

Dorm Rush Is Back In Orientation Plans

By Ray C. He
STAFF REPORTER

Dormitory rush for the fall has been tentatively moved back to orientation week because of student concerns about a lack of time for in-house rush, said Orientation Committee Chairman J. Kim Vandiver.

Orientation week will still be separated into two almost-separate halves: academic orientation and dormitory rush, now known as "residence exploration," or REX.

"We have pushed all the academic things together and we've separated the housing activities from Orientation, and that makes everybody happy," Vandiver said.

"The readjustment lottery will be during orientation week," Vandiver said. "We never said that it'd be on a certain date, we just threw out a suggestion and the students said

they wanted it during the week, and we said 'OK.'"

The tentative schedule came out of a December meeting of members of the Orientation Committee, the Dormitory Council, the Interfraternity Council, and the Undergraduate Association, he said. The groups will hold a closed meeting tomorrow to continue discussions on the Orientation schedule.

With dormitory rush — culminating in an "adjustment lottery" to move freshmen between dormitories — scheduled as usual before registration day, dormitories will be able to continue having an in-house rush to shuffle students between rooms.

IFC preserves interests

The IFC has joined in meetings

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MIT Lawyers to Respond To Subpoena Over *Tupac*

By Waseem S. Daher
STAFF REPORTER

Tupac may be dead, but his lawyers are not. On Dec. 10, MIT received a subpoena from Paramount Pictures asking who is responsible for an MIT computer that allegedly distributed illegal copies of the film "Tupac: Resurrection."

The Internet address provided by Paramount belongs to a computer at the headquarters of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. The studio said it was able to download an unauthorized copy of the film at 1:40 a.m. on Dec. 4, and has asked MIT to identify the person responsible.

MIT's deadline to respond is tomorrow, Jan. 15. The senior coun-

sel for intellectual property, Ann M. Hammersla, said the Institute's lawyers are still planning a response. "We're working on it. It's still under discussion," she said. "We are considering all possibilities."

MIT person unlikely to be at fault

The subpoena says that Paramount was able to download the film over Internet Relay Chat from the Internet Protocol address 18.58.0.241, a computer in 2-190, the Course I headquarters.

Patricia A. Dixon, a Course I administrative officer listed as the computer's contact, declined to discuss the matter.

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Several Crimes, Shooting Incident Lead to Increase in MIT Patrols

By Jonathan Wang
PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

A rash of crimes near MIT has resulted in increased patrols by the MIT Police.

On Dec. 22, Alice Olmstead, 16, the sister of Juliana D. Olmstead '06, was shot in the right hip outside the Sidney-Pacific graduate residence. The MIT Police have "increased patrols drastically" as a result, said John DiFava, the police chief.

Since the shooting, which has been classified as an aggravated assault, the police have issued three crime bulletins: an armed robbery occurred at the Fleet ATM at Mass Ave. and Vassar St. on Jan. 2, a female Harvard undergraduate was groped from behind on Jan. 10 in Harvard Yard, and shots were fired outside the Cambridgeport Saloon near Random Hall around 1 a.m. yesterday.

Olmstead visiting sister

The *Daily Hampshire Gazette* reported that Olmstead was hit at 4:55 p.m. with a small-caliber bullet, BB, or pellet while walking with her father to Sidney-Pacific. Police are not sure what type of projectile was used because doctors determined that a removal procedure would be unnecessarily invasive.

"We're not calling it a sniper," said Frank Pasquarello, the public information officer for the Cambridge Police, who are investigating the shooting. "We don't know if it was someone that was malicious, or just aiming at her and not understanding that BB guns are powerful and dangerous," he said.

DiFava said that he is "very comfortable" with the Cambridge Police's ongoing investigation of the shooting. The investigation will

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BRIAN HEMOND—THE TECH

An MIT student's sister was shot outside the Sidney-Pacific graduate residence on Dec. 22. Since the shooting, a number of other crimes near campus have been reported.

Senior Faculty Propose MIT Housing Nearby for Alumni

By Beckett W. Sterner
and Theresa F. Eugenio

A group of senior and retired MIT faculty have submitted a proposal to construct a housing community for MIT affiliates, including faculty and staff, who are age 55 and older.

"A group of faculty came together and are interested in concepts expanding the possibilities" of living around the MIT community, said Provost Robert A. Brown.

Former MIT President Paul E. Gray '54, who was one of the faculty who submitted the proposal, said that their goal is to "keep present members of the MIT community — those who haven't yet retired, faculty — closer to MIT and more in contact with what's going around the place." He said the proposal would allow residents to live in an urban area and be close enough to MIT to stay involved with Institute activities.

The community would likely include between 150 and 200 units of housing similar to apartments or condominiums, Gray said, and would provide some services to residents as they aged, although he said it would not be an assisted living facility.

The group of faculty had submitted the proposal about a month ago, Brown said, but the final decision on whether MIT would support the plan would probably be made under the administration of MIT's next president.

Gray said that the facility would not be finished until 2006 or early 2007 at the earliest, although "it's way too soon to answer."

MIT studies interest, feasibility

In order to evaluate potential interest in the proposal, the Office of the Provost assisted the faculty in carrying out a survey of 1,050 MIT affiliates. The survey garnered 550 responses, 360 of which requested further information on the project.

The respondents showed a high interest in participation in on-campus activities such as academic seminars and committees, teaching, and advising. In addition, the respondents said that they would like to live closer to the MIT campus.

About 55 percent of the respondents plan to move in the future and of those, 54.6 percent plan on settling in an urban area and almost half plan on moving into condo-

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Joshua Cates

Joshua I. Cates '01 died from injuries sustained in a car accident on Friday, January 2. He was traveling with his sister, Lea, on I-80 to Palo Alto, Calif., after spending the holidays with his family in Bismarck, N.D. Cates was 26 years old.

Friends described Cates as a charismatic person who had close ties to his family and friends. He did his undergraduate work at MIT, where he lived at German House. He studied computer operating systems and was most recently a student in the PhD program with Professor M. Frans Kaashoek of the Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory. Cates was on leave to work as a software engineer with VMware of Palo Alto, Calif., friends said.

According to the *Bismarck Tribune*, Josh was a passenger in the back seat of an automobile driven by his younger sister. At about 8 a.m., she lost visibility in icy and snowy conditions, and slowed the automobile, a 1986 Audi, to a near stop. The car was rear-ended by a 2000 Freightliner truck. The driver told the patrol that he attempted to swerve but was unable to avoid the vehicle, and was not charged in connection with the accident. Lea was treated for

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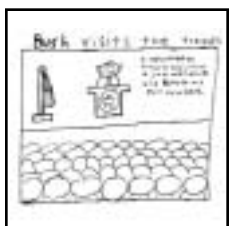


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WORLD & NATION

Supreme Court Turns Down Appeal On Naming Sept. 11 Detainees

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court on Monday turned down an appeal challenging the secrecy surrounding the arrest and detention of hundreds of people, nearly all Muslim men, in the weeks after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Without comment, the court let stand a ruling by a federal appeals court here that had accepted the Bush administration's rationale for refusing to disclose either the identities of those it arrested, most of whom have since been deported for immigration violations unrelated to terrorism, or the circumstances of the arrests.

A complete list of the names "would give terrorist organizations a composite picture of the government investigation," a panel of the District of Columbia U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said in a 2-1 ruling last June. Of the nearly 1,000 people arrested, the government eventually released the names of 129 against whom it brought criminal charges.

Dean on the Defensive in Iowa

THE NEW YORK TIMES

PELLA, IOWA

In the closing days before the Iowa caucuses here, Howard Dean has slipped into turbulent territory, facing challenges in both Iowa and New Hampshire, the two states where he is looking to nail down the nomination with early victories.

Here in Iowa, Dean's supporters expressed distress at what many described as his faltering performance in a televised debate Sunday. *The Des Moines Register*, the state's largest newspaper, described Dean in a front-page article as "again on the defensive."

It was the latest in a series of difficulties Dean has encountered at the very moment his competitors — in particular, Sens. John Edwards and John Kerry — have made an aggressive late-campaign push for support among undecided voters.

In New Hampshire, which holds its primary a week after the caucuses, Gen. Wesley K. Clark has taken advantage of having the state almost to himself, as Dean tends to the tough battles in Iowa, drawing crowds that are beginning to rival the ones that typically show up to see Dean. Although Democratic strategists say they see little chance that Dean will lose New Hampshire, Clark's rise is threatening Dean's once dominant position in the state and could dash his hopes of essentially ending the contest with an overwhelming win there.

Tension Mounts Over China's Technology Industries

THE NEW YORK TIMES

As China moves to expand its own technology industries, the government has taken unusual steps that are leading to new trade tensions with the United States, according to Silicon Valley executives, trade experts and U.S. government officials. These measures include efforts to develop Chinese software standards for wireless computers, the introduction of exclusive technology formats for future generations of cell phones and DVD players, even tax policies that favor computer chips made in China and sold in the Chinese market.

Concerns over China's strategies intensified last month when it announced that foreign computer and chip makers that want to sell certain kinds of wireless devices in China would have to use Chinese encryption software and co-produce their goods with a designated list of Chinese companies.

Foreign computer makers, led by American companies, have protested the decision by Beijing. In addition to their concern about the separate standard, foreign companies are worried about the possible loss of intellectual property if they are forced to work with Chinese companies that have the potential to become competitors.

SEC to Probe Mutual Funds Over Undisclosed Payments

By Stephen Labaton

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

Federal officials announced a new front in the investigations into the mutual fund industry on Tuesday, saying they had uncovered widespread instances of brokers receiving undisclosed payments for steering investors toward specific funds.

Officials at the Securities and Exchange Commission described a kind of mutual fund payola — arrangements in which a significant number of brokerage firms and mutual funds have provided cash and other compensation to the brokerage houses that sell fund shares. The findings come from a nine-month examination of 15 of the largest Wall Street brokerage firms by the SEC.

In one particularly prevalent form of compensation, SEC officials said, the funds have steered the trading of the stock in their portfolios to brokerage houses that, in exchange for the trading business, would promote the funds to their brokerage clients.

Such arrangements between fund companies and brokerage houses can be legal, if they are fully disclosed to investors. The problem in

too many cases, SEC officials said, is that investors in the mutual funds have been kept in the dark about such payments and the fact that their brokers have a financial interest in promoting a particular fund. The officials said that federal securities laws and the industry's own rules require both the brokers and the funds to disclose such conflicts of interest.

The officials compared the issue to the conflicts that became prevalent during the market boom, when stock analysts were writing ostensibly objective reports about e-companies that were giving investment banking business to the analysts' firms.

"A customer has a right to know what the incentives are when the selling broker recommends a particular fund family," said Stephen M. Cutler, the head of the SEC's enforcement division. He said the agency had recently opened eight investigations of broker-dealers and 12 of mutual fund families for failing to adequately disclose such arrangements. "Even if it is the best performing fund, a customer has a right to know whether a broker received anything for recommending that fund transaction."

Inadequate disclosure of pay-

ments by the fund companies to the brokerage houses has long been suspected, but for years the issue had been largely ignored by securities regulators.

Last April, though, SEC inspectors began to focus more intensely on such practices during examinations of mutual funds and Wall Street brokerage firms. The inquiries were a response to evidence that some funds were using brokerage firms to execute stock trades in their portfolios even though there were less expensive trading alternatives, officials said. But the inquiries gained urgency after regulators began last September to focus on trading practices and corporate governance at the mutual fund companies.

Having focused on brokerage houses so far, officials said, the agency is now beginning to look more closely at the funds.

Details of the examinations remained somewhat sketchy, as the commission declined to identify which brokers and funds may have been involved. But Tuesday's announcement elevated the mutual fund scandal to a new level, one that has the potential to directly affect millions of investors.

White House Discussing Plans To Promote Low-Income Marriage

By Robert Pear and David D. Kirkpatrick

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

Administration officials say they are planning an extensive election-year initiative to promote marriage, especially among low-income couples, and they are weighing whether President Bush should promote the plan in his State of the Union speech next week.

For months, administration officials have been working with conservative groups on the proposal, which would provide at least \$1.5 billion for training to help couples develop interpersonal skills that sustain "healthy marriages."

The officials said they believed that the measure was especially time-

ly now because they were facing pressure from conservatives eager to see the federal government defend traditional marriage, following a decision by the highest court in Massachusetts. The court ruled in November that gay couples had a right to marry under the state's Constitution.

Several conservative Christian advocacy groups are pressing Bush to go further and use his State of the Union speech to champion a constitutional amendment prohibiting same-sex marriage. Leaders of these groups said they were confused by what they saw as the administration's hedging and hesitation on such an amendment.

The proposal is the type of relatively inexpensive but politically potent initiative that appeals to

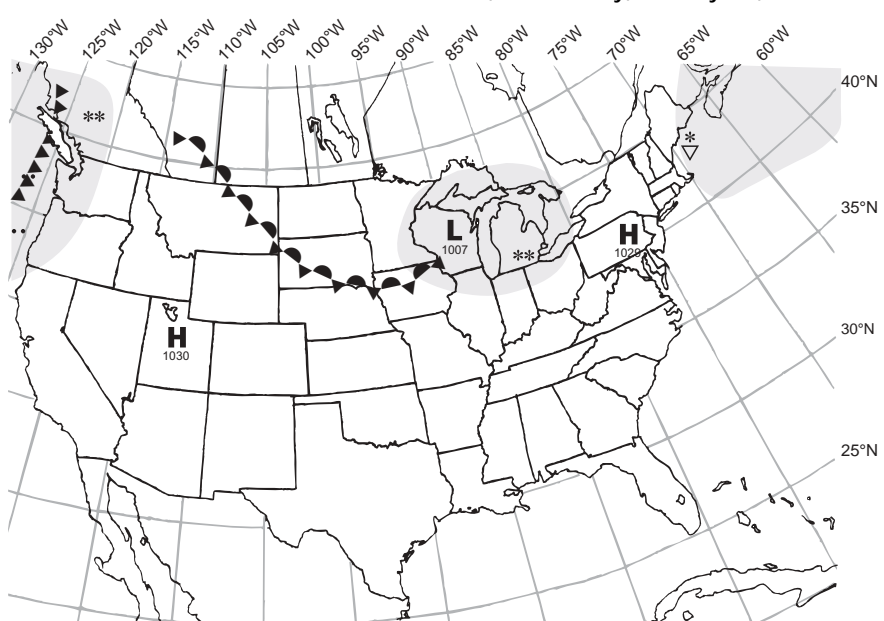
White House officials at a time when they are squeezed by growing federal budget deficits.

It also plays to his desire to be viewed as a "compassionate conservative," an image Bush sought to cultivate in his 2000 campaign. In his re-election campaign, administration officials said, Bush is likely to visit programs trying to increase marriage rates in poor neighborhoods.

Wade F. Horn, the assistant secretary of health and human services for children and families, said: "Marriage programs do work. On average, children raised by their own parents in healthy, stable married families enjoy better physical and mental health and are less likely to be poor."

WEATHER

Situation for Noon Eastern Standard Time, Wednesday, January 14, 2004



A Second Arctic Blast

By Michael J. Ring

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Yesterday's high of 40°F (4°C) in Boston was not particularly unseasonable (the normal high for January 13 is 36°F), but it was nearly tropical compared to the chilling cold of last week — and the rest of this week. Boston's first below-zero temperature in ten years was recorded last week, and more sub-zero readings are likely in the next few days.

A cold front passed through the region yesterday afternoon, ending the interregnum of seasonal temperatures and marking a return to the extreme, bitter cold. Today's highs will be about 30°F (17°C) colder than those of yesterday, and the strong northwesterly wind in the wake of the front will guarantee sub-zero wind chills.

The worst of this frigid air will occur Thursday and Friday, with a gradual moderation through the weekend. Still, temperatures should run below their normal values well into next week.

Extended Forecast

Today: Very cold with gusty winds. High near 10°F (-12°C).

Tonight: Partly cloudy with frigid temperatures. Lows near zero (-18°C).

Thursday: A chance of snow showers early. Continued very cold and windy. High near 10°F (-12°C). Near-record cold at night; low near -5°F (-20°C).

Friday: Clear and continued cold. High near 8°F (-13°C), low near -5°F (-20°C).

Saturday: Clear and not as cold, though temperatures will still be well below normal. High near 20°F (-7°C).

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

Compiled by MIT Meteorology Staff and The Tech

Hussein Warned Against Using Foreign Arab Fighters in Iraq

By James Risén
THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

Saddam Hussein warned his Iraqi supporters to be wary of joining forces with foreign Arab fighters entering Iraq to battle U.S. troops, according to a document found with the former Iraqi leader when he was captured, administration officials said on Tuesday.

The document appears to be a directive, written after he lost power, from Saddam to leaders of the Iraqi resistance, counseling caution against getting too close to Islamic jihadists and other foreign Arabs coming into occupied Iraq, according to U.S. officials.

The document provides a second

piece of evidence challenging the Bush administration contention of close cooperation between Saddam's government and terrorists from al-Qaida. CIA interrogators have already elicited from the top Qaida officials in custody that, before the American-led invasion, Osama bin Laden had rejected entreaties from some of his lieutenants to work jointly with Saddam.

Officials said Saddam apparently believed that the foreign Arabs, eager for a holy war against the West, had a different agenda from the Baathists, who were eager for their own return to power in Baghdad. As a result, he wanted his supporters to be careful about becoming close allies with the jihadists, officials familiar with the

document said.

A new, classified intelligence report circulating within the U.S. government describes the document and its contents, according to administration officials who asked not to be identified. The officials said they had no evidence that the document found with Saddam was a fabrication.

The role of foreign Arab fighters in the Iraqi resistance to the U.S.-led occupation has been a source of debate within the U.S. government ever since the fall of Baghdad in April. Initially, U.S. analysts feared that thousands of fighters would flood into Iraq, in much the same way an earlier generation of Arabs traveled to Afghanistan in the 1980s to fight the Soviet occupation.

Democrats Set Stage for Conflict With GOP Over Health Coverage

By Robin Toner
THE NEW YORK TIMES

DES MOINES, IOWA

Ten years after the political collapse of President Bill Clinton's health plan, the Democratic Party's presidential candidates are proposing, once again, major new programs for guaranteed, affordable health insurance, setting the stage for one of the starker contrasts with President Bush in the general election campaign.

The nine candidates for the Democratic nomination often disagree over ways to expand coverage and pay for it. But beneath these disagreements is a consensus that the country again faces a health care crisis of soaring costs and declining

coverage.

Here, affordable health care is at the center of the middle-class populism most Democrats are advancing in campaign commercials and on the stump. At a speech here Tuesday morning, Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina, newly energized by *The Des Moines Register's* endorsement on Sunday, declared that it was time to "make health care a birthright for every child born in America, for the first time in American history."

Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri, who has built his campaign around a \$214-billion-a-year plan that aims to cover every American, describes it as nothing short of a moral issue. Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts

says health care legislation will be the first bill he will send to Congress as president.

And Howard Dean, the former governor of Vermont, promotes his record of achieving near universal coverage of children in his state and often concludes, "This is not some crackpot liberal idea from Vermont; Harry Truman put universal health insurance in the 1948 Democratic platform!"

Like Edwards, Gen. Wesley K. Clark and Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut emphasize children.

And Carol Moseley Braun, Al Sharpton and Rep. Dennis J. Kucinich all advocate some form of national, government-run health insurance system.

To Avoid Fuel Limits, Subaru Turns A Sedan Into a Truck

THE NEW YORK TIMES

DETROIT

Subaru is tweaking some parts of the Outback sedan and wagon this year to meet the specifications of a light truck, the same regulatory category used by pickups and sport utilities. Why? Largely to avoid tougher fuel economy and air pollution standards for cars.

It is the first time an automaker plans to make relatively minor changes in a sedan — like raising its ground clearance by about an inch and a half — so it can qualify as a light truck. But it is hardly the first time an automaker has taken advantage of the nation's complex fuel regulations, which divide each manufacturer's annual vehicle fleet into two categories. Light trucks will have to average only 21.2 miles a gallon in the 2005 model year. Each automaker's full fleet of passenger cars must average 27.5 miles a gallon.

Subaru's strategy highlights what environmentalists, consumer groups and some politicians say is a loophole in the nation's fuel economy regulations that has undermined the government's ability to cut gas consumption. The average fuel economy for new vehicles is lower now than it was two decades ago, despite advances in fuel-saving technology.

Wal-Mart Audit Shows Widespread Labor Violations

THE NEW YORK TIMES

An internal audit now under court seal warned top executives at Wal-Mart Stores three years ago that employee records at 128 stores pointed to extensive violations of child-labor laws and state regulations requiring time for breaks and meals.

The audit of one week's time-clock records for roughly 25,000 employees found 1,371 instances in which minors apparently worked too late at night, worked during school hours or worked too many hours in a day. It also found 60,767 instances in which workers apparently did not take rest breaks, and 15,705 instances suggesting that employees had worked through their mealtimes.

Officials at Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, employing 1.2 million people at its 3,500 stores in the United States, insisted that the audit was meaningless, since what looked like violations could simply reflect employees' failure to punch in and out for breaks and meals they actually took.

But missed breaks and lunches have become a major issue in more than 40 lawsuits charging Wal-Mart with forcing employees to work without pay through lunch and rest breaks, and several lawyers and former employees who have sued Wal-Mart said the audit only bolstered their cases. They said that many employees continue to complain of missing meals and breaks.



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The Future of Wireless Technology

Dr. Paul Perry – Director, Verizon Wireless

Nanobiotechnology

Dr. Angela Belcher – Associate Professor, MIT

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OPINION

Students: Help Find a President

With the announcement of committee members in the search for a successor to President Vest, the time is now for students to organize, educate ourselves, and build credibility so we can provide useful suggestions in the search process.

Editorial

The Tech believes that the best way for students to express our priorities in the selection of a new president is to first take the time to understand the role of the president and priorities of those actually making the selection — the Corporation — and then find a way for student priorities to be incorporated into the process.

The student government groups have spent years making efforts toward representing student opinion and understanding the roles and priorities of major Institute players. It is up to them to use this background to lead the process of student input into the selection committee. By playing an influential role in the presidential search process, students will also build a stronger foundation for influencing the decisions of the next president.

The last time MIT searched for a president, one of the main avenues for student input was a forum held during December finals week. However, this presidential search committee has said they are far more willing to accept student input. James Champy '63, Chair of the Corporation Committee on the Presidency, said that the Corporation has no agenda on student life, but is looking to the community to provide input as to what priorities the next president should have. In addition to receiving input from the student search commit-

tee, to be organized by the leaders of student government, members of the corporation committee are willing to — and already have — received input from individual members of the community. The opportunities for and expectation of student contribution means that the student body must make informed recommendations to the search committee in order to shape student life in the years to come.

Although many of the president's duties are external — raising funds, promoting the role of science and technology, and representing national universities — the past decade has shown that the president can have a drastic impact on student life. President Vest guided the Task Force on Student Life and Learning, and spearheaded the freshmen on campus decision. Policies on alcohol consumption, FSILG organization, and academic requirements have come partly from the Office of the President. Furthermore, many of the external duties of the president, especially in fundraising, have a direct impact on the quality of the academic and social experience of students at MIT.

The selection of a new president is perhaps one of the most defining moments for the Institute. Many factors contribute to this decision, and thus input into this search will not be used unless it comes from a credible source. Students now have the power to build this credibility by working to understand the requirements for a president. Then, and only then, will students be able to push for a president who is sensitive to the issues most affecting students, and ensure that the next president will not see student concerns as an afterthought.



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Letters To The Editor

Off the Dean Bandwagon

To the Editor:

I used to be a Dean supporter. He was angry, and so was I. We'd spent the surplus of international goodwill left to us by President Clinton. We'd gone into a recession that cost American workers 3.3 million jobs. We'd sent American troops to die in an unwinnable war. Perhaps most tragically, we'd squandered the sympathy felt for us by the world after September 11, sympathy that could have been used by a better President to bring about planet-sweeping change. It quickly became clear that, while President Bush had to go, Howard Dean was not the man to take his place.

I was elated when Wesley Clark

announced his candidacy. From Little Rock, Arkansas, he graduated first in his class at West Point. He attended Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar, where he earned a masters degree in philosophy, politics, and economics (he cites Plato's "The Republic" as his favorite book and discusses the finer points of David Ricardo's theory of comparative advantage in his stump speeches). His exemplary service and leadership in Vietnam earned him the Silver Star and the Purple Heart for injuries suffered in combat. He rose to the rank of four-star general and served as NATO Supreme Allied Commander during the intervention in Kosovo that saved the lives of 1.5 million ethnic Albanians without the loss of a single American soldier.

As impressive as Mr. Clark's resume is, it's not what won my vote and my support. I'm drawn to his contribution to his country, his

principled ethics, and his genuine intelligence. He also possesses a quality which I find sorely lacking in Howard Dean: authenticity. While Dean unashamedly morphs into whichever interest group he is pandering to, Wesley Clark is unwavering in his patriotism and set on his goals. He has proposed short term plans to get the United States out of the mess that it's in, all clearly laid out and specific in their aims and methods. His "100 Year Plan," though, is more significant. It shows a vision and an inspiration that made him a great leader and will make him a great President.

I end by asking you two questions. When was the last time a Presidential election was won out of Burlington, Vermont? When was the last time a Presidential election was won out of Little Rock, Arkansas?

Nicholas Leiby '07
MIT For Clark

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The Ombudsman

John A. Hawkinson

My take on last week's news

I'm not satisfied with last week's news. Of the three stories, none of them told us anything new about MIT. Frank Dabek covered the Cambridge mayoral election well, but the other two stories felt very rough; they were follow-ups to earlier stories, and seemed to lack depth. Even over winter break, there were plenty of stories to research and track down.

I think the principal reason for the lack of depth is that the stories were assigned on the evening of Monday, Jan. 5, so had to be written in one day. With that little time for research, it's a tribute to the writers that the stories came out as well as they did.

As I mentioned in my Dec. 5 column on the news assignment process, the news department needs to assign stories a lot further out, and give reporters plenty of time to work on them. This seems to require strong, active management on the part of the news director. On the plus side, it's improving already; eight news stories were assigned last week prior to this week's news meeting, and at the meeting, four were assigned for next week's issue.

Mail to letters@the-tech

There's been little beyond what's been printed in the letters section:

- an item of negative feedback on the explicit nature of the "Sex and the Saferide" column (not printed because a similar letter had already been printed, according to the opinion editor);

- a response to the Nov. 21 complaint about the Virgin Mobile ad ["Offensive Advertising"]; the response argued that the gender of the almost-naked person in the ad was ambiguous (I don't know why we didn't print it);

- a blind carbon-copy of a letter to *The New York Times* from an '03 alumnus criticizing Kate Zernike's Dec. 5 *Times* article for claiming Vest "dealt" with "drinking and mental health" on campus; the letter argued that Vest's solution "was to curtail one of the best aspects of MIT," viz. the FSILG system (*The Tech* reprinted Zernike's Dec. 7 *New York Times* article, which contained a similar but differently worded statement about Vest and "dealing with student drinking").

Send comments to letters@the-tech if you want them to be printed, or send them to me if you want me to research a response for you.

What happened to the Web?

At the start of last term, issues were on the Web within a day or two of publication; by the end of term, it was more like a week. Issue 59 (Nov. 25) isn't done yet, and Issue 60 (Dec. 2) took over a week.

On the bright side, in response to some lobbying on my part, Issue 63 (Jan. 7) was available in PDF format the next day, even though it wasn't available in HTML until Jan. 10. Issue 59 is available only in PDF now, since there's some problem with the HTML conversion.

Why does it take so long? The process by which *The Tech* is converted from Quark XPress to HTML is painful and arduous, involving manual effort. While there is some automation, it typically fails for sundry reasons, some easily fixable and some not.

Is there interest in seeing more PDFs? Let me know, please; e-mail o@tt.mit.edu.

And then there's the opinion section

The only thing in last week's opinion section was an editorial; there was nothing on page five because no content was submitted. It doesn't seem like the opinion editor is very successful at getting opinion columns in early, having a stash of columns, or producing columns with compelling arguments that convince me.

Looking at the editorial, I'm really unimpressed. Titled "MIT Alum for President," it spends one paragraph mentioning the advantages of an alumnus, and then two or three watering down its thesis, with quotes like "alum status is not a prerequisite for improving student life," and "alum status might be wholly unimportant to an equally pressing concern." The editorial feels all-over-the-map and incoherent.

The *Tech's Ombudsman* welcomes your feedback, to ombudsman@the-tech.mit.edu. His opinions are his own.

After Coming Clean, Rose Still Doesn't Smell Sweet

Vivek Rao

For years the reinstatement hopes of disgraced baseball star Pete Rose drew their strength from widespread public sympathy towards him, as many believed either that he had never bet on baseball games, or if he did, that he was truly sorry for doing so. Yet with a few days of pathetic, money-grubbing antics, Rose managed to alienate even his strongest allies, and created yet another irritating issue for a sport clinging to its status as America's national pastime. Ironically, just days after Rose finally admitted to having bet on baseball games while a manager in the 1980s, it is time for Major League Baseball commissioner Bud Selig to stop this ridiculous saga by publicly extinguishing any chances for Rose's enshrinement into the Hall of Fame or a repeal of Rose's ban from professional baseball.

The dedication and hard work that Charlie Hustle once embodied as one of the greatest baseball players of the last fifty years have given way to a depraved set of values, with selfishness and greed at the top of the list. Make no mistake about it; Pete Rose has been taking Major League Baseball and the American public for a ride. While people across the nation carefully weigh the moral and philosophical pros and cons of reinstating Rose, the man himself seems content to milk the controversy for as much money as he possibly can. In typical Rose fashion, his long-awaited public confession came not in the form of a simple press conference or written statement, but instead through an autobiography (the title of which I refuse to mention) and an ABC interview designed as much to promote his book as to provide a forum for his admission of guilt.

Yet Major League Baseball is hardly an innocent bystander in the Pete Rose debacle. While a decision to ban Rose from future employment in the sport he tarnished remains reasonable, the refusal to enshrine him in the Cooperstown Hall of Fame reflects baseball's typically inflated self-image and holier-than-thou attitude. Traditionalists continue to make a rather tired argument that the Hall is reserved for people of high character, and not just men who achieved great success on the field. That is, of course, a bogus claim, and there are many men with plaques in Cooperstown who were certainly not of the highest moral fiber, Ty Cobb, among others. Granted, Rose's failings as a gambler were hardly independent from baseball, for they put into question the motivations behind even his most simple managerial decisions, but the bottom line is that he was a fantastic player, and ultimately that should decide whether he enters the Hall or not.

But baseball is too haughty to stoop to such lows. There is no greater crime, we are consistently told, than eroding the integrity and sanctity of the game, and the sport's high-ranking officials determined that Rose should not get into Cooperstown, let alone be reinstated to baseball, without an admission to his guilt and a sincere expression of contrition. We'll leave out the fact that the integrity and sanctity of baseball have been steadily eroding for decades, with various issues, from acrimonious labor disputes to widespread steroid use, causing far greater damage than Rose's gambling ever did.

Ultimately, this is a story of two parties taking themselves far too seriously. Major League Baseball, as usual, gave far too much importance to its Hall of Fame. Rather than separating two distinctly independent issues

— Rose's enshrinement to the Hall and his eligibility for employment in baseball — the sport's commissioner have foolishly tied them together. Pete Rose, meanwhile, continues to lie in the face of a vast amount of incriminating evidence. His money-hungry nature aside, in his confession Rose falls far short of admitting all the crimes he is believed to commit and of fairly describing the extent of his gambling, which Rose's former business associates say he conducted even from the clubhouse before games.

And so, it is too late. Had baseball done the right thing years ago, Rose could have rightly been enshrined in the Hall of Fame but banned from employment in the sport as long as his gambling problem remained strong (and it does). Instead, they informally tied both to a confession that Rose still has not fully delivered. At this point, to admit Rose to the Hall would effectively be to reward a stubbornly limited declaration of guilt that was likely motivated, first and foremost, by a desire to generate money and a bestseller.

Major League Baseball made its bed by tying a tricky issue to the conscience of a conscience-free man, and now it finds itself in a lose-lose situation. The National Football League just concluded one of the most exciting weekends in sports history and the National Basketball Association has been reinvigorated by arguably the most famous teenager in American history, but baseball continues to be trapped in its web of self-created problems. It is time baseball cut itself loose from one of the many debacles holding it down, and Selig should formally shut down any talk of Rose's reinstatement or Hall enshrinement before this overblown situation persists any longer.

Fight the Good Fight

Andrew C. Thomas

Of all the legacies that outgoing President Vest has left the MIT Campus, the fight toward gay equality seems to be the one that lags the rest of the pack. Now, there's an opportunity for a jump start.

A new offensive against the policies of the Department of Defense is in flight across the country, since the Forum for Academic and Institutional Rights, a group representing law school professors, filed a lawsuit. The current movement focuses on two government documents: the Solomon Amendment, which gives the DOD the right to revoke their funding to institutions who forbid military recruiters; and "don't ask, don't tell," the policy that prevents openly gay people from serving in the military, but protects those who do not wish to reveal their sexual orientation. The conflict is manifest at any university which has a policy against any discrimination based on sexual orientation — which of course includes MIT.

Now, MIT has a vested interest in alleviating this cause — their treatment of the situation is nothing less than a black eye on the faces of those who "don't ask, don't tell" affects. The very nature of the policy, actively and continually violating the MIT nondiscrimination statement, challenges MIT to come up with, at the very least, an acceptable compromise. For years, the MIT Bulletin has contained a promise that MIT will do all it can to change DOD policy to align with this Insti-

tute's outlook, a sentiment shared by the original ROTC Task Force. Now, I don't know whether the goal is one that university pressure alone can achieve, but it doesn't bode well for the effort when MIT drops its level of effort — such as when it removed from the Bulletin the promise to seek a change in DOD policy.

Why has so little action been taken? The issue "just hasn't been, frankly, right in front of our faces," said Human Resources VP Laura Avakian this past summer. This might excuse past negligence of the issue, if you want to be generous; if anything, it suggests that the issue should be reignited.

In truth, MIT hasn't been negligent on the issue at all; however, I find that the administration is overly conservative in which battles it chooses to fight. MIT's point man on this issue is Chancellor Phillip Clay, in his official capacity as chairman of the ROTC Implementation Committee. Clay said to me by e-mail that MIT's actions on the issue, when they occur, are directly targeted toward changing DOD policy in terms of "don't ask, don't tell," rather than more peripheral cases, such as those that involve the presence of military recruiters, bound by DOD policy to violate the conditions of nondiscrimination policies at MIT's sister institutions.

Last week Harvard announced the beginning of a new set of negotiations with the DOD to challenge the validity of the Solomon Amendment as it applies to recruiters. The Pentagon holds all the cards at this table; Harvard has chosen, in the short term, to back

down and exempt military recruiters from their policies, much like other schools in the debate. And many who observe the issue at Harvard don't believe the negotiations will get anywhere — after all, it's been tried before, not only by Harvard but by other coalitions.

But why not join the fight? MIT has nothing to lose by joining Harvard in their discussions with Pentagon officials and everything to gain. Fears that the Institute would lose further funding by taking aggressive action are unfounded. We've already bent far enough backwards for the DOD, and both sides know MIT has too much to lose by using the threat of banishment as an ace up our sleeve. The focus of the negotiation, much like the class-action suit, is on the grounds of the First Amendment's guarantee of freedom of expression. Surely, any moves that could potentially tip the balance of power in the favor of MIT's peer universities would benefit MIT indirectly or directly, perhaps aiding in later moves to overturn "don't ask, don't tell," whether by MIT or the general public.

Now I remain pessimistic that these negotiations will have any earth-shaking effect against the Pentagon — after all, they didn't work before. But surely they will help to unify the institutions of higher learning in this country in a common cause, and pave the way to other action in the future when more opportunities come along. And isn't brotherhood and the right to personal happiness the underlying issue?



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TRAVEL GUIDE

Escape to New York

Bored of Boston? Start Your New Year in the Big Apple

By Fred Choi

STAFF WRITER

During that glorious time of freedom from classes known as IAP and with New York only four to five hours away from Boston, there's little excuse for MIT students not to spend a weekend away, especially if you've never been. Below is a guide to a quick getaway to New York, with ideas of where to go without breaking the bank.

Getting there

Although you could certainly get there by train or plane, the now legendary Chinatown bus service is ideal. In general it is more convenient, cheaper, and oftentimes cleaner and more well-kept than any other bus service. There are several different bus services, but most run from Chinatown to Chinatown on the hour, for as little as \$10 one way. The clientele is predominately college-age kids or a little older, so you should feel right at home.

Of the bunch, the Fung Wah Bus is particularly noteworthy because it doesn't play videos during the trip, unlike the other big bus line, Travel Pack. Also, it has recently added buses on the half hour on the way back from New York. Be forewarned, though, that the Chinatown bus service has become exponentially more popular than in "the old days" and that you should get to the stop at least half an hour early. Having a ticket in hand does not necessarily guarantee you a seat, so be sure to find the line and stake out a spot if you don't want to have to wait for the next bus.

For more information, check out: <http://www.chinatown-bus.com>.

Where to stay

If you don't have a friend's couch to crash on in the Manhattan area, your best bet is to try a hostel. Hostels are for low-budget, oftentimes international, travelers and have rooms

with bunk beds and community bathrooms. Hostels usually also have lockers, so bring a lock so that you don't have to buy one there. The larger hostels will probably feel more established and make you feel more comfortable, although they tend to be farther away from the city. Be advised that some hostels require a passport.

For more information, check out: <http://www.hostels.com>.

Getting around

The New York subway's fare is \$2 for a single trip. Fares can be purchased from the machines located in the terminals, and most take credit and ATM cards, as well as cash. Your best bet is to get a \$7 unlimited ride day pass, although if you think you won't be taking the subway that much, you may want to get a six-ride pass, which is \$10 (thereby saving you \$2).

The subway is always under construction. Pay attention to signs indicating different routes for evenings and weekends, and try to decipher the static-y intercom messages. Also, pay attention to which trains are running express. These only stop at stations marked with a white circle on the subway map, while local trains stop at all stops marked with that number or letter.

What to do

New York has more than its fair share of world-famous sights. Attractions include the Statue of Liberty, Times Square, the Empire State building, and Ground Zero. Museums include the Guggenheim, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Whitney, and the Museum of Modern Arts (currently in Queens due to renovations). Friends will surely have suggestions of their favorite stores, clubs and bars, and restaurants (see Winnie Yang's article), but here are a few lesser-known sights to get

you started:

Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum<http://ndm.si.edu>

2 East 91st Street at 5th Ave

Although located just a short walk away from the Guggenheim and the Metropolitan, the Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum is much less known. Their current exhibit, "National Design Triennial: Inside Design Now," runs until Jan. 25. It shows off the fascinating range of forms design can take, including furniture, fashion, Web sites, kitchen utensils, animated film, and scientific models. The contributions from the MIT Media Lab (which include Cynthia Brazeal's supposedly responsive mechanical flowers and Tod Machover's ridiculously over-hyped "Toy Symphony" project) are uniformly dull and trivial.

They are, however, outweighed by such triumphs as Target's television and print advertisements, Isaac Mizrahi's costume of a female frog for a Mark Morris-choreographed opera, and Yusuke Obuchi's "Wave Garden," an architectural model that will impress Course 4 and non-Course 4 students alike. Admission: General \$10, Students with ID \$7

Joyce Theater<http://www.joyce.org>

175 Eighth Ave at 19th St

A theater devoted entirely to dance, the Joyce has a full schedule of local and visiting (national and international) dance companies. For the performances of the "Altogether Different 2004," series running through Jan. 18, all tickets are only \$20.

Nuyorican Poets Cafe<http://www.nuyorican.org>236 East 3rd Street between Aves. B and C
Located in the East Village, this is a hip cafe that hosts a poetry slam every Friday

night at 10 p.m., but they suggest getting there early. Admission: \$7

Broadway

Times Square

Broadway shows tend to be pricey, especially for the touristy and utterly commercial productions such as those by Disney. However, many shows that have been open for a while offer rush tickets (some only for students, so remember to bring your ID). Playbill (<http://www.playbill.com>) is a great source for information about not only Broadway shows, but Off-Broadway shows and other New York theater as well. Playbill has a comprehensive list of shows that have discounted tickets and their policies (e.g. rush or standing room), as well as a free section you can join for discount offers. You can also get discount offers on shows from sources such as the *New York Times* TicketWatch (check the right hand column of <http://www.nytimes.com/arts>).

Among the shows currently playing, my quick (less obvious) picks are:

Wonderful Town: A good old-fashioned musical with a score by Bernstein that tells the story of two girls from Ohio trying to make it in the Big Apple, this show is light and breezy and at the top of my list due entirely to the simply stunning Donna Murphy. You may be able to find discount codes online.

Anna and the Tropics: Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for drama, it has received mixed reviews, but the fact that this is a serious drama with an all-Hispanic cast makes it worth checking out. It shouldn't be hard to get a ticket to this.

Avenue Q: This is a quirky musical riffing on Sesame Street... but for adults. Although it includes puppets and those warm, fuzzy moral lessons we all remember from Sesame Street, it also focuses on "promiscuity, hangovers and unsavory uses of the Internet."

Gypsy: A classic Sondheim/Styne musical, Gypsy features Bernadette Peters in the tour-de-force title role.

Naked Boys Singing! The long-running Off-Broadway hit recently extended its run. It bills itself as a fun, family musical... with full-frontal male nudity.

TRAVEL GUIDE

A Bite of the Big Apple

The Best of New York's Downtown Restaurants

By Winnie Yang

Though New York has long held a reputation for its haute cuisine and equally haute prices, I've found that, armed with a little knowledge and a subway pass, one can score a cheap, tasty meal just about anywhere on the island. (I should warn you, however, that, being a downtown girl, I'm biased towards noshing below 59th Street. Oh, and meat. I also like meat.) Here's a rundown of some perennial favorites by neighborhood.

If you insist on straying far from all that is hip and happening in the city (that is, ahem, downtown), rest assured you can at least find a solid burger at the Burger Joint (118 W. 57th St.), a great little greasy spoon tucked away behind curtains in Le Parker Meridien hotel. They've got decent McDonald's-style fries and serve up shakes after 3 p.m.

While most of my trips to Koreatown are primarily for rounding up alarming quantities of kimchi dumplings, I've discovered a weakness for Cho Dang Gol's (55 W. 35th St.) doo boo doo roo chi gi, a noodle, pork, and homemade tofu dish that amply feeds two.

In Gramercy, Tom Colicchio's fledgling restaurant empire has just begat 'Wichcraft (49 E. 19th St.), a casual sandwich and panini spot around the corner from much-lauded (and much less affordable) siblings Craft and Craft-bar. Nearby, Danny Meyer's Blue Smoke (116th E. 27th St.)

offers up excellent pulled pork sandwiches (on brioche, natch) and some of the city's best mac'n'cheese.

The East Village is home to scores of laid-back neighborhood establishments that cater to the low budgets of resident artists and would-be-artist trustfunders. Caracas Arepa Bar (91 E. 7th St.) serves a variety of savory Venezuelan arepas — cornmeal cakes stuffed with meat, cheese, and vegetables, and cooked atop a griddle — with empanadas, plantains, milky chicha rice drinks, and other South American specialties. Two words for Crif Dogs (113 St. Mark's Place): hot dogs. A two-word emendation: deep-fried hot dogs. Perhaps it's unnecessary to add that these dogs can come wrapped in bacon, topped with avocado and sour cream (the "Chihuahua") or teriyaki sauce, pineapple, and green onions (the "Tsunami").

In the Japanese section of East Village, the closet-like take-out counter at Otafuku (236 E. 9th St.) offers spot-on renditions of those Osakan favorites, okonomiyaki and takoyaki. Marvel as the garnish of bonito flakes appears to wave at you with the steam rising off your octopus balls.

One of my two all-time favorites restaurants in New York, Prune (54 E. 1st St.), offers a truly incomparable brunch experience. Maybe it's the combination of the homey space, the hipster regulars, and the dizzying variety of Bloody Marys. Maybe it's Chef Gabrielle Hamilton's inspired menu and seemingly magic touch. There's nothing better than the dutch pancake or the Monte Cristo sandwich

here after a long Saturday night. And dinner, while not on the inexpensive side, is worth budgeting for.

'ino (21 Bedford St.) in West Village has a new sibling, 'inoteca (98 Rivington St.), on the Lower East Side. Both places have some of the best panini in the city (try the sweet coppa and hot peppers), but the Lower East Side location offers more elbow room, more scenesters, and proximity to Il Laboratorio del Gelato (95 Orchard St.). Though I bemoan the distance that separates me from Toscanini's, I console myself with Il Laboratorio's delightful pistachio gelato. Or concord grape sorbetto. The countermen at Katz's Delicatessen (205 E. Houston) dish out New York's best pastrami sandwiches. Just don't tell that to the very vocal adherents of the 2nd Avenue Deli.

To the south, there's superlative pizza at Lombardi's (32 Spring St.) in Nolita and great chiaciang mian and scallion pancakes at Shanghai Café (100 Mott St.) in Chinatown. On the west side, there's Sullivan Street Bakery (73 Sullivan St.), where the potato focaccia pizza has to be tasted to be believed. (I anxiously await the seasonal return of the champagne grape pizza.)

And while all the alluring items on Lupa's (170 Thompson St.) menu might rack up an impressive check, the best way to eat there is to drop by at lunchtime for a bowl of the bucatini all'amatriciana and a glass of vino. Lupa is also one of my favorites places to eat solo.

Few places hold a candle to my other favorite eatery in New York, Sripraphai (64-13 39th Ave.), a remarkable and remarkably homely Thai restaurant in Woodside, Queens. While Manhattan teems with new and trendy hot spots, the ethnic enclaves of New York's outlying boroughs offer a gastronomic richness and variety that, to me, is truly representative of eating in New York.



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A CAPPELLA REVIEW

Hardly Better Than Karaoke

Logarhythms Don't Deserve Kresge Billing

By Devdoot Majumdar
STAFF WRITER

The MIT Logarhythms
Kresge Auditorium
Dec. 13, 8 p.m.

It's not too great a time to be a Log. I can remember a time when the Log, regardless of his lisp, his looks, or his height, was respected — even desirable — for all of his self-aggrandized splendor. So many times would the hallways resonate with their voices during their many unsolicited attempts at music.

They were like MIT's own version of the Jets — singing, fraternal, not so dashing, but cool nonetheless — and people ate it up. They did, after all, win national a cappella awards, and one of them almost qualified for American Idol. But the well has run dry, and the currency that once took them to the status of Kresge headliners is nearing bankruptcy.

The Logs gave MIT their best shot at last month's concert at their Kresge Auditorium. Two years ago, the Logs discovered that they could tap into their popularity and do the unthinkable. Previously, Kresge Auditorium had only seen a cappella during the yearly Campus Preview Weekend ensemble concerts and the Greater Boston Invitational Sing, where the Logs perform alongside such niched acts as the Cross Products and Techiya.

It was then that the Logs decided that they could headline a Kresge concert all by them-

selves, and they did so with flying colors. For two straight years, the Logs have packed Kresge like only the Dalai Lama can.

But with the loss of perhaps their strongest member, Karl A. Erdmann '02, who did much of the composition and arranging, the Logs now face the Tom Cruise quandary: they have the look, but they are just plain constipated in the quality department.

Christopher D. Vu '04 opened up the concert with Stevie Wonder's "Part-Time Lover." Stevie Wonder has always been good to the Logs, and Vu is by far the stand-alone vocalist among the bunch. It was delivered like everything Vu sings: Michael Jackson meets a cappella. The song was crisply delivered and, if anything, left an optimistic aftertaste, soon to be lost by a string of forgettable covers.

William E. Baker '05 delivered a surprisingly good version of Beck's "Lost Cause." I'll admit this much: he's certainly mastered the drone. Though the interpretation as a whole only demeaned the song, Baker did a fairly decent job in keeping "Lost Cause" alive.

Two good songs aside, the Logs brought us roughly 15 terrible renditions. Though a bit more fun than listening to karaoke, their concert was punctuated by my many impulses to leave early, which I resisted in hopes of being able to write this tribute. I began to realize that the key to good a cappella is simply choosing to cover good songs with bad original singers. For example, a good cover would be a Weezer song, as they're

catchy but sung fairly poorly. And an awful song to cover would be a Boys II Men song, as it's difficult to surpass the original song's glory.

With that in mind, the Logs delivered a version of Weezer's "Island in the Sun." But as imperfectly as Rivers Cuomo delivers the catchy song, the Logs still managed to do worse. This is a song that's unimpeachably catchy and that has tremendous potential, and yet the Logs found a way to kill it. The repeating melody definitely has the potential of being intoxicating in the way that a song like "Take Five" can go on for twenty minutes and still be interesting. And yet, the Logs proved their innate brilliance at the drone in this long, boring Weezer cover.

Particularly memorable was junior Kaliq Chang's rendition of Craig David's "Seven Days." The song left me wondering if Chang was indeed singing in English. Though David's original was perhaps a tad nasal, Chang went Tevin Campbell on estrogen with this song.

The Logs brought to Kresge several other bludgeoned hits, from a prepubescent "Stacy's Mom" to a voice crack spectacular in the form of Coldplay's "The Scientist."

For all their efforts, the Logs have clearly become a vestige of what they once were. Their skits aren't funny, their voices aren't solid, and their song selection is terrible. Basically, it's high time that the Logs retire their Kresge credentials for a few years of ego deflation and practice in 10-250.



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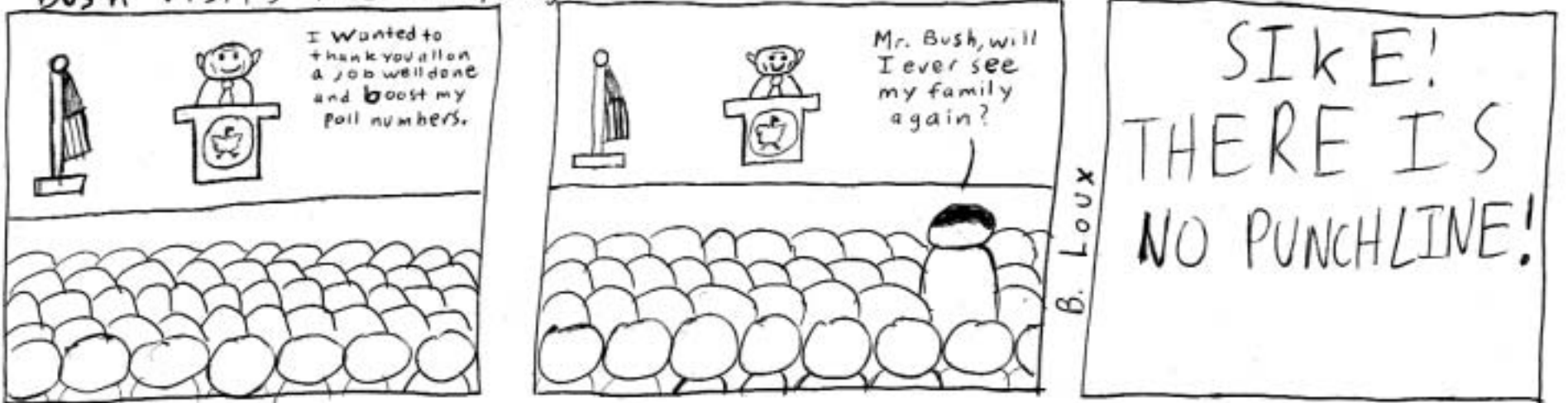
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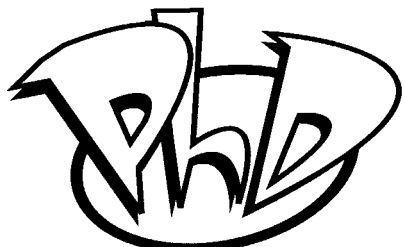
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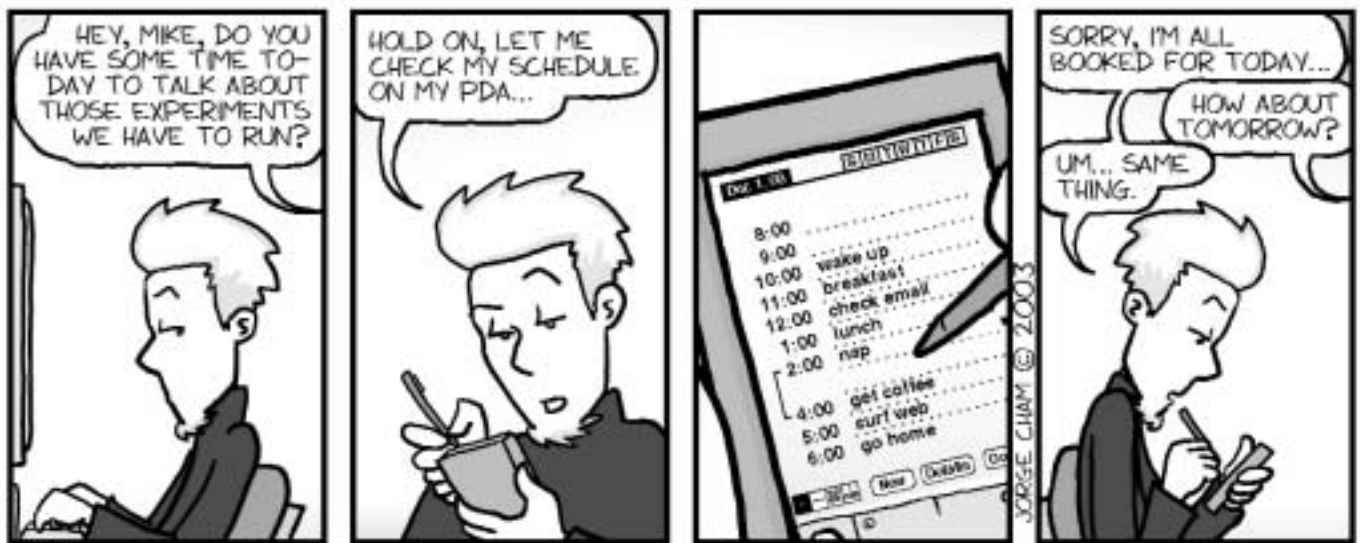
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- 6 Voting group
- 10 Driver Earnhardt
- 14 Ran at an easy pace
- 15 Olin or Horne
- 16 Comic Sandler
- 17 Make revisions
- 18 Start of an order
- 20 Prohibition
- 21 Foresails
- 23 Actress Plummer
- 24 Won follower?
- 25 Press Secretary Fleischer
- 26 Part 2 of order
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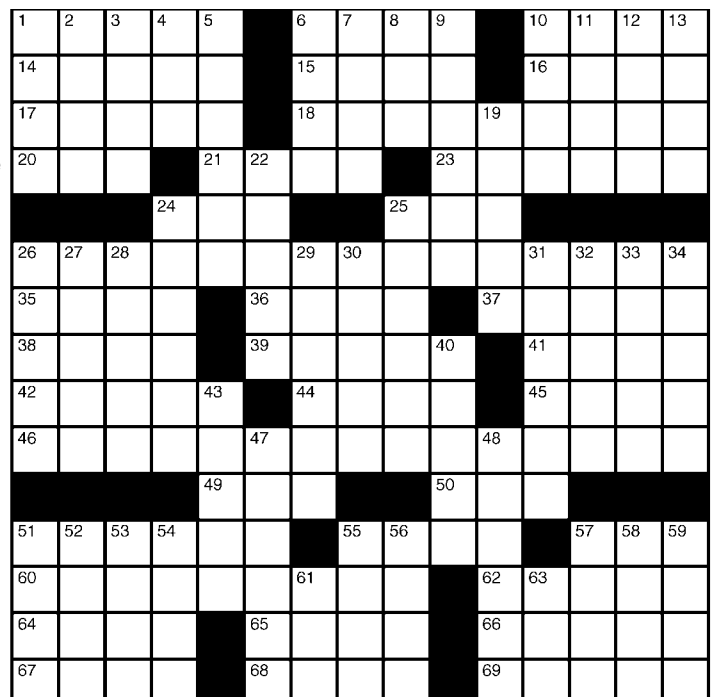
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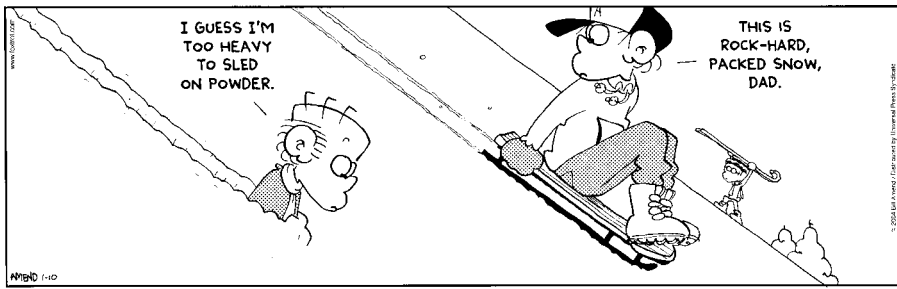
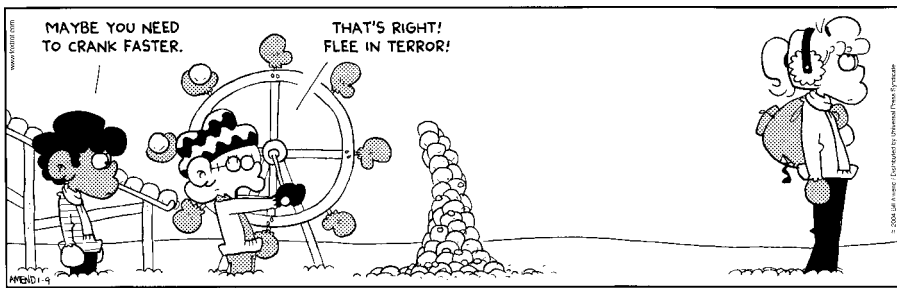
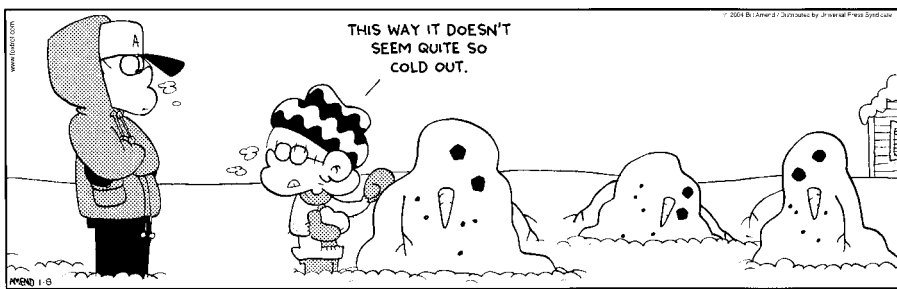
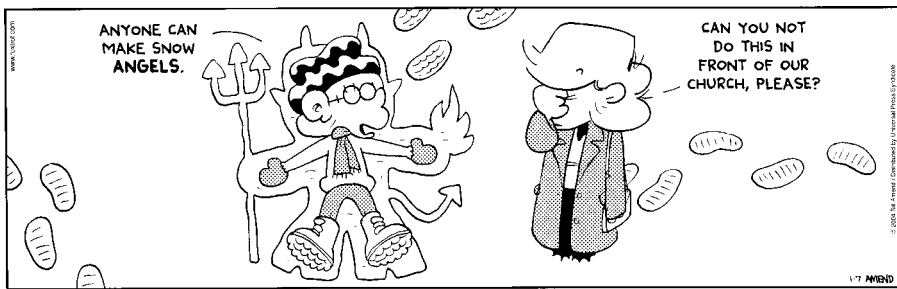
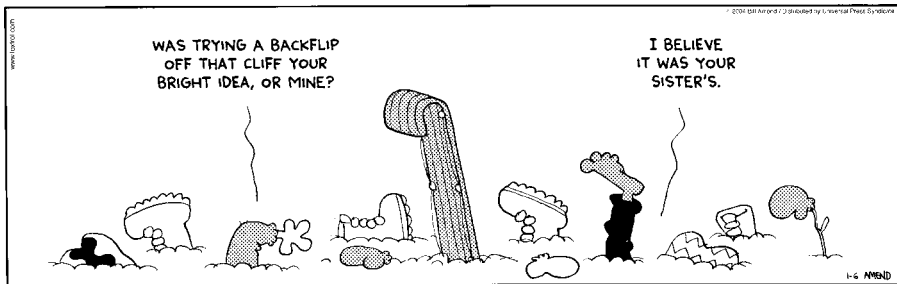
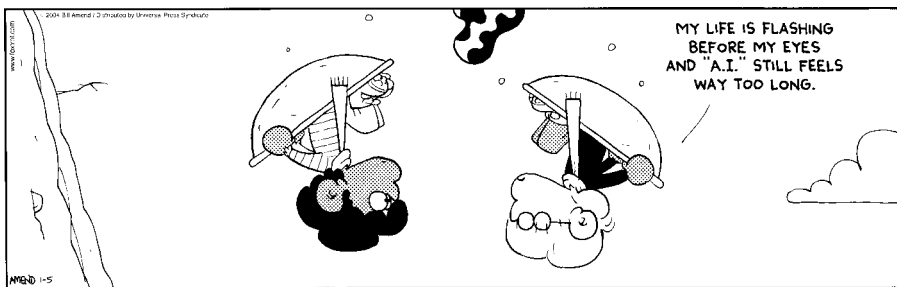
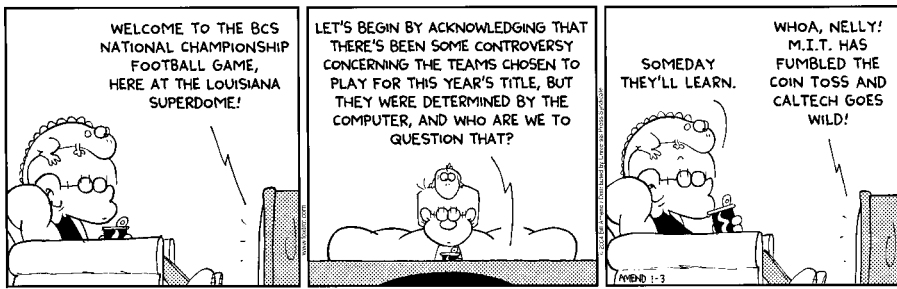
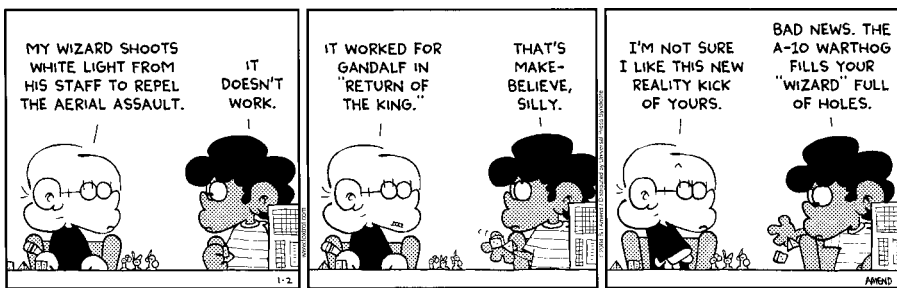
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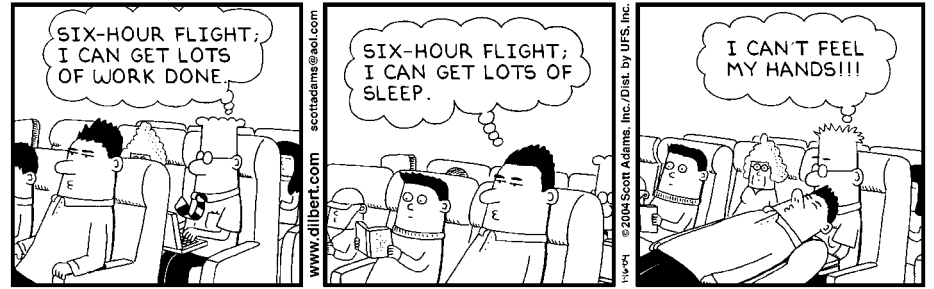
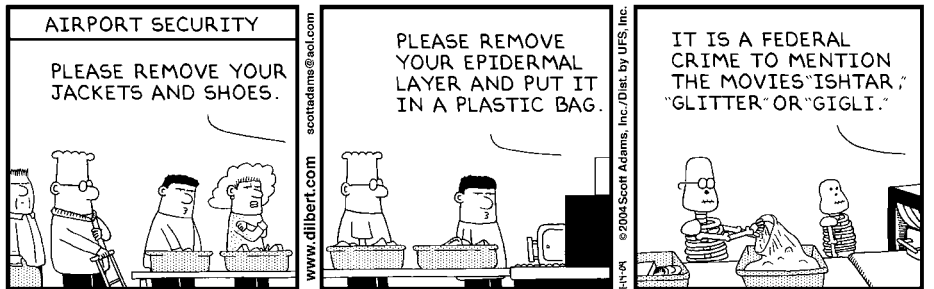
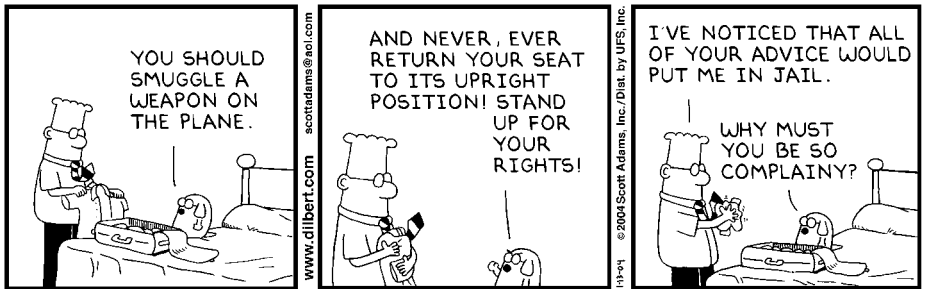
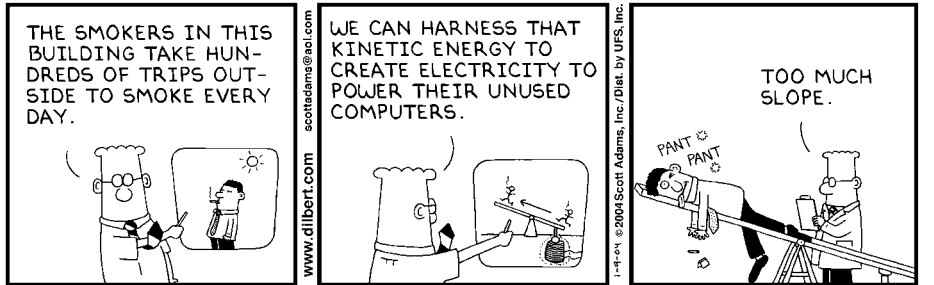
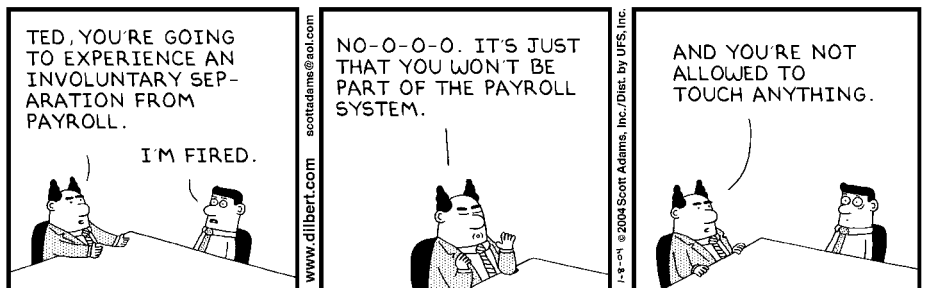
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S-P Wants Lighting, More Shuttle Service

Crime, from Page 1

be difficult because no suspects were seen at the scene of the crime, DiFava said.

More lighting considered

Additional lighting near Sidney-Pacific is under consideration as a result of the shooting.

"We would certainly like to see MIT do more in terms of changing the environment around Sidney-Pacific," said Associate Housemaster Keith N. Hampton.

Hampton said that the recent addition of Sidney-Pacific to the winter Tech Shuttle's morning route will help keep residents safe, but also pointed out the gap in shuttle service to Sidney-Pacific between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. — after the Tech Shuttle stops serving the dormitory, but before the beginning of Saferide service.

Patrols around S-P increased

MIT Police patrols have increased in the area, and will be checking in with Sidney-Pacific's front desk, DiFava said. Bicycle patrols will be introduced in the area when the weather gets warmer, he said.

In an emergency, members of the community should call the MIT Police directly — at 617-253-1212 — instead of 911 from their cell phones, DiFava said, because 911 calls must be routed through the Massachusetts State Police and the Cambridge Police.

While the MIT Police have a response time of less than two minutes, the logistics of routing mean that response times from the Cambridge Police would be much slower, he said. DiFava said campus police officers have the same powers as the Cambridge Police: "They would do the same as Cambridge Police if they were involved in a situation."

Unusually high number of crimes

In other recent incidents, an armed robbery took place at about 10:30 p.m. on Jan. 2 outside the Fleet ATM on Mass Ave. and Vas-sar St. The suspect stole the victim's wallet as he exited the ATM kiosk, holding him at gunpoint before fleeing in a black SUV towards Boston.

Last Saturday, the Harvard University Police reported that a female undergraduate was groped from behind by a teenage male on a bicycle.

Yesterday morning at about 1 a.m., gunshots were exchanged between two groups known to each other outside the Cambridgeport Saloon next to Random Hall.

No clear link with broken windows

Neither DiFava nor Pasquarello would comment on whether Olmstead's injury was connected with damage inflicted to the windows of Sidney-Pacific by BBs in December 2002 and January 2003.

Hampton said, however, that the shooting and last year's broken windows appeared to be unrelated.

IFC Plans Cooperation with Dorms

Rush, from Page 1

with the Orientation Committee to plan and coordinate fraternity rush with other orientation activities.

"We'll discuss the Orientation schedule," said Daniel H. Danesh-var '05, the IFC president. "We're just trying to preserve our interests at this point, making sure that the fraternities are in the best position possible going into Rush next year."

Daneshvar plans to discuss the changes to the schedule and IFC response with individual fraternity

presidents.

"I haven't had a single Presidents Council since this has broken," Daneshvar said. The council meetings will not start until the end of January, he said.

"I'm going to start talking to individual fraternity presidents on a monthly basis," Daneshvar said. "The fraternities through the IFC will definitely have input in the final orientation schedule."

Daneshvar has spoken with Dormcon to resolve problems that have come up in previous years,

involving fraternities and dormito-ries infringing on the others' design-ated rush periods.

"It looks like we both realize that we have common goals for Ori-entation this year," Daneshvar said. "I think we're seeing very eye to eye."

The IFC will decide how to coordinate fraternity rush with dor-mitories after a schedule is in place. "We need to see a schedule before we can decide what the rules will be and how we'll enforce them," Daneshvar said.

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MIT Names President Search Committees

On Jan. 7, MIT announced the membership of two search committees for a new president. More information is available at <http://web.mit.edu/president/search>.

Corporation Committee on the Presidency

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Former chairs of the Corporation will serve as consultants to the committee. They are:

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Sheila Widnall '60—Institute Professor and professor of aeronautics and astronautics and engineering systems

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'Tupac' Trader May Not Be at MIT

Subpoena, from Page 1

Based on the IRC "nickname" of the alleged trader ("BJ-XDCC1063") and the time of day, it appears unlikely that a real person was present at the department headquarters to send the film to Paramount.

A more likely scenario is that the computer was remotely compromised by someone who then used it as a middleman to share the content via IRC. "That's being considered," said Timothy J. McGovern, the StopIt and Information Technology policy coordinator.

Paramount's lawyer handling the subpoena did not respond to repeated requests for comment.

Verizon ruling no help to MIT

How MIT plans to respond is still a mystery, even though the deadline is tomorrow. (MIT obtained an extension from the original deadline of Dec. 17.)

One thing that is almost certain is that the Dec. 19 decision of a federal appeals court, striking down some subpoenas, will not help MIT in this case.

The Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998 grants copyright owners the power, in some situations, to subpoena Internet service providers for the identity of users trading copyrighted works without authorization.

The Washington, D.C., federal appeals court's decision held that a DMCA subpoena cannot force Internet service providers to disclose the contact information of their subscribers if the alleged infringing material is hosted on computers not belonging to the ISP.

The decision, had it been made earlier in 2003, would have given MIT the right not to release the contact information of Claudiu A. Prisnel '06, whose name MIT disclosed to the Recording Industry Association of America as the "alleged infringer" who offered hundreds of songs over the KaZaA file-trading network through MIT's network. (Prisnel was not sued and was not contacted by the RIAA, he said.)

But the court's decision seems not to aid MIT in its current situation, since the machine is an MIT-owned computer.

"Our working hypothesis right now is that [the decision] is not relevant, because the machine is owned by MIT," McGovern said. "That's the current interpretation. A lot of this stuff is still under discussion," he said.

"Tupac: Resurrection," a film about the rap star's life, was released on Nov. 14, 2003. Roger Ebert of the *Chicago Sun-Times* gave "Tupac: Resurrection" 3.5/4 stars.

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MIT, Other Colleges Look Past Scores of Applicants

By Jenna Russell
THE BOSTON GLOBE

As they face a rising tide of applicants who look highly qualified on paper, a growing number of selective colleges are trying to solve the same problem: how to look past high school transcripts and test scores to find the students who will thrive on campus.

For the first time this fall, MIT interviewers, who are alumni of the school, were asked to rank applicants on a scale of 1 to 5 on qualities including "culture match," or how the student would fit with the university. Other schools, including Northeastern University and Hampshire College in Amherst, are revising essay topics and adding new questions to gain insight about applicants' families, neighborhoods, and values.

"It's been hard, knowing who's the best match," said Marilee Jones, admissions dean at MIT. "They all have such strength in math and science; they all have a balanced curriculum; they all have eight to 15 AP courses. They're ballet dancers and building robots. You can't tell who's a natural fit anymore, and you need to know."

Teachers who write recommendations for MIT are now being asked for information about the applicants' "community, school, or background" to help place their accomplishments in context. A new essay question asks applicants to "describe the world you come from." Essay readers look for traits like a sense of humor and "inner resilience" that could help students succeed in MIT's competitive culture, Jones said.

Schools also are looking for students who will contribute to campus diversity and stay until graduation, helping to boost the retention rate, a crucial statistic

used in national rankings.

Over the past several decades, colleges have moved away from the labor-intensive interview process. Most have now made interviews voluntary, and rely chiefly on a limited, mostly numerical set of data to skim the cream from their pool of applications. The most weight is placed on grades and SAT scores, then extracurricular activities, essays, and recommendations are considered.

But in recent years, admissions leaders say, the pool has become, at least on paper, increasingly qualified. More students submit resumes rich with awards and summer programs; many take test-preparation classes and hire coaches to give their essays a nearly uniform polish.

As a result, some admissions officials say, they need to take new measures to figure out who the students behind the accomplishments really are.

The shift in emphasis looks in some ways like a return to the admissions practices of the past, but with a new set of priorities. When nearly all elite college applicants were young white men, personal qualities like "strength of character" were used by admissions officers as a way to boost alumni children with poor high school grades.

Modern admissions leaders, by contrast, say that careful personal assessments could help them increase diversity, partly because fewer applicants now choose to identify their race on paper. In the wake of last year's Supreme Court decision allowing colleges to consider race in admissions but not to use impersonal "point" systems, experts expect more colleges to ask about applicants' neighbor-

hoods and family backgrounds as an indicator of race or socioeconomic status.

The revival of the interview on some campuses may be the most striking evidence of the appetite for personal information.

At the University of Rochester in New York, where more than 10,000 applicants compete for fewer than 1,000 spaces, admissions dean Jonathan Burdick expects alumni to conduct some 2,000 interviews this year, compared to about 200 last year. He has started sending staff around the country to train the volunteers. Illinois Wesleyan University has begun offering \$200 travel vouchers to low-income applicants so they can interview on campus. Wake Forest University in North Carolina recently started interviewing applicants again, years after doing away with the practice.

"In 20 years, the greatest change I've seen in admissions is the decrease in the number of students applying who are not qualified," said Martha Allman, Wake Forest admissions director. "We wanted students who were intellectually curious but also cared about humanity and human beings, and we found that was difficult to figure from pieces of paper."

Admissions leaders said the interview makes or breaks candidates in a relatively small number of cases — 20 or 25 percent — but is especially useful when interviewers' reactions are extreme, either positive or negative.

From the University of Denver, hundreds of trained staff, faculty, and alumni will fan out to hotels in 27 cities next month to interview 2,600 applicants to the university, choosing from four standard questions made available to students in advance. (Sample: "Tell us about a

time you interacted with someone different from you.") Interviews last 20 minutes, and interviewers are told nothing about students except their names, to eliminate bias based on high school or grades.

"They're really trying to find out what kind of person this is, whether you would want this person as a classmate or roommate," interim vice chancellor Todd Rinehart said. "It sounds difficult, but the students are brutally honest, and it's usually pretty clear. You can figure out who would be a good fit."

Face-to-face meetings can also build a bond between school and student, he said: At the University of Denver, students who are accepted after an interview enroll at a rate 10 to 15 percent higher

than those who don't interview.

During her University of Denver interview in Boston last year, Lawrence Academy senior Ashley Dickson talked about her travels in Costa Rica and Belize, and her plan to become a sports broadcaster. When one of the men in the room remarked that the job would be challenging for a woman, Dickson had a snappy comeback, telling him, "That's because they haven't seen me yet."

"They were laughing, and I was like, OK, I'm not nervous anymore," said Dickson, 18, who turned down Boston University to enroll at UD. "The interview gives you a lot more faith in the school. I never talked to anyone from BU. They just accepted me based on what they saw on paper."

'Senior World' Idea Under Consideration

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Plan represents only part of MIT

One of the major problems facing all MIT faculty, staff and students is finding affordable housing in Cambridge.

The plan submitted by Gray and others would provide nearby, affordable housing primarily for members of the MIT community who often have less direct involvement with the Institute, although the plan may extend their participation further.

Brown said that it is not clear yet to what extent MIT would pro-

vide support for the plan, and that it would in part depend on the project's cost and long term income.

In addition, he said, "this is one of a number of different constituencies that you can imagine," and new faculty members are not represented in the proposal.

It's a question of "who do you want to subsidize," he said.

Gray said that "we don't know yet if there's sufficient interest in the MIT community or if there are sites that are available and affordable," but "the idea is to make it much simpler for persons, as they age and lose capabilities, to have access to what they need to stay at home."

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Cates Helped Start Exotec

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injuries and released. The freightliner driver was not injured. All three were wearing seatbelts.

In 1998, Cates started a company called Exotec (later called Vividon, and now part of Starbak Communications) with Thomas Pinckney III '97, Douglas K. Wyatt '97, and Russell T. Hunt '97. The company worked on high-performance video servers for video streaming. Cates finished his SB in course 6-3 in 2001, while still working part-time at Vividon, said Kaashoek, who was also Cates' undergraduate advisor.

"Operating Systems was Josh's major love in CS," Kaashoek said. "He loved dealing with the most complex pieces of code." Cates was respected in Kaashoek's research group for his brilliance, Kaashoek said, and was also an "incredibly nice guy."

"He won arguments not by shouting or throwing keyboards around, but by carefully chosen reasoning, generally accompanied by a joke or funny comment," Kaashoek said.

Fall of 2002 saw the first offering of 6.097, Operating System Engineering, now 6.828. The class was created by Cates, Kaashoek, and Emil Sit G. Cates wrote the codes for the labs that first year. Those labs are still used this fall, and Kaashoek said that a "generation of MIT students are going to take 6.828 and be working with code that [Josh] partially wrote."

During his undergraduate studies, Josh managed to spend time in Germany and the Middle East, and studied languages including German, Spanish, and Arabic. Following his graduation from the MEng program in Course 6, he lived in Barcelona, Spain with his sister, Lea. Josh explained to a friend that, though operating systems were fascinating, he wanted to explore the world.

A funeral service was held Saturday, Jan. 10 in Bismarck.

Cates is survived by his parents Steve and Cathy, his sisters Lea, Rosanne, and Angela.

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Globe MIT Students Bring Optimism to Silicon Valley

By Chris Gaither
THE BOSTON GLOBE

ATHERTON, CALIF., JAN. 12

During the Internet's heady days, entrepreneur David Yuan G knocked down a house and erected a mansion. Featuring bubbling fountains, immature palm trees, cherry floors, and heated toilet seats, the six-bedroom home sprang from the ground in this ritzy Silicon Valley town.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology students munching on Chinese food in Yuan's living room last Sunday would soon see signs that the Silicon Valley soil, which has birthed and taken back so many companies in the region's legendary booms and busts, has more growth left in it.

Seventy MBAs from the MIT Sloan School of Management descended on the high-tech mecca last week during the school's 11th annual Silicon Valley Tech Trek. In addition to job leads and business advice from seasoned executives, they sought evidence of a recovery from the depths of the high-tech crash.

They found it. The naturally optimistic Silicon Valley's spirit of opportunity has returned after three crushing years.

"Everyone believes it's coming back," said Yuan, a fellow in Sloan's

midcareer executive program who hosted the visiting MBA students.

But while the region is slowly rebounding from the downturn that drove thousands from the area, it is far from a bonanza.

The Nasdaq has risen 67 percent in the last 10 months, but the tech-heavy stock index is still at less than half of its peak, which it hit in March 2000. Google Inc. and Salesforce.com Inc., two red-hot software companies, are preparing big IPOs, but not many other companies are talking about going public. Earnings from high-tech firms are up, but their customers are still slow to open their wallets. And while the mass layoffs have slowed, hiring is still at a trickle.

The contrasts are sharp from last year, according to students who attended both trips. "We have a month left of cash," one software CEO told them last year. Another began his presentation by saying he had been hired not to expand the company, but to find a quick acquisition to rescue it. Few companies asked for resumes. "Less traffic and lots of empty parking lots," is how Andrew Kvaal, 29, a second-year student from Lexington, remembers the 2003 visit.

This year Kvaal and the others said they saw fewer empty cubicles

and encountered more aggressive corporate recruiters than they had anticipated during their visits to 35 Silicon Valley companies. Giants and start-ups trumpeted their ability to survive the high-tech slump, wooed students, and asked the best and brightest to apply for jobs that didn't exist in 2003.

"Last year large companies were in a lot of pain," said Mark Williamson G, 27, a marketing student from Chicago making his second Tech Trek. This year, "Unequivocally they're optimistic. I don't think many people are worried about a false start anymore."

That sentiment became clear the first morning of the Trek. Sloan students, who paid for their own airfare and hotel rooms to make the trip, crowded into a conference room at the Four Points Sheraton Sunnyvale to hear venture capitalist Mark Gorenberg '76 proclaim "the start of a new era of optimism."

As ducks quacked outside the hotel window, Gorenberg, a partner with Hummer Winblad Venture Partners and an MIT trustee, recounted some of the carnage of the previous three years: 87 percent less venture-capital money invested from the peak, 90 percent less investing in early-stage companies, the longest stretch of declining technology

spending since 1946. But VC funding seems to be coming back, he said, and tech spending has now risen for five straight quarters.

"You're coming here at a very good time. There's a new sense of renewal," he said. He asked them to send their business plans so he could consider funding them.

Hailing from MIT is a boost in hunting for Silicon Valley jobs — a geek's stamp of approval in a land where the geeks rule. But in an industry in which Bill Gates can go from Harvard University dropout to chairman of the world's largest software company, the masters in business administration degree sometimes clashes with the valley's freewheeling culture. Even a prestigious MBA does not ensure a cakewalk into a high-tech company.

Randy Nelson, a founding member of the Flying Karamazov Brothers juggling troupe and an instructor at Pixar Animation Studios Inc., escorted Sloan students through the company's headquarters as skateboarders zipped past "Finding Nemo" displays in the lobby. An investor relations executive then spent an hour in a film-screening room detailing Pixar's financial position — before announcing that the company typically hires only one MBA a year.

High-tech companies like Siebel Systems Inc. and Intuit Inc., however, recruit heavily among management students. Although they are keeping a lid on new hires, Cisco Systems Inc. employees collected resumes and told students that they planned to modestly expand the company's internship program this summer. At a cocktail reception for Sloan and Harvard Business School students at Google, the Internet search company, recruiters raced through the room, peering at name tags in a hunt for students who graduate this spring.

When a university recruiting manager at Network Appliance Inc., a data storage provider, welcomed students to her office, Williamson turned and whispered, "They wouldn't have brought her out last year, because she wouldn't have had anything for us."

Customers of Network Appliance, whose stock has more than doubled in the last nine months, now ask about buying a few hundred storage systems instead of just one, and a new wave of start-ups is approaching the company about partnerships, said

Amit Pandey SM '92, a Network Appliance general manager and Sloan graduate.

"Is it a good time to start a career in tech? Well, it's better than last year," he told students. One trend sweeping through companies and often discussed in management courses casts an ominous shadow over the students' prospects: "offshoring." That's the increasingly common practice of sending clerical work, software programming, and other jobs to workers overseas. Tavant Technologies Inc., a start-up that writes software for transactions between businesses, was created in Silicon Valley, but it now employs three times as many people in India.

Manager jobs are also heading overseas, but the Sloan students seemed to view the trend as more of an opportunity to advise companies than a threat. "I can either sit on the sidelines and whine about it, or I can jump in and make money off it," said Amit Jaisingh, a second-year Sloan student.

Exchanging their business-casual attire for suits and dresses, the Sloan MBAs braved another sign of the recovery — the crawling rush-hour traffic on Highway 101 — to attend a party for MIT's San Francisco Bay area alumni at Menlo Circus Club, an exclusive horse and tennis facility. They fanned out across the room, nibbling on smoked salmon and chatting up well-connected alumni from banks, consulting firms, and tech companies.

Christina Pan, 26, a first-year student from Houston, arrived in Silicon Valley shortly after the tech bubble burst in 2000 and worked here until the beginning of school last August. She likes that risk and failure is part of the valley ethos, but said she has seen little evidence of the recovery cited by others. She prefers it that way.

"You want to be here before it's too hot and hyped up," she said. Local economists predict that high-tech companies will begin hiring in earnest again this year if corporations continue to spend more money on technology. Until then, some Silicon Valley veterans are careful not to proclaim their optimism too loudly.

"The lights are on again in Silicon Valley," Jerry Burnett '64, a software executive and MIT alumnus who sponsored the Menlo Circus Club party, told the crowd. But he quickly added, "I wouldn't say they're fully bright."



STEPHANIE LEE—THE TECH

Timothy R. Kreider '04 performs a flying sidekick during a black belt demonstration at the MIT Sport Taekwondo Club's 'Learn to Break a Board' class.

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Former track and field head coach Gordon Kelly speaks on Saturday at the MIT Faculty Club during a dinner honoring his contributions to MIT athletics over the last 42 years. Alumni, as well as coaches from MIT and other New England schools, were in attendance.

STANLEY HU—THE TECH

Come on, Forget About Politics In Sports, Just Play the Game

By Yong-yi Zhu
COLUMNIST

Several months ago, Frank Solich was fired from the job of the head coach for the Nebraska Cornhuskers football program. He had just recently coached the team to a national title game and had plenty of successes on his resume: 58-19 as a head coach, one Big 12 title, and two Big 12 coach of the year awards. However, Solich professed option football, and that just wasn't going to be the future of the Cornhuskers.

Last week, Bill Callahan, the ex-Raider coach, succeeded Solich. (As an aside, I might add Callahan was also fired after leading his team to a title game.) The first few words out of Callahan's mouth about Nebraska football are that he is going to "air it out" in the future. This is exactly what the school, the fans, and the rest of the public needed to hear from the new head coach. After all, saying anything less would never have gotten him hired for the job. Was Callahan the perfect fit, and the right solution to this troubled football program? Or were people involved just trying to be politically correct? This got me wondering: Can we have sports any more without politics? Surely, the political correctness of a situation helps to make everyone involved happy. But often times, we sacrifice purity for that happiness.

For example, if you turn on basketball in the states, you get a

good selection of games between a bunch of competitive teams. On any given night, you could see Tim Duncan, Tracy MacGrady, or Allen Iverson. In China, on any given day (note time difference), you can see Yao Ming, Yao Ming, or Yao Ming. That's right, the basketball entertainment of the entire country, the world's most populated nation, rests on the shoulders of one dude. Since the country demands it, it's politically correct for their TV stations to show exclusively Yao, but to me, this muddles the spirit of sport. I enjoy watching my team on TV, true. I also enjoy watching everything happening around the rest of the league; I like how ESPN lets me watch most teams. Forcing people to just watch Yao also forces a limited interest onto people: either they like Rocket basketball, or they don't watch the NBA. I guess this is good for those Chinese supremely interested in how their guy is doing. But is this for better or for worse overall?

Then, there's the example of Nick Saban. I was listening to the Dan Patrick radio show last week (in China, nonetheless), and he had an interview with the LSU Tigers' football coach Nick Saban. Saban has been at the top of the list for many NFL coaching positions, with teams like the Bears needing a new coach right now. Patrick asked Saban what he thought about coaching for an NFL team. All you heard

from Saban was how he loved it at LSU and how excited he was about the team's performance this year. It was as if he didn't hear Patrick's questions at all. Talk about political correctness to the nth degree. Can we just get a straight answer about things already?

Finally, there is the example of the entire Alex Rodriguez fiasco. Boston hates Nomar and Manny. Boston loves Nomar and Manny. A-Rod hates the Rangers. A-Rod loves the Rangers. All right, between all the loving and hating, somebody must be lying and just trying to appease everyone else. Throw in Scott Boras, Tom Hicks, Larry Lucchino, and even Peter Gammons, and you have an all out party. (Political or not is another matter.)

Everyone's trying to be politically correct at all times. All that lying loses the slightest appearance of being honest anymore. But I guess that's what people want. With all these attempts at being nice to everyone at all times, are we trying to make the sports world a better place? Or are we simply supporting a façade of being nice? Sports are brutal. People want to beat each other. In the end, I think being pure to one's sport is the best thing to do. Play to the best of your ability, and treat sports as what it really is: a battle of excellent talents. It's like Nike says, "Just Do It." Just go out and play for crying out loud. Leave the long, dull speeches to the real politicians.



Brian C. Anderson '04 (left), runs in perfect sync with alumnum and All-American runner Ethan Crain '96, during the MIT Alumni meet on Saturday at the Johnson Athletic Center. Anderson won the race in 1:56.71 and Crain dropped back to seventh place in 2:15.46. The varsity team defeated the alumni, 72-59.

STANLEY HU—THE TECH



Nestor F. Hernandez '05 inverts himself as he attempts to clear the pole vault bar during the MIT alumni meet on Saturday at the Johnson Athletic Center. Hernandez cleared 12'0" for fourth place, as the varsity team defeated the alumni, 72-59.

STANLEY HU—THE TECH



Catherine A. Tweedie G clears the pole vault bar at the MIT Alumnae meet on Saturday at the Johnson Athletic Center. Tweedie placed 2nd in the pole vault with an 11'6" jump to help the varsity win, 81-39.

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SPORTS

NFL Divisional Playoffs: It's a Wild, Wild Weekend

By Brian Chase
COLUMNIST

The second round of the NFL playoffs took place this weekend, and it has been one of the greatest in recent memory. Two games went into overtime; the other two went down to the last second. You had offensive showcases, defensive brawls, and about everything in between. This column gives a brief synopsis of all four games and then my AFC and NFC Championship picks. So let's get to it:

Carolina at St. Louis:

This sloppy game, full of Carolina penalties and Rams missing tackles, came down to two matchups: quarterback Jake Delhomme and coach John Fox of the Panthers versus QB Marc Bulger and coach Mike Martz of the Rams. The Panthers ended up winning both those matchups and the game 29-23 in double overtime. Jake Delhomme won because he was accurate at the end of the game and made the final, 69-yard touchdown pass to receiver Steve Smith. Bulger lost it because he made three interceptions, including the one in overtime. Fox won the coaching battle because he kept running the ball even when Carolina's star running back, Stephen Davis, went out with an injury and because he designed the defense that kept the Rams offense from running away with the game. Martz

lost because at the end of regulation, he waited for the field goal and overtime instead of making attempts at the end zone, which he had time to do. The poor play and decision making of the Rams at the end of the game ensures that Kurt Warner will be the Rams QB next season.

Tennessee at New England:

This game was a grinding, defensive exhibition, played very close by both teams. The four degree weather, thought by some to give the Pats an edge, didn't seem to faze the Titans as they matched the Pats score for score. The game started, after one Titans possession, with touchdowns by both offenses, probably because the defenses needed time to adjust. In the first half, New England made two key plays: Rodney Harrison of the Pats intercepted Tennessee QB Steve McNair, which set up the Patriots only other touchdown, and then in the second quarter, the Pats blocked a Titans field goal, which ended up being the difference between winning the game and going to overtime. Tennessee did score in the third quarter and also recovered a Pats fumble, but the Pats' defense kept bailing them out, and in the end the Patriots used a poor punt by the Titans to set up Adam Vinatieri's winning field goal, ending the game at 17-14 Patriots.

Indianapolis at Kansas City:

As much as the Titans-Pats game

was defensive, this game was offensive. How offensive? There was not a single punt in the entire game, a first in NFL postseason history. Every time the Indianapolis Colts touched the ball, they scored, excepting two possessions at the end of each half, when time ran out on them. And that was good, because the Colts' defense was not much more effective than the Chiefs'. The Chiefs had only two possessions on which they did not score, one because of a very bad pass interference call on Chiefs' tightend Tony Gonzalez followed by a missed field goal, and the other because of a fumble by Chiefs running back Priest Holmes. The pivotal moment came in the fourth quarter when Chiefs' coach Dick Vermeil chose not to onside kick and trusted his defense to stop the Colts, which of course they couldn't do. The Colts ran off the clock and won the game, 38-31. On a personal note, this proves to me as a Chiefs fan that our Defensive Coordinator, Greg Robinson, must be fired if we are to have any chance to make the Super Bowl next year.

Green Bay at Philadelphia:

A lot of people thought the Packers were destined to win this game, and until overtime, it looked as though they were right. The Pack aggressively blitzed on defense and sacked Philly QB

Donovan McNabb four times during the first half and eight times total. The Packers used a fumble caused by one of those early sacks to set up their first touchdown and then a long run by RB Ahman Green to set up the other. The Packers could have had another touchdown in the second quarter, but the Eagles held them on the one-yard line on fourth down to keep Green Bay from scoring. Once Green Bay was ahead, they eased the pressure off McNabb, and he led Philly back with scores in the second and fourth quarter. The Packers kicked a field goal to lead, but couldn't keep McNabb from converting on fourth and 26 to set up the tying field goal. In overtime, the Packers stopped the Eagles' initial drive, only to see their future Hall of Fame QB, Brett Favre, throw a desperate toss that was intercepted. This allowed the Eagles to score a second field goal to win it, 20-17.

And now my picks for the championship games (season prediction record: 6-6):

Carolina at Philadelphia:

The Eagles did not impress me against Green Bay. McNabb could not get any pass protection to save his life, and they could not stop Green Bay's running offense. Carolina is primarily a running team, and so Philly's weakness plays right

into their hands. Plus, Carolina coach John Fox is smart enough to note Green Bay's blitz packages and use them to exploit the Eagles. Those two factors, more than McNabb's excellent passing skills or Carolina's suspect passing game, will decide this contest in Carolina's favor. Carolina wins, 20-14.

Indianapolis at New England:

My logic tells me the Patriots have the better chance to win this game. It tells me Patriots coach Bill Belichick will have out-planned Indy coach Tony Dungy, and the Pats defense will be able to stem a Colts offense that has been red-hot. It tells me that the Colts defense is not great, and the Pats will ride roughshod over it, much like the last time these two teams met. But something else in me, maybe my right-brain, says that the Colts, led by quarterback and NFL MVP Peyton Manning, won't be stopped that easily. This side says that the Pats offense is one-dimensional, that the Colts offense is playing the best it has all year, and that neither the cold nor the crowd of Foxboro will bother Manning, much as the KC crowd didn't bother him last weekend. Well, I'm throwing caution to the wind and picking the Colts to win a close revenge game, 38-35. And if I am wrong, let me be mocked and ridiculed for doubting the redoubtable Patriots.

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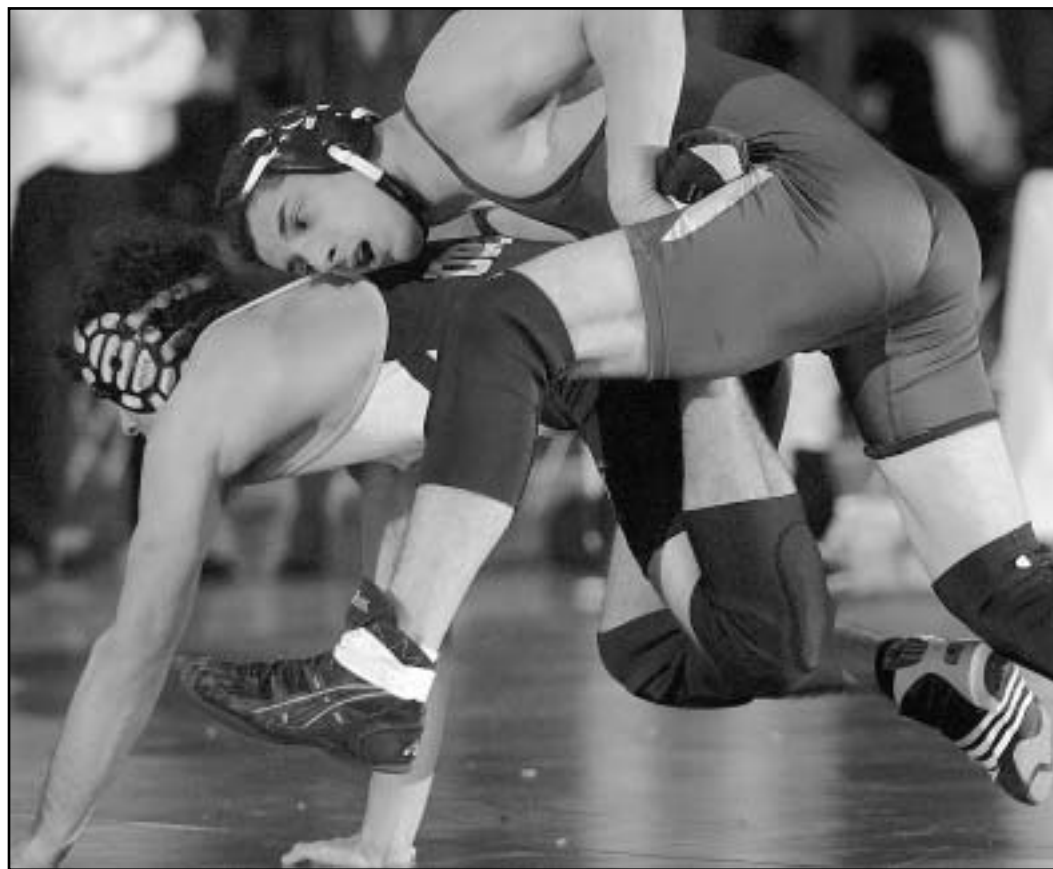
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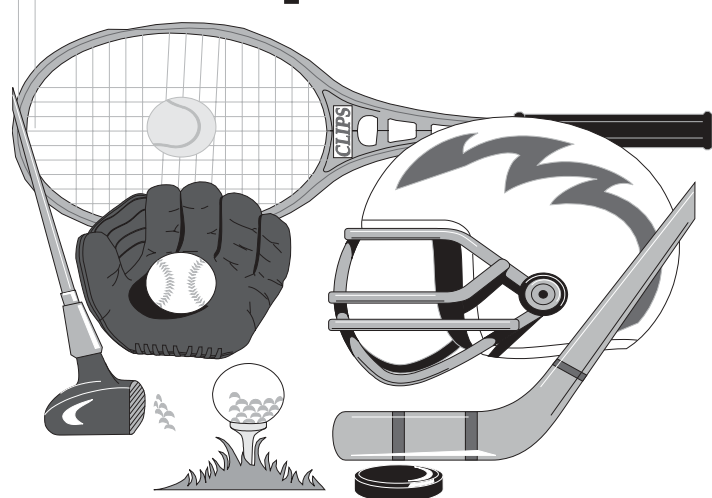
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Jonathan A. Benezry '05 tries to upend an opponent from Ursinus College during the North-South Wrestling Duals, hosted by MIT at the Rockwell Cage on Saturday. MIT wrestlers had a rough day, losing all four of their matches. The team competes at Willams College this weekend.

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Are you a diehard sports fan? Do you like to spend hours sitting on your bum?



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