



Korean Student Association members form a flower in a traditional Korean fan dance during the annual Korean culture show in Walker on Saturday. DMITRY PORTNYAGIN—THE TECH

## Transgendered Added To Anti-Bias Policy

By Keith J. Winstein  
NEWS EDITOR

MIT has added protection for transgendered individuals to its Nondiscrimination Policy statement, making "gender identity" the first newly protected category since "sexual orientation" was added in 1981.

The change was part of a February proposal by the Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay and Transgendered Issues Group that had been widely endorsed by student and faculty government groups.

Neither MIT nor the students seemed to expect the textual change to have a great practical effect. The proposal "states specifically that their proposal was not in reaction to problems on campus, but was, they thought, an important step to reaffirming and affirming MIT's policy about equal opportunity and fair treatment," said Philip Lima, the coordinator of staff diversity initiatives, who helped shepherd the proposal.

### ROTC sentence also revised

MIT's Academic Council, a group of deans and vice presidents, also voted to revise a sentence about MIT's opposition to the military's ban on open homosexuals participating in the Reserve Officer Training Corps or the military itself.

The new statement will no longer include the text, "On the recommendation of the Faculty, MIT is working to develop a modified on-campus ROTC program open to all students," said Chancellor Phillip L. Clay PhD '75, the chairman of the ROTC Implementation Committee.

The sentence was added after MIT's faculty voted in 1996 "to develop, in collaboration with the

Department of Defense, ROTC units at MIT that are open to all MIT students and that encourage tolerance through inclusive participation in their programs."

"At the time the original statement was published," Clay said, "we were actually working very hard to create a different program, but that was not successful, and we did not update the language."

"For a brief time that opportunity seemed to exist, but we weren't successful," he said. "That was what we were doing in '96-'97. That's not something we're presently working on. Although if we had an opportunity to do, we would seize it just like we seized it in '96-'97."

"This is not a change in policy," Clay said. "We are basically updating the statement."

The sentence will be replaced with: "MIT continues to advocate for a change in DOD policies and regulations concerning sexual orientation, and will replace scholarships of students who lose ROTC financial aid because of these DOD policies and regulations," using the abbreviation for Department of Defense.

The changes were approved by the Academic Council on Oct. 21 and appear to have been first disclosed last week. Several staff members involved in proposing the changes said yesterday they were unaware that Academic Council had approved the changes.

A Department of Defense spokeswoman did not return a request for comment.

### GaMIT mixed on changes

Allen Rabinovich '04, the presi-

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## Early Applications Drop Twenty Percent; Yale, Others Alter Policy

By Angelin R. Baskaran  
STAFF REPORTER

MIT received 2,865 early action applications this year, approximately 20 percent less than the 3,579 it received last year.

The decrease was expected because of changes in the early application system at Harvard, Yale, and Stanford Universities, three of MIT's major competitors, said Dean of Admissions Marilee Jones.

All three schools have switched to a "single-choice early action" policy that restricts students so that they

can apply early only to that school, although they may then apply to any school in the regular process regardless of the admissions decision.

Yale and Stanford previously had early decision programs, which bind any accepted student to attending that university. Harvard had a non-binding early action program similar to that of MIT's current system.

Yale and Stanford have seen significant increases in their early applicant numbers as reported in *The New York Times*, about 42 and

62 percent respectively, while Harvard experienced a decrease of approximately 47 percent.

### MIT not considering new option

MIT has not yet considered moving to the new single-choice early action system.

Jones said that "limiting choices is not an MIT value. Besides, at present, we do have a de facto exclusive EA pool," she said, referring to

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## Morss Hall Will Soon Be Open to Student Groups

By Michael Sekora

Morss Hall in Walker Memorial will be available for use by student groups and MIT following the closing of dining services in the spring of 2004.

Possible uses for the space include a practice area for dance performance groups during the day. MIT also plans to use the space for catered events and conferences, said Director of Campus Dining Richard D. Berlin III.

There are currently no plans for immediate renovations or improvements to the space, however, said Director of the Campus Activities Complex Phillip J. Walsh. Walker "does have limitations," he said, and possible renovations would total \$50 to \$60 million according to estimates made in 1995 and 2002. He said he foresees small investments for improvements, but not in the near future.

A new dining service will open

in the Stata Center in January, and the decision to close Walker's lunch service was made because "the size of our campus customer base cannot sustain both the Walker dining and Stata dining locations," Berlin said.

### New space available for groups

Walsh said Walker no longer serving lunch means that it will be available more often for student groups to reserve.

Despite additional hours and flexibility during the day, using Morss during the evening may continue to be a problem because event space is at a premium. MIT also plans to use the space for faculty events and conferences, some of which would occur in the evening.

Walsh said he envisioned that Walker will be used for faculty and conference events, alumni and recruiting events, departmental par-

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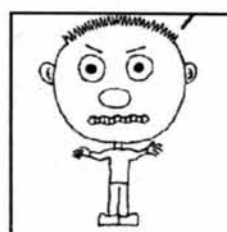


A twisted construction fence obscures the view of Edgerton House from Albany Street. House residents met Monday evening with representatives from Novartis, the future occupants of the former Necco factory, to discuss noise issues caused by the construction site. DANIEL BERSAK—THE TECH



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# WORLD & NATION

## Plea-Bargain Strategy Quickens Pace at War Crimes Tribunal

THE NEW YORK TIMES

THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS

The U.N. tribunal for the 1990s war crimes in the Balkans is suddenly rushing through its backlog of cases, adopting a controversial American strategy to promote plea bargains with much-reduced sentences in exchange for cooperation and guilty pleas.

The abrupt shift after seven years of methodical, if plodding, trials came in response to intense pressure from the U.N. Security Council and particularly the Bush administration, which pays almost a quarter of the tribunal's current \$120 million annual budget and has little sympathy for such international courts. The council has demanded that the court end all investigations next year and complete its trials by 2008.

"It's been a very strange six months," said one court official. "The whole attitude has changed, with procedures speeding up, a lot of guilty pleas and trials halted as a result."

Since May, eight defendants, a record number, have accepted deals with the prosecution and pleaded guilty to various crimes related to the wars that broke up Yugoslavia.

## Despite Lacking Latest Virus, Flu Vaccine Is Thought to Work

THE NEW YORK TIMES

The influenza vaccine now being given was not developed to protect against a strain of the virus that has surfaced in this country this fall, but the government is optimistic that it will stave off outbreaks, a top federal health official said Monday.

But animal studies suggest that the strains of virus included in the vaccine are close enough to the new one that the vaccine will still protect, said Dr. Julie L. Gerberding, the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Still, she warned, the United States could face a severe epidemic this year, given that the flu season began unusually early and has hit Texas and Colorado particularly hard.

"It's a little too early to say whether or not this portends the worst flu season we have had in a long time," Gerberding said in a telephone news conference. Her agency is responsible for tracking and controlling infectious diseases.

She said she was "sounding the alarm" to urge more people to get flu shots to "nip this problem in the bud." The center does not know how many people have received flu shots this season. "People have the impression we are doing better this year than last year, but we do not have the data to back that up," she said.

## France Acts Against Anti-Semitism

THE NEW YORK TIMES

PARIS, NOV. 17

Reflecting concern that disaffected Muslim youths are behind anti-Semitic acts in France, President Jacques Chirac on Monday called an emergency high-level meeting to approve measures to stop attacks on Jewish sites.

The meeting, which was attended by Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin, approved a package that included tougher policing and prosecution, but also sweeping urban renewal investments to clean up neighborhoods thought to breed Islamic extremism.

"Anti-Semitism is contrary to all the values of France," Chirac told reporters. Noting that Jews had lived in French lands for centuries, he added: "Our Jewish compatriots are at home in France, as is each and every one of our compatriots."

Chirac was moved to speak out by the latest attack on a Jewish site in France. Early on Saturday, a Jewish school north of Paris was destroyed in an arson fire. Raffarin told reporters after the meeting that the government would earmark the equivalent of almost \$8 billion for urban renewal in tough areas with heavy Muslim populations.

# U.S. Troops Leave Iraqi City, Hand Control Over to Iraqis

By Dexter Filkins

THE NEW YORK TIMES

BAGHDAD, IRAQ

A U.S. commander is preparing to pull troops back from Ramadi, a city at the center of guerrilla activity, and turn it over to Iraqi officers, an experiment that could change the course of the occupation of Iraq.

The commander, Maj. Gen. Charles H. Swannack Jr., of the 82nd Airborne Division, said in an interview last week that troops stationed in Ramadi might be ready to withdraw as early as January. About 18,000 Americans are stationed in Anbar province, with several thousand of those in Ramadi, military officials said.

Swannack said his troops would "stand back" outside the town, ready to help the Iraqi police when needed, but otherwise leaving policing duties to them. To help prepare the Iraqis, he said, the U.S. soldiers have begun joint patrols with them.

Ramadi, the provincial capital, with about 250,000 residents, has been a center of armed resistance against the U.S. occupation. About 80 miles west of Baghdad, it is in the heart of the area north and west

of the capital known as the Sunni Triangle, which is generating most of the attacks against Americans.

"By January or February, we will start backing away and letting them do it," Swannack said of the Iraqi police. "We will become the backup and the checkers if they aren't doing something right," he added in the interview, at his headquarters in Ramadi.

The plan, if it works, would represent a significant shift in U.S. efforts to pacify areas dominated by Sunni Arabs, who benefited the most from the reign of Saddam Hussein. The plan seems to dovetail with Washington's recent push to accelerate the transfer of political responsibilities to the Iraqis.

Many Iraqi leaders have been urging U.S. commanders to take a lower profile, saying their presence alone is prompting resentment and violence against the Americans.

The question in Ramadi is how well the Iraqi security forces, assembled and trained by the Americans, sometimes with great haste, will perform on their own. Some security forces in Anbar are not fully equipped with guns and radios. Many of the province's 4,000 Iraqi police officers have not

gone through the training courses taught by the Americans, officials said.

American and British commanders have executed similar pullbacks, but in cities dominated by Kurds, Shiite Muslims and Christians, groups that have been largely receptive to the occupation.

The plan outlined by Swannack appears to be the broadest attempt so far to pull U.S. troops back from a city dominated by Sunni Arabs. A more limited transfer was tried in Fallujah in July.

The 18,000 soldiers under Swannack's command are spread across a wide desert expanse. Anbar province, particularly the areas around Ramadi and Fallujah, has been the center of resistance against the occupation since 15 Iraqis were killed by U.S. soldiers during a riot in Fallujah in April.

The violence has risen sharply. In September, U.S. soldiers were attacked 340 times in Anbar; in October, there were 450 attacks.

But Swannack said he had made steady progress in Ramadi, not just in training security forces but also in winning over allegiance from residents. Ramadi currently has about 1,600 Iraqi police officers.

# China Proposes Fuel Efficiency Standard Stricter Than in U.S.

By Keith Bradsher

THE NEW YORK TIMES

GUANGZHOU, CHINA

The Chinese government is preparing to impose minimum fuel-economy standards on new cars for the first time, and the rules will be significantly more stringent than those in the United States, according to Chinese experts involved in drafting them.

The new standards are intended both to save energy and to force automakers to introduce the latest hybrid engines and other technology in China, in hopes of easing the nation's swiftly rising dependence on oil imports from volatile countries in the Middle East. They are the latest and most ambitious in a series of steps to regulate China's

rapidly growing auto industry, following moves earlier this year to require air bags for both front-seat occupants in most new vehicles and to require that new family vehicles sold in major cities meet air-pollution standards nearly as strict as those in Western Europe and the United States.

Some popular vehicles now built in China by Western automakers, including the Chevrolet Blazer, do not measure up to the standards the government has drafted, and may have to be modified to get better gas mileage before the first phase of the new rules takes effect in July 2005.

The Chinese initiative comes at a time when Congress is close to completing work on a major energy bill that would make no significant

changes in America's fuel economy rules for vehicles. The Chinese standards, in general, would call for new cars to get up to two more miles to a gallon of fuel than the average allowed in the United States; for sport utility vehicles, the Chinese minimums would be 1.7 to 2.7 miles per gallon higher than U.S. averages.

China's economy is booming, and a growing upper class of affluent Chinese in big cities like this one is rapidly buying all the accoutrements of a prosperous Western life, including cars. As China burns more fossil fuels, both in factories and in a burgeoning fleet of motor vehicles, its contribution to global warming is also rising faster than any other country's.

## WEATHER

### Who Says You Have to Go With the Flow?

By David Flagg

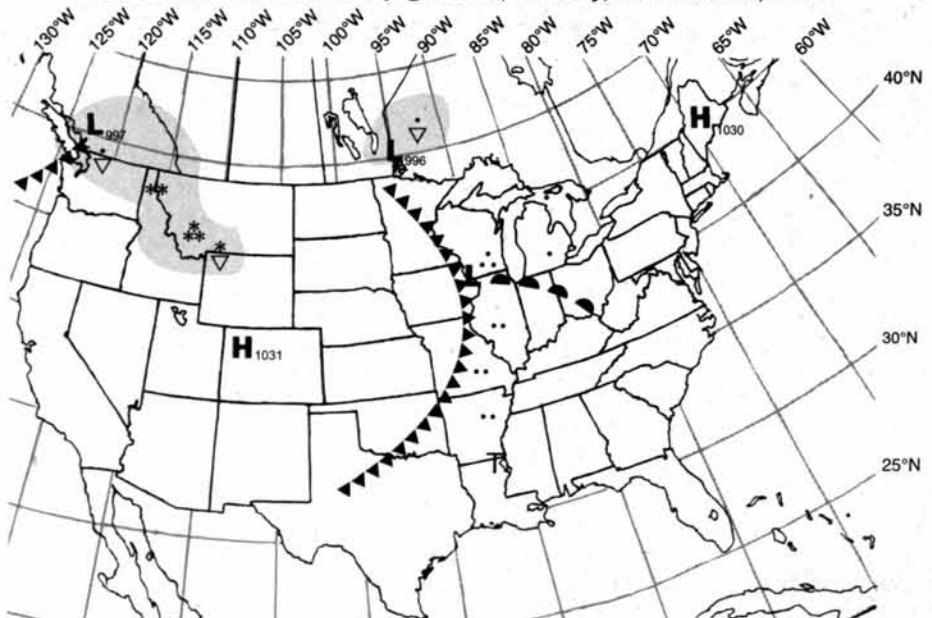
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

After a fairly pleasant start to the work week, the weather will start to head downhill for Boston on Wednesday. A mature cyclone over the Midwest will move eastward during the day on Tuesday, spreading showers and thunderstorms from the Gulf Coast through the Great Lakes. As the storm approaches New England on Wednesday, it will amplify the southerly winds already in place due to the exiting high pressure center over the Canadian Maritimes. However, it will also spawn the development of another cyclone off the coast of the mid-Atlantic. This is a phenomenon in meteorology known as a "cut-off low" because it is a cyclone that detaches from the jet stream, along which most cyclones travel. Cut off from the "steering winds" that guide most cyclones, its speed and motion are often unpredictable, making the forecast difficult for the end of the week. Currently, it looks like the front will affect our area from late Wednesday into Thursday and the cut-off low will take over on Friday and possibly into the weekend. Be sure to check Friday's issue for an update.

#### Extended Forecast

**Today:** Partly sunny. High 50°F (10°C).  
**Tonight:** Increasing clouds. Low 43°F (6°C).  
**Tomorrow:** Cloudy with showers possible by evening, windy and mild. High 59°F (15°C).  
**Tomorrow night:** Rain developing. Low 51°F (11°C).  
**Thursday:** Overcast with rain likely. High 57°F (14°C).  
**Friday:** Continued overcast with rain likely. High 56°F (13°C).

Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Tuesday, November 18, 2003



Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
H High Pressure	- - - Trough	Snow * (triangle)	Fog
L Low Pressure	— Warm Front	Light Rain * (circle)	Thunderstorm
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	— Stationary Front	Heavy Rain *** (circle)	

Compiled by MIT Meteorology Staff and The Tech

# AARP Endorses Medicare Bill Covering Prescription Benefits

By Robert Pear  
and Robin Toner  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

AARP, the largest and most influential organization of older Americans, threw its weight on Monday behind a bill that offers drug benefits to the elderly as part of the biggest transformation of Medicare in its 38-year history.

President Bush and Republican leaders in Congress stepped up their efforts to win votes for the legislation, which would give private health insurance companies a huge new role in Medicare. AARP's endorsement, long coveted by Republicans in Congress, was considered a critical step in the drive for passage of the legislation this year.

The endorsement provides a seal of approval from an organization with 35 million members — and political cover for lawmakers against Democrat charges that the bill would undermine the government insurance program for the elderly and disabled. The organization will support

the bill with \$7 million worth of newspaper and television advertising this week, and officials said they were prepared spend more.

Still, some Democrats, led by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts, escalated their attacks on the legislation. Kennedy called it a dangerous attempt to "privatize" Medicare, "using our seniors as guinea pigs." Many Senate Democrats were clearly torn over the bill, which delivers a prescription drug benefit the party has sought for many years but would also, many argue, undermine the program over the long term.

Kennedy stopped short of threatening a filibuster to block the bill, which has the support of some moderate and conservative Democrats; the party was expected to discuss that question in a caucus on Tuesday. But leading Republican strategists said they did not expect a filibuster because, they asserted, the political fallout for the Democrats from blocking a vote would be so great.

After Kennedy's scathing remarks on Monday, Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the assistant Republican leader, defended the legislation on the Senate floor. "This is a good deal for America's seniors," he said. "We'll have all of this unless the Senate obstructs it."

Republican spokesmen expressed confidence that they could sell the plan to their own ranks, including conservatives long troubled by such a large expansion of an entitlement program. "We're very upbeat," said John P. Feehery, spokesman for Dennis Hastert, speaker of the House.

The sweeping legislation, estimated to cost \$400 billion over 10 years, offers outpatient drug coverage for the first time to the 40 million Medicare beneficiaries.

But the biggest issue in the coming battle is not the drug benefits. In the complicated compromise that produced the legislation, Republicans insisted on many provisions aimed at injecting market forces and more competition into Medicare.

# Muhammed Found Guilty by Jury In Sniper Trial, Deliberation Brief

By James Dao  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.

After a monthlong trial that recreated 16 shootings in gripping detail, a jury on Monday convicted John Allen Muhammad of murdering Dean H. Meyers at a Virginia gas station last fall as part of a plot to terrorize Washington, D.C., and its suburbs.

The jury of seven women and five men took just seven hours to decide that Muhammad directed a 23-day shooting spree intended to extort \$10 million from the government by spreading panic. Ten people in the Washington area were killed during the rampage.

As the jury's 55-year-old foreman, a retired Navy pilot, announced the guilty verdicts before the silent courtroom, Muhammad stood bolt upright, stared straight ahead and maintained the same stone-faced pose he has struck throughout the trial.

But moments after the verdicts were read, Kwang Szuska, the sister of Hong Ballenger, a Korean immigrant who was killed outside a beauty supply store in Baton Rouge, La., last year, burst into loud sobs in the audience. A few seats away, Katrina Hannum, the

daughter of another shooting victim, Linda Franklin, squeezed her eyes closed and silently fought back tears.

The trial moved on Monday afternoon into the penalty phase, when jurors must decide whether to sentence Muhammad, a 42-year-old Gulf War veteran, to death or life in prison without parole. Testimony is expected to last one week.

Muhammad was convicted of two counts of capital murder, one for committing multiple murders in a three-year period and the other for killing to further a terrorist scheme. The jury also found Muhammad guilty on charges of conspiracy to commit murder and the illegal use of a firearm.

"Your decision will put John Muhammad in a box of one form or another," Jonathan Shapiro, one of Muhammad's lawyers, told jurors. "One is made of concrete. And one is made of pine."

Lee Boyd Malvo, an 18-year-old Jamaican who was arrested with Muhammad in a battered Chevrolet Caprice on Oct. 24, 2002, is on trial in the nearby town of Chesapeake on charges that he assisted in the killings.

Robert Meyer, one of Dean Meyer's three brothers, told

reporters after the verdict that justice had been served and that he would consider the death penalty "an appropriate response" to the "heinous" crimes. But he said he did not think the pain from his brother's murder would ever go away.

"There is always an open wound that remains," he said.

During a three-week presentation, prosecutors portrayed Muhammad as the calm, cold-blooded captain of a "killing team" that methodically gunned down randomly selected victims, ranging from a 13-year-old student to a 72-year-old Haitian immigrant.

Though Muhammad was charged in just Meyer's killing, the prosecution presented more than 130 witnesses and 400 pieces of evidence relating to 16 shootings in four states and the District of Columbia in arguing that Muhammad devised and directed a terrorist scheme.

Without a confession or eyewitnesses who could identify Muhammad as the shooter in any of the crimes, the prosecution managed to construct a powerful case using circumstantial evidence, including a Bushmaster .223-caliber rifle that police found in Muhammad's car.

# Chicago Sun-Times President Resigns In Scandal, Parent Company for Sale

By Patrick McGeehan  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

Conrad M. Black, the Canadian press baron who sought to build a global collection of newspapers with a conservative bent, is quitting as chief executive of his company and putting it up for sale after an internal investigation revealed on Monday that he and his partners had received \$15.6 million in unauthorized payments.

A sale of the company, Hollinger International, either as a whole or in parts would likely bring an end to the big-media ambitions of Lord Black. A Canadian-born British lord, he started his empire with a pair of weekly newspapers in Quebec and expanded it to span half the globe and contain the *Chicago Sun-Times*, the *Daily Telegraph* in London, the *Jerusalem Post*, and a stake in the New York Sun.

Along the way, he assembled a high-powered board of directors that includes former Secretary of

State Henry Kissinger and Richard Perle, the former chairman of the Defense Policy Board, as well as his wife, Barbara Amiel Black, who is a newspaper columnist.

Now, under pressure stirred up six months ago by angry shareholders, he is stepping down as an executive of the publishing company. But to the dismay of some of those investors, Black plans to stay on as chairman while an investment bank, Lazard, seeks buyers. Investment bankers and analysts said they expected the company to be broken up with each of its major papers going to a different buyer.

The company said David Radler, its president and the publisher of the *Sun-Times*, also resigned and that he and Black would repay the company more than \$14 million. It also named a new management team led by Gordon A. Paris, a director and investment banker, who is scheduled to succeed Black as chief executive on Nov. 21.

"The present structure of the group clearly must be renovated," Black said in a statement that showed he had softened his defiant stance. At the company's shareholders meeting in May, he said it was important to ensure that "corporate-governance crusaders don't throw the baby out with the bath water."

At that raucous meeting, he announced the formation of a special committee of directors, a move that, though probably unavoidable, may have led to his downfall. Some analysts said on Monday that, given the committee's findings so far, they believed Black's eventual departure from the company and its newspapers was inevitable even though he still has voting control.

But not all of his critics believe Black will go so quietly.

"I think that he will do everything he can to cling on," said Roy Greenslade, a professor of journalism at the City University of London who is a media columnist for *The Guardian*.

# Studying Eruptions Using Volcanoes

THE NEW YORK TIMES

NEW YORK

Tucked away in a 4-foot-high, blue steel box in the American Museum of Natural History in Manhattan, a few steps from the tourists milling among the hot dog stands outside, is a 2,000-degree speck of magma — molten rock, held under terrific pressure — from the catastrophic eruption of Mount Vesuvius in Roman times.

Yes, this is the stuff that exploded and rained down on Pompeii in A.D. 79. Dr. James Webster, geologist, and his associates gathered pumice from the slopes of Vesuvius, and now he is cooking and squeezing the material to the same temperatures and pressures it had in the seething belly of the volcano before the eruption.

And like some diabolical brewmaster, he has spiked the mixture with the one original ingredient the pumice was lacking: the volatile gases that had been dissolved in the Vesuvian magma, the gases whose explosive release threw ash into the stratosphere and sent deadly clouds called pyroclastic flows racing down the slopes of the volcano. Webster is, in effect, putting the fizz back into flat champagne.

This little chemistry experiment is part of a worldwide effort to understand what makes volcanoes — darkly famous names like Mount St. Helens and Pinatubo and Krakatau and Vesuvius — go bang.

# Germany Extradites to U.S. Two Suspected of Aiding Al-Qaida

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

A prominent Yemeni cleric and his assistant, accused of funneling money to al-Qaida from Muslim supporters in New York and elsewhere, will face conspiracy charges in the United States, officials said Monday.

German authorities, who apprehended the two men earlier this year in a sting operation, agreed to turn the men over to the United States after they were assured that the defendants would not face a military tribunal or the death penalty, officials said.

The men, Mohammed Al Hasan al-Moayad and Mohammed Mohsen Yahya Zayed, were flown to the United States on Sunday. It was first time that Germany — a major ally in the U.S. campaign against terrorism — has extradited terrorism suspects to the United States since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, officials said.

Moayad and Zayed appeared in federal court Monday afternoon in Brooklyn, N.Y., where they said through Arabic-language interpreters that they understood the charges against them. A federal magistrate ordered them held without bail.

Moayad, a cleric at one of the biggest mosques in Yemen's capital, Sana, is regarded as an important financier for al-Qaida, and American officials said he once boasted that he personally delivered \$20 million to Osama bin Laden to support holy war causes.

# Rumsfeld Offers South Koreans Assurances on Deterrence

THE NEW YORK TIMES

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld reassured South Korea on Monday that efforts to reorganize American forces in South Korea would not diminish either the capacity or commitment to deter aggression by the North.

Rumsfeld and his South Korean counterpart, Cho Yung-kil, issued a statement endorsing plans to relocate all American troops from their positions standing guard between Seoul and the demilitarized zone along the border with North Korea, first consolidating them in camps north of Seoul before basing them south of the capital. Seoul is 30 miles from the border.

Pentagon planners say that the relocation is not a retreat from American responsibilities, but that it will give U.S. forces an advantage in surviving and responding to a North Korean attack.

Certainly, Rumsfeld sought to reassure the Seoul government that the new language of transformation at his Pentagon would enhance rather than harm South Korea's most important military alliance. He spoke of how new technologies and new strategies would increase the American military's capacity to defend South Korea.

"We are making excellent progress," Rumsfeld told President Roh Moo-hyun, who received his visitor in a room adorned with a painting of Yi Dynasty military maneuvers.

# Rare Infection Threatens To Spread in Blood Supply

THE NEW YORK TIMES

A parasitic infection common in Latin America is threatening the United States' blood supply, public health experts say. They are especially concerned because there will be no test for it in donated blood until next year at the earliest.

The infection, Chagas disease, is still rare in the United States. Only nine cases are known to have been transmitted by transfusion or transplant in the United States and Canada in the last 20 years.

But hundreds of blood recipients may be silently infected, experts say, and there is no effective treatment for them. After a decade or more, 10 percent to 30 percent of them will die when their hearts or intestines, weakened by the disease, explode.

Chagas is still little known in the United States, but in Mexico, Central America and South America, 18 million people are infected, and 50,000 a year die of it.

Because the disease is most common in rural areas from southern Mexico to northern Chile, the threat is greatest in American cities with many immigrants from those areas.

Across the United States, said Dr. David A. Leiby, a Chagas expert at the American Red Cross, the risk of getting a transfusion of infected blood is only about 1 in 25,000.

But in 1998 in Miami it was found to be 1 in 9,000, he said, and in Los Angeles the same year, he measured it at 1 in 5,400, up from 1 in 9,850 only two years earlier.

No more recent study of the blood supply has been done.

# OPINION

## A Message for DKE and the IFC

Judgment has been passed on Delta Kappa Epsilon. Now that the appeals process has ended, DKE will lose their house and the ability to hold Rush activities until the conclusion of Rush 2004. It is important for all parties involved to make sure that it will

be an effective means of rehabilitation for the embattled fraternity, in keeping with the stated notion that the sanctions were not intended to permanently hinder the fraternity from operation.

By being prohibited from engaging in Rush with the rest of the Interfraternity Council next fall, DKE will be left vulnerable when allowed to move back into their house, since they will be forced to draw from a smaller pool of potential pledges. While this is certainly an intended consequence of the punishment, in previous years such a drain would be more easily overcome. Given the recent changes in the housing system, membership is a far more sensitive issue. This will be a challenge to the DKE brotherhood that they can overcome; however, they should not be forced to do it alone, as this would likely be an insurmountable task.

The IFC's main principle is to protect each of its member houses, and the system as a whole. This means that it is critical for the IFC to help ensure DKE's survival after the year-long punishment is over. DKE is already suffering a membership crisis as is; in order to come out of this situation on top, the IFC's help is required and should be expected.

Members of DKE should take this opportunity to think about what assistance may be helpful for them, and the IFC

should be welcoming to any requests that do not dilute the impact of the sanction, but prevent the sanction from permanently debilitating the fraternity.

The campus has much to learn from this trial, however, for future disciplinary cases. IFC Judcomm should consider whether their prescribed punishments will have the intended effects in today's fraternity system. Events of the last few years have put many fraternities in difficult positions financially, and the current punishments may assume houses have a resilience that does not exist.

Another issue that this case reveals is that by following their own procedures so well, even with punishments many would consider harsh, the IFC has already protected DKE and themselves from a possible breakdown of order. Many accusations have been made that DKE's punishment was motivated by rivalries and grudges between fraternities; these accusations have no merit in light of the procedure. The IFC should be commended on following their pre-determined procedure and sentencing guidelines, but should take this opportunity to re-examine their procedures to ensure that no future cases will be left without a firm plan of action. Had a plan not been in place, the judgement would have been more arbitrary and the legitimacy of the decision may have been more seriously questioned.

In the meantime, DKE will be relocated. The brothers do have a challenge ahead of them, one that will hopefully strengthen their group. It will then be up to not only DKE, but the IFC and the MIT community, to help DKE rehabilitate and ensure that their organization remains strong.



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### Editorial



## Letters To The Editor

### On Repetition

The end of Aimee Smith's latest column ["Betrayed by My Country," Nov. 14] suggests that she feels that if she publicly repeats certain anti-Israel slurs as many times as she's had to repeat the Pledge of Allegiance, people will start to believe them. For example, she would have you assume that Israel is "apartheid." If so, it's a very odd form of apartheid, in which Rifat Turk, the deputy mayor of Tel Aviv, Israel's largest city, is an Arab, as are multiple members of the country's Knesset (Parliament), all elected to office under the same rules and by the same populace as their Jewish colleagues. To those who are interested in reading a detailed critique of the type of false claims about Israel's origins and nature that Dr. Smith and others often sneak into these pages, I strongly recommend the just-published paper "An Answer to the New Anti-Zionists" by Dore Gold and Jeff Helmreich at <http://jcpa.org/jl/vp507.htm>.

Isaac Moses G

### Problems with DAPER?

This evening at 11:05 p.m., while attempting to drop by the Z-Center to watch a bit of late night IM hockey, I was strongly reprimanded by desk staff for entering the facility (when the desk was closed but the rink was still open) as other students were leaving.

It is my opinion that the Z-Center is there for the benefit of students, staff, alumni. To enhance their experience with MIT, I believe the DAPER mission statement so speaks.

After many encounters I do not believe the current attitude of the desk staff and the 11 p.m. lockdown is serving this purpose. I believe the lockdown only serves the purposes of the Z-Center outside management agency.

I remember the old days when a boy/girlfriend or spectators could drop by to watch or pickup a hockey player after 11 p.m. (the games run until midnight), rather than waiting out in the rain. DAPER has ended this.

I remember the old days when a player

running late could arrive at 11:05 p.m. and play in their game rather than being locked out for little good reason.

I remember the old days when friends who had forgotten their sticks or IDs from the 10-11 p.m. game could return to pick them up rather than being locked out.

The hockey rink used to be open to all and unstaffed at most hours. I don't recall there being excessive crime problems with that method.

I remember the old days when employees of an outside management service didn't harass me for going under the red tape when I was arriving as a spectator and didn't make me feel like I had committed a crime by entering the facility to watch a friend's hockey game at 11:05 p.m.

DAPER employee and facilities management policy continues to detract from my feelings of goodwill toward MIT. For me, between 11 p.m. and 12 a.m., things are not better than they were before. Why is there a policy in effect which is serving DAPER rather than the MIT community?

Tad Artis '86

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# A Message from DKE

Tom Kilpatrick and Mark Jury

Recently Delta Kappa Epsilon was sentenced to one year of organizational probation (until October 23, 2004) by the Interfraternity Council Judicial Committee, or Judcomm. "Organizational suspension of privileges," as defined by IFC, includes revocation of housing rights, social events, and recruitment.

DKE appealed this sanction on questions of severity, fact, and procedure. On Oct. 24, Judcomm notified us that our appeal had been denied on the questions of fact and procedure and partially denied on the question of severity. The date on which we can move back into our house was changed to "the day after pledge day 2004," to be determined by IFC.

### Question of severity of sanction

Our main concern with the punishment levied by IFC was its severity. As far as the charges that we were found guilty of, we admit to holding an event during a prohibited period. The remainder of the charges regard an unregistered event, which depends on the 1:1 "guest-to-occupant" ratio.

We do not admit to these charges because the definition of "guest" is ambiguous. We believe that it is unclear if we violated this event registration rule. We acknowledge that DKE has a poor track record over the past three years (the time frame considered by Judcomm). However, to kick a fraternity out of its house for a year and especially to prohibit it from recruitment is a heavy blow.

In our original decision, Judcomm wrote, "The Review Board wants to see Delta Kappa Epsilon come back after your suspension and thrive in the community." Given that our suspension includes suspension of rush, this statement seems disingenuous.

Perhaps the key to understanding the punishment we received is DKE's history over the last few years. The original decision stated that the Aug. 23 party was not enough to warrant suspension, but the actions of DKE brothers over the last three years was.

DKE has a lot of incidents on record with MIT, and while some of these are trivial, several are not — for example, an alcohol infraction during the 2002 Campus Preview Weekend and open alcohol at an MIT hockey game in 2001.

However, we have made changes and done penance. In the summer of 2002 we realized that change was necessary, and made

the painful decision to ask an active brother to leave the house. Also we began serving a seven-month term of social probation, successfully completed in April.

Thus the incident on Aug. 23 was the first in more than a year. With the classes of 2002 and 2003 gone and a new class of pledges entering, we feel the character of the house has changed. We hope to leave the attitudes of the past behind us. It is with these hopes that the sanctions are especially disheartening.

Another major point of our appeal was the misconception that DKE was on IFC probation at the time of the party. After the summer of 2002, the house was placed on social probation until April 2003. After completing the designated probation without incident, we were taken off social probation and decided to go on "chapter probation" under an agreement worked out between Dean Rogers and the DKE alumni association.

The spirit of this "chapter probation" was to keep a close watch on the activities of DKE, and not to destroy the chapter should another small incident occur. This was not the "organizational probation" as defined in the Judcomm bylaws.

Nonetheless Judcomm treated the case as if we were already under the severe "organizational probation" and decided to take the next step of suspending our house. This probation issue was not even addressed in the appeal decision letter.

### Question of fact

Our main point here was that IFC's BYOB ("bring your own beer") policy, which was put in place as part of IFC's greater risk management policy for parties, has not been and is not enforced. So it is not fair that DKE was punished for failure to adhere with the BYOB policy. The Judcomm appeal board, however, decided that this "would not have significantly affected the outcome of the case."

*(Editor's note: The BYOB policy requires that a bartender collect the alcohol from guests in exchange for a wristband, and during the party mark the wristband for a drink and only to that guest. It also calls for a limit of six drinks per guest.)*

### Question of procedure

On Oct. 15 DKE had a hearing before the Judcomm review board, the proceedings of which were the basis for our original sentence. The Judcomm bylaws state that the

review board secretary shall "tape hearings (deliberations are private and not taped) for the purpose of appeals and provide them to the chair as necessary."

Our hearing was not taped. Thus the appeals board, which consisted of different review board members than the original hearing, never heard the proceedings of the trial. Their only information came from Judcomm Chair David Gottlieb G and the review board secretary.

In the appeal decision letter Gottlieb wrote that "even if the Bylaws were interpreted as the way you presented them in your appeal, the Board felt that the breaching of this procedure did not have a significant effect on the outcome of the case."

So Judcomm did not follow the proper procedure, and instead of granting a retrial dismissed the problem as insignificant. This attitude is reflected in an e-mail from Dean Steven Tyrell of the Office of Student Discipline to DKE president Brandon Hohm G, dated Oct. 21: "I am also not aware of any past hearings prior to my arrival a year ago where a judcomm hearing was taped. So, taping the hearings has not been a practice of panels for some time now."

### Looking ahead

It is obvious that the support structure is not in place to properly enforce sanctions like those handed down by Judcomm, as it is still unclear where DKE brothers are going to live the remainder of the year. Our alumni association, who owns our house and is responsible for enforcing the sanctions, was not even contacted until after the original decision was handed down.

Further we'd like to call into question the concept of interfraternity policing. In an organization like the IFC, individuals can assume great power. And these individuals are bound to be confronted with conflicts of interest, as a rival fraternity being punished can aid one's own fraternity in rush, status on campus, etc. These conflicts of interest can cloud the judgment of those in positions of power.

These things being said, DKE is committed to successfully serving our period of organizational suspension and remaining part of the Interfraternity Council and the MIT community. We will do whatever it takes to make that happen.

*This column was principally written by Tom Kilpatrick '04 and Mark Jury '04 on behalf of the brothers of DKE.*

# A Pro-Life Perspective

To the Editor:

I read with some interest Sandra M. Chung's opinion piece "Sifting Through Anti-Abortion Propaganda." As a scientist, I think that it is important to apply careful

## Letter

logic to any question, and logic is something I unfortunately found lacking in her defense of abortion rights, including her criticism of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban. The facts of the abortion issue are quite straightforward. We are at MIT, so let us examine the basic scientific facts, free of all propaganda. If you do not believe me, look it up.

From the moment of conception, a distinct human being is present. It may be a single cell, or a fetus, or an infant, or an octogenarian. These are all natural stages of human development, but science irrefutably establishes the beginning of human life at conception. Abortion, therefore, kills a developing human being. This is an objective fact, not a moral or religious assertion. The question under debate, then, is that of the appropriate time to begin protecting this human being.

After the birth (but not conception) of a human being, our society has laws in place to protect its life from murder. Thus, it would seem that we have chosen birth as the moment after which the laws of murder apply to a human being (there exist legal exceptions here, but they do not seem to be binding on the mother). If the process of birth is important enough to be the event that bestows on a human being its legal rights, it is entirely logical to ban a procedure that so effectively blurs the legal line between murder and abortion — between the "born" and the "unborn."

The Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, contrary to popular charges against it, was not signed into law in order to tell a woman what she can or cannot do with her own body. Rather, the law was put into place to tell her what she cannot do to the body of the human being developing inside her. Namely, she cannot procure the services of someone to deliver it partially, perform an overt act to kill it (usually involving the puncturing of its skull with a sharp instrument and the removal of its brains with a vacuum), and then complete the delivery of its dead remains.

Perhaps Ms. Chung's most disturbing

statement is that "you should still question the idea that Congress has any business legislating morals, especially when legislated morality clashes with your personal morality." I have seen too many insane individuals for which rape and murder are perfectly acceptable "personal moralities" buy into this ideology. Like it or not, our entire legal system is based on morality, and we are the better for it.

I take no offense to those who would try to defend abortion through rational argumentation. Though I do not agree with the legality of any abortion procedure, I will respect those who do not share my views and their right to free speech. However, I do not think that illogical arguments have a place in this ongoing debate. If Ms. Chung wishes to assert that illogical propaganda that "misses the point" has no place in the abortion debate, I would agree with her on this point. Unfortunately, I think that her writing displayed a significant amount of pro-abortion propaganda and very little logical reasoning, and I would be remiss if I did not point this out.

Adam Nolte G  
MIT Pro-Life



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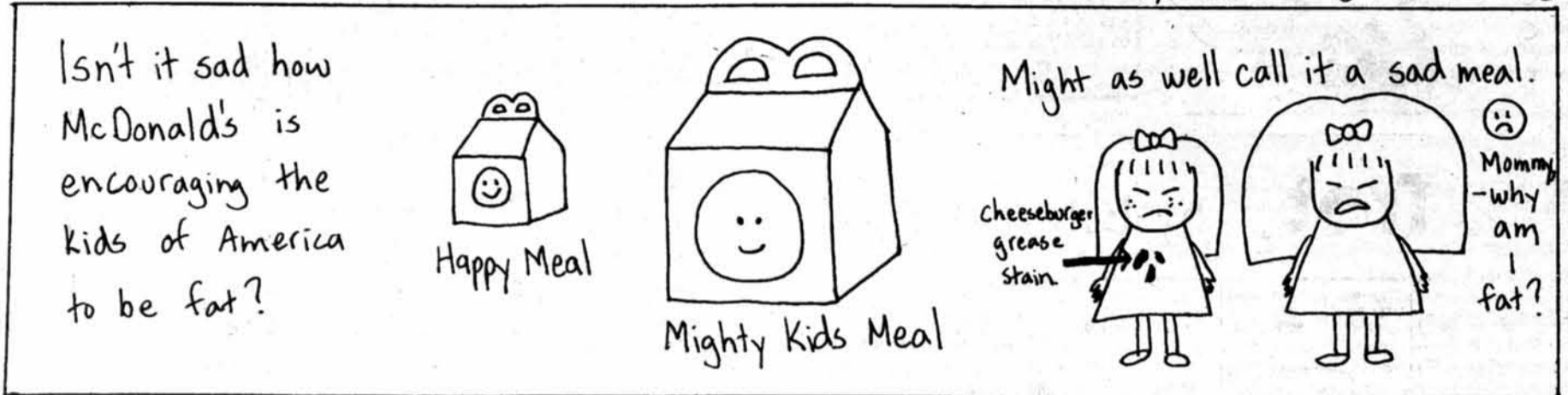
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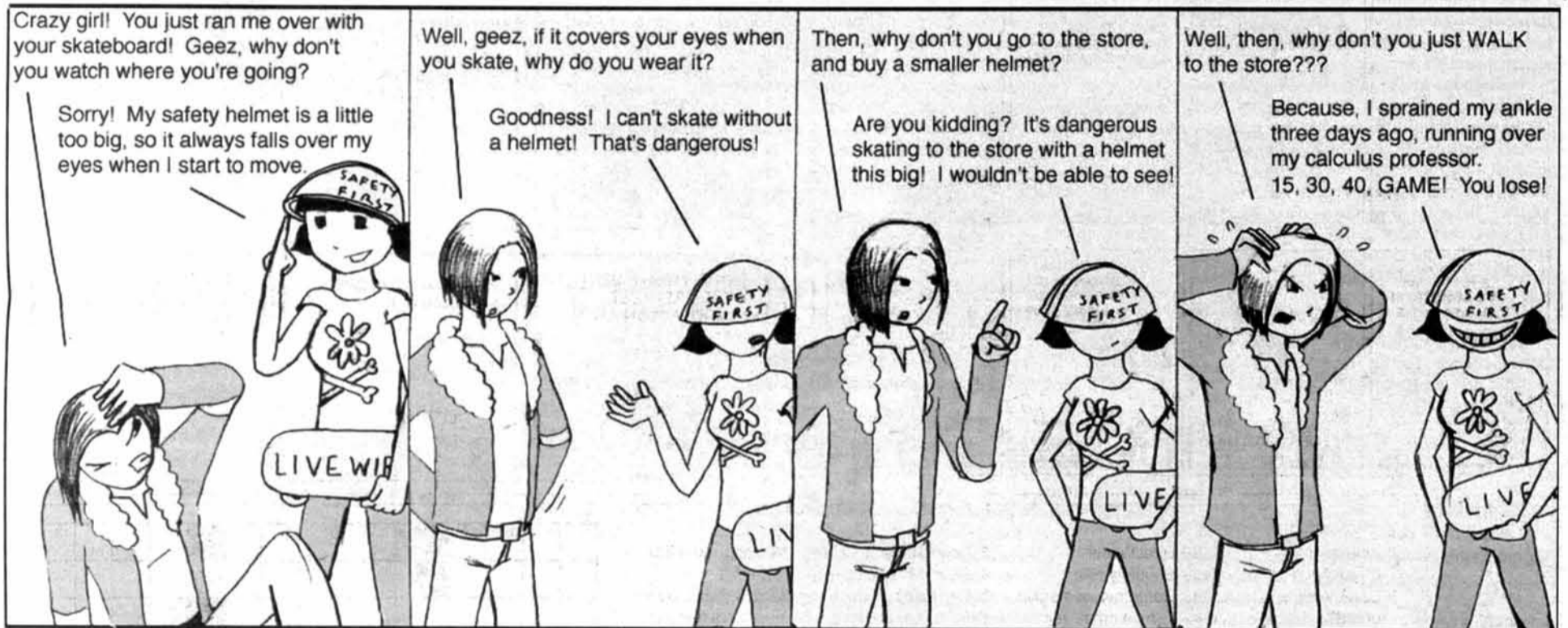


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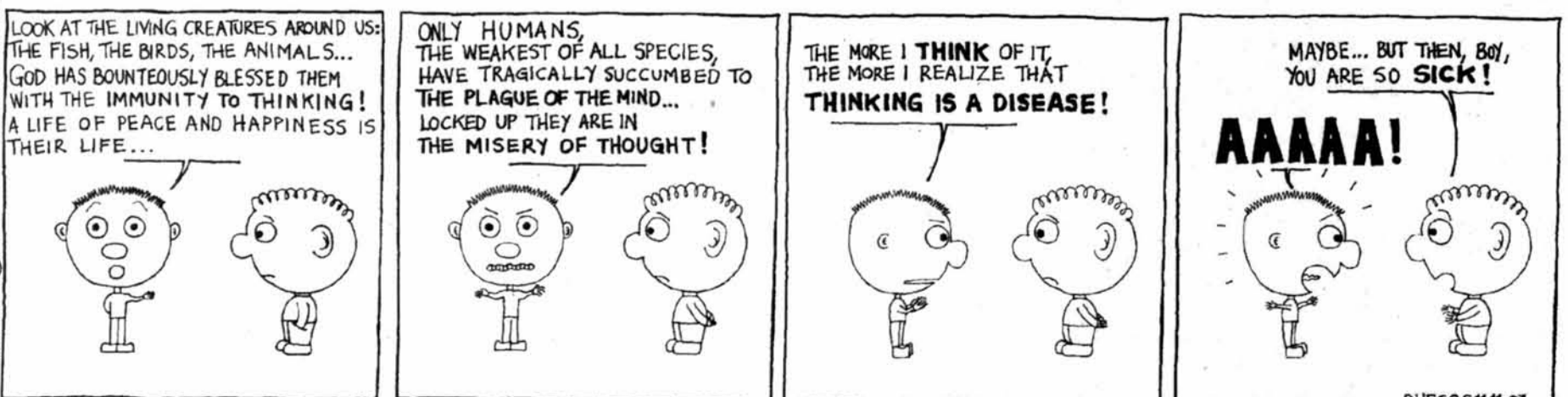


## Life on the Lam: A day w/ Saddam Hussein



Author's note: It Sucks so much, it deserves to be slammed a second time.

thinking is a disease





WE RECENTLY RECEIVED THIS LETTER FROM ONE OF OUR READERS:

Dear PhD:  
I thought Grad School was soulless and dreary, but your strip makes it seem like fun. It seems to create a lot of comedic situations. I think I'll give it a try. Thanks!  
-a reader from U. Calgary

IN RESPONSE TO THIS DISCONCERTING LETTER, THE PRODUCERS OF THIS STRIP HAVE ASKED ME TO EXPLAIN A LITTLE ABOUT HOW WE WORK HERE AT "PILED HIGHER AND DEEPER"...

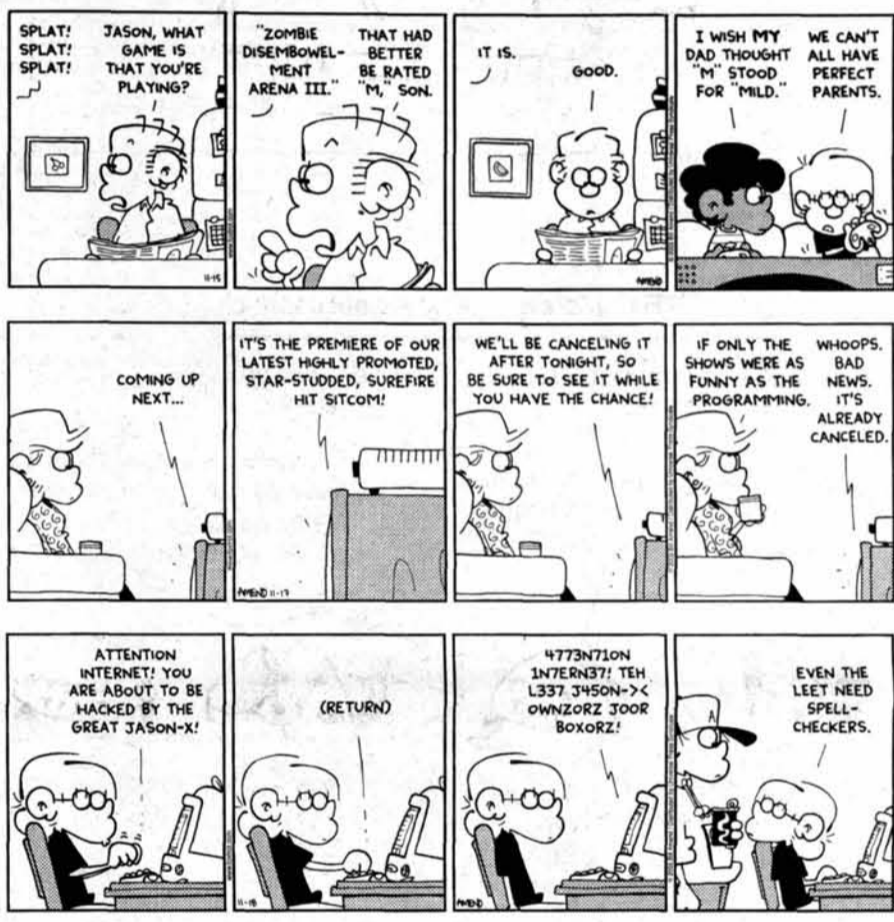
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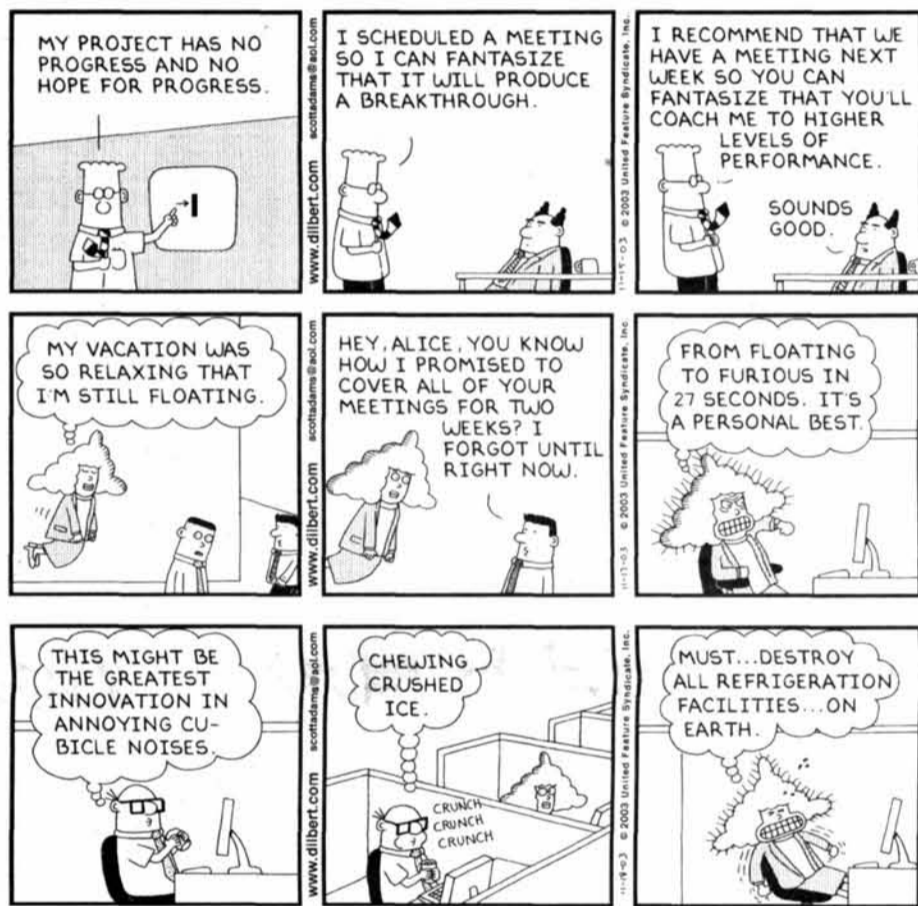
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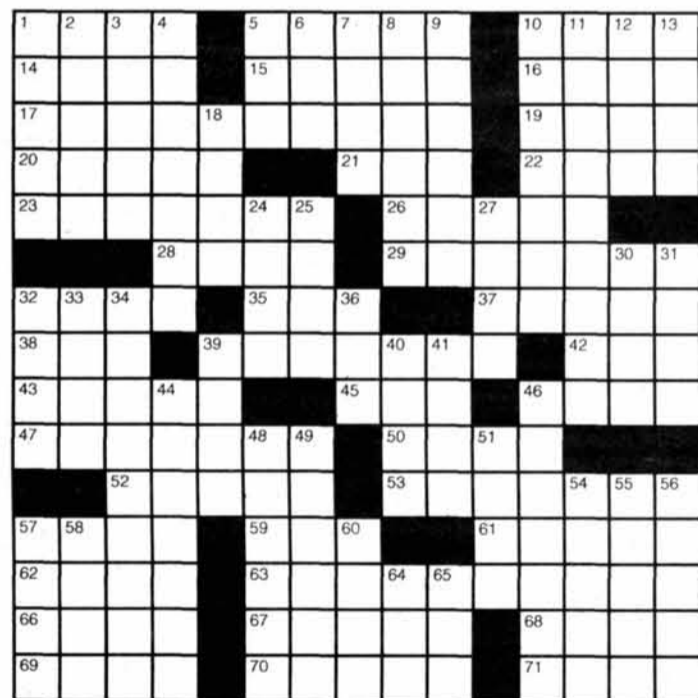
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  - 16 Shine brightly
  - 17 Marginal
  - 19 Wife of 46D
  - 20 Rumbling with rumors
  - 21 Morse unit
  - 22 Crooner Bennett
  - 23 Pampas homemakers
  - 26 Bestow upon
  - 28 Brad or spike
  - 29 Flier's backup
  - 32 Be in accord
  - 35 Buck lover
  - 37 Steeple top
  - 38 Jug handle

- 39 Direct route
  - 42 Bobbsey twin
  - 43 Contemptuous smile
  - 45 G-man employer
  - 46 Penny
  - 47 Empress of the past
  - 50 Foot twelfth
  - 52 Sample recordings
  - 53 Top angels
  - 57 Baby shower gift
  - 59 Chute-\_\_chute
  - 61 Time for a shower?
  - 62 Habeas corpus, e.g.
  - 63 Ultimate cost
  - 66 Clearasil's target
  - 67 Tell's missile
  - 68 Frosted
  - 69 Rid oneself of
  - 70 Tractor maker
  - 71 Monster's loch
- DOWN**
- 1 Rum cakes
  - 2 Clay-and-straw brick

- 3 Second airing
- 4 Receiver's goal
- 5 Black goo
- 6 Mansion wing
- 7 Kind of rain
- 8 Raving lunatic
- 9 Left jab, right cross
- 10 Vanity voyage?
- 11 Pedigree
- 12 Beethoven's birthplace
- 13 Rock from side to side
- 18 Pound of poetry
- 24 Assistant
- 25 Gin cocktail flavoring
- 27 Basilica section
- 30 Setting of Camus' "The Plague"
- 31 Camp shelter
- 32 Witty remark
- 33 Fleming and McKellen

- 34 Depression Era queue
- 36 Reindeer tender?
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**8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - 2003 MIT Engineering/Manufacturing Conference.** Free to MIT community. Advanced Registration Required. Room: Bldg E51 - Wong Auditorium. Sponsor: Office of Corporate Relations/ILP.

**10:00 a.m. - Admissions Information Session.** Groups over 15 people need to make special reservations. Free. Room: Admissions Reception Center. Sponsor: Information Center.

**10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - MIT/WHOI Joint Program Coffee-Donut-Bagel Hour.** An opportunity for MIT and WHOI based students to interact on the days when Joint Program classes are held in Woods Hole, Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the semester. Room: Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Student Center, 3rd Floor, Clark Laboratory South. Sponsor: WHOI Student Organization, GSC, EGSAC.

**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. Free. Room: Lobby 7. Sponsor: Information Center.

**12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Modern Optics and Spectroscopy.** Lecture series. Free and refreshments will be served. Room: 34-401. Sponsor: Spectroscopy Laboratory.

**12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - All-Optical Signal Processing.** Please bring a bag lunch, refreshments provided. Free. Room: Von-Hippel Room, 13-2127. Sponsor: MIT Japan Program, MISTI.

**12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - TPP Lunch Talk - Is Scientific Conflict of Interest an Ethical Issue?** This talk explores the ethical and legal foundations of conflict of interest in the sciences and asks whether scientific conflict of interest represents an ethical problem or is just a matter of political correctness. Professor Sheldon Knisky shall argue that there are different ethical foundations of conflicts of interest in government and in science. Free. Room: E51-372. Sponsor: Technology Policy Student Society.

**12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - The Clinical Approach to Managing Stress.** The Clinical Approach to Managing Stress: This lecture will review the relationship between stress, the stress response, and illness. It will include a discussion on coping and the effects adaptive versus maladaptive coping have on health. Recommendations for improved coping will be reviewed. Free. Room: 5-217. Sponsor: MIT Medical.

**1:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - 25th Anniversary Technology Conference: Discovery Innovation and Vision in Action.** We'll celebrate the Cambridge Forum's 25th Anniversary with a conference, an exhibit hall, and a networking dinner. At the conference, hear technology leaders from Analog Devices, Ford Research, Kodak, Natick Army Labs, Partners Healthcare, Texas Instruments, and others — what excites them, what they see looking forward, what this means for entrepreneurs and others. Celebration dinner afterwards. Join our networking dinner that includes a fun-filled look back at the first 25 years of the Cambridge Forum. This workshop is designed for those interested in the impact of technology on their business over the next decade. See Web site for pricing information. Room: The Sheraton Boston. Sponsor: MIT Enterprise Forum of Cambridge, Inc.

**2:00 p.m. - Admissions Information Session.** Free. Room: Admissions Reception Center. Sponsor: Information Center.

**2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Joints Tufts/CIA/MIT Cosmology Seminar.** Chameleons and awaiting surprises for tests on gravity. Free. Room: Kolker Room 26-414. Sponsor: Laboratory for Nuclear Science.

**2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Plankton Patchiness and Brownian Bugs.** Free. Room: Building 2, Room 338. Sponsor: Physical Mathematics Seminar.

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

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**3:30 p.m. - Lester Wolfe Workshop.** Free. Refreshments will be served. Room: 34-401. Sponsor: Spectroscopy Laboratory.

**3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - MIT Public Service Center 15 year Birthday Celebration.** Celebrate 15 years of service with the MIT Public Service Center. Exhibits in Lobby 10 running most of the afternoon with additional exhibits in Lobby 13. Free. Room: MIT Lobbies 10 and 13. Sponsor: MIT Public Service Center.

**4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Nuclear Theory Seminar.** Localization in Lattice QCD. Free. Room: Center for Theoretical Physics. Sponsor: Laboratory for Nuclear Science.

**4:00 p.m. - MIT Astrophysics Colloquium: Roger Blandford.** The 2003 Bruno Rossi lecture in astrophysics. Astrophysical Black Holes: The Current View. Free. Room: 37-252. Sponsor: Astrophysics.

**4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Resumes for International Students.** This workshop is specifically geared to international students interested in learning the fundamentals of creating strategic resumes, CVs, and cover letters. All workshops require pre-registration. Register for workshops at <http://web.mit.edu/career/www/services/workshops.html> and choose Calendar of Workshops. Free. Sponsor: Career Services Office.

**4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - GTI Seminar Series.** The Value of Environmental Technology in Commercial Aviation: Making Better Technology Choices to Improve Performance and Reduce Costs. Free. Room: 33-206. Sponsor: Gas Turbine Laboratory.

**4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. - Information Transport and Computation in Nanometer-Scale Structures.** John Wulf Lecture. Refreshments will be served in the Chipman Room following the lecture. Free. Room: 6-120. Sponsor: Dept. of Materials Science and Engineering.

**4:30 p.m. - 9:00 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: lbgt@mit.

**4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Photonic Network Technologies.** Refreshments provided. Free. Room: 13-2127. Sponsor: MIT Japan Program, MISTI.

**4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - CEE Graduate Women's Group.** At this meeting, Prof. Neff will answer questions about balancing work and family. In addition, students will offer words of advice to those taking the doctoral general exam in January. Free. Room: Spofford Room 1-236. Sponsor: CEE Administrative Staff.

**5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Sustainable Energy vs. Renewable Energy - Where Are We?** Ed Kern will discuss the current state of energy policy for renewables in the context of sustainable development. He will offer his outlook on energy policy and his views on renewable versus sustainable energy sources. Free. Room: TBA. Sponsor: Students for Global Sustainability, Design that Matters, Engineers Without Frontiers, MIT Student Pugwash, Large Event Funding.

**5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - BCS/DMC Autism Journal Club.** Autism — General Overview. Free. Room: E25-202. Sponsor: Brain and Cognitive Sciences.

**6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - the mit e-club weekly tuesday meeting.** The regular weekly tuesday meeting of the mit entrepreneurs club. Stay for our mit 6-credit seminar sem.095 on tech start-ups (sem.089 in fall term). Free. Room: 56-114. Sponsor: Entrepreneurs Club.

**6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Tuesday Evening Toastmasters @ MIT: Weekly Club Meeting.** At Toastmasters, members learn by speaking to groups and working with others in a supportive environment. Guests are welcome. Free. Room: 2-147. Sponsor: Tuesday Evening Toastmasters @ MIT.

**6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Dinner @ Six.** A monthly dinner providing "food for thought" with guest MIT faculty and administrators. Twenty student guests each session. Free with reservation. Room: W11 Small Dining Room. Sponsor: Hillel, MIT.

**6:30 p.m. - Bubbles Blue and Red Against the Desert.** Architecture Lecture by Peter Cook, architect, Bartlett School, London. Free. Room: 10-250. Sponsor: Department of Architecture.

**7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Graduate Student News Meeting.** Free. Room: 50-220. Sponsor: GSC Meetings.

**7:00 p.m. - Building Suburbia.** For almost two centuries, Americans have been moving to the suburbs in search of affordable family housing, unspoiled nature,

and small-town sociability—only to find that their leafy new neighborhoods are part of a growing metropolitan sprawl. Groundbreaking theorist Dolores Hayden explores the interplay of natural and built environments, the hidden role of the federal government, and the religious and ideological overtones of the "American dream" embedded in the suburbs. Free. Room: Cambridge Public Library. Sponsor: Women's Studies Program. Center for New Words.

**7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - LBGT and Questioning Student Support Group.** Free. Room: 5-104. Sponsor: lbgt@mit, Women's Studies Program, Student Life Programs. Counseling and Support Services, MIT Medical.

**7:00 p.m. - This Land is Your Land?** Two MIT students spent much of the summer working with Navajo and Hopi communities in Arizona to help preserve a sustainable way of life. They will present their work and explain how others can get involved in similar projects around the hemisphere. Free. Room: MIT Room 66-110. Sponsor: MIT Western Hemisphere Project.

**7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Inventor's Tutorial.** The Design that Matters Inventor's Tutorial will educate and inspire students to develop technology for underserved communities. The event will be followed by a reception where students will have the opportunity to meet faculty mentors and community partners who have design challenges for student teams. Free. Room: 6-120. Sponsor: GSC Funding Board, Design that Matters. Testa, Hurwitz, and Thibeault, LLP.

**7:45 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. - Graduate Christian Fellowship Bible Study.** Currently studying: "Experiencing God" (Blackaby and King). Free. Room: Eastgate. Sponsor: Graduate Christian Fellowship.

**8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - GSC/S-P Arts Class series.** Arts class for all levels. Drawing and painting. See website for more information and registration details. Five dollars. Room: Sidney-Pacific Graduate Residence. Sponsor: Sidney-Pacific House Council, GSC Activities, ARCADE.

**9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - LIVEmusic@theEAR: MIT Dance Music Coalition.** Free. Room: The Thirsty Ear Pub. Sponsor: The Thirsty Ear Pub.

## Wednesday, November 19

**8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - 2003 MIT Engineering/Manufacturing Conference.** Free to MIT community. Room: Bldg E51 - Wong Auditorium. Sponsor: Office of Corporate Relations/ILP.

**10:00 a.m. - Admissions Information Session (Followed by Campus Tour).** Free. Room: Admissions Reception Center. Sponsor: Information Center.

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

**11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Optics & Quantum Electronics Seminar.** Controlling Microscopic Dynamics on an Attosecond Timescale. Free. Room: 38-401B. Sponsor: Optics.

**12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - GAME Luncheon Seminar Series.** Two Mechanical Engineering grads each give a 25 minute talk on their research. Lunch is provided. Free. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Graduate Association of Mechanical Engineers.

**12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Object Lessons: The Graphic Language of Architecture.** Architects communicate their visions, ideas, and instructions by means of drawings to everyone involved in the collaborative process of design and construction — patrons, clients, builders, etc. In the Museum's monthly series of brown bag gallery talks, Gary Van Zante, MIT museum curator of architecture and design, spotlights drawings from the Museum's architecture and design collections to explore how design ideas are conveyed. Free. Refreshments provided. Room: MIT Museum. Sponsor: MIT Museum.

**12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - PLC Toastmasters Meeting.** Free. Room: W89-305. Sponsor: Toastmasters, MIT Organization and Employee Development, Human Resources.

**1:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - spouses&partners@mit weekly meeting: Boston Symphony Hall Tour.** Meet at the MIT Coop in Kendall Square at 1:15 p.m. \$3 donation for tour. Contact Jennifer at 617-253-1614 or [reck@med.mit.edu](mailto:reck@med.mit.edu) if you would like to attend. Free. Room: Meet at MIT Coop in Kendall Square. Sponsor: Salsa Club, spouses&partners@mit, MIT Medical, MIT Women's League.

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

**2:00 p.m. - The Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences Special Seminar.** Alan P. Jasanoff, PhD, Whitehead Fellow, MRI of Neural Networks, Whitehead Institute Toward Molecular Imaging of Brain Circuitry in Awake Animals. Free. Room: 68-180. Sponsor: Brain and Cognitive Sciences.

**2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - String Theory Seminar.** Quantum Geometry and the Fate of Cosmological Singularities. 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. - 5:00 p.m. - TechLink Lab Tours - Attendance Limited.** RSVP Required - Labs to be visited include the Auto-ID, Plasma Science and Fusion Center, Laboratory for Electromagnetic and Electronic Systems, Langer Lab, Design Rationale Group of Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Lab. Free. Sponsor: Techlink.

**4:00 p.m. - Environmental Chemistry and Biology Seminar.** Protein folding defect limits the production of phage at elevated temperatures. Free. Room: NE20-285. Sponsor: Civil and Environmental Engineering.

**5:10 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. - Worship Service.** All students, staff and faculty are welcome at our weekly worship service. Free. Room: MIT Chapel. Sponsor: Lutheran-Episcopal Ministry.

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

**6:00 p.m. - Varsity Wrestling vs. Roger Williams.** Free. Room: DuPont Athletic Center

**6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner.** Weekly dinner. Share a meal with a friend. For McCormick residents and friends on the guest list. \$6.50. Sponsor: McCormick Hall.

**6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Bi-weekly GaMIT Meeting.** GaMIT's bi-weekly meetings. E-mail for agenda or more information. Free. Sponsor: GaMIT.

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

**7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Tech Model Railroad Club Meeting.** This is an informal meeting when we design and build the layout and run trains. Visitors welcome. Students welcome to join. Free. Room: N52-118. Sponsor: Tech Model Railroad Club (TMRC).

**7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Boston Linux & UNIX User Group.** Meeting of the Boston Linux/UNIX User Group. Free. Room: 4-370. Sponsor: MIT User Groups.

**7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Flight: The Next 100 Years.** A panel discussion on the next 100 years of flight. Free. Room: MIT Museum. Sponsor: The Technology and Culture Forum at MIT. MIT Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics and the MIT Museum.

**7:00 p.m. - Varsity Women's Swimming vs. Wellesley College.** Free. Room: Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center Pool.

**7:00 p.m. - Varsity Women's Ice Hockey vs. UMass-Boston.** Free. Room: Johnson Athletic Center.

**7:30 p.m. - Ham Radio Exams.** The MIT Radio Society's Radio Exam Team offers amateur radio exams on the penultimate Wednesday of each month. This is the place to earn a new license or upgrade your existing license. Technician through extra class tests are offered. \$12. Room: TBD - See Signs @ 1-150. Sponsor: MIT Radio Society.

**8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - Israeli Folk Dancing (participatory).** Israeli Folk Dancing Early Teaching at 8:00 p.m., followed by teaching and requests until 11 p.m. Beginners are always welcome. Great for kids of all ages! To confirm family dancing for a given week, and for up-to-date announcements about each week's dance, see our Yahoo Group. Free for MIT students; donations welcome. Room: Lobby 13. Sponsor: Folk Dance Club.

**8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Weekly Wednesdays.** Free wings and an assortment of vegetables, sponsored by various departments, residences and affinity groups, are provided in the Muddy Charles Pub for graduate students to enjoy while catching up with friends and making new ones. Free. Room: The Muddy Charles Pub.

**8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - IFILM Film Seminar.** Screening of a movie followed by a discussion. Light refreshments provided. More information (including movie

titles) on our web site. Free. Room: 4-237. Sponsor: International Film Club, GSC Funding Board.

**8:30 p.m. - Wonderland (1997).** HTC Film Series. Filmed, edited, produced & directed by John O'Hagan. 80 min. Free. Room: 3-133. Sponsor: History, Theory and Criticism of Architecture and Art.

**8:45 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. - Swing Dancing.** Beginners welcome, no partner necessary. Free. Room: Student Center 2nd floor. Sponsor: Lindy Hop Society, GSC Funding Board.

**9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - Screening of "The Vendor."** The MIT student produced movie, "The Vendor" is screening for a second time. Free. Room: 10-250. Sponsor: The Vendor.

**9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Arab Cultural Hour.** Free. Room: Sidney-Pacific Multipurpose Room. Sponsor: Arab Student Organization, Sidney-Pacific House Council, ARCADE.

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## Thursday, November 20

**7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - IP Diligence: What Kind of Investigation is "Due?"** Are you thinking about the risks and rewards of acquiring and owning intellectual property? And just what is IP "due diligence" and how do you know whether you've done it? Come to the program on "IP Due Diligence: What Kind of Diligence is 'Due?'" and find out. Attendees will gain insights from experienced professionals into what is involved in IP due diligence, why "due" it at all, and what to consider when crafting their own strategic due diligence investigation. WEST members: \$15, for Non-members: \$25, additional \$10 for payment at the door. Room: One Main Street. Sponsor: Women Entrepreneur in Science and Technology.

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

**10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - MIT/WHOI Joint Program Coffee-Donut-Bagel Hour.** Room: Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution Student Center, 3rd Floor, Clark Laboratory South. Sponsor: WHOI Student Organization, GSC, EGSAC.

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

**12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Buddy Brown Bag Noontime Series (WGSSI).** Back To School: An Overview of Full Time Work and Part Time Study. Free. Room: 1-214. Sponsor: Working Group on Support Staff Issues. Support Staff Peer Resources Task Group.

**12:00 p.m. - MIT Chapel Concert: Triton Brass Quintet.** Free. Room: MIT Chapel. Sponsor: Music and Theater Arts Section.

**12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - The Picower Center and the McGovern Institute Special Seminar.** Novartis Neuroscience: turning science into drugs. Free. Room: Whitehead Auditorium. Sponsor: Brain and Cognitive Sciences.

**12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - English Bible Class.** You are welcome to attend this free Bible class led by Barbara Beevers of Baptist Campus Ministry. International spouses are welcome especially, but open to all. Come practice English, ask questions and make friends. Free. Room: W11 Board Room. Sponsor: Baptist Campus Ministry.

**1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Free Conversational English Class.** International students, scholars and spouses are welcome to attend a free conversational English class. Come exchange culture, learn about American culture and holidays and make lasting friends. Free. Room: W11 Board Room. Sponsor: Baptist Campus Ministry.

**1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Weight Watchers at Work!** Room: 8-219. Sponsor: Weight Watchers.

**1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Rainbow Lounge Open.** Free. Room: 50-306. Sponsor: lbgt@mit.

**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. - 5:00 p.m. - Inventor's Spotlight: Imove.** Meet MIT researchers Nell Breyer and Jonathan Bachrach and learn how their interactive video piece responds to your movements and layers them against a collection of MIT Museum visitors' activities throughout the day. Free with MIT Museum admission. Room: MIT Museum. Sponsor: MIT Museum.

**4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - The Picower Center Seminar Series.** Neuroscience Lecture. Free. Room: E25-401. Sponsor: The Picower Center for Learning and Memory.

**4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Picower Center Seminar.** Imaging the spontaneous dynamics of the cortical microcircuit. Hosted by Carlos Lois. Free. Room: E25-401. Sponsor: Brain and Cognitive Sciences.

**4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Hydrology Seminar.** Free. Room: NE20-285. Sponsor: Civil and Environmental Engineering, Parsons Lab.

**4:15 p.m. - Physics Colloquium: Unveiling a Galactic Black Hole at the Center of Our Galaxy.** The Physics community is invited to enjoy light refreshments in the Physics Common Room prior to the lecture at 3:45pm. Free. Room: 10-250. Sponsor: Physics Department.

**4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. - An Analysis of Genetic Algorithms for Time Series Pattern Discovery.** Operations Research Center Fall Seminar Series. Seminar reception immediately following in the Philip M. Morse Reading Room, E40-106. Free. Room: E40-298. Sponsor: Operations Research Center.

**5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - PHRJ Internship Info Session.** The Program on Human Rights and Justice offers internships, usually between eight and 12 weeks, which students can arrange with non-governmental organizations, social movements, or business organizations concerned with human rights and justice, broadly conceived. Applications for Summer 2004 are due February 20, 2004. Free. Room: E38-714. Sponsor: Center for International Studies. Program on Human Rights and Justice.

**5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Academic, Research and Careers Committee.** Room: 50-220. Sponsor: GSC Meetings.

**5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Weekly Grad Student Bible Study for Absolute Beginners.** Weekly informal Bible study for grad students; refreshments provided; lbgt welcome. Free. Room: W11-007. Sponsor: Lutheran-Episcopal Ministry.

**6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Concept Coaching Clinic.** The Concept Coaching Clinic registration fee for members is \$35; the registration fee for nonmembers is \$45. Room: E51-376. Sponsor: MIT Enterprise Forum of Cambridge, Inc.

**6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Workshop on Tax Implications of Investments.** Spaces are limited to 50 people. RSVP: [ildai@mit.edu](mailto:ildai@mit.edu). Free. Room: 4-231. Sponsor: Science and Engineering Business Club.

**6:03 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Weekly meetings.** Regular meeting of the core group at muddy charles. free. Room: Muddy Charles. Sponsor: Techlink.

**7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Graduate Christian Fellowship Bible Study.** Come join us for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship! We are currently studying the book of Ephesians. Free. Room: NW86-560. Sponsor: Graduate Christian Fellowship, GSC Funding Board.

**7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - Rainbow Coffeehouse Dinner.** Join us for dinner at the Rainbow Lounge. Free. Room: 50-306. Sponsor: Rainbow Coffeehouse, GSC Funding Board.

**7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - CEESA Career & Professional Development Committee Meeting.** Free. Room: Student Center 1st Floor Lounge. Sponsor: CEESA.

**7:00 p.m. - poetry@MIT: Nathaniel Mackey.** Poet and novelist Mackey is Professor of Literature at the University of California, Santa Cruz and is currently a Chancellor of The Academy of American Poets. He was born in 1947 in Miami, Florida. He received a B.A. from Princeton University and a Ph.D. from Stanford University. Free. Room: 6-120. Sponsor: Program in Writing and Humanistic Studies.

**7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - Chess Club Meeting.** A prominent player of the club will talk about some ideas in the opening. Then it will be designated time for play! Free. Room: Student Center, PDR 1&2. Sponsor: Chess Club.

**8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - IFILM Film Seminar.** Free. Room: 4-237. Sponsor: International Film Club, GSC Funding Board.

**8:00 p.m. - West Side Story.** \$10; \$8 MIT faculty, staff, seniors and student; \$6 MIT/Wellesley students. Room: Sala de Puerto Rico (2nd floor Stratton Student Center, 84 Mass Ave). Sponsor: Musical Theatre Guild, MIT.

**8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Underwater Hockey.** The MIT SCUBA Club invites all to participate in Underwater Hockey. Underwater Hockey is an exciting co-ed sport played at the bottom of a pool with a short stick and a lead puck. Free. Room: z-pool. Sponsor: Scuba Club, GSC Funding Board. Scuba Club, Undergraduate Association.

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## CONCERT REVIEW

*FJE Needs a Little Jazzing Up**No Star Power: Jazz Ensemble Gives an Almost Ordinary Concert*By **Jeremy Baskin**  
ARTS EDITORFestival Jazz Ensemble  
Frederick Harris, Jr., conductor  
Kresge Auditorium  
Nov. 14, 8 p.m.

**W**e've had our Joe Lovanos, our Magali Souriaus, our Herb Pomeroy, our Guillermo Kleins, our 30th anniversary extravaganzas, and even our family weekend specials. Over the past few years, Fred Harris has

brought the best to MIT to collaborate with the Festival Jazz Ensemble, with each concert billed — and usually living up to the hype — as a special, once-in-a-lifetime occurrence.

But on a windy Friday night in mid-November, we just got the Festival Jazz Ensemble — no frills, no buy-one-get-one-free specials, no Deus-ex-machina (except for a few last-minute replacement players). The evening, advertised as "Beyond Boundaries: Exploring the Music of Important Jazz Innovators," featured mostly recognizable tunes from the last fifty

years.

Ho hum. Was there something wrong with me? Why couldn't I simply enjoy a nice evening of jazz standards with a couple of more recent "future classics"? Have I been led to expect too much? Sometimes in life, when you finally get what you ask for, it turns out that you don't really like it as much as you had anticipated.

Case and point: I sit at an MIT Symphony Orchestra concert, wishing that I could trade Ives' Fourth Symphony for Schubert's Third, or some badly played and uninteresting contemporary piece for a Rossini overture. But when I get what I want, in the form of a Mozart concerto or a Beethoven symphony, it ends up disappointing me even more. Call it the

grass-is-greener syndrome.

Well, with frost threatening on Friday night, there was a big pile of mud outside of Kresge Auditorium reminding me that somewhere else there might be greener grass and warm weather. And Joe Lovano.

Not that the evening was completely mundane, though. Two duets stand out: saxophonists Alex M. Mekelburg '04 and Erik C. Allen G in John Coltrane's "Giant Steps" and trombonists Professor Emeritus Samuel Jay Keyser and Daniel M. Halperin '04 in Frank Foster's blues tune, "Four-Five-Six," which finished the show.

It took a while to get going, though. The first half featured Lee Morgan's R&B-inspired "Sidewinder," Herbie Hancock's mellow "Dolphin Dance," and Horace Silver's classic "Nica's Dream," along with "Genevieve," a recent composition by French pianist and bandleader Magali Souriau. The notes, changes, and rhythm were there, but the attitude was left backstage.

To make matters worse, the audience was a bit too polite. Perhaps an "applause" sign would have helped. You know, at jazz concerts, you're supposed to clap after solos; whistling or cheering are not against the rules, either. Maybe MITSO, whose audience includes people who clap when they aren't supposed to, should trade audiences with FJE.

Something funny, however, must have happened during the intermission — maybe a beer run or something — because the second half was a different story.

The FJE jazz combo, unfortunately christened the "Supercosmic Transcendentaldam Orchestra," began with a rousing rendition of



Pianist Andrew T. Werner '04 plays Herbie Hancock's "Dolphin Dance." BENJAMIN GALLUP



Baritone saxophonist Michael I. Mandel '04 solos on Lee Morgan's "The Sidewinder" during the Festival Jazz Ensemble's performance. BENJAMIN GALLUP

Miles Davis' "Nardis," and as soon as Mekelburg's face was as red as his mouthpiece, I knew the concert had officially begun. The players faced each other, moved around, smiled, bopped their heads, and played outside of the numbing mezzo piano to mezzo forte range. Finally, excitement had come to this concert, and not a minute too soon.

After "Giant Steps," Kevin T. Chen '05 played a sweet flugel horn solo in Guillermo Klein's "Primer Tango." The background singing by the rest of the band helped to sustain Chen's subdued solo, before a swinging "Four-Five-Six" finished off the night.

If a little loosening up is all that the FJE needs to make some good music, then you should definitely catch them in some upcoming shows tonight at Ryles Jazz Club in Inman Square or next Tuesday at the Thirsty Ear in the basement of Ashdown dormitory.

by Institute Professor John H. Harbison, was well-written and performed, but made it clear that a key element to any morose, choral piece is that the audience not understand the language. The subconscious struggle between the mind's interpretation of the lyrics and the soul's response to the melody is difficult to overcome, leading conductor William Cutter to choose to perform the piece again at the end of the performance.

Though the event was billed as a choral event, the strings and flutes were welcome additions. Few instruments can produce such haunting sounds, and they offered a perfect compliment along with organist Karen Harvey.

I expected to leave the auditorium with a sinking feeling similar to the one I felt after getting my first chemistry test back. Either I've developed a tolerance for the upsetting, or the pieces were so haunting and intriguing that I couldn't help but enjoy myself. Even if choral events aren't your standard for Saturday nights, the MIT Chamber Chorus is well worth an hour of your time and will pleasantly surprise you.

I still wish I knew what the image on the poster was, though.

## CLASSICAL REVIEW

*Chamber Chorus Haunts Kresge**Program of Monteverdi, Bach, Harbison Focuses on Death*By **Ruth Miller**  
STAFF WRITERMIT Chamber Chorus  
William Cutter, conductor  
Kresge Auditorium  
Nov. 15, 8 p.m.

**A**s my high school band director will eagerly tell you, I am not an expert on music, its performance, or any of the correct terminology used to describe these performances. Regardless, I still enjoy getting out of the dorm every now and then, and was invited by a friend to attend a concert given by the MIT Chamber Chorus this past Saturday at Kresge. With the program's predominant theme of death, the evening had the potential to be a bit morbid. The flyers and program offered an even more gloomy feeling, featuring a mys-

terious, eye-catching, and indescribable image.

The first piece, Claudio Monteverdi's *Lagime d'amante al sepolcro dell'Amata* (Tears of a lover at the tomb of the Beloved) was the most solemn piece of the evening. It was also the best executed. The clear intonation of the vocalists was haunting and enjoyably morose. The phrase "hurts so good" comes to mind to describe this piece.

After a pleasantly dismal first six movements, the chorus rearranged itself to welcome a string section, flutists, and vocal soloists. The soft, subtle chaos produced by the string section as it warmed up reminded me of the opening scene of *Requiem for a Dream*, and I braced myself for the worst.

Johann Sebastian Bach's *Komm, du süße Todestunde* (Come, sweet hour of death) followed; the composer was perhaps more famil-

iar to me even if the piece was not. It was more varied than the first selection, if for no other reason than the variety in available soloists. Anne E. Hall G, mezzo-soprano, offered a softer, strained feeling to her contributions. Ahmed E. Ismail G, baritone, resonated deep into the auditorium and was a brilliant contrast to the softer voice of the preceding soloist. David Powell, tenor, of the Boston Conservatory of Music, offered a similar contribution Ismail's, but his voice was so haunting and soulful it was more than welcome to round off the selection.

The final selection, *Concerning them which are asleep*, was a somewhat arbitrary choice to round out the program. Granted, it fit the scheme of morbidity, but was written hundreds of years after the two previous pieces and in English. The work, composed

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## THEATER REVIEW

# What If... MIT Didn't Have Playwrights?

*Dramashop's Student-Written One-Acts Intriguing, Relevant and Well Done*



By Chikako Sassa

STAFF WRITER

*Student-Written One Acts*  
Dramashop  
Kresge Little Theater  
Nov. 13-15, 8 p.m.

*If the Crazy Man is Right*  
Written by Amy C. Fisher '05  
Directed by Kuuipo J. Curry '04  
Starring Yukyan Lam '04, Greg J. Lohman  
G, Catherine Y. McCurry '06, and Elizabeth V. Stephanopoulos '07

*Maxwell's Equation*  
Written by Nancy L. Keuss '04  
Directed by Dimie Poweigha  
Starring Jonathan Reinharth '06, Richa  
Maheshwari '05, and Marcus Lopez '05

*Tug of War*  
Written by Aaron P. Moronez '04  
Directed by Whitney Erin Boesel '04  
Starring Lenin A. Navar '07, Aron P. Walker  
'07, Sandra M. Chung '04, Ryan J. Low  
'04, and Holly B. Laird '07

Subtle fantasies lurk everywhere in everyday life. If we change but a few critical variables in our daily order of things — say, if I became a raving physicist precariously tottering on the threshold of a lunatic, or if I set the lab on fire and massacred all those darned PCs — and so on, I will be living an altogether different and exciting life.

But how are fantasies to turn into reality without tangible work? And do we take that risk? Sadly, we go back to our labs like we always do, and contend with the horridly mundane blue screens of death.

Unless we take it out on stage.

Dramashop's One Acts presented three fanciful but pertinent "what if?" situations written by, directed by, and performed to comic excellence by students at MIT. The plays were short, intriguing, and had satis-

fying endings.

### What if the crazy man is right?

In "If the Crazy Man is Right," playwright Amy Fisher and director Kuuipo Curry explored the relativity of craziness through the "friendship" between Cheryl (Yukyan Lam), a depressed psychologist whose husband had just left her, and her former patient and "crazy man" Adam (Greg Lohman).

Decked out in ski goggles, lab goggles, flashy biker's duds and topped with a nonchalantly adroit performance by Lohman, Adam appears the paragon of a crazy man. We cringe as Adam awkwardly lunges toward Cheryl for her affectionate touch; Cheryl instead dispenses doctorly advice in a clinical manner in a desperate effort to forget that she could fall in love again. The dialogue is filled with anger, frustration, and hurtful underestimations as Cheryl and Adam sip caffeine-free herbal tea in mugs labeled "his" and "hers." Then Judith (Catherine McCurry), Cheryl's nosy neighbor and wishful femme fatale, invites herself in, and begins flirting outrageously with Adam.

McCurry's skintight embodiment of Judith inserts hilarity into the stifling passive-aggressive interaction between Adam and Cheryl; at this point, the audience cannot help but wonder who really is crazy. A second outburst of craziness comes in the form of Cheryl's daughter Dana (Elizabeth Stephanopoulos), who obviously stomps in and out of her mother's apartment and fails to recognize her mother's misery.

The women are each consumed by their fundamental loneliness, and cannot see the others or their context. Amid this whirlwind of feminine hormonal imbalance, Adam is the only one able to stop rushing through life, take a step back, and observe the bigger picture of Cheryl's sorrow. In the end, the

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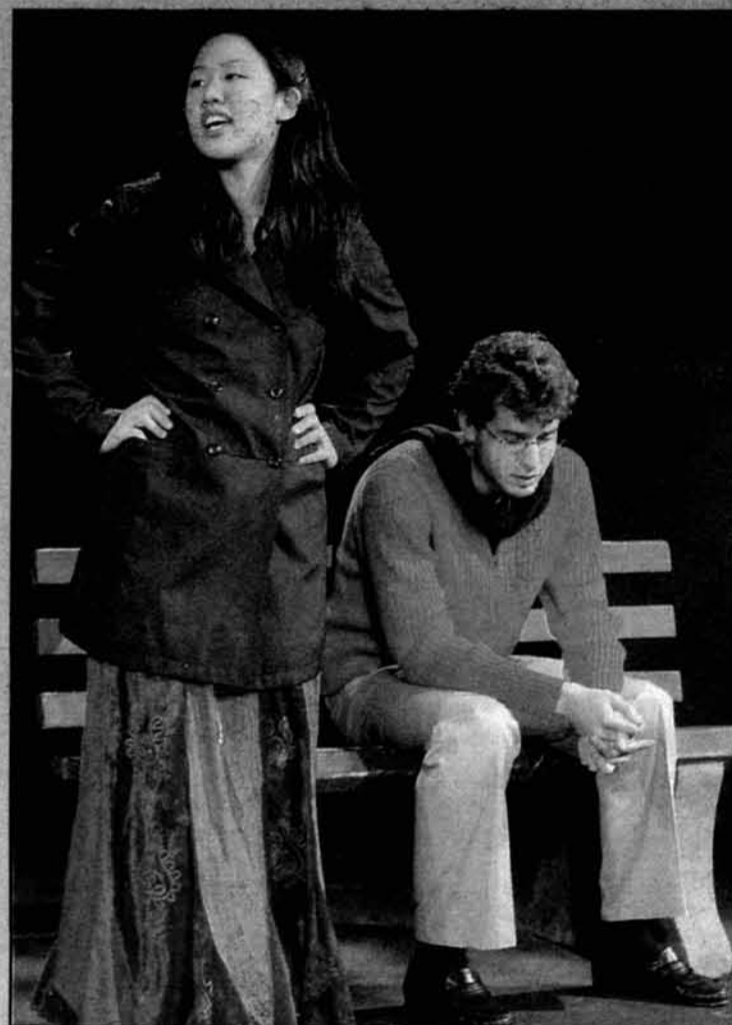
Clockwise from top:

Adam (Greg J.S. Lohman G) trades accusations with his former psychiatrist Cheryl (Yukyan Lam '04) in "If the Crazy Man is Right."

John (Aron P. Walker '07, seated) and Ben (Lenin A. Navar '07, standing) browse potential surrogate mothers in "Tug of War."

Jennifer (Sandra M. Chung '04) lectures to John (Aron P. Walker '07) about sexual identity and love in "Tug of War."

Richard (Marcus Lopez '05) talks on the phone in "Maxwell's Equation."





## COMEDY REVIEW

# Rock, Paper, Stifler's Mom

## All-You-Can-Eat Laughs at Roadkill Buffet Show

By Dan Scolnic

The "Rock, Paper, Anything" Show  
Roadkill Buffet  
Room 1-190  
Fri., Nov. 14, 8 p.m.

**R**oadkill Buffet is "not just a name, but an experience." At their show Friday night, the audience did not just watch the show but participated in it as well. Throughout the show, there were nine different formats of improv games or skits and even within each format there were many changes of situations and characters. With all these parts of the show and parts within parts, the whole was much greater than the sum of them. The show was not just a barrage of funny short scenes, but also an awe-inspiring display of ideas in the making.

The name of the show was "Rock, Paper, Anything" which was the foundation game of the performance and provided commercial-type breaks between the different scenes. Some of the "anythings" were brilliant and others were at least fairly comical; all of them featured dedicated actors pushing to get the

extra laughs.

The first game played was "Freeze, Antifreeze, Show Me That," which not only allowed the audience to get a feel for this type of comedy, but also allowed the actors to get a feel for the audience. One must remember that with improvisational comedy, the performance is two-way, and the actors are fed, excuse the pun, by the audience just as the audience is fed by the actors.

The hard part of the show was that within all the games like "Freeze" or "Jumping Emotions," the ideas and jokes were constantly coming and going and it was hard to know when to let the idea develop or when to bring in a new one. There were times, especially in the beginning, when there were some situations with great comedic potential that were never given the time to bloom.

What made up for it was just the great multitude of jokes; if some idea didn't work out then another idea came out before the audience even had the chance not to enjoy it. As the show progressed, the actors were able to get a better feel for what went well and, like expert musicians, adjusted their instruments right in the middle of everything.

## RESTAURANT REVIEW

# A Rare Find in Malden

## French Bistro Run by Husband and Wife Team Features Good Rolls, Healthy Portions

By Ruby Lam

STAFF WRITER

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**O**n a small street off the main road in Malden, there exists a small French bistro called Tivoli's. I have never been to Malden. I don't have friends who live there and I don't usually go there to eat. I went there because a classmate of mine recommended this tiny French bistro called Tivoli's in Malden. So I decided to give it a try.

There is a gym and a supermarket right across the street, and some apartments and industrial estates nearby. It doesn't look like a locale where I would expect to find a fine French bistro.

I was instantly amazed, however, when I walked in. The décor is amazingly modern and very French. With slowly turning ceiling fans and brick red walls, I felt like I was on Newbury Street or in the North End.

But with most appetizers and entrees priced below \$10 and \$20, I definitely didn't feel like I was dining on Newbury Street.

For an appetizer, I started with "Orecchiette and Sausage" (\$4.95). Crumbled sweet Italian sausage, orecchiette (a miniature UFO-shaped pasta), onion, and garlic are tossed

with chicken broth and romano cheese. Its texture lies somewhere between a soup and a stew. It is hearty and filling, great for someone like me, who is recovering from a seasonal flu.

For entrée, I tried the "Long Island Duckling" (\$15.95) pan-fried duck breast, served with scallion potato cake, duck confit, and port wine demi-glace. The highlight of this dish is the demi-glace, which enhanced the flavor of the meat tremendously. A little bit disappointing is that the duck was not crispy enough and was served cut and spread on a bed of demi-glace, which allowed the demi-glace to take away a lot of flavor from the piece of duck breast itself.

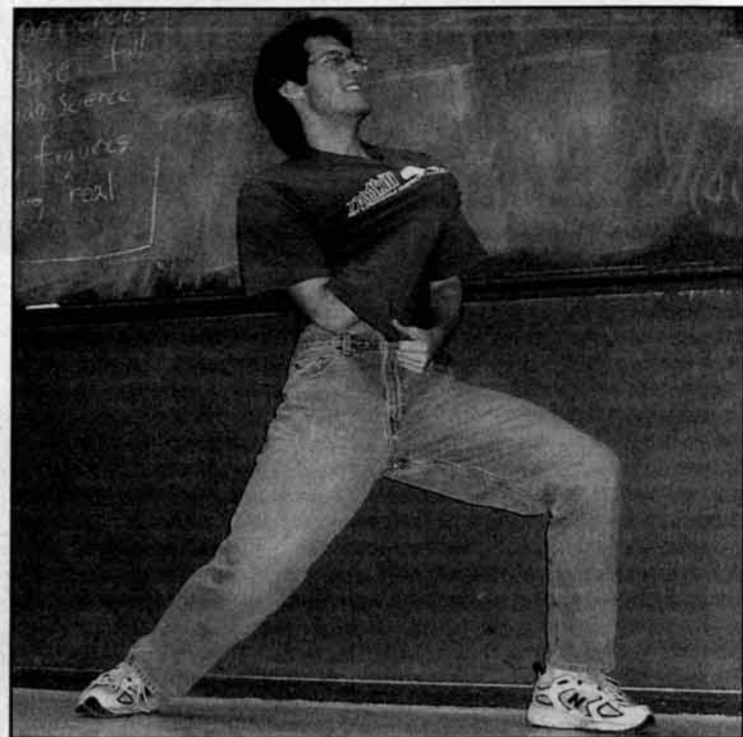
We also ordered "Gemelli Mariner's Style" (\$16.95) — pasta twisted with shrimp, scallops, fresh plum tomatoes, basil, garlic, extra virgin olive oil, and romano cheese. Refreshing, yet hearty with oversized seafood topping it, this dish feels more like grandma's cooking.

Two things worth noting about Tivoli's are their portion-sizes and dinner rolls. Their portions are generous, especially compared to the increasing popularity of "Nouveau Cuisine" — a synonym for "shrinking portions." The dinner rolls are also served warm, which is a rare find even among the finest bistros.

Malden is not a popular destination for its culinary treats. And living in Cambridge, we really don't need to drive 20 minutes for a French bistro. However, a pat on the back for this husband and wife team that runs the place. Yes, Tivoli's is a rare find in Malden.

In the game "Restaurant," the audience knew the identities of all the actors but the actors did not know their own identity. In this case, the audience knew everything and was allowed to watch the actors discover themselves. In all the games, to one degree or another, it was as much or more a display of discovery than just of comedy.

In school, one is constantly preparing for the next test. Students try to make it so that when the test comes, as little as possible is left to the moment or spontaneity. And it is our fear of spontaneity that makes Roadkill Buffet so astonishing; they embrace spontaneity. They embrace the moment.



MITRA LOHRASPOUR

Phillip A. Brocoum '05 poses as a character from the movie "Alien" during the Roadkill Buffet's "Rock, Paper, Anything" performance on Friday.

# Dramashop One-Acts Once Again Were First-Rate Act

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play abruptly concludes when Cheryl breaks down in tears, and Adam offers genuine concern and affection toward her by these simple words: "You are going to be okay."

**Love, academic backstabbing, and Maxwell**

What if he who brings you amorous inspiration to your otherwise dreary life as a math graduate student just so happened to belong to a rival research group? "Maxwell's Equation" is rife with geeky humor, much to the delight of an audience who draw daily sustenance out of the same material.

Love and academics gets tangled in an egregious manner to bring about the most inequitable of consequences in Maxwell: The suave and brilliant physicist Richard (Marcus Lopez), who discovers an equation to solve a century-old conundrum, loses both his beloved Eve (Richa Maheshwari) and his brilliant equation to Maxwell (Jonathan Reinhardt), a beguiling and dishonest graduate student who shares his office with Eve and has a secret crush on her.

The twist in the plot is simple enough to be anticipated, and the ending of the play presents no real surprises. However, the see-through plot nevertheless keeps us interested until its conclusion, because there is guilty pleasure in observing the downfall of a benign but guileless Richard, who learns that success does not always come with honesty and hard work.

The cruel ending satisfies us, and makes a cynical commentary on the petty politics and competitive nature of graduate research work at top academic institutions such as MIT. Maheshwari's flirty and innocent interpretation of Eve added buoyancy and kept the play going.

**The oddest of love triangles**

What if a surrogate mother fell in love

with the gay partner of the man whose baby she is to carry? The final fairy tale in a series of three, "Tug of War" sheds light on what can happen when making a baby through a purely clinical procedure becomes entangled with sex and desire.

The tug-of-war centers on John (Aron Walker), who is an all-out gay as well as a closeted bisexual, and two people sincerely and insincerely in love with him: his partner and fellow parent Ben, played with gusto by Lenin Navar; and Jennifer (Sandra M. Chung), the single and desperate surrogate mother who finds love in absolutely the wrong place. Though Ben and John sought out Jennifer for *in vitro* fertilization, Jennifer seeks out carnal love — and gets a one-night stand — from John. John simultaneously discovers his bisexuality, and struggles with tremendous guilt at having impregnated Jennifer and cheated on Ben.

The three are bound together by their individual claim to and love for the baby; their choices of whom to raise the baby with, however, threaten to destroy the life of the one left behind in this triangular mess. In the end, John confesses, Ben agreeably forgives, and Jennifer is left alone to carry the baby to term without love — but for a mere five seconds. The play ends when the darkly handsome waiter (Ryan Low) locks eyes with Jennifer, and foreshadows a happy ending for all.

After the plays, Dramashop hosted a talk-back session, which emphasized the group effort that was required to put these shows on. The level of amiable collaboration between the writers and directors, directors and actors, and the cast and crew members of the production was a heartening sight to see. The evening was a testament to the synergistic efforts of Dramashop actors and production staff to bring about enriching theater for the MIT community. This annual theatrical ritual is definitely not to be missed.



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Wells Crosby, 1, and his dad Benjamin T. Crosby G try out some traditional Balinese instruments after the Gmelan Galak Tika performance at Kresge Auditorium on Sunday.

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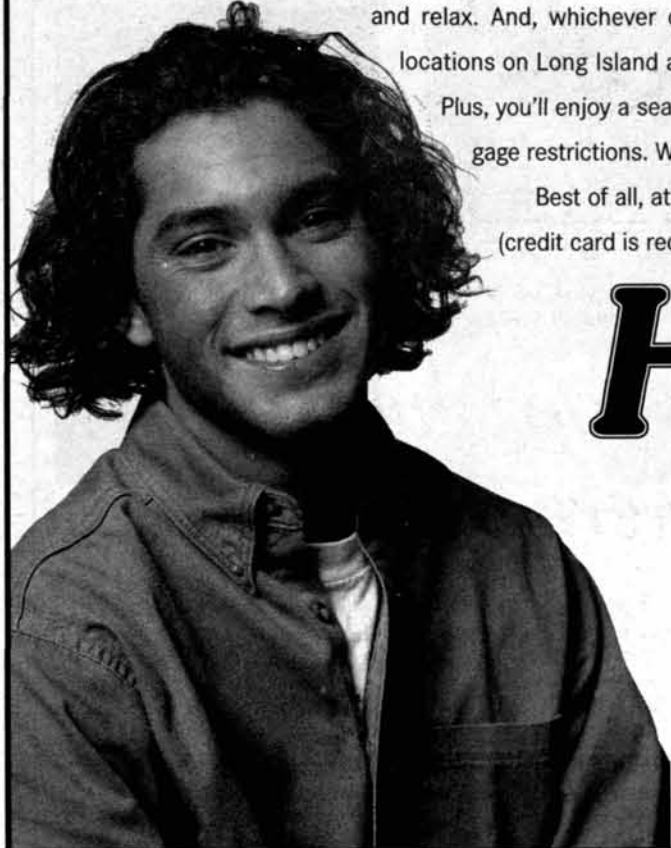
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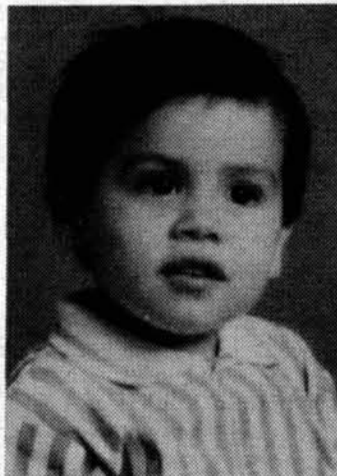
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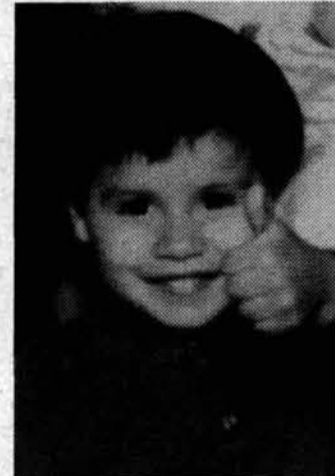
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# Theater Groups Not Able to Use Walker

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ties, and casual and formal student group events. He said that there are no plans to use the first floor for exams, as the third floor is currently used.

Alexander F. French '05, an MIT Musical Theater Guild board member, said that "without dining during the day, and the tables that come with this," it will be "much easier to set up large events ahead of time, which may require catering, complicated table setups, AV equipment, and lighting."

MIT plans to use Walker to host catered events and dinner banquets since currently MIT has only "athletic facilities, local hotels, or outdoor tents to accommodate" any events, Berlin said. Hosting the events in those spaces requires "expensive setups such as tents and furniture rentals. Walker doesn't have these additional logistical elements," he said.

Presently, Walker is one of several event sites including La Sala de Puerto Rico, and Kresge used by MIT groups. However, event sites are often booked and there are no plans for MIT to build additional event space for group gatherings or theatrical rehearsals and perfor-

mances.

## Morss not useable for theater

The current setup in Morss Hall, however, is not suitable as another production space for theater groups.

Walker "does not come with a stock of lights and sound equipment that can be used by any group coming in," said Dramashop President Andrew J. Perelson '04. "Unless some sort of renovation took place to put a lot of that in, I can't see many large theatrical performances going up. For low-tech shows, it would be a fine space," he said.

"Besides the straight theater groups, other performance groups that might be interested in space are the dance groups like Kinesthetics Lab, Movements in Time, Ballroom Dance Club, etc.," he said.

## New lounge being considered

The Walker Program Review Group is currently considering one idea for a lounge area in either the second floor river front lobby or the first floor back entry, called the Beaver Room, Walsh said.

The review group consists of Walsh, Berlin, East Campus Housemaster Julian Wheatley, and student and Undergraduate Association representatives.

On November 6, the US Department of Education published its annual report of campus crime data, as is now required by the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act (Clery Act).

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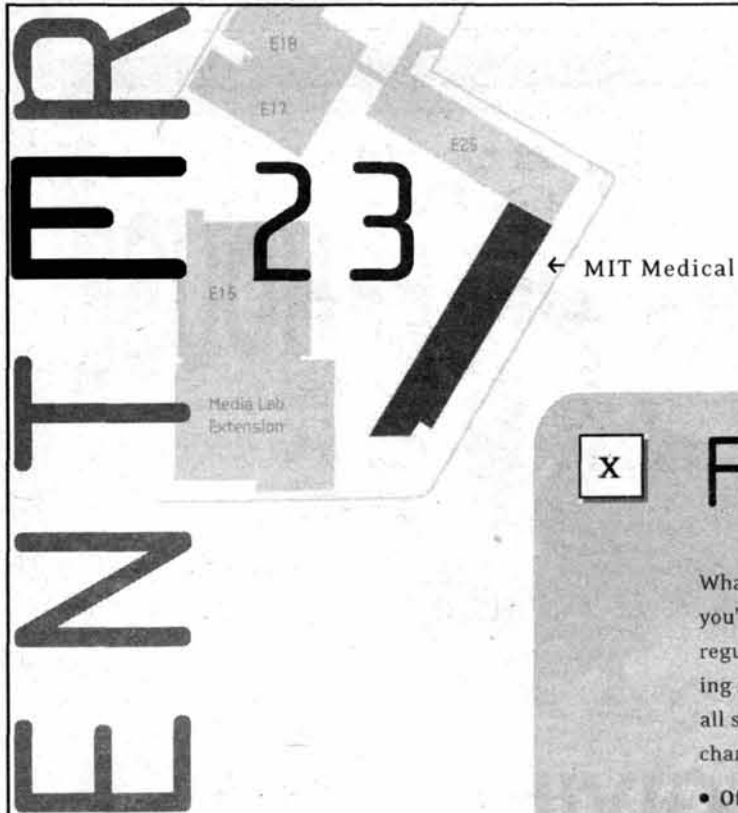
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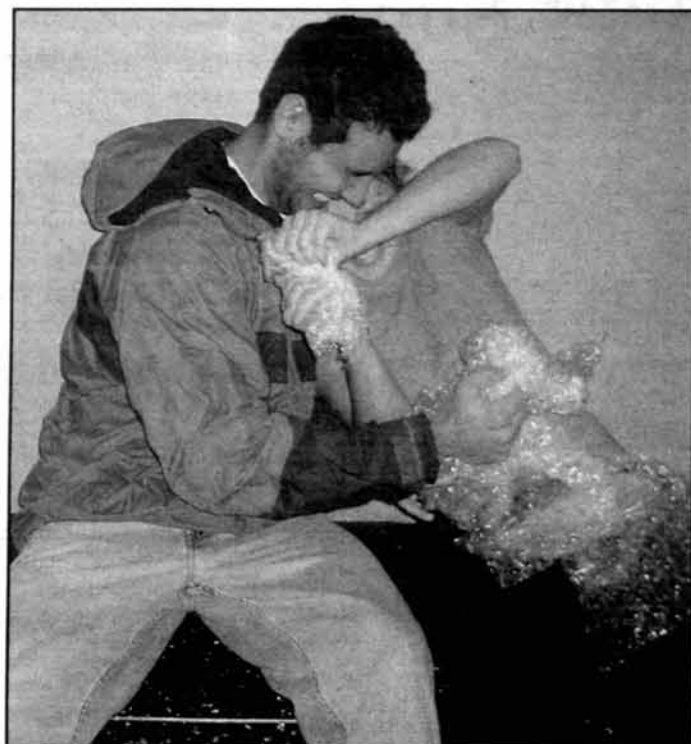
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**Dinsha F. Mistree '05 (left) and Anjuli J. Willmer '07 attack each other with bubble wrap Friday in anticipation of Chi Phi's bubble wrap party the following night.**

# Change Affects Statistics

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the early applicant pool. "Students who applied early to MIT are more likely to have MIT as their first choice than previously."

She said she expects to accept fewer students in early action than in previous years, because of a higher probable matriculation rate with the early group.

MIT's two other major competitors, Princeton and the California Institute of Technology, have not made changes in their early admissions system.

Princeton continues to have an early decision program while Caltech uses early action. Therefore, Caltech is the only major competitor that may have an applicant overlap with MIT in an early application pool.

### Change may affect selectivity

It is not clear how these results will affect MIT, although the drop in applications could change MIT's selectivity, the percentage admitted out of all early applications, and the number of students who matriculate, called the yield.

Jones said she expects more regular applications than usual because MIT will receive deferred applicants from the single-choice schools, as well as accepted applicants, since they are no longer bound to attend if they are accepted.

The percentage of students who accept admission may also rise since the students most likely to ultimately accept admission elsewhere would not have applied early action here.

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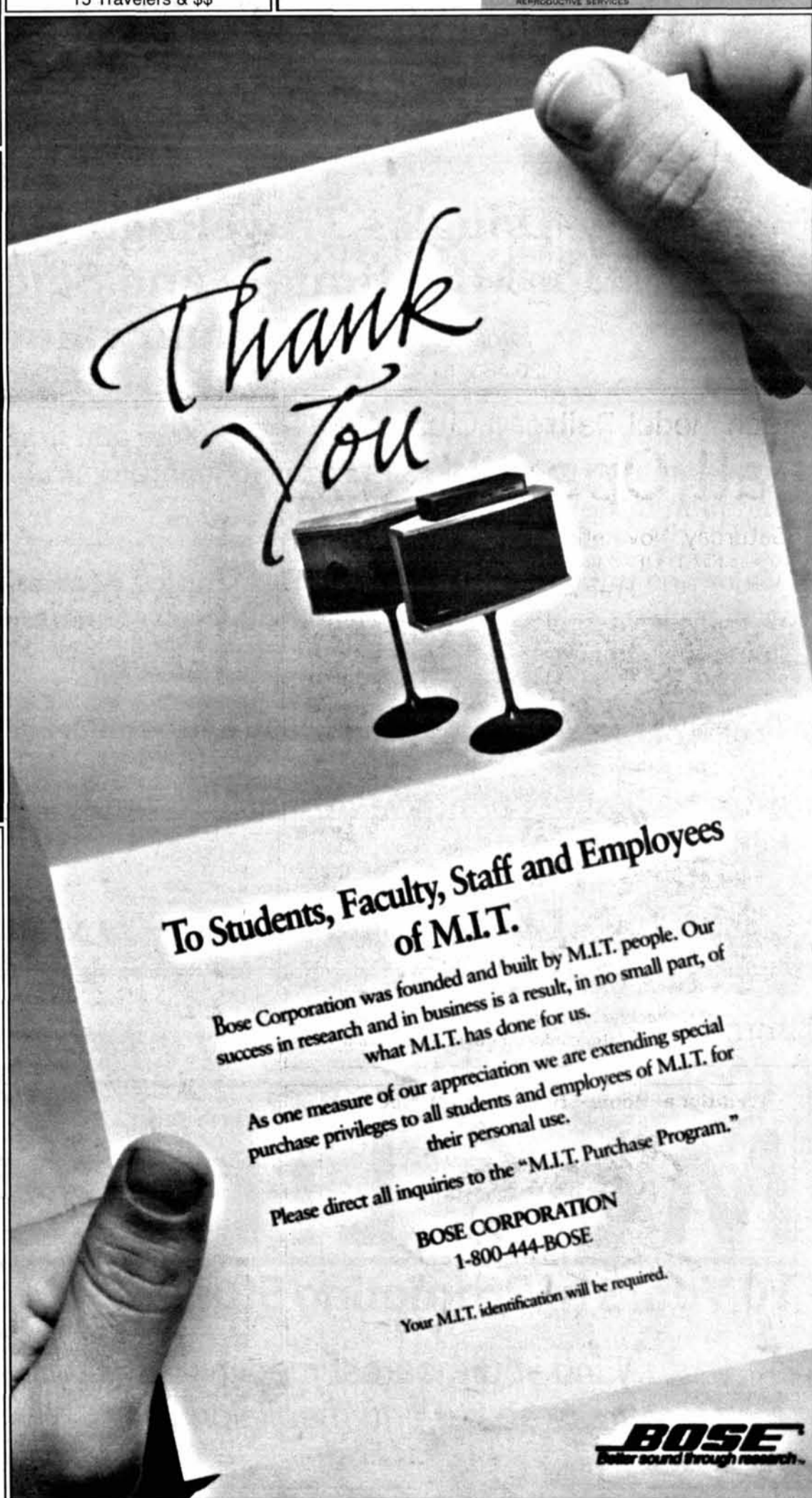
**Building 26**  
Work is approximately 50 percent complete and will soon be put on hold until spring.

**brain and cognitive sciences project**  
Albany Street between the Albany St. garage and Main Street will remain closed through spring/summer 2004. Vehicles exiting the garage must turn left. Main Street has been expanded back to two lanes, and parking on the north side of the street has been reinstated. The pedestrian sidewalk along the construction site remains protected by Jersey barriers. Erection of steel continues on the north and south portion of the site and above the railroad tracks. Hauling of excavated soil continues.

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Sidewalk work on Landsdowne Street and Mass. Ave. continues. Cranes will continue to make deliveries to the building. The backhoe positioned on Cross Street will be removed soon. Dump truck traffic will continue on Cross Street as excavation continues. Cross Street adjacent to Edgerton House will be partially blocked by cranes, and parking may be restricted. Noise, dust, and increased traffic may occur.

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## Stronger Policy Proposed

Non-Discrimination, from Page 1

dent of GaMIT, a student organization of "Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, Transgenders and Friends," wrote in an e-mail that his group was somewhat disappointed the protection for transgendered individuals did not also include a protection for "gender expression," as the LGBT Issues Group had proposed.

"While the two may not appear different, there is quite a big gap between them," he wrote. "A person identifying him or herself as being of a particular gender may be willing to express a different gender or traits from a different gender — and realistically, most of the prosecution and discrimination arises from a person's appearance rather than the internal identity."

"Despite that, however, we are extremely happy that MIT is one of the first institutions to add anything at all about gender identity to its non-discrimination statement," he wrote.

### MIT continues advocacy, Clay says

Clay stressed that the statement's revision did not mark a step back from MIT's advocacy for open homosexuals to be allowed in the military.

Since 1996, when the faculty voted to seek an integrated ROTC, the MIT ROTC programs have opened their credit-granting classes to all MIT students, and the Institute served as a friend of the court in an unsuccessful lawsuit that sought to challenge the "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy, Clay said.

But "discrimination still remains, and students are blocked from the scholarships and the opportunity to serve, which is what the main battle is all about," Clay said.

MIT would like to challenge the "don't ask, don't tell" policy in court again, Clay said, but the Institute has no plans to join two recent lawsuits challenging the requirement that schools that receive military funding allow military recruiters on campus, because those lawsuits do not challenge the "don't ask, don't tell" policy directly, he said.

### Solution to Crossword

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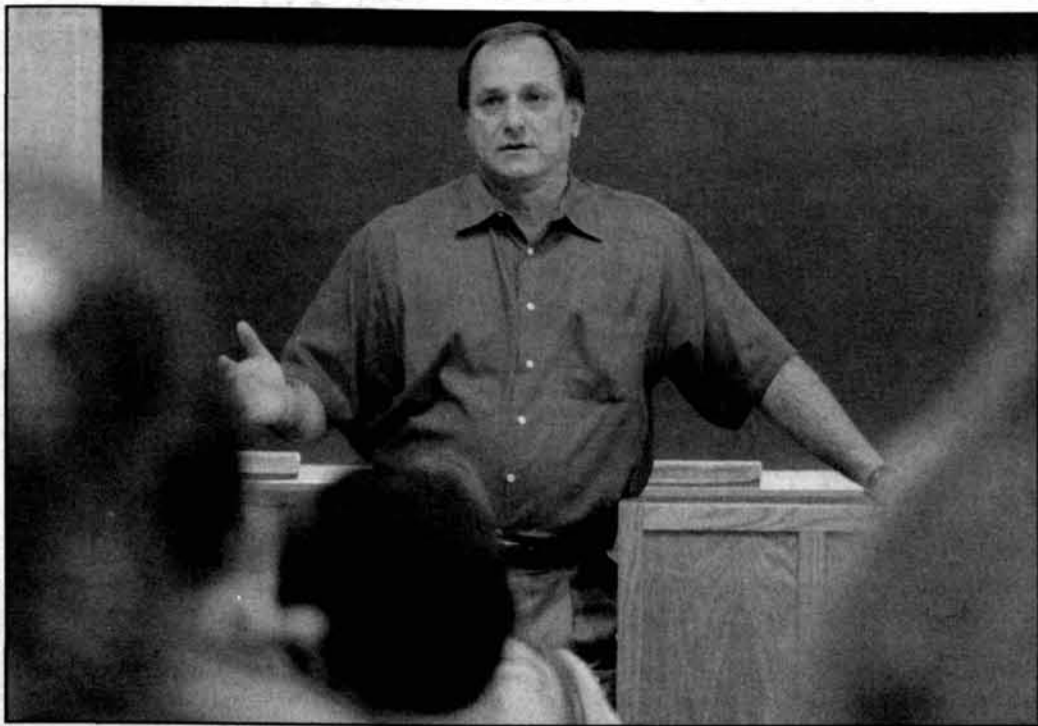


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PETER R. RUSSO—THE TECH

Massachusetts congressman Michael Capuano, a consistent supporter of Israel, speaks to a group of pro-Israel students Sunday in 4-231. The question and answer session was sponsored by the MIT Students for Israel and similar groups from Harvard, Tufts, and Boston University.



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# Off-Season Fun: Players Tested For Dope, 'The Jerk' Says Nope

By Yong-Yi Zhu  
COLUMNIST

Even in the off season, baseball doesn't stop its wonderful streak of issues. This week, there were a couple of big decisions made, and neither one of them involved a trade. Yeah, chalk it up to baseball for giving the totally unexpected.

## Steroids in baseball

This past week saw the results from a steroids testing of 1,438 anonymous players.

Ken Caminiti had said that over half of the players use them.

Jose Canseco had said that 85 percent use steroids.

The tests only indicated that the percentage of players using steroids ranges from five to seven. This seems to be good news on the surface, since it would appear that very few people actually take part in this illegal activity, not to mention something that destroys their body.

However, if you take a deeper look, this test actually means nothing.

The players were all told that there would be no consequences of a positive test. And since the tests are anonymous, what do they care if they get tested. This doesn't help to discourage the behavior; it merely makes it more visible to the public. Instead of simply saying no and perhaps making up a much more media friendly excuse, he came out and said that he didn't want to go and that he didn't have to do it.

Well, how childish can someone sound? Not that I was a fan of Bonds to begin with, but my support for him would have disappeared in an instant just from that. Okay, not convinced? Here's something else that might enlighten you as to how great of a person Barry Bonds is. Several years ago, during his record breaking year, Bonds was playing a game against the Mets. Al

numbers from the tests were so low. Not only that, but the testing methods were crude. There is no way to detect all the performance enhancing drugs that are out there. In fact, nobody knows who is taking what or even what is there that is available.

All in all, this doesn't tell anything about the real percentage of steroid users in the major leagues. All we know is that it must be higher than the five to seven percent that they found.

Well, at least we're moving in the right direction. Or are we?

## Bonds, Barry "The Jerk" Bonds

Barry Bonds has done it one more time, he's distinguished himself once again as a total jerk.

Let me start by giving a little bit of background of Bonds. Sure, he's a future hall-of-famer with 73 home runs in a season and one of the best at hitting the ball long today. However, his human interactions have not always been so successful.

This All-Star game, Bonds was asked to participate in the home run derby.

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Leiter was pitching and had picked up a bat broken by Barry.

Leiter, recognizing how great of player Bonds is on the field, wanted to get the broken bat autographed. He went up to Barry asking for an autograph during batting practice. Leiter simply wanted to give it to his kid for a present.

Bonds wouldn't even acknowledge Leiter, and simply continued his batting practice. Come on dude, are you that important that you can stop for a second to sign something for a coworker's kid?

Well, that brings me to the thing that Bonds did this week: He refused to sign the licensing agreement with MLB Players Association. This means that Bonds will be individually licensed, and he will be the first major league baseball player to do so.

What does that mean to the average person?

It means that we will no longer be able to buy Bonds' jerseys, since MLB will not be able to make them.

It means that his trading cards will no longer be made, since the card companies will not have the license to make them.

It also means that a bunch of fans will be disappointed since they won't be able to collect memorabilia from their favorite player. Well, my only suggestion to those fans is that perhaps it's time to get a different idol.

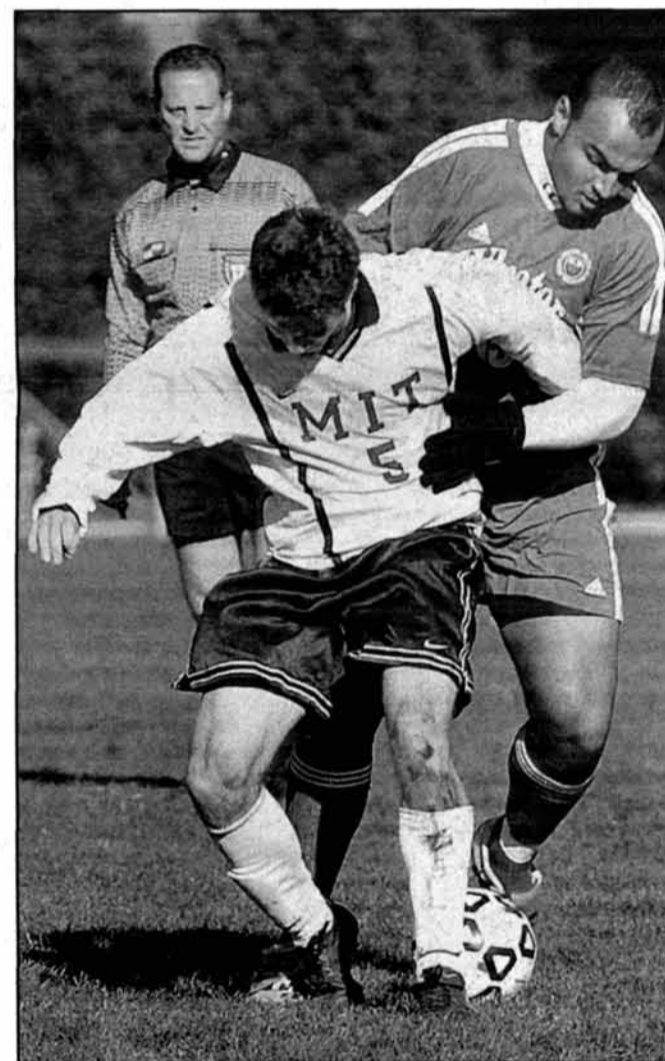
The only way to get Bonds merchandise now is through private companies making private deals with Bonds, which essentially means that the price for his stuff will be much higher.

Look Barry, maybe you're a good player, but it's time you gave other people some respect.



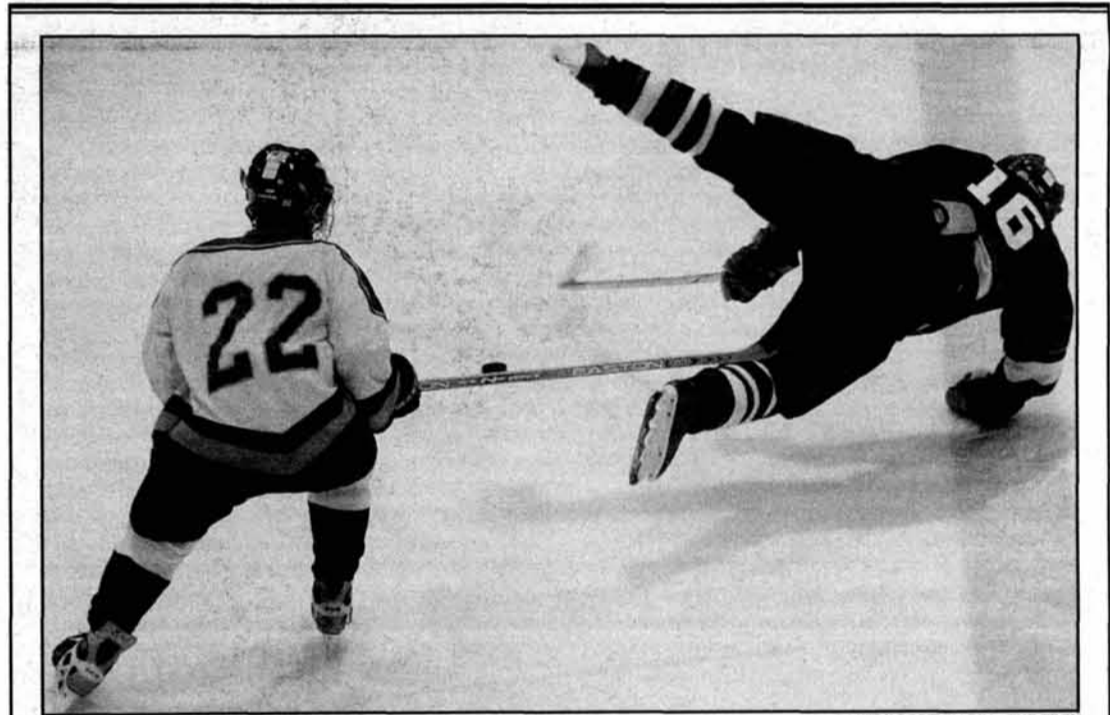
DMITRY PORTNYAGIN—THE TECH

Men's soccer player Alex R. Morgan '07 collides with Wheaton College defenders while going up for a header in the NEWMAC championship final last weekend. The Engineers lost the game 1-3, but still qualified for the NCAA championship for the first time in the program history.



DMITRY PORTNYAGIN—THE TECH

A Wheaton College player runs into Nicholas R. Nestle '04 during the men's soccer match Sunday, Nov. 9. MIT is scheduled to play in the NCAA national quarterfinals on Nov. 22.



DMITRY PORTNYAGIN—THE TECH

Adam Shabselowitz '06 trips up a Lyndon State opponent. The Engineers dominated the visitors 11-2, bringing their record to 3-0.



DMITRY PORTNYAGIN—THE TECH

The women's varsity lightweight four rows in the Foot of the Charles regatta this weekend. The crew placed 22nd out of 29, an improvement over last year, beating the Radcliffe B four. From bow to stern are coxswain Annemarie N. Grandke '04, Sarah F. Newman '06, Shutsu K. Chai '06, Elina Groberman '04, Laura C. Harris '07.

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# SPORTS

## Schmeckpeper Heads to NCAA DIII National Meet in Indiana

By Imran Hendley  
TEAM MEMBER

Ben A. Schmeckpeper '05 became the first individual winner from MIT at the NCAA Division III New England Regional Championships in twenty-two years. He crossed the finish of the Twin Brook course in Cumberland, Maine on Saturday in twenty-five minutes and forty-five seconds.

Tufts University's Nate Brigham and Keene State College's Dave Bridgewater took an early lead in the race, but Schmeckpeper ran conservatively as planned in the first mile. By advancing slowly, he put himself twenty meters off the front and in fifth place by the second mile mark. In the third mile he closed still further, and by the start of the fourth mile he looked ready to take over. Receiving some help from the lead cart, which went the wrong way and took the top two runners down the wrong path, Schmeckpeper moved into first before three and a half miles, and began to pull away.

Even if Brigham had made up his lost ground, he still would not have caught Schmeckpeper who stretched his lead to sixty meters by the middle of the final mile before holding on for the win.

### Men's team places fifth overall

MIT men's cross country finished just three points shy of Amherst College's fourth and final national qualifying place on the day. But even by Coach Halston Taylor's standards, the team ran a great race and perhaps to the best of their potential. Brian C. Anderson '04 saved the best race of his cross country career for last, finishing twenty-eighth in 26:52.

Kevin F. Brulois '07 got off to a slow start, but surged in the final mile to place thirty-eighth in 27:14, just ahead of John A. Brewer '05, who was thirty-ninth. Chris J. Fidkowski '04 was one second behind Brewer, but two strong Amherst runners split the MIT trio, putting Fidkowski in forty-second. Fidkowski ran an

impressive race, improving fifty seconds on his best time for the Twin Brook course.

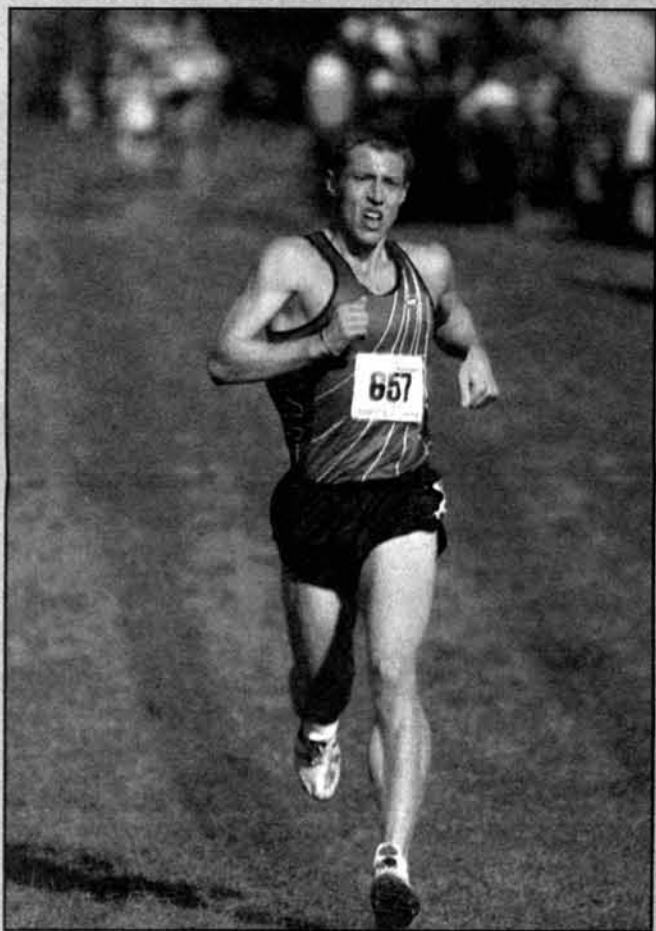
Eric A. Khatchadourian '07, who performs best with a conservative start, had trouble moving up in the large field, but still came in fifty-third place for a strong end to his impressive sophomore season. Ian H. Driver '05 also had a tough day, but his one hundredth place was strong nonetheless in the field of two hundred and sixty-seven runners. Driver has shown steady improvement in three years of cross country, and will again be valuable on next year's team.

Tufts University, Keene State College, Williams College, and Amherst College will take their teams to Nationals at Hanover College in Indiana next weekend. Schmeckpeper will also be going as the first of nine individual qualifiers whose teams did not make it. Last year he came off a tenth place finish at Regionals to place thirty-second at Nationals, earning him All-American honors.



STANLEY HU—THE TECH

Karen L. Condon '07 (25:07), MIT's fifth runner, leads Jennifer A. Gaugler (25:08) to the finish at the New England Division III Regional Cross Country Championship. The women's cross country team finished 14th in the team standings, a disappointing result hoping to break into the top ten for the first time.



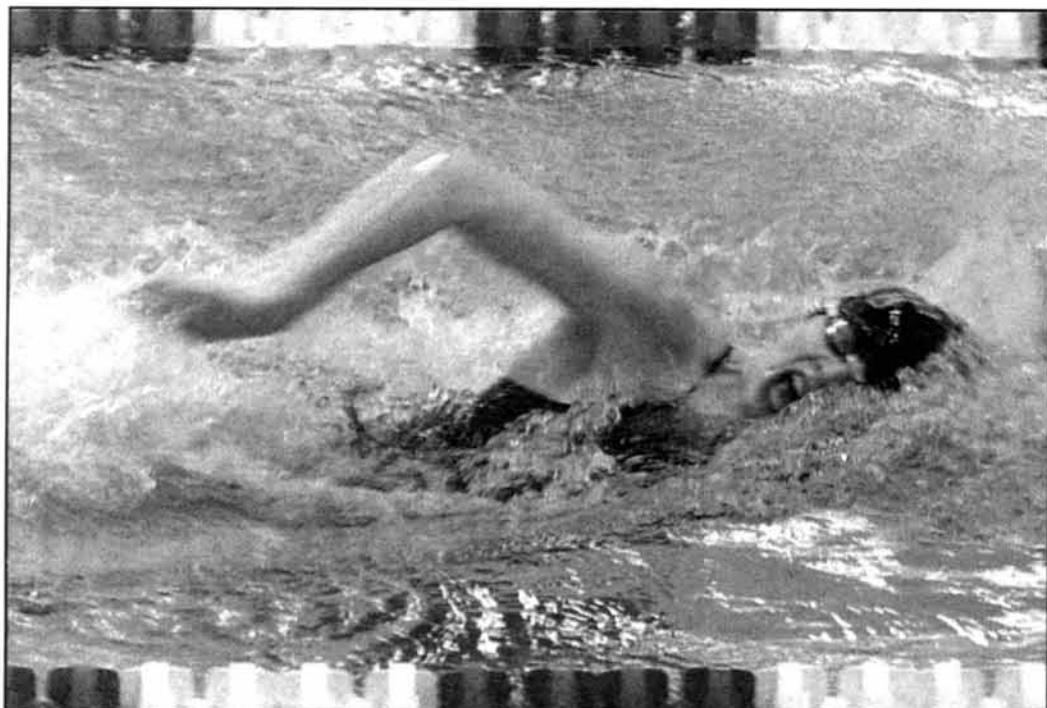
STANLEY HU—THE TECH

Benjamin A. Schmeckpeper '05 races down the final stretch of the New England Division III Regional Cross Country Championship in Cumberland, Maine on Saturday to become the first person from MIT in 22 years to win the race. Schmeckpeper advances to Nationals at Hanover College in Indiana next week.



STANLEY HU—THE TECH

Members from the women's cross country team get together for one last cheer at the New England Division III Regional Cross Country Championship at the Twin Brooks Recreation Center in Cumberland, Maine on Saturday.



ERIC J. CHOLANKERIL—THE TECH

Kathryn M. Duffy '04 swims hard in the 200-yard freestyle during Saturday's meet. Duffy won the race in 1:57.35, and later won the 50-yard freestyle in 24.59.



ERIC J. CHOLANKERIL—THE TECH

Monica W. Chu '07 comes up for air during the 100 yard breaststroke Saturday against the Coast Guard Academy. Chu won the race in 1:12.18.