

## Glass, Bricks, and Angles: *The Tech* Previews the Stata Center



GRANT JORDAN—THE TECH

Glass panels and steel beams form the ceiling of a section of the Stata Center complex. The Stata Center, designed by architect Frank Gehry, is expected to be complete by the spring of 2004. Please see pages 8 and 9 for more photos.

By Julián E. Villarreal  
STAFF REPORTER

Being a freshman, I have only recently been introduced to the eclectic architecture of the MIT campus. As I looked up at the partially-completed Ray and Maria Stata Center, I realized that "eclec-

tic" was too inadequate a word to describe the enormity of this building that filled my field of vision. The first question that popped into my mind as I stood outside, surrounded by disassembled scaffolding was, "Where's the front door?" As I soon discovered, the answer wasn't obvious. With help from my tour guide, Christopher J. Terman, '78 a senior lecturer in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer

Science, the layout of the Frank O. Gehry-designed edifice began to make some sense. Part of the main entrance is flanked by a large retention pond designed to capture run-off water. When completed, the Stata Center will connect to the Alumni Pool and house a fitness facility. With the future fitness area to my left, I entered the heart of the

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## Cambridge Exchange Program to Continue

By Tongyan Lin  
STAFF REPORTER

The Cambridge-MIT Institute will end in three years, one year later than the original contract had said. However, plans are currently underway to allow the Undergraduate Exchange program, introduced by CMI, to continue to run after it is no longer funded by the Institute, according to Rachel Simpson of the CMI press office. The Institute, which was created in 2000, began as a five-year contract funded by the United Kingdom government and private industries. This summer, the contract was extended for a year to "set up some new projects that are going to launch this fall," Simpson said. Each year up to 50 MIT juniors from 12 departments spend the year studying at the University of Cambridge, and a similar number of Cambridge juniors spend the year at

MIT, said Margaret S. Enders, associate dean for undergraduate education and head of the CMI Undergraduate Exchange Office. The original intention for CMI was to "set projects up and find ways for them to continue" after the Institute itself had ended, Simpson said. Exchange program needs funding The Undergraduate Exchange Program is currently funded entirely by CMI. However, the funding has decreased this year in order to allow CMI to focus on "new initiatives," Enders said. Enders said plans for fund-raising are being developed at the MIT Resource Development Office. The fund-raising will likely be directed at alumni, Enders said, though it's "too early to tell."

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## MIT Police Visit FSILGs, Hold "Wellness Checks"

By Brian Keegan

Kimberly G. Chao '04 was surprised to answer the door at Alpha Chi Omega on a school night last week and see two MIT police officers. However, the officers were not there to address typical concerns such as noise complaints or an unregistered

party. "They asked to speak to the president of the house, handed him a letter saying they're going to be doing these checks this term," wrote Jake C. Pinato '04, a Phi Kappa Sigma member, in an e-mail about his MIT Police encounter. The letter was from Lieutenant Daniel Costa of the MIT Police

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### Ivan A. Getting

By Anahad O'Connor  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

OCTOBER 21, 2003

Ivan A. Getting '33, a major force behind the development of the Global Positioning System, the network of satellites that pinpoint locations on Earth within a range of feet, died on Oct. 11 at his home in Coronado, Calif. He was 91.

Getting conceived the satellite technology in the 1960's while president of Aerospace Corporation, a military research and development company based in El Segundo, Calif.

The system now is a constellation of 24 satellites that uses transmitters and atomic clocks to calculate locations around the world. First known as Navstar GPS, it was intended to control military aircraft and missiles during the cold war.

Gradually, the technology became a household name with a broad range of commercial and everyday applications.

Born in New York City, Getting earned his undergraduate degree from the MIT and his PhD from Oxford.

He returned to MIT in the 1940's to head its well-known radiation laboratory, where he worked on the Army's anti-aircraft radar systems that helped save England from German "flying bombs" during World War II.



He taught electrical engineering at MIT and later oversaw the development of the Sparrow III and Hawk missile systems at the Raytheon Company, a defense contractor.

In 1960, Getting became founding president of Aerospace. He held the position until he retired, in 1977. In that time, he worked with the Mercury and Gemini missions for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

According to his obituary in *The Los Angeles Times*, he is survived by his wife, Helen; two sons, Ivan, of Boulder, Colo., and Peter, of Iowa City, Iowa; a daughter, Nancy G. Secker of Green Bay, Wis.; and several grandchildren.

EUN J. LEE—THE TECH

Kelsey J. Byers '07 and Jeremy A. Conrad '06 watch the UMOG booth in Lobby 10. Each year the Uglyest Manifestation on Campus competition is sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity and raises money for charity. Please see page 10 for the current vote tallies.

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# WORLD & NATION

## FBI Agents Begin Interviews Of Bush Officials in CIA Leak

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

FBI agents have begun interviewing Bush administration officials about the disclosure of an undercover CIA agent's identity, government officials said on Thursday.

Some details of the investigation, including the start of the interviews, were first reported earlier this week by *Time* magazine and on Thursday by The Associated Press. They reported that among those interviewed were Karl Rove, President Bush's senior adviser, and Scott McClellan, the White House press secretary.

The inquiry focuses on whether one or more administration officials disclosed the identity of a CIA officer who is married to Joseph C. Wilson IV, a former diplomat who publicly questioned the validity of some of the intelligence information used by the administration to justify the war with Iraq. Wilson's wife, Valerie Plame, was named in a syndicated column by Robert D. Novak on July 14, eight days after Wilson, in an Op-Ed article in *The New York Times*, said the administration had twisted intelligence information about Iraq's possible purchase of uranium from Niger.

## Clinton Brokers Deal to Get Low Price AIDS Drugs to Africa

THE NEW YORK TIMES

NEW YORK

Former President Bill Clinton announced Thursday that his foundation had brokered an agreement with four generic drug companies to cut the cost of certain AIDS antiretroviral drugs by about a third, and in one case, by half, for distribution in poor countries.

Under the agreement, combinations of three drugs will be provided in African and Caribbean countries where the Clinton Foundation HIV/AIDS Initiative is trying to establish country-wide health care, treatment and prevention programs.

The goal is to provide the drugs to up to 2 million people by 2008, Clinton said in making the announcement at a news conference at his offices in Harlem. He said his foundation would work with other organizations like the World Health Organization; President George W. Bush's AIDS initiative; and the Global Fund.

## Syria, Long a Secular State, Sees Islamic Resurgence

THE NEW YORK TIMES

ALEPPO, SYRIA

Two decades after Syria ruthlessly uprooted militant Islam, killing an estimated 10,000 people, this most secular of Arab states is experiencing a dramatic religious resurgence.

Syrian experts on religious matters and others attribute the phenomenon — more creeping than confrontational — to various factors. It is part of the appeal of Islam particularly in the Arab world, as a means to protest corrupt, incompetent, oppressive governments.

The widespread sense that the faith is being singled out for attack by Washington has invigorated that appeal, at a time when the violence fomented by radicals had tarnished political Islam.

In Syria, some experts attribute the sudden openness of the phenomenon to a far more local fear. The hasty collapse of the Baath government next door in Iraq stunned Syria's rulers, particularly the fact that most Iraqis reacted to the American onslaught as if they were bored spectators.

# Senate Votes to Ease Curbs On American Travel to Cuba

By Christopher Marquis

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

In a rebuke to President Bush over Cuba policy, the Senate on Thursday overwhelmingly voted to ease travel restrictions on Americans seeking to visit the island.

The 59-38 vote came two weeks after Bush, in a Rose Garden ceremony, announced that he would tighten the travel ban in an attempt to halt illegal tourism there and to bring more pressure on the regime of Fidel Castro.

The House has repeatedly approved legislation to ease the travel ban, including a vote last month approving language virtually identical to that in the Senate measure by 227-188. But on previous efforts, the House leadership has been able to use backroom maneuvers to bottle it up. Thursday was the first time the Senate has voted to loosen the ban, which is in the form of a prohibition on spending more than a token amount of money in Cuba.

Thursday's vote placed the president and Republican congressional leaders uncomfortably on a collision course, leaving an angry White House threatening to veto an impor-

tant spending bill that contained the provision easing the travel restrictions and a growing number of lawmakers from both parties demanding an overhaul of the U.S. sanctions against Havana.

In the final dash to approve sweeping appropriations bills at the end of the fiscal year, it remains uncertain whether the White House threat is a negotiation ploy and whether supporters of looser travel restrictions could muster a two-thirds majority to override a veto.

The vote also highlighted a widening split between two important Republican constituencies: farm-state Republicans, who oppose trade sanctions in general or are eager to increase sales to Cuba, and Cuban-American leaders, who want to curb travel and trade to punish Castro. The White House views Cuban-Americans as essential to Bush's reelection prospects in Florida. The Senate last rejected an easing of travel restrictions in 1999, by a vote of 43-55. But in an indication of how much the political and policy pendulum has swung, 13 senators who voted against easing the travel ban four years ago switched sides and voted for it on Thursday.

Several influential Republican senators voted against the president, including Sen. John Warner of Virginia, the chairman of the armed services committee, and Sen. Pat Roberts of Kansas, the chairman of the intelligence committee, as well as many conservatives from farming states, including Sens. James M. Inhofe of Oklahoma, Sam Brownback of Kansas, and Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas.

Sen. Mike Enzi, R-Wyo., who co-sponsored the amendment, criticized what he called a U.S. "stranglehold" on Cuba, a nation of 11 million less than 100 miles from the United States. The decades-old travel ban, he said, merely deepens Cubans' misery without providing fresh ideas to the communist nation.

"Unilateral sanctions stop not just the flow of goods, but the flow of ideas," Enzi said. "Ideas of freedom and democracy are the keys to positive change in any nation."

The White House countered that allowing unfettered American travel to Cuba would provide Castro's government with an economic bonanza, allowing him to cover up his shortcomings as a repressive dictator.

# Federal Agents Raid Walmart, Arrest 250 Illegal Immigrants

By Steven Greenhouse

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Federal agents raided 60 Wal-Mart stores across the nation Thursday and said they arrested more than 250 illegal immigrants who worked as janitors for outside contractors used by Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer.

As part of the 21-state raid, the largest immigration crackdown in years, federal agents also searched the office of an executive at Wal-Mart's headquarters in Bentonville, Ark. and removed papers, company and government officials said.

One federal official said that a grand jury was investigating the matter and that the government believed that Wal-Mart executives knew about the widespread use of

illegal immigrants.

The official said the government had used wiretaps to investigate meetings and conversations among Wal-Mart executives and contractors.

Wal-Mart executives were quick to acknowledge the raids and said that the arrested workers were employed by contractors and that Wal-Mart expected those contractors to employ only legal workers.

Tom Williams, a Wal-Mart spokesman, said the raid and allegations that illegal immigrants were used in its stores was a surprise.

"We've seen no evidence from the Immigration Service that anyone in Wal-Mart was involved in any scheme involving illegal workers," he said. Williams said he believed

that the Wal-Mart manager whose office was raided worked in Wal-Mart's building services division.

The workers who were arrested were finishing the night shift, said Garrison Courtney, a spokesman for the division of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Most are from Eastern Europe or Latin America.

Courtney said federal officials had originally sought to arrest 300 of the janitorial workers when the raids began around 4 a.m. Thursday, but were able to arrest slightly more than 250. The employees now face deportation.

Thursday's arrests came after a five-year period that saw federal immigration authorities greatly scale back the number of raids on businesses.

# WEATHER

## Mixed Signals

By Jon Moskaitis

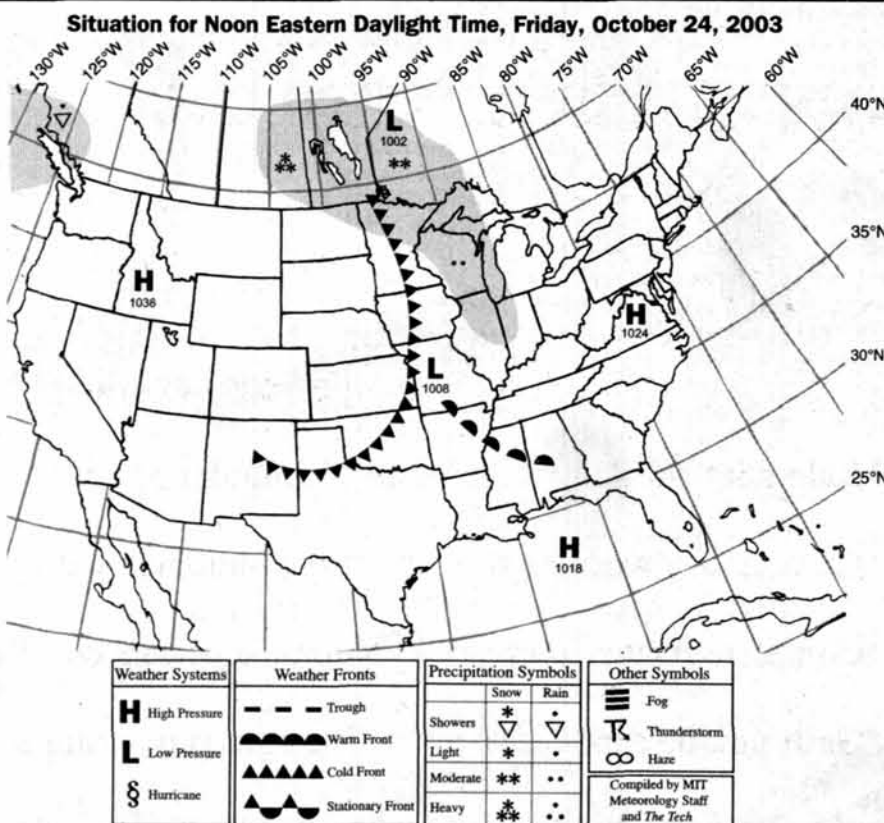
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

Earlyrisers on Thursday morning were treated to the sight of the first snowflakes of the season, as Cambridge received an evanescent dusting of snow on its limited unpaved surfaces. Residents of central Massachusetts woke up to a more significant coating of one to three inches, a fairly blunt reminder of winter's imminent arrival. Our reversion to standard time this Sunday will be another treat for morning people, as the sun rises an hour earlier. Of course, darkness falls an hour earlier as well, a reminder of the looming chill for everyone who missed the snowfall early yesterday morning.

However, despite these signs of winter, the weather will swing to unseasonably warm conditions by the early part of next week. This is in advance of a powerful storm approaching from the southwest that will likely pass through the region on Tuesday. Until then, expect gradual warming and an increasing chance of rain.

### Extended Forecast

- Today:** Mostly sunny, some what warmer. High 50°F (10°C).
- Tonight:** Clear, calm and chilly. Low 33°F (1°C).
- Saturday:** Sunny early, then increasing clouds. High 56°F (13°C).
- Sunday:** Warmer, with scattered showers possible. High 64°F (18°C).
- Monday:** Warm and windy with rain likely. High 65°F (18°C).



# Rumsfeld's Critics Increasingly Coming from Republican Party

By Douglas Jehl  
and David Firestone  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

Last Friday, the Republican chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee and his top Democratic colleague sent a private letter to Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld that questioned the propriety of comments made by a top Pentagon general, William G. Boykin.

Rumsfeld not only did not respond, but on Tuesday, after the chairman, Sen. John Warner, R-Va., made the letter public, the defense secretary said he knew nothing about it. "It may be somewhere around the building," Rumsfeld told

reporters on Capitol Hill, "but I am not aware of it."

The episode was described this week by senior Republican congressional officials as emblematic of what some have publicly described as the high-handedness and lack of respect shown by Rumsfeld, whose steps and missteps over the past month have drawn increasing Republican ire.

On issues varying from Boykin — who has likened the war against Islamic militants to a battle against Satan — to Rumsfeld's own views about the war on terrorism, and the gap between Rumsfeld's glossy public assessments and the more roughly hewn private views that leaked out this week, senior

Republicans have joined Democrats in publicly complaining that the Pentagon has left them in the dark and exposed on critical and sensitive political issues.

Warner, a former Secretary of the Navy who as chairman of the Armed Services Committee is the Pentagon's most powerful congressional overseer, would not comment for this article. But he was described by other senators and senior Republican staff members as being particularly angry. One senior Republican congressional official, who would not speak for the record, said he had concluded that Rumsfeld's approach was doing harm to the White House and that he had become "a millstone around the president's neck."

# Despite New Safety Regulations, China Workplace Deaths Are High

By Joseph Kahn  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

BEIJING

New work safety rules and beefed-up enforcement have failed to reduce the death toll in China's mines and factories so far this year, and a government official acknowledged that the problem "has not been completely addressed."

Accidents killed 11,449 workers through September, an increase of 9 percent over the corresponding period a year earlier, according to national data released Thursday.

The official tally shows the number of deaths dropping slightly in notorious coal mines, but rising in other types of mines and jumping by 19 percent at factories and construc-

tion sites.

The deaths reflect that workplace safety is a relatively low priority for China's government, which puts heavy emphasis on raising production and forbids workers from forming independent unions.

Although China's new leaders have promised to overhaul the way they manage the economy to better reflect the needs of workers, top leaders rarely speak about the numbers of casualties in a wide variety of Chinese industries.

They have continued to repress workers who voice concerns about poor labor conditions as potential threats to the Communist Party's hold on power.

Since a new work safety law was

enacted last year, the State Administration on Work Safety has begun regularly releasing statistics about accident rates. Authorities have also increased penalties for mine or factory owners who allow hazardous conditions to persist.

Overall, however, the agency's power appears to be limited and the propaganda campaign has not noticeably improved the country's safety record.

Huang Yi, the chief legal officer of the work safety administration, told a news conference Thursday that the State Council, China's Cabinet, had ordered the agency to improve its procedures and had given it fresh powers of enforcement, but did not provide details.

## Democrats Balk at Privatization Aspect of Medicare Bill

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

A day after Republican negotiators said they had reached a tentative agreement on a prescription drug benefit for the elderly, Senate Democrats said on Thursday that the benefit could be in jeopardy if conservative House Republicans insisted on a plan forcing the traditional Medicare program to compete directly with private health plans.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., said the drug benefits were "at grave risk at this time" because House Republicans were pushing the Medicare bill in a conservative direction.

Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., the Democratic leader, said, "the president can solve this problem," by using his influence with House Republicans.

Forty-one senators — 39 Democrats, one independent and one Republican, Olympia J. Snowe of Maine — signed a letter to President Bush urging him to intervene in the Medicare negotiations, to ensure that the final bill could win bipartisan support.

"A partisan conference report that jeopardizes Medicare and does not provide meaningful assistance to the elderly and disabled should not and will not pass," the letter said.

## Amazon Allowing Browsers To See Some of Books' Text

THE NEW YORK TIMES

The online retailer Amazon.com has started a feature that lets users search for specific words or phrases in a database of the texts of 120,000 books.

The feature, named "Search Inside the Book," lets anyone see a few pages of the book surrounding the phrase; registered users can see up to 20 pages at a time. Amazon.com plans to add more books to the database.

In a letter on Amazon's Web site, the company's founder, Jeffrey P. Bezos, said it added the feature to benefit customers. Publishers have said Amazon.com billed it as a better way to sell books, by letting shoppers sample them, recreating part of the experience of browsing in a bookstore.

Some book publishers have said that by offering a free source of information about a variety of topics, the feature may also help Amazon more than the publishers, because it will attract shoppers to other merchandise like music, electronics or apparel, as well as books.

Amazon.com said that 190 publishers were participating, but some publishing executives said they were still watching to be sure the new service did not hurt book sales by giving away contents.

Paul Aiken, executive director of the Authors Guild, a writers trade group, was more dubious. "We find it a matter of serious concern," he said.

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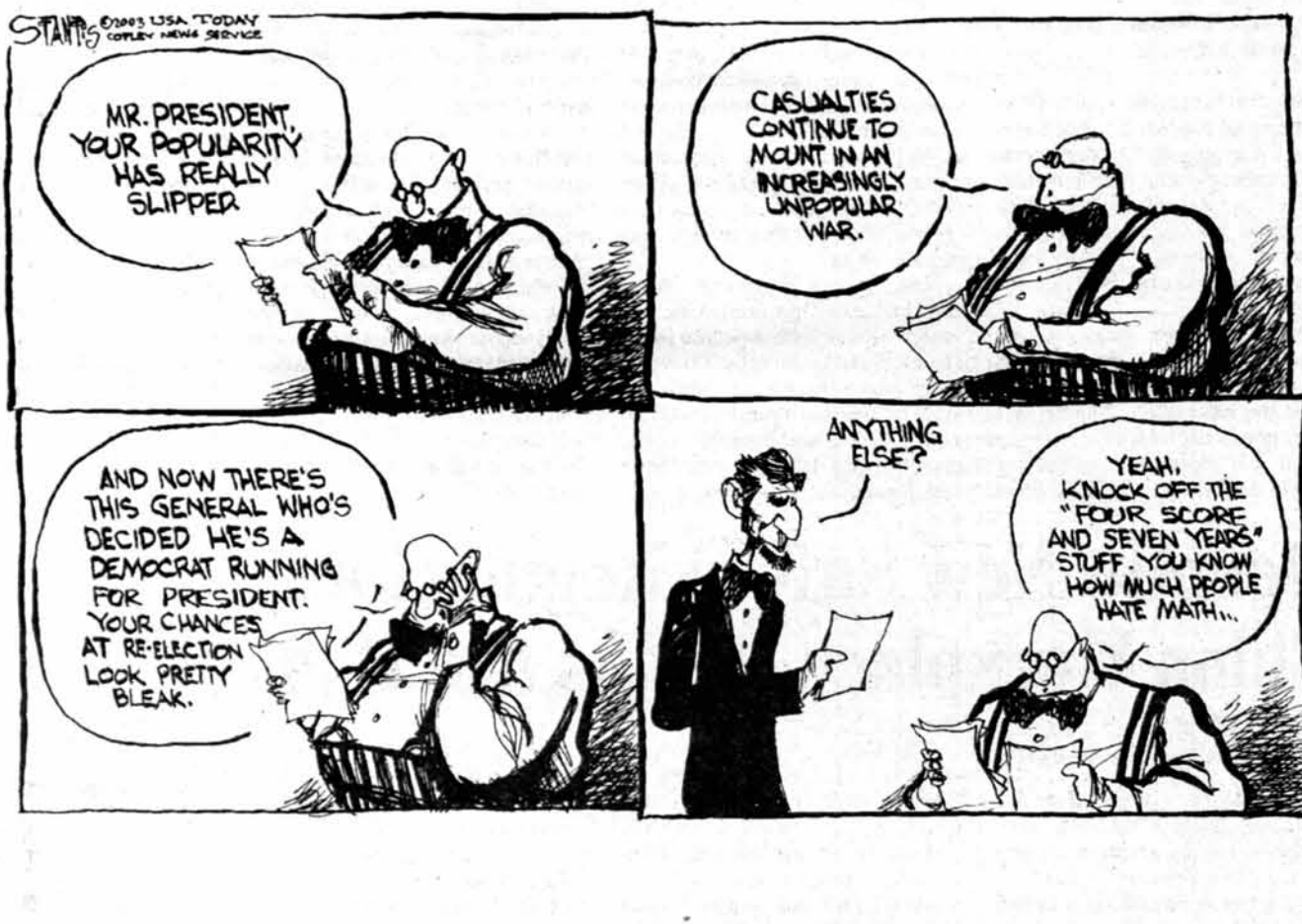
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## Letters To The Editor

### Clarifying a Candidate's Proposal

To the Editor:

Your October 17 article about the city council candidates forum ["Rent Control, City Government Organization, and University Taxation Debated by Council Candidates"] misstated my proposal for restructuring the tax system in Cambridge. New York City has found a payroll tax for city employees to be a good way to maintain the city's infrastructure and schools with the help of people who want to live in the suburbs. What I proposed was a similar system for Cambridge. I did not and do not propose to single out the employees of non-profit organizations and institutions. Furthermore, the payroll tax should only apply to those who earn salaries in excess of a true living wage.

While I understand that the paper has space constraints, the article should have included the motivation and context for this proposal. Generating revenue by a property tax system in a city where the two largest land owners and two largest employers have tax free status has obvious shortcomings. It would require an amendment to the state constitution for Cambridge to tax non-profits like MIT and Harvard, despite their huge incomes and profit enabling activities. Those who work in Cambridge use our city's infrastructure, whether or not they live here and pay any property tax. A small payroll tax on those who earn salaries comfortably above a living wage would get around these problems.

There are several additional motivations for relying much more on a city income tax and for getting rid of most property taxes altogether. Property tax works as a regressive tax on housing, a basic human right. Property owners who have tenants pass on the cost of property taxes.

Those who solely own their residence are taxed based on the property values which are currently in an upward spiral — much steeper than the increase of incomes. This cost of living impact is especially harmful to older homeowners who are on fixed incomes. An income tax would be bureaucratically easier to implement since it could just piggyback on the federal paperwork. Fundamentally, the property tax system drives a city government to promote development towards the most lucrative land uses rather than developing land in the ways that will best enhance the city for all of its residents. Even without this change, the city should be more concerned with preserving the community fabric of the city from the economic cleansing that is currently underway than simply looking at the balance sheets and relishing our AAA bond rating. But restructuring the incentives would make it easier for the councilors to do what they are charged to do — work on behalf of the residents of Cambridge.

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### Pedro Martinez, Thinking Man

To the Editor:

Yong-yi Zhu incorrectly interpreted Pedro Martinez's gestures & body language during Game 3 of the ALCS ["Hey Pedro: Please Shut Up and Grow Up," Oct. 17]. Instead of threatening to hit Jorge Posada in the head, what he was saying was:

(points at Posada): "Hey you"  
(points at own temple): "Think about it. Why would I walk the bases loaded?"

Baseball is a thinking person's game, and Pedro was merely reminding Posada of this.

Dave Lahr, G

(Editor's note: Don Zimmer's charge from the dugout, and subsequent attempted left hook, was his way of reminding Pedro that he can't deal with intellectuals.)

## Errata

An Oct. 10 opinion column ["A Flag That Won't Go Away"] referred incorrectly to comments Sidney-Pacific Associate Housemaster Keith N. Hampton made to *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. The *Chronicle* quotes Hampton saying that "a group of students complained" about an Israeli flag hanging at Sidney-Pacific, but does not say the complaint was directed to Hampton. Clarifying later, Hampton said the original complaint was in fact made by just one student and was made to others in the Housing Office, not to Hampton.

An Aug. 28 table of local banking options relied on incorrect information from the Cambridge Trust Company Web site and omitted one relevant account option as a result. In addition to the "Personal Checking Account" in the table, Cambridge Trust offers an "ATM Convenience Account" aimed at students, with no monthly fee or minimum balance, some Internet banking options, eight checks per month, and a MasterCard debit card.

A Tuesday water polo photo caption misidentified the MIT player. It was Daniel R. Jacobs '05, not David D. Lohrey '05.

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# What Lies Beneath the Flag Controversy

Nadeem Mazen

I'm sure most of *The Tech's* readership is aware of the administration's recent confrontation with Jonathan A. Goler G regarding the hanging of an Israeli flag outside Sidney-Pacific. In summary, Goler has been asked to take down his flag because it supposedly interferes with dorm aesthetics and fire codes. Similar claims have been made against a flag that has been hanging outside of Bexley Hall for some time. Goler insists that the initial motivation for the administration's request was not aesthetics or fire codes, but the fact that students in S-P expressed their offense at the flying of the Israeli flag in particular. Regardless of MIT's reasons for requesting the flag's removal, we should use this as an opportunity to discuss the limits of free speech in a community setting such as a college campus.

Though Goler clearly has a right to free speech and free expression, I contend that there is a more subtle agreement on college campuses that supercedes these freedoms. The basis of this stronger agreement is that our campus, like so many others, is a melting pot of cultures, races, and political ideologies. In order to maintain a high level of

comfort within such a diverse group, we have an implicit agreement that we will air our political views in the appropriate forum. Examples of this forum include, but are not restricted to, school publications, club-sponsored lectures, political demonstrations, and personal conversations.

This raises the question: If one is mindful of the diverse political ideologies on campus, how, then, could the Israeli flag be considered offensive? There are myriad valid reasons why someone might take offense to the Israeli flag being hung in a public place here on campus.

I went to sleep Monday night with the horrific images of Israeli air strikes burnt into my mind. The most widely reported of these missile strikes left ten dead and approximately 100 injured, with most of these casualties civilian and many of them children. Meanwhile, the Israeli government has sent mixed messages regarding its administration's remorse. A government official even urged the Israeli army to admit its mistake. What is distressing is that Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and his senior ministers have made no similar call to the Israeli military to rethink tactics or to take responsibility for civilian casualties. Furthermore, even in the face of this glaring error, and as

the world calls for one side in this conflict to end the cycle of violence, Sharon insists that air strikes will continue.

I have been following the construction of Sharon's "security wall" closely. Perhaps one could drum up something positive to say about the "security wall." For example, the Israeli government insists that the wall will keep suicide bombers from entering Israel. I do not believe that this "security wall" is an effective measure. The very idea of protecting an entire country from the entrance of one dangerous individual by means of a wall is preposterous. Moreover, it is certainly not a step towards peace, and therefore not a meaningful tool for assuring Israeli security in the long-term. Regardless of the wall's effectiveness as a security measure, the United Nations resolved that the wall is a contravention of international law.

On the other hand, things like the security wall, missile strikes, and checkpoints are manifestations of the Israeli government's intrusion into Palestinian economic security, political freedom, and personal safety. One might very well take the opinion that the Israeli government is doing more than establishing homeland security or assuring that it is taken seriously; it is willfully condemning Palestinians to an inferior class based on

religion, ethnicity, and geography. I think it is obvious, at this point, the kinds of things that might cause one to take offense at the hanging of Israel's flag.

Because one criticizing Israel should always be fearful of being labeled an anti-Semite or a racist, allow me to explain myself further. First of all, as an Arab, I am a Semite. More substantially, my best friend is Jewish and over the last 11 years in his company, I have developed an understanding and appreciation for the Jewish religion. I simply take issue with Israel's current administration — for many of the same reasons I take issue with much of the current Palestinian leadership.

It may be odd to say at this point, but the hanging of the Israeli flag doesn't offend me that much. In fact, it is pretty clear to me that it is not the flag itself, but political ideology, that is the central issue for many of the people who are interested in Goler's case. Nevertheless, it is understandable that someone would associate a flag with its country's political ideology. In light of the current debate, it is important that we are considerate of the opinions of others in our community alongside Goler's pride in Israel.

*Nadeem Mazen is a member of the class of 2006.*

## The Story So Far

Andrew C. Thomas

For the first time since May, judging by the letters to the editor we in Opinion have received, debate is raging on this campus. As someone who believes that debate is necessary for this campus to function properly, I couldn't be happier about it. People are expressing opinions and fighting it out over public issues, and this campus seems to have once again found its soul in verbal brawl.

The flag issue, above all, has raged on for these past few months. The parties involved have seemed incapable of reaching an amicable settlement to the problem, and both sides seem content to fight only from their point of view without compromise. But I find that despite the research and coverage provided by *The Tech*, there has not yet been a strong timeline and collection of facts to see what has actually transpired, and people are relying on their own perceptions of the issues at hand rather than an analysis of the particulars. I feel that further debate would be unwise without such a recap.

So here we go.

The original complaint regarded an Israeli flag owned by Jonathan Goler and hung from the outside of his window. In early July, a fellow resident of Sidney-Pacific complained to the Housing Office that the flag made them feel unwelcome in the Sidney-Pacific courtyard. Associate Housemaster Keith Hampton conveyed the complaint to Goler, and asked him to bring his flag in from outside of the window.

The reasons cited for moving the flag inside the window were numerous. It was considered a violation of fire and safety codes, as well as Sidney-Pacific's house regulations. In addition, if Goler's flag were flammable, it would violate Massachusetts fire laws. Karen A. Nilsson, director of housing operations, has been quoted as saying that the architectural significance of much of the MIT campus is a concern to the administration in general.

Goler's main rebuttal has been that these rules have been applied selectively to him, and that because some of these rules have not been regularly enforced, he believes he was targeted.

OK, facts over.

As someone observing from a distance, it seems to me that a debate with only a minor political component has been hijacked by ideologues to advance the political debate at the expense of reason. And as a result, by saying that the issue was about the politics of Israel, it became true whether or not the facts supported it. I have faith that all parties involved in this case — Jonathan Goler, Karen Nilsson, Keith Hampton, and those others who have gained high profile — are all people of good character who are also strong-willed. I find it a shame that events have portrayed all of these people with undue political and personal bias when the issue never should have revolved around it to begin with.

Since the flag can still be flown on the inside, with or without a backlight, freedom of expression or politics should not be the prima-

ry issue, but instead the system through which this dispute can be properly negotiated on its technical merits. That the nature of the original complaint may have been political should have been and still is immaterial. While the complaint may have been insensitive, it is still the duty of those in question to uphold the basic rules. Anything else would be an abuse of power out of personal motivation.

Just because a rule is not enforced rigorously, it is no less valid on those occasions when it is. Rules should not be applied selectively, this is true, but such an example of ignorance should not be remedied by continued ignorance. It should be answered by a renewed commitment to its enforcement. The proper response — by either the offender or the authority should not be to cry out that one is being mistreated, but to deal with the rule in question and then, through the proper forum, appeal it. If police were to decide to start ticketing jaywalkers, we should deal with the situation in the correct way — by accepting the ticket and appealing it to a judge, not by slugging the cop in the jaw and running for it.

Given this, I do not find it at all unreasonable that all external decorations are being examined, including long-hanging Israeli flags at Bexley with considerably more visibility. Goler is not being targeted in particular, despite the fact that the complaint against his flag came first. His case should merely serve as a catalyst for the rule to be reviewed. It is certainly within Goler's power to seek a change to the rule, and within the administration's to continue to enforce existing ones. Threats given on either side should not have been necessary — such brinkmanship belongs at sea or on the poker table — but some actions have been unfortunately perceived as such. I fear that the reputations of those involved in this matter have been unduly smeared for these reasons, though I do not believe that those reasons are any more unusual than those which taint any debate and attempt to forcibly create two sides to the issue.

The appeals process has since begun, as Dean Larry Benedict is forming a committee to oversee the rule of external decorations. I hope that this committee treats flags in the same way as air conditioners, which some people consider to be greater eyesores than flags or posters, and certainly worse for the environment in terms of sound and pollution. Whether the right to clear expression is equivalent to the right to a cool, refreshing climate at the expense of someone's sensibilities — or sensitivities — is a valid issue for debate.

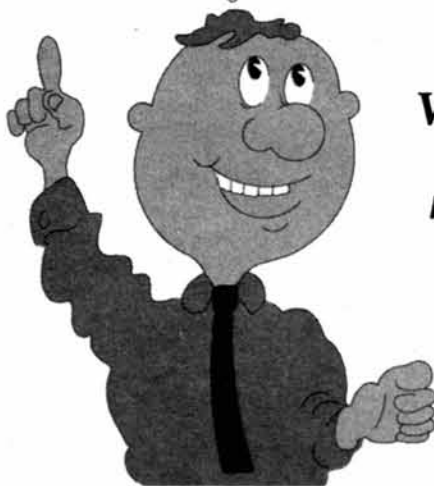
In the grand scheme, we should consider ourselves lucky. I am relieved that no one has, as of yet, attempted to fly the swastika or the stars and bars on this campus, as these symbols have stirred much greater controversy at other schools very recently. It tells me that in general, the people of this community are tolerant and patient enough to attempt to resolve disputes with a minimum of discomfort. We would be very unfortunate to have the situation end otherwise.



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## FEATURES

## Sex and the SafeRide

## Fluid Mechanics

By Alexia Summers

COLUMNIST

For some reason, the mention of blow jobs creates an eruption of giggles from a group of college girls. "Write about blow jobs!" Funny, I've heard that from quite a few people.

I'm not quite sure what the big deal is or what exactly people want to know about them. My friends are quick to suggest the topic, but fail to hint at any specifics one could address. I guess technique is the main suggestion. So we'll start there.

I sometimes wonder if people really know what to do the first time they do something entirely novel. When it comes to intimacy, how does one really know what to do the first time? I never intended to find myself in that situation.

I guess I "blossomed" in high school. I lost my innocence by first learning exactly what was going on... I started reading *Seventeen* magazine before I had even gone through puberty. By the time I was 16, I turned to *Cosmopolitan* for sex tips and all the things I needed to know, but didn't want to ask.

This wasn't specific enough for me, though. I needed to learn from someone with experience. So I finally asked my friends — multiple friends, multiple times. I wanted to be sure that

I was getting the right information and the best techniques. At summer camp, at church sleepovers, on the cheerleading bus to hockey games, I gained my most valuable information.

One day, I asked my friend Emily who is three years older than I am if she would, ya know, tell me how to give a good blow job. Well, this girl had experience. She was one of those popular girls in high school who could get with a lot of guys and keep it secret. She didn't need to date; she just partied. And she had fun. I knew she would be a good person to ask. Not only would she know what she was talking about, but she'd be willing to talk openly about anything sexual.

We sat huddled together, whispering. She motioned with her hands throughout the entire "explanation" to demonstrate what I should do. In that awkward sexual moment, I thought it was hilarious. She began by saying, "Well first you have to warm it up." So I imagined a flaccid penis in my mouth. Hmm, that definitely would not work. OK, I made a mental note, hand job before blow job.

"Start by licking up and down the shaft. Then slowly begin to suck on it. Whatever you do, do not let your teeth scrape!" OK-, that made me a bit nervous. This would be more complicated than I had imagined.

Next she began to make simultaneous movements with her head and her hands. "As you move your mouth up and down the shaft, place your hand at the base of the shaft and move them together." This reminded me of patting my head and rubbing my stomach — multiple motions that required rhythmic ability. This was tough. She suggested varying the speed and pressure.

Last she added, "Oh here's one more thing. Use your other hand to gently massage his balls."

At first, this description overwhelmed me. I had performance anxiety to tell you the truth. I wasn't quite sure whether I wanted to try this "technique" on someone that I actually liked. It all seemed like a lot of stuff to be doing at once.

Wasn't there someone I could practice on? That way, if I made some fatal error, it wouldn't matter. Too bad I wasn't that big on hooking up with random guys. So eventually I tried the technique, and it was less frightening than it seemed.

More on this topic later.

Alexia Summers is a pseudonymous female undergraduate at MIT who writes a weekly column about sex in college from a woman's perspective.

Scratch Paper  
Toilet Paper Syndrome

By Tiffany Kosolcharoen

STAFF REPORTER

According to the 2004 MIT Admissions Application, we are "an institution where the currency is intelligence." We "are not afraid to strike out in new directions in search of a better way to do things." But can we refill our toilet paper?

I fear long weekends. Every Monday through Friday, the bathrooms at Next House are squeaky clean, thanks to the invisible janitors we seldom acknowledge. On weekends, however, the sight of the lone, brown, cardboard cylinders infects us with the toilet paper syndrome.

Intensifying on holidays, this disease immobilizes our hands, which become cramped and unable to peel off wax paper coverings. The sit-and-reach exercises from fifth grade physical education evade us as our backs become stiff and we can no longer bend down to reach the spare rolls. Our brains shut down at the sight of the metal thing attached to the wall.

But do not tell anybody! This is MIT's biggest secret. Notice how last weekend, the all-impressive Family Weekend, the janitors were working at 9 a.m. on Saturday doing overtime? From wiping the mirrors to vacuuming the lobby carpet, the janitors made our

dorms look like we were neat freaks.

Oh well, praises from Mom and Dad about our success at "subsidized" independence shouldn't hurt, right? Wrong.

Once, when I was microwaving marshmallows in the common lounge microwave to make Rice Krispie treats, the once-tiny cottonballs expanded to goo and bubbled out of the pot, spilling all over the microwave.

As I instinctively sprinted to the restroom for paper towels, a guy in the lounge joked, "Look what a mess you've made!" When I returned to clean the goo, he said, "Nah, you don't have to clean it up. I was just kidding!"

Just kidding? Was he being super nice to me just because he was hungry and wanted something to eat? It would have been unfair to Dale, the floor janitor, and my dormmates if I simply left the stuff to harden overnight.

There is a sense of entitlement here at MIT. Nobody has to do #\*\$! because daddy paid \$40,000 a year for us to be here.

If trash overflows the garbage bins, dirty dishes clog up the sink drain, and cockroaches fester alongside rats, oh well.

Last Saturday, I was sitting in *The Tech's* office observing a cleaning lady not only change the trash, but also pick up scraps of paper and candy wrappers from the table! We,

as college students, have regressed! Not even my mom would do such a service back at home!

Maybe you don't realize it, but these actions reflect us.

Guys are disgusted by messy girls whose long hair balls pile up around the bathroom sink and whose fifty pairs of heels clutter the floor. Guys don't want to marry you and your maid.

Girls are turned off by rowdy guys who can't cook, clean, or throw away their Budweiser bottles. We do not want to be your housewives.

I'll admit I have a ways to go in the road to growing up. When I go home for the summer, I am spoiled with guest treatment: laundry, dinner, trash service — the works! Yet I learned that if I don't do the dishes or speak up to run errands, someone I love will have to.

There is hope. Little courtesies like holding the door open for strangers or adding paper to printers in Athena clusters do occur at MIT.

Yes, we can do more than calculate Eigenvectors, draw Thevenin equivalent circuits, or churn up six-page HASS essays overnight. We can break the stereotype that students at private, elite colleges are arrogant, self-centered, and stupider than the real world.

One toilet paper roll at a time.

Positive Sinking  
America's Family-Friendly Column

essays.) along with lengthy parentheticals which totally deviate from the matter at hand (such as this parenthetical which I am embarking on now).

It's interesting you know, some people complain that my tendency to just totally wander off topic within the confines of two vertical humps (or are they horizontal?) totally detracts from the column and makes them incredibly difficult to read, while others seem to really enjoy them (despite the additional work of trying to figure out when exactly it was that I went totally tangential on them) and ridiculously lengthy run-on sentences which seem to have absolutely no end in sight despite not taking the column anywhere really which just goes to show (according to most people) that I must be totally wasted or high when I go about writing these things. I will do my best to bring things back to the basics.

And while we're on the subject, many readers have pointed out to me (Though not in e-mail form. Come on! What do I have to do to get you people to e-mail me? All these other e-mail columns get e-mails but not *Positive Sinking*. Nooooo. I just get people coming up to me and complaining that they

didn't see a Positive Sinking in the last issue of *The Tech*.

"You mean Tuesday's *Tech*?"

"Yeah man, where was your column? What are you, like slacking off or something?"

"It's a Friday column! It's only in Friday issues!"

"Ohhhhh. Why do you write once a week? Not funny enough, funny man?"

I'm not just a hunk of meat here for your enjoyment! I barely get enough e-mail to warrant a weekly column, let alone a semi-weekly column.) that last column, "Now with Talking Stick Figure Heads," appeared to star the same stick figure as "girl in Athena cluster" and "MIT mother."

No, I'm not promoting parental loove (the dirty kind), it's just that I can only draw a grand total of six distinct stick figures: boy with hands up, boy with hands down, boy with hands on hips, girl with hands up, girl with hands down, girl with hands on hips.

For the rest, you're just gonna have to use your imagination (and I can't help it if you're a dirty dirty individual... some of us are trying to eat here, alright?).

And since I have a good 50 words before I hit my magical column length, I'll address my

## UA Q&amp;A

By Harel Williams  
and Rose Grabowski

UA COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dear UA,

What is the plan or the phase of the Coffeehouse replacement project? It's 3:15 a.m., and I just thought of these ideas. How about building a couple of shower stalls somewhere in the Student Center? I'm sure you know that many students pull all-nighters at the Student Center frequently. If the Coffeehouse pool room is going to be left with no use, that might be a good idea for the students who have to go home to take showers and come back — imagine living across the river.

— Drrrry

This is what our UA Dining Chair, Reuben Cummings '04, has to say: Plans for the Coffeehouse are to leave it as is for the time being. Last year, the Campus Activities Complex Board looked into alternative business proposals and decided not to move forward with any of them.

The idea of a shower is an interesting idea and will be mentioned to the appropriate people. The Dining Committee is looking into getting replacement vending services to provide drinks and food during late hours of the night.

If you have any more questions concerning the coffeehouse please contact me at [ua-dining-chairs@mit.edu](mailto:ua-dining-chairs@mit.edu). Also, if you are interested in pursuing any ideas for the student center, you are welcome to attend UA meetings on dining and student life as posted on the UA Web site.

Dear UA,

I want to start a Bumble-Bee club where we make our own honey comb and study the mating rituals of different bee species. We would need a lot of capital investments initially, and are wondering if the current budget cuts at MIT will affect our chances of fulfilling our dream of home-made honey.

— Bee-licious

At the Senate meeting this Monday Charles M. Vest, MIT president, came and spoke a bit about the budget situation and where the cuts will fall. He assured us that, unless the economy goes down the tubes dramatically from this point, the regular activities like UROP and funds available for undergraduates will not be reduced.

So there should be just as much of an opportunity now as there was before to start new student groups, including those dedicated to the all-American pastime of honey collection.

Got more questions? E-mail [uaqa@mit.edu](mailto:uaqa@mit.edu) with your quizzicality. Want more information on any of the issues raised this week? Visit <http://web.mit.edu/ua/www/uaqa>.

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By Akshay Patil

COLUMNIST

Whenever I see your new e-mail address, I think that it's *Sin King*, instead of *sinking*. Are you the *Sin King* of MIT?

Love,

not the editor in chief

Hmm, I'd have to say I'm pretty far from that, actually. I know that must come as a shock, given the Institute's reputation for admitting only hedonistic perverts, but I'm pretty clean.

I mean, come on, I'm known as the guy who writes columns about brushing his teeth and ordering food at Alpine Bagel, not about chocolate flavored, uhm, "sailors."

In fact, my editor lamented the recent trend towards naughtiness in my column, not to mention my increasingly foul language. I've often felt that obscenity is the caveat for slightly-but-not-really-that-funny-so-they-don't-remember-they-can-keep-you-on-your-toes people.

And since I've made my proverbial "living" on really really long and very hyphenated adjectives (do you love how I just used those two "never use" adverbs in one clause? Aah, and I wonder why I can't write English

other most FAQ (why am I abbreviating that if I'm trying to meet my word length?): "What does *Positive Sinking* mean?"

Well, it doesn't really mean anything — truth be told it's an incredibly obscure allusion to an incredibly obscure 90's comic strip (not a *Bloom County*, I think the strip was entitled *Dave* or something equally unhelpful for Google retrieval purposes) which contained one panel depicting a swimming pool with a thought bubble rising from its depths with the text "I can swim, I can swim, I can swim..." "Positive Sinking" the caption read.

Anyways, I thought it was funny and it's obviously stuck with me long enough to get associated with this jumble of words I come up with every week. Hope none of you thought I was being terribly clever and creative on my own as that would be horribly out of character.

Do you have an e-mail account? Are you wearing clothes? Do you like penguins? If you answered "yes, no, maybe," then you're fully qualified to send e-mail to [sinking@mit.edu](mailto:sinking@mit.edu). E-mail now and we'll send you a free copy of our bestseller "Anon Y. Mous — A Biography of the World's Most Prolific Writer" Operators are standing by...

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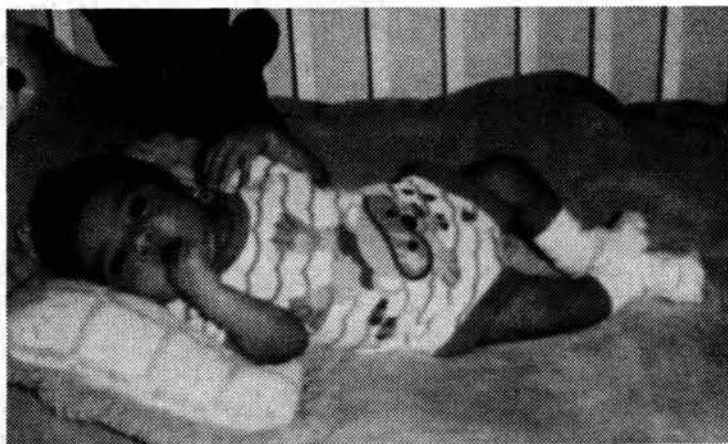


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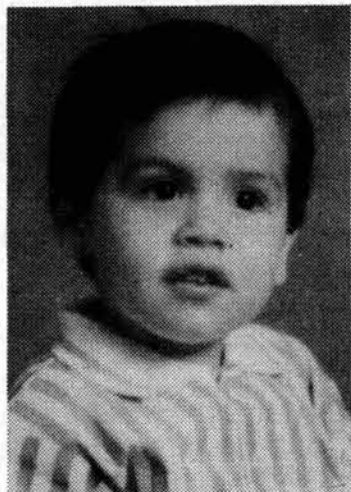
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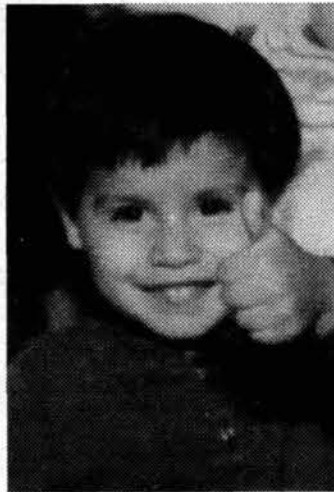
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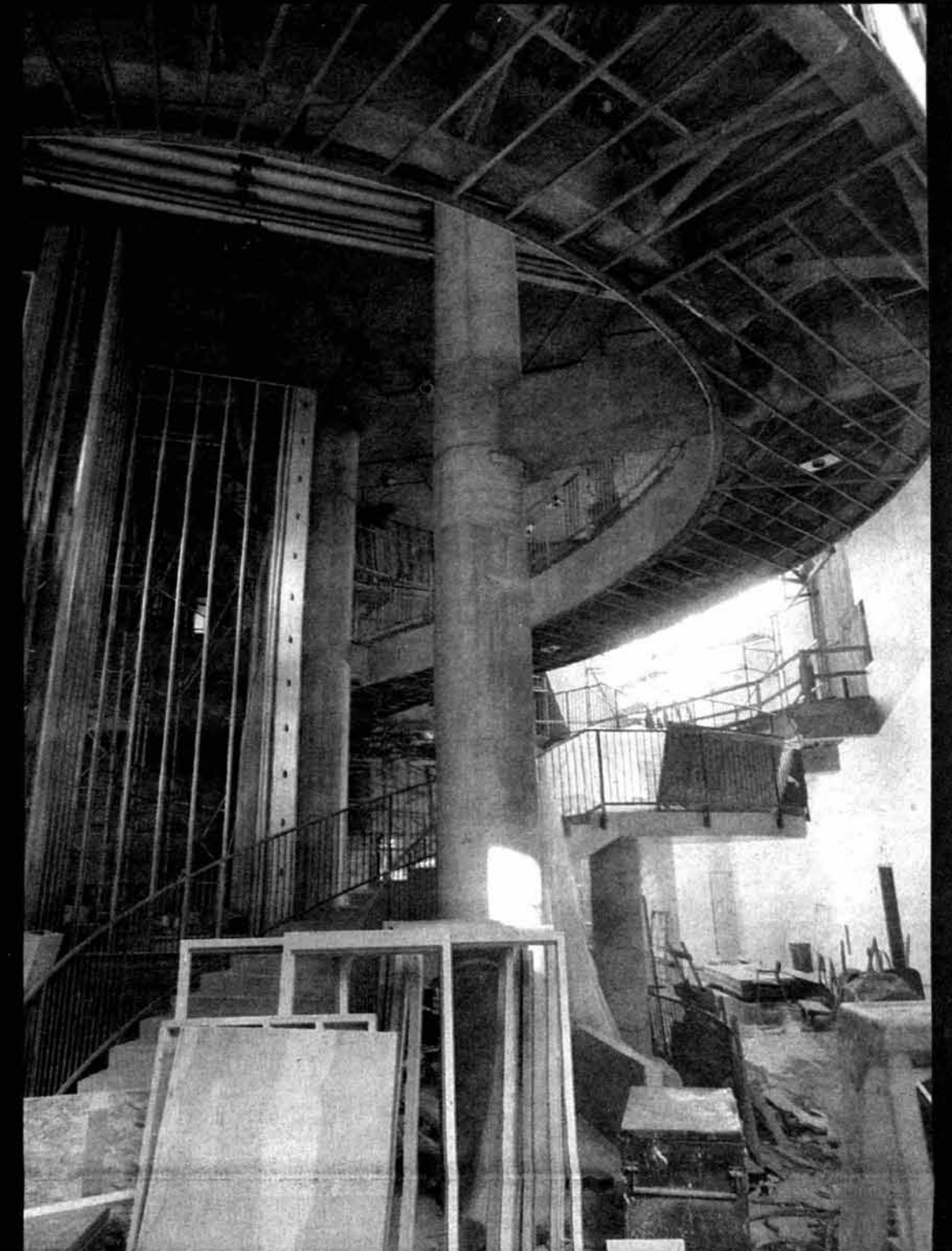
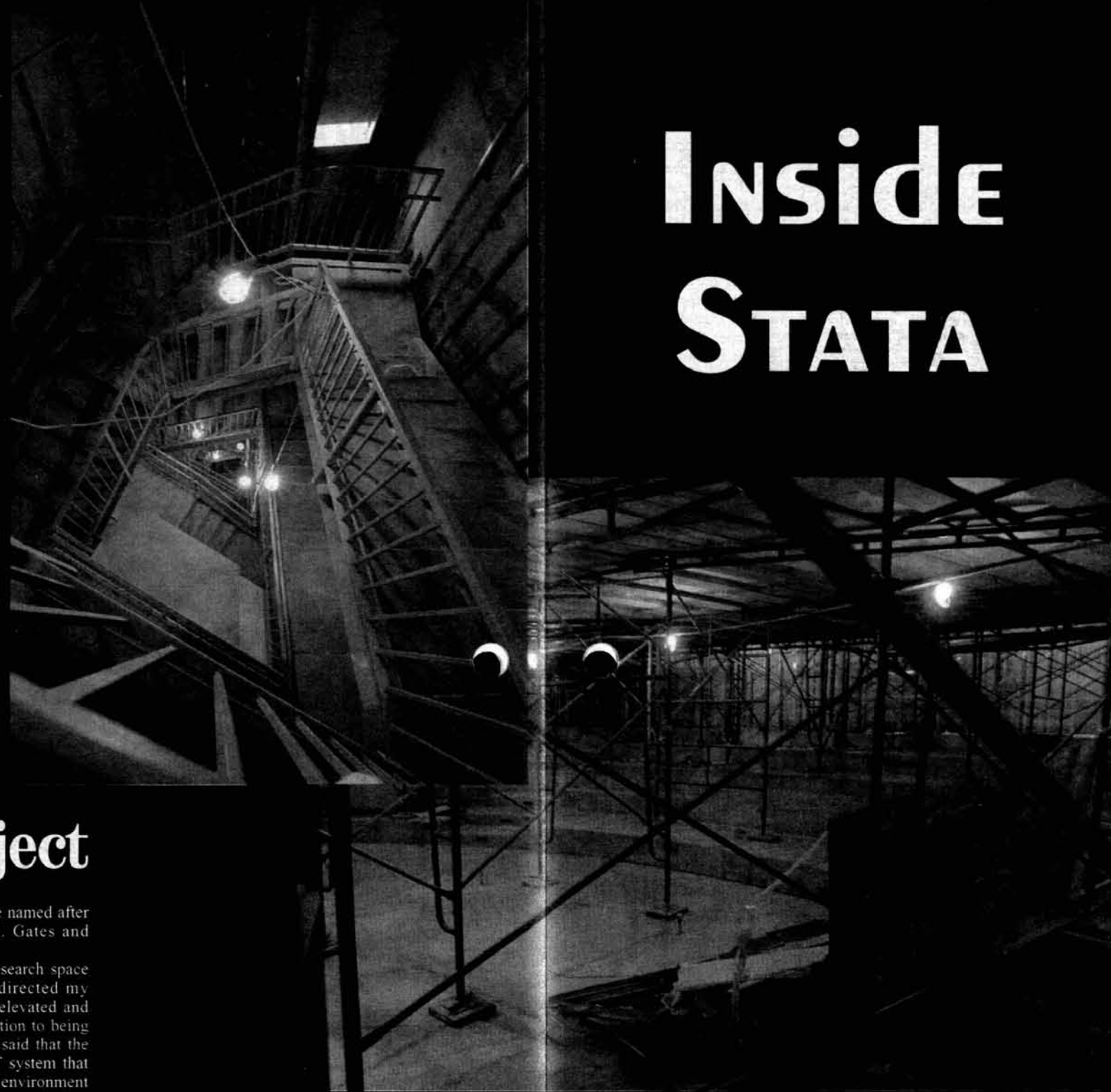
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# INSIDE STATA

## Exploring MIT's \$280 Million Project

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Stata Center's ground level, a long, meandering corridor, called "Student Street." The corridor is spacious and designed to be a public area equipped with chairs and tables.

"There's a lot of hang-out space here," said Provost Robert A. Brown. He said that when finished, the artery would be fifteen times the size of Lobby 10, and will extend from Vassar Street to the Building 68 parking lot.

### Technology-filled classroom space

I was then led to one of two experimental, 90-seat, tiered classrooms, adjacent to the main corridor. The classrooms' desks have been designed to accommodate laptops and have walls outfitted with cameras for, as Terman called them, "long-distance" lectures. This technology enables joint lectures for the Singapore-MIT Alliance and the Cambridge-MIT Institute.

Other classrooms in the Stata Center have ceiling grids that are structured to allow the use and reconfiguration of multimedia tech-

nology. Terman said the classrooms were designed to make "chalk-talk" lectures a thing of the past. Also, all the Stata Center classrooms have natural lighting primarily from ceiling skylights.

We then proceeded to survey the cavernous 350-seat auditorium. Terman said that it is similar to other MIT lecture halls like 26-100, but the seats are built on a steeper incline to make the speaker and presentation displays more visible to all audience members.

As I walked along the central corridor towards the Vassar St. entrance, Terman pointed out the child-care center that will accommodate children from ages six weeks to three years. Terman said that it was not included in the original design, but space in the floor plan became available and the facility was added.

### The Two Towers

According to Terman, the Stata Center's two towers will be home to the Laboratory for Information and Decision Systems, the Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, and the Department of Linguistics &

Philosophy.

The two prominent towers are named after two major donors, William H. Gates and Alexander Dreyfoos '54.

As we walked through the research space of one of the towers, Brown directed my attention to the floor, which is elevated and can accommodate wiring in addition to being "modular and flexible." Terman said that the space follows a "hub-and-spoke" system that will allow for an open working environment while at the same time keeping people just passing through away from the work area. The elevator and lobby area comprises the hub, with the offices fanning out from it.

Jones said that one of the requirements for the space was to have "a lot of natural light" so most of the offices have windows.

"We didn't want any caves," Brown said.

### Dining focuses on community

As we continued touring, my guides and I scaled the uniquely-designed staircase that leads to the fourth level of the 430,000-square-foot structure.

The fourth level will house the faculty

lunch room and pub, which prominently jut out from the building along Vassar St. side. The 100-seat, two-level area is part of the Stata dining facilities that will replace Walker dining.

Adjacent to the fourth level are three large seminar rooms that enclose the large third-level terrace. Out on the terrace, I began to get a sense of what Terman and Brown described as the "village effect" that Gehry intended to create. As I looked up, I saw the other parts of the building around me, like houses in a village.

In the other tower, Terman pointed out the

steel shingles, glass walls, and yellow aluminum siding that enclose or cover portions of the building. Brown also pointed out the "kiva," a 100-seat conference room that will be covered in wood when completed.

As we stood outside the Stata Center in the exact spot where we had begun the tour, Brown said, "It's uniquely MIT."

Indeed, the Stata Center's "unique charm," as Brown called it, may very well endear it to the MIT community.

The Stata Center is slated to open in Spring 2004, according to the MIT construction Web site.

(clockwise from upper left) The Gates tower exterior, nearing completion.

The stairwell of the Gates tower slants downward, following the shape of the building's exterior.

One of the many lecture halls awaits the installation of rows of seats.

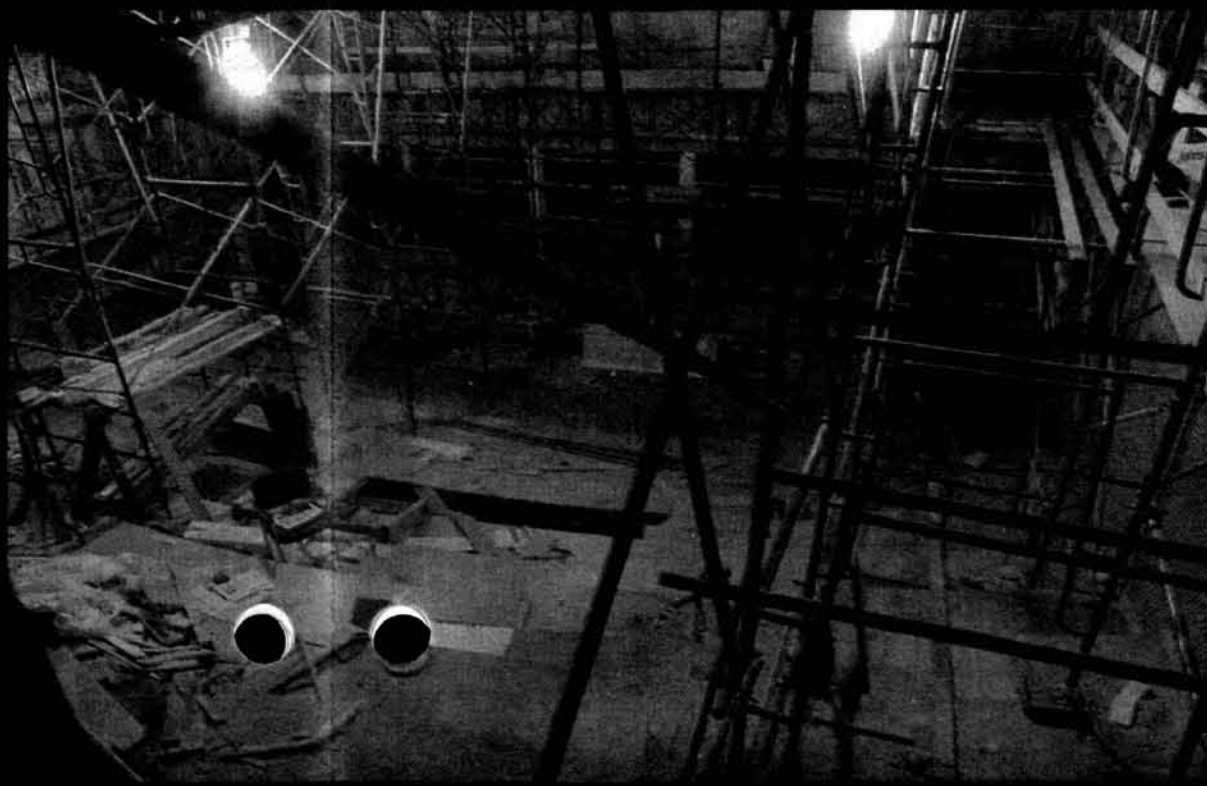
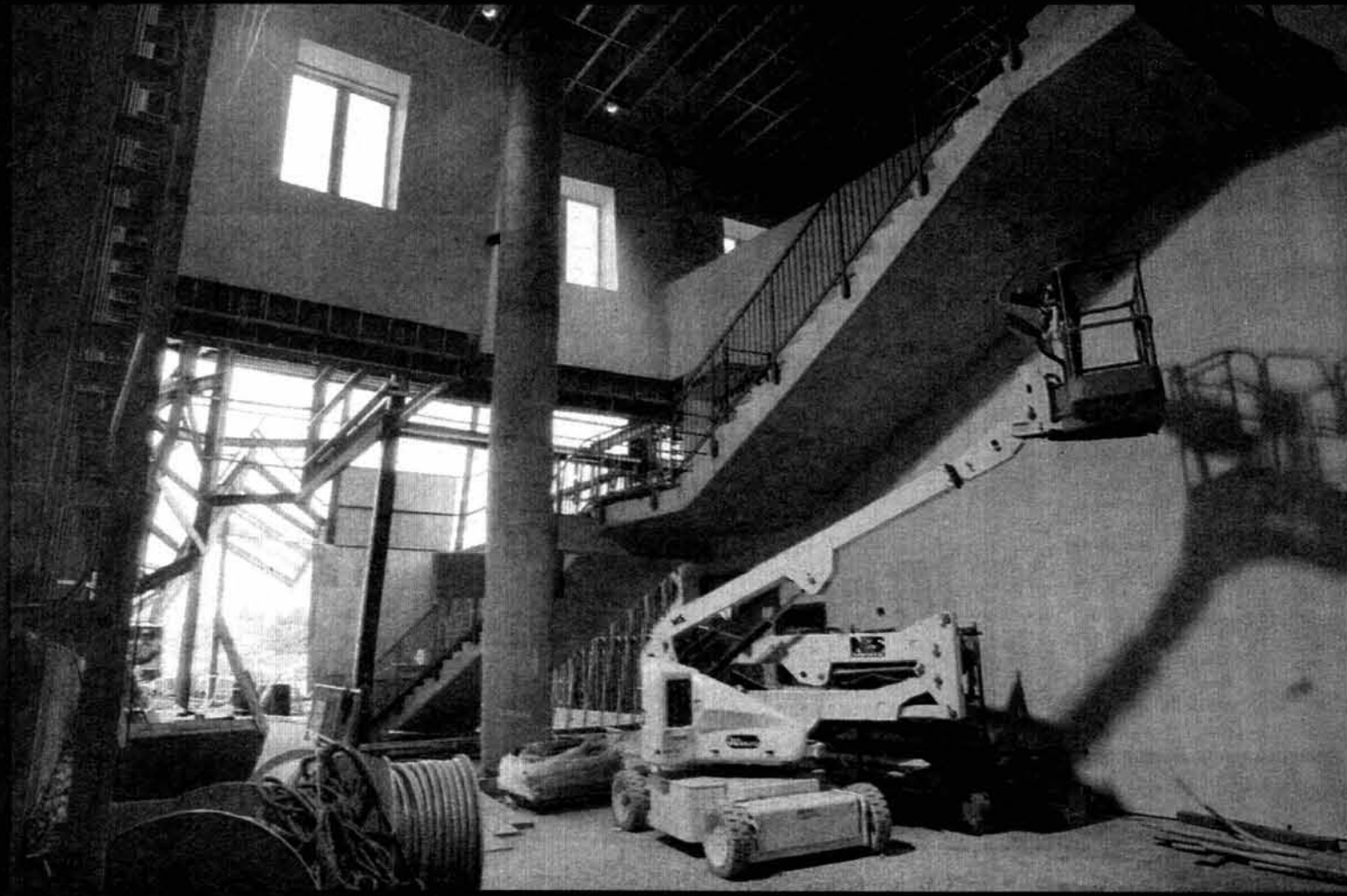
A second floor walkway curves above the ceiling of one of the lobbies.

Lights hang beside enormous windows in the spacious hallways.

One of the largest lecture halls in the Stata center has five columns of blackboards. It is comparable in size to 10-250.

A lift, used for installing lights in the lobby, sits next to a newly completed staircase to the second floor.

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# Police Try to Forge FSILG Relationship

Police, from Page 1

Patrol division and described a new initiative to perform "wellness-checks" with the twenty-six off-campus fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups.

Costa says that this is not anything new. "We are charged with promoting the safety of the MIT community, but too often we don't have faces to go with names," he said.

"We're trying to build a better relationship with these fraternities to solve problems together," Costa said.

Lieutenant Albert F. Pierce Jr. from the Community Policing division sees this new push as "a kind of neighborhood watch to increase the safety of living groups across the river by having a consistent and visible presence."

He said they "want to build rapport with the community by not only having a presence, but being able to assist and collaborate with its members."

### Police visit more frequently

Brian T. Neltner '05 from Tau Epsilon Phi has noticed that MIT Police have been visiting more often.

"They're stopping by all the fraternities more regularly to get to know the people living there ... They ask no questions, just let me know what they're doing and leave," he said in an e-mail.

Costa said each "wellness check" consists of "two MIT police officers arriving in a marked cruiser, presenting themselves at the front

entrance to a member of the living group, recording the time, address, and signature of the member or members present, and finally asking if everything is OK before leaving."

Four to five of these checks occur "most nights" and are intended to be evenly distributed throughout the week among the living groups. Moreover, Pierce tries to be consistent in matching patrol officers to houses to establish a rapport. He was keen to point out that the "wellness checks" are not an attempt to spy or infringe on the privacy of the houses.

Costa believes that since the checks occur during "reasonable hours" of the day and evening shifts, there has been no adverse effect on manpower, budget, or other police resources.

### Members express skepticism

Some in the FSILG community are skeptical of the new program's purported genuine intent.

Terry A. Gaige '04 of Chi Phi said, "The officers are rather grumpy about being forced to make the rounds to collect signatures. They come in and brusquely ask for the signature, as soon as they get it, they jump back in their car."

"If the officers had the right attitude, this policy might facilitate communication, but so far it has not done a thing," Gaige said.

Pinato says though officers have been generally "friendly about it, I didn't see why they actually needed to talk to me."

Chao admits, "I do not feel like it has had an effect on the sisters of AXO as of yet."

## Current UMOC Candidates

Candidate (Charity)	Week Total
Random Hall Milk (Greater Boston Food Bank)	\$120.77
MIT Logo (Friends of Boston Harbor Island)	\$61.03
Simmons Hall (Unknown)	\$39.40
Freshmen Housing Policy (United Way)	\$19.01
MIT Webpage (Rosie's Place)	\$18.97
Lobby 7 Kiosks (Literacy Volunteers)	\$16.30
Stata Center (American Red Cross)	\$10.36
Write-ins	\$ 7.11
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### Solution to Crossword

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# CMI Seeking Funds To Extend Exchange

CMI, from Page 1

Money is needed for relocation grants to students and support staff, and possibly UROP funds for Cambridge exchange students who come to MIT.

Enders could not provide an estimate of the cost needed to run the student exchange independently of CMI.

She said one possible solution to lack of funding would be to distribute the limited grants based on need and have students fund the remainder.

Despite possible funding problems, Enders said that she wants "to make [the exchange] possible for everyone who needs [the money] to go."

However, Enders is not particularly concerned about the matter.

"I can't imagine MIT will turn its back if the fund-raising doesn't succeed," she said.

On the contrary, Enders expects the study-abroad programs at MIT to expand, saying that MIT is "committed to expanding international education opportunities."

The first CMI undergraduate exchange occurred during the

2000-2001 academic year, and nine MIT students traveled to Cambridge, Enders said.

In 2001-2002, that number rose to 27. During the 2002-2003 year, 47 participated and this year, there are currently 29 students at Cambridge, she said.

### CMI promotes collaboration

Mathematics Professor Haynes R. Miller, the math department administrator for the CMI exchange, said that the program has been successful. "It's extremely exciting and stimulating," he said.

As a result of it, the MIT Department of Mathematics has developed a project lab course to debut this spring, based on a class offered at Cambridge called Computer Aided Teaching of All Mathematics.

The course syllabus, based on developing mathematical theorems through experimental lab procedures, has been collaboratively developed with the aid of the CMI program. "CMI has opened a door and let us do this," Miller said.

An information session about the student exchange program for interested underclassmen will be held Nov. 6.



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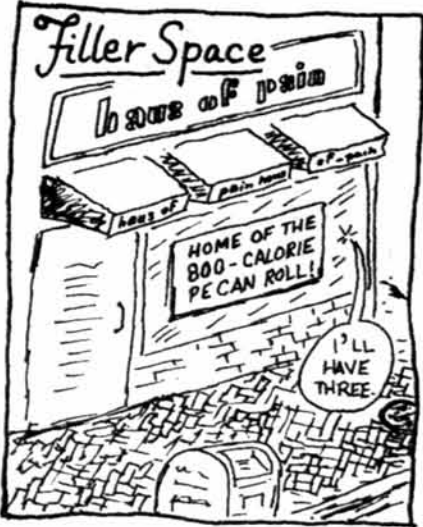
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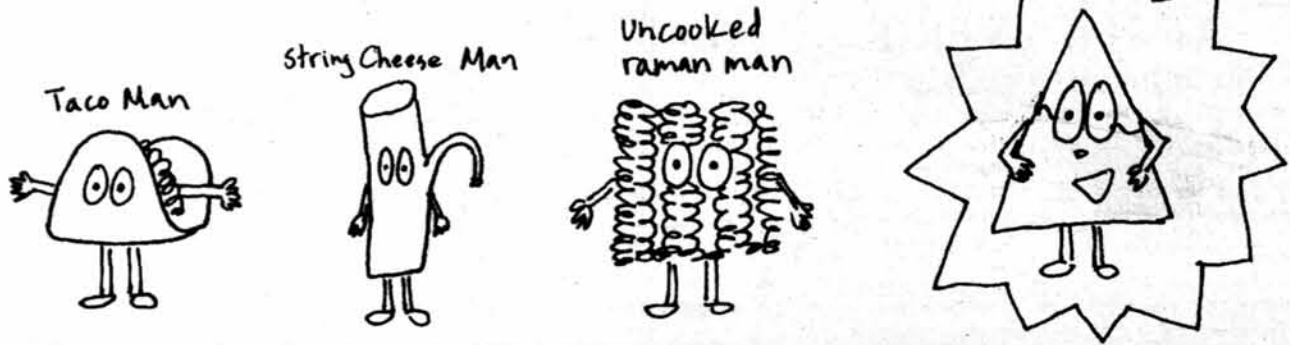
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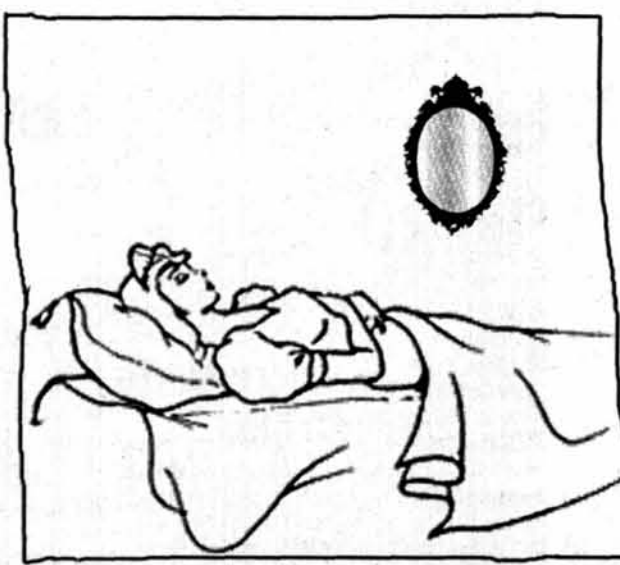
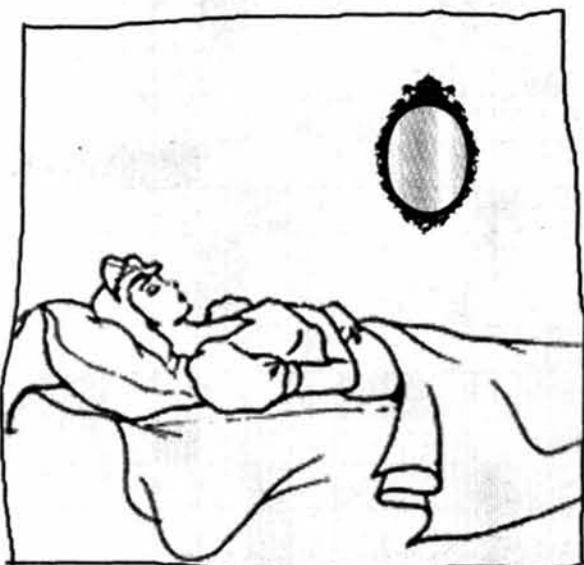
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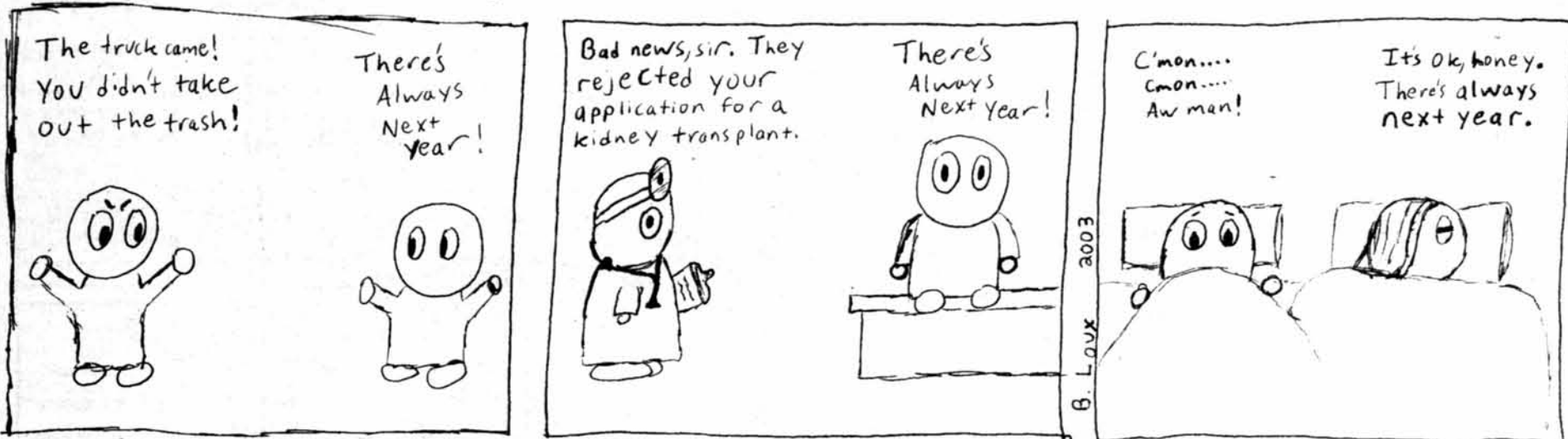
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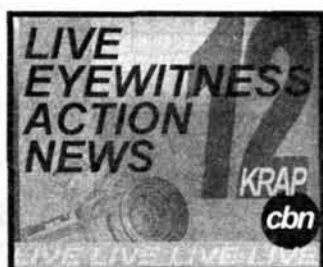
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# Ask Nutty B

By Nutty B  
COLUMNIST

Nutty B is currently a graduate student at MIT. Please e-mail him with whatever question you would like someone to listen to, and help him have an excuse to procrastinate at 3 a.m. Please send all questions to askNuttyB@yahoo.com.

Dear Nutty B,

This is my response to your column on Oct. 10. I object your view that "those grad students who have been here for ten years and still go to the office everyday to browse the Web should perhaps worry."

Firstly, it's NONE of your &\*&!!!@ business.

Secondly, there are people hanging around MIT that long for reasons other than you monolithically opined. Some unfortunately have non-academic personal issues to deal with and it takes ten years to snap out of it. Now to redeem your columnist sin, go and watch "A Beautiful Mind" ten times

until you repent of the erroneous notions in your head! Or I'll remember what you said when I still see you on MIT campus ten years from now — I assure you I'll still be here writing my thesis.

— One of them

Dear One of Them,

Objection overruled! Irrelevant argument!

The key is the word "perhaps." Nutty B argued that if one has been in school doing NOTHING BUT browsing the Internet for ten years, then he or she should PERHAPS worry. He never mentioned one should worry if he or she has already spent ten years at MIT.

Also, of course it's Nutty B's &\*&!!!@ business. You see, Nutty B is currently running for Mr. Congeniality and "world peace" is what he hopes for. He can sense your force is highly disturbed and he has summoned Master Yoda to give you a proper training on anger management.

Thank you for the suggestion to watch "A Beautiful Mind" ten times. However, I have already watched it 11 times, and I would like to call my imaginary roommate to stand as a witness.

Although I do not see the relevance of the movie to your question, I see it as an opportunity to watch it another ten times. You are cordially invited to join me for all ten sessions.

Finally, our misunderstanding aside, would you be such a darling and be nice to my kid in ten years when you become his TA here? I promise you I will visit you once a while and to send you a copy of "A Beautiful Mind" when I graduate.

Anyway, I guess you already have too much of my overdose on "Law and Order" from this column. Case closed.

Dear Nutty B,

I am lonely and I want to date. However, I am too shy to ask anyone out in real life. I

have heard of online dating. Do you think I should sign up?

— High-Tech Love

Dear High-Tech Love,

Online dating is not really my field of expertise. However, if you do find it very difficult for yourself to meet people in daily life, perhaps the Internet provides another means for you. Just be careful, though. www.iamonly18.com is not really site created for ideal dating, neither is www.iamamaleescort.com.

Choose carefully in what you are looking for and be cautious at first not to give out all your personal information to the other party are always good rules of thumb.

If one of the profiles on whatever online dating site you are browsing does net you someone that catches your attention, it will not hurt to send him/her a line and go from there. Good luck and let us know how it goes.

# Crossword Puzzle

Solution, page 10

ACROSS

- 1 Head skin
- 6 Future figurine
- 10 Lenient
- 14 Cringe
- 15 Luminous ring
- 16 Baseball's Matty or Moises
- 17 Texas mission
- 18 Jacob's twin
- 19 Smear
- 20 Merry month?
- 21 Gap in a chain
- 24 Surface luster
- 26 Acts as host
- 27 Contract stipulation
- 29 Enlightened
- 31 Describe
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- 34 Festive parties
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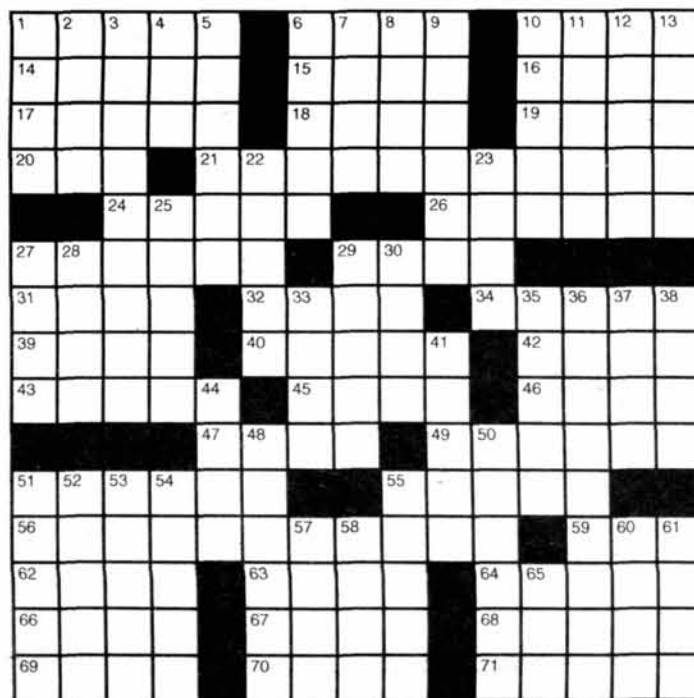
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- 59 E.T. craft
- 62 Cain's victim
- 63 Point of soccer
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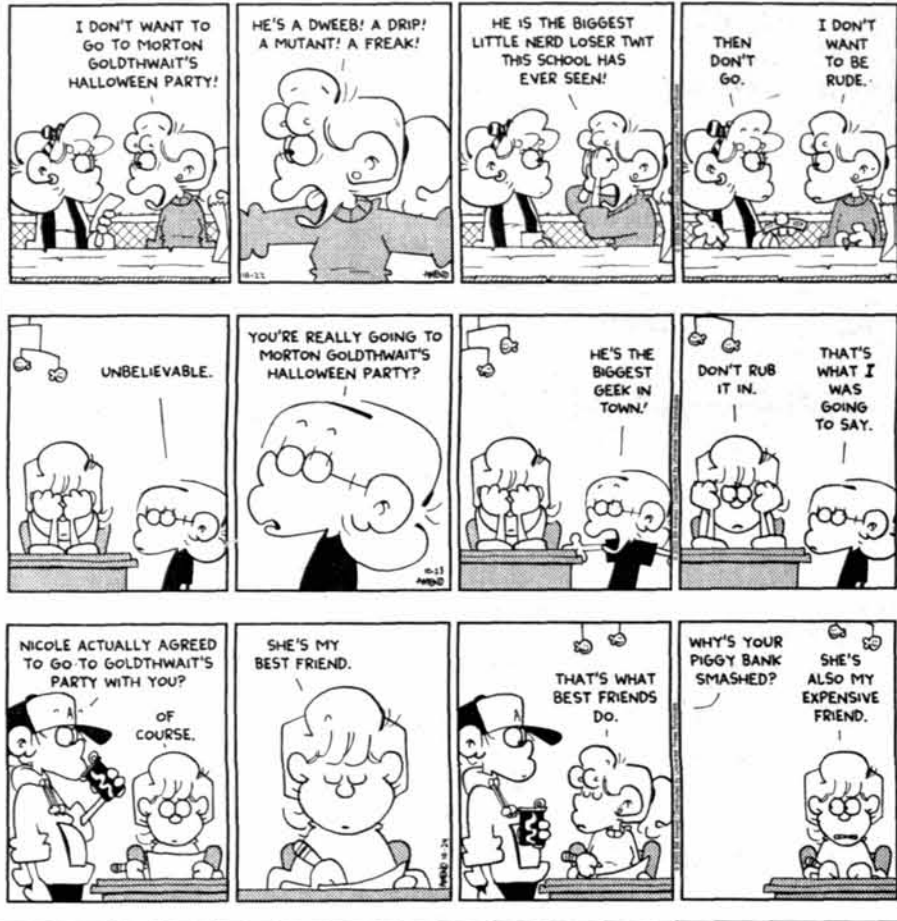
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- 10 Weaselike mammal
- 11 Kukla's pal
- 12 Source, as of wisdom
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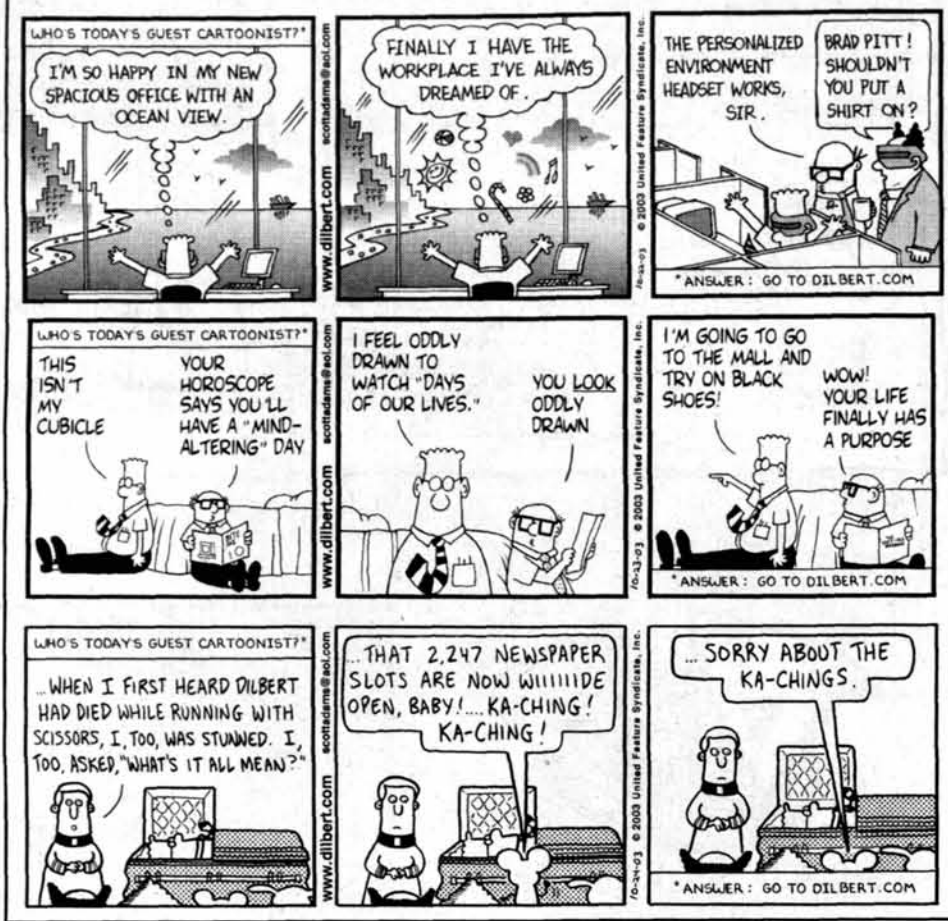
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- 41 Astronomer Hubble
- 44 Coral formation
- 48 Frank Lloyd \_\_\_
- 50 Interlocking
- 51 Hanging open
- 52 International prize
- 53 Behave furtively
- 54 Old-time water coolers
- 55 Swindles
- 57 Excessively acid
- 58 Hearty's partner
- 60 Blaze
- 61 Fifths of five
- 65 Summertime cooler



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# Events Calendar

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## Friday, October 24

**9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - IRMP Mentor Application Deadline.** IAP Research Mentor Program Mentor applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. today. The Research Mentor Program, which began during IAP 1993, links MIT undergraduates who have never done a UROP ("pre-UROPers") with upperclass students who have at least one year of UROP experience ("Mentors"). Check out our Web site for more information. Free. Room: 7-104. Sponsor: UROP.

**10:00 a.m. - Admissions Information Session.** Admissions Office Information Session gathers at the Admissions Reception Center. Following the Admissions Information Session is a student-led campus tour which begins in Lobby 7. Groups over 15 people need to make special reservations. Free. Room: Admissions Reception Center. Sponsor: Information Center.

**10:45 a.m. - Campus Tour.** Student-led campus tours are approximately 90 minutes long and provide a general overview of the main campus. Please note that campus tours do not visit laboratories, living groups or buildings under construction. Groups over 15 people need to make special reservations. Campus tours start at the conclusion of the Admissions Information Session. Free. Room: Lobby 7. Sponsor: Information Center.

**11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - MIT/CRE Career Services Presentation: Acquisitions.** Free. Room: W31-301. Sponsor: Center for Real Estate.

**12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Writers Group.** New writers are invited to join our weekly Writers Group. Share a piece of your writing with other interested and supportive writers. Open to all MIT students, staff, faculty, and spouses. Free. Room: 14N-417. Sponsor: Writing and Communication Center.

**12:00 p.m. - Spa Weekend in Ogunquit, ME.** Aaaaahhhh! Back by popular demand! Escape to peaceful, quaint Ogunquit, Maine for a rejuvenating weekend away. Weekend includes two nights' lodging at the Meadowmere Resort, round-trip bus, one 4-course dinner, breakfast, entertainment Saturday evening, heated pool, sauna, and hot tub. Spa treatments available (One hour Swedish Massage; Facial Rejuvenation; LaStone) at an additional cost per person. Treat yourself to a special, restful weekend away in beautiful, coastal Ogunquit, Maine (home to the breathtaking Marginal Way). Ticket: \$225/pp/dbl. occup. + costs for Spa Treatments. \$194/pp/triple; \$179pp/quadr; and \$340/pp/single occup. + costs for Spa Treatments. Room: MIT. Sponsor: MITAC.

**12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - ACCL Seminar.** The Germano Identity: Beyond large eddy simulation. Free. Room: 33-206. Sponsor: AeroAstro.

**12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Rainbow Lounge Open.** MIT's resource lounge for lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgendered, and questioning members of the community offers a place to hang out, various activities, and a lending library during its open hours. Free. Room: 50-306. Sponsor: lgbt@mit.

**1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Air Pollution Simulation Games.** Coordinator: Dong-Young Kim. Free. Room: 54-195. Sponsor: Mexico City Project.

**1:10 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. - Muslim Friday Prayer.** Weekly congregational prayer for Muslims. People of other faiths welcome to attend. Email [msa-ec@mit.edu](mailto:msa-ec@mit.edu) for more information. Free. Room: W11-110. Sponsor: Muslim Students' Association.

**2:00 p.m. - Admissions Information Session (Followed by Campus Tour).** Free. Room: Admissions Reception Center. Sponsor: Information Center.

**2:45 p.m. - Campus Tour.** Free. Room: Lobby 7. Sponsor: Information Center.

**3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Chemical Engineering Department's Hoyt C. Hottel Lecture.** The Impact of Combustion Emissions on the Atmosphere: New Tools and Techniques. Free. Sponsor: Chemical Engineering.

**4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - GSC 50th Anniversary Dedication Ceremony.** A reception for students, faculty, administrators and alumni during which we will be dedicating a tree to be planted in celebration of our 50 years of service to the Institute. Hor d'oeuvres will be served. Free. Room: Stratton Student Center Steps. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, LEF, DSL, GSO.

**4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. - Posets and Hopf Algebras.** Refreshments prior to engagement. Free. Room: Room 2-338. Sponsor: Combinatorics Seminar, Department of Mathematics.

**6:00 p.m. - Shabbat Services & Dinner.** Celebrate Shabbat, MIT Hillel's three religious communities hold Shabbat services at 6 p.m. (Conservative, Orthodox, and Reform) A community Shabbat dinner follows at 7 p.m. Cost for dinner only. Room: Religious Activities Center, Bldg W11. Sponsor: Hillel, MIT.

**6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Educating the Educators: Beyond the Family Tree Project.** A panel discussion with renowned speakers Joan Clark, Director of ODS Adoption Community of New England, and Dr. Joyce Maguire Pavaio, author of "The Family of Adoption" and founder and CEO of the Center for Family Connections, and Adam Pertman, author of "Adoption Nation" and Executive Director of the Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute in NYC. The discussion will revolve around today's methods of speaking to children about adoption and suggest ways to positively portray the new family structures emerging in today's America. Free. Room: 35-255. Sponsor: Adoptive Families at MIT, The MIT Center for Work, Family & Personal Life.

**6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - The Question of Palestine: Edward Said's Activist Legacy.** A discussion with Edward's closest friends in Boston. Free. Room: 54-100. Sponsor: Arab Student Organization, Muslim Students' Association, MIT, Boston Coalition for Palestinian Rights, MADC.

**7:00 p.m. - 11:59 p.m. - MIT Anime Club: a princess on the lam, pirate hams, and a little magical knowledge is a dangerous thing.** The MIT Anime Club shows the best of both recent and classic Japanese animation. Showings are open to the public. Tonight we'll be showing three episodes of "Scrapped Princess," about a princess hiding from the people who want to kill her to prevent a millennia-old prophecy from coming true; more of our semester series, "One Piece," the comic pirate adventures of Monkey D. Luffy and his crew; and the "Ultra Maniac" pilot video, about a high-school girl and her friend, an incompetent) exchange student from the Magical Kingdom. Free. Room: 6-120. Sponsor: Anime Club, MIT, UA Finance Board.

**7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Evening with authors Jhumpa Lahiri and Lan Samantha Chang.** Part of the weekend long symposium titled "Beyond U.S. Multiculturalism? Asian Diasporas and New Transnational Cultures." Free. Room: 10-250. Sponsor: Foreign Languages & Literatures. Center for Bilingual/Bicultural Studies.

**7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Lilya 4-Ever.** \$3. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

**7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Health Talk.** Our speaker is the Health Educator Laura Anne Stuart, M.P.H. Her interests lie in sexuality education and women's health, etc. The talk will hence be oriented towards sexual and reproductive health and health issues for women in their 20's to 30's life transition. We have not restricted the talk to a specific topic; rather the speaker will be answering the questions that you have. You may send your questions to [ghnwa@mit.edu](mailto:ghnwa@mit.edu). Free. Room: Green Hall Basement Kitchen. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Green Hall.

**7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - Shabbat Dinner.** Traditional Jewish Friday night dinner. Free. Room: Sidney-Pacific Multipurpose Room. Sponsor: GSC Funding Board, Grad Hillel.

**7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Bible Study.** Is there more to life than grad school? We believe the answer is "YES!" Come study the word of God with us. There will be dinner provided and games afterward. Free. Room: 4-149. Sponsor: Asian Baptist Student Koinonia Graduate Division, GSC Funding Board.

**7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - Singapore Deepavali Celebration.** A colorful festival that is celebrated by all Hindus worldwide, Deepavali (also known as the festival of lights) celebrates the triumph of good over evil. We will be screening an Indian movie (with English subtitles) at the event with refreshments and food. Free. Room: 9th floor kitchen S&P housing. Sponsor: Singapore Students Society, MITSSS, GSC Funding Board.

**8:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. - Sangam Movies.** Screening of popular movies. Please subscribe to [sangam-request@mit.edu](mailto:sangam-request@mit.edu). Free. Sponsor: Sangam, GSC Funding Board.

**8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Social Justice Cooperative Friday Movie.** Documentaries and historic films on topics of domestic and foreign politics. Free. Room: 4-231. Sponsor: MIT Social Justice Cooperative.

**8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Night Market.** Food, contests for prizes, cultural crafts and random fun activities, in the spirit of an asian-style night market. Free. Room: Lobdell. Sponsor: Association of Taiwanese Students, MIT, Chinese Students Club, Asian American Association.

**8:00 p.m. - MIT Symphony Orchestra Concert.** Dante Anzolini, director. Giovanni D'Aquila, World Premiere; Beethoven's Symphony No. 6; Stravinsky's "Rite of Spring." \$5 at the door. Room: Kresge Auditorium. Sponsor: Music and Theater Arts Section.

**10:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. - Lilya 4-Ever.** \$3. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

**All day - KOACH Shabbaton.** A two-day event celebrating Shabbat and Conservative Judaism. Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Joel Roth will speak on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. Services and meals provided. Fee for meals only. Room: Religious Activities Center, Bldg W11. Sponsor: Hillel, MIT.

## Saturday, October 25

**8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. - MIT Leadership Conference.** This year's conference is focused on "Unconventional Leadership" and is going beyond having excellent industry speakers... there will also be panels and workshops with fascinating leadership experts such as the GE Leadership Center, the Dale Carnegie Institute, the ImprovAsylum, and Playwright/Director/Actor/Professor Barbara Lanebrow. Room: MIT Sloan Tang Building (E51). Sponsor: Sloan Leadership Forum.

**9:00 a.m. - Varsity Women's Tennis NEWMAC Tournament.** Free. Room: DuPont Tennis Courts/JB Carr Tennis Bubble.

**10:00 a.m. - Varsity Men's Soccer vs. Clark.** Free. Room: Steinbrenner Stadium.

**1:00 p.m. - Varsity Women's Field Hockey vs. Mount Holyoke.** Free. Room: Jack Barry Field.

**1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Round table: Beyond U.S. Multiculturalism? Asian Diasporas and New Transnational Cultures.** Homi Bhabha, Leo Ching, Gary Okhiro, Introduction by Emma Teng. Moderated by Shirley Geok-lin Lim. Free. Room: 4-237. Sponsor: Foreign Languages & Literatures. Center for Bilingual/Bicultural Studies.

**1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Invention Studio: Tiptoes and Whispers.** Create an invention that turns the falling of leaves into music, or build interactive lighting effects for a slow-motion dance performance. During this studio, you'll make a tiptoe sensor to detect even the tiniest movements and sounds, and incorporate your new sensor into a very sensitive invention of your own design. All ages (children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult team member) Pre-registration required. \$15 per 2-person team. Room: MIT Museum. Sponsor: MIT Museum.

**2:00 p.m. - Varsity Football vs. Nichols.** Free. Room: Steinbrenner Stadium.

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## Sunday, October 26

**11:00 a.m. - Varsity Women's Tennis NEWMAC Tournament.** Free. Room: DuPont Tennis Courts/JB Carr Tennis Bubble.

**1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Ballroom Dance Lessons.** Beginning lessons 1-2 p.m.; intermediate 2:15-3:30 p.m.; advanced 4:30-5:30 p.m. Free general dancing 3:30-4:30 p.m. No partner required. Social focus rather than competitive. Check Web site for Halloween and Winter balls. \$1-\$5 depending on level. Room: La Sala. Sponsor: Ballroom Dance Club.

**2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - F.A.S.T. Program: Living in the Material World: Center for Materials Science and Engineering.** What if Thomas Edison had access to plastics? Would it have made a difference in his designs? Come learn about the role that materials play in the development of everything from dust busters to fans from engineers at MIT's Center for Materials Science and Engineering. Free with MIT Museum admission. Room: MIT Museum. Sponsor: MIT Museum.

**2:00 p.m. - Family Movies: Spooky Winnie-the-Pooh Marathon.** Welcome, Tigger, Roo, Piglet, Eeyore, Pooh, Owl, & the rest of the Friends of the Hundred Acre Wood as they encounter, spookabees, heffalumps and other "Tigger-fically frightening" tricks and treats with Winnie the Pooh's Frankenkoop, Winnie the Pooh: To You, Too! and the award-winning Winnie the Pooh and the Blustery Day. Spooky fun for the whole family. Spine-tingling treats, Oreos, Cheetos & boxed juice will be served. Book Purchase tickets by October 24. \$2. Room: 10-250. Sponsor: MITAC.

**3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Movie Screening.** A screening of the honest reporting movie "Relentless: The Struggle for Peace in Israel." Followed by a moderated discussion. Free. Room: 6-120. Sponsor: UA Finance Board, MIT Students for Israel.

**4:00 p.m. - Camatic Instrumental.** Kadri Gopalnath (Saxophone), A. Karyakumari (Violin), Dhendankottai Mani (Thavil). General - \$25 or \$12 students or Members - \$18 or \$10 students. Room: Wong Auditorium. Sponsor: MIT Heritage of South Asia in cooperation with Sangam.

**7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Lilya 4-Ever.** \$3. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

**8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - International Folk Dancing (participatory).** International folk dancing. Teaching and beginners' dances from 8 to 9 p.m. A mixture of all skill levels from 9 to 11 p.m. Our repertoire includes dances from Eastern Europe (Bulgaria, Romania, Serbia, Croatia, Greece, and others) as well as other parts of Europe and the rest of the world (Israel, France, Russia, even England and the U.S.). We will move to La Sala de Puerto Rico if it is available. MIT/Wellesley students free; \$1 donation (or more) requested from others. Room: Student Center room 491. Sponsor: Folk Dance Club.

**10:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. - Pirates of the Caribbean.** \$3. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

## Monday, October 27

**10:00 a.m. - Admissions Information Session.** Free. Room: Admissions Reception Center. Sponsor: Information Center.

**10:45 a.m. - Campus Tour.** Free. Room: Lobby 7. Sponsor: Information Center.

**12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - WinPartners Meeting.** Featured Presentation: Configuring Apache using SSL. Free. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: MIT User Groups.

**12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Advanced Geometry as Mediator.** This is the fourth in a series of seven public sessions on "Design at the Frontier of Engineering and Architecture." Charles Walker is a leading designer in the Advanced Geometry Group at the London office of Anup and he will be discussing the role of advanced geometry in innovative architectural and engineering design. Free. Room: 7-431 (AVT). Sponsor: Department of Architecture, Building Technology Program.

**12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Sustainable Development Seminar Series: Sustainable Agriculture.** Professor Fitzgerald will discuss agricultural industrialization in 20th century North America. Free. Room: 3-343. Sponsor: Students for Global Sustainability, MIT Student Pugwash, Design that Matters, Engineers Without Borders, Large Event Funding.

**2:00 p.m. - Admissions Information Session (Followed by Campus Tour).** Free. Room: Admissions Reception Center. Sponsor: Information Center.

**2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Monday Research Seminar.** Exploring the 4-d Superconformal Zoo. Free. Room: Center for Theoretical Physics. Sponsor: Laboratory for Nuclear Science.

**2:45 p.m. - Campus Tour.** Free. Room: Lobby 7. Sponsor: Information Center.

**3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Environmental Fluid Mechanics Seminar: The Hydrodynamic Impact of Submerged Vegetation.** The hydrodynamic impact of submerged vegetation. Free. Room: 1-350. Sponsor: Civil and Environmental Engineering.

**3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Crosstalk: How technology enables faculty and educational institutions to build collective knowledge of teaching and learning.** Dr. Toru Iyoshi, Director of the Knowledge Media Lab, from the Carnegie Foundation will give a talk on "Open Pedagogical Knowledge: How technology enables faculty and educational institutions to build collective knowledge of teaching and learning." Free. Room: 4-237. Sponsor: Academic Computing.

**4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - No Exchange with the Dead: The Economy of Transplantation in Turkey and the United States.** STS Colloquium. Free. Room: E51-095. Sponsor: STS.

**4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Symplectic linear algebra and Gromov-Witten theory.** Free. Room: 2-143. Sponsor: Differential Geometry Seminar, Mathematics Department.

**4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - SMA Seminar Series: Nanomechanics of single biological cells and connections to human diseases.** The presentation will begin with a general overview of situations with known links between single cell nanomechanics and human health/diseases. Free. Room: 10-250. Sponsor: Mechanical Engineering Dept. SMA Seminar Series and the Materials Research Society University Chapter at MIT.

**5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - UVA Law School Presentation.** Information session with Chiyu Liang, second-year law student and MIT alumnae and Susan Palmer, Dean of Admissions. Free. Room: 2-131. Sponsor: Career Services Office.

**6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - Mitaly October Meeting.** The first meeting of this year for Mitaly. Introducing MIT Italian students association to anyone interested in Italy and its culture. Free. Room: TBA. Sponsor: MITALY.

**7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Queer Women in Academia: Dinner and Discussion.** A discussion will take place, with two faculty members and two students, one undergraduate and one graduate, telling what their experiences have been as a queer woman in academia. Dinner 7:30 p.m. Discussion 7:30-9:00 p.m. Free. Room: Rainbow Lounge, Walker, 3rd Floor. Sponsor: lgbt@mit, QWILLTS.

**7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Subhankar Banerjee's photographic journey through the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.** Subhankar Banerjee, award-winning photographer and author of Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: Seasons of Life and Land, will show his slides of ANWR. Free. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: Ter-rascope.

# MIT Women's V-Ball Third in NE Region

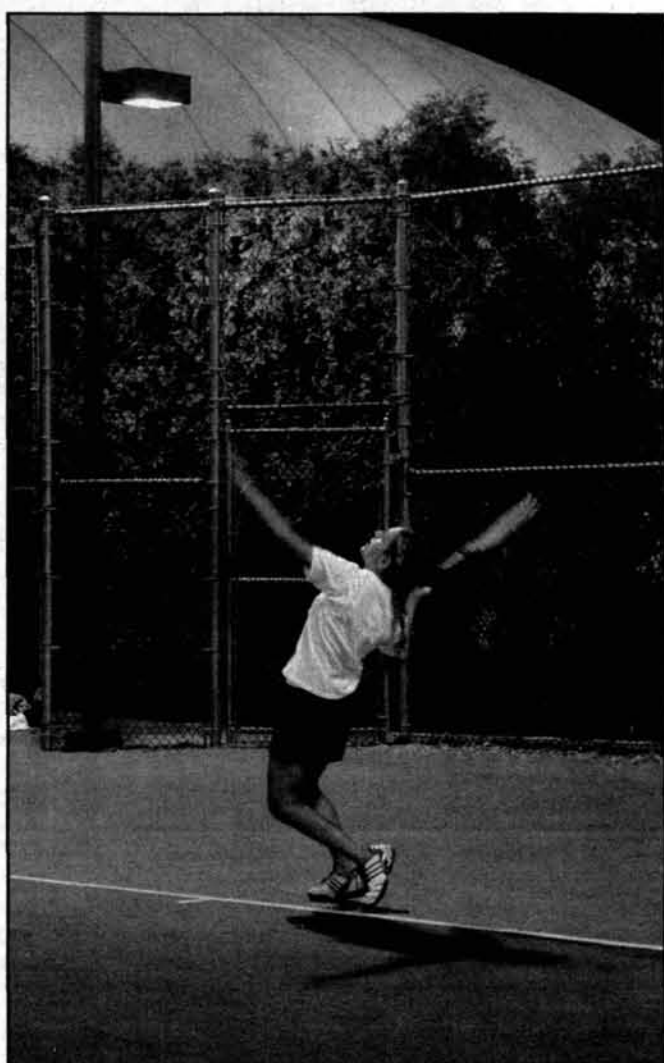
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third game, the Bears, behind some momentum and an inspired crowd, caught fire and rolled to a 30-21 win to force a fourth game.

The Engineers responded early and emphatically when on the first point of the fourth game, outside hitter Nydia M. Clayton '04 put a ball straight down sending a forceful "Can you hear me now?" message to Coast Guard. MIT dominated the game from start to finish and polished off the game 30-17 to win the match 3-1.

Clayton led the attack with 22 kills, while Caroline D. Jordan '06 and Frances M. Rogoz '07 added 13 and 12 kills, respectively. Austin Zimmerman '06 dished out 49 assists, and Arlis A. Reynolds '06 added 7 service aces. The defense was anchored by Jacklyn Y. Wang '06 who dug up 18 of the oppositions kill attempts.

The Engineers are currently 20-4 and ranked third in the 70 team New England Region. They will host conference rival Wellesley College on Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 7 p.m. in Rockwell Cage.



RENÉ CHEN—THE TECH

Jaclyn E. Cichon '05 serves the ball during the MIT Women's tennis match against Worcester Polytechnic Institute on Tuesday, Oct. 21. The Engineers defeated WPI 8-1.

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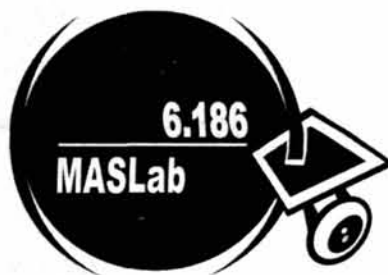
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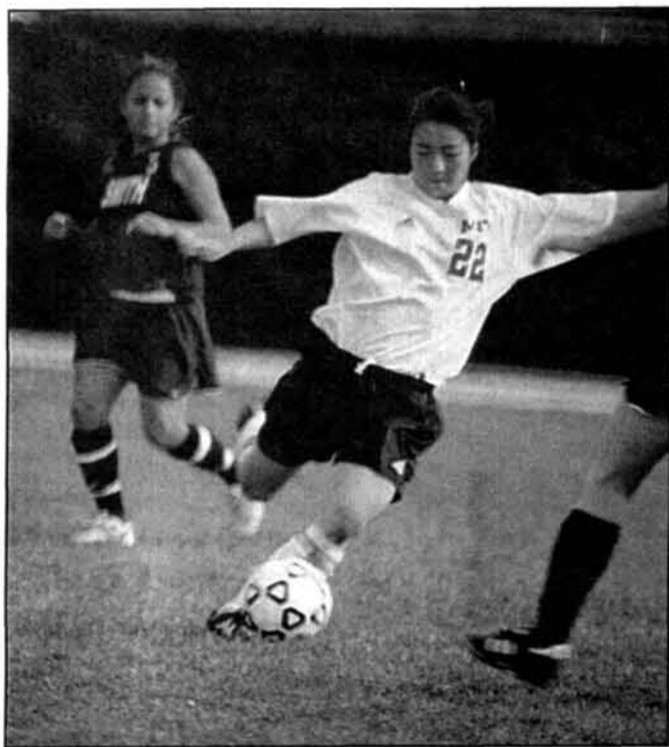
## Tech Women's V-Ball Record Goes to 20-4

By Paul Dill  
TEAM COACH

The women's varsity volleyball team secured its 11th straight twenty win season this week with a win at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. The team travelled down to their conference rival knowing they

would face a strong Coast Guard squad and a very hostile and loud crowd. The Engineers ate up the great atmosphere and took it right to Coast Guard in the first two games, controlling and winning both games 30-22 and 30-21, respectively. However, with a 20-17 lead in the

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Airis Yonekura '05 boots the ball past her opponent last Saturday in a game against Smith College. The MIT Beavers tied 1-1 in double overtime, bringing their record to 7-4-3.

## NFL: Where Are the Winners?

By Brian Chase

There are few certain things in sports other than cheating, which everybody does, and choking, which only the Cubs and Red Sox do regularly. Everything else is as dependable as Boston weather. This is especially true in the NFL, which has more turnover from the top ranks to the bottom each year than just about any other team sport. Consider: the two undefeated teams left in the league, the KC Chiefs and Minnesota Vikings, were a combined 14-18 last year, and neither even made the playoffs. Even more interesting are the fates of last year's Super Bowl teams, the Oakland Raiders and Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Let's break them down. Shall we?

### Tampa Bay Buccaneers (3-3)

Last year, the Bucs won the Super Bowl on the back of a vicious defense that was fast and tenacious. It is all too obvious that that defense is on hiatus, dead, or just plain gone. The Bucs have struggled to beat good passing teams, and they let the Indianapolis Colts come back from 21 points down in less than five minutes! More than just poor secondary, it has been noted that the Bucs can't tackle well, and so they sometimes let small plays break into big ones. Vocal defensive lineman Warren Sapp is not having half the year he did last year; in fact, the only lineman really contributing on defense is Simeon Rice. Because their defense cannot provide the constant support it did just a few months ago, their offense has more pressure

to win games, and that is not a playoff strategy for this team.

### Oakland Raiders (2-5)

As mediocre as Tampa Bay has played, they have nothing on the suicidal free-fall of the Oakland Raiders. Last year, the Raiders were the best offensive team in sports, and I don't mean their trash talking. They had veteran receivers in Tim Brown, Jerry Rice, and Jerry Porter, and quarterback Rich Gannon was as dangerous running out of the pocket as passing from it. But this year, everything seems to have caught up to the Raiders at once. Jerry Porter was injured to start the season, exposing the fact that without him, there is little speed in the receivers. Gannon is now stationary in the pocket and getting knocked around like a rag doll by pass rushers, because the offensive line can't stop anybody. Their defense wasn't great to begin with last year, and like the Bucs offense, putting more pressure on that squad has had dire consequences. Fingers are being pointed, players are surly, and coach Bill Callahan looks like he has no control. The last ray of light for the Raiders is that Gannon was injured in last Monday's game, and backup QB Marques Tuiasosopo looks like he could get the passing game going

again. It may be too late to save their season, though.

### Games of the Week:

**Tampa Bay Buccaneers vs. Dallas Cowboys:** This could very well be the game where the baton of power in the NFC is passed. The Cowboys, under new coach Bill Parcells, have surpassed everyone's expectations and look like a playoff-bound team. The Bucs look like a team that has yet to get into the form it had last year. The Bucs are due for their fourth win after being blown out by San Francisco last week, but this Cowboys team has a killer passing attack, exactly the type that the Bucs have lost two games to this season. The trend continues. Dallas wins, 28-10.

**Cleveland Browns vs. New England Patriots:** The Browns are an inconsistent team, one week dominating and the next diminutive. The Pats have been playing on pure heart and guts the entire season, and it is starting to give them the confidence to make a playoff run. This will be a good test for them, if the right Browns team shows up. The Browns' biggest weakness is the run, so the Pats must rely on running back Mike Cloud for a big day. Look for a low-scoring Pats win, 14-6.

## UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

### Saturday, Oct. 25

9 a.m., Varsity Women's Tennis, NEWMAC Tournament  
10 a.m., Varsity Men's Soccer, Clark  
1 p.m., Varsity Women's Field Hockey, Mount Holyoke  
2 p.m., Varsity Football, Nichols

### Sunday, Oct. 26

11 a.m., Varsity Women's Tennis, NEWMAC Tournament

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