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**Dorm Rush Is Back**

In Orientation Plans

By Ray C. He

Dormitory rush for the fall has been tentatively moved back to ori-
entation week because of student concerns about a lack of time for in-
house rush, said Orientation Com-
mittee Chairman J. Kim Vandiver.

Orientation week will still be
separated into two almost-separate
halves: academic orientation and dormitory rush, now known as “res-
idence exploration,” or REX.

“We have pushed all the acade-
mic things together and we’re sepa-
rating the housing activities from Orientation,” Vandiver said.

“Yet it makes everybody happy,” Vandiver said.

“An adjustment lottery will be during orientation week,” Vandiver said.

“We never said that it’d be on a certain date, we just threw out a sugges-
tion and said they wanted it during the week, and we said ‘OK,’”

The tentative schedule came out of a December meeting of members of the Orientation Committee, the Dormitory Council, the Interfrater-
nity Council, and the Undergraduate Association, he said. The groups
will hold a closed meeting tomor-
row to continue discussions on the Orientation schedule.

With dormitory rush — culmi-
nating in an “adjustment lottery” to move freshmen between dormitories — scheduled as usual before registra-
tion day, dormitories will be able to continue having an in-house rush to shuffle students between rooms.

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By Waseem S. Daher

Tupalc may be dead, but his lawyers are not. On Dec. 10, MIT
received a subpoena from Para-
mount Pictures asking who is responsible for downloading an unau-
thorized copy of the film “Tupalc: Resurrec-
tion.”

The Internet address provided by Paramount belongs to a computer
at the headquarters of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engi-
neering. The studio said it was able
to download an unauthorized copy of
the film at 1:40 a.m. on Dec. 4,

and has asked MIT to identify the
person or computer’s contact, declined to dis-

MIT person unlikely to be at fault

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mount was able to download the
film over Internet Relay Chat from the Internet Protocol address
18.50.0.241, a computer in 2190.

Patricia A. Dixon, a Course I

student for intellectual property, Ann M.

Hammerla, said the Institute’s lawyers are still planning a
response. “We’re working on it — still under discussion,” she said.

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ties.”

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Federal officials announced a new front in the investigations into the mutual fund industry on Tuesday, saying they had uncovered widespread instances of brokers receiving undisclosed payments for steering investors toward specific funds. Officials at the Securities and Exchange Commission described a kind of mutual fund payola — arrangements in which a significant number of brokerage firms and mutual funds have provided cash and other compensation to the brokerage houses that sell fund shares. The findings come from a nine-month examination of 15 of the largest Wall Street brokerage firms by the SEC.

In one particularly prevalent form of compensation, SEC officials said, the funds have steered the trading of the stock in their portfolios to brokerage houses that, in exchange for the trading business, would promote the funds to their brokerage clients. Such arrangements between fund companies and brokerage houses can be legal, if they are fully disclosed to investors. The problem in too many cases, SEC officials said, is that investors in the mutual funds have been kept in the dark about such payments and the fact that their brokers have a financial interest in promoting a particular fund. The officials said that federal securities laws and the industry’s own rules require both the brokers and the funds to disclose such conflicts of interest. The officials compared the issue to the conflicts that became prevalent during the market boom, when stock analysts were writing ostensibly objective reports about e-companies that were giving investment banking business to the analysts’ firms.

“A customer has a right to know what the incentives are when the selling broker recommends a particular fund family,” said Stephen M. Cutler, the head of the SEC’s enforcement division. He said the agency had recently opened eight investigations of broker-dealers and 12 of mutual fund families for failing to adequately disclose such arrangements. “Even if it is the best performing fund, a customer has a right to know whether a broker received anything for recommend- ing that fund transaction.”

Inadequate disclosure of payments by the fund companies to the brokerage houses has long been suspected, but for years the issue had been largely ignored by securities regulators. Last April, though, SEC inspectors began to focus more intensely on such practices during examinations of mutual funds and Wall Street brokerage firms. The inquiries were a response to evidence that some funds were using brokerage firms to execute stock trades in their portfolios even though there were less expensive trading alternatives, officials said. But the inquiries gained urgency after regulators began last September to focus on trading practices and corporate governance at the mutual fund companies.

Having focused on brokerage houses so far, officials said, the agency is now beginning to look more closely at the funds. Details of the examinations remained somewhat sketchy, as the commission declined to identify which brokers and funds may have been involved. But Tuesday’s announcement elevated the mutual fund scandal to a new level, one that has the potential to directly affect millions of investors.
Hussein Warned Against Using
Foreign Arab Fighters in Iraq

By James Risen

Saddam Hussein warned his Iraqi supporters to be wary of joining forces with foreign Arab fighters entering Iraq to battle U.S. troops, according to a document found with the former Iraqi leader when he was captured, administration officials said on Tuesday.

The document provides a second piece of evidence challenging the Bush administration contention of close cooperation between Saddam's government and terrorists from al-Qaeda. CIA interrogators have already elicited from the top Qaeda officials in custody that, before the American-led invasion, Osama bin Laden had rejected entreaties from some of his lieutenants to work jointly with Saddam.

Officials said Saddam apparently believed that the foreign Arabs, eager for a holy war against the West, had a different agenda from the Baathists, who were eager for their own return to power in Baghdad. As a result, he wanted his supporters to be careful about becoming close allies with the jihadists, officials familiar with the document said.

A new, classified intelligence report circulating within the U.S. government describes the document and its contents, according to administration officials who asked not to be identified. The officials said they had no evidence that the document found with Saddam was a fabrication.

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Democrats Set Stage for Conflict
With GOP Over Health Coverage

By Robin Toner

Ten years after the political collapse of President Bill Clinton’s health plan, the Democratic Party’s presidential candidates are proposing, once again, major new programs to guarantee affordable health insurance, setting the stage for one of the starker contrasts with President Bush in the general election campaign.

The nine candidates for the Democratic nomination often disagree over ways to expand coverage and pay for it. But beneath these disagreements is a consensus that the country again faces a health care crisis of soaring costs and declining coverage.

Here, affordable health care is at the center of the middle-class populism most Democrats are advocating in campaign commercials and on the stump. At a news conference here Tuesday morning, Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina, newly energized by the Demo-Miners Register’s endorsement on Sunday, declared that it was time to “make health care a birthright for every child born in America, for the first time in American history.”

Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri, who has built his campaign around a platform!, says health care legislation will be the first bill he will send to Congress as president.

And Howard Dean, the former governor of Vermont, promotes his record of achieving near universal coverage of children in his state and promises to fight for it in Congress as president.

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Wal-Mart Audit Shows
Widespread Labor Violations

An internal audit now under court seal warned top executives at Wal-Mart Stores three years ago that employee records at 128 stores pointed to extensive violations of child-labor laws and state regulations requiring time for breaks and meals.

The audit of one week’s time-clock records for roughly 25,000 employees found 1,371 instances in which minors apparently worked too late at night, worked during school hours or worked too many hours in a day. It also found 60,767 instances in which workers apparently did not take rest breaks, and 15,705 instances suggesting that employees had worked through their mealtimes.

Officials at Wal-Mart, the world’s largest retailer, employing 1.2 million people at its 3,500 stores in the United States, insisted that the audit was meaningless, since what looked like violations could simply reflect employees’ failure to punch in and out for breaks and meals they actually took.

But missed breaks and lunches have become a major issue in more than 40 lawsuits charging Wal-Mart with forcing employees to work without pay through hunch and rest breaks, and several lawyers and former employees who have sued Wal-Mart said the audit only bolstered their cases. They said that many employees continue to complain of missing meals and breaks.

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To Avoid Fuel Limits, Subaru Turns A Sedan Into a Truck

Subaru is tweaking some parts of the Outback sedan and wagon this year to meet the specifications of a light truck, the same regulatory category used by pickups and sport utilities. Why? Largely to avoid tougher fuel economy and air pollution standards for cars.

It is the first time an automaker plans to make relatively minor changes in a sedan — like raising its ground clearance by about an inch and a half — so it can qualify as a light truck. But it is hardly the first time an automaker has taken advantage of the nation’s complex fuel regulations, which divide each manufacturer’s annual vehicle fleet into two categories. Light trucks will have to average only 21.2 miles a gallon in the 2005 model year. Each automaker’s full fleet of passenger cars must average 27.5 miles a gallon.

Subaru’s strategy highlights what environmentalists, consumer groups and some politicians say is a loophole in the nation’s fuel economy regulations that has undermined the government’s ability to cut gas consumption. The average fuel economy for new vehicles is lower now than it was two decades ago, despite advances in fuel-saving technology.

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Editorial

The Tech believes that the best way for students to express our priorities in the selection of a president is first to take the time to understand the role of the president and priorities of major Institute players. It is up to us to use this understanding to provide input to the selection committee. By playing an influential role in the presidential search process, students will also build a stronger foundation for influencing the decisions of the next president.

The last time MIT searched for a president, one of the main avenues for student input was a forum held during Fall semester. This year, however, the presidential search committee has said there are far more willing to accept student input. James Champy '63, Chair of the Corporation Committee on the Presidency, said the Corporation has no agenda on student life, but is looking to the community to provide input as to what priorities the next president should have. In addition to receiving input from the student search committee, the Tech reserves the right to edit or condense letters; shorter letters are preferred.

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The Tech’s Ombudsman, reachable by e-mail at ombudsman@the-tech.mit.edu, serves as the liaison between The Tech and its readers. From time to time, the Ombudsman writes an independent column reflecting the complaints, questions, and concerns of the readership.

To Reach Us
January 14, 2004

The Ombudsman

John A. Hawkinson

My take on last week’s news

I’m not satisfied with last week’s news. Of the three stories, none of them told the whole story. For example, Jake Dabek covered the Cambridge mayoral election. Unfortunately, he felt very rushed, so they were follow-ups to earlier stories, and seemed to lack depth. Even over the course of the week, there were plenty of stories to research and track down.

I appreciate you bringing up the lack of depth that the stories were assigned on the evening of Monday, Jan. 5. Normally, it is not an issue. With that little time for research, it’s a tribute to the editors that the stories came out as well as they did.

As I mentioned in my Dec. 5 column on the news department’s current problems, the news department needs to assign stories a lot further out, and give reporters plenty of time to work on them. This seems to require strong, active management on the part of the news director. On the plus side, it’s improving already; eight news stories were assigned on or before the third Friday of this week’s news meeting, and at the meeting, four were assigned for next week’s issue.

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There’s been little beyond what’s been covered here in the last few weeks:

• an item of negative feedback on the display ads for the new cell phone service “Safire” (not printed because a similar item had already been printed, according to the opinion editor);
• a response to the Nov. 21 complaint about the tech ad in the Viridian advertising (not printed);
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Andrew C. Thomas

After Coming Clean, Rose Still Doesn’t Smell Sweet

When the Major League Baseball Commissioner bartered a contract with Pete Rose, it was an agreement to let the Cincinnati Reds star to tell the truth about his past. Yet Major League Baseball is hardly an innocent bystander in the Pete Rose debacle.

Rose has admitted to gambling on games played by the Reds. While a decision to ban Rose from future employment in the sport was justified and reasonable, the refusal to enshrine him in the Cooperstown Hall of Fame reflects baseball’s Typically inflat image and holier-than-thou attitude. Traditionalists continue to make a rather turgid argument that the Hall is reserved for people of high character, and not just those who achieved great success on the field. That is, of course, a bogus claim, and there are many men with plaques in Cooperstown who were not of the highest moral fiber, Ty Cobb, among others. Granted, Rose’s failings as a gambler were hardly independent from baseball, for they put him in a position the motivations behind even his most simple managerial decisions, but the bottom line is that he was a fantastic player, and ultimately, he should decide whether he enters the Hall or not.

But baseball is too bountiful to stoop to such lows. There is no greater crime, we are consistently told, than eroding the integrity and sanctity of the game. When the media, some of which have vociferously criticized Kate Zernike’s Dec. 5 New York Times article for claiming Vest “dealt” with the ad was ambiguous (I don’t know why we didn’t print it).

Ultimately, this is a story of two parties taking themselves far too seriously. Major League Baseball, as usual, gave far too much importance to its Hall of Fame. Rather than separating two distinctly independent issues — Rose’s enshrinement to the Hall and his eligibility for employment in baseball — the sport’s commissioner has foolishly tied them together. Pete Rose, meanwhile, continues to lie in the face of a vast amount of incriminating evidence. His money-hungry nature aids, in his confession Rose falls far short of admitting all the crimes he is believed to commit and, of far (and clearly describing the extent of his gambling, which Rose’s former business associates say he conducted even from the clubhouse before games.

And so, it is too late. Had baseball done the right thing years ago, Rose could have rightly enshrined in the Hall of Fame but banned from employment in the sport as long as his gambling problem remained strong (and it does). Instead, they informally tied the confession that Rose still has not fully delivered. At this point, to admit publicly to the Hall would effectively be to reward a stubbornly limited declaration of guilt that was likely motivated, first and foremost, by a desire to generate money and a bestseller.

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What happened to the Web?

As I mentioned last week, the news department is in flux right now. Last week, Issue 59 (Nov. 25) isn’t done yet, and Issue 60 (Dec. 2) took over. On Greg’s and my advice, I am starting to look more closely on my part, Issue 63 (Jan. 7) took over. As of this writing, on the one hand, there was no problem with the HTML conversion. We can make it work, so far.

We’re still using QuarkXpress. The process by which The Tech is converted to disk and printed is far from perfect. While there is some automation, it typically falls for sundry reasons, some easily fixable.
TRAVEL GUIDE

Escape to New York
Bored of Boston? Start Your New Year in the Big Apple

By Fred Choi

By the time OlympicTelephone
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A Bite of the Big Apple
The Best of New York’s Downtown Restaurants

By Winnie Yang

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before the man-eating pineapples come after you...

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I Dec. 13, 8 p.m.
Kresge Auditorium
The MIT Logarhythms
By Devdoot Majumdar
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would the hallways resonate with their voices
could headline a Kresge concert all by them-
Cross Products and Techiya.
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Preview Weekend ensemble concerts and
had only seen a cappella during the yearly Cam-
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Two years ago, the Logs discovered that they
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and one of them almost qualified for American
cool nonetheless — and people ate it up. They
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Jets — singing, fraternal, not so dashing, but
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admit this much: he’s certainly mastered the
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lost by a string of forgettable covers.
anything, left an optimistic aftertaste, soon to be
pella. The song was crisply delivered and, if
thing Vu sings: Michael Jackson meets a cap-
accepting applications for its next deadline
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S-P Wants Lighting, More Shuttle Service

Crime, from Page 1

be difficult because no suspects were seen at the scene of the crime, DiFava said.

More lighting considered

Additional lighting near Sidney-Pacific is under consideration as a result of the shooting.

“We would certainly like to see MIT do more in terms of changing the environment around Sidney-Pacific,” said Associate Housemaster Keith N. Hampton.

Hampton said that the recent addition of Sidney-Pacific to the winter Tech Shuttle’s morning route will help keep residents safe, but also pointed out the gap in shuttle service to Sidney-Pacific between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. — after the Tech Shuttle stops serving the dormitory, but before the beginning of Saderide service.

Patrols around S-P increased

MIT Police patrol have increased in the area, and will be checking in with Sidney-Pacific’s front desk. DiFava said. Bicycle patrols will be introduced in the area when the weather gets warmer, he said.

In an emergency, members of the community should call the MIT Police directly — at 617-253-1212 — instead of 911 from their cell phones, DiFava said because 911 calls must be routed through the Massachusetts State Police and the Cambridge Police.

While the MIT Police have a response time of less than two minutes, the logistics of routing mean that response times from the Cambridge Police would be much slower, he said. DiFava said campus police officers have the same powers as the Cambridge Police. “They would do the same as Cambridge Police if they were involved in a situation.”

Unusually high number of crimes

In other recent incidents, an armed robbery took place at about 10:30 p.m. on Jan. 2 outside the Fleet ATM on Mass Ave. and Vas- sar St. The suspect stole the victim’s wallet as he exited the ATM booth, holding him at gunpoint before fleeing in a black SUV towards Boston.

Last Saturday, the Harvard Univer- sity Police reported that a female undergraduate was groped from behind by a teenage male on a bicy- cle.

Yesterday morning at about 1 a.m., gunshots were exchanged between two groups known to each other outside the Cambridgeport housing next to Rabin Hall.

No clear link with broken windows

Neither DiFava nor Pasquarello would comment on whether Olm- stead’s injury was connected with damage inflicted to the windows of Sidney-Pacific by BBs in December 2002 and January 2003.

Hampton said, however, that the shooting and last year’s broken win- dows appeared to be unrelated.

Rush, from Page 1

with the Orientation Committee to plan and coordinate fraternity rush with other orientation activities.

“We’ll discuss the orientation schedule,” said Daniel H. Danesh- var ’05, the IFC president. “We’re just trying to preserve our interests at this point, making sure that the fraternities are in the best position possible going into Rush next year.”

Daneshvar plans to discuss the changes to the schedule and IFC response with individual fraternity presidents.

“I haven’t had a single Presi- dents Council since this has bro- ken,” Daneshvar said. “The council meetings will not start until the end of January, he said.

“I’m going to start talking to individual fraternity presidents on a monthly basis,” Daneshvar said. “The fraternities through the IFC will definitely have input in the final orientation schedule.”

Daneshvar has spoken with Dormcon to resolve problems that have come up in previous years, involving fraternities and dormi- tories infringing on the others’ desig- nated rush periods.

“It looks like we both realize that we have common goals for Ori- entation this year,” Daneshvar said.

“I think we’re seeing very eye to eye.”

The IFC will decide how to coordinate fraternity rush with dormi- tories after a schedule is in place.

“We need to see a schedule before we can decide what the rules will be and how we’ll enforce them,” Daneshvar said.

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Have a good day!!
Stay warm
By Jenna Russell

January 14, 2004

THE BOSTON GLOBE

As they face a rising tide of applicants who look highly qualified on paper, a growing number of selective colleges are trying to solve the problem of how to look past high school transcripts and test scores to find the students who might really be the best.

For the first time this fall, MIT interviewers, who went to schools to ask for help in selecting applicants, were asked to rank applicants on a scale of 1 to 5 on qualities including "character," or how the student would fit within the MIT community. Other selective schools, including Northeastern University and Hampshire College in Amherst, are revising essay topics and adding new questions to gain insight about applicants' families, neighborhood and values.

"It's been hard, knowing who's the best match," said Marilee Jones, admissions dean at MIT. "They all have such strength in math and science; they all have a balanced curriculum; they all have ballet dancers and building robots. You can't tell who's a natural fit anymore, and you need to know."

Teachers who write recommendations for MIT are now being asked for information about the applicants' "community, school, or family." They are asked for information about the applicants' "character" and were asked to rank applicants on a scale of 1 to 5 on qualities including "strength of character" used by admissions officers as a way to boost moral character on school grades.

"In recent years, admissions leaders say, the pool has become so large that it is now important to make sure that you are choosing the right students," said Kaashoek.

The shift in emphasis looks in some ways like a return to the admissions practices of the past, but with a new set of priorities. Nearly all elite college applicants were white young men, personal qualities like "strength of character" were used by admissions officers as a way to boost moral character on school grades.

"So admissions leaders, by contrast, say that careful personal assessments could help them know more about the student behind the number. By carefully chosen recommendations, they can interview on campus. Wake Forest University in North Carolina recently started interviewing applicants again, years after doing away with the practice.

"In 20 years, the greatest change I've seen in admissions is the decrease in the number of students applying who are not qualified," said Martha Allman, Wake Forest admissions director. "We wanted students who were intellectually curious, but also cared about humanity and human beings, and we found that was difficult to figure out from pieces of paper."

Admissions leaders said the interview allowed them to see candidates in a relatively small number of applications. But it is especially useful when interviewers' reactions are extreme, and when the student surprised the campus with a late walk of last year's Supreme Court decision allowing colleges to consider race in admissions but not to use impersonal "point systems." Interviewers expect more colleges to ask about applicants' neighborhood and family backgrounds as an indicator of race or socioeconomic status.

The revival of the interview on some campuses may be the most striking evidence of the appetite for personal information.

At the University of Rochester in New York, where more than 10,000 applicants compete for fewer than 1,000 spaces, admissions officials ask applicants to conduct some 2,000 interviews this year, compared to about 200 last year. He has started sending staff around the country to meet with potential students. "We're really starting to go after the best," said Wake Forest admissions director. "We wanted students who were intellectually curious, but also cared about humanity and human beings, and we found that was difficult to figure out from pieces of paper."

At the University of Denver, students who are accepted after an interview enroll at UD. "The interview gives you a lot more faith in the school," said Anydor Wesleyan University has a new "Senior World" Idea.

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Plan represents only part of MIT

One of the major problems fac-
ing all MIT faculty, staff and stu-
dents is finding adequate housing in Cambridge.

The plan submitted by Gray and others would provide nearby, affordable housing primarily for members of the MIT community who often have less direct involve-
ment with the Institute, although the plan may extend their participa-
tion further.

Brown said that it is not clear yet to what extent MIT would pro-
vide support for the plan, and that it would in part depend on the pro-
ject's cost and long term income.

In addition, he said, "this is one of a number of different constitu-
tives that you can imagine," and new faculty members are not represented in the proposal.

It's a question of "who does what," he said. "We don't know yet if there's sufficient interest in the MIT community of there are sites that are available and affordable, but it's the idea is to make it more accessible to people, as they age and lose capabilities, to have access to what they need to stay at home."

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By Chris Gaither  
The Boston Globe

On the Internet's heady days, David Yuan G knocked on doors and erected a mansion. During the Internet's heady days, according to students who attended both trips. "We have a peak, 90 percent less investing in their wallets. And while the mass layoffs have slowed, hiring is still at a trickle. The contracts are sharp from last year, according to students who attended both trips. "We have a month left of cash," one software CEO told them last year. Another began his presentation by saying he had been hired not to expand the company, but to find a quick acquisition to rescue it. Few companies asked for resumes. "Less traffic and lots of empty parking lots," is how Andrew Kvuald, 29, a second-year student, described his visit from Ensaxing, remembers the 2003 visit. "This year Kvuald and the others said they saw fewer empty cubicles and encountered more aggressive corporate recruiters than they had anticipated during their visits to 35 Silicon Valley companies. Giants and start-ups trumpeted their ability to survive the high-tech slump, wooed students, and asked the best and brightest to apply for jobs that didn't exist in 2003. "Last year large companies were in a lot of pain," said Mark Williamson G. 27, a marketing student from Chicago making his second Tech Trek. This year, "Uniquely, they're optimistic. I don't think many people are worried about a false start anymore." That sentiment became clear the first morning of the Trek. Sloan students, who paid for their own airfare and hotel rooms to make the trip, crowded into a conference room at the Four Points Sheraton Santana to hear venture capitalist Mark Gornberg '76 proclaim "the start of a new era of optimism." As ducks knocked outside the hotel window, Gornberg, a partner with Hummer Winblad Venture Partners and an MIT alumnus, welcomed some of the censure of the previous three years: 87 percent less venture-capital-backed startups. But the peak, 90 percent less investing in early-stage companies, the longest stretch of declining technology spending since 1946. But VC funding seems to be coming back, he said, and tech spending has now risen for five straight quarters. "You're coming here at a very good time. There's a new sense of renewal," he said. He asked them to send their business plans so he could consider funding them. Hailing from MIT is a boost in hunting for Silicon Valley jobs—a geek's stamp of approval to a land where the geeks rule. But in an industry in which Bill Gates can go from Harvard University dropout to chairperson of the world's largest software company, the masters in business administration degree sometimes clashes with the valley's free-wheeling culture. Evan a prestigious MBA does not ensure a cakewalk into a high-tech company. Randy Nelson, a founding member of the Flying Karamazov Brothers jegging troupe and an instructor at Pixar Animation Studios Inc., escorted Sloan students through the company's headquarters as skateboarders zipped past. "Finding Nemo" displays in the lobby. An investor relations executive then spent an hour in a film-screening room showing hints of Pixar animation technique before announcing that the company typically hires only one MBA a year. High-tech companies like Siebel Systems Inc. and Intuit Inc., however, recruit heavily among management students. Although they are keeping a lid on new hires, Cisco Systems Inc. employees collected resumes and told students that they planned to modestly expand the company's internship program this summer. At a cocktail reception for Sloan and Harvard Business School students, who attended the Internet search company, recruiters raced through the room, perusing at name tags in a hunt for students who graduate this spring. When a university recruiting manager at Network Appliance Inc., a data storage provider, welcomed students to her office, Williamson warned and whispered. "They wouldn't have brought her out last year, because she wouldn't have had any thing for us." Customers of Network Appliance, whose stock has more than doubled in the last nine months, now talk about buying a few hundred storage systems instead of just one, and a number of start-ups are approaching the company about partnerships, said Amit Pandey SM '92, a Network Appliance general manager and Sloan graduate. "It is a good time to start a career in tech. You never know what's going to happen this last year," he told students. One trend that companies are often discussed in management courses casts an ominous shadow over the region's prospects of a "shoring." That's the increasingly popular practice of offshoring—outsourcing work, software programming, and other jobs to workers overseas. Tovant Technologies Inc., a startup that writes software for transactions between banks, is located in Silicon Valley, but it now employs three times as many people in India. Manager jobs are also heading overseas, but the Sloan students seemed to view the trend as more of an opportunity to advise companies than a threat. "I can either sit on the sidelines and whine about it or I can jump in and make money off it," said Amit Jaising, a second-year Sloan student. Exchanging their business-casual attire for suits and dresses, the Sloan MBAs braved another sign of the recovery—the crawling rush-hour traffic on Highway 101. It was a party for MIT's SM '94 San Francisco Bay area alumni at Menlo Circus Club, an exclusive horse and tennis facility. They fanned out across the room, sipping rum and orange juice and chatting up well-connected alumni from banks, consulting firms, and tech companies. Christina Pan, 26, a first-year student from Houston and a Sloan alumna, said she has seen little evidence of the recovery cited by others. She prefers it that way. "You want to be here before it's too hot and humid," she said. Local economists predict that high-tech companies will begin hiring in earnest again this year if corporations continue to spend more money on technology. Until then, some Silicon Valley veterans are careful not to proclaim their optimism too loudly. "The lights are on again in Silicon Valley," Jerry Burnett '64, a software executive who sponsored the Menlo Circus Club party, told the crowd. But he quickly qualified his statement. "I wouldn't say they're fully bright."
Come on, Forget About Politics
In Sports, Just Play the Game

By Yong-yi Zhu

Several months ago, Frank Solich was fired from the job of the head coach for the Nebraska Cornhuskers football program. He had just recently coached the team to a national title game and had plenty of successes on his resume: 58-19 as a head coach, one Big 12 title, and two Big 12 coach of the year awards. However, Solich professed option football, and that just wasn’t going to be the future of the Cornhuskers.

Last week, Bill Callahan, the ex-Raiders coach, succeeded Solich. (As an aside, I might add Callahan was also fired after leading his team to a title game.) The first few words out of Callahan’s mouth about Nebraska football are that he is going to “air it out” in the future. This is exactly what the school, the fans, and the rest of the public needed to hear from the new head coach. After all, saying anything less would never have gotten him hired for the job. Was Callahan the perfect fit, and the right solution to this troubled football program? Or were people just trying to be politically correct? This got me wondering: Was Callahan the perfect fit, and the right solution to this troubled football program? Or were people just trying to be politically correct? This got me wondering:

For example, if you turn on Saban what he thought about coach- coach right now. Patrick asked man NFL coaching positions, with the LSU Tigers’ football coach Nick Saban. Saban has been at the top of the list for many NFL coaching positions, with teams like the Bears needing a new coach right now. Patrick asked Saban what he thought about coach- ing for an NFL team. All you heard from Saban was how he loved it at LSU, and how excited he was about the team’s performance this year. It was as if he didn’t hear Patrick’s questions at all. Talk about political correctness to the nth degree. Can we have sports any more with- out politics? Surely, the political correctness, and play for crying out loud. Leave the loving and hating, somebody must be lying and just trying to appease everyone else. Throw in Scott Boras, Tom Hicks, Larry Lucchino, and even Peter Gam- mons, and you have an all out party. (Political or not is another matter.) Everyone’s trying to be political- ly correct at all times. All that lying loses the slightest appearance of being honest anymore. But I guess that’s what people want. With all these attempts at being nice to everyone at all times, are we trying to make the sports world a better place? Or are we simply supporting a facade of being nice? Sports are brutal. People want to beat each other. In the end, I think being pure to one’s sport is the best thing to do. Play to the best of your ability, and treat sports as what it really is: a battle of excellent talents. It’s like Rocket basketball entertainment of the entire country, the world’s most populat- ed nation, rests on the shoulders of one dude. Since the country demands it, it’s politically correct for their TV stations to show exclusively Yao, but to me, this muddles the spirit of sport. I enjoy watching my team on TV, true. I also enjoy watching everything happening around the rest of the league. I like how ESPN lets me watch most teams. Forcing people to just watch Yao also forces a limited interest onto people: either they like Rocket basketball, or they don’t watch the NBA. I guess this is good for those Chinese supremely interested in how their guy is doing. But is this for better or for worse overall?

Then, there’s the example of Nick Saban. I was listening to the Dan Patrick radio show last week (in China, nonetheless), and he had an interview with the LSU Tigers’ football coach Nick Saban. Saban has been at the top of the list for many NFL coaching positions, with teams like the Bears needing a new coach right now. Patrick asked Saban what he thought about coach- ing for an NFL team. All you heard was how he loved it at LSU, and how excited he was about the team’s performance this year. It was as if he didn’t hear Patrick’s questions at all. Talk about political correctness to the nth degree. Can we have sports any more with- out politics? Surely, the political correctness, and play for crying out loud. Leave the loving and hating, somebody must be lying and just trying to appease everyone else. Throw in Scott Boras, Tom Hicks, Larry Lucchino, and even Peter Gam- mons, and you have an all out party. (Political or not is another matter.) Everyone’s trying to be political- ly correct at all times. All that lying loses the slightest appearance of being honest anymore. But I guess that’s what people want. With all these attempts at being nice to everyone at all times, are we trying to make the sports world a better place? Or are we simply supporting a facade of being nice? Sports are brutal. People want to beat each other. In the end, I think being pure to one’s sport is the best thing to do. Play to the best of your ability, and treat sports as what it really is: a battle of excellent talents. It’s like Rocket basketball entertainment of the entire country, the world’s most populat- ed nation, rests on the shoulders of one dude. Since the country demands it, it’s politically correct for their TV stations to show exclusively Yao, but to me, this muddles the spirit of sport. I enjoy watching my team on TV, true. I also enjoy watching everything happening around the rest of the league. I like how ESPN lets me watch most teams. Forcing people to just watch Yao also forces a limited interest onto people: either they like Rocket basketball, or they don’t watch the NBA. I guess this is good for those Chinese supremely interested in how their guy is doing. But is this for better or for worse overall?

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Finally, there is the example of the entire Alex Rodriguez fiasco. Boston hates Nomar and Manny. Boston loves Nomar and Manny. A- Rod hates the Rangers. A-Rod loves the Rangers. All right, between all the loving and hating, somebody must be lying and just trying to appease everyone else. Throw in Scott Boras, Tom Hicks, Larry Lucchino, and even Peter Gam- mons, and you have an all out party. (Political or not is another matter.) Everyone’s trying to be political- ly correct at all times. All that lying loses the slightest appearance of being honest anymore. But I guess that’s what people want. With all these attempts at being nice to everyone at all times, are we trying to make the sports world a better place? Or are we simply supporting a facade of being nice? Sports are brutal. People want to beat each other. In the end, I think being pure to one’s sport is the best thing to do. Play to the best of your ability, and treat sports as what it really is: a battle of excellent talents. It’s like Rocket basketball entertainment of the entire country, the world’s most populat- ed nation, rests on the shoulders of one dude. Since the country demands it, it’s politically correct for their TV stations to show exclusively Yao, but to me, this muddles the spirit of sport. I enjoy watching my team on TV, true. I also enjoy watching everything happening around the rest of the league. I like how ESPN lets me watch most teams. Forcing people to just watch Yao also forces a limited interest onto people: either they like Rocket basketball, or they don’t watch the NBA. I guess this is good for those Chinese supremely interested in how their guy is doing. But is this for better or for worse overall?

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NFL Divisional Playoffs: It’s a Wild, Wild Weekend

By Brian Chase

The second round of the NFL playoffs took place this weekend, and it has been one of the greatest in recent memory. Two games went into overtime; the other two went down to the last second. You had offensive showcases, defensive brawls, and about everything in between. This column gives a brief synopsis of all four games and then my AFC and NFC Championship picks. So let’s get to it:

Carolina at St. Louis:

This sloppy game, full of Carolina penalties and Rams missing tackles, came down to two matchups: quarterback Jake Delhomme and coach John Fox of the Panthers versus QB Marc Bulger and coach Mike Martz of the Rams. The Panthers ended up winning both those matchups and the game 28–23 in double overtime. Jake Delhomme won because he was accurate at the end of the game and made the final, 69-yard touchdown pass to receiver Steve Smith. Bulger lost it because he made three interceptions, including the one in overtime. Fox won the coaching battle because he kept running the ball even when Carolina’s star running back, Stephen Davis, went out with an injury and the Rams had no timeouts. In the first half, New England made two key plays: Rodney Harrison of the Pats intercepted Tennessee QB Steve McNair, which set up the Patriots to score. Still, the Titans had a 14–7 lead when McNair was intercepted. This allowed the Patriots to score and tie the game at 17–14. And now my picks for the championship games (season prediction record: 6–6):

Indianapolis at Kansas City:

As much as the Titans-Pats game was defensive, this game was offensive. How offensive? There was not a single punt in the entire game, a first in NFL postseason history. Every time the Indianapolis Colts touched the ball, they scored, excepting two possessions at the end of each half, when time ran out on them. And that was good, because the Colts’ defense was not much more effective than the Chiefs’. The Chiefs had only two possessions on which they did not score, one because of a very bad pass interference call on Chiefs’ tight end Tony Gonzalez followed by a missed field goal, and the other because of a fumble by Chiefs running back Priest Holmes. The pivotal moment came in the fourth quarter when Chiefs’ coach Dick Vermeil chose not to onside kick and trusted his defense to stop the Colts, which of course they couldn’t. The Colts ran off the clock and won the game, 38–31. On a personal note, this proves to me as a Chiefs fan that our Defensive Coordinator, Greg Robinson, must be fired if we are to have any chance to make the Super Bowl next year.

Green Bay at Philadelphia:

A lot of people though the Packers were destined to win this game, and until overtime, it looked as though they were right. The Pack aggressively blitzed on defense and sacked Philly QB Donovan McNabb four times during the first half and eight times total. The Packers used a fumble caused by one of those early sacks to set up their first touchdown and then a long run by RB Ahman Green to set up the other. The Packers could have had another touchdown in the second quarter, but the Eagles held them on the one-yard line on fourth down to keep Green Bay from scoring. Once Green Bay was ahead, they eased the pressure off McNabb, and he led Philly back with scores in the second and fourth quarter. The Packers kicked a field goal to lead, but couldn’t keep McNabb from converting on fourth and 26 to set up the tying field goal. In overtime, the Packers stopped the Eagles’ initial drive, only to see their future Hall of Fame QB Brett Favre, throw a desperate toss that was intercepted. This allowed the Eagles to score a second field goal to win it, 20–17.

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Carolina at Philadelphia:

The Eagles will impress me against Green Bay. McNabb could not get any pass protection to save his life, and they could not stop Green Bay’s running offense. Carolina is primarily a running team, and so Philly’s weakness plays right into their hands. Plus, Carolina coach John Fox is smart enough to note Green Bay’s blitz packages and use them to exploit the Eagles. Those two factors, more than McNabb’s excellent passing skills or Carolina’s suspect passing game, will decide this contest in Carolina’s favor. Carolina wins, 20–14.

Indianapolis at New England:

My logic tells me the Patriots have the better chance to win this game. It tells me that Patriots coach Bill Belichick will have out-planned Indy coach Tony Dungy, and the Pats defense will be able to stem a Colts offense that has been red-hot. It tells me that the Colts defense is not great, and the Pats will ride roughshod over it, much like the last time these two teams met. But something else in me, maybe my right-brain, says that the Colts, led by quarterback and NFL MVP Peyton Manning, won’t be stopped that easily. This side says that the Patriots offense is one-dimensional, that the Colts offense is playing the best it has all year, and that neither the cold nor the crowd of Foxboro will bother Manning, much as the KC crowd didn’t bother him last weekend. And if I am wrong, let me be mocked and ridiculed for doubting the redoubtable Patriots.

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