Wolfensohn to Deliver Address to Graduates
By Kevin R. Lang

The annual tuition riot is nothing new to MIT, but this year could potentially see a Commencement riot. World Bank Group President James D. Wolfensohn will address the Class of 2002 at commencement this year. "Jim Wolfensohn is deeply and thoughtfully engaged in important core issues of our times — fighting poverty, promoting inclusion, enhancing education, and shaping globalization," said President Charles M. Vest in a statement yesterday. "He occupies a unique position at the day. "He was not on that list," Dalai said. "I don’t think we chase anybody from the World Bank." Dalai did say that the committee considered a number of possible speakers involved in international affairs, especially related to world peace.

Only One UAP/VP Ticket Meets Petition Deadline
By Vicky Hau

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By Tom Kilpatrick

Spring rush typically lacks the fanaticism and excitement of fall rush. Consultants are usually inundated with a deluge of freshmen participating each year. This year, however, changes made to the rush by the Interfraternity Council’s spring kickoff event. Post-rush events promised to change the usual web of activities and independent living groups present, along with a live comedian, a raffle, and food. According to IFC rush chair Joshua S. Yardley ’04, just under 100 affiliated members represented their groups at the event. Three goals were to "get freshmen out, build momentum for years to come, and bring lots of houses together," Yardley said.

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Noam Chomsky led a talk on Haiti last Friday.

Brass Rat Sparks Controversy

Brass Rat, Page 12

The Chinese Students Club sponsored festivities in honor of the Chinese New Year last Saturday. Above, the Brass Rat Sparks Controversy.

Serna was also angry that the Ring Committee seemed to disregard the results of their own e-mail survey on the gender issue. Serna sent an e-mail to Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedict and began an online discussion with other students. "I thought that the survey results were very clear," said Serna. "One UAPIVP Ticket Meets Petition Deadline."

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**ON WEAPONS INSPECTORS**

The commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan Monday endorsed creation of an Afghan national army to deal with the country's "murky and troublesome" security situation and said U.S. commanders oppose expansion of the international peacekeeping force.

"We're sure that the right thing to do is to have an Afghan national army," said Gen. Tommy R. Franks, who heads the Central Command. "I don't think any of us are prepared to say that (the peacekeeping force) should be expanded right now."

Franks' remarks came one day after Zalmay Khalilzad, Washington's special envoy to Afghanistan, told reporters in Kabul that the United States is planning to step up its security role, possibly by seeking expansion of the 4,500-member multinational peacekeeping force, which is currently led by Britain.

Briefing reporters from Central Command headquarters in Tampa, Franks' preferences for assisting in the development of Afghan forces over expanding the role of peacekeepers echoed the position of Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and other senior Pentagon officials.

In that stance, they have differed with State Department officials, who have indicated that they believe it will probably be necessary to expand the peacekeeping force and broaden its area of operations from Kabul, the Afghan capital, to other parts of the country while an Afghan military force is trained.

Franks made it clear that he and his subordinates commanding about 4,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan "want to do something that will gain us this stability out in the outstanding regions."

But their primary focus is on helping the Afghans develop a force of their own, Franks said, noting that Army Maj. Gen. Charles C. Campbell, the U.S. Central Command's chief of staff, had just returned from a mission to Kabul to assess the needs of an Afghan force.

**Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Tuesday, February 26, 2002**

**WEATHER**

The weather in the national Weather Service is that these last three days of February should deliver the warmest December, January, February combination in nearly a half century. This is the last three days we matter that much to the running average, but today is certainly going to be a big help as a healthy southerly breeze brings plenty of warm air northward and afternoon high in excess of 60°F (16°C), a full 20 degrees warmer than normal.

We owe our warmth to an abnormal winter flow pattern. Storms have been tracking well to our west, often missing us completely or just leaving us in their warm sector with rain instead of snow. While there is currently a low out west of the Appalachians coursing due north, it will experience tremendous decrease in pressure as it moves eastward; this will low enough north of us it will deliver rain here. The cold front could possibly find some light snow in the higher elevates, but "we'll return the temperatures and await what looks to be a huge storm for the latter half of the weekend."

**Extended Forecast**

**Today:** Gently warm. Partly to mostly cloudy. Light southerly breeze. High of 61°F (16°C).

**Tonight:** Rain beginning late. Wind strength increasing. Low of 43°F (5°C).

**Wednesday:** Rain possibly turning to snow in the evening. Winds slowing and shifting to westerly. Temperatures dropping during the day. High of 50°F (10°C). Low of 26°F (-3°C).

**Thursday:** Skies clearing. High in the lower 30s (-1 to 1°C). Low in the lower 20s (-6 to -4°C).
Congress to Challenge Skilling On Claims Enron Was Healthy

By Peter Behr
THE WASHINGTON POST
WASHINGTON

The Senate Commerce Committee plans to press hard on former Enron Corp. chief executive Jeffrey K. Skilling when he testifies Tuesday to back up his claims that the energy giant was healthy when he abruptly resigned this past August, congressional aides say.

"On the day I left, I absolutely and unequivocally thought the company was in good shape," Skilling said in sworn testimony to a House subcommittee, referring to Enron's finances at the time he suddenly resigned on Aug. 14.

Skilling, the only member of Enron's senior management team not to exercise his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination, will appear along with two of his chief accusers — current Enron President Jeffrey McMahon and whistle-blower Sherron Watkins, an Enron vice president.

Their earlier testimony places Skilling at the center of Enron financial maneuvers now under investigation by the Justice Department, securities regulators and several congressional committees. Skilling denies he knew about any improprieties and said in a statement Monday that he looks forward to responding to Watkins' accusations.

"The gap between Skilling's version of events and others' is the subject of intense scrutiny and will be key to any personal liability Skilling will face for Enron's failure. Senior executives may not significantly represent their company's financial condition and may be liable if they fail to deal with major problems. It's now a matter of the facts. How much did he actually know, and what red flags were there?" said Robert Prentice, business law professor at the University of Texas. A chief executive is entitled to rely on subordinates and outside accountants and attorneys — as Skilling says he often did, Prentice said. "But he can't see a red flag and look in the opposite direction."

During Skilling's six months as CEO last year, the company's share price dropped nearly 50 percent, to $42 from $82, as some investors grew wary of Enron's potential losses from the California energy crisis and problems in a major Internet venture.

Skilling has testified he believed these problems had been resolved when he departed, after a decade at Enron. But other former Enron executives and managers say these and other setbacks were evident months before Enron executives disclosed them last spring and summer.

Report Finds Terrorism Insurance For Businesses Difficult to Obtain

By Jackie Spinner
THE WASHINGTON POST
WASHINGTON

A General Accounting Office report that will be released Wednesday found widespread evidence that large business and property owners are having difficulty getting terrorism insurance coverage, creating potential problems that are likely to reverberate throughout the economy.

Although the report does not cite specific cases, it found that the problem has increased significantly since the first of the year, when the majority of reinsurance contracts expired, leaving primary insurers without their backup coverage. As primary insurance policies have refusing new coverage, demand for terrorism insurance has decreased for commercial policyholders, even as premiums have gone up.

"The potential for more severe economic impacts is increasing as the level of uninsured risk climbs," according to excerpts from the report, which were released Monday by the House Financial Services Committee. The committee plans to hold a hearing Wednesday on the issue.

"Although not mentioned in the report, the Mall of America, the nation's largest shopping center, provides one of the most telling examples of the particular trouble facing real estate owners and their lenders after Sept. 11."

A judge in Hennepin County District Court in Minneapolis granted the mall's owner, Simon Property Group, a temporary restraining order last week to prevent GMAC Commercial Mortgage Corp. from forcing the mall to buy a separate terrorism insurance policy as a condition of its lending agreement.

Simon is disputing whether it should have to buy the policy because what terrorism insurance is available is limited and expensive, a cost that would be passed on to tenants.

Although the Mall of America case is one of the first to involve a high-profile property in a legal dispute over terrorism insurance, lenders and property owners across the country are facing similar problems caused by a lack of available coverage — an issue that rose from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Because commercial real estate drives so much of business in any community — primarily through tax revenue and job creation — financial experience the fallout from the insurance issue could spread much further than the real estate and lending communities.

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OPINION

Two Possible Crowding Solutions

The housing crunch has left MIT in a jam that cannot possibly be resolved without making at least some students unhappy. Presently, the administration is considering two plans to accommodate next year’s move to house all undergraduates on campus. MIT’s two non-residential sororities, Alpha Epsilon Phi and Kappa Alpha Theta, could each be given a section of a graduate residence to use as a house. Though it sounds redundant, it brings up a number of complicated details. If sorority members are given the choice to live in the “house” or to remain in their current dormitories, the plan may not go any smoothly. Sorority members do not just have ties to their sisters, but also to their current dorm mates. Some may be reluctant to leave their friends or find a new location. Sorority members have said that they might have enough support for the option under the right circumstances, but those may not be met. Considering the dreness of the situation, the administration may be forced to move enough members into the “house” even if unwilling.

The plan would guarantee a group of people with common goals a certain amount of space. It may ease the move, but it may also cause rifts between the two communities. Another question would be what to do after the crunch is solved. Would the sororities continue to live in the graduate dorm or would they help the students find a new house? It should be noted that finding separate houses for the two sororities right now would alleviate much of MIT’s housing woes without angering the undergraduate population.

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Guest Column

J. Jason Wasy

A few weeks ago, I rented a car and drove from Oxford to Cambridge to visit a dear friend, someone from MIT who is studying in a junior-year exchange student in the first full-blown year of the new Cambridge-MIT Institute. Thus, I was surprised by the differences between MIT and Cambridge. What she told me surprised me. Not only what she told me about her own experiences, but more so about the differences when I visited the two institutions.

Part of the problem, apparently, is something MIT officials have been trying very hard to resolve, but which would come up as early as last year, although as far as I know they didn’t acknowledge the problem, which is that since MIT and Cambridge were matching up in this world, some students who attended shows called to a meeting with Carol Orme-Johnson, assistant dean for student conflict resolution, and afterwards was to think that “The Cambridge-MIT Institute requires to move into the new century, and saw, but I wasn’t frustrated either. I wasn’t comfortable knowing a~out the most intimate details of a woman’s experiences and relationship with an audience. There are feelings that women should be allowed to discover themselves. Feelings unique to each individual.

Inappropriate Use of the V-word

Mara Shamalo

I was rather unsure about the state of my feelings on Wednesday night. I was neither excited nor depressed. I was not happy about what I heard and saw, but I wasn’t frustrated either. I wasn’t touched or inspired, nor did I feel any more touched or moved hearing the word “vagina” because the two institutions share more common values, including an emphasis on undergraduate education. Cambridge’s need to translate top-notch engineering and science into innovation in the private sector drove Cambridge and MIT together, not common values. The need to create a broader technology sector in which MIT didn’t pay one cent.

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FILM REVIEW

Britney ROCKS!
She's so Lucky, She's a Star

By Megen Ginter

The use of commentator Paul Heyman as the Rollerball League's announcer (who is wise-1ike the foreign news programs for translation) is the only admirable aspect of the movie. Some really inventive camerawork (like the foreign news programs for translation) is also given more screentime than the most of the action scenes. The only admirable aspect of the movie is that the movie needs them to) the depth to which the corporation is controlling and ultimately destroying their lives.

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THEATER REVIEW

The Vagina Monologues

There's Nothing Like This in Tax Law

By Winnie Yang

There are some of us that eat to live and then there are those of us that live to eat. Being通知书 for a food obsession some might consider extreme, I am frequently mistaken for a food snob. Quite the contrary, in fact, I am the least concerned about calories. I just eat what I want, when I want, and I don't care about anything – as long as it's good. Unfortunately, there are those who would interpret here, preferring to ignore the social norm and consider eating well, the time that one simply can't afford to. Such people simply remain in touch with their food. To them is a matter of eating food with its freshness, season, flavor, cleanliness, and quality, rather than eating nothing better than Easy Cheese on Wheat Thins. They were selling chocolate vagnas, of course, but the shock tactic worked. Not only did the booth attract the crowd of interested students, but the production itself in Little KG was completely sold out.

The excessive attention is quite a fast considering that The Vagina Monologues is not the typical popular play: it has no music or plot, and stark staging. Instead, it relies on compelling short that blend together into a tapestry of experiences. The premise comes from interviews that were conducted with women from all over the globe about their individual experiences. As the "introduction" monologue explains, "Women secretly love to talk about their vaginas." A few of the survey questions and sample answers were included in the play itself: "If your vagina got dressed, what would it wear?" If your vagina could talk, what would it say? What does your vagina smell like?

Other segments were dedicated to "Vagina Facts." Michelle A. Ti's "Outrageous Vagina Fact" included statistics in which it is currently illegal to sell a vibrator. She remarked that in each one selling gins is "perfectly legal" and that "we have yet to hear of a mass murder committed with a vibrator.

However, the majority of the play was dedicated to stories from individual women. Many were sharp with humor or sadness, there was no typical experience. In fact, each character's monologue was uniquely individual in a way that merely talking about another's wouldn't be able to.

In "Those, the flood," graduate student Katherine E. Miller's character is a 72-year-old woman who reveals her Burt Reynolds fantasies and exclaims her reluctance to talk about "her down there," by protesting that it is like the cellar of a house. You know you have one, she says, but you do not go down there."

In "My Angry Vagina," Erin R. Rhode '04 listed the numerous ways her vagina was fed up with its current state of being. With unequalled sass and spunk, Rhode laid out her character's reasons for having an angry vagina. As conceptualized by the character, a more vagina-friendly world would eliminate tampons, thong underwear, and the iciness of a mass murder committed with a vibrator. "I haven't summoned the courage to try a piece of those gurmanathan cakes, but I can feel the pressure of putting on half the contents onto my lap, but they keep me coming back to this little hole-in-the-wall. The oyster po' boy, though not like Monica, has to be not to be missed. Salt and pepper pork is as good as it sounds."

The Il Panino pani at Il Panino Express (North End), like the Darwin's espresso bar, is an addictive, chewy fried bread, accompanied by a curdy dipping sauce, while the other is usually koreaned greens pickled carrots and cucumbers with a rich pork pate and slices of ham and cheese, all on a crusty baguette, slightly toasted french hague. There is a Belgian version, with different fillings, but this is the standard. Any kind of karma from Bombay Cafe (Boston) to the food at the restaurant I've been to say "it's hot as your grandma makes it." Probably best to stick to delivery here.

The egg tart at Ho Yuen Bakery (Chinatown) has a tender, flaky crust and a silky custard filling with just a hint of sweetness. Yum.

Pearl milk tea and kanakugai belacan at Peking (China Town) is a curry dipping sauce, while others is usually offered Xi-long-pao with umami, soy sauce, and ginger. Tasty! I have yet to find better lamb than the calf, but we are in the land of soy sauce. The Red Story, combines the holy trinity of prosciutto, creme fraiche, and pate. Red Velvet.

I wouldn't recommend anything else. They are simply nothing but a bunch of women. The protagonist's version of that deletable Osakan specialty, osakimaki. I personally claims these pan-fried noodles are "healthful," but somehow, the shiny shiny coating the noodles under that generous drizzling of mayonnaise leaves me thinking otherwise. The poached eggs stuffed with often eaten yakitori are also the usual taste. Burtseck's rolls.

Potato pancakes and banana-stuffed challah French toast at Zaftigs Delicatessen (Beacon Hill) is also a hit. Is also a hit. A big fan of the golden triangles here.

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The other day, I noticed that Tom Wolfe’s A Man in Full had found a place for itself in the “discount book” shelf of several bookstores. After several pages of grinding, I realized that Wolfe’s fame would probably sell the unpublishing book. And that’s also when I realized that Alanis Morissette’s latest album was destined for the exact same fate. Big name, forgettable work.

So Morissette comes out with the much-anticipated new album, even though a little wit to snip into the title, Under Rug Swept. And then for about two years, the material materialized in disc as she and her record label battle out the details. A publicity stunt later, her third album is out and my guess is that it’ll probably take a gestation period of about two weeks or so to get over the one memorable track to get Morissette back to the self-producing game, and she doesn’t do a shabby job. Rather, the shabby job is to jure up a little wit to snip into the title, Under Rug Swept.

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Since January, the first single off the album, “Hands Clean” has found a captive radio audience. Retelling another confused and conflicted love story, the singer has found a way to assemble the language of love and war with a self-conscious and ironic twist. It’s as if she didn’t care much about the lyrics. But the production and performance almost completely rob the songs of their emotional impact.

“Hands Clean” is one of those immensely sad songs that one finds the urge to repeat over and over indefinitely. After a month of repeat, it’s quite sub-par in this respect.

“Flinch” is a beautiful song with a catchy, melodic chorus; and an orchestral bridge. Lasting about four and a half minutes, it’s perhaps the only redeeming chunk of the 50-minute album.

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Songs like “A Man,” “I Will in a Lover,” and “Surrendering” present a rock-cut alain with oddly wandering melodies. Granted, they harbor complexities that surpass dodec-choral rock’n’roll, but they’re not appealing either. Essentially, it’s music only a fan of Morissette can enjoy by virtue of having lower standards for an artist one already enjoys (the Tom Wolfe effect, if you will).

Under Rug Swept begins with a few unintentional attempts at repetition in the underlying honesty. “Narcissus” attempts to master “sweet rock” with a promising melody and a flat open resounding of stilled guitar. It is the second best song on the album, but with a sing-songy chorus and much smeared complexity, the song isn’t “radio ready.”

All in all, the Under Rug Swept presents the latest progression in Morissette’s musical musings. Without “Hands Clean,” the album is little more than a stepping stone to what this artist hoped for as a new developed style. With the hit single, however, the album is destined for fans and those who enjoyed the vocal reinterpretations of her last album, Supposedly Former Injun Juice.

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Overall, the food was great, and in general, the service was good. But the chicken, pico de gallo, cheese, beans, and rice weren’t special compared to other restaurants, and the chicken, pico de gallo, cheese, beans, and rice weren’t special compared to other restaurants, and the chicken, pico de gallo, cheese, beans, and rice weren’t special compared to other restaurants, and the chicken, pico de gallo, cheese, beans, and rice weren’t special compared to other restaurants, and the chicken, pico de gallo, cheese, beans, and rice weren’t special compared to other restaurants. We used the provided ballpoint pens to mark our selections by checking off the appropriate boxes. It’s an interesting way to set up a menu, and of course you don’t have to worry about waiters coming to your table to take your order before you are ready.

Within minutes our appetizer of steak nachos was served. My first thought was, “Wow, this place serves large portions.” It was a good thing we were sharing. With guacamole, beans, sour cream, and lots of cheese, the nachos were definitely a hit. Overall nothing was too spicy, the chips were crunchy, and the nachos weren’t crowded with nothing more than just the right amount of beans.

No worries about quickly disappearing food, though, because our main course was now ready to be served. Soon our main feast arrived: chicken burritos, rice, steak fajitas, and several quesadillas stuffed with chicken and cheese. Included with all this were tortillas, pico de gallo, and of course, lots of sour cream and guacamole. Each of us took a share of each item and began to enjoy the main event of our meal.

The quesadillas were a treat. They gave us several, each stocked with plenty of chicken and cheese. Unlike quesadillas at other restaurants, these did not contain too much on the side of extra spices, onions, and all those other extra items that tend to weigh down the meals. These quesadillas were simple and good.

The steak fajitas are served ready for the customer to assemble. We each took a little tortilla and spoonfuls of steak, onions and peppers. We rolled everything up into its tortilla shell and once again resumed the eating. The main problem with the fajitas was the exorbitantly low starch-to-protein ratio. Of course, the onions and peppers tasted alright, but steak fajitas without the steak is an incalculable error.

By that point we were feeling somewhat full, but there were still burritos to be consumed. Taking responsibility for the group, I ate a little more than my fair share of rice and burritos, but they were definitely worth it. The burritos weren’t special compared to other restaurants, but the chicken, pico de gallo, cheese, beans, and rice were all well thought out, and the amount of contents falling out. The worst thing when eating a burrito is when it collapses due to an improperly folded tortilla, but this was definitely not the case here. My prana go out to whoever was wrapping burritos that day.

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**Crossword Puzzle**

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18. More than willing
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21. Engagement
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23. Relate with a bias
24. Brooch
25. Bullfighter
26. Count (on)
27. Pavarotti specialty
28. "Star Wars" knight
29. Team animal
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32. Flap down
33. Chopin piece
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47. What? I demand to see your director of security!
48. You'll have to wait; the pig ate him too.
49. I found a coffee stain on my carpet that looks like a man's face.
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Mark Named Sidney-Pacific Housemaster

By Jennifer Krishnan

Distinguished Professor in Health Sciences and Technology Roger G. Mark '60 and his wife Dorothy will be the housemasters of the graduate student dormitory at Sidney and Pacific Streets.

"Where Roger stuck out was that he had a real enthusiasm to work with students," said Shunmugavelu D. Sokka, a member of the search committee.

"We like students, particularly grad students," Mark said. He and his wife decided "living in a student community [would be] fun" and rewarding.

Sokka noted Mark's history in mentoring graduate students, which has earned him multiple awards.

Mark has also been a "strong advocate for graduate student issues," Sokka said. "Much of [the housemaster's] job is advocating for students."

"I'm a lifer," Mark said. He received a BS in EECS from MIT and an MD from Harvard Medical School.

Housemaster has plans for dorm

Building 39 is being implemented. Utility work will begin shortly at the southeast edge of the site, between the site trailer and Bldgs 45 and 48. Since by that time, "we can find out with a fairly high degree of certainty who's likely to get in," it would make sense to assign these students in graduate student dormitories, Mark said.

Mark stressed that he expected seniors would be "spread out over several dorms" and would "have to be willing to assume role of a grad student... in terms of academic work, this is consistent" since students would be beginning what is essentially a two-year Masters program.

Some issues still hanging

Sokka said the search committee was working on choosing an associate housemaster.

He added that rents for Sidney-Pacific are not officially set yet, despite the fact that the deadline to reserve the dorm is Feb. 28.

Sokka said he hoped Mark would help push the rent-setting process forward.

Another issue that remains to be resolved is whether or not married students will be allowed to live in Sidney-Pacific, Sokka said.

Mark supports Senior Segue

Mark argued that crowding in dormitories is a problem, but said that "Trying to solve it on a crash basis" may not result in a good solution.

"From the grad students' point of view, developing graduate housing is a significant goal," Mark said. He suggested activities such as a Sunday frisbee league.

"The broad objective is to make the residence a place where [graduate students] make friends, where they can feel at home," he added.

Student opinion mixed

Class of 2004 students had mixed opinions on the gender issue.

"I don't think not having a woman implies anything," said Dana N. Erickson '04. "I know I'm equal with any guy."

"Personally I would rather have the two men," said Mana M. Shah '04. "As far as the traditional seal goes, I don't think that's where you want to make the change. I don't find it offensive or anything."

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Enron Expert Slocum Explains Collapse
Ties to Bush Administration Discussed by Research Director for Public Citizen

By Tom Kilpatrick

Scandal, electricity, economics, accusations of lying, predictions of imminent government resignations, and hints of improper corporate ties at a certain university down the road—these were the topics on hand Thursday night at a talk where the air was charged and the tension palpable.


Enron collapse raised questions

The fall of Enron, recently the seventh-largest corporation in the United States, has been one of shocking surprise and great implications. In November 2001, it announced for the first time that it was in serious financial trouble, after two years of amazing success. It sought a merger with Dynegy, another energy company. The merger fell through and Enron declared bankruptcy, sending shock waves through America's financial world. Several financial companies, like J.P. Morgan, lost hundreds of millions of dollars in lines of credit.

Furthermore, in fall 2001 Enron's executives froze the stock of Enron employees. This caused thousands of employees to lose significant portions of their 401(k) retirement funds, since the funds were dominated by Enron stock. Many are left with only a fraction of what they had. How did such a large, successful corporation fail so fast?

Slocum explains Enron model

Slocum has been investigating Enron's practices since last summer, when his research on the California energy crisis pointed him toward the energy trading business. With months of research under his belt, he was thrust into the public eye when Enron collapsed in December.

Slocum began his talk by explaining Enron's business model. He said Enron exploited the deregulation of the energy futures market in states like California to gain control of electricity, despite not owning any power plants. In its contracts with actual electricity producers, Enron bought futures, or the rights to electricity that would be produced at a future date. Once it got control of a big enough share of energy in a certain geographic area, it gained the power to set the price of electricity.

Slocum's research has focused on how Enron's influence in government allowed its business model to work. Enron was a disproportionate donor to members of government at all levels, Slocum said; at one point in the late 1990s they were the biggest corporate contributor in the country. Senator Phil Gramm (R-Texas) and his wife Wendy are Slocum's two big targets, due to Phil Gramm's intense legislative efforts on Enron's behalf and Wendy Gramm's former role in the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and subsequent position on Enron's board of directors.

"Forced conservation is not a good thing," Slocum replied. He added that California built 11 power plants in the 1990s, which the disserter said was false. Slocum looked at the rest of the audience and said, "I love it when people call me a liar because then I can just show them the document."

Harvard might have Enron ties

Slocum hinted that members of the Harvard Administration might be involved with some "shady" dealings with Enron and its operations in Argentina. He referred any interested members of the audience to a Web site, <http://www.harvardwatch.org>, which has details on the matter.

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The Institute has never been rich in papers. Only one, we believe, has ever been published. Some years ago, the Spectrum shone for a time, but soon faded away. Still later, an attempt was made to establish another paper, but in vain; the first number never appeared.

And now comes The Tech, asking its share of favor. Even as its predecessor, it attempts great things. It will be its aim to promote the interests of the students of the Institute, and maintain a friendly spirit among them, breaking down the ancient barriers of class and department. It will exercise a guardian care over the members of the school, protecting the Freshman, curbing the Sophomore, correct the Junior, and supporting the Senior in his old age.

It will open an avenue for the expression of public opinion, and will aim in every possible way, to help all in the development of their young manhood and young womanhood. It is hoped, too, that it will keep the interests of the Institute before its graduates, cherishing among them the memory of their Alma Mater. Our brother and sister colleges, also, will become better acquainted with us through this paper.

We cannot look far into the future. We cannot tell what buds of genius may be unfolded in these columns. But even if genius does not bloom; even if the beauties of rhetoric and poetry are not developed here; even if this paper becomes, like the school it represents, only a field for plain, honest work,—we shall nevertheless be sure that the efforts we make are stepping-stones to further attainments, helping us all to the higher and nobler uses of our lives.

It may be interesting to the graduates and friends of the Institute to know the history of this paper's formation, and its plan of management.

About a month ago, a meeting of the students was held for the purpose of considering the publication of a school paper. A committee of five was chosen, with instructions to examine the matter in detail. A week later the committee presented a report in favor of the proposed paper. The recommendations of the committee were subsequently embodied in the present form of government.

The management of The Tech consists of a board of directors of seven, representing the
Noam Chomsky, with Nancy Dorsinville and Paul Farmer of Harvard University, describes the history of Haiti's health conditions in the talk "Uses of Haiti" last Friday in 34-202. Farmer finished by recommending that Haiti's health care be improved. Chomsky said during his lecture, "I tend to get people when it is bizarre, when the government had set up a democracy until it made it harsher.

Farmer discusses health crises in Haiti. "I would ask when Noam wrote the introduction, he said, "This book is slat for oblivion. I want to thank you, Noam," he said. "It was very helpful as a marketing play." He hailed Chomsky in his talk as the "only American intellectual that's telling the truth about what's going on in Haiti."

Farmer briefly commented on the health conditions in Haiti. "No matter how you look at Haiti, the situation is grave." He discussed about how the poverty of the country was affecting its delicate ecology. "Farmer said that it was "pro found" and said that the basic need for fuel has led to massive deforestation, and also pointed out that Cuba has taken an active role in supplying the country with propane fuel as an alternative. A student asked what the U.S. rationale is for maintaining the economic embargo. Paul said that it really was only the work of a select few in the state department, primarily pointing the finger at Senator Jesse Helms (R-N.C.). Chomsky felt that the United States still was not comfortable with the idea of a large populous truly controlling and guiding the country. "We only allow governments that allow private sector dominance," he concluded.

An audience member asked whether the situation could be solved by internal United States policy changes. Farmer said that positive change would depend on action in this country, but asked, "how many people outside this room know one fact said here tonight?" He continued that if the public did know, they would be far too mad than the government would ever want.

Most of the attendees were pleased with the talk. "Both of them spoke very well," Kim said, "and their styles also complement each other." McEvoy felt the talk went exceptionally well and the potential for the Western Hemisphere Project. "Basically, we wanted our people to be aware of our neighbors," she said. "This doesn't just mean Latin America, but also Cuba, Haiti, the Caribbean, and Alaska. We didn't just want to make people aware politically, but also socially about what is going on in our neighbors."

McEvoy also noted that the program does not sponsor any ideological enterprise. "It's not all political," she said, "we want to look at social and cultural as well. This is why we sponsor discussion events and had the Latin Chamber Music Festival on Saturday."
IFC Spring Rush Participation Varies Based on House Targets

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ber of affiliated members who would attend, paying the price when most of the food was eaten before freshmen even arrived.

Participation level varies
The intensity with which fraternities and living groups have been recruiting varies, as some need new members more than others. Zeta Beta Tau, which has 16 freshmen living in the house, is in the latter category. "We're pretty laid back about it ... we don't have the urgent need to get members," said rush chair Aadel A. Chaudhuri '04. However, most houses have at least one or two freshmen in mind who rushed in the fall but opted to live dormitories. "We definitely have specific people in mind," Chaudhuri said.

Other fraternities are more active, recruiting in the dormitories. Phi Delta Theta has postered on campus and Sigma Chi has held actual recruiting events in dormitories.

A stronger effort does not necessarily signal desperation, however. "Our target [for spring rush] is undefined," said PDT rush chair Dylan B. Chavez '04. "We felt it was necessary to look at the options," as spring rush will be more important in the future. "It lets us get a jump on next year's stuff."

One possible reason for the surprising turnout of fraternity and ILG affiliates last night is that the MIT administration has agreed to pay 80 percent of the estimated fees FSILGs will lose next year, when all freshmen will be housed in dormitories. As a stipulation they have made participation in spring rush a requirement to receive this funding.

The IFC does not have any more joint spring rush events scheduled, as individual houses will handle their events from now on.

Although freshman attendance was perhaps lower than could have been hoped for, some students found consolation in the comedian, who stayed for 30 ... or 40 minutes. "He was funny," Chavez said. His "specialty was bathroom humor, according to audience reports. IFC rush chair Yaidley called it "some twisted humor."

Not all enjoyed his routine, however. One unfortunate student sporting a mohawk had to endure the comic's routine, and his crew were noticeably stone-faced.

The IFC kicked off Spring Rush with entertainment by local comedian PJ Thibodeau and a DVD raffle Monday night in La Sala.
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Class Council Races Unevenly Contested

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some friendly competition, but I guess I should thank them..." Virgil said that "competition would have raised the bar, help us do a better campaign, I am excited but also disappointed."

Lee said she expects at least one other candidate, Joseph D. Seale '03, to submit his petition for UA president in the near future. Seale confirmed his plans to run, and said that his "petition is not quite ready because of numerous reasons, one of them being that the person I was originally running with dropped out on me, I am really picky about who I run with because I want someone who cares enough to get things done and is in the race for the right reasons."

With only about a week's grace period, Seale is on a race against time, but remains hopeful. He said he already has another running mate in mind, who is actually the first person he approached about campaign—ing together as a ticket.

Michael R. Hall '03 is running for Class of 2003 VP instead of UA vice president with Seale, but he said he is still confident in Seale's abilities. "Before the campaign, I had considered both serving my class as a class officer and serving under Joseph as UA Vice President."

Hall said. "After considering changing circumstances, I decided I would be more effective serving directly as a class officer."

"I wish Joseph the best of luck in this election. If elected, he would serve the UA well as its president," Hall said.

Opinion

Teresa S. Kim '04, the current co-chair of the 2004 Class Council, is disappointed by the lack of candidates for her position. "I think it's really sad. The elections are also rather odd, because last year hardly anyone ran for president and vice president, but this year there are five people campaigning for president."

When asked about the possible explanations for the turnout, Kim said that it could be because "the class council is a lot more functional nowadays. We have more days, we did more money, we did more events, I think people really realize that things could get done with money!"

Kim also stressed the importance of the social chair position. "Like it or not, the social chair is the backbone of all organizations, so the social chairs do most of the work with little recognition."

Nadja Yousif '04, also a current co-chair for 2004, warned that "the class will have no right to complain" next year when the vacant positions are appointed.

In contrast to the low numbers running for other positions in the class council, there are at least five candidates for 2004 president so far. Yousif considers this a good thing. "It encourages people to come up with innovative ideas, and separates the people who want to run for the sake of running apart from those who are running because they care."

Maria E. Hidalgo '04, one of the candidates for president, agrees that "junior year is a pivotal year. Things have been going well for us this past year, but the word on the street is that it is time for a change. We've had the same people on class council for two years now."

Hidalgo's main hope is that the elections go smoothly. "Insec Kim '05, a presidential candidate for 2005 class council, agrees that "[the election] is not about power, but getting things done. It is fun to get ideas rolling and fixing the lack of class unity."

Many of the candidates are motivated by the lack of class unity within their classes, as well as the entitlement factor that the position entails. Alexis DeSieno '05 and Jonathan Cho '03 summarized these common feelings. "It is fulfilling, I don't really know how to describe it," said DeSieno, a candidate for 2005 VP.

Cho, another one of the four candidates for 2005 VP, said that "our class is not cohesive as a whole. I also want to bring closer interaction between different ethnic groups on campus."

Activity outside MIT seen as key

Another common idea that the candidates support is to get people branching out and being active in community. "We need to get away from MIT," DeSieno said.

A big concern driving the 2003 candidates is the lack of how to make good jobs upon graduation. Both Hall, a candidate for 2003 VP, and Sina Kevin Nazemi '03, the sole candidate for 2003 president, hope to get started early to try to change.

"I am glad that there is at least one president running for communica-
tion on the class council," said Nazemi. "I hope to make good use of the extra student activities fee that will become available as part of the tuition hike."

Faculty Discuss Changes to BEH

By Flora Amrawi

Dean of the School of Engineering Thomas L. Magnanti announced that the Division of Bioengineering and Environmental Health (BEH) is changing its name to the Division of Biological Engineering (BE) at the faculty meeting last week. The Academic Council formally approved the name change Feb. 12.

Professor Howard Brenner of the chemical engineering department said there was insufficient discussion of the change. "We are concerned about the impact the biological engineering division is going to have on chemical engineering," Brenner said, adding that the BE division may evolve into a department and this will compete with Course X, which also offers bioengineering in part of its curriculum.

Scientific access also discussed

Another issue discussed at the fac-
ulty meeting was the new committee on access to and disclosure of scientific information, sponsored by Provost Robert A. Brown. "We set up the committee in December," said Stephen C. Graves, professor of management and chair of the faculty. "The committee will deal with policies on open research and free access to infor-
amation," he added, noting that the committee's work was "primarily to re-examine current policies and examine whether there is need for change."

The essence of the current policy has been that we do not do classified research and "once we have students at MIT, we cannot single them out for restriction from research," Graves said in justifying the formation of the committee.

The committee's charge is "to look at current policy in light of cur-
tent state of affairs," Graves explained. The committee will also look at the implications of faculty par-
ticipating in classified research and review the policy with respect to use of classified material on campus.

Since more and more industry research goes on off campus, "there is potential for certain restrictions," Graves commented.

The committee plans to gather information, document history and assess the current and possible future scenarios and it is to report to the facul-
ty and the Academic Council in May.

The need for change in policy was emphasized by Brenner, who has had several proposals to do work involv-
ing classified research. "Last spring, I got a proposal to sign a sub-contract on aerosols in conjunction with the Army, and it would involve work with bioterrorism," Brenner said. Since the Army would have control over the whole program, MIT was not willing to sign it since "MIT does not want to be told by anybody who they can or cannot employ to do research according to the existing policies," Brenner added. He said he hoped that in view of Sept. 11, MIT will change its policies to view classi-

Clay discusses crowding problems

Chancellor Phillip L. Clay Ph.D '73 addressed the issue of crowding, reminding the faculty of the e-mail message he sent out addressing the issue since approximately 400 stu-
dents are affected. In the e-mail, he had indicated ways they could deal with crowding, with the most feasible ones being reducing the number of admitted freshmen and taking about 150 from graduate housing for under-
graduates without necessarily inter-
fering with the graduate community. Two committees were appointed to deal with the crowding issue and pre-
vent the scenario from happening again. Clay said the problem would be gone in three to five years.

"There is open skepticism on whether this strategy will work," he added. He addressed this by saying that the hope on fulfilling the strategy was based on maintaining the size of the admitted class and confirmed that the plan for next year is to restrict new students to 1,600.
Leaders Not Worried About Protests

Chas Freeman speaks at the forum entitled "The U.S. and China: A Coming Conflict?" The discussion panel, sponsored by the MIT Center for International Studies, was held in the Wong Auditorium Monday afternoon.

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Women’s Gymnastics Places Third Against Div. I UMass, Div. II University of Alaska

By Diana Cheng

MIT’s Figure Skating Club competed in the United States Figure Skating Association’s intercollegiate competition on Saturday, with Caitlin Q. Marlow ’03 leading the team with a third place finish in the individual compulsory competition. Marlow, Kristen M. Jonker ’03, and Diana S. Cheng ’04 placed fourth, eighth, and respectively, in individual compulsory moves for the Pre-Intermediate B division. Moves included two single jumps chosen from flip, loop, or lutz, a jump combination with the second jump being a loop, a camel or sit spin, a camel combination spin, and a footwork sequence.

In the afternoon’s events, Sheila N. Tandon G and Cheng placed eighth and thirteenth, respectively, in the Pre-Intermediate A solo dance, which was the Canasta Tango set pattern. Barbara M. Cutler G once again performed well in the Intermediate solo dance, which was the Ten Foxtrot for this competition. She received the bronze medal.

Free skate not as successful

At the Pre-Intermediate B free skate, Cheng placed eighth skating her Lord of the Rings program. The USFSA-sanctioned competition was held at Boston University’s Walter Brown Arena on Feb. 23. The competitors were mostly the same as those who competed at the MIT competition last week, so not surprisingly, the results were similar.

However, the team maneuvers event was cancelled because the organizers of the event, the BU competition producers, were unable to bring in a suitable floor two hours before the ceremony would last until 11 p.m., although the competition finished ahead of schedule.

Exhibition in Johnson March 9

The MIT Figure Skating Club will be holding an exhibition at 7 p.m. on March 9 at Johnson Ice Rink. Many members of MIT’s figure skating team will also perform at this show in the opening number, group ice dance numbers, solo freestyle programs, and with the synchronized skating team.

Nordic Team Takes First

By Alessandra Sabelli and Ivana Modo

The MIT Nordic Ski Team had a strong performance at Ore’s C.C. Ski Center in Vermont on the weekend of Feb. 16–17, with wins in the women’s freestyle sprint race and the men’s and women’s 10k race.

In the Saturday’s freestyle sprint race, Marissa L. Yates ’03 dominated the women’s competition. Despite the sluggish snow, Yates skied a strong and fast race, overpowering her rivals and getting a well deserved first place.

For the men’s team, Karl-Magnus W. McLeitch ’02 raced the semi-final, while Timothy G. Garnett ’02 fought his way up through all three runs of elimination, qualifying for the finals and placing fifth overall.

Garnett, Yates top 10k classic

On Sunday, the format changed to a 10k classic race, with fresh snowfall and higher temperatures making the race slow. However, the team’s performance was excellent, with Garnett and Yates shining with the spotlight with well-deserved first place finishes, followed closely by the rest of the team.

McLeitch finished strong in fifth place despite the team’s strong performance. The team looks forward to the next race at Nordic Championship at Waterville Valley, New Hampshire, and qualifying for nationals.