

Six large wooden blocks sit in Lobby 7 Sunday morning. The fronts of the blocks were labeled A, B, C, N, and R in protest of freshmen being put on grades for the spring term.

Proposal for Daytime SafeRide May Be Implemented Next Fall

By Jennifer Krishnan
EDITOR IN CHIEF

SafeRide may soon be making daytime runs.

Under a recent proposal, the shuttle would stop at three locations in Boston (Mass. Ave. and Beacon St., Commonwealth Ave. and Charlesgate, and Mass. Ave. and Commonwealth Ave.) before returning to 77 Massachusetts Ave, said Undergraduate Association President Parul Deora '04.

The service would run from approximately 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, during November, December, February, and March.

"It's the perfect way to spend student life money," Deora said.

"I think it's great that they're increasing the coverage times," said incoming GSC president Michael R. Folkert. "It's a step in the right direction."

But "in order to really benefit the graduate students, they need to expand the area being covered," Folkert said.

The FSILG Office will at least

partially fund the program. David N. Rogers, assistant dean and director of fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups, said "we're footing \$30,000 ... to support the fraternities and sororities that live on the Boston side" of the river. He indicated the Department of Parking and Transportation would probably cover the remainder of the cost.

Deora said it would cost between \$30,000 and \$35,000 to provide one year of this service.

The proposal is expected to be finalized in the next few weeks, Deora said.

Rogers and Deora said Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedict had done most of the research and created the current proposal.

Benedict could not be reached for comment.

Grad students' plan stalled

The Graduate Student Council proposed two years ago to create a new SafeRide route that would cover area farther north, where more graduate students live.

"The graduate students have a very real problem: ... public transportation stops running" shortly after midnight, said Stephen D. Immerman, director of enterprise services, under whose auspices SafeRide falls.

Folkert said that "a huge portion of the graduate students live off campus" and rely on public transportation. About half of the graduate students in his own lab typically go home after midnight, he said.

However, Immerman said his office did not receive funding this year for the GSC's proposed project.

In June 2001, the GSC donated \$15,000 toward establishing a new route. But the program proposed by the GSC "would cost about \$100,000" annually, Immerman said.

"If we can find the resources to extend our services [to areas where more graduate students live], we will," he said.

Immerman said the money

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Al Jazeera Denied Akamai Services

By Kevin R. Lang
STAFF REPORTER

One-time MIT startup Akamai Technologies canceled a contract with Arabic news network Al Jazeera Wednesday after briefly working with the Qatar-based television and Internet news company.

Joanne Tucker, managing editor of the network's English-language Web site, told reporters she was frustrated by the decision but not surprised. "It has nothing to do with technical issues," Tucker said. "It's nonstop political pressure on these companies not to deal with us."

Al Jazeera has been struggling to get its English-language Web site running, after the site was shut down by hackers some 12 hours after going online March 25. Users trying to access the site were redirected to a page showing an American flag. The network hoped to use Akamai's broad server network to protect against further hack attempts, and signed a contract with Akamai on March 28, according to Tucker.

Akamai quiet on decision

Akamai officials have declined to comment on the matter, but Jeff W. Young, director of public relations, issued a statement to *The Tech* confirming that the company would not be working with Al Jazeera. Young declined to com-

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Network Upgrades Planned for Four Dorms

By Lauren E. LeBon
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Information Systems and the housing department will begin renovations this summer to upgrade the network infrastructure in four dorms.

East Campus, Next House, New House, and Bexley Hall will receive a 100 Mbps MITnet connection and wireless Internet service. The dormitories were selected for renovation

because they are considered to be in the most dire need of upgrades.

In addition, MITnet is now supported in part by a Cogent Communications connection to the Internet, after word that Genuity, Inc. filed for bankruptcy and was acquired by Level 3 Networks.

Renovations to begin in June

East Campus, Next House, New

House, and Bexley were chosen to undergo renovations since these dorms currently hold network infrastructures that are "unmaintainable," according to surveys taken last fall.

The renovations will begin no later than June, said Dean of Student Life Larry G. Benedict.

Andjelka Kelic G, residential network coordinator for Information Systems, said that the current

telecommunication rooms in these dormitories are not large enough to hold equipment for the new connections. Housing and IS chose the locations in the dorms for new telecom rooms. The construction of these rooms will begin this summer.

When the renovations are complete, each student will receive four

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Fredkin Modeling SARS Epidemic, Offers Advice to CDC

By Marissa Vogt
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Visiting scientist and former MIT professor Edward Fredkin is attempting to curb the recent spread of severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, by using spreadsheets to model the behavior of the epidemic.

Fredkin is using a collection of interconnected spreadsheets to simulate the behavior of those infected with the disease and how they might communicate the disease to others. He plans to present his findings to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization on April 17.

"There's the possibility that this epidemic could be very bad," said Fredkin. "Various authorities like the CDC in the United States and countries around the world have to make decisions" about how best to go about containing the disease.

Fredkin's goal, he said, is to model the effects of possible options of containment, such as controlling airline flights or quarantining infected people, to guide health authorities in their decisions.

Fredkin hopes that his model will help to determine what the con-



Visiting scientist and former MIT professor Edward Fredkin is working on a computer model of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) virus. His work may allow health officials to take steps to reduce the impact of the virus.

sequences would be "if you change something, such as you cut down some kind of travel ... so that peo-

ple can think about that." "It's very hard for them to be sure whether these decisions will

help or cause mischief," Fredkin

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WORLD & NATION

Bush, Blair Meet to Settle Details of War in Iraq

NEWSDAY

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND

After a walk through the gardens of a centuries-old castle, President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair settled in Monday for a two-day meeting aimed at resolving the details of how Iraq will be governed after the current conflict ends.

The two leaders also are scheduled to talk about plans for easing the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and accelerating the fitful peace process in Northern Ireland, according to U.S. and British officials.

The third meeting between Bush and Blair in just over three weeks is occurring at a hopeful moment for their combat forces in Iraq, and the battlefield successes are prompting both leaders to look ahead, according to U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell. "The hostilities phase is coming to a conclusion," he told reporters aboard Air Force One on the way to Belfast. "It's time for all of us to think about the post-hostilities phase."

But Blair and Bush still have some lingering differences over that phase, and it remains unclear whether they will have settled them when their summit concludes Tuesday with a joint news conference. British and U.S. officials both played down expectations of a final agreement.

War News Perks Up Markets

NEWSDAY

NEW YORK

A promising early session stock rally Monday responded to the chance of a quick victory in Iraq. But experts say a major test of the market's longer term prospects will come next week when earnings season gets into full swing.

The Dow Jones industrial average soared as much as 243 points in early morning trading Monday as investors speculated that the war would end quickly.

Toward the end of the day, however, traders who look for technical changes to trigger their sales began dumping stock. The Dow ended up only 23.26 points to close at 8,300.41. The broader, Standard & Poor's 500 index rose a mere 1.08 points to close at 879.93 while the tech-heavy Nasdaq gained 6 points to end at 1,389.51.

"You buy on the rumor and you sell on the news, this very much appeared to be that much of a day on Wall Street," said Hugh Johnson, chairman and chief investment officer at First Albany Corp. "For four weeks now, investors have been buying on the expectation that the war would end and there would be a rally. The news seemed to suggest that the war was nearly over ... so they sold on the news."

Health Officials See Hope For Containing SARS

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The government's top scientists expressed cautious confidence Monday in their ability to control the spread of severe acute respiratory syndrome in the United States, even as the number of SARS cases worldwide climbed above 2,600.

Joined via satellite by a top official of the World Health Organization, the scientists told a Senate committee that "extraordinary" cooperation among local, national and international health agencies has slowed the epidemic and boosted efforts to prevent and treat the disease.

"The world has responded as we hoped it would," the organization's Dr. David L. Heymann said from Geneva. "We believe we will be able to contain the epidemic."

The overwhelming response to the disease is due, at least in part, to the health agencies' efforts to prepare for smallpox and other possible bioterror attacks, the officials said.

U.S., Russia Meet To Discuss Convoy, Strained Relationship

By Robyn Dixon

LOS ANGELES TIMES

MOSCOW

National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice met President Vladimir V. Putin and other officials Monday, a day after a Russian diplomatic convoy came under fire in the Iraq war strongly opposed by Russian leaders.

Rice listened to concerns over the incident, which occurred Sunday as Russian diplomats tried to flee Baghdad.

"We assured the Russians that no harm was intended," a senior U.S. diplomat said, adding that the United States did not accept responsibility and that the convoy was "in the wrong place at the wrong time." Five people were injured.

Rice's main purpose in Moscow, the U.S. diplomat said, was to convey the United States' commitment to its relationship with Russia, despite the current difficulties. But she had another, less palatable message: that Russia will not be involved in Iraq in the immediate

postwar period.

Russia, along with European powers including Britain and France, wants the United Nations to take a leading role in rebuilding Iraq. But the Bush administration has made it clear that coalition partners fighting the war will take the lead role.

"I think Russia understands very clearly that after the effort and the blood spilled in liberating Iraq, it's understandable that the coalition will have the leading role in the initial phase. I think we need to discuss how we will proceed from there," the U.S. diplomat said.

The attack on the convoy is just the latest incident to strain Russia-U.S. relations. Russia has demanded an investigation, but has not formally blamed the United States. But Russian officials told Rice that the bullet extracted from one wounded Russian diplomat was American.

Russia's ambassador to Iraq, Vladimir Titorenko, who was in the convoy, said Monday that the cars stopped 40 yards from U.S. military

vehicles, which opened fire. Implying the shooting was deliberate, he said an American bullet was found in a car seat.

Speaking on Channel One state television, Titorenko, who was slightly hurt, held up a bullet dislodged from his car, saying, "This bullet was meant for the ambassador. If it hadn't been for this thing," he said, indicating a barrier inside the car, "the bullet would have hit me right in the head."

Despite initial denials from U.S. Central Command in Qatar that U.S. forces were in the area where the Russian convoy was attacked, a senior U.S. diplomat said Monday it appeared the convoy was in an area "where we were engaged in fighting with Iraqi forces."

The diplomat said the presence of American bullets did not prove who was firing the weapons and suggested the incident might have been an Iraqi provocation.

Titorenko said the convoy was under fire for 30 to 40 minutes despite efforts by one Russian diplomat to stop the firing.

Supreme Court Upholds States' Rights To Ban Cross-Burnings

By Edward Walsh

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court ruled Monday that states can ban cross-burnings that are intended to intimidate onlookers and that such laws do not violate the First Amendment because of the long history of cross-burning as a "particularly virulent form of intimidation."

Though the court did not entirely validate Virginia's 50-year-old cross-burning law, it voted 6-3 to overturn a 2001 Virginia Supreme Court ruling that the law was an unconstitutional infringement of free speech.

"Virginia may choose to regulate this subset of intimidating messages in light of cross-burning's long and pernicious history as a signal of impending violence," Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote in the majority opinion upholding the basic validity

of the law.

However, in affirming that Virginia could ban cross-burnings without violating free-speech rights, the court struck down the state's cross-burning law on other grounds: Within the majority, a four-justice plurality rejected a provision added to the law in 1968 that instructs juries to consider the act of burning a cross in public to be evidence of an intention to intimidate.

O'Connor wrote that this so-called prima facie evidence provision makes the law unconstitutional because it "makes it more likely that the jury will find an intent to intimidate regardless of the particular facts of the case."

"The provision permits the Commonwealth to arrest, prosecute and convict a person based solely on the fact of cross burning itself," O'Connor said.

O'Connor's opinion left open the

possibility that the Virginia law could be salvaged if the state supreme court reinterprets what the prima facie evidence section requires or that section is severed from the rest of the law.

The widely anticipated ruling produced a number of opinions, including a dissent by two of the court's liberal justices that attacked Virginia's ban. Justices David Souter and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who were joined by Justice Anthony Kennedy, said they would overturn the law because of its unconstitutional "tendency to suppress a message."

Justice Clarence Thomas wrote a separate opinion. He said the Virginia law was a permissible prohibition of "intimidating conduct," not expression, and he dissented from the plurality's ruling that the prima facie evidence section rendered the law unconstitutional.

WEATHER

The Highs and Lows of Forecasting

By Michael J. Ring

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

The competition between two differing pressure masses to the north and south of New England makes this week's forecast a tricky one.

A cold front currently extends along the east coast of the United States, and two regions of low pressure are located along the front.

The first center is associated with last night's snow; a second center of low pressure is currently located over Mississippi and is expected to move northeastward along the front.

At the same time, a very strong region of high pressure has moved from the Hudson Bay into Quebec, bringing fair weather to Eastern Canada and trying to block the movement of storms coming into New England. Indeed, Boston received a glancing blow from last night's storm, with New York bearing the heaviest snowfall.

This week's weather depends on the ability of the Quebec high to block the northward progression of low pressure systems. If the high remains strong then we should receive a few days of clear (albeit cool) weather; however, it is expected to weaken enough to allow some cloud cover to stream in — perhaps sparking some rain showers tomorrow — before the next serious bout with precipitation on Friday.

Extended Forecast

Today: Steady snow ending by noon, but lingering rain and snow showers throughout the day. Cold and windy with highs near 35°F (2°C).

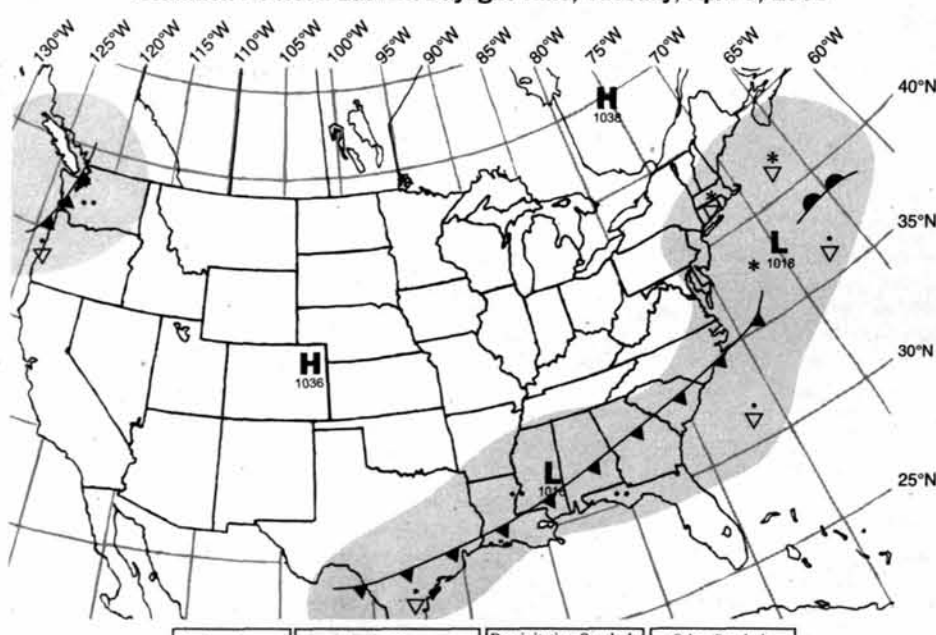
Tonight: Scattered flurries. Lows near freezing.

Tomorrow: Cloudy with a chance of rain showers. Milder with highs near 43°F (7°C).

Tomorrow night: Partly cloudy. Lows near 35°F (2°C).

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with seasonable temperatures. Highs near 52°F (11°C) and lows near 40°F (4°C).

Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Tuesday, April 8, 2003



Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
H High Pressure	--- Trough	Snow	☁ Fog
L Low Pressure	— Warm Front	Light	⚡ Thunderstorm
S Hurricane	▲ Cold Front	Moderate	☁☁ Haze
	— Stationary Front	Heavy	

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Scientists Reveal Healthy Clone Of Endangered Javan Banteng

By Rick Weiss
THE WASHINGTON POST

Scientists have for the first time created a healthy clone of an endangered species, offering powerful evidence that cloning technology can play a role in preserving and even reconstituting threatened and endangered species.

The clone — a cattle-like creature known as a Javan banteng, native to Asian jungles — was grown from a single skin cell taken from a captive banteng before it died in 1980. The cell was one of several that had remained frozen in a vial at the San Diego Zoo until last year, when they were thawed as part of an experimental effort to make cloned banteng embryos.

Scientists transferred dozens of such embryos to the wombs of standard beef cows in Iowa last fall, and the first baby banteng clone was

born April 1 after gestating for a standard nine and a half months.

"It let out this big bellow and everybody cheered," said Robert Lanza, a scientist with Advanced Cell Technology, a Worcester, Mass., company that collaborated in the project with the Zoological Society of San Diego and an Iowa high-tech cattle reproduction company.

"It was so surreal," Lanza said. "There we are, out at this farm in the middle of Iowa, and this beef cow is giving birth to this exotic animal that normally lives in the bamboo forests of Asia."

A second cloned banteng was born two days later to another cow on the same research farm, but was in poor health Monday and its prospects remained uncertain — a reminder that scientists still have a lot to learn before mammalian

cloning becomes routine.

The only other member of an endangered species ever cloned — a cattle-like Asian gaur, born in January 2001 — died of an infection less than two days after birth. By contrast, the first-born banteng "is doing beautifully," Lanza said. "It's a beautiful, adorable creature."

Bantengs, which as adults sport enormous horns and can weigh as much as 1,800 pounds, once roamed in large numbers through the bamboo forests of Indonesia, Malaysia, Burma and other Asian nations. Hunting and habitat destruction have reduced their numbers by more than 80 percent in the past 20 years. Today only 3,000 to 5,000 remain worldwide.

Most worrisome to conservationists, only a handful of large herds remain, so the animals are at risk of becoming dangerously inbred.

Bill Proposes Voluntary Security Measures in Chemical Industry

By John Mintz
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The Bush administration is proposing new legislation to improve security standards at chemical plants that will emphasize voluntary compliance by an industry that some experts say is one of the nation's most vulnerable to catastrophic terrorist attack.

Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., is working with the White House and the Department of Homeland Security to craft a bill that would require chemical companies to abide by standards drawn up by their industry association, rather than be subject to mandatory government measures advocated by environmental activists and many Democrats, officials said.

The Environmental Protection

Agency has identified 123 chemical plants where a terrorist attack could, in a "worst-case" scenario, kill more than 1 million people.

Besides the airline industry, which saw tightened security demanded by the U.S. government after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, the chemical industry is the first business sector that the administration has sought to regulate to lessen the danger of terrorism. Homeland Security officials are considering how to harden many elements of the nation's "critical infrastructure," which includes gas pipelines and water plants, and they say chemical plants are one of the most worrisome sectors.

The administration's bill, expected to be unveiled later this month, tracks with the laissez-faire environ-

mental policies that President Bush and Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge pursued when they were the governors of Texas and Pennsylvania, respectively, administration officials and activists said.

The Republican legislation will propose that chemical firms must abide by security standards, mostly governing areas such as fencing and security cameras, promulgated by the industry's trade association, the American Chemistry Council, sources said. It also requires each firm to perform a self-assessment of its security vulnerabilities, under a plan developed by the industry council.

The measure rejects so-called hazard reduction requirements proposed in a competing Democratic bill.

Dinosaur Study Brings New Meaning to 'Family Dinner'

NEWSDAY

Ask a dinosaur what's for lunch, and the answer may well have been "My cousin."

Based on new evidence found recently in Madagascar, scientists now think some dinosaurs were cannibals, ready and willing to dine on their own kind.

"We describe a sample of tooth-marked dinosaur bone recovered from three well-documented localities of Madagascar," the three researchers report in a study published last week. Tooth marks on the old bones came from a creature called *Majungatholus atopus*, and the bones are, indeed, the remains of *M. atopus*.

"The fossil evidence is compelling and unprecedented," said geologist Raymond Rogers, from Macalester College in Minnesota. "We've never seen fossil material quite like this" in other dinosaur bone-piles.

Rogers, with paleontologists David Krause at Stony Brook University and Kristina Curry Rogers at the Science Museum of Minnesota, reported the discovery in the journal *Nature*.

Krause said that "once we recognized the tooth marks for what they are, it didn't take much sleuthing to eliminate any other potential candidates" as the diner. "None of the other similarly sized carnivorous species have the size, spacing and eruption patterns" in their teeth to make such marks.

Better Outlook Expected For AOL Time Warner

NEWSDAY

NEW YORK

Cost savings and an improved subscriber mix have lifted prospects for beaten-down AOL Time Warner, although no quick turnaround is expected at its struggling America Online division, analysts say.

The media giant's stock price gained 5.3 percent, or 61 cents per share, to close at \$12.16 Monday after some key analysts turned more positive on the company's outlook despite continued concerns.

"We believe the potential for negative earnings revisions is limited for 2003, although we continue to have concerns regarding AOL's long-term earnings stability," Morgan Stanley analysts Richard Bilotti and Mary Meeker wrote in a report upgrading their stock rating by a notch.

They predict America Online will lose about 1.5 million subscribers in the United States this year, dropping to a total of 25 million.

"We anticipate the majority of these subscriber declines to represent nonpaying and deep-discounted subscribers that produce negative profit margins," Bilotti and Meeker said.

The focus on more profitable subscribers reflects a strategy long used by Time Inc., another division of AOL Time Warner, whose former chief executive now oversees America Online. "The imprint of Don Logan is clearly visible," the analysts said.

They said the planned initial public offering of stock in Time Warner Cable or the possible sale of the company's 50-percent stake in Court TV or Comedy Central could provide a \$2-billion cushion.

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OPINION

An Ambulance: A Worthwhile Investment

The Student Emergency Medical Services (SEMS) program performs an invaluable service to the MIT community. *The Tech* firmly believes that the Institute should support the program and grant its recent request for additional funding so that SEMS can continue providing its services.

SEMS has made a request for an additional \$200,000 of funding for a new ambulance and a heated parking space for the ambulance. The current ambulance is over ten years old and will fail to meet state standards when its certification expires in October. A failure by MIT to obtain a new ambulance for SEMS would effectively sound the program's death knell. Additionally, the current bay provided in the nuclear reactor complex is sorely inadequate. SEMS has proposed an ambulance bay near MIT Medical. This site would allow SEMS to provide faster service when emergencies occur.

It is clear that MIT's previous arrangement is unacceptable. The private ambulance service MIT used before the inception of SEMS was extremely expensive; a single medical shuttle between MIT Medical and MGH cost an estimated \$400. The generous service of volunteers in the SEMS program significantly reduces overhead costs while providing a level of service equivalent to that of a professional operation. Private ambulance service cost MIT about \$95,000 per year; SEMS only needs funding to replenish medical supplies and maintain its equipment.

Granted, MIT needs assurance that SEMS will be a lasting program that will continue to provide returns many years into the future if the Institute is to make a substantial commitment to the program. SEMS has demonstrated this long-term viability. Interest in the SEMS program has been high, and the current volunteers have proven to be extremely capable. In less than a year of service, the current staff of 40 have shown their ability. The graduation of the third class of 32 EMT trainees will further bolster the staff and allow SEMS to continue towards its goal of providing around-the-clock service. The increase in class size at SEMS' training sessions suggests that the SEMS program will continue to grow as long as MIT provides it with sufficient support.

SEMS has also displayed its positive impact beyond its role in emergency response. Student EMTs that are part of the SEMS program supplement the athletic department's trainers by attending sporting events to provide services in case of an injury. The creation of a broad base of students trained in emergency medical response is a worthwhile goal in and of itself. Patients who are not breathing can become brain-dead within six minutes. A trained EMT nearby could provide immediate care until an ambulance arrives.

The SEMS program is the only logical choice for MIT. It provides services equivalent to a professional ambulance service without the price tag. Many of MIT's peer institutions have successful, effective student EMS programs; with Institute support, MIT's SEMS can and will be just as successful.



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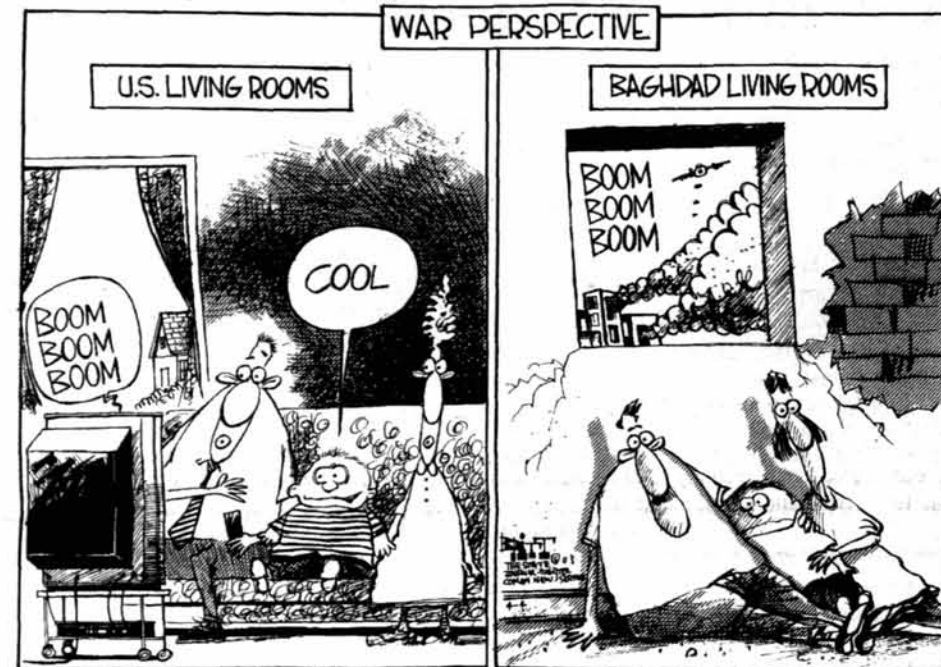
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It is clear that MIT's previous arrangement is unacceptable. The private ambulance service MIT used before the inception of SEMS was extremely expensive; a single medical shuttle between MIT Medical and MGH cost an estimated \$400. The generous service of volunteers in the SEMS program significantly reduces overhead costs while providing a level of service equivalent to that of a professional operation. Private ambulance service cost MIT about \$95,000 per year; SEMS only needs funding to replenish medical supplies and maintain its equipment.



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A March 21 photo caption describing anti-war protesters misidentified a flag one was carrying. They were a modified American flag, the United Nations flag, and the Palestinian flag, not the Jordanian flag. (The Jordanian flag has an extra white star.)

War Against Saddam — or Iraq?

Maywa Montenegro

In the run-up to this war, one of the Bush administration's most common propaganda tactics was to map a large, amorphous enemy — namely, "evil" — onto one figurehead, Saddam Hussein. We were sold a quick, clean, targeted conflict against a brutal dictator, as if it were possible to wage war on a person rather than an entire country.

Now we are being confronted with the utter fallacy of that notion. We watch as more than 5,000 expatriate Iraqis stream back over the borders, returning home to defend their homeland. Most don't support Saddam; many in fact, loathe him. But the majority of Iraqis see our "war of liberation" as a Western attack on their homeland, their culture, and their religion, and many, we are now seeing, will willingly fight to defend these. Even non-Iraqis, according to a recent report in the Phoenix Star, are signing up to fight coalition forces. "With God's help, I'm going today," said one 30-year-old painter. "I am going back to serve my people and fight. I am not worried at all."

Not all are so belligerent, and yet their feelings are much the same. "Of course the U.S. will win the war and all the Iraqis know it," said another man. "They just won't say that to your face. The Iraqis leaving are not with Saddam Hussein and they are not with the United States either. They just want to go

home and don't want their country occupied."

Bush has wanted the world to choose between absolutes: "you are either with us or you are against us." Clearly for these Iraqis, reality is not so black and white. On BBC radio reports you hear Iraqi opinions all across the spectrum. Some quietly (and anonymously) welcome the American invasion, viewing it as their only possible hope of getting rid of Saddam. Others hate Saddam, but detest the United States even more — most in this category express doubt about our motives and are skeptical of our long-term commitment to bringing democracy. Several are afraid of a repeat of '91, when

the United States encouraged civilians to revolt against the Saddam, only to pull out, leaving them to face his wrath—and, presumably, his infamous torture chambers.

That we should expect all Iraqis to either welcome us with open arms and flowers or with hand grenades and Kalashnikovs speaks to our continued inability to appreciate them as a diverse people—not just a homogeneous

group of olive-skinned, Arab-speaking Muslims. Americans, by and large, know so little about this part of the world that it is difficult for us to see the Iraqis as people with an wide variety of opinions and convictions, who live under a wide range of social and economic circumstances. It is all these variables combined — and not some cookie-cutter thought pattern — that inevitably shapes how individual Iraqis view the war.

And yet, as the war spills into a third week and the civilian casualties climb, even those with mixed feelings are beginning to change their minds. There seems to be a growing feeling that the war will destroy much and will construct little, leaving the Iraqis to bear the brunt of it.

I was initially surprised when I heard that so many expatriates were willingly running back to a land about to be ransacked by the mightiest military in history. Then I considered the following: What would Americans do if, say, North Korea decided to preemptively attack United States? What if Kim Jong Il — following our stellar example —

decided that the United States had altogether too many weapons of mass destruction for comfort and posed a potential (even probable) military threat to his country? I think I can safely say that there are many, many Americans out there with little liking for George W. or his brand of politics, but I think I can also safely say that if bombs started raining down on Boston and New York City, and if North Korea began amassing troops on the Mexican border, we would not sit back and say, "Oh, Kim's just fighting for regime change. It's not a war against us."

When I thought of it this way, it became easier to fathom why these Iraqis living safely in Jordan, Egypt, and elsewhere now return en masse to perhaps the most dangerous place on Earth. It also became easier to understand why so many Iraqis rail against the Coalition forces even while they fear and hate Saddam Hussein. Just as we found pride, patriotism, and solidarity amidst the rubble of the Twin Towers, Iraqis now find unity in the destruction wrought by a common enemy. In short, this can no more be a war against Saddam than the attacks of Sept. 11 were an assault only on Bush.

A few days ago, a BBC reporter asked a couple of Iraqi women what they felt about their leader and the ongoing conflict. The younger one, after being assured that her name would not be used, spoke softly but forcefully, "I am anti-Saddam, but I wish him all the best in defending our country."

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Stop Protesting, Start Waving Flags

Andrew T. Yue

I don't seek to waste time debating whether or not we should be at war. I am writing, instead, to make a call for people to stand united behind their nation, their troops, and their president.

War has begun, and like it or not, protesting in the streets isn't going to change our nation's course. It makes no sense for us to draw out the war because of disagreement back home. Our reason for going to war was based upon the fact that Iraq failed to follow U.N. Resolution 1441, not because a Gallup poll showed it was a good idea. If we went into this war on a principle, then we won't draw out of it because of dissent.

Imagine the consequences of pulling out. Do you think that by doing so, we will decrease the chance of terrorist attacks? No, of course not. If we retreat and our nation exhibits weakness, then we will have shown that in the face of stubborn evil we back down. It is beyond naïve to assume that by pulling out of war, nations will then begin to believe the United States is a pacifist nation. One might argue that this war will cause terrorists to attack our country. That may be true for now, but if we don't wage war, do you think that these terrorists will change their minds about America and not attack us in the future? Do you think that leaving Iraq alone now will decrease the funding of terrorists and therefore make America safer?

War is already here, and it is the responsibility of the citizens of this country to support our troops, nation, and leaders. Already our Senate has laid down its partisan politics and united to draft a resolution of support for our troops, our nation, and our president. The House is following suit. Why then are the citizens of this nation not following our leaders? Why are people protesting in the streets against war?

Let me point out that I have nothing against people who disagree with war. In fact, I respect many of those who educate themselves and protest upon becoming well-informed. But rather than protesting war, why not do something good for this nation? Why not volunteer time at the Red Cross, write letters supporting our troops, or help out at a local homeless shelter? If you are truly one

who cares for people, is your time on the camera and in front of police more important than helping others?

By protesting against or even for the war we do nothing but belittle and disrespect our soldiers overseas. Our attention should not be war or no war. We are already at war. We should focus our attention on those who are putting their lives at stake to support our freedom and safety. It is because of their sacrifice and service that we are able to sleep safely at night.

Protesters who resort to violence and disrupt the lives of others violate the spirit of dissent and embody utter hypocrisy. Walking in the streets peacefully is one thing, but when people disturb peace by fighting or sitting in streets blocking traffic they do nothing but create arbitrary victims of their grievances, forcing the police (for whom their taxes pay) to arrest them. If one challenges the United States' actions in influencing another nation's business, what right does he have to violate public peace and interfere with others' lives?

I want to conclude with this point: I am not a supporter of violence and killing. I am a Christian who believes in the values of love and peace. But I understand that sometimes the costs of alternatives to war are greater than those of waging one. I do not have the military intelligence, historical knowledge, and political insight that our President possesses, nor do I believe anyone else here at MIT does. So we should all concede that we just don't have the clearest viewpoint and therefore may not be right in our opinions. We should agree that protesting does not support our

troops. We should hear the opinion of our troops saying that they need the support of our nation. I ask that our entire nation, regardless of opinion, show support to our troops in whatever way we can by bearing flags, giving words of encouragement, writing letters, or praying. If I had to inform a mother who lost her son in this war for whom he died, it would trouble me to tell her that it was for those Americans standing in the streets yelling about oil, equating Bush with Saddam. Instead, I hope that I could say it was for all Americans, whose prayers, support, and hearts were with her and the rest of our troops.

Andrew T. Yue is a member of the class of 2003.

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Stop Waving Flags, Start Protesting

Uwe Ohler

Last week, *The New York Times* reported on yet another unsettling new measure from the Department of Homeland Security. Unfortunately, this time it does not come with the absurdly comical flavor of advice related to duct tape and its potential defensive uses. Since Gulf War II's opening day, refugees from 33 countries seeking asylum in the United States are being detained on arrival. These refugees, most of whom have faced incredibly hard times before arriving here, will from now on be imprisoned until their application has been approved or not, a process taking half a year or longer. They are basically treated as potential terrorists until proven otherwise.

Even though the Department did not want to reveal which countries are on this list, when that information leaked out, it was not really surprising — it's more or less the whole Arabic world. And it is only one of many worrisome recent regulations: Special registration of foreigners of specific countries and detainment of "suspects" without trial and lawyer are among the others. Granted, all this happens in the name of security: for example, three non-Sept. 11 terrorists entered the country as refugees. But there is a trade-off between security and mania, and between rightful prosecution and discrimination, to say nothing of the effectiveness of these new measures. Just think a moment — how many terrorists legally entered America on a student visa? That would be the same kind of visa I have, coming from Germany.

So, what will be next? I already know quite a few foreign students who do not feel comfort-

able in this country any more: An MIT Web site for foreigners, <http://web.mit.edu/interlink/rights>, tells you what to do in case the FBI shows up for you! As a German researcher, I am not in imminent danger of forced registration or detainment. As some people have told me, I can indeed go back where I come from and leave the United States if I don't like it here: As a German, I have a stable country to which to return. But I'd rather stay here a little longer, and be proud of this place where I live and work.

People are afraid of what they do not know. And this fear is openly exploited by the U.S. government these days — just think of the "terror alert scale." But here at MIT, you do know better. You study together with foreigners: 8 percent of undergraduate and 37 percent of graduate students come from abroad. Everyone knows foreigners; I'm sure many of you have some of "us" as friends. As a foreigner, I believe this diversity is one of MIT's greatest strengths — and, still, of the United States in general. But if events continue to develop as they have, at some point there won't be many foreigners left. They will stop coming, face detainment, or go back home.

I wish and truly hope it will not come to that, and that's why I've recently been out on the street at rallies, protesting the path this country is taking: This unnecessary war is only the horrible tip of the iceberg. So, all of you who sit back in resignation now that the war has started, please start acting before it gets even worse! Observe with open eyes what is going on in this country, and don't say later that you did not know. Think of what could be next, of what you are about to lose, and then speak up and go to the street as well.

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CD REVIEW

'*Meteora*' Good, Not Great

Linkin Park's New Album Worth \$10 — But Not \$15

By Akshay Patil

STAFF WRITER

Meteora
Linkin Park
Warner Brothers

Linkin Park's new album *Meteora* is nothing spectacular but puts the band in firm enough standing to establish them as a lasting force in the world of music. *Meteora* picks up where *Hybrid Theory*, their debut album, left off — most songs are a generic mix of melodic rapping with some screaming/singing thrown in. It's a format that worked well for *Hybrid Theory* but now almost feels too mainstream.

The first single off of *Meteora*, "Somewhere I Belong," is one of the better tracks on the album, again relying on the rap/singing format that distinguished so many earlier hits. The only difference is that while "Somewhere I Belong" is a good track with some nice moments, it's nowhere as stellar as a lot of the songs that graced *Hybrid Theory*.

That being said, the best track on the album, "Faint," probably could hold its own against many of *Hybrid Theory*'s tracks. The chorus is solid enough, and the bridges are outstanding. The lyrics aren't as developed and memorable as, say "In the End," but are strong enough to help "Faint" stand well above the other tracks of the album.

The other track of great positive note is "Breaking the Habit." The interesting thing about "Breaking the Habit" is that it doesn't really sound like Linkin Park. I mean, sure, they added a few loops and mixed it in a style that has come to define Linkin Park, but other than that, the song could have originated from almost any alternative group out there. What's nice is that the song is good. I

mean, it's not "Yesterday" coming from the world's premiere rock group, but it has a melody and emotion in it which will always have a place in music. Furthermore, the lyrics are more developed than those of most Linkin Park tracks; probably since there is no rapping during the song, which avoids the need to transition between lyrical voices.

On the whole, it's hard, but not impossible, to find a bad track on the entire album, yet the problem is that none of the songs have the driving "hit" power of "Crawling" or "In the End." The finished product is an album that's nice to listen to but not something that'll stay in your CD changer (like *Hybrid Theory* did). I've been listening to the album repeatedly for over a week now, and it hasn't grown on me the way some albums do. Part of *Meteora*'s problem is the lack of stellar tracks; the other part is a lack of flow from song to song. Even *Reanimation* had more cohesiveness to it, despite being an album

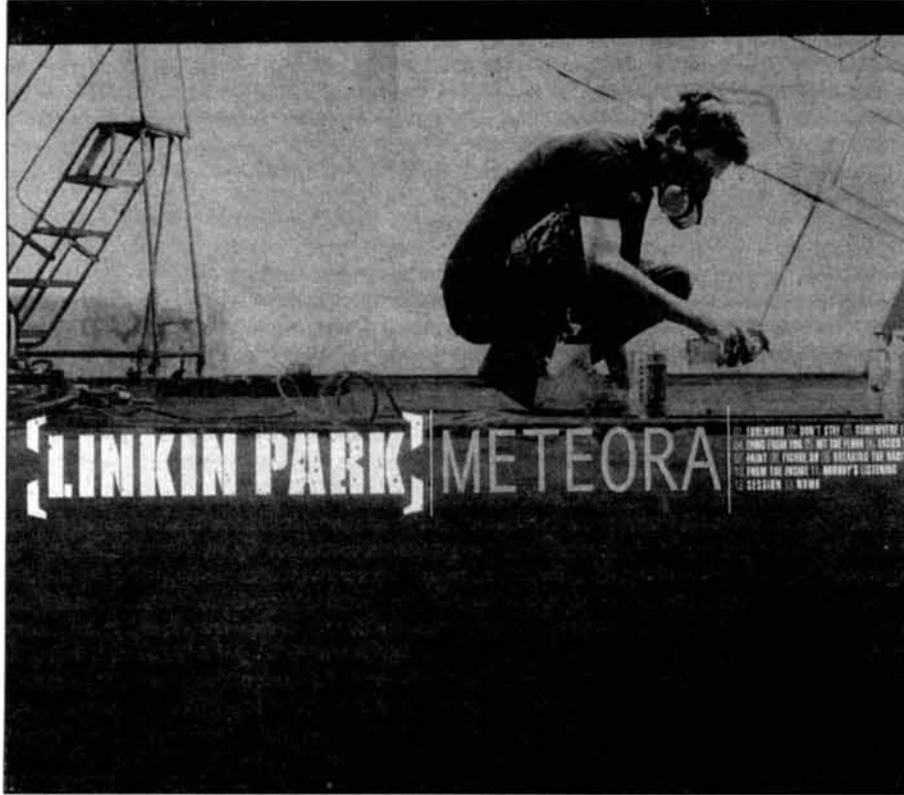
full of collaborations. Still, the tracks are good, and occasional listening is enjoyable.

Not to say all the tracks are good. Two of the later tracks, "Nobody's Listening" and "Session," both greatly disappointed me. "Nobody's Listening" is a nondescript rap-driven song that, for the most part, steals elements from Ludacris' "Southern Hospitality." "Session" is an instrumental that might be decent if it didn't sound so much like a lot of the tracks from *Reanimation*, which are significantly better mixed.

debut. The impressive thing is that a lot of the tracks are good. While not great, there is certainly something good to be about with a band whose sophomore studio release — not counting *Reanimation* — is this solid. At the very least, *Meteora* shows that the band has the creative potential to continue coming up with good music and is capable of an album that rivals their debut in quality (a high mark considering *Hybrid Theory* was the biggest selling rock album of 2001).

One of the best things about the album is the price and the extras. When released, the album was priced (on the Linkin Park Web site) at \$9.99. I actually saw it in stores for as low as \$8.99. A DVD/CD bundle was also released for \$15.99, but I don't know if the DVD was worth the extra \$6. Sadly, prices have gone up since then, so the album is no longer a value buy, but is still a solid buy. Besides the music, the CD is enhanced with extras so when you put it in your computer you're greeted with a variety of options ranging from watching the music video for "Somewhere I Belong" to the ability to romp around restricted online sites with additional material.

So who should buy it? Probably the people who have already bought it, the big fans who own the other albums and/or heard "Somewhere I Belong" and were hooked. For everyone else, if you see it for \$9.99, I'd say it's worth it. For anything more, I'd probably pass and wait to see of the next album is a big one.



To give the band some credit, though, it's only been a year since their last effort (the remix album *Reanimation*) and less than three years since their debut. They haven't had as much time to come up with material for this album as they probably did for their

THEATER REVIEW

A Nearly Utopian Evening

Bright Colors, Energetic Cast, and Sparkling Vocal Solos Cover for Squeaky Orchestra

By Pey-Hua Hwang

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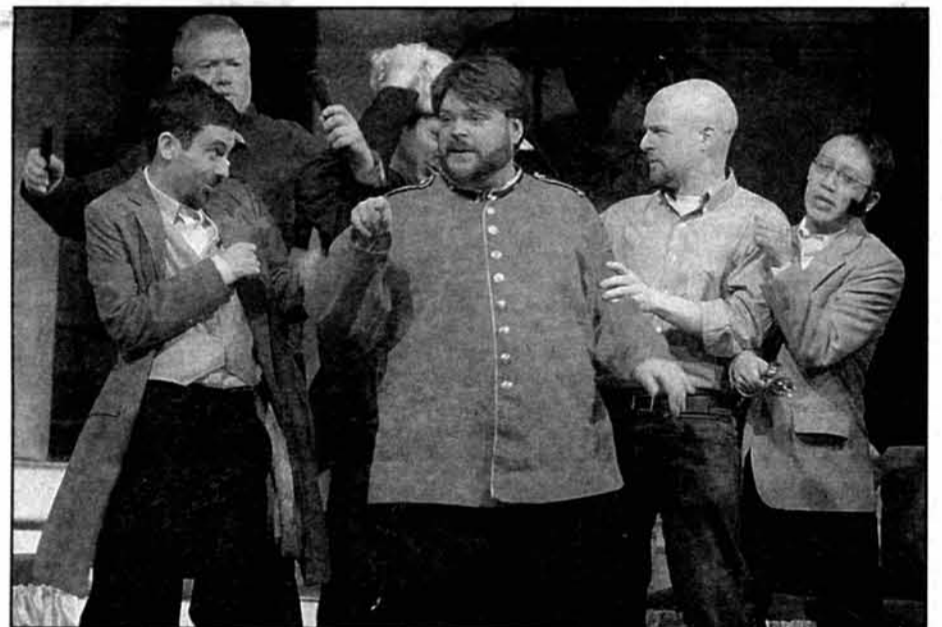
Utopia, Limited
La Sala de Puerto Rico
April 4-5 and 10-12, 8 p.m.; April 6 and 13,
2 p.m.By Gilbert and Sullivan
Evan Xenakis, Stage Director
Kristin Brodie '03, Vocal Director
David Larrick, Orchestra Director

I walked into Gilbert and Sullivan Players' production of *Utopia, Limited* expecting a performance similar to that of *Pirates of Penzance*. I was, however, pleasantly surprised. Instead of *Pirates*, this show should have been the one that sold out. It was a solid two hours of the best musical theater I've seen at MIT so far. With the exception of a couple of fumbled lines easily attributable to opening night nerves, *Utopia*'s cast of color-

ful characters complemented their equally colorful set. Even the orchestra conductor donned a jaunty brown tuxedo instead of the traditional black.

I must also note, however, that *Utopia*'s score — although lesser known than that of *Pirates* — is much more forgiving to singers than *Pirates*' score. *Utopia*'s songs are not nearly as fast-paced and although there is a fair share of high soprano, at least the soprano singing combined with fast-paced wording was minimized, thereby allowing for better diction and better understanding for the audience member. Understanding the words is especially important since so much of the show's humor is dependent on the clever lyrics.

Utopia pokes fun at the behind-the-scenes affairs of monarchies, the party system, the military, English artifice, and even finance law. I did not know that business concepts could possibly be funny, but I found myself



Flanking King Paramount (David Michael Daly, center), Lord Dramaleigh (Jonathan Weinstein G, left), Mr. Goldbury (Graham Wright G, right) and Mr. Blushington (Albert Chan G, far right) assure the King that Utopia has been anglicized completely, while making fun of him behind his back.

smiling at some of the more absurd lyrics. To make a very short summary of the plot as I gathered from watching the show, a tropical island governed by a puppet despot becomes reformed based on the business model of a limited company and the traditions (as well as some of the vices) of England.

Though this story may sound completely unrealistic, it is actually the very strangeness of the concepts in this show that make it original and entertaining. For starters, the running joke of the show is that there is a Royal Exploder who is given the responsibility of blowing up the King and assuming his title if word ever gets out that the king has acted irresponsibly or immorally.

Jennifer Hazel, playing Lady Sophy, an uptight idealistic governess, was nearly flawless in both her acting and singing roles. Her tone was well supported and her pitch was far better than that of sev-

eral of the orchestra's violins. Every scene she was in was immediately infused with extra kick and it made me wonder why I hadn't seen her perform before.

On the other hand, David Michael Daly, playing the role of King Paramount, was not as superlative as Hazel, but he had perfected the slightly befuddled yet endearing demeanor required of his character. He also had no problem acting and dancing in entirely silly ways with such complete lack of self-consciousness that one couldn't help but empathize with his character.

Ben Hellman as Captain Fitzbottle, Brian Bermack '95 as the conniving wiseman Scaphio, and Ahmed E. Ismail G as Phantis, another conniving wiseman, also put in strong performances.

My only real complaint about the production was that the orchestra could not seem to consistently play in tune and occasionally overpowered or didn't quite follow the singers.

Overall, *Utopia* is light-hearted fun, in a time consumed by talk of war. It is not a perfect production, but its heart is in the right place, its cast is clearly enjoying itself and passes that delight to the audience, and this production might actually leave you humming.



The Flowers of Progress are tied up by the Utopians, who believe that the Flowers of Progress have ruined their country.

FILM REVIEW ★★★1/2

A Mighty Blast

'A Mighty Wind' Makes Fun of Folk Singing

By Robin Hauck

A Mighty Wind
Written by Christopher Guest and Eugene Levy

Directed by Christopher Guest
Starring Bob Balaban, Eugene Levy, Catherine O'Hara, Michael McKean, Harry Shearer, Ed Begley Jr., Jane Lynch, Parker Posey, Fred Willard, Christopher Guest
Rated PG-13

The master of mock is at it again, this time with a tale involving folk singing, tearful reunions, unrequited love, ex-porn stars, and cross-dressing. Christopher Guest, writer/director of *Waiting for Guffman* and *Best of Show*, has created a mini-genre all his own, and miraculously, Warner Brothers and Castle Rock let him run with it. I guess the writer/star of *This is Spinal Tap* has more clout in *LA LA Land* than the wannabe mockumentary hacks, the Haxans, who created *The Blair Witch Project*. Guest's cunning parodies about small-town people with big city dreams make us laugh hard, before we realize we're laughing because we think we're better

than the campy characters his ensemble cast creates, which makes us laugh again when we realize maybe we're not.

A Mighty Wind begins after the tragic death of folk icon Irving Steinbloom. His son Jonathan (Bob Balaban) decides to organize a memorial concert in his honor, bringing together the groups his father shepherded to legendary folk status. It's a difficult job rounding up the members of the "neufet." The New Main Street Singers, (featuring John Michael Higgins, Jane Lynch and Parker Posey), the three geographically and emotionally scattered members of the Folksmen (Christopher Guest, Michael McKean and Harry Shearer), and Mitch & Mickey (Eugene Levy and Catherine O'Hara), the Sonny and Cher of the folk world. Good thing Jonathan is very organized.

If you are familiar with Guest's films, it's almost as much fun to compare the actors' present characters to their previous ones as it is to see them in the new story. The barely-veiled nervousness Bob Balaban's music teacher Lloyd Miller revealed in *Guffman* evolves in *Wind* to a Woody Allen-esque neuroses.

Eugene Levy and Catherine O'Hara, who also played a couple in *Best of Show*, have a

chemistry which dates back to their days of working together on Second City Television (SCTV). O'Hara has this sardonic way of looking at a person like she simply can not believe how stupid they are, a posture she mastered in her guest appearances as a neurotic self-obsessed movie producer on HBO's *Six Feet Under*. In that show she demanded her chocolate cake be brought to her bedroom so she could eat it in a safe white place. In *A Mighty Wind*, she restrains that caustic edge, losing herself instead in memories of her painful and romantic past with Eugene Levy's Mitch.

Eugene Levy has been working with Christopher Guest since the mid-nineties (1996's *Waiting for Guffman* was their first film together). One gets the impression in *A Mighty Wind* that Guest has lost his ability to direct his writing partner, and as a result, Levy's aggravating, self-conscious performance is one of the disappointments of the film. Parker Posey, a highlight of *Best of Show*, and a reason many people pay to see Christopher Guest films, is sadly under-used here, too often framed out of the ensemble numbers of the Love Boat style band, the new Main Street Singers. Posey plays Sissy Knox, a clueless gum-snapping trailer trash cutie almost identical to the character she played in *Waiting for Guffman*. For anyone who worships Parker Posey the way I do, Guest's failure to utilize her in a bigger role is baffling.

Redeeming the film from this poor judgement is the musical reunion of Guest, Michael

McKean and Harry Shearer as The Folksmen. Remember how exciting it was to see John Travolta resuscitate his dancing shoes in *Pulp Fiction*? Well, for fans of *Spinal Tap* it is a thousand times more thrilling to see David St. Hubbins, Nigel Tufnel, and Derek Smalls singing together again, this time in acid-washed jeans, shaved heads, and flannel.

Guest's films are always carefully made. The conventions of his "mini-genre," to continue a theme, are aesthetic as well as thematic. The parodic form he designed with *Spinal Tap* gets refined in each subsequent film through the writing and the camera. Anyone who's seen a documentary knows the formal convention he mocks, the insistence of some non-fiction filmmakers to confuse a search for truth with a lack of cinematic imagination.

This trademark straight-on, deadpan shot, combined with the absence of any voice of an interviewer or camera-person, mimics the frank way in which the film's characters present themselves. With the help of editor Robert Leighton, Guest cuts into every "interview" after it has already started, giving the impression that the character being caught on camera has been talking about him or herself for some time, and continues to talk after the camera cuts away.

Guest's genius is that he has assembled a faithful company of actors who intrinsically understand the key Guest principle: the funniest people are the people who don't know they are funny, and the funniest moments are the ones that could be, might be, real.



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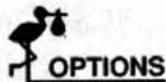
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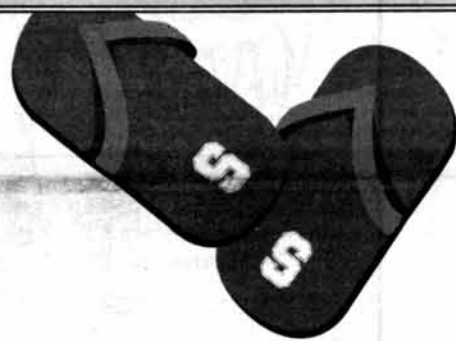
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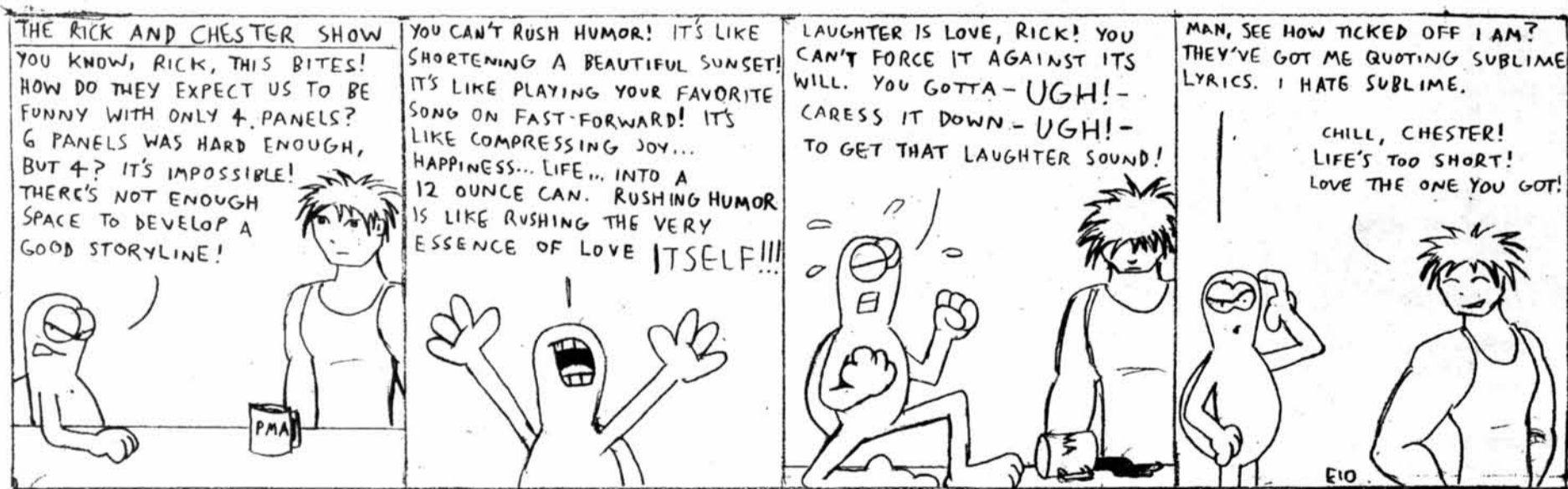
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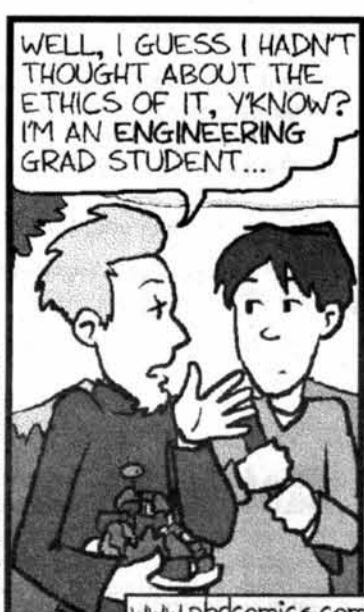
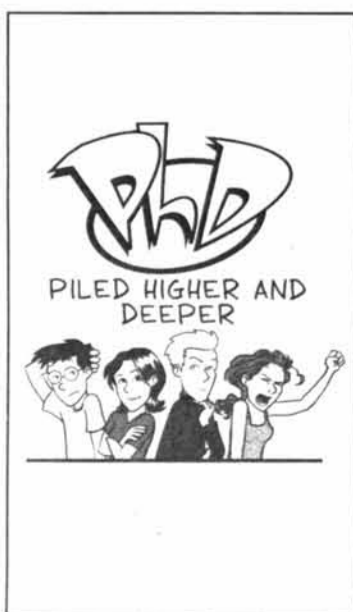


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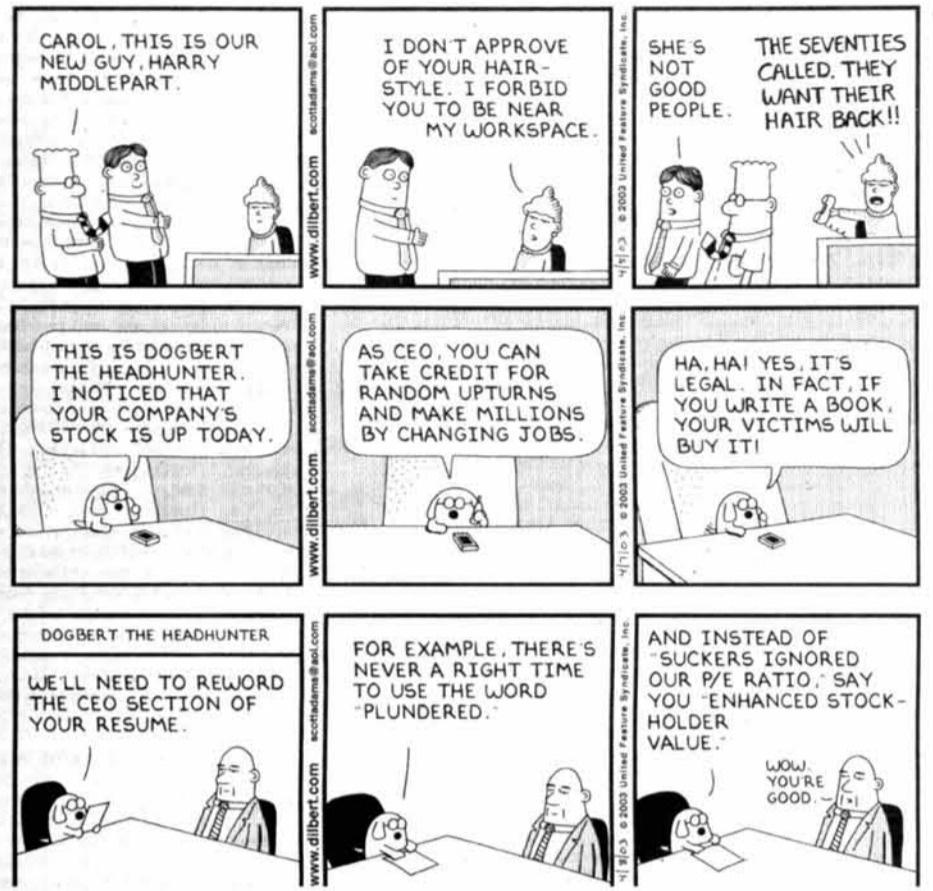
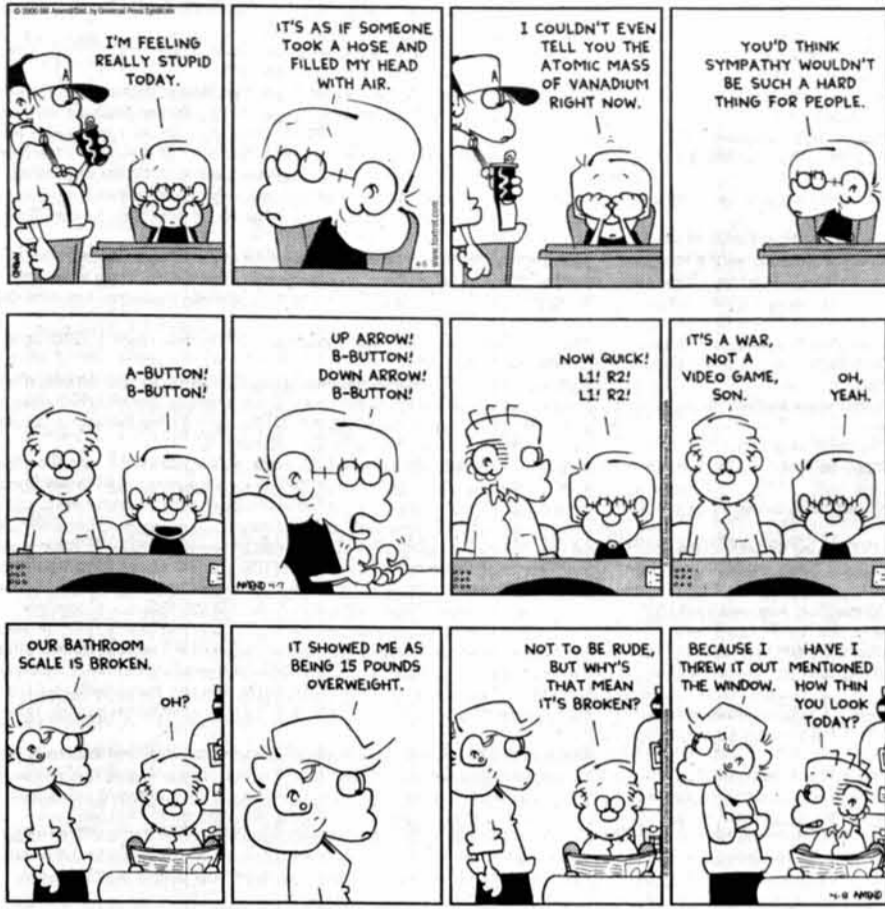
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Crossword Puzzle

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- 5 Priestly vestment
- 10 Makes a choice
- 14 Distinctive flair
- 15 "Uncle Vanya" character
- 16 Stagehand
- 17 Boxer Benvenuti
- 18 Clan emblem
- 19 British Open winner Tony
- 20 So-so to a soda jerk?
- 23 Plus feature
- 24 Native of: suff.
- 25 Upper limit
- 28 So-so at the lumberyard?
- 33 Tummy muscles
- 36 Hawkeye State
- 37 Michelangelo piece
- 38 Theater backdrops
- 40 Birthplace of Apollo
- 43 In a short time
- 44 Brand of breath mints
- 46 Poet Teasdale
- 48 Blast letters
- 49 So-so in statistics class?
- 53 Sty
- 54 Jackie's second
- 55 Nautical call
- 59 So-so to a botanist?
- 64 Actress Moore
- 66 Broadcasting

DOWN

- 1 Salon coloring
- 2 Hodgepodge
- 3 Criminal bands
- 4 Sound sleeper?
- 5 Greek salad requirement
- 6 Plenty
- 7 Fish catchers
- 8 Kind of wonder?
- 9 Broadway Joe
- 10 Gaze wantonly at
- 11 Foreseeing
- 12 Actor Curry
- 13 Mineral springs
- 21 Pin box
- 22 Don't throw out
- 26 City near St. Louis
- 27 Factory
- 29 Doze briefly
- 30 Have debts
- 31 Untrue
- 32 Actress Farrow
- 33 Songwriters' grp.
- 34 Bathysphere explorer
- 35 Atlas, e.g.
- 39 R-V hookup
- 41 Bladed pole
- 42 Spanish Mrs.
- 45 Bill topper
- 47 Culture base
- 50 Love in London
- 51 Capital on the Danube
- 52 Ousts
- 56 Lofty abode
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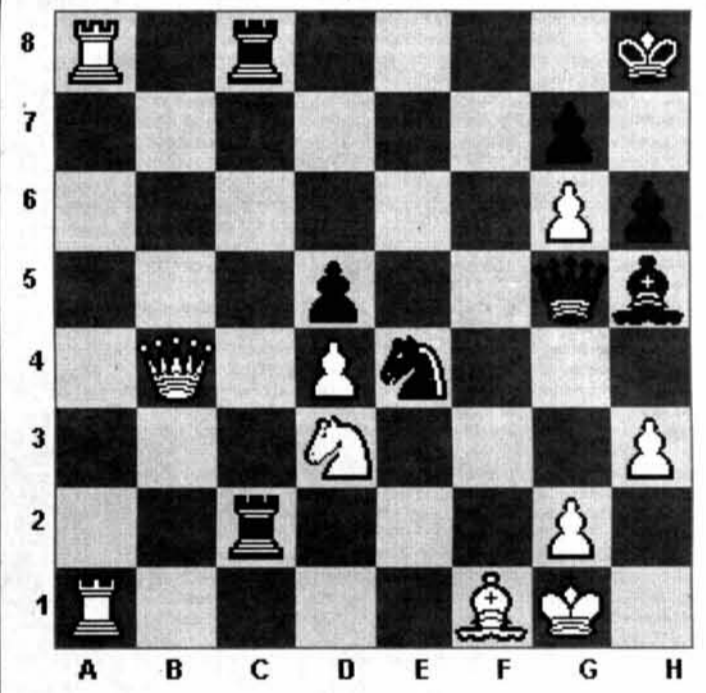
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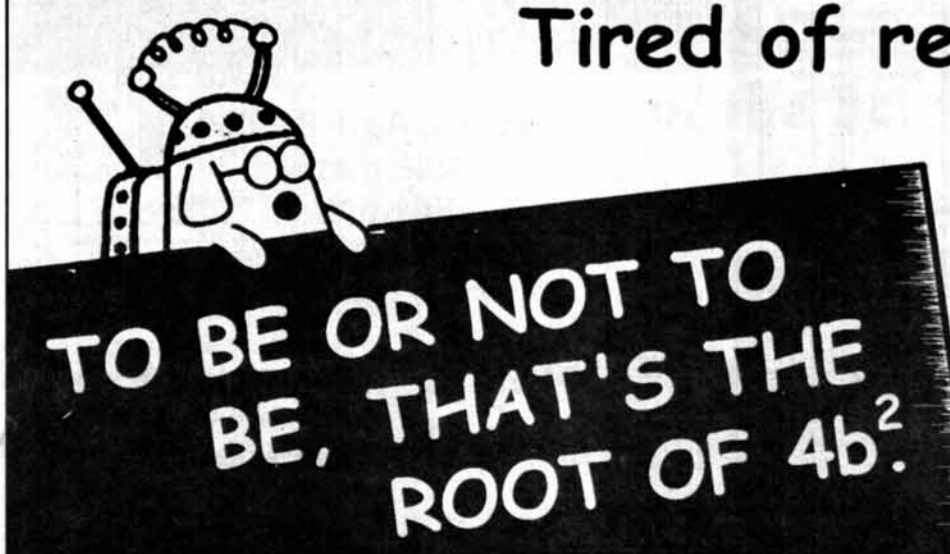
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Tuesday, April 8

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Hormones and the Hands of Time: Estrogen, Testosterone and Others? The topic of this year's annual Catherine N. Stratton Lecture on Aging Successfully is on the minds of many at MIT in view of the recent publicity regarding the Women's Health Initiative Study and other hormone-related reporting and marketing. A distinguished panel of physician specialists, including Dr. William Kettyle, Director of the MIT Medical Department, Dr. Lori Wroble, Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology in the MIT Medical Department, and Dr. Abraham Morgentaler, Director of Men's Health Boston, will discuss this subject. The Aging Successfully lectures, a joint project of the MIT Medical Department and the MIT Women's League, strive to encourage attendees to become their own better-informed health advocates. free. Room: Wong Auditorium, Bldg E51. Sponsor: MIT Women's League, MIT Medical Department.

10:00 a.m. - Admissions Information Session (Followed by the Campus Tour). Admissions Office Information Session gathers at the Admissions Reception Center (10-100). Enter MIT at the main entrance, Lobby 7, 77 Massachusetts Ave (domed building with tall pillars). Proceed down the center corridor to Room 10-100 on the right. Following the Admissions Information Session is a Student Led Campus Tour which begins in Lobby 7 (main entrance lobby) Groups over 15 people need to make special reservations. free. Room: Admissions Reception Center, Building 10, Room 10-100. Sponsor: Information Center.

10:45 a.m. - Campus Tour. Student Led Campus Tours are approximately 90 minutes long and provide a general overview of the main campus. Please note that campus tours do not visit laboratories, living groups or buildings under construction. Groups over 15 people need to make special reservations. Campus tours start at the conclusion of the Admissions Information Session. The Campus Tour begins in Lobby 7 (Main Entrance Lobby at 77 Massachusetts Ave), free. Room: Lobby 7 (Main Entrance Lobby at 77 Massachusetts Ave). Sponsor: Information Center.

11:55 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - VCPPI Lunch Meeting. Weekly lunch meeting sponsored by the MIT Venture Capital & Principal Investment Association. free. Room: Tang Center. Sponsor: MIT Venture Capital and Principal Investment (VCPPI) Association, MIT Entrepreneurship Center.

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - The Path Not Taken: French Industrial Policy in the Age of Revolution. Dibner Institute Lunchtime Colloquium. free. Room: E56-100. Sponsor: Dibner Institute.

1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. - Center for Theoretical Physics - Nuclear Theory Seminar. "TBA." free. Room: Center for Theoretical Physics, Building 6, Third Floor Seminar Room. Sponsor: Laboratory for Nuclear Science.

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

2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. - Joint Tufts / CFA / MIT. "TBA." free. Room: MIT; Kolkher Room, 26-414. Sponsor: Laboratory for Nuclear Science.

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Newtonian and Non-Newtonian Coating Flows. Physical Mathematics Seminar. free. Room: Building 2, Room 2-338. Sponsor: Physical Mathematics Seminar.

2:45 p.m. - Campus Tour. free. Room: Lobby 7 (Main Entrance Lobby at 77 Massachusetts Ave). Sponsor: Information Center.

3:00 p.m. - Baseball vs. Emerson College. free. Room: Briggs Field. Sponsor: Department of Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation.

4:00 p.m. - Women's Lacrosse vs. Wheaton College. free. Room: Jack Barry Turf. Sponsor: Department of Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation.

4:00 p.m. - MIT Astrophysics Colloquium: JOHN HEISE. "X-ray flashes and extragalactic transient X-ray sources." free. Room: MIT, Marlar Lounge, Room 37-252. Sponsor: Astrophysics.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - MechSeminar: Interface Load Transfer Degradation During Cyclic Loading. Room: 1-350. Sponsor: Engineering & Environmental Mechanics Group.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - MTL VLSI Seminar Series. Intelligent Optoelectronics for 10 and 40 Gb/s Transmission. free. Room: 34-101. Sponsor: MTL VLSI Seminar.

4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - GTL Seminar Series. "Scaling Laws for Aircraft." free. Room: NOTE ROOM: 33-116. Sponsor: Gas Turbine Laboratory.

4:30 p.m. - Whither the Democratic End of History: Egypt and the Middle East. The Emile Bustani Middle East Seminar. free. Room: E51-095. Sponsor: Center for International Studies.

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Essay Writing for Medical/Health Profession Schools. This workshop is geared to assist students in writing their personal statement/essay for medical and other health professional school applications. free. Room: 3-442. Sponsor: Career Services Office.

6:00 p.m. - AIAA NEW ENGLAND MEETING - Orchestrating a Solar-Powered UAV Mission in National Airspace. Dr. Stanley Herwitz is the Director of the UAV Applications Center, a world-class center chartered to investigate science and commercial applications of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) equipped with high resolution digital imaging systems. Dr. Herwitz will discuss details of the PF+'s pioneering mission including mission planning, coordination with air traffic controllers, imagery collection and downlinking, and the science objectives accomplished. Refreshments will be served. free, but reservations required. Room: MIT, Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Room 33-116. Sponsor: AeroAstro. AIAA New England.

6:30 p.m. - Architecture Lecture. "From Memory to Monument and Back Again." Lecture by James Young, Judaic and Near Eastern Studies, University of Massachusetts Amherst. free. Room: Rm 10-250. Sponsor: Department of Architecture.

7:00 p.m. - MIT Western Hemisphere Project: Open Meeting. We hold informal sessions throughout the year to discuss events in the news and to work on Project activities. If you want to just chat about these things, or if you want to join in and help organize, we'd love for you to attend. free. Room: MIT 4-231. Sponsor: MIT Western Hemisphere Project.

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - March Madness "Z" Throw Contest. It is that time of year again. Show off your free throw skills and compete for prizes. All members are invited to participate. free. Room: Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center. Sponsor: Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center.

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Green Hall Health Talk - Fitness. What is Fitness Anyway? How to Exercise. Learn about improving your mind & body wellness. We will be covering topics of relaxation, stress management, time management, and fitness. Refreshments will be provided. free. Room: Green Hall, 350 Memorial Dr. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Green Hall.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - MIT \$50K Founder's Workshop. free. Room: TBA. Sponsor: MIT \$50K Entrepreneurship Competition.

7:00 p.m. - International Movie Week at S-P. Various international movies (with English subtitles). Refreshments provided. Monday April 7 - Me You Them [BRAZIL]. free. Room: Seminar Room, Sidney-Pacific. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Sidney-Pacific House Council.

7:00 p.m. - Dow-Carbide's Toxic Legacy in Bhopal, India. PROGRAM - 1. Video Presentation. 2. Presentation - Bhopal: Portrait of a Corporate Crime: By Nityanand Jayaraman. 3. Presentation - Campus Activism and the Campaign for Justice in Bhopal - By Krishnaveni Gundu. 4. Discussion - Working Together Against Corporate Crime. free. Room: 6-120. Sponsor: AID-Boston.

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - LIVEmusic@theEAR: We the Living. Pub Hours: Monday: 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Tuesday - Thursday: 7 p.m. - 1 a.m. Friday: 4 p.m. - 2 a.m. The Thirsty Ear Pub is located in the basement of Ashdown House. Enter through the courtyard. free. Room: The Thirsty Ear Pub. Sponsor: The Thirsty Ear Pub.

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Contra Dance for all. Spring Fling, Caller: Chrissy Fowler. Live Music: Kristin Sherwood, Matty Metcalfe, & Friends. Dance with a partner (we'll provide) and a group to jazzy live music. All dances taught; all skill levels welcome. Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday. MIT students free; other students \$3; non-students \$5. Room: Lobby 13. Sponsor: Folk Dance Club. Music for Robin.

Wednesday, April 9

10:00 a.m. - Admissions Information Session. free. Room: Admissions Reception Center, Building 10, Room 10-100. Sponsor: Information Center.

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

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Optical Microscopy Beyond the Diffraction Limit: Imaging Guided and Propagating Fields. EECS/RLE - Optics & Quantum Electronics Seminar Series. free. Room: Grier Room B, 34-401B. Sponsor: Optics.

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Rainbow Lounge Open. MIT's resource lounge for lesbian, bisexual, gay, and transgendered members of the community offers a place to hang out, various activities, and a lending library during its open hours. free. Room: 50-306. Sponsor: lbgt@MIT.

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Four Generations of Women Across Cultures II: From a Male Perspective. Grandmother, mother, sister or cousin, daughter or niece. These are the four generations of women that our five male panelists will discuss. Join us as we examine the similarities and differences, from a male perspective, in four generations of women from Colombia, China, the African-American community, India, and England. Since seating is limited, please call or email to reserve your place. free. Room: Emma Rogers Room, 10-340. Sponsor: MIT Women's League.

12:10 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Oceanography and Climate Sack Lunch Seminar. free. Room: 54-915. Sponsor: Physical Oceanography.

1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - ESS-Tuition Assistance Claims. heuristic review of the Employee Self Service site with regards to TA claims. free. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Usability at MIT, Financial Systems Services.

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

2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. - Center for Theoretical Physics - String Seminar. "TBA." free. Room: Center for Theoretical Physics, Building 6, Third Floor Seminar Room. Sponsor: Laboratory for Nuclear Science.

2:45 p.m. - Campus Tour. free. Room: Lobby 7 (Main Entrance Lobby at 77 Massachusetts Ave). Sponsor: Information Center.

2:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - spouses&partners@mit weekly meeting: The Glass Flowers. Join us for a visit to the Botanical Museum collection presented by the Harvard Museum of Natural History. It may be too early to enjoy the spring outdoors, but you can find a hint of warmer weather at this beautiful and fascinating exhibit. Meet in front of the MIT Coop in Kendall Square at 2:45 P.M. We will take the Red Line to Harvard Square (\$1 each way). free. Sponsor: spouses&partners@mit, MIT Medical.

3:00 p.m. - Baseball vs. UMass Boston. free. Room: Briggs Field. Sponsor: Department of Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - "Working on the International Space Station." free. Sponsor: AeroAstro, Massachusetts Space Grant Consortium.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - SMA - HPCES Seminar. "Semidefinite programming, moments, polynomials, and applications". free. Room: MIT Room 4-237. Sponsor: Singapore-MIT Alliance/HPCES.

4:05 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Environmental Chemistry and Biology Seminar. Topic TBA. Room: 48-316. Sponsor: Parsons Lab (general).

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. - Combinatorics of Minimum Cuts and Network Reliability. Reception at 3:30 PM in Room 2-349. free. Room: Room 2-338. Sponsor: Combinatorics Seminar, Department of Mathematics.

5:00 p.m. - Robert A. Muh Alumni Award in the Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences. Dr. Shultz will be presented with the Robert A. Muh Alumni Award in the Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences and will deliver a talk entitled "Reflections." free. Room: MIT, E15, Bartos Theatre, 20 Ames Street. Sponsor: SHASS Dean's Office, and the MIT Department of Economics.

5:10 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Service with dinner to follow. A Eucharist service with dinner following in W11. free. Room: MIT Chapel and W11. Sponsor: Lutheran-Episcopal Ministry.

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - DOT COM - WHERE ARE WE TODAY? Keynote: Rick Daniels, President, The Boston Globe. Following the Keynote, an industry panel will discuss the successes (and failures) that have arisen from the ashes of the dot com bust. This event will be held in building 10 room 250 (10-250) on the MIT Campus, 77 Mass Ave, Cambridge, MA. Registration fee is \$20 for Forum Members and \$25 for Non Members. THERE IS NO PRE-REGISTRATION FOR THIS EVENT. Registration begins at 5:30 at the door. For more information visit our website: www.mitforumcambridge.org or call 617-253-8240. FREE for Students. \$20 Forum Members. \$25 Non Members. Room: Building 10 Room 250 (10-250). Sponsor: MIT Enterprise Forum of Cambridge, Inc.

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Scuba Club Social & Elections. Going Deep for Cheap Deepwater Archeology Research Team members share their research. We will also elect new scuba Club officers. Free refreshments. free. Room: 56-180. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Scuba Club.

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - SFGS screens "Save Our Land, Save Our Towns." Film looks at the causes, effects, and remedies to suburban sprawl. free. Room: 4-370. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Students for Global Sustainability.

7:00 p.m. - Reading between the Threads: What We Can Learn from Ancient Incan Textiles. free. Sponsor: MIT Western Hemisphere Project.

7:00 p.m. - "Spanish and English: Two Sides of the Looking Glass." Rosario Ferre, one of Puerto Rico's leading women of letters, professor at the University of Puerto Rico and contributing editor for the San Juan Star, she has written poetry, criticism and biography, in addition to the fiction for which she is best known. She is the author of "Diamond Dust" (Ballantine Books, 1989), "The Youngest Doll" (University of Nebraska Press, 1991), "Eccentric Neighborhoods" (Farrar, Straus, & Giroux, 1998), "The Flight of the Swan" (FSG, 2001), and "House on the Lagoon" (FSG, 1995) which was picked as one of the five finalists for the National Book Awards in 1995. A book signing will follow her talk. free. Room: Rm 6-120. Sponsor: Mujeres Latinas, Foreign Languages & Literatures, Women's Studies Program, Center for Bilingual/Bicultural Studies, the Kelly Douglas Fund.

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Bible Study. Weekly Bible study held by the Baptist Student Fellowship. free. Sponsor: Baptist Student Fellowship, Baptist Campus Ministry.

7:00 p.m. - International Movie Week at S-P. Various international movies (with English subtitles). Refreshments provided. Wednesday April 9 - Ridicule [FRANCE]. free. Room: Seminar Room, Sidney-Pacific. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Sidney-Pacific House Council.

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Dances of the World: A Four Part Series. Get an introduction to four very different dance styles from around the world—Israeli dance, belly dancing, ballroom dance, and salsa. April 9—Belly dance. free. Room: Room 24-402. Sponsor: Graduate Hill.

7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - Sangam-MIT FLL Movie. Movies screened as a part of MIT FLL course. Email was sent out on sangam-request@mit.edu. free. Room: Variable, was sent out in email. Sponsor: Sangam, MIT FLL.

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - TMRC Build Time. These are our normal meeting times, when we build the layout! free. Room: N52-118. Sponsor: Tech Model Railroad Club (TMRC).

7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. - HTC Film Series: W.I.S.O.R. Theme is documentary films. free. Room: 3-133. Sponsor: History, Theory and Criticism of Architecture and Art.

8:00 p.m. - Weekly Wednesdays @ the Muddy Charles Pub. Meet your fellow social graduate students at the Muddy Charles Pub located in the Walker Memorial Building. What will be there for you? \$1 drafts, a variety of beers, wines and sodas, lots of free wings, Sox on the screen. Bring IDs. free. Room: Muddy Charles Pub. Sponsor: Edgerton House Residents' Association, MIT Entrepreneurship Center, TechLink, Wing II.

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - IFILM Film Seminar. Screening of a movie followed by a discussion. free. Room: 4-237. Sponsor: International Film Club.

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Westgate Movie Night. Come see a movie (Maid In Manhattan) and eat pizza in the Westgate basement lounge. free. Room: Westgate Basement Lounge. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Westgate Community Association.

8:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. - Swing Dancing. No partner required. Beginners welcome. free. Room: Student Center 2nd floor. Sponsor: Lindy Hop Society.

8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Opening Reception—Family: Scene, Yet Unseen. Black & white photographs by B.D. Colen, an established writer, journalist and photographer who was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 1984 for news reporting. He is a freelance writer and author of more than a dozen books relating to health and medicine. In addition to being a lecturer in the Program in Writing and Humanistic Studies, Colen is a documentary photographer and teaches a course on Documentary Photography at MIT. Exhibit on view through May 10, 2003. free. Room: Sidney-Pacific Graduate Residence (70 Pacific St). Sponsor: Sidney-Pacific Graduate Residence.

Thursday, April 10

10:00 a.m. - Admissions Information Session. free. Room: Admissions Reception Center, Building 10, Room 10-100. Sponsor: Information Center.

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

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Last Minute Job Search Techniques. The workshop is geared to those students who are still looking for full-time positions. We will review in-depth job search strategies and discuss next steps in the job search. Please register for workshop at <http://web.mit.edu/career/www/workshops.html> and select Calendar of Workshops. free. Sponsor: Career Services Office.

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Weight Watchers at Work. free. Room: Women's Lounge-Room 8-219. Sponsor: Weight Watchers.

1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Rainbow Lounge Open. free. Room: 50-306. Sponsor: lbgt@MIT.

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

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2:45 p.m. - Campus Tour. free. Room: Lobby 7 (Main Entrance Lobby at 77 Massachusetts Ave). Sponsor: Information Center.

3:00 p.m. - Baseball vs. Babson College. free. Room: Briggs Field. Sponsor: Department of Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation.

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Course XVI Freshman Open House. This event is open to freshmen and undecided sophomores exploring majors. Former astronaut Jeffrey Hoffman, now a professor in Course 16, will give a short talk on "opportunities for aerospace engineers in the future of space explorations." Students and a few other professors will answer questions about degree requirements, Unified Engineering, UROPs, summer internships, etc. There will also be a display of student projects, demos, prizes, and food. A lab tour is also scheduled at 4:00-5:00 PM. free. Room: Seamans Lab, Bldg 33. Sponsor: AeroAstro.

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. - A Duality Framework for Integer Programs. ORC Spring Seminar Series. Seminar reception immediately following in the Philip M. Morse Reading Room, E40-106. free. Room: E56-270. Sponsor: Operations Research Center.

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. - Physics Colloquium. Title TBA. free. Room: 10-250. Sponsor: Physics Department.

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Nanostructures Seminar Series - (nanoweb.mit.edu). Control of Biomolecular Function by Nanometer Scale antennas. free. Room: Building 1, Room 190 (Refreshments beginning at 4:30 pm). Sponsor: Nanostructures Laboratory. Co-Sponsored by the Tiny Tech Club and Technik.

5:00 p.m. - authors@mit - Envisioning Science. Please join us for a tour of the fine science photography and technique of MIT Research Scientist Felice Frankel. Come enjoy a multi-screen show of many of Felice's fantastic and beautiful images, and pick up a few tips on using visual images effectively in your own scientific communications. Felice will be using the exciting new educational technology available in the MIT "Teaching Enabled Active Learning [TEAL] Room." Felice Frankel is a Research Scientist in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at MIT. Envisioning Science is published by the MIT Press, 2002. free. Room: 26-152 TEAL Room. Sponsor: authors@mit, The MIT Press Bookstore, The Technology and Culture Forum at MIT.

6:00 p.m. - "From the margin or from the center: French Caribbean women writing between memory and hope." French Caribbean women writing between memory and hope. Marie Celie Agnant. free. Room: Rm 4-163. Sponsor: Women's Studies Program, Haitian Students Alliance, CCRN, FL+L, Community Relations Funding, Kelly Fund.

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Basic of Business Plans for Scientists and Engineers. An introduction to the Business Plan for scientists and engineers. What is it, why do I need it and what is it used for? Practical do's and don'ts in preparing a Business Plan. Things to keep in mind in writing a Business Plan which will improve your chances of obtaining funding and running a successful business. Joseph G. Hadzima, Jr. is a Managing Director of Main Street Partners LLC, a venture development and technology commercialization firm. free. Room: MIT Building 4-370. Sponsor: Science and Engineering Business Club.

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - History of the MIT Mars Society. April 12, 1961: first manned space flight by Yuri Gagarin. Every year, the MIT Mars Society celebrates what could be considered the most important date in the history of space flight. And this year is no exception! Our events will start on Thursday with a talk by Paul Wooster, president of the Mars Gravity program and former president of the MIT Mars Society, about the history of the MIT Mars Society. After the talk we will get the chance to talk about the Mars Society, Mars exploration, and many other topics around some good pizza! free. Room: 1-135. Sponsor: MIT Mars Society.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Panchatantra Class. Classes in Indian Folklore. free. Room: 4-144. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Sangam, South Asian Center.

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Meditation and Discussion. Meditation and Discussion on Shantideva's Bodhicaryavatara. free. Room: MIT Chapel. Sponsor: Buddhist Association at MIT, Buddhist Community at MIT.

7:00 p.m. - International Movie Week at S-P. Various international movies (with English subtitles). Refreshments provided. Thursday April 10 - 1947 Earth [INDIA]. free. Room: Seminar Room, Sidney-Pacific. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Sidney-Pacific House Council.

8:00 p.m. - "She Loves Me." Musical by Harnick and Bock directed by Michael Douellette. \$8, \$6 students. Room: Kresge Little Theater. Sponsor: Dramashop.

8:00 p.m. - Utopia, Limited. \$10; \$8 MIT community, seniors, other students w/ID, children; \$6 MIT students w/ID. Room: Sala de Puerto Rico. Sponsor: Gilbert and Sullivan Players, MIT.

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - IFILM Film Seminar. Screening of a movie followed by a discussion. Refreshments provided. free. Room: 4-237. Sponsor: International Film Club.

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Akamai Refusing Al Jazeera Technology Licensed By MIT

Akamai, from Page 1

ment on whether Akamai had actually signed a contract or was merely in discussions with the network, but several major news outlets have reported that the company did indeed have a contract. It is unclear whether Al Jazeera has any grounds for seeking damages at this time.

"Akamai worked briefly this week with Al Jazeera to understand the issues they are having distributing their Web sites," the statement said. "We ultimately decided not to continue a customer relationship with Al Jazeera, and we are not going to be providing them our services."

Young said that Akamai has an acceptable use policy that applies to all potential customers, but declined to comment on anything specific to Al Jazeera. The policy, available on Akamai's Web site, states that "Akamai takes no responsibility for any content created, accessible or delivered on or through the Akamai Network and Services. Akamai does not monitor or exercise any editorial control over such content." Material deemed unacceptable includes anything that is "illegal, indecent, obscene, pornographic, defamatory, libelous, or inconsistent with the generally accepted practices of the Internet community," according to

the policy.

MIT has no say

The company's content delivery technology has been licensed by the MIT Technology Licensing Office since it was developed on campus in the mid-1990s by Professor of Applied Mathematics F. Thomson Leighton PhD '81 and then-graduate student Daniel M. Lewin SM '98. TLO Counsel and Technology Licensing Officer Karen K. Rivard said that neither MIT nor the TLO was consulted in making the decision.

"That's absolutely appropriate," Rivard said. "We don't have any direct say in how our companies do business or who they license to." She said the only requirement placed on companies using MIT-developed technologies was a requirement by the government that in an exclusive license agreement for a patent, products sold in the U.S. must be "substantially manufactured" domestically.

Akamai, located in Cambridge, was founded in 1995 by Leighton and Lewin, and was taken public in 1999 with a skyrocketing initial public offering. Leighton continues to serve as the company's chief scientist. Lewin, a former member of the Laboratory for Computer Science, was among those killed onboard American Airlines Flight 11 in the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade

Center. Leighton did not return an e-mail message seeking comment.

Al Jazeera faces series of setbacks

As of press time, Al Jazeera was operating what it called a "temporary site" at <http://english.aljazeera.net>. Tucker told reporters that without Akamai's network of servers, the site would be more susceptible to hackers.

"It doesn't derail us," she said. "We can withstand the hacking up to a point, but if they focus it all on one server it would put a lot of pressure on that server."

"We hope that won't be the case," she added. "We're working on it all the time."

Tucker called the hacking attempts "pathetic," saying, "it's a narrow, pro-censorship attempt to silence a news site," she said.

The Doha, Qatar-based network has come under fire from U.S. government officials for broadcasting images of dead and captured American soldiers in Iraq. Following the incident, the New York Stock Exchange barred Al Jazeera correspondents from its trading floor. Al Jazeera has also had run-ins with Iraqi officials, including one correspondent who was expelled from Baghdad on April 2 and another who was barred from reporting there.

Fredkin Seeks Help With Programming

SARS, from Page 1

said. "The ideal is to make a system that models the behavior of this epidemic so one can try out with this system different policies and get an idea of what the effect is like."

The spreadsheet Fredkin is making has one column for each day, in which he will record data such as the number of people infected with the disease and the number of deaths. Eventually, Fredkin said, it will also include all schedule airline flights to an area where there are infected people.

"Computers have memory large enough now that it's easy to model behavior of people and how they might communicate the disease to others," Fredkin said.

Volunteers needed to program

Fredkin held a meeting last week at the Media Lab to inform others of his plans and to gather support for his efforts. Though he received encouragement from those who attended, Fredkin says that he is currently working on the project

alone and is seeking volunteers to help him.

"Anyone who can program, especially with experience in [Microsoft] Excel," can help, Fredkin said.

In an e-mail informing people about the meeting at the media lab last week, Fredkin said that the results of his initial model "are such as to provide a lot of motivation for a number of good people to put other things on hold and pay attention to this issue."

"There are no experts in this kind of thing. It is a problem and this community may be uniquely able to have a profound and effective positive influence on the eventual outcome," the e-mail said.

Fredkin said that he was motivated by the urgency of the situation and felt that his own problem-solving abilities and those of the MIT community had the potential to have a positive effect.

"A lot of good can be done. We don't need any money, we don't need any equipment, we just need the help of the kind of people who are here at MIT," he said.



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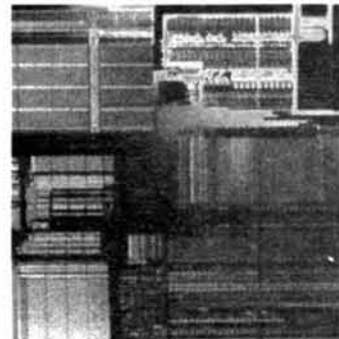
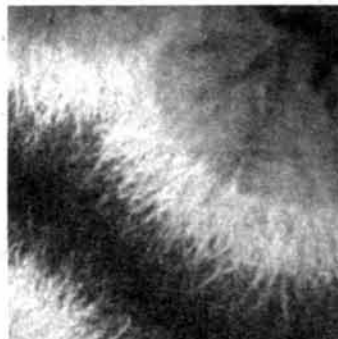
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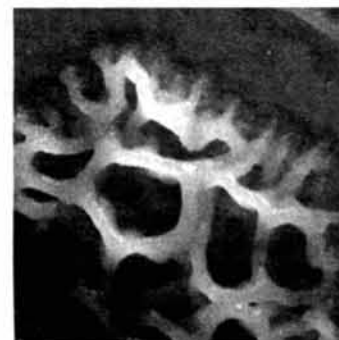
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MITnet Adds New Provider

Upgrades, from Page 1

RJ-45 ports, one for telephone service, two for MITnet service, and one for future usage.

Half of the funding for the upgrades is being provided by the budget for renovations from the Residential Life Office. The other half will be provided by the IS budget for network upgrades. Roughly \$900,000 of funding for the project will come from Residential Life, Benedict said.

The renovations were first discussed after residents of East Campus and Next House filed complaints about frequent interruptions in network service.

Senior House, Baker House, and Simmons Hall have new or recently renovated systems and will not receive upgrades soon, Benedict said.

Benedict added that the remaining dormitories may receive upgrades in the coming years, depending on funding.

MITnet adds Cogent connection

MITnet's previous Internet provider, Genuity, Inc. filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in November 2002 and was acquired by Level 3 Communications shortly after.

Information Systems responded to this change by adding a connection from Cogent Communications, which will give MIT an extra gigabit per second of bandwidth to the Internet.

"The pricing was really phenomenal," said Network Manager Jeffrey I. Schiller of IS. Schiller added that MIT does not pay a monthly connection fee to Cogent.

Under this new management, Information Systems expects changes to the old Genuity service. However, these changes will probably not be apparent to MITnet users.

"Usually when we add these things, there aren't glitches and no one notices," Schiller said.

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Undergrads Show Benedict Daytime SafeRide Support

SafeRide, from Page 1

donated by the GSC had been spent on improving the current SafeRide program.

W. Sanith Wijesinghe, president of the GSC, said he supported the implementation of a daytime SafeRide service, but that he also hoped SafeRide would expand area coverage.

SafeRide originally for safety

"When SafeRide was created, it was created simply for safety," Immerman said.

Before SafeRide was established, the MIT Police gave escorts upon request. Immerman said at the time (about 10 years ago), they gave about 6,000 rides per year.

SafeRide was originally run by the police department, but as it grew, the Department of Parking and Transportation was created to deal with it, Immerman said.

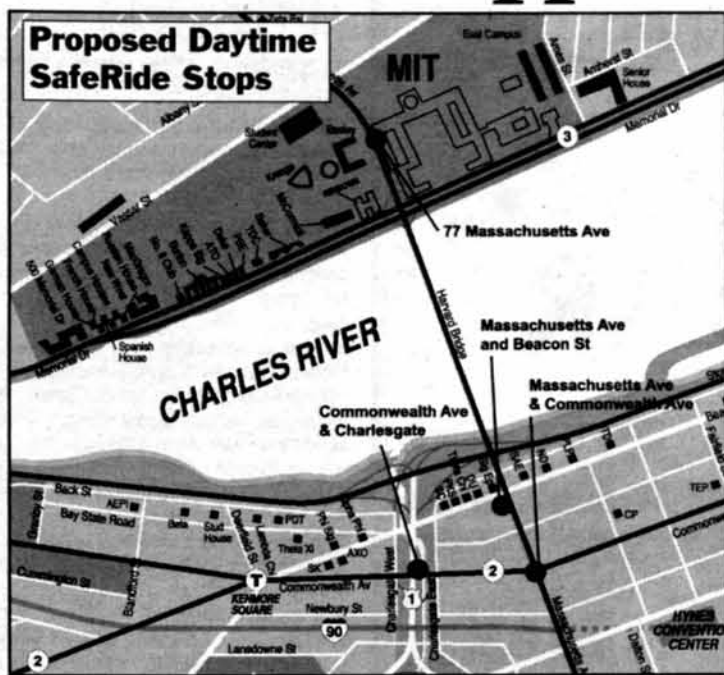
He said SafeRide currently gives about 200,000 rides annually.

The MIT Police still escort people home on request.

Immerman said that the proposed daytime SafeRide service would be more convenience-oriented than safety-oriented.

Undergrads push for day service

While Benedict, the dean for student life, was responsible for daytime SafeRide plan in its current form, several undergraduates have



advocated similar plans recently.

Deora said a group of four MIT students came up with a daytime SafeRide plan for a class, and later submitted it to Benedict's office. While their plan is not the one currently on the table, Deora said Benedict made use of the facts these students had gathered.

Undergraduate Association President-elect Pius A. Uzamere '04 and David B. Gottlieb '04, who ran against him, both said publicly that they had created proposals for day-

time service and submitted their proposals to Benedict.

Rogers said former Interfraternity Council President Amado G. Dehoyos '04 had also advocated a daytime shuttle service to the administration.

Folkert said that while extending SafeRide coverage was a concern of the GSC, it had not been a focus of the Council's efforts recently.

Deora said the plan is being finalized and that it is expected to be implemented starting in November.

Big Screw Results so Far

Candidate	Donations as of Monday
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Professor George C. Verghese (6.011)	\$1.00
Associate Dean Robert M. Randolph	\$0.70
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Vassar St. Utilities

A large hole on Main Street next to the railroad tracks is in the process of being filled. Pedestrians will be diverted around the work for approximately one week. Vassar Street is now one-way until June. All traffic traveling east on Vassar St. must turn left at Mass. Ave. and right on Albany St. to get to Main St.

Vassar Streetscape

Pedestrian traffic has been moved next to Building 38 to allow for construction of new sidewalks near Vassar Street. Work is underway on the north side of the street. Traffic will continue to flow one-way westbound along the southern side of the street. All major crosswalks and driveways are accessible; crosswalks will occasionally shift as work progresses.

Brain and cognitive sciences project

Removal of an abandoned steam pile from the Vassar Street sidewalk will begin soon and continue through the end of April. Interior demolition of Building 45 continues. Demolition of the exterior shell will take place in mid-April.

E19 Renovations

The project is on schedule and nearing completion. Commissioning is scheduled for the week of April 21. 5th floor occupancy is scheduled for April 28. The 3rd floor was completed on February 14.

MDC Memorial Drive Rehabilitation Project

The MDC has permanently removed parking spaces from eastbound Memorial Drive west of Mass. Ave. Additional parking east of Mass. Ave. will be eliminated in the coming weeks. Parking being eliminated will be posted 48 hours prior to the start of work. Cars that are not removed will be towed by the MDC.

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Injuries Set Some Teams Back *MIT Ice Dancers Win Top Two Novice Spots*

NHL, from Page 16

and drawn out this year — in fact, not a single matchup was decided until Sunday afternoon. Six teams changed position during that day's matchups. My picks follow:

Dallas Stars (1) vs. Edmonton Oilers (8)

God must have it in for the Edmonton Oilers, perennial losers to the Dallas Stars in their last several playoff appearances. However, the Stars have floundered of late, even with star goaltender Marty Turco, who set a new record for goals against average for a season with a shutout against Nashville on Sunday. Bill Guerin, the Stars' main sniper, remains injured until late into this series at best.

Edmonton doesn't seem to notice they traded their top scorer and defenseman at the deadline. However, they are the youngest team in the league; I would give the Oilers the edge if this series goes long. Just because they're playing without marquee skaters doesn't mean they aren't a force to be reckoned with.

Prediction: Dallas in 5 (or, Edmonton in 7).

Detroit Red Wings (2) vs. the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim (7)

Hockey's perennial powerhouse, and Stanley Cup defending champion, face the team that held that title in the 1980s. Detroit ended its season on a tear, losing 5 of its last 27. Curtis Joseph represents the only major change for Detroit, replacing hero goaltender Dominik Hasek. While other acquisitions, like Mathieu Schneider on defense, should not be ignored, Cujo's work with Detroit's strong defense will be key.

The Ducks made the low-key acquisition of Steve Thomas (no relation) from Chicago, who turned around a weak season to score 10

goals in 12 games in his tenure in Anaheim. With fellow veteran Adam Oates, the Ducks will give the Wings a run for their money.

Prediction: Detroit in 5. (Though it breaks my heart; I'm with the Ducks in spirit.)

Colorado Avalanche (3) vs. Minnesota Wild (6)

In only their third year, the Wild have taken many by surprise. Staffed with no big-name talent, legendary coach Jacques Lemaire has managed to propel this team into the playoffs for the first time. Lemaire has the luxury of tuning his goaltending to the situation, choosing between Dwayne Roloson and Manny Fernandez, which could make things interesting compared to all-time wins leader Patrick Roy.

The immense scoring line of Peter Forsberg, Milan Hejduk and Alex Tanguay, however, could prove too much for the Wild. Lemaire's efforts will no doubt be aimed to shutting them down.

Prediction: Call me crazy, but my gut's with the Wild in 7.

Vancouver Canucks (4) vs. St. Louis Blues (5)

Heartbroken after losing the division title on the last day of the season, the Canucks are showing signs of weakness. Rookie Alexander Auld has filled the net while regular goaltender Dan Cloutier recovers from injury; Markus Naslund lost the goal and point titles to Hejduk and Forsberg of the Avalanche; and the team seems to be slowly losing energy.

Meanwhile the Blues recently regained the services of captain Chris Pronger; along with replacement captain and slapshot king Al MacInnis and rookie sensation Barret Jackman, the Blues' defensive corps looks to be one of the most solid in the league, bolstered by the

acquisition of Chris Osgood in goal. Vancouver's potent offense will have to find greater depth than their first line in order to beat this team.

Prediction: Blues in 5.

No doubt many of you will disagree with my picks; however, luck is an enormous part of playoff success. Older teams might tend to slow down as the playoffs drag on; however, they'll still be getting more rest than in the regular season. This playoff season, like those in recent memory, will be nervous and exciting.

Figure Skating, from Page 16

phine Dean G, Kristin Jonker '03, and Adriana Tajonar '06 placed second against Boston College. Tajonar completed the Axel requirement for the team. Dean did a waltz-toe loop jump combination and her circular footwork. Jonker contributed a steady upright spin.

Ice dance

The team had a strong showing

in the morning ice dance events. Bruening and Cutler competed against each other and placed first and second in the novice dance, the European waltz. Sheila N. Tandon learned the Cha-Cha to compete in the pre-intermediate B dance and won the gold medal. Dean and Cheng, neither of whom has tested in ice dance, competed the Rhythm Blues and placed third and fourth in the pre-intermediate A dance event.

Men's, ladies' events

Bruening skated an exhibition for his Intermediate free skate, and had a powerful camel-change-camel spin. Gonzalez, who just started skating last year, earned a silver medal in his pre-intermediate A compulsory moves, during which he completed a waltz-toe loop.

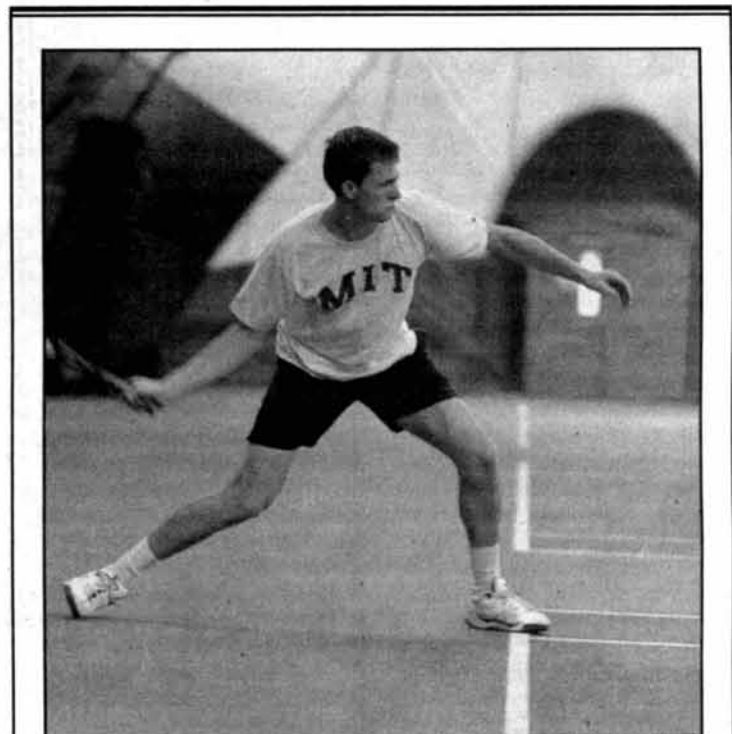
Wu placed fifth in her intermediate short program and sixth in her free skate.

Though Wu has not trained seriously since junior high school, she skates with natural ease, with beautiful arm movements complementing her skating.

At the pre-intermediate C level, Cutler, LeCocq, and Tajonar placed first, second, and third in the compulsory moves and third, fifth, and sixth in the compulsory moves. This is the last intercollegiate competition Cutler will compete in, since she is graduating with her PhD in June.

At the pre-intermediate B level, Cheng and Dean placed fourth and fifth in the compulsory moves and sixth and first in the free skate.

Jonker earned a silver medal in her free skate and a bronze medal in her compulsory moves event.



DMITRY PORTNYAGIN
Andrew Kolesnikov '03 deflects the ball in a doubles game against the Coast Guard Academy. He and his partner, Vitaly Pereverzev '05, consistently outmatched their opponents win the game 8-1, and went on to win their singles matchups in straight sets. MIT beat Coast Guard 7-0.

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NHL Playoff Season, Round One: Who to Look for, What to Expect

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An exciting season of NHL Hockey is over. Now comes the second season — two months of grueling, exciting playoff action. Here are my picks for the outcome of the first round.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

The Eastern Conference matchups this year are reasonably fresh. The traditionally weak Southeast Division is represented by two teams this year, Tampa and Washington. The matchups:

Ottawa Senators (1) vs. New York Islanders (8)

After two seasons with the Islanders, Alexei Yashin will be facing his old team for what promises to be an animated series. The statistics are all with Ottawa — in goal, Patrick Lalime certainly has the edge over rookie Rick DiPietro and illegal equipment user Garth Snow.

Yashin has been unspectacular for most of the season but has been on a tear of late. If he can maintain his intensity and motivate his team — which, with captain Mike Peca, has more leadership than the Senators — should make this series worth watching.

Prediction: Ottawa in 6.

New Jersey Devils (2) vs. Boston Bruins (7)

A midseason swan dive, a goaltending crisis, and a fired coach have

given this Bruins team something to worry about. Jeff Hackett, acquired from the Canadiens midseason, has been injured, leaving inconsistent backup Steve Shields in net. Boston coach Robbie Ftorek was fired mid-season, though the last time that happened his team (ironically, the Devils) went on to win the Stanley Cup.

Led by Joe Thornton, Glen Murray, and the returning Sergei Samsonov, the Bruins' potent offense will come up squarely against the league's stingiest defense. Martin Brodeur will likely be the man who makes or breaks this series.

Prediction: New Jersey in 7.

Tampa Bay Lightning (3) vs. Washington Capitals (6)

Legal trouble off the ice has made trouble for Caps star Jaromir Jagr, but the Bolts have been on a tear for the last month. Their combination of young talent in Martin St. Louis, Vincent Lecavalier, and the "Bulin Wall" Nikolai Khabibulin in goal, combined with the veteran talent of Dave Andreychuk and Vaclav Prospal, has been driving this team down the stretch.

Watch out for Olaf Kolzig in goal for the Caps, a regular season workhorse — again, this will be a battle of goaltenders. (Anyone see a pattern here?) With their first-ever division championship, the Lightning will no doubt look to go deep this year.

Prediction: Tampa Bay in 5.

Philadelphia Flyers (4) vs. Toronto Maple Leafs (5)

Full disclosure: I'm a diehard

Leafs fan. But even with my bias, I still have no qualms in saying that this is Toronto's year.

The Leafs' Ed Belfour has had an MVP season in net; Roman Cechmanek did the same for Philly. However, Belfour has proved himself as a reliable playoff performer, whereas Cechmanek is fighting not only terrible playoff karma but also a nagging groin injury.

On a good day the Leafs have two prime scoring lines against the combination of Tony Amonte and Jeremy Roenick. Simon Gagne and John Leclair have been injured, and do not carry as much force of newly acquired Leafs winger Owen Nolan (a player courted by Philly GM Bobby Clarke).

The biggest concern for the Leafs, as it has been all year, is injury; with several regulars out for the last two weeks of the season, including leaders Gary Roberts and Doug Gilmour, they will need either to stay healthy, or have their replacements turn up their intensity as they did in last year's playoffs.

Watch for this to be a grudge match between Leafs GM Pat Quinn and Flyers Clarke; this will also be a coaching battle between Quinn and Ken Hitchcock, who together led Canada's Olympic team to a gold medal in last year's games.

Prediction: Toronto in 6.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

The fight for the West was long

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JONATHAN WANG—THE TECH

Mark Knobel '00 and Nina Isakovich compete in the Advanced International Standard event of the 2003 MIT Open Ballroom Dance Competition. Knobel and Isakovich won first place in Waltz, Tango, Viennese Waltz, and overall. The competition was hosted last weekend by the MIT Ballroom Dance Team.

Figure Skaters Place Second at MIT Event

By Diana Cheng
TEAM MEMBER

MIT's figure skating club hosted the first Eastern Small Teams Intercollegiate Competition, sanctioned by the United States Figure Skating Club, on March 22. MIT's skating team won 17 medals and placed second overall out of 10 colleges, behind Boston College.

Teams were allowed to send at most 15 skaters, and 11 of MIT's skaters competed. The events had fewer entries than in the other intercollegiate competitions this season, since this was a non-qualifying competition.

Team maneuvers

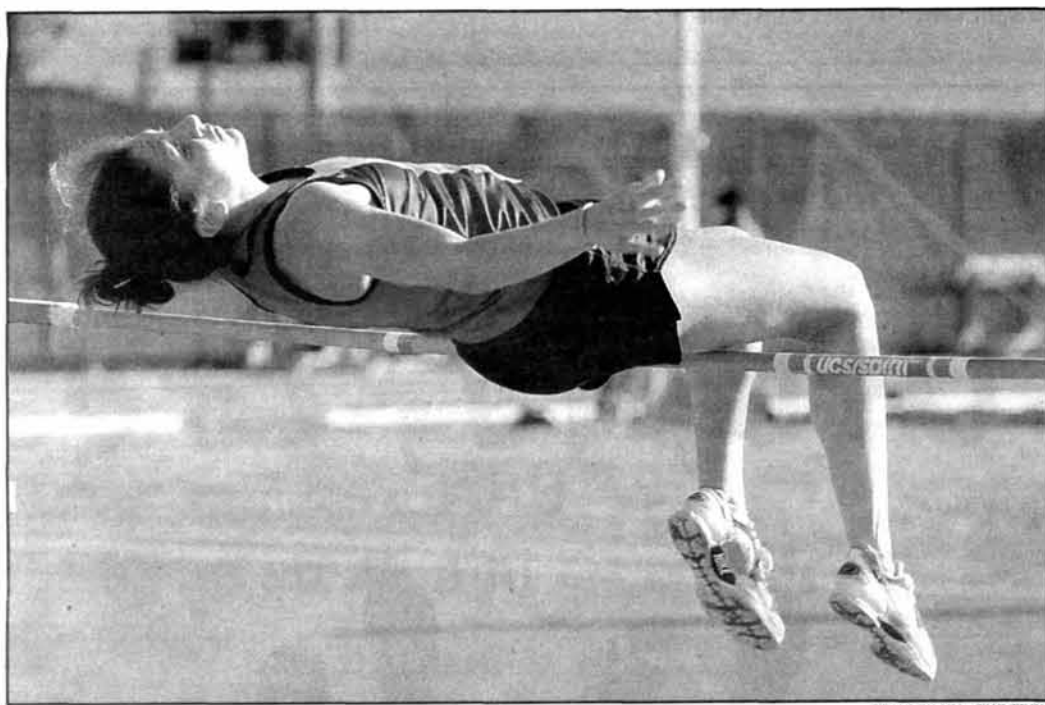
The high maneuvers team of Barb Cutler G, Phillip Lichtor '06, and Amy Wu '06 earned a bronze medal against teams from Boston College and UMass Amherst. Lichtor completed swift, clean double jumps. Wu

completed the two spin requirements. Cutler completed a serpentine step sequence. The team scrambled to reorganize quickly after a member did not show up for the event, and all of the skaters on the team were required to move up a level.

MIT's intermediate maneuvers team of Diana Cheng '04, John B. Gonzalez '04, and Cécile Le Cocq G also earned a bronze in the Team Maneuvers event, against Northeastern and Boston College teams. Their required elements included double jumps; however, none of the intermediate team members could complete double jumps. Gonzalez came on after the event began and substituted waltz jumps for the double jumps so that the team could meet its three-member requirement. Le Cocq completed an Axel and a camel spin and Cheng completed a camel-sit-upright-change-upright spin which was the longest spin she had ever done. Cheng also made up a straight-line footwork sequence on the spot because her original step sequence was covered only half the ice surface, but when she skated up to the intermediate team, the sequence had to cover the full ice surface.

The low maneuvers team of Del-

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STANLEY HU—THE TECH

Karen A. Kinnaman '06 clears 4'6" in the high jump for a fifth place during the Engineer's Cup at MIT. The women's track and field team kicked off its outdoor season last Sunday with a non-scoring meet against WPI and RPI.



XIAOWEI YANG—THE TECH

The MIT men's lightweight crew team (left) races against the U.S. Military Academy in the cold, wind, and sleet last Saturday morning. On the MIT boat (left to right): Dmitry Portnyagin '04, Sven H. Chilton '05, Jeffrey T. Loh '03, Michael P. Farry '04, Michael T. Donohue '03, Eric F. Swart '03, Atif Z. Qadir '04, Jeremy K. Mason '05, Karissa D. Patterson '03.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Tuesday, April 8
Baseball vs. Emerson, 3 p.m.
Women's Lacrosse vs. Wheaton College, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 9
Baseball vs. UMass Boston, 3 p.m.

Thursday, April 10
Baseball vs. Babson College, 3 p.m.