FedEx Error Blamed for Loss of '04 Rings

By Eun J. Lee

The Class of 2004 held its ring delivery event at the Museum of Science Sunday night, but hundreds of rings were lost in the mail.

"If the rings are not found by this Wednesday, Jostens will rush production of new sets of rings for the individuals whose rings got lost," Quattrochi said. These rings should be finished with a shipping cost to students. "I also encourage everyone to check the lost and found. Please let us know if you found a ring," he added.

Rings to be remade if not found

Since it was discovered that the box was missing, the company has searched its courier trucks and air-line stores without success. "The box of missing rings was Rings to be remade if not found. Since it was discovered that the box was missing, the company has searched its courier trucks and air-line stores without success.

Alpine will most likely be open from 7 a.m. to midnight daily, Sullivan said. "Our menu is naturally very low in fat," Sullivan said. Alpine also has "a lot of vegetarian options. That's another demographic we serve very well," he said.

Berlin likened Alpine to the Jostens Inc., at a Boston hotel. An Avalon-like crepe behind the counter of Arrow Street Crepes near Harvard Square. Dacanay's uncle owns the shop, which may open a new branch sharing space with Toscanini's in the Student Center this fall.

Ray Dacanay makes a crepe behind the counter of Arrow Street Crepes near Harvard Square. Dacanay's uncle owns the shop, which may open a new branch sharing space with Toscanini's in the Student Center this fall.
Judge Orders Laws to Give Deposition

A Massachusetts judge Monday ordered Boston Cardinal Bernard F. Law, the nation's senior Roman Catholic prelate, to give a videotaped deposition Wednesday in the civil suit brought by 200 sexually abused victims of defrocked priest John J. Geoghan. If he appears as scheduled, Law would be the first American cardinal to be deposed in such a case, according to Bill Ryan, spokesman for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The court order comes just two days after the archbishop of Boston abruptly backed out of a multimillion-dollar settlement with 86 victims of Geoghan, now serving a nine to 15-year prison sentence after being convicted in January of child molestation. The archdiocese's finance council rejected the agreement, estimated to be worth $3.5 million, largely because it found there would not be enough money to settle additional sex abuse cases.

Law has acknowledged that he transferred Geoghan to new parishes despite the allegations against him, has not been questioned in conjunction with the suits involving Geoghan. He had been scheduled four times to be deposed but each time the deposition was postponed.

U.S. Underestimated Cuban Weapons, Bush Official Says

By Paul Richter

WASHINGTON

A senior Bush administration official said Monday that U.S. leaders have underestimated the deadly threat posed by Cuba, and he issued a specific warning about the country's biological weapon program.

U.S. officials believe that Cuba has "at least a limited offensive biological warfare research and development effort," said John R. Bolton, undersecretary of state for arms control and international security. And they fear that the Cubans might be passing on their germ weapons know-how to other "rogue" states, he said in a speech at the Heritage Foundation, a conservative public policy center in Washington, D.C.

The comments represent a marked toughening of the official line on Cuba. The Castro regime has long been listed by the U.S. government as a state sponsor of terrorism, and officials have said in the past that Cuba believed to have the capability to produce germ agents.

But, until now, government officials have not added biological threats to the list. "We are concerned that such technology could support biological warfare programs in those states," Bolton said.

He did not specify which nations Cuba might have aided, but he noted that Cuban President Fidel Castro courted Iran, Syria and Libya last year. Bolton said that, at Tel Aviv University, Castro told an audience: "Iran and Cuba, in cooperation with each other, can bring America to its knees."

U.S. officials have underestimated the threat posed by Cuba in large part because of the work of Cuban spies operating in the United States, Bolton declared.

He cited Ana Beles Montes, a longtime Defense Intelligence Agency analyst who pleaded guilty in March to spying for Cuba.

Montes was a contributor to a key 1998 Pentagon report that reviewed Cuba's military capabilities. The report concluded that the island did not pose a substantial threat to the United States — although then-U.S. Defense Secretary William S. Cohen acknowledged he was "concerned" about the germ weapons program.

Siege in Bethlehem Continues As Exile of Gunmen Disputed

By Doug Struck

WASHINGTON

A dispute over how many Palestinian gunmen would be expelled from the Israeli-occupied West Bank was overshadowing the international conference aimed at ending the 35-day siege of the Church of the Nativity Monday.

Palestinian and Israeli leaders have reached a last-minute agreement, but the plan to end the siege remains in jeopardy.

Dr. Matthew Davis of the University of Michigan, who is to unveil one of the plans at the meeting of the Pediatric Academic Societies meeting this week in Baltimore, and a mass campaign would protect those who are most vulnerable to smallpox: People between the ages of 1 and 29. Most people 30 and older were vaccinated against the virus and may still carry some immunity.

"There are risks with the vaccine," Davis said, "but there are even greater risks with smallpox."

Tornado Talk

By Michael J. Ring

Last week's devastating tornado in Charles County, Maryland, is a stark reminder of the power of the force of Mother Nature. The Charles County storm was the first F5 tornado to strike the United States in three years. Tornadoes are rated on the Fujita intensity scale based on their wind speed: F5 storms have winds in excess of 261 mph (420 kph).

While Massachusetts has never experienced an F5 tornado, it is not immune to these storms. In 1977, there were two outbreaks in the state, and the last routine immunizations with the vaccine in the United States took place in 1972; the nation's last case of smallpox was in 1972; the nation's last case of smallpox was in 1949. The World Health Organization declared smallpox eradicated globally in 1980.
Dutch Politician Assassinated With Election Nine Days Away

By Sebastian Rotella

LOS ANGELES TIMES

May 7, 2002

Dutch politician Pim Fortuyn, a populist maverick whose criticism of immigration and Islam propelled his rapid rise, was shot and killed outside a radio studio in an Amsterdam suburb Monday.

The assassination, which Dutch authorities said was the first in the modern history of the Netherlands, came just nine days before legislative elections in which the rightist politician's fledgling party was a top contender.

The killing was especially shocking because the 54-year-old Fortuyn, an openly gay sociology professor, was an overnight phenomenon who had shaken up a tranquil nation with his aggressive and colorful style.

Police arrested the suspected killer and described him as a white man of Dutch nationality but didn't identify him or provide other details. An eyewitness told the Los Angeles Times that the assassin was a short, youthful man wearing a baseball cap who opened fire at close range as Fortuyn walked to his car after an interview at the Radio 3 FM station in the town of Hilversum.

Fortuyn was hit six times in the head, neck and chest, authorities said. He died on the pavement where he had fallen, surrounded by a team of paramedics trying to revive him.

His death transformed him into an instant symbol of a Europe besieged by internal tensions and cross-immigration, street violence, extremism of many stripes, anti-Semitic and anti-Islamic sentiment and resentment of traditional leaders seen as out of touch and unresponsive.

"This was not an attack on Pim Fortuyn but an attack on democracy," Dutch Prime Minister Wim Kok said at a news conference.

Paul Vander Lugt, coordinator of the radio station, said he recalled Fortuyn to the exit of the studio at 6 p.m. Fortuyn and his chauffeur had walked into a parking lot when the gunman appeared and fired.

U.S. to Nullify Signature on Treaty Establishing World Criminal Court

By William Orme

LOS ANGELES TIMES

May 7, 2002

Unilateralism is back—or at least that's what critics of two new Bush administration initiatives here contend.

On Monday, the administration informed the United Nations that it has notified the December 2000 U.S. signature on the treaty establishing the International Criminal Court, a decision that U.N. officials called unprecedented.

Libya is the only other country that remains consistently and vociferously antagonistic to the court's creation. Although other nations have expressed opposition to aspects of the court — among them China, Israel, Iraq, Libya, Qatar and Yemen—they have not joined the United States in repudiating the treaty.

The administration contends that the court could expose U.S. soldiers and officials abroad to politically motivated "war crimes" prosecutions.

"We regret that this has happened, as we are in favor of the universality of the treaty," said George Cunningham, a spokesman for the European Commission here.

The treaty originally was signed by 139 countries, the United States included, and has been ratified by most U.N. members, including all the 27 European Union member except Greece, which plans to approve it soon.

No other nation has ever voided a sovereign signature on a binding international treaty, according to U.N. officials and international law experts. "This action by the U.S. is unique," said Fred Eckhard, the spokesman for U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan. "It is unprecedented."

Also Monday, Bush administration officials seeking to remove all references to "reproductive health services" from a document being drafted for adoption at the U.N. Special Session on Children later this week—a fight in which it is again opposed by most U.N. members, including all but three Western allies.

U.S. delegates are urging U.N. members to promote sexual abstinence rather than birth control.

Enron Documents Show Manipulation of Calif. Electricity

THE WASHINGTON POST

May 7, 2002

Enron Corp. actively manipulated the California electricity market by such maneuvers as transferring energy outside the state to evade price caps and creating phony "congestion" on power lines, according to internal Enron documents released Monday.

The techniques described in two memos written by lawyers for Enron in December 2000 were given names such as "Fat Boy," "Death Star," "Get Shorty" and "Ricochet." The company turned the documents over to federal regulators, who made them public.

The evidence of their use contradicts denials Enron made at the time and provides impetus to several ongoing investigations of the bankrupt energy giant's role in the California crisis.

California power systems ordered rotating blackouts on six days early in 2001. That followed a ten-fold surge in power prices that began the previous summer, hitting the state's utilities with billions of dollars in excess electricity charges.

Lindh Case Could Falter Over Witness Interviews

THE WASHINGTON POST

May 7, 2002

A federal judge warned Monday that if the government's national security concerns prevent John Walker Lindh's attorneys from interviewing detained witnesses who might help clear him, the Justice Department might have to drop its case against the man captured with Taliban fighters.

At a hearing in Alexandria, Va., U.S. District Judge T.S. Ellis III also told the defense that he did not think the Constitution's fair trial guarantees require the government to allow Lindh's attorneys to go to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to interview 14 suspected al-Qaeda and Talib- han fighters being held there.

Ellis suggested that a videoconference hookup might be a reasonable compromise between Lindh's right to exculpatory information and the government's need to gather as much anti-terrorism information as possible from the 384 detainees at the Guantanamo Bay prison.

He gave both sides until May 28 to work out a deal. At that point, he said, he will rule on the defense request for face-to-face interviews.

Lindh, 21, arrived at the half-hour hearing with neatly trimmed hair and, for the first time, thick-rimmed glasses that further distance him from the unkempt, bearded man captured in northern Afghanistan late last year. His mother, Marilyn Walker, attended the hearing, but his father, Frank Lindh, was absent for the first time since his son was flown to this country in January.

The hearing gave the first clear indication how Ellis intends to handle the complicated national security concerns that will likely dominate Lindh's trial later this year. Lindh is charged with conspir- ing to kill Americans abroad and aiding terrorist groups. He faces a life sentence if convicted.

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Letters To The Editor

Divest Chomsky, Not Israel

As an alumnus (1973) and the son of an alumnus (1942), I was horrified to read that 32 MIT faculty members have signed a petition seeking to force MIT to divest investments in companies that invest in Israel (“MIT, Harvard Faculty Petition Universities’ Israel Investments,” Apr. 30). It is disturbing to see the Big Lie campaign of the Palestinians making headway among supposedly intelligent people. What would make a lot more sense would be for MIT to fire all 32 signers of the petition, starting with Noam Chomsky.

Douglas B. Levine '73

Tortorice Uninformed

Daniel Tortorice’s Friday column (“Fair Labor Standards for Sures,” Apr. 26) criticizes the proposal to have MIT join the Worker’s Right Consortium and Fair Labor Association and draw up a code of conduct for apparel factories. Unfortunately, what Mr. Tortorice calls his “economic logic” seems divorced from economic reality, and it is clear from his column that he has not even read the proposal he is criticizing.

First of all, Tortorice uses the vast majority of his column to criticize the “living wage” and “voluntary overtime” provisions in the proposal. In fact, neither of these provisions are in the proposal, and the proposal even explicitly mentions their absence on page 15. In addition, he claims to use “economic logic” when presenting the idea that raising labor standards results in increased joblessness. Again, Tortorice has not read the proposal’s provisions that prevent this from occurring, and also seems unfamiliar with the latest economic research, which has demonstrated that while this phenomenon may seem logical to the casual mail to Room W20-483. All submissions are due by 4:30 p.m.

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Erratum

An article last Friday (“Organizers Plan Lottery to Select Attendees at Wolfensohn Meeting”) incorrectly spelled the surname of an assistant to the president of the World Bank. He is Kwabena Amankwaw-Ayeh, not Amankwaw-Ayeh.
Middle Eastern Mythology

Guest Column

Robert F. Eaton, Jr.

Recent columns in The Tech display a dangerous ignorance of many issues regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. They perpetuate the notion that the war is entirely a result of Jewish-Israeli action, and that even when they are disseminated from the government-controlled media of many of the Middle East, and sometimes even invent their own terms. 

"genocide," "apartheid," "massacre," and "terror," expressed about causality, with a second thought being given to the strong connections associated therewith. Let us not forget that violent speech is the least aspect of the desperate.

President Bush recently made the declaration that "we will not allow Israel to be crushed," publicly assuring a solidarity with the Israelis, a move which non-Israeli Christians share, despite what pundits would have us believe. The United States is not going to stand by and let those expressing a preference — Americans support the Israelis versus the Palestinians in the conflict, and with good cause.

Are there two liberal democracies, with elected governments, a free press, and a diverse population. Statistically, Israel is less a Jewish nation than America is a Christian one, and practicing Judaism is not a requirement for Israeli citizenship. Their religion is mostly out of reach, and even repressed. The separation between Israeli Jews and Israeli Arabs is by no means perfect, they are far from being tantamount, and they are certainly no more harmonious than those of any other Middle Eastern nation.

Much is made of America's uneven-handed relationship with the Israelis, a contention that has been the provision of financial support and military hardware to Israel. This is a weak argument, to be sure, but gray nonetheless. Even the peripheral connotations it dictates that it be addressed.

Over a year now, but that in and of itself is more than enough that AT&T won't say anything, that they understood the mixture of emotions I feel every time I fly into Logan Airport.

I have never been one to be a patriot; I don't have a brass rat. What if at that same moment, there was someone on that plane, doing exactly what I was doing, but didn't know I was a brass rat? I don't know whether the band wasC. I have never been one to be a patriot; I don't have a brass rat. What if at that same moment, there was someone on that plane, doing exactly what I was doing, but didn't know I was a brass rat? I don't know whether the band was...
ishwalla's new album Opaline shows a different side to the Santa Barbara based band than fans have come to expect. This third album swings to the group's softer side; it is a significant change from their biggest hit album, The Sound of Karma. Opaline is a maturingishwalla, and it's great to see how far they've come. Their music has matured, and the band's sound is more cohesive and fully realized. The album starts with "Every Little Thing" and continues with a smooth transition to the next track, "Home." These tracks set the tone for the rest of the album, which is more subdued and introspective. The album features some of their best songs yet, and it's clear that the band has found their groove.

The band members are in sync, and the overall sound is more polished than on previous albums. The production is tight, and the arrangements are well thought out. The vocals are stronger, and the instruments complement each other beautifully. The album has a strong sense of direction, and it's clear that the band has put a lot of effort into it.

Opaline is a great album, and it's a testament to the band's growth and development. It's a must-listen for any fan of ishwalla or anyone who enjoys well-crafted rock music.
Hollywood Ending

Another Woody Allen Film

By Efren Gutierrez

Hollywood Ending
Written and Directed by Woody Allen
Starring Woody Allen, George Hamilton, Tia Leoni, Debra Messing, Treat Williams, Tiffani-Amber Thiessen
Rated PG-13

Woody Allen has come a long way since directing Annie Hall in 1977. He has created his own genre of film almost everyone would enjoy. Those who want a taste of what films were like in the 1970s and 1980s, may find this enjoyable experience, making the most out of the opportunities for the instruments in the ensemble to step forward in short solo passages. The ensemble as a whole more than held its own, with a spark of virtuosity on the violin added brilliantly.

The concert was concluded with Paul Hindemith's Symphony in B-flat major, a work that proved to be an enjoyable experience, making the most out of the entire ensemble. The final movement proved itself with Hindemith's "Olschek" as a captivating finale.
DANCE REVIEW

Madam Butterfly

Boston Ballet's Butterfly Flies

By Dance Critic

Madame Butterfly
Boston Ballet
Wang Center
May 2-19
Tickets $25-57N, Student Rush available for $12.50 on hour before curtain time.

On the surface, Boston Ballet's new production Madame Butterfly is definitely old school. Based on Puccini's famous opera, it tells a hackneyed story of lost and forbidden love. The music is vintage, the structure of the piece traditional, and the dance moves classical. Sounds like another expensive cultural Nap? No, this potentially stale mix turns out to be a surprisingly passionate and poetic production bursting with emotional energy. The man largely responsible for the success in Australian wunderkind Stanton Welch, who, belying his age and experience, has created a remarkably mature and measured choreography.

Welch started dancing at the ripe old age of 17, became a choreographer at 21, and was voted Best New Choreographer by a leading British dance magazine at 23. In 1995, at the age of 26, he made Madame Butterfly his first full-length ballet. Using Puccini's original narrative and a condensed version of his score, Welch's Butterfly recounts the tragic story of a young Geisha who falls in love with a U.S. naval officer stationed in Japan. We witness their wedding, her subsequent betrayal by him, and the despair that follows.

Welch capitalizes on the exotic setting to create some stunning visual images, while making most of the overflowing passions the piece offers him. Much of Madame Butterfly's success is due to the simple yet evocative way in which the dancers tell the story. The choreography triggers the right emotions at the right times with a familiar palette of classical dance moves. But just as the young Piccasso mixed and improved on the techniques and styles of the old masters he emulated, so Welch takes what he learned from classical ballet and blends it into a fresh and original production.

Welch has yet to fully master the crowded scenes, but his talent is on generous display in the more intimate passages. Particularly poignant is the impassioned pas de deux on the doomed couple's wedding night. Adriana Suarez, as the fragile Butterfly, is both literally and metaphorically at the mercy of Simon Ball, who dances the part of Officer Pinkerton. As Ball gracefully juggles Suarez's seemingly fluid body, Butterfly's complete submission to her husband becomes achingly apparent, foreshadowing the ensuing tragedy. Both dancers are seasoned veterans of the company and deliver solid performances, but the chemistry between the two needs to be more igniting for the story to be truly heartfelt and believable.

The production is also helped by an inspired stage design. Peter Farmer's set resembles a traditional Japanese woodcut with shades of fading brown dominating the scenery. Color is added in the form of elaborate samurai costumes and ritual kimonos, and also by a brightly colored American flag that serves as a shrine for the young Geisha as she desperately awaits the return of her husband.

With Madame Butterfly the Boston Ballet has produced an entertaining and engaging evening of good old-fashioned ballet. It may be neither groundbreaking nor exhilarating, but it's a very solid, professional, and refreshing piece of work that will have its deserved place in the company's repertory alongside its less satisfying forebears such as Giselle and Nutcracker.

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UH OH, THAT LOOKS LIKE ED’S QUICK HEADPHONES!

HEY STEVE! SO WHAT ABOUT OUR LAB REPORT? YOU NEED TO...

SORRY, CAN’T HEAR YOU OVER THE MUSIC... I’LL CATCH YOU LATER.

YOUR BRILLIANCE IS SURPASSED ONLY BY YOUR RUDENESS.

I THINK SCALAR FLED OVER HERE.

THE EXIT’S OVER THERE! RUN!

YOU CAN’T CROSS VECTOR AND SCALAR!

INTEGRAL FORCE

ONCE I JUMPED! THIS IS SO EASY!

OH NO! THEY’RE REMAINING IN THE CLASS UNLESS THEY’re REMINDERS.

OH BOY! U TALKED 2 ME?!

OH NO! U TOLD US TO BEAT UP OUR ENEMY, HE’S NOT ON THE LIST...

GUGH! WHAT LIST?!

OHHHH THAT LIST!

yes. yes. as in the list of the only 4 per of MIT u can speak 2 after an exam and not feel shitty.

AHWONG

WORD IS THAT BOY IS PREGNANT FOR HIS JUNIOR. IN 8 WEEKS AT MIT. BUT I THINK HE’S JUST AFRAID OF GETTING ERECT BEFORE HOMES.

WHY WOULDN’T I THINK OF THAT? HHHHHHHHHH?

WHERE IS THAT BOY?!

GOUGH DROPS!

WELL? WHY Didn’T I THINK OF THAT? HHHHHHHHHH?
Dilbert® by Scott Adams

My review says I need too much supervision. Are you insane?

Most days I can't get your time-wasting, lard-filled suit out of my cubicle with a freakin' crane!

GAAA! It's a trap! You're supervising me too much right now?

I win.

Alk, would you read the minutes from our last meeting?

People said irrilevant things. Bad decisions were made. Men are idiots.

I don't remember it. I was implied.

I want you to be like the characters in the book.

Will it stop us?

I'm giving everyone on my staff this inspirational book about a successful fish market!

I want you to be like the characters in the book.

The title characters get captured, tossed around and eaten. Depressing.

FoxTrot by Bill Amend

Welcome. What's on your mind?

I don't get it! I'm following the book design exactly!

This may be too much for you to hear, Jason. But...

Cartoons may give you delusions of reality. That's why we never include them in the book!

I'd just like you to point out that Jason once was a very incompetent hero.

You say you're brave. I'm here to help.

I've waited years for this moment. Ask away...

Do you know what the staple is?

I was hoping you could help me write the book report.

Finally the arrogant little genius needs our help with something! Finally team FoxTrot is useful.

Some things, too.

I've waited years for this moment. Ask away...

Do you know where the staple is?

...And I'm going to lift weights so I'm sexy.

What about a job?

We'll, if I have all those things, maybe I can marry money.

I think you should get a job.

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Tuesday, May 7


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12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Excel Quick Start. This course presents an overview of Excel's basic functions, as well as an introduction to spreadsheets and basic word processing. Free. Room: 56-214. Sponsor: Office of Corporate Relations/ILP. MIT Sloan School of Management.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Mil Artists Behind the Desk. Kelley Donovan and Dancers, Contemporary Dance. Kelley Donovan is administrative assistant in the Department of Economics. Funded in part by the Council for the arts at MIT and specially designed for members of the MIT community. Free. Room: E51-325. Sponsor: Mil Sloan School of Management.

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - A Panel Discussion on the "One World" Theme. The panelists will discuss the implications of the "One World" theme for the arts. Free. Room: 32D-355. Sponsor: Office of Corporate Relations/ILP. MIT Sloan School of Management.

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Mil Sloan School of Management Career Services. The mission of the Career Services Office is to help students make sound career decisions and connect with employers for internships, co-op and full-time positions. Free. Room: 32-144. Sponsor: Office of Corporate Relations/ILP. MIT Sloan School of Management.

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1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Small Nuclei and the Early Universe. "What are the coupling constants of small nuclei and the early universe?" Free. Room: 16-250. Sponsor: Graduate Student Government Relations/ILP. MIT Sloan School of Management.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - How Did You Get to Where You Are Today? Come and tell us about it. This event is open to all Foreign Language and Literature Majors, Minors, Concentrators and friends, however, all are welcome. More info: tpriest@mit.edu. Free. Room: E51-145. Sponsor: Communications Forum.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - RNA damage repair: a pathway for regulation of transcriptional repression by transcriptional repression. How to Quiet Your Nerves. Hosted by Frank Solomon. Free. Room: 31-121. Sponsor: Gas Turbine Laboratory.


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Chomsky Addresses Middle East Policies

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anced, he said, democracy has lost most of the time.

Graddzinsky also criticized the recent assault on terror cells to be a front, since the siege of Ramallah was militarily insignificant but symbolically devastating and even hurt Israel's overall campaign, as Palestinian soldiers were able to move to Jenin.

He concluded his talk reminding the audience that not supporting the Israeli government does not mean one is against the Israeli people.

Chomsky discusses U.S. actions

Headline speaker and Institute Professor Noam A. Chomsky spoke about the United States' role in the Middle East in a talk entitled "Our Role, Our Responsibilities." "We must put up a mirror and look at ourselves, which is always important," Chomsky began. After discussing recent events in the region, Chomsky said that "we are extreme racists; here the death of a Palestinian leader doesn't matter but when a leader of a country we support dies it's atrocious." Chomsky was referring to the assassination of the Secretary General of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine Abu Ali Mustafa and the subsequent assassination of Israeli cabinet minister Rehavam Ze'evi.

"Friedman's newest noted that the perception in the world is that we support status quo governments because we want to maintain oil resources. Well, there's not much to say because that assumption is accurate," Chomsky said. Citing past attempts from both the United Nations and Arab states to create treaties but a consistent refusal for U.S. endorsement, he concluded that the unilateral U.S. rejectionism is very dangerous and that the U.S. must respond on "economic, military, residential, and diplomatic levels... and Israel will have no choice but to agree." While problems would still persist, Chomsky said, the situation would create a starting point for future peace.

Questions for Chomsky evoke some heated debate. One audience member requested Chomsky call out Arab states to stop suicide bombings. "We should stop suicide bombers," he replied. "We should stop sending them bombs, we should stop sending them money, we should divest from suicide bombing governments." This elicited a large round of applause from the crowd.

Mixed reaction to talk

"The talk was very interesting. I liked hearing what Chomsky had to say about the coverage of the world media and the U.S. population's silent consent, and [Graddzinsky's] ideas on why peace failed," said local resident Stefan Debro. "It has made me want to learn more about the situation in Israel before I create my own opinion."

A large number of attendees were dissatisfied with the talk, calling it "one-sided" and lacking comment on the rise in anti-Semitism in Europe.

MIT Hillel organized a booth outside the lecture hall to offer a different perspective on the events in the Middle East. "Under the auspices of MIT, some students and faculty have deceptively labeled this a "teach-in," said Hillel President Andrew M. Goldweig '03. "We felt it would be appropriate to represent other opinions of the measures."

Hillel, along with other individuals stationed outside the hall, distributed flyers describing opinions on recent Israeli or Palestinian actions, with an almost equal number arguing for and against divestment from Israel. "It is terribly important to separate academics and industry from interpersonal conflict," Goldweig said.

Petition faces other challenges

The petition Correspondingly has its fair share of dissenters from students and faculty. "In a long standing historical dispute, it is impossible to pick a point and blame a side for a problem," said Professor of Political Science Stephen M. Meyer, who chose not to sign the petition.

Petitioners remained steadfast. "The situation is extremely clear. This is a group of occupied people that is not cared for and the situation is terribly counterproductive and damaging to the U.S.," said MIT Professor Mary C. Potter. "If I thought there was ambiguity, I wouldn't support it. The issue is extremely misunderstood by the U.S. public which you see by the actions of the front and consulate."

Many petitioners are aware that the petition will have very little clout with MIT administrators. "I don't think it's terribly likely," said Potter, citing MIT's inaction during anti-apartheid boycotts of South Africa. "Nonetheless, I think it's important to promote the idea so there be discussion in the community. If we remain silent, we are culpable."

Potter said that there will most likely be other events to follow, though presently there are none scheduled. "There was some urgency to start on the petition and teach in. All our energy was devoted to those two things," she said.

Before the teach-in, 42 MIT faculty and 49 Harvard faculty had signed the petition, along with 72 students.

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McDonald said he was also working on getting The Coop to accept the MIT card.

Additionally, MIT has recently signed an agreement with a third party for online account management, McDonald said. Students will be able to check their balances online and add money to their accounts by credit card, McDonald said.

"Parents will be able to put money on it, but not see the [account's] activity," he said.

Students mixed on changes

Isaac B. Taylor '05 said he eats at Courses twice a day. "I like the food here, and I have a meal plan, so I might as well use it," he said.

"If LaVerde's took the card, I would eat there, too," he said. "I'd probably split my time. I'd get breakfast, and I'd probably buy my groceries there, too."

Taylor said he would be disappointed to see Courses close, "but if LaVerde's takes the card, it's okay."

Though he said Arrow Street Crepes "is awesome," he would "treat it as a dessert place." "I know they have healthy crepes, but I wouldn't get those," he said.

Tomas R. Covert '05 said he eats at Courses about once a week because of the restaurant's convenience.

"For what you're getting, it's decent," he said. "I don't think anything here is healthy."

Covert said bringing in Alpine is "probably a good idea. It'll probably introduce some competition into the dining system. However, he said he would be disappointed to see Toscanini's leave. "I know they have healthy options," he said, "I don't think anything here is healthy."

Covert said he would be more inclined to leave the main building to come eat food if more vendors accepted the MIT card.

Annal Krishnan '02 said he was not sad to see Courses leave. "They can afford to be as rude as they want," he said, because "students don't have many choices."
Dante Anzolini conducts the MIT Chamber String Orchestra Friday, April 27 in Killian Hall. The orchestra's performances included Bach's "Double" Concerto in D minor for two violins, Handel's Concerto Grosso, Betta's Sinfonia dei giocattoli, and Britten's Simply Symphony.
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part," Shih said.

RingCommit faces harsh criticism

Since Sunday night, Ring Committee members have been hit with a barrage of anger and criticism from class members who did not receive their rings. "I am personally not happy about the situation, and I know it's hard for others to be understanding about it," Shih said. "We do care, but the situation really is out of our hands."

"It seems like everyone at MIT is going to blame the committee for this situation because we don't have anyone else to blame," said Ruth M. Perlmutter '04, who is still waiting to receive her class ring. "I thought it was a really good idea to have the event at the Museum of Science because it went well with the Ring Committee's theme," Perlmutter said.

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Vienna, Berlin, Lausanne, Paris and Bordeaux. He came to the United States in 1939, but the start of World War II prevented his return to France. He conducted research and taught physics at New York University and the University of California, Los Angeles.

His acoustics research led him to Harvard University in 1947, where he became a research fellow in the Psychoacoustic Laboratory. He became increasingly interested in psychophysics and neurophysiology, and his research in hearing helped to lead to the formation of the Eaton Peabody Laboratory for Auditory Physiology at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Rosenblith taught worldwide

Throughout his career, Rosenblith lectured around the world. He served as Inaugural Lecturer at India’s Tata Institute for Fundamental Research and Weizmann Lecturer at the Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel, in 1962. He served as a visiting professor at the Technical University, Berlin, over the summers of 1965 and 1966, and at the Institute of Biophysics, University of Rio de Janeiro in 1971, 1973 and 1976. He later taught in China in the 1970s and 1980s.

Rosenblith was a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, and the Institute of Medicine. He was also a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the World Academy of Arts and Science.

He is survived by his wife, daughter, son, brother, grandson, and two granddaughters. Donations in his name may be made to MIT for the Wiesner book project or to the Union of Concerned Scientists.

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First-year head coach Lisa Naas grabbed the reins of the MIT soft- ball program this year, set on turning it into a winner. How? The three-year plan. "We wanted to win more games this year than last," Naas said. "We accomplished that and actually, we were just hitting our stride towards the end of the season. My goal is to be at about .500 next year.

"Barring any injuries or unex- pected losses, this team should be contenders in 2004," she said. After winning only one New- MAC game in 2001, the Engineers upset that total to four games this year. On the season, MIT finished 4-12 in the conference and 4-20 overall. "The best part about this season was finally getting respect from other players and coaches in the league," said shortstop Ina L. Hult '04, who led the squad with a .306 batting average overall. "It's nice to score the other team a little bit, and know they won't be laughing at you in the locker room."

"I never thought I would say this about a 4-20 season, but I enjoyed it, and I have to lose more than any- thing," said second baseman Megan C. Daugherty '03. "This season was a vast improvement over last year."

After struggling through the first half of the season, the Engineers turned the corner in a doubleheader loss to Springfield (3-0, 6-4). Despite the loss, Hult said that something clicked for the team in that game. "We started playing like everyone on the team was hoping we could," she said. "If we had played at this level for the first half of the sea- son I think we could easily have doubted our wins."

Second half turnaround for MIT Even with the slow start, MIT still provided the opposition with several anxious moments in the second half of the year. With a 2-1 win over Clark who finished second in the standings — MIT was gaining confidence headed into a show down with league-leading Wheaton (ranked fourth nationally). Trailing 1-0 entering the top of the sixth, the Engineers exploded for two runs. Freshman Carly Saylor '05 and senior Amy C. Lin '02 both walked to lead off the inning. With one out, Hult grounded into a fielder's choice to advance the runners. Daugherty then came through on a 1-2 count with a single up the middle to plate Saylor and Lin to make it 2-1 MIT. After senior captain Kristine L. Goldrick walked to start off the sev- enth, Brittany S. Adamson '05 was hit by a pitch. Saylor, however, was able to drive in Goldrick with a sin- gle to make it 3-1. Wheaton, though, answered with three runs in the bot- tom of the seventh to take a 4-3 win. "With the exception of the last inning, that was my favorite game of the year," Daugherty said. "We earned a lot of respect in that game."

Engineers top WPI twice in a row The Engineers continued to build up respect around the league with a pair of five-inning mercy rule games against winless WPI. Last year, MIT split the doubleheader, but this time around the team showed just how far they have come.

Junior pitcher Darcy Kelly, who was voted the team MVP and Academic All-Conference, picked up her third win of the year in a 3-1 win, while Saylor notched her first collegiate victory by virtue of a 1-0 decision. "Darcy's pitching came on strong toward the end of the year," Daugherty said. "[Catcher] Nicole Paul is doing a great job behind the plate and our hitting finally started to come around."

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Women's Track Squad Takes 18th in Div. III

By Adeline Kuo

This past Saturday, the MIT women traveled to Springfield College with a limit- ed squad to compete at the New England Division III Championships. Plagued by illness and injuries, MIT managed to score only 13 points by three indi- viduals for an 18th place finish, one of the worst finishes in MIT Women's Track history.

Tweedie leads team in scoring Catherine A. Tweedie '04 was the team's big scorer of the day, contributing seven points with her second place tie in the pole vault. Tweedie cleared a height of 11'0.25" to tie the varsity record and improve her NCAA provision- al qualifying mark.

Rookie star Julia C. Eaple '05 again set a personal, varsity, and rookie record in the event with her fifth place finish in the 3000m steeple chase with a time of 11:37.93. Sarah K. Perlmutter '02 finished just out of the scoring in tenth place with a huge personal best time of 12:04.91, just under five seconds short of the NCAA provisional qualifying mark.

In the throwing cage, Princess Kamakhya '02 did not have her best day, but nevertheless placed seventh in the shot put to pick up two more points for MIT.

This Friday and Saturday, the MIT women who qualified will travel to Northeastern University for the All New England Championships.

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