

## Szuminski Makes Padres Team, Is First MIT Graduate in MLB

By Brian Loux  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Thanks to a successful show during the San Diego Padres' spring training season, Jason E. Szuminski '01 has become the first MIT graduate to play Major League Baseball. While he was originally a starting pitcher with the MIT club, Szuminski will serve the Padres in a relief pitcher role.

"It's exciting. I'm really glad to be here," Szuminski said.

Though the Padres went to their bullpen frequently after the sixth inning of yesterday's game, Szuminski was not called upon to pitch. The Padres defeated the Los Angeles Dodgers 8-2. "I'm sure I'll get in soon enough. I'm looking forward to getting in a game," he said.

Szuminski is one of only three rookies to join the Padres roster this year. Other rookies are pitcher Akinori Otsuka and shortstop Khalil Greene. The average years of major league experience for the 12 Padre pitchers is approximately 5.92, with veteran David Wells leading the bullpen with 17 years.

Szuminski described interacting with the veteran players as "helpful," saying that he gets along well with the team and is able to learn from them. "I just watch how they go about their business ... because at one time they were in my shoes," he said.

When asked about how he will face Barry Bonds, a power hitter for the San Francisco Giants, Szuminski replied, "Throw him strikes ... Sinking fastballs are my specialty, if a left handed hitter comes up, I'll throw it to him, maybe mix it up late in the count.



DENNIS YANCEY—THE TECH

Jason E. Szuminski '01 pitches to a UMass-Boston batter in a 1997 game which MIT won 9-8. Now, seven years later, Szuminski is set to pitch in the Major League for the San Diego Padres.

We'll see what happens."

### MIT excited with new celebrity

News of MIT's first major leaguer has created a small amount of excitement and pride on campus.

The Padres' new draftee has headlined the MIT Web site since early Sunday morning. The homepage links to an alumni Web site which

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## Missile Review Still On For a Year, 'Working to Establish a Process'

By Keith J. Winstein  
SENIOR EDITOR

MIT confirmed yesterday that it will investigate a professor's longstanding allegations of scientific misconduct in a 1998 MIT-led study that validated a part of the military's national missile defense system.

But fifteen months after Provost Robert A. Brown decided to begin an investigation, MIT would say only that the Institute "has been working to establish a process that permits these issues to be investigated fully and objectively. To achieve that goal, MIT must explore with the relevant federal agencies the steps necessary to permit the investigation to proceed."

MIT spokesman Arthur L. Jones declined to discuss whether the investigation was yet under way or whether an investigative committee had yet been appointed, events that MIT's policies say should happen "promptly."

Theodore Postol, the professor of national security policy who first requested an independent investigation of the study in April 2001, said he has not been contacted by any investigators. "What they've been doing is finding every reason not to do an investigation," Postol said. "It's absolutely clear that there would have been

no investigation if I hadn't persisted on this for the last three years."

It was not clear what federal agencies MIT has been working with to permit the investigation to proceed. "I don't know if they're referring to us or not," said Lt. Col. Rick Lehner, a spokesman for the Missile Defense Agency, which commissioned the 1998 study at issue and funds about \$100 million a year of research on missile defense at MIT's Lincoln Laboratory.

"MIT has requested classified information from the Missile Defense Agency in the course of its inquiry," Lehner said, but the agency's lawyers were unaware of any discussions with MIT about how to proceed with an investigation, he said.

### Study checked fraud allegations

The 1998 study, known as the Phase One Engineering Team report, was commissioned by the military to investigate allegations of fraud in a June 1997 test of the national missile defense system. Two of the five authors — Charles K. Meins Jr. '75 and Ming-Jer Tsai, the group's chairman, work at MIT's Lincoln Laboratory. They did not return calls for comment.

The 1997 test they reviewed

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## GSC Officer Nominations Conclude, No VP Named

By Kathy Dobson  
STAFF REPORTER

Nominations for Graduate Student Council closed at 11:59 p.m. last night and, as of that time, only

three nominations had been accepted with no candidate for vice president. Nominations for president, secretary, and treasurer have been closed, while nominations for vice president will be open until elections are held on Wednesday.

The accepted nominations of Barun Singh G for president, Lucy Wong G for secretary, and Virgilio M. Villacorta G for treasurer were accepted.

Current GSC vice president Michael R. Folkert G said that there are four people who have yet to accept their nominations for officer positions: two for president, one for treasurer, and one for vice president. Folkert said that it is common for candidates to accept their nominations close to the deadline. "Pretty much everyone wants to see what everyone else is writing in their statements," Folkert said.

The small number of nominations is consistent with past years, said R. Erich Caulfield G, the current GSC president.

"In recent years, it is not uncommon to have zero, one, two, or three people running for each position," Caulfield said, though it is more common to have people run than for the position to remain vacant.

### Elections planned for Wednesday

The elections will take place on

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## Counterpoint Rerecognized By the ASA

By Ray C. He  
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

The Association for Student Activities has granted provisional recognition to the MIT-Wellesley magazine *Counterpoint* after temporarily derecognizing the magazine last month, said Kathryn M. Walter '05, president of the ASA.

The rerecognition came after the ASA reviewed *Counterpoint's* updated constitution, which clarifies that the group comprises separate MIT and Wellesley chapters, Walter said.

The change also refines the role of the business managers at MIT and Wellesley. "They stated what belongs to MIT and what belongs to Wellesley," she said. "It was more subtle linguistic changes that made it clear they're an MIT group," she said.

As a separate formal entity from

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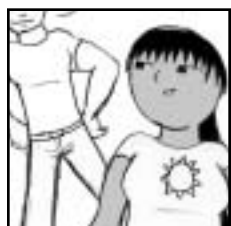


JONATHAN WANG—THE TECH

The Harvard bridge construction sign is hacked by MIT nerds last Sunday night.

"Grains of Rice" cultural show visits Walker Memorial.

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Vivek Rao examines the stress placed on America's youth.

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# WORLD & NATION

## Sharon Hints He Has Dropped Vow Not To Harm Arafat

THE NEW YORK TIMES

JERUSALEM

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has suggested that he no longer feels bound by a 3-year-old commitment to President Bush not to harm Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader.

Sharon's spokesman, Raanan Gissin, said that Israel had no immediate intention to act against Arafat. But the substance and timing of Sharon's threatening remarks, in an interview published here on Monday, were significant.

His comments came as Israelis entered the Passover holiday braced for threatened retaliation by the militant group Hamas for the killing two weeks ago of its spiritual leader, Sheik Ahmed Yassin. Gissin said that, with 58 intelligence warnings of possible attacks, "The level of alerts is at an all-time high today."

Sharon appeared to be signaling that he felt new freedom to act against Arafat in the event of a devastating terrorist attack.

Further, Sharon is trying to shore up support among right-wing Israelis alarmed by his plan for a unilateral withdrawal from most or all of the Gaza Strip and possibly part of the West Bank. At a Cabinet meeting on Sunday, he clashed over the plan with far-right members of his governing coalition.

## Blair To Confer With Bush As Iraq Worries Grow

THE NEW YORK TIMES

LONDON

Prime Minister Tony Blair will fly to Washington next week for a meeting with President Bush that will be dominated by concern over mounting instability and the political transition in Iraq, British officials said on Monday.

The meeting comes at a critical moment for the American-British alliance in Iraq as dual insurgencies by disaffected Sunni Muslims, who backed Saddam Hussein, and militant Shiites flare. Details of the Bush-Blair agenda were being closely held, but officials here said it would focus on how to stabilize the country while seeking to adhere to the June 30 deadline for turning over sovereignty to an Iraqi government.

British officials said that Blair's trip had been previously scheduled and therefore was not a "crisis" summit meeting on Iraq. But the officials, who spoke on the condition that they not be identified, said the sudden surge in violence and instability in the Sunni heartland west of Baghdad and in Shiite neighborhoods and towns would transform the meeting into a strategic review of policies toward Iraq.

## Supreme Court Agrees To Hear Drug-sniffing Dog Case

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court agreed on Monday to decide whether the police need a special reason in order to subject a car they have stopped for an ordinary traffic violation to a trained drug-sniffing dog.

The case is an appeal by the state of Illinois from a ruling by the Illinois Supreme Court. That court found last year by a vote of 4-3 that exposure to a drug-sniffing dog, without any particular reason to suspect that the car contained drugs, had unconstitutionally broadened the scope of a routine traffic stop that led to the discovery of a large quantity of marijuana in the trunk.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1983 that exposure of luggage at an airport to a trained dog did not constitute a search within the meaning of the Fourth Amendment's prohibition of unreasonable searches. The canine sniff is in a class by itself, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said in that case, explaining that the sniff was less intrusive and revealing than an ordinary search.

# Iraqi Cleric Fortifies Militia In Response to U.S. Warrant

By Jeffrey Gettleman

THE NEW YORK TIMES

KUFA, IRAQ

The Grand Mosque of Kufa has now become the grand arsenal.

On Monday, as U.S. authorities issued an arrest warrant for Muqtada al-Sadr, the radical Shiite cleric who set off the most serious insurrection so far against the occupation forces, hundreds of his supporters were busy fortifying the mosque with heavy weapons, bracing for a U.S. invasion.

Al-Sadr has barricaded himself inside the golden brick walls, refusing to surrender. His militia is prowling the streets, staring down the sights of machine guns, building fighting positions in and around the mosque, the town's biggest, and pointing rocket-propelled grenades at the highway heading north — the road they expect to see U.S. forces come rumbling down.

"The only way the Americans will enter this city is entering over our bodies," said Sheik Abu Mahdi Al Rubayee, a commander in al-Sadr's private army, estimated to number in the tens of thousands. "If they come for our leader, they will ignite all of Iraq."

Kufa, a sandy, palm-lined town along the banks of the Euphrates

River, is a picture of what might lie ahead if Iraqi security forces are unable to quell potential insurrections. On Sunday, as part of the uprising orchestrated by al-Sadr, hundreds of militiamen took over Kufa, driving out Iraqi security forces.

On Monday, blue-and-white Iraqi police trucks cruised the streets. But at the wheels were bearded, black-clad men loyal to al-Sadr. The police stations and government offices are now occupied by al-Sadr's agents, who enforce an austere version of Islam and have even set up their own religious courts and prisons. The town is basically an occupation-free zone.

"The occupation is ending," vowed Said Sadduck, a 26-year-old disciple of al-Sadr. "This is just the beginning."

U.S. officials, who have accused al-Sadr of inciting violence and unleashing his band of armed followers against U.S. troops, have said they will capture al-Sadr when they are ready.

"There will be no warning," said Dan Senor, a senior spokesman for occupation authorities.

Many Kufa residents are dreading a showdown. The streets are full of

militiamen, in open disregard of occupation laws calling for private armies to be disbanded. At a kebab stand in front of the grand mosque, a man winced as truckloads of armed young men whizzed past.

Kufa, 100 miles south of Baghdad with a population of 110,000, is the first Iraqi city to spin entirely out of occupation control. The town is a stronghold of conservative Shiite beliefs.

For years, it has been the power base of the al-Sadr family, a learned band of Shiite clerics. Al-Sadr's father, a famous ayatollah, was killed in 1999, along with al-Sadr's two older brothers. That left Muqtada, now 31, the leader of the family.

Though al-Sadr is not an ayatollah, or top cleric, he has a devoted following. Part of his appeal is his youth. The other part is his militancy. While other Shiite clerics have pressed for moderation, al-Sadr has openly rejected the occupation. His newspaper, Al-Hawza, was closed last week after U.S. authorities accused it of printing lies that incited violence. That began a cycle of demonstrations that culminated in widespread bloodshed on Sunday. What worries many people is that al-Sadr has followers all across Iraq.

# Aristide May Be Charged With Corruption by U.S., Powell Says

By Christopher Marquis

THE NEW YORK TIMES

PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI

Secretary of State Colin L. Powell said during a visit here on Monday that U.S. judicial authorities were looking into prosecuting the former Haitian president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, on corruption charges.

"There are inquiries being made by our judicial authorities in the U.S. to see if there is any evidence of wrongdoing on his part," Powell said in a joint news conference with the new interim prime minister, Gerard Latortue.

Aristide went into exile in February after widespread violence and looting here. An American indictment against him on drug

trafficking or other international charges would further inflame political tensions between those who contend that he was forced into exile by American troops and others, like Powell, who assert that the Americans saved his life.

Aristide, who was flown to the Central African Republic aboard an American-leased plane, has since returned to the region as an official guest of the government of Jamaica. The return of Aristide, a populist former priest, has unsettled Bush administration officials who are trying to establish security and bolster the authority of Latortue's interim government.

To help maintain order in Haiti, the United States has sent 1,940 troops, the Pentagon says, France

has sent more than 800, Canada more than 400 and Chile more than 300. Administration officials have said they expect to cap the American presence at about its present level, and would welcome 2,000 or 3,000 troops from other countries.

Powell, who came for a one-day visit to show the administration's continuing commitment to Haiti's recovery, opposed a request by the 15-nation Caribbean Community for the United Nations to investigate the terms of Aristide's departure from Haiti.

"I don't think any purpose would be served by such an inquiry," he said. "We were on the verge of a blood bath and President Aristide found himself in great danger."

# WEATHER

## Hint of Sun

By Nikki Prive  
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

*O still, spoiled trees, O city ways,  
O sun desired in vain,  
O dread presentiment of coming rain  
That cloy the sullen days!*  
— Robert Louis Stevenson

The low pressure system which brought flurries to the Boston area Monday will linger over the Maritime region until Wednesday, keeping skies partly cloudy. Temperatures will slowly moderate until a cold front passes through tomorrow, with average highs several degrees below normal for this time of year due to a chill northwesterly wind. April showers will return late in the week, as a new system moves in from the Great Plains, bringing cool temperatures and rain showers possibly turning to snow on Friday morning. The track and strength of this system are uncertain, so the duration and amount of precipitation are difficult to predict.

### Extended Forecast:

**Today:** Partly cloudy, highs in the upper 40s°F (9°C).

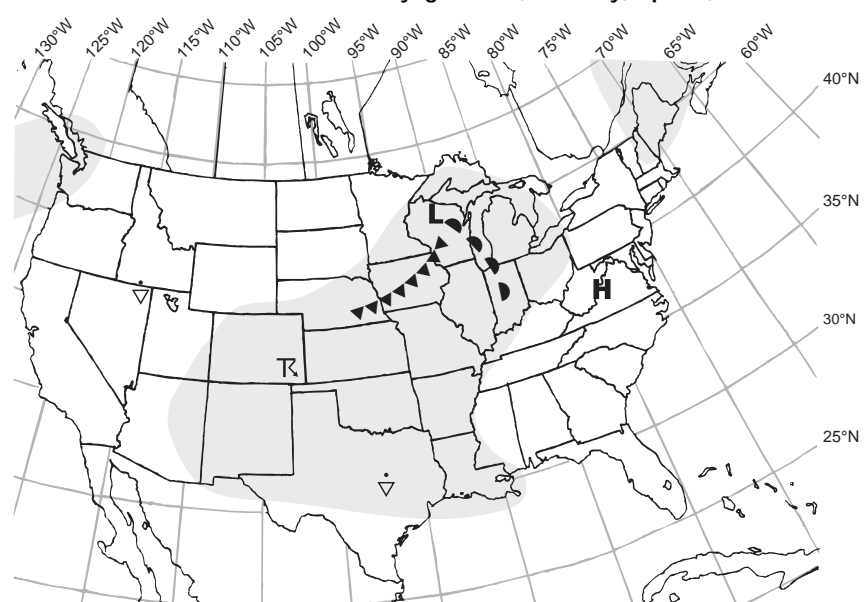
**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, lows around 30°F (-1°C).

**Wednesday:** Partly cloudy, high around 50°F (10°C), overnight lows around 32°F (0°C).

**Thursday:** Partly cloudy, high around 48°F (9°C), chance of rain and snow overnight, low in the mid 30s°F (1°C).

**Friday:** Chance of morning snow, changing to rain during the day, high in the mid 40s°F (7°C).

## Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Tuesday, April 6, 2004



Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
<b>H</b> High Pressure	--- Trough	Snow *	☁ Fog
<b>L</b> Low Pressure	— Warm Front	Light ∇	⚡ Thunderstorm
<b>§</b> Hurricane	▲ Cold Front	Moderate **	☁ Haze
	◄ Stationary Front	Heavy ***	

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# Letter Allegedly from Al-Qaida Threatens Spain with 'Inferno'

By Katrin Bennhold

THE INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE  
MADRID, SPAIN

Investigators on Monday studied a letter purportedly from al-Qaida promising "an inferno" unless Spain withdrew its troops from Iraq and Afghanistan. Meanwhile, the police reported the arrest of another suspect in the March 11 bombings of commuter trains in Madrid that killed 191 people and wounded more than 1,400.

In France on Monday, special forces rounded up 13 suspected members of a militant Islamic group thought to be behind bombings last year in Casablanca, Morocco.

After a tumultuous weekend,

during which at least four suspects in the Madrid bombings blew themselves up, the newspaper ABC published in its Monday issue a Spanish translation of a letter written in Arabic that it had received by fax on Saturday. It was signed Abu Dujana al-Afghani, who described himself as a member of "al-Qaida of Europe."

A videotape found two days after the train bombings had featured a man speaking in Arabic with a Moroccan accent who identified himself by that name and said he was the military spokesman of al-Qaida. He said the March 11 bombings were revenge for Spain's military cooperation with the United States.

The letter said European Qaida operatives had demonstrated their strength on March 11 and with an unexploded bomb on rail tracks last Friday. It said its truce with Spain was over, unless Spanish soldiers were withdrawn from Iraq and Afghanistan immediately.

If those demands are not met, the letter said, Spain will be converted into "an inferno and your blood will flow like rivers."

Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, who was elected new prime minister days after the train bombings, has pledged to pull troops from Iraq unless the United Nations takes over the occupation force. But he has also said he favors sending more troops to Afghanistan.

# SEC Begins Formal Investigation of Nortel's Accounting Practices

By Bernard Simon

THE NEW YORK TIMES  
TORONTO

Nortel Networks, the Canadian maker of telecommunications equipment, said on Monday that the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission had begun a formal investigation into its accounting, compounding recent uncertainty over the company.

Shares of Nortel fell sharply in trading in Toronto and New York. It was the most heavily traded stock on the New York Stock Exchange, where it closed down 3.7 percent, or 23 cents, to \$6.06. Christina Warren, a Nortel spokeswoman, said that the company would not provide details of the SEC's concerns "at

this time," but that it had been in contact with the commission since October and was "cooperating fully."

When SEC commissioners upgrade an inquiry into a formal investigation, the commission then has the power to subpoena documents and request that witnesses testify under oath.

The questions over its accounting come at the same time that Nortel has seen renewed demand for its products.

Blaik Kirby, a senior vice president of Adventis, a telecommunications consulting firm in Boston, said that "in terms of their core business and delivering what their customers want, they seem to be doing very

well."

Nortel, he said, is reaping the benefits of not cutting back on research spending during the slump in the telecommunications market between 2000 and 2003.

Nortel, which is based in Brampton, Ontario, said in October that it would restate earnings and losses going back to 2000, after discovering mistakes in recording some restructuring costs and revenues. Last month, the company said it would need to revise its 2003 financial results again, as well as results for some earlier periods. The company then placed its chief financial officer, Douglas C. Beatty, and its controller, Michael J. Gologly, on indefinite leaves of absence.

## Bank Of America To Cut 12,500 Jobs in Merger

THE BOSTON GLOBE

Bank of America Corp. plans to cut 12,500 jobs as it takes over the operations of Boston's biggest bank, executives said publicly for the first time Monday.

As soon as next week, the bank plans to tell FleetBoston Financial Corp. employees whether they will lose their jobs. But the Charlotte, N.C., bank would not say Monday how many of those layoffs would hit New England.

Though Bank of America has pledged to keep employment levels in New England flat in the long term, it plans to shift its workers around and may move hundreds of its other employees to Boston.

"In the short term, you'll see employment levels drop, but over time they will grow" in New England, said Eloise Hale, a Bank of America spokeswoman.

She declined, however, to say how long "over time" would be.

But the elimination of 12,500 jobs — about 7 percent of the banks' 180,000 workforce — is only one cost-cutting measure. In the past several years, chief executive Kenneth D. Lewis has aggressively cut expenses as he worked to boost Bank of America's stock price. The bank may apply some of the same strategies to Fleet as it looks to keep its promise of saving \$1.1 billion in the merger.

As it looks to integrate Fleet, Bank of America declined to provide specific information on job cuts, but Lewis has already said that some of Fleet's middle managers may be eliminated.

## In Math, Computers Don't Lie. Or Do They?

THE NEW YORK TIMES

A leading mathematics journal has finally accepted that one of the longest-standing problems in the field — the most efficient way to pack oranges — has been conclusively solved.

That is, if you believe a computer.

The answer is what experts — and grocers — have long suspected: stacked as a pyramid. That allows each layer of oranges to sit lower, in the hollows of the layer below, and take up less space than if the oranges sat directly on top of each other.

While that appeared to be the correct answer, no one offered a convincing mathematical proof until 1998 — and even then people were not entirely convinced.

For six years, mathematicians have pored over hundreds of pages of a proof by Dr. Thomas C. Hales, a professor of mathematics at the University of Pittsburgh.

But Hales' proof of the problem, known as the Kepler Conjecture, hinges on a complex series of computer calculations, too many and too tedious for mathematicians reviewing his paper to check by hand.

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## Letters To The Editor

### Embarrassing Interview

You are an embarrassment. The interview with Miss Keum in *The Tech* on Friday, April 2 ["Missin' Korea"] makes you sound like a bigot. Let's see how well you do being interviewed by a racist in a language you speak poorly. I wouldn't be surprised if she decides to attend Harvard if she gets wind of this interview and the true motive behind it — to make her look like a fool because you are threatened by her somehow.

Your article is nothing but self-indulgent, sexist, and xenophobic, and I'm really unimpressed with *The Tech* for printing it.

I suggest you write an apology to Miss Keum and the MIT community and have it published in *The Tech*.

Dan Roy '04

*Editor's Response: At no point during the interview or writing of the column was it my*

*intention to make fun of Na Na Keum. I printed the text of our conversation verbatim with no changes because I do not feel entitled to change other people's words*

Akshay Patil  
Features Editor

### Fruitful Abortion Debate

I read Adam Kolasinski's editorial ["Untenable Unborn Child Dichotomy," April 2]. He spoke more articulately and rationally than I usually hear when people talk about these issues. He is right — normal people are outraged when a wanted unborn baby is killed. They have a disconnect when it is an unwanted child. I wish that the discussion of abortion could be more about this sort of thing than about fruitless arguments about whose "rights" should prevail. Thanks for the editorial.

Steve Savage

### Mischaracterization of Pro-Choice Position

I was dismayed by Adam Kolasinski's gross mischaracterization of the pro-choice position in "Untenable Unborn Child Dichotomy" [April 2]. Although I agree with Kolasinski's claim that the Unborn Victims of Violence Act sets a precedent which opponents of abortion will use to argue for the personhood of the fetus, I cannot agree with his subsequent conclusions. Kolasinski accuses pro-choice advocates of "ignoring" the question of the moral status of the fetus, but this misses the thrust of our argument. Supporters of the right to choose properly focus on the substantial burden that pregnancy imposes on a woman because this is a burden that everyone must acknowledge. We do not ignore the moral status of the fetus; we believe that there is

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# Helping Kids Handle Pressure

Vivek Rao

For those of you who missed it, this past weekend witnessed the professional debut of 14-year old soccer sensation Freddy Adu. Originally hailing from Ghana, the young and sublimely talented Adu has been widely anointed as the United States' savior of soccer, with the ability to transform his sport into the American craze it has always puzzlingly failed to be. Adu, who already earns the highest salary in all of Major League Soccer, faces a burden of pressure seldom placed on someone his age.

Yet Adu's case reflects a growing trend in our society, with more and more teenagers and children being thrust into adulthood. Faced with responsibility that belies their age, young people today seem to spend a lot less time enjoying the innocent years of youth, a phenomenon that at very least deserves our attention.

Perhaps the most publicized example comes in the person of LeBron James, the basketball superstar who at the tender age of 16 was already drawing comparisons to legends like Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, and Larry Bird. James has since made the successful transition from the high school ranks to the National Basketball Association (NBA), but how he holds up against the pressure, hype, and attention that will undoubtedly accompany him throughout his potentially illustrious career remains to be seen.

Dianna DeGarmo is another young phenom who finds herself in the national spotlight. The 16-year old Georgian is one of the finalists on "American Idol 3," and singing performances reach the ears of millions of people every week.

The issue of young people facing daunting pressure is hardly limited to the exquisitely talented, however. Consider the growing obsession with college admissions. Every year, high schoolers across the country struggle through the grueling process, and the pressure they face from their school, their parents, and themselves is rampant. Middle schoolers are enrolling in SAT prep courses and the parents of elementary school children are worrying about whether their kids engage in enough extracurricular

activities to satisfy the Harvards and MITs of the world.

The fact is that kids these days are growing up faster than in recent memory. Levels of pressure and demands for performance once reserved for adults are now extending to younger and younger children. What's ironic about this striking trend is that our society has simultaneously grown more and more conscious about issues like stress, parental pressure, and child development.

The continued increases in pressure on modern youth in spite of growing awareness that such pressure may be detrimental proves puzzling. Why do we encumber our children with more and more strain and responsibility? Why do cases of adult rage and overinvolvement at youth sports events grow increasingly common even as more and more experts openly condemn such acts? Why do parents grow ever more obsessed with grades and admissions, despite the frequent objections of counselors and psychiatrists?

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My solution to these discrepancies is hardly some sweeping con-

demnation of pressure on youth. Such a prescription would be both naive and unrealistic. Instead, the better approach would seem to involve some lessening of the double standards that face children in modern American society. While the pressure they face in certain walks of life grows by the year, they are still carefully hidden from R-rated movies (and, of course, the Janet Jackson tape) and elementary school education tends to be rather slow and simplistic. Though the sex, drugs, and alcohol have continued to affect younger and younger cohorts of children, parents remain overly conservative when it comes to discussing such issues, often leaving kids unprepared for the realities of the world in which they live.

The bottom line is that modern society places greater pressure on its children (certainly not in all areas, but in most), and that is a situation that's not likely to change anytime soon, regardless of whether people like it or not. However, the time has come for adults to accelerate the social, emotional, and even academic education of the nation's youth, enabling children to keep pace with the world around them.

# Letters To The Editor, Continued

no compelling reason to think the claims of the fetus outweigh the claims of the mother, at least until the fetus develops certain characteristics that are undeniable prerequisites for having rights.

Judith Jarvis Thomson has argued that a severe constraint on liberty ought not to be imposed on grounds that a woman is not unreasonable in rejecting, and a woman is surely not unreasonable in rejecting the claim that life begins at conception in favor of the very plausible claim that having rights presupposes having interests (a view which separates late-term fetuses from newborn babies). It is ironic that Kolasinski believes that the personhood of the fetus becomes "more apparent" from fetal imaging technology "even in the first trimester" when most laypeople cannot distinguish between an ape fetus and a human fetus well into third trimester. The question of when a being acquires rights calls for careful moral inquiry, and most supporters of the right to choose draw the line well before birth, but positions grounded only in impulsive responses to 3-D graphics or clouded by an instinctive revulsion to violent crimes are not justifiable to the women whose freedom they would restrict.

Jason Abaluck  
President, *Perspective*, Harvard Liberal  
Monthly Magazine

## Imaginary Dichotomy

The recent column "Untenable Unborn Child Dichotomy" [April 2] states that there is a logical fallacy in new federal legislation treating feticide as murder when the mother does not consent, but allowing it in the case of consensual abortion. However, there is actually nothing inconsistent about this dichotomy, either in the way the law currently is applied nor even in the way it should be applied.

A fetus may not be a legal person, but this does not mean the law cannot seek to protect its interests when those interests are not outweighed by other concerns. Animals are not legal persons, and yet anti-cruelty statutes prohibit people from intentionally harming animals unless it is for some socially sanctioned purpose.

Further, the psychological harm inflicted on the mother by a criminal who kills her fetus without her consent sufficiently justifies a category of offense that punishes such an act, even if the fetus itself is not capable of feeling pain at the point at which it is killed.

In the case of abortion, the rights of the mother outweigh the interests of the fetus (if any), so there is no logical fallacy there. The real question is why our legal system permits truly trivial human interests — such as wearing fur garments for instance — to win against animals' interests in not being trapped, gassed or anally electrocuted.

The same logic that allows feticide to be punished when there is no competing constitutional interest at stake should also apply to criminalize extreme suffering inflicted upon animals to satisfy relatively miniscule human cravings.

Bryan Pease

## Offensive Generalization

April 2's "Sex and the SafeRide" ["Don't Fly Solo: Wingman Tips"] was objectionable in its entirety for its objectification of women and glorification of their "conquest." Particularly disgusting, though, was its use of the term "hos" to refer generically to women. I don't usually support wholesale censorship of every politically incorrect term that might offend someone's sensibilities, but to refer to all women as "whores" (which "hos" is short for, if I'm not mistaken) is possibly the worst kind of degrading generalization of a class of people that one can utter. It doesn't matter if it is part of an "old adage" because it rhymes with "bros"; it is unacceptable, and *The Tech* owes all of MIT's women and men an apology for printing it.

Isaac Moses G

## Crossword Inaccuracy

Just to let you know (and whoever you get the crossword puzzles from), the answer to 1 Down in the March 30 puzzle is incorrect — not because the letters were wrong or didn't fit, but because Sikhs are NOT Hindus. Sikhism is a distinct religion from both Hinduism and Islam, and is the fifth largest world religion.

I hope the fact-checkers will do a better job in future puzzles. Thanks!

Gurukarm Khalsa

[Editor's Note: Our crosswords come to us through KRT Campus, a national wire service for college papers, which receives them through the Chicago Tribune. While we have reported the error to KRT and they are discussing the puzzle with the Tribune, we will continue to remain at the mercy of their fact-checkers.]

# The Ombudsman

# Don't Hide Editors' Notes; Serious screwup editing letters

John A. Hawkinson

I shall endeavor to write smaller more frequent columns rather than voluminous mammoths like this.

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### DON'T HIDE EDITORS' NOTES!

*The Tech* has run several editors' notes lately, and I have been disappointed with their presentation. In my opinion, if something deserves an editors' note, that means it deserves prominent placement on page four (or perhaps even page one). I do not think italic text at the top of, or within the letters section is sufficiently eye-catching, nor is mention in the errata box. Instead, the editors' note should be placed in an area of its own, similar to the errata box, where it can be clearly seen in a casual glance.

This is hardly a new idea. Last term (and prior), *The Tech* published prominent editors' notes (see examples on this page and the next).

I was particularly dismayed by the erratum published on March 16 regarding Marc Haddad G's March 9 piece, "Twisted Logic from the Syrian Ambassador." I was involved in discussion regarding that erratum, and I had originally argued that it should have run as an editor's note, not an erratum, so it would receive more prominence.

The note was initially laid out as italicized text under the letters section, and I felt as if my argument had been grossly misinterpreted. *The Tech's* chairman, Hangyul Chung, (a former production editor) responded to an e-mail I sent, saying, "I thought editor's notes were usually italicized — and putting it in a box of their own like an errata is kinda stupid and not aesthetic."

That is wrong. Even if there were such a rule, the formatting and style of the paper are not ironclad. They exist to con-

vey meaning, and if that meaning is best conveyed with a change, the style needs to adapt.

Ironically, both of last week's issues carried a prominent "To Our Readers:" box asking for feedback on the Events Calendar section — at least, it would have been prominent on

page four. It ran deep inside the paper, sandwiched above the Events Calendar; to date it has received no responses.

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## OPINION

### To Our Readers

On Friday evening, *The Tech* sent a spam e-mail to 28 widely-read MIT mailing lists in an inappropriate recruiting effort. We were writing to do so. Our e-mail was a gross violation of community and the Address Rules of Use, and was far outside the behavior of the respectable community institution that we work to be. It will not happen again.

On behalf of the paper, we sincerely apologize.

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### Erratum

A Friday article "Pricing Rate for the FEE Levels" (OPT) referred incorrectly to the trend in the past year and the Freshman Entry Evaluation. Publications for the FEE fee structure were roughly constant over the last six years. For the current year, the FEE fee structure was changed in "Part 1" in 2003 when the current Communications Requirement.

The percentage of freshmen receiving a "Pass," "Intermittent," or a "Fail" was 73 percent in 2002, and 74 percent in 2003, according to the data provided by Leslie C. Friedman, the director of testing across the curriculum.

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## OPINION

### Taking Crowding Seriously

The numbers can no longer be ignored. There will be a dangerous proposition to shoot for an increasing class size that could significantly impact the quality of education. It is time to take a step back and re-evaluate the current state of affairs. It is time to take a step back and re-evaluate the current state of affairs. It is time to take a step back and re-evaluate the current state of affairs.

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From the Editors

Hawkinson, to be an independent reader ombudsman. He can be reached at hawkinson@tech.mit.edu and will use an e-mail address on this paper, serving as our liaison with the *Tech's* readership. We will be happy to hear from you, and we will be happy to hear from you. We will be happy to hear from you.

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"To Our Readers" from Sep. 9, 2003.

"From the Editors" from May 13, 2003.

# Editors Should Never Add Text To Letters!

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## CHANGING PEOPLE'S LETTERS IS A NO-NO.

I have more to say about Haddad's piece and its erratum. Not only was I displeased with the erratum's formatting, but I thought its content was insufficient. It didn't clearly explain the situation and what actually happened.

### Chronology:

On March 6, Haddad e-mailed his piece to [letters@the-tech.mit.edu](mailto:letters@the-tech.mit.edu), and clearly identified it as a "letter" submission. Opinion Editor Vivek Rao elected to publish it as a "column," and made several edits to the piece, including adding text in six places. Rao did not contact Haddad about this, though Rao told me he tried to call and left no message and sent no e-mail.

The edited piece was published on March 9; see the accompanying sidebar for a comparison of the letter as submitted and the column as published.

Haddad complained on March 10 (specifically about four additions to his piece), and the March 16 issue carried this erratum:

*In Marc Haddad's column "Twisted Logic from the Syrian Ambassador" [Mar. 9], the sentence "Just this past October, U.S. State Department Coordinator for Counterterrorism called Syria 'a sponsor of numerous terrorist organizations,' citing groups like HAMAS and Hizbollah," should have been attributed as an editor's note, as should the URL referenced in the article. The editors inserted these references to substantiate the arguments of Mr. Haddad without his consent.*

There is a lot that that went wrong here!

### Background on opinion submissions:

Submissions may be either "letters" or "columns." The distinction is sharp at the ends, but somewhat vague and fast-and-loose where the two meet.

Short contributions written in response to items published in the paper are published under the headline "Letters To The Editor" on page four. Longer columns from staff opinion writers are published on the remaining opinion page(s); these carry the byline in roman type (i.e. not italic).

Longer letters that are responding to issues raised in the paper may be printed after page four, and can carry a tag "Letter" inset within the first paragraph. "Guest columns" also appear after page 4, but with the byline italicized, and represent longer column-style submissions that do not meet the opinion editor's idea of a "letter."

Got that?

(The opinion department announced the guest column byline italicization policy on Oct. 3, 2003, in a "From The Editor [sic]" note. I think this method of designating guest submissions is poor. It's not explained anywhere, and few readers will remember the note from October. The opinion department should either resume placing a "guest column" inset tag next to guest columns, or should explain the meaning of the italics clearly, perhaps in the opinion policy box at the bottom of page four.)

**Columns and letters should be edited differently:** the opinion policy box mentions "The Tech reserves the right to edit or condense letters," but the expectation is that changes will be minor: letters will only be shortened for space; minor grammar, spelling, style, punctuation corrections made; and perhaps potentially libelous claims removed.

In a column, however, an editor has more latitude. The editor should help the writer shape the argument, make wording changes, reorder sections, and perhaps add text.

In both cases, however, the relationship between the writer and editor must be well-understood by both parties. The writer should understand and approve of all changes the editor is making, and should have the opportunity to decline publication if he or she does not feel they are appropriate.

For the case of letters, the above minor corrections don't require checking with the author, but anything more significant certainly does. Without question, adding text to a letter requires clear permission from the author.

In a column, however, the line depends on the relationship between the columnist and the editor. They should have agreed in advance on what kinds of editing are ok. In no event should anyone be surprised to see what is published under his or her own byline in a newspaper!

### Hear are the problems as I see them:

1. The opinion section needs to do a better job distinguishing between "letters" and "columns," because they require different treatment. It doesn't help that both are e-mailed to [letters@the-tech](mailto:letters@the-tech), so sometimes even the editors cannot tell the difference and have to guess (in this case, however, there should have been no question).

2. Marc Haddad's submission should not have been printed as a "column" without his

explicit consent.

3. The additions to Haddad's column should not have been made without his explicit consent.

4. Any changes made by editors should at least be well proofread for spelling and gram-

and throw it in as if it were the author's actual source.

6. In his complaint, Haddad observes that the specific references to militant groups are "a political statement," and could not "be construed as editorial clarifications or corrections."

He is quite right: to single out those two groups by name dramatically changes the tenor of the argument, and potentially puts Haddad at personal risk if members of those groups take exception.

7. Haddad also observes that the URL added "for more details" is from a Web site he "does not consider a reliable, respectable or impartial source." You cannot trust everything you read on the Web. Editors should not rely upon Google to find them evidence.

8. Most importantly, the newspaper owes Haddad much more than a simple acknowledgment that a nameless editor inserted some references. It needs to publicly apologize to Haddad for injuring his public image. The Tech needs to explain why injury was done and what steps are being taken to ensure it will not happen again. The Tech needs to give a full accounting of the changes made to the piece, not simply the two worst offenses.

board chose to postpone his election until March so they could discuss the issue with him.

I am concerned about the potential conflicts of interest, both when I evaluate each person individually, as well as when I evaluate them together. I may have more thoughts to offer on this subject in the future, but I wanted to get the word out, since the editors of the paper have not seen fit to provide this information otherwise.

### YOU PRINT IT, YOU FIX IT...OR NOT?

I'm upset with The Tech's news department over the handling of errata. Perhaps you recall the lead article from the first issue of term, "UA Completes Under Half of Fall Projects" [Feb. 3]? In my research for my Feb. 13 column that mentioned that article, I concluded that at least three of the goals in the table from that article were misclassified. One of those was acknowledged in an erratum published Feb. 13 ("coffeehouse re-introduction"), however two others ("Nominations committee" and "Public Relations committee") have not been acknowledged. I've asked the News department repeatedly to address these, both in e-mail and in person, as early as Feb. 12 and as recently as March 29.

Finally, News and Features Director Beckett W. Sterner told me, "I'm not interested in putting in the effort to resolve the issue of the two or three goals that had unclear status at the end of the article. I believe it would take too large of an effort compared to the relatively minor nature of the affair."

Wow. That attitude is really shocking to me. It's not as if the news department is being asked to go and fact-check everything published in that story. They were given pretty clear information, both from me and from the "UA Q&A" column published on Feb. 10. Worse, that column was accompanied by an italicized editor's note: "The Tech is currently discussing with the UA the nature of the discrepancies and will publish errata should the article prove to include inaccuracies."

It's grievous enough to decline to affirm the fact of errors for which there seem to be no doubt, but it is truly egregious to promise (in print!) to publish errata, and then to fail to do so! I don't understand what Sterner can be thinking.

In a subsequent e-mail message, Sterner clarifies that this "should not be construed as a blanket statement that I do not follow up on errors in the articles. I think that's clear in general, evidenced by the errata we have run, and most recently by my response to the Putnam article," referring to the March 30 errata regarding "MIT Takes First Place at Putnam Math Test" [March 19]. I'm at a loss to reconcile these positions.

The Tech's Ombudsman welcomes your feedback, to [ombudsman@the-tech.mit.edu](mailto:ombudsman@the-tech.mit.edu). His opinions are his own.

The screenshot shows the top of the Opinion page. At the top right, it says "October 3, 2003". Below that is the "OPINION" header. On the left, there is a list of staff members including the Chairman, Editor in Chief, Business Manager, and Managing Editor. In the center, there is a cartoon titled "FREE GAS" showing a car at a gas station with a person holding a sign that says "VOTE FOR THE POLITICAL ABSURDITY." Below the cartoon is a section titled "From The Editor" with a small text block. To the right of this is an "Errata" section with a list of corrections. At the bottom left, there is a "To Reach Us" section with contact information.

### "From The Editor" from Oct 3, 2003.

mar errors (e.g.: "stipulated a that Syria"?).

5. The idea that an opinion column must state its sources and attribute its facts explicitly is flawed. Rao seemed to feel that by adding some facts that buttressed claims made, then the piece was necessarily made better. That's not always true.

Certainly it is responsible journalism for columnists to attribute their facts and explain the origin thereof, but they are not required to do so in all cases. An opinion column should be a persuasive argument, but need not be littered with footnotes following every sentence.

I don't think a statement like "Syria still supports militant groups in the region" needs to include a quote from a US government official. Yes, it can make the statement stronger. But it can also change the very substance of the argument being made.

It is folly for an editor to presume he knows which fact to add to support a prior assertion in a column; it is then even worse to find a URL

### Errata

Because of an editing error, the Tuesday edition of the section Professor Francis... (The section was intended to be published on Thursday, Sept. 25, and Friday, Sept. 26...)

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# Edits made to Haddad's submission

Changes made to the Marc Haddad G's letter published on March 9 as "Twisted Logic from the Syrian Ambassador." "Strikethru" indicates removed text, "redline" indicates added text. By my count, there are 8 punctuation/spelling/style corrections, 6 significant additions/changes to text, 2 grammar changes, 1 condensation for brevity, 1 factual correction, and 1 title clarification, for a total of 19 changes. — JOHN A. HAWKINSON

The new Syrian Ambassador to the U.S., **United States**, Dr. Imad Moustapha, spoke on March ~~2nd~~ **2** at MIT about Middle East peace, a topic of controversy and contradictions by most any account.

What was unusual about this talk is that the speaker himself seemed full of contradictions, perhaps more so than the issues he discussed. ~~Dr. Moustapha set the tone early on when he started~~ by expressing his admiration for the MIT community, then promptly proceeded to insult our intelligence with twisted logic, albeit in a very polite way. Yet since he appeared to be genuinely interested in dialogue, I would like to give him here the positive feedback he solicited.

To start with, the ambassador's claim that Syria is for a peaceful resolution of all conflicts in the Middle East is very questionable, since Syria still supports militant groups in the region, some of which are under its direct tutelage and/or protection. **Just this past October, U.S. State Department Coordinator for Counterterrorism called Syria "a sponsor of numerous terrorist organizations," citing groups like HAMAS and Hizbollah.** And even if one is to believe, in good faith, the ambassador's claims that the Syrian regime is now against the use of force, then why is it that force and oppression are still being used inside Syria to restrict freedoms and deprive the Syrian people of their basic human ~~rights?~~ **rights in a situation documented by respected organizations like Human Rights Watch?** By the same token, if the Syrian regime is against the use of military force in Iraq and Israel because force doesn't resolve conflicts as the ambassador stated, then why is it that Syria maintains an occupation force of **roughly 20,000** troops in neighboring Lebanon? Why not 20,000 Red Cross workers instead?

The ambassador proceeded to say that his country's 30-year long occupation of Lebanon can not be called an occupation, because not a single bullet has been fired against the Syrian army since the end of the Lebanese civil war 12 years ago. Apparently, the ambassador is not impressed by the hundreds of peaceful stu-

dent demonstrations against Syrian occupation inside and outside Lebanon; maybe we should conclude that ~~Dr.~~ Moustapha only understands the language of force **in** which he claims he doesn't **believe in?**

I'd like to remind the ambassador that the reason the Lebanese have stopped firing at the Syrian army is because they have already turned in their weapons at the end of the civil war as provided for by the Syrian-sponsored ~~Taef accord~~ **Taif Accord of 1990, 1989**, which also stipulated ~~for a~~ **that Syria relocate its troops by 1992 from Beirut and other major cities to the Beqaa Valley and establish a timetable for its complete Syrian withdrawal by 1992.** ~~Now~~ (see [http://www.meib.org/articles/0307\\_11.htm](http://www.meib.org/articles/0307_11.htm) for more details). **Now**, 12 years later, this **complete** withdrawal has still not occurred.

But perhaps the most blatant piece of twisted logic came in the ambassador's claim that he was not part of the Syrian establishment, as the obvious easy way out of having to answer for all that establishment's offenses. This attempt at self-exoneration removed any remaining shred of personal credibility that I was still hoping for, and I'm sure it failed to pass the ~~Litmus~~ **litmus** test by anyone looking for signs of real change from the Syrian regime.

What the ambassador needs to learn here and convey to his government back home is that no one is duped ~~anymore~~ by their attempts at putting a friendly face **to one** a repressive regime. As Charles Dickens once wrote: "Charity begins at home, and justice begins next ~~door,~~ **door,**" and we are still waiting to see real reform in Syria and a withdrawal of Syrian troops from neighboring Lebanon. The failed experience of Iraq's **Information Minister Mohammed Al-Sahaf** should be the best indication to Dr. Moustapha that spin doctors ~~can not~~ **cannot** hide and twist the truth for very long, and that while America may still ~~buy all~~ **get most** of its oil from the Middle East, people can nonetheless easily tell when it's of the snake-oil variety.

Marc Haddad ~~PhD~~ **is a doctoral** candidate in Technology Management and Policy.

## Hay Fever

by Qian Wang + Jennifer Peng



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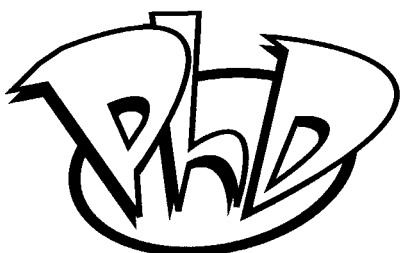
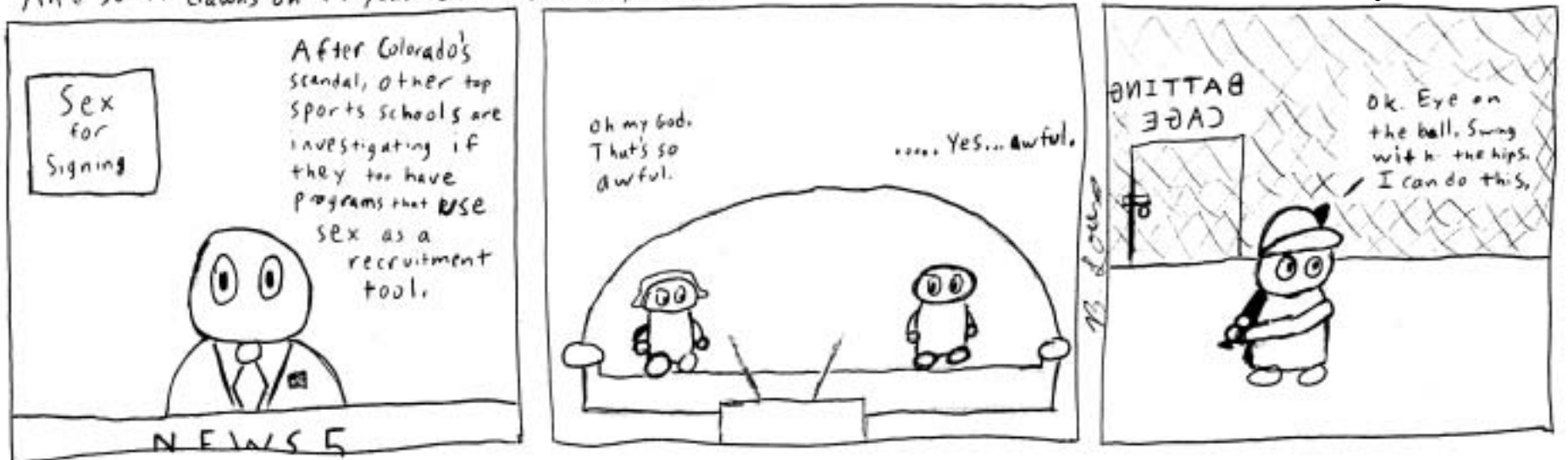
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## Crossword Puzzle

Solution, page 12

### ACROSS

- 1 Oscillates a tail
- 5 Those opposed
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- 14 Actress Raines
- 15 Assumed a reclining position
- 16 Going on
- 17 Dash
- 18 Cogito \_\_ sum
- 19 Empirical philosopher
- 20 Footwear on horseback?
- 23 Plunk starter?
- 24 College paper
- 25 Outline
- 27 Road shoulder
- 30 Blot
- 33 Cavalryman's weapon
- 37 Right on maps
- 39 Uncommon
- 40 Actress Verdugo

- 41 Rx approvers
- 42 Field measures
- 43 "On Golden \_\_"
- 44 Russian ruler
- 45 Gets under control
- 46 Safe
- 48 Complex silicate
- 50 Bank robbery
- 52 Seer
- 57 Block up
- 59 Bird perched at the bar?
- 62 Wipe out
- 64 Shawl or cloak
- 65 Glorify
- 66 Broadcaster
- 67 Actress Campbell
- 68 Cicero's being
- 69 Gardening tools
- 70 Skyrocket
- 71 \_\_ off (annoyed)

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- 1 Smallest Scotsman
- 2 God of Islam
- 3 Forest space
- 4 Smooths wood
- 5 John of Monty Python
- 6 Rowers
- 7 Close by, old-style
- 8 Honker
- 9 Fragrant substance
- 10 ET's vehicle
- 11 Support piece on a swaying seat?
- 12 Hit with a finger
- 13 End of the road?
- 21 Zodiac sign
- 22 Formerly, formerly
- 26 About
- 28 Umps' cohorts
- 29 Lady's address
- 31 Native people of Canada

- 32 Shell rival
- 33 Numidian serpent
- 34 Shaving-cream additive
- 35 Initials carved on a seat?
- 36 Transfuse
- 38 Indian wear
- 42 Video-game company
- 44 Try out
- 47 Stair parts
- 49 Slangy officer
- 51 Burgs
- 53 Lace tip
- 54 Type of fire?
- 55 Parasitic pest
- 56 Brought to a close
- 57 Letter starter
- 58 Opera highlight
- 60 Nabisco cookie
- 61 Molten rock
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### Positions Available Graduate Housing Opportunity

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**Description:** A Resident Advisor is expected to serve as a mentor, guide, and resource for students and to serve as a liaison between the chapter and the Dean's Office. The RA is expected to know and educate FSILG students about MIT policies, applicable Chapter and/or Fraternity/Sorority headquarters policies, and common sense safety practices. Training is provided.

**Remuneration:** All Resident Assistants receive free room and board. In addition, some organizations may include a small stipend. Each Resident Advisor is furnished with a single room in the chapter facility.

**Qualifications:** A BA or BS and/or graduate enrollment at an accredited institution are required.



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# Events Calendar

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Tuesday, April 6

**10:00 a.m. – Undergraduate Admissions Office Information Session (Followed by Campus Tour).** Following the Admissions Information Session is a Student Led Campus Tour which begins in Lobby 7. Groups over 15 people need to make special reservations. Free. Room: Admissions Reception Center (10-100). Sponsor: Admissions.

**10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. – WHOI Donut and Coffee Hour.** Come join your classmates for some post-bus, pre-classes refreshments! Free. Room: WHOI Student Center. Sponsor: WHOI Student Organization.

**10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. – QNN Group Seminar.** Ion trapology for scalable quantum information processing. Free. Room: 37-252. Sponsor: Nanostructures Laboratory.

**10:45 a.m. – Campus Tour.** Student led campus tours are approximately 90 minutes long and provide a general overview of the main campus. Please note that campus tours do not visit laboratories, living groups or buildings under construction. Groups over 15 people need to make special reservations. The Campus Tour begins in Lobby 7. Free. Room: Lobby 7. Sponsor: Information Center.

**11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. – Opportunities in the Medical Technology Industry: Turning Innovation into Enterprise.** Michael A. Mussallem Edwards Lifesciences Corporation Opportunities in the Medical Technology Industry: Turning Innovation into Enterprise. Free. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: Mechanical Engineering Dept.

**12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Excel User Group.** Free. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information Services and Technology.

**12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Modern Optics and Spectroscopy.** Frequency Domain Observations of Electron Orbital — rovibrational coupling. Free. Room: 34-401. Sponsor: Spectroscopy Laboratory. Dept. of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and School of Science.

**12:05 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. – Mass.** Free. Room: MIT Chapel. Sponsor: Tech Catholic Community.

**2:00 p.m. – Undergraduate Admissions Office Information Session (Followed by Campus Tour).** Groups over 15 people need to make special reservations. Free. Room: Admissions Reception Center (10-100). Sponsor: Admissions.

**2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. – Human Error, Organizational Factors, and Safety Culture in the Nuclear Power Industry.** Free. Room: 35-225. Sponsor: GSC Funding Board, Human Factors and Ergonomics Society, MIT Student Chapter.

**2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. – Fast and Tunable Integrated AC Electrokinetic Pumping in a Microfluidic Loop.** Free. Room: 2-338. Sponsor: Physical Mathematics Seminar.

**2:45 p.m. – Campus Tour.** TFree. Room: Lobby 7. Sponsor: Information Center.

**3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. – MITea Time — Culture Exchange — English Chinese Class.** Our free English class is good for new comers to get start their English conversations in a very friendly environment. It is also good for people who have interest on learning the American culture, American life styles, etc. Lots of interesting topics and discussions will be a good start for your English learning. Feel free to come and have wonderful discussions with our Native English speakers. Refreshments will be served. Free. Room: 36-156. Sponsor: Chinese Student and Scholar Association, Graduate Student Council. MIT CSSA & GSC.

**3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. – MTL VLSI Seminar Series.** High Frequency Broadband Communications. Free. Room: 50 Vassar St., 34-101. Sponsor: MTL VLSI Seminar.

**3:30 p.m. – Varsity Baseball vs. Bates.** Free. Room: Briggs Field.

**3:30 p.m. – Varsity Softball vs. Babson College (Doubleheader).** Free. Room: Briggs Field.

**4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. – MIT Physical Chemistry Seminar Series, Professor Minhaeng Cho, Korea University.** Coherent multidimensional spectroscopy and polypeptides. Professor Minhaeng Cho, Korea University. MIT Physical Chemistry Seminar Series "Progress in the Study of the X-Ray Background" by Prof. Riccardo Giacconi, 2002 Nobel Prize in Physics. Prof. Giacconi will describe some the research efforts which have recently elucidated the nature of the X-Ray background 40 years after its discovery. The resolution of the background in discrete sources at the limit of both X-ray and optical surveys reveals a rich field of research to be pursued. Free. Room: 37-252 (Marlar Lounge). Sponsor: AeroAstro, Massachusetts Space Grant Consortium.

**3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. – spouses&partners@mit weekly meeting: MIT Museum.** We will visit "Hub of the Air Universe: A Century of Flight in Massachusetts." The MIT Museum marks the centennial of the Wright Brothers' first heavier-than-air powered flight by spotlighting the work and achievements at MIT and throughout the state's aviation industry. Meet in front of La Verde's in the Student Center at 3 p.m. We will walk to the museum together. Free. Room: MIT Museum. Sponsor: spouses&partners@mit.

**4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. – PSFC Seminar.** What the Quiet Times Tell us about the Storms. Free. Room: NW17-218. Sponsor: Plasma Science and Fusion Center.

**4:00 p.m. – Varsity Men's Tennis vs. Wheaton College.** Free. Room: du Pont Tennis Courts/JB Carr Tennis Bubble.

**4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. – Government Transparency: Are the US and Japan Heading in Opposite Directions?** Free. Room: E38 6th Floor Conference Room. Sponsor: MIT Japan Program, Center for International Studies.

**4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. – Applying the Temperley-Lieb Algebra to the 4-Colour Theorem.** Reception at 3:30 p.m. in Room 2-349. Free. Room: 2-338. Sponsor: Combinatorics Seminar. Department of Mathematics.

**4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. – Joint Theory Seminar.** Creation of particles, Cosmology and Moduli trapping. Free. Room: Center for Theoretical Physics. Sponsor: Laboratory for Nuclear Science.

**5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Rainbow Lounge Open.** MIT's resource lounge for lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgender, and questioning members of the community offers a place to hang out, various activities, and a lending library during its open hours. Free. Room: Rainbow Lounge (50-306). Sponsor: lbg@mit.

**5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. – Henry W. Kendall Memorial Lecture.** Henry W. Kendall Memorial Lecture: Dr. George Woodwell, The Woods Hole Research Center "Disruption Climatic and Political - Towards a World that Works. Free. Room: 10-250. Sponsor: Earth System Initiative. Departments of Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences and Civil and Environmental Engineering.

**5:10 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. – Worship Service (Holy Communion).** All students, staff and faculty are welcome at our weekly worship service. Free. Room: MIT Chapel. Sponsor: Lutheran-Episcopal Ministry.

**5:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday Agape Meal and Footwashing.** Holy week event: Agape Meal and Footwashing. Free. Room: Building W11. Sponsor: Lutheran-Episcopal Ministry.

**5:30 p.m. – Student Vocal Recital.** Graduate student Ahmed E. Ismail, baritone, Yukiko Ueno, piano. Works by Britten, Mahler, Finzi, and Vaughan Williams. free. Room: Killian Hall. Sponsor: Music and Theater Arts Section.

**5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. – General Council Meeting.** Room: GSC Office, Walker Memorial (Bldg. 50) Room 220. Sponsor: GSC Meetings.

**6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. – Graduate Christian Fellowship Bible Study.** Come join us for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship! We are currently studying the book of Acts. Free. Room: 66-369. Sponsor: Graduate Christian Fellowship, GSC Funding Board.

**6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Getting a Job in Business - Primers for MIT Engineers & Scientists.** How do you get a job as a VC, consultant, banker, sales rep, or marketing manager? What roles can you shoot for as a BA or PhD in science/technology? What do each of these people do? What sort of hours do they work? How much money do they make? What sort of options will each career path generate for your future in business? What are the keys to success in business straight out of school? MIT SEBC Consulting & Law Focus Group cordially invites you to attend this highly interactive event. This event will be beneficial to engineers and scientists who are considering careers in business. Elad Gil (PhD '01) has worked with a variety of venture-backed Silicon Valley. He is currently with McKinsey & Co where he works with technology and life sciences companies. While at MIT, Elad was the Lead Organizer of the 2001 MIT \$50K and the founding President of the MIT SEBC. Free. Room: 66-110. Sponsor: Science and Engineering Business Club.

**6:00 p.m. – Lewis Mumford's City and Films of the New Deal.** HTC Film Series. Free. Room: 3-133. Sponsor: History, Theory and Criticism of Architecture and Art.

**6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Start up Clinic.** Through our Start-up Clinics, attendees discover how to present a plan to potential investors. Two pre-selected companies present their business plans and receive feedback from a panel of experts and the audience over an informal dinner. The key learning points include how plans and presentations are evaluated; what investors and evaluators look for, and how to fine-tune plans and presentations. This clinic is most useful for entrepreneurs and companies who are beginning the fund-raising process. Presenters must have full business plans. Pre-registration is required for this event. See website for pricing. Room: MIT Faculty Club, Sloan Building, 6th Floor. Sponsor: MIT Enterprise Forum of Cambridge, Inc.

**7:00 p.m. – French Politics in crisis?** With protests in the streets, disillusioned voters, the return of the Far-Right, and anti-globalization demonstrations, where are French politics heading? A report from the field. Free. Room: Rm 4-270. Sponsor: GSC Funding Board, Club Francophone.

**7:00 p.m. – Chicks Make Flicks: Wendy Chan.** Screening of dramatic film, "Dance by Design," the story of a young woman who struggles to balance her career as an architect with her artistic ambition to be a dancer. Shot and edited entirely on digital video in the Boston area, the film features original music by local artists. . free. Room: 6-120. Sponsor: Women's Studies Program. WIFV/NE, Women's Independent Living Group.

**7:30 p.m. – Red Sky Morning.** A book from Yale University's Gus Speth, Dean and professor at the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, brings together the latest data to show in detail the depth of the global environmental crisis. He reveals which agencies are effecting real change and sounds a clarion call for renewed focus on environmental policy. Free. Room: 3 Church Street; Harvard Square. Sponsor: Board of Chaplains. The Cambridge Forum.

**8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. – Israeli Folk Dancing (participatory).** Israeli Folk Dancing Early Teaching at 8 p.m., followed by teaching and requests until 11 p.m. Beginners are always welcome. Family dancing usually occurs

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from 7-8 p.m. each week. Great for kids of ALL ages! To confirm family dancing for a given week, and for up-to-date announcements about each week's dance, see our Yahoo Group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mitfdc/messages>. Free for MIT/Wellesley students; suggested donation \$1 from others. Room: Lobby 13. Sponsor: Folk Dance Club.

**8:45 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. – Swing Dancing.** Beginners welcome, no partner necessary. free. Room: Student Center 2nd floor. Sponsor: Lindy Hop Society, GSC Funding Board.

Thursday, April 8

**10:00 a.m. – Undergraduate Admissions Office Information Session (Followed by Campus Tour).** Groups over 15 people need to make special reservations. Free. Room: Admissions Reception Center, (10-100). Sponsor: Admissions.

**10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. – WHOI Donut and Coffee Hour.** Free. Room: WHOI Student Center. Sponsor: WHOI Student Organization.

**10:45 a.m. – Campus Tour.** Free. Room: Lobby 7. Sponsor: Information Center.

**11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. – The Nantucket Peppermill: Designed and Manufactured in the USA.** Tom is the inventor of the Nantucket Peppermill, a peppergrinder that can easily be operated with one hand. Tom invented it and manufactures it in the USA. He will talk about how he invented it, makes it, and operates a profitable small consumer product business in the USA. Free. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: Mechanical Engineering Dept.

**12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. – STS Brown Bag Lunch Seminar Series — Joe Corn.** Cars, Consumers, and Complexity: Thinking Historically about Technology Users. Free. Room: E51-165. Sponsor: STS.

**12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – English Bible Class.** You are welcome to attend this free Bible class led by Barbara Beevers of Baptist Campus Ministry. International spouses are welcome especially, but open to all. Come practice English, ask questions and make friends. Free. Room: W11 Board Room. Sponsor: Baptist Campus Ministry.

**12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Lunch Seminar.** A representative of Maritime Management Consulting will speak. Free. Room: 5-314. Sponsor: 13SEAS, GSC Funding Board.

**12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – TechTime: MIT Personal Calendar Quick Start.** Free. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information Services and Technology.

**1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. – Free Conversational English Class.** International students, scholars and spouses are welcome to attend a free conversational English class. Come exchange culture, learn about American culture and holidays and make lasting friends. Free. Room: W11 Board Room. Sponsor: Baptist Campus Ministry.

**1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. – Special Seminar.** IMOS and its derivatives for Logic and Memory. Free. Room: 34-401A. Sponsor: Microsystems Technology Laboratories, EECS, Working Group on Support Staff Issues.

**2:00 p.m. – An Afternoon with Composer Libby Larsen.** Libby Larsen, 2003 recipient of The Eugene McDermott Award presented by The Council for the Arts at MIT and composer of the "The Nothing That Is" (2004) that will be premiered by the MIT Chamber Chorus on May 8, will speak and answer questions about her musical career, views and compositions, selections from which will be played from CDs held in the Lewis Music Library's comprehensive Larsen collection. Free. Room: Rosalind Denny Lewis Music Library (14E-109). Sponsor: Music and Theater Arts Program, Rosalind Denny Lewis Music Library, Office of the Arts Special Programs.

**2:00 p.m. – Undergraduate Admissions Office Information Session (Followed by Campus Tour).** Groups over 15 people need to make special reservations. Free. Room: Admissions Reception Center. ( Building 10, Rm. 10-100). Sponsor: Admissions.

**2:45 p.m. – Campus Tour.** Free. Room: Lobby 7. Sponsor: Information Center.

**3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. – CSAIL Dertouzos Lecture Series.** Free. Room: 34-101. Sponsor: Laboratory for Computer Science.

**3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. – Nuclear Engineering Dept. Lecture.** Seminar on Sonoluminescence - a possible means to attain thermonuclear fusion. Free. Room: 4-153. Sponsor: American Nuclear Society, Nuclear Engineering.

**4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. – MIT Atmospheric Science Seminars.** Surface fluxes and ocean coupling in the tropical intraseasonal oscillation. free. Room: 54-915. Sponsor: MIT Atmospheric Science Seminars.

**4:10 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. – The Gerald N. Wogan Lecture.** Chemoprevention of Cancer: New approaches and new agents. Professor of Pharmacology, Dartmouth Medical School. Free. Room: 68-181. Sponsor: Biological Engineering Division, Center for Environmental Health Sciences.

**4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. – Physics Colloquium Series: "Measurements of Gravity-like Forces at Sub-mm Distances".** The Physics Community is invited to a pre-lecture reception at 3:45 p.m. in room 4-339. Free. Room: 10-250. Sponsor: Physics Department.

**4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. – The Price of Anarchy under Nonlinear and Asymmetric Costs.** ORC Spring Seminar Series. Seminar reception immediately following in the Philip M. Morse Reading Room, E40-106. Free. Room: E40-298. Sponsor: Operations Research Center.

**4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. – Refugee and Indigenous Rights: A Discussion of Human Rights Issues in Northern Thailand.** Sue Darlington, Associate Professor of Anthropology & Asian Studies, Hampshire College Michael Forhan, Executive Director, Burma Border Projects Josh Rubenstein, Northeast Regional Director, Amnesty International. Free. Room: E38-615. Sponsor: Center for International Studies, Program on Human Rights & Justice.

**5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Communications Forum: Movies in the Digital Age.** Motion Picture Association of America President Jack Valenti presents his views on digital piracy. Free. Room: Bartos Theater, MIT Media Lab. Sponsor: Communications Forum.

**5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. – MIT Men's RUGBY Practice.** Ever wanted to learn a cool contact sport? Rugby is a traditional English game requiring good hands, quick feet, and balls of leather. Bring friends, relatives and anyone interested in learning the fantastic and elegant game of rugby. All ages/ sizes & experience levels welcome. Free. Room: Johnson Outdoor Turf. Sponsor: Rugby Football Club, MIT, Edgerton House Residents' Association.

**5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Weekly Grad Student Bible Study for Absolute Beginners.** Weekly informal Bible study for grad students; refreshments provided; lgbt welcome. Free. Room: W11-007. Sponsor: Lutheran-Episcopal Ministry.

**6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Budget Proposal and Planning Workshop - studnet groups.** The workshop will offer tips, recommendations and advice for student groups who prepare group or specific event budgets. Student government funding board representatives (GSC Funding Board, UA Finboard, LEF & ARCADE) will discuss what they look for in good funding proposal requests and give examples of realistic estimates for expenses. Attendance is strongly recommended, active participants will have an edge at upcoming funding cycles. For questions, contact [budget-workshop@ua-2.mit.edu](mailto:budget-workshop@ua-2.mit.edu). Free. Room: 4-237. Sponsor: UA Finance Board, Student Life Programs, GSC Funding Board, LEF (Large EventsFund), ARCADE (Assisting Recurring Cultural Diversity Events).

**6:03 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Weekly meetings.** Regular meeting of the core group at muddy charles. Free. Room: Muddy Charles. Sponsor: Techlink.

**6:30 p.m. – "Forgetting Passaic."** HTC Forum Series. free. Room: 10-401. Sponsor: History, Theory and Criticism of Architecture and Art.

**7:00 p.m. – Weapons of Mass Distortion? Music & Multi-Media as an Antidote to Propaganda!** Ms. Dunlop will perform music & multi-media works by composer Martin Wesley-Smith. Ros & Martin are Australian activists who have for decades been dedicated to the universal struggle for human rights. If you can't imagine the clarinet as a "blunt instrument" used in murder and political mayhem — if you haven't seen propaganda set to music — if you'd like to meet an activist whose passion for music is inseparable from her compassion for those who fight their oppressors — attend this concert! Free. Room: MIT Student Center, Mezz. Lounge (3rd fl.). Sponsor: MIT Western Hemisphere Project. Noam Chomsky; MIT Associate Provost for the Arts; Amnesty International; Cultural Survival.

**7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. – Meditation and Discussion on the Heart Sutra.** Meditation and discussion of one of the central and perhaps the most popular text in the Buddhist philosophical canon. Free. Room: MIT Chapel. Sponsor: Buddhist Community at MIT.

**7:00 p.m. – Chi Epsilon Initiation Dinner.** Chi Epsilon dinner for current members and new initiates. Free. Room: Kendall Marriott. Sponsor: CEE Administrative Staff.

**7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Graduate Christian Fellowship Bible Study.** Come join us for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship! We are currently studying the book of Ephesians. Free. Room: NW86-560. Sponsor: Graduate Christian Fellowship, GSC Funding Board.

**7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. – Chess Club Meeting.** A prominent player of the club will talk about some ideas in the opening. Then it will be designated time for play! Free. Room: Student Center, PDR 1&2. Sponsor: Chess Club.

**7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. – Holy Thursday Mass.** Mass of the Lord's Supper. Free. Room: MIT Chapel. Sponsor: Tech Catholic Community.

**8:00 p.m. – Power of Darkness.** Leo Tolstoy's play directed by Assistant Professor Jay Scheib. \$8, \$6 students. Room: Kresge Little Theater. Sponsor: Dramashop.


**8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. – MIT Concert Band Rehearsal.** The Concert Band, a student-run performance group, rehearses twice per week. We welcome students of all levels of musical experience. Free. Room: W20-3rd Floor, 20 Chimneys. Sponsor: Association of Student Activities, Concert Band.

**8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. – Underwater Hockey.** The MIT SCUBA Club invites all to participate in Underwater Hockey every Thursday. Underwater Hockey is an exciting co-ed sport played at the bottom of a pool with a short stick and a lead puck. New Players should e-mail [uwf-officers@mit.edu](mailto:uwf-officers@mit.edu). free. Room: z-pool. Sponsor: Scuba Club.

**9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. – Coffee Hour.** Food and drink - an Ashdown tradition. Free. Room: Hulsizer Room (W1). Sponsor: Ashdown House.

**WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION?**

**Music & Multimedia as an Antidote to Propaganda!**




Clarinetist & human-rights activist Ros Dunlop performs the audio-visual works of Martin Wesley-Smith

7 pm, Thursday, April 8, 2004  
Mezzanine Lounge, MIT Student Center (3rd floor)

Sponsored by Noam Chomsky (Institute Professor); Alan Brody (Associate Provost for the Arts); Amnesty International; Cultural Survival; the MIT UA; and the MIT Western Hemisphere Project

For more information: <http://web.mit.edu/hemisphere/events/wmd.shtml>




# Israel



OTZMA is a 10-month program designed to offer Jewish adults ages 20-25 (college graduates preferred) an opportunity to live and volunteer in Israel in a variety of settings.

This year Combined Jewish Philanthropies sponsored six "Otzmanikim." Spots are still open for next year and applications are currently being accepted.

For more information, contact [jamesb@cjp.org](mailto:jamesb@cjp.org)



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# GSC Elections Slated For Tomorrow Night

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April 7 at the monthly GSC general council meeting at 5:30 p.m. in 4-370. Although voting is limited to the GSC's outgoing executive committee and dormitory, department, and at-large representatives, Caulfield said that he would "encourage as many graduate students to come to the meeting" to meet the candidates and give input.

The elections are a cascading process in which candidates that do not win the office for which they are running can choose to run for a position that is later voted on. The chronological order of the elections is president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

Both Singh and Wong said that if they are not elected to the positions for which they are running, they will not run for another position.

If a position remains vacant, nominations will become open at the GSC meeting on Wednesday. Folkert said that if a position is uncontested, the candidate will usually drop out temporarily to let the other people accept nominations to run.

Singh said he plans to do this if the position of president goes uncontested. "A contested election is always better because you can get different points of view," Singh said.

#### Communication common goal

The biggest goal that Singh would like to accomplish if he is elected president of the GSC is to improve the communication between the GSC and the graduate student body.

"I'd like every single student to

look at the GSC and to [view it as] their representative body," Singh said. Specifically, he said he would like to work on "keeping students informed throughout the process as we do things" and not wait until after initiatives are passed to tell students.

Singh said one initiative he would like to take is to collect information from the graduate student body about the "academic side of things" such as advisor / advisee relationships.

Singh said he envisions doing this through a survey such as the 2002 Graduate Student Life Survey, which he created, implemented, and analyzed when he was chair of the GSC Housing and Community Affairs Committee in 2002-2003. The information collected in that survey had a "profound impact on what we were able to accomplish over the next two years" including rent restructuring, stipends, and efforts with other groups within the GSC, said Singh.

Wong said that her biggest priority is to archive meeting minutes from previous years and to "clean up data for future years." She said currently "the archives are discombobulating."

Wong also said that she would like to improve communication between the GSC and the graduate student body through campus publications, such as the GSC's publication, the *Graduate Student News*, and *The Tech*. Wong has been the editor-in-chief for the *Graduate Student News* for the past year.

Villacorta could not be reached for comment.

## Hatching a New Venture?



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# Szuminski Criticizes MIT Athletics in ESPN Column

Szuminski, from Page 1

has kept track of Szuminski's progress since the beginning of spring training. Additionally, Szuminski headlined the Padres' home-page on Sunday as well.

MIT Men's Baseball coach Andrew Barlow said that Szuminski has generated such a response because "you don't have a lot of pro athletes coming out of MIT and other such schools." Barlow also called Szuminski's accomplishment "a testament to his work."

"It's a story of the underdog

coming through," said John J. Kogel G, an assistant coach for the MIT baseball team. "It gives everyone a bit more hope."

Kogel, who served as Szuminski's catcher on the MIT baseball team in 2001, said he was happy to see him make it. "I hope he will get some chances [to pitch] in the next few weeks," he said.

### Szuminski criticizes MIT athletics

During interviews with national media outlets, Szuminski was not often kind to MIT's sports programs. In an interview with Jim

Caple for an ESPN Page 2 column, Szuminski criticized the quality of the athletic facilities and coaching of MIT. "I didn't go to practice much. It was always the ones who went to practice who got worse," he said in the column.

Barlow, who joined the MIT program in the fall of 2003, said he could not comment on the program before his time. "In his defense, I think it was a bit sarcastic," said Barlow. ESPN's Page 2 is a humor column, though it often includes somewhat serious interviews relevant to the column's topic.

However, Szuminski said that his comments to Caple were sincere, and also said that, "The school didn't do anything" to alleviate the situation. "The coach we had was pretty bad and they left him there for five years. It was a pretty frustrating experience," he said.

Barlow, who became the team coach in the fall of 2003, said that "now, expectations are far different than how [Szuminski] described them."

Kogel declined to comment on the validity of Szuminski's comments, but did say "it is definitely not

true now. It's in very good hands."

"We all have things we wish we had more of," Barlow said in regards to MIT's baseball facilities. Barlow also mentioned that the installation of a more durable fence and a new bullpen are signs that things are progressing. However, Barlow did hold some reservations. "Forty sports, that's a lot. Maybe they are spread too thin too often," he said.

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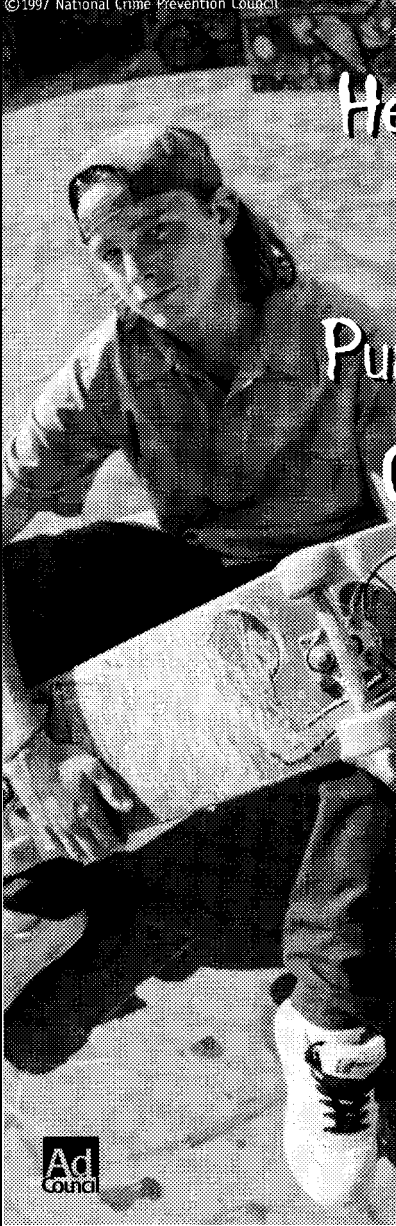
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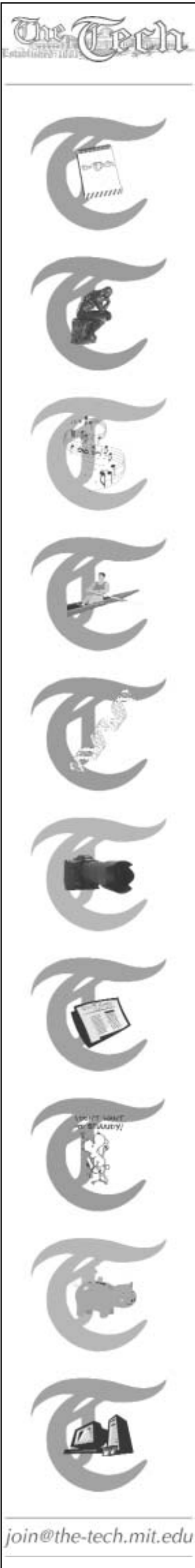


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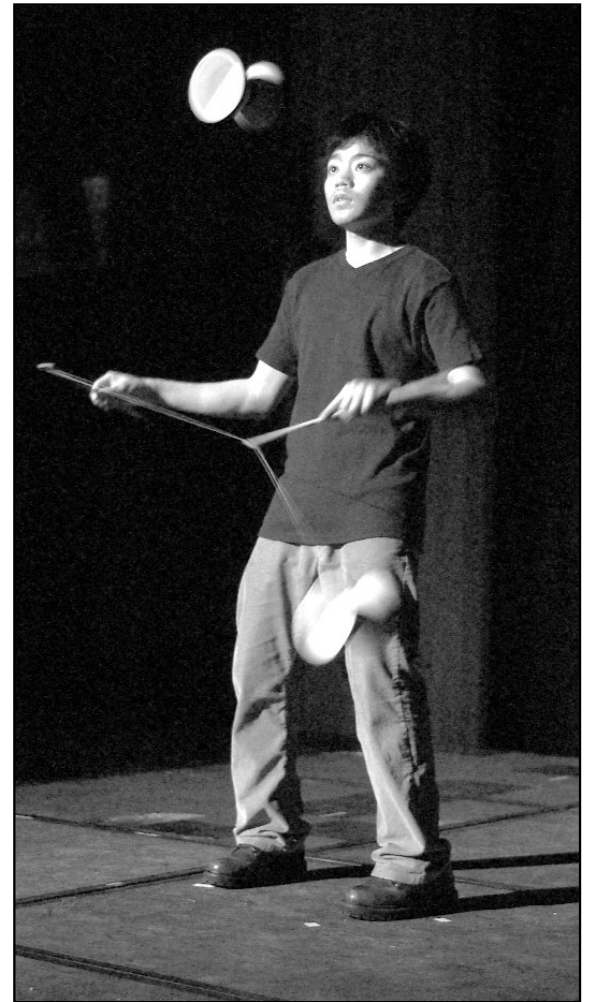
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(Clockwise from Upper Left)

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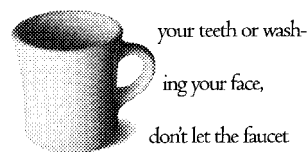
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## ASA Plans To Watch Counterpoint Status

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the rest of the magazine, *Counterpoint's* MIT group now meets the ASA's 50 percent MIT membership requirement.

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The move to provisional recognition replaces the period of temporary, suspended recognition during which *Counterpoint* did not have access to its financial account. This temporary recognition was to last until April 1.

The ASA had previously derecognized *Counterpoint* for failing to meet the ASA's 5/50 clause, which requires groups to have at least five MIT students, who make up at least 50 percent of the group's membership.

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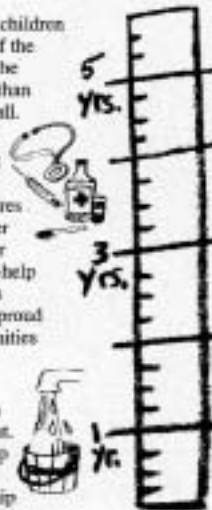
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# Postol Seeks Review Of '98 MIT-led Study

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was supposed to determine whether the missile defense system could identify an enemy nation's warhead flying through outer space, disguised among a series of decoy balloons. The test was initially announced as a success.

An engineer fired from TRW Inc., a defense contractor that participated in building the system to distinguish warheads from warhead-shaped balloons, alleged that TRW had faked the results, and her allegations eventually led the military to commission an "independent review" — the Phase One Engineering Team study, chaired by Tsai.

That review, in which Postol alleges scientific misconduct, finished in 1998 with the conclusion that TRW's methods "are well designed and work properly, with only some refinement or redesign required to increase the robustness of the overall discrimination function."

Postol has been alleging fraud in the study almost ever since, writing repeated letters to the White House, Congress, and MIT officials. He stresses that he does not want an investigation of Tsai and Meins, the named MIT authors. "I have no desire to see anybody punished," he said in 2002. "All they [MIT officials] need to do is write a letter to the Department of Defense and the Department of Justice."

## Investigation requested in 2001

Starting in April 2001, Postol wrote nine letters to senior MIT officials calling for MIT to repudiate the study, which he says ignored the fact that the missile defense system's sensor "produced no usable data" because the sensor failed to cool properly. (The General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, would later conclude that TRW had exaggerated the performance of its system, but the GAO's experts did not agree with Postol's assessment that the cooling problem had rendered the sensor useless.)

In February 2002, Brown responded, denying Postol's request to review what Brown called "a government, not MIT, document" but saying he would commission an inquiry into whether Meins and Tsai had committed scientific misconduct. He appointed Professor Edward F. Crawley '76, then the head of the Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering Department, to conduct the inquiry.

In MIT's two-part procedure for dealing with scientific misconduct, an "investigation" must be preceded by an initial "inquiry" that determines whether or not a full investigation is warranted.

In July 2002, Crawley concluded in a draft report that no investigation was warranted. "Not only do I find no evidence of research misconduct," Crawley wrote, *The New York Times* reported, "but I also find no credible evidence of technical error."

But after a technical discussion with Postol, who took strong issue with the draft recommendations, Crawley then reversed himself and recommended a full investigation on Nov. 4, 2002.

Crawley "said that he could not resolve a number of issues within the scope of the inquiry," the MIT statement said. "After a review of the report, the provost determined that an investigation into those issues was therefore warranted."

Jones, the MIT spokesman, said Brown had accepted Crawley's recommendation by January 2004. MIT will not give status reports on the status of the investigation, or discuss when it will begin or whether it has already begun, Jones said, but when the investigation is over, there will be "some sort of public notice that there is a conclusion," he said.

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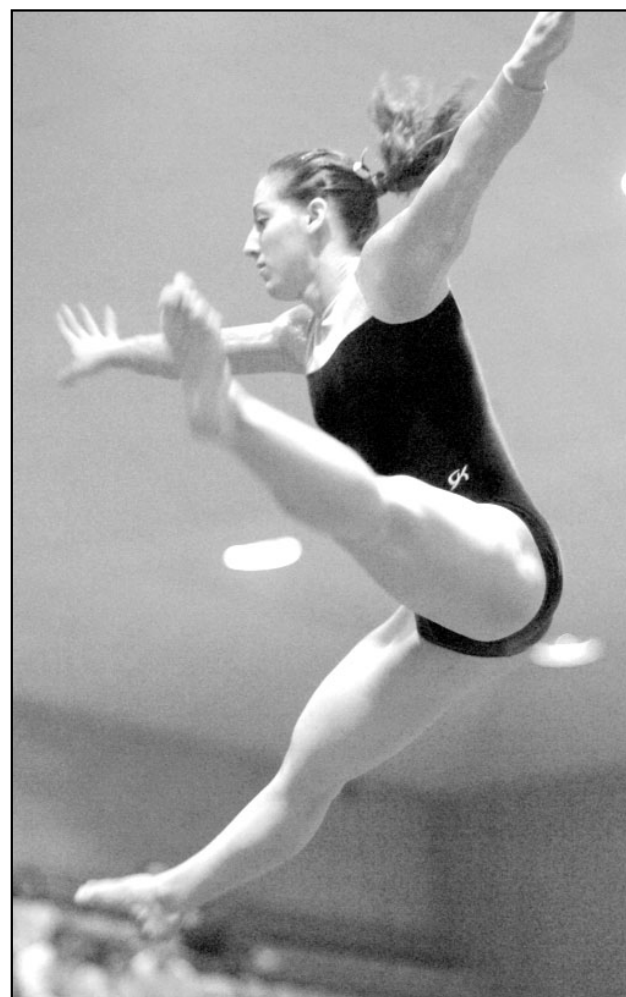


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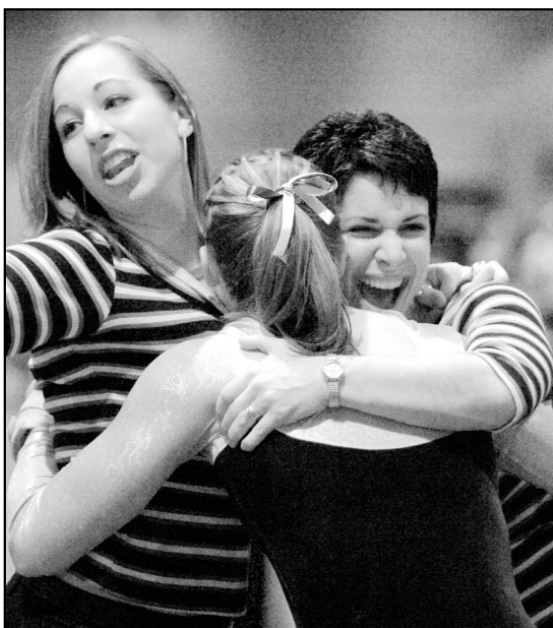
Members from overall team winners University of Wisconsin at La Crosse cheer on a teammate. Led by sophomore Nina Schubert, the team set a new meet standard on the uneven bars, posting a score of 19.375.



Jennifer E. Sauchuk '06 leaps in the air during the balance beam competition. Sauchuk tied with teammate Whitney E. Watson '05 for 26th place with a score of 9.300.

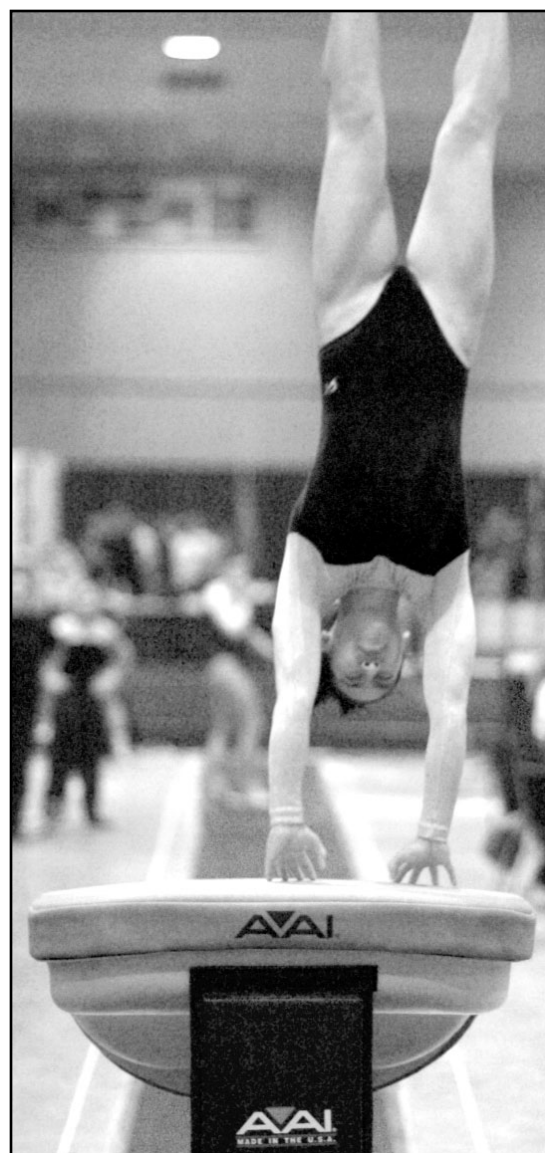


The MIT gymnastics team poses for a team photo during a practice in January at the Dupont Gym. MIT placed sixth out of eight teams during the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association Championships, hosted this past weekend at MIT. The University of Wisconsin at La Crosse won the team competition with a score of 191.25.



MIT assistant coaches Jackie Renoni, left, and Jennifer Miller-McEachern, right, congratulate Chandler E. Hatton '06 after Hatton landed her vault last Friday.

## *National Collegiate Gymnastics Association Championships*



Ashley T. Tran '07 plants straight up in the air as she competes in the vault. Tran was the highest MIT finisher in the vault, placing 20th with a score of 9.45.



Ashley R. Rothenberg '05 applies chalk to her hands before competing in the uneven bars.



STANLEY HU—THE TECH

Midfielder Kelsey M. Presson '05, left, prepares to shoot past two Smith College lacrosse defenders during MIT's 13-4 victory on Saturday.

# Losing the Fan Base

When Opening Day doesn't open in the U.S.

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quite a hefty sum from this endeavor, but money for the league isn't a bad thing.) The game didn't detract from the American viewers, even if they are die-hard fans of the Skins and the 49ers. Being from the Washington D.C. area, I did not feel any resentment from the people or the press about losing a pre-season game to Japan.

However, as a baseball fan, I do feel resentment at losing my Opening Day to them. I did not understand why a country so far away got the chance to watch the beginning of our baseball season. Surely, MLB could have made it an exhibition game, and the fan base for Hideki Mastui would have been just the same. (Let's be honest, nobody at the park was there to see the D-Rays, or the other Yankee players. Just remember that roar after Mastui hit the two-run homerun.) Not only does doing this detract from the traditions of baseball, but it makes it difficult to even watch the game; who gets up at five in the morning here anyway?

Another globalization issue that bugged me was how the Montreal Expos played half of their home games in San Juan last year. Talk

about a total disadvantage. Not only did they have to play 81 road games, but they had to add another handful of "home" games onto that dreadful traveling schedule. How could that team have succeeded? They were way too tired, they were not accustomed to their "home" park and it appeared to just be a hassle.

Why doesn't MLB simply move these globalization excursions to the pre-season? I'm sure that the Expos wouldn't mind playing some games in San Juan over the course of spring; I'm sure that the Yankees and the Devil Rays would not have minded counting those two games in Japan as training. That way, we can not only bring American baseball to those that might not otherwise have an opportunity to see it, but we can also appease the American fans.

I love Opening Day and I just want to make sure that it stays the way it has been. After all, we don't open our football, basketball, and hockey seasons outside the American time zones, do we? To move Opening Day would be just as bad as moving the Super Bowl. But at least for now, I'll pretend like those two games never happened and that this week is the official start of baseball.

# Grudge Matches Fill NHL Playoffs

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still upset about their victory over the Leafs last year, and had really hoped they'd face Ottawa in the first round so that whichever team won would be severely depleted due to injury. Oh well.

Goaltending is key. Jersey in six.

## Maple Leafs (4) vs. Senators (5)

This grudge match comes back for another round. Before last year, the Leafs eliminated the Senators in three consecutive playoffs, and this year they are better armed than ever to make a deep run. Longtime Rangers defenseman Brian Leetch

has stabilized the Toronto line along with the quiet signing of Calle Johansson. Joe Niewendyk has done more than play a sensible game; he's also done wonders with Toronto's younger players. In the net, Ed Belfour is one of the few experienced playoff goaltenders in the league today. However, few teams are as susceptible to injury as the Leafs, and if Belfour goes, look for them to tap young Mikael Tellqvist for the job.

Goaltending should be the least fear for the Senators, who have one of the best backups in the league in Martin Prusek. Top goalie Patrick Lalime may be out with a sprained

knee, but if he returns, look for him to be there for them in the clutch (plus, with the adornment of Marvin the Martian on his mask, he's got to be the coolest goalie in the league). Ottawa has rearmed as well, picking up solid defenseman Greg de Vries in addition to an already great defensive duo of Zdeno Chara and Wade Redden. Picking up sniper Peter Bondra from the Capitals wont hurt either.

This one's going to go all the way to the wire. I'm looking forward to a tight-checking, responsible performance from both teams and some great attitudes in the crowds. Leafs in seven.

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## SPORTS

## Men's Lacrosse Starts League Play With Blowout Win

By Brian Chase  
SPORTS EDITOR

MIT Men's Lacrosse placed itself at the top of the Pilgrim Lacrosse League on Saturday when it blew out Lasell College 16-7. As the season begins, MIT finds itself 2-1 overall and 1-0 in its conference.

MIT opened conference play this Saturday against Lasell, who had won their previous conference game against Maine Maritime Academy. MIT took advantage of its clear offensive advantage over Lasell to grab the lead and never let it go. The first goal was scored in the first quarter by Isaac B. Taylor '05, and MIT followed that goal up with four more before Lasell finally answered towards the end of the quarter with a goal of its own.

The second quarter saw more of the same MIT dominance, as they scored three more goals in the first five minutes of the second quarter before Lasell scored its second goal with nine minutes left in the half, making the score 7-2. All these second quarter MIT goals were scored without any kind of power play, over and through all of Lasell's defenders.

MIT was up 10-3 in the third before Lasell was able to score

consecutive goals, which came quickly with 12:12 and 11:52 left in the quarter. But MIT shot Lasell down again, scoring three goals in the next nine and a half minutes while leaving Lasell scoreless. The rest of the game proceeded the same way as the beginning, with MIT scoring three goals to each Lasell goal scored.

Lasell did not help itself down the stretch when it was trying to get back in the game. During a span of several minutes in the third, three consecutive attempts from the Lasell goalie to clear the ball went out of bounds, and MIT got possession again right by Lasell's goal. Is it any wonder, then, that MIT eventually scored? MIT did take nearly twice as many shots on goal as Lasell (46 to 25), to achieve victory, and part of that is due to Lasell's inability to clear the ball and keep possession of it.

MIT's team emphasis on scoring also helped them to win. Only one of MIT's starting midfielders or attackers failed to score, and all of them had shots on goal or assists. The leading scorer was Jonathan P. Stolmeier '07, with four points. When asked why his team had such success on the offensive side of the field, Coach Walter A. Alessi stated that "we had a really good Spring Break



Midfielder Isaac B. Taylor '05, left, fires off a shot as he gets hit by a Lasell College defender during MIT's 16-7 victory on Saturday.

[team trip] ... we emphasized stickwork, and that obviously helped us score a few goals today."

When asked what he thought the

teams chances were in the conference this season, Alessi opined that with the possible exception of Springfield, "the class of the

league," he thought MIT was the equal to any team in the conference. Hopefully this year's team lives up to his assessment.

## Modifying Baseball's Start Ruins Tradition

By Yong-yi Zhu  
SPORTS COLUMNIST

Don't you love the joys of Opening Day in baseball? It's been a long winter, with icy roads, brutal snow and ridiculously cold temperatures. It's great that spring is finally rolling around again. It's finally time for us to get our ball caps on and go back out to the ballparks to enjoy some games. Opening Day means baseball is back.

But this year has seen a change from the normal routines of Opening Day. True, for several years now ESPN has been opening up the baseball season with a game the Sunday night before everyone else starts. To me, it carried some merit for those fans who are unable to obtain tickets to the game the next day, or who are unable to skip work to watch a baseball game. At least for them, there was some way of officially starting the season.

However, this year, Major League Baseball has decided to take Opening Day to a whole new level. While spring training goes on, the first two games of the season went over to Japan to have the New York Yankees and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays play each other overseas as a special effort in globalization. The two teams then return home and conclude the rest of their spring training schedule before facing each other in the final game of that series yesterday.

Okay, so what were they thinking? Don't get me wrong. I love globalization. I love it when countries compete with one another in sports. The World Cup of soccer is one of the only soccer events I watch because it includes so many nations, each with their best players. I am a big fan of the Olympics as well because of the competition among countries. I think it's also great that football, the American variety, is finally being broadcast across the world. Imagine being out of the country during the playoff season and not being able to see a single game. That was what I had to struggle with over IAP.

I thought that when the Washington Redskins and the San Francisco 49ers opened their pre-season schedules last year with a game in Japan was brilliant. The important fact was this occurred during pre-season. Fans here don't watch pre-season games on TV that religiously anyway. Being able to bring two professional teams to a country foreign to football and generate a fan base for the sport is a great idea. (True, the NFL probably brought in

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## Eastern Conference of NHL Playoffs Expected to Produce Close Finishes

By Andrew C. Thomas  
OPINION COLUMNIST

These National Hockey League playoff picks are dedicated to the MIT Men's Hockey team, who had an excellent season finished with a heartbreaking overtime loss to Bryant College in the New England Collegiate Hockey Association playoff finals. Thanks for a great season, guys.

Five of these playoff matchups weren't determined until the last

day of the regular season since the playoff races were very close this year, notably in the Eastern Conference. Its going to make for a very exciting playoff run. Today I'll pick the Eastern Conference; Friday I'll go over the West.

### Lightning (1) vs. Islanders (8)

This one should seem like no contest for the conference champion Lightning, who are not only one of the healthiest teams entering the playoffs but are one of the few to have playoff-experienced goaltending in Nikolai Khabibulin, who had his first series victory last year. The Lightning have a surprise Hart Trophy (MVP) candidate in the small but springy Martin St. Louis and at least two good scoring lines, plus a bolstered defense. Their greatest fear might be injury, as this team has lost very few games due to missing players. They might not be able to adapt to the loss of a key contributor like St. Louis during the grit of the playoffs.

The Islanders are making a playoff appearance for the third straight year, but they've also exited in the first round the last two times. Their starting goaltender, young Rick DiPietro, is unproven, but he could be the wildcard in the series. They can also field four good lines, though they tend to be weak down the left side.

However, this one will have to go towards home ice advantage, since the Islanders are particularly brutal on the road. Watch for Tampa Bay to get to a quick lead in the series and leave the Islanders in the dust. Tampa in five.

### Bruins (2) vs. Canadiens (7)

A classic matchup, the season series between these two clubs proved to be tantalizingly close. Boston has redefined itself beyond the one-line club they've presented in past seasons. The top line of Joe Thornton, Mike Knuble and Glen Murray is devastating as ever, while the Bs have given themselves additional depth in the acquisitions of Michael Nylander and Travis Green, and the emergence of rookie forward Patrice Bergeron and defenseman Nick Boynton. Young

goaltender Andrew Raycroft has shown ability and a steady hand and is a considerable improvement over last year's unproven goalie. The difference maker has to be the addition of stud defenseman Sergei Gonchar, plucked from the struggling Capitals at the trade deadline, who has boosted the Bs abysmal power play.

The Canadiens, however, have flown under the radar all season. Troubled goaltender Jose Theodore was reborn with his victory in the first outdoor NHL game in November, and new general manager Bob Gainey picked up struggling sniper Alexei Kovalev from the New York Rangers. Their success will ultimately depend upon number one defenseman Sheldon Souray staying healthy, as well as rookies Mike Ribeiro and Michael Ryder keeping up their pace.

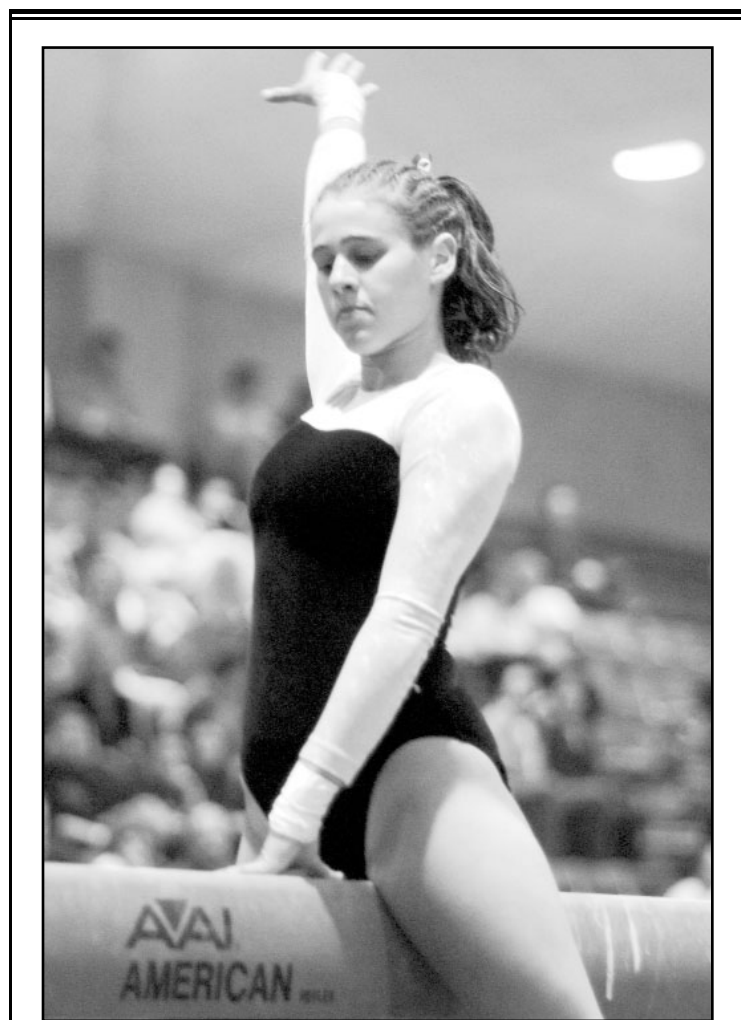
In their first round series two years ago, Montreal proved that they could easily be spoilers. I put my first upset pick here, because the Bruins can't seem to get it done at home. Watch for Montreal to take the first game and the series in six.

### Flyers (3) vs. Devils (6)

The key is goaltending. Pure and simple. Sean Burke and Robert Esche of the Devils are capable, yes, but when defense bogs the scoring down the outcome is going to come down to the red jersey in the blue paint. Martin Brodeur is the undisputed king of the net in this era; it's no coincidence he's led the Devils to three Stanley Cups while only 31 years old. Never a high scoring team, the Devils will rely upon the defensive sensibilities of captain Scott Niedermayer, the quick return to form of Brian Rafalski, and "the best defense is offense" thinking of top line Scott Gomez, Patrik Elias and Boston College product Brian Gionta.

The Flyers are facing a considerable injury crisis with the return of Jeremy Roenick and Keith Primeau from concussions and defenseman Eric Desjardins from a broken arm. Still, I hate the Flyers and fear their excellent coach Ken Hitchcock. I'm

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Co-captain Whitney E. Watson '05 competes in the balance beam during last Friday's team competition. Watson tied with teammate Jennifer E. Sauchuk '06 for 26th place with a score of 9.300. See spread, page 22.

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