Building Committee Halts Lab Extension

New Media Lab Building Awaits Donations

By Lauren E. Lebon

Funding shortages have caused a temporary halt to construction on the Media Laboratory's four-year-old extension project.

In late July, the MIT Building Committee voted against launching the project's construction phase until more funding could be raised.

Last week, the expansion project managers asked the City of Cambridge for a 12-month extension for construction.

After a delay to solicit more donations, the new building is expected to be ready for occupancy until more fund raising action could be be raised.

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Groundbreaking on the project had been scheduled to begin last June, but was cancelled after the laboratory failed to meet its fundraising goals in time.

Managers hopeful on fundraising

"The Media Lab's fundraising record is strong," said Martha Oudras Mar '74, the project's senior manager. "There is a strong interest in their programs."

Unfortunately, however, "it is difficult to get very large grants at a time when people are being careful about money," she said.

In the meantime, "everyone is stuck in the same crowded conditi..."

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Students Praise Alpine Bagel's Food, But Criticize Restaurant's Long Waits

By Veena Ramaswamy

Alpine Bagel Cafe opened to general acclaim last Friday, but students complained of interminable waits as the new Student Center restaurant continues to hire more employees to meet the unexpectedly high demand.

"The best way to describe Alpine right now is it's a work in progress," said Chris Sullivan, an Alpine representative.

MIT is Alpine's seventh college location, but its opening weekend has "been extremely busy, much more than we've seen at any other school," he said.

Construction delays had set back the opening by two weeks, and the rush to open has given Alpine growing pains. The restaurant has started photocopying its menus.

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Trujillo Addresses UA at Meeting

Councillors Question Proposal on Confidential Medical Transportation

By Kathy Lin

At its first meeting of the fall term, the Undergraduate Association called for medical transportation. Trujillo, the associate dean for student alcohol education and community development, was the guest speaker at the meeting, addressing the council on the proposed policy that a student's first use of medical transportation be kept confidential.

On a second use, however, "the appropriate dean and a peer judicial board would be informed of the offense," he said.

Records would be kept by MIT Medical to aid in treatment, and to enable the medical department to inform campus authorities of a second use of medical transportation.

Students who run the medical transportation service would not be responsible for reporting students' second use.

Student volunteers are currently taking over the role of emergency medical transportation from the MIT Police.

UA Councilors criticize proposal

Councilors expressed disappointment over the proposed second-use disclosure policy, saying they were concerned that the lack of confidentiality on the second use would discourage students from using the service, putting student lives at risk.

In response, Trujillo said that the policy "is still a work in progress" and said that the administration is "working to find a balance between confidentiality and safety."

Trujillo said that he believed that the confidentiality issues will be resolved. "In my vision for the future, everyone knows what to expect and these issues aren't a problem," he said.

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By Nathan Collins

The number of serious crimes at MIT changed little in 2001 compared to previous years, the MIT Police disclosed in their annual survey of campus crime. MIT's level of reported crimes was again dramatically lower than that of Harvard University.

The 2001 MIT report lists 30 occurrences of "serious crimes," including rapes, robberies, and aggravated assaults. Similar numbers were reported in previous years, with 27 serious crimes in 1998, 33 in 1999, and 30 in 2000.

Harvard University reports less comprehensive statistics than MIT does, but reported 27 robberies, 29 aggravated assaults, and 32 sex offenses, for a total of at least 88 "serious crimes" under the MIT classification.

The University of California at Berkeley reported about 20 "serious crimes."

MIT reports four sex offenses

The police report disclosed a total of four reported "forcible sex offenses" during 2001, down from six incidents the previous year. Harvard reported 32 forcible sex offenses in 2001, while U.C. Berkeley had seven.

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Public Confidence In Charities Declines

Not so many months ago, Americans were dipping into their pockets like never before, pouring more than $2 billion into charitable giving in the afterthought of 9/11. For a time, the nation's non-profit groups were riding high in the public's esteem.

But now a new kind of financial instability threatens — from the financial irregularities acknowledged at the United Way of the National Capital Area to the lavish spending of AES/Erico and from the fraud at the State of Nevada's health program to the sea of red ink at America's Red Cross in attempting to use its Sept. 11 donations for other causes — has caused public confidence in charities to plummet.

The percentage of people who say they have no confidence in such organizations has doubled since July 2001, to 16 percent, according to a new National Opinion Research Center survey. And the number of people who listed charity as their top priority of giving dropped from 39 percent in September 2001 to 16 percent last month.

The problem is not that公益 groups are too rich or too powerful, as some people have charged. The real risk is that they aren't rich or powerful enough to respond to the public's changing needs.

Judge in Cigarette Smuggling Case Did Not Disclose Ties to Tobacco

Federal Judge Lewis A. Kaplan was part of the 2-1 majority that gave the tobacco industry one of its biggest legal victories in recent years. Kaplan was the only judge in the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals not only to judge a multibillion-dollar lawsuit brought by the government, but also to rule in favor of the defense. Internal documents disclosed in tobacco litigation show that Kaplan had represented Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. as a private attorney during the 1970s and '80s. The documents show that Kaplan had represented B&W,arge claims, but quickly led to dismissal of similar suits as part of Kaplan's work for B&W, he participated in meetings of the Committee of Counsel, the inner sanctum of top tobacco-lawyers that mapped the companies' joint legal and political strategies — including how to temper government action on tobacco smuggling. Kaplan did not disclose his former ties with the industry to the government for the Canada, though legal experts say he would have been required to if he had been advising the government on tobacco smuggling.

Brain May Be Hard-Wired For Counting

The ability to count may be hard-wired into the brain — a basic mental ability on which the majority of arithmetic ability rests, according to new research.

Specific sets of neurons in the brain are designed to rapidly process quantities and numbers. This may be what allows people to make rapid guesses about relative size — and in prehistoric times might have helped our ancestors quickly estimate the numbers of the tundra to quickly estimate the numbers of the tundra, the number of predators, and the number of friends and foes.

Scientists who participated in the brain's executive center that makes rapid-fire decisions — quickly rewire themselves to recognize different numbers of objects, according to an animal study published last month. Scientists say the finding suggests that the development of the brain's executive center is one of the brain's most remarkable achievements.

Arafat Says Terror Must Stop, Promises Elections in January

Speaking to the largest gathering of Palestinian legislators in two years, Yasser Arafat on Monday congratulated Palestinian security forces for their successes against Israeli civilians while excoriating Israel for attacks on Palestinians.

"There was nothing startling, no new promises. It was the same old thing," said Tzachi Hanegbi, a lead member of Ariel Sharon's Likud Party. "We're tired of Mitchell's World Armies."

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In an apparent reference to suicide bomb attacks by Palestinians that Israel has taken a heavy toll on, Arafat said, "Our national interest and the necessity to maintain international support for us just cause force us to reiterate our stand in condemning all these acts. We condemn not any act against Israeli civilians, but also to condemn every act of terror against Palestinian civilians."

Israeli leaders were largely dismissive of Arafat's remarks, saying there has been a lack of progress on the peace process.

"Arafat's statement is worthless," said Tzachi Hanegbi, a lead member of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's Likud Party. "He called the Palestinian leader "leader of the entire Islamic nation.""
Rally Commemorates Massood, Murdered Anti-Taliban Leader

By John Danilaczewski

A rally in Kabul Monday was the climax of nationwide commemorations of the assassination a year ago of Ahmad Shah Massood, the leader of the anti-Taliban resistance who was killed by suspected Al Qaeda operatives just two days before the terrorist attacks on the United States.

Amid heavy security, the streets of Kabul, the Afghan capital, were abundantly lined with portraits of Massood. Police and soldiers donned T-shirts depicting his face as they ushered a crowd estimated at more than 10,000 people into the main football stadium. Another 10,000 or so gathered to listen in adjacent fields.

Monday was declared a holiday, and electricity, normally shut off at the city during the daytime recently to conserve water at hydroelectric plants, remained on so that people would be able to watch the four-hour memorial ceremony on television.

But while the ceremonies around the country and state-organized pilgrimages to Massood’s mausoleum in the Panjshir Valley inspired a feeling of sadness, they also carried a strong overtone of propaganda benefitting Massood’s Northern Alliance movement. The Northern Alliance controls some of the most powerful positions within the new Afghan state.

Massood, an ethnic Tajik, is a hero to Tajiks, who made up most of the Northern Alliance forces. But he is not nearly so popular among other groups, who remember his role — along with those of other mujahedeen commanders — in largely destroying Kabul during a 1992-96 civil war.

No such criticisms of Massood were heard at the rally in Kabul, where his 13-year-old son, Ahmed, rail-thin and dressed in a tie and the brown wooden cap favored by his father, stood under an enormous portrait of Massood and received endless kisses from bearded dignitaries praising the man known as “the Lion of the Panjshir.”

Japan, Wary of Military Build-up, Announces It Will Cut China Aid

By John Pomfret

Japan will likely cut its aid to China significantly again this year because the Japanese are increasingly suspicious of China, and Japan’s government is concerned about China’s military build-up, Japanese officials said Monday.

The announcement was made as Japan’s foreign minister Yoriko Kawaguchi wrapped up a three-day trip to Beijing and was an indication of a growing distance between fateful Japan, which has seen its economy barely grow in 10 years, and emergent China, which dreams of replacing Tokyo as Asia’s economic and military power.

The two countries will commemorate 30 years of diplomatic relations on Sept. 29, but the ceremonies will be largely subdued. It is unclear whether Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, whom China had informally invited to attend the ceremonies, will take part.

Many Japanese now see China as the chief threat to their country’s premier position in Asia. China still views Japan as largely unrepentant for the atrocities committed on the mainland by the Japanese Imperial Army during World War II.

For decades, Japan has been China’s biggest bilateral donor, funding tens of billions of projects from airports to forests. But partly because of a series of Japanese press reports questioning China’s gratitude and partly because of a broader anti-Chinese shift in Japan, aid for China has become a hot button topic in Tokyo.

Japan cut its overseas development assistance to China by 25 percent during fiscal year 2001, which ended in April, the largest cut since Japan first began providing China with development assistance in the early 1970s. The drop was more than twice that of overall Japanese aid to foreign countries, which fell by 10 percent.

Overseas development assistance (ODA) to China “is very much debated by politicians,” said a spokesman for the Japanese Foreign Ministry.

Scientists Report Strides Against Muscular Dystrophy

Important evidence that human stem cells can be implanted and become part of muscle suggests the disaster called muscular dystrophy may yet become treatable, scientists announced Monday.

The discovery — made because of an odd biomedical coincidence — showed new cells can infiltrate a person’s damaged muscles, take root and survive for years. This is what is needed, on a larger scale, to attack the inherited disease.

“This says that we can get those cells recruited” into wakening muscles, said Dr. Louis Kunkel, of Children’s Hospital in Boston. “Now we have to get better at that. We have to learn why they do it, and make it work better.”

Kunkel said experiments in animals had shown stem cells, in a bone marrow transplant, might be induced to enter muscles, grow and keep the muscles from being destroyed by the disease.

Then there came a surprise. Los Angeles pediatrician Kenneth Weinberg saw reports on the experiments, and then called Kunkel to say such an experiment had already been done, inadvertently, on a teenage boy.

As an infant, the boy had received a bone marrow transplant to rescue him from complete immune deficiency. A dozen years later, he was discovered to have a second genetic disease, a relatively mild case of muscular dystrophy.

FAA Sets Procedure for Landings After 10 Years of Work

WASHINGTON After a decade of debate, wrangling and setbacks, the Federal Aviation Administration has established the first comprehensive procedures for safer and more precise landings in all kinds of weather worldwide.

With no fanfare, the FAA last month issued a 300-page document called an advisory circular, with the even more bureaucratic designation “AC 120-29A Criteria for Approval of Category I and Category II Weather Minima for Approach.” The advisory circular sets the technical standards for required navigation performance (RNP) approaches and landings.

Few airline passengers have ever heard of it, but the term 120-29A has been a cross between a four-letter word and a headache in the aviation community for much of the past decade. Its 10-year odyssey to FAA approval is an example of the work that the FAA and other government agencies do in conjunction with private interests that can be critical to public safety but too technical for routine public notice.

For the aviation community, the advisory circular is a tremendous step forward in safe airport approaches and landings.
Cross Products: Not So Harsh

I was disappointed with Keith J. Win-
stein's treatment of the Cross Products in his article about a capella groups (["A Capella Groups Span Spectrum"] in last Friday's
Tech). His article could seriously offend some of the wonderful people that auditioned for the group this year and in the past. He quoted me, without even bothering to ask my name, as saying, "We're not harsh—if somebody was bad, we just say, 'Oh, that person wasn't
right for us.'"

What he failed to mention was the reaction of my fellow group members to my words. I made the statement in a light-hearted sarcastic manner, but my friends immediately scolded me. Our group has never said such an un-truthful thing about anyone, and we never will. We try to conduct our discussions in a loving and gentle way, even when the auditions are
nowhere around. I apologize to anyone I may have hurt with my thoughtless words.

Keith responded to me in his article, saying, "This seemed pretty harsh to me, at least to someone who is innocent about anything—
not So Harsh and do all that economic stuff."
The Necessity of Minority Programs

Guest Column

Christine C. Easas

With all due respect, I think Matthew Brown misunderstands the nature of race rela-
tions in this country. This is not a UN peacekeeping mission like MIT. As a Mexican-American student who has worked for the OME and participated in its programs, I think it is unfair for Brown to label the OME merely as an organization that serves to maintain political correctness on the MIT campus. Politically correct" has negative connotations, and Brown uses the word in a way that suggests he believes that MIT only uses the OME to put on a façade or to make the school "look good" in the eyes of those who want to see a diverse campus.

As a world-class institution that produces leaders and innovators, MIT should be (and is) at the forefront of social reform. Additionally, part of MIT's mission, as stated by its president, is to "take action in the real world to improve the academic and social experience of minority students from groups underrepresented in higher education in the United States (African Americans, Mexican Americans, Native Americans, and so forth)." Brown suggests that the OME is not effective in providing support and intellectual stimulation of a diverse campus community.

This is not the case. The OME exists because it plays a crucial role in creating an environment for students who, throughout history, have been excluded from higher education. By offering minority students a support network, the OME helps to improve the academic progress and career prospects of students from underrepresented racial groups. As white students (as Brown does, according to "MIT Facts 2002"), there is no question that you are well-informed about the workings of this program. You know that the OME is not merely an organization for the purpose of providing support and intellectual stimulation. It is a place where students from underrepresented groups can find a sense of belonging and a support network.

I believe that Brown's conclusion is based on a misunderstanding of the nature of race relations in this country. As a society, we need to understand that the spirit of discrimination still exists. It is not simply a matter of "you vs. me." Discrimination exists because we live in a world that does not and has not always make underrepresented minorities feel welcome. If Brown could understand this, he might be more interested in the programs that MIT has implemented to address this problem. MIT must continue to work on race-related issues, and I believe that the OME is an important part of this effort.

As a result of my involvement with the OME, I have noticed that especially at MIT, the majority of students who have worked for the OME and participated in its programs have a more diverse perspective on race relations. These problems are very real, and the OME does not exist to address segregation or to make race relations at MIT and in the real world a thing of the past. Nor does it explore the notion of the hypothesis that the "Shining Stars smile on the white only" luncheon, Brown is on to something, but the wrong thing. He grapples with the issue of racism and its effects on society, but when, in fact, he should focus on racial privilege that exists in society at large and at MIT. I believe that Brown's criticism stems from his personal experiences as a white student, but because you make up the majority of society and because, for the most part, to be white is to not have to worry about your social status. I am sure that Brown has been aware of the general trend in research and writing on the subject of the hypoxia associated with the OME. I have looked into the progressive program at MIT for several years, and I believe that it is a constructive part of a larger program of action, even if they do break the "Dr. Brown" stereotype. While the idea that someone counteracts the socially constructed racial identity of front-row peers at MIT is interesting, I believe that the study of political correctness, I'll call them Marginalized Students. They're the ones who say things like "happy birthday" or "good morning," in the ten minutes after lecture starts, sometimes leaving ten minutes later. The typical Marginalized Student is a young man who, at first glance, looks like an act of God one of them finally comes to recitation to pick up an exam, and you just casually peer over your shoulder at his paper and realize that you're wrong. Keep trying, kid.

Of course, the Shining Stars and Marginalized Students are not the only ones that feel like you're like me, you probably find yourself in one of these two categories. I know that for some reason, like a recurring nightmare, the same social roles of the same ones are in all of our classes. Sure, the Shining Stars are a rough crowd, but it's important to acknowledge that they are only a part of a larger picture, even if they do break the "Dr. Brown" stereotype. While the idea that someone counteracts the socially constructed racial identity of front-row peers at MIT is interesting, I believe that the study of political correctness, I'll call them Marginalized Students. They're the ones who say things like "happy birthday" or "good morning," in the ten minutes after lecture starts, sometimes leaving ten minutes later. The typical Marginalized Student is a young man who, at first glance, looks like an act of God one of them finally comes to recitation to pick up an exam, and you just casually peer over your shoulder at his paper and realize that you're wrong. Keep trying, kid.
The Tech Comics Fun Pages

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the crass rat

DID you buy your books yet?

DOESN'T MATTER
I'M a SENIOR.

HAVE you gone to class yet?

DOESN'T MATTER
I'M a SENIOR.

HAVE you even registered yet?

DOESN'T MATTER
I'M a SENIOR.

Okay—I'll come get you for graduation...

CAN'T I do that online?

INTEGRAL FORCE

HI! do you know anything about $02118?

I need help with—

$02118?

Boy, you must be really smart! I only took $02x!

AHWONG

FoxTrot by Bill Amend

by scott adams

Dilbert®

OUR survey of customer satisfaction shows improvement.

THE focus group spontaneously attacked our researchers using number two pencils as shivs.

THAT'S an improvement!

Last year the attack was premeditated.

This is our new CEO: Rufus T. Squirrel. His first job was trailer park burglar.

But thanks to a series of mergers and acquisitions, not to mention suspicious accounting, here we are.

Would you like to say a few words?

I like our new CEO. He has charisma.

The man sure knows how to rob. He's a miracle worker with duct tape.

He even gave me back my emptied wallet.

Classy move.
Events Calendar

Visit and add events to Events Calendar online at http://events.mit.edu

Tuesday, September 10

10:00 a.m. - Admissions Information Session. Admissions Office Information Session gathers at the Admissions Reception Center (10-100). Meet at the main entrance, Lobby 7, 77 Massachusetts Ave. (Admissions Center corner 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 laboratory buildings, historic buildings, and limited areas. We recommend that you review all campus reserves. Campus tours start at the conclusion of the Admissions Information Sessions. The Campus Tour begins in Lobby 7 (Main Entrance Lobby at 77 Massachusetts Ave). Free. Room: Lobby 7. Sponsor: Information Center.

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

2:00 p.m. - Admissions Information Session. Free. Room: Admissions Reception Center, Building 10. Room 10-100. Sponsor: Information Center.

3:00 p.m. - Field Hockey vs. Bowdoin College. Free. Room: Jack Barry Turf. Sponsor: Department of Athletics.

4:15 p.m. - ORC Fall Seminar Series, Seminar reception immediately following in the Philip Morris Room.

6:00 p.m. - Toastmasters@MIT Evening Meetings. New and returning members are welcome at this weekly meeting on weight control. Friendly, relaxed lunch hour meetings.

8:30 p.m. - City of Cambridge Vigil of Light on the Charles River. All are invited to bring a candle and/or a pen in a momento light vigil along the Charles River beginning at 7:15 p.m. at two key locations: Magazine Beach (Magazine St. & Memorial Drive) and Weeks Footbridge (DeWolfe Bridge Fire Department will signal the start of the vigil. There will be no formal program.

Friday, September 13

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

Saturday, September 12


10:45 a.m. - Campus Tour. Free. Room: Lobby 7 (Main Entrance Lobby at 77 Massachusetts Ave). Sponsor: Information Center.

1:00 p.m. - Mac OS X QuickStart. Room: N42 Demo. Sponsor: Information Systems.

2:00 p.m. - Weight Watchers at Work meeting at MIT. New and returning members are welcome. This is a weight control, friendly, relaxed lunch hour meeting.

3:45 p.m. - "Cities and Renewal: Jerusalem and US." MIT Prof Julian Bertein, urban designer. Free. Room: Rm. 1-590. Sponsor: MIT Joint Program in City Design and Development.

The Tech

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GAME REVIEW
Super Mario Sunshine: Gaming Get!

By Chad Serrat
March 29, 2004

Super Mario Sunshine
By Nintendo
For Nintendo GameCube
$49.99

When Super Mario 64 was released in 1996, it set the standard for all next-generation platform games and left a lot of people anticipating the next incarnation. This is where Super Mario Sunshine comes in. It improves every single aspect of Super Mario 64, and it has added enough extras to make it a new experience. Indeed, this is an evolution of a still fantastic game. If you liked Super Mario 64, you’ll love Super Mario Sunshine. But for those who have never played, you will be shocked as to how much work has gone into this game. The physics engine design, not to mention the inability to destroy objects in Super Mario Sunshine, are much more difficult. Super Mario 64 experts need apply. This mode will have you back in the game before you know it.

The overall objectives are almost identical to those of Super Mario 64. Every stage has eight episodes. Each episode’s goal varies, but most fall into one of four categories: red coin hunt, boss fight, secret area, or chase. Reaching the goal rewards the player with a warp pipe, which is used to transport the character to the next level. These techniques are almost necessary for getting through the game’s tough platforming sequences.

The greatest new elements when Mario wears a water pack named FLUDD on his back. It has a squall gun that can be used to spray away junk, stun back guys, and reveal hidden areas. As well, Mario can reach far-away platforms by using FLUDD to hover in midair. Furthermore, FLUDD can also switch to a rocket nozzle which shoots Mario high up into the air – even though it’s a bit difficult to see where he’s going. Mario, equipped with his powerful FLUDD pack, cleans the city with Yoshi.

CONCERT REVIEW
Dashboard Confesses to Angry Suburban Youth
Too Much Heartfelt Compassion

By Peter Simich

September 10, 2002

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By Nintendo
For Nintendo GameCube
$49.99

When Super Mario Sunshine was released on September 10, 2002, it instantly became the successor to Super Mario 64, and it has been the subject of much discussion and excitement. The game’s success has been attributed to its unique graphics, engaging gameplay, and innovative features. However, more analytical critics have pointed out some flaws in the game’s design and execution. This-parser provides a detailed analysis of the game’s strengths and weaknesses, along with recommendations for improvement.

The game’s graphics are praised for their high level of detail and realism. The environments are richly detailed, with realistic textures and lighting effects. The characters are animated with great care, with realistic facial expressions and smooth animations. However, some critics have noted that the game’s graphics can be a bit too realistic, leading to a sense of disorientation for some players.

The game’s gameplay is praised for its engaging and challenging level design. The levels are well-designed, with challenging puzzles and obstacles to overcome. However, some critics have noted that the level design can be a bit too formulaic, with a lack of variation in the types of challenges presented to the player.

The game’s sound design is praised for its high quality and realism. The sound effects and music are well-designed, with realistic soundscapes and thematic music. However, some critics have noted that the sound design can be a bit too loud, leading to a sense of immersion for some players.

Overall, Super Mario Sunshine is a highly engaging and challenging game that offers a unique and immersive gameplay experience. It is recommended for fans of the series and for gamers who enjoy a unique and challenging gameplay experience. However, it is important to note that the game’s graphics and sound design can be a bit too realistic and loud, leading to a sense of disorientation and immersion for some players.
The biggest threat to depression is your own expectation. The most fun you'll get out of the DMV.

A motorcycle operator license is more important than you think. The fact is, unlicensed riders are over-represented in fatal crashes. So get your license. While an afternoon at the DMV isn’t much fun, having a license is something you can live with.
Two Discs of ‘Wrath’

Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan Better than Ever

By Eric J. Plosky

Kirstie Alley, in her first film role, well and the hijacked Reliant, the disgusting eel during a training cruise, overseeing, with Nevis death - it’s all here.

If you’re a fan of Star Trek, you’ll know that Captain James T. Kirk (William Shatner) delivers it in this movie. Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan, to his arch-nemesis, the magnificently evil Khan (Ricardo Montalban).

In fact, you probably know all about this film, widely regarded — even after two decades — as the best big-screen Star Trek movie. Kirk’s midlife angst, the fantastic Spock (Leonard Nimoy), the performance of Khan in the Enterprise. Other, less substantial, additions make up the total package. The director’s commentary wanders on off and on. This is not the case for Khan, who is the meat of the film.

Thanks to the miracle of the DVD format, this film can still be seen through the starship! The widescreen format fills in details missing on the VHS release. Picture quality is top-notch — so good, actually, that you can now see matte lines and other indications of special effects.

When the Reliant flies in front of Ceti Alpha V, for instance, the planet can still be seen through the star’s rings! The sound is clear and crisp, and James Horner’s score, all brass and cheerfulness, is loud and distinct.

Pack this extras, this two-disc set really satisfies. Following up on last year’s special edition of Star Trek: The Motion Picture, Wrath of Khan includes all sorts of goodies guaranteed to satisfy and amuse even the most ardent fans. The director’s commentary wanders on and off the topic of this film, but Nicholas Meyer does answer the most common question — yes, that is Ricardo Montalban’s real chest, not rubber and padding. A text commentary by legendary tech guru Michael Okuda is a good supplementary counterpart to Meyer’s ramblings.

Harve Bennett, the man behind this movie, explains in one featurette how the project got off the ground, and how it had to wait. This is the best film — as well as the best film of the generation — ever made as economically as possible.

There’s a short documentary on Khan’s groundbreaking special effects and computer-generated imagery. Another segment includes interviews with Shatner, Nimoy, and Montalban, discussing their involvement in the film. Finally, the DVD includes some original interview footage from 1982. Particularly frightening is how good the video is.

All in all, this DVD release goes a long way toward explaining how Khan revitalized the Trek franchise in the 1980s and sent it to the future in feature films. Departing from the first film, Khan, he adds more color, more action, more focus on the Khan-Spock relationship which Bennett calls the “trinity,” a charismatic villain — basicall y, the elements that made the original 1960s television series a hit.

How Kirk copes with reaching middle age is one of the movie’s major story arcs. Right from the beginning, when he complains “gah- longing the cosmos is a game for the young” and reluctantly protects a birthday postcard of his eyes from Bones (McCoy), it is apparent that this movie before Kirk.

Khan is more than up to the task of doing some serious acting. As the aforementioned “Khan” cry notwithstanding. His scenes with ex-lover Carol Marcus (Bibi Besch) and the photogenic son (Orantrick Bittuck), and his eulogy of Spock at the movie’s end, during which Scotty plays “Grace” on the bugbops, are truly moving.

Kirk, Khan, Spock, and Lijestatent. Meyer was able, at last, to include some of the scenes that Para- mounted chopped out of the original theatrical release. The crucial battle between Khan and his heretofore unknown son (Merritt, McCoy), it is apparent that Meyer believes before Kirk.

Shatner manages to take over the starship Reliant, with which he attacks Kirk and company in search of the Genesis device, this film’s still powerful MacGuffin. The aging Kirk flies at being caught off-guard by Khan, but Spock figures it out.

During an unintentionally revealing moment, Nina asks her son Jake to send in pictures of her son. When Sy discovers that gay pictures that Sy processes are perfectly all whites, a somewhat clichéd but nonetheless effective backstory for a story of isolation and psychosis. Even the photographs that Sy processes are simply ignored in this one. Nina’s character is simply ignored in this one. Nina’s character is simply ignored in this one.

This makes the character of Nina’s irrelevant to the film. The only reason why she is there is to provide some plot device.

One Hour Photo

Underdeveloped

Robin Williams Extends Creep Streak to Two

By Jed Horne

Robin Williams plays Sy Parrish, an actor who decides to become a photographer. Spike Jonze, has created a well-paced and visceral thriller in One Hour Photo. The character of Sy is the person of interest in the story.

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A trumpet blast was sounded in Lobby 10 on Sept. 5 to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the tragedy at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich. Terrorist attacks at the 1972 Games killed 11 Israeli athletes and one German police officer.
Harvard has about 20,000 students, including professional students, while Berkeley has about 30,000 and MIT has about 10,000.

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The police report subdivided drug and alcohol violations into referrals and arrests. MIT made five alcohol referrals, one alcohol arrest, two drug referrals, and seven drug arrests. Five of the drug arrests were on campus.

MIT reported that it responded to 20 "crises," including nine psychiatric events, nine alcohol or drug-related events, and two suicide attempts.

The MIT Police transported 566 students in 2001. Of these, 66 were involved in emergencies, including sudden illness and athletic injuries; 196 were transports from one medical facility to another; and 304 were medical shuttles to or from MIT Medical.

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In addition to crime statistics, the police report discussed two sets of commendations for MIT Police officers.

On Nov. 24, 2001, MIT Police officers John W. Carr, Jamie G. DiGregorio, Theresa L. Gomes, Kevin P. Kirchdorfer, Robert J. Molino, Orlando Tirella, and Joseph S. West received commendations "for an emergency response and life saving assistance to an attempted suicide victim," the report said. An MIT Police supervisor said she was not immediately able to elaborate on the circumstances surrounding the incident.


MIT police had become certified to use semi-automatic external defibrillators in April 2001, and on Dec. 1, DiGregorio was the first MIT officer to use the device on a victim in Walker Memorial.

MIT's campus crime reports are required by the federal Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990.

The complete 2001 MIT Police report can be read online at <http://web.mit.edu/cp/www/anrep01.shtml/>.
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concern," he said. Josiah D. Seale ’03, the Undergraduate Association president, asked Trujillo “who in MIT Medical signed off” on the decision to release records of medical transportation use to the administration. Trujillo responded that he did not know.

The 65 newly-trained student emergency medical technicians are currently in their final stages of training, and will soon replace campus police officers in transporting students for emergency medical purposes. The system is an improvement over relying on the MIT Police, Trujillo said, because it allows the police to focus on maintaining safe environments without also needing to provide medical attention.

Hayden privacy addressed

Steven Gass, the associate director for public services, also addressed the council on the Hayden Library’s new 24-hour study room, which is scheduled to open later this semester.

Gass discussed the privacy implications of planned security measures, including a plan to control access to the room with the MIT Card. There will also be a security camera monitoring the door to the study room to provide a record of who those entering and leaving the room, he said.

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Volleyball Finds Depth
In Freshmen Recruits,

MIT Starts Season 2-1

By Paul Dill

After losing five seniors to

graduation, many expected this to be a rebuilding year for MIT's var-

sity women's volleyball team. However, with the injection of

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gram, the Engineers are looking to start right where they left off last

season. Last fall the team posted a top twenty national ranking, a

number one regional ranking, and a

29-9 final record.

MIT kicked off the 2002 season with an away tournament at

Franklin and Marshall College in Pennsylvania. With a lineup that

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