By Beckett Sterner

The Student Emergency Medical Service has received the funding necessary to lease a new ambulance and parking bay. The new equipment will allow the group to meet state standards.

Chief of SEMS Samuel A. Schweighart G said that MIT Medical had pledged approximately $50 thousand towards leasing the new ambulance, and while the cost of the parking bay has not yet been determined, several Institute departments have agreed to provide funding. In its initial proposal, SEMS had requested $200 thousand in new funding for the ambulance and parking bay.

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SEMS plans to run a daytime shift during the term, ultimately providing around 24-hour coverage, the service must compete against the expenses of a private company to remain in operation. "Historically, we had paid an outside [ambulance] service when the police were unavailable," said Maryanne Kirkbride, clinical director for campus life. The overall cost of SEMS is expected to be lower because the students are volunteers whereas the private service must pay for wages; or "that is the theory," Kirkbride said.

"The true operating expenses for SEMS will not become clear until it has reached its final size and level of service. She said that SEMS "needs to be budget neutral or better" pared with expense of a private service to receive full support from MIT Medical. "The thing that helps us in that regard is that the state has approved a fee hike in the rate for private ambulances," she said. Previously, the state had held the fee constant for many years, effectively lowering the cost through inflation each year.

SEMS, Page 14

By Keith J. Weinstein

The Recording Industry Association of America will send MIT a second subpoena seeking the identity of a network user alleged to have been illegally "offering hundreds of copyrighted works to the world-at-large" from MIT's network through the KaZaA file-sharing system, an RIAA spokesman said last night.

This time, the RIAA will file the subpoena the way MIT has asked: through the federal district court in Boston, instead of Washington, D.C. MIT says it will comply with a subpoena issued through the Boston court.

"We have begun to file subpoenas in the local jurisdiction of Massachusetts," the RIAA spokesman said. "What this means is that students at MIT and other local colleges who are illegally distributing substantial amounts of copyrighted music will now be held accountable for their actions." Federal copyright law generally makes it illegal to reproduce or digitally transmit copyrighted music recordings without the permission of the copyright owner, usually a record label represented by the RIAA.

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Antone K. Jain '07 (left) mocks Freshman Urban Program counselor Rohit Gupta '05 with an Imi-
Journals Urged To Disclose Scientists' Ties

**The New York Times**

A group of prominent scientists is pressing two leading editors of scientific journals to require authors to disclose financial ties to products or companies that could benefit from the articles they write.

In a letter sent Thursday to the editors, the scientists cited several recent cases in which authors of articles in the journal Science and in the journals of the Nature Publishing Group failed to disclose significant conflicts of interest.

One scientist, the letter said, failed to disclose that he held the patent on a drug treatment about which he wrote favorably. Another, with ties to pharmaceutical companies, suggested in an article that the nation's obesity problem could be solved "by better education and behavior change." In the letter to the editor in chief of Science, Donald Kennedy, the scientists cited that "it is increasingly important to identify authors or quoted scientists who have management or advisory roles in companies by those affiliations and not simply by their academic appointments."

"They are 'academic entrepreneurs,' not simply scientists," the scientists wrote.

*Romney Approves $15.4M For Unpaid Lawyers*

**The Boston Globe**

Governor Mitt Romney approved Thursday $15.4 million in back payments owed to lawyers for the poor, but cautioned the attorneys against launching another protest like the one that disrupted some Suffolk County courts earlier this week.

"We're not going to stop defending the indigent," Romney said. "The Committee for Public Counsel Services, a state group responsible for providing attorneys for people who cannot afford them, has only 115 staff attorneys, so it contracts with nonprofit groups, such as Suffolk Lawyers for Justice, the group that refused cases this week, to assign private lawyers to cases. Court officials didn't take any action against the Committee for Public Counsel Services, Suffolk Lawyers for Justice, or individual lawyers for refusing to take cases."

*Junk Mail Marketers Join Battle Against Spam E-Mail*

**The New York Times**

A new player has joined the effort to protect computer users from spam: 9% of the folks who bring you junk mail.

The Direct Marketing Association has quietly begun working with federal law enforcement officials, regulators, and Internet service providers to develop a high-technology group dedicated to helping shut down the most egregious users of bulk e-mail, who send billions of marketing messages to computer users.

The focus of the effort will be "to identify significant spam operators who are violating existing laws, develop the cases, and refer them to state attorneys general, or international prosecuting authorities," the direct mail trade group said in a recruiting letter dated Aug. 8.

**WEATHER**

**Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Friday, August 22, 2003**

*August 22, 2003*

**A TASTE OF AUTUMN**

By Michael J. Ring

**The New York Times**

We have one more day of steamy summer weather ahead of us, but after a frontal passage this afternoon or this evening, we will get a well-deserved break from the heat, with temperatures on Sunday 20°F cooler than they are today.

We first have to get through today, however, and besides the heat, thunderstorms are also a definite possibility for this afternoon. A cold front extending south from a low pressure center over Hudson Bay brought scattered severe storms yesterday to parts of the Midwest. This system is headed east one way or another, and if it drags a few inches of moisture, we could have a few showers or thunderstorms.

Once the front passes, however, we will enjoy several days of near-perfect weather, with bright sun and temperatures in the 70s °F. Summer lovers however will be happy to know temperatures by midweek should be back to the 80s °F.

**Today:** Hot and humid with a chance of thunderstorms later in the day. High near 92°F (33°C).

**Tonight:** Linger ing thunderstorms, then clearing. Low near 68°F (20°C).

**Tomorrow:** Mostly sunny and much more comfortable. High near 78°F (26°C).

**Tomorrow night:** Clear and cool. Low near 55°F (12°C).

**Sunday:** Partly cloudy and unseasonably cool. Highs only near 70°F (21°C); lows near 55°F (12°C).
Chemical Ali, High-Ranking Member
From Hussein's Government Captured

By Bill Brink

Ali Hassan al-Majid, a cousin and top aide of Saddam Hussein
who was a key government minister and known for his ruthless
tactics, has been captured by U.S. forces, American
officials said on Wednesday.

The capture of Majid represents a significant blow to the
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We have only a simple message for you — explore your options. You are at an incredibly important point in your lives, the beginning of a new journey, and so far. You’ve probably heard such truths more than enough times from more than enough people in the past weeks, and these reminders will continue as you move through MIT.

And they will be just as intense next year, too. The year will be fun. You’ll be taking part in an ongoing experiment, the latest step in the evolution of orientational activities, for the benefit of the Institute and for you. There will be lots of opportunities, which will be the grand East Campus and West Campus celebrations. Please do not think for a second that these Cantabri-gam marriages — politics.

Explore as many of them as possible, meet their residents, and make the most of these opportunities. We strongly believe that independent living group rush begins in September, and sorority rush later in the term, you’ll have even more to explore, and more to eat.

Another part of finding your own niche at MIT is choosing activities and, ultimately, your major. Activities such as Social Activities Midway, and not just for the free toys and food. Talk to members of the many groups represented at midweek. Listen to the passionate way in which they talk about their activities. Use this as a jumping off point to find something, or many things, that excite you.

You will cherish the break extracurriculars provide only classes get full swing. This is the beginning of the 2004 election cycle. The popularity and credibility of the President and his administration are at their lowest levels since the days prior to 9/11. The administration is being attacked on its policy, on the economy, on tax issues, on global warming, on its nominees for the Fed-eral Judiciary, on its immense budget deficits, and especially on its handling of the situation with the American people. The President’s re-election is no longer a sure thing. He’d certainly also welcome anything that will distract the public from the attention it has recently given to questions of his and his administration’s honesty.

I’m not by any means suggesting that this is an entirely cynical ploy — I believe that the President really does opposes the concept of same-sex marriages. However, the timing, context, and veepstakes of this sudden attack on gay rights, and the right-wing’s mimicry of the President’s talking points by the Republican Party, all arguable. And then there’s much more behind it all than simply “Family Values” (tm).

Don Coolidge ’70

Krispy Kreme, by T

As a Southerner, I was pleased to see your Aug 6 review of Krispy Kreme Dumplings in Medford ["A Hole Lot of Kreme-y Goodness!"] — it’s about time they made it up to Market Street. As a Greater Bostonian, however, I am puzzled that you did not mention that Krispy Kreme is 12-accessible: that will distract the public from the attention it has recently given to questions of his and his administration’s honesty.

Errata

An Aug 6 article ["Student Told to Remove Israeli Flag from Dormitory Window"] used an outdated title for Anthony E. Guty PhD ’01, and incorrectly para- phrased a comment from him. He is the project director for graduate housing, not a residential life associate. In comments rendered unclearly as “It hangs on the window,” rather than from the window,” Gray distinguished the Sidney-Pacific stu- dent’s Israeli flag, which MIT has ordered the student to remove, from other Israeli flags at Berkeley Hall by pointing out that the Berkeley flag hangs so as to cover the window’s "openings, not down from the bottom of the window as at Sidney- Pacific."

A June 9 obituary for Institute Professor Herman A. Haus confused the Slovenian and Slovaks. Letters sent to The Tech and its readers. From time to time, the Ombudsman writes an independent column reflecting the complaints, questions, and concerns of the students.

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The Tech

The Tech Probably to Be a Daily Paper

By John A. Hawkins

New readers: Greetings from The Tech’s Ombudsman. My role is to inter-
face between readers and the paper, and to chair the Ombudsman column.
I publish this irregardless of whether it is published. Feel free to e-mail ombudsman@tech.mit.edu
with tips and leads for news stories to the production department, or to suggest ideas for daily issues from Sunday through Thursday.

The Tech does this for many reasons, including to impress you. Keep in mind that what you see may not be as good as it could be; some sections may have plenty of time in advance to prepare their content (like Arts). Other sections may be scrambling to produce content against accelerated dead-
lines (News). Since The Tech, like other student groups, is artificially constrained for lack of funds (and sometimes for lack of technology), I make an effort to keep the Ombudsman column to a manageable size. But words are symbolic in nature, reflect-
ing what we understand of them. This is why, as George Carlin points out, despite the efforts of our most linguistically-advanced society, we haven’t succeeded in curbing the “shell shock” by slowly turning it into “post-
traumatic stress disorder.” Recently, I met an open source device-equipped student about to graduate and who insists that “White American” is correct. This appelology over the use of certain words: He’s referring to the label itself; it has far more to do with our ambiguous feelings about these issues than words will overt.
YOU'RE MAKING "FINDING A MOUSE" ABOUT HIMSELF AND YOU KNOW WHAT'S THE BEST PART?

IT'S THE STORY OF A LITTLE SEARCH FOR HIS MISSING SON. I'M CALLING IT "FINDING MURPH".

IF A CARTOON SAYS IT WORKS, PEOPLE WILL TELL EACH OTHER THAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT MY ACCURATE PORTRAYAL OF THE LEAD CHARACTERS.

I'M OUTDOOR MAKING IT MORE EXCITING, IN CASE THEY ALSO SAY IT STINKS.

I'VE ALSO OUT WITH A SHAKY CAMPA, AND I REALLY WANT IT TO STINK.

I MEAN, IT'S THE TELLER STORY OF A LEECH'S SEARCH FOR HIS missing SON. I'M CALLING IT "FINDING MURPH".

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August 22, 2003

Fox Trot

by Bill Amend

Events Calendar

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Friday, August 22

7:00 a.m. – Class of 2007 Undergraduate Orientation. You are about to embark on what may be the most interesting, challenging, and entertaining years of your lives — your undergraduate career at MIT. For some of you, it may be your first time away from home, so you may be apprehensive about the change. For others, you may be exploring yet another new frontier. Regardless of your thoughts about heading off to MIT, you will all have opportunities to take on new challenges, tackle new problems, research possibilities, and meet new people. Your first order of business — exploring Orientation 2003!


7:00 a.m. – Undergraduate Orientation. Welcome, welcome to MIT! The Graduate Student Council runs a large number of programs to help new students at MIT. From the minute new students arrive in Boston, the GSC is involved by offering a shuttle service that brings them to campus. We run and plan the institute’s office graduate student orientation and coordinate a mentorship program to help new international students. If you are a new student we highly encourage you to explore all of the information on these pages, and make sure the GSC can help you make your first year experience at MIT as enjoyable as possible! Room: Check Web Site for Details. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council.

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. – Admissions Office Information Session. Admissions Office Information Session is held in Building 6, Room 6-120. MIT at the main entrance, 77 Massachusetts Ave. (domed building with tall pillars). Proceed all the way down the center corridor to the very end and take a right. Proceed a short distance down this next corridor to make special reservations. Call Campus tours start at the conclusion of the Admissions Information Session.


10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Campus Tour. Student-led campus tours are approximately 90 minutes long and provide a general overview of the main campus. Please note that campus tours do not visit laboratories, living groups or buildings under construction. Groups over 15 people need to make special reservations. Campus tours start at the conclusion of the Admissions Information Session. The Campus Tour begins in Room 6-120. free. Room: 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Writers Group. New writers are invited to join our weekly Writers Group (sponsored by the Writing and Communication Center). Share a piece of your writing with other interested and supportive writers. Open to all MIT students, staff, faculty, and spouses. free. Room: 14N-147. Sponsor: Writing and Communication Center.

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Orientation to Computing at MIT. This seminar provides basic information about the MIT computing environment, presented in language accessible to any one. Topics include: help resources; supported operating systems; supported software and recommended hardware; the campus network (MITnet and more); security issues and how to address them; telephones and voice mail; computer-related health issues. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.

1:10 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. – Muslim Friday Prayer. Weekly congregational prayer for Muslims. People of other faiths welcome to attend. Email [prayer@mit.edu](mailto:prayer@mit.edu) for more information. free. Room: W11-110. Sponsor: Muslim Students’ Association.

2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. – Admissions Office Information Session. free. Room: Building 6, Room 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

2:45 p.m. – Campus Tour. free. Room: 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – SSL Seminar (Dustin Berkowitz), Topic: TBD, free. Room: 37-212.

Sponsor: AeroAstro.

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Mohagen Sun/WINBA game. The Graduate Student Council presents a trip to the Mohagen Sun casino in early orientation times. Go only for the gambling and dinner (free vouchers included with bus ticket) or add a ticket to see the Connecticut Sun take on the Charlotte Sting as part of a fun and relaxing evening celebrating women’s sports. Obtain your subsidized tickets from the GSC office, 50-220. Call or visit for updated event information. free. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Sangam.

7:00 p.m. – 11:59 p.m. – MIT Anime Club: Un8 Universe, the madcap RPG world of “Slay- ers.” For the summer we’ll be showing all the movies and all the episodes of all the various “Slayers” TV series. These series are loosely based on an RPG world, and center on the comic (mis)adventures of the hot-tempered sorceress, Lina Inverse, and her various traveling companions. While there’s something of a continuing story in the form of various quests, you can dip in anytime, they’re always fun. free. Room: 6-120. Sponsor: Anime Club.

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Bible Study. Is there more to life than grad school? We believe the answer is "YES!" Come study the word of God with us. There will be dinner provided and games afterwards. free. Room: 3-343. Sponsor: Asian Baptist Student Koinonia Graduate Division, GSC Funding Board.

8:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. – Sangam Movies. Screening of popular movies. Please subscribe to sangam-request@mit.edu. free. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Sangam.

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. – Roger and Me: a look at General Motors destroyed Flint, Michigan. free. Room: 4-231. Sponsor: MIT Social Justice Cooperative.

Sunday, August 23

7:00 a.m. – Class of 2007 Undergraduate Orientation. Room: Check Orientation 2003 web site for details. Sponsor: Academic Resource Center.

7:00 a.m. – Graduate Student Orientation. Room: Check Web Site for Details. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council.

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. – Scuba Divin. Boat dive on wreck of Chester Poling boat. free. Room: Gloucester, MA. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Scuba Club.

8:40 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – TMRMC Build Time. These are our normal meetings, where we build a new plane every Saturday. free. Room: NSC 118. Sponsor: Tech Model Railroad Club.

8:40 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Sangam Movie Special. free. Room: 2-105. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Sangam.

8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. – Patni. Travel to strange new classrooms. Meet interesting, unusual people, and all thru Patni! Charity event of live game of fusion combat with rubberdart guns. Shoot your friends, then watch out as they try to take their revenge. free. Room: 36-115. Sponsor: Assassins’ Guild, MIT.

Sunday, August 24

7:00 a.m. – Class of 2007 Undergraduate Orientation. Room: Check Orientation 2003 Web site for details. Sponsor: Academic Resource Center.

7:00 a.m. – Graduate Student Orientation. Room: Check Web Site for details. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council.

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Welcome Mass/Reception. Reception follows Mass. free. Room: The Sala De Puerto Rico/Student Center. Sponsor: Tech Catholic Community.

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Mass. free. Room: MIT Chapel. Sponsor: Tech Catholic Community.

9:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. – Mass. free. Room: MIT Chapel. Sponsor: Tech Catholic Community.
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Monday, August 23

00:00 - 06:00 - East Campus - After 64 years of mounting tension all diplomatic ties with West Campus have been broken. Economic sanctions are in force and all travel to the region is banned. 00:01 - Senior Hall - Emma and Dave talk about every form of sexual deviance that there is.

01:00 - MacGregor - It's 1 am. Do you know where your SINGLE is? 01:30 - MacGregor - Is the weather keeping any of the patriots.  

01:45 - Senior Hall - Des Espaces. Le Monde, de l'espace de la Francaise pour regarder Cyrano de Bergerac avec nous - ou venez tout droit chez nous, je vais vous raconter l'histoire de cet homme, sa vie, son importance, et même son impuissance.

02:37 - Senior Hall - required making-fun-of-religion-that-isn't-christian. Did you know that there's a whole different culture in the Biggest country in South America deviance that there is.

02:47 - Senior Hall - This statement is not a complete statement. It is part of the previous statement.

03:00 - 06:00 - Senior Hall - Argentina: the biggest country in South America. Club Meeting, Presented by, Pauls. 03:01 - Senior Hall - Hot, pi, motherfucker.

07:00 - Senior Hall - Did you know that your roommates are probably still sleeping, but La Maison Francaise is still standing. LMF makes call at your style.

08:00 - French House - Sssshh. Your roommates are probably still sleeping, but La Maison Francaise is still standing. LMF makes call at your style.

10:00 - French House - Les Français naissent avec la gueule de bois. 10:00 - French House - Gruess Gott.

12:00 - French House - Les Francs ont l'habitude de prendre un ensalade de viande qui peut te(Constants du centre des etudiants)

13:00 - French House - Gruess Gott.

13:30 - French House - homedays.

14:00 - French House - You're the only person at home. 14:00 - French House - Brothers.

14:30 - German House - Gruess Gott.

16:00 - German House - Germans can drink a lot of cool beer.

16:30 - German House - Gruess Gott.

17:00 - German House - Gruess Gott.

18:00 - German House - Blue Velvet.

20:00 - German House - Gruess Gott.

21:00 - German House - Germans like all sorts of high-tech stuff. Like, I'm going to say, 2.9, and it is very... weird.

22:00 - German House - Join in search of sweet treats, dinners, orINGS for more nudity, there will be plenty of perfectly.

23:00 - German House - Enthousiastic heads for the Dark Side of the Force light show. We are leaving now.

23:35 - Bexxley - Violence on screen. Introducing ... the Random House - A friendly
to expose with swirly colours. 20:42 - Random Hall - Some classmen enjoy the "suite life"

21:05 - Burtor-Conner - Tired of leaving 21:00 - senior Haus - It's never boring. German
top of the tallest undergrad dorm on campus. 21:08 - Random Hall - You're the only person at home.


23:00 - German House - - What kind of beer you drink, neighbor? How's Munich / Hefeweizen? That flash! Patroit Blue!

23:00 - German House - Entourage heads for the Dark Side of the Force light show. We are leaving now.


21:30 - German House - - What kind of beer you drink, neighbor? How's Munich / Hefeweizen?


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Cultural Houses Yield Rooms To Ease New House Crowding

Mika A. Tomczak, News Manager

Crowing, from Page 1
tiples," she said. Fleming expressed hope that the adjustment lottery would alleviate crowding, but said, "we like to keep our
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Benedict did not think that the New House situation will hurt cul-
tural houses by preventing prospective members from moving into the house later in the semes-
ter. "I don't think that's going to be a drawback," she said.

Lottery may change situation

Vallay said that the adjustment lottery may alleviate the situation in the crowded dormitories. "We're hoping with the adjust-
ment lottery, things will even out," she said.

After dormitory rush, freshmen who have the opportunity to enter the dormitory lottery to either notify the housing office that they intend to stay in the same dormitory where they are currently in or rank four alternative dormitories to move into.

According to Vallay, crowding could be eliminated in crowded dormitories if fewer students requested to transfer into a dormi-
tory than students who requested to transfer out of the dormitory. More students can not move into a dormitory than students who request to move out. Counseling and support ser-
vices reserves a certain number of rooms for students who return from a leave of absence. Rooms that are not used for this purpose return to the housing pool and may help to alleviate crowding, Vallay said.

If there are more housing can-
cellations in the coming days, Vallay said that she will not fill those spaces with students from the on-campus housing waiting list until after the final freshmen housing assign-
ments are made, in order to reduce crowding. Benedict said that even if the adjustment lottery did not resolve all of the crowded situations, crowding "tends to even itself out" within the second or third weeks of the semester. Freshmen who are still in crowded situations after the lottery will be notified when vacancies occur within their dormitory and may be notified of open spaces in other dormitories if they want to transfer. EC volunteered for crowded

East Campus has assigned 113 freshmen and the dormitory normally has space for approxi-
ately 95 freshmen, said Vice President Emily E. Cofer '04. "We volunteered as one of the dorms to crowd," she said. Crowd-
ed rooms will be the larger singles crowded to doubles. These rooms are not smaller than most doubles on campus, Cofer said. "We were told that it will pretty much stay that number," Cofer said of the number of freshmen assigned to the dormitory. She estimated that twenty people will be affected by the crowding situation.

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the person is able to commit to their new job. MIT requested the owner's name to the RIAA. The DMCA requires MIT to release "information suffi-
cient to identify the alleged infringer of the material described ... to the extent such information is available to the service provider."

MIT won a jurisdictional dispute with the RIAA over whether MIT should have to comply with a pre-
vious subpoena in the recording industry association issued through the federal district court in Wash-
ington, D.C., home to the RIAA.

U.S. District Judge Joseph L. Tauro of Boston's federal district court agreed with MIT and Boston College, who had argued that the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure required subpoenas the RIAA issued to them to be signed by the clerk of MIT and BC's home court, in Boston.

But another proceeding, filed by the RIAA against MIT in the Washington court to request com-
pliance with the first subpoena, remains ongoing, and that court could order MIT to comply even though the Boston court has ruled in MIT's favor.

"In the conceivable one court can go ahead and another can go ahead and they can reach inconsistent results," said Professor Arthur Miller of Harvard Law School, an expert on copyright and civil pro-
cedure. "Somehow or other these conflicts, which are inevitable, get worked out. Many courts simply stay themselves when another court has acted," he said.

But another proceeding, filed by the RIAA has said it will refer to MIT and MIT has said it will comply with such a subpoena.

Solution to Crossword

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Welcome freshmen and new graduate students. Ask SIPB is a column published regularly by the Student Information Processing Board, the volunteer student group concerned with computing at MIT, to help students like you learn more about the computing resources MIT provides and how to make effective use of them.

Question: What is Athena?
Answer: Athena is MIT's campus-wide distributed computing system. It consists of workstations in clusters throughout MIT, and provides software and file space accessible from any Athena workstation. Each of these workstations runs the Linux or Solaris operating system (both of which are Unix operating systems) and provide a common user interface, regardless of where you log in.

You can find a list of Athena clusters on the back of the Athena Pocket Reference you received when you checked in, or by typing athena% tellme combo

Question: How do I get into the Athena clusters?
Answer: The Athena clusters are protected by push-button combo locks. To find out the current cluster combo, on any Athena machine, type:
athena% tellme combo

The combo changes annually on October 1. Shortly before that time, you can use "tellme combo" to determine the new combo.

Also, when you checked in, you should have received a booklet called the "Athena Pocket Reference." On the back, you should find both the current cluster door combo, and the combo effective October 1. If you did not receive this guide when you checked in, or you have lost yours, you can pick up a copy from OLC in W20-021B, or in N42.

Question: How much space is available for my files and e-mail?
Answer: The current default Athena file quota (the maximum amount of space your files may occupy) is 500 MB, and the current mail quota is 250 MB. These are completely separate quotas, and are increased approximately annually, though there is no set schedule for doing so.

With your file quota, you can store files to access from any Athena workstation. You can also send files to this space and retrieve them as well from non-Athena computers. This has the advantage that it is more accessible than files on your personal machine, and that it is backed up nightly. In addition, you can use this space for a personal webpage, or to share files easily with other people.

Question: Where can I get computing help?
Answer: There are several places on campus where you can get computer help.

You can come ask SIPB in person or via e-mail. Our office is W20-557 (right next to the Athena cluster). Anytime members are in the office, the office is open to answer questions.

You can also phone SIPB at x3-7788 or e-mail sipb@mit.edu.

OLC has a set of stock answers for Athena-related questions on the web at http://web.mit.edu/3down/, or e-mail helpdesk@olc.mit.edu.

OLC is Athena Online Consulting, MIT's official support group for Athena related questions. They have an office in the basement of the Student Center (W20-021B), and are usually open Monday-Friday 10 am-5 pm.

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Athena prompt:

To ask OLC a question, first make sure the question isn't already answered in the Stock Answers, then type at an Athena prompt:
athena%alc

For more information, look at the MIT Information Systems Staffs the Computing Help Desk, which provides free support for Macintosh and Windows, and provides limited Unix/VMS support by paid consultants. The Help Desk phone lines are open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 6 pm; walk-ins are welcome in the office in N42 from 9-5. For Mac questions, call 617-253-1101; for Windows questions call 617-253-1102.

The Computing Help Desk also maintains a set of stock answers for common Macintosh and Windows questions encountered by MIT community members, at http://web.mit.edu/3down/.

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If you are having trouble connecting your computer to your dormitory network, you can ask a Residential Computing Consultant for help. RCCs are students who get paid to assist other students, usually residents of the same dormitory. They can do everything from assigning IP addresses, to providing network cables, to helping you configure networking on your computer. To contact your RCC, ask around your dormitory or visit www.rc.mit.edu and submit a request.

Question: What is 3-DOWN?
Answer: 3-DOWN, which can be found at http://web.mit.edu/3down/, provides information about both scheduled and unscheduled network and service outages. The same information can also be found via a recorded message at x3-DOWN (x3-3696). Before reporting an outage, it is useful to check x3-DOWN to see if it is already known.

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(top) A crew member looks over for his cue to move aside before the lead Blue Angels F-18 fighter plane takes off as engine exhaust billows in the background.

(bottom) Five F-18 U.S. Navy Blue Angels fly in their famous diamond formation overhead during Sunday's Westfield International Airshow at Barnes Air National Guard Base. The Blue Angels tour across the country primarily to promote Navy recruiting.

Photography by Stanley Hu
SEMS Offers Community Confidential Transport

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cover such expenses as gasoline and medical supplies.

Privacy drove creation of SEMS

In 2002, SEMS replaced an equivalent service provided by the MIT Police, in part because of concerns over the dual role of police officers as medical treatment providers and law enforcers. According to MIT Police Captain David A. Carlson, under the previous emergency response system, a call to the emergency line could result in MIT police officers arriving in the ambulance as emergency medical technicians. This could lead to conflicts where the student would be unwilling to tell the EMTs their full problem if it included illegal activities, which could hamper successful medical treatment, Carlson said.

"With the student EMTs," he said, "students calling for help "will be more likely ... to assist in their [own] treatment." However, "the way the system is being set up the police are still the dispatch for the ambulance," so the police remain notified of all calls for assistance, he said.

Also, the EMTs on duty must submit a report on any calls they receive to MIT Medical, although the reports are covered under the state medical confidentiality law. This would require a special action by the police such as a warrant to access the reports, Carlson said.

EMTs serve at athletic events

Beyond the ambulance service, however, student EMTs have started to attend MIT athletic games to provide an on-site response to medical emergencies. Head Athletic Trainer Thomas Cronan said that it was standard for universities to have EMTs present at games.

"If MIT has to go to another school, it's the same thing they would expect," he said. "It is important that "the personnel that were there were not serving a dual role" as both police officer and EMT, Cronan said.

MIT Department of FACILITIES

We spent our summer...

Over the summer, the Department of Facilities continued work on several major projects around campus, including the Vassar Streetscape, which will transform a nondescript urban byway to a central campus boulevard for pedestrians and bicycles. The first phase of this project is nearing completion.

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SPORTS
Community Summer Softball League Winds Down
By Phil Janowicz
While the boys of summer play in fancy stadiums for fame, fortune, and everything that goes with it, the real men of summer play softball. Last Thursday, the PITS, a team of biology graduate students, defeated the Library Staff Association Biblio-techs 16-12 to capture the MIT community summer softball league Serious Slow Division 4/5 championship title.

The Bibliotech's got off to a strong start in the top of the first inning, capitalizing on three costly errors for seven runs. Then, the Bibliotech allowed only one run in the bottom half of the first inning, a fielder's choice following a one-out triple.

In the second inning, everyone learned exactly what the infield fly rule is. With the runners on third and first, the PITS opened up their offensive floodgates in the third inning, capitalizing on three costly errors for seven runs. Then, the PITS became champions of the Division 4/5 summer softball league on Aug. 14.

Solid Pitching Needed to Send Red Sox to World Series
By Vivek Rao
This year's edition of the Boston Red Sox is one of the most prolific offensive teams in recent memory, scoring more than six runs per game, impressive even in this hitter's era. Meanwhile, ace pitcher Pedro Martinez, arguably the best pitcher in baseball over the past five seasons, has put together a 2.32 earned run average and a 0.244 batting average, both numbers placing him near the top of the list of league leaders.

After the offense tacked on an insurance run, Martinez found himself three outs away from just his second complete game of the year. The pesky Angels refused to go down quietly, however, and theyوار the deficit to 4-2, while putting runners on second and third with two outs. Martinez, though, and the new and improved bullpen, managed to complete the efficient shutout, with the offense scoring or how many top runs the Sox need to win. In the meantime, we must turn our attention to other 1M sports. Soon, IM season will fill our days and nights with much needed breaks from lab and sleeplessness, but the PITS are the kings of summer.
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