Szuminski Makes Padres Team, Is First MIT Graduate in MLB

By Brian Loux

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

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SEC Begins Formal Investigation of Nortel's Accounting Practices

By Bernard Simon

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, compelling 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 practices have raised concerns over the operation of Boston's biggest bank, executives said publicly this week. 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 $3.1 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.

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

By Katrin Bennhold

In Madrid, Spain

A letter purportedly from al-Qaida promising an "inferno" unless Spain withdraws 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 convicted into an "inferno and your blood will flow like rivers."

Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, who was elected prime minister 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 fears sending more troops to Afghanistan.

Bank Of America To Cut 12,500 Jobs in Merger

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 $3.1 billion in the merger.

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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.
Embarassing Interview

You are an embarrassing interview. The interview with Miss Keum in The Tech on Friday, April 2 ["Missin’ Korea"] makes you sound like a big fool. 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.

Ashley Paul
Editor

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MISCHARACTERIZATION OF PRO-CHOICE POSITION

I was dismayed by Adam Kolasics’s gross mischaracterization of the pro-choice position in “Unembryonic Unborn Child Dichotomy” [April 2]. Although I agree with Kolasics’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 can’t agree with his subsequent conclusions. Kolasics 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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Steve Savage
For those of you who missed it, this past weekend witnessed the definitive professional of 14-year-old soccer sensation Freddy Ado. Originally hailing from Ghana, the young and sublimely talented Ado has been widely anointed as the United States’ savoy of soccer, with the ability to transform his sport into the American craze it has become. Unfortunately, Freddy’s meteoric progress had led him to eventually leave his home country by 16. Ado, who already earns the highest salary in all of Major League Soccer, faces a burden of pressure seldom placed upon someone so young.

Yet Ado’s case reflects a growing trend in our society where more and more children are thrust into adulthood. Faced with responsibilities that belies their age, young people are said to experience a lot less time enjoying the innocent years of youth, a phenomenon that at least very deservedly our attention.

Perhaps the most publicized example comes in the person of LeBron James, the bas- ketball 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 starred at the high school ranks to the National Basketball Association (NBA), but fans lament the loss against the passage, hype, and attention that will undoubtedly accompany him throughout his potential Hall of Fame career remains to be seen.

Donna 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,” and singing performances reach the ears of millions of people every week.

The issue of young people facing daunting pressure is hardly the isolated tale of talent, however. Consider the growing obses- sions schools across the country struggle through the grueling process, and the pressure they face during what are supposed to be their parents, and themselves is rampant. Middle schoolers are enrolling in SAT courses, similar to the performance in high school and college students are worrying about whether their kids engage in enough extracurricular activities to satisfy the Harvards and MITs of the world.

The problem is that these kids 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 con- scious about issues like stress, parental pressure, and child development.

The continued increases in pressure modern youth in spite of growing awareness that such pressure may be detrimental to their development.

My solution to this discrepancy is hardly some sweeping condemnation of pressure on youth. Such a prescription would be both naive and unrealistic. Instead, approach would seem to involve some lessening of the double standards that adults place on modern American society. While the pressure they face is an innumerable 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 edu- cators. Teaching tends to be easy slow and wrongly. Though the sex, drugs, guns, and alcohol have continued to affect younger and younger children, parents remain quietly con- servative 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 all in areas, but 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 acceler- ate the social, emotional, and even academic education of the nation’s youth, enabling chil- dren to keep pace with the world around them.

The Ombudsman

Don’t Hide Editors’ Notes; Serious screwup editing letters

John A. Hawkkinson

I shall endeavor to write smaller more frequent columns rather than voluminous mammoth letters 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 after the editors’ note, that means removes prominent placement on page 4 (or perhaps even page one). I do note that at the top of, or within the let- ters section is sufficiently eye-catchy, nor is mention in the errata box. Instead, the editors’ note should be placed in an area of potential readers to be read in context, where it can be clearly seen in a casual glance.

This is hardly a new editorial chart (and prior), The Tech published prominent editors’ notes (see examples on this page and the next).

I was recently 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 origi- nally argued that it should have an editor’s note, not even a correction that required readers to look for.

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

I filing. Even if there were such a rule, the format- ing and style of the paper are not ironic. They exist to con-
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CHANGING PEOPLE'S LETTERS IS A NO-NO.

I have more to say about Haddad’s piece and our political statement, but first I want to discuss the erratum’s formatting. But what I think the context was insufficient and inadequate to explain the situation and what actually happened.

Chernology

*On March 6, 1993, the June edition of the Tech published a letter by Professor Andrew Haddad about the recent overthrow of the Syrian regime. The letter was later challenged by several individuals who claimed it was not the author’s actual work. After investigating the matter, the Tech decided to retract the letter and publish an erratum.

There was a lot that had went wrong here!

Background on opinion submissions: Submissions may be modified to allow space for discussion. “Guest columns” are distinguished by having the author’s name in italic type, and their byline italicization policy on the first paragraph. “Guest columns” also (i.e. not italic).

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Columns and letters should be edited directly with a policy based on these comments: “The Tech reserves the right to edit or condense letters in order to make them fit the space available. The Tech reserves the right to place letters on the facing page of the opinion section which are written by individuals not on the opinion policy board.”

In both cases, however, the relationship between the author and the reader must be well understood by both parties. The reader should understand and appreciate all changes to the editor’s content. The editor should understand and appreciate all changes to the editor’s content. The editor should appreciate all changes to the editor’s content. The editor should appreciate all changes to the editor’s content.

In a column, however, the line depends on the relationship between the columnist and the editor. The reader is given a chance to find out what kinds of editing are being done. In no event should anyone be surprised to see what is published. The editor or columnist is then the authority. No one else.

Haddad challenged on March 10 (specifically, the letter of March 16) his submission in the March 16 issue carried this eratum: In Marc Haddad’s column “Twisted Logic from the Syrian Ambassador” [Mar. 9], the sentence “Just this past October, U.S. State Department Counterterrorism Coordinator called Syria ‘a sponsor of numerous terrorist organizations’” should have been attributed as an editor’s note, as should the URL referenced in the article. I responded to the references to substantiate the arguments of Mr. Haddad without his consent.

The additions to Haddad’s column 3.

To start with, the ambassador’s claim that Syria relocate its troops by 1992 and its people to medicines. How does an editor in chief make the statement stronger. But it does no. I don’t understand what Sterner can be accomplished.

In a subsequent e-mail message, Sterner clarifies that “this should not be construed as a blameworthiness. It is, however, an important error in the articles. I think that’s clear in gen-

Editors Should Never Add Text To Letters!

Changes made to the Marc Haddad’s G letter published on March 9 as “Twisted Logic from the Syrian Ambassador.”

Marc Haddad is a doctoral candidate in Technology Management Policy.
Hay Fever

by Brian Wang - Jennifer Peng

Chen, what happened to your hair?
I donated it to Locks of Love...

They make wigs for kids with cancer. You know it takes 6-10 ponytails to make one wig?

Meanwhile, in another part of the country...
- Mommy, I'd rather be bald!

Trio

by Emezie O korafor

Last chance... SUGAR RAY in town this Friday!

Rick! You're back! I thought I'd never see you again!

But why? What about your new hair style...and all the groupies?

Yeah, it was kinda nice hanging with all those really CUTE, really NICE girls...but, their affection was only skin deep. As friendly as they were, I know that as soon as I was out of sight, I was out of mind.

With you, at least I know that I really exist SOMEWHERE inside that heart of yours...

...even if you aren't very cute, nice, or friendly.

Who says I'm NOT NICE? And, my mom thinks I'm very cute, for your information!

It's good to be back.

And so it drama on 14 year old boys everywhere

by Brian Loux

Sex for Signing

After Colored's several other top sports teams are investigating if they too have programs to use sex as a recruitment tool.

The seminar is about to start. I'm going in...

Ok.

At my desk.

That's so gradual.

???... What?

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CABE

Ok, I'm on the ball. Stay with me kid, I can do this.

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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.

The Zeta Mu chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta congratulates its newly initiated sisters!

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A special thanks to our new member educators, Jennifer Peng and Christy Eng.
Events Calendar

Visit and add events to Events Calendar online at http://events.mit.edu

Tuesday, April 6

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. – WHD Donut and Coffee Hour. Come join your classmates for some pastries, coffee, and foldable brochures! Free. Room: WHD. Sponsor: WHD.

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – GSC Office, Kendall. Open House. Free. Room: GSC Office. Sponsor: GSC Office.

12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Campus Tour. Student-led campus tours are approximately 90 minutes long and provide a general overview of the entire campus. Please note that some campus tours do not visit laboratory buildings, living groups or specific areas. The tours begin at the Admissions Office. To confirm family dancing for a given week, and for up-to- the-minute changes and cancellations, please call about 48 hours prior to the event at 7-7840. Free. Room: Office of Student Activities, 10-100. Sponsor: Admissions.

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Israeli Folk Dancing (participatory). Israeli Folk Dancing Early Teaching at 8 p.m., Israeli Folk Dancing Early Teaching at the Haggadah on the Passover seder. A book from Yale University's Gus Speth, Dean and professor at the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, brings together the latest research to show in detail the depth of the global environmental crisis. He reaps, which Annual Spring Meeting and celebrates a day of renewed focus on environmental policy. Free. Room: 3 Church Street; Harvard Square. Sponsor: Board of Overseers/Committee on Overseers.

*Wrapped Up* Events

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Wednesday, April 7


12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Modern Optics and Spectroscopy. Frequency Domain Observations of Electronic Transitions in Solid State Materials. Free. Room: 2-84. Sponsor: MIT's resource lounge for lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgender, and questioning students and staff.

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. – Communications Forum: Movies in the Digital Age. Free. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: MIT Enterprise Forum of the Boston Chapter.

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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

www.otzma.com

Israel
April 6, 2004

**GSC Elections Slated For Tomorrow Night**

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 "sizable 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 publications, 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.

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- **Creativity Break April 7th** (14E-304 6-7pm - food)
- **Essays due April 14th** - Email submissions to adlevin@mit.edu
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- Evaluating applications and participating in admissions committee decisions
- Traveling throughout the country for recruitment purposes
- Coordinating MIT student involvement in Campus Preview Weekend and supervising other recruitment efforts such as telethons and MIT’s Overnight Program
- Conducting admissions information sessions

Applications are available in the Admissions Office, 3-108, or the Admissions Reception Center, 10-100, and should be returned no later than Friday, April 16, 2004.

Please contact counselors@mit.edu with any questions.
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Dr. Chang-Gyu Hwang
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For more information

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The Asian American Association hosted the seventh annual Grains of Rice show on Sunday, April 4. This night of food and performances brought together MIT’s many cultural clubs. In addition to cultural performances by students, guests Vienna Tang and Anyssa Kim contributed to the show. Grains of Rice also served a ten-course ethnic meal to attendees.

(Clockwise from Upper Left)

Writer Anyssa Kim gestures for a big, round Buddha during her poetry reading.

Boston University student Alan Batangan keeps two Chinese yo-yos (Tzuh-ling) in the air at once.

Jessica G. Chinsomboon ’07 performs the Sri Vijayan Dance with the Thai Students at MIT.

Members of the Filipino Students Association balance glasses half-full of rice wine in “Binasuan.”

Rohit Gupta ’05 performs “Noor-e-Punjab” with MIT Bhangra.

Professional recording artist Vienna Teng performs a selection from her new album “Warm Strangers.”

EASTER VIGIL

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If you are interested in staying involved, but not in an elected position, we are also seeking volunteers to serve as Members at Large.

Deadline for nominations is noon on Friday, April 9

For complete job descriptions or to nominate yourself or a classmate, visit http://web.mit.edu/seniorelect/

Online elections will be held April 29-May 14

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ASA Plans To Watch Counterpoint Status

Counterpoint, from Page 1

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.

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.

“They’re under provisional recognition, which we put groups under for the first year of recognition,” Walter said. The ASA will check on Counterpoint’s status in one year before regranting them full recognition, she said.

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Japanese Hanami* Party

* The Art of Cherry Blossom Observation.

Sit back on the goza mat, relax, and relish the beauty of digitally enhanced cherry blossoms at our annual spring party! Sushi and amazake (sweet non-alcoholic rice wine) will be served. Bring your IDs for more drinks.

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The Japanese Society of Undergraduates

Date: Friday, April 9th
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The Undergraduate Association hosted a Subway study break at 11 p.m. yesterday on the first floor of the Student Center. This event was the first in a series of events for Undergraduate Appreciation Week.
Missile Defense, from Page 1

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 or Meins, the named MIT authors. “I have no desire to see anybody punished,” he said 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 disclose 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.

New This Year: Summer Resident Assistant Positions

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Eligibility
In order to be considered for the Summer RA position, a student must qualify for Summer Housing under the guidelines set out by the Housing Office (see Student Life Handbook, page 53). In addition, all applicants must be registered for classes at MIT in the Fall 2004 semester. Graduating seniors will only be considered for the Summer RA position if they have been accepted into an MIT graduate program that will begin in the Fall 2004 semester. Applicants must have lived in an on-campus dorm for a minimum of two years. Applicants must currently be in good standing both academically and disciplinarily, and must remain so throughout the term of employment.

Come to an Information Session to learn more:
- April 2, 3:00 PM, Student Center, JMD 1 & 2
- April 6, 7:30 PM, EC Talbot Lounge
- April 7, 7:30 PM, MacGregor Dining

For an application and more information, please visit web.mit.edu/residence.

Questions? Email SummerRA@mit.edu.

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

Photography by Stanley Hu
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 for another round. Before last year, the Sens were as good as gone.

Peter Bondra from the Capitals and some great attitudes in the Maple Leafs defense during MIT’s 13–4 victory on Saturday.

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.

Opening Day, from Page 24

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 Hidetoshi Nakajima 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 rose after Matsui 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.

Face Recognition Difficulties?

Have you ever failed to recognize family or close friends? Do you have trouble learning to recognize new acquaintances?

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Civil & Environmental Engineering

Freshman Open House

Wednesday, April 7

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Bush Room (10-105)

Meet CEE students, faculty and alumni! Free food & CEE gift!

check out our website: http://web.mit.edu/civenv
Men's Lacrosse Starts League Play With Blowout Win

By Brian Chase

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

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 first quarter by Lasell goalie 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 teams chances were in the conference this season. Alessi opted 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 Yongyi Zhu

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Eastern Conference of NFL Playoffs Expected to Produce Close Finishes

By Andrew C. Thomas

The National Hockey League’s playoff picks are dedicated to the MIT Men’s Hockey team, who won MIT's 16-7 victory on Saturday.

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