Uzamere, Faber Win 2003 UA Elections

By Jay Cameron

Pius A. Uzamere '04 and Jacob W. Faber '04 won the election for Undergraduate Association president and vice president, marking the first election in four years that did not include the disqualification of a candidate.

"I feel privileged to have been part of the race this year," Uzamere said. "All of the candidates this time around really seemed to demonstrate real passion for making MIT better. I think all of us just had different ways for going about it," he said.

Faber attributed the victory to a detailed platform, a strong performance at the candidate's debate, and an endorsement from The Tech's editorial board.

About 25 percent of the class of 2003 and 50 percent of each of the other classes voted, totaling 43.3 percent of eligible voters, a big number compared to recent years'.

UA offices in transition

Following their campaign victories, the newly elected officers will be installed at the last regularly scheduled UA Senate meeting, which will take place near the end of the semester. Between now and then, the incoming will transition to their roles.

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**Bomb Blast Kills 10 in Bombay**

A powerful bomb exploded on a crowded commuter train Thursday night in Bombay, India's financial capital, killing at least 10 people and wounding more than 60, officials said.

The blast went off when the local train, packed with office workers returning to their homes, was passing into the suburban Mulund station, a day after the 10th anniversary of serial bomb blasts in Bombay that killed about 250 people. The 1993 bombings were blamed on Muslim militants retaliating for the destruction of a mosque by Hindus the previous year in the northern city of Ayodhya.

**Turkish Court Bans Main Kurdish Political Party**

**By Samantha Hess**

Authorities outlawed Turkey’s main Kurdish political movement Thursday, claiming that it collaborated with armed Kurdish separatists and planning to ban a group of Kurdish intellectuals.

The crackdown appeared to be a pre-emptive act against any separatist violence in Turkey in the event of a U.S. invasion of neighboring Iraq, following the capture of their commander, Abdullah Ocalan. Some rebels were returning to their homes, was pulling into the suburban Mulund station, a day after the 10th anniversary of serial bomb blasts in Bombay that killed about 250 people. The 1993 bombings were blamed on Muslim militants retaliating for the destruction of a mosque by Hindus the previous year in the northern city of Ayodhya.

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Energy Fears Top Concerns About War

A war against Iraq threatens to undermine an already weakened U.S. economy, especially because of what one energy expert calls "the garilla in the bathtub."

While some past wars boosted business activity, U.S. military action against Iraq and its aftermath is likely to cause more problems for the economy, government officials, business leaders and economists say.

The consensus view is that even under the best-case military sce- nario, Iraq's oil sector, which is crucial to the U.S. economy, may suffer, and even if the situation in the Middle East is not disrupted, higher energy costs also raise the specter of further inflation, tying up resources.

That could be the blow that forces consumers to cut back on their spending. Weary after two years of stock economic growth, consumers would especially feel the pinch of higher energy costs.

Israeli Army's Friendly Fire Kills Security Guards

Edgy Israeli soldiers marking the West Bank cityscape for Palestinian militants Thursday mistakenly killed two Israeli security guards who had been standing watch over a mobile telephone antenna on a remote hillside.

One of the victims, Yehuda Yosef, had just gotten out of the Israeli army Sunday. The other, Yovon Daron, was a career officer who undertook security work on the side. They were both in their early 30s and had served together in the Givati Brigade.

Army officials, declaring the incident a tragedy that would be thoroughly investigated, said that the soldiers had been checking the area near the hill and a station wagon on the edge of a muddy road. As bullets pummeled the car, which had the word "security" in red Hebrew lettering, one of the victims turned and fled. Fire from an Israeli helicopter hovering overhead mowed him down.

"We started shouting, and calling for help. They sent us an ambu-

ance, but it was too late," an unidentified witness told Israel Radio.

"What did the army say? That it was a mistake. After that, somebody, the army came, who didn't come? They took the bodies and left."

Chinese Newspaper Shut Down After Call for Reform

The Chinese government Thursday shut down a newspaper that published an impassioned plea for political reform along with a criti- que of past leaders by Mao Tse-tung's former secretary, sources said.

Lu Rui, the personal secretary to the founder of Communist China, criticized Mao for creating a cult of personality and subse- quently lauding Hu Yaobang, a former Communist Party general secretary. The newspaper opened last year, and its circulation had risen to

more than 200,000. Sources close to the paper said the order to halt publication was given Monday, leading some Irish diplo-

mats to wonder if the White House might use both as leverage in its bid for the cusp of war. And Thursday's debate provided no opportunity for meaningful dis-

cussion of seriously compromised legislation. The Republican majority limited debate to two hours and 15 minutes, yielding from offering amendments to the bill.

Bush Meets with Irish Prime Minister, Discusses Security Council Resolution

The prime minister of Ireland came calling at the White House Thursday to press President Bush a Waterford crystal bowl of Abbeyleix, a no-guilt to help disarm Iraq.

After meeting with Bush, Prime Minister Bertie Ahern told reporters that if the U.N. Security Council cannot agree to a new resolution, "Ireland will have to support" military action, because we understand this is a matter of life and death for the people of Iraq. Bush was giving the president's pledge to fight for a new U.S.-based reso-

nience in the southern market by the end of this year. Among the biggest media groups in China. A sister publication, Southern Weekend, has undergone a series of purges because of its propensity for also pub-

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Arabs in Israel

In reference to the article "Uncivilized Arabs" [March 4] and the reply published on March 7.

Israel is a democratic state for its Jewish citizens, and a Jewish state for everyone else. The end of maintaining the "Jewishness" of the state justifies any means. Thus some politicians advocate the "transfer" of Palestinians and the diffusion of the "demographic time bomb" (i.e., citizens of Israel who are not Jewish). The Israeli Supreme Court's verdict in the case of Knesset Member Bikshar is an important milestone in the process of converting Israel into a state for all its citizens. This means the integration of not only Arabs, but also foreign workers and thousands of Jewish immigrants whose Jewishness does not meet the standards of the Israeli nationalistic.

The sorry state of democracy in the Arab world does not automatically make Israel perfect, nor do Israel's faults absolve Arabs from rendering remarks incorrectly from Briony G. Keith, senior secretary in literature. References incorrect to "self-help," the amount of money students must contribute to their tuition by a separately incorporated non-profit organization and is not "MIT's property of The Tech. Room W2Q.84

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A Call To Action: Walk Out On War

Quarrelling Brothers

Andrew C. Thomas

For 136 years, Canada and the United States have been the best of friends. Really.

Despite all the quarrelling, the disagreements, and the disputes about where the fence should be moved for the last time, the United States managed to forge a relationship that is the envy of the world; a relationship that is the envy of the world.

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Making A Killing

Off the Record

Maya Montenegro

Democrats and Republicans alike reacted angrily Tuesday after discovering that the U.S. military, already under fire for moving forward with plans to award construction contracts worth hundreds of millions of dollars, is planning to list five of American companies. To add insult to injury, Pentagon officials failed to attend the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on post-war reconstruction in Iraq.

Richard Kraus

“Whenever I hear someone lecturing about the “root causes” of terrorism in the Middle East, I am usually left with the feeling that Israelis are themselves to blame for being murdered by terrorists. Israel’s critics point to the occupation, the Israeli Military command structure, which pervades the Arab world, they argue that, of course, such bigotry is unacceptable, but that it is the Israeli-Arab “geography” that predates the development of political Zionism.

One of the incidents inspired by this bigotry was the massacre of the Jewish community in Biarritz in 1896. Yet, in what is now Libya, killing hundreds of Jews in the city of Algiers in 1805, several hundred Jews were killed during the French invasion. It was the site of major anti-Jewish pogroms in 1836 and 1837, when the most historically important instances of anti-Semitic violence of the nineteenth century occurred. It was the birthplace of Israel, the birthplace of the Yishuv, and the birthplace of the second Jewish Empire in the world, in the city of Damascus in 1840.

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Three trustees work on the EASE project in Cape Coast: Mrs. Sally Honny, Mr. Joseph Sam and Mrs. Minah Nyaako. The EASE trustees work on the project on a completely voluntary basis. During my visit, I learned how these trustees ran EASE activities during the past year. First, the head teachers of six schools nominated children from their schools to be considered for EASE sponsorship based on the children's histories of need. Twenty-five children were finally selected to benefit from EASE support.

In its nascent stage EASE is launching itself mostly with raising money to pay the school fees of underprivileged children. The commitment of the trustees has had to make the project off the ground.

EASE makes its mark on children's lives

EASE makes its mark on children's lives by providing all of her grandson's needs with the meager earnings from her trading job. Sometimes, Emmanuel and his grandmother have to forego supper to save money. Thanks to EASE funding, which covers costs, Emmanuel can stay in school through Junior Secondary (equivalent to middle school in the United States). The young boy's dream of becoming a doctor is not so remote anymore.

Memphis Sarbah School has three children benefiting from EASE support: Francis, Dina and Philip. The school is a practical building story of colonial times like most of the buildings on the coast of Cape Coast. It stands on a grassless hill with an air of simple dignity despite its shallowness. The exposed hillside is severely eroded. We climb up to the school and find Miss Cecilia Os счет, the assistant in charge, to coordinate the EASE program in the school. She tells us that the class we are looking for is gone to Regional Educational Unit's Resource Centre for the day. The Centre is the only place that has the equipment the school needs to teach the required Technical Skills course. In this course, the students learn carpentry, bricklaying and drawing. Once a week, they get to use the facilities at the Centre.

Dina gets by on 6 cents a day

Dina is our resource center we only find Dina and Francis. Dina tells us that Philip is at home because he fell sick with a tummy ache. Dina wears a yellow and brown dress, like the other children around, except it is evident that hers has been mended too many times and bunched with white thread. It speaks very softly when I talk to her so that I am almost unable to hear her. I repeat my question in Twi, a language that is very similar to the native Fante of Cape Coast. But she does not speak enough in English. At the same time, I lean down to hear her better, and she tells me in concise English that she lives with her sister and mother. She and her sister, who is a year ahead of her in the same school, have to share 1000 cedis (approximately equivalent to 12 cents) a day for their food because it is all her mother can afford.

Dina's portion of the money, 500 cedis, is not sufficient to buy even a good size fish (the most common of staple foods in the area), much less some kyenam (fried fish) to go with it to provide a little protein in her diet. As Mrs. Honny puts it, "Do you study hard on an empty stomach? Mrs. Honny is touched by Dina's predicament and pledges to pay a tailor near her pharmacy to make a new school dress for Dina. "A good dress will give her confidence," she says. Also, she promises to give Dina 1000 cedis each school day from then on to enable Dina afford some fish to make her diet more balanced.

Francis has his arms held respectfully behind his back all the time while we talk to him. He expresses his gratitude for the help he is receiving and asks for God's blessing for the people working on EASE. He does all this in bold English and the timidity of his voice does not tame the sincerity of his words. It is hard not to admire the strong spirit that drives these children on through the hardships of their lives.

Learning resources scant in local schools

At St. Michael's Girls School, we meet seven girls who are receiving EASE aid. Three of them are in the first year of Junior Secondary School. The other four, and one more girl who is absent from school that day, are in the second year. These girls are livelier and more cheerful. They are also more forward with answers and have questions of their own. Gloria is one of the second year students and has the responsibility of running the school library.

She leads me to a large wooden cabinet covering most of one wall in the room. It has a number of doors with padlocks. She opens the rightmost door in the top row and shows me a space that is no more than a cubic meter in volume. This space holds fewer than a hundred reading books neatly arranged on two shelves. This is the school library.

Gloria keeps records of books borrowed by her schoolmates and makes sure that each book that goes out of the library is brought back. She is proud of this responsibility and the headmistress of the school testifies that she executes it dutifully.

Community grateful for EASE support

The girls at St. Michael's, too, say warm thank-you for EASE support. The poster on their head teacher's office door depicts the government's FCUBE (Free Compulsory Universal Basic Education) program in bright colors. While this is a laudable goal, the present reality for these girls is that fees have to be paid to stay in school, and EASE support is one prayer answered.

St. Monica's Girls' School is housed in another colonial building, one with a relatively recent coat of white paint on its walls. The school is located within a walled compound that protects the children from the danger of accidents on the road that runs in front of it. Of the six schools where EASE operates, St. Monica's is the only one with a dedicated room for a library. We find Abigail, another EASE-sponsored student, in the school library engrossed in a book. Abigail is not the best student at all her subjects, but all the time she spends in the library helps her in English — she is among the top five girls in her class when it comes to English. But even where there is a desire to learn, there must also be tools to teach before results can be achieved.

Just the beginning for EASE

In its second year, EASE plans to expand its program to help schools like St. Monica's and St. Michael's stock their libraries with books donated in the United States. By supplying educational materials to schools, EASE will be going the next step in helping to educate children like Gloria and Abigail.

Having recruited a new set of volunteers to work on the project in Sunyani, EASE will also start sponsoring children in this second town in September 2003.

EASE has already reached 25 children who are among those that most urgently need the kind of help EASE offers. The positive impact of this first year of work is spurring everyone on the EASE team — donors, volunteers at MIT and in Ghana, and all the people who support the project in diverse ways — to work harder to help even more children gain access to standard education.

Arthur Musah is a co-founder of EASE.

More information about EASE can be found at http://web.mit.edu/ease/www/
By Ricarose Rogge

Great Debate Is Latkes
Of fun for everyone!

By Annemarie Grandke

When I arrived at Cambridge University for CMIT’s one-year exchange program in Physics, I was filled with notions of meeting the perfect English gentleman who would sweep me off my feet in a picturesque bowl room and dinners at the Cambridge Union Society. What could be more typical of England than dining in a long table with 100 or so other people, toasting with port in one hand and cigarettes in the other? It turned out to be a British pastime that I was never able to fully appreciate. While the food was delicious, the atmosphere was loud and raucous, and I couldn’t help but feel out of place.

Instead of attempting to fit in, I decided to embrace the culture and make the most of the experience. I learned to appreciate the social aspects of Cambridge, such as the weekly college parties, where students would gather to dance the night away to live music. I also enjoyed the opportunity to try new foods, such as fish and chips and shepherd’s pie, which were both delicious and unique.

I also had the chance to experience some of the traditional activities that are so much a part of Cambridge life. I participated in the annual Hamentashen Debate, which is a friendly competition between the physics and mathematics departments. The debate is held every year, and it’s a great way to get to know your fellow students and have some fun.

Overall, my experience in Cambridge was a memorable one. I’m grateful for the opportunity to have visited such a unique and interesting place, and I hope to return someday to continue exploring all that it has to offer.
Gadget Review

Jensen MP3510 In Dash MP3/CD/Receiver

By Kallas NarencIran
COLUMNIST

The MP3510 from Jensen provides a low-cost MP3 solution for your car. For about $150 (the lowest price I found online), you can upgrade your car to the digital age, allowing it to both play CDs and MP3s that you burn onto a CD-R/RW from your computer. Even with the pitiful roads around Cambridge and Boston, this device has almost never skipped.

Lots of music

One could argue that the crappy radio reception doesn't matter since you do get about eight or more hours of music on one MP3 CD. I'll have to say that I agree, since I don't really care for the 50-50 music and advertisements split on commercial radio. While songs play, the faceplate displays the ID3 information such as song title and artist. The display is easy to read, but you can't see the song name until it actually starts playing, making searching for a song really tedious.

In addition, the interface on the player, a button for forward and backwards, isn't the best for seeking through almost two hundred songs you can fit on a CD. Either way, for a long haul, this unit holds its own with a continuous, repeat-free block of music.

Quirkapalooza

There are quite a few quirky states this thing can fall into, where it fails to work without some finessing. I never had it absolutely stop working, but I had to eject and reinsert the CD on numerous occasions when it'd get stuck on a song here and there. I wanted a couple of CDs when I first got the receiver, by burning through Windows XP. Though after using Nero, another CD-writing application that is a lot stricter about 100660 standards, the receiver worked fine.

The faceplate is bright and easy to read after it warms up, when you start using it on a cold morning the display is very blurry.

The device is an easy install and plays MP3 CDs pretty well, but has some quirks (discussed later). The radio reception is slightly better than piss poor in the city, but becomes worse when you get to areas that have fewer radio stations you can actually seek from one to another, but that's only useful if you live in BFE, not Boston.

As you would expect, the Jensen MP3510 and Mercury MP3508 are very similar, with the major differences being the faceplates come off the unit for the year which you park overnight in Cambridge, and provides lots of gratuitous flashing lights to keep your eyes off the road when you're driving and grooving to your tunes.

Receiver, but I...

I'm not sure why the radio reception on this device is so bad. I think I got better reception through long wires in my 6.302 labs! Until installing this device, I thought the world had solved the FM receiver problem. Why this device can play MP3s, but not receive WBCN, is beyond me.

The seek functionality is useless in this unit. Seek stops at every decimal point, thereby rendering it completely useless. When you get out to your times.

The Jansen MP3510 In Dash MP3/CD/Receiver is a low cost solution for MP3 car stereo capabilities on a budget.

Easy, do-it-yourself install

In this chapter, I'll explain how to to filter my spam with MH. How can I do so?

Answer: The next time you log in, you will be able to use inc, and the messages marked as spam will be automatically be filtered for you into a spam folder. spam-inc is a shell script in the sipb locker. You can make a personal copy of the script, if you want to customize its behavior.

To ask a question, send mail to questions@mit.edu. We'll try to answer you quickly, and we might address your question in our next column. Copies of each column and pointers to additional information will be posted on our Web site:

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FILM REVIEW ★★½

Gerry-meandering

Gus Van Sant’s New Film is Beautiful and Boring

By Jed Home

Writen by Casey Affleck, Matt Damon, and Gus Van Sant
Directed by Gus Van Sant
Rating R

I knew what I was getting into before I went to see Gerry, a slow, self-conscious bid by Gus Van Sant to reclaim a shred of artistic credibility after selling out with Good Will Hunting and just plain sucking vance then (cough ... Finding Forrester, cough, cough). That caveat delivered, I was pleasantly surprised by the result.

As the plot (such as it is) unfolds, two friends, both named Gerry (Matt Damon and Ben Affleck’s brother, Casey), wander around a nameless desert landscape in search of “the thing.” They give up eventually, and wind up hopeless lost. The two friends (lovers?) braving the wilderness using only their wits and a rap- port so well developed that they often communi-
cate in a language known only to the each other. As is the case with any art film, the only way to judge Gerry is by literary comparison. The allusion-so-obvious-I-probably-shouldn’t mention is to Beckett: if waiting for God to piss you off you when you read it in high school, Gerry will piss you off more. But that’s not the film’s fault (as I did) there’s a lot in the roughly five min-
utes of dialogue in this two-hour movie that you’ll appreciate. If you have a taste for the absurd, Affleck’s “I conquered Thebes” speech is sure to win it. The other reference, claimed in rugs with more literary credibility than this one (cough ... Boston Phoenix ... cough cough), is to the supposedly lost tradition of the American landscape film. I’m not a film historian, and I pretty much hate westerns, so maybe I should-

n’t comment on this one either, but some of the scenery is truly remarkable, and some of it isn’t. On the whole, Gerry ranks somewhere between Koyaanisqatsi and Zohar on the scale of artistic integrity. To tell you the God’s hon-
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my head was sort of swimming when I saw this movie. That might have been part of the reason I had trouble paying much attention to what was going on, and hey, I’m willing to admit it: parts of it was just downright boring.

But the bits that weren’t — including a truly remarkable climactic scene — were good enough to jolt me out of my stupor (the tea I was drinking helped too). And I doubt that I discovered some new Walt Whitman-

esque appreciation of landscape studies, but I was moved enough, sickness and all, to brave the weather and walk the entire four miles from Brookline to Cambridge. Sure, it’s not quite like dying of thirst in the desert, but I can pretend.

EVENT REVIEW

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By Julie J. Hong

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THEY HAVE LESS THAN CRAPPY PAPER THEY GIVE
AWAY AT SUBWAY STATIONS ...
AND LOCAL COVERAGE IS WORSE!
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OHMGOSH JANET!
SPRING BREAK IS ONLY A WEEK AWAY!! MY FRIENDS AND I ARE GOING TO HAWAII!!

I CAN SEE IT NOW... THE SUN, THE BEACH, HOT GUYS, GOOD FOOD! AH, THE LAUNDRIES!

I'M GOING TO STAY HERE AND WORK AT THE LOCAL FOOD BANK.

PEOPLE'S PEOPLES

HEY WANDERER, IF YOU NEED ME, I'LL BE OUTSIDE ON MY LAPTOP.

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by, Qian Wang + Jennifer Peng

Top Things to do before leaving MIT

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Impress your date by buying out LSC.
THE RICK AND CHESTER SHOW

WHO IS RICK XYKES?

I'M THE ONE AND ONLY! I'M THE SHOW STOPPER!
I'M THE FUTURE PRESENTATION!
MY FANS CALL ME THE GREATEST!, BUT MY ENEMIES CALL ME "BADDY."
I WAS BORN AS RICK EDMOND XYKES, BUT
I'M SO X-CITING, X-TREME, AND X-TAORDINARY THAT MY FANS CALL ME "XYKES"
WORLD CHAMPION MARTIAL ARTIST AND ALL-ATHLETIC PAINTER.

BUT, THERE ARE TWO THINGS I CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON WHEN I'M FEELING DOWN. ONE IS THE SUPPORT OF MY BROTHER, CHESTER, AND MY BESTEST BUDDY, KATHERINE.

WHAT'S THE SECOND THING?

EPA.

WHAT'S EPA?

WELL! I'M SO GLAD YOU ASKED! LET ME EXPLAIN! THIS'LL BE FUN...

Okay, so I may seem a bit overconfident,
but, don't hate me yet. I've had my fair share of humility in my life...mainly the loss of my parents at a young age. It's just me and my little brother, now.

THE LAST OF THE XYKES.

It Takes 3 People To Make This Comic

We're all developmentally disabled!

And two of us have voices like Sally Struthers!

by Dirtymonk

PILED HIGHER AND DEEPER

WHERE... WHERE AM I...?

NEVER MIND... YOU HAD ME NOW IN... THE REAL WORLD!

M-MY EYES...!

YOU'VE BEEN LIVING IN A DREAM, NERDS... CALLED GRADE SCHOOL... THIS... Is THE REAL WORLD!

OHHHH... SUNLIGHT...

GASP! THERE'S EVEN MONEY IN MY POCKET!

IN THE REAL WORLD THERE ARE NO "ST PENDANTS"... COME, I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT REAL FOOD IS LIKE...
I need a pair of glasses or something. Anyways, I usually don't wear coke bottles at all. Thanks to the amazing invention of toric soft contact lenses, I've been able to reduce geekiness levels to normal (ok, ok, I have learned my lesson and left the whole matter alone. But I wouldn't be writing this column, now would I? I finally had a pair of stylish coke bottles to rest upon the bridge of my nose. Maybe I have an angular face. Apparently: only my eyes being halfway on their lids. Myopic Misery. I was myopic. Most lady disdained me. A non-feminine (masculine, more often during the quested all. So, I tried them all. Therein lied my salvation— a non-feminine (masculine, I swear) pair of glasses that looked good on me. And a little piece of me was saved. So I finally had glasses that (I thought) looked good on me. My sister even agreed. I could put them on and look smart. If I shaved, I could even look sophisticated. I was heady with narcissistic pleasure. Naturally I wanted to unleash my newfound savoir-faire upon the unsuspecting public, so I took to wearing my glasses more often during the day. In particular, I decided to wear them during The Tech's annual banquet last week. Trust these bastards to taunt the tiny scrap of a little thing called "my dignity" and slam it into many smaller scraps of a thing called "my dignity." Why are you wearing glasses? Why not?
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Mead Elected Head Of MIT Corporation

By Beckett W. Starnes

Dana G. Mead PhD '67 has been elected the new chairman of the MIT Corporation, MIT's governing body.

The corporation voted to elect Mead on March 7, and he will become the chairman on July 1. The MIT Corporation is similar to the board of trustees of other universities, and along with President Charles M. Vest, makes the major policy decisions for MIT.

Mead, the chief executive officer of Tenneco Automotive, Inc. until 1999, received his bachelor's in engineering from West Point in 1957 and his doctorate from MIT in political science in 1967.

"I'm excited to have the opportunity to help enhance the unique spirit which contributes to the pre-eminent position that MIT enjoys in the world," Mead told Tech Talk.

Alexander d'Arbeloff '49, the current chairman, said that Mead "hasn't been doing well. He is going to do better than he did in the past few years. Unfortunately, we've now had three years of an economy that hasn't been doing well. He is going to have to face a different series of issues," d'Arbeloff said.

"That's going to be a challenge, and I think Dana's up to it," he said.

Mead has been a member of the Corporation since 1994. The majority of the Corporation's members are MIT alumni. Currently, Mead is the chair of the visiting committee for the Nuclear Engineering department.

Mead brings varied experiences

Mead has experience in business, science, and teaching.

James A. Champy '60, the head of the search committee, told Tech Talk that "Dana knows MIT well and will bring experiences from other academic institutions as well as the private sector to his new role. MIT is fortunate to have such an active corporate body and a person so skilled in governance as its chair."

In addition to working as deputy head of the social sciences department and as a tenured professor at West Point, Mead has also lectured in classes at the Sloan School of Management, d'Arbeloff said.

Mead was the chairman and chief executive of Tenneco Automotive from 1994 to 1999. Tenneco is a global manufacturing company that designs, produces, and distributes automotive ride control and emission control devices for car companies.

Mead also served in Army armor and airborne units with distinction from 1957 to 1970. During his service, Mead toured in West Germany and Vietnam.

Currently, Mead is on the boards of Pfizer Inc. and Zurich Financial Services, among others. Mead is also on the board of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

Call for Nominations!

2003 Student Art Awards

LOUIS SUDLER PRIZE IN THE ARTS

The Louis Sudler Prize in the Arts is presented annually to a graduating senior who has demonstrated excellence or the highest standards of proficiency in music, theater, painting, sculpture, design, architecture or film. The Prize was established in 1982 by Mr. Sudler, a performer in the arts and an arts patron from Chicago. An endowment fund provides a $1,250 award to the honoree.

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The Laya and Jerome B. Wiesner Student Art Awards are presented annually to up to three students (undergraduate or graduate), living groups, organizations or activities for outstanding achievement in and contributions to the arts at MIT. Established in 1979, these awards honor President Emeritus Wiesner and Mrs. Wiesner for their commitment to the arts at MIT. An endowment fund provides a $1,250 honorarium to each recipient.

Please send nominations by Friday, March 21, 2003 to:
Susan Cohen, Director, Council for the Arts at MIT
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presidential fellowships for next year, said Professor Pavel I. Etingof. Provost Robert A. Brown has said there will be 99 presidential fellowships next year, down from 170 this year, because support from the program from the general Institute budget has been eliminated, leaving the fellowships to be funded only by donations. The fellowships fund "outstanding" first-year graduate students and free up department resources for other students. “Students apply separately to pure and applied math, and for pure math, 15 were accepted of 270 applicants,” Etingof said. He said that the math department only has the financially resources to support about 12 pure math students, including 3 that deferred their acceptances from last year to this year. "Admission is very tight, and we probably will make more or one more offer, depending on how many of the accepted decide to come," Etingof said. "We rejected many applicants who would have been magnificent here, and it’s a pity," Etingof said. "There was a significant reduction in size this year." The department generally tries to enroll 16 pure math students each year, according to the department’s Web site.

Only five percent admitted to CS.

Electrical Engineering and Computer Science offered 217 admissions out of 2,800 applications, said Professor Arthur C. Smith. "The computer science subdivision had many applicants as always, and we admitted 78 of 1,660," Smith said. Smith also said that the numbers of applicants and students admitted for the department were similar to last year’s, and that the number admitted has remained constant despite increases in applications over the past several years. Smith said he expects about half of those admitted to accept their offers. "The physics department admitted around 110 out of 700, and 130 last year," said Professor Roman W. Jackiw. Jackiw considered the drop to be due to normal fluctuations based on the current needs of the department. Some departments not finished

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Measure prompts hearings

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**Failure of Backup Power Claims Registers**

By Michael E. Rosh

A server outage prevented several on-campus dining locations from accepting the MIT Card over the weekend. John M. McDonald, the assistant director of enterprise services, said that backup power failures brought down two servers in the MIT Card Office. They were not restored until Monday morning.

Among the affected locations were Alpine Bagel Cafe/ Cambridge Grill, Arrow St. Crepes, and Simmons Dining.

"We're sorry about the inconvenience to our customers," said a manager at Arrow St. Crepes. "It was completely out of our control." Locations that use the old registers, including LaVerde's Market and several dormitory dining facilities, did not lose card service.

Newer registers need connection

Usage of the MIT Card is currently handled by two systems. The older one uses servers and registers purchased from Diebold Inc., and registers under this system can continue to function while offline, saving up transactions until they are reconnected.

In January, offline cash registers at the Lobdell Food Court and Walker Memorial were reconnected and posted delayed charges on MIT card accounts from as early as September 2002.

The MIT Card system was down last weekend at some student center businesses. Employees at Alpine Bagel Cafe were forced to revert to using push button cash registers to handle their transactions.

"It's our goal to have the card accepted wherever MIT students want to use it, if the merchants justify the expense," McDonald said.

According to Reuben Cummings, chair of the UA Dining Committee, Star Market is currently reviewing a request to accept the card. The committee is planning a survey to gauge students' interest.

"We need to show Star Market that they're going to see an increase in revenue as a result of accepting the MIT Card," Cummings said.

The committee conducted a survey last term to find out which area restaurants students most want to accept the card. From the results, it has compiled a list of candidate restaurants, but there is currently no timetable for negotiating arrangements with them, Cummings said.

Off-campus locations dial up to Diebold servers and so would not have been affected by the weekend's outage.

Newer registers were purchased from MICRO Systems Inc., as were the servers that went down. These registers could not function without being connected to their server.

McDonald described this as a major concern and a cause of dissatisfaction with MICRO.

Card usage to expand

The outage comes as MIT plans to expand acceptance of the card to Star Market and area restaurants.

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Results of Election Closers than Last Year's

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into their offices.

“We really want to be able to get up and running immediately upon taking office,” Uzamere said. “I’ll be meeting with Josiah several times over the next few weeks,” he said, referring to the current UA president, Josiah D. Seale ’03. Uzamere said he would immediately begin work on his “goals checklist,” a published list of goals to be continually updated with their status and a centerpiece of his campaign.

Election results close

Results were close in the UA presidential and vice presidential race. The Uzamere-Faber ticket was determined to be the winner only after the third round of vote redistribution without even having a majority. In the last round, the Uzamere-Faber ticket defeated the Parul Deora ’04-Harel M. Williams ’05 ticket by 145 votes out of 1,812 votes cast.

Last year, the Seale-Deora ticket won with a clear majority over the other candidates by the second round.

UA Elections Commissioner Seth E. Dorfman ’05 attributed this year’s close UA presidential and vice presidential election and overall high voter turnout to a combination of the commission’s efforts and the efforts of strong candidates.

“We had three really strong tickets,” he said, referring to the current race. The Uzamere-Faber ticket defeated the Parul Deora ’04-Harel M. Williams ’05 ticket by 145 votes out of 1,812 votes cast.

Dorfman said that this year’s high voter turnout was second only to last year’s spring elections turnout, when a total of 2,009 students cast votes.

Election ran smoothly

Because members of the class of 2006 will be allowed to move to FSILG’s next year, the elections commission decided that it would be best to move the Senate elections to the fall, said Rules Board Chair Swagpa Parganti ’05.

“I was really pleased and surprised to see how smoothly [the elections] went,” she said. Although there were a few minor campaign violations, which included some violations of poster rules, none of the violations affected the outcome of the elections, she said.

“The election commission did a good job,” Deora said, adding that the commission handled accusations of campaign violations well by first checking the facts.

Preferential voting decides winners

As in previous years, this year’s UA elections used a preferential voting system. In this computer voting system, voters can rank candidates in order of preference on their ballots.

When the votes are tallied, the candidate with the least number of votes is eliminated in the second round.

The commission then examines the ballots that ranked the eliminated candidate first and adds the second choice votes of those ballots toward the first choice votes for the other candidates. The process continues until one candidate has a majority or until there are only two candidates remaining, in which case the candidate with more votes wins.

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Using the tools that work for them, Kao and Rodriguez won their matches and let Selbst take on his first opponent. Despite a loss after a hard struggle, the B2 men moved into the semifinals against Harvard B1. Kao was defeated by his Harvard opponent in a tight 2-3 match, but Rodriguez and Selbst sparred smart against tough opponents to win and advance the team to the finals, where they faced NYU. NYU had overtaken the club’s B1 team earlier.

After a long afternoon and evening of sparring, Kao, Rodriguez, and Selbst eventually fell to NYU, taking second place.

Women’s B team victorious
Meanwhile, the B team women of Sport Taekwondo were kicking circles around their competition. Starting their day against a much taller team from Temple University, each of the three women won her match.

In the quarterfinals, Baochi Nguyen G took on the lightweight from Cornell B3 and won in a close 6-4 match. Cecile LeCocq G, experiencing her first B team matches, was unable to defeat Cornell. Another skilled B team member, Margaret H. Cho ’04, held back her high-section kicks but still won 7-1 and helped her team into the semifinals against Harvard. Despite the loss of the lightweight match, LeCocq, a green stripe, was able to dominate in her match against a red belt who is in her third year of taekwondo. Given Harvard’s lack of a third team member, these women moved into the finals against long-time foe, Cornell B1.

Cornell’s lightweight pulled out of her match due to injury, a move that left the Sport Taekwondo Club just two matches away from a women’s B team first place trophy. LeCocq threw her legs into her competition and after a hard match lost 2-6. Sparring conservatively, Cho consistently kept Cornell behind by one or two points. As the seconds counted down, she pulled ahead to end the match 5-3. The women of the B1 team took gold.

Season nearing close
Finishing the day 84 points ahead of Cornell, who has been the undisputed INCiL champion for several years, leaves the club neck-and-neck with Cornell for the INCiL Cup.

Junior Keyuan Xu commented, “Competing at the Princeton tournament greatly increased my sense of pride [for the team].”

The Sport Taekwondo Club brought almost 50 competitors down to New Jersey on March 1. “The team’s spirit is intense, exciting and contagious. I was amazed as the sheer mass of our team dwarfed the other schools,” said Heather A. Doering ’05.

With hopes of building upon the momentum of the club’s performance during this 2002-2003 season, the teammates are preparing to chase for the championship. Only two tournaments remain in the spring. These are to be held at Yale and Columbia in April and the Sport Taekwondo Club hopes to pull ahead to end Cornell’s reign.

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The New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference last week named MIT women's basketball head coach Melissa Hart conference Coach of the Year and forward Crystal A. Russell '02 conference Player of the Year.

The number of conference victories for the women's basketball team was second to none in the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference, with a total of 14-11. Russell was named conference Player of the Year after winning the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) silver medal. Hart was named Coach of the Year after leading the team to a regular season conference record of 14-11.

Women's head basketball coach Melissa Hart won the NEWMAC Coach of the Year award after posting a 14-11 record this season.

By Grace Tan

The Sport Taekwondo Club placed first in the 14th Annual NEWMAC Tournament on March 1. MIT scored 310 points, evening the gap between them and the current INCTL point leader Cornell. With over 300 competitors representing Columbia, Cornell, Harvard, NYU, Princeton, Washington University, Yale and other schools, this was the largest tournament in INCTL history.

The day began with men's and women's black belt forms competition. Because of the large group (consisting of 60 men), the men were divided into two rounds: the first six of each division advanced to a second round. Among the final ten were three of MIT's members, Timothy R. Kuder '04, Connor Madigan G, and suchh C. Shen '04. The women's division was Grace P. Tan '03.

Later, Bobby Ren '05 found himself in a three-way tie for first place in men's green belt forms and came away with the bronze. Meanwhile, on the women's side, Jaime Lien '05 took first place. Teammate Grace Kim G initially tied for third, but in a very close tiebreaker, she lost the bronze to a member of the Lehigh team.

Further fueling the Sport Taekwondo Club's momentum were three of the team's newest competitors: Keyuan Xu '04, Ryan Huang '06, and Stephanie Lee '06. Xu participated in the consistently large and competitive white and yellow belt division, X and Huang demonstrated strength and control to grab the first and third places respectively, while Lee's balance and poise earned her the silver.

The next week, they held the conference tournament at Cornell. In both the men's and women's divisions, the team moved onto the semifinals with impressive wins over Emerson College and Rowan University.

The team earned second place in the conference and the second seed for the conference tournament. At a home game against Princeton, free throws were the difference, with a 66-55 victory. The next round, they faced finishing second place after winning the decisive third game against a veteran competitor from Stanford.

On March 28, they faced Coast Guard Academy and built a steady lead in the second half, but they were still whittled down to a tie with two minutes left, it looked like MIT had the momentum for another wild win. But the Bears sunk an NBA-range 3-pointer and a wacky reverse layup to force the Engineers to foul, pulling away for a 65-57 victory.

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Seniors will be missed

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Hart praised the dedication of Yang, who tore her anterior cruciate ligament (a painful knee injury) during her sophomore season but returned this season to play both soccer and basketball the following year. "Her intensity is unmatched and really lifts the team," Hart said. "She's a poster child for hard work and mental toughness." Also an all-NEW- MAC goalkeeper on Hart's soccer team, Yang is a marvelous athlete with a reputation for her tenacious, aggressive defense, and "she never gives up and never complains" about the pain her knees cause her, Hart said.

Hart is optimistic about the future. "We're losing a lot from the three who are leaving, but with the improvement everyone showed over the season plus some off-season work, things could work out well next year," she said.

The on-court comeback of咬

Forward Crystal A. Russell '02 won the NEWMAC Conference Player of the Year award last week. She led the women's basketball team with 308 points (12.3 per game) and 89 assists this season.

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