Arrow Street Crepes to Close Permanently
Restaurant Has Not Been Profitable Since Its Opening, Will Close After Commencement

By Marissa Vogt

Arrow Street Crepes will permanently close its restaurant in the Student Center due to financial difficulties, said Director of Campus Dining Richard D. Berlin III.

“We really have not been profitable since the day that we opened,” said owner James Murray. “We’ve made a decision to close because it cost a little bit more money each month to run the creperie than the creperie would take in.”

Berlin said that Arrow Street will remain open until June 11 so that it can continue to serve the MIT community through commencement.

Arrow Street expected more sales
Murray said that high operating expenses had made him consider closing Arrow Street as early as its second quarter, but he had kept the store open in hopes that business would improve.

He said that the creperie’s losses, especially during the summer, prevented him from opening up another creperie and bubble tea shop near Porte Square.

Berlin said that the Office of Campus Dining had been working with Arrow Street to increase sales with Arrow Street to increase sales

Siddharth Sundar ’07 makes a purchase at Arrow Street Crepes in the Student Center Thursday night. The restaurant has not been profitable, and will be closing permanently on June 11. Murray said that despite developing a new breakfast menu last April and adjusting its hours of operation, Arrow Street has not been able to permanently increase its sales. The decision to close was made

Prefrosh Gather on Campus for CPW

By Ray C. He

Over 800 prospective students for the MIT class of 2008 converged on MIT’s campus preview weekend for CPW, said Associate Director of Admissions Zaragoza A. Guerra III. Accompanying 516 of the prefrosh will be 779 parents, he said. Prefrosh are excited to see what MIT has to offer. “The first thing I thought of was, ‘I can’t believe I’m here,’” said prospective student Kristen N. Stenzl. “I’m greatly anticipating going to a lot of math classes,” she said.

First impressions vary
Prefrosh have a variety of feelings about the physical appearance of the MIT campus. “I first thought that it was big and pretty,” said prospective student Melissa W. Ledet. “I thought of was, ‘I can’t believe I’m here,’” said prospective student Kristen N. Stenzl. “I’m greatly anticipating going to a lot of math classes,” she said.

George W. Whitehead Jr.

George W. Whitehead Jr. of Winchester, MA, professor emeritus in the Department of Mathematics, died on Monday, April 12. He was 85. Whitehead served on the MIT faculty from 1949 to 1985. His work was exceptionally important to the development of the field of algebraic topology, and that of his academic descendants, a testament to his impact on academia. Topology is essentially the intricate study of shape, and mathematicians such as Whitehead dealt with high dimensional shapes. Topology would consider a circle to be one dimensional (a one dimensional line traversable by moving left or right), a sphere two dimensional, and so on. The power of topology expands beyond our everyday physical experiences in three spatial dimensions because it provides abstractions and theorems abstractable to arbitrarily high dimensions.

The ideas of topology translate easily to systems or models with a large number of parameters. A parameter’s constraints in relation to the other parameters of the system would carve out its own specific shape of potential system solutions. Whitehead specialized in analyzing spheres of large dimensions and finding methods or functions that are able to reduce the number of dimensions. In tabulating the many different ways to perform dimensional reduction, Whitehead’s research led to the J-homomorphism, which defines a family of functions allowing one to collapse a large number of parameters by significant amounts.

It was under Whitehead’s leadership that MIT hired at least six leading thinkers in the field of topology. Some in the Department of Mathematics joked that MIT had become the “Massachusetts Institute of Topology.”

List of MIT employee Social Security Numbers found online

“Big Screw” competition earns steady stream of donations

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The Tech interviews Jack Valenti, long-time head of the Motion Picture Association of America.

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Iraq Releases Japanese Captives

By Steven R. Weisman and David E. Sanger

The Bush administration accepted Thursday the outline of a U.S. proposal that will allow the Iraqi Governing Council to postpone same-sex marriages until the fall. The council had previously rejected the proposal.

For those who have waited so patiently these last several months, that’s a big relief. For those of us who have been here for several increments since December, it’s been a long time coming.

With only a month before same-sex marriages are to become legal in the United States, the council had been asked by President Bush to delay same-sex marriages until the fall. The council had previously rejected the proposal.

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Iraqi officials still hopeful about reaching peace settlement soon

By Edward Wong

In a sharp political backlash against the impression of President Roh Moo-Hyun, South Korean voters tripled the size of his legislative delegation on Thursday, ensuring liberal control of the legislature.

In a rout of conservatives who voted for impeachment one month ago, Roh’s Uri Party won 152 seats, a slim majority of the 299-seat, one-chamber National Assembly. The conservative Grand National Party lost its majority, falling to 121 seats and the Millennium Democrats, once the second force, was reduced to a handful of seats, according to near-final results. A new left-wing party, the Democratic Labor Party, came in third, winning 10 seats.

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FDA Barred Testimony on Anti-Depressants’ Danger to Children

Top officials at the Food and Drug Administration admitted Thursday that they barred the agency’s top expert from testifying at a public hearing about his conclusion that anti-depressants cause children to become suicidal because they viewed his findings as alarmist and premature.

“I would have been entirely inappropriate to present as FDA a conclusion an analysis of data that were not ripe,” Dr. Robert Temple, the agency’s director of medical policy, said. “This is a very serious matter. If you get it wrong and over-discourage the use of these medicines, people could die.”

Temple was seeking to quell a growing controversy over whether the agency’s warnings on March 22 that anti-depressant therapy could discourage the use of these medicines, people could die.”

“FDA’s open house

The Elements of a Good Newspaper

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Student Center, Room 483

Write an article, take a photograph, draw a comic, or try your hand at layout.

Prefrosh, undergraduates, and graduate students are welcome.

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The Union of Concerned Scientists recently released a report and statement signed by 62 prominent scientists charging the Bush administration with widespread manipulation and misrepresentation of science by the Bush administration is unprecedented. There is a well established pattern of suppression and distortion of scientific findings by this administration.

As a community of the world's leading scientists and engineers, MIT should be especially perturbed at this abuse; after all, the UCS itself was born of a faculty movement here in the late 1960s, advocating a sharply different political approach to the uses of science and technology.

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 Redirecting the War on Terror

Vivek Rao

Let’s not mince words, as far as the American security and foreign policy is concerned, the proverbial shit has hit the fan. Insurgency in Iraq is reaching potentially catastrophic levels, and the recent release of a crucial pre-Sept. 11 memo has given former chief counterterrorism aide Richard Clarke renewed credence in his sweeping denunciation of government policies toward Al-Qaeda and Saddam Hussein. Yet in this election year, with both Republicans and Democrats eager to prove that they acted logically and appropriately over the last few years, the nation runs the risk of rationalizing political fallout with a sound number of people relentlessly bashing the president’s policies and thus jealously offering his unwavering support.

Neither mindset is healthy, since for the most part, American foreign policy has transcended party lines in recent years, with most prominent politicians supporting an irrational, short-sighted, and largely jingoistic method of dealing with the rest of the world. Now is the time for our leaders to show that they truly understand the complex new dynamic in foreign relations by admitting their past failures and proposing more realistic and palatable solutions for the future. The complex nature of security and containment can never be broken down into a number of key issues. Currently, the publicly published proceedings in Washington continue to deal primarily with intelligence gathering by various government agencies, along with the consolidation of and response to intelligence. Certainly, this is an important issue. Allegations that National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice and other members of the Bush administration should have better anticipated the attacks of Sept. 11 deserve foremost attention.

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Hack Hypocrisy

The Office of the President of the Undergraduate Association would like to publicly thank Professors Hal Abelson and Gerald Jay Sussman for their noble promotion of hacking and appreciation for Hack.”

The MIT administration should feel embarrassed for attempting to punish and discourage hacking, one of our greatest traditions, in a foreign relations by admitting their past failures and proposing more realistic and palatable solutions for the future. The complex nature of security and containment can never be broken down into a number of key issues. Currently, the publicly published proceedings in Washington continue to deal primarily with intelligence gathering by various government agencies, along with the consolidation of and response to intelligence. Certainly, this is an important issue. Allegations that National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice and other members of the Bush administration should have better anticipated the attacks of Sept. 11 deserve foremost attention.

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Letters To The Editor

Andrew C. Thomas

Sometimes I wonder exactly how deserving we are of the democracy we have been granted with the idea that we live in a self-determining society. There are people who wish we had dreamed of by those of the past and those who live in agony in oppressive cultures. But the system as it is, we’re not using anything close to its full potential. Some people may argue it’s not working when we see it in good conscience, or even in self-interest.

Elections themselves are not confined to determining who will be the next president. In the recent US elections, was “re-elected” by a 100 percent margin, but with an alarmingly high voter turnout (also 100 percent). But of course, it wasn’t the elections that kept Saddam in power, nor did elections solve the problems of the people of the Soviet Union. One’s life being on the line is a compelling reason enough to turn out to the voting booths.

Realize one thing, once again, it all comes down to money. Studies have shown that as annual income rises, so does voter turnout. Putting another way, people pay taxes more about their vote (money indeed talk). This is also why, among other reasons, rich people tend to be democrats because fundamentally, people exercise political force because they want more for their bank.

In terms of our own little democracy, I can’t but agree with Rao’s “adults to Voter Registration.” It seems to be the case that political force, and force is the expression of violence.

Hacking. The end result will lack credibility if we are a start, but in the end it won’t be enough to change like gay marriage. The debate cannot be properly waged without evidence for its effects on society, which is truly lacking at this point. On the smaller scale, the debate becomes irrelevant that does not allow for a broader overview of the conse- quences. The upcoming legalization of gay marriage across Massachusetts is going to do this, but I’m concerned it’s a missed opportunity.

On the other hand, this result will lack credibility if we can’t look at the results on a smaller scale. It’s just not valid as an indication of social data by saying that each American is 81 percent white and 51 percent female.

So when we could uncover any spark true interest in issues, our mechanisms for voting are decent enough that any quick change would be far too painful. Smaller scale experiments with preferential and proportional voting schemes are a start, but in the end it won’t be enough to fix democracy. The end of the spoiler effect might make the Democrats less afraid of the Big Bad Voter, but it alone can’t solve a few of the fears of the public that the government exams only for its own purposes and not to serve the people.

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By Keith J. Winstein

Jack Valenti, the 82-year-old who has headed the Motion Picture Association of America since 1971, spoke at the MIT Communications Forum last Thursday. The MPAA offered The Tech a chance to ask Valenti questions after his talk, and — as a former Tech news reporter interested in technology and copyright — I got drafted.

Valenti is an incredibly polished advocate for the movie studios. He has numerous legislative and regulatory successes to his name, and his stated commitment to honest debate (he spoke passionately several times about his commitment to the "ideal of civic discourse") and his frankness to understand it, then I figure everybody else can understand it, because I am not a technologist. ... But I try to make things simple and clear as I can, and I think that helps you persuade other people.

TT: Everybody I know thinks the Digital Millennium Copyright Act and the Broadcast Flag are awful. And everybody in Congress disagrees. This does not lead to good debate and good public policy, when people can't even talk to each other. How can we have a good debate on these topics?

JV: I don't know. I go on forums, and panel discussions (Taylor, an MPAA spokesman) does the same. We are available to anybody. I never believe in hostile debates. That's not my style. I believe that we ought to talk objectively about it. I think for anything that I'm advocating — I'm not sure why anyone would advocate something — that should be anybody about it. If my ideas have no bottom, then they ought not be even heard.

TT: The broadcast flag — if you're in your home, then you can copy anything that's on over-the-air television to your heart's content. The only time that you will know there's a broadcast flag is if you try to take one of these computer cards and reduce the video on the Internet. Then the flag says, "No, you can't redistribute it." But you can do everything you're doing right now — you'll never know there's a broadcast flag. Well, who would object to it?

JV: I'll tell you, because I'm an engineer. I'm an engineering student, and this year I built a high-definition television receiver, from the ground up, because of the broadcast flag. If I wanted to do that after July 2005, that would be illegal.

TT: So, you are the only person that will ever make a high-definition television receiver or, again, watch HDTV at home? ... I run Linux on my computer. There's no product I can buy that's licensed to watch [DVDs]. If I go to Blockbuster and rent a movie and watch it, am I a bad person? Is that — does that mean that people say, "You know, that makes sense." TT: I don't know that. TT: Well, I'm talking about engineers. You designed this?

JV: No, I didn't know that.

TT: So the question is, do you think people who go to Blockbuster, they rent a movie, they bring it home, and they play it on Linux by circumventing the access control, are those people committing a moral transgression?

TT: I do not believe that you have the right to override an encryption. Because if you have the right to do it, everybody can do it. For whatever benign reason you have, somebody else has got one even more benign. But once you let one person deal in a digital copy — and I don't have to tell you, you know far better than I that, in that analogy, the multitude of copies is as pure as the original — it is a big problem. So let's let the barriers down for your perfectly sensible reason, you gotta let it down for everybody.

TT: Don't want to get into the definition of morality. I never said anything was immoral in any of this. I was saying, it's an open debate because something like that belongs to somebody else.

TT: Indeed, but are you doing that when you rent a movie from Blockbuster, and you come home and you take it off the shelf at home? ... I run Linux on my computer. There's no product I can buy that's licensed to watch [DVDs]. If I go to Blockbuster and rent a movie and watch it, am I a bad person? Is that — does that mean that people say, "You know, that makes sense." TT: No, you're not a bad person. But you don't have any right.

TT: But I rented the movie. Why should it be illegal?

JV: Well then, you have to get a machine that's licensed to show that is not licensed.

TT: That's making one of those machines, it's just not licensed.

[Winstein says Valenti six-time "gep" DVD/alexandra] TT: You type in that, it'll let you watch movies.

JV: You designed this?

TT: Yes.

JV: Un-fucking-believable.

TT: So the question is, if I just want to watch a movie — I rent it from Blockbuster — is that bad?

JV: No, that's not bad.

TT: Then why should it be illegal?

Rich Taylor, MPAA public affairs. It's not. You could put it in a DVD player, you could play it on any computer licensed for it.

TT: There's lots of machines you can play it on.

JV: None under Linux. There's no licensed player under Linux.

TT: But you're trying to set your own standards.

JV: No, you said four years ago that people under Linux should use one of these licensed players that would be available soon. They're still not out there.

TT: Well aren't they available? I don't know, because I don't make Linux machines.

TT: Let me put it in my simple terms. If you take something that doesn't belong to you, that's wrong. Number two, if you design your own machine, you can't fix at people, because you're one of just a few. How many Linux users are there?

TT: About two million.

JV: But where there is not any there must be a reason for it. ... Let me find out about that. You bring up an interesting question — I don't know the answer to that. Well, you're telling me a lot of things I don't know.

TT: Okay. How well can we have this dialogue?

JV: We'll, we're having it right now. I want to try to figure out why people on why are there no Linux licensed players. There must be a reason — there has to be a reason. I don't know.

Rich Taylor, a spokesman for the MPAA, later pointed to one company, Intervideo, that has a license to sell GNU/Linux DVD software, although the company does not actually sell a product that Linux users can purchase. Linux users who want to watch DVDs should "perhaps buy a DVD player instead," Taylor said, "or write to Intervideo and others, encourage them that they're the market." He added: "We are very interested in doing business with Linux computer-makers without breaking the law." "I'm sure that the day is not far away," Taylor said.

TT: Hit on pre-frosh — Hey, they're people too. Just small people. They haven't taken multi-variable calculus yet. And you, know, there's like a 75 percent chance that they'll be around in September, so you can look for true life: just a little bit more danger.... Depending on what turns you on (besides light switches). Besides, they didn't travel all the way to Boston just to hear about the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, if you get my drift.

Switch identities with a pre-frosh — And I don't mean "just for the weekend," if you're going to do it, then go whole hog. If you're a senior, then your pre-frosh can get their MIT ID for a month. And we could turn that down. And you can return back to wherever the hell they're from, go to prom, and you can get away with it -- if you are the prom queen (I love to relive prom?), and enjoy a carefree summer before heading off to DeVry University. And if you switch with a pre-frosh of opposite gender, it’s an instant topic of both worlds.

TT: So this one time, Andy Newman sent this e-mail to sink- ing@mit.edu and a giant moth came out of the ground and sank— And I don't mean...
I want a simple life: a nice little home, cute kids, a dog to run alongside me everyday, and daily sunshiny weather. How much are we willing to give up so that we may say I am happy in independence, we live life on the bell curve. In our case, at the 99.99 percentile.

Nobody aspires to live at the center of the bell curve life, where most people end up. We do not want to be an average Dilbert, holed up in a cubicle as a corporate slave. We do not want kids with average intellects or salaries at the 99.99th percentile.

By Tiffany Kosolcharoen

The Bell Curve - Life

As I sit here writing this column instead of studying for a 6.041 text this Wednesday night, I wonder what it takes to make it on the bell curve. Or at least, how could I be studying and studying. And studying. All this prepatation could not help but bring me back to the time of the test, which some MIT geniuses could have taken on their first birthday.

Knowledge is power. Knowing 100 percent, 99 percent, or even 98 percent, I am once again a slave to the bell curve. It's with my neighbors get that matters. I'm hoping everyone does worse than me so that I can end up better than average.

Hopeless studying

I did the same thing during the World Championships of studying. “Stop wishing the skaters,” my dad told me one night as I watched figure skater Michelle Kwan’s competition. “Just go out there and do what everyone else is doing. But Michelle would fall so that my favorite athlete would win once again.”

Yet, none of this squabbling is any happier. That's probably why watching sports isn't exactly the most relaxing way to pass an on-beach activity. Neither is reading the news. I'm asking myself: is it worth this increased blood pressure?

Think about uniforms at private schools. When everyone is the same, and the fashion bell curve appears to be eliminated, our “clothing communism” makes us rich to be unique.

As a little girl, I was too young and informed kids to decorate their hair, shoe-laces, and backpacks more heavily than non-uniformed students. I, therefore, had to decorate my hair, shoe-laces, and backpacks to the bell curve for ourselves, are we always going to be subject to the negativity it creates?

Success of self

I’m learning to live life on my own personal bell curve. I define success as being better than I was last year or last month, or last week.

That means eliminating mediocrity and laziness. It means doing more than 6,041, the results of which I couldn’t ever properly control due to the great skill. That means getting enough sleep so that in the morning, I can wake up and be a contributing human being. That means reaching out to others, and learning to give rather than take it in dependence, thoughts, or knowledge.

It is easy to live life in terms of other people’s definition of happiness. People often quite happiness in terms of money: if you wish to be happy, you have to have the happy, true, many lottery winners lose their friends and the battle for something so material as cash.

Honestly, I don’t believe Bill Gates is any happier with his wealth.” I’m guessing his concern for his children’s security is probably causing him a lot of past. Plus, a million dollars won’t buy you health and a healthy life perspective.

I still want a simple life: a nice little home, cute kids, a guy to chat with for at least 80 years, and lots of friends and daily sunshine. Although I shall continue to work toward my ambitions, I realize fulfillment still does not depend on society’s bell curve standards.

By Alex Nelson

Sex and the SafeRide

How do you Measure Up?

A blonde bimbo’s preferences on an MTV show do not add much to my argument, however: they help to solidify a new notion that a man’s mentality in the bedroom is also important.

Women definitely do not come with a directives manual (gays all your experience with “manuals”). Nor do men. A man must be able to direct himself. Knowing what to do and how to do it is extremely important. Of course every woman is different, so men should not expect to move from one woman to the next without changing his style or technique (if he has it).

Some things that might please me one week might be disgusting the following week. Therefore, men must have multiple skills. They must be determined. They mustn’t give up. And most importantly they must have a goal in mind. This goal should be an obvious one.

In summary, we women will not judge you on size alone. Much more than that will be taken into consideration as we evaluate your performance. Of course we will compare you to everything we’ve had before and the things we hope to have in the near future (as in right now).

By Kailas Narendran

The lowdown

The P3000 from Saitek offers PC gamers the freedom of wireless gaming. The system consists of a wireless gamepad and receiver/stand with battery charger. It comes with two battery packs to allow you to game ‘til you get your fifth-week flag from your 18.02 TA.

The game pad has a gratuitous LCD display that indicates you’re in “analog” or “digital” mode, which channel you’re on, and the battery level. In “standard mode” the system can function like a standard USB gamepad. When you use the “advanced settings,” you can program one of the many buttons to perform keystrokes (useful for some of today’s more complicated games). Although you get two radio channels, they don’t necessarily work equally, so it’s really a one player system.

A nice change

When I got my laptop two years ago I decided I didn’t want to get the embedded wireless connection. Sure, I didn’t think it was necessary then, but in realt, I was afraid of the effect the radiation would have when I worked with the computer on my lap (one of my failed $50k ideas “The Lead Codcie”). But I digress.

That means reaching out to others, and daily sunshine. Although I shall continue to work toward my ambitions, I realize fulfillment still does not depend on society’s bell curve standards.

Simple.
T he Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater is among the most well-regarded dance companies in the world, and its performances have been lauded for their artistry, athleticism, and cultural value. The company’s yearly arrival in Boston is anticipated with posters draping lampposts and buses around the city, and the company members are welcomed with open arms by enthusiastic audiences. Their performance on Tuesday lived up to the hype.

In their opening night performance, their trademark dance, “Revelations,” (danced at almost every show they perform) was prefaced with three pieces that demonstrated a solid range of artistic intentions. The first was a dance of collapse and sudden silence, the second of passion and rupture, and the third of neoclassic chaos. The music was equally varied—ranging from Moroccan chanting to disco-esque electronics to assist percussion. The dancers were astounding throughout, they contorted and extended and flipped themselves in all directions, flaunting their well-muscled selves as they engaged the choreography. Dancers are often called athletes, but these company members had football player quadriceps and rafter laps. They use their myofibrils well; they are able to use their strength, or to control it, as the movement demands.

In the most stunning of these first three pieces, called “Treading,” dancer Clifton Brown, bathed in yellow-pink light, danced from his seat on the stage. He then rose, appearing immense in the spotlight. He moved back to his partner, Lisa-Denise Fisher-Harrell, pulling her up to the light and then disappearing into the shadows. She, too, relished her solo, moving her arms like wings and twisting herself to the music, almost to control it, as the movement demands. She rose, appearing into the spotlight before the curtain. Available for each performance two hours before the curtain.

Promising is “Hymn,” a piece to be performed at all but one show, together with other favorites and newer concoctions; especially tomorrow night. “Revelations” will be shown form the opening night’s program again to nag at their suitors and to dance furiously to the finger-snapping beat of “Rocka My Soul.” The crowd roared with enthusiasm through the bows, and stayed to clap for the entire encore. The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater is here until the end of the week, set to perform the opening night’s program and “Hymn,” a piece to be performed on Sunday. Student rush tickets ($20) are available for each performance two hours before the curtain.
MIT Theater Arts: Dramashop & GSP Productions

The MIT Gilbert and Sullivan Players production of “Thespis” opened April 9, and runs through Saturday in La Sala de Puerto Rico.

(left) Mars (Robert Morrison ’96) is outraged by faux Mars Timidon’s (Bradley Timmers) announcement that he had eliminated war amongst men. Thespis (Andrew Sweet), faux Jupiter, tries to calm the real God of War.

(below) The mortal Nicemis (Ashley H. Kim ’04) ascends to Godhood as the new Diana, Goddess of the Moon, hunt, and nature.

Photography by Wan Yusof Wan Morshidi

The MIT Dramashop production of Tolstoy’s “Power of Darkness” opened April 8, and runs through this evening in Kresge Little Theater.

Above left: Anisya (Jessica E. Hinel ’04) and Matryana (Olga Fedorishcheva) laugh over their plot in manipulating Nikita and his father Peter.

Below: Nikita (James Dai G) is arrested by a police officer (Michael T. Wolf ’06) after he confesses to a murder, while his father Akim (Max Goldman ’04) tries to ease the situation.

Left: Peter (Arshan J. Gailus ’06), old and dying with a sickness, reflects on his life and mistakes.

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Getting the most from MIT

Mental Health Services helps students succeed

Announcer/Chief of Mental Health: Jacqueline Girard, M.D., is an adult who can truly claim to know how it feels to be an MIT student. Girard, who graduated from MIT in 1986, remembers the rapid pace of problem sets, facing two exams in one day, and struggling to strike a balance between academics and other facets of life. “I really loved my experience here, but it was a tough adjustment, particularly because I came from a performing arts high school,” she explains. “I learned math and science, but I wasn’t used to seeing equations in music class,” the insight.

The first year of college is a time of transition for every student, notes Mental Health chief Alan Siegel, M.D. "I want to help students anticipate the stresses associated with academic life and develop new kinds of responses," he says. "We can help students find options for managing many different types of challenges—from academic to interpersonal, to dealing with new life experiences, developing a career, making friends, and coping with narcotics and failure."

Psychologist Bruce Pollack, M.D., and social worker James Ghersky, L.C.S.W., run a support group where freshmen can discuss common concerns, including being away from home for the first time, academic pressure, and feelings of loneliness and isolation. "Undergraduates have much curiosity and confusion and grow so much in those years," Pollack says. "I love being a part of that growth process."

MTS also offers other services to help students make the transition to college life. These include Counseling and Support Services, the Academic Resource Center, the International Students Office, and the Office of Residence Life, which includes graduate resident tutors (GRTs), residence life associates (RLAs), and live-in mentors in the living groups and dorms.

Of her own transition to institute life, Girard says taking an extra humanities class and joining the row team made it easier for her to cope with the new academic demands: the new facing. "Once I adjusted to the pace and the academic demands, I was able to try some new activities and make friends from all over the world," she says. "No one had to help current MIT students strike their own balance."

Accessing mental health services

Over the past few years, MIT Medical has made several changes to help students access mental health services more quickly and easily. In a system started two years ago, new patients can have a 15-minute, same-day phone consultation with one of three senior mental health clinicians, and then receive a regular appointment within a week. "It provides a quicker needs assessment, decreased wait time for appointments, and better matching of patients and clinicians," says Mental Health chief Alan Siegel, M.D.

Individuals with urgent concerns—including new patients—may also visit the Mental Health Services during weekdays and weekends from 2-4 P.M. or call thePhoenix office (617-253-1555) for more information about MIT Medical’s Mental Health Services, call 617-253-1555 or visit the MIT Medical website, http://web.mit.edu/medical.

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are headphones safe?

Dear MedLink: My music listening habits are creating a conflict with my roommates’ quarter rules. I play music with them and want to keep headphones for my stereo. But I am concerned about soundings that headphones can be harmful to one’s hearing. Can a couple hours of listening at a really loud level be harmful-0? —Concerned Music Lover

Dear Concerned: I am an avid music listener, too. And when my neighbors started complaining about the “cacophony” coming from my dorm, my solution was headphones. But until receiving your question, I hadn’t even thought about their potential for harm. So, thanks for raising the issue!

In researching this issue, I was surprised to learn that many portable audio players can be turned up to 80 to 110 decibels! How loud is that? Well, if you’re at the Kendall Square T station where the subway trains go into a tunnel, you’re only being exposed to about 80 db. Four straight hours of exposure to noise that loud would result in permanent hearing damage.

Still, MIT Medical audiologist Christine Rabinowitz, MA, CCC-A, tells me there is no risk in using headphones to listen to any type of music, for any length of time, as long as it’s played at a comfortable listening level. This is about the level of normal conversation, or around 70 db. If you’re roommates can hear music “leaking” from your headphones, it’s probably too loud. And if the music sounds distorted, if your ears hurt while listening or if your hearing feels slightly muffled or you have difficulty understanding speech in noisy areas after listening, it’s definitely too loud.

You should also take frequent listening breaks to avoid “listening fatigue,” a decreasing sensitivity to sound levels over time that can be caused by turning up the volume so you can hear it. Rabinowitz also warns against head-phones with loud background noise levels—for example, if someone is vacuuming nearby. “In instances like that, you will automatically increase the volume without realizing the annoyance is too much for your ears,” she says. Thanks again forraising an important issue and happy listening—Y. Torker, ’04

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Choosing a Doctor

Most students should choose a personal physician from within MIT Medical’s Internal Medicine Service. Personal physicians provide routine care and referrals. Brief bios of our doctors are available online at http://web.mit.edu/medic/services-internal.html.

New students can choose a personal physician by completing the physician choice form, available online at http://web.mit.edu/medic/fg-form.html, or by calling Clinic and Member Services at 75-5079.

Most returning students already have a personal physician. If you’ve forgotten your doctor’s name, call 75-5079. To change your personal physician, simply follow the instructions for choosing a physician.

Making an Appointment

Internal Medicine appointments are available by 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Call your doctor’s office directly to make an appointment.

Same-day appointments are usually available for patients who are sick. If your doctor is not available, you may be able to see another doctor in your practitioner.

Appointments in the Mental Health Service are available from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and until 3:00 p.m. on Friday, except holidays. To make an appointment, call 75-5079. You’ll be offered a same-day, same-week appointment with a mental health counselor, and you’ll get an initial appointment within 1 week.

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Filler Space takes two days off

by Jason Burns

Trio

April 24th: Official MIT Egg Video Game Tournament! details: alum.mit.edu/www/Amit

by Emezie Okorafor

FLUSH!

Y’know, this seat is cold!

Y’know, I can’t think of a more effective way to kill a sensitive moment than that. Archie Bunker and Al Bundy would be proud.

Fascist Popsicle Stand

by Saurabh Asthana

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Trio

by Emezie Okorafor

To be honest, Nana. I really don’t know why I came here to see you like this, so early in the morning. I know you don’t really like me anymore... but I guess the weight of my conscience drove me to come anyways... to try to make things right with you...

Sometimes it seems like my life is full of helplessness. There’s just SO much that I’m powerless to control. I mean, I can’t stop all the violence and hatred in the world. I can’t bring my dad back from the afterlife... I can’t be certain when today’s hardships will become tomorrow’s happiness...

But, a wounded friendship... now that’s something I have a chance with. That’s a tragedy that we all have the power to heal if we want. And, even if it still doesn’t work out in the end... at least I’ll rest assured knowing that I gave it one last try...

You know what I mean, Nana? Nana? Are you listening?

J-Kwon is smarter than you think

Everybody in da club gittin’ this!

Everybody in the club gittin’ this!

Excuse me, sir. I am Michael Powell, Chairman of the PDC. I am almost certain I heard you say “this” in your song. That is illegal. This music is not acceptable.

Ha! You biscuit! Ahn my backin’ paper say to keep the people in the club by getting ’em people toleague. I love my voice in a thing. I want to swallow all done.

Mickel Powell: a punk and I make him my Bitch’s 32

I like these rabbits because they’re so soft and fluffy. Y’know, I wanted to pet them.

Fascist Popsicle Stand

by Saurabh Asthana

In the race for the Center

Dr. Professor, what is war?

Well, Aristotle, using the baton given to me by the President, I’ve conducted the perfect presidential candidate. Tell, string jaw, no talk to speech, no group of security.

While we even grant him basic linguistic ability, he can improve key pictures.

Ideal National security/cool

I keep asking myself, is this the White House? I’ll keep rolling in great money.

So is the President supposed to wear his focus on the walls like this?

Well... 95% of a successful candidate in the FE House, anyway.
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Arrow St. Criticizes Price Controls

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as it became clear that Arrow Street could not compete with the other food vendors in the Student Center, Murray said.

“arid very high expectations for success,” he said. “We had very much wanted to continue operation, but had to make a decision based on numbers.”

“We have to cut our losses, as much as we have enjoyed serving the MIT community, and move on to other projects,” Murray said.

Arrow Street criticizes MIT

“The Office of Campus Dining has a mandate to offer the community high quality food, but it’s very difficult to offer the kind of food we prepare, which is non-processed food,” said Murray.

He also criticized MIT’s policy of controlling prices, saying that it detracts from business in the Harvard Square store and is not complimentary to the type of food Arrow Street serves.

“The Office of Campus Dining permits one price increase a year,” Murray said. “The reality of the commodities market that we deal with is a stark contrast to the idea of price controls.”

Murray cited a recent 40 percent price increase in the dairy market and fluctuating prices for fresh strawberries as an example of the factors that make it difficult to conform to MIT’s pricing structure. The cost of fresh strawberries runs from $15 per case when they are in season to $56 per case when they aren’t, he said.

With the closing of the MIT shop, Arrow Street plans to expand its store in Harvard Square by opening a new space at 1154 Massachusetts Avenue. Murray said that most of the employees of the MIT branch will be able to work in the new store.

“It is our hope to retain as many of our employees as would be willing to move to our Harvard Square store,” Murray said.

Survey asks for suggestions

Berlin said he expects a new vendor to move into the space during the summer and be ready to reopen in early fall.

He said the Office of Campus Dining has posted an online survey to gather feedback and suggestions for what kind of vendor the campus would like to see move into the space. The survey is available at http://web.mit.edu/dining/feedback/surveys.html.

Berlin said that the space would be suitable for both an independent restaurant and a chain. “The way it’s set up, it doesn’t need a lot of changes. The changes we made to build the crepe restaurant can be reconfigured.”

He said he expects a large number of responses from interested vendors. “There’s not a more visible retail spot on all of campus,” he said.

The Campus Dining Advisory Board, made up of members from the Undergraduate Association, the Graduate Student Council, faculty, and staff, will choose the new vendor, Berlin said.

He said they will be looking for several factors, including a desire to be at MIT, necessary resources, and the ability to make sure MIT is financially compensated.

“It’s a matter of making sure we’re choosing the right venue so that people go there and it’s popular,” said Berlin.

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Other institute-wide changes According to the 2002 report, the a 2005 opening, has only one woman for Learning and Memory, slated for the School of Science wrote a letter to Dean of Engineering and Computer Science engineering Department hired nine facult- y in the search, six of whom were Abyaraye said that he feels that the department was “only select- ing the best” of the candidates who applied for the positions. The Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science also greatly improved its record for hiring female faculty after the 1999 report. Between 1990 and 1998, the department hired 28 men in a row, even though 16 percent of PhD graduates from the department were female, said Professor Laura J. Gib- son, who chaired the Committee on Women Faculty in the School of Engineering. According to the 2002 report, this was due in part to a recip- rocity effect that favored male appli- cants. In contrast, the department has now increased this level by 85 percent to 13.5 per- cent. Academic departments have become very aware of the need to “continue to work at it,” said Hopkins. "It's an investment in the future," Hopkins said. "It's not additive; it's multiplica- "You can sort of shrug it off if it happens once," she said, but as inci- dents continue to occur the feeling of marginalization becomes more noticeable. "You say, 'I work a little hard- er.' Finally, after 20 years, you're just tired," said Hopkins.

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Prefrosh Experience Campus, Dorm Life, Classes, and Events

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Sophia C. Kamran. Compared to other colleges, however, MIT “is more confusing. I couldn’t tell when we actually arrived on campus,” she said, referring to the lack of a distinct boundary between Cambridge and campus. “It’s also not as green as other campuses.”

“The first thing I noticed was the sponge,” said prospective student Adam R. Lerner, referring to Simmons Hall. “I said to my dad, ‘Him! architec...”’

“I think it looks like it was built by a bunch of engineers,” said prospective student Joyce M. Gallagher.

Prefrosh pick from many events

The schedule of events on the CPW Web site includes 196 registered events, along with 125 scheduled classes, for prefrosh to attend.

The greatly varied list of events includes residence tours, liquid nitrogen ice cream parties, fire juggling, and barbecues.

“It’s an extremely full schedule,” said Miller.

Many living groups use CPW as an opportunity to spread knowledge of their group and to begin early recruitment. “Obviously everyone is trying to recruit for their house,” Guerra said. The efforts, however, all go towards a common purpose, “trying to get [the prospective students] to come to MIT,” he said.

Of the 196 events, 53 of them are official events held at fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups. Several others are co-sponsored by various living groups, such as dormitories.

Drans welcome prefrosh

At the end of the first day of CPW, Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedict, Dean of Admissions Marilee Jones, and Dean of Undergraduate Education Robert P. Redwine welcomed prefrosh to MIT. Jones talked about keeping up grades at the end of senior year. Lerner said, “She was just so real, and we all overachieved and we want you to be overachievers, so don’t slack off.” Lerner said, “She’s coming on too strongly. I found her very severe, and it turned me off.” There are other important things besides academics, she said.

The speeches were pretty good, Gallagher said. Jones “put humor into it, she was down to earth, and she had some good points about not slacking off,” she said.

Hosts located all over campus

Residence halls are hosting 597 prefrosh, with fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups housing the remainder.

No FSILG has more than 15 prefrosh. Guerra said, “The general number was about eight, and that depended on how many they wanted.”

Whitehead is Remembered as a Pioneer in Algebraic Topology

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Whitehead also taught graduate courses during his tenure and delivered now-famous lectures that Miller describe as “beautiful.” Though remembered as a very shy person, “in the class room, he had his script and said what he had to say,” said Miller.

The prestigious National Academy of Sciences elected him as a member in 1972. He also received numerous distinctions in his field and served as a National Science Foundation Senior Fellowship from 1965-1966.

Whitehead was an integral part of the mathematics community of the Cambridge area, hosting the annual Christmas party for friends of the department in his Arlington, MA home.

Whitehead is survived by his wife, Kay.

Professor Made Mark in Topology

Whitehead is Remembered as a Pioneer in Algebraic Topology

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Now, Miller mentions, topology is a common tool used by mathematicians. “His thesis was a part of that,” he said.

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Undergraduate Association Goals Checklist

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<td>Class Council chairs for freshmen taking sophomores standing (freshmen)</td>
<td>I worked with Dean Julie Nimmer to develop an audit process by which freshmen decided which Class Council they would be a part of for purposes such as election to class events and voting in the UA Election. This year, freshmen filled out a Class Council Choice form with the Academic Resource Center (ARC) when they declared sophomore standing. I compiled these forms, passed the data along to the election commission and ring committee, and sponsored a bye amendment so that the UA Senate could not spend time approving freshman petitions in future years.</td>
<td>Completed and continuing</td>
<td>Seth Dorfman – Simmons Senator (<a href="http://simmons.mit.edu/ua/">http://simmons.mit.edu/ua/</a>)</td>
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<td>Analysis of mandatory dining fee for Work – Working with the Interfraternity Council on a study about the mandatory dining fee and its effects (both positive and negative) on the Greek Community</td>
<td>Gathering data</td>
<td>End of term</td>
<td>Harming Sun – IFC President (<a href="mailto:ming@MIT.EDU">ming@MIT.EDU</a>)</td>
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<td>Assist in planning of Orientation 2004 schedule – Working with the Division of Student Life, and the Office of Undergraduate Education to plan events for Orientation 2004 including weekend events and the Thursday Night Party.</td>
<td>Continuing</td>
<td>Summer 2004</td>
<td>UA Committees on Housing and Orientation Chairs – (<a href="mailto:uc-cho-chairs@mit.edu">uc-cho-chairs@mit.edu</a>)</td>
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<td>Investigate the new housing system – Investigates the effects of the new housing system on dormitories, fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups. Gather student responses and opinions of the results and effects of the new housing system.</td>
<td>At this point the evaluation of the housing system is out of the scope of this committee. Currently working other methods of gathering student input about the new system.</td>
<td>Late April</td>
<td>UA CHO Chairs – (<a href="mailto:ua-cho-chairs@mit.edu">ua-cho-chairs@mit.edu</a>)</td>
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<td>Improving communication with administration concerning Orientation – Work with the administration to create a list of all the stakeholders and all those who will have an active role in the planning of Orientation.</td>
<td>Currently compiling a list of all of the stakeholders from the student side.</td>
<td>Late April</td>
<td>UA CHO Chairs – (<a href="mailto:ua-cho-chairs@mit.edu">ua-cho-chairs@mit.edu</a>)</td>
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<td>Student group financial resources Web site – Develop the UA Treasurer’s website to serve as the center of financial resources for undergraduate student groups recognized by the Student Senate.</td>
<td>Initial stages of collecting information about resources available.</td>
<td>Late April</td>
<td>John Velasco (<a href="mailto:ua-treasurer@mit.edu">ua-treasurer@mit.edu</a>)</td>
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<td>Restructure ARCADE/LEF funding boards – Redesign the structure of the Assisting Recurring Cultural And Diversity Events (ARCADE) and Large Event Funding (LEF) boards to clarify the purpose of the funds, to provide better support to student groups who apply for funding, and to ensure a better system for review of proposals.</td>
<td>Initial meetings amongst ASA, UA, &amp; Graduate Student Council as well as ARCADE/LEF Funding Boards and ARCADE Advisor Tom Robinson &amp; LEF Advisor Linda Nicol</td>
<td>Late April</td>
<td>John Velasco (<a href="mailto:ua-treasurer@mit.edu">ua-treasurer@mit.edu</a>)</td>
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<td>Student input in tenure decisions – Ensure role of teaching ability in tenure deci- sions, through course evaluations.</td>
<td>Currently working with UA Student Committee on Education and Policy and Robert Reboe (Dean of Undergraduate Education) to review any available 'best practices’ documents of departmental tenure processes.</td>
<td>Report by end of term</td>
<td>Pius Utamere II (<a href="mailto:president@mit.edu">president@mit.edu</a>)</td>
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<td>MIT presidential search – Guarantee student input in MIT presidential search through advisory group.</td>
<td>The Student Advisory Group to the Corporation Search Committee has been formed by the UA and GSC. A report will be made by this group to the corpo- ration.</td>
<td>Completed and continuing</td>
<td>Pius Utamere II (<a href="mailto:president@mit.edu">president@mit.edu</a>), Jacob Faber (<a href="mailto:ua-vp@mit.edu">ua-vp@mit.edu</a>), John Velasco (<a href="mailto:ua-treasurer@mit.edu">ua-treasurer@mit.edu</a>)</td>
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<td>Monthly midnight breakfasts – We plan on holding midnight breakfasts in the stu- dent center on the first Wednesday of every month for the entire semester. If you are tooing late into the night on Wednesdays, come by and grab something to eat.</td>
<td>Planned and Complete</td>
<td>First Wednesday of every month</td>
<td>UA Committee on Student Life (<a href="mailto:ua-sld-exec@mit.edu">ua-sld-exec@mit.edu</a>)</td>
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<td>Student representative accountability – Implementing ideas holding student repre- sentatives on institute and ad-hoc committees accountable to the student body. These ideas include a list of guidelines for student representatives on their rights and respon- sibilities as members of the committee they serve on, as well as the creation of a database of student representatives and their committees, to assist the Nomination Committee in making sure student representatives are attending meetings and submitting updates.</td>
<td>Planning and compiling information for database, starting work on guidelines.</td>
<td>May</td>
<td>Stephanie Wu (<a href="mailto:swu@mit.edu">swu@mit.edu</a>), Harel Williams (<a href="mailto:hw@mit.edu">hw@mit.edu</a>), Shrankar Mukherji (<a href="mailto:mukherji@mit.edu">mukherji@mit.edu</a>)</td>
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<td>Student intercollege government spring showcase – Organize a leadership dinner for Student Government President and Vice President’s and Deans from Boston-area schools, City Councilors, the Mayors of Boston and Cambridge, and local-area Con- gressmen will also be invited to participate in this forum to discuss emerging student issues and the challenges for the year ahead.</td>
<td>Initial stages of planning and inviting guests.</td>
<td>March 19 (Held at the MIT Faculty Club)</td>
<td>Jacob Faber (<a href="mailto:ua-vp@mit.edu">ua-vp@mit.edu</a>), John Velasco (<a href="mailto:ua-treasurer@mit.edu">ua-treasurer@mit.edu</a>)</td>
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<td>Improve relationships with other student governments – Strengthen the ties between UA, IFC, Panhel, Dormitory Council, Living Group Council, GSC, and ASA.</td>
<td>Worked side by side with both groups during IAP to engender an optimal orien- tation schedule for all groups. IFC Pres- ident now attending UA Senate meet- ings.</td>
<td>Continuing</td>
<td>UA Coordinating Committee (<a href="mailto:ua-compass@mit.edu">ua-compass@mit.edu</a>)</td>
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<td>Cultural groups coalition – Generate an incentive for ASA recognized cultural groups to interact with one another on a regular basis.</td>
<td>Meeting with campuses diversity group leaders to build group infrastructure.</td>
<td>End of term</td>
<td>Jacob Faber (<a href="mailto:ua-vp@mit.edu">ua-vp@mit.edu</a>), John Velasco (<a href="mailto:ua-treasurer@mit.edu">ua-treasurer@mit.edu</a>)</td>
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<td>“DormStorm!” – Host dinner discussions with UA members and dormitory resi- dents in Pritchett, McCormick, Baker, Next, and Simmons dining facilities.</td>
<td>Simmons and Baker have been “stormed”. Other locations to be stormed soon.</td>
<td>Continuing</td>
<td>Pius Utamere (<a href="mailto:president@mit.edu">president@mit.edu</a>), Jacob Faber (<a href="mailto:ua-vp@mit.edu">ua-vp@mit.edu</a>)</td>
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<td>Kitchen space for non-dormitory students and student groups – Acquire and renovate kitchen space for use by students on a walk-in basis, and for student groups by reservation.</td>
<td>The recommendations of the Walker Committee to Dean Benedict will include turning the space currently used for the survey into preparation space, for catering and possibly reservable, food-safe preparation space. Also in the recommendations is expanding the Steer Storm arrangement to allow limited supervised use of the industrial kitchen by other student groups. Changes in kitchen policy would begin next fall after the Stata Center is complete and the minor renovations in the Walker kitchen and other spaces are complete.</td>
<td>March 1 with space actually available Fall 2004</td>
<td>Katherine H. Allen – Off-Campus Sena- tor (<a href="mailto:katalleen@mit.edu">katalleen@mit.edu</a>)</td>
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<td>Operation bike racks — Increase the number of bike racks around campus “hot spots.”</td>
<td>Ideal locations have been suggested. Implementation to be decided.</td>
<td>End of term</td>
<td>Jennifer Peng – Baker Senator (<a href="mailto:jpeng@mit.edu">jpeng@mit.edu</a>)</td>
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<td>Internal party registration system for dormitories – Research and implement a system for registering room parties and parties within dorms.</td>
<td>This is now a DonnCom project.</td>
<td>Continually receiving updates concern- ing the process.</td>
<td>UA CHO Chairs – (<a href="mailto:ua-cho-chairs@mit.edu">ua-cho-chairs@mit.edu</a>)</td>
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<td>DomeView – DomeView is a distributed media display and communications system tailored to the MIT community to better facilitate notification between groups and individual about campus events, announcements, and opportunities. It will consist of electronic displays placed throughout campus and living groups, which will pre- sent visual media, provided by student groups through an intuitive Web interface, and will allow passersby to easily capture events and notices to their PDAs via Bluetooth and infrared modules attached to the displays. A parallel Web portal will provide an additional medium to view the information shown on the displays, including integra- tion with popular personal information management software.</td>
<td>Received $3K funding from Campus. We are currently working on planning and design issues, and will soon begin soliciting feedback from student and liv- ing groups about implementation deci- sions of DomeView.</td>
<td>October</td>
<td>Harel Williams (<a href="mailto:hw@mit.edu">hw@mit.edu</a>) &amp; DomeView Team (<a href="mailto:donncom@mit.edu">donncom@mit.edu</a>)</td>
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<td>UA Web site revamp – A redesign of the navigation and information structure of the main site, with the addition of public message boards for students to voice their concern. Rather than having a single webmaster responsible for updating all the con- tent on the UA site, UA representatives can quickly and easily update their portion of the UA site with current information through form-based update pages. These updates will include announcements, projects, as well as documents.</td>
<td>Coding of site is feature complete and working. The UA Web server has been reconfigured. We have minimal internal testing to do and then the site will be made available to the public in a few weeks.</td>
<td>Late April</td>
<td>Harel Williams (<a href="mailto:hw@mit.edu">hw@mit.edu</a>) &amp; UA Web site Revamp Team (<a href="mailto:ua-web-revamp@mit.edu">ua-web-revamp@mit.edu</a>)</td>
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By Yong-yi Zhu

The Tales of Unexpected Success

Column

Rags to riches stories. No matter how corny they are, those same old stories of people coming to eventual success through years of hardship always evoke that feeling of complete delight within me. Perhaps I’m just a sucker for happy endings. Perhaps I’m just sentimental. What’s not to like about people finally achieving the goal they have always wanted to attain after persevering and plowing through difficult times? Whatever the case may be, we’ve been blessed by several in the world of sports this past year. Let me give you several accounts of these tales.

Take the Denver Nuggets. Where has that team been over the past decade? At worst, they were just a step above the Los Angeles Clippers for the second worst team in the National Basketball Association. The Nuggets were to lose what Harvard is to snobs. Heck, how many people could even name two starters on those Nugget teams? Over the past decade, the Nuggets have never been a team anybody has been afraid of. Two years ago, to a 7–9 record last year, to making it to the Super Bowl this past February. Now, not only does everyone know who Jake Delhomme is, but they are afraid of what he can do to a defense. Not only does the team look stronger, but John Fox’s skills as a coach looked impeccable. After the win against the Eagles, the players celebrated the victory as though they were professionals, knowing what they had accomplished and what they still had to do against the New England Patriots. The coach praised the players about their work ethic while the players spoke to how they have come this far.

Finally, there are the Matsuzas. As a baseball team goes, they have seen more turmoil than many other. Their team had been sold immediately after winning the World Series, and it was the ultimate riches to rags story. So everyone wondered if they could turn it around the other way. But this year was unlike most other years, the team had a different air about them. Ivan Rodriguez brought leadership. Mike Lowell brought the home runs. Josh Beckett brought the pitching. It was a team full of miracles, from winning that wildcard, to beating the New York Yankees. Once again, pure joy reigned supreme as the last out of game six of the World Series was recorded.

But success doesn’t always bring the pure ecstasy that these experiences have brought. Let’s just take Jason E. Szuminski ’01 as an example. He is the first MIT graduate to ever make the major leagues. In a way, he has made it to the ultimate goal of many baseball players around the country. However, he did come from a modest beginning. It is quite true that MIT does not do much for an athletic life. The academics here are so difficult and stressful that many times keeping up with the work is difficult enough. To put sports on top of that, without the financial help of a scholarship, can be demanding to many players. This is why MIT athletics does not and cannot compare with many schools offering easier schedules and more money. To make it from the MIT athletic program to the big leagues is a tremendous accomplishment.

Szuminski is, at the moment, the pride and joy of MIT sports. He has received numerous recognitions from papers like The Tech. Yet, Szuminski does not find the moment ecstatic enough to celebrate, at least not with his former family. He is an alum of this school after all, yet, he is certainly not concerned, and last year was their big breakthrough.

Let me give you one last account of these tales.

No matter how corny it is, I love telling rags to riches stories, but this one leaves a bit of a sour aftertaste in my mouth. I guess some people put their own accomplishment above all else, even the thrills of accomplishment. He used his celebrity to tell ESPN what was on his mind. Perhaps it would have been appropriate to double check his mind before he spoke. After all, we are all used to double checking our psets and tests.
Men's and Women's Track Meet

(right) Julia C. Espel ’05 splashes through a water hazard en route to placing second in the women's 3000m steeple chase.

(bottom right) Nalini Gupta ’05 flies through the air during the women's long jump. Gupta won the event, and set a new MIT record with a jump of 17'8".

(bottom left) Christine Fanchiang ’07 scraps the bar, but successfully makes it over during the women's pole vault. Fanchiang placed second in the event with a best jump of 9'6".

(above) The start gun fires at the beginning of the men's 400m race. The men's and women's track teams competed at Steinbrenner Stadium on Saturday.

(left) Eric A. Khatchadourian ’06 leads the first lap of the men’s 1500m race. Khatchadourian placed seventh in 4:10.48.

(below) Marcus R. Carson ’07 barrels down the lane during the men's 110m hurdles. Carson placed sixth with a time of 16.92s.

The men's team placed fourth with a team score of 125. UMass Lowell won the men's meet with a score of 196. Individual winners for MIT included Zachary J. Traina ’05 in both the 100m and 200m, Nathan B. Ball ’05 in the pole vault, and Uzoma A. Orji ’06 in the hammer throw.

The women's team placed sixth with a score of 81. Tufts University scored 200 to win the women's meet. The lone MIT individual winner was Nalini Gupta ’05 in the long jump.