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Housing Shortage Causes Freshmen Crowding

By Kathy Lin
NEWS EDITOR

MIT is currently short 70 on-campus undergraduate housing spots, resulting in the most crowding an incoming class has seen since

before Simmons Hall opened in 2002.

In total, over 200 people could be affected by crowding since each "crowd," or student above dormitory capacity, needs to be put into a

room with other students. For example, each of the missing spots that are accommodated by a double becoming a triple will cause three people to be crowded.

This year's crowding is largely

the result of a high yield for last year's admitted class, said Denise A. Vallay, assistant director for undergraduate housing. It is hard to get exactly the right number of students for the vacant housing spots, Vallay said, since the size of the incoming class depends not only on the number of admitted students, but also on the number that matriculate.

Crowding in most dormitories

Seven of the 11 dormitories will be crowded. The housing office tried to spread the crowds out so that no one dormitory would have to take the brunt of the crowding, Vallay said.

The allocation of additional students is based on housing capacity. "There are some buildings that can be crowded and some buildings that can't," said Vallay. "We know to what degree each dorm can be crowded."

Each dormitory decides how to handle crowding. In most dormitories, some rooms will each house one more person than they usually do. In MacGregor House, which only has singles, one lounge will be converted into a double.

The rooms that are crowded are generally the rooms that can fit another full set of furniture and are

Allegedly Harassed Staffer Sues MIT

By Beckett W. Sterner
EDITOR IN CHIEF

An employee at MIT's Lincoln Laboratories, Mark A. Peterson, has filed a lawsuit against MIT and Lincoln Labs alleging harassment and discrimination because he is a Christian.

Peterson alleges that he was harassed by his coworkers and several superiors over a period of about fifteen years, according to the lawsuit filed in the District Court of Massachusetts.

The suit also names the Research Development and Technical Employee's Union as a defendant, claiming the union "participated in the harassment and did not perform its duty of fair representation."

The lawsuit lists a number of incidents including "assaulting

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BRIAN HEMOND—THE TECH

Freshmen Nicholas R. Meyer '08 (front) and Patrick J. Moran '08 sit at their computers in a crowded double dorm room at Next House. Despite the administration's promise to eliminate crowding, many dormitory rooms are again full beyond their intended capacity.

Alum Files Complaint On Officer

Smith arrested for second time by same officer.

By Waseem S. Daher
NEWS EDITOR

Aimee L. Smith PhD '02 was arrested on the afternoon of Wednesday, Aug. 25, outside the Student Center by Officer Joseph D'Amelio. She was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest, according to the MIT Police log. This is her second arrest in three months by D'Amelio.

Smith has "filed a complaint with MIT," she said. As for D'Amelio, he has been "placed on administrative duty," and an "independent, third-party investigator" has been brought in to study the situation, said Arthur L. Jones, director of the MIT News Office.

D'Amelio also arrested Smith on Friday, June 4, at Commencement. She and three other members of the MIT Social Justice Cooperative were distributing leaflets discussing the proposed NIH-funded bioterrorism laboratory to be built in Boston. Charges against her were later

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Most Freshmen Assigned First Housing Choices

By Marissa Vogt
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Nearly 95 percent of freshmen received their first or second choice dormitories in the fall housing lottery held over the summer, said Denise A. Vallay, assistant director for undergraduate housing.

Of the 1,085 students in the Class of 2008, 1,084 will be living in on-campus housing and one student will be commuting from home, Vallay said in an e-mail.

Of the students who entered the lottery in early July, 70.2 percent received their first choice dormitories and 24.6 percent received their second choice dormitories. Only 41 freshmen (3.8 percent of the class) were placed in their third choice dormitories, six (0.5 percent) in their fourth choice dormitories, and one (0.1 percent) in his or her fifth choice dormitory.

Anthony E. Gray PhD '01, project director for the graduate housing assignment process and a consultant for this year's lottery, said that the lottery is designed to place as many freshmen as possible in their first choice dormitories.

"What we want to do is limit the number of people who get their lowest choice and maximize the number who get their top choice," said Gray.

The lottery is run in an auction style, with a dorm's ranking repre-

senting a bid and with the objective of the lottery being to minimize cost, he said.

Otherwise, "if we assign everyone in a line, people at the end of

the line are going to get whatever's left over," said Vallay.

Lottery opens today

The housing adjustment lottery

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BRIAN HEMOND—THE TECH

Freshmen assemble themselves into a human pyramid last night at PlayFair, held in the Johnson Athletic Center. PlayFair is an event aimed at introducing freshmen to their classmates through icebreaker games.

The Tech will continue publishing on its special daily schedule through Friday, Sept. 3.

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Fraternity Rush has a new form and schedule.

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WORLD & NATION

Nader Plans Appeal After PA Court Keeps Him Off Presidential Ballot

By Laura Mansnerus
THE NEW YORK TIMES

TRENTON, N.J.

Ralph Nader said on Tuesday that he would appeal a court ruling keeping him off the presidential ballot in Pennsylvania, a state where Democrats have fiercely opposed his independent candidacy.

A three-judge panel of the State Commonwealth Court in Harrisburg, Pa., ruled on Monday that Nader could not run as an independent because he was running on the Reform Party ticket in other states. Nader called the ruling "slam-dunk unconstitutional" and blamed Democrats for many of his difficulties in getting on the ballots in states around the country. He said that he would not hesitate to campaign in closely contested states like Oregon and Wisconsin, where he could tip the vote to President Bush and away from Sen. John Kerry, the Democratic nominee.

"Either we're all spoilers or none of us are spoilers," Nader said. "The word 'spoiler' is a contemptuous word that implies we're second class."

Nader contends that the Pennsylvania court, in making its ruling, should not consider the nominating procedures of other states.

WTO OKs Trade Sanctions On U.S.

By Paul Meller and Elizabeth Becker
THE NEW YORK TIMES

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

The World Trade Organization on Tuesday authorized the European Union and seven other major American trading partners to impose more than \$150 million in retaliatory sanctions on exports from the United States.

The ruling comes after Congress failed for two years to repeal a subsidy for U.S. companies that the WTO found to be in violation of global trade laws.

The decision by the trade agency, which is based in Geneva, is only the latest example of several cases in which the United States has been found to be in breach of internationally agreed trade rules. Washington has lost a complaint from Brazil and other developing countries over \$3 billion in cotton subsidies and has repeatedly failed to rewrite legislation that provided what the WTO found to be an unfair tax give-away to U.S. companies conducting business abroad.

Adding to the problems for U.S. companies, the WTO also just ruled this week against the United States and in favor of Canada in cases involving Canadian wheat and lumber.

Bombing Of Two Buses Shatters Quiet Period In Israel

By Steven Erlanger
THE NEW YORK TIMES

BEERSHEBA, ISRAEL

Six months of relative quiet in Israel ended in carnage on Tuesday, as two suicide bombers blew up two buses 100 yards apart in this southern desert town, killing at least 16 people, including a 4-year-old child, and wounding more than 100 others, many of them seriously.

Sixteen of the wounded were school-age children; 18 people remained hospitalized, three in critical condition and five in serious condition, Israeli hospital officials said, in the worst bombing in the country in nearly a year. The terrorist group Hamas claimed credit, calling it a retaliation for the assassinations in Gaza months ago of two of its leaders, Sheik Ahmed Yassin, its founder, and his successor, Abdel Aziz Rantisi.

After meeting with his security Cabinet Tuesday night, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon pledged that Israel "will continue fighting terror with all its might" and said the bombings would have no effect on his plan for unilateral withdrawal from Gaza.

Islamic Militants Kill Twelve Hostages, No Ransom Given

By Sabrina Tavernise

THE NEW YORK TIMES

BAGHDAD, IRAQ

In the single largest set of executions of foreign captives by Iraqi insurgents, an Islamic militant group announced Tuesday that it had killed 12 Nepali hostages.

The group, the Army of Ansar al-Sunna, was the same one that claimed in July to have killed Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun, a 24-year-old U.S. Marine of Lebanese descent, who surfaced later unharmed. But no such turnabout seemed possible in this case: On its Web site, the group posted gruesome images of the Nepali men face down in sand, their bodies riddled with bullets. They were laborers who had come here less than two weeks ago to work as cooks, cleaners and builders for a Jordanian company. Their family members had pleaded for their release over the weekend.

The Associated Press reported that a video from the Web site showed a masked man in desert camouflage slitting the throat of a blindfolded man lying on the ground and then holding the head close to the camera.

Television networks did not broadcast that footage. The Arab

news channel Al-Jazeera said the video, which also included a man firing shots from an assault rifle into the heads of others, was too graphic.

Nepal's Foreign Ministry issued a statement saying, "This barbarian act of terrorism to kill innocent civilians without asking for any conditions for their release is against the minimum behavior of human civilization," Reuters reported.

"Despite our efforts, this unfortunate incident has taken place," said the Nepalese ambassador to Qatar, Shyamananda Suman, The Associated Press reported. "It is sad."

The Islamic group, a hard-line offshoot of a radical organization once based in the mountains of northern Iraq, claimed on the Web site that it had "carried out the sentence of God against 12 Nepalese," Reuters reported. The group said this weekend that it kidnapped the workers because they were cooperating with U.S. forces in Iraq.

Kidnapping has become a powerful tool in Iraq's growing insurgency. Militants have sometimes gotten their way. In July, the Philippines withdrew troops a month ahead of schedule after kidnappers threatened to kill a captive Filipino

truck driver.

But the executions of the Nepali workers stood out because of the sheer number of dead. A rough count shows that about 12 captives have been killed in recent months, including Nicholas Berg, the 26-year-old American beheaded in May, and an Italian journalist, Enzo Baldoni, this week. The slayings of the Nepalese double that number.

In other violence in Iraq on Tuesday, three Iraqi women working on a U.S. military base in Mosul in northern Iraq were killed in a drive-by shooting, Agence France-Presse reported. A fourth woman was seriously injured. And in the northern city of Kirkuk, the top Education Ministry official was shot and killed in his car, when six attackers in a pick-up truck sprayed his vehicle with gunfire on a main city road.

In a separate kidnapping incident, two French journalists, Georges Malbrunot and Christian Chesnot, seized by a group called the Islamic Army of Iraq on Aug. 20, appeared likely to be released, according to a report on al-Arabiya, another Arab television network. The network cited anonymous sources and gave no details.

Republican Convention Returns To Themes from 2000 Election

By Todd S. Purdum

THE NEW YORK TIMES

NEW YORK

Facing perhaps three times the television audience that saw its sharp-edged speakers on Monday, the Republican National Convention circled back Tuesday night to President Bush's winning 2000 campaign theme of "compassionate conservatism," portraying him as not only hard-headed but big-hearted enough to lead "the most historic struggle my generation has ever known," as his wife, Laura, put it in remarks prepared for delivery.

On the first night that the major broadcast networks carried live coverage of the proceedings, the party offered up glowing testimoni-

als from Arnold Schwarzenegger, the Terminator-turned popular Republican governor of California; prominent black Republicans like Education Secretary Rod Paige and Lt. Gov. Michael Steele of Maryland; the president's telegenic nephew, George P. Bush, who is half-Hispanic; and a range of Republican women, chief among them Laura Bush herself.

"No American president ever wants to go to war," said Laura Bush, who was presented to the delegates via satellite by her husband, after their twin 22-year-old daughters, Jenna and Barbara, introduced him in what amounted to their national political debut. "Abraham Lincoln didn't want to go to war, but he knew that saving

the union required it. Franklin Roosevelt didn't want to go to war, but he knew that defeating tyranny demanded it. And my husband didn't want to go to war, but he knew the safety and security of America and the world depended on it."

Laura Bush, who told George W. Bush she would marry him almost 27 years ago so long as she never had to make a political speech, proceeded to make a heartfelt one, describing her husband in terms he seldom if ever applies to himself as "wrestling with these agonizing decisions" about war in Iraq. She delivered a ringing endorsement of "George's work to protect our country and defeat terror, so that all children can grow up in a more peaceful world."

WEATHER

Tropical Trifecta

By Michael J. Ring
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Southeastern New England was the "victim" of a tropical storm Monday night — although you would hardly notice its presence based on the clearing weather yesterday. Tropical Storm Hermine came ashore near New Bedford with only 40 mph winds — the bare minimum needed to be considered a tropical storm. The Cape and Islands received a few bands of heavy rain and gusts of wind, but that was about all the weak Hermine could muster.

The residents of Virginia were not as fortunate in dealing with the remnants of Tropical Storm Gaston. The system, which came ashore at the South Carolina coast, stalled over southern Virginia, dumping ferocious rains in the Richmond area. While Richmond International Airport recorded 6.68 inches of rain on Monday, unofficial reports of double that amount were recorded in Richmond's suburbs. Twenty blocks in downtown Richmond have been condemned because of the associated flash flooding.

Of the three active Atlantic tropical systems, Hurricane Frances is the largest yet, packing 140 mph winds. While it is still several days from the East Coast, the current track forecasts do not look promising for residents of the Bahamas and northeastern Florida.

Extended Forecast:

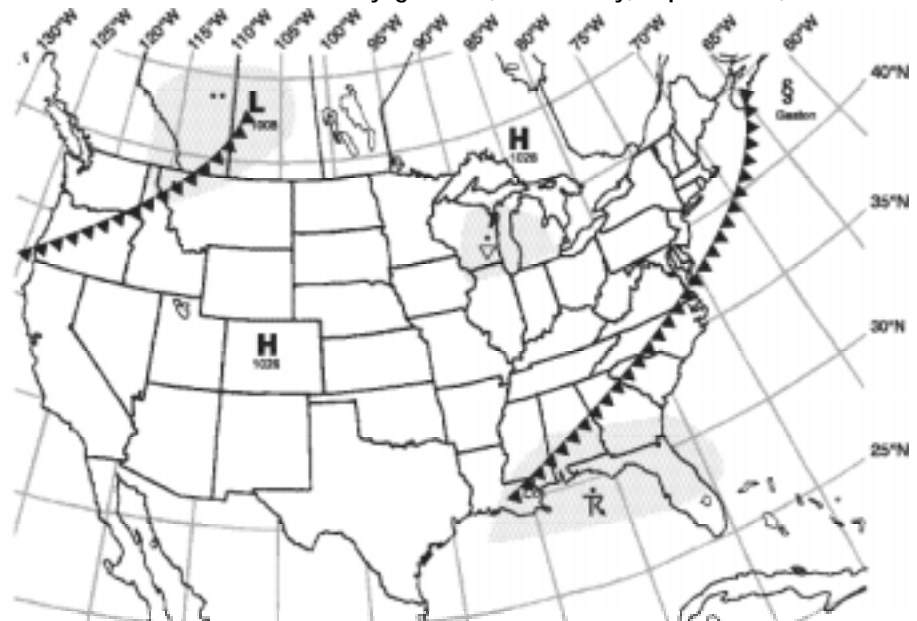
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Friday: Yet more sunshine, with temperatures rebounding to a near-average 78°F (26°C).

Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Wednesday, September 1, 2004



Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
H High Pressure	--- Trough	☁ Rain	☁ Fog
L Low Pressure	—▲— Warm Front	☁ Light	☁ Thunderstorm
S Hurricane	▲▲▲ Cold Front	☁ Moderate	☁ Hail
	—▲— Stationary Front	☁ Heavy	☁ Squall

Compiled by MIT Meteorology Staff and The Staff

Pfizer Discontinues Drug Card, Thousands Lose Reduced Prices

By Milt Freudenheim
THE NEW YORK TIMES

Pfizer, the nation's largest drug maker, ended its widely used discount card for the elderly on Tuesday, leaving several hundred thousand low-income Medicare beneficiaries at least temporarily without access to reduced prices for popular medicines like the cholesterol treatment Lipitor.

The company said that it had been warning its 536,000 card holders for months that it would discontinue the discount program on Aug. 31 and that it had advised them to sign up for one of various discount cards that became available under a new Medicare program that began in June.

But consumer advocates, citing the widespread confusion over the new Medicare program, had asked Pfizer to keep its discount card in place until 2006 — the year that prescription drugs will become a standard part of Medicare benefits.

"A lot of people will be left high and dry starting tomorrow," said Robert M. Hayes, president of the

Medicare Rights Center, a nonprofit consumer advocacy group.

Under the former Pfizer card, a 30-day supply of Lipitor cost \$15 — compared with \$68 at one Internet pharmacy, for example, or \$43.32 at one Canadian Web site.

Hayes said the Pfizer action was "a harbinger of trouble ahead" in the patchwork of Medicare drug programs, which include a welter of prices and eligibility requirements that some elderly people have found daunting to navigate. So far only about 4.1 million of the nation's 40 million Medicare beneficiaries have signed up for Medicare-approved discount cards.

Under the federal discount-card program set up under the Medicare overhaul legislation that Congress passed last fall, a participant in a Medicare card program can also use a drug company card to meet their prescription needs. Hayes' group had recommended that Medicare enrollees, in addition to signing up for a Medicare-approved card, also use the existing discount cards

offered by Pfizer, GlaxoSmithKline, Eli Lilly and Merck.

So far, Pfizer is the only one of those drug makers to discontinue a pre-existing discount card since the new Medicare program began.

Dr. Mark B. McClellan, the administrator of the federal Medicare and Medicaid programs, declined to comment Tuesday on Pfizer's action, other than to note that he had urged all of the drug makers "to continue their existing programs." The Pfizer discount card, called the Living Share Card, was introduced two years ago and aimed at low-income elderly people.

In a July letter to Henry A. McKinnell Jr., chief executive of Pfizer, Hayes, the consumer advocate, had written that "the end of Pfizer's Share card will diminish the chances that people will get the medications they need."

If holders of the discontinued Pfizer card have not already signed up for a separate Medicare-approved discount card, they can do so at any time.

Sharon Announces New Schedule, Speeds up Israeli Exit from Gaza

By Steven Erlanger
THE NEW YORK TIMES

JERUSALEM

A grumpy and combative Ariel Sharon, the Israeli prime minister, announced on Tuesday an accelerated timetable for a unilateral Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, telling his unhappy party that the plan "will be implemented, period."

Sharon's new schedule would force his divided cabinet to make up its mind as early as Sept. 14, with a first parliamentary vote as early as Nov. 3 and a vote on full passage by mid-November. If all goes according to plan, the withdrawal, including the dismantling of settlements, will begin in February.

His meeting with the cabinet took place before twin suicide bombings in Beersheba killed at least 16 Israelis and wounded more than 100, but he later reiterated that he would push forward with the pullout. "This has no connection to disengagement," he said. In the heated reactions on television and radio immediately after the bombing, the focus across the political spectrum was the need to complete the separation barrier from the Palestinians, rather than the pullout.

Sharon's aides said he had

returned from vacation determined to force ambivalent members of his cabinet — like the former prime minister and current finance minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, and the foreign minister, Silvan Shalom — to commit themselves to the engagement plan.

On Monday, Sharon told his full cabinet, "No one will keep me bound hand and foot." He informed dissidents that "anyone who doesn't like the cabinet's decisions is welcome to leave," and he instructed another vocal opponent, Limor Livnat, to "stop this phony patriotism," for which he later apologized.

And he made it clear that he was going to press ahead to broaden the government coalition, and inevitably the cabinet, too, to restore a working majority in parliament.

Some in Likud, like Netanyahu, Livnat and Shalom, insist that the disengagement plan should have four stages, with a cabinet vote on each one. The defense minister, Shaul Mofaz, prefers one continuous action, to prevent the most militant of the 8,000 or so settlers in Gaza from extended resistance, which could bring reinforcements from other settlements, including those in the West Bank.

Sharon grudgingly agrees on

pulling out in stages, but insisted again on Tuesday that they be rapid, with no lengthy debates in between.

Sharon, 75, is obviously concerned that delay might mean defeat and may cause necessary actors — like Egypt, which has agreed to help train Palestinian security forces to control Gaza after withdrawal — to get cold feet. Sharon is also concerned about the new team of U.S. diplomats that will deal with the Middle East, regardless of the outcome of the U.S. elections; a Kerry administration would obviously bring in its own people, and Colin L. Powell is not expected to remain secretary of state if President Bush is re-elected.

But the details will be as complicated as the politics. The cabinet has agreed that the police will carry out the dismantling of settlements under the control of the army. But the police inspector-general, Moshe Karadi, has already complained that "this means stretching ourselves to an almost impossible extent." Still, in remarks to the Israeli newspaper Maariv, Karadi said that the police would carry out their orders regardless. Most analysts here consider it inevitable that the army will have to help the police with the most recalcitrant of the settlers.

Trio of Relatively Low-Mass Planets Discovered Beyond the Solar System

By Dennis Overbye
THE NEW YORK TIMES

The universe looked a little more familiar and friendlier on Tuesday.

The roll call of planets beyond the solar system swelled significantly with the announcement of a trio of newly discovered worlds much smaller than any previously discovered around other stars. The masses of these new planets are comparable to those of Neptune or Uranus in our own solar system, ranging from about 14 to 20 times the mass of the Earth.

The previous planets found around living stars other than the sun have been giants like Jupiter or Saturn, at least 50 times the mass of the Earth, composed of gas at crushing pressures and scorching temperatures and unlikely abodes for life. Astronomers speculated that the new planets might be "ice giants" like Uranus and Neptune, or even giant hunks of iron and rock dubbed "super-Earths."

Like those earlier planets, the

new planets are circling too close to their stars to be viable habitats for life. But their discovery, astronomers said, is an encouraging sign that planets are plentiful and varied in the galaxy and that a new generation of planet-hunting space missions planned for the next decade will find planets as small as the Earth.

"We're getting closer to answering the golden question of whether there is life out there," said Dr. Geoff Marcy, an astronomer and longtime planet hunter at the University of California at Berkeley. "We're trying to find our own roots, chemically and biologically, in the stars."

Dr. Paul Butler, of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, said, "We are prepared unexpectedly for the next step in planetary science, finding truly Earth-mass planets."

One of the new planets is part of a system around a star 55 Cancri, already known to harbor three other larger planets, making it the first quadruple-planet system to be found

beyond the solar system, and a likely target for future research. Dr. Barbara McArthur of the University of Texas said, "We're on the way to finding the first extra-solar planet Earth, and it's an exciting road to be on."

Butler and McArthur were the leaders of two overlapping teams who announced the discovery of two of the planets at a news conference at NASA headquarters in Washington on Tuesday.

A third team, composed of European astronomers led by Dr. Michel Mayor of the Geneva Observatory in Sauvigny, Switzerland, announced the discovery of a third small planet in a news release issued last week from the European Southern Observatory, a consortium based in Garching, Germany, which operates telescopes in Chile.

A pair of papers by the American teams have been approved for publication in the *Astrophysical Journal* in December. The European group has submitted a paper to *Astronomy and Astrophysics*.

Milosevic Opens His Defense By Going On The Offensive

By Marlise Simons
THE NEW YORK TIMES

THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS

Now it was Slobodan Milosevic's turn to explain himself. After hearing the prosecution case for 24 months, the former Serbian leader began his defense on Tuesday against an array of war crimes charges, including genocide, stemming from the Balkans conflicts of the 1990s.

He entered the courtroom at 9 a.m., a U.N. guard beside him, and his first concern as he settled into the dock seemed to be to reassure himself that a large audience awaited. It did. The visitors' gallery, separated from the court by bulletproof glass, was packed.

But instead of a defense, Milosevic, who is representing himself, delivered a meandering history lesson that lasted four hours. Its thesis was that the wars that led to the destruction of Yugoslavia and cost the lives of tens of thousands were driven by a conspiracy of the Western powers — he cited Germany, the United States and the Vatican as the chief culprits. The main victims were the Serbs, who were only defending themselves, he said.

The opening day of his defense, postponed half a dozen times for reasons of Milosevic's health, also enabled him to attack NATO, neo-Nazis, Islamist fighters and the war crimes tribunal itself.

Glaxo To Post Drug Trial Results

By Barry Meier
THE NEW YORK TIMES

GlaxoSmithKline is expected to begin on Wednesday the public posting of the results of clinical trials on its drugs with the release of 65 tests about a diabetes medication, a company executive says.

The posting of trial data about the drug, Avandia, on the Web will begin a process that will take about a year to complete, the executive, Dr. Ronald L. Krall, senior vice president for worldwide development, said Tuesday in a telephone interview.

GlaxoSmithKline has said its database will include all tests on drugs sold by the company that were conducted since 2000, the year Glaxo Wellcome merged with SmithKline Beecham. Krall said that the database would also contain the results of earlier tests that the company deemed medically significant.

The company's action was expected. It comes a week after the settlement of a lawsuit filed by the New York state attorney general, Eliot Spitzer.

In June, Spitzer accused GlaxoSmithKline of highlighting only some of the pediatric trials of its anti-depressant Paxil, while downplaying negative or equivocal results. The company, which is based in Britain, called those accusations unfounded but agreed to post test results from all its drugs publicly and to pay the state \$2.5 million to settle the case. The company said it had been developing the drug database before Spitzer's lawsuit.

Fox Pledges 'Truth Commission' If Court Balks On Genocide Charges

By Ginger Thompson
THE NEW YORK TIMES

MEXICO CITY

President Vicente Fox said in an interview on Tuesday that if Mexico's Supreme Court will not hear the genocide charges his government has filed against former president Luis Echeverria, he will call for the creation of a truth commission to investigate abuses committed by the Institutional Revolutionary Party, which used fraud and corruption to rule the country for more than seven decades.

In July, a special prosecutor appointed by Fox made history when he asked a court to order the arrest of Echeverria, two of Echeverria's former aides and three military generals for the killings of student protesters in 1971.

It was the first time such a case had been brought against a former president in Mexico, and was considered a test of Fox's resolve to punish those responsible for the old regime's worst abuses and to establish the rule of law.

The court threw out the charges the following day, and with them threw one of Fox's most important political projects into disarray. The government then sent the case for review by the Supreme Court.

"I expect that the opinion of the court will establish who is responsible and determine whether the statute of limitations has passed," said Fox, the first president elected from an opposition party. "If the court does not get to the bottom of the matter, I would convene those civic groups working with the special prosecutor, who have a full understanding of the case, to emit their own verdict, a historic verdict in the form of a truth commission."

Apple Introduces a Flattened iMac

By John Markoff
THE NEW YORK TIMES

SAN FRANCISCO

Apple Computer on Tuesday introduced an updated version of its iMac home computer with a minimalist all-in-one system that hides the computer's internal components inside a flat-panel LCD display.

The new computer, housed in a luminescent white plastic case, replaces the current iMac, which has a separate screen and processing unit and has been affectionately dubbed the "iLamp" by Apple fans.

The prices for the new iMac line will start at \$1,299 for the 17-inch model. The slightly thicker 20-inch model will cost \$1,899.

Whatever consumers' response to the radically new design, the company's challenge may be one of market timing. Apple had hoped to bring the new iMac out during the summer, in time for the back-to-school home computer buying season. But the product has been delayed by production problems at IBM, Apple's manufacturing partner, which provides the computer's G5 microprocessor chip. The new computers will not be available in stores until the middle of this month.

Apple executives on Tuesday acknowledged the possibility that the delay would cost them some sales, but sought to play down the impact. "During the past six years we have sold 7.5 million iMacs," said Greg Joswiak, Apple's vice president of hardware marketing. "What are a few days between friends?"

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What Is Poverty?

Nicholas Baldasaro

Much has been made of the claim that the wealth gap between the richest and poorest Americans has been steadily growing in recent years. Whether or not the specific numbers are accurate, the usual reactions of people to the claim itself strike me as being overly gloomy, because they tend to focus only on relative wealth. That is, they focus on the difference of wealth between two people rather than absolute wealth, the sum total of everything one has. I believe that standards of poverty based on relative wealth are flawed when considered alone because relative standards change in time, creating a situation whereby people are permanently dissatisfied, cheating them of the happiness that wealth is in fact supposed to enable.

Allow me the idea that wealth (houses, medicine, education, food) exists to enable happiness by removing anxieties related to going without. Put another way, constantly worrying about where one's next meal is coming from is an obstacle to being happy. If this is the case, then your standard for "going without" is going to be the number one thing controlling your idea of whether you are in poverty, and by extension, how enabled you are. Let's look at some standards that people

have used in history.

In *The Discourses*, Machiavelli's account of the early Roman Republic, he describes how wise rulers of the epoch understood the needs of the patricians versus the plebeians — the first wished to oppress, the second only to escape oppression. So two millennia back, a Roman citizen was made content simply by the absence of armed oppression. Now observe a high school history text's description of the founders of the New England colonies. They departed the infrastructure of England seeking religious freedom, to settle in

Relative standards of wealth, when applied to the notion of poverty, leave everyone poor and wretched.

a land with zero social services. The holiday known as Thanksgiving tells us that they were happy not to be starving — their standard was food. In the Great Depression, many Americans were made miserable because they lost their jobs and took

up residence in sprawling Hoovervilles. Demagogues such as Huey Long and Father Coughlin drew great crowds with demands for pensions, food programs, and what would now be called social security. By the last century, going without meant the lack of a satisfactory job, good food, and a preset retirement.

Now let us consider our own day. In our time, great segments of our population are supported by vast social safety nets including heavily subsidized medicine, housing and meals, a fixed retirement age, welfare suffi-

cient to live on, and much more. More is on the way. As I write, many clamor for free health care for all people of all ages, and for free prescription drugs. Also as I write, there exists those that repeatedly tell Americans that if they do not have all these things and more, they are oppressed, and in a state of "going without." Many Americans agree with this; the support for so called universal health insurance is sizable. Those who do not have these things and more find themselves unhappy and discontent, feeling that they have been cheated. The basic needs of a human body have not changed, while the definition of going without has, and continues to do so.

This is the result of the human tendency to use relative, rather than absolute standards of wealth to judge their poverty. Some of the poorest Americans of today live as the middle class of the Middle Ages, a prince of the Roman World, and like the kings of ancient times. Relative standards of wealth, when applied to the notion of poverty, leave everyone poor and wretched — it simply depends on when. The textbooks of the year 3000 will no doubt make us appear as apes in the trees, and schoolchildren will marvel at our poverty.

The fact of the matter is as follows: standards for wealth that use the richest citizens of the day, rather than absolute material needs, will lead to all the mischief noted above. When one fails to appreciate the vast network of wealth that virtually all Americans have access to, when one fails to appreciate the great throngs of truly poverty stricken folk outside our borders and especially in history books, one may always arrive at the conclu-

sion that he or she is poor and beset upon, be they unemployed or a CEO making millions.

This thought is odious to many, because they see it as stating that the relatively more well off should raise not a finger to help any others. This is not so, and most know it. But, if one accepts my earlier premise, that wealth exists to enable happiness, then America has arrived at the following ludicrous end: Roman plebeians, Pilgrims, and men and women long dead who lived in ages of far more strife lived happier lives. There is no excuse for this state of affairs, because if it is true, then why do we expend so much energy trying to create material equality?

I suggest a different idea, that the wealth of both the "rich" and the "poor" have increased miraculously since the times of the spear and tiger pelt. I suggest that comparisons between the "richest" and "poorest" person of an age are fruitless owing to the endless expectations that result from them and will never be fulfilled as each age will have "rich" and "poor" people. It is a bitter thought for some that a large gulf in wealth will exist between the richest and poorest, but to use that gulf as a standard of poverty is a formula for permanent discord, destroying all possibility for achieving the very happiness that wealth is supposed to enable. We disable ourselves. He is no friend of the less fortunate who keeps them perpetually impoverished, bound by chains of high expectation rather than true want. If you find yourself still questioning, ask what a Roman would tell you.

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The Real Value of Politics

Ruth Miller

Money. Money. Money. The economy drives our country. It's always been the economy, and it will always be the economy. Money makes the world go round. It's only logical then that money should also drive campaigns, right? If you want businesses to make a change, you give them an economic incentive, often in the form of tax breaks. If you want a politician to make a change, you give him or her an incentive, too, usually in the form of a donation. Hard and soft money, it's all the same. Many companies make sizeable donations to both parties in many elections. Why waste the money? Because money buys the candidate's time, and with that time, you tell them what your concerns are and what you would like to see done. You have the candidate in your pocket. Or so goes some logic.

Where do protesters fit into this view? What good is it to get hosed and clubbed for your beliefs? Marching, holding signs, passing out flyers are all very small actions that require a lot of energy. Take the simple act of putting out a yard sign or placing a bumper sticker on your car. These are both very popular, small acts that don't carry a very visible result. When people talk about the unseen millions of dollars in back rooms and board offices, it makes the whole election process

seem a lot less accessible. I can't spend millions of dollars to endorse a candidate, as if my vote counted anyway.

These naysayers are forgetting something. Funneling money into a campaign on the assumption that the better funded will be victorious skips the most important step. A dollar amount doesn't elect anyone. The money is used to convince people: through showy conventions, extensive bus tours, flashy commercials, all aimed at persuading people to vote for a particular individual. The money is spent to buy votes, but voters still have to be willing to sell.

What all this money tries to deliver is momentum. Campaigns are all about momentum. Howard Dean lost the primary because he couldn't keep up his momentum. To win any election, a candidate has to appear strong from the minute they throw their hat into the ring right up until Election Day. By "strong", I mean to say they have to have a presence, and it has to be a good one. If your supporters think you're a lost cause, they won't even try to vote for you.

It's this emotional, human element that is missing from the money driven view of elec-

tions. I spent this summer in the overwhelmingly Republican State of Georgia, a state that Bush won in 2000 by a 12 percent margin of total annihilation. The air stings with a pungent kind of conservatism. The Democrats are down-trodden and slowly resigning to their fate of another four years, and none are visibly excited about the election. Imagine my surprise when, in the one-light, speed trap strip of highway that is the City of Porterdale, I saw a John Kerry yard sign. That may have been part of the speed trap, because it's so shocking and out of place

there easily could have been a reduced speed limit sign next to it. Regardless, there it was, clear as day — "Vote John Kerry for a Stronger America." I was shocked and very cheered up. I drove on with a restored sense of faith in my community. Maybe it wasn't too late, maybe everything wasn't hopeless, and maybe it was something to be proud of. Insert your party affiliations of preference into this story; the message is the same.

One individual placing a sign in their yard can make a difference, and the effect increases as the acts get bigger. Seeing the protesters on the route to the White House this last Inauguration Day, it told the rest of the country sitting at home who believed Bush was

wrongly chosen that they were not alone. Feeling alone brings doubt, and having others who feel strongly for what you believe in has more value than any campaign contribution.

Inauguration Day was the last day of a loud, visible dissent, and there haven't been too many broadcasts of that nature since. The day the war started in Iraq, there were protests. There were protestors at the G-8 Summit, the Democratic National Convention, and every campaign stop for either candidate this year. Why haven't we heard about them?

Protestors create a bit of a problem for the media. Should they cover every detail, give the protestors encouragement, and run the risk of causing violence? Or should they not mention them at all, and create the false notion of acceptance? The media seems to have risked and lost the human effect of the campaign process by sacrificing the protests.

They wonder why two thirds of the country doesn't vote.

The Republican National Convention promises a big week for politics, and the creation of a holding pen for arrested protestors promises a big week for protestors. When you hear the march organizer's crowd estimates of 400,000 people, visualize that. If you're a Kerry person, feel encouraged. If you're a Bush person, get riled up. Just feel something.



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CAMPUS LIFE

Introducing Campus Life

By Akshay Patil
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Welcome to the new Campus Life section here in *The Tech*. For those of you playing along at home, you might be wondering “hey, doesn’t this new section taste just like that old Features section?” Absolutely right! Campus Life is all of the columns you loved but with half the calories! It’s amazing. It slices, dices, and helps you procrastinate like

never before.

The objective of Campus Life is to be a section of the students, by the students, for the students. It consists of weekly or bi-weekly columns by a set of writers discussing a variety of topics concerning life here at the Institute.

The reason for the name change is that the Features section of a newspaper often concerns itself with “soft news” stories — articles

about newsworthy events occurring on a longer time scale or with a higher personal interest angle than most normal news stories. While the seeds of Campus Life sprang up in Features, a soft news section was not a proper home for the column format. Due to the popularity of the columns, it made sense to give them a proper home here in Campus Life. We hope you find them informative, interesting, and entertaining.

Food Nerd

Taste the Burn

By Rose Grabowski
CAMPUS LIFE COLUMNIST

As a fresh cohort of younglings descends upon our pretty little campus, I feel the familiar panic that visits me every year around this time. “Oh no! All these freshmen and so little understanding of how to make good food!” No, seriously, in my core I feel it. And smell it, for that matter, down from the other end of the hall.

In my never-ending quest to improve the personal cuisine of college students everywhere, I will return to one of the staples of the collegiate feast — the chicken breast. It’s so simple and versatile that it seems to be ubiquitous in freezers all over the Institute.

Alas, the most common thing I see each year is a freshman who heats his Teflon sauté pan to a steady medium-low, slaps the chicken on and hovers over it, turning every 2 minutes so not to burn it and simultaneously eyeing the fire alarm above his shoulder. And every time I see this I weep.

Well no, I don’t really weep; I cackle maniacally as I eat my own perfectly browned Cornish hen stuffed with wild rice and mushrooms. But now it’s time to play fair and let the secret out so no new student will have to eat the so-so, eh-this-doesn’t-taste-too-bad chicken breast of days past.

Cooked meat gets its characteristic flavors in a couple different ways. First, heat damages cell membranes and mixes around the contents of cells, inducing reactions between fats, sugars, amino acids, and enzymes. Second, more intense heat will induce “browning reactions,” very complicated chemical changes primarily involving proteins and carbohydrates.

The first of those just makes chicken taste like chicken. The browning reactions make chicken taste delicious. A lot of people think “Ewww. Burnt chicken. Gag me with a spoon.” But hold on — let’s take a closer look.

Know what caramel is? It’s just burnt sugar. Do you like toast? The browned sides are what make it taste like more than just Wonderbread. Golden-brown cookies, pie crust, bread — you probably savor burnt foods more than you think.

So how do you make chicken taste better? Browning reactions are greatly increased at high temperatures. By putting a sauté pan on medium-low and constantly flipping the breast, the outside surface never gets a whole lot above the boiling point of water, but flavor and color both develop better at 300-400°F.

Microwaving is another less-than-optimal method of cooking chicken. Since the energy heats up the water molecules in the meat, the flesh never gets more than boiling and therefore no browning will occur. There are other reasons why microwave cooking isn’t so tasty, but that is probably the biggest.

Instead of these medium-heat methods, put a pan on medium-high to high heat and let each side get very hot (and very brown) before flipping. Another option is to put a small amount of oil in the hot pan before adding the chicken. Oil will get quite hot and help increase contact with the chicken surface, making the outside golden and crisp. Doing these simple things you just may be able to help yourself avoid making the so-so chicken mistakes of freshmen past.

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By Kevin Chen and Arun Tharuvai

Want to set up mail on your personal computer? Or figure out exactly where all those `@mit.edu` addresses go? In this column, part 2 of 4 of our introductory orientation columns, we cover mail and mailing lists.

Mailing lists at MIT

There are two commonly used types of mailing lists at MIT, moira lists and mailman lists. Moira lists can be managed using Athena-based and Web interfaces, and can be used to control access to AFS, and also moira lists. Mailman lists can be managed using web interfaces, and support moderation and filtering.

Moira

Moira lists, also known as Athena lists, function as mailing lists, serve to provide access to AFS directories, and can also manage other moira lists. From athena, an easy way to access moira lists is using the `mailmaint` command. To run it, open up a Terminal window and type:

```
athena% mailmaint
```

For a non-menu driven interface, you can also use the `blanche` command. To add yourself to a list, use:

```
athena% blanche listname -a username
```

To remove yourself from the list, type:

```
athena% blanche listname -d username
```

Or to get the list of members on a list, type:

```
athena% blanche listname
```

From any non-Athena computer, you can add yourself to lists, remove yourself from lists, and get list information, by getting MIT Certificates and opening up your web browser to <http://web.mit.edu/moira/>. Alternately, you can download an SSH program, connect to Athena, and run `mailmaint` from there. For more information on manipulating moira lists, see the Nov. 22, 2002 Ask SIPB column at <http://www.mit.edu/~asksipb/2002columns/2002-11-22-mailinglists/>.

Mailman

Mailman lists offer an alternative to Moira lists. Though they can’t be used to control access to AFS directories, or manage moira lists, they do support moderation, and filtering. To add yourself to or remove yourself from a mailman list, you can visit <http://mailman.mit.edu/mailman/listinfo/listname> (replacing listname with the name of the mailman list).

If you’re not sure whether a list is a mailman list, you can get the list of members. For example:

```
athena% blanche reuse
```

From this, you can tell that `reuse@mailman.mit.edu` is the only member of the list `reuse`, and that to subscribe to this list, you should go to <http://mailman.mit.edu/mailman/listinfo/reuse>.

I just signed up for a bunch of mailing lists at Activities Midway. Help!

If you find that you’re starting to get too much e-mail, it’s easy to take yourself off of most mailing lists. For most moira and mailman lists, you can use the methods mentioned above to take yourself off the lists. Note, that it can take up to 4 hours to stop receiv-

ing mail from a moira lists. If for some reason, you get an error message when trying to take yourself off a list, you should try to contact the list owners. If the listname is example, then you should try to send mail to owner-example, or example-request. Sending mail to a mailing list should generally never be done, as most of the people on a list won’t be able to remove you from the list. As a last resort, you might want to ask olc, if you’re having trouble taking off of a list.

How do I read my mail on Athena?

Athena has many programs you can use to read mail. The simplest program to use is Evolution. You can start it by clicking the “Mail” icon in the GNOME panel, or typing

```
athena% evolution &
```

The other recommended and officially supported program to read mail on Athena is Pine. Unlike Evolution, Pine is a text-based program. You can start Pine by typing

```
athena% pine
```

When you start Pine for the first time, you will get a message asking whether you want to run Athena or SIPB Pine. We recommend that you use Athena Pine, as you are less prone to run into problems or unexpected behavior.

How do I read mail from non-Athena machines?

MIT supports two mail protocols: IMAP over SSL, and Kerberized POP. On Windows and Macintosh machines, the mail program Eudora supports Kerberized POP, and can be obtained from <http://web.mit.edu/software/>. With most other mail programs, such as Mozilla, Outlook Express, Apple Mail, and Pine, you can use IMAP over SSL.

To setup email in any program that is not already configured to do so, you will need the following settings:

Outgoing mail server: outgoing.mit.edu, SSL or TLS if your software supports it

Incoming mail server: poXX.MIT.EDU (where XX is a number)

You can find your incoming mail server by entering

```
athena% hesinfo $USER pobox
```

at the Athena prompt.

In general, we recommend that you use IMAP, as it stores your mail on the mail server, and allows you to read your mail anywhere. With POP, your mail is downloaded onto your computer, and deleted from the server. You can find more about the difference in these protocols in our previous mail column at <http://www.mit.edu/~asksipb/2002columns/2002-11-08-email/>.

Note that there are no user-accessible backups of your mail, so you may want to back up your mail from time to time. You can do so with the following:

```
athena% add outland; imapback directory-name
```

Alternately, MIT has a Webmail service, which you can visit on the Web at <http://webmail.mit.edu/>.

Note that Webmail is a lot slower than connecting to your mail server directly with one of the mail clients mentioned above, and lacks many features available in other mail clients. While it is useful to use when you are not using Athena and not using your machine, we recommend that for daily use you use an IMAP mail client, such as Pine, Evolution, Mozilla, or one of the other clients mentioned above.

Worlds Beyond the Mackerel

Good, Good, Good, Good Vibrations

By Akshay Patil
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Well now, here you are. Admissions office certified, fresh out of high school, shipped to the MIT campus in temperature-controlled refrigerated containers — ready to be unpacked, labeled, shelved, and put on display as the new class of 2008.

Ahh, orientation, once again the vicious cycle of life has completed and all the minerals and organic compounds which once constituted the remains of alumni have now spread throughout the world and incorporated themselves into the very fiber of you bunch. Freshmen.

But before I rant, let me introduce myself; I’m what we in the industry like to call “a crusty alum.” We’re called this because we’re often covered with a crispy surface — some grads use bread crumbs, others, like me, use golden-toasted batter, and the lazy use Shake-

n-bake. It’s a strange graduation ritual you will come to understand with time. But until then, let us move on.

I remember back in the day when I was a freshman. I was so utterly different back then. Not only was I four years younger, but I was cellphone-less. That’s right, back then I didn’t have a cellphone. In fact, I was quite the anti-cellphone-person. I fiercely bucked (like a mule, even broke someone’s rib once) the cellphone trend every step of the way. I waged war against annoying ring-tones and stared down people whose phone went off at bad times... that is, always. I was electronics free and proud. Whenever I went through airport security, I wouldn’t empty my pockets, I’d just stroll right through to the utter amazement of the security guards.

But then, one fateful day during the summer of ’03, I caved in... cell’d out, if you will. Soon I was electronically leashed with a

small device that would vibrate (ohh yeah) whenever my parents needed to get a hold of me (which cut into the joy of vibration). The days of blissful innocence were over. My life was changed as I spent my days worrying about going over my monthly minute allowance and whether or not I’d go impotent from the radiation source sitting next to my crotch.

Now I average nine calls a day. I know, I know, that’s chump change for real cell phone users, but it’s distressingly high for the likes of me. From personal vendetta to 500+ minutes a month. Sure I’m a polite cell-citizen — I keep it on silent (like I said, vibrate) and don’t talk while I’m driving, but I still use the damn thing all the time. And what about all that radiation. Think of the children, please, won’t somebody please think of the children?

I mean, it’s better than some of the changes

other people go through when they go to college. One of my high-school buddies, he went bald. A few others got married. And all of them got older. College is a dangerous place like that.

So you better believe it when they tell you you’re going to change during your time here at the ’stvtte, take it from this fried batter covered alum/grad-student. Some of you will take to wearing free t-shirts with a voracity which you never knew you had. Hopefully you’ll grow out of it, but some of you won’t. You’ll learn to look at people’s hands for big honking huge gold (or silver) rings. You’ll begin talking in numbers instead of words and overtime your vocabulary will all but disappear. It happens to all of us. It’s happened to all of us.

Welcome on in, take off your shoes and jacket, pick a major, put your cellphone on vibrate, and get comfy for your four.

How to Eat Like an Asian

Gunther Included, Mind You

By Mark Liao
CAMPUS LIFE COLUMNIST

How much can the world really change in a mere four months? Since the last time I wrote, Brittany has gotten married, divorced, and married again. Everyone still seems to hate Kerry but can't bring themselves to love Kerry and sketchy couples with that chilling "I'm going to get some" smirk are still doing the dirty in handicapped showers across campus (I figured I'd throw that in there just because, freshmen, that's why you use shower shoes).

For those of you who've accidentally flipped to this column and are oblivious to what usually happens here, let me give you the quick sixty second run-down old school style, like the days when Stewart Scott made Sports Center actually worth watching. (To the random sports trainers have approached me ask-

ing when my next column is, and strangers who have posted my article up on dorm walls in the past year, I thank you.)

I really started this column out of spite. My white friends didn't fully appreciate Chinese food past beef with broccoli but were, oddly enough, able to woo my Asian female counterparts. This phenomenon is sometimes referred to "Asian Male Crisis" or "Yellow Fever." It is rumored that if you got one point for every Asian-female + white-male couple out there and ten points for every Asian-male + white-female couple, the Asian male still loses. It's at the point where I'd be equally happy seeing the entire cast of Friends, Gunther included, walking down Newbury Street, or some Asian guy with a hot blonde chick under his arm.

So to do my little part in this war rivaled

only by Star Trek vs. Star Wars message boards, I acquiesced and chose to *help* the white boys. (You know, the "if I can't beat 'em, join 'em mentality.") And voila, "How to Eat Like an Asian" was born.

Most of my articles break down the who, what, where, when, why, and how of Asian food, from Cantonese dim sum to Japanese sushi. Occasionally I'll have a rant about how indignant I am about blah blah blah and what you should do to make me happy again. And sometimes I just like to take it back to the days of Fraggie Rock and Skip-it to take your mind off of whatever embittering thing MIT has done to you this week.

This year you can expect the same old self-righteous writing peppered with the occasional jewel of wisdom that may bring a vapid smile to the face of her otherwise stoic Asian

father.

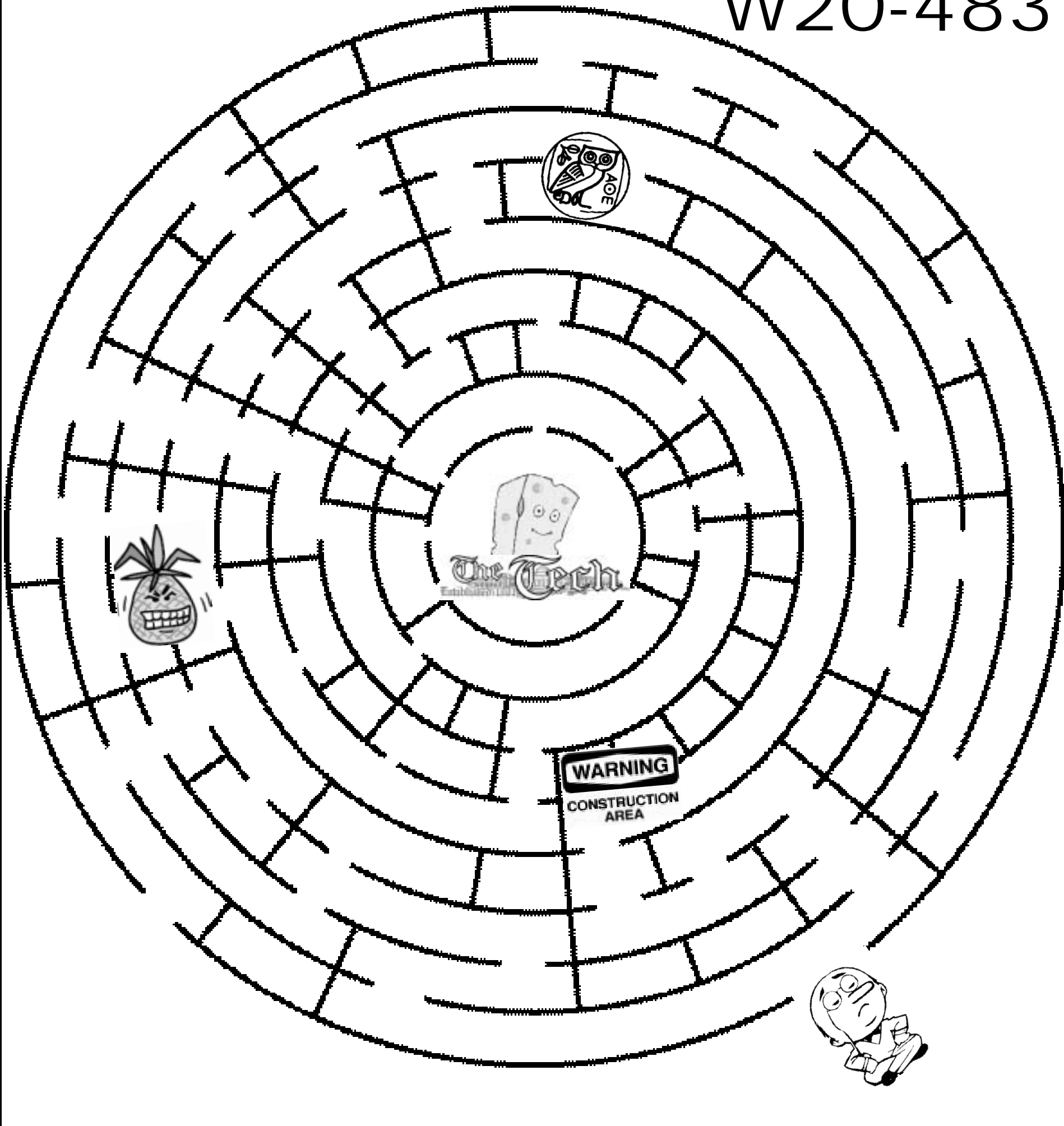
However, I would also like to switch gears a little. This summer I had the pleasure of sampling more of the "fine" overpriced dining that Boston has to offer. Therefore, I will start including some restaurant reviews for the benefit of all, which will appear in the Arts section. And the scariest part of this all, not all of these reviews will be of Asian restaurants.

Also, I think it's now time to open up this forum and invite you to participate in this too. Please feel free to e-mail howtoeatasian@mit.edu with your quips, queries, and quandaries about anything and everything Asian food/culture related. I'll be more than happy to do my best to impart my wisdom while not belittling you too much. And remember people, go easy on me — I have feelings too.

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Second Smith Arrest Causes Investigation

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dropped at the request of MIT President Charles M. Vest.

Officer allegedly attacked Smith

Last week, Smith was “speaking with MIT police officers outside the student center about First Amendment rights,” according to an e-mail sent to several MIT mailing lists by the MIT Social Justice Cooperative, a group of which Aimee is a member.

One of the officers present was D’Amelio, who allegedly “attempted to intimidate Aimee by taunting her about the fact that he had arrested her before.” According to the e-mail, D’Amelio then allegedly said “‘I should arrest you again’. Aimee responded by asking whether this was a threat designed to intimidate her and then expressed her view of police officers who make such threats.”

Smith declined to comment on the specifics of what she said without first consulting with her lawyer, but she was “not yelling” or ranting, she said.

Officer D’Amelio did not respond to repeated requests for comment. Director of Security and Campus Police Services John DiFava also declined to comment.

Smith was arrested at 1:10 p.m. outside the Student Center, according to the MIT Police log.

Smith and SJC demand response

In the same e-mail, the SJC called for “these new false charges against Aimee Smith” to be dropped, and for “Joseph D’Amelio’s employment with the MIT police department to be terminated.” It also called for the expunging of police and court records relating to the arrest.

Smith filed a formal complaint with MIT. She said she was worried about her arrest because she perceived it to be an abuse of power. “I was attacked by the officer,” she said. “D’Amelio lost his temper and lunged at Aimee and pulled her shirt

collar around her throat, choking her in the process,” according to the SJC e-mail.

In addition, she said that MIT “didn’t deal aggressively” enough with D’Amelio last time, which “empowered” him and led him to think that he could act this way and get away with it again.

MIT responds with investigation

In response to Smith’s complaint, DiFava has asked a third-party investigator to examine the situation and prepare a report with his or her findings.

“A recent campus arrest by members of the MIT police is a subject of a formal complaint issued to Department Chief John DiFava. The officer has been placed on administrative duty. Because of the circumstances of the case, Chief DiFava has brought in an independent, third-party investigator to examine the case and issue findings as swiftly as possible. Chief DiFava will respond to the report when it is issued,” Jones said.

While Jones declined to identify the investigator, he said that he or she would truly be independent. “He or she has no connection to either MIT, the officers, or the arrested person” and is “recognized in the field as a professional investigator,” he said.

“Chief DiFava wanted to make sure that there were no links back to this school that would make it less-than-independent,” he said. “He took extra strides to make sure that this person was completely and totally independent” of all involved parties.

Until the report is released, though, no further action is planned. “There are no plans other than revealing the report when it comes out, and then the chief will respond accordingly,” Jones said when asked whether charges would be dropped against Smith.

By Friday, however, “this investigation will be well under way,” he said.



BRIAN HEMOND—THE TECH

The moon rises above a cloud bank, outshining the Boston skyline and streetlights along the Harvard Bridge yesterday evening.



BRIAN HEMOND—THE TECH

On their way to a party at the Stata Center, freshmen stream across the soon-to-be-familiar crosswalk at 77 Massachusetts Avenue.



BRIAN HEMOND—THE TECH

Freshmen Christina E. Wright '08 (left) and Dzikamai Matara '08 argue through duck quacks as part of the introductory games at PlayFair last night at the Johnson Athletic Center.

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Crowding Higher than in Past, Likely to Decrease During Term

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located on hallways with bathrooms that can accommodate more people, Vallay said.

In general, crowding will take the form of doubles becoming triples. East Campus is the only dormitory that will have singles converted to doubles, and Baker is the only one that will have triples converted to quads.

The distribution of freshmen in dormitories is expected to remain the same after the reassignment lot-

tery takes place.

Vallay is optimistic

"We're never as crowded in housing as we are on opening day," Vallay said. Upperclassmen often decide to get an apartment off campus, take a leave of absence, or decide to go abroad and forget to notify the housing office, she said. Since the housing lottery ran in July, 30 students have cancelled their on-campus housing.

As the housing office finds out about students who have decided

not to live on campus, the priority will be to move students out of crowded rooms, Vallay said, though no one will be forced to move out of his or her room if he or she prefers to remain in the crowded room.

Last year, there were 56 crowds at the time of the housing lottery. By the time the incoming class moved in, though, there were almost no crowds remaining. For the incoming class of 2002, there were 10 crowds. In 2001, the year before Simmons opened, there were 189 crowds.

Level of Crowding in Dormitories

Dormitory	Total Capacity	Number of Freshmen	Number of "Crowds"*
Baker House	318	119	11
Bexley Hall	120	42	0
Burton Conner House	344	150	12
East Campus	358	124	10
MacGregor House	326	106	2
McCormick Hall	238	87	13
New House	291	122	13
Next House	347	140	9
Random Hall	93	30	0
Senior House	146	51	0
Simmons Hall	344	113	0

*Note: "Crowds" are the number of extra people placed in a room, which undercounts the total number of people living in crowded rooms.

SOURCE: MIT HOUSING OFFICE

Lottery Rewards Multiple Preferences

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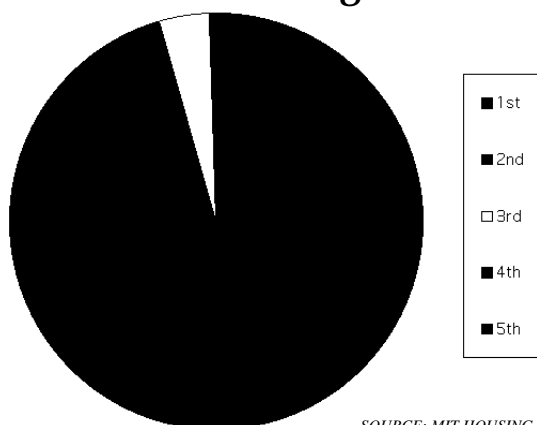
tery preferences for reassignment or confirm that they would like to stay in the dorm they were assigned to over the summer. Results will be available at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 4.

The lottery can be found at <http://web.mit.edu/housinglottery/>.

Gray said that the adjustment lottery will be run in "almost exactly the same way" as the summer lottery, with the exception that roommate preferences, which are considered in the summer lottery, will not be an option for the adjustment lottery.

The adjustment lottery is designed to maximize the number of people who are capable of moving by offering a "discount" in the bid to those who list more than one preference, said Gray. Those who list more than one preference are

Ratio of Received Housing Preferences



SOURCE: MIT HOUSING OFFICE

much more likely to be given a reassignment, he said.

"We don't want to sacrifice the ability to move of the person who wants to move at all costs" in order to move a person who only ranks

one dormitory in hopes of moving from his or her second choice dormitory to his or her first choice dormitory, said Gray. "We offer a discount to people who have more than one preference."

Summer Housing Lottery Preferences by Dormitory

Dormitory	1st	2nd	3rd	Number of Freshmen Currently in Dormitories
Baker House	216	160	113	119
Bexley Hall	27	40	45	42
Burton-Conner House	97	162	139	150
East Campus	122	76	46	124
MacGregor House	135	97	100	106
McCormick Hall	69	37	36	87
New House	21	49	67	122
Next House	80	81	112	140
Random Hall	33	36	57	30
Senior House	12	22	30	51
Simmons Hall	175	176	104	113

Note: This list does not include the cultural houses

SOURCE: HOUSING OFFICE

Fraternity Rush Gets Earlier Starting Date

Schedule aims to minimize distraction.

By Gireja Ranade
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Killian Kickoff will return this Sunday evening as part of fraternity rush 2004, which is earlier and promises to have a flavor different from the past two years' fraternity rushes.

The orientation, rush, and academic time periods are more assertively defined with the new schedule, said Interfraternity Council Recruitment Chairman Chris P. Tostado '06. Some focuses for rush this year include respecting orientation, protecting fraternities, and ensuring a safe, fair, and efficient rush, Tostado said.

Earlier rush than before

This year's rush, beginning before the term, is earlier than it has been in recent years. Last year, rush began about one week into the term, while two years ago, rush was several weeks into the term, Tostado said. There was also potential for scheduling conflicts between rush and orientation events during previous years, when rush was held concurrently with orientation, he said.

The fraternity experience at MIT augments the MIT experience and they don't want it to conflict with academics, said IFC Judiciary Committee Chair William R. Fowler '05. Organizing rush later in the term leads to balancing problems between school work and rush activities, he said.

Assistant Dean and Director for Fraternities, Sororities, and Independent Living Groups David N. Rogers agreed, saying that one goal this year is for rush to have minimal impact on academics.

"I think it's good for everyone that rush is shorter — people don't have to kill themselves for three weeks," said Theta Xi Rush Chair Siddharth V. Puram '05.

The changes in rush were based on feedback from previous years and a conversation among the

Interfraternity Council, the Department of Undergraduate Education, the Academic Resource Center, and the Fraternities, Sororities and Independent Living Groups office.

Fairness stressed

In the last two years, "it is possible that fraternities did all their rushing before the actual start of the defined rushing period," Tostado said. The earlier rush this year will ensure that fraternities "will all be on the same wavelength in terms of rules, schedules, and participation in events," he said. No matter what, all houses will remain dry until Sept. 17 this year, he said.

Phi Delta Theta Rush Chair Andrew W. Houston '05 said that with later rush periods in previous years, everyone was already going out and meeting freshmen starting from the end of orientation, making the process gruelling. "It got me off to a really bad start in terms of classes," he said "It's great that [rush] is earlier in the term."

Rush split in two parts

This year's rush attempts to offer a balance between high-energy rushing and long recruitment, Fowler said. "One thing we have consistently heard was that freshmen don't have enough time to make a decision," said Fowler. Fraternities also did not have enough time to meet and get to know the freshmen, he said.

Rush will have two parts. Sunday evening, Monday, and Tuesday will concentrate on bigger rush events, while the following days until Sept. 17 will emphasize small-scale events such as dinner at the chapter houses, said Fowler. Bids can be extended beginning Sept. 10 and can be accepted from Sept. 11 onwards. Each bid extended must remain open for at least three days, according to the IFC 2004 Recruitment rules. Rush period will end on Sept. 17.

Staffer Claims Harassment By Coworkers, Supervisors

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[Peterson] with a chemical, vandalizing and stealing his property, tampering with the machines he was working on and making verbal threats against him."

Both Peterson and his lawyer, David O. Scott, did not return several requests for comment yesterday.

Roger Sudbury, special assistant to the director of Lincoln Labs, said that "Lincoln Lab has a policy of not commenting on matters that are under litigation."

He said that MIT has a strong policy against harassment in addition to a "no retaliation" policy for employees who bring forward

complaints.

Supervisors fail to resolve conflict

According to the lawsuit, Peterson was harassed by two of his supervisors from 1987 to 2003, and actions taken by two others failed to solve the situation.

At one point, Peterson's coworkers placed a noose on his desk, and also "blasted" a Rolling Stones song at him on the radio, incorrectly named as "Symphony for the Devil" in the lawsuit.

Sudbury said that the Lincoln Labs has a policy of conducting inquiries into claims of discrimination, although he was unable to comment on whether those inquiries were led by independent, outside parties.



SPORTS

Red Sox Blaze Path Forward to Wild Card

by Yong-yi Zhu
COLUMNIST

The only thing hotter than the Boston Red Sox on Sunday was the sun. They rolled over the Detroit Tigers 6-1, finishing a sweep to move them within 4.5 games of the Yankees in the American League East. The Sox have won six straight games and twelve out of their last thirteen. They outscored the Tigers 20-6 over the weekend series.

The story of the day was clearly the pitching of Tim Wakefield. He had perfect command of his knuckleball, only giving up three hits while striking out seven batters over eight innings. Wakefield pitched amazingly well considering the scorching heat; the game time temperature was 87 degrees Fahrenheit.

Red Sox manager Terry Francona said that Wakefield pounded the strike zone with not just knuckleballs, but good breaking balls as well. He said it would be tough to hit Wakefield when he has such a combination of location and movement within the strike zone.

Francona also praised Tiger's pitcher Ledezma but mentioned that the Tigers had him on a pitch count. He thought that Ledezma, like Wakefield was efficient through the first four innings.

But the bottom of the fifth saw the 23 year old right-hander unraveling. Ledezma allowed four runs on four hits, all with two outs. No homeruns were needed as the Red Sox strung together a series of singles to get the runs across. Gabe Kapler started the attack with a single to left. After Johnny Damon walked, Mark Bellhorn hit an infield single to third to load the bases. Manny

Ramirez and David Ortiz both hit singles to center to drive in three runs. Kevin Millar drove another run in with an infield single and finally, after Orlando Cabrera hit, Ortiz was thrown out at home trying to score.

But the Red Sox were not finished. Mark Bellhorn hit a two run homerun, his 14th of the season, in the seventh inning.

In the top of the seventh, Alan Trammell came out to argue when Carlos Guillen was called out on strike three, which he felt was out of the zone. As Trammell was trotting back to the dugout, the home plate umpire Bill Welke threw him out of the game despite the fact that the manager appeared to be walking away from a confrontation.

Overall, the Red Sox are playing exactly the way they want to coming upon a stretch of important games against other teams vying for a chance at the postseason. Ana-

heim, Texas and Oakland are all in the immediate future of the streaking Sox, and all are within a couple of games of each other in the race for the American League Wild Card. Asked if he welcomes seeing Texas and Anaheim at this point, Francona was quite realistic, saying that they have no choice and he would much rather play weaker teams.

Despite the schedule, the Sox are showing confidence on the field, being much more aggressive with base running and much less error prone defensively. The Sox had two stolen bases on the day and an extremely aggressive attempt to score by Ortiz. He was thrown out by a hair, but that kind of aggressiveness can feed the offense on a ball club.

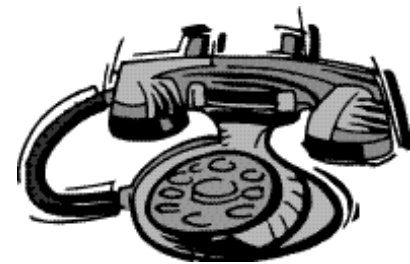
The Red Sox remain 1.5 games ahead of the Anaheim Angels who are in town from Tuesday through Thursday as they try to continue their hot streak.



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