Tech Fraud
Over $77K,
Committee
Reports
By Naveen Sunkavally

The Tech lost more than $77,000 from fraudulent credit card transac-
tions and forged checks over the last two years, according to a report
recently released to the Managing Board, the group consisting of the
organization's editors. The figure is significantly higher than the pre-
viously reported estimate of $50,000. The Tech's annual budget is about
$400,000.

MIT has filed a Proof of Loss with its insurers for the amount of
$80,000, according to the report, written by The Tech's now-dis-
banded investigative committee. Since MIT's insurance policy appears
to have a $40,000 deductible, the report says, at most
$40,000 can be recovered from insurance.

"I am optimistic that we will get a good portion of the money back," said
Tech Chairman Sandra M. Chung '94. The Tech is currently participating in an MIT audit of its
financial records that may aid the MIT police investigation into The Tech's losses, Chung said.

Credit card losses total $54,000

The report attributes about $54,000 of the loss to abuse of The Tech's credit card machine, which was apparently used to issue illicit refunds directly from The Tech's outside checking account with Cambridge Trust Company.

The refund feature of the credit card terminal was password-protect-
ted, according to The Tech. The lost money was probably used for
personal use, according to the report.

Fraud in Tech's billing system also accounts for about
$23,000 of the losses, the report says.

"The losses are the result of a few people who took advantage of the system," said Tech Editor-in-Chief Tom Wimmer '94.

Pledge Numbers, Imbalance Threaten FSILGs

By Ricarosse Roque

Fraternity and living group pledges have approached three hund-
dred this year, but have tapered off below the levels required to
perpetuate the entire fraternity system without freshmen.

Narrowing of the male-female ratio on campus and a later rush peri-
dode have presented difficulties for fraternities, as the phenomenon of
"clique pledging" — freshmen pledging in groups of friends to a single
fraternity on mass — has increased imbalances among fraternity rush
results. This clumping appears to have been an unexpected conse-
quence of the late rush this year.

Fraternities and living groups "will have to work harder," said
Chancellor Phillip L. Clay PhD '75. "We'll definitely need to increase
the amount of people [in each class] going to the new facility.

The fee for athletic memberships also principally supports the
Zesiger Center. Students do not pay for athletic facilities. Rates increase for faculty, alumni. The fee for athletic memberships for families of MIT students is $230 this school year, up from $50 last year.

"Everyone should be ready, willing, and able to go to the new facility," he said.

MITSOL would do well to "think inside the box."
Military Releases Four Prisoners From Guantanamo Bay

U.S. military authorities have released four prisoners who had been held for months at the Navy detention facility in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and will release others soon, officials said Thursday. The prisoners — who are the first group to be released from the prison since it began housing detainees captured after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks — were being flown back to their home countries over the weekend, another group of about 30 new captives was flown into the detention facility from Afghanistan.

“Senior leadership of the Department of Defense, in consultation with other U.S. government officials, determined that these four detainees no longer posed a threat to U.S. security,” chief Defense Department spokesman Victoria Clarke said Monday at a Pentagon news conference. The men were released Saturday.

U.S. officials declined to release the names or nationalities of the men, but sources in Pakistan identified the freed Pakistani detainees as Mohammed Sagheer, 60, who is from the North-West Frontier Province that borders Afghanistan. Pakistani newspapers reported that officials there said they will debrief Sagheer before releasing him to his family in the town of Mianwali.

Democrats Despair Chances Of Winning Back the House

LOS ANGELES TIMES

Even though history and economics are on their side, many Democrats are despairing of their chances of winning control of the House. The broadness and depth of the last two years’ economic changes between now and the Nov. 5 elections.

Democratic hopes for translating voter uneasiness about the economy into political gains large enough to win a House majority have been stubbornly hard to fulfill, as pocketbook issues have been eclipsed in the media by the prospect of war with Iraq and the Washington-area sniper killings.

“Things are very close,” said Peter Fenn, a Democratic political consultant. “If I had to bet right now, I’d have trouble doing the math in such a way that the Democrats pick up the six seats needed to win back the majority they lost in 1994.”

Fenn, like other Democrats, still thinks it is possible the party can pull an upset on Election Day — especially if last week’s arrests in the sniper case bring an end to the random shootings, potentially clearing the way for more public attention to the Democrats’ message.

APEC Leaders Agree To Tighten Anti-Terror Measures

LOS ANGELES TIMES

Calling terrorism a threat to free trade, Pacific Rim leaders pledged Sunday to introduce by 2005 tighter, high-tech monitoring of the regionwide sniper task force and are focusing solely on the case.

As part of their investigation, a team of detectives, sporting new tensions over access to information, law enforcement sources said.

There is frustration, for example, that the results of any questioning of the two suspects, John A. Mohammed, 41, and John L. Malvo, 17, has not been shared with each local jurisdiction involved in the case.

“Everyone is keeping stuff to themselves,” one investigator said.

“The system has failed on AI-Mawla Mohammed Street, where we've been watching for quite some time.”

Unity of Task Force Faltering In New Phase of Sniper Probe

By Sari Horwitz and Dan Eggen

The investigation into a string of sniper killings enters a new phase this week, as an international law enforcement team is zeroing in on the one shooting that fits a pattern of attacks directed against undefended Western targets in recent weeks that have been blamed on extremists acting with or in sympathy with the al-Qaida network of Osama bin Laden.

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Rainy Halloween

By Eileen Gutierrez

A system that brought heavy rains to the area has moved out into the Atlantic Ocean. A high pressure from Canada is settling in the area bringing cooler temperatures and clear skies. However, do not get too comfortable with the sunny skies because a system from the mid-Atlantic will be entering the New England area Wednesday overnight, bring with it showers and snow for the elevated regions. The system will move out of the area by the following day just in time for the weekend.

In other weather-related news, Hurricane Katrina made landfall on the eastern coast of Mexico near Puerto Vallarta. The remnants are currently moving into the Gulf of Mexico and will probably merge with another system that will influence our weather pattern next weekend.

Extended Forecast

Today: Clear skies. High of 45°F (7°C).

Tonight: Clear skies. Low 29°F (-2°C).

Partly cloudy. Partly cloudy. Skies turning to overcast later tonight the day.

High in the mid-40s (6-7°C).

Thursday: Showers through most of the day. High in the low 40s F (4-6°C).

U.S. Envoy Killed in Jordan, Terrorist Suspected in Attack

By Karl Wick

A veteran U.S. diplomat was killed Monday morning in the driveway of his Amman home as he walked from the front door to a carport, shot at least seven times by a masked gunman who fled on foot, according to Jordanian officials.

The victim was identified as Laurence "Larry" Foley, 60, executive officer of the U.S. Agency for International Development mission in Jordan. No group immediately asserted responsibility for his killing, but a Jordanian government minister said Monday night it is being investigated as a terrorist attack.

The shootings followed a possible threat against the large U.S. Embassy in Amman, the Jordanian capital, authorities said. But the slaying fit a pattern of attacks directed against undefended Western targets in recent weeks that have been blamed on extremists acting with or in sympathy with the al-Qaida network of Osama bin Laden.

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Despite some problems with cooperation before the arrests, the various jurisdictions shared a common goal: to find the sniper. But now, they are working independently to compile sufficient evidence to prosecute shootings in their own jurisdictions.

District of Columbia Police Chief Charles H. Ramsey said that while he had about 40 detectives, officials and forensics officers assigned to the task force during the past three weeks, that team is now zeroing in on the one shooting that took place in the District.
Putin Vows to Pursue Terrorists, Draws Attention Away From Gas

By Peter Baker
and Susan B. Glasser
THE WASHINGTON POST

November 29, 2002

President Vladimir Putin empowered Russia's military on Monday to wage a broad U.S.-style war against terrorists "whatever their whereabouts" while remaining silent about the government's use of deadly gas to end last week's hostage crisis at a Moscow theater.

Taking a hard line after the seizure of the theater by Chechen guerrillas, Putin vowed to pursue not only "the terrorists themselves," but their ideological sponsors and financial backers. While a Chechen leader Monday sought peace talks with Moscow, Putin said he would "never make any deal with terrorists."

U.S., France Discuss Compromise, Wording of U.N. Iraq Resolution

By Maggie Farley
and Robin Wright
LOS ANGELES TIMES

November 29, 2002

As the United Nations enters a crucial week in its lengthy deliberations over Iraq, Washington and Paris are discussing a compromise that could push the Security Council to agreement.

France and the United States agree that there should be "serious consequences" if Iraq refuses to agree that there should be "serious consequences" if Iraq refuses to agree that Iraq has committed a "material breach" as long as you get the words "around them right," said a council diplomat Monday. "It's feasible that we could have an agreement this week."

The latest compromise is still in its early stages, with the United States rejecting France's Sunday night overture and offering a counterproposal Monday. But they are edging closer after more than six weeks of wrangling over language, sparking optimism in weedy-war weary diplomats.

"We're doing our best now to come to a solution that will produce unanimity by the council," said a French envoy. "It's not clear if we will manage to do it, but there's no reason to think it's impossible."

In the six-week wrangle over language, France's key concern is not so much Iraq's disarmament as keeping the United States from acting without United Nations approval, diplomats say. In the meantime, France is ready to go to the United Nations for a "material breach" resolution if Iraq fails to respond.

Court Halts Sonic Project That May Have Killed 2 Whales

By Maggie Farley
LOS ANGELES TIMES

November 29, 2002

A U.S. District Court order Monday temporarily halted a scientific voyage in the Gulf of California to map the sea floor using sound blasts that may have caused the death of two beaked whales.

U.S. Magistrate Judge James Larson in San Francisco issued a temporary restraining order against the National Science Foundation-sponsored project to examine the yawning rift in the sea floor caused by the movement in the Earth's crust.

"We have turned off the sound. Everything is shut down on the ship," said Curt Suplee, a National Science Foundation spokesman.

The research involved firing powerful air guns into the seabed so that researchers could map the area through acoustic signals that bounce back. The technology has been widely used in other oceans, Suplee said.

Researchers have found no evidence that the sonic blasts caused the whale deaths, Suplee said. But they will comply with the federal court order, which prematurely ends the expedition scheduled to finish by Nov. 4.

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A Proper Introduction

I am appalled by the false and unconscionably hate-filled accusations made by Aimee Smith against Benny Elon. To suggest that asking for her full name indicated a plot to send terrorists after her is ridiculous and completely unfounded by any behaviors of the Knesset member. Such statements only serve to incite hatred and make reasonable and productive discourse more difficult. I applaud Mr. Elon for his patience in answering Ms. Smith’s subsequent questions after receiving such a brazen insult.

As far as I am aware, it is always appropriate to introduce oneself with one’s full name, whether when meeting a professor or peer, and most certainly when one is addressing a dignitary such as Mr. Elon. Perhaps such respect and propriety are lost on Ms. Smith, who, through her actions, has proven full of blindness and prejudice.

Dina Feith ’03

Errata

A Friday article [“Female Residents Accepted at TEP”] referred incompletely to Tau Epsilon Phi’s policy regarding female boarders. Women will be allowed to live at TEP to fill vacant spaces, but preference in housing will be given to women who, through her actions, has proven full of blindness and prejudice.

The article also omitted one TEP boarder choosing to publish their disagreement with the editorial. Dissents are the opinions of the signed members of the editorial board, which consists of the chairman, editor in chief, managing editor, executive editor, news director, features editor, and opinion editors.

Letters to the editor are welcome. Electronic submissions are encouraged and should be sent to letters@the-tech.mit.edu, or hard copy submissions should be addressed to The Tech, T.E.P., 1016 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA 02139-7829, or sent by interdepartmental mail to Room W20-483. All submissions are due by 4:30 p.m. two days before the date of publication.

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What were the Russians' options? Submitting to the demands of terrorism is usually a lose-lose situation, alternative, since it would strengthen the position of terrorists everywhere, but even for something as large as the political reorganization of an entire territory with 700 hostages' lives in a noble goal. Having a commando team infiltrate the building would have been suicide, since each one before a single body could detonate every bomb in the place. While driving in and having Bruce Willis enter the building to kick butt into terrorist, but will no doubt be the position Holly- wood will take to choose to accept this tragedy in their preferred viewpoint.

The hostage situation had already begun executing innocent people. As time went on, the odds were increasing that someone would panic and blow the building up. Something had to be done in order to save lives. And the Russians did something. They began to systematically kill innocent people in order to take out the strong enough agent that none of the occupiers and began to remove the hostages.

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When Russian Special Forces then entered the building, they themselves executed the occupiers and began to remove the hostages. It was only later discovered how many innocent people had died.

If someone handed me a gun and told me that by shooting a person, I would save the lives of ten others, I doubt I would ever let the mettle to carry it out, no matter how much I admired that they were doing. I think that was the Russian Special Forces, though, have a stronger constitution. Knowing that people were dying, they took an extremely difficult to control. If any strong

Box Office Bigotry?

Philip Burrowes

Barbershop, a movie seemingly destined to be just another run-of-the-mill, smuck its way into the theaters this weekend. My Big Fat Greek Wedding opened in April in 108 theaters and hasn't looked back. Even with the help of the Academy Award for best Foreign Film, it is the first non-traditional source for an American hit; it was originally a Japanese novel (no, with words spoken in a foreign language, and it managed to make $7 million in the U.S. Movie markets are finally open- ing, and the big-budget studios have hit the mainstream? Has Hollywood taken notice and begun to produce more novels? Is this the next step for the box office?

"This is a great follow-up," said the critic. "It's a hit movie, right?"

"Just in case you don't know, it's about a Greek family living in America."

"I thought it was about a Greek family living in America," said another critic. "But I'm not sure."
Recycled Clip Art
By Katie, Kailas, Karen and Jason

Yes, I see potential for this "Anal Master 2000."
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Dilbert® by Scott Adams

Mom, you have to fight your anger against my company. They fight every one of your patents.

Mom, I'll set fixed rates UNLESS YOU WANT OUR SHIPS IN YOUR YARD!

Why do you work so hard for a company that hates you?

Doggie the attorney.

My best defense to say I'm ignorant of your stock manipulation.

Loyd, you try to keep me from a chance to drink.

They tell me it's because I enjoy the challenge.

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - Campus Tour. Free. Room: Lobby 7 (Main Entrance Lobby at 77 Massachusetts Ave). Information Center.
10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - J.M. Barrie: Man and Myth. Lecture. Room: 4-237. Sponsor: Singapore-MIT Alliance/HPCES.
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Quantum Electronics Seminar. Dispersions-Canceled Two-Photon Optical Coherence Tomography, free. Room: N42 Demo. Sponsor: Information Systems.
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - PowerPoint Quick Start. PowerPoint makes it easy to jazz up your presentations. Get an introduction to its functions using an existing database as a model. Room: N42 Demo. Sponsor: Information Systems.
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Rainbow Lounge Open. Mil’s resource lounge for lesbian, bisexual, gay, and transgendered members of the community. It is a place to hang out, various activities, and a lending library during its open hours.
2:00 p.m. - Admissions Information Session. Free. Room: Admissions Reception Center, Building 10, Room 10-100.
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Academic Careers Panel. Rfth in a Series - Today’s topic is “Transitioning Between Academic and Non-Academic Employment.” Sponsored by the Association of Graduate Students & Environmental Professionals and Environmental Science and Engineering. Room: W2D-400. Sponsor: spouses&partners@mit, MIT Medical.
5:00 p.m. - Field Hockey vs. WPI. Free. Room: Jack Barry Turf. Sponsor: Department of Athletics.
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Drop-In Legal Clinics. Free. Room: 2-349. Sponsor: Law School Legal Services Center.
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Unlever dinner with MBC. Unilever SWIM Dinner with MBC (Sloan Women in Management). Free. Room: 10-100. Sponsor: Mil’s Resource Lounge.
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Toastmasters@MIT Evening Meetings. 77 Mass. Avenue, Cambridge, Building 2, Room 237. Sponsor: spouses&partners@mit, MIT Medical.
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Hungry Student Dinner. Free. Room: 10-100. Sponsor:spouses&partners@mit, MIT Medical.
8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - The Great Gatsby. Free. Room: 10-100. Sponsor: Mil’s Resource Lounge.
8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - IRLM Film Seminar. Screening of The Bird with the Crystal Plumage (Italy, 1970) directed by Sergio Leone. Free. Room: N42 Demo. Sponsor: Information Systems.
9:00 p.m. - Midnight. Free. Room: 10-100. Sponsor: Mil’s Resource Lounge.

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2:10 p.m. - 2:20 p.m. - Physics Colloquium. Title: “CASINO THEORY AND PRACTICE.” Free. Room: Room 3-133. Sponsor: Department of Physics.
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - IRMDI Seminars. Free. Room: 31-161. Sponsor: Gas Turbine Laboratory, AeroAstro.
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Miguel Calles - The Tech

Alpana Waghmare (left) and Meenakshi Verma perform in a Kathak Dance Concert sponsored by MITHAS. The concert featured Pandit Chitresh Das.

Giri Callen - The Tech

Zeta Psi senior Rahul Sarathy '03 cheers as his team scores a goal against the Chemistry Department in Thursday night's IM match. Zeta Psi eventually fell to Chemistry 4-3.

MIT Department of Facilities
CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Simmons Hall
Work on the dining areas on the first floor continues. A card reader has been installed at the front entrance of the building as an interim measure until the permanent security system is in place. 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 36 is in progress; no disruption in service is anticipated. Vassar St. is now one-way heading west from Main St. to Mass. Ave. until June 2003.

Stata Center
Construction of tunnel connection from Stata Center to Building 26 will begin shortly. Temporary building enclosures are being installed in preparation for inclement weather. Installation of the below-grade support for the exterior stairs leading to the raised garden continues.

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 parapets 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. Shrubs 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. Shrubs and trees have also been removed from the south side of the steps so that both sides can be replanted in balance upon completion of the project.

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

This information provided by the MIT Department of Facilities.

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Deadline for submission: November 15, 2002

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BOWLING FOR COLUMBINE
Michael Moore's Documentary with a Bang

By Dan Robey

FILM REVIEW:

"Bowling for Columbine" is a documentary directed by Michael Moore. The film draws upon Moore's travels to the United States and Canada, examining the movie's main question: Why did 12 people die and 26 others imagine death? This question, according to Moore, is not about gun control or violence, but about the cultural context in which such acts occur.

The film explores various aspects of American society, including the role of the National Rifle Association (NRA), gun culture, the influence of media on views of violence, and the economic aspect of the gun industry. It highlights the paradox of how the United States, known for its love of guns, has a high rate of gun violence.

Moore's approach in "Bowling for Columbine" is to interview a variety of people, from gun enthusiasts to anti-gun activists, and to present a range of perspectives. The film includes interviews with Terry Nichols, Charlton Heston, and others, as well as footage of gun culture and gun shows.

One of the film's main arguments is that the gun industry exploits the public's fears and prejudices to promote its products. Moore argues that the gun industry has a vested interest in maintaining a culture of fear and violence, and that this culture is intertwined with the political landscape of the United States.

Overall, "Bowling for Columbine" is a thought-provoking film that challenges viewers to reconsider their views on gun control and gun culture. It is a documentary that uses humor and irony to reveal the dark reality of American society.
Beethoven 1, MITSO 0
Morlot, Orchestra Challenged by Eroica Symphony

By Jeremy Baskin
MIT Symphony Orchestra
Kresge Auditorium
Oct. 25, 8 p.m.

There were many reasons to be optimistic before last Friday night. The MIT Symphony Orchestra, invigorated by a slate of new members, was to give its first concert of the season. For the first time in a while, the orchestra was to be performing with a guest conductor outside MIT. A 28-year-old Frenchman named Ludovic Morlot. The repertoire, unusually mainstream for this ensemble, included a romantic violin concerto and a classical symphony, Beethoven's Symphony No. 5, "Eroica."

Only one hero in Eroica
Yet the concert had mixed results, with the first half sounding quite polished but the Beethoven symphony being less convincing.

Morlot's overly romantic use of rubato throughout was as unconvincing as the unreasonably fast tempo he chose to begin the piece, with wide dynamic contrasts and coloration. It was too much thinking out of the box. Not all of the blame should lay with the orchestra. Guest Conductor Ludovic Morlot led the orchestra in a concert which also included a romantic violin concerto and a classical symphony, Beethoven's Symphony No. 5, "Eroica."

"Where did it go wrong?"
In all, MITSO's performance on Friday night leaves this listener puzzled. This orchestra can take a large, emphatic bite out of Bartok's Miraculous Mandarin or Jouve's Fourth Symphony but is thoroughly hampered by one of the giants of the classical period, Beethoven's Eroica Symphony. The players are, for the most part, sophisticated musicians, yet the ensemble falls noticeably short when playing music with such little room for error.

The concert began with Piccola Musica Notturna, by a 20th-century Italian composer named Luigi Dallapiccola. This short twelve-tone piece was given an expert reading by the ensemble, which was led at times by the assertive clarinet playing of Ken Gould G. Perhaps MITSO is not yet at a level where it can rehearse with one conductor for five weeks and then start afresh two weeks before the concert with the guest conductor. Is a six-week residency for a guest conductor not possible?

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Necco, from Page 1
day the strike ended.

Though worries still exist, Salemme said there will be no more striking. Necco and its workers have reached a four-year agreement, he said.

Necco to leave after 74 years

Early next year, Necco will begin to relocate its facilities in Cambridge to a 816,000-square-foot warehouse in Revere, Mass. "It will give us room to grow and also give us space for offices, factories, and warehousing," said Necco press representative Lori Zimbalatti.

Necco hopes to consolidate its production, which is located in the building on Massachusetts Ave., and its offices and warehousing, which are located in Lechmere Square, also in Cambridge. The lease on Necco's Lechmere space will expire in June 2003, and the Massachusetts Ave. building could not accommodate all of the departments, Zimbalatti said. Necco has been looking for new sites for three years, and considered relocation to Everett, Braintree, and Suffolk Downs, she said: "We're sorry to be leaving, but this was a space issue," Zimbalatti said. "We need to grow and expand."

Necco building leased by Novartis

Meanwhile, the old Necco building has been leased to Novartis for 45 years, along with the new Building 100 in MIT's Technology Square, to form the Novartis Institute of Biomedical Research.

Cambridge was chosen to take advantage of "one of the world's most impressive pools of scientific talent and academic institutions," Novartis said in a press release. Novartis will invest $760 million to renovate the buildings, which will include 764,000 square feet of laboratory space. Initially, the new facility will offer 400 new positions, and it will eventually employ 900 scientists. The head of the institute will be Mark Fishman MD, a professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School and the director of cardiovascular research at Massachusetts General Hospital. Research at the new facility will focus on diabetes and cardiovascular and infectious diseases.
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Rush chair's decision shakes results

These cliques could have swung either way.

---David R. Schannon '04, PBE

"These cliques could have swung either way," Schannon said. "We were really lucky." Gender balance changes equation

Besides the new residence system, fraternities and living groups must face other factors that threaten to lower pledge numbers.

"Male enrollment has been steadily decreasing these past years... although the number of female students has been increasing," Yardley said.

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James R. Labuz '06 puts the finishing touches on washing an Audi TT Friday at the IFC "Topless Car Wash," held on Amherst St. near the MIT Chapel.

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Volleyball Defeats Wellesley, Tallies 30th Victory

By Paul Dill

The women’s varsity volleyball team had one of the best weekends in the program’s history, defeating Nichols College 3-0 in the 30-win mark for the first time since the 1988 season, and beat Wellesley College for the first time since 1996, and won the Hall of Fame Tournament for the first time ever.

The tournament started out with a win over Clark University. The Engineers only grew stronger as the tournament progressed, and the end result was never in doubt.

MIT took the match 3-0 (20-25, 30-27, 30-26). Offense was led by Joy N. Hart ‘03 and Lauren E. Frick ‘03 added six kills and seven blocks.

The next match saw MIT go against Smith College. It was more of the same as the Engineers dominated once again to win 30-27, 30-27, 30-26. Kelly A. Marena added the lead back with 15 kills, and Arlys A. Reynolds ‘96 produced nine service aces and nine defensive digs.

The semi-final match against Amherst College was a match the program had been hoping for. It had been four years since MIT had faced Amherst in the NCAA Championship Tournament, but the Engineers had won in a five-game match filled with controversy. This time, the Engineers left no doubt, winning the match out 30-27, 30-27, 30-28.

Nydia M. Clayton ‘05 hit at the rate with 13 kills, and Austin Zimmerman ‘06 wished to be more aggressive. The defense was noched by Reynolds and Caroline D. Jordan ‘06, who had nine blocks between them. Waiting in the finals was conference archrival Wellesley College. MIT started the match showing no fear as the score went back and forth in the first game. After a very hard-fought first game, Wellesley eked out the win 29-27, but a slow momentum in MIT’s favor had started to build. The second game saw that momentum blossom into a 30-20 win for MIT, and even after Wellesley tried to flip their lineup to change match-ups, MIT prevailed again 30-22. The fourth game saw that momentum carryover, with Wellesley holding on for the three and taking 3-1 and the tournament. Outside hitter Hart and Clayton were key to the victory as they put down 14 and 12 kills respectively. Additionally, Zimmerman’s performance throughout the tournament earned her the conference’s Most Valuable Player Award, and Reynolds broke the MIT single season record for service aces by passing the old record of 85, held by Barbara E. Berry ‘89. The Engineers’ next home match will be against Smith College at 6 p.m. in DuPont Gymnasium.

Athlete of the Month

Benjamin A. Schmeckpeper ’05

Sophomore Benjamin A. Schmeckpeper started his running back in Shorewood, Wisconsin. Last year he brought his talent to the cross-country course and the indoor and outdoor track and field. This year, he is one of MIT’s top two runners, and plans to continue his stellar career in the NCAA and at the 5000M, 10000M steeplechase. Ben spent his time between computer science and double practices to sit down with The Tech and discuss his goals this season.

The Tech: What got you started on running?

Schmeckpeper: I was just a little too small for football, but I was still too small for that, so I started track during the spring of the seventh grade. I ran pretty well then.

... Junior year I started running year-round.

The Tech: How was your first year at a college athlete?

Schmeckpeper: The first year’s going to be fun and exciting, and so was tough as times were hard to get used to and how to manage everything.

The Tech: How’s it going so far this year?

Schmeckpeper: I feel much more confident. I feel much more confident this year and has been going much better.

The Tech: What’s the biggest thing you can say for this season?

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The Tech: Are you starting to gear up for this season?

Schmeckpeper: For my summer training I started out by going to coach Jack T. Cross in August were 100, 105, and 110 miles. I tried to keep in the neighborhood of the season, but it’s kind of hard to do that with school.

The Tech: Can you see that being difficult? Haven’t all these minutes—

Schmeckpeper: I’ve been pretty healthy this year.

The Tech: Only problems was at the meet trials. I tried running without socks and I wound up with blisters all over the bottoms of my feet.

Schmeckpeper: I’ve had some in the crazy mileage.

Schmeckpeper: I just do five miles every morning now and the team workouts with everyone.

The Tech: Oh, that’s all. What exactly gets you out of bed every morning when you could be sleeping?

Schmeckpeper: How do you like the team?

Schmeckpeper: Oh, the guys are great. They’re the reason I look forward to coming to track everyday.

The Tech: So when was the first best cross-country race ever?

Schmeckpeper: Well ... Daniel R. Feldman ’04 had a good race, and [Sean P. Nolan ’03] had a good race and I... Well, we were both 15 seconds off of my personal-time on the same course. There was something that got me up at 8 a.m. every morning.

The Tech: How did pre-nationals go this year?

Schmeckpeper: I ran my personal best cross-country race ever. I got fifth and it was the first time I beat Sean.

The Tech: What got you into track?

Schmeckpeper: I went to tying Wellesley for second place at the Wellesley Invitational on Saturday. In the closest of finishes, Bates College and Wellesley finished first with 41 points, and MIT and Wellesley finished with 61.

First place finisher Tracy Battat ‘06 of Wellesley College finished the five-kilometer race in 19:27.0, setting a new course record. Just behind her was MIT’s first finisher, Martha W. Buckley ‘04, with a time of 19:11.4. Veronica A. Andrews ‘05 and Katie R. Hoffman ‘04 also finished in the top ten with times of 20:03.90 and 20:26.70, seventh and tenth places, respectively. Eleven miles and twelve places, also went to MIT with Valerie Y. Kuo ‘06 and Julia C. Rippe ‘06 finishing at 20:26.70 and 20:28.30. Espel raced for the first time in a month after recovering from a hip injury.

Saturday’s viewpoint continued to make the golf/cross-country course into a marathoned in the last meet before NEWMACs (New England Men’s and Women’s Athletic Conference). Slapppy footing on the sharp course caused some stumble on the course that will also serve as the course for the conference meet.

Rounding off MIT’s pack of top finishers was Kathy R. Eames ‘06 who came in at 20:40, fourteenth place, and Jennifer A. Miller ‘05, who came in at 20:54, eighteenth place.

Using this as a indicator, Head Coach Paul Slovenski said he was optimistic about this coming season.

With our top five girls ahead of Wellesley’s five, things look good for Saturday’s big ten-team meet.

We’re going to use those distractions and pack it up to show them this is MIT’s supposed to be," he said.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

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