MIT Sets New Policy For Maternity Leave

By Kathy Dobson

A new institute-wide childbirth accommodation policy for female graduate students has been developed and will formally become effective in July, Dean of Graduate Students Isaac M. Colbert said.

In an announcement sent out last week, Provost Robert A. Brown and Chancellor Philip L. Clay cited the need for changes in the current institute-wide policy for childbirth, which encourages women students to petition for a medical leave of absence.

A medical leave would retroactively cancel the term, end stipend payment and access to on-campus housing, and may threaten access to MIT health care services. This “penalizes the student and cuts off access to critical resources just when she needs it most,” wrote Brown and Clay.

The new policy allows graduate women students the option of taking “up to eight weeks of Childbirth Accommodation,” beginning on a date specified on a petition filled out before childbirth or on the actual date of childbirth. The petition must be approved by the Graduate Students Office and is not granted by the Institute, said Colbert.

If the student is supported by a teaching assistant or research assistant appointment, she will receive a stipend paid from the childbirth accommodation insurance pool during her accommodation period. Half of the money in the insurance pool is set aside by the Office of the President, while the rest is donated by the schools in proportion to the size of their graduate populations, said Michael R. Folker-G, vice president of the Graduate Student Council.

The new policy states that, with approval of the childbirth accommodation petition, students retain access to on-campus medical facilities, and can retain on-campus residence “as appropriate for the specific accommodation period.”

Although the new policy allows students to “normalize, stop the academic and research clocks with regards to assignments due, reports anticipated, or other class and research related requirements,” students maintain their full-time status, and the visa status of international students is not affected by the childbirth accommodation period.

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Professor of Mathematics David S. Jerison poses next to his schematic of a partial differential equation. (Image 343x676 to 762x930)

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The body recovered from the Charles River last Saturday was confirmed to be Daniel S. Mun ’05 by the Suffolk District Attorney this past Tuesday.

In a press release, the DA stated that “evidence uncovered by state police detectives assigned to the district attorney’s office suggests that the manner of death was suicide.” The autopsy established the cause of death as drowning and reported that there was no external trauma on Mun’s body.

If the investigation confirms the death as a suicide, it will be the first suicide by an undergraduate at MIT in three years. The last one was that of Julia M. Carpenter ’03 in 2001.

Not including Mun, 48 undergraduate and graduate students at MIT have committed suicide in the past 39 years.
The Venezuelan ambassador to the United Nations announced his resignation Monday, saying he no longer supports a govern- ment he accused of using violent, arbitrary and human rights.

Milo Alcalay’s announcement in New York energized foes of President Hugo Chavez, who has spent much of his term in office fighting a rebellion wage “violent jihad” against Indian forces in Kashmir and possibly U.S. troops in Vietnam.

Federal prosecutors had portrayed the men, two of them U.S.-born and one a Pakistani immigrant, as radical Muslims who had prepared for Islamist-style attacks by acquiring weapons and playing paintball in Virginia, as well as training at a camp for mujahadeen fighters in Pakistan.

The defense had disputed that depiction, arguing the men were instead preparing to fight for Islamic causes overseas by acquiring weapons and playing paintball in Virginia, as well as training at a camp for mujahadeen fighters in Pakistan.

The Federal Election Commission proposed new rules on Thurs- day that could severely curtail the work of organizations established to get around fundraising restrictions in the new campaign finance law.

The groups, known as “527 committees” for the section of the tax code that created them, are able to raise and spend unlimited “soft money” contributions to broadcast television commercials and turn out voters.

The proposed rules drew protests from both Republican and Democratic donors, though it is the Democrats who may be most affected because they have turned most heavily to these organizations as a way to compensate for lost fundraising advantage of Presi- dent Bush and the Republican Party.

Several of these groups have already played roles in the current presidential race and were specifically established to circumvent the new McCain-Feingold campaign finance law. The law bars the national political parties themselves from raising such large donations.

A group of Russian engineers secretly aided Saddam Hussein’s long-range ballistic missile program, providing technical assis- tance for prohibited Iraqi weapons projects even in the years just before the war that ousted him from power, American government offi- cials say.

Iraqis who were involved in the missile work told American investi- gators that the technicians had not been working for the Russian govern- ment, but for a private company. But any such work on Iraq’s banned missiles would have violated U.N. sanctions, even as the U.N. Security Council sought to enforce them.

Although Iraq ultimately failed to develop and produce long-range ballistic missiles and though even its permitted short-range missile projects were fraught with prob- lems, its missile program is now seen as the main proven weapons effort that Iraq continued right up until the war was imminent.

After the first Persian Gulf war in 1991, Iraq was allowed only to keep crude missiles that could travel up to 150 kilometers, or about 90 miles, but the Russian engineers were assisting Baghdad’s secret efforts illegally to develop longer- range missiles, according to the American officials.

Since the invasion in March, American investigators have discov- ered that the Russian engineers had worked on the Iraqi program both in Moscow and in Baghdad, and that some of them were in the Iraqi capi- tal, jointly defined as 2001, according to people familiar with the intelligence on the matter.

Because some of the Russian experts were said to have formerly worked for one of Russia’s aero- space design centers, which remains closely associated with the state, their work for Iraq has raised questions in Washington about whether Russian government offici- als knew of their involvement in forbidden missile programs. “Did the Russians really not know what they were doing?” one person familiar with the U.S. intelligence reports.

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Democrats' Files, Report Says

By Neil A. Lewis

For 18 months, at least two Republican Senate staff aides employed by an American newspaper improperly spied by reading Demo-
cratic strategy memos on a Senate computer, according to a report released on Thursday by the Senate sergeant-at-arms.

The report found that the two Republican staff aides, both of whom were linked to the conservative Republican paper, had improperly read, downloaded and printed as many as 6,870 files con-
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Erratum

In Tuesday, March 2 edition, the table listing candidates for this year’s Undergraduate Association and Class Council elections misstated that Susan J. Shin ’07 and Grace C. Lee ’07 are running for 2007 Social Chairs. They are running for 2007 Publicity Chairs.

Also, an article on Tuesday [“ASA Through March”] uses both April 1 and June 1 for the date that Counterpoint has to meet recognition requirements. The correct date is April 1.
March 5, 2004

A Symbol of the MIT Experience
Rose Grabowski

The brass rat is a symbol of what you have accomplished as an undergraduate here as well as a testament to how integral the MIT brass rat is to your year’s design—man? woman? IHTFP?...
FEATURES

Positive Sinking – Fruity Normalcy

By Akshay Patil

Dear king of sin or are u a sinking king?

I am not writing this for you, but for the benefit of timmy or jimmy or whatever the hell his name was. I found your rantings on the lack of e-mail to be quite humorous, but I could not sit idly by and watch jimmy or timmy get hurt, as for your lovely little column... I think you should touch on lemons, or something fun like that, or you could rant and rave about how much fun it is when a lady has “lucky you” written in the zipper of her pants. Let your creative juices flow, as for jimmy or timmy I suggest that you donate a pet penguin to his poor little orphanage, you have spares... do you not?

---lady fish

Timmy thanks you, I thank you, the American people thank you. I would love to touch lemons, if only there were lemons around to touch on.

Sadly, I have no fruit near me, as I am but a humble college student. My fridge contains a water filter, an aging gallon of milk, and specters of my last trip home. And a can of ginger ale. Don’t quite remember how that got in there.

It may not be likely that we will become like a catharsis of all the pent up need-to-write-a-pun emotion that just breezes within you until you find yourself thinking terribly punny things to say in the wrong company, the kind of company that doesn’t appreciate crotch examination... i.e. everyone but dogs. Anyways, I greatly recommend it, but let’s not belabor that point, shall we?

I would donate a penguin if I had one. As of now, my penguin situation is even worse than my food shortage. Except I don’t have pictures of food all around my room, haunting me from every angle. That’d be kinda weird. Not that having lots of pictures of penguins in my room is that much less weird, now that I think about it. But, I mean, come on, who can blame me? I mean, penguins. Penguins. You know what I’m talking about... right? Right? Oh, you don’t? Ah well, normalcy is over-rated these days anyways.

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The Penthouse

By Dan Scolnic

The word “penthouse” conjures two thoughts: the porn magazine and the place where rich people do things that can make it in a porn magazine.

On the sixth floor of Building 37, however, penthouse stands for something quite different. In this place where many of the great astrophysicists of our day work, the penthouse is the roof and astronomy deck. This place is where hundreds of students line up to be when Mars was very bright. Students come to the penthouse to learn about constellations and planets. It has absolutely nothing to do with sex.

So what happened? How could a word so full of connotations of sex turn into one that inspires dreams of stargazing?

This question must be placed on a larger scale: What happened here was the evolution of a sexual idea into an academic one. This evolution takes place all over MIT. Certain changes are blatant while others, like the penthouse, are quite subtle. And it is not just a simple replacement, but academics have taken the form of something sexual. Academics are our sexual fetish.

I know these sound like big and ridiculous claims to make. But, come on, people think of 6.001 as a more pleasurable form of self-gratification than certain more physical activities. We get turned on when we understand something other people’s crotch area. Don’t people tend to get a bit uptight about those sort of things? I’m not the expert on these sort of things, but I can only imagine that it’s a sensitive area for most people [Ha! A pun!].

Oh, I haven’t written a pun in ages. It feels really good. You should try it sometime. It’s like a catharsis of all the pent up need-to-write-a-pun emotion that just breezes within you until you find yourself thinking terribly punny things to say in the wrong company, the kind of company that doesn’t appreciate crotch examination... i.e. everyone but dogs. Anyways, I greatly recommend it, but let’s not belabor that point, shall we?

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**Scratch Paper**

**Eggs & SpERM**

By Tiffany Kosolcharoen

One of the most constant sources of revenue for most schools is the "clones wanted" ads. I can hear you laughing. Yes, there are people willing to pay you to create more of you. "Up to $10,000 if you qualify!"

"Intelligent, good-looking male of height 5'8" or more. SAT scores of 1450 or above preferred!"

"Help our dream come true!"

When I first picked up a copy of The Tech as a freshman, I was astonished by how long these fertility ads were. They took up as much newspaper space as the SAT test prep and prom dress ads I sold my high school a school newspaper. Yet, instead of encouraging us to spend, these fertility ads have the potential to pay for a university education. So, when at first, I scoffed at the notion that anyone at all would read these ads, couldn't it be ethically wrong to produce little you who would run wild in the hands of a stranger? If your fellow students 20 years down the row, wouldn't their DNA point to yours? Or part of you? Reputations may even be ruined.

Then it hit me: there is a price to morality. Everyone has one. If we were financially broke and had no food, would we prefer randy eggs over a fresh one a day? If you were offered $1,000, maybe you wouldn't resort to going against your ethics. But for a hundred grand, you might kill yourself. Men, the $1,000 per month that the sperm bank offers you could save you $10,000 a year. It's better than a part-time job! No brainpower needed, great return. Ladies, this is one of life's exceptions where you can be paid more than the guys. I have seen ads up offering as much as $20,000 for eggs.

Just by you going to MIT, you've doubled or tripled your "value." And what are the chances that you will go home someday when his parents paid $10,000 to select his SAT score, height, and ethnicity from a trend- and state-normalized data bank? If technically, you believe your genes are worth reproducing, chances are the parents are paying just to make an even greater contribution to society.

While we often laugh at the "gene wanted" ads, there are thousands of infertile couples who dream of kids as successful as you. Offer them $1,000, maybe you'll end up better off. If you're predisposed to only have feelings for one person, it makes you a better mate. If you like to make everyone feel better, you're just human. Even if you're the girl and you're the one around you uncomfortable. There's no point leading anybody on. If at some point you notice that you're just getting upset, stop. You might find this is me, and how the hell am I supposed to work this out!"

Depending upon your situation and exactly what point you're in the relationship, you have different options. Let's take a classic fraternity love triangle: you're a frat boy and you have a girlfriend. You have a fraternity brother. They both are in love with your girlfriend and you, but she's confused about how she feels for you.

In that situation, you don't really have a lot of options. I'm sorry about that. You can wait it out to see how she feels. You might be wise to talk to your fraternity brother, and if he's a decent guy, he'll back off. But most of the weight of the decision lies with your girlfriend.

Now suppose that you're the fraternity brother in love with someone else's girlfriend. You have a few options here. Let's assume that you have no knows about your feelings. You might pursue your own selfish interests and try to win his girlfriend over. Of course, you'd only do this if you hated your brother and everything he stands for or if you like to make everyone you can uncomfortable. The second option is to shut up and ignore your brother. You'll probably be more miserable than a while, but hey, at least you have morals and ethics. At least wait until their relationship dies down. The second guy should never do this if you hated your brother and everything he stands for or you like to make everyone feel better. The third option is to let her know how you feel, back off and let her choose for herself. This may still cause some bad blood if your brother found out you did this. Let's start with a classic fraternity love triangle: you and a couple, hey, maybe they'll work out for you. You have a fraternity brother. You both are in love with someone else's girlfriend. Technically, you're not doing anything wrong. So technically he can't get mad at you.

But feelings are feelings, and we can't really help it. If you're the girl, chances are you're confused as hell. On the one hand, you're dating a guy, and on the other, there is another possibly great guy. You can't seem to ignore your feelings for either of them. You might feel like a horrible person, but the truth is, you're just human.

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Hammond and Quinn Put on a Decent Show for a Full Audience in Kresge

By Phil Janowicz

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Tough Crowd, Tough Comedy

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Hammond finished up his regular routine by telling a story about a time he visited Chris Matthews’ house: "I visited his house once. He was yelling the whole time, but one thing he said was so weird. 'Tom Cruise is gonna get braced.' I said, 'What?' Chris replied, 'Tom Cruise is gonna get braced.' I said, 'Why is that?' Maybe something about him will be straight now." "Chris, that’s a horrible thing to say." I know. Just kidding. He cried like a girl while I was pounding him from behind."

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Hammond was hit or miss for the entire hour with some good stuff, but he mainly relied on old material. He also seemed to rely on some extra social lubricant, if you will, to get him in the performing mood. He was definitely worth seeing, but only if you hadn’t have to cancel any previous plans to do so.

Quinn started out strong by relating Kresge Auditorium to an ugly Dallas church and making Catholic jokes, justifying his jokes by pointing out that he’s both Irish and Catholic, so it’s okay. He suggested that the Catholic church ‘get rid of the pink robes and the kneeling’ to solve its sex abuse problems. Quinn spent close to an hour talking about all the assholes he knows, met once, or saw down the street. There were assholes who block your paper wads from going into the trash can. “These assholes want to assure that there are only a few victories in the world and that you get none of them. After the block, you argue, ‘It was going in anyway.’ ‘But it was blocked.’ ‘Gradetendng, asshole!’ He added. ‘Perhaps the cause of cancer is actually all these assholes.’

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After the show, several people raced to the Student Center for the opportunity to wrestle for free Mike’s Pastries. Then, the comedy continued when the Logs performed. Maybe mediocrity was the theme of the night because the pastries weren’t even that good. My rating scale for activities is how many dollars I want back. Seeing as it was $12 per ticket, I want $5.50 back to compensate for the trauma I received that night from the so-so comedy, canned wrestling, and Logs performance. Granted, it’s tough to do stand-up comedy, and I probably would have done much worse than they did (anyone want to give me a chance?), so my hat is off to Hammond and Quinn.

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On Saturday, Feb. 28, the body of Daniel Dong Sung Mun was found in the Charles River. Mun, a Junior, disappeared on December, and had not been seen since. Wednesday night service was held in his honor at the MIT chapel. Mun’s family and fraternity brothers turned out to remember him.

A mourner holds a leaflet before a service commemorating MIT Junior Daniel Dong Sung Mun. Mun’s family, friends, and fraternity brothers filled every seat in the chapel, and continued on to form a ring along the walls long after the last seat had been taken.

Mun’s brother tearfully embraces his mother as Mun’s father and an MIT officer look on. Mun’s family led a procession from the chapel onto Massachusetts Avenue following the service.

Mun’s former roommate Dexter Ang ’05 breaks down during the eulogy. “Dong was full of love for all the world and for all of us,” he said.

Members of Oori, MIT’s Korean drum group, perform as images of Mun are projected onto a screen. The drum placed in front of the performers was Mun’s instrument, and was left unplayed.

One of Mun’s fraternity brothers signs the book of remembrance. Upon entering the chapel, each person was given a rose.

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Mun Memorial
Service Held at Chapel

Mun’s mother throws a bouquet of flowers into the Charles river near the spot where her son’s body was found. Her bouquet, along with that of Mun’s father, slowly drifted away from the bridge.

Mourners walk to the spot on the Harvard bridge where Mun’s body was recovered. The MIT Police temporarily halted traffic on the bridge in order to clear the way for the procession.

MIT Senior Associate Dean for Students Robert Randolph escorts Mun’s brother across the bridge. Members of Mun’s family flew in from across the country in order to attend the memorial service.

Mourners on the Harvard Bridge toss their roses into the river. The procession waited in silence as each person threw their rose over the railing into the water.

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Help for families making under $60,000

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Live Eager to Perform at MIT

Spring Weekend, from Page 1

Turnups have produced many hits

The name Live “came from a dream where Chad Taylor [lead vocals] saw a ‘live’ on a hat,” said Live drummer Chad Gracey in an interview with The Tech. From those humble beginnings, Live got their first record deal in 1991 and have been churning out hits ever since such as “Lightning Crashes” and “All Over You.” The band’s music is an “intense, passionate, basic rock ‘n roll” said Gracey.

Live has been “resting currently” said Taylor, but they intend to tour this summer starting with a mini-tour of the north east covering Cambridge, New York, and Atlantic City.

Live is excited about performing at a small venue such as MIT, Gracey said. “Small venues are more intense. Everyone is more close together and the music is more intimate.”

Slick Rick, born as Richard Walters and better known as Doug E. Fresh’s vocal partner in the Get Fresh Crew, has made a career on such hits as “The Show” with Fresh and his own 1999 album “The Art of Storytelling.” Slick Rick has frequently appeared in songs with other artists such as Jam Master Jay, Aaliyah, Outkast, and The Rock.

Other events planned for weekend

In addition to the Concert, other Spring Weekend Events include the International Fair, the Alpha Chi Omega Lip Sync, and barbecues in Kresge Oval and Sidney-Pacific Graduate Residence.

Wronski said the committee is in the process of planning other events which may include a movie night under the auspices of the Lecture Series Committee, a carnival on Kresge Oval, a Habitat for Humanity work day, and dance seminars.

Students react positively to choice

Several students expressed excitement about the lineup for the concert.

“I’m pretty psyched about Live playing here” said Kartik S. Lamba ’04, “and I hope they play a lot of their older music.”

Gregor B. Cadman ’06 was also excited by the news: “That’d be awesome. I really like Live. When can I get tickets?”

While tickets are not yet on sale, Bhooshan said she expects the committee’s Web site (http://web.mit.edu/spring/www/) to go live and vend tickets within two weeks. Prices will be $10 for MIT students and $12 for non-MIT students.

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Grads Still See Policy Problems

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Students see problems with policy

The current policy is part of a two year effort initiated by the Academic Research and Careers Committee, a committee made up of members of the GSC, said R. Erich Caulfield, president of the GSC. Caulfield said the ARCC submitted a draft of the policy to administrators last year.

Last year’s ARCC chair, Christiane Collins G, wrote the initial version of the Childbirth Accommodation Policy and said that the policy does not do an adequate job of addressing the needs of women students who choose to give birth while in graduate school. Collins said she was concerned that the new policy does not waive tuition for self-supported students during the time of the accommodation period, even though the academic clock stops. According to the Childbirth Accommodation Policy, tuition for eight weeks costs about $6,533.

“We initially agreed self-supported students would not have to pay tuition,” Collins said. Krishnan Sriram G, 2001-2002 chair of the ARCC, who has been working with Collins on the policy, shared that reservation. “My concern is that students would have to pay tuition during the time of the leave according to the policy,” Sriram said. “If tuition is waived during that period, it would make life much easier for them.”

Collins said the policy was originally proposed to waive tuition, but it just wasn’t financially feasible given the current financial state of the Institute. He said it is “certainly possible to revisit the policy.”

Collins said she had other concerns about the policy, including the non-guarantee of on-campus housing after the accommodation period, post-accommodation period expectations and support, and the stipend amount, which could be more or less than what the student was receiving before the accommodation period. “For the ninety percent of students who had nice professors and let them take time off without having to take a medical leave, “this is a huge step backwards,” she said.

Folkert said that he would expect about eight to nine people a year to take advantage of the new policy.

Other universities develop policies

MIT is one of the first universities to have an institute-wide childbirth accommodation policy for graduate women students, said Colbert. “As far as I know, no other peer institute has anything like this,” Colbert said.

According to the announcement from Brown and Clay, “Harvard has begun to develop a childbirth leave policy for women students” and Stanford’s electrical engineering department currently has a policy that grants women students several weeks of leave for childbirth.

Colbert said that he views the new policy as a signal from the Institute that it shares “a commitment to support” women graduate students.

“It is great that the policy is there,” said Collins, “but it still has a long way to go.”

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personal contact with students and said that teaching to them is a passion rather than a job. “Undergraduate education and teaching are something I’ve been striving to do a good job in,” said Darmofal, who said that he will try anything to help students learn. One of Darmofal’s teaching strategies is to assign homework before he discusses the topic in class so that class time can be utilized for more meaningful discussions of subtleties not emphasized in the textbooks.

Leh, who teaches 6.115, the Microcomputer Project Laboratory, described his work not only as a job, but as a hobby as well. He is currently developing a project in medical optical coherence tomography with students in his laboratory classes.

“It’s what makes me want to get up in the morning,” he said. Leh said that he tries to make students feel comfortable in his room voluntarily participated.” McCants has created and taught many new courses at MIT. Student interaction important All of the new MacVicar Fellows stressed the need to interact with students on a personal basis. Jackson said that a good teacher should “work hard at getting students emotionally engaged.” Jackson said that a good teacher should “work hard at getting students emotionally engaged.” Jackson said that a good teacher should “work hard at getting students emotionally engaged.” Jackson said that a good teacher should “work hard at getting students emotionally engaged.”

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Jackson said she planned to make Spanish translations for two of her books. Leeb plans to use the award to purchase laboratory equipment for new student projects. Program honors UROP founder MacVicar Day and the Faculty Fellows Program are named in honor of the late Professor Margaret MacVicar, who was MIT’s first Dean for Undergraduate Education and founder of the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP). She had passed away in 1991 at the age of 47. The first MacVicar Fellowships were awarded in 1992. In addition to receiving financial support over the ten year term of their awards, MacVicar Faculty Fellows participate in six luncheons per year to discuss improvement of undergraduate education.

A presentation open to the public will take place this afternoon from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in 6-120 following a lunch at which Provost Robert Brown will announce the new MacVicar Fellows. The presentation will feature Professor Richard J. Light from Harvard University, who will speak on “The Interface between Teaching and Mentoring.”
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Checking for Charity: Phi Cup Games Start

By Martha Buckley

In the movie “Miracle,” homage was paid to the fiercely competitive Boston hockey tradition. This weekend, MIT is displaying its own little slice of that tradition for a good cause: the Fourth Annual Phi Cup Charity Hockey Tournament, run by the Alpha Epilson Phi sorority and held in the Johnson Ice Rink.

Sixteen teams in two divisions (checking and non-checking) have entered. Their entry money and the money raised from the sale of bake goods and raffle tickets for motorcycles and cars to the highest bidders are being used for the benefit of the Children’s Hospital. Proceeds from the event go toward a new hockey rink for the hospital.

The competition for the tournament started on Monday, and the action continued Tuesday. As of this article, three games in the checking division have been played and one in the coed non-checking division.

Fraternity teams made up a large part of the entries, but somewhat surprisingly, not all of them made it past the first round. For example, in the first non-checking game of the tournament, PBE played Burton United, a team consisting of mainly Burton-Conner. But Baker and Simmon players. Burton United crushed PBE 10-0. In the flip side, in the checking division game played Tuesday, the Delta Tau Delta team soundly beat the Next House team 6-0. Both games were played hard, and there were some spectacular saves, especially by the losing goalies, who generally had more to contend with.

The AEPhi representatives at the games said they expect to raise around $1,500 this way, up from the over $1,000 they raised last year. Unfortunately, they weren’t able to schedule quite so many games this year because of the extra practice time needed for the new Women’s Varsity Hockey team.

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MIT Women’s Track Breaks Records in Long and Jump

By Martha Buckley

At the All New England Championships last Friday and Saturday at Boston College, the men’s and women’s teams entered in all three relays that were contested: the distance medley relay, the 4x400 and the 4x480. Smashing the institute records in the distance medley and 4x480 and running a season’s best in the 4x400, the MIT men’s team

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OTHERS W A I L E D ; and there were even a few that threw tantrums. But those days of being a kid have long since passed. Or have they? Are we an age where adults can control themselves and not want everything in sight? Can we say that we are responsibly, especially with our money?

With those questions in mind, I turned to sports owners for a chance to find some big bugs with big bucks. Dan Snyder is a perfect example of such a person. He is a businessman at heart, having started the company Snyder Communications, which was sold for $2.3 billion in 1999. In 2006, Dan Snyder wanted the Washington Redskin and won by bidding $800 million, the most that’s ever been paid for an NFL team. He outbid John Kent Cooke, brother of the late Jack Kent Cooke, the previous owner of the Redskins.

Snyder was not about to let money and in the way between him and his football. That’s the first sign that Dan Snyder is dangerous.

With the Redskins came their stadium, which was at the time named Jack Kent Cooke stadium. Cooke had just recently died and never left the organization. That’s why the team went up for auction. It seemed appropriate that the stadium would be named for auction. It seemed appropriate that the stadium would be named after her late owner, especially since he funded the construction. Snyder of course, had no sympathies for the Redskins at all, $1,500 this year, up from the $1,000 they raised last year. Unfortunately, they weren’t able to schedule quite so many games this year because of the extra practice time needed for the new Women’s Varsity Hockey team.

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