

## Blaster Worm, Sobig Hit MIT Computers

By Michael E. Rollsh

Recent worms and viruses attacking Windows operating systems have created large-scale problems on the MIT network.

One worm, known as the Blaster, exploits a vulnerability revealed by Microsoft in mid-July. It is designed to infect other machines on the network, install a backdoor on the host computer, and periodically attack a Microsoft Web site. There are several variants of the worm.

"The worm has probably been the most virulent I have ever seen," said Linda LeBlanc, network security analyst for Information Systems.

"We've had more than 750 machines compromised in the past three weeks. Five hundred are currently off the net and awaiting reinstallation," LeBlanc said.

The MIT network has also been plagued by the SoBig virus that infects Windows computers via e-mail attachments.

Noah Meyerhans, system administrator for the MIT Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, said that the *ai.mit.edu* and *csail.mit.edu* domains have begun filtering e-mail for the virus.

"In the span of about 24 hours, our servers blocked over 40,000

copies of the SoBig virus," he said.

### MIT, Microsoft offer advice

LeBlanc said the MIT policy for compromised machines is that their hard drives should be reformatted and the operating systems re-installed.

However a vulnerable machine still needs to connect to the Internet to download the necessary patches.

"This worm has been so widespread that people have been compromised while downloading patches," LeBlanc said. She cited an example where a vulnerable computer was compromised within a minute of being put on the network. As a result, Information Systems is distributing the patches on compact disks.

A spokeswoman for Microsoft listed three measures as part of the software maker's "Protect Your PC Campaign": 1. Use a firewall, like the Internet Connection Firewall already in Windows XP. 2. Use Microsoft Windows Update to keep your PC up to date. 3. Install antivirus software and ensure it's up-to-date.

LeBlanc offered this advice: "If you receive e-mail from [Network Security] ... please do what we ask you to do and send us e-mail telling us you've done it."

## MIT Coop To Accept TechCASH This Year

By Christine R. Fry  
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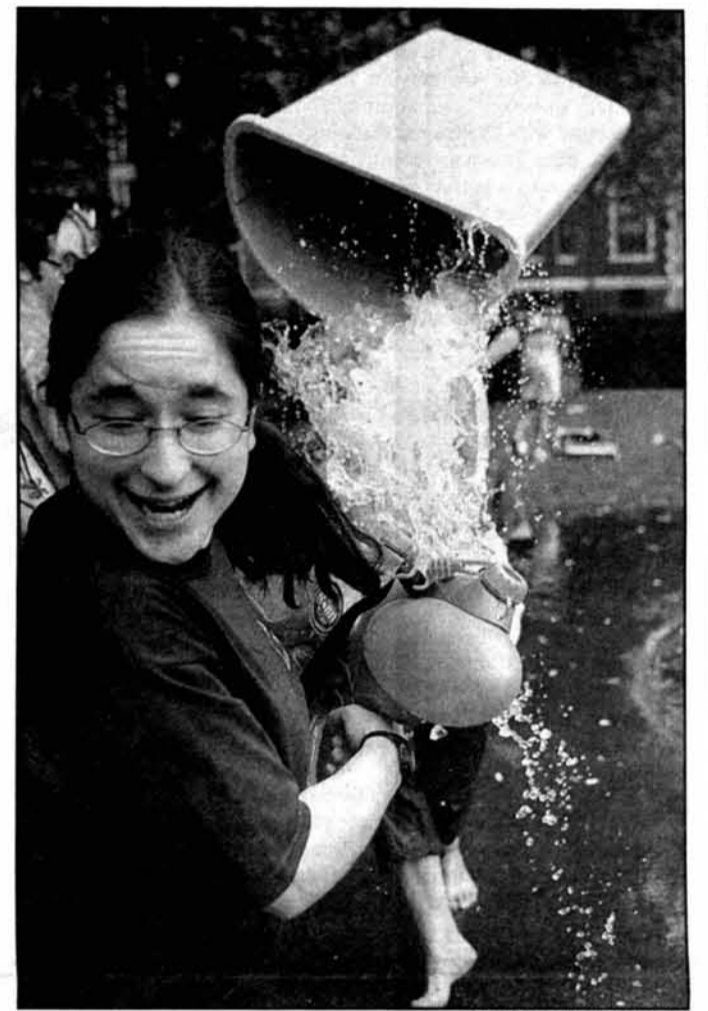
The MIT Coop located in the Stratton Student Center began accepting the MIT Card for payment yesterday and the Kendall Square location will begin to accept the card today.

"We're working on installation as we speak," said Allan E. Powell, corporate general manager of The Coop, yesterday.

MIT and the Coop have been negotiating the terms of accepting TechCASH for the past year. "We wanted to take it in the beginning, but we couldn't decide on the terms with MIT," Powell said.

Miguel Suarez, general manager of the Kendall Square Coop, said that the internal decision to accept TechCASH was made last fall, but it was too late to work towards setting up the necessary system because the fall "rush" to buy textbooks was already over. John M. McDonald, assistant director of

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Kayla D. Jacobs '06 dodges an attack during the annual East-West campus water fight.

## Dormcon Finds Violations at New Rush Parties

By Eun J. Lee  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

As dormitory rush comes to a close with today's deadline for freshmen entry into the housing adjustment lottery, it is apparent that

the system is still under modification in the second year of housing all freshmen on campus.

A dispute between Dormitory Council and the Interfraternity Council occurred during Sunday

night's "Island in the Sun" party in the Zesiger Center.

"Dormcon is a little disappointed with the IFC's lack of cooperation in honoring our rules," said Dormcon President Emily E. Cofer '04.

Members of Dormcon's judicial committee heard reports of upper-classmen fraternity members at the event asking freshmen to go back to their houses or leave with them before the official end time of the party.

"Dormcon feels this was against the spirit of the event," Cofer said.

Issues also arose with violations of previously agreed upon attendance levels of fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups. According to the rules, all upper-classmen must wear shirts identifying the living group they represent. Only five FSILG members per group were invited to Friday's party, and they were required to wear badges. However, Dormcon's Judicial Committee reportedly identified fraternity members posing as freshmen, wearing neither their identifying shirts nor badges, and also in shirts without badges.

David B. Gottlieb '04, IFC Judicial Committee chair, asserts that fraternity members did not pressure freshmen to leave the party with them, but merely invited freshmen already planning on leaving to go with them.

"Fraternity people are really good about following the rules. I

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## Vest Starts New Year at Convocation

By Jay K. Cameron  
STAFF REPORTER

President Charles M. Vest welcomed the class of 2007 to the MIT community at the President's Welcome Convocation held in Kresge Auditorium yesterday.

After the "secret agent" Orientation coordinators "discovered" Vest on stage pretending to talk busily on his cell phone, he began to address the class of 2007.

He first assured freshmen that they were not admitted by mistake. Vest noted that now is a momentous time to join MIT, pointing out the exciting new age of science and technology, the award-winning faculty, and most importantly, the quality of the students.

### Vest offers advice to freshmen

Vest urged the class of 2007 to use their education to face today's great challenges. He mentioned bioterrorism, sustainable energy, feeding the planet, and pervasive communication technologies.

He touched on the diversity at

Convocation, Page 8



Fall 8.01 professor Stanley B. Kowalski demonstrates both gravity and buoyancy at East Campus's Red Sector A party.



Red Sox have a little luck against Mariners.

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Sandra Chung gives her perspective on life at MIT for freshmen.

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# WORLD & NATION

## Judge Orders Boston Fire Dept. To Hire Four White Men

THE BOSTON GLOBE

A federal judge has ordered the Boston Fire Department to hire four white men who successfully challenged the department's affirmative action policy and award them back pay and the seniority they would have earned had they not been passed over for lower-scoring minorities three years ago.

The ruling marks the first time since the 1970s — when a federal consent decree forced the city to give minorities preference when hiring firefighters because of past discrimination — that the city has been ordered to compensate white applicants for violations of their civil rights.

"I think hopefully we're just going back to normal, the way it was meant to be, so that now they are just hiring the best person, regardless of race or color," said attorney Harold Lichten, who represents the four men who challenged the hiring plan in court, along with a fifth white man who was recently hired by the Boston Fire Department after earning a perfect score on the civil service exam.

In his four-page decision released yesterday, US District Judge Richard G. Stearns stressed that his order was limited to the four men who sued and wasn't intended to establish a precedent with respect to other white applicants who were also passed over in Oct. 2000. A Globe analysis showed that some 70 white men and women were bypassed in favor of lower-scoring minorities.

## Top North Korea Expert Resigns

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

A top State Department expert on North Korea has resigned under pressure, just days before the start of six-nation talks in China aimed at compelling the North to abandon its nuclear weapons program.

The State Department confirmed the departure of Jack Pritchard, the special envoy for negotiations with North Korea, but denied that he had been forced out. Pritchard's departure signals disarray in the administration's posture toward that country, experts outside the State Department said. It comes at a critical moment as the United States attempts to rally North Korea's neighbors to persuade the country to drop its efforts to reprocess spent fuel rods for weapons.

Pritchard's resignation on Friday points to a division in the administration over how best to handle the isolated, unpredictable and highly militarized government of Kim Jong Il nearly eight months after the North expelled foreign inspectors, the experts said.

Pritchard, who has had long experience in talks with the North, including a stint on President Bill Clinton's National Security Council, is identified with a more conciliatory stance toward Pyongyang. He long advocated a carrot-and-stick approach, with incentives to North Korea for good behavior.

## Arafat Names New Security Adviser As Hamas Calls for Attacks

THE NEW YORK TIMES

JERUSALEM

Asserting his control over Palestinian security forces in the West Bank, Yasser Arafat appointed a new national security adviser on Monday, while the militant Palestinian group Hamas called for fresh attacks against Israel.

Both developments reflected the edgy, uncertain state of affairs in Israel and the occupied territories, which remained braced on Monday for a possible escalation in violence, and represented potential setbacks for an American-backed peace effort.

The new Palestinian national security adviser, Jibril Rajoub, previously served as the chief of preventive security in the West Bank and developed strong ties with both American and Israeli officials.

# 45 Dead, 135 Injured as Pair Of Bombs Go Off in Bombay

By Amy Waldman

THE NEW YORK TIMES

BOMBAY, INDIA

Forty-five people were killed and at least 135 were wounded Monday by two bombs in a pair of taxis in the heart of India's commercial capital, the police said.

The blasts occurred minutes apart, the first in a packed shopping district, the second just next to a popular gathering place, the Gateway of India, a colonial relic whose massive arch has become an indelible image of this metropolis.

No one had claimed responsibility for the blasts as of late Monday afternoon. Suburban Bombay has been the site of five explosions on two buses, two markets, and a train in the last eight months, most recently in July, killing a total of 15 people.

Officials have attributed those attacks to the Students Islamic Movement of India, in conjunction with the Islamic militant group Lashkar-e-Toiba, both banned in India.

The Bombay police commissioner, R.S. Sharma, said Monday night that law enforcement authorities suspected that so-called jihadi groups were also responsible for Monday's blasts, although he offered no specific evidence for that assertion.

For many Bombay residents, the explosions brought back horrific memories of similar serial blasts in 1993, when 13 bombs at the Bombay Stock Exchange and elsewhere killed more than 260 people and wounded more than 700.

Investigators say the 1993 blasts were carried out by Muslim underworld operatives seeking revenge for communal riots that followed the 1992 demolition by Hindu nationalists of a 16th-century mosque.

On Monday security forces went on alert in Bombay, Delhi, Gujarat and other locations, but there were no other reports of violence last night.

It was 1:05 p.m. when the first bomb detonated Monday in one of the city's trademark yellow-and-black taxis at an intersection in the Mumba Devi neighborhood. It is in a shopping area usually so crowded with people that cars cannot pass through, near a major temple and in the midst of a popular jewelry market, Zaveri Bazaar.

At least two dozen people were killed and scores were injured. The bomb reduced the taxi that held it to a charred wreck, and shredded the front of the building where the taxi was parked. The immediate area was strewn with debris — pineapples,

oranges, sweet lime, a countertop — from the juice shop next to the taxi.

Lal Sahab Singh, a taxi driver whose white outfit was patched with blood, was just yards from the blast. The passengers he had just dropped off simply disappeared from sight, he said. A dismembered thigh landed on his luggage carrier. He saw 50 wounded people around him, and he and others grabbed hand carts to load and move the wounded.

Lalit Jain, a metal trader who rushed to the scene, saw the upper portion of a teenage girl. About 20 yards away, Babu Lal Khimraji, 60, a jeweler, saw her lower half.

"This is definitely a terrorist attack like 1993," Khimraji said. "This time the terrorists used taxis, and last time they used scooters."

He added, "If the police would have acted efficiently, this would not have taken place."

The area is majority Hindu, but has a substantial Muslim population; at least 30 percent of those wounded were Muslim. But many of the jewelers in the area are originally from the state of Gujarat, prompting immediate speculation, unsupported so far, that the blast was in retaliation for communal riots there last year that left 1,000 Muslims dead.

# Investigations Opened in Case Of Killing of Ex-Priest in Prison

By Fox Butterfield

THE NEW YORK TIMES

BOSTON

State and local officials opened multiple investigations on Monday into the prison killing of John J. Geoghan, a former priest convicted of child molestation, saying the suspect, a self-proclaimed homophobe, had been planning the killing for more than a month.

As officials began examining everything from the staffing levels to the protective custody procedures at the Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center where Geoghan was murdered on Saturday, a lawyer familiar with the case said that another prisoner had tried to warn guards that the suspect, Joseph L. Druce, planned to kill Geoghan.

The lawyer, Jim Pingeon, director of litigation for Massachusetts Correctional Legal Services, a prisoners' rights organization, did not give details of when the prisoner had approached the guards but said they took no action. Pingeon said the inmate had also said that Druce was standing directly outside Geoghan's cell door just before it was to be closed after the lunch break on Saturday, a violation of prison regulations.

John J. Conte, the Worcester district attorney who will be prosecuting the case, said at a news conference on Monday afternoon that there was only one guard on duty at the time, and that inmates from all 22 individual cells had been allowed out just before the incident. A second guard who should have been on

duty was away helping a nurse give medication to an inmate, Conte said.

Gov. Mitt Romney also convened a three-person task force to review prison policies. "We must find out why and what lessons may be learned," said Edward A. Flynn, the Massachusetts secretary of public safety, who oversees the state Department of Correction.

He said the prison has 300 surveillance cameras and that tapes from them were being reviewed.

Prison experts said that prison officials appeared to have made a fundamental error in placing a vulnerable inmate like Geoghan, 68, in the same protective custody unit as Druce, 37. Druce is serving a life sentence for strangling a 51-year-old man in 1988 he believed was gay.

# WEATHER

## A Few Fronts

By Nikki Privé

STAFF REPORTER

This week will see generally average temperatures, with a few swings as a series of fronts passes through the area. Today will be a good example of the average temperature for the end of August, with highs in the upper 70s°F (27°C). A warm front is expected to approach this evening, bringing increasing clouds and the chance of precipitation, as well as higher temperatures for Wednesday. Tomorrow night, a cold front will pass by, heralding in seasonable and dry conditions for Thursday. The extended forecast for the beginning of September is for cooler than average temperatures, but near normal precipitation.

Fall is on its way! From September through December, the average high temperature drops about 10°F (5°C) each month; by the end of December, the average high temperature is only 38°F (3°C). The average first date of measurable snowfall is Nov. 4, but the earliest snowfall in Boston occurred on October 10, 1979. The latest start to the snow season was in 1973, when the first measurable snowfall was on Dec. 16.

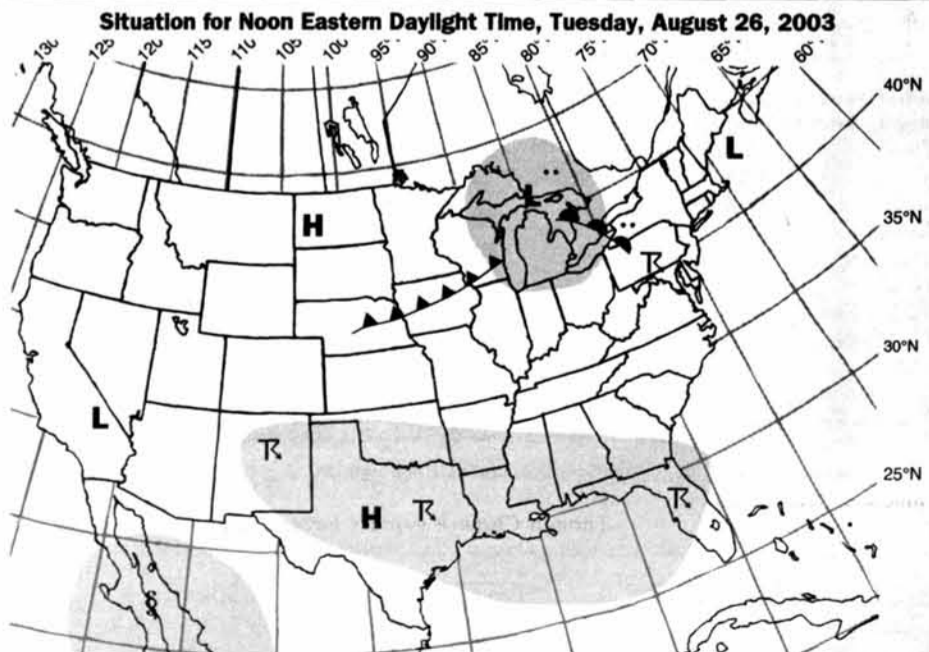
### Extended Forecast

**Today:** Partly sunny and fair, highs near 80°F (27°C).

**Tonight:** Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers late, lows in the upper 60s°F (19°C).

**Wednesday:** Partly sunny and warmer, with highs in the upper 80s°F (30°C). Lows in the lower 60s°F (17°C).

**Thursday:** Clear and cooler, highs in the upper 70s°F (26°C).



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

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# Unidentified Victims of Sept. 11 Will Be Preserved in Memorial

By Michael Slackman

THE NEW YORK TIMES

NEW YORK

The remains of more than a thousand victims who died in the attack on the World Trade Center will be preserved in a memorial space built at ground zero, in the hope that science will advance to the point that they can be identified, according to city and state officials.

Many relatives of victims killed in the attack have long asked that unidentified remains be interred at the former World Trade Center site. The challenge was to accommodate that wish in a way that did not complicate the project design, but that did preserve the viability of the remains for future scientific study.

Investigators have been so far unable to identify more than 12,000 remains — from body parts weighing as much as 100 pounds to those as small as a tooth or a bone chip — because in most cases the DNA, the genetic code unique to each individual, was too badly damaged, said Shiya Ribowsky, the deputy director

of investigation for the medical examiner's office.

Faced with the limitations of modern science, the medical examiner's office has adopted an approach similar to one relied on thousands of years ago. The remains are being slowly dried, and when they are free of moisture, they will be vacuum sealed in white opaque pouches, Ribowsky said.

This will relieve the memorial designers of having to include a refrigeration or freezer system in their plans and will ultimately do a better job of preserving the remains for future study, he said.

"Our job isn't to inter them and forget about them," Ribowsky said of the remains. "Our job is to inter them and if technology changes in the future, and we have a better chance to identify them, we will have to keep and preserve the remains in such a way that we can use this new technology."

In the nearly two years since the collapse of the trade center towers, the medical examiner's office has

worked to match the 19,936 remains recovered with the 2,792 people listed as missing. The main tool they used was DNA. Relatives brought DNA samples of loved ones — for example, hair collected from an old brush — to match against samples taken from the remains. As of Aug. 21, 12,471 remains, or 63 percent, and 1,271 victims, or 46 percent, had not been identified.

"Nobody is happy with the thought of leaving so many people unidentified, not the families, not us," Ribowsky said. "It's the reality."

Many of those who lost family and friends in the terrorist strike said that they understood the situation and welcomed the plan to preserve the remains and to store them at a permanent memorial at ground zero.

"Right now I can look up at the sky and talk to him, but I can't go anywhere and reflect on his life," said Lorie Van Auken, 48, whose husband, Ken, was on the 105th floor of the north tower on Sept. 11.

# Bush Campaign Uses Old Theme: 'Compassionate Conservatism'

By Elisabeth Bumiller

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

President Bush is running for reelection as a "compassionate conservative" who has sought to bring a new Republican approach to poverty and other social ills. Indeed, his campaign Web site is lush with a "compassion photo gallery" showing him reading to schoolchildren, helping out at a soup kitchen and visiting an AIDS treatment center in Africa.

But supporters, some administration officials among them, acknowledge that Bush's "compassionate conservative" agenda has fallen so short of its ambitious goals, in some cases undercut by pressure from his conservative backers, that they fear he will be politically vulnerable on the issue in 2004.

At the same time, some religious supporters of Bush said they feel betrayed by promises he made as a candidate and now, they maintain, has broken as president.

"After three years, he's failed the test," said one prominent early supporter, the Rev. Jim Wallis, leader of Call to Renewal, a network of churches that fights poverty.

Wallis said Bush had told him as president-elect that "I don't understand how poor people think," and

appealed to him for help by calling himself "a white Republican guy who doesn't get it, but I'd like to." Now "his policy has not come even close to matching his words."

Joshua B. Bolten, White House budget director and formerly Bush's chief domestic policy adviser, responded in an interview last week by saying that "I think that is one of the most unfair criticisms that has been leveled against the president."

At issue is Bush's willingness to demand financing from Congress on his signature "compassionate conservative" issues, like education reform and AIDS, with the same energy he has fought for tax cuts and the Iraq war. Critics say the pattern has been consistent: The president, in eloquent speeches that make headlines, calls for millions and sometimes billions of dollars for new initiatives, then fails to follow through and push hard for the programs on Capitol Hill.

On one central piece of such legislation, the so-called faith-based bill to help religious charities, Bush, after two years of objections from Democrats, retreated this spring and agreed to strip the bill of provisions specifically related to religious groups. Instead, it now largely offers tax incentives to encourage giving to charities of all kinds.

On a proposal this summer to extend a \$400-a-child tax credit to low-income families, Bush at first demanded that Congress appropriate the money, then backed off in the face of furious opposition from his conservative allies in the House, led by the majority leader, Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Texas. The issue is now bottled up in a dispute between the House and the more moderate Senate, and several Republican senators have called on Bush to step in and break the impasse.

Financing for another favorite item on Bush's "compassion" agenda, the national volunteer program called AmeriCorps, faltered this summer under similar opposition from DeLay. Although Bush had forcefully called for expanding that Clinton-era program in his 2002 State of the Union address, he was largely silent last month in the face of objections to a \$100 million emergency infusion that it needed to maintain its current level of operations. The House rejected that financing, leaving AmeriCorps with an uncertain future.

"Even the president is not omnipotent," Bolten said. "Would that he were. He often says that life would be a lot easier if it were a dictatorship. But it's not, and he's glad it's a democracy."

# U.S. Business Blames Poor Economy On Chinese Yuan's Fixed Dollar Value

By Elizabeth Becker and Edmund L. Andrews

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

With unemployment high and American manufacturers reeling from three years of misery, politicians and business people around the country have found a villain to blame for these troubles: China, or more specifically its currency.

In South Carolina, Republican Gov. Mark Sanford cites the Chinese yuan as posing a major threat to his state's struggling textile industry by making Chinese exports unreasonably cheap.

In Erie, Pa., executives and workers at scores of industrial companies are planning a loud protest on Labor Day over "unfair competition" — and one of the biggest targets will be the seemingly obscure matter of the Chinese yuan.

And in Washington, the Bush administration is gearing up to put direct political pressure on China next week when the treasury secre-

tary, John Snow, makes a high-profile trip through Asia. The subject was near the top of the agenda when President Bush met with his economic team two weeks ago in Crawford, Texas.

The issue is the value of the yuan, which the Beijing government pegs to the dollar rather than allowing it to float in world currency markets. Critics say that keeps the yuan undervalued by as much as 40 percent, enabling Chinese manufacturers to flood the United States with products at prices that homegrown companies cannot match.

Though Chinese exports have been growing at the expense of American manufacturing jobs for years, the crescendo of complaints has risen along with the unemployment rate — and with the approach of national elections next year. And no matter what it does, the White House is on treacherous ground.

If the administration does not push China hard enough, it risks losing crucial support in important elec-

toral districts. But if it pushes too hard, it could alienate China at a time when the United States needs Beijing's help in containing North Korea. Then there is the risk of alienating American consumers, who benefit from inexpensive Chinese goods.

"This is probably the hottest single trade issue," said Rep. Phil English, R-Pa., and head of the congressional steel caucus. "I believe the administration would be making a big mistake if it ceded the high ground on this issue to some of Bush's competitors."

In a blunt letter to Bush last month, 16 Republican and Democratic senators and representatives complained that China was undercutting American factories by intentionally keeping its currency undervalued.

The lawmakers, from Democrats like Sen. Charles Schumer of New York to Republicans like English and Sen. Elizabeth Dole of North Carolina, demanded that Bush pressure China to adopt a free-floating currency and to let the yuan rise in value.

# Food Scientists Seek To Turn Bitter to Sweet

THE NEW YORK TIMES

The food industry, trying to offer healthier versions of popular foods without affecting the taste, is looking for new ways to trick the tongue. If it succeeds, grapefruit juice could be sweet without added sugar, and potato chips flavorful with half the salt.

In April the Linguagen Corp., a biotechnology company in Cranbury, N.J., that is conducting taste research, received a patent for the first molecular compound that will block bitter tastes in foods, beverages and some pharmaceuticals. The compound, named adenosine 5'-monophosphate, or AMP, occurs naturally (it's found in human breast milk, among other places) and when added to certain foods, including coffee and canned or bottled citrus fruits, the company says, it blocks the tongue from absorbing some of the acidic tastes.

"The idea of a bitter suppressor is the holy grail," said Linda M. Bartoshuk, a professor at the Yale University School of Medicine and a taste research expert. "Everybody wants to find them."

Despite Linguagen's early successes, some researchers into taste raise doubts about whether the company will actually be able to create a food utopia. If doing so were easy, they said, someone would have discovered a way to significantly alter foods long ago.

# Child Obesity Prompts New Action

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Prevention has always been a cornerstone of pediatrics, more so than in almost any other medical specialty. Pediatricians vaccinate and screen. They counsel parents on ways to keep children healthy and safe. One area that pediatricians have not typically focused on, however, is preventing young patients from becoming overweight. Yet in the last 20 years, those who work in the field say, obesity has become the most prevalent chronic health problem among American children.

In a report this month that points up this discrepancy, the American Academy of Pediatrics has called on members to make obesity screening and counseling routine parts of children's checkups, like testing reflexes or measles immunizations.

The report offers pediatricians procedures to identify and intervene with patients before weight problems start, rather than waiting until children are too heavy. After children have gained too much weight, the report suggests, it can be very hard for them to lose it and keep it off.

Dr. Nancy Krebs, a pediatrician at the University of Colorado and a lead author of the report, said, "In the last five years, with both adults and pediatrics, there's certainly been a trend toward saying, 'Treatment success is so bleak, we've got to stop it because we can't treat it once it occurs.'"

# Incumbent Kagame Wins Election in Rwanda

THE NEW YORK TIMES

KIGALI, RWANDA

President Paul Kagame will remain in office for another seven years, according to returns on Monday night in Rwanda's presidential election.

With all ballots tallied, Kagame had 94.3 percent of the vote, according to a preliminary count.

He has held the job since 2001 as part of a transitional government set up after the frenzy of ethnic violence nine years ago in which Hutu extremists killed 800,000 Tutsi and moderate Hutu.

The election on Monday had all the trappings of democracy. Beginning at dawn, voters turned out in huge numbers across this tiny and troubled Central African country, where strife has been as much apart of the landscape as the lush rolling hills. There have been presidential elections before in the 40 years since Rwanda's independence from Belgium but never have voters had a choice at the polls.

There were four names on the ballot this time, although Kagame, who is Tutsi, worked aggressively behind the scenes to neutralize his rivals, all of whom were from the majority Hutu population. His campaign persuaded Alivera Mukabaramaba, the only woman in the race, to pull out at the 11th hour and endorse Kagame. Jean-Nipomuschne Nayinzira, who claimed divine intervention in his campaign, posed little challenge. But Faustin Twagiramungu, a former prime minister, was viewed as a threat, and he found his campaign stymied at every turn by government security forces.

# Gay Nuptials Cause Rift in Canada

THE BOSTON GLOBE

MONTREAL

In Canada, a nation famed for tolerance, bitter opposition is building toward Prime Minister Jean Chretien's determination to make gay marriage the law of the land.

In a country where morality is rarely the subject of public debate and where religious leaders seldom take political stands, onlookers have been surprised by the passionate bolts of denunciation hurled from Roman Catholic cathedrals and conservative Protestant pulpits at Chretien's pledge to rewrite the country's legal definition of marriage from the "lawful union of one man and one woman" to the union of "two persons."

But the real shocker is the rebellion brewing within the ranks of the prime minister's usually-docile Liberal Party. Same-sex marriage has emerged as an issue that could dominate next year's federal elections and might even loosen the Liberal stranglehold on power. Last week some party members demanded a national referendum on whether the marriage law should be rewritten, arguing that all Canadians deserve a say on such a momentous social question.

"We're on a collision course with the electorate," Dan McTeague, a Liberal member of Parliament from Ontario, said of the gay marriage issue. "This thing is really, really heating up."

Chretien, however, is adamant that gay marriage is a pure civil rights issue that should not be subject to a popularity contest. "To have a referendum to decide on the fate of a minority — it's a problem," he said. "If it's always the majority of the vote by a referendum, who will defend the minorities? In government, we are there to defend every minority."

# OPINION

## Will the Real Council Please Stand Up?

As of now, the Class of 2004 is without a functioning governing body. In an e-mail sent out earlier this week to the class, an appeal was made for candidates to fill several vacancies.

### Editorial

Alvin M. Lin and Nikhil S. Gidwani, the former class president and vice-president, resigned in May. The secretary, Rachana D. Oza, decided to graduate early, leaving her position in the lurch, and Social Chair Nadja M. Yousif has resigned to pursue the presidency. Like the California government, the 2004 class council is without competent leadership (or membership) and in dire need of repair. Also like California, this power vacuum is an opportunity for aspiring leaders to make a quick grab.

But this council is responsible for more than ice cream socials, though (hopefully) less than \$38 billion debts. Important tasks lay ahead sooner than is convenient. The Career Fair is less than a month away, and the Senior Class Council is largely involved in its organization. Many members of the class will be dependent on the event for their post-academic prosperi-

ty. The Career Fair is not entirely the domain of the senior class — the Graduate Student Council and Society of Women Engineers are the other major partners — but it stands to reason that the group that stands to benefit most should also be most responsible. And the senior ball, the culminating formal event of an undergraduate's career, is entirely dependent on the efforts of the council to function.

So unlike all quick judgement against most student government, this council has some hard work ahead of it. Candidates who want to run for the positions must be prepared for that.

But the Class of 2004 must also take this to heart: the election of weak candidates will seriously compromise its interests.

The class Web site gives the interests of the senior class as "Jobs, Refreshments and Having Fun together." While the middle requirement is somewhat trite, the outer two are fully representative of the serious responsibility that candidates for the position, and the Class of 2004, share in the near future. Voter apathy will be deadly for this class, as will incompetent leadership. Get out there and make a difference.

*Ken Nesmith has recused himself from this editorial.*



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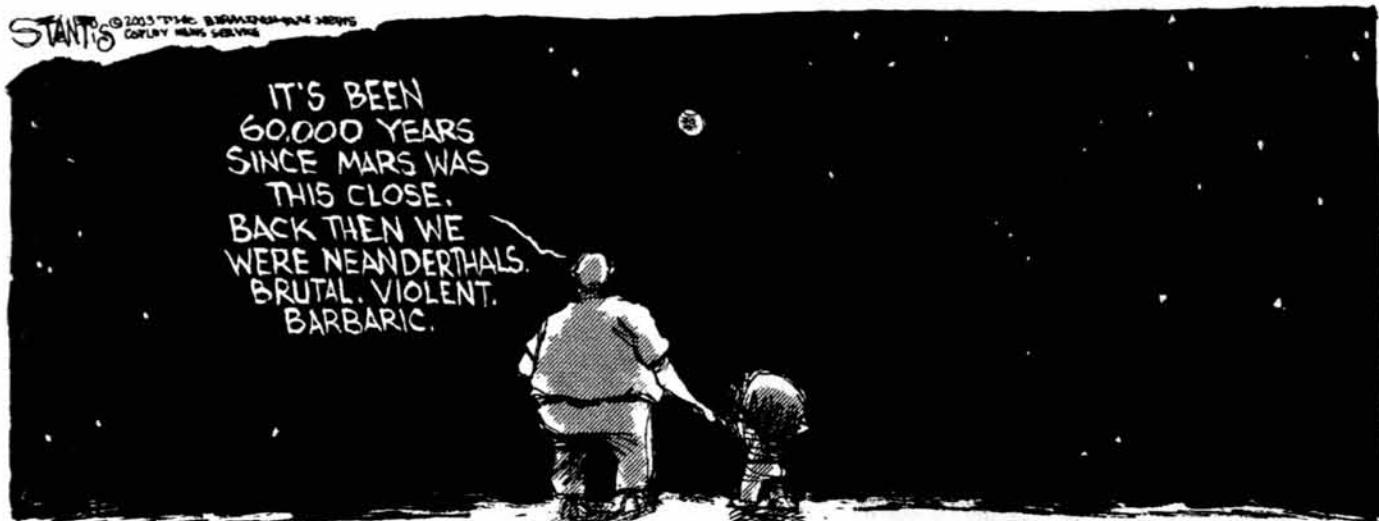
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## Letter To The Editor

### The Meaning of Law

In his column "The Meaning of the U.N." (Aug. 25) Ken Nesmith breathlessly informs us that law without an accompanying threat of force is "nothing but empty idealism." Fortu-

nately, the empty idealists who would take issue with his statement include the framers of the U.S. Constitution who deliberately chose to invest the Judiciary with only limited means with which to enforce their decisions.

They understood that law is an ideal and

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John Armstrong

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## Errata

A guide to buying textbooks yesterday ["Frugal Book-Buying Can Save You Lots of Money"] referred imprecisely to The Coop's nonacceptance of the MIT Card for payment. The Coop did not accept the card at the time of press, but will begin to accept it today.

An Aug. 6 arts column ["CatPrin: Web Site of the Week"] referred incorrectly to the availability of a product of the Takara Co. that supposedly translates cat meows and purrs into human language. The "Meowlingual" will not be available until Nov.

# Words of Advice

Sandra M. Chung

Dear Freshmen,  
You might not be quite certain that you're in the right place. I wasn't too psyched about living in a sea of nerds either, but after my first year at MIT I was certain that I didn't want to be anywhere else.

One thing that might help convince you is a walk in Killian Court. It is the place where you officially began your MIT career, and the place where you will ceremoniously end it. For my classmates it was where we first heard the cry of "Let the Rush begin!" and began our MIT education with a one week crash course in the "play hard" element of the MIT undergraduate mantra. For all of us, it is a rare oasis of peace and greenery on this patchwork campus, one of the few parts of the 'Tute pretty enough to put on postcards and show in movies.

Killian Court is one of the few parts of MIT that hasn't changed drastically in the three short years since I first arrived here. Many of my classmates find it hard to believe that this is the same Institute that welcomed us with the magnificence of Rush and a promise to nurture our individuality while satiating our ravenous hunger for knowledge. Upperclassmen and recent graduates have been saddened and angered by the recent loss of some of the most treasured elements of undergraduate life. We might not be able to restore things to the way they were, but we want you to treasure your undergraduate life the way we treasure ours.

For the next three to n years, you will live with an intensity most people will never know. You will learn to work harder and more efficiently than you ever thought you could. You will discover the cruelty of the phrase "intuitively obvious" and the profound beauty of "regular sleep." You will leave with a coveted degree that earns instant respect for a very good reason. You might be satisfied with this place for these reasons, but you won't love it for them.

You will know you love this place when you begin to harbor an irrational hatred toward any and all things associated with Harvard, and when you feel an impulse to cheer at the brief sighting of Killian Court in "Good Will Hunting." You will learn about the complex subculture of MIT undergraduates, complete with knowledge of dorm and

FSILG stereotypes and people who defy them. You will likely take advantage of the unique opportunity to party harder and more brilliantly than any mere Ivy League student. You will brazenly assert your MIT uniqueness and hardcoreness the way even the most cynical of us do.

A good freshman year is one of the keys to happiness here. Freshman year is the best year to try new things, meet new people, and make leaps and bounds in independence and maturity. You can't do that when you're buried in books all the time. I wasn't on grades my freshman year, and you are; I had more lenient course requirements than you; and I had the opportunity to live off campus. It's going to be harder for you to take time for things nonacademic, but that's why it's all the more important for you to make an effort to do so.

Don't buy all the negative press; the Institute is only a pressure cooker if you make it one. Never forget that, even when your problem sets are due in three hours and you haven't slept in 48. You always have choices; learn about your personal priorities and capabilities so you can weigh them in making the best choices possible.

Get to know the people here. You will never again live so close to such a huge variety of talented people. Not only will they help you pass your classes, but they will help you eat good food, buy cheap books, and live life to its fullest.

Try new things. The Boston area is home to some of the best restaurants in the country, as well as many major artistic venues and a whole lot of people your age who aren't from MIT.

Get away from MIT every now and then. Leaving the bubble of MIT helps you appreciate life inside of it.

Be proud of this place, and be critical of it. Don't accept policies and practices without questioning why they exist and whether they're the best they can be. That goes for the rest of the world as well as MIT.

Make MIT better. We, the undergraduates, are the soul of this place. It's our responsibility to leave a mark on it and to do our best to inspire future classes to leave theirs.

You are in the right place. You might not know it now, but I'm certain you will.

Sandra M. Chung is a member of the class of 2004.

# A Change of Heart

Andrew C. Thomas

I'd like to make a retraction.

In an April 4 article ["Politics and Sports"], I wrote about the danger that the patriotic song "God Bless America" represented to a world deeply divided over American foreign policy; specifically, the invasion of Iraq known cinematically as Gulf War II. Bud Selig, commissioner of baseball, had declared that the song should be performed or played during the seventh inning stretch of all Sunday games and home openers, and at any other game at the home team's discretion.

It wasn't taken too well in Toronto, where the decision was seen as purely political. Canada's opposition to military involvement without United Nations consent charged the issue all the more.

Time has passed; the invasion has come, Saddam is out of power and Iraq is under occupation. But soldiers are being picked off left and right, and American security continues to be threatened.

So, I confess. I overreacted about the song. Worse than that, I failed to appreciate any of its real power, or the history it embodies.

I didn't get that until recently, when I had the opportunity to visit New York City and its two ballparks, Shea and Yankee Stadiums, respectively. The song wasn't just performed at both ballparks that day. It was celebrated.

There didn't seem to be a soul in either place that wasn't singing along. At the time, I thought it was just an overly sentimental pair of New York crowds, but the same thing happened again yesterday at Fenway Park.

Given the passion that the American public feels toward this song, it makes me wonder why "God Bless America" isn't this country's national anthem. I can't say I've ever heard an enthusiastic crowd sing "The Star-Spangled Banner," though I do remember crowds at Chicago Stadium, the former home of hockey's Blackhawks, cheering wildly through it.

Some feel that baseball is responsible for the enshrinement of the national anthem to begin with. Congress declared the tune to be the national anthem in 1931, though President Wilson had declared it as such by executive order in 1916. The song's affair with baseball dates back to 1918, when the World Series was under threat of cancellation because World War I was being waged in France.

Some wished the series cancelled out of

respect for the soldiers, who themselves wished no such thing. Baseball is the ultimate American celebration, and to some a *raison d'être*. They wanted to cheer for their teams (which were the Chicago Cubs, and of course the Boston Red Sox). The anthem was performed at those games for the first time as a compromise, during the seventh inning stretch.

Fast forward to Oct. 2001. The invasion of Afghanistan had begun, and New York was only barely beginning to heal. Once again, the threat of cancellation loomed. Mayor Giuliani, the people of New York, and the soldiers of the U. S. Armed Forces all insisted that the series go forth.

The compromises are now both history, but the moods of the time have changed. A song about war was appropriate for a distant conflict in 1918, but a song about freedom, beauty, truth, and love is terribly appropriate for today, at a time when the country is still in pain.

Besides, "God Bless America" even sounds more like a national anthem. It's easier to sing, with a smaller range and smoother melody. The words are more simple and more visually pleasant. It's not militaristic or politically partisan. Changes in national anthem are not unprecedented when the old one outlives its purpose.

But there is still the God issue. Would the establishment of "God Bless America" as the national anthem violate the First Amendment?

As someone who is in favor of reverting the Pledge of Allegiance to its pre-1954 version, minus "under God," the argument on its surface seems hypocritical. For that matter, I'm not a big fan of "In God We Trust" on legal tender. So why the difference?

Well, I'll confess. There isn't one, and I can't think of a good reason why any legal scholar would even consider it. But no one has ever said that national anthems had to be official and government sanctioned. After all, the original patriotic song "Yankee Doodle" was recognized for its importance by the people, and certainly not by the governing power of the time.

Baseball still has power over this nation, and it has often been a beacon to the people of this country and beyond. "God Bless America" must take the place of its predecessor and become the new national anthem, whether recognized by government or not. Failing that, it should take the place of the national anthem before sports events, if not immediately, then gradually. No action I could think of would do more justice to this country and those who support it.



# Crowding May Affect Freshmen's Choices in Lottery

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didn't see any [instances of] anyone breaking the rule," Gottlieb said. "The problem was not widespread at all."

The IFC and Dormcon have been discussing Sunday's events and detailing their joint goals for dormitory rush.

"This will all be worked out in the next couple of weeks and into fall term. Hopefully we'll be able to invite the IFC back to our events next year," Cofer said.

"I don't really anticipate any [future] problems," Gottlieb said. "This is all a totally new process [for everyone]. We're trying to work some issues out, but I think we're still heading in the right direction."

## Dorm rush strategies differ

Organizers hail dormitory rush as successful in getting freshmen out to meet people from other dormitories and informing them of how

the system works.

"It's pretty cool to get a chance to change dormitories and look at places to stay because most other colleges don't let you do that," said Dennis R. Miaw '07.

Two large Dormcon events, Sunday night's party in the Z-Center and Monday night's Red Sector A party at East Campus, were well-attended.

"Speaking for the east side of campus, we seem to have a lot of people who are really excited to live in EC or move here from the west side of campus," Cofer said. "[We've been] better at getting the name out there, and letting people know what we're all about. Since last year, EC has done a better job."

On the other side of campus at Next House, the strategy of dormitory rush was a little different because of its residence-based advising program.

"We have less people who are free to move around ... I've talked

to a lot of people who want to move into Next, but it's hard to judge if people are going to get in or not," said Christopher C. Hemond '03.

## Freshmen contemplate moving

"I'm still sort of looking at other dormitories," said Miaw, who is considering entering the readjustment lottery. He feels that dormitory rush events will be essential in helping him make an informed decision on where to live.

"All the students and staff are really helpful in helping you get all the information you need and get the feel of each dorm," he said.

Despite the seemingly successful events of this year's dormitory rush, some freshmen do not plan to enter the lottery today.

"I chose not to really participate in dorm rush because I like [where I'm living]," said Alissa R. Kerner '07. "Maybe if I didn't like it, I'd try more to explore other dormitories, but there was no need. Plus, I

didn't feel like moving all my stuff."

## Crowding may affect lottery

The decision to have dormitory crowding may have an affect on the number of students who choose to participate in today's readjustment lottery.

"Last year we didn't have to deal with [crowding] at all. I think it could definitely play a major role in how many people sign up for the readjustment lottery and get re-assigned," said Denise A. Vallay, assistant director for undergraduate housing.

It is hard to predict how participation in this year's lottery will compare with last year, when only one out of seven freshmen requested transfers. Out of 140 requests, only 84 students were able to move.

"I think that the fact that last year there was no crowding at all probably had something to do with [the low number of lottery entrants]," said Anthony E. Gray

PhD '01 of the housing office who is a consultant for this year's lottery.

A goal for this year's Orientation has been to raise awareness about the residence selection process and encourage more people to enter the readjustment lottery.

"The more people that enter [the readjustment lottery], the more people that we can move," Vallay said. "So we hope more people enter."

## Changes in this year's lottery

Three major changes have been made from last year, which was the first year that all freshmen were required to live on campus. The housing office has made concerted efforts this year to improve the quality and informativeness of the guide to first year residences.

"We tried to make it clear and explain as best as possible the purpose and reason for the adjustment lottery," Vallay said.

This year, changes have also been made to the online adjustment lottery Web site to encourage increased participation in the lottery. The adjustment lottery form has an additional fourth choice of dormitory to switch into, and it is also on the same Web site as the housing confirmation form.

"The housing office has been really great in working with us to get out all the information freshmen need to make [an] intelligent decision given time and info they have," Cofer said.

"One thing that is definitely important to keep in mind is that every year one of the things the designers of the lottery look at is the number of places student indicate as preferences," Gray said. "The greater the number of preferences, the more likely you are to get a re-assignment."

This is based on the assumption that a student who enters four alternative dormitories is more dissatisfied with her current assignment than somebody who enters only one alternative.

## Lottery results not final

"If all else fails and a student is unable to be reassigned, it's important to keep in mind that this is not the last opportunity for change," Vallay said.

Students who do not get their desired reassignment can still sign up to go on residence hall waiting lists after the adjustment lottery has closed. Also, students in crowded dormitories may find that their situations change.

"My expectation is that dormitories that are crowded now will not stay crowded for the year," Vallay said, emphasizing that the housing assignments change constantly throughout the year.

The online housing adjustment lottery will close today at 5 p.m. New housing assignments will be available tomorrow at 6 p.m.

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# Coop to Pay Fee for MIT Card Use

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enterprise services, said that the final contract was signed by the Coop on July 2003.

## Fee paid to MIT negotiated

One of the main issues under negotiation was the percent of each MIT Card sale that the Coop would pay to MIT. This fee goes toward the maintenance of the TechCASH network.

Neither Suarez nor Powell could comment on the exact percentage of sales to be paid to MIT.

"I don't know exactly how much it is," Suarez said.

McDonald also declined to comment on the precise percentage, but he did say that it was equal to or slightly more than the percentage of credit card sales paid to credit card companies.

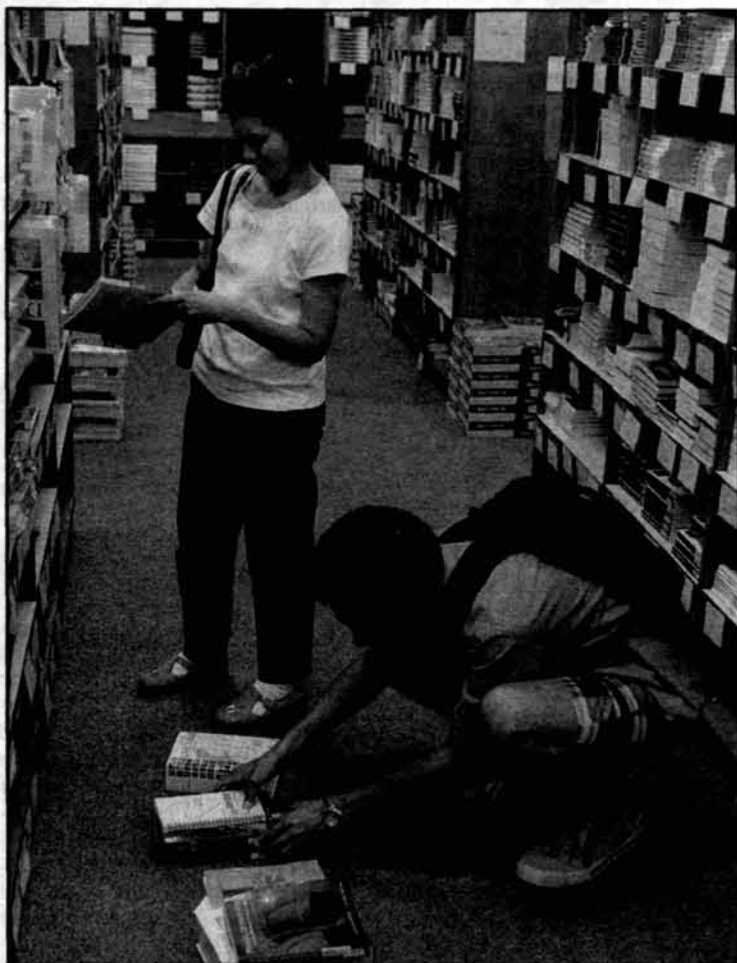
He said one reason that the Coop was concerned about the percentage of sales paid to MIT was the low margin of sales on textbooks at the Kendall location. Textbooks have a low profit margin so the Coop was concerned that there would be little profit after a percentage of the textbook sale was paid to MIT.

"There was a concern about the type of sales at each store," McDonald said. Because of this concern, the Stratton Student Center location will pay a different percentage of purchases made with the MIT Card than the Kendall location.

Despite the recent addition of the MIT Card as a form of payment, Suarez said that there will not be an increase in prices at the Coop.

## Student convenience a factor

Last year, both Quantum bookstore and the MIT Press bookstore, both in Kendall Square, began accepting the MIT Card. Powell said that this was not the main motivation for the Coop to begin accepting the card, but that it did add some



JONATHAN WANG—THE TECH  
Hubert L. Roberts '06 and Gloria Leal, a professor in Spanish at Eastern Nazarene College, look over books at the Coop in Kendall Square.

pressure. "We certainly weren't happy with that," he said.

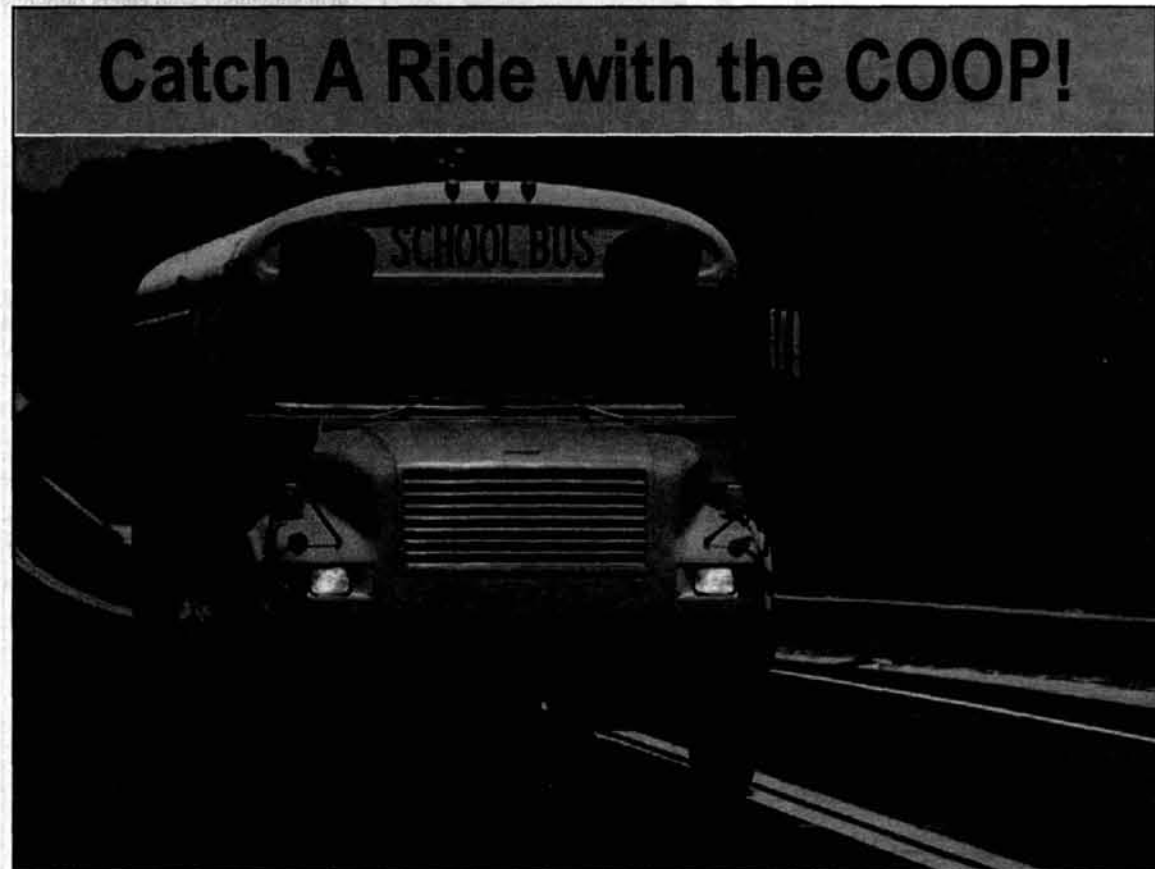
"It was much easier for them because they only have one store," Suarez said.

Powell and Suarez said that their main motivation for accepting the card was student convenience.

"We don't do this for sales alone. We do it as a service," Suarez said. Melinda J. Cromie G agreed

with their reasoning. She said that she is more likely to purchase books and other back-to-school items from the Coop if she can use the card. She pointed out that students would be more likely to use this option since parents can add money directly to the TechCASH account.

Another student disagreed: "If it's cheaper elsewhere, I will buy the books there," said Tushiyah Lui '07.



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# Nanotechnology Expert Speaks to Frosh

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MIT, and said that it is "one of the hallmarks," of a fine undergraduate education.

Vest spoke of the exciting energy of MIT, and described UROPs, athletics, music, and the arts, as well as other opportunities.

He also talked about the evolving campus. "We were a little bit bold and ... took some risk in putting up buildings," he said, referring to recent projects such as Simmons Hall, the Stata Center, the Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center, and the Dreyfus Chemistry building.

Vest closed the speech by saying, "Academics is not everything, but it is the essential core, go for it with all the energy, curiosity, and passion that brought you to this point."

Enthusiastic applause permeated Kresge at his conclusion.

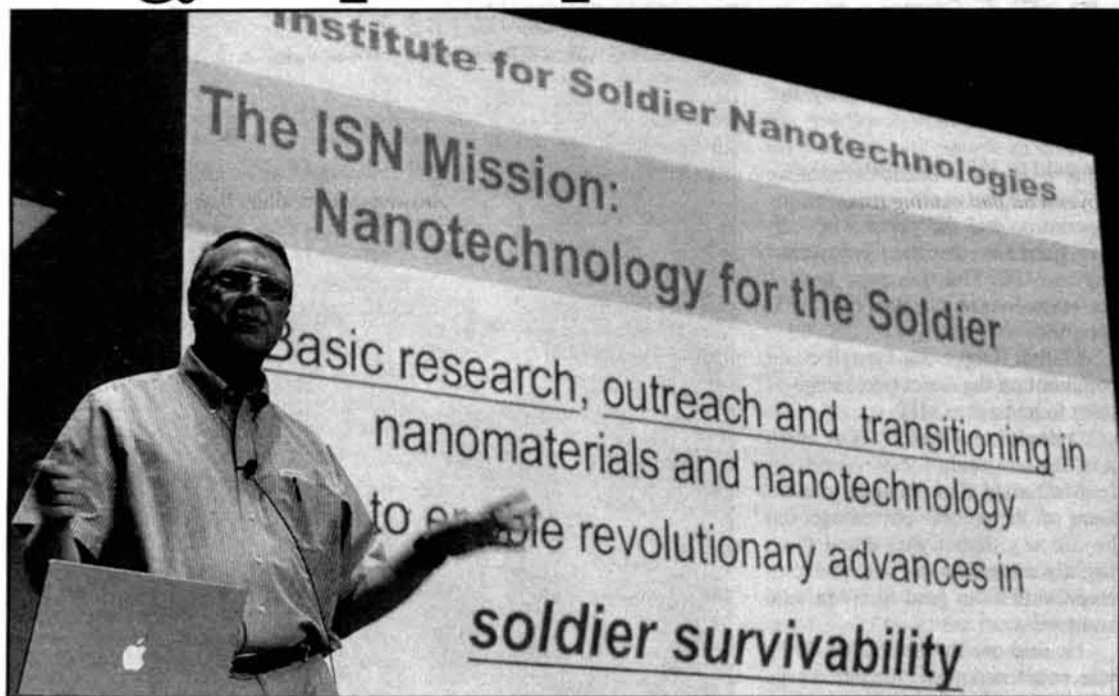
"It was kind of a long speech, but you could tell everybody was pretty attentive," said Elizabeth Hu '07.

### Thomas uses humor in speech

The keynote speaker at the convocation was Professor Edwin L. Thomas, who made a light-hearted presentation.

Thomas detailed some of his experiences as the Director of the Institute for Soldier Nanotechnologies, presenting photographs of himself dressed in army camouflage while learning first-hand about carrying the heavy loads of the American soldier.

Thomas's presentation evoked some laughter; he fixed jokes into



JONATHAN WANG—THE TECH

Professor of Material Science and Director of the Institute for Soldier Nanotechnologies Edwin L. Thomas speaks to freshmen during Convocation. Thomas emphasized the importance of blurring the distinctions between the classroom and the laboratory in a research university such as MIT.

his main topic, including one subtle reference to a neighboring school.

"Any speech that bashes Harvard is a good speech," said Collin E. Johnson '07.

Before the freshmen left Kresge, both Dean of Undergraduate Education Robert Redwine and Undergraduate Association President Pius A. Uzamere '04 gave short presentations.

"You will also find that MIT is a busy place," said Redwine, giving freshmen tips on being a student at

MIT. He encouraged them to use MIT's resources if they need help.

Uzamere made a much shorter speech, for the freshmen appeared to be getting hungry for their sunny picnic lunch at Killian Court.

On the topic of the upcoming UA Senate elections, he said, "I'd like to ... encourage all of you to participate."

### Race discussions follow picnic

To allow freshmen to delve more deeply into the topic of diversity

and race relations, formal group discussions followed the picnic lunch.

In small classrooms, orientation groups and discussion leaders exchanged views about issues such as the reality of racism in America, political correctness, and affirmative action.

"I think it went very well," said Associate Dean Ayida Mthembu of her discussion group. She said that even when people disagreed, they were able to smoothly continue discussion.

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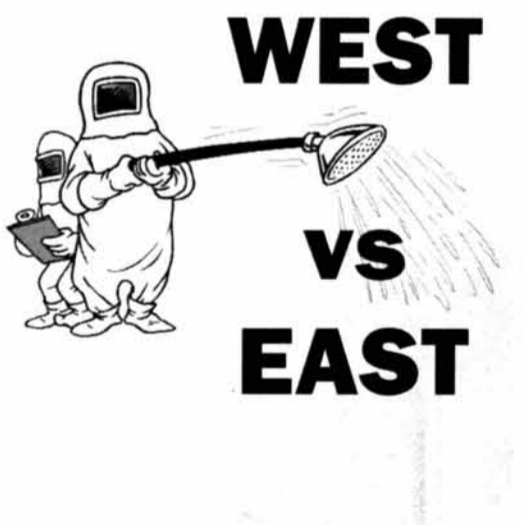
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**Solution to Crossword**  
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# Annual East vs West Water Wars on Kresge Oval



Far Left: Andrew Brooks G's water balloon explodes mid-throw. Left: Jeanette C. Fershtman '04 looks up as she struggles over weaponry. Above: Moria C. Chambers '06 unleashes water upon an East Campus resident.

The annual East vs. West water war took place yesterday on Kresge Oval.

Photography by Jonathan Wang

# ASK SIPB

## STUDENT INFORMATION PROCESSING BOARD

Want to set up mail on your personal computer? Or figure out exactly where all those @mit.edu addresses go? In this column, part 4 of 6 of our introductory orientation columns, we cover mail and mailing lists.

**Question:** How do I get started with mail on my personal computer?

**Answer:** On Windows and Macintosh machines, the mail program Eudora can be obtained from <http://web.mit.edu/software/>. To setup e-mail in any program that is not already configured to do so, you will need the following settings:

Outgoing mail server: [outgoing.mit.edu](http://outgoing.mit.edu), never use a secure (SSL) connection, no username is required.

Incoming mail server: [poXX.MIT.EDU](mailto:poXX.MIT.EDU) (where XX is a number) You can find which number corresponds to you by entering:

```
athena% hesinfo $USER pobox
```

MIT supports two mail protocols: IMAP over SSL and Kerberized POP. In general, we recommend that you use IMAP, as it stores your mail on the mail server, and allows you to read your mail anywhere. With POP, your mail is downloaded onto your computer, and deleted from the server. You can find more about the difference in these protocols in our previous mail column at <http://www.mit.edu/~asksipb/2002columns/2002-11-08-email/>.

**Question:** How can I read mail on Athena?

**Answer:** Athena has many programs you can use to read mail. The simplest program to use is Evolution. You can start it by clicking the "Mail" icon in the GNOME panel, or typing

```
athena% evolution &
```

The other recommended and officially supported program to read mail on Athena is Pine. Unlike Evolution, Pine is a text-based program. You can start Pine by typing

```
athena% pine
```

When you start Pine for the first time, you will get a message asking whether you want to run Athena or SIPB Pine. We

recommend that you use Athena Pine, as you are less prone to run into problems or unexpected behavior.

**Question:** What can mailing lists be used for?

**Answer:** MIT mailing lists can be used for pretty much any purpose. Common purposes are class lists for instructors to provide information to students, activity lists to let club members know what's happening, personal lists for groups of friends to easily communicate, and other public lists for discussion of topics or notification of events.

**Question:** How can I manage the lists I'm on?

**Answer:** mailmaint is a menu-driven program that you can use to manage mailing lists. Simply type:

```
athena% mailmaint
```

to run it. blanche is a command-line program that also allows you to manage mailing lists.

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To add a user to a mailing list (the -a stands for add):
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```
athena% blanche listname -a username
```

To remove a user from a mailing list (the -d stands for delete):

```
athena% blanche listname -d username
```

To get information about a mailing list (the -i stands for info):

```
athena% blanche listname -i
```

**Question:** What useful public mailing lists exist?

**Answer:**

**netusers:** A low-traffic mailing list provides notification of network events, like outages or security problems. For example, the recent blocking of port 135 to and from the dormitory networks was sent to this mailing list. Though similar information often appears on 3-DOWN (<http://is3down.mit.edu/fcgi-bin/3down>), details are generally provided on this list. General security vulnerabilities are also sent to this list.

**release-announce:** A low-traffic mailing list that provides notification of new releases of Athena, including security patches and other changes, such as updates to non-locker software.

**athena-outage-redis:** A member of the list *athena-outage*, which provides notification of outages of Athena services, such as maintenance of file or print servers.

**reuse:** A high-traffic mailing list dedicated to the posting and claiming of free items at MIT. When users have something they would otherwise throw away, they often e-mail this list. Then, other members of the community go to pick up the item, subsequently e-mailing the list to let other users that the item has been taken.

**Question:** How can I use lists to control access to my home directory?

**Answer:** Lists that are also groups, many of which are, can be used to control permissions to any AFS directory, including portions of your home directory. You can determine whether a list is a group by using

```
athena% blanche listname -i
```

as mentioned above. Such lists will have an AFS group called "system:listname" which you can use to allow read-only access, read and write access, or full access to a directory of your choice. Thursday's column will cover this topic in more detail.

**Question:** Where can I get more information about setting up mail and managing mailing lists?

**Answer:** For more information about mail, you can read our Nov. 8, 2002 column at <http://www.mit.edu/~asksipb/2002columns/2002-11-08-email/>. For more information about mailing lists, you can read our Nov. 22, 2002 column at <http://www.mit.edu/~asksipb/2002columns/2002-11-22-mailinglists/>.

To ask us a question, send email to [sipb@mit.edu](mailto:sipb@mit.edu). We'll try to answer you quickly, and we might address your question in our next column. Copies of each column and pointers to additional information will be posted on our website: <http://www.mit.edu/~asksipb/>

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### MIT Computing Help Desk Info Session

### Thursday, September 4th, 2003

### 5:15 - 6:45 pm

### N42 Demo Center

211 Mass Ave, across from NECCO/Novartis



Attendance at the session is required for all applicants. Candidates should also submit a resume by noon on September 4th to: [hd-hiring@mit.edu](mailto:hd-hiring@mit.edu)

<http://web.mit.edu/helpdesk/hiring.html>

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## nightline

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## FoxTrot by Bill Amend



## Dilbert® by Scott Adams



# Events Calendar

Visit and add events to Events Calendar online at <http://events.mit.edu>

Tuesday, August 26

**7:00 a.m. - Class of 2007 Undergraduate Orientation.** You are about to embark on what may be the most interesting, challenging, and entertaining years of your lives—your undergraduate career at MIT. For some of you, it may be your first time away from home, so you may be apprehensive about the change. For others, you may be exploring yet another new frontier. Regardless of your thoughts about heading off to MIT, you will all have opportunities to explore your options, seek out new challenges, tackle new problems, research possibilities, and meet new people. Your first order of business—exploring Orientation 2003! Check Orientation 2003 Web site for details. Sponsor: Academic Resource Center.

**7:00 a.m. - Graduate Student Orientation.** New students, welcome to MIT! The Graduate Student Council runs a large number of programs to help new students at MIT. From the minute new students arrive in Boston, the GSC is involved by offering a shuttle service that brings them from the airport to MIT campus. We run and plan the Institute's official graduate student Orientation and coordinate a mentorship program to help new international students. If you are a new student we highly encourage you to explore all of the information on these webpages, and we hope the GSC can help make your first year experience at MIT as enjoyable as possible! Check Web Site for Details. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council.

**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - English Evaluation Test.** A mandatory test for students whose first language is not English. For exemption policy, please contact your respective departments. Free. Room: 10-250. Sponsor: GSC Orientation.

**9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Course Catalogue Distribution.** Bring your MIT ID and pick up a copy of the 2003-2004 course catalogue. Free. Room: 56-191. Sponsor: Reference Publications Office.

**10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - Admissions Office Information Session.** Admissions Office Information Session is held in room 6-120. Enter MIT at the main entrance, 77 Massachusetts Ave (domed building with tall pillars). Proceed all the way down the center corridor to the very end and take a right. Proceed a short distance down this next corridor and room 6-120 will be on the right. Following the Admissions Information Session is a Student Led Campus Tour. Groups over 15 people need to make special reservations.

**10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Spouses & Partners Coffee Hour.** A free coffee break for spouses and partners of MIT students, to encourage community building. Sponsored by Spouses & Partners and BabyNet. Free. Room: Student Center, Room 400. Sponsor: spouses&partners@mit, GSC Orientation BabyNet.

**10:00 a.m. - 4:00 a.m. - Information Booth.** Info Booth is organized by the Graduate Student Council with volunteers who can answer questions about getting settled at MIT. Brochures from offices within MIT and various hot spots in the surrounding area will be available. Maps of MIT and up-to-date listings of orientation events will also be provided. Pick up or purchase tickets for various Graduate Welcome Events. Free. Room: Lobby 10. Sponsor: GSC Orientation.

**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 Building 6, Room 6-120.

**11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Campus Walking Tour.** A tour providing useful and anecdotal information about your new campus. Free. Room: meet Lobby 10.

Sponsor: GSC Orientation.

**11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Gender & Cultural Awareness Workshop.** Workshops related to safety in the urban environment and on race and ethnicity in an academic environment. Free. Room: Ashdown House. Sponsor: GSC Orientation.

**1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Campus Walking Tour.** A tour providing useful and anecdotal information about your new campus. Free. Meet at Lobby 10. Sponsor: GSC Orientation.

**2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Innovation Tours - Sloan Orientation - tentative.** Free. Sponsor: Techlink.

**2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - First Stop Shopping.** A trip to a nearby mall to take care of the first week's shopping needs. Bring \$5/\$10. Depart from Ashdown House. Sponsor: GSC Orientation.

**2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. - Admissions Office Information Session.** Room: Building 6, Room 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

**2:45 p.m. - Campus Tour.** Ninety minutes long. Room: Building 6, Room 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

**6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - the MIT e-club weekly Tuesday meeting.** The regular weekly Tuesday meeting of the MIT Entrepreneurs Club, aka: the e-club, an MIT service organization, where students, faculty, staff and alum gather to pitch, hear, criticize, and discuss their new science and technology start-up ideas, network, build 50k or independent founders' teams, and more; stay for our MIT 6-credit seminar SEM.095 on tech start-ups (SEM.089 in fall term). Free. Room: 56-114. Sponsor: Entrepreneurs Club.

**7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Boston PDA User Group.** Meeting of the Boston PDA User Group. Free. Room: 3-133. Sponsor: MIT User Groups.

**9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - LIVE music@the EAR: Virus.** Virus is a local punk band. Come see them rock out! Pub Hours: Monday: 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Tuesday - Thursday: 7 p.m. - 1 a.m. Friday: 4 p.m. - 1 a.m. The Thirsty Ear Pub is located in the basement of Ashdown House. Enter through the courtyard. Must be over 21. Proper ID required.

Wednesday, August 27

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**10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - Admissions Office Information Session.** Admissions Office Information Session is being held in Building 4, in Room 4-270 (Second Floor). This is a special location for this date and time only! Enter MIT at the main entrance, 77 Massachusetts Avenue. Proceed down the center corridor, through next lobby that oversees the Killian Courtyard area. There will be a large dollar bill sign on the right which is the Cashiers Office. Proceed straight past the Cashiers Office. Take a right at the next corridor (Building 4) and go up the stairs to second floor and take a right and proceed all the way to end of this corridor. Room 4-270 is located at the end of this corridor. Following the Admissions Information Session is a Student Led Campus Tour which begins in Building 4, outside Room 4-270. Groups over 15 people need to make special reservations.

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**12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - BrioQuery 6: HR Queries Quick Start.** Room: N42 Demo Center.

**1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Campus Walking Tour.** A tour providing useful and anecdotal information about your new campus. Free. Meet in Lobby 10. Sponsor: GSC Orientation.

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**2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. - Admissions Office Information Session.** Room: Building 6, Room 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

**2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Athletics Gateway.** Meet students and coaches from different athletic clubs and teams (varsity and intramural). Free. Room: Rockwell Cage. Sponsor: GSC Orientation.

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**5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Welcome Reception Under the Dome.** Welcome reception for new grad students, hosted by the MIT Libraries. Free but ticketed. Room: 10-500. Sponsor: GSC Orientation. MIT Libraries.

**6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Graduate Christian Fellowship Bible Study.** Come join us for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship! We are currently studying the book of Acts. Free. Room: 66-369. Sponsor: Graduate Christian Fellowship, GSC Funding Board.

**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. - 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).

**8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - IFILM Film Seminar: Amarcord (Italy, 1974) by Fellini.** Screening of a movie followed by a discussion. Light refreshments provided. More information (including movie titles) on our web site. Free. Room: 4-237. Sponsor: International Film Club, GSC Funding Board.

**8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - Israeli Folk Dancing (participatory).** Israeli Folk Dancing. Early Teaching at 8:00 p.m., followed by teaching and requests until 11 p.m. Beginners are always welcome. Family dancing occurs from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Each week. Great for kids of ALL ages! For up-to-date announcements about each week's dance. Room: Lobby 13.

**8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Weekly Wednesday.** Enjoy free wings and veggies with your beer at the Muddy Charles Pub. Students can also enjoy the cheap beverages (including many non-alcoholic options), Red Sox on the DirecTV, and (new) wireless Internet access. Free. Sponsor: GSC Orientation.

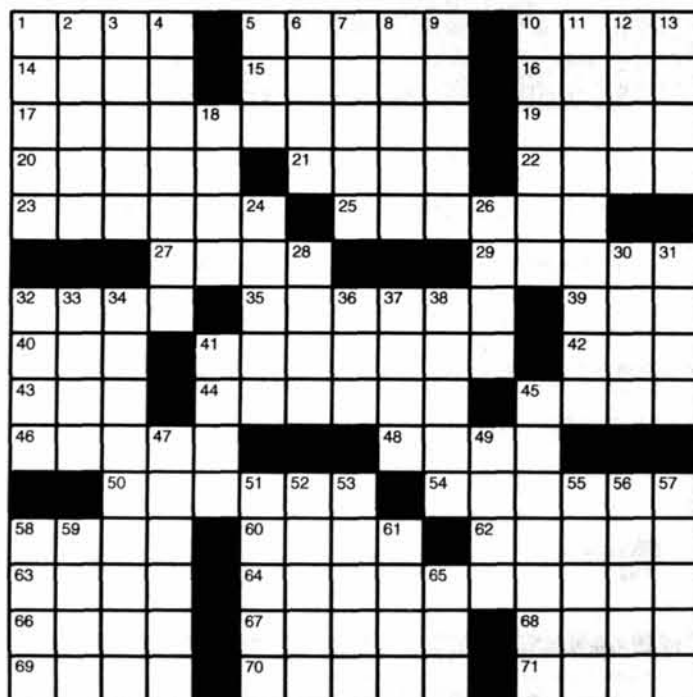
**8:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. - Swing Dancing.** No partner required. Beginners welcome. free. Room: NE43 atrium or 36-112. Sponsor: Lindy Hop Society.

**9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Chinese Cultural Hour.** Come and discover Chinese culture, food, drinks, music and more! Free. Room: Sidney-Pacific Multi-Purpose Room. Sponsor: Chinese Student and Scholar Association, Graduate Student Council, Sidney-Pacific House Council.

## Crossword Puzzle

Solution, page 8

- ACROSS**
- 1 Police alerts: abbr.
  - 5 Tip over
  - 10 Piercing tools
  - 14 Bit of a frolic
  - 15 Current craze
  - 16 Beat it!
  - 17 Brains
  - 19 Snake's warning
  - 20 M. Zola
  - 21 Splinter group
  - 22 Director Preminger
  - 23 Relish-tray item
  - 25 Employ again
  - 27 Childlike person
  - 29 Escritiores
  - 32 Option for Hamlet
  - 35 "The Piano" co-star
  - 39 Opp. of syn.
  - 40 Night hooter
  - 41 Direct route
  - 42 August sign
- DOWN**
- 1 Writer Horatio
  - 2 Cleveland suburb
  - 3 Interwoven locks
  - 4 New York City profile
  - 5 Ms. Thurman
  - 6 Butter servings
  - 7 Come in!
  - 8 Female relative
  - 9 Luke and Han's adversary
  - 10 Off the boat
  - 11 Clearance event
  - 12 Missing
  - 13 Fair
  - 18 Steep plateau
  - 24 Went on an extended walk
  - 26 Unoccupied
  - 28 Nourish
  - 30 Leg joint
  - 31 Quit it!
  - 32 Busy person's list
  - 33 Possesses
  - 34 Vote to exclude
  - 36 Under the weather
  - 37 Cravats
  - 38 Provide with a source of income
  - 41 Poet
  - 45 Onslaught
  - 47 Theater paths
  - 49 Scandinavian auto
  - 51 Actress Winger
  - 52 First name in swashbuckling
  - 53 Semiconductor
  - 55 Racist
  - 56 Frankie or Cleo
  - 57 Sen. Kefauver
  - 58 Rugged vehicle
  - 59 \_\_ breve
  - 61 Washstand pitcher
  - 65 " \_\_ as a Stranger"



Tuesday, August 26

# daily Confusion

## 06:00

06:00 — **EAsT camPUS** — Call Bexley's Rush Chair at (617) 306-3179 for a tour of Bexley Hall.

06:17 — **Random Hall** — If only we could put a monkey in front of a typewriter and have him write our entries. Oh, wait, we CAN...a a fLKJ;ADlkj;POID-J'LK LKJAlk; asfs;lkj aFTO BE OR NOT to beds;o

06:17 — **Random Hall** — aij WEFalsieru 09832u alkfdjsj saldfj aw983r7 alkfdas a;@#%\$@#%\$% 2982%#)(\$ DFGMKQ# \$(U% OVJ A(#WUR AREMF Q)XURkds awp98r wkjafds09A It was tHe bEst of tIMES it Was the blursT of Times... E23;LK4JM 2 0

06:17 — **Random Hall** — 987QWbuf-fetU2Q;L3KJ ; JALKFDSJ A8FUJ OIRJ3T QLKEW svorky asldhf wa98ru3wklr jao8fquarkduy;l3kwqj53wqoruy aoiifj alkdf a meow aslkdfj ;oiesaj lkejlke-wa17 aldjfk aoiifidsa;kj fff 42 alskdfj aoiu

06:17 — **Random Hall** — f lkes\*burp\*afj 1#\$(%UWE FU#@\$( \*FJ @#(\$&AOSFDJ @#\$(&sdfkj 2839r ASDOF23487asdhdsgccccccoidisuf ;oesajf ;lkdfj a eep!

06:50 — **Senior Haus** — Dark Triumph - Naked Lunch - Basement: Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet.

06:50 — **French House** — Maître Corbeau, sur un arbre perché, tenait en son bec un fromage.

## 07:00

07:30 — **EAsT camPUS** — Looking for answers in all the wrong places? Come eat breakfast at East Campus?

07:44 — **French House** — Mot du jour: brouillon. n. mischief maker. (Il y en a beaucoup dans La Maison Française.)

## 08:00

08:00 — **French House** — Stomach ache from all the junk food? La Maison Française will help you get back on your feet with a healthy breakfast of fruit, yogurt, and cereal. LMF Kitchen, New House 6, 5th floor.

08:06 — **Baker House** — Veni, Bibi, Vomui.

08:30 — **EAsT camPUS** — GAIN 3 INCHES GAURANTEED!!! LOLITA TEENS ENTERING HOT HOUSING LOTTERIES!!! vfgj112km

08:45 — **Senior Haus** — Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas - Basement: Finish the fucking STORY, man! What happened? What about the glands?

## 09:00

09:00 — **French House** — Are you enjoying orientation? Never eaten better in your life? You haven't had anything until you've stopped by La Maison Française. Dig into a plate of authentic French crêpes, toppings included! LMF Kitchen, New House 6, 5th floor.

09:00 — **Dormitory Council** — Enter the Orientation Adjustment Lottery. Only a few more hours until the lottery closes! Do any last minute dorm exploring today and fill in your preferences at <http://web.mit.edu/housinglottery/>

09:16 — **Senior Haus** — Every day is Jesus Day. Prizes for best costume.

09:17 — **Random Hall** — Every time you miss a Random Hall rush event, God kills a kitten. Luckily, we're just hanging out in the main lounge right now. Or asleep. Or both.

## 10:00

10:00 — **French House** — Have you ever noticed that the morning seems better with a café au lait in your hands? Visit La Maison Française to guarantee yourself a wonderful day! LMF Kitchen, New House 6, 5th floor.

10:00 — **French House** — Avez-vous jamais remarqué que le matin semble amélioré tant que vous teniez un café au lait dans la main ? Faites une visite à la Maison Française pour vous assurer une belle journée. La Cuisine de LMF, New House 6, 5e étage.

10:00 — **Senior Haus** — Heavy Metal/Esspresso Breakfast-Late riser? Never got to bed? Wake up with woofers, sugary cereal, donuts, and double strength espresso. It's never too early to praise satan. Rise and Hail!

10:00 — **German House** — German house breakfast. New House, house 6, 2nd floor.

10:00 — **EAsT camPUS** — The Sovereign Nation of East Campus is in accordance with all U.N. restrictions on

weapons of ass destruction. East Campus Officials will gladly give tours of all facilities to your inspectors who show up at the front desk

10:08 — **Baker House** — Do you like long walks on the beach, holding hands, and reading poetry? Neither do we.

10:40 — **Senior Haus** — Jesus tells you exactly which of your sins he died for.

10:45 — **Senior Haus** — Basement: Trainspotting? More like naked Ewan McGregor. We all know you don't care about the plot or the theme.

10:47 — **Random Hall** — Hey, look everyone, we've still got liquid nitrogen! ... ice cream!

10:49 — **Senior Haus** — Orgy in the basement. Condoms provided. Oh, right, I forgot, you've got a "mandatory" event to go to, right? Have fun with that.

## 11:00

11:00 — **French House** — Are your afternoon plans up in the air? So are ours! Come play games and eat many sweet treats. Il n'y a rien plus amusant que de passer un après-midi avec les français! LMF, New House 6, 5th floor

11:47 — **Senior Haus** — Where is Bulgaria? It's right here in Senior Haus. Learn from bulgarian men the best tips for picking up American women. We're all multicultural and shit.

## 12:00

12:00 — **German House** — German Monopoly and die Siedler (another German board game). Kaffee und Kuchen to be served during the games.

12:00 — **EAsT camPUS** — Satisfy her now!!! Enter the Housing Lottery!!! df87df72

12:01 — **French House** — Voulez-vous jouer avec nous? Cranium est cool comme une chaussette et il y a une place à la table pour TOI! (LMF, New House 6, 5e étage)

12:01 — **French House** — Cranium is cool like a sock. . .okay some things don't translate well. . .but that shouldn't stop you from enjoying the game.

12:01 — **Senior Haus** — It's chalk. It's chalk. It's better than bad, it is good. We better be in that freaking courtyard.

12:04 — **Baker House** — Baker. It's Bakerrific.

12:17 — **Random Hall** — Peanut butter, jelly, and... bologna??? Well, it's your sandwich.

12:30 — **Senior Haus** — Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory - This movie is about trust. Trust rhymes with lust.

12:42 — **Random Hall** — Bread + (Meat || Cheese || Peanut Butter || Jelly) => SANDWICHES!

12:47 — **Random Hall** — Random random, bo bandom, banana fanna fo fandom. Mmm... bananas... liquid nitrogen... Fruit! .... interesting fruit? Heh-heh. Let's find out.

## 13:00

13:00 — **German House** — Kaffee und Kuchen is served.

13:00 — **EAsT camPUS** — Dear Sir, I work for the Commerce Ministry of Nigeria. I contact you because I believe you to be trustworthy for a business partnership. I recently received an account for \$23M USD. I hope for you to deposit 1100 freshmen into a Housing Lottery of your choice. Please reply.

13:01 — **French House** — J'aimerais acheter les Champs d'Élysée pour 1000 francs, s'il vous plaît. Irréaliste? Venez jouer Monopoly en français et vous pourriez posséder Paris au complet! (LMF, New House 6, 5e étage)

13:01 — **French House** — I'd like to buy the Champs d'Élysée for 1,000 francs, please. Unrealistic? Not with French Monopoly!

13:11 — **Senior Haus** — Disco Hitler makes us all feel lowly by showing off his superior skills on the tire swing. He can teach us many things.

13:17 — **Random Hall** — Sandwiches and fruit and it must be time to finish off our dewar of liquid nitrogen and make even more ice cream.

13:29 — **Senior Haus** — "Am I going mad, or did the word 'think' escape your lips? You were not [admitted to this school] for your brains, you hippopotamic land mass!"

13:47 — **Random Hall** — What's DDR? More to the point, what's a

SPUI?!

13:49 — **Senior Haus** — So you're a virgin frosh. And lack of play makes you obnoxious. Which ensures you never get play. Which makes you more obnoxious, etc. Starting to understand?

## 14:00

14:00 — **Bexxley** — Come get the gift that keeps on giving. Yeah, that's right, Herpes Simplex!!! You know you want it.

14:10 — **Senior Haus** — Y Tu Mama Tambien - Basement: We have it in good word that there is no tambourines in this movie. Still, even if you are a tambourine lover, you should come see it.

14:29 — **EAsT camPUS** — Rocket Launch in T-minus 60 seconds. We guarantee to report success in our missile tests, no matter what. After our victory, join us in a triumphant march back to EC for...

14:30 — **French House** — \*Réunion Obligatoire\* - Tout les bizuths qui s'intéressent à La Maison Française sont obligés d'y venir. Nous aurons du thé glacé, des collations, et bien sûr des biscuits! Nous discuterons la vie chez LMF alors apportez vos questions! (New House 6, 5e étage)

14:31 — **MacGregor** — Nothin better to follow up the Freshman Photo than a Chocolate Bonanza.

14:37 — **Senior Haus** — Pyrolunch. Veggie burgers made from real vegetarians. Vegan options always available.

14:59 — **Senior Haus** — An Abercrombie & Fitch representative will be here to give away free clothing samples and fashion tips. Meet across from Senior Haus at the bottom of the Charles.

## 15:00

15:00 — **French House** — Are you interested in living at La Maison Française?

15:00 — **Burton-Conner** — Time is almost up to submit your housing choices. What? You never took a tour of Burton Conner?! Come over quickly and get one before you make your final decision.

15:20 — **Senior Haus** — The Vortex of Inevitability - Paris Is Burning - 3000 dead. - alt.tasteless

15:24 — **Senior Haus** — Willing volunteers are put in hot suits and put into motion through flaming loops. Hopefully in the President's House.

15:30 — **EAsT camPUS** — Liberation celebration! Smashing relics of the Old Regime in the courtyard.

## 16:00

16:00 — **EAsT camPUS** — Stuck in hostile territory? Call x3-2871. An emergency vehicle will come rescue you.

16:01 — **Random Hall** — Huh. I forgot what I was going to say.

16:02 — **Random Hall** — Oh, right, that. Initiating countdown sequence...

16:12 — **Random Hall** — 17, 16, 15 ...

16:16 — **Random Hall** — Hmm, I can't count.

16:17 — **Random Hall** — Still haven't submitted your choices to the Correction Lottery? Athena Clusters completely packed? Head north to Random. Our computer-to-person ratio ensures that you'll be able to get your choices in on time.

16:30 — **EAsT camPUS** — You've been rescued, now take a tour.

16:42 — **Random Hall** — If you live at Random Hall, a descendant of Nikola Tesla gets to decide where you live. Muahahahahahahhaa...

16:47 — **Random Hall** — Tick-tock, tick-tock. Race against the clock. Lotto choices due soon. Captain Kirk and Spock.

16:48 — **Random Hall** — Better get over here to see our ICBM before it launches!!

16:49 — **Senior Haus** — Sport death, smoke cloves. Only life can kill you, not cigarettes. Especially when they're free.

16:50 — **Senior Haus** — Ma Vie en Rose - Something about transsexuals. And Barbie dolls. And colorful things.

16:50 — **Random Hall** — Zeno once disproved motion. You see, in order to get from here

to there, you first have to cover half the distance, then have the remaining distance, and so on. Allow

me to demonstrate...

16:55 — **Random Hall** — 5 minutes until 17:00...

16:57:30 — **Random Hall** — 2.5 minutes until 17:00...

16:58:45 — **Random Hall** — 1.25 minutes until 17:00...

## 17:00

17:00 — **Random Hall** — Oops, looks like Zeno was wrong. Oh well. Life goes on.

17:01 — **Random Hall** — I wonder if *The Tech* checks the time on our entries...

17:00 — **Random Hall** — By the way, the lottery's over now.

17:00 — **Senior Haus** — Recruitment time. If you're here, you're gonna be queer, get used to it.

17:00 — **Dormitory Council** — Orientation Adjustment Lottery Closes. Run to Athena right now and enter your dormitory preferences into the lottery! <http://web.mit.edu/housinglottery/>

Squat your current dorm assignment or enter up to three new preferences.

17:00 — **EAsT camPUS** — Enter the lottery now. Enter the lottery now.

17:02 — **Senior Haus** — It's too late. We'll simply bid you adieu.

17:17 — **Random Hall** — Yeah, we're still chillin' in the main lounge, eating our ~~dust-tape~~ liquid nitrogen ice cream.

17:30 — **Random Hall** — Beam me up, sayonara, adios, au revoir, toodleloo, svorky, meow! Take care kids, and y'all come back, now y'hear!

17:42 — **Random Hall** — Time to slink away, boys, slink away ...

## 18:00

18:00 — **EAsT camPUS** — EC. We are the beautiful people.

## 19:00

19:00 — **Chocolate City** — Chocolate City invites you to come chill and take a break from your Daily Confusion in New House. Meet current brothers in the house, listen to good music and relax. We don't hate, nor discriminate, so tell all your friends to come and enjoy what we like to call home.

19:00 — **Bexxley** — Come join us for steak and lobster. you will not only have a taste of scrumptious steak and succulent lobster, but you will also hear about fun social events like our annual mixer with Simmons Hall, and our spring semi-formal.

19:07 — **Baker House** — Baker. Have it your way.

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19:27 — **Senior Haus** — Come to Senior Haus and have sex with one, two, or all three of our rush chairs. Vegetarian/Vegan (Emma) options and condoms always provided.

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22:00 — **EAsT camPUS** — Amittai just wasted an hour and a half of his time.

22:08 — **Senior Haus** — We have an extensive collection of sarongs and shot glasses.

## 23:00

23:00 — **EAsT camPUS** — Four years from now you'll regret that. Don't do it.

Wednesday, August 27

## 01:00

01:00 — **Senior Haus** — French people smoke a lot. So do we. More free cigarettes.

01:44 — **Senior Haus** — Make every bedroom window an instant fire escape! Jump out your window while we set your room in flames!

## 02:00

02:00 — **Baker House** — On Tuesday, August 19, Tom jumped off the Harvard bridge. You missed it.

02:25 — **Senior Haus** — Life changing but transient moment of subtlety and clarity. Or not.

## 03:00

03:00 — **EAsT camPUS** — Watch us build a 60 foot tower in the courtyard. Then, practice your fire-fighting skills as we douse it in gasoline and then torch it.

## 04:00

04:00 — **Senior Haus** — Lesbian Bed Death. You'll find out.

04:41 — **Senior Haus** — "I'm here to do one of two things, kick ass and chew bubble gum. And I'm all out of bubble gum."

## 05:00

05:00 — **EAsT camPUS** — Call Bexley's Rush Chair at (617) 306-3179 for a tour of Bexley Hall.

05:08 — **Baker House** — Baker Social is the... Bomb Diggity. Or so it seems.

05:22 — **Random Hall** — I don't think I've complained about the character limit in a few days. Anyhow, it sucks. Greatly. 275 is a small number. I mean, 17 is so much cooler. It's round and fuzzy and tangy and shiny and I think the rush chairs are nearing the end of their proverbial ropes, but

## 07:00

07:30 — **EAsT camPUS** — By now you regret agreeing to wake up early to take exams. Come drown your sorrows in milk.

## 09:00

09:00 — **Senior Haus** — "Razors pain you; Rivers are damp; Acids stain you; And drugs cause cramp. Guns aren't lawful; Nooses give; Gas smells awful; You might as well sport death."

## 09:00

09:00 — **Senior Haus** — Every day is Jesus Day. Prizes for best costume.

09:17 — **Random Hall** — Every time you miss a Random Hall rush event, God kills a kitten. Luckily, we're just hanging out in the main lounge right now. Or asleep. Or both.

## 10:00

10:00 — **French House** — Stomach ache from all the junk food? La Maison Française will help you get back on your feet with a healthy breakfast of fruit, yogurt, and cereal. LMF Kitchen, New House 6, 5th floor.

10:06 — **Baker House** — Veni, Bibi, Vomui.

10:30 — **EAsT camPUS** — GAIN 3 INCHES GAURANTEED!!! LOLITA TEENS ENTERING HOT HOUSING LOTTERIES!!! vfgj112km

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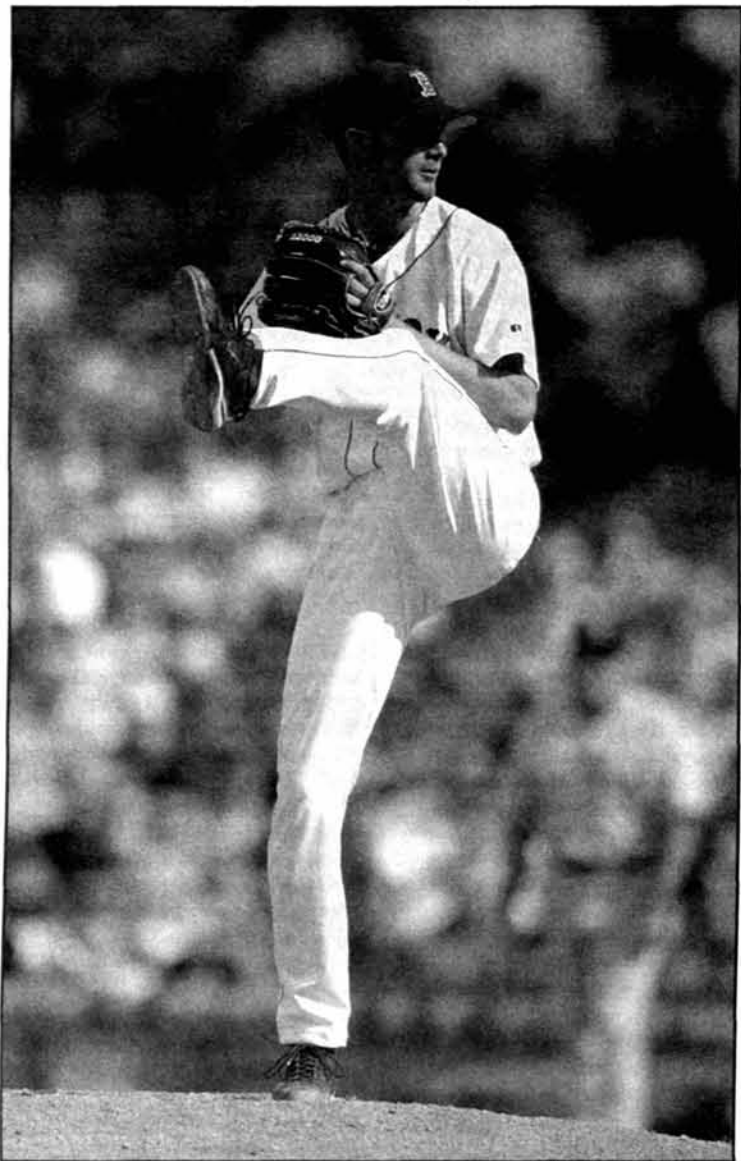
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## SPORTS

## Pedro, Arroyo Break Out the Brooms for Mariners



BRIAN HEMOND—THE TECH

Red Sox pitcher Bronson Arroyo pitches the last three innings at Fenway Park against the Seattle Mariners on August 25 for his first major league save.

By Andrew C. Thomas

OPINION EDITOR

The Red Sox entered this weekend series looking for a little luck against the AL West leaders, the Seattle Mariners. They got more than a little.

Pedro Martinez returned from a severe bout of pharyngitis to make a surprise start, winning his tenth game of the season by a score of 8-1, and sweeping the Mariners in a four-game set at Fenway Park.

The game began optimistically as Johnny Damon made a leaping grab to rob Ichiro Suzuki of a lead-off hit. Things started to get shaky when DH Mark McLemore, starting instead of Seattle stalwart Edgar Martinez, was struck in the arm with a pitch and Bret Boone poked a ball just under the glove of third baseman Bill Mueller. But the trouble abated as Trot Nixon, much maligned for losing a ball in the sun on Saturday, made a routine catch look extraordinary. Pedro got out of the jam by causing CF Mike Cameron to pop out to Kevin "High Life" Millar.

The Sox answered in the top of the first in due kind, as Damon flew out to his counterpart Cameron. Nomar Garciaparra and Manny Ramirez stroked singles to right field in an attempt to rally, but DH

David Ortiz popped out gently to shortstop Rey Sanchez to end the threat.

The Sox opened up the scoring in the third, by making Mariners' pitcher Gil Meche pay his mistakes; after walking Damon, allowing him to advance to second on a wild pitch and to third on a Todd Walker grounder, Nomar brought him home with a single to center, and David Ortiz brought Nomar in with his career-high 20th home run of the year, becoming the sixth member of the Sox to hit 20 home runs in a season. It broke the previous team record of five, and brought them within reach of the major league record of seven, set most recently by the 2000 Toronto Blue Jays. The heat is on for third baseman Bill Mueller, who is the most likely candidate to be number seven with 16 homers on the season to date. Mueller missed a home run over the Green Monster by nearly two feet, but I doubt he'd complain about the two run double it became. Ortiz hit a two-run double of his own to left field to match his career high of four RBIs in a game.

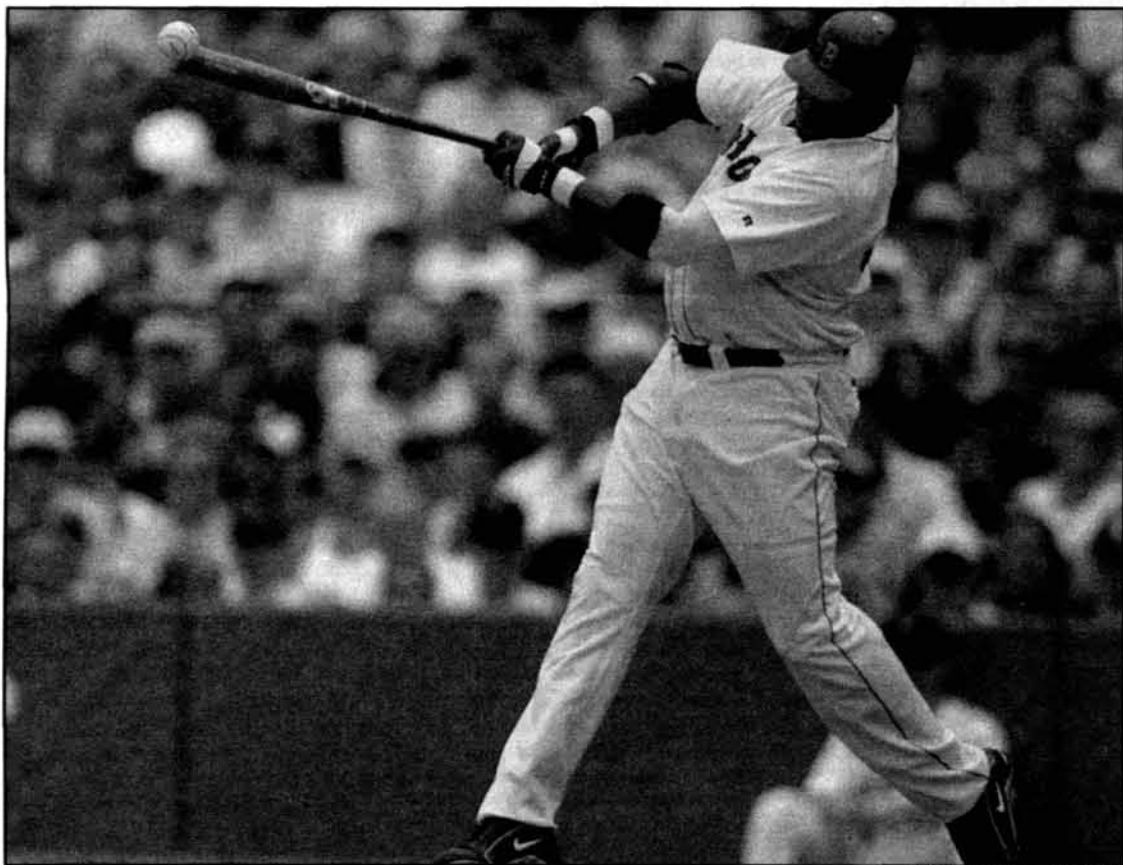
Bad baserunning and coaching helped Pedro's cause in the fourth. With men on first and second, Randy Winn hit a shot to right that

landed for a base hit. But the runners were held to ensure they weren't doubled off if the ball was caught. When Winn came around first thinking double, his inertia carried him to second base, where Cameron was standing. After being quickly tagged out by Millar, the next two went quietly to get out of the jam.

With a four-run fifth, Pedro got some of the run support lacking from many of his other starts this season. That's why many are saying that despite a low number of wins, Pedro merits serious consideration for the Cy Young award. Other numbers support the idea. At game time he led the American League in strikeouts, and was second in ERA.

Recent callup Bronson Arroyo, who pitched a perfect game at AAA-Pawtucket this month, earned the first save of his career after pitching the final three innings.

The way the Sox are playing now, I can only hope that our cable situation is resolved before long and at least one sports channel is broadcast. With the potential for an exciting stretch run, and a close wild-card race between the Sox, Oakland A's and possibly these Mariners, this community could be missing out on some great baseball.



BRIAN HEMOND—THE TECH

Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz hits a double in the fifth inning against the Seattle Mariners at Fenway Park on Aug. 25, driving in two runs in a four-run inning. The Red Sox won 8-1.

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## MIT Has Sports?

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OPINION EDITOR

Just because you came to MIT doesn't mean you can sit inside all day at your computer.

Yes, the name of this school does have "Technology" subtly embedded, but this hasn't stopped Georgia Tech from being an athletic powerhouse. Likewise, MIT has an athletic program diverse enough to make a Phys. Ed. student out of anyone.

Varsity practices and tryouts have already begun; football is in full swing on the field, as is field hockey on the turf. Johnson Athletic Center, currently home to Orientation activities, will have its ice rink reassembled in mid-Oct., in time for the hockey season.

Many varsity teams require no previous experience to join. Fencing, for example, encourages all interested people to try out, no matter what skill level. This has two effects; first, they are opening the door to those who didn't have the opportunity in high school, but are willing to try; and second, they are able to get a steady stream of prospectives with the hopes of training them to be masters in a short time, then retain them for four years. Yes, it sounds like a corporate plan, but the end result is to create a

family. It always makes me wish I'd tried out when I was a freshman. Or a sophomore.

In other options, club sports offer an alternative to varsity. Ultimate Frisbee is popular and successful here, and is gaining appreciation across the country. The MIT Sport Taekwondo club has just recently gained official recognition, despite the fact that the team has been placing well at intercollegiate tournaments for a couple of years now. But as you know, or will soon find out, time is a precious thing, both here and in the world at large. A varsity sport is a big commitment, a club sport no less so.

That's where the intramural program comes in, which gives staff, students and community members the chance to just have fun, with as little as no ability required. The most popular IM sport is, to many people's surprise, hockey each year, around 90 teams register, with about 15 people per roster. Many have little to no experience, some can't even skate. All that players need are a pair of skates and a stick; the league will loan safety equipment for the duration of a game. For a sport that tends to be prohibitively expensive, the opportunity is hard to pass up.

Even if the limit of your involvement with sports before MIT was *FIFA 2003*, you have little to lose but weight in checking the scene out. The odds are good you'll find something to your liking.