Two Theft Suspects Found and Arrested

By Michelle Nynoe

Two suspects have been apprehended in the recent string of thefts reported in McCormick Hall, Baker House, MacGregor House, and Green Hall since Sept. 26.

On Oct. 2, Stephanie DeAngelis was arrested for trespassing in Building E17, and on Oct. 4, Peter Sheppard was arrested for trespassing in MacGregor. Both DeAngelis and Sheppard are considered suspects in the dormitory robberies, said John E. Doscik, deputy chief of the MIT Police.

Seventeen thefts have been reported in the four dormitories since Sept. 26, and stolen items include cash, credit cards, laptops, checkbooks, jewels, drivers licenses, and MP3 players.

Since the arrests, no thefts have been reported in the dormitories.

Thieves target open, empty rooms

MacGregor House President Joe D. Jacobs '04 said that "the suspects would go door to door and see if doors were unlocked." If the resident was present, he would ask for the time, but if the resident was not there, he would take money out of wallets and steal perfume, audio equipment, and lap-tops, Jacobs said.

"A major problem was that students didn't lock their doors when they went to take showers," he said. "The thief would take advantage of those opportunities."

The suspects in the McCormick and Baker thefts used similar tactics. According to a police bulletin issued on Oct. 1, victims reported seeing two females, each approximately 18 years old, one with dark brown hair and one with black hair in a ponytail and curls.

Baker House President Anthony D. Wenbeck '04 said that the suspects would generally go into unlocked rooms and, if the room resident was there, would ask for "Christina." If the room was empty, they would go through backpacks and drawers.

"The problem was that the suspects were people who could very easily pass for McCormick residents, and they just slipped by the front door," said McCormick President Marjan S. Hohoun '04.

Jonathan F. Nolan, house manager for Baker and Green Hall, said that there has only been one robbery so far in Green Hall, and that was the first robbery in the graduate dormitory in five years. He said that the suspect posed as a friend of one of the resident's.

Police arrest suspects

Jacobs said that a police sketch artist was called after the first theft, a description was posted immediately via e-mail and flyers, and the house manager notified other dormitories.

Sheppard was later apprehended in MacGregor. MacGregor Desk Captain Laurence A. Wong '04 said, "a student from C-entry followed the thief through all the entries until the CPs [MIT Police] could come and catch him."

Rent Control, City Government Organization, and University Taxation Debated by Council Candidates

By Frank Dabek

Wednesday's debate among candidates for Cambridge City Council highlighted the lack of controversy in this year's race for six city council seats.

"My hope is that the universities and its students will see this as an opportunity to bring more people to the meetings," said Lord C. Goodenough '04, councilor for Baker and Green Hall, and MIT graduate.

The debate was sponsored by the city of Cambridge's Community and Affordable Housing, City Government Organization, and MIT of opinion on MIT's work toward increasing recycling.

MIT Might Impose Zoning Ordinance on Local Universities

By Beckett W. Stamer

The city of Cambridge is currently investigating the possibility of requiring all new university housing projects to abide by the inclusionary zoning ordinance, which requires that 15 percent of new residential developments be affordable housing.

"Affordable" is defined as costing less than 80 percent of the median income of the residents of the neighborhood. Currently, universities in Cambridge, including MIT and Harvard are exempt from this ordinance.

The City Council unanimously approved an ordinance drafted by Councilor Anthony D. Galluccio on Sept. 29 requesting that the city manager draft a home-rule petition extending the ordinance to universities.

The present ordinance requires that the affordable housing units be on site, however Galluccio said "my assumption is that we would create something that would be a little more flexible."

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**U.N. Approves Multinational Force in Iraq by Dec. 2003**

*By Felicity Barringer*

The Security Council on Thursday unanimously approved a U.S.-British resolution authorizing a U.S.-led multinational force in Iraq and setting a target date of Dec. 15 for Iraq's Governing Council to lay out a timetable for creating a constitution and democratic government.

The international team on display in the lofty council chamber when all 15 ambassadors raised their hands in assent was something of a diplomatic triumph for the Bush administration after months of apparent isolation here.

The United States and Britain won an international mandate for implementing what is largely their ongoing strategy of political transition in Iraq while creating a U.N.-authorized multinational force under American command.

In a statement, President Bush welcomed the vote, saying, "The world has an opportunity — and a responsibility — to help the Iraqis build a nation that is stable, secure, and free. This resolution will help marshal even more international support for the development of a new, democratic Iraq."

But as soon as the resolution passed, several late converts — including France, Germany and Pakistan — made clear that it was still too flawed, in their view, to spur any contributions of troops or money beyond current assistance.

A Muslim nation, Pakistan was one of the countries that Washington had hoped would contribute troops.

Russia, France and Germany, the countries which had most visibly opposed the war, issued a joint statement saying, "We believe that the resolution should have gone further on two major issues: first, the role of the United Nations, in particular in the political process, and second, the pace of the transfer of responsibilities to the Iraqi people."

The resolution made it clear that the resolution had not done much more than paper over the fundamental differences dividing the United States from many council members, who felt that the measure should have mandated a quick, time-limited transfer of responsibilities from the coalition authorities to the Iraqis.

Still, the vote ended America's diplomatic isolation. Secretary of State Colin L. Powell called the vote "a great achievement for the entire Security Council, to come together again in this manner."

The resolution, he said, allow the international community to move forward to restore full sovereignty of Iraq to the Iraqi people in a careful, deliberate way.

The unanimous vote was the product of a last-minute deal brokered Wednesday between the United States and Russia, after China had indicated its support for the draft, even if diplomats said.

Russia offered amendments giving the United Nations more flexibility in taking on political tasks and making clear that the multinational force's mandate will end when the political transition is complete.

But just when that transition will be over was left unclear. The Iraqi Governing Council must submit a timetable by December 15, and allow it to be reviewed by the Security Council, but no stipulation on the nature of that timetable was included. This left the Bush administration with the room for maneuver that it sought, officials said.

The administration appeared to have Russia to thank for the unanimous vote. "Russia was the catalyst," one council diplomat involved in the negotiations said.

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**Suspects Arrested in Gaza Strip**

*Bombing of American Convoy*

*By Greg Myre*

Facing criticism from the United States, Palestinian authorities arrested several suspects Thursday in the bombing of an American diplomat convoy that killed three American security specialists in the Gaza Strip.

Palestinian police officers tracked down and arrested five or six men during an overnight raid into the Jebaliya refugee camp in northern Gaza, near the site of Wednesday's bombing, according to Palestinian security officials. At least six suspects were taken into custody, officials said.

The bomb on Wednesday was planted on Gaza's main north-south road and detonated under a Chevrolet Suburban shortly after the convoy entered Gaza. It was the first lethal attack on an official American target in three years of fighting and raised questions about whether violent Palestinian factions were changing tactics.

Bush administration officials said Thursday they believed that the attack was indeed part of a campaign by Palestinian militants to target diplomats.

An administration official who spoke on condition that his administration had not reached its conclusion. United Nations, Palestinian militant organizations in Gaza and the West Bank have confined their attacks to Israeli targets and avoided those connected to the United States. "It does look like a conscious effort to target the American diplomatic mission. It's not very worrying," the official said.

All major Palestinian factions have denied involvement, saying their conflict is with Israel and that they oppose striking at American targets.

The Palestinian Authority did not release any official information on the arrests or the investigation. But one security official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said at least three of the six Palestinians detained belonged to the Popular Resistance Committees, a loosely organized group made up of militants from various factions.
Investigators Focus on Pilot in Fatal Ferry Crash Investigation

By Robert D. McChesney

The investigation of the Staten Island Ferry crash that killed 10 people and injured scores more found that the pilot had been alighted and may have slumped at the wheelhouse controls as the boat swerved off course and slammed into a wall. The boat has been brought back open its starboard flank and examiners are studying the pilot's controls.

In addition, investigators said they were questioning whether other members of the crew or an investigator to give backup assistance to the pilot when he collapsed as the ferry sank, possibly a couple of days. The ship's captain, too, said he was interviewed, a police official said.

City regulations require that both the captain and his assistant be in the pilot's house during docking. Investigators are trying to determine whether the captain was there when the boat hit a pier on Staten Island.

The pilot, Assistant Capt. Richard J. Smith, may have blanked lost or become delirious after a blood-pressure condition and the medical condition for it, some investigators said.

One said that Smith, who slashed his wrists and then pressed a pellet gun after walking away from the chaos of the crash, told an officer on the way to hospital wood had high blood pressure and had taken his own medication that day. He was in critical condition on Thursday. Medical experts said that high blood pressure can cause blood pressure to fall and cause loss of consciousness in a short time.

Seven of 67 injured in the crash were required in hospital, some with serious injuries: One person lost a foot, another a leg, two lost limbs and one person was paralyzed; others had critical spine or head injuries. Some of the dead also had lost limbs or were decapitated.

Smith, 55, of Staten Island, a 16-year-veteran ferryman with a clean record on the job, has a lawyer, although the Staten Island district attorney said his inquiry would conclude in two weeks. Blood samples obtained from the pilot and other crew members found that the ferryman had been drinking alcohol, factors, officials said.

A day after the tragedy, though, police said they were running ferries again across a sunny, summer day. They said that they did not agree with the investigation, one of the most visible, command figures of his time.

The primates also opened the door for some kind of reorganization from the Episcopal Church, a group that has already agreed to take part in the council of elders of the church.

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Bush Reiterates U.S. Policy On Pre-Emptive Action

The New York Times

President Bush embarked on his longest trip to Asia on Thursday by reasserting America's right to take pre-emptive action against its enemies, and with a warning that the world cannot allow Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim nation, to be "defied" by Islamic extremists.

Bush's comments, in a speech just a few hours before he departed for seven days of meetings in Southeast Asia, were the strongest US statements that were released by the White House, marked an assertive declaration of what he called a "new American strategy" as he headed to Asia to discuss with leaders what he called "the toughest challenge this generation faces." The president said that the reports that part of his aim during the trip would be "to make clear that the United States and our friends and allies who are suspicious of our country's motives are pure.

Bush rarely talks so directly about his pre-emption strategy, unusual for a US president in a region where it is important to define a major turn in America's approach to the world. His comments here were notable for their timing, as he urged Asian nations to enter a new phase of a war against terrorism.

Japan-Mexico Free Trade Talks Falter

The New York Times

Japan's pig farmers and orange growers proved on Thursday to have more political power than the likes of Toyota, Honda and Nissan.

With President Vicente Fox of Mexico here to sign a free trade pact with Japan, talks broke down on Thursday over Japan's deepening of its pork and orange juice producers.

With Japan exporting to Mexico five times the value of Mexico's exports to Japan, a bilateral free trade agreement would mark a significant support of Japan's industrial establishment, including all its Carmaks.

"Nissan is the biggest carmaker in Mexico," Carlos Ghosn, chief executive of the Nissan Motor Co., told a news conference Thursday before the negotiators gave up, without setting a date to reconvene. "If an agreement were not reached, the agreement would be canceled by Nissan with lots of support.

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Possible Consecration of Bishop in NH Threatens Unity of Church

By Laurie Goodstein

The New York Times

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Ailing Pope John Paul II Celebrates 25th Anniversary of Papacy in Rome

By Frank Bruni

The New York Times

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The papal Mass again celebrated the pope's 25th anniversary, a milestone at once marked and deeply tarnished as they listened to the pope's homily.

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After Astronaut's Success, China Vows Quick Return to Space

The New York Times

Within hours of the safe return of the Shenzhou 5 early Thursday, China pledged to return to space in one or two years, as officials outlined a short-term space agenda that included space walk, space docking and possibly a space lab or station.

The commitment underscored the confidence and enthusiasm infused into the space program by the Shenzhou 5 mission, which brought the first man into space.

The astronaut, Lt. Col. Yang Liwei, is being hailed as a national hero and local legend with praise ranging from the White House to the Japanese Prime Minister. After a few hours of rest, the astronaut was seen walking on Thursday night with a formal speech in praise of him, John Paul's head hung lower than usual and his eyes were wet with emotion.

Although Parkinson's disease has seriously affected the control of his body, his expressions, it looks as if he was holding back tears.

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With Parkinson's disease playing an important role in the collapse of communism in Europe by exhorting his nation to move forward with a new spirit, the pope soon found himself in the grip of the Soviet Union to reject an ideology that he deemed oppressive.

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Letters to The Editor

To the Editor:

Dean Robert Randolph recently wrote in an e-mail to The Tech that "there is not such thing as free speech; there are consequences to what we say and do." Jacob Eizenstein wrote in a letter to the editor (Oct. 14), "you [students] have no idea the First Amendment limits the ability of students for sending offensive e-mails."

Both are mistaken. Free speech obviously does exist as a legal right, even if there are consequences to what we say. Our rights include being offensive, over e-mail or in person, as long as it does not become harassment.

The consequences of giving offense, intended or not, are myriad. Many are of a social nature, such as public shaming and lowering one's ability to discipline students for sending offensive e-mails.

There is not the only punishment that can and should be applied is that which already is: social reproach. I think such punishment is likely to be more effective in the long run. Students often ignore the opinions of administrators; the opinions of their peers have a much greater effect.

Thomas Roy Jones G

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Keith Hampton

In early July a student made a complaint to Housing about an Israeli flag that had been hung on the wall of SP's office overlooking the courtyard of the Sidney-Pacific (SP) dorm. The complaint stated that the SP courtyard was a community space that should be welcoming and safe for everyone. The resident was told that there were policies and regulations in the building for use of the external surface of the building, and that the infraction was brought to MIT's "Publicity Guidelines." If the infraction was found to be a violation of the law, then MIT can help shore up the plaintiffs case.

Responding to Flag Flap

Keith Hampton is associate housemaster and professor of urban studies and planning at MIT. Residents are not permitted to post any sign, banner, or flag on the exterior of buildings without interference from the administration, there remains a much larger issue, and those who were willing to help address the underlying issue.

The use of flameable decorations, including natural evergreens, in any room, corridor, staircase, hallway, dining hall, lobby and other public area is prohibited by Massachusetts fire laws. The use of non-flameable decorations must be approved by the House Manager.

The resident was told at the time of our first conversation, as a followup to the student's grievance, that the housing policy would be enforced and asked to bring the flag from outside to the internal courtyard of the building (where it would still be visible from outside). The resident was also told that if complying with existing policy did not work, she would issue a housing complaint, that the student who made the complaint would be welcomed to meet with the House Manager or some other body to discuss community expectations regarding this issue.

It would have been inappropriate to conceal the complaint from the resident. The administration was concerned not in bending rules to accommodate the flag but wanted to make sure that the student was not a capricious, blindly authoritarian act; administration, there remains a much larger issue, and those who were willing to help address the underlying issue.

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Supporting Our Academics

Andrew C. Thomas

When it was revealed earlier this summer that the government was bringing to light mistakes made in the handling of MIT's ROTC program had stalled, improvements that would properly comport between the government and the administration of the program. The new, non-rotate program is the one the resident involved was given opportunities to comply with policies and get help address the underlying issue.

The flag likely would have been another to complete the collegiate program without leaving the program, to draw attention to the walls, to not create extra work for the resident. It would be foolish to suggest that MIT can avoid this issue, but it is possible to avoid the underlying issue.

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Falling right on the heels of National Coming Out Day and the fifth anniversary of the brutal murder of Matthew Shepard, President Bush has an opportunity to create yet another time of observance of particular interest to the gay and lesbian community. Bush's new order of marriage protection week, which is now, by executive proclamation, Marriage Protection Week.

While this may sound innocuous, even a cursory look at the politics behind this proclama- tion reveals much new legislation with encouraging healthy marital relationships and everything to do with targeting a specific minority group for legislation have deigned to have a particular creative solution to the problem of Gay and lesbian couples want to marry, to the idea of marriage, and even if a state were to allow for same-sex marriage, all related rights would be the same if a couple were to travel to another DOMA state.

It's easy to argue that DOMA legislation violates the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which guarantees equal protection under the law. But, as of now, by executive proclamation, Marriage Protection Week.

Gay and lesbian couples aren't looking for special rights. All they want are the same privileges of citizenship that everyone else already has.

John A. Hawkinson

Ombudsmen

A reader wrote in questioning my Oct. 3 assertion ['Friday's Flag Editorial Sloppy 'Away," Oct. 10] was an assertion that has been widely rejected by the legal community, with the courts, to not create extra work for the resident. It would be foolish to suggest that MIT can avoid this issue, but it is possible to avoid the underlying issue.

Given the status of current and pending legislation aimed at gay and lesbian couples, wouldn't it be more appropriate to have a "Minority Rights Protection Week?"

Rob Jagnow is a graduate student in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.
Scratch Paper

Bursting the Bubble

By Tiffany Koselchoerne

Although I have been a news writer for Epicurus Tech for a year, I realize that nobody reads headlines such as "Over Half of Next House Guests Experienced "07" unless you are a Next House resident or an "07 student.

People suggest that more people read "Sea and the Safdie" than the most recent twist in the flag saga. You are probably reading this column in the midst of back-to-school jitters.

However, the lack of knowledge we have on interesting things is coming to a head.

Speaking of caring, when was the last time you did something out of pure selflessness? No, not just some "random act of kindness" to the traffic cop at the stoplight. That had an ulterior motive. I benefited from his music. He makes the easy way out, commonly known as fishing for a man instead of teaching him how to fish.

When was the last time you reached out to a classmate in recitation to learn his or her name before the end of the school year? I faithfully admit I do not know the names of everyone who looks me in the eye, brushes my teeth (although on good hair days, I will have the authority to ask).

When was the last time you enriched some- one else's life? And giving answers over on problem sets does not count! When I answered "35" on the first test, I didn't realize how much I was changing a student's life. I love capitalism!

Ralph Wilde Emerson

Sure, 80 units and a brain on Red Bull might interfere with the time needed to understand the culture and social issues of the U.S. to join the bandwagon. You have not, yet?

There is nothing wrong with being self-centered, but don't think you are woke at all. Your family is supposed to be the people to whom you can turn when you need help or support.

Are you missing home because of the musical genre you grew up on? Are you not adjusting well because you have no one you can talk with until the morning? Well, welcome to college! Everybody has to go through a series of steps of growing up, and just see this as your step one. Talk to your roommates, sisters, brothers, classmates, or whomever you need help with.

I am a first-year student.

I am from a family where just to say hi and let them know you to by. Sometimes a familiar voice does wonders when you are down! If you do not have any friends, well, then make some!

Do you have any questions, comments, or opinions you would like to see added to the list, please e-mail make-it-happen@emptiness.ml. Oh, and just to you know, UA is not an organic organization, not a monolithic one.

For more questions? E-mail emptiness.ml with your quizzicality. Want more information on any of the issues raised this week? Visit...
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Petition Calls for Universities To Contribute to City Housing

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positive initiative that will help gain community support" when they seek permission to build new housing, he said.

Once written, the petition would then be reviewed by the city's Ordinance and Housing Committee, and upon approval by the council it would be sent to the Massachusetts State Legislature for a vote.

Current projects spur action
Galluccio said that "the fact that the universities don't have to comply with the inclusionary ordinance" was highlighted during the city's negotiations with Harvard over their Riverside development. Affordable housing units in the city, he said, were a major concern. This raised the question of why universities do not have to comply with the ordinances, which apply to all other developers.

City Councillor Brian Murphy said that during discussions with Harvard it came up that "no housing for the community was built at Simmonds," MIT's most recent undergraduate dormitory. Affordable housing is "not something I think we should have to negotiate with the universities," Galluccio said. "If MIT's going to build 300 units of housing, they should contribute affordable housing," he said. However, both Galluccio and Murphy said that they supported more student housing, especially graduate housing that would lower demand for apartments in the rest of the city.

Petition faces several obstacles
Before becoming law, the home-rule petition must be approved by the City Council and then voted on by the Massachusetts state legislature. Tai Tomoe, public information officer for the city of Cambridge, said that the legal issues the city manager must address are complex and that it is possible that in another month "we might have a more definite time frame."

Galluccio said, however, that the petition would probably be sent to the state legislature before Jan. 1. In the past, home-rule petitions have had a mixed record in the state legislature. A recent petition to give Cambridge the right to collect taxes from universities, which are currently exempt as non-profit institutions, was solidly defeated, and other petitions have sat in committee and never been brought to a vote.

"My hope is that legislature will see this as distinct from past arguments about taxing universities," Galluccio said. He said that he hoped universities would see that the intention of the petition was to maintain economic diversity within the city.

He said a similar petition to give residents who own their homes a 30 percent exemption from real estate taxes had been passed over a veto by Governor Mitt Romney during a special session of the legislature.

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Affordable Housing, Power of City Manager Discussed

Council, from Page 1

ed. The question requires the approval of one-third of registered voters before a petition can be sent to the state house where it will be reviewed by the legislature and Governor Mitt Romney.

Support for the petition was mixed at the debate. Aimee L. Smith PhD '02 said that she would support the petition and that residents "have the right to live in the neighborhood they grew up in." Joining Smith in favor of the petition were long-shot candidates Vincent Dixon, Robert La Tremouille, and Laurie Taymor-Berry, along with incumbent Denise Simmons.

Former mayor and sitting councilor Anthony Galluccio said that he was opposed to the rent-control issue of rent control. Decker is undecided on the issue of the petition. On the more general topic of improving access to affordable housing in the city, candidates generally agreed that a combination of zoning changes and planning board influence should be used. Additionally, the general consensus among the candidates was that the city should increase its affordable housing trust fund to subsidize rents.

Candidates look to schools for help. Several candidates looked to MIT and Harvard to alleviate the city's housing crunch.

John Pitkin said that large universities should be taxed. "Universities should pay for the services that they use," he said. Non-profit institutions such as universities are exempt from property taxes.

Galluccio has supported such a change in the past and indicated that his view has not changed. Decker proposed that the city "treat universities like developers" and tax them. Smith suggested a payroll tax on workers at non-profit institutions.

Matthew DeBergalis '00 said that universities can reduce the demand for housing in Cambridge by building additional graduate dormitories. He said that he would hold universities accountable for pledges to rent graduate housing at below market rates and to include affordable housing units in their developments. Galluccio also said he supported requiring universities to build affordable units.

Plan E debated

A debate over the merits of Cambridge's city manager form of government, the "Plan E" government adopted in 1940, revealed widespread dissatisfaction from both incumbents and challengers.

Galluccio said that Plan E is a "system designed to disempower elected officials" and that the school system needed greater continuity in leadership. Under Plan E, the mayor is elected by the council and serves as chair of the school committee, and the city manager is also appointed by the council.

Many candidates argued that the city council, not the manager, should be responsible for appointing members of city boards such as the planning board. Smith said that the city "should press for a more democratic government," and pointed out that the police review and advisory board has four of its five spots vacant.

Councillor Kenneth Reeves said that the current manager, Robert Heasley, is popular with voters because he is credited with Cambridge's positive financial outlook. Any motivation to change the city manager or the form of government would have to be grassroots, Reeves said. "You have to do it. We can't do it," he said.

DeBergalis spoke out against increasing the power of the mayor. A strong mayor makes it difficult for a minority voting block to have influence, he said.

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Hay Fever by Gian Wang, Jennifer Peng

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Sex and the SafeRide

Ladder Theory

By Daniel Chai

"We're just going as friends, right?"

Those are the dreaded words that a man asking a woman out does not want to hear.

Why?

Column

Well, because he doesn't need another friend if he's asking a girl out; he needs a girlfriend. This is nothing new.

Something now famously known as "Ladder Theory" dictates that men cannot be friends with women that they find attractive.

The basic justification for Ladder Theory comes down to this: men and women cannot be friends because sex is in the way, as Billy Crystal tells Meg Ryan in When Harry Met Sally. Men have one "ladder" where they rank all women based on how much they want to have sex with them. A woman has two ladders: a "real ladder" for the guys with which she wants to have sex, and a "friend ladder" for the guys with which she doesn't, but is comfortable enough to let them know she's sleeping with other guys.

From there, you can see why men and women can't be friends, the incompatibility of the friend ladder and a man's ladder leave much to be desired on the man's end. You can find the Ladder Theory in its entirety at http://www.intellectualwhores.com/master-ladder.html.

Of course, I don't believe everything that the theory says. And I do believe that men and women can be friends as long as they aren't attracted to each other. I have lots of female friends. They're all just as good on my ladder that the possibility of my sleeping with them is minimal. Hey, if I wanted to sleep with you, we wouldn't be friends, right?

Theory is interesting and everything, but we're MIT engineers who are interested in the practical aspects of things. Since I don't have anyone else's life to use as an example, I'll use mine.

Take this relationship that I just ended. I'd like to be friends with my ex-girlfriend, but it's really hard. I can't be friends with her because every time I see her, I want to sleep with her. And since she's thrown me from the real ladder to the friend ladder, it makes it that much worse. So unless she becomes grotesquely ugly and is a real jerk to me in the future, I don't think that being friends is going to be the easiest route for us.

"Ladder Theory" has been affecting my dating life as well. It seems like women throw me off the friend ladder before I can do anything about it. I asked a girl out to dinner last week, and she asked me, "Oh, we're just going as friends, right?"

She might as well have slapped me in the face. Of course, I can't just tell her, "No, I want to sleep with you, though now it might be awkward." So I went to dinner with her and now I'm trying to convince myself that I don't want to sleep with her so that I can be her friend.

There's nothing like when a girl drops the "friend" bomb (the other I bomb) on you. You build up these high hopes and then you discover either one of two things: she has a boyfriend, or she just isn't attracted to you.

The worst situation is when she isn't attracted to you, but she is attracted to your friend and she wants you to set them up. I can imagine how that conversation would go:

Girl: Hey, so your friend is pretty cute. Is he single?
Me: Actually, he's a raging psychotic. You should date him instead.
Girl: Oh, but I thought we were just friends.
Me: No. We can't be friends because I want to sleep with you.
Girl: So your friend isn't single?
Me: No, I was just trying to set you up.
Girl: Well, okay. I'll be your friend then.

So how do you keep from getting stuck on the friend ladder? Honestly, I don't have any idea. I think it involves not being a nice guy. Girls seem to want to keep nice guys around as friends and go after the assholes. However, that's a discussion left for another day.

If you do get stuck on the friend ladder, though, there's always the possibility of the "ladder jump," or to put yourself into consideration for sex. I'd be wary of this because the results could be disastrous. You could fall off both ladders, and then it's just awkward.

The best way to comment a successful ladder jump is to get to the top of the friend ladder and wait for her to break up with her boyfriend. I can see it now:

Girl: He broke up with me.
Me: Really? That's too bad. You want to go out?

I can't imagine a better situation. Well, I could, but let's face it, if you're attempting a ladder jump, it's not going to get any better than this. However, I suggest you avoid being friends with a girl that you want to sleep with if you can. You'll save a lot of time and wasted energy that could be used to do problem sets (or other women). As always, good luck. Hopefully, some will come my way soon enough.

Daniel Chai is a pseudonymous male undergraduate student at MIT who writes a weekly column about sex and dating in college from a guy's perspective.
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Recycling differs across campus

Anne C. Wasserman and Sally M. Honda, co-chairs of the Working Group Recycling Task Group, are working to increase the number of people who recycle among the MIT staff and administration.

"The majority of the staff is not recycling," Healy said. To address this problem, Wasserman and Honda are working to create the Staff Recycling Ambassadors Network work with recycling advocacy groups and MIT staff.

Healy said that dormitories have a decent recycling record. "Almost all housers do a very good job when somebody in the house is gun-na," Healy said. He said that certain houses recycle more because they have active members from environmental advocacy groups such as Share A Vital Earth.

"We pick up quite a bit" from dormitories, Healy said. In fact, dormitories do not generate a large fraction of the overall waste at MIT. Justin Adams of the Environmental, Health, and Safety Office said food waste, from both preparation and refuse, is the biggest contributor to waste on campus.

MIT has many reasons to recycle

The Student Center is the third largest generator of trash by volume on campus. MIT has financial incentive to recycle. Healy said that recyclables decrease the cost of disposing trash.

Recycling can also bring in money in other ways. "By going after cardboard and bale, it's a commodity. We can sell them and pretty much get a rebate," Healy said.

Several efforts are being made to increase the amount of cardboard balers across campus, including placing one in the Student Center. Cardboard can be compacted by machine into bales to conserve space, Healy said.

Conservation in computer use can also reduce costs significantly. "Given that MIT has about 3,500 administration and support staff, $175,000 a year in savings could be made" by simply putting computer monitors on power-save mode, Wasserman said. Even printing on both sides of paper can save an additional $50,000 a year, she said.

Another aspect of recycling involves green purchasing and power management. From ordering paper with recycled content to using remanufactured toner cartridges to power management of computers, groups at MIT are working vigorously to make recycling widespread.

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Boston Blind to What Martinez Represents

Pedro, from Page 20

Sure, Zim might have been a lit- tle hot and charged at Pedro, but he did have good reason to do so. Zim- mer had a baseball throw on his own head when he was a player in the Dodger organization, and he was unconscious for the next several weeks. He now has a plate in his head from that incident.

Pedro has no idea what it's like to live with a plate in his head, and I'm sure he wouldn't want to. As Posada said, "If you're going to hit some- body, you don't try to hit them in the head. We've got families here."

I guess being in the AL, lets him get away with things about that. Nobody can plunk Pedro back on the head from that incident.

"I don't want to grow up" sung to the Toys "KC Un Melody. In fact, Pedro has never seemed to want to grow up. But I guess it is Pedro Martinez. We should give him the credit he deserves on the diamond. Right?

Well, if he were so great, why did he let those runners get on in the first place? And why didn't he adjust his strike zone to strike out the batters? I just think it's time to stop blaming the other team. You screwed up on a couple of pitches, don't get angry at other people about it. Maybe you should take some responsibility.

It's not too big a fan of taking responsibility though. Many times, he's blamed the Red Sox organization for their problems. It's even rumored that Pedro wants to leave Boston as soon as his contract is over. Boston is just so in love with the K's that he puts up, they become some- thing to blame for Pedro represents. He's an athlete and often times a role model. What his behavior exhibits is anything but exemplary to others.

I just think that it's time some- one called out Pedro for his inexcus- able actions. What Zimmer did the other day may not have been pretty, but I could understand his frustra- tion. Maybe if someone plunked Pedro on the head, he would pitch a little differently. Maybe if he actually grew up, he would act a little differ- ently. Whatever it is, I think it's time for the Chiefs to keep winning? I could utter plat-itudes about never giving up or giv- ing in, which is true to some extent, but there are two real rea- sons these Chiefs are unbeaten: one, they are incredibly lucky, and they capitalize well on their luck. Two, with all the potentially great weapons they have, the chances are high that someone will step up to win the game. In their first two games it was Holmes, the next three Hall, and last Sunday Green threw for 400 yards in an upset win over the Green Bay Packers. You would think that the luck would run out at some point, but the next 6 games the Chiefs have are all against mediocre-to-bad teams. They won't be defeated until they face the Den- ver Broncos or the Vikings in the season, but they will be defeat- ed, unless they can shape up their defense. Other teams: Denver Bron- cos, New England Patriots. There are your undefeated teams.

Now to move on to some key games this weekend. Denver Broncos at Minnesota Vikings: This could be the game where the Vikings drop out of some of the undefeated ranks. The Bron- cos are playing solid defense, and outplayed the KC Chiefs in a loss two weeks ago. If Randy Moss or Vikings quarterback Culpep- per have bad games, watch out. The saving grace for the Vikings is the fact that Denver quarterback Jake Plummer is out for the game with a fracture in his foot. This severely hampers the Denver offense. Score: Vikings 24, Broncos 10.

Tuesday Titans at Carolina Panthers: This match-up is similar to the one above, since it pairs an undefeated team against a team that could probably beat them. This game starts the best-looking game in the NFL, the Titans' Steve McNair. The question is whether he can get the Titans the win. The Panthers just came off an overtime defeat versus the Indianapolis Colts, who also have a great quarterback, Peyton Manning. So I'm pretty sure the Panthers will have a solution to McNair. Score: Panthers 21, Titans 17.

SPORTS

NFL Week 6: Three Unbeaten

shown he can handle pressure well. The old football axiom is that defense wins games, and while Min- neapolis's defense is good, I like Car- olina's better. Thus, I think Caroli- na's chances at going undefeated are the best of these teams, especial- ly since they have already beaten the defending champ Team Tampa Bay Buccaneers in Tampa. Other teams with this strategy: Miami Dolphins, Baltimore Ravens

3. Kansas City Chiefs (6-0): KC has a great running back, Priest Holmes, but he's only great occas- ionally. Some with right end Tony Gonzalez, kick returner Dame Hall, and quarterback Trent Green. Their defense is good generally, but weak against top-level running backs and receivers. So how do the Chiefs keep winning? I could utter plat-itudes about never giving up or giv- ing in, which is true to some extent, but there are two real rea- sons these Chiefs are unbeaten: one, they are incredibly lucky, and they capitalize well on their luck. Two, with all the potentially great weapons they have, the chances are high that someone will step up to win the game. In their first two games it was Holmes, the next three Hall, and last Sunday Green threw for 400 yards in an upset win over the Green Bay Packers. You would think that the luck would run out at some point, but the next 6 games the Chiefs have are all against mediocre-to-bad teams. They won't be defeated until they face the Den- ver Broncos or the Vikings in the season, but they will be defeat- ed, unless they can shape up their defense. Other teams: Denver Bron- cos, New England Patriots. There are your undefeated teams.

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2—Annette S. Grandke ’04

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Second Varsity Lightweight Men Event: Club 8+

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Time: Saturday 12:00 p.m.

Cox—Ashley T. Richman ’04

5—Michael P. Farry ’06

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Women’s World Cup Finals 2003

(Height) Germany's Nia Kuenzer is swarmed by her teammates after scoring the winning goal in overtime play of the FIFA Women's World Cup Finals, Sunday, Oct. 12, at the Home Depot Center in Carson, CA. Germany defeated Sweden 2-1, in overtime. Meanwhile, on the left side, Caroline Johansson of Sweden tries to catch the ball on a corner kick as Germany's Maren Meinert and Sweden's Frida Oestberg watch during the Women's World Cup Finals.

Photography by Stanley Hu
Hey Pedro: Please Shut Up and Grow Up

By Yongji Zhu

It was a Saturday afternoon, and the high school stadium was filled to capacity. The hometown fans were braving the chilly weather to watch their Boys' Varsity Football team take on a rival from the neighboring town. The game was tense and exciting, with both teams vying for the upper hand.

Pedro, a player for the opposing team, had just committed a foul that irked the hometown crowd. Many of the fans were already on their feet, yelling and gesturing at Pedro, who was standing on the sideline, looking dejected.

Pedro's coach, an older gentleman with a weathered face and a firm demeanor, approached Pedro. "Pedro," he said in a firm but calm tone, "you need to focus on the game and treat your opponents with respect." Pedro nodded, visibly embarrassed by his behavior.

The game continued, with both teams fighting hard. Pedro's team managed to pull ahead, but the hometown team fought back with determination. As the game neared its end, Pedro's team scored a final touchdown, winning the game by a narrow margin.

Pedro sauntered off the field, looking more composed. His coach followed him, placing a hand on his shoulder. "Remember," the coach said, "always treat your opponents with respect and conduct yourself with class. That's the mark of a real athlete." Pedro nodded, acknowledging the advice.

Sports

NFL Week 6 — The Untouchables

By Brian Chase

While the city of Boston has been musically cheering the Red Sox for the past few weeks, another sport has quietly played out a large portion of its season: the NFL. Yep, it's week six in the football season, and that means you can now tell who the amazing andappalling teams are. Actually, there are only three teams left with undefeated records, and they all got there through wildly different game plans. So, I'm going to give you an overview of each team, it's strength and weaknesses, and their relative chances of remaining undefeated.

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**Minnesota Vikings (7-0):**

This team came out and surprised everybody with a potent offense and solid defense. What that offense really keys off of is a pass game. Sure, running back Moe Williams is good, but he's not the kind of dominating back that takes over games. Receiver Randy Moss, however, can and will take over any game he's in. As long as the Vikings' passing game, especially to Moss, is clicking, the Vikings can outscore just about everybody in the league. Their defense is good, but not dominating. However, when you can rack up points like the Vikings, all the defense needs to do is keep the other team from scoring once in a while. Eventually, though, this team will run into someone who can shut down their offense, so I think the chances of them staying unbeaten are the lowest of the three teams. Other teams with this strategy: Tennessee Titans, Indianapolis Colts.

**Carolina Panthers (5-0):**

Passing game! What's that? Carolina Panthers' practically never heard of the passing game. But, if you've got a stifling defense, great special teams play, and an excellent, dominating running game, who needs passing? The Panthers play the exact opposite type of game from the Vikings, and they have two running backs now, Stephen Davis and DeShaun Foster, who both can run well consistently. This takes pressure off quarterback Jake Delhomme, which is good, because he hasn't delivered to Karim Garcia and the Panthers yet.

**New England Patriots (6-0):**

This team has been manically cheering the Red Sox for the past few weeks, and the Patriots haven't been helping the Sox any more, he would also receive a fastball somewhere he wouldn't want one. As it wasn't enough, in the fourth inning, the Ethan Smith offense really keys off of it passing game. What's that? Carolina Panthers.' practically never heard of the passing game. But, if you've got a stifling defense, great special teams play, and an excellent, dominating running game, who needs passing? The Panthers play the exact opposite type of game from the Vikings, and they have two running backs now, Stephen Davis and DeShaun Foster, who both can run well consistently. This takes pressure off quarterback Jake Delhomme, which is good, because he hasn't delivered to Karim Garcia and the Panthers yet.

Good places to watch the Head of the Charles regatta, which will take place this Saturday and Sunday, all day:

**Boston University Bridge** — Looking to the east from the Boston University Bridge, you can watch the crews start the race, right across from the Boston University boathouse. Looking to the west from the BU Bridge, you can watch the crews as they complete the first 500 meters of the race and enter the first turn near Riverside Boat Club into Powerhouse Stretch.

**Magazine Beach / Riverside Boat Club Area** — This is the area where most visiting crews setup their shells and launch. This is another good place to watch crews during the first 500 meters, and from Riverside Boat Club, you can watch the crews come around the turn and finish the first mile down Powerhouse Stretch.

**Weeks Footbridge** — This is a good vantage point to watch the race as a whole. This is one of the hardest turns for swimmers during the race, and you can usually watch a few crashes from novice crews around this turn. If you want to see exciting action during the race, this is where a lot of crews make their moves and boats try to pass each other.

**Lars-Anderson Bridge** — This bridge is only a few hundred meters after the Weeks Footbridge and is another turn under the bridge during the race from the south side. This bridge you can watch people coming out of the Weeks Footbridge turn, and from the north you can watch the crews finish the second mile and get into the third of the race around Eliot.