know that this isn't rush," Guerra said. Most of these prefrosh "haven't even decided if they're coming to MIT. Now it is not the time to pull them into a house."

Prefrosh come for various reasons

Prefrosh had several different reasons for attending CPW. "I'm pretty set on [MIT]. I just wanted to make sure I like it," Chiu said.

"I came out to get more of a feel for the campus, especially to stay overnight in a room," Burns said.

She also said she came to see "the different types of people admitted," to see if "we'd fit in."

"This visit is helping me get a clearer picture of what life is like here," Burns added.

"I'm definitely planning to see what the night life is like here," she added.

Glasser has already visited MIT twice, but he came because "I like cutting school to hang out at college."

In hoping to break away from the stereotype the MIT is a nerdy campus," Chiu said.

Chiu also said she wants to visit some classes today. "I want to make sure they're not too intense," she said.

CPW formerly for women only

Guerra said CPW began over 17 years ago as a program to recruit women. It was later a program for women and minorities for several years. Currently, everyone admitted to MIT (not waitlisted) is invited to CPW. "This is only the fourth all-admit preview weekend," Guerra said. "It's one of the most exciting times to be on MIT's campus," Guerra said. "The student body enjoys CPW and wants to be a part of it."

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Graduate students lack options

Currently, the dormitory hosts Coffee Hour every Thursday evening, and Shilpikandula proposed the idea in an Ashdown House Executive Committee since there "essentially is no dining facility for graduate students," he said. When Lobdell closed for dinner, Housemaster Ann Orlando said that it reduced the number of options for dinner for those residents who have no time or choose not to cook. Accordingly, the executive committee decided that it would be feasible to host a weekly dining option for its residents that would be open to the entire MIT community. This includes graduate and undergraduate students who may not live on campus. "We are hoping that on occasion members of the faculty would be interested," Orlando said.

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New Leaders of GSC
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"That’s a message that we need to work harder on—that you can do both." Off-campus advocacy a priority

Wijesinghe is entering the final year of his PhD program in Course XVI. He previously served as GSC vice president in 1998-1999, and has chaired numerous GSC committees. He has been involved with the GSC for each of his first six years as a graduate student, and Wijesinghe said he did not think finishing his thesis while serving as president would present a problem for him.

"I wanted to contribute," Wijesinghe said. He plans on tackling "some of the goals that we’ve been working on for the past few years," including graduate housing. "It’s kind of a continuation of ideas and thoughts that we’ve had over the years," he said.

Wijesinghe hopes the GSC will develop alternate plans for graduate housing in case MIT decides to house more undergraduates in graduate dorms, in addition to the approximately 140 expected to be housed next year. "The real question is what happens now if the number increases," Wijesinghe said.

In addition, he wants to increase the GSC’s advocacy for off-campus issues by forming a new committee. "Off-campus issues definitely need more focus this year," he said.

However, Wijesinghe said he also hoped to make the GSC a model for the MIT administration’s decision-making process. "I think that the biggest challenge next year is going to be very exciting to see the whole wants to do," Lock said. "It’s would be more effective choosing a GSC could not realistically take on intermediary between different commit-

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Officers bring diverse experience Shilipakandula is a first-year SM student in Course B. This past year, he served as an editor of the Graduate Student Newsletter and has been actively involved in Ashdown House’s student government.

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 defense to win 13–11.

Middlebury was a very fast team and MIT was able to run with them with plenty of subbing to keep fresh legs in the game. The team threw a clam against Middlebury, and it worked great. It took two swilly throws and two lucky skies for them to score. MIT only had four turns in the first half, making it no coincidence that Middlebury was up 7–3 at the half.

They were very unforgiving whenever MIT turned the disc. MIT stepped up the defense and got a few more turns out of them, while punching in a few points, but not enough to get that close. The final score was 7–13, the first loss of the season. Against Lawrence College, there wasn’t much competition, and MIT won 13–1 to close the day.

Engineers fall to Oregon

On Thursday, MIT beat Middlebury B 13–1 before taking on top five team Oregon. Oregon had no obvious weaknesses and a good chance to win it all. They were fast, tall, and athletic — great throws, great hands, sick layouts, and they could play short and long.

MIT came out focused and fired up. There was a quick turn on a huck allowing Oregon to score the first point, but MIT came back with the next three. The clam and cup zone (2–3–2) defenses gave MIT three turns in a row, and MIT was able to convert them all into points. After going down 3–1, Oregon responded with a few points of their own. The first half was heavily contested and ended at 6–7 with Oregon in the lead.

The level of play was excellent, except for two very critical turns on MIT’s own goal lines, which Oregon was able to take 70 yards and convert to scores.

MIT came out pretty strong after half and scored a few points to tie the game at nine, but Oregon pushed ahead and turned the game to 10–12 with MIT receiving. There was a near score where Matthias Craig G made a great end zone grab and almost scored, but the “in” call was contested. MIT couldn't finish the point, and Oregon won the game at 10–13.

Next came Wisconsin Stevens’s Point, where MIT blew an early 4–1 lead and barely took half at 7–6 before Wisconsin SP ran away with the game. MIT ended up losing this game 9–13 with some pretty unfocused ultimate, apparently the result of an obvious letdown after the game with Oregon. So despite the three losses, MIT made it to the final four bracket with Middlebury, Oregon, and Wisconsin SP.

Team forced to miss semifinals

Unfortunately, the MIT team had an early flight on Thursday and had to leave without playing in the semifinals. Oregon took Wisconsin pretty easily winning 13–7. St. Olaf played in MIT’s stead against Middlebury for the semifinals. The final was Oregon over Middlebury by a score of 13–7.
Softball Looks for Improvement

By Damian Vega

A basketball court and a weight room — hardly the necessary surroundings for softball practice. However, that was the environment in which the MIT softball team began its season in mid-January. Even though the much-improved Engineers remain winless, they have stayed competitive and are hoping to reverse the misfortunes of seasons past. The Engineers have not won a New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) title since 1986 and finished 2-24 last year. MIT softball has suffered through many coaching changes and losing seasons. This is an unfortunate trend that a first-year coaching staff and some talented players are hoping to change.

They have the talent, the knowledge, the skills, and the team chemistry to win," said first-year head coach Lisa Naas. "But with their history of rough seasons still on their minds, winning has become a mental challenge more so than a physical one.

MIT falls to Fredonia State

Despite going 0-6 on a presaison trip to Florida, the Engineers put a scare into Fredonia State before falling 5-3 in eight innings. Trailing 3-0 entering the bottom of the seventh, MIT erupted for three runs to take the game to extra innings.

Senior captain Kristine L. Goldbeck smashed a single up the middle, resulting in a run scored by Erin C. Shea '05, who had a single of her own. Both runners scored on errors by the second baseman, and Christine P. Thai '03 was plated by Rachel C. Maiglinth '04's sacrifice fly. Engineers drop next six games

That confidence stayed with the Engineers despite dropping their next four games down South. Upon returning to the Northeast, MIT opened the conference season with a road doubleheader against the Coast Guard Academy.

Engineers' starter Darcy K. Kelly '03 shut down USCGA for the first two innings, and Rebecca L. Maglinth '04 gave MIT a 1-0 lead by playing Daugherty with a groundout to second. A strong hitting Coast Guard team, however, pounded out four runs in the third and fifth in the fourth to claim a 9-1 win.

In the second game, freshman Carly Saylor led off the game with a double to left center, stole third and came around to score on a groundout by senior Amy C. Lin. The 1-0 lead would be short-lived, however, as USCGA exploded for 14 runs in the first inning to take a commanding lead. Still, the Engineers showed fight, as sophomore Erin L. Holt (2-2), stolen base, RBI and freshman Brittany S. Adamson (2-3, run, RBI) provided some offensive highlights.

"We had a shaky start, but we'll pull out of this strong and tall," Naas said. "Our defensive game has been sharp and clean; our pitching improves daily, but our offensive game needs work." However, Naas said that the team still needs more confidence to capitalize on its abilities and get its first win of the season.

Curling Club Reaches Bronze Medal Match

By Joyance Meechai

The MIT Curling Club traveled to Madison, Wis., March 15 to 17, just missing a bronze medal. Jowance Meechai G skipped a team with Raymond Li as vice, front J. Yen G as second, and Stephen S. Lee '05 as third. The team had a tough start. The ice at the Madison Curling Club split up quickly during the first few ends and settled at 23 seconds by the third end. It took MIT some time to adjust to the ice conditions which though quite nice, were very different from what the team is accustomed to at home ice.

After two tough losses on Friday in close games against a University of Wisconsin at Marathon County team and University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire, the team settled down and played well on Saturday to win against University of Wisconsin Stout and another University of Wisconsin at Marathon County team. MIT qualifies for bronze medal

The last Saturday match was particularly exciting, full of threatening freezes. The team forced the skip of Marathon County onto a very difficult takeout which wasn't executed. There were quite a few schools in the bracket which had a 2-2 record, and the team qualified for the bronze medal match by having the highest total score. All weekend long, MIT had been playing with a very aggressive strategy, trying to tease the opposing team into doing a takeout. Unfortunately MIT lost the bronze to a team from Bowling Green which was skipped by a junior national competitor. The team definitely learned a lot from this experience and Lee improved remarkably over the course of the weekend.

Men's Ultimate Wins Over Ohio State

By Edmund Chou

The MIT Men's Ultimate team knocked off 2001 national qualifier Ohio State last week in the team's first major national tournament of the season.

MIT toppled Northwestern 13-8 with strong man-to-man defense and physical play to open the tournament. Fordham was not particularly competitive, falling 13-2. MIT worked on its zone defense against Fordham, but was never really tested.

Against Ohio State, MIT found some strong competition. The score was nearly even the whole game, with MIT taking a 7-6 lead into halftime, but OSU rallied with three scores in a row to take a 9-7 lead in the second MIT refocused and stopped their momentum, bringing it back to 11-11.

The team easily scored 12-11 going downwind and then marched upward to score the winning goal.

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The following day, MIT played St. Olaf and came out trying to use a clan zone defense, but didn't get too many opportunities and playing a 2-2 game, it turned out to be a better choice. MIT started strong enough to take the first two points and expanded until it was 4-2. St. Olaf went on a strong run to take the lead, but the best MIT could do was rally back a point, letting St. Olaf take the half at 5-7. Most of the turnovers were execution errors rather than decision errors, but there were a few too many turns, which St. Olaf capitalized on. MIT played the second half was much stronger as they came back to score four in a row to lead 9-7. St. Olaf caught up and tied the game at 11-11. The MIT zone offense looked much better was able to score an upward point to take the game to 12-11, before beating the opposing zone