Petition, Talks Fuel Iraq Debate at MIT

By Kathy Lin

The debate over possible U.S. military action in Iraq has hit MIT on several fronts, with a major petition gaining support on campus and a series of discussions this week.

Monday, security experts debated the pros and cons of waging war with Iraq as a forum sponsored by the MIT Center for International Studies. On Thursday, an "Iraq Teach-In" will conclude with a talk by former U.N. weapons inspector Scott Ritter, who has already spoken at MIT in the past month.

Thus far, more than 27,600 members of the U.S. academic community have signed an online open letter opposing an U.S. invasion of Iraq.

The petition, which began as an open letter opposing a U.S. invasion of Iraq, was addressed by MIT spokesman Andrew T. Yue '03 and Judicial Committee Chair Sheldon Y. Chan '03.

"I think there's widespread opposition to the war that hasn't been as visible as it should be, and that the whole way of allowing people to voice their opinions about the issue," Kanki said.

Petition gaining momentum

The petition is steadily gaining signatures and donations toward an advertisement in The New York Times as the Bush administration continues its efforts to rally public support for a war on Iraq.

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IFC Fills Two Positions Left Open By Resignations

By Jennifer Krishnam

The Interfraternity Council has elected two interim officers to fill positions left vacant by the recent resignations of IFC President Andrew T. Yue '03 and Judicial Committee Chair Sheldon Y. Chan '03.

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Boston University senior Almea Rayle chants and dances in front of a crowd of about 100 anti-war protesters near Kresge Square Sunday afternoon. The protest against a potential war with Iraq originated at Boston University and concluded at Faneuil Hall with an appearance by Green Party gubernatorial candidate Jill Stein.

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"I don't know that it has affected it too terribly badly," Satler said. "There doesn't seem to be mountains of trash outside our waste baskets."

Satler said that Forest City had a statement through Campbell, saying, "We are supportive of workers' needs for health benefits and fair wages. All custodial workers working on the MIT campus have health care benefits and all MIT employees are paid fairly."
Four Justices Oppose Juvenile Execution

WASHINGTON

Four Supreme Court justices declared their opposition Monday to executing juvenile offenders, a strong signal that sentiment is growing in favor of further restrictions on the death penalty in the United States.

The announcement by Justices John Paul Stevens, David Souter, Roderick M. Gonzalez, and Stephen Breyer, all of whom have conservative majorities, refused to reconsider the question of whether executing murderers who committed their crimes at age 16 or 17 is "cruel and unusual punishment" prohibited by the Constitution.

The opinion, written by Stevens and co-signed by Souter, Ginsburg, and Breyer, called for a "repeal of the past" that is inconsistent with evolving standards of decency in a civilized society.

"We should put an end to this shameful practice," the opinion said.

Bush to Propose Rules to Ease Generic Drug Availability

WASHINGTON

President Bush plans to propose new rules designed to make it easier for Americans to buy generic medicine by removing the ability of brand-name pharmaceutical companies to keep lower-price drugs off the market.

Administration officials Sunday night estimated the plan, which could be within the next few weeks, could save $3 billion a year off the nation's rapidly escalating expenditures on prescription drugs.

The administration, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Bush essentially will call for a new interpretation of a law that covers how the brand-name drug industry gets and preserves patents for the therapeutics that it develops.

The White House is responding to criticism of the industry, including a recent federal study, that has accused the company of exploiting loopholes in the law to thwart competition — and thus increase the price of medicine for patients, employers and government-run insurance programs.

Biotech Industry Bans Some Gene-Altered Crops

WASHINGTON

Spared by growing fear that drugs or chemicals made in gene-altered plants will taint the food supply, the North American biotechnology industry is adopting a broad moratorium on planting certain types of crops in the food-producing regions.

The voluntary ban, which goes beyond any proposed government regulation, is designed to prevent the spread of exotic genes into field crops likely to be used for food or animal feed. Its most immediate impact will be to bar companies from planting certain types of canola on the Canadian prairie, but the ban could eventually apply to numerous crops and regions.

Three companies, whose spokespersons met in Washington last week to launch the moratorium, are Monsanto, Genentech and the USDA.

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Weather

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By Carol Morello and R.H. Melton

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Five Miles from Flurries

By Michael J. Ring

A sure sign of winter's approach is the first mention of snow in the forecast, and while the immediate Boston area should escape the week without snow, northern New England will have a few flurries tonight.

The jet stream dip to the south has allowed cool Canadian air to flow across the northern United States. This cold intrusion has limited snow on Michigan's upper peninsula associated with a low pressure system near the Great Lakes. This storm will move eastward and bring us snow showers tonight.

While any accumulation is expected to be light, it will probably be cold enough to support snow flurries in Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine.

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Archaeological Finding May Be Earliest Record of Jesus' Life

By Thomas H. Maugh II

A French scholar has discovered what may be the earliest archaeological evidence of Jesus — a 1,940-year-old, limestone burial box bearing the inscription "James, son of Joseph, brother of Jesus." The 20-inch-long box for holding the bones of the deceased, known as an ossuary, dates from A.D. 63 and all evidence suggests that it is genuine and not a forgery, said paleographer Andre Lemaire of the Sorbonne University in Paris, who discovered it in a private collection.

The discovery, which so far has survived the scrutiny of a variety of scholars and scientists, could be one of the most important finds in New Testament archaeology, said Her- gedor Shan, publisher of the Biblical Archeology Review, which is reporting Lemaire's findings in its November/December issue. Until this find, the oldest existing text with the name "Jesus" was a papyrus fragment of the New Testa- ment dated about a century after Jesus' death.

One of the major questions fac- ing historians is whether the James mentioned in the inscription is actu- ally St. James, who headed the church in Jerusalem after Jesus' death, or whether the inscription refers to another family entirely.

Although Lemaire said at a Monday news conference that it is "very probable" that the box once held the bones of St. James, P. Kyle McCarter of Johns Hopkins Univer- sity told the same gathering that "we may never be absolutely cer- tain." In the week I do, we are rarely, absolutely certain about anything," he said.

"It is real," said John McCray of Wheaton College in Illinois. "The major question is, are we 100 percent certain that the reference is to Jesus (Christ)? The answer is no, we are not 100 percent certain, but the probabilities are very strong that it is."
Letters To the Editor

Elon Sweeps Away Palestinian Rights

Mr. Benny Elon’s failure to recognize that force alone can never sever the attachment of Palestinians to the homes and lands from which their parents were forcibly expelled starting in 1947 is nothing other than dangerous self-delusion. The fact that, in their minds, Palestinians identify with each other and with the land of Palestine cannot be nullified or erased by transferring them across the river Jordan.

It is sad that while Palestinian living memories—only half a century old—are represented as a sentimental “fantasy land,” Jews who have never before set foot in Palestine claim a right to “return” there after millennia.

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Human Rights: Let's Be Honest

Vivek Rao

Politicians are a funny lot. While some of them are in it solely for the power trip, a large number of them enter the political arena do so with a sincere and a sincere desire to change the world for the better. Some of them use their power and gain power, so they seem to become focused on retain-
ing their office, which in return, allows them to rather than truly fighting for that in which they believe. Yet once in a while, there are leaders who seem to have forgotten the cause of the people, the fate of this planet and in their place, leaders like Jimmy Carter. Carter is a man who has not only received the Nobel Peace Prize, despite cynics' claims that it merely represents a swipe by the pendulum back and forth.
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GRADUALLY REWORD THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT UNTIL ONE DAY THEY MATCH WHAT YOU'VE ALREADY DONE.

CAN YOU HELP ME WEASEL OUR OF AN IMPOSSIBLE ASSIGNMENT?
I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER SEEN YOU SO QUIETLY, PETER.

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WHAT'S THE POINT OF WAVING A BUNCH OF ZUNK IF YOU DON'T NEED IT?
YOU NEED TO KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING WITH IT. YOU NEED TO DEFINE THE VISION OF THE PROJECT.

YOU CAN'T HAVE A JUDICIAL PROCESS FOR SIMPLIFYING THE PROJECT.
A REVISION OF CORPORATE GOALS WILL CREATE A VISIONARY STATEMENT.

YOU THINK YOU UNDERSTAND SOME OF THE MEANING OF THE PROJECT. I THINK YOU SHOULD JOIN THE REST OF US.

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Events Calendar

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Tuesday, October 22

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Physical Education Lottery. Registration for PE courses. MIT Athletics Card required for registration. Please note that lottery closes at 1 p.m. on October 24th. Free. Room: W2-125. Sponsor: Alpha Chi Omega.

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Alpha Chi Omega DVA Week Flower Sale. To raise money for a local domestic violence shelter, Alpha Chi Omega is selling carnations ($1.00 each) and iris ($1.50). Send these to a friend or a member of the community. Free. Room: Lobby 7 (Main Entrance Lobby at 77 Massachusetts Ave). Sponsor: Alpha Chi Omega.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon - Admissions Information Session. Admissions Office Information Session gatherings at the Admissions Reception Center (10-100). Enter MIT at the main entrance. Lobby 7, 77 Massachusetts Ave (closed building entrance). Room: Lobby 7 (Main Entrance Lobby at 77 Massachusetts Ave). Free. Room: W2-100. Sponsor: Information Center.

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - An Introduction to Pottery Tours. Tour Guides will present brief but interesting introductions about the wide variety of pottery styles and traditions, and will introduce the concepts of glazing, clay body, and decorative techniques used in various cultures. Those who have signed up will be asked to attend one of the pottery tours. Tours are approximately 90 minutes long and provide a general overview of the main campus. Please note that tour dates do not work Saturdays, holidays, or groups over 15 people need to make specific arrangements. Room: Lobby 7 (Main Entrance Lobby at 77 Massachusetts Ave). Free. Room: Lobby 7 (Main Entrance Lobby at 77 Massachusetts Ave). Sponsor: Information Center.

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CONCERT REVIEW

Sleater-Kinney: Yeah, Yeah, YEAH! Who Needs Bass Guitars, Anyway?

By Petar Sinich

Sleater-Kinney’s national tour for their newest album One Beat brought them to Boston, with the gifted Wind Ensemble and the Quails coming along for the ride. The show was sold out, and people were crowded out in strategic locations along the block asking the classic question, “Anyone got an extra ticket?”

Although it was an all-ages show, the youngest person there had to be sixteen and the oldest person there had to be about twenty. The Roxy is evidently more of a night club than a concert venue, with clean-cut bouncers and an ornately decorated concert hall that looked like it could be converted into a dance hall in a matter of seconds.

People crowded the raised dance platform immediately in front of the stage while a good number of others lined the railing of the second level. First up were the Quails, a three-person, grammy-award-winning group consisting of a male bassist, a female guitarist, and a female drummer. Their music sounded like complex garage rock interspersed with progressive rock and hints of punk rock. While their songs had variety and some decent melodies, they weren’t very spectacular.

The guitarist’s singing, which somewhat reminded me of Kim Warnick, was rather idiomatically Korean. His voice perfectly accompanied by wild drums that actually kept the beat and an incredibly distorted guitar with some cool effects. Most of the songs were a bit tamer and less experimental. The second set was a bit better, but some songs were a bit harder and less experimental. The second song was really just an American folk song, but it was very inventive, using the different sections of the band in five variations on a rather idiomatic Korean theme.

The first variation featured a polished clarinet section, and the second variation gave the audience a taste of what the band’s new album will be like. The third variation was rather long and complex, with wild drums. The fourth variation was quite short and contained a bit of a surprise. The fifth variation was the most intense and powerful, with wild screams and a bit of shouting.

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INTERVIEW

Dissecting a Jackass
Eximining the Naughty Bits

By Daniel Dock

Johnny Knoxville, the 31-year-old six-feet-one-inch tall host of Jackass, was born and raised in Knoxville, Tennessee with the name Phillip John Clapp. He grew up pulling pranks, and even at the young age of seven years old he was pulling dangerous stunts; once he decided to poke a hornet's nest with a stick. Johnny admits his twisted sense of humor comes from his father, who used to pull pranks on Johnny as a child, like the time his father ran a warm hot-dog over Johnny's lips while he slept and pretended to zip up when Johnny awoke. Shortly after graduating from high school and dropping out of college, Johnny eloped with his neighbor, Melanie. About five years ago they had a daughter named Madison (whose name is tattooed on his chest).

Johnny supported his budding family by appearing in commercials for such companies as Taco Bell, Coors Light, and Mountain Dew. He also wrote the occasional article for such magazines as Blaine, Bikini, and Big Brother. Then, in 1996, a stroke of genius came to Johnny when he decided to shoot himself with pepper spray, a taser, a stun gun, and a .38 and write about an article about it. Jeff Tremaine, the editor of Big Brother, convinced Johnny to video-tape it. This stunt and a few others ended up on the Big Brother Video series and were an immediate cult hit.

Johnny teamed up with Jeff Tremaine, Spike Jonze, and the East Coast CKY crew (Bam Margera, Ryan Dunn, and Brandon DiCamillo) and pitched the show to MTV. Jackass quickly became MTV's highest rated show. The show ran for three seasons, and the show came to an end because of Jackass copy cats and Johnny's own desire to end the show while it was still funny. Johnny believed that they had done all they could on the television series.

All the naughty things not allowed on the TV show will be in the Jackass movie coming out Oct. 25 (the movie marks the end of the Jackass series).

On Oct. 14th I was given the opportunity to sit down with Johnny Knoxville and ask him a few questions.

**The Tech:** What was your favorite stunt that you did on the series?

**Johnny Knoxville:** I don't necessarily know if I... I don't sit around and think about "wow, man, I fucking rock!" I liked the Steve-O Goldfish trick cause we were traveling to do another stunt and his pieces of shit car broke down after we had just picked him up at a circus inside a flea market where he was working as a clown. He was, like, up there with John Wayne Gacy for fucking scary clowns. So we were gonna do another hit and his car broke down we were like, "ok, what do we do now?" And he's like (Johnny imitates Steve-O's voice) "Dude let's get some goldfish." So we tried that and it worked, and while we were there we got Jeff Tremaine a mallet and the barber there.

**TT:** Did that guy with the lazy eye (in the skit) just walk up to you guys?

**JK:** Yeah, he was snoopy. We gave him the goldfish afterwards. I bet he had a nice barbeque.

**TT:** In the Jackass series you mix in a lot of stuff from Europe trips. What was your favorite story or funny thing you did while you were away on a Europe trip?

**JK:** Oh god, some of the Europe... Well, Pontus has a masturbatory problem, and so he's constantly doing it in the van and everywhere. And pulling out of London, we got this beat '89 Jag and he was in the back going to town and Steve-O was sitting next to him. And Steve-O decided to go to town, meanwhile people in the double-decker buses were driving beside us and they were just back there killing it. And we went from England to Russia, and back by the time we got back to England the back of the seat was just a science project. Horrible. I didn't ride in that car.

**TT:** That wasn't on the Gumball Rally Episode.

**JK:** No, that didn't air on television.

**TT:** About celebrities, in the middle of the series you had Tony Hawk and Matt Hoffman on the show. Did you approach them, or did they approach you about being on the show?

**JK:** They're friends, they're friends of ours so we asked them and, yeah, they were nice enough to do it for us.

**TT:** So the movie, is it going to be just like the episodes with the movies?

**JK:** It's just a naughty 90-minute episode of the show Very naughty, a lot of things going in and out.

**TT:** So the movie was it originally going be NC-17 and they changed it? Or was it going to rated R all along?

**JK:** We intended it to be R it the whole time.

The Greater Boston Invitational Sing, an annual concert featuring all seven of MIT's a cappella groups, took place Saturday at Kresge Auditorium.

Above: The Chorallaries closed the concert with a bang, with Leah K. Premo '04 delivering an body-shaking performance of Shakira's "Suavita."

Above Left: The Toons' Nikhila Deo '04 gives a passionate performance of K's Choice's "Not an Addict."

Left: Chorallaries Charlene Chuang '05, Daniel Bates '05, and Alex del Nido '06.

Below: Jon Varsanik '04 and the Logs opens the night with an action-packed rendition of the Foo Fighters "Learn to Fly."

Photography by Sandra Yu and Nathan Collins.

Johnny Knoxville's upcoming movie, Jackass, will be released on Oct. 25. But the first five times we tuned it in it got NC-17. So the MPAA gave us the notes of what was objectionable. But they don't, when they tell you what's objectionable they simply tell you what's objectionable; they don't tell you what to take out of it. So we didn't have to take out any of the bits we wanted in the film; we just couldn't linger on things so long. Oh, and we couldn't show extraction or insertion.
The Head of the Charles

By Kevin R. Lang

The Head of the Charles Regatta proved to be a serious challenge for MIT's Men's Heavyweight crews this weekend, but exceptional medal-winning performances by MIT alumni in the sculling events brought some redemption to the boatmen.

Steve Tucker '91, a longtime lightweight rudder for the U.S. national team, took his second-straight silver medal in the championship singles, once again behind MIT graduate student Steven Atkinson '00, who rowed with the varsity seven. Tucker moved to MIT's varsity four, which placed third place overall among 24 boats with a time of 20:17. Pictured, from left to right: Nprupama S. Rao '04 (coxswain), Lesley D. Frame '04, Sarah K. Venson '03, Chandra J. Claycamp '03, William J. Arora '03, Bo Morgan '03, and Tucker took home $2,500 for third.

In the Club Singles on Saturday, varsity heavyweight alumnus Igor Belakovskly '01 kicks up a spray as he races to a second-place finish in the Schwab Championship Sprint, an exhibition race between the top three scullers, to claim the gold medal. Pictured, from left to right: Steve Tucker '91 (coxswain), John H. Dlse '03, Derrick O. Car- lor, and Tucker took home $2,500 for third.

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Head for Heavyweights, But Alums Dominate Sculling

The varsity eight had high hopes coming into the Head, after sitting at the bottom of the Charles Regatta and just missing bronze at the New Hampshire Championships, but they were not prepared for the rough conditions on Sunday. Racing winds threw the Charles into a heavy chop, especially near the start line and in the last 1,000 meters before the finish.

The eight, featuring coxswain Craig J. Robbino '06, captain Andy Hill '05, Stephen P. Sullivan '05, John J. C. Holmes '05, Jacob J. O'Keefe '05, Filip Arrich '05, Kevin R. Lang '05, and CMI exchange student Johann K. Schaff, and Frederick D. Wang '03, started off strong, pulling a steady 32-blade stroke across the Massachusetts University. Past Magazine Beach, the Engineers were out in front as they had a lead of over 15 seconds and seemed to have the championship in the bag. But they suffered a one-minute penalty, resulting in a long delay and a one-minute penalty from the judges.

The Head of the Charles is run until you run into a bridge, lose 45 seconds, and get a minute penalty on top of it," Arora said. The four ended up near the bottom of the field, thanks largely to the heavy penalty.

"We should have given the heat a bit more power throughout the race," Figari said. "We aimed to have a bit more power in the heat, but we were trying to keep from over-psyching ourselves and losing our edge in the heat." MIT's Men's Heavyweight crews Craig J. Rothman '99, who rowed with the third, and Steve Tucker '91, a longtime lightweight rudder for the U.S. national team, took their second-straight silver medal at the Head of the Ohio Regatta and just missing bronze at the New Hampshire Championships, where MIT was off ahead of the top three crews, to give no room to the Hamilton crew to come into the Head, after taking a 16:22.5. a respectable finish, but nowhere near where they expected to be.

"The Head of the Charles features the best rowing there is in the world," said Coach Gordon Hamilton. "We were definitely better prepared for the conditions. I can see the weight room in the tough race for heavies choppy water. MIT finished the race coming into the Head, after taking a 16:22.5. a respectable finish, but nowhere near where they expected to be.

The Head of the Charles is fun, but it's a serious Head for Heavyweights, But Alums Dominate Sculling.

"It's a serious challenge for MIT, but we've been working hard all year," said Coach Hamilton. "We've been working hard all year, and we're ready to show our stuff." MIT's Men's Heavyweight crews Craig J. Rothman '99, who rowed with the third, and Steve Tucker '91, a longtime lightweight rudder for the U.S. national team, took their second-straight silver medal at the Head of the Ohio Regatta and just missing bronze at the New Hampshire Championships, where MIT was off ahead of the top three crews, to give no room to the Hamilton crew to come into the Head, after taking a 16:22.5. a respectable finish, but nowhere near where they expected to be.

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Haynes R. Miller, who was among the first signers of the petition. “War is not the answer.”

In September, Fox wrote to the Minnesota Daily to express his anti-war opinions, which he “had been ... thinking about and expressing among friends since the events of Sept. 11.” He found his colleagues “very willing to add their names” to the letter, so he and his friends sent e-mails to colleagues across the country to “get even more names for greater impact.”

The online effort to collect signatures for the letter was pioneered by Kanwisher, who helped lead the campaign to urge MIT to divest from companies with ties to Israel that began early this year. What stands out about this campaign, she said, is that “it’s been deemed as uncontroversial. Many people are just grateful for our doing this, and so far I’ve only received three negative e-mails. With other issues, we’ve gotten hate mail left and right; this is a really unusual response.”

“The letter gained signatures so rapidly that it caught me off guard,” Pollock said. “I believe that containing could have worked, but there were changes that needed to be made in the early 1990s that weren’t made... and no real hope of containment can be revived now.”

The problem he cited is that Iraq is “no good at hiding their weapons of mass destruction,” making any arms inspectors job very difficult, if not impossible. In addition, “arms inspectors only check to see if Iraq is complying with regulations,” Pollock said; “there is no way for inspectors to strip Iraq of their weapons unless they’re willing to comply.”

Pollock said that Saddam Hussein is in an economic and political position to acquire materials to build nuclear weapons, and “it’s only a matter of time before he does.”

Stephen W. Van Evera, associate director of CIS and professor of political science, argued against war with Iraq. While acknowledging that “Saddam Hussein is a serious threat with large imperial ambitions and dangerous weapons of mass destruction,” Evera said that there are more imminent issues that the administration should focus on. “Russia and Palestine are far likelier places for al Qaeda to get nuclear materials from,” Van Evera said. “Is it worthwhile to spend so much money on Iraq and not on Russia, which has much more nuclear power?”

Middle Eastern military expert Kenneth Pollack, Professor of Political Science Stephen Van Evera, and MIT Associate Director of the Security Studies Program speak at the MIT Center for International Studies’ forum “War with Iraq: Pros and Cons” Monday afternoon in the Wong Auditorium.

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Some ILGs May Stay In IFC Despite Split

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Epsilon Phi, and the Women's Independent Living Group.

"The LGC was formed as a way to get those ILGs to come together because they shared a lot of the same interests," said Assistant Dean and Director of FSILGs David N. Rogers. Historically, all LGC houses have also been members of the IFC.

"There are a lot of IFC policies that aren't applicable to LGC houses," Owens said. "Houses prefer to be in a smaller group where their voices can be heard — being one out of six as opposed to one out of 32."

LGC member houses agree that the smaller forum allows them to focus on issues specifically facing them.

"Secession" is in the best interests for the LGC as a body," said Tau Epsilon Phi Chancellor Jason T. Rolfe '03. "It's similar to the difference between macro-management and micromanagement — being in a smaller group allows them to make decisions better tailored to their philosophical needs."

The idea to form a wholly separate governing body for ILGs is not a new one, however. "This has definitely been a goal that LGC houses have wanted to accomplish for a long time — it's just gotten serious this past year," Owens said.

IFC supports LGC decision

While the IFC will potentially lose some members, "The IFC is very supportive of LGC's decision," IFC Vice President Amado G. Dehoyos '04 said. "There have been times in the past where the IFC and LGC haven't necessarily seen eye to eye on certain issues, but this will give them the opportunity to expand and grow on their own."

Dehoyos says that the coming LGC secession will not change the IFC's fundamental goals. "One of the big things we've been trying to be focused on is building community," he said. "We're still going to try to bridge our community with Panhellenic and LGC.

Currently the presidents of all FSILGs meet every two weeks to discuss issues affecting the community. Dehoyos hopes that these meetings will still take place after the LGC secedes. "Hopefully we'll be able to bring leaders from the community together at least once a term and bring good things out of the meetings," he said.

If the IFC member population is composed solely of fraternities in the future, Dehoyos says that this might mean "minor shifts to do things we might not have been able to do before."

Some frats required to be in IFC

Many fraternities in the IFC are local chapters of national fraternities that require them to be members of a governing body.

The LGC fraternity Tau Epsilon Phi will not be able to leave the IFC because of these regulations. However, the house may still be a part of the newly independent LGC.

"These governing bodies have functions and advantages beyond just policing members, and members would derive these benefits," Rolfe said.

However, there is no MIT regulation that requires fraternities or independent living groups to be part of any governing council like the IFC or LGC, according to Rogers.

Theoretically, an independent living group can choose to be independent of both the IFC and LGC as long as its national organization allows it. "Membership in the IFC and LGC provides benefits, but if it's something [houses'] think they can do autonomously, there's nothing we can do to hold them back," Dehoyos said.

"The rules don't change," Rogers said. "They still follow the same policies and procedures that govern all of the other living groups."

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Students Seek MIT Endorsement of New Agreement

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been in contact with both UNICCO and the Service Employees International Union Local 254, but the company was not actively pressur- ing UNICCO to settle the strike. "We firmly support any efforts that would broker a just and equi- table resolution to this issue," Sat- tler said.

At least one major developer, State Street Corp., sent a letter to UNICCO on Oct. 15 indicating that UNICCO’s contract was at risk unless the strike was resolved soon. In addition, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) sent a letter to federal agencies asking them to pressure UNICCO to settle the strike, and the National Labor Relations Board has issued complaints against both UNICCO and Janitronics.

UNICCO representatives did not return calls seeking comment regarding any possible contact by MIT or Forest City. Campbell said he was unaware of any such efforts by MIT.

Students push for changes at MIT

Stephanie W. Wang ’04, the MIT representative for the Student Labor Action Project (SLAP), is among the students in the Boston area coordinating activities Thurs- day with students from Boston Col- lege, Boston University, Harvard, Northeastern, Tufts, and other schools.

Wang said that no direct action at MIT had yet been planned for Thursday, but that she was "pretty sure there should be something going on in Cambridge since there are a lot of buildings in Cambridge that are covered under the master contract."

Wang and other students have been in contact with Kirk D. Kolenbrander, special assistant to the president and chancellor, about MIT’s position on the custodial workers. Wang said that she was not satisfied with Vest’s statement, call- ing it "empty."

She and others want MIT to require its own custodial contractors to sign the interim agreement reached between the SEIU Local 254 and some of the involved con- tractors.

"I think [Kolenbrander is] still open to further discussion," Wang said. "It’s very frustrating in that it’s a very time-sensitive issue."

Kolenbrander said he had not yet heard of Wang’s request for MIT to meet the interim agreement, but that he would "be interested in hearing it."

"I’ve asked Stephanie and her colleagues for some additional information," he said.

Kolenbrander said he did not know if Vest’s support of fair labor standards for janitors meant that MIT would hold its lessees to the same standard. "I think that is a reasonable question for the MIT community to debate," Kolenbrander said.

He reiterated Vest’s statement that MIT provides its own janitors with adequate wages and benefits. "MIT is taking the most direct action it has by providing its employees a fair wage and benefits package," he said.

Pressure builds as strike continues

Members of the SEIU Local 254, a branch of the AFL/CIO, have been on strike since Sept. 30 after con- tract negotiations stalled. The two major employers affected by the strike are UNICCO and Janitronics, Inc., who along with smaller con- tractors provide custodial services to nearly 100 major buildings in the Boston area, according to the union.

While temporary agreements have been reached with several smaller firms, UNICCO and the SEIU have clashed quite publicly in the past few weeks. UNICCO has been placing advertisements calling the strike "a war of words filled with misinformation, innuendo and in some cases false and misleading statements."

The SEIU Local 254 is fighting for higher wages and health care benefits, which are often denied "to janitors who are considered part- time employees. The SEIU contends that janitors “are paid as little as $39 a day. Because their salaries are so low and they are given only four hours of work each night, most jani- tors are forced to work two or three jobs to provide for their family.”

According to SLAP, MIT jani- tors are currently paid $14.80 per hour, which ranks the Institute’s wages as one of the highest among Boston-area universities.
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CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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A card swapper has been installed at the front entrance of the building as an interim measure until the permanent security system is in place. Temporary ceiling tiles in main lobby have been replaced. The remaining tiles are on site and will be replaced floor-by-floor. Remaining construction on the building continues and noise is being mitigated so disruption to residents will be as minimal as possible.

Vassar St. Utilities
Relocation of the chilled water line for Building 35 is in progress; no disruption in service is anticipated. Excavation for the steam line to Advanced Energy across Main Street continues. The steam piping and backfill at Johnson Athletics is nearing completion. Vassar St. is now one-way heading west from Mem St. to Mass Ave. until June 2003.

Dreyfus Chemistry Building
Repair work on the east concrete façade is nearing completion. Installation of mechanical systems continues. Installation of exterior metal panels to roof penthouse is in progress.

Amherst Alley Steam Repairs
Most of the steam repairs are complete. At two locations on the east and west end of W4, repair work on a condensate return line will be repaired. Four parking spaces will be left open for excavation and mechanical vehicles while work is in progress.

Building 7 ADA accessible entrance
Construction of an ADA accessible entrance to Building 7 is underway. Shrubbery and trees on the north side of the 77 Mass Ave steps (behind the bus shelter) have been removed to make room for installation of this entrance. Shrubbery and trees have also been removed from the south side of the steps so that both sides can be re-planted in balance upon completion of the project.

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IFC Officers Excited About New Positions

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branches), enforcement and investigation," Dehoyos said.

JudComm has a chief investigator, responsible for knowing when events will be held and assigning investigators their responsibilities, and a review board secretary, who processes complaints and determines whether there will be a trial, Dehoyos said.

"JudComm is still taking care of everything, but ExecComm has taken over communication" between the two branches, he said.

Wilczek discusses plans

The position of external relations chair "has great potential," Wilczek said.

She said she plans to maintain "an active relationship with both [the Panhellenic Association] and [the Dormitory Council]."

Wilczek also said she intends to follow through with one of Schmid's projects, "the good neighbors project," which encourages fraternity and sorority and independent living groups to write letters to their neighbors and "extend hands in friendship."

Neither Wilczek nor Chou ran for IFC ExecComm positions last December.

Chou said he is planning on running for treasurer again in December.

Wilczek said she has not yet decided whether she will run for external relations chair again.

Interest unchanged

Members of ExecComm are elected by the Presidents’ Council, which consists of the presidents of all the member houses. Nominations for IFC executive committee positions must remain open for two weeks.

Dehoyos said nominations did not seem to be affected by the IFC’s recent spate of resignations. "There was about the same level of interest as usual," he said.

"When events first started happening, there was some worry and concern" among member houses, Dehoyos said. Members "wondered where their leadership was taking them," but they have been "very supportive of what we’ve been doing."
out against Mt. Holyoke College and finished them off 9-0. Because of the inclement weather, all match play was held in the tennis bubble.

In doubles, Koo/Egloff (8-2), Rayej/Konowich (8-1), Tien/Cichon (8-6), and Nelson/Arzeno (8-5) all secured victories. Pai/Desieno lost their match 8-1.

MIT picked it up another level in singles play, making fewer unforced errors. Koo pummeled her opponent to win 6-0, 6-2 and Rayej also used power and aggression to win 6-0, 6-1. Tien came back from an initial 6-2 deficit to win in two, while Egloff relied upon her 6-1 in the second set after a close 6-4 first set. Cichon, Konowich, Elaine Ni '06, and Lee all won their matches easily.

MIT favored in post-season play

This past weekend, Koo, Rayej, Tien, Egloff, Cichon and Konowich traveled to Amherst, MA to compete in the New England Women's Intercollegiate Tennis Tournament (NEWITT). Despite facing tough competition, all fared well.

"We went there, we played hard, and we had fun. That's what matters," Egloff said.

This upcoming weekend, the group will be traveling to Western Massachusetts to participate in the New England Men's and Women's Athletic Conference Tournament. MIT, seeded 81, is expected to do well.

The team's impressive record and their current conference standing reflect their months of hard work.

"This season has been great. I think we learned a lot from last year, and we stepped up to the challenge when we most needed to," Rayej said. "I'm really looking forward to putting it all together at NEWMAC."

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