MIT To File Amicus Brief in UMICH Case

By Nathan Collins

A racially and ethnically diverse student population "will be essential to our nation's future economic strength," according to an MIT brief to be filed with the Supreme Court today.

MIT is filing the amicus curiae (friend of the court) brief in support of the University of Michigan's race-based admissions policy. Additionally, 300 other universities and businesses will join to file a total of about 50 briefs, according to the statement.

In a statement, Vest argued that diversity is important for several reasons. "Higher education institutions must retain the right to use race as a selection criterion to achieve diversity. This is true for public and private institutions, he said, and a diverse workforce is essential to a strong economy."

Brief discusses affirmative action

The brief seems primarily aimed at one of two questions the Court is considering: whether a diverse student population is "a compelling state interest." With the Adarand Constructors v. Pena decision in 1995, which led to increased scrutiny of affirmative action programs, the Court insisted that affirmative actions programs be narrowly tailored and serve a compelling state interest.

Vest's statement and a fact sheet about the brief provided by the MIT News Office stress a diverse student population and workforce as central to our nation's future economic strength, "according to an MIT brief.

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Online Match-Up Service Gets Dates for Students

By Tiffany Kosolcharoen

As of Feb. 14, the MIT-Harvard-Wellesley-Valentine's Day Match-Up attracted more than 1,553 MIT undergraduates, graduate students, and alumni to sign up in the free, non-commercial online matchmaking service.

With more than 15 percent of current MIT students registered, the site has become the largest matching service ever at any of the three universities. Students entered data such as height, age, major, body build, hobbies, and even their definitions of "romantic" in exchange for an e-mail listing of their top twenty matches.

Because of the success of the program, the site is holding a second match-up for all who submit their profiles by midnight on Feb. 20.

Better selection criteria preferred

"Overall, the service was good because it was free, but a good number of the girls and I were more similar than we were older than me," said Adam C. Powell '06. "I got matched with a 25-year-old... Age should definitely play a factor in the matchmaking program.

Powell also recommended that users be given the ability to enter their own screening standards.

By Jonathan Wang

Simmons Hall and Building 10 were flooded on Sunday night. Damage in both buildings was limited, and the water was largely cleaned up by Monday. However, at both buildings, fire alarms were also triggered around the time of the flooding.

According to staff at the Department of Facilities Operations Center, water from a broken heating coil in an air handling unit caused the flooding in Building 10.

The "flood was coming down the elevator shaft," said Senior Library Assistant Carol L. Frederick, who was working in Barker Library when the flooding began.

"It was spectacular," Frederick said. The water was "seeping down all the way from the entrance to the reference desk, and the reading room also, but miraculously, there was no damage," Frederick said. None of Barker Library's collection was damaged by the flooding, she said.

A smoke detector in a sixth-floor electrical closet in Building 10 was set off at the same time as the flooding. The room was "wet when I walked in," said custodian George H. Fichera.

Damage in other rooms in Building 10 was limited, according to the Department of Facilities. "There was no equipment damage," said Facilities Communication Coordinator Christopher Gilbert.

ILGs Garner New Residents with IAP Rush

By Jia Xing

Five of MIT's Independent Living Groups (ILGs) held rush during the Independent Activities Period, from Jan. 17 to 26. The sixth, WILG, started rush on Feb. 10 and will continue until Feb. 22.

A significant number of freshmen did not consider rushing because they received their first choice during Fall term lottery and didn't dislike their living situation after the first term, said Tau Epsilon Phi Rush Chair Jonathan R. Burch '04.

"I feel that many people haven't been educated in their living groups," Burch said. In the future, he wishes to "learn to tailor prospective members to come over and explore the house."

ILG rush a mixed bag

Student House received five new members during IAP rush. "A lot of our recruitment is done throughout the year, by word of mouth, and often starts with people coming around for dinner," said Student House President Taylor K. Hayden '04.

Epstein Theta, a coed fraternity, publicized rush events through both the Living Group Council (LGC) and their Web site, but received no new members during IAP rush. They received five members during Fall rush.

Laura Cerritelli '03, rush chair for Epilon Theta, said that rush did not bring in the same amount of people during IAP rush.
**WEATHER**

**Situation for Noon Eastern Standard Time, Tuesday, February 18, 2003**

- **Today:** Cloudy and light snow. Moderately windy. High 37°F (-2°C).
- **Tuesday:** Mostly cloudy. High in the upper 30s F (2-4°C).
- **Thursday:** Mostly sunny. High in the upper 30s (2-4°C).

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**Undercover Israeli Soldiers**

Israel Undercover soldiers shot and killed a top military leader of the Islamic Resistance Movement, or Hamas, Monday in continuing retaliation for the bombing of an Israeli tank in which four soldiers were killed Saturday, according to the Israeli and Palestinian officials.

The Israeli military said in a statement that its soldiers went into the Palestinian town of Gaza Strip to arrest the man, identified as Ahmad al-Mahdi, 33, the Hamas leader in the Gaza Strip. The statement added.

Hamas officials confirmed the killing of a top military leader. Palestinian officers and officials said the arrest was made about 11 a.m. as they drove in a car on the coastal road in a central area of the Gaza Strip. Witnesses quoted by the Associated Press said Zeid’s car was fired upon by undercover troops riding in a blue van loaded with vegetables that was parked on the side of the road.

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**Bush Plans More Diplomacy**

By Mike Allen and Karen DeYoung

President Bush plans at least two more weeks of diplomacy before deciding whether to attack Iraq and may support a deadline for Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to visibly destroy his chemical and biological weapons, administration officials said Monday.

Officials said the United States and Britain are likely to push for an enforceable resolution at the United Nations Security Council this week. One option being considered, a senior administration official said, was a demand for “actual disarmament” by Iraq within a specified number of days.

“It would say, ‘This is your last window,’” the official said.

Meeting Monday in Brussels, the 15 European Union leaders agreed that U.N. weapons inspectors should get more time to find and destroy Iraq’s weapons of mass destruction and declared that a war against Iraq should be used only as a last resort. Officials here and in London discussed how to regain momentum lost toward a final decision in about two weeks. National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice on Sunday implied that she called what she a “diplomatic window” would close following the next council meeting at the end of this month, when members will again hear an assessment of Iraq cooperation from Bruxelles last week. She dismissed a French suggestion that the council schedule yet another meeting on March 14.

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**Iraq Says It Has Allowed U-2 Flights to Begin**

By Thomas H. Maugh II

The first of the U-2 spy plane flights long demanded by the United States to aid weapons inspectors in Iraq took place Monday, the Foreign Ministry announced, in what appeared to be the latest sign that Baghdad will appear more cooperative in order to blunt the chances of a U.S.-led attack.

“At 11:55 a.m., a U-2 surveillance plane entered Iraqi airspace and reconnoitered several areas of Iraq and left Iraqi airspace at 4:15 p.m.,” the ministry said in a statement. “The reconnaissance operation lasted 4 hours and 20 minutes.”

Iraq agreed last Monday to allow U-2 flights in the wake of a visit to Baghdad by U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. A few of the Iraqi inspectors have said the invasion is imminent, and Iraq said it would let the flights begin Monday.

The U.N. inspectors’ spokesman in Baghdad, Hiro Ueki, said late Monday that he could not confirm that a U-2 flight had taken place. However, he did say that U.N. headquarters earlier had provided Iraq with a time “window” when a flight could take place.

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**New Selection of Simpler Drugs**

Encourage AIDS Researchers

**By Thomas H. Maugh II**

AIDS continues to be a devastating disease, but according to researchers, the prospects of fighting it have never looked better. Less-complicated drug regimens are improving patients’ adherence to treatment, and the array of medications now available continues to reduce the death rate despite problems of drug resistance, scientists at the 10th Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections said here last week.

Several newer and potentially more effective drugs are now in clinical trials, and another dozen or so promising prospects are poised to begin such trials.

“AIDS is an exciting, important year for therapy,” said Dr. John Mellors of the University of Pittsburgh. “The pipeline is fuller than it has been for a long time.”

“It’s quite remarkable,” added Dr. Kevin DeCock of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. “You have to wonder what the end of the story will be.”

There are now 126 drugs approved to treat the human immunodeficiency virus — many of them more powerful and longer-acting than the earliest therapies. And because there can now be many patients who are now able to take two or three pills once per day, or even one pill twice a week.

That’s "a fantastic development," Doctors David Ho of New York University and Karen DeYoung

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**The Worst Blizzard Of The Century... So Far**

By Alexander Hertig

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Yesterday, a very strong low-pressure system moved from the Mid-Atlantic states into the New England region bringing with it blizzard condi-

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**Extended Forecast**


Tonight: Strong winds withelt lingering snow. Low 22°F (-6°C).

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Stampede at Illegal Nightclub Leaves 21 Dead, Dozens Injured

By Eric Slater
LOS ANGELES TIMES

CHICAGO

Security guards using pepper spray to break up a fight in an illegal nightclub early Monday triggered a stampede that killed 21 people and injured more than 50, police said, as hundreds of clubgoers tried to flee the bar only to be trapped in an overcrowded stairwell.

Most of the dead appeared to have been asphyxiated and some suffered heart attacks, officials said, as they were trampled in the stairway leading from the second floor dance area of Club Epitome, a high-priced bar and restaurant that caters primarily to black patrons.

Witnesses said a second-floor door was locked and chained, and fire officials said other doors were illegally locked or blocked. The strong tried to flee down the stairwell that led to the front door of the club, known as E2. The second floor — where the patrons had been dancing — was ordered closed in the summer for repeated safety violations.

By the time firefighters arrived, the lane exit was clogged with the injured and the dead, and bodies were piled against the double-paned glass.

"It was chaos," one patron said a few hours after the disaster. "It was madness." The stampede is reminiscent of other incidents in which large numbers of people were trampled to death. In 1991, nine people in New York were crushed to death in a gymnastics stairwell while awaiting a celebrity basketball game. In 1979, 11 died in Cincinnati as a crowd rushed for the best seats at a concert by The Who.

"Chicago is a city in deep mourning today," said Police Supt. Terry Hillard. "While these deaths were sudden and violent, they will not be over quickly. We will get to the bottom of this.

City building codes limited the number of people in the first-floor restaurant to 327. Estimates of the number of patrons in the club ranged from 500 to as high as 1,500.

In Face of Massive War Protests, EU Pushes For More Inspections

By Keith B. Richburg
THE WASHINGTON POST

BRUSSELS, Belgium

Acknowledging antiwar protests across the continent, the 15 European Union leaders agreed Monday at a summit conference in Brussels that this is what the people of Europe want.

Gathered here for an emergency summit conference to help heal deep divisions in Europe over Iraq, the leaders also warned Iraq that it is pushing for a peaceful solution to the Iraqi regime alone will be responsible for the consequences if it continues to flout the will of the international community and does not take this last chance.

Despite the warning, the European declaration was marked most by what it did not say: It set no deadline for the inspections to be called off, it did not commit European countries to using force to back up U.N. resolutions on disarming Iraq, and it did not say Saddam is already in "material breach" of existing U.N. resolutions.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, the U.S. ally most closely aligned with Washington, had sought these elements to narrow the gap between his fellow European Union leaders, who want to give the U.N. inspectors more time, and a Bush administration that is saying inspections cannot continue indefinitely and said Iraq should have no illusions about the consequences if it continues to thwart the inspectors.

Calling himself "an FDR Democrat" who is running to "return the Democratic Party to its roots," Kucinich made the announcement at a labor-sponsored conference in Altoona, Iowa, where the nomination contest will begin in January at the Iowa caucuses. Three other announced Democratic presidential contenders — Sens. John Edwards, N.C., and Joseph Lieberman, Conn., and former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean — also spoke at the conference.

Kucinich, 56, a four-term House member and former mayor of Cleveland, made clear that he will base his candidacy on an appeal to his party's most liberal members, particularly on the issue of possible war with Iraq. The Des Moines Register reported that he received an enthusiastic reception Sunday from Democratic activists in Linn County, Iowa, as he declared, "Yes, I am a candidate for peace.

Edwards, N.C., and Joseph Lieberman, Conn., and former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean — also spoke at the conference.

Kucinich said in a statement Monday. "I am running for livable wages and a full employment economy. I am running to oppose this unjustified war against Iraq."
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Letters To The Editor

Fisk's Talk Miscalibrated

I would like to thank William Li ("Revisiting 9/11," Feb. 14) for his critique of Dr. Fisk's talk at MIT on Feb. 5. Despite the arrogant tone, the OpEd is the only ink this major campus event has received in The Tech. I would, however, like to clarify some errors and contradictions in Li's article.

Firstly, Fisk referred to the genocide of 1.5 million Christian Armenians (not Muslims) by the Ottoman Turks as the Armenian Holocaust. Additionally, he strongly objected to the use of the term "ethnic cleansing" in the media as a description of these events, an argument completely ignored by Li. The "depopulation" of depopulated territories by a "genocide" of sympathizers is the audience. "Those are some of the Arab peoples' most serious grievances directed towards the American government, and part of the explanation as to why bin Laden would win if democratic elections were held today in any Arab country.

Fisk never suggested that the terrible crimes against humanity in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania committed on Sept. 11 were "justified," as Li claims. In fact he repeatedly said exactly the opposite. He merely suggested that these crimes were not inexplicable considering the background of the terrorists: 19 Arab men from the Middle East.

Finally, when Li criticizes Fisk's talk for relying on "emotion" to "deliver the impact of the terrorists: 19 Arab men" it becomes clear that he has not read his own article's last paragraph. Fortunately, your readers who missed the event can judge Fisk's talk for themselves; it is currently available in audio format on the Web at the Technology and Culture Forum site, and will be available as digital streaming video on the MIT World Wide Web site sometime in March.

On behalf of the organizers of Dr. Fisk's talk,
Shihab Elborai G

Make friends, or else...

When I was a freshman, I received a far more welcoming welcome from the members of the various fraternities and houses I visited during 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. than I could possibly have gotten from "The Academy," whatever that may be. New students need to make friends and form communities, in order to learn to be healthy, stable human beings who can handle the stresses of MIT life and beyond. When was the last time you made a good friend because some unknown bureaucrat told you to?

Iraq Protest Uncovers

I am writing to express my amazement that the staff of The Tech failed to report on the student-organized protest against the war in Iraq this week. On Feb. 11, over 40 MIT students staged a creative, non-violent demonstration on the Mass. Ave. bridge to raise awareness about the potential humanitarian and political impacts of the looming U.S. invasion of Iraq.

There is no more important issue deserving news coverage this week. This was clearly an important event on campus, representing a critical debate going on within MIT. The students raised a number of important issues — which deserve to be debated — about MIT's connections to the military industrial complex, and the responsibility of academics to question, investigate, and analyze the policies and actions of our government. It is thus disappointing that The Tech failed to even report on this event.

Dara O'Rourke

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Errata

As an article last Tuesday ("FESEs Increas- es, Seeking Visibility") misstated the new operating hours for the Student Emergency Medical Service. Student emergency medical technicians now staff the MIT ambulance from 3:45 p.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, and 3:45 p.m. until 8 a.m. the following morning for Thursday through Sunday.

Another Tuesday article ("[LA Hears Student Input For Coffeehouse Space]") gave an incorrect year for the founding of the Student Center Coffeehouse. The Student Center Committee started what was then the "Experimental Coffeehouse" during the 1971-72 school year, not in 1987.

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February 18, 2003

On Wednesday, Alan Greenspan shared the world stage for a brief forum amidst all allegations of Iranian long range missiles, riots in Bolivia, and NATO's future. The Chairman of the Federal Reserve warned against widening the U.S. budget deficit and how the uncertainties of war would play out in the horizon of the American economy. What went unnoticed was an interesting response by Congressman Jim Bunning of Kentucky. "You make statements on fiscal policy in short order," he said.

That's right, Alan Greenspan, a man whose life is dedicated to analyzing economic policy, a man who has already spoken against the bills that would demand that football players make. The idea of these bills is, a question about a law that was passed in the 1960s at the expense to the public to put football players to their studies. Under the law, if a player gets injured, the player must come to the aid of a nation whose enemies the player must come to the aid of a nation whose enemies are not anyting that is more than a great concern. And yet we continue to look at all the things that are not working. We are spending more money on college athletes, but we aren't getting the results.

Later came the creation of the Office of Homeland Security. The organization would cost billions of previously unallotted dollars to create and run. The redundancy it shares with branches of the CIA and FBI are mind-boggling. The agency was created on the fantastic assumption that things might work out well for our economy.

Meanwhile, the writers have now laid clear their belief that the government's mission should be to create jobs and growth. We still haven't heard a substantive complaint. The fact is that millions of people have given up. In any answer that is a plan that involves taking money from people who have chosen to buy stock in the stock market, drink, smoke, or die — all of which are, we must remember, legitimate and necessary forms of activity. If you ask me why I don't want us to get them, but is war the ideal response? This is a new world, the world of 2003. The national security elite has finally come to the understanding of where the war is; 'It's President Bush had not made the case, not 'I don't want to destabilize the region and for our political forces to support the political allies for an anti-war supporter is a surrender to the right-wing political forces and the lies from the Simpson. It is an amazing bit terming." Baseball polls have consistently shown that Americans want us to get them. Nixon and Kissinger, who worked across both old and new Europe qualify as "sur- rinder monkeys." However, television coverage would let one presume that opposition comes only from outside the U.S. borders or from radi cal college students, protecting the idea that middle America, Republican standby, and land of values and morality, still sees things from the perspective of the '60s. When the vast majority of all media outlets have harped on France, a nation vehemently lampooned for being timid, weak, and unable to deal with threats to its borders, as being the chief opposition to war when it is joined by Belgium, Germany, and Russia in its opposition? And other populations in the rest of the world.

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In Emerson Heaven
Quartet Gives Moving Valentine's Day Concert
By Jacqueline O'Connor
Emerson Quartet
Jordan Hall
Fri. Feb. 14, 8 p.m.

I had never been to Jordan Hall, at the New England Conservatory, nor for that matter had I ever seen the Emerson String Quartet perform. Upon walking in, I was stunned by the backdrop of an ornate bench on a conductor's platform. Even before they started playing, the quartet impressed me with their selection of the cellists, the players standing when they played.

The concert, presented by FleetBoston Celebrity Series, opened with the highlight of the night, Beethoven's Quartet in F Major. Opening the program was the Emerson Quartet, a sort of predecessor for the Beethoven quartets with their 1997 recording of the complete set and may be well-known for this monumental achievement. The quartet raised bar for this audience, with their performance of Beethoven. The piece opened with a beautiful singing tone and sharp exactness in ensemble. Eye contact was established between all musicians from the first note and continued throughout the performance, giving the music a conversational feel.

Still shocked by the lack of chairs, I realized a few minutes into the performance how standing heightened the level of musicianship and the music itself gained a sense of mobility. Though many may feel that their traditional interpretation of Beethoven is a weakness in a world where groups attempt to seek the next level of modern interpretation in classical music, there was a sense that night that the Emerson completely understood Beethoven's meaning. Their interpretations were perfectly placed and precise balance was achieved at all times, making four instruments sound like one.

The development of the first movement was marked not only by a change in tonality but by a dynamic level and modal contrasts. By the end of the first movement, I realized how different a traditional interpretation could be. Chills ran down my spine as the opening violin solo to the second movement, modeled after the tomb scene from Romeo and Juliet, began with a mournful tone. The great difference in character between the two movements was strikingly effective and kept interests piqued. Even through the development, which switched to a major tonality, a sad singing quality was felt from the viola and cello lines, continuing throughout the entire movement. Unfortunately, the extra-long passages that were taken before an otherwise gorgeous coda seemed to distort the flow.

Again, the quartet put on a new face for the bouncy scherzo with a dancing melody and playful character. Technically challenging brush strokes were meticulously executed in perfect unison and the frequent trills were performed with superhuman speed and clarity. Despite the technical precision called for in the movement, the Emerson breezed through the scherzo with ease and into an equally challenging adagio while maintaining a visible sense of enjoyment. The final movement opened with witty banter between the first violin's cascading runs and the ensemble's spicatto answers. This jovial mode was continued throughout the movement even through the short solo line.

The Emerson Quartet, one of the world's most actively performing string quartets, gave a performance on Friday night at the New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall.

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The last piece on the program was the string quartet warhorse, Schubert's Death and the Maiden. Despite this piece's propensity towards being overplayed, the Emerson's performance kept interest and life in the music throughout.

The final two selections on the program continued the trend of perfect ensemble with a powerful drama about the inherent fragility of the creative process—a compelling image of one of the foremost quartets in the world. Their passionate energy, deep insight into the music, and palpable enjoyment during performance make each concert a gem.

**FILM REVIEW**

The Film that Killed Don Quixote

Lost in La Mancha 'is a Loser

By Jed Horne

Lost in La Mancha
MPAA Rating: R
Written and Directed by Kelly Fulton and Louis Pepe
Starring Terry Gilliam, Jean Rochefort, and Johnny Depp
Rated R

Terry Gilliam, alternately billed as the creative genius responsible for Monty Python, has never had a great relationship with mainstream audiences. Lost In La Mancha, a documentary about what would have been his latest film, is, I think, unintentionally hilarious. No. 1.

First, the acutely annoying bits. Top of the list is Gilliam's laugh-a-shriek, grating guffaw that barely masks his obvious insecurity and difficulty with reality. Next is the inescapable bumbling of his Quixote. Anyone who's seen Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas is well acquainted with Gilliam's character controlling inability to edit sound, and Rochefort, who ostensibly studied English for seven months prior to production, is about as difficult to understand as any French actor starring in an American movie about some concept

Now for the merely aggravating. The parade of key grips and assistant directors that the filmmakers parade in front of the camera is about as dull as you would imagine it. The first half of the movie—a cacophonous blur of uninteresting technical details tinged with a vague feeling of apprehension about the film's finances—is probably enough to doom the effort from the start. Things do get a little bit better later on, but the opportunity is mostly wasted. The disintegration of the film-within-a-film is mildly pathetic, but curiously lacking in a sense of humor.

The most notable aspect of Lost in La Mancha is its ham-handedness. The film doesn't seem to get over the (unabashedly pretentious) assertion that Don Quixote is Gilliam's alter-ego, and then proceeds to hit the audience over head with an already limp metaphor, "a rumpus country dance." It's all interminable scenes of a collection of things that must be a thousand model windmills scattered around the set. All this begins the question: Is Terry a dreamer, an idiot, or just a prude?

**GIVEN that the two documentarians only previous work was a making-of another Gilliam film, Twelve Monkeys, I guess they can't help handicapping their benefactors." The result is that they would have just a twinge of shame. Don't think I've made my point? Read this, from the film's Web site.

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**Video Game Review**

*Not Another Role-Playing Game: Skies of Arcadia Legends* Lacks Innovation

By Chad Serrat

Ships of Arcadia Legends — Published by Sega
Made for the Nintendo Gamecube
$49.99

The role-playing game (RPG) genre is pretty much stuck at the top of the heap in the video game industry. The few new RPGs that do introduce something new. But they’re not high profile, so they don’t sell. And at the bottom of the heap are the Final Fantasy clones made by Unknown Company X. Imagine a RPG that somehow is Brendan Fraser. Hmmm... I won’t even talk about Asisaton — I’ve said too much already.

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*Sega’s newst offering, Skies of Arcadia Legends, is a mediocre role-playing game on Nintendo’s Gamecube.*

By Amandeep Loomba

Powerful storms, wind walls, and floating rocks floating thousands of feet above the ground. The evil pretty boy from using ancient technology to take over the world. Vyse is the main character and is the typical I have to explore everything character. I’ve seen in so many anime before. No wait, his partner Aika is loaded with more anime stereotypes than my illicit must. She has a crush on Vyse and is unwilling to admit it. It’s almost like she’s a somehow cure girl role along with her “pet that does all the fighting” named Cupil. The fourth character in the party switches between an old man, a thirty-something skinshaker and a kind-hearted prince.

The world Vyse and crew live in is interesting. This is the RPG of the year. The merchandise is so easy that you can’t help but to remember what element is weak against. A good idea, except too

Occasionally there are ship battles. Two ships fire cannons and torpedoes. The next turn's display is extended and the player can choose four action rounds. During the turn, the player must successfully damage enough water serving ammunition. Based on the player’s experience and gold, they can choose a new spell or upgrade their skills. In addition, the story progresses as the player learns new spells in different element combinations. The on-foot battle Sega’s newest offering, Dreamcast port written which does exactly that, into the Deep, is so easy that you can’t help but to remember what element is weak against. A good idea, except too

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Rush, from Page 1

not go as well as it has in the past. "During the fall, people have the feeling that you're supposed to look at places," but that feeling often doesn't carry over to IAP or Spring term, she said.

Fenway House holds MIT's only "open bid" system, in which any undergraduate or graduate student at MIT can live there, space provided. Fenway also did not receive any new members from IAP.

TEP received two new pledges over IAP. During the fall, TEP received four freshmen and one junior. Barchi called IAP rush "very successful."

Pika, a cord cooperative, held a number of informal rush events.

Solution to ChessMate

1. Qe5+ Kg8 2. Qe8x

Solution to Crossword

MIT's six ILGs, established in the early 1970's, are an alternative to the residential halls, 27 fraternities, and five sororities. Most of the houses hold open events throughout the year, and some receive members year round.

ILGs Rush over IAP, WILG Rush Ongoing

Rush Chair Teresa K. Yamana '04 commented that "turnout was not so good," and that they have "one person very interested in the house as a result of IAP rush."

"Despite the changes in the rush policy, I think that Pika has managed to adapt very well," Yamana said. During fall rush, Pika received three new pledges.

"I feel really good about the relationship we have with our freshmen. Most of our freshmen spend a good amount of time at Pika," Yamana said. "The long period of time between when bids are given and when the time comes that they ultimately decide whether or not to move in gives the freshmen a lot of time to really get to know the house and feel confident in their decisions," she said.

WILG rush ongoing

The Women's Independent Living Group (WILG) is currently rushing new members for the Spring term, with events like chocolate buffets, Dim Sum, movie nights, and free cookies.

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Monsarrat, who holds a Course 16 degree in Aeronautical Engineering, said the site is intended for people over the age of 18 and carries the disclaimer, "Use at your own risk." Monsarrat said. "I personally found some interesting matches online, too."

Dash said he looks forward to meeting one of his new contacts, and added, "I probably wouldn't fire twenty shots at once. I want to take it slowly, and to get to know the woman beyond a superficial level."

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Hay Fever
by Giannifer

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RICK, YOU MISSED THE ENTIRE FIRST PANEL! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE LATE TO YOUR OWN COMIC STRIP!

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I KNEW, I KNEW... AND, I'M REALLY SORRY.

SHEEP, WHAT'S THE PLAN, SIR? HOW DO YOU EXPECT US TO BECOME THE FOURTH BEST COMIC STRIP
IN THE WORLD IF YOU DON'T SHOW UP TO WORK ON TIME?

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU SAW GARFIELD
SHOW UP TO A COMIC LATE? OR BILL? OR BILL?
OR BILL?
OR BILL?
OR BILL?
OR BILL?

WASHINGTON, I'M HERE TO TELL YOU SOMETHING
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YOU'RE RIGHT.

PILED HIGHER AND DEEPER

HEY, MICHAEL, WE NEED TO TALK.

SOFT NOW, THE FAIR JENNIPEG?

WIFE, IN TRY ORISONS
BE ALL MY YOUTH-
SES REMEMBER

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SO, TO PIQ OR TO PIQ... THERE IS NO
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NEBHE Bestows Diversity Award on Institute

By Kathy Lin

MIT is to receive the first award for "Institutional Achievement in diversity initiatives and community outreach" from the New England Board for Higher Education (NEBHE), on Feb. 28.

MIT's diversity programs, work with faculty and work in increasing the number of underrepresented minorities on campus are among the reasons it was chosen to receive the award, said Course VI (Electrical Engineering and Computer Science) Professor Cardinal Warde, who nominated MIT for the award.

"This award recognizes MIT's long-term commitment to achieving a diverse campus community," Warde said. "This award, hopefully, will give more courage to our administration to pursue our diversity goals as we, along with other prominent institutions of higher education, face criticism for some of the means we have used to achieve diversity, especially with regard to race."

MIT works to build diversity

This award comes at a time when MIT is very involved in actions relating to campus diversity. On Feb. 10, MIT announced that it would allow high school students of all races to apply to its Minority Introduction to Entrepreneurship, Engineering, and Science program (MITES) and Interphase, after anti-affirmative action groups filed a complaint to the federal government about their generally racially-exclusive admissions policy.

MIT President Charles M. Vest also announced last Friday that it will issue aamicus curiae brief to the U.S. Supreme Court supporting the University of Michigan in maintaining affirmative action as part of the school's admissions process.

Faculty, students applaud diversity

"I believe that most of us believe it is an important responsibility to educate a diverse group of scholars, leaders, and work force for the future," Vest said.

"I've met students from all over America and all over the world," and have "friends from ... Malaysia, Bosnia, and Kazakhstan. Where else but MIT?" asked Shaheer M. Hussain '03, a member of the Committee on Campus Race Relations (CCRR).

"The atmosphere in my department is very congenial towards women, both graduate students and on the faculty. Once you enter the department, women and men are treated as equal in all respects. This is probably the most effective way to increase the number of women in the profession, eventually," said Esther Duflo, an economics professor who earned tenure earlier this school year.

"I believe that MIT is intellectually and culturally richer because of the diversity within its community," Warde said.

MIT still has progress to make

"Despite all our best efforts, one would be naive to say MIT is as friendly to many minorities as it is to whites ... It is my belief that many minorities may have to fight harder than the average white student to keep their head above water, due to factors completely unrelated to their ability," said Douglas S. J. De Couto G, a member of the CCRR.

Wade noted MIT's difficulties "in attracting and retaining underrepresented faculty -- particularly black faculty -- of any gender" as a particular problem to be worked on.

"We are proud of the broadly diverse undergraduate population at MIT," said Vest, but "we still have a great deal of progress yet to be made in our graduate population and certainly in our faculty."

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Simmons Meets ‘Niagara Falls’

Flooding in Simmons Hall, the first and second floor hallways were flooded. Water began pouring from the ceiling of the second-floor glass hallway. It "looked like Niagara Falls," said Simmons resident Dheera Venkatraman '06.

Simmons housemaster Professor John M. Essigmann said he suspected that the flooding was caused by a burst pipe. "The workman who came to reboot the system said, before he started working, that the damage was consistent with a frozen pipe," Essigmann said, adding that he saw dripping water from under the glass panels to form a frozen cascade down the concrete steps outside. Water flowed "down the walls" to the first floor, "even though it was shut off thirty minutes beforehand," Sadun said.

There appeared to be no damage to the dormitory’s services. The impact on the recently-opened dining hall was limited to losing "a half hour's worth of work, because when the fire alarm went off, we had to shut everything down," said Simmons Dining Supervisor Anthony Lyman.

Similarly, the second floor Athena cluster seemed unaffected by the flooding. The ground was quickly mopped up by custodians called in to handle the leak.

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