 Theta Delta Chi May Lose License After July Rooftop Party Incident
By Chen Zhao

The Cambridge License Commission met with Theta Delta Chi on Tuesday in response to an alcohol-related incident that occurred at the fraternity house this summer. The MIT Police said at the hearing that members of TDC, during a July 15 rooftop party at the house, threw beer cans and plates off of the roof and struck a car. One fraternity member has been banned from the house as a result of the incident.

Benjamin C. Barnes, chairman of the CLC Board said he was "realistically thinking about pulling [the] license" to the TDC house at the Tuesday hearing.

The CLC will meet again to decide what punishment, if any, to impose on TDC. It was unclear at the hearing whether another would be scheduled to hear further testimony.

David N. Rogers, assistant dean and director of fraternities, sororities and independent living groups, said that the Interfraternity Council plans to have a hearing soon.

To date, the IFC has refused to impose on TDC.

Rooftop party ends in conflict
Dana M. Halpern '04, current president of TDC, said the July 15 party was a social event involving current members and alumni after a softball game.

Three MIT police officers who responded to the 10:30 p.m. complaint testified at the hearing. Patrol Officer Robert G. Wilcox said he was almost struck by a beer can as he and Patrol Officer Richard M. Sulli-

Van ascended a fire escape to reach the roof of the house. Patrol Officer Jamie G. DiGregorio said several of the party attendees were "very bel-

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The Blaster worm continues to plague the MIT community, with approximately 3,000 to 4,000 network drops still dis-
abled on campus. An MIT student could be evicted if he continues to hang his flag out-
side his window.

Jonathan A. Goler Goler said he came home Tuesday to find his con-
troversial Israeli flag removed from his window with a note from his house manager threatening "disciplinary action" if the flag reappeared outside the window. Goler then put the flag back outside.

Karen A. Nilsson, director of housing operations, told Goler Wednesday that if he continued to ignore the housing office's instruc-
tions to take the flag down, he might be evicted.

"He's in noncompliance with housing rules and regulations," Nilsson said. "At this point I have no other alternative."

"The easier option is for her to do nothing ... which should have been their action all along," Goler said.

"If they actually evicted me, MIT would obviously be in pretty deep trouble," he said. "There's absolutely no way that evicting someone for something as trivial as this is anything remotely remis-
sive of fair or just." Goler said.

Nilsson added that students informed that his alumnus were intoxicated.

"As of last week, when I started, there were about one thousand disabled drops on campus ... it is a lot more than the two or three cases you expect in a week," said Thomas E. Cavin, manager of computer operations for the Division of Health Sciences and Technology, who volunteered to help Network Security re-enable disabled drops.

Cavin said that Network Security requires users to reformat their hard drive and re-install their operating system before the network drop is turned back on.

"Reinstallation rates are very high. You need to follow the instructions to lesson your chances of being reinfected," Cavin said.

"Microsoft has not had the best security record in the past. Even if you do, [but] there are times that there is no other alternative," she said.

Nilsson declined to comment.

MIT, Goler Continue To Debate S-P Flag
By Jennifer Krishnan

Two years after terrorists named commercial jetliners into millions bearing down on quintessential symbols of American wealth and power, the nation is preparing to remember 3,040 fathers and mothers and friends who did not make it home that day.

Ministers in their pulpits and conductors in the subway announced moments of silence with officials recited poems and delivered speeches. Choirs sang patriotic songs. And Americans reflected on the attacks that destroyed the World Trade Center and damaged the Pentagon, on the continuing fight against the enduring issues of 9/11.

Somehow, Thursday was like Nov. 22, 1963, two years after the assassination of President Kennedy. On Dec. 7, 1941, two years after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The rawness of emotion was less immediate than on the first anniversary. But there was no shortage of grief.

"Today, again, we are a city that mourns," Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg said at ground zero, the 16-acre site where the World Trade Center stood until Sept. 11. In 10 terse sentences, Bloomberg introduced and thanked the children helping in the ceremony. "Their world is still in the making," he said. "As the mayor and a father, I hope it will be a wise and a just world."

Four U.S. Soldiers in Iraq Hurt In Two Convoy Attacks

Four U.S. soldiers were wounded and at least two vehicles were destroyed in two attacks on military convoys, one just west of Baghdad and the other in northern Iraq, a U.S. military spokesman said on Thursday.

The gun battles came on a day when U.S. troops held a series of ceremonies to mark the second anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks against the United States.

The day was mostly quiet in Baghdad, and fears that terrorists would celebrate the anniversary by setting off their fifth truck bomb in Iraq in a month proved unfounded.

But for U.S. soldiers, who are now facing a dozen or more attacks daily, Wednesday was far from quiet. At about 2:30 p.m. in Mosul, in northern Iraq, guerrillas fired rocket-propelled grenades at a U.S. convoy, wounding three soldiers, according to Capt. Danny Martin, a U.S. military spokesman.

At 5 p.m. in Khalidiyah, about 45 miles west of Baghdad, another attack wounded one soldier and destroyed two vehicles. In both cases, the guerrillas fired rocket-propelled grenades as well as small arms, Martin said. He said he did not know if United States soldiers had killed any guerrillas in the attacks.

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At the same time, some U.S. officials believe that the decision to oust Arafat could be counterproductive, leading to a more violent reaction from Palestinian groups that oppose Israel's policies. Some say it could also lead to a growing sense of despair among Palestinians, who have long blamed Arafat for failing to deliver on his promises of a Palestinian state.

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In the aftermath of the Arafat decision, Bush administration officials said they knew of no attempts by Bush, Secretary of State Colin Powell, or other senior officials to win an Israeli change of heart. The officials said they knew of no high-level discussions about a revamping of the so-called road map, the path that the United States, Israel and the Palestinians all still publicly embrace as the best way toward peace, even in the face of a sharp renewal of violence. Shimon Peres, the former Israeli prime minister, met with Powell in Washington on Thursday, and he also spoke out against the threatened expulsion. "I think it will be a mistake," said Peres, whose Labor Party lost power in 1996 to the Likud Party, which is now headed by Sharon. "Arafat out of the country will be more bitter and more negative."

The resurgent Taliban have embarked on a strategy of small guerrilla attacks intended to frustrate and steadily bleed U.S. forces in Afghanistan and to force the United States to spend billions of dollars in military costs, according to two Taliban officials interviewed recently.

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Swedish Foreign Minister Lindh Stabbed by Unknown Assailant

By Alan Cowell

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Anna Lindh, the widely respected Swedish foreign minister mentioned often as a potential leader of the centrist Moderates, was stabbed in the back late Thursday as she walked to her car after leaving a department store. She was taken to a hospital, where she died from her wounds. The emergency services were called to a department store in the southwestern part of Stockholm after a woman was found lying on the floor, bleeding. She was rushed to a hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

The attack came as Sweden was preparing to hold a general election on September 11. Ms. Lindh, a member of the Centre Party, had been a leading candidate for the party.

Ms. Lindh, 49, was a member of the Centre Party, which is part of the center-right coalition that has been in power since 1991. She was a leading candidate for the party in the upcoming general election.

Ms. Lindh was known for her openness and willingness to engage with a wide range of issues, including human rights, the environment, and foreign policy. She was a strong advocate for gender equality and was the first woman to become foreign minister in Sweden.

Ms. Lindh was born in Stockholm and attended Stockholm University. She worked as a journalist before entering politics and was first elected to the parliament in 1989.

In recent years, Ms. Lindh had been increasingly vocal on issues such as foreign aid and the role of the United Nations. She had been a strong supporter of the European Union and had been a member of the EU Parliament from 1999 to 2004.

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Swedish Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt has said that the attack is being treated as a terrorist act.

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On Religion and Thought
Thanks for Andrew Thomas’ Sept. 9 article on logic and Christianity. It was a good companion piece to Tech Talk’s article on the visit of the Dalai Lama’s visit. If Buddhism can question the meaning of existence and the nature of consciousness, why can’t Christianity?

The problem is hinted at in Andrew Thomas’ article. That problem is evangelism, i.e. cramming your beliefs down other’s throats. Evangelicals tend toward fundamentalism, where logic may fly out the window. So other religions become less logical. Being gay and an environmentalist, I am heading into these fundamentalist types.

Chuck Wright

Letter To The Editor

Opinion Policy
Editorials are the official opinion of The Tech. They are written by the editorial board, which consists of the chairman, editor in chief, managing editor, opinion editors, a photography editor, and an arts editor.

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Ruth Miller

Even with the huge problem sets and tiny assignments from computing, one can't help but notice a few of the more colorful contributions to the Undergraduate Center. Some同学的 contributions, visual or otherwise, can be unique. Usually involving paper, they have been held up in the MUIT conference. Because no political party or issue is sufficiently present, they are stripped of any grandiosity, every essay has been rated at the angles that some candidates are taking in the election process.

Should I like to interface with might from someone much wiser than myself. In an episode of Saturday Night Live during the peak of the Clinton impeachment fallout, Cervos' character, Norm MacDonald, made a clear and concise statement on the state of politics and the election process. "The quality of our government is not determined by which chemicals will make a good drug, but more by the relative prices of paper and ink when Kinko's can't do it for a few bucks."

In the Kinko's Bookstore, we would very much like to promote our reading. In our crusade for economic justice in the world of books, we've forgotten that authors write books, we'd have forgotten that authors write books, we'd have forgotten that authors write books. In Why should anyone, especially those in need, temporarily cheaper than ripoff bookstore prices. The disparity in price can be staggering: A knockoff book only costs a few dollars for paper and ink when you take it to Kinko's, run it out just which chemicals will make a good drug, and led to the creation of a size limitation the next day: nothing larger than a half sheet of poster board. To circumvent that, we got to school hours before class on the day of the election to piece together a grid of democracy proposal to allow more generic drug producers to export it without the patent holder's permission. The arrangement, a de facto progressive taxation imposed on AIDS victims, is itself a threat. Pressure continues to build to allow importation of drugs from foreign countries like Canada. Proponents make their case by comparing the cost of drugs abroad to the drug prices in the United States. Political realities have forced opponents to spin this as a safety issue, portraying imported drugs as unregulated and potentially unsafe. It's in a class that borders on xenophobic; what is striking is that it's not possible to argue the truth in this political atmosphere: drug producers abroad because they're under government price controls. Allowing importation only extends those controls to the U.S. market, where drug companies currently make the money they need to remain fully operational. The eventual consequences are obvious: a dramatic, curtailment of new drug production. Yet the media's efforts to portray issues versus short-term considerations is quite different. A July 17, 2000 article from Time magazine described generic drugs as short-term solutions that are "only effective for the duration of the program." The argument that generic drugs are a "stronger emphasis on generic drugs at a fraction of the cost of name-brand equivalents." Time's long-term solution to fighting disease is to destroy the process of drug creation, often the only weapons we have in the war against disease. Drug companies have no moral responsibility to fight diseases and make their products available, no more than IBM has a moral responsibility to develop new computers that save lives. It is simply not in the business interests of drug companies to spend the money to develop new drugs. Companies will respond to those threats. The current political pathways will leave us with skeletons of research and development programs, and strong averse to the risks associated with drug development (some of which have been mentioned). We should indeed be very careful with our treatment of generic drugs.
"People, let's make this clear. You're all out of time!" "Yes, wink. There's plenty, but how many would be willing to actually go out with you?"

"So many freebies! Free popcorn, free Reisbers, free paper samples from Copytech..." "But it didn't work. The only thing I bought was a new blender for the kitchen."

"That's not a blender. It's a 10,000 Centrifuge."

"Suddenely, my free Reisber tastes stale."

"So freshmen are now on campus, huh?" "Yes, I've been mistaken for me five times already."

"You'll know by now people would learn the sign of the freshmen..."
"Really? Like what?"
"Oh, trust me. Trust me."

"Hell for free, eyebrows painted free, piercing."
"That 3 o'clock, just not me."

"It's only been a week, give you some time to think."

"God, that was pure hallucination."

"Mike, the Dog"
September 12, 2003

MIT: Miscellaneous Institute Trivia

Many Important Trees

- Most of the trees on MIT’s campus are labeled with plaques that include a barcode, their genus and species, common name, and number.
- #1635 is an apple tree directly descended from the one under which Isaac Newton supposedly conceived the theory of gravity.

This Week in History

Sep 10, 1974: The Tech first reported that the MIT chapter of Sigma Nu (Epsilon Theta) was forced to separate from its national organization at the order of Sigma Nu grand chapter.

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Electrons 45 Put in stitches 7 Use chemical 36 Christmas season

14 One standing by “Pygmalion” “Schindler’s List” 31 Physicist Enrico

... Seventeen Ash trees were taken from the Simmons Hall project site and maintained for

- All twenty-seven trees now located around the food trucks near the Koch Biology Build-

... After an April snowstorm in 1997 destroyed two crabapple trees flanking the Building 10

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... The house had permitted women to live in a co-ed house under the national chapter’s policies. The house then became the living group Epsilon Theta. The current Sigma Nu chapter of MIT was refounded in April of 1995, and still returns the chapter name Epsilon Theta.

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ACROSS

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8 Makes an indirect reference
15 One standing by
16 Shift
17 Stream of electrons
18 Double-deck game
19 Italian noblewoman
21 Flagged vehicle
22 Silk trap
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12 Monkey
13 Office
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19 First name in
denizens

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6 Swimming
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13 Sported
14 Rapier’s cousin
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26 Blush purple
28 Scorers
29 Lose fraction
30 Vanities
31 Physicist Enrico
33 Claw
35 Of metric verse
56 Christmas season
37 Mishmash dish
39 Verse form
40 Kansas City team
41 Meadows of classic TV
42 Coercion
44 Mariah of music
47 Slip-on slipper
48 Adam’s youngest
49 Riper’s cousin
50 Ripped apart
52 Phoenix’s hopscotch
54 Tree fluid
55 Broke bread
56 Set the pace

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Depression is a serious threat to anyone that has a brain.

Depression is a suppression of brain activity that can strike anyone. It can make you unresponsive, but it is also readily medically treatable. And that's something you should always keep in mind!

Public Service message from SAVE (Suicide Awareness Voices of Education)

This space donated by The Tech

Low/No-Cost Health Insurance Options for MIT Students with Dependents

The GSC-HCA with the support of MIT Medical staff will present information regarding low- and no-cost off-campus insurance alternatives for the dependents of MIT students Tuesday, September 16, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Eastgate Penthouse CHILD CARE AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED

Housing and Community Affairs Committee of the Graduate Student Council

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Tech News Hotline: x3-1541

Ethical Society of Boston A Humanist Fellowship Platform Meetings for September, 2003

Sept. 14 - Debra DeLee: ROADMAP TO A MIDDLE EAST PEACE

The cycle of violence over control of the land once called Palestine is dispiriting. As CEO of Americans for Peace Now, Ms. DeLee spearheads efforts to steer US policy toward a new peace process in the Middle East.

Sept. 21 - Ann Quinlan: A NEW LOOK AT ROMANCE

Romance is revealed to us in many ways -- as romantic love and as passion for music, art, nature. Ms. Quinlan is a teacher/artist who draws on her Celtic heritage. She offers workshops to help people explore emotions that affect their lives.

Sept. 28 - Ellen Frank: THE ETHICS OF UNEMPLOYMENT

Dr. Frank is a professor of economics. At Ethical Society last year, she stirred interest with ideas from her book, The Great Social Illusion. This year she explains today's "meaningless recovery".

You are invited to platform lecture meetings, 10:30 am Sundays at 33 Garden St. Cambridge (Longy School of Music near Harvard Sq.), For information visit http://www.ethical.org

A Forum on US-Islamic Relations featuring...

Congressman Stephen Lynch (D-MA) Islamic Society of Boston Boston Globe

Reflections on Islamic-Western Relations Post 9/11

MIT 54-100, Fri. Sept. 12, 7-9 PM

http://www.aidemocracy.org
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**Events Calendar**

**Friday, September 12, 2003**

8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Blood Drive. Come help save lives by donating blood or volunteering to help with our drive! See our Web page for more information.

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Intro Circus. Free. Room: New Hampshire. Sponsor: Outing Club, MIT, GSC Funding Board.

5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - European Club Meeting. See this is the European Club’s annual kick-off party. We will be going up to our cabin in New Hampshire Saturday night. Meet us at 5 pm for drinks and appetizers. Cost: $35. Room: Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center Pool. Sponsor: Physical Education, Recreation and Athletics.

8:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. - Songwriter’s Night. Come hear 2 to 3 songwriters perform original music. Tickets: $6. Room: Thirsty Ear Pub. Sponsor: The Thirsty Ear Pub.

Tuesday, September 16, 2003

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Women’s Tennis vs. St. Lawrence. Come see some friends or meet someone new at the first ever event at LLC (formerly FAXQ). Whether you’re an ex-girlfriend or you’re just looking for someone to talk to, this is your chance to shine.

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - National Science Foundation Visit. Open to all students. The NSF will be holding a day of site visits and activities at MIT. Call the Undergraduate Outreach Committee for more information. Room: 40-318. Sponsor: Undergraduate Research Committee.

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - International Film Society. Free. Room: 35-334. Sponsor: International Film Society.


Wednesday, September 17, 2003

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Admissions Information Session. Free. Room: Admissions Reception Center (Building 10, Room 10-300). Sponsor: Admissions Center.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - ITALIANO COOP. Learn more about the Co-op program and ask current Co-op students any questions about this unique opportunity to work while earning college credits.

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Women’s Tennis vs. Brown. Free. Room: DeWolfe. Sponsor: Women’s Tennis.

8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - "The Clockmaker’s Son". Please join us for the Graduate Student Council’s fourth annual "The Clockmaker’s Son" event. Tickets: $30. Room: Student Center room 240. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council.

Thursday, September 18, 2003

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Writers Group. New writers are invited to join our weekly Writers Group (sponsored by the Writing and Communication Center). Open to all students. Room: 10-430. Sponsor: Writing and Communication Center.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - "Mountains Beyond Mountains". A special screening of the documentary based on Dr. Paul Farmer’s book of the same name. Room: Room 26-105. Sponsor: MIT Community Programs.

Friday, September 19, 2003

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Introduction to Business Ethics. Free. Room: 10-450. Sponsor: Department of Business, Organization, and Strategy.

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Women’s Tennis vs. Brown. Free. Room: DeWolfe. Sponsor: Women’s Tennis.

6:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - "The Clockmaker’s Son". Please join us for the Graduate Student Council’s fourth annual "The Clockmaker’s Son" event. Tickets: $30. Room: Student Center room 240. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council.

Saturday, September 20, 2003

The following text contains information about events happening in the future.

**Sunday, September 14, 2003**

12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - "Into the Woods." Stephen Sondheim’s musical. $9, $8 MIT community/students/seniors, $6 MIT/Wellesley students.

1:10 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - BBQ. Free. Room: 37-131. Sponsor: International Student and Scholar Services.

1:10 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Muslim Friday Prayer. Weekly congregational prayer for Muslims. People of other faiths welcome to attend.

September 21, 2003

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Muslim Friday Prayer. Weekly congregational prayer for Muslims. People of other faiths welcome to attend.

1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - "The Clockmaker’s Son". Please join us for the Graduate Student Council’s fourth annual "The Clockmaker’s Son" event. Tickets: $30. Room: Student Center room 240. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council.
Dear UA,

I just found out that elections for class of 2007 officers closed online at midnight last night — but I so desperately wanted to write in the new Walker Noodle Bar as my class VP. Contrary to popular belief, MIT students do get active. And as college students, there are some basic guidelines one should follow in order to maintain a “friendly” and “safe” dorm environment.

Don’t establish a system with your roommate.

This is an important must for college life. Hang a tie on your door or put a code word on the whiteboard to let your roommate know that you’re “busy” and he shouldn’t come in. This will save both you, your “friend,” and your roommate from a particularly awkward situation.

Don’t have sex in your room if your roommate is sleeping, studying, or in the room at all.

Just because your roommate can’t see it doesn’t mean he or she won’t notice. Keep in mind, there really is no such thing as silent sex.

Do take advantage of all dorm facilities.

Hey, it’s college. It’s a time for exploration, especially of the sexual kind.

Don’t get caught in the act.

If both of you are going to take a quick shower, don’t open the door until the coast is clear. I don’t want to know who’s in there.

Do close your door when initiating intimate activities.

Keep your private life private. Open doors not only allow passersby a chance to gawk but also create witnesses. Who knows, you might regret it later?

Don’t entertain the entire dorm with your carnal opera.

Some of us have to live next to you and focus on things a little less exciting, like problem sets for example. Although we’re happy you’re having a pleasurable time, it’s just not giving us that same feeling. Try setting the mood with some romantic music to drown out some of the noise. Your neighbors will thank you later.

Do tidy up afterwards.

Condoms are only used once, and they should only be seen once. Not only is it disgusting to see someone’s used sex artifacts, but it’s also unsanitary.

Don’t answer your door wrapped in a blanket or half-naked.

Although it can be pretty tempting, you must resist. Your roommate won’t appreciate you bringing another person into an already overcrowded space. Sorry, you should have gotten a single.

Do close the blinds on your windows.

It’s the morning after, you’re walking back to your dorm, and your only choice of clothing is your own. And remember, not everyone wants a show.

Do take the Walk of Shame with pride.

If this isn’t obvious to you, you should probably just stop reading. Respecting personal property is a must if you want to have any sort of amicable relationship with your roommate.

By Alexaia Summers

This is dedicated to those inexperienced freshmen residing in the MIT dorms. Contrary to popular belief, MIT students do get active. And as college students, there are some basic guidelines one should follow in order to maintain a “friendly” and “safe” dorm environment.

By Harel Williams

It seems like you guys just make this stuff up with your quizzicality. Want honestly, all the questions we created ourselves have been based on actual questions to date. Maybe students feel they can’t match our sarcastic wit, but to be honest, all the questions we created ourselves have been based on actual questions received in person, albeit “spiced up” before going to print. E-mail us questions. Seriously. We can’t be this creative all semester.

Don’t take all the emergency condoms for yourself.

If you’re having sex on a regular basis, don’t be cheap. Buy your own condoms. Just think, some poor MIT student might have the opportunity to have sex for the first time, but low and behold, there are no condoms left. Therefore, the poor virgin remains.

Do invite your partner to visit.

It’s ok to seal your roommate every once in a while. Just be sure to return the favor.

Don’t allow your partner to sleep over every night if you have a roommate.

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Focus shifts to publicity guidelines

While Nilsson's arguments have been grounded in safety and aesthetic concerns, Collins' note to Goler referred instead to a publicity guidelines enacted by the Sidney-Pacific house council.

Robert M. Rudolph, a senior associate dean for students and the housemaster of Bexley, said the only rule Goler's flag violates is this policy.

The policy prohibits "posters" hung in public areas, such as the exterior of the building. Sidney-Pacific President Krishnan Srinivasan said last month that the policy refers to any publicity materials.

Goler criticized the administration for repeatedly changing its guidelines.

"When someone generally throws out a laundry list, they're obviously trying to throw everything at me and hope that something sticks," Goler said.

As for the safety issue, a representative of the Cambridge Office of Fire Prevention said that hanging a flag from a window would not be a problem from a safety standpoint.

A flag "really can't affect the building at all," he said.

The official added that while a flag was not a fire hazard as long as it was not blocking a window, he did not expect MIT to allow dormitory residents to hang flags "for cosmetic reasons."

Flags still fly at Bexley

Meanwhile across campus, the policies about hanging items outside of windows is inconsistent.

Jonathan Battat '05 said he had never been asked to remove the two Israeli flags from his windows at Bexley Hall, nor had any of the other residents of the room who have flown the flag for the past three years.

"I think it's clear that every administrator at MIT [has] seen these flags and [has] not had a problem with it," Battat said.

In the past, Nilsson and others have said Battat's flags went through an approval process.

"I'm not aware of any regulation or standard that these flags violate," he said.

While Nilsson's arguments have flown the flag for the past three years, he said.

Administrators have acknowledged the nature of the original complaint, but have said that since they were made aware of the flag, they applied rules as they would have in any other case, citing various student-mounted banners they say were removed for safety reasons.

Nilsson suggests education

In their conversation Wednesday, Nilsson "kept inviting me to direct my energies toward educational ways of publicizing my political opinions," Goler said.

Nilsson said she suggested organizing such things as "diversity training ... [and] discussions about the Middle East and diversity."

"I have offered to stand up and do this with him," she said.

"She really tried to deflect the conversation away from anything relating to the flag itself," Goler said.

He said she was offering these options "as a substitute for hanging [the flag] out my window," but "I think they're beside the point."

Nilsson also said a display of several flags, including an Israeli flag, was being assembled in the main lobby of Sidney-Pacific.

"Jeremy Baskin is an Arts Editor for The Tech.

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Care for urgent medical needs is available 24 hours a day, every day. No appointments are needed, but patients who are given priority in general, wait longer than those who are not. Call the Urgent Care service at x3-1111 from off-campus or 911 if you need critical care.

We can't respond individually, but we'll respond to your online question and to your email address. If you can't come in on your own, call Campus Police at 11:30 a.m. to contact the house: student ambulance service.

Dean's Office

Consulting and Support Services (x3-404) 4:00-6:00, Counseling and referral

Campus Police

Crisis Prevention and Sensitivity Classes (x3-9930) Reporting, legal advice, and speakers

Student Affairs (x3-4082) Sexual assault resources

We've also added information about one important issue we've received on campus (x3-1111)

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Health Promotion and Community Engagement (x3-1111)

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- Try using headphones with a headphone amp. This can help increase the volume level without increasing the noise level outside your room.
- Consider using a noise-canceling app on your phone. These apps can help reduce the amount of background noise in your room, allowing you to enjoy your music more easily.

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(right) Massachusetts Senator John Kerry shows off his playful side as he performs Bruce Springsteen’s “Tenth Avenue Freeze-Out” with local band Poggun Seven.

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MIT Windows Users Need Newest Patch

they did, the mere fact that there are so many Microsoft computers out there means a single flaw in their code leaves a vast number of machines vulnerable," Cavin said.

"We have been working really hard and we would appreciate people realizing this," Mahoney said. "I do realize that they are swamped. But it does seem strange that they can turn off a drop within three hours but not turn it back on for ten days," Rabiej said.

Microsoft issues new update

On Wednesday, Microsoft issued a new patch for another Windows vulnerability, to prevent another Blaster-like intruder from compromising machines.

"All machines that have recently been patched for the MS03-026 vulnerability are once again vulnerable to a new known method of remote compromise. I write to ask all Windows users to immediately install the new patch made available by Microsoft," said James D. Bru~e, Vicepresident of Information Systems, in an e-mail to all of the MIT community.

In response to this development, Information Systems will require all students registered for dynamic network access to reregister. For assistance registering a dynamic network access, visit http://web.mit.edu/is/help/dhcp/dhcpstud.html.

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Friday, September 12, 2003

4:39 p.m. Fenway Swing Sets Reconect with your inner child while swinging on the playground swing in the park right next to Fenway house. Call 617-437-1043 for a ride.

6:00 p.m. Epilson Theta Make Your Own Sushi Dinner. Learn to make sushi, with traditional ingredients and plenty of cooked and raw fish.

8:00 p.m. Epilson Theta Anti- Sushi Dinner. Ew, who wants to eat raw fish?? We're going to have the worst pizza place in the world, Crazy Dough's) and taunt them by licking, "Little Steve's: Where the meatiest pizza is, and the pizza's cheesy? Where the men are easy and the pizza is alien.

7:00 p.m. Student House Din- er. This entry is boring. We're not going.

8:00 p.m. WILG Come to the North End with us for Dessert! Mmmm. Fenway and Fenway house bucatini and illuminos are only a cab ride away!

8:11 p.m. Fenway Blade Runner. So we're going to Fenway for a light jog around the Fenway. If you're really good, you can carry a rifle and for help on your problem sets. We'll head over to Little Steve's, the worst pizza place in the world, and a light jog around Crazy Dough's) and taunt them by licking, "Little Steve's: Where the meatiest pizza is, and the pizza's cheesy? Where the men are easy and the pizza is alien.

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Saturday, September 13, 2003

12:00 a.m. Epilson Theta Stargazing. Would you like to swing on a star? carry more than 10 pounds of ammunition as part of our secret world domination army.

2:30 p.m. Epilson Theta Break- Fast with lines like "There is no racial bigotry here. Every single person, regardless of gender, race, or religion, will be welcome here!"

2:30 p.m. Epilson Theta Games. Makes the middle east such a 8:00 p.m. Epilson Theta Thank- sis for Culture at the North End with us for Dessert!

8:00 p.m. Epilson Theta Make Just down our street. Mats pro- duced by the players. Masters play against each other, and the winner gets the cash prize.

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Sunday, September 14, 2003

8:34 a.m. Fenway Breakfast with the Times. You're awake. We're probably not. Wake us up at 437-1043 and have breakfast as we make fun of the oddballs in the New York Times.

10:00 a.m. WILG Meet us at our house before we leave for Sun- day Stroll in Cambridge!

10:10 a.m. Fenway Bagpiper Hunting. Frolic in the Fens Part II. The fishing is not so good, but occasionally we hear a bag- piper. Play croquet or one of the games that you played as a child. Look at flowers. 437- 1043 10:20 a.m. Fenway Beach Trip. We're off to the beach. Call 437-1043 to come with us. Sun- bath, stay, or enjoy a little bit of beer.

11:00 a.m. pika sushi roll your own sushi! All afternoon. and for help on your problem sets.

1:01 a.m. Epilson Theta Improv, Take 2. Every good performance needs a encore.

8:00 p.m. pika spankinnins! You'll love them! Trust me! Er actual.

8:19 p.m. Fenway Homework Help. Do you want to visit that magazine on earth? Take your most complicated fields under the shadie of a binary tree? Then come to Fenway and Fenway house and Fenway house and Fenway house with us for help on your problem sets. Please come and give them an opportunity to nurse their own world Call 617-437-1043 for a ride.

8:23 p.m. Fenway Buckaroo Go- gue. Come and enjoy the products of Crazy Doughts, the finest gourmet pizza - you will ever see! So seriously, its really, really good. Like, when I'm in lab, its all i eat. Its so good. We'll be handing out kashnikov's and we'll head over to Little Steve's, the worst pizza place in the world. We're just going to toss it to Crazzy Doughty's) and taunt them by licking, "Little Steve's: Where the meatiest pizza is, and the pizza's cheesy? Where the men are easy and the pizza is alien.

7:00 p.m. Student House Din- er. This entry is boring. We're not going.

8:00 p.m. WILG Come to the North End with us for Dessert! Mmmm. Fenway and Fenway house bucatini and illuminos are only a cab ride away!
Sophomore Jackie Y. Wang was a stabilizing force in the back row as she added 12 digs to the effort, and Reynolds was again a factor as she served Bates off the court with seven aces.

Against the hosts, Gordon College, the Engineers had revenge on their minds, as it was Gordon who knocked MIT out of the NCAA tournament last season in round 32. The Engineers wasted little time explaining it to Gordon on the court as they dominated the match outright. After blowing them out in the first game 30-16, the Engineers finished them off, winning the second game 30-22 and the third game 30-22 to take the match 3-0. Sophomore Caroline D. Jordan contributed eight kills and 13 digs, while sophomore Joy N. Hart added six kills.

In the final match of the day, MIT made short work of Eastern Connecticut State University winning easily 3-0 (30-18, 30-22, 30-17) to take the championship trophy for the third straight year. Freshmen contributed greatly in this match as Caitlin A. Murphy '07 took over the setting reigns, dishing out 29 assists. Frances M. Rogoz '07, Monika M. Wrobel '07, and Briana J. Stephenson '07 put down nine, seven, and three kills, respectively. Jordan and Reynolds also earned All-Tournament Team honors, with Reynolds taking the tournament Most Valuable Player award.

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