Proposal for Daytime SafeRide May Be Implemented Next Fall

By Jennifer Krishnan

SafeRide may soon be making daytime runs.

Under a recent proposal, the shuttle would stop at three locations in Boston (Mass. Ave and Beacon St., Commonwealth Ave. and Charlestown, and Mass. Ave. and Commonwealth Ave.) and in Cambridge before returning to MIT. The service would run from approximately 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, during November, December, February, and March.

"It’s the perfect way to spend student life money," Deora said. "I think it’s great that they're increasing the coverage times," said incoming GSC president Michael R. Folkert. "It's a step in the right direction.

"In order to really benefit the graduate students, they need to expand the area being covered," Folkert said.

The FSILG Office will at least partially fund the program. David N. Rogers, assistant dean and director of fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups, said "we’re footing $30,000 to support the fraternities and sororities that live on the Boston side" of the river. He indicated the Department of Parking and Transportation would probably cover the remainder of the cost.

Deora said it would cost between $30,000 and $35,000 to provide one year of this service.

The proposal is expected to be finalized in the next few weeks, Deora said. Rogers and Deora said Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedict had done most of the research and created the current proposal.

Benedict could not be reached for comment.

Grad students’ plan stalled

The Graduate Student Council proposed two years ago to create a new SafeRide route that would cover area farther north, where more graduate students live.

"The graduate students have a very real problem: ... public transportation stops running," shortly after midnight, said Stephen D. Immelman, director of enterprise services, under whose auspices SafeRide falls.

Folkert said that "a huge portion of the graduate students live off campus" and rely on public transportation. About half of the graduate students in his own lab typically go home after midnight, he said.

However, Immelman said his office did not receive funding this year for the GSC’s proposed project.

In June 2001, the GSC donated $15,000 toward establishing a new route. But the program proposed by the GSC would cost about $196,0000, annually Immelman said.

"If we can find the resources to extend our services to more graduate students live," we will," he said.

Immerman said the money

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Fredkin Modeling SARS Epidemic, Offers Advice to CDC

By Marissa Vogt

Visiting scientist and former MIT professor Edward Fredkin is attempting to curb the recent spread of severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, by using spread-sheets to model the behavior of the epidemic.

Fredkin is using a collection of interconnected spreadsheets to simulate the behavior of those infected with the disease and how they might communicate the disease to others. He plans to present his findings to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization on April 17.

"There’s the possibility that this epidemic could be very bad," said Fredkin. "Various authorities like the CDC in the United States and countries around the world have to make decisions about how best to go about containing the disease.

Fredkin’s goal, he said, is to model the effects of possible options of containment, such as controlling airline flights or quarantining infected people, to guide health authorities in their decisions.

Fredkin hopes that his model will help to determine what the sequences would be "if you change something, such as cutting some kind of travel... so that people can think about that.”

"It’s very hard for them to be sure whether these decisions will help or cause mischief," Fredkin

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Bush, Blair Meet to Settle Details of War in Iraq

By Robyn Dixon

National Security Advisor Condi Rice met President Vladimir V. Putin and other officials Monday, a day after a Russian diplomatic convoy came under fire in Iraq war strongly opposed by Russian leaders.

Rice listened to concerns over the incident, which occurred Sunday as Russian diplomats tried to flee Baghdad.

"We assured the Russians that no harm was intended," a senior U.S. diplomat said, adding that the United States did not accept responsibility and that the convoy was "in the wrong place at the wrong time." Five people were injured.

Rice's main purpose in Moscow, the U.S. diplomat said, was to convey the United States' commitment to its relationship with Russia, despite the current difficulties. But she had another, less palatable message: that Russia will not be involved in Iraq in the immediate postwar period.

Russia, along with European powers including Britain and France, wants the United Nations to take a leading role in rebuilding Iraq. But the Bush administration has made it clear that coalition partners fighting the war will take the lead role.

"I think Russia understands very clearly that after the effort and the blood spilled in liberating Iraq, it's understandable that the coalition will have the leading role in the initial phase. I think we need to discuss how we will proceed from there," the U.S. diplomat said.

The attack on the convoy is just the latest incident to strain Russia-U.S. relations. Russia has demanded an investigation, but has not formally blamed the United States. But Russian officials told Rice that the bullet extracted from one wounded Russian diplomat was American.

Russia's ambassador to Iraq, Vladimir Tiitorenko, who was in the convoy, said Monday that the cars stopped 40 yards from U.S. military vehicles, which opened fire. Implying the shooting was deliberate, he said an American bullet was fired in a car seat.

Speaking on Channel One state television, Tiitorenko, who was slightly hurt, held up a bullet lodged from his car seat, saying, "This bullet was meant for the ambassador. If it hadn't been for this thing," he said, indicating a barrier inside the car, "the bullet would have hit me right in the head in.

Despite initial denials from U.S. Central Command in Qatar that U.S. forces were in the area where the Russian convoy was attacked, a senior U.S. diplomat said Monday it appeared the convoy was in an area "where we were engaged in fighting with Iraqi forces."

The diplomat said the presence of American bullets did not prove who was firing, the accusations and suggested the incident might have been an Iraqi provocation.

Tiitorenko said the convoy was under fire for 30 to 40 minutes despite efforts by one Russian diplomat to stop the firing.

Supreme Court Upholds States Rights To Ban Cross-Burnings

By Edward Walsh

The Supreme Court ruled Monday that states can ban cross-burnings that are intended to intimidate onlookers and that such laws do not violate the First Amendment because burning a "particular virulent form of intimidation."

Though the court did not entirely validate Virginia's 50-year-old cross-burning law, it voted 6-3 to overturn a 2001 Virginia Supreme Court ruling that the law was an unconstitutional infringement of free speech.

"Virginia may choose to regulate this subset of intimidating messages in light of cross-burning's long and pernicious history as a signal of impending violence," the majority opinion upheld the basic validity of the law.

However, in affirming that Vir- ginia could ban cross-burnings without violating free-speech rights, the court struck down the state's cross-burning law on other grounds: Within the majority, a four-justice plurality rejected a provision added to the law in 1964 that lets juries consider the act of burning a cross in public to be evidence of an intent to intimidate.

O'Connor wrote that this so-called prima facie evidence provision makes the law unconstitutional because "it makes more likely that the jury will find an intent to intimidate regardless of the particular facts of the case."

"The provision permits the Commonwealth to arrest, prosecute and convict a person based solely on the fact of cross burning itself," O'Connor said.

O'Connor's opinion left open the possibility that the Virginia law could be salvaged if the state supreme court reinterpret what the prima facie evidence section requires or that section is severed from the rest of the law.

The widely anticipated ruling produced a number of opinions, including dissent by two of the court's liberal justices that attacked Virginia's ban. Justices David Souter and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who were joined by Justice Anthony Kennedy, said it wouldn't overturn the law because of its unconstitu- tional "tendency to suppress a mes- sage."

Justice Clarence Thomas wrote a separate opinion. He said the Vir- ginia law was a permissible prohibi- tion of "intimidating conduct," not expression, and he dissented from the plurality's ruling that the prima facie evidence section rendered the law unconstitutional.

The Highs and Lows of Forecasting

By Michael J. Ring

The competition between two differing pressure masses to the north and south of New England makes this week's forecast a tricky one.

A cold front currently extends along the east coast of the United States, and two regions of low pressure are located along the front.

The first center is associated with last night's snow; a second center of low pressure is currently located over Mississippi and is expected to move northeastward along the front.

At the same time, a very strong region of high pressure has moved from the Hudson Bay into Quebec, bringing clear and fair weather to Eastern Canada and trying to block the movement of storms coming into New England. Indeed, both pressure systems are expected to remain in place through the week.

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Scientists Reveal Healthy Clone Of Endangered Javan Banteng

By Rick Weiss
THE WASHINGTON POST

Scientists have for the first time created a healthy clone of an endangered species, offering powerful evidence that cloning technology can play a role in preserving and even reconstituting threatened and endangered species.

The clone—a cattle-like creature known as a Javan banteng, native to Asian jungles—was born April 1 after gestating for a standard nine and a half months. "It let out this big bellow and everybody cheered," said Robert Lanza, a scientist with Advanced Cell Technology, a Worcester, Mass., company that collaborated in the project with the Zoological Society of San Diego and an Iowa high-tech cattle reproduction company.

"It was so surreal," Lanza said. "There we are, out at this farm in the middle of Iowa, and this beef cow is giving birth to this exotic animal that normally lives in the bamboo forests of Asia."

A second cloned banteng was born two days later to another cow on the same research farm, but was in poor health Monday and its prospects remained uncertain—a reminder that scientists still have a lot to learn before mammalian cloning becomes routine.

The only other member of an endangered species ever cloned—a captive Asian gaur, born in January 2001—died of an infection less than two days after birth. By contrast, the first-born banteng "is doing beautifully," Lanza said. "It's a beautiful, adorable creature."

Bantengs, which as adults sport enormous horns and can weigh as much as 1,800 pounds, once roamed in large numbers through the bamboo forests of Indonesia, Malaysia, Burma and other Asian nations. Hunting and habitat destruction have reduced their numbers by more than 80 percent in the past 20 years. Today there are 3,000 to 5,000 remain worldwide.

Most worrisome to conservationists, only a handful of large herds remain, so the animals are at risk of becoming dangerously inbred.

Bill Proposes Voluntary Security Measures in Chemical Industry

By John Mintz
THE WASHINGTON POST

The Bush administration is proposing new legislation to improve security standards at chemical plants that might facilitate voluntary compliance by an industry that some experts say is one of the nation's most vulnerable to catastrophic terrorist attack.

Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okl., is working with the White House and the Department of Homeland Security to craft a bill that would require chemical companies to abide by standards drawn up by their industry association, rather than be subject to mandatory government measures advocated by environmental activists and many Democrats, officials said.

The Environmental Protection Agency has identified 123 chemical plants where a terrorist attack could, in a "worst-case" scenario, kill more than 1 million people.

Besides the airline industry, which saw tightened security demands by the U.S. government after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, the chemical industry is the first business sector that the administration has sought to regulate to lessen the danger of terrorism. Homeland Security officials are considering how to harden many elements of the nation's "critical infrastructure," which includes gas pipelines and water plants, and they say chemical plants are one of the most worrisome sectors.

The administration's bill, expectcd to be unveiled later this month, tracks with the laissez-faire environmental policies that President Bush and Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge pursued when they were the governors of Texas and Pennsylvania, respectively, administration officials and activists said.

The Republican legislation will propose that chemical firms must abide by security standards, mostly governing areas such as fencing and security cameras, promulgated by the industry's trade association, the American Chemistry Council, sources said. It also requires each firm to perform a self-assessment of its security vulnerabilities, under a plan developed by the industry council.

The measure rejects so-called "hardened" reduction requirements proposed in a competing Democratic bill.

Dinosaur Study Brings New Meaning to 'Family Dinner'

EWSDAY
NEW YORK

Ask a dinosaur what's for lunch, and the answer may well have been "My cousin."

Based on new evidence found recently in Madagascar, scientists now think some dinosaurs were cannibals, ready and willing to dine on their own kind.

"We describe a sample of tooth-marked dinosaur bone recovered from three well-documented localities of Madagascar," the three researchers report in a study published last week. Tooth marks on the old bones came from a creature called Majungasaurus crenatoni, and the bones are, indeed, the remains of M. crenatoni.

"The fossil evidence is compelling and unprecedented," said geologist Raymond Rogers, from Macalester College in Minnesota. "We've never seen fossil material quite like this in other dinosaur bone-piles."

Rogers, with palentologists David Krause at Stony Brook University and Kristina Curly Rogers at the Science Museum of Minnesota, reported the discovery in the journal Nature.

Krause said that "once we recognized the tooth marks for what they are, it didn't take much sleuthing to eliminate any other potential candidate" as the diner. "None of the other similarly sized carnivorous species have the size, spacing and eruption patterns in their teeth to make such marks."

Better Outlook Expected For AOL Time Warner

NEWSDAY

Cost savings and an improved subscriber mix have lifted prospects for beaten-down AOL Time Warner, although no quick turnaround is expected in its struggling America Online division, analysts say.

The media giant's stock price gained 5.3 percent, or 61 cents per share, to close at $12.16 Monday after some key analysts turned more positive on the company's outlook despite continued concerns.

"We believe the potential for negative earnings revisions is limited for 2003, although we continue to have concerns regarding AOL's turnaround in the short term," Morton Stanley analysts Richard Bilotti and Mary Meeker wrote in a report upgrading their stock rating by one notch.

They predict America Online will lose about 1.5 million subscribers in the United States this year, dropping to a total of 25 million.

"We anticipate the majority of these subscriber declines to represent nonpaying and deep-discounted subscribers that produce negative profit margins," Bilotti and Meeker said.

The focus on more profitable subscribers reflects a strategy long used by Time Inc., another division of AOL Time Warner, whose former chief executive now oversees America Online. "The imprint of Don Logan is clearly visible," the analysts said.

They said the planned initial public offering of stock in Time Warner Cable or the possible sale of the company's 50-percent stake in Court TV or Comedy Central could provide a $2-billion cushion.

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An Ambulance: A Worthwhile Investment

The Student Emergency Medical Services (SEMS) program performs an invaluable service to the MIT community. The Tech firmly believes that the Institute should support the program and grant its recent request for additional funding so that SEMS can continue providing its services.

SEMS has made a request for an additional $200,000 of funding for a new ambulance and a heated parking space for the ambulance. The current ambulance is over ten years old and will fail to meet state standards when its certification expires in October. A failure by MIT to obtain a new ambulance for SEMS would effectively sound the program’s death knell. Additionally, the current bus provided in the nuclear reactor complex is sorely inadequate. SEMS has proposed an ambulance bay near MIT Medical. This site would allow SEMS to provide faster service when emergencies occur...

It is clear that MIT’s previous arrangement is unacceptable. The private ambulance service MIT used before the inception of SEMS was expensive, a single medical duel between MIT Medical and MGH cost an estimated $400. The generous service of volunteers in the SEMS program significantly reduces overhead costs while providing a level of service equivalent to that of a professional operation. Private ambulance service cost MIT about $95,000 per year; SEMS only needs funding to replenish medical supplies and maintain its equipment...

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Maywa Montenegro

In the run-up to this war, one of the Bush administration’s most common propaganda tactics was to define Iraq as an amorphous enemy — namely, “evil” — onto one cardboard head, Saddam Hussein. We were told a quick, clean, targeted conflict against a brutal dictator, as if it were possible to wage war on a person rather than a country.

Now we are being confronted with the utter fallacy of that notion. We watch as more than 100,000 Iraqis stream back over the borders, returning home to defend their homeland. Most do not support Saddam Hussein or any of the things he has done. But the majority of Iraqis see our “war of liberation” as a Western attack on their culture, their religion, and their way of life. We are now seeing, will willingly fight to defend their homes, their families, and themselves. These are the people, the soldiers of Iraq, who we are fighting against.

Several are afraid of a repeat of ’91, when the U.S. encouraged Saddam Hussein to only pull out, leaving them to face their wrath — and, presumably, his infamous torture chambers.

I am going back to serve my people and fight. I have been in prison for the last three years, and I am not worried at all.” said another man, “They just won’t say what they are afraid of, their president. If I don’t support Saddam Hussein and they are not with him,” said another man, “They just won’t say what they are afraid of, their president. I am not worried at all.”

And yet, as the war spills into a third week and the civilian casualties climb, even those with mixed feelings about the war are beginning to change their minds. There seems to be a growing feeling that the war will last for much and will cost the lives of civilians.

I don’t seek to waste time debating whether or not we should be at war. I am writing, calling, and emailing, day and night, for the United States to pull out, for the people of Iraq to be allowed to live in peace. And I am not the only one. If we want to change the course of the war, we must draw the war out of Iraq.

One might argue that this war will cause terror. It is true for now, but if we don’t wage war, therefore make America safer.

Stop Protesting, Start Waving Flags

Andrew T. Yee

I do not have the military intelligence, historical knowledge, or political insight that our President possess, nor do I believe anyone else at MIT does.

Stop Waving Flags, Start Protesting

Uwe Ohler

Last week, The New York Times reported on yet another unsettling new measure from our Department of Homeland Security. Unfortunately, this time it does not come with the abysmally comic flavor of advice related to duct tape and its potential defensive uses. Since Gulf War II’s open-ending days, refugees from 33 countries seeking asylum in the United States have been detained on arrival. These refugees, most of whom have faced incredibly hard times in their home countries, will now from on be imprisoned until their cases have been approved or not, a process taking half a traffic jam. The detaining is basically treated as potential terrorists until proven otherwise.

The Federal government did not want to reveal which countries are on this list. When that information leaked out, it was not really surprising — it’s more or less the whole Arab world. And it is only one of many worrisome recent regulations: Special registration of foreigners: 8 percent of specific countries and detainment of “suspects” without 

People are afraid of what they don’t know. And this fear is opened explosively by the U.S. government. In these days — just think of the “terror alert scale.” But here at MIT, you do know better. You study together with foreigners: 8 percent of undergraduate and 37 percent of graduate students come from abroad. Everyone knows foreigners, I’m sure many of you have some “of as friends. As a matter of fact, I was recently reminded of MIT’s greatest strengths — and, still, of the University in general: its potential to develop as they have, at some point there won’t be many foreigners left. They will stop coming, face detention, or go back home.

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A Nearly Utopian Evening
Bright Colors, Energetic Cast, and Sparkling Vocal Solos Cover for Sleazy Orchestra

By Pey-Hua Hwang
Staff Writer
Utopia, Limited
La Selva Puerto Rico
April 4-5 and 10-12, 8 p.m.; April 6 and 13, 2 p.m.
By Gilbert and Sullivan
Evan Yamaki, Stage Director
Kristen Bodie, Vocal Director
David York, Orchestra Director

I walked into Gilbert and Sullivan Players' production of Utopia, Limited expecting a performance similar to that of Pirates of Penzance, which I had seen twice. However, I was pleasantly surprised. Instead of Pirates, this show should have been the one that sold out. It was a solid two hours of the best musical theater I've seen at MIT so far. With the exception of a couple of fumbled lines easily attributable to opening night nerves, Utopia's cast of colorful characters complemented their equally colorful set. Even the orchestra conductor donned a jaunty brown tuxedo instead of the traditional black.

I must also note, however, that Utopia's score — although lesser known than that of Pirates — is much more forgiving to singers than Pirates' score. Utopia's songs are not nearly as fast-paced and although there is a fair share of high soprano, at least the soprano singing combined with fast-paced wording was mumbled, thereby allowing for better diction and better understanding for the audience member. Understanding the words is especially important, since so much of the show's humor is dependent on the clever lyrics.

Utopia poke fun at the behind-the-scenes affairs of monarchies, the party system, the military, English artifice, and even finance law. I did not know that business concepts could possibly be funny, but I found myself smiling at some of the more absurd lyrics. To make a very short summary of the plot I gathered from watching the show, a tropical island governed by a puppet despot becomes reformed based on the business model of a limited company and the traditions of the stock of the (some of the vices) of England.

Though this story may sound completely unrealistic, it is actually the very strange- ness of the concepts in this show that make it original and entertaining. For starters, the running joke of the show is that there is a Royal Explorer who is given the responsibility of blowing up the King and assuming his title if word ever gets out that the king has acted irresponsible or memorably.

Jennifer Hazel, playing Lady Sophy, an upright idealistic governess, was nearly flawless in both her acting and singing roles. Her tone was well supported and her pitch was far better than that of several of the orchestra's voices. Every scene she was in was immediately infused with extra kick and it made me wonder why I hadn't seen her before. On the other hand, David Michael Daly, playing the role of King Paramount, was not as superlative as Hazel, but he had perfected the slightly befuddled yet endearing with good music and capable of an album that rivals their debut in quality (a high mark considering Hybrid Theory was the biggest selling rock album of 2001).

One of the best things about the album is the price and the extras. When released, the album was priced (on the Linkin Park Web site) at $9.99. I actually saw it in stores for as low as $8.99. A DVD/CD bundle was also released for $15.99, but I don't know if the DVD was worth the extra $6. Sadly, prices have almost gone up since then, so the album is no longer a value buy, but is still a solid buy. Besides the music, the CD is enhanced with extras so when you put it in your computer you're greeted with a variety of options ranging from watching the making of the album, probably for "Somewhere I Belong" to the ability to ramp around the entire site with additional material.

So who should buy it? Probably the people who have already bought it, the big fans who own the other albums and/or heard "Somewhere I Belong" and were totally blown away, or someone else, if you see it for $9.99. I'd say it's worth it. For anything more, I'd probably pass and wait to see if the next album is a big one.
FILM REVIEW ★★★1/2

A Mighty Blast

'A Mighty Wind' Makes Fun of Folk Singing

By Robin Hauck

A Mighty Wind
Written by Christopher Guest and Eugene Levy
Directed by Christopher Guest
Starring Bob Balaban, Eugene Levy, Catherine O'Hara, Michael McKean, Harry Shearer, Ed Begley Jr., Jane Lynch, Parker Posey, Fred Willard, Christopher Guest
Rated PG-13
May 2, 2003

T he master of mock is at it again, this time with a tale involving folk singing, tearful reunions, unrequited love, ex-post stars, and cross-dressing. Christopher Guest, writer/director of Waiting for Guffman and Best of Show, has created a monstrosity all his own, and miscast, Warner Brothers and Castle Rock let him run with it. I guess you can't win 'em all. This is Spinal Tap has more clout in LA LA Land than the wannabe mockumentary hacks, the Haxans, who created Dogtown and Z-Boys about small-town people with big city dreams. Even 1999's The Blair Witch Project is held in higher esteem than the wannabes around today, especially after the theatrical release fiasco involving film and television rights. From that low point, it should have been clear that the Haxans were more interested in horror than comedy, especially when it came to making a feature film. And yet, the film has a certain genuineness about it, the kind that makes you wonder if the filmmakers were really that good, or if they were really that bad. The film is a parody of the punk movement, and yet, it seems to be a parody of itself, as well. The filmmakers seem to be having fun, but it's hard to say if they're having fun at the expense of the audience. The film is a parody of the punk movement, but it's also a parody of itself. The filmmakers seem to be having fun, but it's hard to say if they're having fun at the expense of the audience. The film is a parody of the punk movement, but it's also a parody of itself. The filmmakers seem to be having fun, but it's hard to say if they're having fun at the expense of the audience. The film is a parody of the punk movement, but it's also a parody of itself. The filmmakers seem to be having fun, but it's hard to say if they're having fun at the expense of the audience. The film is a parody of the punk movement, but it's also a parody of itself. The filmmakers seem to be having fun, but it's hard to say if they're having fun at the expense of the audience. The film is a parody of the punk movement, but it's also a parody of itself. The filmmakers seem to be having fun, but it's hard to say if they're having fun at the expense of the audience. The film is a parody of the punk movement, but it's also a parody of itself. The filmmakers seem to be having fun, but it's hard to say if they're having fun at the expense of the audience. The film is a parody of the punk movement, but it's also a parody of itself. The filmmakers seem to be having fun, but it's hard to say if they're having fun at the expense of the audience. The film is a parody of the punk movement, but it's also a parody of itself. The filmmakers seem to be having fun, but it's hard to say if they're having fun at the expense of the audience.
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IN APRIL!

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HERE. YOU KNOW WHAT
THEY SAY...

APRIL SHOW FLURRIES
BRING MAY FINALS
WORRIES!

Chen! Stop eating!
I can't eat
when I'm hungry!

Chen! You're gonna
become a fatass...

... no more...

Did you just take a bite out of a
baby cow?
Munch, munch...
No...

You know we have
hambugers
in the
fridge.

You can't rush
humor! It's like
shortening a beautiful
sunset.
It's like playing your favorite
song on fast-forward.
It's
like compressing
happiness...
Life... into a
12 ounce can.
Rushing humor
is like denying the very
essence of love
ITSELF!

Laughter is love, Rick! You
can't force it against its
will. You gotta—ugh!
Caress it down—ugh!
To get that laughter sound!

Man, see how ticked off I am?
They've got me quoting sublime
lyrics. I hate sublime.

Chill, Chester!
Life's too short!
Love the one you got!

You're not from this
department? But...
Isn't eating the
food... well... um...
Wrong?

"Wrong"? Well, let's
see... (let's move
over this way, son)...
Let me think about
that for a second...

Well, I guess I hadn't
thought about the
ethics of it, y'know?
I'm an engineering
grad student...
April 8, 2003

**FoxTrot**

by Bill Amend

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Oceanography and Climate Suck Lunch Seminar. free.
Room: 10-47, 10-32
B. S. Vivekanandan, Center for Atmosphere, Ocean and Space Sciences, School of Ocean 
Science and Engineering, University of Miami; Yu Lan, Department of Oceanography, 
University of Hawaii; Jenny Zheng, University of Miami; and S. R. Riza, Department of 
Oceanography, University of Miami. free.
Room: 10-47, 10-32
D. J. D'Asaro, Center for Remote Sensing and Environmental Science, University of 
Massachusetts, Amherst.
Room: 10-47, 10-32

April 9
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Feminism, Technology, and Society Seminar. free.
Room: 56-131
Y. Zhou, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and R. A. Engstrom, Technology and 
Society, MIT.
Room: 56-131
J. F. Ayres, Technology and Society, MIT, Department of AeroAstro.
Room: 56-131

April 10
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Admissions Information Session. free.
Room: 10-100, 10-100
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April 11
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Spring Panel Discussion. free.
Room: 34-100
J. C. Bower, Nuclear Engineering. free.
Room: 34-100
D. S. Harned, Nuclear and Environmental Engineering.
Room: 34-100

April 12
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Admission Information Session. free.
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April 13
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Presentation - Campus Activism and the Campaign for Justice in the Humanities.
Room: 8-220
J. E. Giroux, English.
Room: 8-220

April 14
10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Campus Tour. free.
Room: 10-100
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April 15
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Open Forum: Arts and Humanities Brown Bag. free.
Room: 56-131, 10-100
J. A. L. Miller, English. free.
Room: 56-131, 10-100
J. E. Giroux, English. free.
Room: 56-131, 10-100

April 16
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Women's Lunch. free.
Room: 10-100
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April 17
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
MIT Entrepreneurs Group. free.
Room: 34-100
J. M. Anshelevitz, Electrical Engineering.
Room: 34-100

April 18
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
SfGS screens "Save Our Land, save Our Towns." Rim looks at how development is 
shrinking the land for the future generations (1997) which was picked as one of the 
five finalists for the National Book Awards in 1998. free.
Room: 3-133
S. L. Schoenfeld, History, Theory and Humanistic Studies.
Room: 3-133

April 19
4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
A Duality For Sale Workshop. free.
Room: 190 (Refreshments beginning at 4:30 pm)
S. L. Schoenfeld, History, Theory and Humanistic Studies.
Room: 190 (Refreshments beginning at 4:30 pm)

April 20
7:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
FILM Screening. free.
Room: 2-338
W. T. Verhoeven, History, Theory and Humanistic Studies.
Room: 2-338

April 21
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Sage International Internship Forum. free.
Room: 2-338
W. T. Verhoeven, History, Theory and Humanistic Studies.
Room: 2-338

April 22
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Undergraduate Research Forum. free.
Room: 2-338
W. T. Verhoeven, History, Theory and Humanistic Studies.
Room: 2-338

April 23
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.
Admissions Information Session. free.
Room: 10-100
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April 24
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Presentation - MIT Mars Society. April 12, 1961: first manned flight to the moon. 
April 12, 1969: first manned visit to the moon. April 11, 1995: first manned landing on 
Mars. April 17, 2003: first manned landing on the moon again. free.
Room: 10-100
S. A. pictured as one of the five finalists for the National Book Awards in 1998. free.
Room: 3-133
S. L. Schoenfeld, History, Theory and Humanistic Studies.
Room: 3-133

April 25
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Ph.D. Defense. free.
Room: 3-133
S. L. Schoenfeld, History, Theory and Humanistic Studies.
Room: 3-133

May 1
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Ph.D. Defense. free.
Room: 3-133
S. L. Schoenfeld, History, Theory and Humanistic Studies.
Room: 3-133

Contact information for all events is available from the Events Calendar web page.
Fredkin Seeks Help With Programming

SARS, from Page 1

said. "The ideal is to make a system that models the behavior of this epidemic so one can try out with this system different policies and get an idea of what the effect is like." The spreadsheet Fredkin is making has one column for each day, in which he will record data such as the number of people infected with the disease and the number of deaths. Eventually, Fredkin said, it will also include all schedule airline flights to an area where there are infected people.

"Computers have memory large enough now that it's easy to model behavior of people and how they might communicate the disease to others," Fredkin said.

Volunteers needed to program

Fredkin held a meeting last week at the Media Lab to inform others of his plans and to gather support for his efforts. Though he received encouragement from those who attended, Fredkin says that he is currently working on the project alone and is seeking volunteers to help him.

"Anyone who can program, especially with experience in [Microsoft] Excel," can help, Fredkin said.

In an e-mail informing people about the meeting at the media lab last week, Fredkin said that the results of his initial model "are such as to provide a lot of motivation for a number of good people to put other things on hold and pay attention to this issue."

There are no experts in this kind of thing. It is a problem and this community may be uniquely able to have a profound and effective positive influence on the eventual outcome," the e-mail said.

Fredkin said that he was motivated by the urgency of the situation and felt that his own problem-solving abilities and those of the MIT community had the potential to have a positive effect.

"A lot of good can be done. We don't need any money, we don't need any equipment, we just need the help of the kind of people who are here at MIT," he said.

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MITnet Adds New Provider

Upgrades, from Page 1

Half of the funding for the upgrades is being provided by the budget for renovations from the Residential Life Office. The other half will be provided by the IT budget for network upgrades. Roughly $900,000 of funding for the project will come from Residential Life, Benedict said.

The renovations were first discussed after residents of East Campus and Next House filed complaints about frequent interruptions in network service.

Senior House, Baker House, and Simmons Hall have new or recently renovated systems and will not receive upgrades soon, Benedict said.

Benedict added that the remaining dormitories may receive upgrades in the coming years, depending on funding.

MITnet adds Cogent connection

MITnet’s previous Internet provider, Genuity, Inc. filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in November 2002 and was acquired by Level 3 Communications shortly after.

Information Systems responded to this change by adding a connection from Cogent Communications, which will give MIT an extra gigabit per second of bandwidth to the Internet.

“The pricing was really phenomenal,” said Network Manager Jeffrey L. Schiller of IS. Schiller added that MIT does not pay a monthly connection fee to Cogent.

Under this new management, Information Systems expects changes to the old Genuity service. However, these changes will probably not be apparent to MITnet users.

“Usually when we add these things, there aren’t glitches and no one notices,” Schiller said.

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Undergrads Show Benedict Daytime SafeRide Support

Immerman said that the proposal would be similar to plans recently advocated by the GSC, who had been working on improving the current SafeRide program. Before SafeRide was established, the MIT Police gave escorts upon request. Immerman said that the proposal for daytime SafeRide service was created simply for safety, as it would provide coverage for more students.

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**MIT Department of FACILITIES**

**CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

Simmons Hall

Work on the exterior of the building will take place over the next three weeks. The contractor will place cones on the sidewalk to lead pedestrians through the work area safely.

Vassar St. Utilities

A large hole on Main Street next to the railroad tracks is in the process of being filled. Pedestrians will be diverted around the work for approximately one week. Vassar Street is now one-way until June. All traffic traveling east on Vassar St. must turn left at Mass. Ave. and right on Albany St. to get to Main St.

Vassar Streetscape

Pedestrian traffic has been moved next to the sidewalk from the Vassar Street sidewalk will begin soon and continue through the end of April. Interior demolition of Building 45 continues. Demolition of the exterior shell will take place in mid-April.

E19 Renovations

The project is on schedule and nearing completion. Commissioning is scheduled for the week of April 21. 5th floor occupancy is scheduled for April 28. The 2nd floor was completed on February 14.

MDC Memorial Drive Rehabilitation Project

The MDC has permanently removed parking spaces from eastbound Memorial Drive west of Mass. Ave. Additional parking east of Mass. Ave. will be eliminated in the coming weeks. Parking being eliminated will be posted 48 hours prior to the start of work. Cars that are not removed will be towed by the MDC.

**For Information on MIT’s building program, see [http://web.mit.edu/mta/www/music/resources/kellytraveling or kellyprize.html](http://web.mit.edu/mta/www/music/resources/kellytraveling or kellyprize.html)**

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Injuries Set Some Teams Back

NHL, from Page 16

and drawn out this year — in fact, not a single matchup was decided until Sunday afternoon. Six teams changed position during that day's matchups. My picks follow:

Dallas Stars (1) vs. Edmonton Oilers (5)

God must have it in for the Edmonton Oilers, perennial losers to the Dallas Stars, in their last several playoff appearances. However, the Stars have flowered of late, and aren't a force to be reckoned with. Just because they're playing without sniper, remains injured until late into this series at best.

Dallas doesn't seem to notice they traded their top scorer and defensewoman at the deadline. Howev-

Colorado Avalanche (3) vs. Minneso- dna Wild (6)

In only their third year, the Wild have taken many by surprise. This playoff season, like those in recent memory, will be nervous and exciting.

Vancouver Canucks (4) vs. St. Louis Blues (5)

Heartbroken after losing the division title on the last day of the season, the Canucks are showing signs of weakness. Rookie Alexander Auld has filled the net while regular goaltender Dan Cloutier recovers from injury. Markus Naslund lost the goal and point titles to Hejduk and Forsberg of the Avalanche, and the team seems to be slowly losing energy.

Meanwhile the Blues recently regained the services of captain Chris Pronger; along with replacement captain and slapshot king Al MacInnis and rookie sensation Bar- rett Jackman, the Blues' defensive corps looks to be one of the most solid in the league, bolstered by the acquisition of Chris Osgood in goal. Vancouver's potent offense will have to find greater depth than their first line in order to best this team.

Prediction: Canucks in 6.

Prediction: Blue in 5.

No doubt many of you will dis- agree with my picks; however, luck is an enormous part of playoff suc-

Man's, ladies' events

Bracing skated an exhibition for his intermediate free skate, and had a powerful camel-change-camel spin. Gonzalez, who just started skating last year, earned a silver medal in his pre-intermediate. A compulsory moves, during which he completed a waltz-toe loop.

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In the morning ice dance events, Braeving and Cutler competed against each other and placed first and second in the novice dance, the European waltz. Sheila N. Tandon learned the Cha-Cha to compete in the pre-intermediate B dance and won the gold medal. Dean and Cheng, neither of whom has tested in ice dance, competed the Rhythm Blues and placed third and fourth in the pre-intermediate A dance event.

Figure Skating, from Page 16

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Spring/2003

Service Hours

Monday - Thursday

Friday - Saturday

Sunday

Lobdell Food Court - NEW Dining Stations

Building W20 (Stratton Student Center) 2nd Floor, 81 Mass. Ave

11am-3pm 11am-2pm

Walker Dining Hall - NEW Dining Stations & Salad Bar

Building 50, (Walker Memorial), 142 Memorial Drive - 1st Floor

11am-3pm 11am-2pm

Pritchett Grill - NEW Menu

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### NHL Playoff Season, Round One: Who to Look for, What to Expect

By Andrew C. Thomas

An exciting season of NHL Hockey is over. Now comes the second season — two months of grueling, exciting playoff action. Here are my picks for the outcome of the first round.

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

The Eastern Conference matchups this year are reasonably fresh. The traditionally weak Southeast Division is represented by two teams this year, Tampa and Washington. The matchups:

- **Ottawa Senators (1) vs. New York Islanders (8)**
  - A midseason swan dive, a goal-scoring drought, and a fired coach have to be an animated series. The statistics have been unspectacular for most of the season but have improved over the last two weeks of the season, including leaders Gary Roberts and Doug Gilmore, they will need either to stay healthy, or have their replacements turn up their intensity as they did in last year's playoffs.
  - Prediction: Ottawa in 6.

- **Toronto Maple Leafs (5) vs. Tampa Bay Lightning (4)**
  - Legal trouble off the ice has made trouble for Caps star Jaromir Jagr, but the Bolts have been on a tear for the last month. Their combination of young talent of Martin St. Louis, Vincent Lecavalier, and the "Bolin Wall" makes or breaks this series.
  - Prediction: Toronto in 6.

- **New Jersey Devils (2) vs. Boston Bruins (3)**
  - A midseason swan dive, a goal-scoring drought, and a fired coach have driven this team down the stretch. With for this to be a grudge match between Leafs GM Pat Quinn and Flyers Clarke; this will also be a coaching battle between Quinn and Ken Hitchcock, who together led Canada's Olympic team to a gold medal in last year's games.
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- **Boston Bruins (3) vs. New York Rangers (6)**
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  - Prediction: Toronto in 6.

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

The fight for the West was long Leaf's Ed Belfour has had full disclosure: I'm a diehard Leafs fan. But even with my bias, I still have no qualms in saying that this is Toronto's year.

- **Colorado Avalanche (7) vs. Detroit Red Wings (2)**
  - This is Toronto's year.
  - Prediction: Toronto in 7.

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**WORKING OUT THE PREDICTIONS**

By Diana Cheng

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**Team maneuvers**

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**Low maneuvers**

- The low maneuvers team of DeJong-Le Coq and Cutler G, Philip Lichtor '06, and UMass Amherst. Le Coq completed the two spin requirements. Cutler performed a synopsis of the step sequence. The team scrambled to reorganize quickly after a member did not show up for the event, and all of the skaters on the team were required to move up a level.

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**UPCOMING HOME EVENTS**

- **Tuesday, April 8**
  - Baseball vs. Emerson, 3 p.m.
  - Women's Lacrosse vs. Wheaton College, 4 p.m.

- **Wednesday, April 9**
  - Baseball vs. UMass Boston, 3 p.m.

- **Thursday, April 10**
  - Baseball vs. Babson College, 3 p.m.