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Tresco Receives Three-Year Sentence

By Keith J. Winstein
NEWS EDITOR

Christopher S. Tresco, the economics department system administrator who illegally traded and served commercial software from the computers he ran, was sentenced on Aug. 16 to 33 months in federal prison.

Tresco pleaded guilty on May 28 to federal conspiracy charges that he collaborated for 18 months with fellow members of the "DrinkOrDie" software-trading group to commit criminal copyright infringement for private financial gain.

"What he was doing was working with the rest of the group to crack software security codes and then making them available for free on the Internet to all comers," said Tresco's attorney, Gary C. Crossen. "They apparently didn't appreciate the significance of the copyright laws, and they thought it was a big challenge," he said. "It's completely wrong and he knows it."

Tresco, who will start his prison term in November, could not be reached for comment.

Raids secure 14 convictions

DrinkOrDie attained notoriety by trading copies of sought-after programs weeks before their commercial releases and publishing them free of charge on the Internet, in violation of the federal Copyright Act.

The Justice Department's "Operation Buccaneer," which raided the MIT economics department as part of a synchronized global crackdown last December, has so far secured convictions or guilty pleas from 14 members of the group. Tresco appears to be the only member linked to MIT.

Some students lost a few weeks of work as a result of the raid, when a file server's hard drive was inadvertently erased after federal agents had made a copy.

At the time, one economics graduate student, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he said he feared retaliation by the department, said no backups of the drive existed because Tresco, the server's administrator, "didn't want to have back-ups around of the stuff that he had illicitly on this drive in the first place."

'LaMacchia Law' partly invoked

Because Tresco pleaded guilty to

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Freshmen Explore Dormitories at Midway

Upperclassmen Fear Frosh Not Serious About Major Event

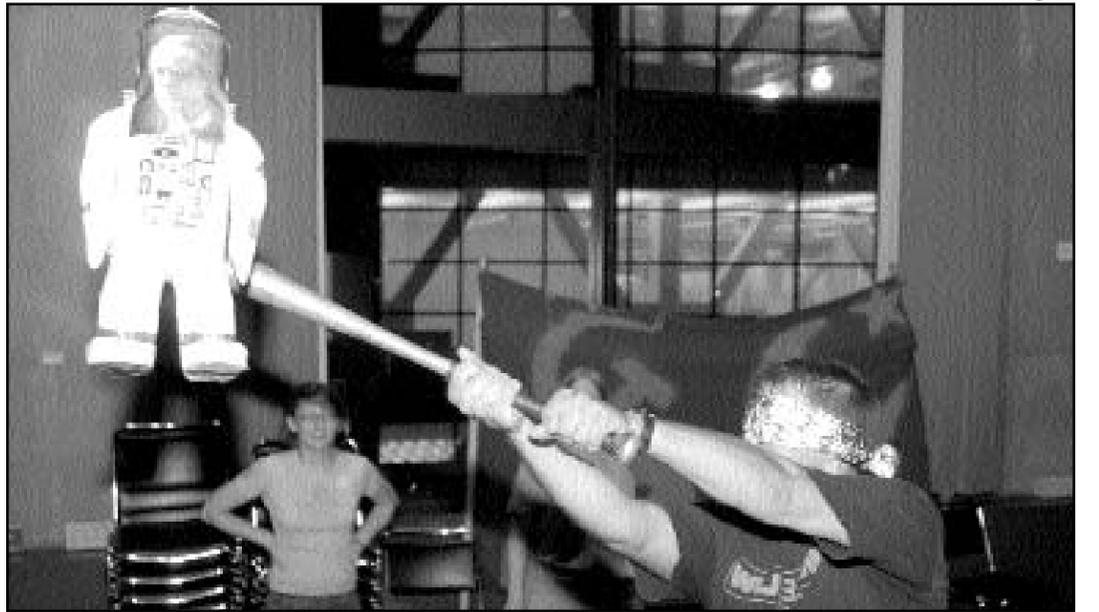
By Jeffrey Greenbaum
STAFF REPORTER

Dormitories held rush events throughout Kresge Oval and the Student Center for the Class of 2006 for four hours last night. Many hosts left disappointed about the night's outcome.

Last year's Residence Midway limited dormitories as well as fraternities, independent living groups, and the Panhellenic Association each to a square in the Johnson Athletic Center. This year, FSILGs can no longer participate in the Residence Midway.

Some upperclassmen said that they appreciate having a greater amount of space and thus the opportunity to hold rush events as a part of the Midway.

However, others said that they do not believe that many freshmen are interested in entering the dormitory lottery. Carly A. Saylor '05



AARON D. MIHALIK—THE TECH

PLAYING HARDBALL—A freshman takes a cut at an astronaut pinata with President Vest's face. The Vest pinatas were part of the East Campus activities at the Residence Midway.

also said that "the administration is giving the freshmen the impression that where they are now is where they should be."

Chloe J. Tergiman '03 said that because of this feeling, "the freshmen seem like they are not going to change dorms."

Many upperclassmen said they tried to make the most of last

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TAO YUE—THE TECH

Selected members of the freshman class participate in a pie-eating contest, which closed the Orientation Opening Ceremonies. Orit A. Shamir '06 (middle) won the contest.

Contests Fill Orientation Opener

By Eun J. Lee
FEATURES EDITOR

The Class of 2006 converged as a whole for the first time yesterday afternoon at the opening ceremonies for Orientation 2002.

"You have all arrived at MIT to prepare the world for the future," a voice resonated above the hushed crowd in Kresge Auditorium.

"The next four years of your life will be spent reading ancient texts and listening to even older lectures," said Orientation Coordinator Alex D. Forrest '04.

This year's Orientation has the film-making theme of "It's your time to shine." The opening ceremony was true to the theme, including video skits introducing the five Orientation Coordinators. Fresh-

men were also called onstage to show off their talents and participate in competitions.

They've got brains and talent, too

The Admissions Office has released statistics characterizing the demographic and academic information of the Class of 2006 since last spring, but the opening ceremonies gave the community a firsthand glimpse at some of the talents that were most likely not included on applications.

Christopher J. Mattenberger '06, for example, offered his own rendition of the Vanilla Ice song "Ice Ice Baby." Helen Belogolova '06 awed her

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Alternative Academic Programs Offered

By Brian Loux
NEWS EDITOR

This afternoon marks the first chance for freshmen to examine their academic schedule and style for the coming year.

There exist three freshmen class programs that serve as alternatives to mainstream classes: Experimental Studies Group, Concourse, and the newest program Terrascope. Open houses for each of the programs will take place between 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. today.

In addition, freshmen have a choice of advising styles: Freshmen Advising Seminars, traditional advising, and the most recent addition to the list of freshmen advising programs: Residence Based Advising.

Terrascope

Terrascope is the latest non-mainstream program under the guidance of Professors Kip V. Hodges and Sallie W. Chisholm.

Terrascope incorporates the former Mission program with specialized advising seminars. Officially known as 12.000, Mission invites freshmen to apply engineering and

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Freshmen play games during Orientation.

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Tao Yue reminds freshmen to keep track of the world outside MIT's walls.

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WORLD & NATION

China's Communist Party Sets Date For Expected Transfer of Power

THE WASHINGTON POST

BEIJING

China's Communist Party will hold its most important meeting in years in early November, state-run media reported Sunday, during which senior officials are expected to step down and hand the reins of power to a younger generation.

State-run television announced the 16th Congress of the Communist Party would be held Nov. 8, adding that "all preparatory work for the congress is progressing smoothly at present."

The congress, generally held every five years, usually takes place in September or October. This year, however, it has been delayed so President Jiang Zemin will still hold that title and that of party chairman when he attends the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation meeting in Mexico in October and then visits the United States, Chinese sources said.

The announcement followed several weeks of secret meetings at the summer resort of Beidaihe, 100 miles east of Beijing. Communist Party elders were believed to have bickered over the leadership lineup.

Georgia Launches Operation In Lawless Pankisi Gorge Region

LOS ANGELES TIMES

MOSCOW

Interior Ministry troops in Georgia cautiously launched an operation Sunday to try to bring the country's lawless Pankisi Gorge under control, rolling in and setting up seven checkpoints but making no arrests.

The Pankisi operation, a major test for the former Soviet republic's ragged and demoralized forces, will be closely watched by both the United States, which fears the gorge could be a refuge for Arab militants, and Russia, which has long been pressing Georgia to clear the area of rebels from neighboring Chechnya.

But there was no element of surprise in an operation that was announced more than a week ago, giving Chechen separatists and local criminals alike plenty of time to abandon the area.

The gorge in northeastern Georgia has long been a haven for criminals involved in kidnapping, extortion and violence. Moreover, it has a reputation as a sanctuary for the rebels fighting Russian forces across the border in Chechnya.

It took U.S. pressure and military training to nudge Georgian authorities to take action to bring the gorge under control.

U.S. forces have been training Georgian army forces in anti-terrorist operations since May, after President Eduard A. Shevardnadze appealed to Washington for help.

Sunday's operation coincides with army exercises near the gorge that involve 1,500 Georgian troops, several hundred of them trained by U.S. Special Forces.

Rockets Fired on U.S. Outpost

THE WASHINGTON POST

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

A bomb exploded in a garbage bin next to a U.N. staff house here Sunday night, injuring at least two Afghans, and rockets were fired at a U.S. military outpost in remote Konar province earlier Sunday, highlighting the continued threat of terrorism in the capital and across the country.

The two attacks came during a visit here by Gen. Tommy Franks, head of the U.S. Central Command. Franks told reporters in Kabul Sunday that "the sense of stability has not yet arrived" in Afghanistan, and "much remains to be done" in the international campaign to eliminate terrorism in the shaky post-war nation.

In the past week, U.S. forces have been conducting a massive sweep in Paktia province, where a pro-Taliban commander is based, and in other eastern areas. They have uncovered numerous caches of weapons, including rocket launchers, grenades and rifles, and detained about six people, according to U.S. military spokesmen.

WEATHER

All Quiet on the Tropical Front

By Michael J. Ring

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

The first half of the Atlantic hurricane season concludes this week, and it has been a quiet one to this point. There have only been three tropical storms, and not a single hurricane, in the Atlantic thus far.

The suspected culprit for the below-normal activity is the El Niño-Southern Oscillation. El Niño, which perhaps most famously brings anomalously warm waters to the eastern Pacific, has been strengthening over the past several months. Associated with El Niño is a shift in wind patterns in tropical latitudes (commonly known as the Southern Oscillation) that is not conducive to Atlantic hurricane formation. While this El Niño is not as strong as the incredible 1997 event, the change in wind patterns has contributed to dampening the hurricane season so far.

Closer to home, the forecast appears quiet as well. Sunny skies and seasonable temperatures will mark the early part of this week. A low pressure system in the Tennessee Valley will move toward us midweek, bringing us our next chance at rain Wednesday night or Thursday.

Extended Forecast

Today: Sunny and seasonably warm. High near 80°F (27°C).

Tonight: Mostly clear and mild. Low near 62°F (17°C).

Tuesday: Sunny and slightly cooler. High near 76°F (24°C).

Tuesday night: Partly cloudy. Low near 60°F (16°C).

Wednesday: Clouding up with showers likely toward the evening and overnight. High near 72°F (22°C) and low near 58°F (14°C).

Thursday: Rain likely. Cool with a high near 68°F (20°C).

Hatfill Says He's Not Killer, Attempts to Clear His Name

By Richard A. Serrano

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Bio-warfare expert Steven J. Hatfill stepped up his efforts Sunday to clear his name, announcing that he has offered to provide blood and handwriting samples to the FBI and blasting Attorney General John Ashcroft for calling him a "person of interest" in the government's investigation of last fall's anthrax attacks.

"I want to look my fellow Americans directly in the eye and declare to them: I am not the anthrax killer," Hatfill said at a news conference outside his lawyer's office in nearby Alexandria, Va.

The 48-year-old former Army virology researcher also said he had filed a series of complaints against the government, charging that federal agents were violating his privacy, continuing to follow and harass him, and "ruining" his life.

Five people died and 13 more became ill after a series of letters tainted with anthrax were mailed last fall to business and government

addresses on the East Coast, including in New York, Washington and Florida.

Federal law-enforcement sources have said that between 20 and 30 people are considered possible suspects. But Hatfill's name has been mentioned most often in the media.

Part of the interest in Hatfill stemmed from the disclosures that he had been writing a novel about bioterrorism, and that as part of his research he, like many of his former co-workers at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases at Fort Detrick, Md., had been inoculated against anthrax.

But during a news conference two weeks ago, Hatfill insisted that his last inoculation was in 1999 and said he now is again susceptible to the bacteria.

He also said Sunday that agents since January have intensified their investigation — including searching his home and car — and that he had taken a polygraph test. "I was told I passed, and the examiner was satis-

fied that I had told the truth," said Hatfill, whose current employer, Louisiana State University, has placed him on leave.

To clear his name, he said, he has offered to provide blood and handwriting samples to the FBI in the hopes that they will show he is not the serial attacker. He said the FBI had agreed to the blood samples, which would measure the level of anthrax antibodies in his blood; a recent exposure would cause a high antibody level, he said. He did not say whether the FBI had agreed to the handwriting analysis.

Once the studies are complete, Hatfill said, the government should announce that the samples do not match what is known about the killer. That, he said, will show that "I had absolutely nothing to do with this terrible crime."

Hatfill and his lawyer, Victor M. Glasberg, also released copies of six letters sent over the past few weeks, including complaints filed with the Justice Department and with the FBI's Office of Professional Responsibility.

War in Iraq Already Approved, White House Lawyers Conclude

By Mike Allen and Juliet Eilperin

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Lawyers for President Bush have concluded he can launch an attack on Iraq without new approval from Congress, in part because they say that permission remains in force from the 1991 resolution giving Bush's father authority to wage war in the Persian Gulf, according to administration officials.

Bush has said repeatedly he will consult lawmakers before deciding how to proceed but has pointedly stopped short of saying he will request their approval. The difference between getting legislators' opinions, as opposed to their permission, could lead to a showdown this fall between Congress and the White House.

"We don't want to be in the legal position of asking Congress to

authorize the use of force when the president already has that full authority," said a senior administration official involved in setting the strategy. "We don't want, in getting a resolution, to have conceded that one was constitutionally necessary."

Harold Hongju Koh, a professor of international law at Yale Law School who was an assistant secretary of state in the Clinton administration, called it shortsighted for the administration to try to avoid a full congressional debate about such an expensive and perilous operation. "The constitutional structure tries to make war hard to get into, so the president has to show leadership and make his case to the elected representatives," Koh said.

Senate leaders — including Majority Leader Tom Daschle (D-S.D.), Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Joseph Biden (D-Del.),

and Sen. Robert Byrd (D-W.Va.), who views himself as the guardian of Senate prerogatives — maintain the president must come to Congress before making a massive commitment of troops to oust Saddam.

Some congressional Republicans also are speaking up, including several who say they fear an invasion of Iraq would place an unacceptable burden on the country's armed forces.

One compromise would be for Bush's allies in Congress to introduce a resolution of support without having the president ask for it. Administration officials said they are concerned, though, that a war-powers resolution might add conditions, such as specifying that military action in Iraq is acceptable only for the purpose of eliminating weapons of mass destruction.

United Nations Confronts 'Bleak' Future at Environmental Summit

By Kenneth R. Weiss

LOS ANGELES TIMES

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

Although President Bush is a very notable no-show, more than 100 presidents and prime ministers and even a sprinkling of kings will join a cast of thousands at a U.N. summit opening here Monday on how to sustain the Earth.

"By and large, the picture is bleak," Nitin Desai, secretary-general of what is being called the World Summit on Sustainable Development, said in an interview. "So the main point of this summit is action, not on all fronts, but in critical areas where we need a quantum change."

Instead of waiting for all nations to sign a treaty before setting to work, U.N. officials are nudging clusters of governments, businesses and citizens groups to forge partnerships to get moving on a specific problem or in one region — and hoping the momentum builds.

Many of these partnerships, it is anticipated, will focus on helping the nearly 3 billion people who live in poverty gain access to clean

water, proper sanitation and energy — much of it from renewable sources such as solar and wind or from alternative fuels derived from sugar cane or corn. Other partnerships are expected to tackle pollution in the developed world that is contributing to global warming and posing other threats to the environment, to endangered species and to human health.

"We are trying to change the way people act," Desai said Sunday, briefing an auditorium packed with journalists from around the world.

He and other leaders acknowledged that won't be easy. But they said that the 104 heads of state and other national leaders have committed to the summit, creating a "critical mass" of world leadership to get things done.

"Even though President Bush won't be here, the conference will be just as successful," said Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, South Africa's foreign minister.

Bush announced last week that he would not attend the summit and was dispatching Secretary of State Colin L. Powell to lead the U.S. del-

egation, but only during the final days of the nearly two-week gathering. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Christie Todd Whitman will join the delegation with other administration officials.

To soften criticism of its go-it-alone policy on the summit, the Bush administration does plan to announce an additional \$4.5 billion in programs to assist developing nations deal with shortages of water, energy and food, and to preserve forests in the Congo Basin.

Meeting with foreign journalists last week, Paula Dobriansky, the State Department's undersecretary for global affairs, downplayed the environmental focus of the Johannesburg summit. She characterized it as more of an economic forum, a continuation of the administration's efforts at a trade gathering in Doha, Qatar, last fall and a development summit in March in Monterrey, Mexico. In Monterrey, the United States promised \$5 billion to developing countries that adopt sound economic policies and attack corruption.

Overcapacity Stifling Economy, American Economists Conclude

By Steven Pearlstein

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

To understand why the U.S. economy can't seem to muster a stronger recovery, it helps to look for clues in Victorville, Calif., where 500 unused and unwanted passenger jets — some of them brand new — sit wingtip to wingtip in the desert.

But perhaps the best explanation can be found in those falling prices shoppers find for clothing, televisions, hotel rooms and cellular phone service. While the bargains are great for American consumers, they are being paid in the form of continued corporate layoffs, lackluster stock prices, and a sky-high trade deficit — in short, an economy that's having trouble building up a head of steam.

Economists refer to this phenomenon as overcapacity, which is really nothing more than too much supply chasing too little demand. In most every case, it is accompanied by prices that are flat or falling.

To be sure, overcapacity is a feature of every recession. A slowdown in consumer spending and a decline in business investment suddenly leave too many companies with too many workers, underutilized plants and underperforming stores. In most cases, it is only after most of that excess is cut back, and supply and demand get back into some rough balance, that businesses begin hiring and investing again, laying the foundation for another period of economic expansion.

This time, however, that process is turning out to be longer and more drawn out than in the past, making for a slower and weaker recovery than forecasters, executives and policymakers had expected.

The big culprit in the supply-demand mismatch was the investment boom of the late 1990s, arguably the longest and most exuberant since the 1920s. Flush with cheap money made available by Wall Street, businesses of all sorts rushed out and expanded their capacity — not simply to satisfy the

increased demand of the moment, but in anticipation of continued high economic growth rates well into the future. When the growth failed to materialize, they suddenly found themselves with more capacity than they could profitably employ.

Ironically, another reason why this recovery may be so weak is that Washington policymakers moved so quickly to prop up the economy when it became clear a recession was in the offing. By all accounts, those policies helped to make the recent recession one of the shortest and mildest in recent memory. But according to economist Stephen Roach of Morgan Stanley & Co., it also meant that the necessary task of working off all that excess capacity has been only partially completed.

"Like it or not, the post-bubble excesses of the U.S. economy remain largely intact," Roach said. "That's the unfortunate outcome of a mild recession — it doesn't result in a major purging of long-standing imbalances of the economy."

Germany's First Televised Debate Goes to Schroeder, Pollsters Say

By Carol J. Williams

LOS ANGELES TIMES

BERLIN

Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and Bavarian Gov. Edmund Stoiber took their neck-and-neck race to lead Germany into the homes of millions Sunday with a rigorous televised debate that polls showed the incumbent won despite appearing uncharacteristically stiff and defensive.

The first televised clash between chancellor candidates in German history surprised most analysts, because the telegenic and easygoing Schroeder had been expected to dominate the exchange in style if not in substance.

But Stoiber took an aggressive tack from the onset, hammering at his opponent's failure to reduce 10 percent unemployment despite having made that his No. 1 campaign promise when he was elected four years ago.

Confident and well-prepared, the 60-year-old challenger lashed out at Schroeder's economic record, repeatedly challenging him to explain why he should be re-elected when he has been unable to deliver the economic turnaround German voters have demanded.

Schroeder stuck to a statesman-like solemnity under Stoiber's per-

sistent needling — a demeanor viewers apparently considered dignified. In a telephone poll of 2,237 viewers conducted by the Forsa Institute, Schroeder won higher marks on all three qualities measured: pleasantness, competence and credibility.

Two other polls, for public broadcasters ARD and ZDF, split in their assessments of which candidate "won" the debate.

"Viewers apparently liked that (Schroeder) remained calm and businesslike. They see that as a more competent response than engaging in a fight," observed political analyst Stefan Aust of the poll results. He, like others on hand for the live broadcast, thought Stoiber had turned in the more impressive performance.

Although Schroeder has long outpolled Stoiber in one-on-one personality contests, his Social Democratic Party trails the Bavarian's Christian Social Union and its Christian Democrat partners by between 1 and 3 percentage points. The debate was seen as a chance for Schroeder to narrow that gap by swaying some of the more than 30 percent of voters who are still undecided four weeks before the Sept. 22 vote.

"Schroeder didn't put on a very good performance despite expectations, and Stoiber, well, he was Stoiber," event planner and society critic Beate Wedekind told ZDF television in one of many post-mortems aired as soon as the candidates stopped speaking. "I put the score at 0-0, as neither of them took advantage of their opportunities."

Schroeder repeated his vow to keep Germany out of any U.S.-led invasion of Iraq unless and until the U.N. Security Council endorses such action. Stoiber deftly lacerated that position while refraining from any commitment to do otherwise should he become chancellor.

While Stoiber clearly scored better on economics issues, Schroeder probably won over voters shaken by the devastating flooding with his emphasis on the government's commitment to environmental protection, renewable energy development and compliance with the 1997 Kyoto Protocol, which is aimed at halting global warming.

"We want to be the ones who bring Kyoto out of the realm of theory and into real practice," Schroeder said, noting that Germany has already cut greenhouse gas emissions by twice as much as all other European countries put together.

Recording Industry Accounting Probe Widened to Include Fraud Allegations

By Chuck Philips

LOS ANGELES TIMES

The California Senate has widened its probe of music industry accounting practices and is investigating whether major record companies defrauded artists out of royalties through undisclosed licensing deals with record clubs and video channels.

The Senate Rules Committee in Sacramento, Calif., the state capital, issued subpoenas late last week seeking documents from artists' lawyers and managers to substantiate the allegations, which first came to light at a hearing last month called by Democratic state Sens. Martha Escutia and Kevin Murray to examine accounting practices in the music industry.

During the July 23 hearing, artist representatives accused the world's five largest music companies of collecting millions of dollars annually from licensing deals with record clubs and video channels never shared with artists. Attorneys also

alleged that companies employ fraudulent accounting formulas to bilk artists out of earnings on music sold overseas.

"We want to find out how these deals are structured and whether artists are getting shortchanged," Murray said in an interview. "We're also interested in determining whether companies are cheating artists by using unfair tactics in the accounting of foreign royalties."

Escutia and Murray have scheduled a second hearing on the matter Sept. 24 in Sacramento. The accounting issue is the latest wrinkle in an ongoing debate over artists' rights in the record industry. Performers and musicians have complained to lawmakers that music companies use unfair contracts that bind them longer than other California workers and use accounting tricks that reduce their wages, health care and pension benefits.

The Recording Industry Association of America, a Washington trade group that represents the nation's

five biggest music companies, declined to comment on the allegations, except to say that artists are paid in accordance with their contracts. Record executives privately say labels do not cheat artists on music sold overseas nor do they profit from covert licensing arrangements at artists' expense.

Entertainment attorney Don Engel, who has sued labels on behalf of Luther Vandross, Meatloaf, Don Henley, and the Dixie Chicks, told lawmakers last month that companies routinely cheat artists out of royalties.

In an interview, Engel spelled out what he characterized as a series of "schemes" perpetrated on artists by the music industry.

Record companies, he said, purport that music videos are promotional tools to help generate sales of CDs. Artists are contractually required to reimburse companies for at least half of the cost of each promotional video before they receive a royalty check.

China Tightens Oversight Of Missile Technology Exports

LOS ANGELES TIMES

BEIJING

Bowing to a longtime U.S. demand, the Chinese government has issued new rules to tighten its control over the export of missile technology, state media reported Sunday.

The regulations, which went into effect Thursday, set up a licensing and registration system for companies that want to sell products or know-how that could be used to make missiles, the official New China News Agency said.

The announcement coincided with the arrival here of Deputy Secretary of State Richard L. Armitage, who is paying a 48-hour visit to pave the way for a summit in October between President Bush and Chinese President Jiang Zemin. Arms-control issues are expected to be on the agenda of Armitage's talks in Beijing and of Jiang's visit to Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas.

The communist regime promised in November 2000 to clamp down on the transfer of sensitive equipment and technology and to publish a list of exactly what kinds of items would be off-limits for export.

But it has dragged its feet in doing so, in part because of the tense standoff with Washington last year over an American spy plane that collided with a Chinese fighter jet and crash-landed in southern China. Relations between the two countries on military matters have been testy since.

Sino-American ties have improved somewhat since Beijing pledged to cooperate in the battle against terrorism in the wake of last September's attacks on the United States. And on Sunday, White House Deputy Press Secretary Scott McClellan called the Chinese announcement "a positive step" and added, "We look forward to continuing to work with China to address other nonproliferation issues."

Nevada Voters May Take a Gamble To Legalize Marijuana

LOS ANGELES TIMES

LAS VEGAS

A voters initiative on the November ballot would permit possession in Nevada of up to three ounces of marijuana by persons 21 and older. They would be allowed to smoke it in the privacy of their own homes, but not in their car or public places.

While law enforcement officials are railing against the measure, state officials are quietly pondering how the state-licensed sale and taxation of marijuana may stoke the state's coffers by tens of millions of dollars annually.

Legalizing marijuana by amending the state Constitution is a two-step process. If a simple majority of voters approve the measure in November, it would need to be reaffirmed by voters in 2004. The second vote could be avoided if the measure is adopted next year by the state Legislature, which already has decriminalized possession of marijuana. That course is considered unlikely because most politicians — including Republican Gov. Kenny Guinn — are not taking a stand on the issue, saying they will defer to the voters' wishes.

Nevada is one of nine states that allows the use of marijuana with a doctor's prescription, and one of 11 states that has lowered criminal sanctions for possession of marijuana.

State polls suggest Nevada voters are about evenly split on the question. The state's largest newspaper, the Las Vegas Review-Journal, has editorialized that said the measure "would end the needless harassment of individuals who peacefully and privately use marijuana."

Nevada may seem a logical place to test the issue because of the state's renowned live-and-let-live philosophy, as already manifested through its extensive gambling and rural houses of prostitution. And as a practical matter, the debate can be financially waged in just one media market, here. Clark County is home to two-thirds of the state's residents. But it is also its most unpredictable political audience because of the region's explosive growth of non-Nevada transplants over the past decade. Most of rural Nevada is conservative, Las Vegas is not.

Militants Kill Palestinian Woman They Accused of Spying for Israel

THE WASHINGTON POST

JERUSALEM

A Palestinian militant group executed a Palestinian woman accused of spying for Israel, then dumped her bullet-pocked corpse in a public square in the West Bank city of Tulkarm, officials said today.

Ikhlas Khouli, 36, is believed to be the first woman killed for collaborating with Israeli security services during the 23-month uprising against occupation, Palestinian officials said.

Khouli allegedly helped lead Israeli security services earlier this month to the hiding place of a militant commander who was then killed by Israeli troops, Palestinian authorities said.

"This woman was killed unlawfully," Izz al-Din al-Sharif, the governor of Tulkarm, said in a telephone interview. "This woman should have been brought to trial and sentenced for her wrong doing, but we are now under occupation, already 65 days under curfew in our homes, and we have lost any control over the security situation in Tulkarm."

Palestinian militant groups have killed several dozen alleged spies, called collaborators, in the West Bank and Gaza Strip since the violence began between Israelis and Palestinians, but all others are believed to have been men.

In a 30-second segment of a videotape shown Sunday night on Israel's Channel 2 television, Khouli, speaking in Arabic, said she had telephoned Israeli security services with the information about the movements of Ziad Daas, a regional commander of the al-Aqsa Brigades. Daas was wanted by security forces for allegedly planning the killing of two Israelis in a Tulkarm restaurant in January 2001, and for alleged involvement in a January attack in the central Israeli town of Hadera in which six Israelis were killed.

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Come Out of the Bubble, Wherever You Are

Tao Yue

Today, several hundred bright-eyed freshmen will be packed into 10-250 in the early hours of the morning, calculating surface integrals and impulses for 18.02 and 8.01 advanced standing exams.

In the test-taking spirit of the day, I'll make up a test too. No integrals, no derivatives even — just international affairs. Our very own President-by-court-order George W. Bush failed such a foreign policy test two years ago. But this one has only two questions, plus it's open-ended.

1. Why did a couple of women just get sentenced to death by stoning in Nigeria?

2. Give the history leading up to the eviction of white farmers in Zimbabwe.

Now grade yourself. How well do you feel you know these topics? How well do you feel you know the world in general? Now consider: how well do you *want* to know these topics?

The answer to any one of these questions could easily take several pages to explain, but here's an all-too-brief summary of each situation:

Nigeria, which was once governed dictatorially, has now loosened up and some predominantly Muslim regions have instituted Islamic law. Several women have been convicted and sentenced to death by stoning for sex out-of-wedlock, causing religious tension between the nation's Muslims and Christians.

Zimbabwe has had a rocky road to independence, starting in the 1960s, back when it was known as Rhodesia and an all-white government declared independence from the British Empire. This government only gave up power to blacks two decades ago, and only for guaranteed white seats in Parliament, but those guaranteed seats opened up at the end of the 1980s and now the government is also attacking the economic legacy of imperialism.

Of course, these questions happened to be completely random — whatever popped into my mind at the moment. They also both deal

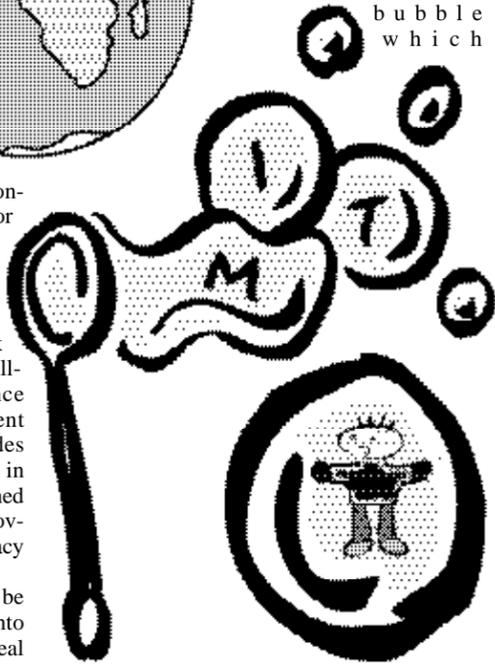
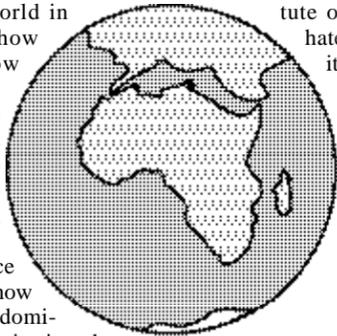
with Africa, but I could just as well have asked what the economic situation in Argentina is right now, or why there are so many Muslims in Germany.

How well did you do? How well did you know these topics, and how well do you *want* to know these and similar topics in world affairs?

My answer would've varied quite a bit between the start and the end of the summer. I didn't know either of these topics nearly as well as I do now at the beginning of summer.

The reason for that is MIT. This Institute of ours, alternately loved and hated, has a tendency to envelop its students. Between work, life, and sleep, twenty-eight of a day's twenty-four hours are accounted for. Hence the

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Know Where Your Bread and Butter Come From

Guest Column
Gretchen K. Aleks

Welcome freshmen! This phrase has echoed throughout campus since your arrival; you've heard it from upperclassmen in the dorms, orientation facilitators, and even the MIT administration. There are other entities that are very welcoming to new students: I'm sure everyone has seen the Fleet Bank and COOP representatives in the student center who recognize that new students mean a whole new generation to hook on their convenient, yet overpriced, goods and services.

Soon, you'll meet with another corporation trying to lure you in with their convenient location: Star Market. In a week, when you've seen every meal cycled through at least once at Lobdell, and you realize how much you're paying for food that most people wouldn't feed their dog, grocery shopping starts to look like a good option. However, there are a couple things the informed MIT student should know before they set foot in Star.

Star Market, to put it bluntly, abuses its employees. Recently, Shaw's Supermarket, a company whose workers have been represented by the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW), bought out Star Market, a historically non-union chain. The UFCW approached Shaw's with the request that they be allowed to unionize Star Market

workers, since they now fall under the aegis of Shaw's. Not only did Shaw's refuse to allow the UFCW to approach Star workers with information on voting for unionization, but Shaw's began reneging on the contract it had reached through collective bargaining with Shaw's employees, attempting to force the UFCW to have a two-front fight: protecting its current members at Shaw's, while unionizing Star Market workers.

Why is blocking the unionization of its supermarkets an abusive, not to mention illegal, action by Star? An employee union at Star is necessary to ensure that its workers have an adequate standard

of living for themselves and their families. Most Star Market employees work part-time, not out of choice, but because the management does not want full-time employees who require additional benefits, such as partially subsidized health insurance. For these part time workers, the hours they work in a week are highly variable, based on a capricious managerial decision. A union could ensure that part-time workers have guaranteed hours. Not only do most Star employees work fewer hours than

they'd like, but their pay for the hours they can work is pitiful — under eight dollars an hour. In Boston — a city with one of the high-

est cost of living indexes in the country — this hardly represents a living wage. The hardships incurred by low wages are only compounded by the fact that part-time workers do not have health insurance, and full-time workers pay triple the weekly cost for health insurance than do union employees.

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MIT students provide substantial business to the Star Market in University Park, and others throughout the city. Rather than continuing to support an organization that has no sense of common decency, we should write letters to Star management explaining our decision not to shop at a supermarket that disdains its workers, and then follow through by exploring other grocery stores in the Boston-Cambridge area. Trader Joe's — which has locations on Boylston Street across from the Prudential as well as on Memorial Drive just past Tang Hall — sells many grocery staples and is easily reachable from campus. Bread and Circus is an all-purpose grocery store with multiple locations in Cambridge and a new store opening in Boston. Additionally, a Harvest Coop is open in Central Square, and anyone looking to buy inexpensive produce can shop at Haymarket by Faneuil Hall on Fridays and Saturdays. With so many options available — and accessible — it makes little sense to support a company with such an atrocious labor record as Star Market.

Gretchen K. Aleks is a member of the Class of 2004.

A Single-Serving Life

Roy K. Esaki

The people we meet on each flight. The people we meet for a week during orientation. The people we meet for several years during a given school, job, or living environment. Between takeoff and landing, we have our time together, but how many of them are single-serving friends? And given life's ephemeral limitations, to what extent are temporary arrangements based on convenience — acquaintanceships, essentially — inevitable, not only with relationships, but with ideologies, or dispositions as well?

The distinction between an acquaintance and a friend is a unique one that is to be made by each individual, certainly, but for the sake of discussion let us consider the former to be a relationship precipitated and sustained purely by external circumstances, and the latter to be something more permanent and intrinsic. With the former, when you leave the plane, you exchange business cards to file away in the rolodex; with the latter, you don't need to, because you know you'll remember to look each other up when you find yourselves in the same town twenty years from now.

This is not an issue solely of permanence, for change, as one of the few bona fide con-

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stant, is incorrigible, and time can alter acquaintanceships and friendships alike. Rather, it is an issue that is of fundamental self-awareness; to figure out the nature of our actions and interactions, we need to figure out not only what we think, but *why* we think the way we do.

It is reasonable to presume that ideally, there ought be no real problems in a friendship. Differences of opinion, squabbles, and bickerings are inevitable, of course, but the underlying friendship should be inalienable, and moments of anger or unhappiness should be but fleeting. This is a rather quixotic interpretation of the term, granted, and perhaps an unrealistic one; but this is an exercise in idealism, so we shall allow this vision nonetheless.

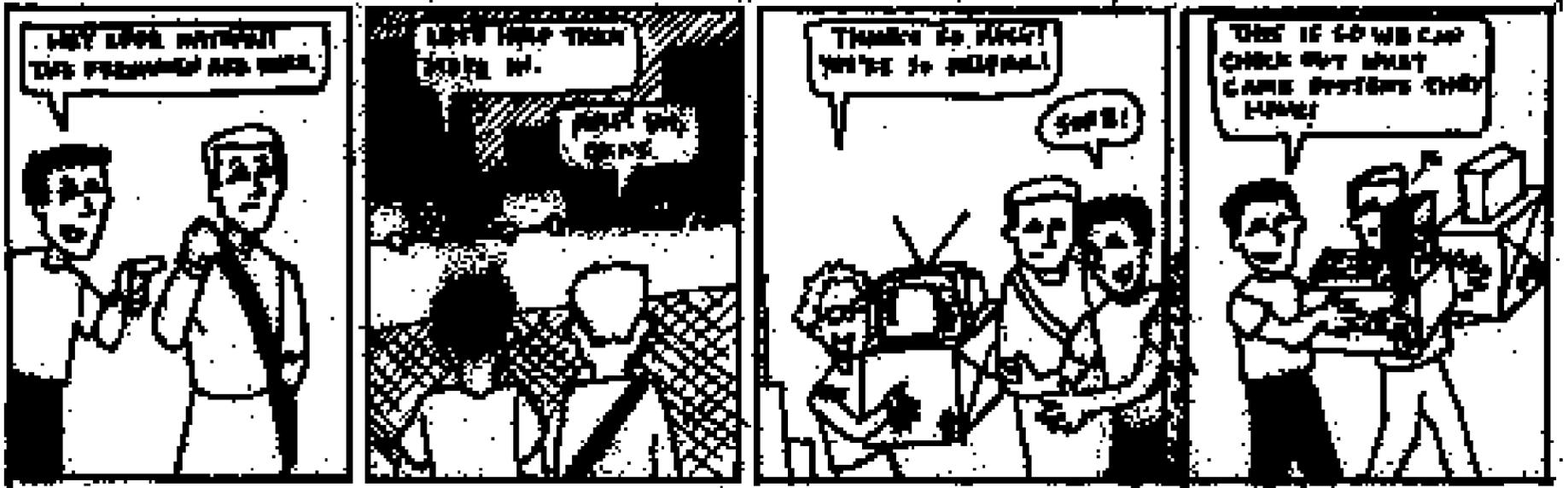
Yet people often end up being rather strongly distressed by friends, close friends, or loved ones; society rationalizes that such unidealities are a necessary component of relationships. While this may perhaps be true, it does not preclude the premise that the acceptance of many problems results from arrangements of convenience, which yield local, but not absolute, maxima. Do we settle because one must compromise, or because it is easier to pretend that we must? Only with honest self-reflection can that be answered.

This concept of unideal acquaintanceships can be generalized to broader modes of behavior as well. Jobs, academic paths, lifestyle choices — are they circumstantial acquaintances, or true friends? It's awfully easy to blend familiarity with affinity. More insidious are acquaintanceships with beliefs; various political identifications, religions, and philosophical values have been in our environment for a while, and many have fraternized with certain ones for a while. Whether due to childhood indoctrination, subsequent pressures, reactionary tendencies, or extraordinary experiences, many of these beliefs befriend us rather strongly. Here, more than ever, it is imperative that we allow for periodic honest self-reflection as we meticulously examine our convictions. Are they truly right, are they merely convenient in a given environment, or are we just content that after X years of pondering, we've finally figured it out?

Single-serving packets or discount bulk pack, what we choose to consume becomes part of us. The results of a healthful or poor diet often aren't manifested immediately, if at all, making it easy for us to forget what we're feeding into our system. What values, which people, what actions support and define us? The key to proper existential nutrition is balance, of course, achieved through conscientious effort. The take-home lesson: eat your vegetables.

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 Monday, August 26

9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Course Catalogue Distribution. Anyone with an MIT ID can come by Room 8-119 and pick up a copy of the 2002-2003 course catalogue. free. Room: 8-119. Sponsor: Reference Publications Office.

10:00 a.m. - Admissions Information Session. Admissions Office Information Session gathers at the Admissions Reception Center (10-100). Enter MIT at the main entrance, Lobby 7, 77 Massachusetts Ave (domed building with tall pillars). Proceed down the center corridor to Room 10-100 on the right. free. Room: Admissions Reception Center, Building 10, Room 10-100. Sponsor: Information Center.

10:45 a.m. - Campus Tour. Student Led Campus 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 or buildings under construction. Groups over 15 people need to make special reservations. Campus tours start at the conclusion of the Admissions Informations Session. The Campus Tour begins in Lobby 7 (Main Entrance Lobby at 77 Massachusetts Ave). free. Room: Lobby 7 (Main Entrance Lobby at 77 Massachusetts Ave). Sponsor: Information Center.

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

2:45 p.m. - Campus Tour.

10:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - Getting Connected to MITnet. This lecture will help guide you through the process of configuring your laptop or home computer to connect to MITnet so that you will have access to online services available to MIT community members only. Attendees will learn about the different options they have for connecting to MIT from on and off campus. In addition, all attendees will receive a CD containing the necessary software for accessing MITnet and MIT's online services such as e-mail and WebSIS. This session is highly recommended for all incoming graduate students, visiting scholars, and new faculty and staff. Room: 4-270. Sponsor: Information Systems.

Crossword Puzzle

Solution, page 8

ACROSS

- 1 Poisonous shrub
- 6 Church seats
- 10 "Pequod" captain
- 14 Fight site
- 15 Mine entrance
- 16 Tabula ___
- 17 Stogie or cheroot
- 18 Stand
- 19 Perfume cloud
- 20 Evaded justice
- 23 Homburg or fedora
- 26 High times
- 27 Make happy
- 28 Relaxed
- 30 Merchant's figures
- 32 Evaded justice
- 34 False front
- 37 Cap or pad starter
- 38 ___ Paulo, Brazil
- 39 Taj Mahal locale

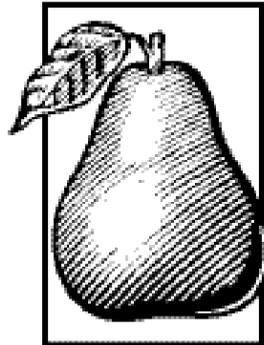
DOWN

- 40 Get the picture
- 41 Evaded justice
- 45 Song of praise
- 46 Set an arbitrary punishment
- 47 1998 Masters winner
- 50 Priest's robe
- 51 Ate starter?
- 52 Evaded justice
- 56 Political cartoonist
- 57 Assam and peko
- 58 Detection device
- 62 Needle case
- 63 Christiania today
- 64 Pear-shaped fruit
- 65 Coloring agents
- 66 Halt
- 67 Of bygone times

- 2 Swiss canton
- 3 Tilly or Ryan
- 4 Med. school subject
- 5 Go on a spree
- 6 Wildlife preserves
- 7 Perfect prose?
- 8 Longing
- 9 Spire holder
- 10 Military forces
- 11 Israeli seaport
- 12 Helpers: abbr.
- 13 Immerse in liquid
- 21 Paper page
- 22 Fido rider?
- 23 Pulp writers
- 24 Expiate
- 25 Conical dwelling
- 29 Barbary denizen
- 30 Progeny
- 31 Plenty
- 33 On the briny

- 34 Greek marketplace
- 35 "Operator" singer
- 36 Slender candle
- 39 Star pitcher
- 41 Gambling game
- 42 Simple shelters
- 43 Corridor
- 44 Trade restraint
- 45 Smith and Page
- 47 Possessed
- 48 Heavily fleshed
- 49 Follow as a consequence
- 50 Greek fable writer
- 53 Examination
- 54 Saint's aura
- 55 Long-handled hammer
- 59 Pop
- 60 5th or Park
- 61 Fled

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Government Charged Conspiracy For Gain

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a conspiracy involving private financial gain, the case only tangentially invoked the 1997 No Electronic Theft (NET) Act, which criminalized large-scale copyright infringement irrespective of financial gain to the perpetrator.

The law was enacted in the wake of the government's unsuccessful prosecution of former MIT student David M. LaMacchia '95, after he ran a file-trading service on Student Center Athena workstations. Because LaMacchia did not profit from the service, the government was unable to prosecute him for criminal infringement.

Tresco, however, pleaded guilty to conspiring to infringe for financial gain. "The government's theory of private gain, which is supported by case law, is that if he had available to him access to other copyrighted works ... as a result of the conspiracy, then that constitutes private financial gain," Crossen said.

As a result, the NET Act was not important to Tresco's case. Crossen said, even though it appears to have strengthened the government's posi-

tion by defining "financial gain" to include "the receipt of other copyrighted works."

Penalty appears unlikely to deter

Whether the DrinkOrDie prison sentences will have a deterring effect on casual traders, as the music, movie, and software industries clearly hope, remains to be seen.

One student, who spoke on condition of anonymity because his own publicly-accessible music archive appears to constitute criminal copyright infringement, was nonchalant about Tresco's sentence.

"I'm not particularly scared, because it seems to me like he only got busted because he was part of this pretty flamboyant group," he said. "I know tons of people who have an archive like this ... Once they start going after individual college students, I'll be more worried."

The student suggested, however, that copyright holders have a low bar to strike fear into the hearts of casual infringers. "I deleted all my Metallica songs once Metallica [threatened] everybody on Napster," he said.

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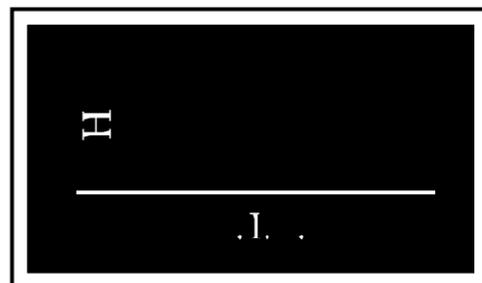
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Benedict Gives Tips

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classmates by wrapping her right arm all the way around her head and touching her right ear.

Although the performances suggested that these students should stick to science and math, their classmates were full of energy and cheered them on the whole way.

Many people were eager to cheer for participants from their own home state. "I don't think anyone meant anything by it," said Yonathon Tekleab '06, who was a contestant of the Freshman Feud. "We are all one big community now."

"They seem to be a pretty enthusiastic class," said Orientation Coordinator Joshua S. Yardley '04.

Competing on stage is easy as pie

One unique event this year was a pie eating contest on stage for five lucky freshmen. Pie may not be the most flattering substance one can smear on his or her face, and many appeared as if they were going to be sick during the competition, but the contestants said they had a good time.

"It was extremely embarrassing, but I thought it would be the best way for everyone to get to know me quickly," said Orit A. Shamir '06, who won the competition. "I just hope everyone doesn't remember me as the pie girl."

There was also a competition based on the television game show Family Feud, which included the question "What do MIT students like to do on Friday nights?"

Eloquent, but ultimately incorrect, answers from the freshman contestants included sleeping, going to Boston, doing hacks, and drinking.

Many of those that signed up as contestants on stage were participants in Freshmen Preorientation Programs last week.

"I liked the FLP [Freshmen Leadership Program] support that I got while I was on stage," Tekleab

said. "They should call it the 'Freshman Love Program.'"

Benedict gives freshmen advice

The program also included a scavenger with a fun twist. Four freshmen were sent on a mission to find a bag of popcorn, Dean for Student Life Larry Benedict, and his favorite movie, Dr. Strangelove.

They brought back four different people who had on the name tag "Larry Benedict," and the audience was asked to cheer for who they thought was the real Dean. Benedict, clad in a gray suit and sunglasses, got the least amount of noise from the audience.

He gave the students his "three little tips for surviving at MIT." These tips included: keeping a balanced life by getting involved outside of the classroom, reaching out and connecting with someone in the community, and getting enough sleep.

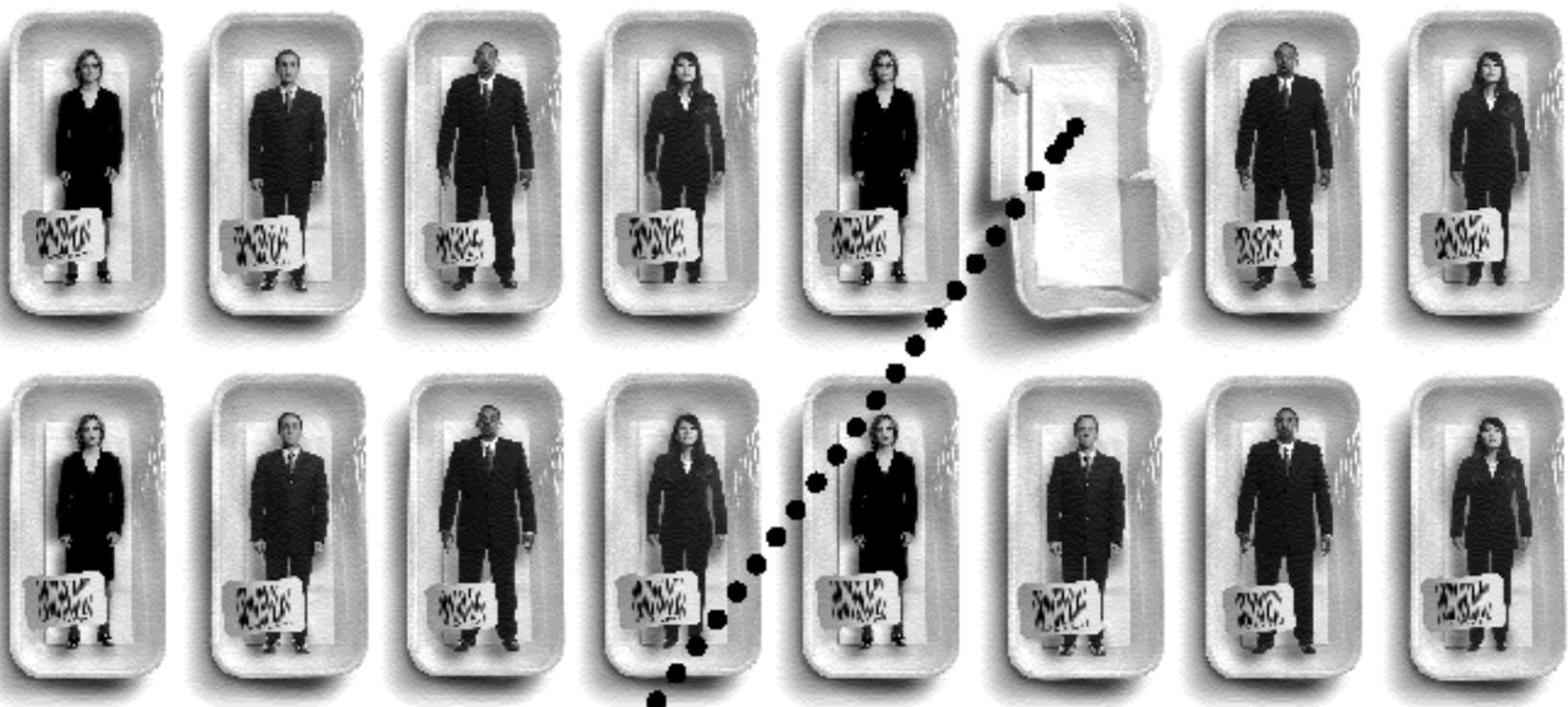
"If you follow these three little tips, you're going to succeed," Benedict said followed by a quote from Dr. Seuss. "And will you succeed? Yes! You will, indeed! Ninety-eight and three quarters percent guaranteed!"

Best is yet to come, organizers say

The opening ceremony and the other events planned for this coming week have been in the works all summer.

The coordinators said they are looking forward to all the events to come and expect that they will be as successful as the opening ceremony. "The rest of the week is gonna be nuts," said Fahad Kajani '04. "Seriously — we're hard core about this."

President Charles M. Vest will give a more formal welcome to the Class of 2006 in Kresge Auditorium today from 11 a.m. to noon. A keynote speech will also be given by Professor of Chemical Engineering and Biomedical Engineering Robert S. Langer ScD '74.



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Freshmen Connect With One Another

Orientation for the Class of 2006 kicked off to a rocking start yesterday. Freshmen were introduced to MIT and their fellow classmates in the opening ceremonies in Kresge Auditorium followed by a barbeque in Kresge Oval. The students then split up into their Orientation groups for an afternoon of fun and games. A Residence Midway in the Student Center ended the day's events. This year's movie-related theme is "It's your time to shine."

(Top right) Graduate Resident Tutor Xiaomin Mou serves a pancake to Akhil Shashidar '06 during the Simmons Hall brunch Sunday.

(Top left and bottom right) Freshmen attempt to extricate themselves from the "human knot" during an Orientation activity yesterday.

(Middle left) Jim Ghun, a graduate of UCLA and a presenter for PlayFair, addresses the freshman class in Johnson Athletic Center on Sunday.

(Below) Freshmen form a train during a PlayFair team-building exercise on Sunday.

(Bottom left) A freshman tests his handstand prowess as part of an Orientation icebreaker.



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