Elections Underway With Focus on Rules

Commission Seeks to Avoid Past Scandals

By Jessica Zaman

A meeting of prospective Undergraduate Association officers set the stage for an election with a stronger focus on campaign rules. Candidates commented on a distinct change of agenda in this year's meeting, "I noticed there was an increased focus on election rules this time," said Reuben Cummings, a candidate for Class of '04 president.

Previous election disasters have prompted several reforms. Last year's election controversy would surprise even Florida residents. Everything from bugs in the electronic voting system to campaign controversies plagued the election. In 2000, voting was conducted a total of three times before results were accepted to be valid.

"Past elections have obviously not run very smoothly," said Helen H. Lee '02, current chair of the UA Elections Commission. "We've done a lot to change it this year."

New policy changes include revamping MIT's original voting software, designed by Aaron M. Ucko '00. Lee said the changes MIT students are making in the software will speed up the tallying process and help fix previous problems. Other steps have also been taken to make encourage a spirit of "friendly competition," said Jaime E. Deveauc Faith, '02 current UA President.

New board to hear complaints

The Undergraduate Association Board will no longer be the first to hear of UA election controversies. A new Rules Board, composed of three members of the Election Commission, has been established to deal with this area.

"Two years ago, hearing duties were passed to the Judboard to help the commission out," when the commission was overwhelmed, said Victoria K. Anderson '02, speaker of the UA Council. "However, we found that this was unfair, since Judboard hearings carry formalities that are not appropriate to election regulations and a greater number of appeals could not be made."

The policy changes include a new election software, a new Judboard to hear complaints, and a new method of calculating results. "We've taken a lot of steps to prevent regulation problems themselves have also been taken. There has been a greater emphasis on publicity this year," Lee said.

Weak Economy Claims ArsDigita, Makes Arthur D. Little Bankrupt

By Kevin R. Lang

Out with the old, out with the new. Two companies with MIT roots have fallen on hard times lately — Arthur D. Little, Inc., founded in 1886 by Arthur D. Little 1885, and ArsDigita, co-founded in 1997 by MIT Affiliate Philip G. Greenblatt '82.

Arthur D. Little announced on Feb. 5 that it signed an agreement, subject to bankruptcy court approval, to sell the company's assets to an acquisition company managed by Cerberus Capital Management for approximately $71 million. The company is currently protected under Chapter 11 bankruptcy laws while it restructures. Arthur D. Little filed voluntary petitions for reorganization under Chapter 11 on Feb. 5.

David R. Lampe, Sm 76, director of marketing and communications for Arthur D. Little, said that "this whole reorganization means that Arthur D. Little will be able to continue." The company hit hard times in recent years when several initiatives failed, including the planned spinoff and initial public offering of its telecom consulting venture, c-spaces, which was withdrawn in late 2000.

In addition, Lampe said that the company was restructuring its management consulting businesses, "which weren't as profitable as they could be." The company's technology divisions, however, "have actually remained profitable throughout," Lampe said.

Arthur D. Little founded by alumnus

Arthur D. Little has more than 2,000 employees in 30 countries worldwide, including its world headquarters in Cambridge. The company laid off approximately 400 employees last year, but Lampe said MIT Companies, Page 19

Breakfast Celebrates MLK Day

By Richa Maheshwari

Political commentator and author Tavis Smiley was greeted by a diverse crowd at the Twenty-Eighth Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Friday morning in an a.m. service.

As he approached the podium, Smiley humbly took a moment to comment on the events which preceded him.

"Everything's been said, it's been sung, I don't know how we were supposed to expect in the grand slam after two or three cheers, Eric, and 45 minutes behind schedule," he said.

The presentations before Smiley spoke were impressive. South Central Mass and Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School Choirs start...
America's health care system is "in need of urgent reform," President Bush said Monday as he laid out an array of principles that he said would provide greater patient choice, reduce costs and expand coverage.

"We must reform health care in America," Bush said in a speech at the Medical College of Wisconsin. "We must build a modern, innovate system that's not only more choices, fewer costs and improved care, but one that's more accountable to the people it serves."

But the president offered few new specific ideas. Instead, he blamed Congress for not enacting proposals or delaying reforms.

Most of the principles that he espoused here enjoy broad bipartisan support in Congress, including the basic bill of rights, but opinions diverge over how best to achieve those goals.

Among those who leveled a blast at Bush on Monday was Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., who was the president's key congressional ally on education reform.

"For senior citizens, the administration's budget is just another broken promise. Its commitment to prescription drug coverage under Medicare is less than for new tax breaks, less than the Republican Congress supported last year, and far less than is needed to give the elderly the protection they need," Kennedy said in a statement issued in Washington.

U.S. Men Sweep Halfpipe Medals

WASHINGTON - A new definition of what's cool about the Winter Olympics was created on a snow-covered Utah mountain slope Monday by a trio of American youngsters, who swept the gold, silver and bronze medals in the men's halfpipe ski event.

Through their gravity-defying acrobatics, the U.S. snowboarding team showed at United States' first Winter Games medal sweep in 46 years, doubled the U.S. medal total from three to six, and vaulted their country nearly halfway to its all-time Winter Games medal total (13) on just Day 4 of these Games.

Afterward, the three described their feat in typical snowboard-ese. Ross Powers --- as a 23-grazed veteran of Olympic snowboarding --- won the sweep in the men's medal sweep on the horizontal he took at Nagano in 1998, when snowboarding made its Olympic debut.

"To have the guys up here in just awesome!" Powers said, flanked by silver medalist Danny Kass and bronze medal winner J.J. Thomas.

"I'm not dissing on any other countries, but to have the three of us do it, it's pretty good," said the 19-year-old Thomas.

Ex-Senior Bush official's writings reviewed

President Bush has begun a review of the senior writings of his father, Ross Perot, who served as the president's chief of staff during the last four years of his administration.

"We don't know who the individuals were at the strike site," Stefflebeck said. "The indications were there that there was something unusual that we needed to make clear.

"Stefflebeck did not elaborate, citing concerns about the secrecy of intelligence operations. He said forensics experts plan to conduct DNA testing on the human remains to try and determine the identities of those killed. U.S. officials reportedly have collected DNA samples from members of Osama bin Laden's family.

The CTS continues to believe that the missile attack was 'a good strike on an appropriate target,' a U.S. intelligence official said, although there is no hard evidence suggesting bin Laden was among those killed.
Lawmaker Challenges Denials By Former Enron CEO Skilling

By Susan Schmidt

WASHINGTON

The sworn testimony of the bankrupt Enron Corp.'s former chief executive came under attack again Monday as the company's former chairman prepared to cite his constitutional protection against self-incrimination and refuse to testify at a Senate hearing Tuesday.

Rep. John D. Dingell, D-Mich., ranking minority member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, challenged Jeffrey K. Skilling's denial last Thursday that he knew of any arrangements at the company "designed to conceal liabilities or inflate profitability." Dingell sent a letter to Skilling asking about his attendance in October 2000 at a partnership meeting of LJM Investments, a key Enron-related partnership run by Andrew S. Fastow, the company's chief financial officer. The disclosure last fall of losses in two LJM partnerships and another partnership run by Fastow triggered a loss of confidence by investors that led to the company's bankruptcy.

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States With Most Death Sentences More Likely to Overturn Verdicts

By Henry Weinstein

WASHINGTON

A disproportionately high percentage of death sentences tend to be reversed in states where death verdicts are rendered the most often, according to a comprehensive study to be released Monday. "When the legal machinery of the state is working fairly, mistakes will occur," said Liebman, who has argued on behalf of defendants in several death penalty cases at the U.S. Supreme Court.

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The authors concluded that "the death penalty process is working fairly."

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Archives Employee Charged With Selling Stolen Artifacts

WASHINGTON

It began when an astute federal worker was shopping on eBay and came across a treasure that should not have been for sale anywhere, much less in an Internet auction house: a pardon signed by an American president.

It ended Monday when a veteran employee of the National Archives was charged with stealing priceless historical treasures and selling them on the open market, including a pardon signed by Abraham Lincoln and an autographed photograph of Neil Armstrong on the moon.

Shawn P. Aubert, 45, had worked at the archives' downtown Philadelphia branch for 14 years, and part of his job was to sift through some of its 120 million pieces of history for display in rotating exhibits, authorities said.

But prosecutors allege that he spent three years pillaging as many as 100 American artifacts and selling them for an estimated $100,000, in what is believed to be the first case of employee theft in the archives' 68-year history.

"This is not just value measured in dollars -- these were authentic documents, the actual records of events that were part of our American history, and when they are removed from the collection the value is incalculable," Mehan said. "This wasn't just a crime against the National Archives. This was a crime against future generations and their access to American history."

New Visual System Discovered

WASHINGTON

Scientists have discovered another circuit that the eye uses to communicate with the brain. Previously, the only cells known capable of translating light into electrical impulses were the well-known rods and cones in the retina.

But two teams of researchers at Brown and Johns Hopkins universities, studying rats and mice, showed that so-called retinal ganglion cells are sensitive to light and connect with the superchiasmatic nucleus, a part of the brain that acts as a 24-hour body clock, the researchers reported in the Feb. 8 Science.

Researchers assume the cells are also present in human retinas, and could help explain how blind people still have their biological clocks reset by being exposed to light.

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Misguided Restrictions on Visas

A bill currently in the U.S. Senate stipulates that "No non-immigrant visa shall be issued to any alien from a country that is a state sponsor of international terrorism unless it has been determined that such alien does not pose a threat to the safety or national security of the United States according to standards developed by the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Attorney General..." The Tech recommends that this section of the bill be amended to include more specific standards for allowing nonimmigrants to obtain visas. In the absence of any guidelines by which to judge visa applicants, this bill gives the Secretary of State and the Attorney General an excessive amount of discretionary power. They can set whatever standards they deem fit, and when a new administration comes to power, they can change the standards arbitrarily. Ideally, this would merely result in more complete background checks. In practice, giving so much authority to the Department of State and Justice might result in an effective ban on nonimmigrant visas, including student visas.

Many individuals who have made valuable contributions to science in the United States came from countries with which the United States has recently been at war. Turning away German physicists after World War II would have been a mistake, and many great mathematicians hail from the former Soviet Union. It is important to recognize that the international policy of a scientist's home country does not make him any worse a scientist nor any less valuable to our country's scientific community. By keeping such scholars out of the country, we may be doing our nation a great disservice.

More importantly, many members of MIT's own community came from nations that would be targeted by this bill. If it plays out as a de facto ban, the bill would serve to weaken MIT's valuable international community, both by preventing newcomers and making it difficult for current students to renew their student visas. President Vest should support his own students and community by speaking out against this potentially dangerous bill as it currently stands.

This bill leaves far too much in the hands of two individuals. The Senate should amend the bill to include specific standards for establishing that a visa applicant is not a threat to national security or risk. Additionally, the bill should apply to all aliens equally, not just to nationals of a select few countries. A national security threat can come from anywhere; for example, Richard Reid, the December "shoe bomber," was born in London.

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In reading about the situation on Fourth West at East Campus last week, I noticed a disturbing quote; the half chair said that "MIT was disappointed that some students on the hall knew the marijuana plant existed and did not report it to administrators." ["Fourth West, MIT Working to Avoid Future Incidents," Jan. 20].

To give the benefit of the doubt, no administrator was named as the source of this disappointment, so I have no fingers to point. But what the statement implies bothers me greatly. It suggests that some portion of the administration expects that members of the MIT community should police each other. On the hall knew the marijuana plant existed expected to call the police when your friends are speeding. It doesn't even matter if your friend is doing 120 in a 35 zone. You might tell him to be careful and slow down. But calling in authorities on your friends simply doesn't happen, not to mention the adverse effects it would have on your own life. Community self-policing isn't going to work. People haven't complied it in the past, and they aren't going to start now. Lately, I can see that three potentially con-

Mr. Lung still expect them to exude that Brady Bunch brand of happiness and warmth? "Communication is often reduced to updates on the children's latest achievements?" Is Mr. Lung such an "enlightened skeptic" himself that he refuses to believe Asian parents do indeed care about their children's physical and emotional, rather than just academic, well-being?

Moreover, I found some of lung's tangential musings to be somewhat "incoherent and irritating." Unless he was living under a rock, he must have known that those suffering from depression or other emotional problems with whom lung would meet and decide on a set of goals and values for MIT to pursue, and then pursue them fundamentally. And to tell the students, so they know just what to expect and how they can fit into the plan. Yes, a student was caught with a plant. Yes, the student was punished. I have no objections with that part. But Mr. Lung, though the mere prospect of punishing the enemy makes some of us feel better, this incident violates some of the founding principles of our nation's legal system. And the expecta-
tion that students police each other, bearing imminent danger to themselves or others, is simply a bad idea.

In sum, a number of conflicting val-

ately, why should that case be of concern to him when he was not involved with the victim? Mr. Lung is also convinced that respiratory problems run in families. He is also convinced that the possibility of people reaching out to others to help maintain their emotional health. And that's even funnier is, it will even fur-
ther promote the hiding of illegal activities, which looks all good until something inevitably pops up out of the woodwork and all hell breaks loose, all over again.

The best I believe MIT can hope for is that students simply know the facts. If these students are innocent, then MIT should learn to trust the judgment of the students around them to keep the danger from getting out of hand. Indeed, it might be possible for administrators to meet personally with students and explain the situation and the police decision. As in my speeding example above, if your friends are speeding, you might point out that it's dangerous, and that he should slow down. But if you call the cops on him, he might still speed when he gets his license back. But none of these situations drive you anywhere anymore.
Most of us have been taught that, ideally, all human desires are legitimate. Yet, there is another side to this, they support each other on the issue of racial profiting. Whether for the purpose of disseminating the idea or targeting a group with a high proportion of suspects, searching for criminals on the basis of race is one of the most dangerous paths as well. Those who espouse racial sensitivity can oppose this because it is the individuals feel mistreated. Proactively racially-blind individuals — those who oppose racial profiling — would oppose the race-biased procedures of profiling. One side is afraid of the ends, the other can never justify the means. Being an institution of higher learning, our first question should concern the individual. Immigrants may wonder how this meshes (or conflicts) with U.S. immigration policy. Let’s just be so selfish here, though; how about a topic about which affects everyone (and is less dependent on being an immigrant) — one’s own race — that may easily skew the issue?

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Directed by Brenda Cotto-Escalera.

Seachange explores the immigrant experience in America through dramatic segments, monologues, and dance numbers. The Dramashop production plays Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8 p.m. in Kresge Little Theater.

By Amy Meadows

SEAN HENRY

MUSIC REVIEW

The Chemical Brothers, Remixed Yet Again

By Donna Levine

FEBRUARY 15, 2002

The Chemical Brothers' latest album, Direct Your Palestine, has the sound of two electronic artists working with each other for the first time, and it sounds like a soulful, driving, srviving the last two albums of the Chemical Brothers, which are now being remixed by the Chemical Brothers themselves. The album is a creative, fluid, and versatile combination of electronic music, dance, and drama. The lighting, too, went from blue and green to other shades of the rainbow. The white screen at the back of the stage was lit with ever-changing colors. The production was minimalist, using only one actor and one dancer, but it was an experience worth having. "Gradually, one comes to think about the experiences of those new to the United States and how it relates to many of the social and political debates on the topic. Although one of the constant themes is 'You have to live in somebody else's country to understand,' Seachange tries to help its audience to understand."
CONCERT REVIEW
Rufus Wainwright
"Pepopa" Star Delivers Eclectic, Authentic Music

By Nina Kathery and Devdoot Majumdar

STAFF WRITERS

Rufus Wainwright, Teddy Thompson
At the Wilbur Theater through Feb. 17
Written by David Sullivan
Directed by Daniel Sullivan
With Robert Foxworth, Chelsea Altman,
Stephen Kunken, and Tasha Lawrence

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CONCERT REVIEW
Audra McDonald
Natural Talent, Consummate Skin

By Fred Choi

The depth and variety of young Audra McDonald's achievements grow with each new project she undertakes. In less than a decade, following her graduation from the Juilliard School in 1993, McDonald has become the first three-time Tony Award winner under the age of 30 for supporting roles in Carousel (1999), Master Class (2001), and Ragtime (1998). She originated the title role of the challenging musical Medea, nated the title role of the challenging musical Medea, which was a retelling of the No less effective was her treatment of dramatic numbers such as Irving Berlin's "Supper-Time," in which a woman wonders how she'll support her upcoming child. McDonald's performance exceeded all expectations, and her voice to the songs she performs. At times, McDonald's performance was astonishingly natural, as in "The Shepherd for this lost lamb," for a shy and innocent hopeful infatuation which was clearly expressed in her singing of the song despite the language barrier.

In addition, her vocal technique is impressive. She demonstrates her strong artistic integrity, her ability to connect emotionally with her audience, and her control over her vocal range. McDonald's concert was a near-perfect combination of familiarity and freshness. The songs were mostly obscure, and "standards," bluesy numbers; in the manner of such greats like Ella Fitzgerald and Billie Holiday. Unlike other operatic singers who have made forays into musical theater, McDonald's voice is versatile and she judiciously applies the wide range of colors of her voice to the songs she performs. At times this combination is a bit startling, as in "La Chauve-Souris" and "What I Want You," which McDonald milks for all they're worth. Her delivery of these songs was captivating, and the audience was left wanting more.

To say that McDonald has a tremendous, innate ability is telling. She is also a consummate actress, who can embody the roles she plays with ease. Her performance in Carousel was a highlight of the concert series. She effortlessly transitioned from one role to the next, effortlessly giving each character her own individuality. Her voice is clear and strong, and she is able to convey a wide range of emotions with ease. She is a true master of her craft, and she is a true delight to watch perform.

The Source
Joey Depp, John Turturro, Dennis Hopper

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The highlight of Workman's film is John Turturro's reading of Allen Ginsberg's famous poem, "Howl." The poem is a powerful expression of the era's search for an identity and the desire to question imposed values and meaning. Perhaps the best description of Cassady is the energy that surrounds him. He is never bored, never yawn or say a commonplace thing, but rather, he is always in motion, always living life to the fullest. He is the embodiment of this American dream, the energy that is felt throughout the film.

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Events Calendar

Tuesday, February 12

8:30 a.m. – Visiting Committee for Media Lab/Media and Arts and Sciences. Biennial visit of the Corporation Visiting Committee for the Media Lab and the Program in Media Arts and Sciences. Room: E15 - Wiesner Building. Sponsor: Corporation Office.

4:15 p.m. – Windows 2000 Quick Start. The Windows 2000 seminar demonstrates the new features and functionalities of Windows 2000 for the desktop user. In this session, we will tour the Start Menu enhancements summarize the differences between the new My Network Places and the previous Network Neighborhood meet the Action Deskjot, Power Management, and Windows Update features see how many Control Panel features have been consolidated see where NT- and Administrative Tools are located and learn how to set up a printer. We will also explain why Active Directories are not currently allowed at MIT. (System administration not covered.) Free. Room: 34-101. Sponsor: MITI.


4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Inter-University Committee on International Migration. “Ambivalent Diasporas: Eastland for the Poor or Peddlers of Illusion?” Free. Room: C10-400. Sponsor: Center for International Studies.

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7:00 p.m. – Colombia’s “Dirty War” Against Trade Unions. Two years ago, 130 labor union activists were murdered in Colombia. Last year another 169 were slayed. This year, in the first three weeks alone, 6 were killed. Since 1985, over 3,800 union workers and leaders have been assassinated in Colombia, making it by far the most dangerous place on earth for workers to fight for workers’ rights. Free. Room: MIT Room 1-236. Sponsor: MIT Western Hemisphere Project.


8:00 p.m. – 11:45 p.m. – The Phil’s Bar. Free. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC, Comparative Media Studies.

11:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Working Group on Support Staff Issues. Monthly meeting of the Working Group on Support Staff Issues. This month: support staff colleagues from Harvard University Environmental Studies and other areas of exploration is the African diaspora in the Americas. Free. Room: 34-101. Sponsor: MITI.

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Java User Group. Free. Room: E15-205. Sponsor: Information Systems.

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. – MIT Chapel Concert: A French Baroque Valentine: Romantic Suites and Airs. Tickets are available at MIT Box Office. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: MIT Chapel, Sponsor: Music and Theater Arts Center.

12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Blood Drive. Free. Room: La Sala. Sponsor: American Red Cross Team and Network, Blood Drives.

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

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Meetening of the Admissions Committee. Learn how to prepare a resume for an interview and practice with your peers. Pre-registration is required. Free. Room: 12-196. Sponsor: Center for International Studies.

4:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – Structural and Electronic Transitions of Lithium Transition Metal Alloys. Free. Room: 31-161. Sponsor: Mechanic'al Engineering/ Sloan Automotive Seminar Series.

4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Reciprocity Theorems for Enumeration of Perfect Matching. Reception will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Room 2-349. Free. Room: Building 2, Room 339. Sponsor: Combinatorics Seminar. Department of Mathematics.

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UA Discusses Plans To Better MIT Card

Elections, from Page 1

The commission members want candidates to "get started off on the right foot" in terms of knowing the rules of the election, said Daniel D. Liston '04, a member of the Rules Board.

Approximately 70 potential candidates attended yesterday's meeting. Five people indicated that they were planning to run for UA President.

Candidates will be given two weeks to finalize position decisions and complete petition forms. Campaigning officially begins on Monday, Feb. 25, and voting will take place from March 11 to March 15.

LaVerde's may soon accept card

In her "State of the UA" address at last night's UA Council meeting, Devereaux discussed the status of several long-term projects.

In particular, students may soon be able to pay for their purchases at LaVerde's Market with their MIT cards, Devereaux said.

"The current MIT card system is undergoing drastic changes as well," said Josiah D. Seale '02, co-chair of the UA Committee on Student Life. Seale, who has been in close contact with Director of Enterprise Services Stephen D. Immerman, said Immerman has promised that some major changes in the card system will be in effect by the end of this semester, including the potential addition of LaVerde's to the MIT card system.

The main concern, Devereaux said, was to get information systems to agree to the addition, since personal information is transmitted with each swipe of the card.

Other proposed changes include the institution of a new "key" list. Seale said that at some point, residents might be able to create a list of guests who would be able to enter dormitory or housing establishments using non-resident cards. This change could also be implemented by the end of this term.

"LaVerde's is just a start," Seale said.

Progress made on other projects

Devereaux also noted that kinks in the draft schedule for Orientation 2002 had been worked out. Now, she said, the UA and related groups can focus on the lottery and other details.

Also, the Microsoft iCampus Project recently gave the UA funds for the Interactive Introduction to the Institute (ID), Devereaux said, providing funds for the project through the summer.

There will be a town hall meeting on dining on Feb. 20, where the latest proposal by the Campus Dining Board will be discussed.

Handel as Orpheus: Voice & Desire in the Chamber Cantatas

Wednesday, February 13, 5:30 pm
MIT 14E-109, Lewis Music Library

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IAP Design Seminar Commemorates King

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ed the celebration with inspirational songs. They were followed by speeches from Georgette M. Charles '03, and R. Eric Caufield G. Both speeches emphasized the importance of not only commemorating the man, but remembering his vision.

"As I look around at this celestial cornucopia of colors I know that I am seeing an illusion," Caufield said, hitting on the theme of this year's program: "From Dreams to Reality: The Illusion of Full Inclusion." He then went on to illustrate the low numbers of African-Americans and Hispanic students at MIT.

Charles touched on the importance of unity within the African-American community.

"Together we will break through the barriers and rise through the glass ceiling together," she said. She was followed by the recipients of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Leadership awards for 2002. The awards were presented to Dr. Paul E. Gray '54, Dr. Randal Pinkett '98, Sgt. Cheryl Vossmer of the Campus Police, and Tamara Williams G. Despite the length of the presentation, the audience responded positively to all the speakers.

Smiley encourages questioning

Smiley addressed a multitude of issues within his brief and engaging speech. He rejoiced in the progress made in African-Americans, but also pointed out that after Sept. 11, hate has found a new target.

"I do not feel safer because people of Arab descent are now the target," he said. He went on to make a distinction between patriotism and nationalism.

"Patriotism encourages us to ask questions, it demands debate and dissent. It encourages us to be better Americans by being a better neighbor in the world," he said.

"We found ourselves this mess because of the way we treat people around the world," Smiley said. He encouraged people to ask tough questions about the government and media.

Smiley is now in the process of making sure that African-Americans are not left out of the Technological Revolution. With Bill Gates as a partner, he is traveling around the nation to educate people on the Internet and other technology.

In alignment with the title of his book, "How To Make Black America Better" he encouraged others to "pick up the pace" in their efforts.

Students involved in celebration

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MIT Groups Provide Songs for Valentine’s Day

Valentine’s Day, from Page 1

dean for alcohol education and community development is planning a romantic dinner for his wife and himself. “My in-laws are babysitting, so my wife and I will get to have dinner alone, the first time in two years,” he said happily.

Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedict also has an elaborate evening planned. He is taking his wife to her favorite restaurant. “My wife calls the shots on Valentine’s Day. This week is also her birthday, so we really have to be extravagant,” he explained.

Chancellor Phillip L. Clay PhD ’71 is flying to sunny Florida with his wife for the weekend. “We’re taking a winter break,” he said.

Individuals plan for fun

Even those who do not have significant others plan on having fun on Feb. 14. Ryan S. Chavez ’02 and his friends have plans for a full evening. “I’m going out for margaritas and Mexican food with all my single friends, which I guess is actually all my friends,” he laughed, unabashed by his single status.

Audrey M. Schaffer ’05 is arranging a night of excitement with just the girls. “We’re going to eat pizza and ice cream, then go frat hopping,” explained Schaffer, not letting her single status on Valentine’s Day dampen her spirits and prevent her from partying and meeting guys.

MIT gifts to send your love

For those students who are still trying to figure out what to do on Feb. 14, many MIT clubs are offering great Valentine’s Day services.

The Shakespeare Ensemble is now on the list of clubs performing Valentine acts. They will allow you to send a sweet, moving, or even bitter, nasty sonnet to anyone you love or detest. “A couple of the Ensemble’s members have actually been dumped on Valentine’s Day so we thought it would be nice to have the option of a harsh poem,” Ensemble Treasurer Brandy L. Evans ’01 explained.

Singing groups, including the Logarithms, the Toons, and the Muses, will serenade your loved one anywhere on campus. The Toons can even sing to that lucky Wellesley girl you so adore.

“We can embarrass any loved one in any lecture hall, over the phone, or even in the girls’ bathroom on the 3rd floor,” advertised Logs member P. Tyler Johnson ’05.

Last year, the Logs even sang to a man in Langdell’s.

Roadkill Buffet will perform improvised serenades, loving or otherwise to whomever you desire.

Those more adventurous types can purchase Vagina lollipops for that special someone and help a good cause at the same time. “How often can you buy a vagina for $1.00? And even better, it’s made out of chocolate. By buying a vagina you are helping charity,” explained Ruth M. Perlmutter ’04, one of the producers for The Vagina Monologues.

Finding the perfect match

Finally, for those of you yearning to find that perfect mate, the Undergraduate Association and Class of 2004 are offering matchmaking services. By answering survey questions about yourself and your mate on the UA’s Heart to Heart at <http://loveconnections.mit.edu> or on the Class of 2004’s Let’s Get It On: Valentine’s Day Loversmatch at <http://tech.mit.edu/thunder/ww/heart/index.html>, you could potentially find the man or woman of your dreams. Your closest matches will be e-mailed to you and hopefully love will come knocking (or e-mailing) in no time.

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Little was also one of the founding editors of The Tech when it first published in 1881. He never graduated, but rather left MIT to found the company that bears his name, Lampe.

The company started out as a chemical research firm, but branched out during the 20th century. Notable achievements include the patent for the first synthetic penicillin, the design for Nasa’s stock exchange system in London and Tokyo, and pioneering work on options pricing theory which won the 1997 Nobel Prize in Economics, according to the company’s Web site.

ArsDigita sells parts to Red Hat

ArsDigita, the open-source software company founded by Greenspun and others from MIT in 1997, was partially acquired by Linux distributor Red Hat, Inc. on Feb. 5. According to several published reports, the company’s doors were shut and at least half of ArsDigita’s 119 employees lost their jobs. Approximately 40 employees joined Red Hat.

Greenspun declined to comment. He is not allowed to discuss the company per a June 2001 settlement with investors which resulted in him relinquishing all ties to the company. He is currently teaching Software Engineering for Internet Applications (6.171) with Professor Harold Abelson PhD ’73 and Andrew E. Grimett SM ’94, who was also involved with ArsDigita.

Greenspun has said previously in published reports that the company recorded $20 million in revenue in 1999, while he was CEO. After venture capitalists put $35 million into the company, he was replaced by Allen Shaheen, while Greenspun remained on the board of directors. The new management shifted the company toward proprietary enterprise software rather than open source, but a planned new software package never launched.
Kendall Hotel
The Kendall Hotel, across the street from the MIT Coop, will open on February 22. For information and reservations, call (617) 354-3600.

NStar Transmission Line project
Work continues on construction of a 115 kv transmission line along Memorial Drive from Pleasant Street (near Howard Johnson's) to the Longfellow Bridge. This work will conclude at the end of March. Lane restrictions may cause traffic delays.

Memorial Drive Traffic Signals
The Traffic Lights at Wadsworth and Endicott Streets are fully installed. Power to the lights should be connected and the signals activated shortly. Landscape work will begin in the spring.

Simmons Hall
Installation of waterproofing, insulation, and windows is in progress. Permanent roofing has been partially installed. Excavation of the west end of Vassar St. for utility installation continues. This may affect traffic flow.

W31 Roof Repair
The rebuilding of the battlement is now complete for the winter. The next phase of the project will begin in late March. This last phase will consist of installing new roofing on W31 and will be complete in the spring.

Vassar St. Utilities
The crosswalk at Vassar St. from Building 38 to 44 is blocked due to drain work. A new walk has been constructed according to ADA requirements, crossing from Building 36 to 46. Pedestrians should use this new walk and not cross through the construction zone.

For information on MIT's building program, see http://web.mit.edu/evolving

This information provided by the MIT Department of Facilities.
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Spring General Meeting at MIT
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Relay Team Breaks MIT Varsity Record

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gave the team a scare when he took a bad step and had to pull out of the race. Fortunately, Rajter’s leg was okay, and he had already qualified for championships in the pentathlon, high jump, and hurdles.

Runners have strong Invitational
MIT runners continued to perform well as the meet progressed. In the 600m, Russell A. Morony ’04 ran a strong 1:29.58 to get third. Gabriel N. Sanchez ’05 won the 400m with a relaxed 52.82 effort. In the 55m, MIT took 2-3-4 as Robert H. Gray ’02, Marc W. Washington ’03, and David E. Kloster ’05 ran 6.84, 6.87, and 6.88, respectively. George R. Hanson ’03 ran an exciting 2.38.43 in the 100m, winning by 0.03 seconds. Taku Iida ’04 ran a season best 2.07.24 in the 400m to earn fifth. In the 200m, Washington earned second with a time of 22.93, while Brandon Holub ’04 ran a very strong 24.02 to get third place from a slower heat. Rounding out the running events, Albert S. Lin ’03 and Craig B. Wildman ’03 ran 1-2-3 with times of 15:44.90 and 15:48.65, respectively.

Khan wins weight throw
The throwers also had a good day, led as usual by Christopher J. Khan ’04 in the weight throw. Khan threw 237’1” to win the event, while Manasi Michalakis ’04 and David P. Saylor ’04 earned second and sixth, respectively, with performances of 49’6.5” and 49’6”. The second place throw for Michalakis was a huge personal best, and all three competitors have qualified for championships next week. In the shot put, Francisco A. Cora ’04 came through with an effort of 44’2.5” to earn him second. The mark also qualified him for championships, where he will compete alongside Khan.

The jumps also went well for MIT. Vaulter Nathan B. Ball ’05, Nemer F. Hernandez ’05, Dan Kwon ’02, and Daniel G. Walker ’05 went 1-4-5-6, with Hernandez and Walker achieving personal bests. Ball, who won the event with 14’6” and narrowly missed 15’1”, will lead Kwon, Hernandez, and Daniel F. Opila ’03 to the championships next weekend.

Khan got third place with a 12’15.82. Walker ’04 ran a personal jump, Saundra S. Quinlan ’05 qualified for MIT, and all three took 1-2-3 with times of 29.45 and 29.63 of Soulson, Quinlan, and Gupta, and all three competed with performances of 8:13 and 8:67 respectively.

Horizontal star jumper Gupta was successful in the long jump. Leaping to a near-personal record distance, Gupta won the event with a 16’1.5” jump and increase his qualifying mark. Oneil G. Bhadha ’05, coming off a leg injury, jumped a very impressive 41’10.25”.

Relay team breaks MIT record
While the performances at home were impressive, the highlight of the day came from BU. MIT runners Brian C. Anderson ’04, Yuval Mazor ’02, Jesse R. Alejandro ’03, and Sean J. Montgomery G. smashed the varsity record in the distance medley relay and ran the fastest time in the event this year by a Division III team. Anderson started the race with a solid 3:00 split in the 1200m. Mazor ran a 49 second 400m leg, handing off to Alejandro, who gave the 1959 effort in the 800m. Montgomery ran an incredible anchor leg of 4:03 for 1600m meters, equivalent to a 4:05 mile, to finish the incredible race for MIT in a time of 9:53.16.

Lady Engineers Break Personal Bests at MIT

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eighth respectively with personal record-breaking times of 12:15.82 and 12:23.52.

New personal records set in sprints
The sprints, personal records were also ever-present. Nalini Gupta ’05 debuted in the 55m dash and finished in fifth in 7.87 seconds. Ngozi A. Eze ’05 and Colleen A. Poulson ’05 finished in 3-1-2 with personal record times of 8:13 and 8:67 respectively. In the hurdles, Horin ran a near-personal jump, Saundra S. Quinlan ’05 qualified for MIT, and all three took 1-2-3 with times of 29.45 and 29.63 of Soulson, Quinlan, and Gupta, and all three competed with performances of 8:13 and 8:67 respectively.

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Men's Track
Strong at BU, Invitational

MIT Qualifies More Athletes
For D-III Championships

By Robbie Gray
TEAM MEMBER

The MIT Men's Indoor Track and Field team continued its successful season this weekend at two venues. While most of the team was at home at the MIT Coed Invitational, a few members took advantage of Boston University's leadoff meet in the season opener.

At the Invitational, the Engineers began their day with the pentathlon, winning the six events, and added an additional two events in the shot put and pole vault. The team, composed of Brian C. Anderson '04, Jesse R. Alexander '05, and Montgomery, clocked 9:53.16 and automatically qualified for the NCAA Division III Championships with their performance.

Two More MIT Women Hit Provisional Marks

Elim Nnokam G, left, races into second place in the 1500m run at Saturday's MIT Coed Invitational. She clocked 5:23.91 and capped the day with a fourth place finish in the 1000m (3:26.52), earning her spots on the top ten MIT indoor times. The women's team, led by Mealani Nakamura G, ran both the 1500m and 1000m in 9:16.42. MIT runners Daniel R. Feldman '02, Sean P. Nolan '03, and Benjamin A. Schmicketter '05 put forth a good effort in the 1500m to sweep the top three places. In the 55m hurdles, Richard F. Rajter '03 set a personal record with a 33'0" toss. In the shot put, Johnson also set a personal record in the weight championship with a 29'7.5" put of 29'7.5". Joining the personal record club was Bokola Aina '03, who put the shot 27'1".

Women's Gymnastics Edged by UVM

By Eduardo Ovalle
TEAM MEMBER

MIT's Women's Gymnastics team was barely topped by Division I opponent University of Vermont Saturday, 177.2-177.3. The men's team also lost to UVM 153.8-156.15.

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SPORTS

Sean J. Montgomery, G, left, anchors the distance medley relay with a stunning 4:03 1600m to smash the varsity record at the BU Valentine's Invitational on Saturday. The relay team, composed of Brian C. Anderson '04, Youssef Mazar '02, Jesse R. Alexander '05, and Montgomery, clocked 9:53.16 and automatically qualified for the NCAA Division III Championships with their performance.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Tuesday, February 12
Men's Basketball vs. Wheaton College, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 13
Men's Ice Hockey vs. Harvard, 7:00 p.m.
Squash vs. Brown, 7:30 p.m.