Classified Research To Stay Off Campus

By Jennifer Krishnan

A faculty committee recently recommended that all classified research conducted by members of the MIT community be carried out off campus.

“We recommend that no classified research be carried out on campus; that no student, graduate or undergraduate, should be required to have a security clearance to perform thesis research; and that no thesis research should be conducted on campus, no degree depends on classified research, and “all theses can be made public,” Friedman said. The committee concluded that this policy was reasonable, he said.

The report also recommended that the faculty establish a standing committee to monitor restrictions on access to and disclosure of scientific information.”

Issues arise in Sept. 11 aftermath

The committee was appointed by Provost Robert A. Brown in the wake of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001 and the passage of the USA PATRIOT Act, Friedman said. The USA PATRIOT Act “raised some important issues” that the committee had to consider, he said.

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Cambridge Reaffirms
Sanctuary City Status

By Sandra M. Chung

The Cambridge City Council passed a resolution (5-4) reaffirming the city’s status as a “sanctuary city,” in direct response to theUniting and Strengthening America by providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act (USA PATRIOT Act). Four MIT students testified before the Council in favor of the resolution: Julia K. Steinberger G., Stephanie W. Wang '04, Aimee L. Smith G., and Mehdi Yalalynejad G.

Cambridge originally declared itself a sanctuary city in 1985, in response to Federal Bureau of Intelligence (FBI) treatment of illegal Guatemalan, Nicaraguan, and Salvadoran immigrants during the Reagan administration. The new resolution, drafted by the local Human Rights Commission and the Peace and Women’s Commissions, reaffirms the 1985 resolution in prohibiting city employees from participating in the investigation, arrest, and detention of undocumented immigrants.

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Young Researchers Explore Science

By Nathan Collins

Alexandre Sadowski came from Wloclawek, Poland, to write code that helps analyze the Mars polar ice caps for Professor Maria Zuber’s group in Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences. “I enjoy doing it,” said Sadowski, who wants to be a scientist.

Sadowski is a high school student, and along with 75 or so others he is a participant in the Research Science Institute (RSI), a program jointly sponsored by MIT and the Center for Excellence in Education.

RSI was founded in Washington, D.C. eighteen years ago by Admiral H.G. Rickover, who “wanted to improve education in the United States,” RSI Director John Dell said. Now at MIT, RSI’s 75 high school students perform research tasks in science and mathematics.

“Students work on math and science projects and write a paper about their research, Dell said. The RSI schedule also includes lectures from MIT professors, including Nobel Prize winner Professor Phillip Sharp.

Students research varied topics

RSI students arrived on campus Sunday, June 23 and began projects with their mentors the following Friday. Assistant Director Matthew S. Cain ’02 described the research projects as “like a limited UROP.”

Emma Schmidgall, a high school senior from Minneapolis, Minn., works with Professor of Physics Eric Hudson. “I study the lattice structure of high-temperature superconductors,” she said. “I wanted to do research and here I am doing research.”

While many work on campus, the Cambridge area is filled with research opportunities, and RSI students take advantage of these as well. Cain said that students are working at MIT, Harvard, Boston University, and Massachusetts General Hospital, among others.

Caitlin Mueller of New Jersey works on learning and memory in planaria, or flatworms, at the Forsyth Institute. “It’s amazing that I have to commute a half hour every day,” but said she enjoys the opportunity and being at MIT. “Now that I’m here I really like it.”

Admission to RSI competitive

RSI is “well-supported by the MIT administration,” Dell said. Part of that support is covering room and board costs, which means that students only pay travel expenses. The tradeoff is the competition to get in — over 900 students from the United States apply for 50 positions. The successful applicants are joined by about 25 international students each year. “I think they’re good people... We try to recruit the best and the brightest,” Dell said.

Most RSI students have done some past research or done well in math competitions; some students are already published in their fields, Dell said. “Definitely the people coming here have taken advantage of educational opportunities, and most of them have well-educated parents. Dell has had difficultly recruiting minority students, “though I’m sure they’re out there,” he said. He is proud of a nearly half-and-half gender balance, a significant change from the male-dominated early years of the program.

Dell’s goals are to “initiate students into the world of research” and to introduce them into the scientific community, as well as to build an RSI community. In addition to research activities, RSI students go on a number of off-campus trips, including a trip to the White Mountains.

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THE TECH
Senate Permits Nuclear Waste Storage Within Yucca Mountain

By Eric Planin and Helen Dewar

The Senate Tuesday approved a Bush administration plan to store much of the nation's nuclear waste beneath Nevada's Yucca Mountain, giving final legislative approval to a project that has been debated for nearly a quarter century.

Despite strong objections from Nevada officials, gambling industry leaders and many environmentalists, the Senate voted 60 to 39 to affirm President Bush's finding that the $5 billion project is "scientifically sound and suitable" and would enhance protection against terrorist attacks by consolidating the radioactive waste underground.

Fifteen Democrats joined 45 Republicans in approving the project, underscoring widespread concern over management of nuclear waste piles at power plants in 39 states.

Congress in the late 1980s authorized the Energy Department to consider Yucca Mountain as the sole site to collect and bury nuclear waste, which remains radioactive for thousands of years. It gave Nevada veto rights, however. Tuesday, the Senate joined the House in overriding Nevada Gov. Kenny Guinn's objection to Bush's Feb. 15 decision endorsing the plan to bury as much as 70,000 metric tons of radioactive waste in desert trenches 90 miles southwest of Las Vegas.

The vote was a victory for Bush and Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham, who said the project was critical to their efforts to expand domestic energy production. It dealt a blow to Majority Whip Harry Reid (D-Nev.), and Sen. John Ensign (R-Nev.), who led the effort to side-track the project.

The Senate "cast a very vital and important vote in favor of America's national security, in favor of America's energy security and in favor of this country's environmental security," Abraham said.

The vote capped an intense lobbying effort by the nuclear energy industry and U.S. Chamber of Commerce, which spent about $72 million since 1994 lobbying for the project. Senate supporters said the vote would help assure the future of the U.S. nuclear power industry by keeping it from "chocking on its own waste," as Sen. Frank Murkowski (R-Alaska), put it.

Reid, Ensign and other opponents said the administration plan "the big lie," a project riddled with technical and transportation problems that will not solve the waste storage problem because spent fuel will continue to pile up at nuclear power plants around the country even with a centralized repository.

"We are being forced to decide this issue prematurely, without sufficient scientific information, because this administration is doing the bidding of special interests that simply want to make the deadly waste they have generated someone else's problem," said Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle (D-S.D.).

While the legislative issue appears settled, the Energy Department still must obtain a license from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to build and operate the repository—a process that could take four or five years—and overcome a series of lawsuits brought by Nevada state officials.

By relying on a combination of geographical barriers and hardened walls, the administration contends the government could safely bury the radioactive refuse for at least 10,000 years without it leaking into underground water or escaping into the environment in harmful doses.

President Urges Harsher Penalties For Accounting Fraud Criminals

By Mike Allen

President Bush threatened Tuesday to imprison executives who falsely financial statements, leading to capitalists' self-interest as well as their consciences as he tries to curtail accounting fraud.

With bookkeeping scandals riddleing markets and collapsing major companies, Bush said during a visit to Wall Street that he wants to enforce "a new ethic of responsibility" in boardrooms by giving more money to federal prosecutors, speeding deregulation and by doubling the maximum prison term for some types of fraud, from five to 15 years.

"My administration will do everything in our power to end the days of cooking the books, shading the truth and breaking our laws," Bush told an audience of 600 business, academic and religious leaders at a custom house next to the New York Stock Exchange. "In the long run, there's no capitalism without conscience. There is no wealth without character.

The accounting crisis hit when the economic recovery already was under fire for its political connections to the Enron Corp.

The president signed an executive order creating a new Corporation Fraud Work Force, which he called "a financial crimes SWAT team, overhauling the investigation of corporate abusers and bringing them to account."

WEATHER

Hazy Days of Summer

By Michael J. Ring

While last night's showers have brought us respite from the sticky heat, another meteorological nemesis may return over the next few days—haze from the Canadian forest fires.

Since being sparked by lightning on July 2, the fires in northern Quebec have burned over 250,000 acres. Smoke particles have coated cars in Montreal, while smoke filters into the southwest valley in Colorado this weekend.

The smoke has affected the Maritime Provinces over the past few days.

Why did the smoke come in our direction over the weekend? On Friday and Saturday, a cold front winding winds from the north, potentially bringing the smoke back our way. However, with better low-level circulation than the relative stagnation seen this weekend, whatever haze we receive should be more diffuse than Sunday's smoke.

Extended Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny and much more comfortable. High near 87°F (27°C). Low around 60°F (16°C).

Tonight: Mostly cloudy. The clouds move into the area after midnight.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with the possibility of some haze from the New York area. High near 78°F (26°C). Low near 65°F (18°C).

Friday Sunny and slightly warmer: High near 87°F (27°C) and low near 60°F (16°C).

Weekend: Partly cloudy both days, with temperatures similar to Friday's.
Menopause Study Terminated As Health Risks Come to Light

By Ridgely Gochnour

July 10, 2002

WASHINGTON

Health menopausal women who take a combination of estrogen and progestin pills appear to increase their risk of breast cancer, heart attacks, strokes and blood clots, prompting government-funded researchers to halt a study of about 15,000 women three years early. They concluded that the risks of such combination hormone therapy outweighed the benefits.

The results, the first major clinical trial to look at healthy postmenopausal women, give a new dimension to a long debate over menopause therapy and on the millions more who are approaching menopause. Another 8 million women who have had a hysterectomy may take estrogen alone; a section of the women's community is in effect told that women's health is continuing.

Tuesday's announcement is seen as a landmark.

"My prediction is that this will indeed change [medical practice]," said Dr. Jacques Rossouw, acting director of the Women's Health Initiative, a research consortium formed in 1991.

Tuesday's news conference, which came a week early because of "a scheduling conflict," was the first of two major announcements on the Women's Health Initiative, which is seeking to determine whether estrogen and progestin appear to increase the risk of heart disease, or if the combination reduces menopausal symptoms, not to prevent breast cancer.

The study's results, the first major clinical trial of estrogen-progestin therapy, will be released during the week of July 15 at the 16th International AIDS Conference in Geneva, Switzerland.

By Ridgely Gochnour

Protesters Drawn Out Thompson At International AIDS Conference

By David Brown

BARCELONA, SPAIN

Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson's address Tuesday to the International AIDS Conference in Barcelona, sat quietly in the front row of the auditorium during the protest, talking once with his security detail.

"Well, it happens," Gatell said, declining to comment further.

One of the two co-chairmen of the Spanish Foundation against AIDS and infectious diseases physician from a medical school in Barcelona, sat quietly in the front row of the auditorium during the protest, talking once with his security detail.

"When discrimination is an issue, there is no violence or attempt to stop the demonstration, and there were no arrests.

For part of the half-hour event, Thompsoin, who was talking on the stage, held a sign accusing Thompson and Bush of "not following" the rules of the international AIDS conference and "gutting" the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

A dozen police officers secured the auditorium entrance as a loud, angry chorus of protesters kept up their wails.

Later, the protesters reiterated the same script but appeared to have escaped into another building.

The demonstration ended soon after that when protesters poured a drink of water, removed his glass of water, poured the contents back and left between two barriers.

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The Great Divide

Ken Nesmith

This year’s Fourth of July, summer’s trademark holiday, came and went calmly enough. The patriotism amassed over the last months found a supportive and appropriate outlet, and the terrorists were kind enough to let us celebrate without interruption. The fireworks were all of the planned variety, and revelers were apparently as mesmerized as ever by the flashes of light and loud noises, myself completely included. The massive crowds indicated that no one was afraid to walk the streets and join the celebration. Everyone — families, teens, old folks, the stylishly young — staked out their traditional spots and performed the customary rites of patriotic merriment, be they barbecues, picnics, bar crawls, or some other summer meaning.

This nation’s laws regarding the point in a citizen’s life in which it becomes permissible to purchase alcohol mean that at the somewhat random age of 21 the nature of celebration shifts completely. Massive national parties such as the Fourth of July divide the party-going public neatly into two categories, the underage who wish they weren’t or wish they wouldn’t after a few more years and just a few more hours to sober up. Both groups enjoy the green grass on the other side of the legal fence. For the underage there is nothing worse than the feeling of disempowerment, irrelevance, immaturity, and exclusion that accompanies the constraint of freedom to partake in activities society and culture grant an unassailable aura of ‘in’ ness. Like the early teens barred from the R-rated movie who has watched the advertisements, read the reviews, and been told by all his friends how damned cool it is, the youngunderage just know that what awaits on the other side of those velvet ropes and very large men is the place they want to be.

Perhaps they’ve even been there a few times, suffering just a little bit of dramatic, adrenalin-fueled maneuver into a party of age. The very act of getting in and slipping underneath the radar of the authorities brings a rush of a rush-like exhilaration of being an evening’s entertainment. A good fake ID, a friend who knows this guy who knows the bouncer, or an establishment with occasionally lax age enforcement all provide pas- sage across the moist membrane. The underage is the mystical region of dim lighting, loud music, and crowds whose import, derived purely from their numbers, would appear depress- ingly impotent and laughably silly stripped of the various numbing of the senses that generally characterize nightlife.

Yet the powerful mythos of the forbid- den and unknown is not easily disarmed. If there’s one nearly universal human trait, it’s the need to know and experience for our- selves; even the biblical first people, Adam and Eve, abandoned paradise and smelled their forbidden apples, an action said to be a cultural codeword for “had a drink,” simply for the sake of experience, despite divine admonition not to.

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It doesn’t take long until the majors begin to envy the minors for their youth and would gladly trade their drinking privileges just to jump back a few years to more youthful days, before more of the life’s magic rubbed off into cold realities. The circle of envy is complete, but for the minors, the object of their envy is obtainable with mere- ly a bit of patience. The majors don’t have it so easy: watching the nervous minors stam- mer at the doorway reciting their false birth date and address for skeletal boomers and longing for the good old days of doing the same, the only salve for their envy is yet another drink to s stunt their thoughts of youth.

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Also, anyone can make a good fake ID, drop me an e-mail.

Don’t Blindly Trust the DOE

Brice Smith

Time is running out. In May the House voted to overide Nevada’s veto of the Yucca Mountain high level nuclear waste reposi- tory. The Senate is expected to vote within the next few weeks. If it passes, then the Department of Energy will be free to apply to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a license which, if granted, will give the go ahead to eventually tip up to 77,000 tons of spent nuclear fuel through as many as 44 halls of disempowerment, irrelevance, immaturity, and exclusion that accompanies the constraint of freedom to partake in activities society and culture grant an unassailable aura of ‘in’ ness. Like the early teens barred from the R-rated movie who has watched the advertisements, read the reviews, and been told by all his friends how damned cool it is, the young underwear just know that what awaits on the other side of those velvet ropes and very large men is the place they want to be.

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Schmidgall said she is learning ballroom dancing and, from her fellow students, such talents as jazz violin.

By the time they leave on August 3rd, Schmidgall, Mueller, and their fellow students will have completed short research projects, written research papers, and presented their research in sessions held Aug. 1 and 2. Top papers will be selected and published in a compendium along with abstracts of all the RSI research.

Students said they were enjoying the RSI introduction to research. "You’re discovering things," Schmidgall said. "Normally they don’t give projects like these to high school students."

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(Above) Four F-15 fighter jets perform a flyover in formation on July 4.

(Right) Barry Manilow sings his classic "Copa Cabana."

(Far right) MIT Police Sergeant Cheryl Vossmer (right) dances with a friend as Manilow sings.

(Below right) Spectators wave flags and red, white, and blue glow sticks as Manilow performs a patriotic tribute.

(Below left) Fireworks — an endless stream of fireworks accompanied by dramatic music and an interlude featuring excerpts from a speech by President George W. Bush — explode over the Charles River.

(Above) Massachusetts State Police divers search and patrol the Charles River near the Hatch Shell in preparation for Boston's Fourth of July festivities. In addition to concerns about attacks, the river patrols kept back swimmers attempting to get a good seat on the Esplanade and enforced special boating rules.

(Lefl) Jackie the Dog, also from the Massachusetts State Police, helped out by searching the area for bombs.

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HOLD IT. MAYBE IT'S A MISTAKE TO SIGN AN EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT WITH A ROPE DISTRIBUTOR.

AND SHOOT AS MUCH OF IT AS POSSIBLE FROM THE WINDOW OF AN SUV.

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THIS SURVEY WILL HELP US IMPROVE MORALE.

I MISTJUDGED YOU. I THOUGHT YOU WERE AN EVIL DIRECTOR OF H.R., BUT YOU CARE ABOUT MORALE.

WHEN WE FIRE THIS DISGUISTED GUY, MY MORALE WILL SO WAX UP.

ALICE, YOU SHOULD ACT AS IF YOU'RE YOUR OWN BOSS.

MY HAIR IS POINTEY AND I'M CONFUSED. SUDDENLY I HAVE NO RESPECT FOR MYSELF.

MUST GOLF NOW. THAT IS SO-O-O NOT FUNNY.

HEY, GUY, CHEER UP. YOU CAN CHOOSE TO HAVE A GOOD ATTITUDE!

I JUST FOUND OUT I HAVE SIX MONTHS TO LIVE.

MAYBE I'M SAYING IT WRONG. TRY READING THE BOOK YOURSELF.

PROCUREMENT

I NEED TO ORDER A SPECIAL CABLE FOR MY COMPUTER.

NO, THAT'S A PIECE OF ROPES. YES, I KNOW IT'S CHEAPER.

OOG HOOG HOOG.

WELL, MAYBE IT WAS A MISTAKE TO SIGN AN EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT WITH A ROPE DISTRIBUTOR.

OOG HOOG HOOG.

ROBOBOSS, CAN THIS RELATIONSHIP WORK? AFTER ALL, I'M A HUMAN.

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AND YOU'RE A SOULLESS MACHINE DESIGNED TO GIVE SHALLOW COMPLIMENTS TO EMPLOYEES.

YOU'RE GIVING ME LOVE.

YOU'RE GIVING ME LOVE.

STOP. DON'T MAKE ME LOVE YOU.

I'M IN A BATTLE OF WILLS WITH A GUY WHO LETS ALL OF HIS CALLS ROLL OVER TO VOICEMAIL.
Dilbert® by Scott Adams

MY TECHNOLOGY TEST WAS A HUGE FAILURE BECAUSE I HAD TO USE ROPE AS ELECTRONIC CABLE.

I CALL MY IDEA "COFFEE WITH THE BOSS." EACH EMPLOYEE WILL GET ONE HOUR OF QUALITY TIME WITH ME.

YOU'RE THE FIRST EMPLOYEE FOR MY "COFFEE WITH THE BOSS" PROGRAM.

FEEL FREE TO SAY WHATEVER IS ON YOUR MIND. DON'T HOLD BACK. GIVE IT TO ME STRAIGHT.

MY CHAIR HAS A SQUEAK.

YOU UNGRATEFUL WRETCH!!!

CAROL, I'M FELLING IN FOR THE POINTY-HAILED BOSS, SO THAT MAKES YOU MY SECRETARY.

I AM AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. YOU STINKIN' BABOON!

I WILL MAKE YOU PAY DEARLY FOR YOUR ARROGANCE!

COULD YOU PUT A HEAD ON THIS?

FOXTROT by Bill Amend

WHERE'S JANET? UPDATE: HE SAID HE WANTED TO GIVE HIS SISTER A CALL.

I THOUGHT TRUMP WAS IN THE BATHROOM.

AAAAA! MY MOTHER!!

WHERE'S JANET? COMIC: YOU WANTED TO?

WELL, ANYTHING!! MESSAGE #1: YOU HAVE 25,000 ADDRESSES. IF I EVER MEET JASON'S ALLOWANCE! THOUGHT UP... MESSAGE #2: THE GENIUS WHO RAISED JASON'S ALLOWANCE! I THOUGHT TRUMP WAS IN THE BATHROOM.

I THOUGHT TRUMP WAS IN THE BATHROOM.

OH, OH, MY MAIN BATTLE STEALTH DESIGNS, WHY, WHY, WHY?
Wednesday, July 10

10:00 a.m. - Admissions Information Session (Followed by the Campus Tour). Following the Admissions Information Session is a Student Led Campus Tour which begins in the Transitions Lounge room which is located on the first floor of the Stratton Student Center, 84 Massachusetts Ave which is located directly across the street from the 77 Massachusetts Ave main entrance building. Groups over 15 people need to make special reservations. Room: Meet in Transitions Lounge, Stratton Student Center, Bldg. W20, first floor. Sponsor: Information Center.

10:45 a.m. - Campus Tour. Student led tours are approximately 90 minutes long and provide a general overview of the main campus. Please note that campus tours do not visit laboratories, living groups buildings, or buildings under construction. Groups over 15 people need to make special reservations. Campus tours start at the conclusion of the Admissions Information Session which is given in the Transitions Lounge, first floor of the Stratton Student Center, 84 Massachusetts Ave, which is located across the street from the 77 Massachusetts Ave main entrance building, free. Room: Transitions Lounge room, first floor, Stratton Student Center (Bldg. W20). Sponsor: Information Center.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Laser Surgery or Glasses? An MIT staff optometrist discusses everything you wanted to know about laser refractive surgery for nearsightedness, including indications, the procedure, results, complications, recent improvements, and new lasers. Room: Bush Room (10-105). Sponsor: MIT Medical.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - PowerPoint Quick Start. PowerPoint makes it easy to jazz up your presentations. Get an introduction to what PowerPoint can do. Find out how to create slide shows. Learn how to use drawing tools, graphics, and create handouts. Room: N42 Demo. Sponsor: Information Systems.

2:00 p.m. - Admissions Information Session.

2:45 p.m. - Campus Tour.

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. - spouses&partners@mit - Summer meeting. Call 617-253-1614 or email list@mitforumcambridge.org for meeting details. free. Sponsor: spouses&partners@mit.

6:30 p.m. - Gamealan Galak Tika Outdoor Concert. Program includes traditional music and dance, featuring a showcase of the intricate and compelling Balinese dance style with both solo and ensemble dance pieces. New works composed by GGT members, including the group's artistic director Prof. Evan Ziporyn, will also be performed. Gamealan Galak Tika begins its 10th concert season with a presentation of the gamealan experience in its preferred environment: the outdoors. For centuries, the shimmering sound of the gamelan has carried through evenings of work and play in Bali, and now GGT is pleased to bring this authentic, dazzling atmosphere to the people of Boston.

6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - StartUp Clinic. Discuss how to present a plan to potential investors at the MIT Enterprise Forum of Cambridge's StartUp Clinic. Two pre-selected companies present their business plans and receive feedback from a panel of experts and the audience over an informal dinner. The key learning points include how plans and presentations are evaluated; what investors and evaluators look for, and how to fine-tune plans and presentations. The event will be held at 6 PM the MIT Faculty Club, 50 Memorial Drive, 6th Floor, Cambridge, MA. Wheelchair accessible. Registration fee is $35 for MIT members, including the groups' artistic director Prof. Evan Ziporyn, will also be performed.

7:30 p.m. - Of the Glamorous Lives of Cool Stars. Dr. Huenemoerder conducts research on novae and bright eruptive variables (shown to the left during assembly) to get the X-ray spectra of cool stars. He will describe what X-ray spectra are, and what they tell us about the unique features of our Sun and other stars... free. Room: Marlar Lounge (37-252). Sponsor: LSC. MIT Center for Space Research.

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - IFILM Film Seminar. Screening of an international movie accompanied by a discussion about it... free. Sponsor: International Film Club.

9:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Adventurer's Takeoff. Learn to fly with the attendees who desire to increase their English skills. Class covers a variety of topics including American culture and holiday descriptions... Free. Room: W11 Board Room. Sponsor: Baptist Campus Ministry.

10:00 a.m. - Admissions Information Session.

10:45 a.m. - Campus Tour.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - BrioQuery Quick Start. Learn how to download, install, and set up BroQuery on your desktop. Learn how to download and process a standard report. An overview of the features and capabilities of BrioQuery will be given.. Room: N42 Demo. Sponsor: Information Systems.

2:00 p.m. - Admissions Information Session.

2:45 p.m. - Campus Tour.

Saturday, July 13

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

Monday, July 15

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - TSM (ADSM) Backup Software Quick Start. Learn how to create and restore backups of your data files to a secure server over the network. Discuss your TSM questions with technical staff... Room: N42 Demo. Sponsor: Information Systems.

2:00 p.m. - Admissions Information Session.

2:45 p.m. - Campus Tour.

Friday, July 17

10:00 a.m. - Admissions Information Session.

10:45 a.m. - Campus Tour.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Artist Behind the Desk Concert. BJ Magoon and Driving Sideways. A dance inspiering mix of Blues, Swing and R&B with Dave Broderick, senior audio visual specialist and BJ Magoon, audio visual technician; MIT Audio Visual Services, free. Room: Stratton Student Center Pavilion. Sponsor: Working Group on Support Staff Issues.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - TSM (ADSM) Backup Software Quick Start. Learn how to download, install, and configure TSM (ADSM), a program for backing up your files to a secure server over the network. Discuss your TSM questions with technical staff... Room: N42 Demo. Sponsor: Information Systems.

2:00 p.m. - Admissions Information Session.

2:45 p.m. - Campus Tour.

Thursday, July 11

10:00 a.m. - Admissions Information Session.

10:45 a.m. - Campus Tour.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Eudora Quick Start. This session shows how to configure Eudora, create messages and address lists, send and receive attachments, and make e-mail. Room: N42 Demo. Sponsor: Information Systems.

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

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

2:00 p.m. - Admissions Information Session.

2:45 p.m. - Campus Tour.

Friday, July 19

10:00 a.m. - Admissions Information Session.

10:45 a.m. - Campus Tour.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - BrioQuery Quick Start. Learn how to download, install, and set up BrioQuery on your desktop. Learn how to download and process a standard report. An overview of the features and capabilities of BrioQuery will be given.. Room: N42 Demo. Sponsor: Information Systems.

2:00 p.m. - Admissions Information Session.

2:45 p.m. - Campus Tour.

Tuesday, July 16

10:00 a.m. - Admissions Information Session.

10:45 a.m. - Campus Tour.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Dreamweaver Quick Start. Dreamweaver 4 is a powerful tool for creating and managing complex web sites. This session introduces users to the Dreamweaver interface and gives a brief overview of web publishing practices at MIT.. Room: N42 Demo. Sponsor: Information Systems.

2:00 p.m. - Admissions Information Session.

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Toastmasters/MIT Evening Meetings. 77 Mass. Avenue, Cambridge, Building 2, Room 2-131. free. Sponsor: Toastmasters.
FILM REVIEW

Can You See?

Minority Report's Dark and Intriguing Future

By Amy Meadows

Minority Report
Directed by Steven Spielberg
Starring Tom Cruise, Morton, Colin Farrel, Samantha Morton, and Lois Smith.
Rated PG-13, 140 minutes.

Can you see? Can you see a future where clairvoyants decide who will live and who will die? Can you see a future driven by the assumptions of guilt and prophecy where the government punishes pre-crime? Can you see a future filled with the relentless visions of a woman who searches for a simple truth in a pre-ordained world?

The camera zooms in on Cruise's face for all of 36 hours. Unwilling to believe that he can be saved, Anderton is a troubled leader, with secrets and a past he strains to hold onto.

Imagine, then, Anderton's horror when the murder he averted suddenly, and quietly sad and we soon learn that her

 Minorities Report

FILM REVIEW

Lilo & Stitch

Likeable Disney Fare

By Fred Choi

Written and directed by Chris Sanders and Dean Devlin.
Voices include Chris Sanders, Daveigh Chase, Tia Carrere, Vin Diesel, Rhonda Dennis, Siers, Jason Scott Lee, and Zoe Caldwell.

There were many reasons to anticipate Minority Report with excitement. The showrunners, Lilo and Stitch. After a long string of decidedly dull traditionally animated movies, Lilo and Stitch looked like something new and unique. The PG rating, a rarity among Disney animated movies, suggested the possibility the movie would feature more substance than so many recent ones relying solely on a formulaic plot, snappy one-liners, slapstick comedy, and pop culture allusions.

Despite some truly admirable intentions, however, Lilo and Stitch disappoints by only hinting at the movie it could have been. The movie opens with a few adroit minutes of exposition in the form of a sci-fi scene in which a rotated real world scientist voiced by the versatile Disney veteran, David Ogden Siers, with a Brown accent is tried before the Grand Council, led by the Grand Councilwoman (authoritatively voiced by Zoe Caldwell). The scientist has broken laws governing genetic experimentation and his creation, Experiment 626, is a virtually indestructible, powerful, and highly intelligent six-legged and antennae blue beast. Experiment 626 is given a morally ambiguous voice by Chris Sanders to match frenetic animation by Alex Kupershmidt is programmed to destroy everything in sight, and the scientist is sentenced to imprisonment and the animal to termination. Experiment 626 escapes, and crash-lands on Earth, prompting the Grand Councilwoman to send a scientist and another alien to retrieve him.

The film moves quickly through the rest of the central sequence, which shows Lilo (pronounced "LEE-oh"), the movie's youngest protagonist, and her future actions with her peers and her older sister. Nani. Lilo (voiced by the very talented, eleven-year-old Daveigh Chase) is alternately violent, sullen, purposefully uncooperative, and quietly sad and we soon learn that her behavior is due to difficulties dealing with the death of her parents and having to adjust to her older sister as guardian. The scene in which Lilo and Nani (sensitively voiced by Zoe Caldwell) realize that their friend is about to be executed is a final bonus song in the last track called "Almost Happy." On the other hand, the album is deceptive; at first listen it seems like an album with smooth, fast action complemented by lyrical, matched only by Lilo's desperation for a love that is almost always accompanied by the warm Hallmark refrain, "Nobody gets left behind." Stitch also comes across the story of "The Ugly Duckling," which prompts him to wonder if there are other more like him, and also begins to see out more occupations than his penchant towards wanton destruction.

The emotional loneliness of Stitch and his eventual desperation to be part of a family, matched only by Lilo's desperation for a companion, is never fully realized, which is a pity because the bizarre weakness of the flashy, madcap final sequence. These fantastic scenes, in which the furtive realism of the Hawaiians collides with the sci-fi world of the aliens, leave an odd aftermath that would have been more effective if accompanied by a grittier realism in the other scenes.

Still, despite these shortcomings and the two-half-decent human actions of the aliens, a plethora of details make Lilo and Stitch a welcome change and a pleasant reminder that classic two-dimensional animation still has much to offer. Energetic and sometimes emotional, a sense of formality. "What I Want" and "I Love You So Much" songs, a more realistic visual depiction of females (although the solidity of their tree trunks like legs goes a little far in the other direction), an exploration of sibling relationships, and a worthwhile incorporation of Elvis tunes, not to mention a nicely put together ending, completions and an opportune inclusion of a romantic relationship, leave us only to wonder how much longer it will be before Disney ups the ante again.

STAFF WRITER

By Akshay Patil

Almost Happy
May 7, 2002

The new album from K's Choice is a delightful musical romp through the amazing talent possessed by the Belgian band. While lacking some of the emotion and punch of previous albums, Almost Happy is full of soul-searching and accessible, all set to the melody of the sweet voice of lead singer Sarah Bettens.

"Almost Happy" may be best marked as the album that contains the studio version of the title track. Knowing it well as a live song, we finally are able to hear a fully polished version of the song that does not fail to impress.

"Almost Happy" sets the tone of the album as a softer production and a more emotional focus than the previous albums. The songs are more about the struggle for love and the desire to find the perfect partner. The album is a reflection of the band's personal lives and their emotional journey. The music has a more meaningful and musical feel than their previous work.

The album received mixed reviews from critics, with some praising the band's ability to create a cohesive and emotionally charged album, while others found it too soft and predictable. However, the band's fan base remained loyal, and the album continued to be popular with audiences.

One of the highlights of the album is the song "Almost Happy," which becomes a mantra for those who are searching for love and understanding. The music has a soothing effect on the listeners and manages to capture the essence of love and heartbreak. The album is a testament to the band's musical talent and their ability to create music that resonates with the hearts of listeners.
GAME REVIEW

Morrowind

Hardcore, But Not Like Before

Review By Chad Serrant

Morrowind

Published by Bethesda
For the PC, the Microsoft XBox
$49.99

Morrowind has little in common with other RPGs. This game is for serious gamers only, as it offers a lot of control and freedom not found in other games of its kind.

Morrowind uses the first few minutes of the game to make character creation easy. The player is actually a recently released prisoner. At first, the player is locked into first-person mode, a sort of minigame. The introductory sequence gives instructions on basic travel. It also gets to the character generator. There are many options and advantages and disadvantages.

The real decisions arise when it's time to create the character. Magic and Stealth. Each class specializes in a particular skill category. The character places the skills into major, minor, and miscellaneous categories. Improving skill is as simple as using the skill — the more you use it, the more it improves.

The island of Vvardenfell is filled with political intrigue. The player can join the fight for the landing of its great and political houses to work for them. Each has its own just cause and agenda, and the player gains favor with one group he loses favor with another. The game is morally ambiguous.

The main quest is to repair an artifact that is needed to prevent the end of the world. The good side and bad side, and there is no definitive "good" way.

Each of the many side quests in the game involves escorting, delivering, and searching for items. A few of them are assassinations. Regardless of the type of mission, they almost always involve some combat.

Combat is one of the most boring parts of Morrowind. While there are many ways to attack an enemy (chop, stab, or slash, etc.), there is almost no change in movement. This movement has been programmed in several parts per battle, and it gets annoyingly quick. The "Always use best attack" key has taken care of this, but as you degrade into obtuse Diablo-style clicking (not Diablo II-style, you can hold down the mouse button), more and more people will use it.

Morrowind boasts rich graphics, including shadows and falling rain.

GAME REVIEW

Neverwinter Nights

D&D on the PC Never Looked So Good

By Chad Serrant

Neverwinter Nights

Published by 2000AD
For the PC
$34.99

Dungeons and Dragons has entered the games world with a number of changes. One is the move to never print spell booklets, as it is part of the game. They also have been able to add a number of other features.

Magic users get to choose from a variety of spells they have prepared, and have to click a spell often. Magic spells and temp- tories sell spells. Once a spell is learned it can be used to create custom spells. Enchanting weapons and armor becomes possible as well. Although the process is a bit expensive.

This game has some flaws, though. Not all skills are created equally, and poorly chosen skills can lead to poor characters, forcing people to restart. The conversation system with the island's residents has problems as well. You can speak to thousands of char- acters, and find out what they say is the same old story. Trying to convince people to say more is sup- posed to depend on the speechcheck.

There are a few of the gameplay prob- lems. The software itself is rather buggy. Making Morrowind crash is as simple as pressing two keys at the same time. Sometimes even mouse clicks can disable the game, funny. The game crashes, and even the XBox simulator will have to be imported into Morrowind.

Morrowind promises at least 100 hours of gameplay. But this is only for those who don't mind not playing the mind flayer psionic, as they are limited to either +5 or 10 bonuses (you need both to be a mind flayer). Unfortunately, this limits the ability to play monster races as player characters. Hardcore D&D fans will notice that Neverwinter Nights has a long way to go before it can begin to replace the pen and paper experience anywhere.

The multiplayer aspects are great. Neverwinter Nights game matching lists current games and lets you search through them. People put in their custom areas and let player characters have fun. I entered several areas that weren't very exciting but were great additions to the day-to-day basis. The multiplayer aspects form a nice community for everyone. As for cheating, well, boosting stats is incredibly easy if you're the DM, so there's no fun in cheating, and it isn't very wide spread.

The Asura Tooid is included with the game. It is very powerful, as it allows you to use the build-in game art to draw your own worlds. To do anything complicated, though, people have to know the scripting language, which is in C. Luckily, there is a huge develop- er community that runs the forums, so infor- mation is available.

Neverwinter Nights manages to prove some- thing: Some things should change. For example, the sound is fantastic. The music definitely game.

The graphics for this game seem a bit dated. They are simpler, but still a lot of games use this as a reference. The graphics are very powerful, though.

No human starts off as a lowly soldier and changes classes when his stats are high enough. Knights, Valkyries and dragons are the other race types. Ninjas and ninjastas are the fast fighters. Archers are good at sniping far-away foes. Wizards and druids depend on magic. There are 21 player options, while clerics get to choose their magic to heal. Beast masters and dragon riders are the rarest; it is easier to recruit beasts and drag- ons. Finally, the warlock and witch classes use support magic to aid their allies and confuse the attackers. The large choice of classes gives players several possibilities for their army.

There are also several races. Fairies are useful and stylish, the dragonborn and elves are fun. There is an option for the other unique characters you couldn't find in other games.

The graphics for this game seem a bit dated. Few colors are used, and the units still use a walking animation instead of frames. There is a limit of 40 characters, and none of them are animated. The 3D graphics are limited to bitmapped sprites. There are no options to play the games on television, so I had hoped they would be prettier.

The sounds are above average, but the Game Boy Advance has much better music capabilities.

This game will last at least 30 hours, and that's if you rush to see the story. You'll have to play again to see the other endings. And again for the other unique characters you couldn't find before. And again to train your army so you can best your friend's army. So maybe it will take a bit more than 30 hours. Let's hope the next Neverwinter game has more options, more colorful graphics and less chockos.
Faculty Panel Establishes Values for MIT

Research, from Page 1

of export control provisions to university researchers, and a growing pressure to treat research results as "sensitive" create a new landscape for faculty, students, and MIT as an institution," according to the report, entitled "In the Public Interest."

"The Provost was really looking into the future" when he called for the formation of this committee, Friedman said.

Report establishes values for MIT

"The fundamental mission of MIT rests upon four values: unfiltered transmission of knowledge through educational activities, creation of new knowledge through research and other scholarly activities, service to the nation, and service to humanity," the authors of the report wrote.

"If we compromised [education and openness], we would be doing a disservice" to the community," Friedman said. "Educating the future of the nation is itself a service to the nation, he said.

The report calls for MIT to continue to provide access for faculty to off-campus facilities for classified research, such as the Lincoln Laboratory, which is managed by the Institute.

Roger W. Sainsbury SM '63, Assistant to the Director of the Lincoln Laboratory, said the number of faculty conducting research at the facility was small, "in the tens."

Sainsbury said that while several students are involved with research at the Lincoln Lab, "we are very careful to make sure" that none of the thesis work is classified.

MIT also has ties to several other facilities where classified research can be carried out, including the Charles Stark Draper Laboratory in Cambridge.

The report also hinted at the possible establishment of a new facility for biological research.

"It is not too hard to imagine a future Lincoln Laboratory-like entity conducting classified biologically related research in the Boston area," the panel wrote.

The committee also took up the subject of "sensitive" information. "Because there is no consistent understanding or definition of what would constitute 'sensitive' information, MIT should continue its policy of not agreeing to any sponsor's contractual request that research results ... be reviewed for the inadvertent disclosure of 'sensitive' information." Additionally, MIT should "not restrict any students or faculty members from accessing any course, on-campus seminar, or other similar forum."

The committee included Widnall, Friedman, Director of the Laboratory for Information and Decision Systems Vincent W.S. Chan '71, Chair of the Faculty Stephen C. Graves, and Director of the Security Studies Program Harvey M. Sapolsky.

Boston Globe Jazz and Blues Festival

The Boston Globe Jazz and Blues Festival featured 20 bands at locations around Boston June 15-23. Top left: Project Logic saxophonist Casey Benjamin rips a sweet solo as (bottom right) DJ Logic works the crowd. Bottom left: Cambridge native and five-time Grammy nominee Nnenna Freelon performs a tribute to Stevie Wonder at the Hatch Shell on Saturday. Top Right: Several thousand people gathered to hear the final concert on the Esplanade. Right: Grammy winning artist Branford Marsalis and his band headlined at the free concert that culminated the week of music. Photography by Daniel R. Bensak

Council Protests Federal Policies

Sanctuary, from Page 1

or deportation of refugees accused of violating immigration laws.

The new resolution also asks local, federal, and state authorities to refrain from cooperation with the federal act to "racial profiling or detennination of national origin." It also requests that the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Office of the FBI report to the Cambridge Human Rights Commission on their actions under the USA PATRIOT Act, a piece of anti-terrorism and legislation signed into law by President Bush on Oct. 26, 2000.

Since the resolution cannot force any citizens to break existing laws, it serves largely to protest the act and related Federal Executive Orders issued since the act's passage. Several Massachusetts towns have also passed similar resolutions.

The act was approved by the Senate by a vote of 98-1 and by the House of Representatives by a vote of 356-60. Four of the 66 representatives who voted against the act are from Massachusetts.

Act expanded federal powers

Among other changes, the USA PATRIOT Act expanded federal powers established in the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to seize and monitor any information or exchanges of information deemed potentially related to terrorism. It also expanded the amendments to the Immigration and Nationality Act and the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 to broadly define terrorist activity and terrorist organizations and enable the Secretary of State to designate activity or groups as such.

Under the act, the detention of suspected terrorists and FBI access to medical, financial and educational records, can occur in the absence of official charges against the individuals. The act limits the power of courts to review the legality and constitutionality of such actions through habeas corpus law and judicial review.

The act also expanded the jurisdiction of the Foreign Student Visa Monitoring Program (FSVMP) described in the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, to include "any air flight school, language training school, or vocational school" in addition to established elementary and high schools, conservatories, seminaries, universities and colleges. The FSVMP affects international students, some of whom have been called home or have faced difficulty renewing visas after the Sept. 11 tragedy.

The protection of the federal government as described in the USA PATRIOT Act extends to U.S. citizens.

The text of the act states that "the civil rights and civil liberties of all Americans, including Arab Americans, Muslim Americans, and Americans from South Asia, must be protected, and that every effort must be taken to preserve their safety."

However, the Cambridge City Council resolution states that "the Bill of Rights and the Constitution of Massachusetts guarantee those living in the United States, citizens and non-citizens, the same civil rights.

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