NIH Director To Be Graduation Speaker
By Marissa Vogt

Elias A. Zerhouni, director of the National Institutes of Health, will be MIT’s 138th commencement speaker on June 4, 2004, according to director of the MIT News Office Arthur L. Jones.

Zerhouni is the 15th director of the NIH, before which he served as a professor of biomedical engineering and the executive vice dean of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. The NIH budget has doubled under his direction.

After earning his medical degree from the University of Algeria, Zerhouni was accepted as a radiology resident at Johns Hopkins University. He then rose through the ranks at Johns Hopkins, becoming the chairman of the Department of Radiology and

Compromise Reached In Summer Housing Debate
By Gireeja V. Ranade

DormCon will not be classified into conference houses and student houses over the summer, as had been previously suggested last term by the summer housing task force, said Dean of Student Life Larry G. Benedict.

However, undergraduates, conferences, and pre-college students will be segregated within each building, he said.

An exception to this will be the students living in the east parallel will be housed in the West parallel, Benedict said.

DormCon feedback implemented
DormCon submitted a report titled “Concerns with respect to the summer housing task force report” to Benedict last week, which included student input as well as considerations from DormCon meetings, Cofer said.

In the report, DormCon proposed that only certain areas of each dorm be taken offline for undergraduates. As a result, students would only have to move in-house as opposed to across campus. DormCon also argued

Summer Housing

Class of 2005 presidential candidates (left to right: Eston N. Kimani, Dexter W. Ang, and Rohit Gupta) discuss their respective platforms during Monday’s debate.

Class Council, UA Elections Begin
By Waseem S. Daher

Voting for Undergraduate Association and Class Council offices began at 12:01 a.m. Monday, and the candidates for the Class Council presidents held their debate Monday night.

David B. Smith ’05 and Nofei J. Kanaga ’06 are running together for the offices of UA president and vice president, respectively, as are Harel M. Williams ’05 and Philip A. Vasquez ’05.

Dexter W. Ang ’05, Rohit Gupta ’05, and Eston M. Kimani ’05 are competing for the office of president of the Class of 2005. The positions of president for the Class of 2006 and Class of 2007 are uncontested, and thus the candidates were not present at last night’s debate.

Smith and Kanaga’s platform focuses on using the UA as an organization which can coordinate with and give power back to its smaller constituent organizations, that is, the dormitory and fraternity and sorority, and independent living group organizations.

Williams and Vasquez, on the other hand, envision a more centralized UA than the one Smith and Kanaga do; however, they want a UA that is more approachable, so that students can more easily provide feedback to the officers.

Three running for 2005 president
All of the candidates for president of the 2005 class council endorsed a greater degree of communication with the student body and the Undergraduate Association, but each with his own twist.

Ang, a member of the Chi Phi fraternity and the current class council vice president, stressed inter-campus bonds, both between East and West Campus and across Cambridge and Boston, to “improve the relationship between different groups on campus,” he said. One of his suggestions was a series of dorm and living group mixers so that people from across campus could mingle.

He also suggested that the class council subsidize dinners as events, among other things.

Gupta, current 2005 class council president, emphasized the need for more frequent class events to bring the class together. “We need a continuous flow of events to create some bonds between all sides of campus,” he said.

He suggested events like a senior barbeque to accomplish this goal.

Kimani is running on a platform centered on increasing communication through the creation of a better class Web site with an on-line forum in the hopes that it would become a place “where the ‘05 community can thrive,” he said in the Class Council debate yesterday. He also suggested that the class have monthly talent shows and awards to recognize its members.

Daniel S. Mun
Daniel S. Mun ’05, a junior majoring in biology, died from drowning on Dec. 5, 2003. Mun was listed as missing for three months, until his body was recovered from the Charles River last weekend. He was 20 years old.

Mun involved in MIT life
Mun, known as “Dong” to friends, lived at the Chi Phi fraternity in Boston. He was actively involved in the Korean Students Association, where he served as a social chair, and Dori, a Korean drumming ensemble.

“Dan would come to study breaks and get people involved,” said Julian Kang ’05, a fellow member of the KSA. “He’d make people feel welcome.”

Kang said that Mun was very athletic and “loved sports,” and often played tennis and attended basketball games.

“He was a great tennis player,” said John V. Guttag, head of the department of electrical engineering and computer science and the faculty advisor for Chi Phi. “I liked him a lot.” Guttag said, “One of the things I really liked is that he was full of energy. He had enormous energy and it rubbed off on you when you were with him. It was just hard to be with him and not be having fun.”

He was greatly liked in the house, not only liked but admired as well. He was both liked and admired.”

Chi Phi member Jeffrey J. Hsu ’05 said that Mun would often volunteer to take out trash from everyone’s room just so he would be able to stop by and visit them. “While Dong was a big guy, he also had a big tender heart,” Hsu said.

“Sometimes I would say, ‘chill out’ and hangin’ out are the memories I will treasure,” said Chi Phi President Lowery D. Duvall ’05.

Mun is survived by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Mun, and his brother Thomas.
Iraqi Constitution Is Signed Despite Shiête Reservations

By Dexter Filkins

Iraq’s leaders signed an interim constitution on Monday and agreed to embark on a controversial path toward democratic rule, but the celebratory mood was marred by calls from the country’s most powerful Shiite leaders to amend the new charter before it goes into effect.

Signing the ceremony for the interim constitution, delayed once because of terrorist attacks and again because of a political deadlock, unfolded without a hitch inside the fortified confines of the American compound. Each of the 25 members of the Iraqi Governing Council signed it or had a representative do so.

The document, with its bill of rights and guarantees for women, was hailed by Iraqi and American leaders as a milestone in the project to implant a democracy here less than a year after the regime of Saddam Hussein was swept away.

Yet immediately after the ceremony ended, Shiite leaders, representing the country’s largest group, brought forth sharp reservations that called into question the viability of the accord.

A leading Shiite member of the council, saying he spoke for 12 of the 15 Shiites on the council, read a statement saying they intended to amend key portions of the document that they considered undemocratic.

Ibrahim Jafari, a Shiite council member, said the group had endorsed the interim constitution in order to preserve the unity of the country. But Jafari made it clear that the Shiite leaders intended to rewrite portions of the constitution before June 30, when the Americans plan to transfer sovereignty to the Iraqi people.

“We say here our decision to sign the document is pegged to reservations,” Jafari said.

The main issue concerns the mechanism by which the permanent constitution is to be ratified. The Shiites object to a provision in the interim constitution that they say grants the Kurds veto power over the permanent constitution, which is supposed to be written after elections are held this year or next.

The Shiites also object to language that bars changes in the document signed Monday, except with the approval of the government and national assembly, to be elected by January 2005.

The objections of the Shiite politicians received the endorsement of the country’s most powerful religious leader, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani, who released a fatwa later in the afternoon in which he declared that the charter would create obstacles to an agreement on a permanent constitution.

In his statement, al-Sistani said that the interim constitution would lack legitimacy until it was approved by a democratically elected national assembly. Under the most favorable circumstances, that is not likely to happen until the end of the year.

“This law places obstacles in the path of reaching a permanent constitution for the country that maintains its unity, the rights of sons of all sects and ethnic backgrounds,” al-Sistani’s fatwa said.

Together, the reservations portend a shakier future for the interim constitution than American officials and some Iraqi leaders had hoped for.

Still, the immediate impact of the protest was less than clear. The ayatollah, who has involved himself deeply in negotiations over the country’s future, did not denounce the interim constitution or call on his followers to reject it.

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By Richard W. Stevenson and jodi Wilgoren

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By Susan Milligan

In an autobiography that began circulating in Mexico this week, de la Madrid offers the ﬁrmest conﬁrmation to date of one of this country’s biggest open secrets: the presidential elections of 1988 were rigged.

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If the Japanese have their way, this village in northern Japan, an area known for its apples and sea cucumbers, will become home to a project that could give birth to the energy of the future.

The project, ITER, for International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor, would try to emulate the sun’s nuclear fusion to produce safe, clean and inexhaustible energy. The 30-year, $12 billion research center would be the second largest international scientiﬁc project after the International Space Station.

Ofﬁcials from six countries participating in the project are to meet in March to try to decide between Rokkasho and Cadarache, in south-
ern France, even as talks have become increasingly tinged with poli-
tics.

After ofﬁcials failed to decide between the two in a meeting in Washington in December, Spencer Abraham, the Bush administra-
tion’s energy secretary, declared that the Japanese site was superior.

The statement angered the Europeans, leading the French prime minis-
ter, Jean-Pierre Raffarin, to threaten to withdraw from the pro-
ject and go it alone if France was not selected. In the French news media, the dispute over the site is being viewed through the prism of the war in Iraq. American support for Japan’s candidacy in return for Tokyo’s backing in Iraq.

American and Japanese ofﬁcials dismiss that view, but support for the two sites is split along the divisions over the war in Iraq: the United States, Japan and South Korea back Rokkasho; Russia, China and France, with the European Union, are for Cadarache.

The security police quickly scattered an extremely rare public demonstration demanding political reform on Monday, the 41st anniversary of the Baath Party seizing power here.

Organizers and other reform advocates said the police presence in downtown Damascus, which far outnumbered the demonstrators, was a sign of just how jittery the government and security services remain after the fall of the Baath Party in neighboring Iraq.

Rights advocates and others seeking reform planned to draw attention to their petition demanding the lifting of emergency laws, which have been in place throughout Baath Party rule since 1963, by staging a sit-in at the gates of Parliament. The reform advocates say they have gathered 7,000 signatures to support their demands.

But when the band of 20 to 30 people unfurled a few paper ban-
ers thanking their demands, dozens of plainclothes security ofﬁcers pounced. They shredded the banners and ripped up the notebooks of some of the reporters covering the protest, igniting numerous scufﬂes.

The security police began rounding up the demonstrators and oth-
ers at the scene, including this reporter, a photographer for The New York Times, a reporter for the BBC and a junior diplomat from the U.S. Embassy. The foreign reporters were driven to a police station, given several rounds of coffee and tea and then sent on their way with an apology after an hour.
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lic officers to other officers to those that separate them. The
tickets of David Smith/Noelle Kanaga and Harel Williams/
Phlip Vasquez share remarkable similarities at the level of
communication and the students’ awareness about the Undergraduate Association, making student govern-
ment more representative of the student body than the UA
and the different student governments, and improving student input in administrative policies and decisions. Both
tickets seek to change the flag policy and improve student input on orientation.

The teams also have prior experience in the UA or
are familiar with its committees and internal structure. Smith has served on the editorial committee on honor and orientation. Kanaga has chaired the subcommittee on athletics and is a member of the Committee for Student Life (CSL). Williams is on the
Coordinating Board and the SLC. Both have attended
some of the Senate meetings as an Interfraternity Council representative.

Both teams differ in their visions in implementation,
strategy, and Smithkan’s view of the UA’s purpose as mediator between the four other student governments: IFC, Panhellican Council, Interfraternity Council, and Residential Houses. Both understand their responsibilities,
the role of resources, and are poised to more fully benefit from these resources. The candidates hope to more fully leverage resources, and to allow more feedback from their governing bodies to develop their own projects of interest. One such idea proposed by Williams is to have a more formal representation from the UA in the form of represen-
tatives from IFC, Panhel, LGC, and Dormcon, and this
may not be met very frequently. Another idea involved the creation of a respon-
sibility document to enforce accountability on both the executive boards of the different governing bodies and the constituents.

Williams and Vasquez have a slightly different focus. In this year’s team election, with over a year to go,
they want to implement a personal, one-on-one approach. Although they will try to improve communication between the UA and the government
bodies attending the government meetings, their primary
focus is meeting with the constituents of those governments. Specifically, they plan to have a meeting with the presidents of different dormitories and living groups. They also plan to improve the average students’ access to the UA with “UA tool-
s” and “tribe.” The tribe is a group that will improve the effectiveness of those, but are indeed admirable. Smith and Kanaga’s admirable plan to improve the connectivity of the governments and the accountability of those governments to the constituents, do not have specific personal commitments to improve or solicit con-
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Defeating Lobby 7

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7-10LUA, more commonly known as Lobby 7, is a historic location at MIT. Killian Court being its only competitor. These places are beautiful not for what they have, but for what they do not have: cafes.

Super Tuesday has come and gone, with the predicted result. Senator John Kerry, having run some tremendous mishap, will be the nominee of the Democratic National Convention, right here in his home city of Boston. Now, he has eight months in which to build a winning campaign. He is, however, a man who is known for his inability to sustain the support of the electorate. He has failed to capture the imagination, and, thus, the votes, of the electorate.

The kiosks have wheels and I thought this to be their saving grace. For the past month, almost every day, I have moved the kiosks to the sides of Lobby 7, restoring its splendor. I do not move the kiosks for myself alone. I move the kiosks for everyone that MIT. I move the kiosks for the students and faculty on their way to class and lab. I move the kiosks for the visitors to marvel at the splendor of MIT; and I move the kiosks for the children and high school students that enter Lobby 7, look around, and are given that slight hint of how wonderful all of MIT really is. Alas, I have been told not to move the kiosks. I must not move the kiosks, or I will be found guilty of information deprivation.

Let it be known, that I take no quarrel with the kiosks themselves. Perhaps the kiosks could find a more friendly student-oriented place. Or maybe, their presentation is flawed. Perhaps the kiosks could find the information destroy the space. Enter Lobby 7: the information kiosks. Those cold metal prisms scattered in Lobby 7 to provide information, are a hideous abomination that must be defeated.

Marc Hadlatt

The new Syrian Ambassador to the United States, Dr. Imad Moustapha, spoke on March 2 at MIT about Middle East peace, a topic of great concern to the MIT community.

It was unusual to talk about this is the talk that the speaker himself seemed full of contradictions, perhaps more so than the issues he discussed. Middle East peace is apparently on by the ambassador's conviction, but the expectations for the MIT community, then, present a paradox; the MIT community, and the world of the underdog, and that wants to and does everything in their power to get everything handed to them on a silver platter. We may have among our presidents the world's longest and longest presidents, but we also have our Lincoln and Jacksons.

To this end, Kerry has to shed the image of wealth as much as possible so to the idea of a person who is so that the population is dominated by the middle-class. It is crucial for Kerry and Bush to be seen as unpretentious, and just how unpretentious is Kerry of the middle-class? As President Clinton's Democratic rival, Kerry and Bush went to Yale (Kerry was two years ahead of Bush) and both were members of the Ivy League's Alpha Delta Phi. They have been frat for sons of (and sometimes a few) of the most prominent families. Skill and Bones counts thirteen U.S. presidents, two Chief Justices of the Supreme Court, over twenty cabinet members, and many other Congressmen, cabinet officers, judges, and state or federal office-holding members of their families. As if this was not enough, Kerry's family also includes the first governor of Massachusetts and he is somewhat related to just about every prominent family in the area, including the Forbes family through his wife, Teresa Heinz. These, plus his education and low-key wealth, but Kerry's fortune of over $300 million from his first wife and over $500 million from his current wife, make the kiosk a kiosk to the kiosk. Kerry himself, John Heinz — along with the money he was able to gather to the other presidential candidates — stark contrast to the meager savings accounts of most Democrats.

The ambassadress has been clearly established that no one is anything like the rest of the population. Bush, however, was seen by a quarter as a representative of the common man though he has been his affinity for relaxed attire while trim and the casualness on his ranch (which, by the way, is worth how many millions of dollars, is full of incomprehensible, speech. Many felt that they could relate to him. Thus, Bush has been the candidate of choice for the middle-class background does not preclude one from being viewed as a more or less common man. Can John Kerry accomplish the same feat? He has certainly tried. During the pri-

LettersTo the Editor

Twisted Logic from the Syrian Ambassador

Marc Hadlatt

To the Editor:

The fourth edition of the dictionary defines. It's asinine, and an fourth-grade writing technique of quoting a dictionary. This is epitomized in David Brooks's column "The New Yorke Times" entitled "Clash of Titans," Brooks labels Americans as hypocrites for the use of twisted logic in criticizing the Syrian regime's claims that the Syrian regime is against the use of military force in Iraq and Israel because force and oppression are still being used by various groups like HAMAS and Hizbollah. And even the ambassador to give the support to the anti-Syrian 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 and oppression are still being used by various groups like HAMAS and Hizbollah. And even the ambassador to give the support to the anti-Syrian 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 and oppression are still not occurred.

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The ambassador proceeded to say that his country's 30-year long occupation of Lebanon cannot be called an occupation if our result is a twisted logic, albeit in a very polite way. Yet since he appeared to be genuinely interested in the topic at hand, I felt it appropriate to give the positive feedback he solicited.

To the Editor:

I was startled by the claim that Syria is for a peaceful resolution of all conflicts in the Middle East is very questionable, since Syria is a sponsor of terrorism, and Syria supports armed groups in the region, some of which are under direct tutelage and/or protection. Just this past October, the U.S. State Department Coordinator for Counterterrorism called Syria "a sponsor of terrorism"; it supports other forms of terrorism, and Syria groups like HAMAS and Hizbollah.

And even if one is to believe the ambassador's claim that the ambassadors' claim that the 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 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 and oppression are still not occurred. Senator John Kerry, bar-

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To the Editor:

In response to the conservative effort to stamp out the pride flag as a symbol of their hatred and animosity for the rights of our LBGT residents, we felt it most appropriate to fly the gay pride flag and let the world know that we have stood throughout the gay rights movement.

We are cognizant and disappointed that MIT mitr品格的flag policy prevents them from expressing their support in the way that has been used throughout the entire gay rights movement. We feel that the policy of appeasement adopted by MIT with regard to flags is flawed when applied to such a situation. When one's civil rights are in jeopardy, it is improper to turn one's back to the side of free speech, even if it causes conflict.

Robert W. Sumner
Barenaked Ladies Show Their Stuff at Fleet Center
Opening Acts Display Strong Vocals, Weak Stage Presence

By Pey-Hua Hwang
staff writer

Barenaked Ladies
Fleet Center
March 2, 7:30 p.m.

The Barenaked Ladies' Fleet Center perfor-
mance was an energetic songbook of hits. Their set list included a variety of their hits, from "One Week" to "If Anyone Cares." The band's lead singer, Ed Robertson, showcased his vocal range with a mix of heartwarming ballads and upbeat rock songs. The band's keyboardist, Jim Creeggan, added depth to the music with his skilled improvisation. The audience was engaged and responsive, creating a lively atmosphere throughout the performance. Overall, the Barenaked Ladies delivered a memorable concert experience, leaving fans with a lasting impression of their musical talent and stage presence.
The charlotte russe is like a truffle filled with custard.

By Marissa Cheng

I’ve wanted to make a charlotte for as long as I can remember. Specifically, I’ve wanted to make a charlotte russe — there are two different kinds of charlottes. Your basic charlotte is a molded cake. Sponge cake or ladyfingers line the mold; the cake-lined mold is filled with cream or custard, and then topped with another layer of cake. The charlotte russe is essentially a kind of trifle.

The two kinds of charlottes are the charlotte russe and the fruit charlotte. While the charlotte russe stays true to the description above, fruit charlottes are made with buttered bread, filled with fruit, and baked. Fruit charlottes have been around for a long time; the Charlotte Russe has been around for a long time; the charlotte russe and the fruit charlotte. While the charlotte russe is essentially a kind of trifle.

The Ethereal Pear Charlotte in "The Cake Bible" has a base and sides made of sponge cake and is layered with raspberry jam, a topping of slices of poached pears. It is probably also the most complicated thing I’ve ever made, with a total preparation time of three hours to make, and then an additional four to set in the refrigerator. Our pear charlotte was created by Carmie, the famed French cook and food historian, in the 19th century.

Having some masochistic tendencies, I decided to make my charlotte at the end of a week where I averaged about four hours of sleep a night. Luckily, I was not embarking on this adventure alone, but with a friend of mine who also likes to cook. Minutes before running out the door on Friday, already late, I glanced at the charlotte section of "The Cake Bible." My friend had mentioned wanting to try the pear charlotte in one of her cookbooks, so I chose the pear charlotte in mine.

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After making the sponge cake, which came out quite nicely, we omitted the use of "very sharp shears" to cut the sponge into the appropriate sizes, instead using a slightly dull knife (that worked just fine). The pieces of cake were layered with raspberry jam, and then put in the freezer to set while we poached the pears in a sugar-and-white-wine syrup. Half an hour later, we assembled the cake in the mold, cutting off thin strips of the block of cake, in order to achieve the pin-striped effect on the sides of the charlotte.

Then came the fun part: the Bavarian cream. I’d never made Bavarian cream and I didn’t know what it actually was. Bavarian cream consists of custard that is stabilized with gelatin (or isinglass a hundred years ago), and is then mixed with whipped cream and Italian meringue. For those who don’t know, Italian meringue is a basic meringue with the sugar beaten in as a sugar syrup (very slowly). The heat from the sugar syrup, which is cooked to soft-ball stage (248°F), slightly cooks the egg whites, and also acts as a stabilizer.

The Bavarian cream was fun to make. Ours was a pear Bavarian cream, the custard was flavored with the liquid from poaching the pears. As I was whisking the custard in a cold water bath, cursing myself for not having thickened it enough on the stovetop, it suddenly thickened to the right consistency (when traces of white marks start to appear). We quickly folded in the meringue and the whipped cream, then poured it in the cake-lined mold. Fifteen minutes later, the charlotte was topped with slices of pear and in the fridge.

How did the charlotte measure up to our anticipation? Sadly, it was more presentation than substance. The Bavarian cream was heavenly, and so were the pears, but overall, it just didn’t have the showstopping effect that we were expecting. I’d like to try another charlotte sometime, but probably not this one.
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**Crossword Puzzle**
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**The Dramatic Finale of Sex and the City**
by Brian Loux

**What?? What?? What??!!**

**We're not attractive!!**

which is why I watch sopranos.

**Piled Higher and Deeper**

**WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE I'M DOING?! GET THE $%#@ OUT OF HERE!!!**

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Chenrezig Mandala at MIT

For the second half of last week, Simmons Hall was host to the creation of a Tibetan Buddhist mandala, or sand painting. Buddhist monks began the construction of the mandala in the Simmons Hall auditorium Wednesday, March 3, and continued until the morning of Sunday, March 7. “Mandala” (pronounced MAN-da-la) is a Sanskrit word meaning cosmogram, or “world in harmony.” This specific mandala, the Chenrezig Mandala, symbolizes compassion, acceptance, and peace. On Monday, the mandala was dismantled and emptied into the Charles River to symbolize the Buddhist belief of the impermanence of all things and to distribute the healing energies created in the mandala.

(above left) Tenzin Priyadarshi carefully applies fine grains of orange-colored sand to the mandala Saturday afternoon.

(left) The mandala contains highly detailed symbolic images, with three-dimensional content visible at the scale of this four-inch detail.

(right) Tenzin Yignyen empties the remainder of the collected mandala into the Charles River early Monday morning.

(above) Tenzin Priyadarshi, a Buddhist chaplain and visiting scholar at MIT, adds finishing touches to the mandala Sunday morning.

(left) Tenzin Yignyen, a visiting Buddhist monk from Ithaca, NY, details the mandala Saturday morning.

(below) A large group gathers around the mandala at Simmons Hall as work wraps up Saturday evening.
Upperclassmen Offer Advice on Choosing a Major

Freshmen, take note: the dead-line for declaring your major is April 16. Do you know what decision will be?

**Feature**

There are probably several key questions running through your mind: “what criteria will you use to select a major?” “how important are issues like past-graduation opportunities, perceived difficulty, an open or structured curriculum, and gender balance?” and “where do upperclassmen stand on these issues and how much weight do they give to the various factors that go into choosing a major?”

There are a variety of ways to go about finding the answers to these questions, including interviewing upperclassmen, attending workshops and seminars, and researching facts and statistics online. As one would expect, interviews with upperclassmen give mixed feedback to each of these questions, but in the end, they raise important points about what’s important in choosing a major.

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- Office of Career Services and Preprofessional Advising (12-170, x-4733)
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- MIT UROP Office (7-104, x-7306)

Individual Course Help
- Course I: Cynthia Stewart (1-281, x-9723)
- Course II: Undergraduate Office (1-104, x-2308)
- Course III: Caroline Ross (13-4005, x-2823)
- Course IV: Renee Casi (7-3375, x-4675)
- Course V: Rick Danheiser (18-268, x-1842)
- Course VI: Anne Hunter (38-476, x-4684)
- Course VII: Kathleen Long (603, x-4718)
- Course VIII: Brian Canavan (4-352, x-4842)
- Course IX: Diana J. Wu (14E-303, x-3526)
- Course X: Michel Martinez-Sanchez (37-341, x-5613)
- Course XI: Charles Stewart (E53-483, x-3649)
- Course XII: Michael P. Spier (2-365, x-4992)
- Course XIII: Mary Jane Hoek (16-285, x-5866)
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- Course XV: Mabel Cho (E51-455, x-5846)
- Course XVI: Brinyo Keith (14N-407, x-5581)
- Course XVII: Headquarters Office (4-246, x-5210)
- Course XVIII: Headquarters Office (14N-300, x-7894)
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By Jenny Zhang and Kathy Lin

Three-hundred and two sophomores designated subjects as exploratory this term by last Friday’s deadline, said Assistant Registrar Iria J. Romano ’83.

Sophomores are permitted to make one class each term “exploratory,” which allows them to “either accept the grade awarded or change the subject from credit to Listener status,” according to the Academic Guide for Undergraduates and Their Advisors, available at http://web.mit.edu/acadinfo/academic-guide/8.1/h8_105/Exploratory.

The exploratory option was offered for the first time this academic year as part of a five-year program authorized by the Committee on the Undergraduate Program. It was designed to help freshmen transition to being on grades in their second semester.

Sophomores are required to make this decision by Registration day of the next term, after they have had the opportunity to see their final grade for the class.

This year, however, freshmen who declare sophomore standing will immediately have the option of declaring a subject exploratory for their second term at MIT.

Of the 287 sophomores who declared subjects exploratory during the Fall 2003 semester, 64 changed the designation to listener status, said assistant registrar Peter R. Hayes.

Some lose exploratory option

The 121 members of the Class of 2006 who declared sophomore standing last spring do not have the exploratory option this semester, although they did not have the choice available to them during their first semester as sophomores last spring, because it had not yet been implemented.

This is because sophomore standing essentially moves a student’s class status forward by one semester, so that people who declared sophomore standing last year are considered juniors this term. Those students are eligible for Junior/Senior P/D/F this term.

David L. Roe ’06, who declared sophomore standing his freshman year, said that he “was a little disappointed” that he could not use the exploratory option this term, but that this would not have affected his decision to take sophomore standing last year. He said that last fall he had declared a subject exploratory because “it was a hard class in my major.”

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He called Zerhouni's success "a great American story."
"Arriving on these shores as a young student and now a distinguished scientist leading our largest research establishment, he exemplifies the benefits of an open and accessible research community," Vest said.

Hidalgo said she is pleased with the selection. "I think a lot of his work has to do with stuff that's becoming more and more important in society today," Hidalgo said.

Hidalgo would not comment on whether or not Zerhouni was on the list submitted to Vest, or on the names of the other possible candidates.

Zerhouni holds eight patents. Zerhouni's research has been in the areas of Magnetic Resonance Imaging and Computerized Axial Tomography and has led to eight singly and jointly held patents.

He is also the co-founder of several companies, one of which provides near-microscopic views of specific areas using patented miniature coils that enhance MRI images when inserted into tissues.

Since becoming the director of the NIH in May 2002, Zerhouni has named directors for five institutes.

He is a member of the Institute of Medicine and from 1998-2002 served on the National Cancer Institute's Board of Scientific Advisors.

Students Pleased With Housing Compromises

Summer Housing, from Page 1

that it would provide the opportunity to maintain the student community that exists during the year.

Director of Housing Karen A. Nilsson said that they had taken all of the feedback from DormCon regarding the task force report into consideration and were working with DormCon to develop the housing plans.

Suggestions by the task force to which DormCon did not object included the addition of Residential Advisor positions and improving the desk services in the dormitories over the summer, Nilsson said.

Traditionally, there have been no RA positions over the summer, and GRTs who stay on are sometimes drawn into shouldering responsibilities they are not required to, Cofer said. The new RAs may be undergraduate juniors or seniors or graduate students and will be given free housing over the summer. Each RA may be given a budget to spend on the students to enhance the community atmosphere, she said.

High school students from the Research Science Institute program will not be housed in East Campus, since the east parallel will be renovated this summer, Cofer said.

Students thrilled to stay at home

Former Senior House President Daniel E. McAnulty '04 thought that "people will generally be pleased with the new situation." Senior House residents were "very unhappy" with the initial proposal to have Senior House as a conference house, and looked at a variety of ways to protest it, including speaking with Benedict. McAnulty said that they finally decided to wait for the DormCon report, and decided to use DormCon as the "unified student voice."

Baker House President Martijn Stevenson '05 said that "there was a lot of outcry from the students to stay here," as there a strong sense of community among the students even during the summer. "We are very happy at Baker," he said.

Vest, 2004 President Pleased with Choice

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He called Zerhouni's success "a great American story."
"Arriving on these shores as a young student and now a distinguished scientist leading our largest research establishment, he exemplifies the benefits of an open and accessible research community," Vest said.

Hidalgo said she is pleased with the selection. "I think a lot of his work has to do with stuff that's becoming more and more important in society today," Hidalgo said.

Hidalgo would not comment on whether or not Zerhouni was on the list submitted to Vest, or on the names of the other possible candidates.

Zerhouni holds eight patents. Zerhouni's research has been in the areas of Magnetic Resonance Imaging and Computerized Axial Tomography and has led to eight singly and jointly held patents.

He is also the co-founder of several companies, one of which provides near-microscopic views of specific areas using patented miniature coils that enhance MRI images when inserted into tissues.

Since becoming the director of the NIH in May 2002, Zerhouni has named directors for five institutes.

He is a member of the Institute of Medicine and from 1998-2002 served on the National Cancer Institute's Board of Scientific Advisors.
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New plans for the role of the UA

Smith and Kanaga said they envisioned the UA more as a body that would be best used in empowering its member organizations.

“We want to unify campus by strengthening the governments that represent the individual constituents,” Smith said. He referred to the Dormitory Council, the Interfraternity Council, the Panhellenic Association, and the Living Group Council, among others.

It would “give us a good bit of advantage to give the resources of the UA to those constituent organizations,” he said.

Williams and Vasquez, however, said they wanted to focus more on getting individual input in the UA.

“We’re really about going out and talking to people directly, interacting with a lot of people on a personal level,” Williams said.

Better communication sought

Both sets of candidates agreed that communication was a weakness, one they hoped to improve upon.

“Personal contact with student government has been lost,” Williams said. “We totally understand that not everyone is interested in the UA, but we’re here to make it clear that you don’t have to be involved in the UA to benefit from it.” he said.

Kanaga concurred that communication is something that needs to be improved. “A lot of it starts with internal communication within the UA, having strong, passionate people working in the committees, wanting to spread the word about the UA externally to other student governments or other media that are involved,” she said.

Goals Checklist supplemented

Both candidates also agreed that the UA Goals Checklist, created by current UA President Pius A. Uzamere II ’04, was a good idea in principle but needed to be supplemented.

Smith suggested that UA Senator projects should also be logged in an improved goals checklist. It would be easier to hold individual people responsible for a given project if it were in print, Smith said. “People would see what they’re working towards, it’d be a direct connection to the people responsible,” he said.

In addition, a lot of the goals on the checklist were largely overall goals, whereas “senator goals are probably more important for most people’s day-to-day lives,” Smith said.

Williams and Vasquez concurred that a modified goals checklist is necessary, but offered slightly different suggestions as to how it should be done.

“We want to take it a step further,” Williams said. “We also want to convert it into a database system on the new UA Web site,” he said. Williams and Vasquez envision a searchable database of goals where students could directly provide feedback.

“We’ll go out and talk to students and presidents of living groups, and ask them about the goals,” to see if they also have anything else to add, Williams said.

IFC Endorses Smith, Kanaga For UAP/VP

The Interfraternity Council Executive Committee has officially endorsed the Smith/Kanaga ticket for UA President/Vice President. Such an endorsement has not been made by the IFC in the last several years.

“While both candidates are great people and have done a lot of good work, Smith better represents the interests of the undergraduate community,” said Daniel H. Daneshvar ’05, IFC president. “We all directly know and endorse the individuals that represent our small communities, and the UA would do well to empower and aid those smaller groups,” he said.

Smith is a member of the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity, and Kanaga is a member of the Alpha Phi sorority. Williams and Vasquez are unaffiliated, though Vasquez was a pledge at the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity earlier this term.

“IT’s important to have the IFC on board, but it’s also important to have the other organizations on board,” Smith said in response to a question about the endorsement.

“[Panhellenic Association] has decided against endorsing a particular ticket for this set of elections,” said Robin M. Davis ’05, PanHel Vice President of Recruitment.

Uzamere declined to comment on the endorsement, and said that it would not be appropriate for him to do so.

Representatives from DormCon and the LGC could not be reached for comment. Candidate platforms are available online at http://vote.mit.edu. Online voting continues until Thursday, and in-person balloting takes place on Friday in Lobby 10.
President Addresses Students at GSC Meeting

President addresses members of the Graduate Student Council at their monthly meeting last Wednesday, discussing a broad range of topics from graduate student housing to diversity at MIT.

Outside of the classroom, Vest addresses student life. In response to a question about plans to build additional graduate student housing on campus, Vest noted a difficulty in balancing resources between undergraduate and graduate students. Because of the recent rise in the number of graduate students at MIT and other universities wishing to remain on-campus, he feels that the diversity of the graduate student population was doing half as well.

However, he said, “If we can keep new residence halls operating on a self-sustaining basis,” then MIT will look into building new halls.

Vest also spoke briefly about diversity at MIT, expressing his wish to increase the number of women and underrepresented minority graduate students and faculty.

Vest described the undergraduate diversity as “extraordinary,” and said he thought the diversity of the graduate student population was doing half as well.

One of the reasons for the difference, he said, is the standardized and centralized admission process at the undergraduate level, as opposed to the department-by-department admission process at the graduate level. Vest also said that the Institute needed to work on “helping students see the relationship between getting a PhD and a career in academia.”

According to the 2003 Dean of the School of Engineering Annual Report, women made up 24 percent of the graduate student population, compared with 34 percent of the undergraduate student population. Less than four percent of the graduate student population was under-represented minorities, compared with 23 percent of undergraduates in the 2003-2004 academic year.

At the faculty level in the School of Engineering and Science, Vest said that the number of women in leadership positions has increased significantly, with more women becoming science department heads and the heads of major laboratories. However, he also said, “I feel I have failed in my 14 years,” to increase the number of underrepresented minorities in the science and engineering faculty.

Vest called Harvard’s new financial aid policy for families earning under $60,000 a year “a good, responsible thing to do,” and a “philosophical move in the right direction.”

However, Vest noted the nearly four-fold difference in the size of Harvard and MIT’s endowment, as well as the different methodologies either institution uses to calculate financial need, as reason for why he does not expect MIT to match the policy.

MIT’s role in world discussed

Referring to MIT’s role in the world and its environment, Vest said that MIT has already “made a mark” on global sustainability by becoming a founding member of the Alliance for Global Sustainability, along with the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, the University of Tokyo, and Chalmers University of Technology located in Sweden.

Vest noted that currently about ten percent of research done at MIT is in environment-related activities, though he would like MIT’s involvement in global sustainability to increase.

“I would like to see the commitment of the institution to increase in this direction but I think it’s hard to predict,” said Vest.

Addressing a question on the evolution of the relationship between MIT and China, Vest said that he thinks the biggest contribution to education in China has been through the OpenCourseWare program. “This may end up being the biggest single impact we have,” said Vest.

Vest said that approximately 27 universities in China have become “pretty well-linked through the Internet,” and that some faculty throughout the Institute are helping with the translation of material.

COLAB helps pass two initiatives

Later in the meeting, GSC President R. Erich Caulfield G acknowledged Dean of Graduate Students Isaac M. Colbert, and the Cost of Living Advisory Board, a group made up of administrators and members of the GSC, as instrumental in passing two initiatives: a full health-insurance subsidy for graduate students and a decrease in rent hikes for on-campus housing.

Beginning in the 2004-2005 academic year, graduate students with Research Assistant, Teaching Assistant, or internal fellowships will receive a full health-insurance subsidy.

Rent rates, which were originally planned to increase by 5.2 percent next year, will now only increase by 3.75 percent.

GSC nominations begin

Caulfield announced the opening of nominations for GSC officers of president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary. Nominations for these positions will remain open until April 5 at 11 p.m. Elections will take place at the next general council meeting to be held on April 7.

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Changes in Coaches Hinder KU and UNC

By Brian Chase

There have been a lot of thrilling stories in NCAA Division I Basketball season, the largest ones being the undated runs of St. Joseph's and Stanford (who lost on the March 6, by the way). But what about the other side of the coin? What about the disappointments, the letdowns? There were plenty of those, too, especially the horrible play of Missouri's basketball squad. But there are another two teams that are actually linked in their disappointment, linked by the biggest coaching change of the last offseason. I refer, of course, to Kansas and North Carolina University.

One of the biggest surprises of last season was that KU basketball coach Roy Williams, coming off a loss in the National Championship game and expecting a startling recruiting class, had actually hired Bill Self, coach of the Illini, who had been branding the Illini into contention in the Big Ten and recently fired his coach. In his place, KU hired Bill Self, then coach of Illinois, who had been leading the Illini into contention in the Big Ten and consistently rated in the top ten. This year, Kansas had a stellar freshman class and an impressive young coach, and so it was ranked in the top ten. What has happened since then? Going into both teams' championship weeks, Kansas is 20–7, ranked 14th by the AP. Looking at those numbers, it was enormous. Yet, the 49ers were not looking for a bargain. His contract was not big while his talent was to trade T.O., but they were really trading him at face value. Right now, Terrell is slated to make $17 million over the next three years. If he were to become a free agent, he would probably make most of that $17 million just in his signing bonus. What's more important was that Owens seemed desperate to get out of San Francisco, after all, saying that Owens did not have a great relationship with Jeff Garcia would be a gross understatement. Not only did Owens never really listen to anyone, but he always wanted to be able to say and do anything he pleased.

Obviously, the easiest route for the 49ers to take would have been to trade Owens to another team. Instead, Owens is still whining about not getting everything he desires. Would have been avoided. Instead, Owens is still saying that he wants out of San Francisco and the Eagles negotiate some more, this case, and he wants the union to help him become a free agent again, or at least nullify the Baltimore trade. The union has declared this a "special master case" and if they win, Owens will be a free agent while the Ravens will get back the 51st pick in the draft, the one that they traded to San Francisco for Terrell.

Now just think, had Owens had the peace of mind to call his agent to make sure the paperwork was finished, he would be a free agent. If he had talked more with the San Francisco organization beforehand, he might have understood the proper way to treat others in the NFL. I guess Terrell Owens isn't your model citizen anymore, is he? I am pretty sure that he should be dealt to a team without his talent, but that's another story.

Column

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The MIT Synchronized Swim Team took sixth place at the Collegiate East Regional Championships March 5-6 at the University of Rhode Island. Cani- lon, one of the strongest college var- iety programs in the country, took first with 104 points, while the remaining teams, Keuka, Wheaton, and Walsh, rounded out the top four.

The University of Pennsylvania placed the highest of any club pro- gram in fifth with 95.7 points. MIT scored 85.5 points to place sixth and surpass Boston University’s 40.5 points, while Millersville, Cornell, Penn State, and the University of Rhode Island closed out the final four team places. While accumulating points for the final team tally, MIT not only defended four programs from Division I institutions, but also qualified six athletes and four team places. The Division I Championships March 24-27 in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

MIT continued its dominance in the technical figure competitions, its strongest category from the New England Invitational a week earlier. They swept the technical categories that they entered, with average scores of 70.795, 63.242, and 57.087 in the senior, junior, and novice fig- ural categories, respectively. Individ- ually, Lindsey R. Sheehan ’07 (70.795) placed 16th in the senior division; Cassidy E. Boulet G (63.949) placed eighth and Victoria K. Anderson G (62.999) placed tenth in the junior division; Alice Wu ’05 (60.427) placed fifth, Tenley D. McGarr ’07 (57.233) placed tenth, and Leah C. Blasiak G (53.600) placed 19th in the novice division.

In the routine competitions, Anderson took ninth in the solo competition with a score of 74.167 and teamed with Boulet to take tenth in the duet competition with a score of 71.500. Blasiak, McGarr, and Wu finished 11th among the trios with a final score of 63.000. In the final event of the meet, Anderson, Blasiak, Boulet, McGarr, Shen- han, and Wu finished with a final score of 73.000 in a team routine to place eighth out of 14 routines. They fell less than two points short of the top team routine from Boston University in the raw score total, a sizeable improvement from the sizeable improvement from the final four team places. While accumulating points for the final team tally, MIT not only defended four programs from Division I institutions, but also qualified six athletes and four team places. The Division I Championships March 24-27 in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The MIT Sport Taekwondo Club had a sizeable improvement from the previous season in the national competitions and emerged victorious, narrowly winning first place over chief rival Cornell University.

Taekwondo competition is divid- ed into two events: poomse (forms) and sparring. MIT scored points for each and every technique correctly performed against the organizers and took home the big win in the routine competition.

In the large poomse division, the men’s black belt division, and out of the top 12 competitors select- ed for a final runoff, five were MIT men in the advanced level. They performed a gorgeous Koryo (a type of form) for a second place win; meanwhile, Erica Chan ’07 and James Chen ’07 performed for black belt women with her near- ly vertical kicks; Margaret Cho ’04 performed first place in women’s red belt, and Bobby Ren ’05 won sec- ond place in yellow belt. The blue belts dominated the fields; Sandra Yu ’06 and Stephanie Lee ’06 won first and second for the women.

By Caroline Tien (inter varsity)