Six Added to Ballot With Late Petitions
Seola, Deora Added to Ballot for UAP/VP
By Brian Loux
NEWS EDITOR
Josiah D. Scale '03 and Parul Deora '04 have officially entered the race for Undergraduate Association president and vice president. "(Seola/Deora) were officially on the ballot on Friday," said UA Election Commissioner Helen H. Lee '02, "but the e-mail declaring their candidacy wasn't sent out until the weekend."
A total of five tickets have been added to UA and class council elections. Other candidates include Daniel F. Kanomori '05 for class president, Jesse R. Alejandro '05 and Cecilia E. Ramos '05 for class publicity chairs, and Yun-Lin Wong '04 for Panhellenic Association representative.
"The candidates all picked up petitions and intended to run," Lee said. She added that the late candidates all requested an extension for "extenuating circumstances," and returned filled petitions over the weekend.
Yoon, Vigil enjoy competition
"I was Josiah's initial choice months ago," Deora said. "At the time I wasn't sure about running and told him to continue his search. About a week ago he asked me to reconsider" and the two began to petition for candidacy, she said.
UA presidential/vice presidential candidates Jennifer S. Yoon '03 and Nupmale C. Vigil '03 said

The Spin Doctors will open for Sugar Ray at this year's Spring Weekend concert.
Spin Doctors Scheduled to Open For Sugar Ray at Spring Concert
Band's First Tour in Eight Years Includes MIT Spring Weekend Stop
By Helena Kadyaszewski
NEWS EDITOR
The Spin Doctors will open for Sugar Ray at this year's annual Spring Concert on April 26 at the Johnson Athletic Center.
"Sugar Ray was as psyched as we were to hear that the Spin Doctors will be here," said Spring Weekend co-chair Daniel B. Jonas '02.
"It's a huge honor to have a band of their caliber open for us," said co-chair of the concert committee, Devdoot Majumdar '03, another one on campus gets the first shot at buying tickets, because they're going to go fast," he said.
Tickets will go on sale for members of the MIT community beginning next Monday, March 11, at the Source, the Coffeehouse, and at some graduate student residences. The decision to slate both Sugar Ray and the Spin Doctors was based primarily on student suggestions, Majumdar said. Of the 511 responses given to the MIT community this winter, over 200 were for the "Alternative" and "Rock" categories. The decision then depended on negotiations of MIT's agent, Majumdar said.

Fahad Kajani '05, candidate for 2005 class treasurer, jokes with 2005 Presidential candidate Josiah D. Seale '03 and Parul Deora '04 during class council elections.
Burton-Conner Fire Alarms Trouble Residents, Institute
By Kevin R. Lang
NEWS EDITOR
The Cambridge Fire Department responded to three fire alarms at Burton-Conner House this weekend, two of which were false.
Burton-Conner's fire alarm system has been set off frequently in recent weeks, sometimes by burnt food, but often by faulty equipment. In an e-mail to the house mailing list, Burton-Conner House master Halston W. Taylor said he was "fed up with these fire alarms."
Taylor said he was concerned about the disruption to students' lives caused by the alarms, but also the chance that students will begin disregarding them.
"I am ... concerned that we will have a real fire and people will not leave the building due to all the false alarms," Taylor said.
However, some alarms are known to have been caused by students smoking or leaving food unattended on stoves. Karen A.Nilsson, director of housing operations, said that the problem seemed to be a combination of negligence by Burton-Conner residents and faulty alarm equipment.
"It appears in some cases, when residents are cooking, they may leave the cooking area unattended," Nilsson said. "It also appears that we are getting trouble calls that turn out to be systems problems rather than a smoke or fire problem."

The Weather
Today: Sunny, cold, 33°F (-1°C)
Tongue Glass, cold (17°F (-9°C))
Tomorrow: Sunny, mild, 59°F (15°C)
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The American soldiers killed in a helicopter crash were identified by the Department of Defense as three Americans, two Jordanians, and two Germans. The soldiers were on a mission to train Palestinian security forces when the helicopter crashed in a valley near Ramallah, the Palestinian territories. The attack was the deadliest of a series of suicide bombings and gun attacks that have left more than 170 people dead and hundreds wounded since the offensive began. The attack comes a day after the Israeli military announced that it would begin a major operation in the West Bank to arrest Palestinian militants. The project, which was approved by the Israeli government, would require the construction of a buffer zone between Israeli settlements and the Palestinian territories. The buffer zone would be used to prevent Palestinian attacks on Israeli targets and to allow for the movement of military personnel and equipment. The project was announced in response to a series of suicide bombings and attacks that have left more than 400 people dead and thousands wounded since the start of the offensive. The Israeli military has been criticized for using excessive force and for targeting civilians. The international community has called for an immediate cease-fire and for a political solution to the conflict. The United Nations has called for an immediate withdrawal of Israeli troops from the territories and for the resumption of peace talks. The United States has called for a moratorium on all Israeli settlement activity in the territories and for an immediate end to the violence. The European Union has called for the opening of a humanitarian corridor for the delivery of aid to the Palestinian territories. The Israeli government has rejected all of these proposals and has continued its military operations. The situation in the territories remains tense, with frequent clashes between Israeli forces and Palestinian militants.
A team of defense contractors described a 1997 test of a 'key missile component as "clear and a success" even though the results indicated that the component did not work as intended. Despite the failure, congressional investigations were opened.

A General Accounting Office report said that officials from Boeing, McDonnell Douglas and TRW did not report the test results. The report stated that the contractors' reports to the Pentagon did not convey the test results and the system's limitations. But despite more than a decade of big jumps in the defense budget, Chinese analysts consider the resulting developmental program "drastic" in the military situation. China announced its further reduction in military expenditures.

As the Senate debate on the election reform bill continued, Democrats refused to pass the bill, prompting Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle and proponents of election reform in both parties refused to withdraw their bills. The continued impasse reflects the difficulty of negotiating a bill that directly affects how lawmakers are elected. Republicans generally have opposed some of the more controversial elements of the measure, while Democrats have blocked efforts to expand the electorate.

An inert military-style hand grenade in a passenger's luggage prompted police at Los Angeles International Airport to evacuate portions of the airport, close the upper-level roadway and delay hundreds of flights.

Federal security employees discovered the grenade around 6 a.m. in a carry-on bag. The suspect was a 30-year-old man who was traveling on a United Airlines passenger-bound flight for Seattle.

At about 6:45 a.m., police evacuated Terminal 3 and the airport terminal buildings for about an hour and a half. The suspicious package was found in the baggage claim area of Terminal 3, which is connected to the second-floor ticketing area of Terminal 2, according to the FBI.

The FBI detained the man for questioning, but refused to release any other details after the U.S. attorney's office determined that he had not violated any laws.

Pilots carrying firearms with marshals on flights declining.

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A Poor Choice

For Commencement

The recent decision to invite James Wolfensohn, president of the World Bank, to speak at MIT’s 2002 Commencement represents a serious problem for much of the senior class and others at the Institute. While MIT has previously invited numerous world leaders who represent diverse viewpoints and receive strong criticisms for their work, Wolfensohn and his organization directly marginalizes the viewpoints of a significant portion of the students graduating this year, as well as a significant portion of the MIT community at large.

While President Vest is correct in stating that previous speakers have "been treated respectfully by our community," what is ignored in his statement is that Wolfensohn and the World Bank have consistently disregarded the viewpoints of many members of the MIT community as well as the world at large. An enormous proportion of the world’s population has been affected by the Bank’s policies under Wolfensohn’s direction, but has been consistently left out of the decision-making process. President Vest has portrayed this commencement address as a Rosen for discussion and debate, but that is precisely what a commencement address is not. It is a speech by a singular individual meant to symbolize the character and future of the MIT class. It leaves no room for debate or discussion. Inviting Wolfensohn to perform in the role of commencement speaker fails to present the viewpoints of much of our community at our own graduation ceremony.

Even those who agree with the World Bank’s policies under Wolfensohn, or have no opinion concerning them, are worried because Wolfensohn to perform in the role of commencement speaker.

We wish that Wolfensohn be removed from the position of this year’s commencement speaker. If the totally transparent decision to invite him is not revocable, we wish that MIT’s administrators would think more carefully when inviting future speakers to commencement, and that the views of the students are not marginalized at their own graduation ceremonies.

This letter is part of a petition that has been signed by seventy people. The list is viewable at http://web.mit.edu/aapg/www/
Guest Column

Ling Yao

Julia Steinberger's guest column entitled "No Pamphlet on Posters" (March 5, 2002) deals with the oversimplification of the issues that she claims are so complex. Moreover, her column seems rather like a polemical argument of a very type of focused rational argument. The article is too quick to link posters of scantily clad women with women's exploitation and this haste in reasoning typifies the ignorance and impetuousness of contemporary arguments. First off, please do not dismiss me as a chauvinist simply because I don't agree with her. I am female, and I do not think that the favorite classes at MIT is Introduction to Women's Studies. However, any sociological argument must be sensitive to a myriad of subtle nuances and unless some posters are taken seriously, a few party posters lacks such sensitivity.

Her writing is quite unclear to me but I believe that her first point is that women and men occupy unequal positions in society and that female nudity is rather benign while female nudity results in objectification, exploitation, and damage. Right off that, I don't believe that nudity in any of the party posters I have seen results in such an effect. I'm sure that nudity by node only means scanty clad. Even if there were nudity, the result is not inevitably damaging.

Just as male nude sculptures and paintings of women are used to exploit the male body, male depictions of female bodies can be similarly defined as negative. There are overly explicit pictures of female nudity which do not reflect the value of women and human rights. Finally, the absence of laws that pertain natural sexual expression. To make a strong association between nudity and objectification, exploitation, and damage to one's body as nudity in party posters is a gross miscalculation in causality.

In addition, I hope to only look at the trend in graphic sexual liberalism to discern possible benefits. One of the important benefits of a healthy bodily awareness is exposure to new ways of thinking, living, and working. Mr. Wasfy's recent column on comparing CMI and Cambridge left me wondering about the differences. I hope to bring the point home: graphic sexual liberalism is probably a reflection of liberalizing currents than increased objectification of women. Regardless of what is reflected, it would be disastrous to assert that women had greater opportunity and suffered more in most cases than men. Accepting women's clothing moved from long dresses to short dresses to jeans. It's shorts to jeans typifies the ignorance and impetuousness of such arguments. I would be as harsh as Ms. Steinberger to suggest that the parallelism above proves what she wants to say. Accepting women's clothing is far more than the sexual objectification than anything else. And what other way to ensure future progress if not through providing new ways of thinking, living, and working. So when Mr. Wasfy quotes the Vice Chancellor of Cambridge as saying that "MIT is a "shutgun wedding," and that because the institutions of higher learning would probably be ahead of the "UK," it is likely that this alliance will not allow Cambridge to innovate education. Everything ever change out of the status quo.

CMI and the Oxford partnership is like comparing apples and oranges. The "UK," the alliance that Ms. Steinberger wanted to try experiencing academics under the best educational examin- nation is exposure to new ways of thinking, living, and working.

Differences in academic and cultural challenges are as follows: In the UK, the alliances will not work as smoothly as, say, the new Oxford-Princeton partnership, because...
**The Faith-full, Eat, Drink, And Be Patient**

Andrew C. Thomas

**Patience, a minor form of despair**,— Ambrose Bierce, The Devil's Dictionary.

I will admit— I'm not very patient when it comes to sitting around waiting for something to happen. I can't stand the feeling of dread on

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CONCERT REVIEW
MIT Festival Jazz Ensemble
Horn-Toting Men in Black
By Allison Lewis
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MIT Festival Jazz Ensemble
Kresge Auditorium
March 2, 8:00 p.m.

On Saturday night, the MIT Festival Jazz Ensemble, led by conductor Frederick Harris, proudly presented a show that featured Natraj, a contemporary jazz band that fuses traditional African, Indian, and jazz elements in a scintillating performance, and presented "Raga Jog," a traditional North Indian raga that was a drum solo played with few mistakes. The music was chill and soothing, with the FJE playing two rounds they had practiced earlier. In the end, the FJE and Natraj performed together in the last song, "Raga Jog," which featured Maggie V. Stringfellow as the lead vocalist of Natraj. She was backed by viola, bass, and percussion.

They played "Meet Me Anywhere," composed by Phil Scarff, the soprano saxophone player and lead vocalist of Natraj. She was backed by violin, bass, and percussion. Phil Scarff played his saxophone. This is the kind of performance that one can only see once in a lifetime. The audience was amazed by the music that Natraj played, and drummer Bertram Lehmann's percussion solo seemed to go on forever.

I've seen the Festival Jazz Ensemble perform many times. They let loose, they bob their heads to the beat, they get messy on solos, and Fred Harman does the best with what he's given. His character's progress through the film makes two hours seem to fly by in seconds. Unfortunately, as a whole, that's about the best thing that can be said of Simon Wells' version of his great-grandfather's classic novel.

Our protagonist Professor Alexander Hartdegen (Guy Pearce) and his party counterpart to the absent-minded professor, has his life shattered when his fiancee (Sienna Guillory) is shot dead in his arms by a mummy. Driven by obsession, he creates a time machine to go back in time and prevent the tragic event from ever occurring. Unfortunately, he discovers that no matter how he interferes with the past, his fiancee is somehow always killed. Thus begins his fantastic journey into various moments in the past to discover the answer to his question, why can't the past be changed?

During the course of his journey, he discovers that a moon mining operation will go awry and destroy most of civilization. Traveling to an alien planet, he finds himself in a strange world where evolution has had a few interesting effects on the survivors of the human race. With the notable exceptions of Orlando Jones as Van, the hilariously sarcastic computer generated librarian, and Jeremy Irons as the heedlessly twirled General Marcus, the acting in this film is mediocre. Guy Pearce perhaps does the best with what he's given, but his character's progress through the film makes little sense. Imagine watching a movie starring Russell Crowe where he starts off acting like John Nash in "A Beautiful Mind," and ends acting like General Maximus Meridus in " Gladiator." Pop singer Samatha Mumba makes her film debut as Mara, but much like the rest of the cast, she simply walks through her part without really adding much to the film.

The most disappointing part of the film is its lack of focus. The second half of the film is an entirely different story than the first half, with very little to connect the two. If you're willing to not think too hard, however, if you're going to see it, save yourself the time and money and rent it online.
Sonic Advance

It Doesn't Get More Old School Than This

By Chad Servant

Sonic Advance
Published by THQ
Made for the Game Boy Advance
$39.99

Sonic has dropped out of the risky console hardware business and now makes games. Since they can now make games on any platform they want, Sega has taken the 16-bit goodness of the Sonic games of the Genesis and squeezed it into the Game Boy Advance. If you've remotely liked the 2-D Sonic games, this game is a perfect extension of those games.

The story sticks to the good old premise of evil mad scientist (Dr. Robotnik) trying to take over the world (by turning all the animals into robots, and using them to up to you (as Sonic or his three friends) to stop him). There are thirteen stages to zip through if you're going to stop Robotnik.

Each character has differences that force you to travel through a stage differently. Sonic is the fastest thing alive, so he has a lot of acrobatic skills and he has temporary invincibility during his jumps. Tails can fly, and is the only character that can swim up to the surface. Knuckles can glide through the air and can clamber walls. Amy is the least orthodox of them all, but she has excellent range and cool attacks with her hammer.

All of the stages have the gimmicks from previous games: speed boosters, springs, jump-up-tos, everything but time travel (sorry Sonic CD). These gimmicks help determine scaling and rotating abilities of the Game Boy Advance while helping you beat your latest nemesis. Of course, the items are here: rings, shields, annoying enemies, spikes, annoying underwater scenes, Robotnik in some mechanical contraption, and the large capsules filled with enemies at the end of the stage.

The bonus stages are all new. Once you find the hidden spring, you catch a surfboard and fall through a tunnel while collecting rings. Unfortunately, the 3-D scaling destroys your depth perception and you have no way of telling where those rings are. You'll pull your hair out before you can get your hands on that Chaos Emerald. But once you do, you reach the final boss (more fun than the X-Zone boss) and the real fun begins.

The music is just like the Genesis version (but better), and the sound is filled with the classic bleeps and beeps I'm used to. Everyone in the room will know when you've lost your rings, and everyone will sing to the invincibility song with perfect accuracy. Too bad you didn't set up an entire stage devoted to that song yet.

As an extra, you can raise Chao in the Tiny Chao Garden. The rings you collect are used to buy items for your Chao. There are two minigames (memory and rock/paper/scissors) just in case you need a few extra rings to buy that rubber ducky. If you own Sonic Adventure 2 Battle and a Gamecube to Game Boy Advance link cable, you can transport your Chao back over to two games so you can raise 'em on the go. If you've had it up to here with the whole Pokemon/Monster Rancher/Digimon craze then you can ignore this section and still be content.

Note that Sonic is free from its shackles on hardware development, I guess. So, finally enjoy Sega without thinking about them as Nintendo's competitor. Sonic Advance is one of the best 2-D platforms out there. I wonder who's next on the "long-time Nintendo rival will work for them" list. Maybe Squeen? Is there a new streamlined, taller Sonic shown off his guns in Sonic Advance.}

GAME REVIEW

Sonic Adventure 2 Battle

Don't Let the Camera Pool Ya...

By Chad Servant

Sonic Adventure 2: Battle
Published by Sega
Made for the Nintendo Gamecube
$49.99

This is from a Nintendo fan's perspective, so I can't relate to you if you have Sega. Sega made a name for itself with its main character, Sonic the Hedgehog. He wasn't a Mario clone. He had an attitude, and he was the fastest thing alive.

Sonic's out of the hardware business and it is now working with all of the "test-gen" consoles. How ironic, Sega decided to post Sonic Adventure 2 to its old-time rival Nintendo. Once you get past the game, you'll find that Sega hasn't lost its magic touch from the days of the Dreamcast.

The story covers six characters. Sonic, Tails, Knuckles, the bird-like character Shadow, the bald with a big head, and Rouge. While Robotnik uses Shadow and Rouge to conquer the world, Sonic and his pals are off to save it. The story isn't too engaging, and anime fans will find rehearsed themes everywhere. And because the story is told from different viewpoints, inconsistencies pop up everywhere. For example, why is Robotnik fighting his own machines? But you really shouldn't pay attention to the story anyway. It's a video game, folks.

Sonic and Shadow stages involve running forward and getting to the end. Luckily, you have to do more than hold up to reach the end. Each stage has a pool of electronics and opportunities for items that you should use to your advantage. There are also items you can find to increase their abilities. These stages can be a lot of fun, but they get old days of Sonic.

Tails and Robotnik pilot mechs and shoot 'em up. The lock on feature lets you lock on to about 30 targets before firing homing missiles, resulting in extreme bonus scores. This mode wasn't made for speed, because the mechs are slower compared to the other characters. E-102 from Sonic Advance would be proud if it were still functional.

Knuckles and Rouge are two treasure hunters, and they enter free-range environments, looking for keys and emeralds. These stages are huge, and it's pretty easy to get lost. The radar is a hotkey indicator, but it only works on the emerald the game wants you to look for. You could stand right next to an emerald and the radar wouldn't signal a thing. Once you get used to the stages and the radar though, you'll enjoy the hunting stages.

The major weakness of this game is the camera. You can use the L and R buttons to rotate, but that simply isn't enough. The C stick could have been used to move the camera and the Z button could have been used to lock the camera. There are times when I really want to put my finger on the camera, and the game won't do that. Sega had the extra buttons to fix a rather large problem but didn't use them.

The music is quite varied. Knuckles' music has hip-hop and rap written all over it, and Rouge has a nice jazz ensemble to back her up. Every- one else goes on a guitar in different ways, and they all are上诉ing to the ear.

The sound consists of standard fan sound effects. Many sounds return (like dropping your rings when damaged) and old school Sonic fans will recognize them. The voice acting has improved a bit, with some extra lines added from the Dreamcast version. But no voice will blow your socks off.

The multiplayer aspects have been expanded quite a bit. There are ten stages for your racing, shooting, or hunting pleasure, with four characters to choose from. Player 2 won't get as stale as it did on the Dreamcast. You can also raise Chao, Sega's cute little light-up monsters. They can be used as a form of healing, and they can raise Chao. The voice acting continues to be completely different game by itself if it had a few more games. As you get further in the game and collect almost 180 missions, you can find more stuff to buy for your Chao. This game is loaded with fancy extras, and I look forward to trying them.

If you haven't played a 3-D Sonic game yet, this is the one to buy.

Free Pizza

Write News
For The Tech
News Meetings—5pm
Dinner—6pm
Student Center
Room 483
Sundays
the crass rat

Wow... I can't believe she's actually here.

I bet she's thinking about me... oh, how cute I am... or how likely how buff I look...

Yeah, so where's your answer to the second question?

She wants me.

INTEGRAL FORCE

I'm glad we chose "Integral Force" as our name.

Because if you think about it, the integral of force, F, is power! and we have a lot of that!

P stands for momentum, not power.

Sigh... maybe ab-normal force would've been better.

INTEGRAL FORCE

And we never got a hit, even way in last will we get it now, were just gonna take the middle approach, ok?

But I'm the best out approach!

Hey coach this is disgraceful, but it's not like we have a choice, boys?

Yea, yea, yea, give me some backup will you, guys, material beyond dry!

Son, are you ready?

Ah, action!

Don't worry, you got me.

Hey, Coach! I'm taking up golf, isn't that great?

Would you mind moving a little? Your head is blocking the ball... terror?

AHWONG

Faint mention of BlahBlahBlah, gook, gook, gook, etc. (Random ME)
FoxTrot
by Bill Amend

Dilbert®
by Scott Adams

I'M IN A BAD MOOD, MAYBE I'LL FEEL BETTER IF I CRITICIZE SOME EMPLOYEES.

CAN ANYONE TELL ME WHY EVERYONE'S ALWAY LATE FOR MY STAFF MEETINGS?

I'M DOING SOME RECREATIONAL CRITICIZING. WHAT DO YOU HAVE FOR ME?

I HATE YOUR PACKAGE. I HEAR THAT A LOT.

THE WAS SOME THANK OF YOUR FINEST WORK.

YOU READ EMAIL LIKE A CHIMP!

ALICE, THAT WAS SOME THANK OF YOUR FINEST WORK.

WHAT'S OUR CURRENT SEVERANCE PACKAGE?

I TRANSFER YOU TO A BAD JOB AND YOU QUIT WITHOUT GIVING NOTICE.

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that there is more than one ticket didn't hurt the ticket. "I think it draws more attention to us now," Yoon said.

Seale said that when we applied, "it's almost a relief to better to have more than one ticket as "viewing the big picture," and they hope to work on projects that influence all of MIT, Yoon said. "The first thing we're looking to do is address all of the policy changes that have happened this year," she said. "Students only know that everything is changing, not how. My primary goal is to look at the $200 tuition increase and write a proposal to [Dean for Student Life Larry G.] Benedict and see more of that money go to student events."

"One of the strengths of the UA is its ability to form committees and make sure policies are on track," Vigil said. "Now that there are so many, that we must go in and ascertain how good these are for the students."

Yoon and Vigil also said they hope to work with the GSC if elected. "I have been the ASA [Association for Student Activities] treasurer and the only undergraduates to sit on the GSC Funding Board and I see them every two weeks," Yoon said. "This year [the UA and the GSC] have been working together, and we need to keep that up."

Both commented on the need for cooperation in the housing strategy. "It is important for the two groups to work together, though I think some graduate dormitories will be temporarily used," Yoon said.

Pleasant tone for current race

"I hope more people will know it is doing a good job and is very active in this race," Deora said. "It's our job and is very active in this race."

Both tickets expressed their approval of how the campaigns have gone so far. "In the past, there was a lot of controversy over violations of rules, but it has been a rather smooth election so far," Deora said. "I hope more people will turn out to vote this time. Part of that will come from trusting the UA and knowing it is doing a good job."

"We plan on keeping a clean campaign," Yoon said. "We should all focus on our better sides than focusing on candidates' negatives."

Vigil added, "The Election Commission is doing a fabulous job and is very active in this race."

UAPNP debate tonight

The UA/PNP candidates' debate will be held tonight at 8 p.m. on the first floor of the Stratton Student Center. A debate for class council candidates will be held on Thursday at the same time and place.

All candidates have a week left for campaigning before electronic balloting begins on March 11.

Jennifer Yoon '03 (right) and Miquela Vigil '03, candidates for UA president and vice president, discuss their platform and the recent addition of the Seale-Deora ticket.

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Both Presidential Candidates Plan to Work with GSC

UA Presidential candidate Josiah D. Seale '03 (right) looks on as his running mate, Parul Deora '04, talks about their platform. Before Seale and Deora joined the race late last week, only the pair of Jennifer Yoon '03 and Miquela Vigil '03 were registered as candidates for the top UA posts.
Transgender, Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Awareness Days

Wed, March 6
7pm 4-145
Transgender Panel

Thurs, March 7
7:30pm La Sala
Journey to a Hate Free Millenium

Fri, March 8
Time/Location: TBA
Rainbow Coffee House
Mon, March 11
4-6pm 50-306
Resource Center Grand Opening
6:30-7:30pm 50-306
GAMIT Coming Out Support Group
E-mail: GAMIT-ADMIN@MIT.EDU

Fri, March 15
7pm 4-231
FAQS Queer As Folk Movie Night

Journey to a Hate Free Millenium

a multimedia interactive presentation

thursday
march 7
7:30pm
la salade puerto rico
stratton student center

Filmaker Brent Scarpo, founder of New Light Media, will show his film "Journey to a Hate Free Millennium" as part of a national campus tour to raise thought and discussion concerning hate crimes.

The film includes interviews with:
- Judy Shepard, mother of Matthew Shepard
- several of Matthew Shepard's close friends
- The family of Columbine High School victim Rachel Scott
- The family of James Byrd, the man who was dragged to death in a hate crime in Jasper, Texas
- A former neo-Nazi, now working with the Simon Wiesenthal Center

A question and answer session with the filmmaker will follow.
Seniors Ask for ‘Physical’ Gift, Link to Sept. 11, World Peace

Senior Gift from Page 1

Making the Peace Garden a part of Senior Gift is only one of the avenues that seniors can contribute to MIT. Seniors can actually specify that their contributions go to a different activity or program, such as an academic or athletic department, UROP or a scholarship.

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Seniors Ask for 'Physical' Gift, Link to Sept. 11, World Peace

These things going on affect our class a lot," said Marta S. Helene '02.

The Senior Gift Campaign Kickoff will be held today in the Bush Room from 11:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. A donation booth in Lobby 10 will be set up during the entire week and living group representatives will be trying to reach out to the senior community. Seniors may make their gifts at the Kickoff or any time thereafter.

The goal is to beat the previous record of 39 percent class participation, Helene said.

Sudeb C. Dalai '02, Class of 2002 President, said, "it's not so much about giving back to the Institute as it is about supporting something that you want to change at MIT. This year's Class Project is a great reflection and a unique statement of our values as a class."

Garden just part of Senior Gift

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Students Frustrated By Frequent Alarms

Burton-Conner, from Page 1

Nilsson said that she learned about the frequent alarms through the daily reports on MIT's dorm alarm systems, but that she had also been contacted by Taylor yesterday.

Students frustrated by alarms

Burton-Conner resident Rebecca E. Clinton '03 wrote to Taylor to complain about the frequency of the alarms. She said she thought that most were false alarms, but some were due to food left on stoves. However, she said she was concerned with the frequency of the alarms.

"It happens a few times every week," Clinton said. "It's really ridiculous." In addition, the alarms are not a new problem to Burton-Conner residents. A new alarm system was installed over the summer, but it was plagued with false alarms throughout the fall. "It was really bad during finals last term," Clinton said.

However, some of those false alarms occurred while the new system was being tested, said Jennifer C. Shih '03, Burton-Conner house president. Shih said that while Burton-Conner has had "a large number of fire alarms," many were caused by "carelessness while cooking."

Clinton said many students were starting to ignore the alarms, since they have so frequently been false. Burton-Conner has smoke alarms with strobe lights installed in each room. "They're really annoying," Clinton said.

Shih also said that students were concerned with the frequency of recent alarms. "It's been really frequent this week," she said. While she worried that some students might be getting complacent about the alarms, she said "a large number of students ... do leave the dorm regularly."

She said that she had been in contact with Taylor about the problem. "I've expressed student concerns regarding the number of fire alarms," Shih said. She is currently trying to organize a forum for students to express their concerns about the alarms.

Facilities working to fix 'bugs'

"When it's burnt food, the system is doing exactly what it should be doing," Nilsson said. However, some of the new smoke detectors have been found to be faulty. Nilsson said that steam from a pot of boiling water had actually set off an alarm recently.

"I've asked the Department of Facilities for their ideas of whether the system is too sensitive," Nilsson said. "We're all tired of all these alarms. When you get too many alarms, people get complacent and think it's a false alarm."

She said that MIT has had problems in the past whenever a new fire alarm system was installed.

Nilsson said that MIT would continue to work out what she called "bugs in the system," but in the meantime students should make an effort not to leave cooking unattended. She said other dormitories also had problems with fire alarms due to unattended cooking.

"It's not just in Burton House," Nilsson said.

No fines from fire department

While the fire department has the right to fine MIT if the fire alarm system is abused, Nilsson said this is usually only the case if the alarm is being pulled intentionally.

"That, frankly, does not happen on this campus," Nilsson said. "We don't have that problem."

She said she thought the Cambridge Fire Department understood that the recent alarms at Burton-Conner were either due to actual alarms or faulty equipment, and that the department had not contacted MIT about the recent rash of false alarms.

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April 8, 2002
Mixed On Bands

Spring Concert, from Page 1

was pleased to learn about the concert lineup. "Wow, I haven't heard anything about the Spin Doctors in a while. But if Sugar Ray's gonna be there, I'll probably go."

Others were not as enthusiastic. "MIT is the most powerful institution in the world. If they can buy Sugar Ray, they can buy anyone. They should have gotten my boy DJ Filthy, though," said Toscanini's Ice Cream scooper Vibh Sachdev.

"I like the Spin Doctors better than Sugar Ray, honestly," Sachdev said. "I wouldn't spend $12 ... I only manage $4 in tips a night here at Tosci's. I wouldn't waste it on Sugar Ray."

Neal E. Brenner '03 took a moment to register the news. "The Spin Doctors, eh? ... 'Two Princes,' right? 'Little Miss Can't Be Wrong?' Yeah ... not a big fan," he said. "Let me know when they book Britney. I'll be there."

The Spring Weekend Committee is seeking volunteers to help with publicity, concert security, logistics and other tasks. Anyone wishing to volunteer should email <spring02-request@mit.edu>.
Stacy L. Figueredo '03 plays 3-D pictionary during the Club Z event on Friday. 3D pictionary is similar to the classic, except participants use clay to create the objects.

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1) example of artist's work:
   a) three pieces of original work, or
   b) one piece of original work and visual representations of other originals (i.e., slides, photographic prints, etc.),
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3) a completed application form, available in W20-429.

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Basketball Playoffs Might Be Surprising

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son included one game where they put up 41 points, and a twenty-point victory over the number two seed, Alpha Tau Omega Gold. Their twenty-point victory was actually their closest of the season, so LLUA’s biggest problem down the stretch could be that they are untested.

Also, ATO Gold has probably been pretty hungry to have a second chance at LLUA, as that loss was their only loss of the season. Since that loss, ATO Gold has reeled off four straight victories, all with margins larger than 15 points.

Of the rest of the remaining field, all look like they could pull an upset on any given night. Each of the remaining seven have been competitive against each other, as evidenced by eight games between these seven teams that have been decided by five points or less.

TTP, Beta Ballers enter undefeated

In the B league, two of the remaining seventeen teams finished undefeated — TTP (Technology and Policy Program) and Beta Theta Pi’s Beta Ballers. Outside of an early one-point victory over Theta Delta Chi, TTP has not had much difficulty disposing of their opponents this season. Things could change in the playoffs though, as a possibility of a matchup against Theta Delta Chi remains in the semifinals, and the scary part is that Theta Delta Chi is the thirteenth seed. This means there are plenty of landmines sitting in the brackets for TTP to be prepared for.

The Beta Ballers did not run through their schedule with quite the ease that TTP did, but they have been solid and consistent all season. Their first round matchup should be a good one though, as they face a rematch with a team they beat in the regular season just last week, Euroclub BB, whom they edged out 37-35. This just goes to show the depth of the field in the B league playoffs this season. Out of the 5-1 teams, it appears that Kappa Sigma’s B2 team and Theta Chi’s Takus have played the best against teams still remaining in the playoffs. Both teams are 3-0 against the competition remaining. Each of the 5-1 teams has at least one win against the remaining competition though, a field that we have already determined is filled with depth.

Deep field has potential for upsets

Speaking of depth, the teams that finished 4-2 this season are loaded with upset potential. Start first with the nine seed, Kappa Sigma’s B2 team. Both of their losses have come because neither team was able to reschedule a game during their season, meaning that when the B2 team takes the floor, they win. Two of these four wins include 71-36 and 54-26 victories over playoff teams. The B2 team is certainly a team to keep an eye on.

TDC is also a team to watch out for, with their two losses this season being against TTP and BTP, neither one by more than six points. The rest of the teams in the field have played tough against the teams ranked ahead of them, but were not able to win when they faced each other. That just gives these lower seeds extra motivation if they meet a team they lost a close one to, so I wouldn’t be surprised to see a few lower seeds sliding their way into the semifinals or even the finals.

As for any predictions of who is going to go all the way, that is a bit difficult to say. I have not seen all of these teams play, and it is difficult to pass judgement strictly on a team’s record because on any given night a few of a team’s best players may not be able to make a game. So, I will just ahead and refrain from making any predictions as to how the playoffs will end up.

Check out what should be some very competitive basketball over the next two weeks between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday on the varsity court in Rockwell Cage all three nights and tonight on DuPont 62.

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**Swimmers Complete Season at NEWMAC**

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one loss. One of the many highlights of the winter came when they rose above years past and beat the Wellesley swim team 199-110. The Wellesley team had not lost a meet in over two years.

"It was a really big accomplishment, and it got us started on a really good season," Dieter said.

The team will train in the new Zesiger Center when it opens next fall, which will house an Olympic size pool. "Hopefully, with the new pool coming, the MIT team will only get stronger. More pool space and the diving well will also hopefully attract recruits," Haraszty said.

"Much of our success is due to our excellent coaching staff," Laura B. Shimmin '05, said. Mary Ellen McLaughlin, head coach, was named Coach of the Year in 1996 for NCAA Division III women's swimming.

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**Swimming**

Georgene M. Hill '04 runs screaming down the Infinite Corridor before the women's swim team leaves for NEWMAC Championships.

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**SPORTS**

**IM Hoops Playoffs Underway**

Pheiffer Gives the Inside Scoop on IM Basketball

By Rory P. Pheiffer

Back in October, 83 teams began playing intramural basketball here at MIT. In the next two weeks, the 26 remaining squads will be battling for both the A league and B league championships. There should be plenty of good basketball games in both leagues, as some of the top teams have not faced each other yet this season. However, don't be surprised if a few of the top teams don't make their way to the finals, as last year both leagues were won by the fourth seed, with the A league champ defeating a tenth seed in the final and the B league champ beating a seventh seed.

**Women Swim To 2nd Place At NEWMAC**

By Jennifer DeBoer

The women's team finished up in 9-1 season with a second place finish at NEWMAC championships on Feb. 24.

Though MIT did not outscore first place Springfiled in swimming events, Springfield's two nationally ranked divers drove their team edge MIT by only nine points, 1079.5-1069.5.

Kristin M. Alberti '03 qualified for Division III National Championships in the women's team's first attempt. The team of Georgene M. Hill '04, Alari, Kethany M. Duffly '04, and Monica F. Morrison '04 also made the NCAA III B cut in the 400 yard freestyle relay with a time of 3:35.47, which set a new NEWMAC record, but they were not chosen to attend.

The Engineers had champions in the 200 yard freestyle relay of Duffly, Andrea J. Hartanyak '02, Morrison, and Alexis A. Doter '03 with a time of 1:49.56 and the 400 yard medley relay of Alar, Yvahn Young '03, Hartanyak, and Morrison with a time of 4:04.72.

Morrison, who set the 100 yard freestyle record in prelims, broke the 50 yard freestyle in a NEWMAC III B cut, and Hill took first in the 1650 yard freestyle with a New England time of 16:45.07.

"I'm positive that our team will win NEWMAC's next year because we got better every year," said team tri-captain Hartanyak. "This is the strongest we've been so far and our new recruits keep getting faster as well."

The women finished their record-breaking season with just

**UPCOMING HOME EVENT**

**Thursday March 7**

Men's Gymnastics vs. William and Mary, 7:00 p.m.

**Women Take 12th On Track At ECAC**

Imoukhuede Wins Buckley Breaks Record To Lead MIT

By Adeline Kuo

This weekend, the MIT Women's Track squad placed 12th overall at the Eastern College Athletic Conference Championships. Later in the day, Buckley set another varsity record in the 3000m, clocking 10:20.95 for fourth place.

**Imoukhuede**

Princess Imoukhuede '02 wins the weight throw with a heave of 42'04" throw, which betters her previous NCAA provisional qualifying mark.

In the throwing cage, Imoukhuede earned even more points for MIT, as she won the weight throw with a distance of 54'10", which is an NCAA automatic qualifying mark. Imoukhuede was MIT's leading scorer at this meet, clinching 13 of MIT's 23 total points.

**Jumpers place in top ten**

At the other end of the infield, pole vaulter Catherine A. Tweedie '04, despite an excellent attempt at 11'00", finished with a clear of 10'96", good for sixth place.

Over at the jumping pit, Nailini Gupta '05 leaped 16'07.25" in the long jump, again just narrowly missing the varsity record. She later broke her own varsity record, taking third in the triple jump, finishing in seventh place with a final leap of 36'05". Gupta was nine inches off the NCAA provisional qualifying standard in the event.

**Distance records fall**

Day two began on the track with strong performances from Martha W. Buckley '04. Having set personal records in every event in which she has competed for the past three weeks, Buckley entered the championships with her eyes on MIT varsity records.

In the 1500m, Buckley took off over nine seconds since last season to finish with a new varsity record time of 4:51.32. Racing in the 3000m, Buckley smashed the varsity record with a fourth place finish of 10:20.95.

This new time is 47 seconds faster than her personal record from last season.

This coming weekend, MIT will once again compete at the New England Division III Championships.

**Women's Track squad placed 12th overall at the Eastern College Athletic Conference Championships.**

**Fencing Crushes Rivals**

By Curtis Wade III

MIT's fencing squads closed their New England Championships season on Feb. 23 with an emphatic confirmation of their season-long, unofficial status as the strongest team in the New England Conference.

MIT walked away with every team award and most of the squad and individual awards.

Among the four trophies, nine plaques, eight individual varsity medals, and ten junior varsity medals awarded the team were Best Men's Team, Best Women's Team, Best Combined Team, Best Squads for Men's Epee, Women's Epee, and Women's Foil, three varsity gold medals and two JV gold medals.

Coach Jake Koniusz said, "It's the most amazing performance I've seen in my nine years at MIT."

**MIT dominates Brown**

The men's fencing squad's championships in a tie with Brown University, forcing a face-off which they ultimately lost. No doubt as the men finished a full 14 victories (68%) over the Bears.

Both the foil and epee squads swept Brown, giving the Engineers an unofficial, main event win. The foil squad took first place last year, so the victory was especially sweet for the epee squad.

The men's fencing squads were undefeated in day 12 victories ahead of their nearest opponent, Brown, clinching their second consecutive title.

**Six go undefeated in finals**

In the finals, finalists Susannah M. Dorfman '03, Vincent Chen '03, Danielle M. More '02, and Oliver J. Chadwick '02, second, Martha M. Purcell '02, and epeeist Neal E. Devany '02 all remained undefeated. MIT advanced 10 other fencers to the final round.

Crystal Shih '03 and Anthony P. Reiner '03 both narrowly missed making the cut, tying for second place in the pool in wins, and placing second, respectively.

Dorfman remained undefeated throughout the finals, winning the women's foil gold medal. Christine A. Yee '03 won bronze and Morse placed seventh. Oliver J. Chadwick added a silver medal in men's foil, while Chen just missed a medal, finishing fourth.

In the women's epee, Jennifer A. Luke '03 placed fifth, and Natalie E. Cusano '02 took eighth. Both placed ninth in the finals to secure the men's epee gold, losing only to teammate Curtis Wade III, who won bronze.

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