Baker Resident Confronts Thief in Her Room

By Jenny Zhang

This past Sunday, Baker resident Gina Srivastava '07 walked in on a man attempting to steal from her room, and then chased him out through the dormitory, where two other students picked up the chase. The two students were eventually able to catch up to the thief and recover Srivastava's backpack containing her laptop and digital cam- era. The thief escaped with fifteen dollars in cash.

Natalie M. Pinkerton '08, one of the two students who helped purs- ue the thief, said that she and her roommate Tiffany L. Iaconis '08 chased the man to the tennis courts along Amherst Alley, where she managed to rip Srivastava's back- pack from him.

Following the attempted theft, Baker house manager Jonathan F. Nolan sent an e-mail to Baker describing the suspect as a white male of age 18 to 25 years with light brown hair, a pimply face, and Irish symbol tattoo on the back of his neck and calf.

The e-mail advised residents not to confront the thief if they saw him but to call the MIT Police immediately.

n Two freshmen girls thwarted an attempted robbery yesterday at Baker House. The girls chased down the man and were able to capture the victim's backpack, containing the stolen items, as he fled.

Resident surprises thief

Srivastava said that she confront- ed the thief in her room after using the bathroom across the hall for less than 5 minutes. She had closed her door but left it unlocked.

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MIT Sues Alum Blackjack Experts Over Web Site

By Keith J. Winston

Four former members of the Blackjack Team — the subject of Ben Mezrich’s 2002 best-selling book Bringing Down the House about MIT students who made mil- lions in the 1990s by counting cards at Las Vegas casinos — have started two Web sites to cash in on the MIT students who made mil- lions in the 1990s by counting cards at Las Vegas casinos — have started two Web sites to cash in on the MIT students who made mil- lions in the 1990s by counting cards at Las Vegas casinos — have started two Web sites to cash in on the MIT students who made mil- lions in the 1990s by counting cards at Las Vegas casinos — have started two Web sites to cash in on the MIT students who made mil- lions in the 1990s by counting cards at Las Vegas casinos — have started two Web sites to cash in on the MIT students who made mil- lions in the 1990s by counting cards at Las Vegas casinos — have started two Web sites to cash in on the MIT students who made mil- lions in the 1990s by counting cards at Las Vegas casinos — have started two Web sites to cash in on the MIT students who made mil- lions in the 1990s by counting cards at Las Vegas casinos — have started two Web sites to cash in on the MIT students who made mil- lions in the 1990s by counting cards at Las Vegas casinos — have started two Web sites to cash in on the MIT students who made mil- lions in the 1990s by counting cards at Las Vegas casinos — have started two Web sites to cash in on the MIT students who made mil- lions in the 1990s by counting cards at Las Vegas casinos — have started two Web sites to cash in on the MIT students who made mil- lions in the 1990s by counting cards at Las Vegas casinos — have started two Web sites to cash in on the MIT students who made mil- lions in the 1990s by counting cards at Las Vegas casinos — have started two Web sites to cash in on the MIT students who made mil- lions in the 1990s by counting cards at Las Vegas casinos — have started two Web sites to cash in on the MIT students who made mil- lions in the 1990s by counting cards at Las Vegas casinos — have started two Web sites to cash in on the MIT students who made mil- lions in the 1990s by counting cards at Las Vegas casinos — have started two Web sites to cash in on the MIT students who made mil- lions in the 1990s by counting cards at Las Vegas casinos — have started two Web sites to cash in on the MIT students who made mil- lions in the 1990s by counting cards at Las Vegas casinos — have started two Web sites to cash in on the MIT students who made mil- lions in the 1990s by counting cards at Las Vegas casinos — have started two Web sites to cash in on the MIT students who made mil- lions in the 1990s by counting cards at Las Vegas casinos — have started two Web sites to cash in on the MIT students who made mil- lions in the 1990s by counting cards at Las Vegas casinos — have started two Web sites to cash in on the MIT students who made mil- lions in the 1990s by counting cards at Las Vegas casinos — have started two Web sites to cash in on the MIT students who made mil- lions in the 1990s by counting cards at Las Vegas casinos — have started two Web sites to cash in on the MIT students who made mil- lions in the 1990s by counting cards at Las Vegas casinos — have started two Web sites to cash in on the MIT students who made mil- lions in the 1990s by counting cards at Las Vegas casinos — have started two Web sites to cash in on the MIT students who made mil-

The company has now switched its Web site to blackjackinstitute.com and says it is close to settling the lawsuit. “We’re going to respect MIT’s opinion and make the changes that we need to, to comply with their position,” said Irvine, who says he played for the MIT club as “Mr. J.” for five years.

A postpone, his business partner, won the Game Show Network’s “Mr. Blackjacks 2004” show and was given the chance to host a blackjack seminar for $200, at blackjackscience.com, was started by Semyon Dukach SM ’93 and offers weekend seminars at $650 for one day of instruction or $1,100 for two.

“We have kind of gone away from the playing mode more into the training mode,” Irvine said. “The whole idea of being a card counter is to go under the radar and not become notorious.”

The Weather

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Today: Sunny, 55°F Tonight: Mostly sunny, 60°F

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Opinion

Why Kerry and Bush can’t both be President and Christian.

By Tiffany Chen

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Office has recently revamped its training materials and private Web sites to cash in on the interest of prospective students and thus expand MIT’s recruitment capabilities.

The new admissions web site was created in a joint project between two technology and design firms. Jones said that the Web site was made with consideration of input from student focus groups.

PreFresh approval of new Web site

Prospective students have generally been pleased with the new Web site.

Madalyn Berns, a senior at Chaminade College Preparatory School in California, said “I thought it was very informative. All the information I could ever want about admissions was at the tip of my fingertips.”

She said the layout and easy navigation were pluses for the site. “Everything is covered pretty thor-
Space Specimens Saved From Wrecked Capsule

By Warren E. Leary

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Scientists think useful samples of all the many types of space particles, collected by the Genesis space capsule survived its crash in the Utah desert almost four weeks ago, promising researchers years of studying the origins of the solar system.

Although many of the fragile particle collectors are damaged or broken, scientists say they expect most should be usable. Scientists say the painstaking work of extracting them from the crash debris.

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Wave Of Lawsuits Expected Against Merck After Vioxx Sales Halted

By Bernady J. Fedor

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Last week's decision by Merck to halt sales of Vioxx, its popular painkiller, could lead to an onslaught of lawsuits against the company.

Hundreds of thousands of new Vioxx lawsuits are likely to be filed, lawyers said, with many of them class actions that aim to represent large groups of Vioxx users who have taken the drug for extended periods.

Indeed, radio and television stations across the country are being flooded and some suits were filed almost immediately after Merck's recall announcement on Thursday.

"Our lawsuit was in the works but the filing was accelerated by the recall," said Don S. Strong, a lawyer who filed a suit against Merck in Oklahoma City on Monday.

"The recall makes our burden of proof easier," Strong said, "because it validates what our experts have been telling as for several months." The lawsuit says that Strong's client suffered inflammation and a number of heart problems from taking Vioxx.

Some cosmetic product liability lawyers say a new wave of litigation may not necessarily be more distressing for Merck than the suits that are already working their way through the courts.

Cambodia Approves Tribunal For Khmer Rouge Leaders

By Seth Mydans

THE NEW YORK TIMES

After years of delays, the Cambodian Parliament ratified an agreement with the United Nations on Monday to create an international tribunal to try surviving leaders of the Khmer Rouge regime for atrocities that took 1.7 million lives during the communists' four-year rule.

The ratification was the last major hurdle for holding a trial, although no time table was set and a number of technical and political issues lie ahead, including the raising of an estimated $57 million from international donors.

None of the accused Khmer Rouge leaders has been brought into court to face justice for their actions between 1975 and 1979, when as many as one-fifth of the Cambodian population died from execution or starvation.

The law still needs approvals by the Senate and head of state, both of which were expected to approve the agreement on Monday.

But even if an agreement is signed, the issue of who would be the UN tribunal's principal justices is at odds. The justices would have to be elected from international donors.

The American delegation has been considering candidates from several months that they expected the tribunal to start early, and up 13 percent points from before the debate last Thursday in Coral Gables, Fla.

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Three Car Bombs Kill Over 26, One Explodes Near Iraqi HQ

By Edward Wong

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Three powerful car bombs exploded across Iraq on Monday morning, killing at least 26 people and injuring more than 100 others in separate attacks in the Iraqi capital and west of Baghdad.

The attacks, which demonstrated the relative ease with which insurgents are striking in the hearts of major cities.

A firefight between policemen and insurgents broke out in the middle of downtown Baghdad after one of the explosions, according to security officials at the scene.

The second car bomb exploded north of the Baghdad Hotel, mostly occupied by foreign security contractors, after a red station wagon sped down a wide street and rammed into two sport utility vehicles, witnesses said.

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The United Nations and Cambodia reached agreement in June 2003 after long and difficult negotiations. Ratification was delayed for a year as Cambodia struggled to form a government following an election.

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**SpaceShipOne Wins X Prize by Reaching a Second Time**

By John Schwartz  

A private rocket ship shot into space on Monday morning and won a $10 million aviation prize for its creators.

SpaceShipOne, the sleek combination of rocket and glider designed by Burt Rutan and financed by the Mojave Area Rocketry Association, streaked through the sky over Edwards Air Force Base at 7:49 a.m. Pacific time. The spacecraft’s pilot, Brian Binnie, lit the experimental rocket engine, which burned 60 pounds of rubber and nitrous oxide — also used in hair spray — and ran the motor for its full planned duration of nearly 90 seconds. After its ascent, SpaceShipOne returned to earth and touched down at 8:13 a.m.

The flight also far surpassed the 62-mile-per-hour Mach 1 level for a non-spacecraft launch and launch- and-return flight of a vehicle. The ship touched down at 5:4,000 feet, or 1,700 meters, above Edwards Air Force Base. The rocket team and organizers of the X Prize Foundation marked the dawn of a new age of space flight, made on the 47th anniversary of the first space launch, on April 12, 1961. It was “at least 100 as safe than airplane flights,” SpaceShipOne’s designer and pilot, Burt Rutan, said.

As recall them later were awarded the $1.3 million award, were Dr. Richard Axel, 57, of Columbia University in New York, and Dr. Linda Buck, 56, of the University of Washington, and a doctorate in microbiology from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. For their landmark discovery of about 1,000 odorant receptor proteins.

The ability to detect and identify volatile chemical substances in the environment offers an obvious survival benefit. But the number of odorant receptors differs among species.

For their studies, Axel and Buck used mice, which have about 1,000 odorant receptors. That is about 10 times the number in fish. Humans have about 10 times fewer.

“Smell is absolutely essential for a newborn mammalian pup to find its mother,” Axel said.

The molecules start a process by binding to cells on their olfactory bulb, a structure in the front of the brain that is a clear rhino's nose, they said. Information from the olfactory bulb is transmitted to other brain regions, which process the smell.

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**Intelligence Reformers In Senate Form New Director’s Power**

By Carl Hulse  

WASHINGTON — Senators of a plan to reorganize U.S. intelligence agencies on Monday defeated efforts to reduce the power of a new national intelligence director as the leadership unveiled a separate plan on how the Senate could better oversee intelligence and domestic security agencies.

With lawmakers hoping to gain approval this week for a measure based on the recommendations of the Sept. 11 commission, the backers of the Senate plan opened the door to a vote on the bill that would give the new intelligence director less power.

“The public has a right to know at least that,” said Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman, D-Conn., and a chief author of the bill that seeks to centralize the intelligence executive.

The ability of the sponsors to hold off challenges from some of the most powerful and senior members of the Senate illuminated the momentous task of reorganization and the influence of the Sept. 11 commission and the relatives of those killed in the attacks, who have been lobbying against changes to the legislation.

**U.S. Coordinates Efforts To Stop Counterfeit Goods**

By Elaine Sciolino  

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration unveiled an initiative on Monday intend- ed to combat piracy of intellectual property and the sale of counterfeit goods by foreign companies.

The administration is seeking support from four agencies, the plan calls for a coordinated effort to stop the importing of designer knockoffs and counterfeit pharmaceuticals and to encourage other efforts by the global marketplace, the commerce secretary, Donald L. Evans, said.

Although the announcement came less than a month before the elections, Mr. Bush made no direct appeal to voters to back his initiatives.

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**France To Repress U.S. Weapons-Grade Plutonium**

By Elaine Sciolino  

FRANCE — France is poised to take possession of 300 pounds of weapons-grade plutonium from the United States for reprocessing into fuel, an operation that its opponents contend creates a risk of nuclear terrorism.

The French government said Monday that it was reviving an idea first raised last year by Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain, but then quickly rejected.

But many Anticipate A Bigger Blow

But those events, coming after the mountain erupted Friday for the first time in 18 years, were still saying Monday that a more significant eruption was likely. But that was before the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks heightened concerns about the risks of other terrorist attacks, even nuclear-related.

But Many Anticipate A Bigger Blow

**Mount St. Helens Spews Steam, But Many Anticipate A Bigger Blow**

By Sarah Korshaw  

Volcanoes not only have the power to destroy, but also the ability to renew. Mount St. Helens in Washington state, America’s most active volcano since 1980, is doing both.

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In the first televised presidential debate, who seemed to have won depended a lot on who you asked, or rather, whether they listened in on radio or watched on TV. Those who heard the 1960 debate between Kennedy and Nixon on the radio won based on his words and tone, while those who watched on TV saw Nixon visibly weakened by the flu and sweating in an overheated suit, and hence preferred Kennedy. Unfortunately, in 2004, after forty years later, the media is still excited by issues of style and has yet to create substantive debate on television.

Although there are many possible formats for a debate, any real debate must have an argument or a set of arguments at its center. Given that this one forbade the candidates from cross-examining each other, and hence really exposing their logic and beliefs, we should judge them on the quality of an outside moderator.

For interesting questions, Jim Lehrer, of the “The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer” on PBS, is one of the most respected TV journalists in America, and hence a seemingly good choice as moderator. The questions Lehrer asked, however, can only be characterized as weak, especially in how they failed to challenge either candidate, even from the cue-card platform running through their head. Questions like (to Senator Kerry), “Do you believe you could do a better job than President Bush in preventing another 9-11-type attack on our country?” will never receive anything more than a superficial, and obvious, answer. What is the point of a debate unless it forces candidates to say more than we can read on their Web sites? The obvious consequence is that style will be called in to replace the missing conscience. Moreover, hard questions are not difficult to come by: Asking Kerry whether he would allocate more money to the war in Iraq, given that we are currently forced to choose between security and reconstruction, or asking Bush how he can justify using overwhelming force to protect soldiers’ lives when the war’s success depends on the cooperation and goodwill of Iraqis, would each lead to more interesting answers than Kerry’s “Yes, I do” believe I can do a better job.

Ultimately, in any debate with a moderator, whether we learn anything substantive about the candidates depends on the quality of the debate. More often than not, asking hard questions would make the debate unfair or biased is simply false, because both candidates have gaping flaws, and asking questions called the last three months of media coverage is no more fair or unbiased. Perhaps the greatest challenge to asking difficult questions is the two minute limit imposed on any response. However, the key to developing a deep discussion of thought is to ask follow-up questions, something Lehrer rarely did in the debate. Only by sticking with a particular issue will a moderator force the candidates to think deeply.

In the end, we are still waiting for the national press to step up and challenge politicians to have more than just style. It is unacceptable to be obsessed about things like choice of tie when we are considering the election of the person who will command our army and set domestic and foreign policy.

Letters To The Editor

A Different Perspective
On Teresa Kerry

I venture that Ruth Miller misrepresented both Teresa Heinz Kerry and criticism of her in her column (“Heinz Not the Contender, Here,” Sept. 28).

Although I was not much of a fan of the Clinton family, bill and Hillary formed a fantastic partnership that furthered both of their political careers. I don’t have a problem with a politically ambitious woman in the White House per se; her left-liberal advocacy turned me away.

But Teresa doesn’t seem interested in political goals. Rather, she seems poetically contemptuous of the niceties of politics. People joked about the Clintons “we are the president,” but the inane heiress sounds like she wants to sublimate her husband’s office to be unchecked and instead sell a partnership presidency.

Teresa is not a partner in Keny’s quest; to quote Gore advisor Naomi Wolf, she is cuckoo.

A career woman by her own admission, Teresa has risen through the ranks of the Kennedy family, to be first lady, by publicly refusing to get on a helicopter with him, by spending a night on the campaign trail in a different bed, by going out of her way to express independence from John. The “idiot” remark about Kerry’s health care plan was arrogant. But from Teresa’s own words, it’s not aendor of elitism. Let’s hope there’s more where that came from.

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Searching for Substance
I heard something interesting watching the presidential debates on Thursday, something that solidified my ideas about the two supposedly Christian candidates. It is the certainty that he would hunt Osama bin Laden and other terrorists and kill them, as political analysts will tell you should be the president's primary goal in the post-9/11 world. But that goal is not the primary goal of Christianity as written in the New Testament. Jesus’ call to his disciples is to live a life of love, not death. You can’t live that kind of life while wowing to kill or harm another. But you cannot escape the absolute truth that he is a Christian and that your life and mine are still a problem to God and still be a good leader. The sad conclusion, a Christian cannot be President, and anyone who tries will constantly and willingly dis-obey God while they are in office.

This is why I was so interested to hear both John Kerry and George Bush vow to kill Osama bin Laden while also claim to be Christian. Bush, in particular, takes pride in basking some of his most important decisions on his faith. He likes to justify his actions against others as protecting them from evils we cannot resist an evil person,” Jesus says: should someone strike you on the cheek also? (Matthew 5:39). Finally, “love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, pray for those who mistreat you” (Matthew 5:44). What does this mean? It means that a Christian seeking to love his enemy is willing to harm or destroy someone at the cost of their love that God shows us. This means that we should love constantly, without reservations, for all that we do, in any gender, station, race, creed, sexual orientation, or religion. We do this because all people are created in God’s image, and therefore all are of equal importance to us as human beings even though we cannot see them as such. To harm our enemies in any way is to harm God and all the other human beings who are away from him and the forgiveness offered in his Son. Now, human beings, not perfect, do not always do this. But to knowingly, deliberately, disobey God and harm another, all those whose good you achieve. Him and believe in him, is either ignorant or blind.

When I made this argument I was told by someone who tried to explain to me that this was just a Christian calling to me to be a Christian and therefore would be impossible for me to do. But it is not impossible. If I obey God I will show the world the beauty of his image, and the fact that I leave it up to the world how to judge my actions, is a testament of the love that God shows us. This means that we should love constantly, without reservations, for all that we do, in any gender, station, race, creed, sexual orientation, or religion. We do this because all people are created in God’s image, and therefore all are of equal importance to us as human beings even though we cannot see them as such. To harm our enemies in any way is to harm God and all the other human beings who are away from him and the forgiveness offered in his Son. Now, human beings, not perfect, do not always do this. But to knowingly, deliberately, disobey God and harm another, all those whose good you achieve. Him and believe in him, is either ignorant or blind.

The first presidential debate last took place on October 5, 2004. No one knows what the new debate will reveal, and Kerry and Bush. Debates are necessary to advance the campaigns of candidates and to give the citizenry an opportunity to hear from the two major parties, see the candidates, understand, and then vote. It’s a civilized way for citizens to learn about candidates and issues. It’s also the best way to combat the mudslinging and distortion of the political process.

In the beginning it didn’t look very good for Bush. Kerry was much calmer than Bush, more articulate, and less skilled compared so those who did not believe in the promise of early reports that Kerry was better off. Bush tried to do his civil duty and watch the upcoming debates, especially if you missed the last one, to paint whatever allusion you want. You might want Bush to go out and tackle Kerry, say something about Iraq, or to defend his own record. As long as I had a handicap that made me good a player as anyone else. As long as I had the proper tools and equipment, I could appreciate a stranger’s life so objectively. It was not that I had a handicap that made me terrible. My serves were always wild, so wild that everyone knew which shots I was going to hit. Before I had one’s talents in college is annoying; in one’s class in high school is even more annoying. The handicap or talent that non-affirmative action allows some percentage of low talent can be relied upon to advance oneself. This is why I was so interested to hear both John Kerry and George Bush vow to kill Osama bin Laden while also claim to be Christian. Bush, in particular, takes pride in basking some of his most important decisions on his faith. He likes to justify his actions against others as protecting them from evils.

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much feedback from students arguing for both sides. Some students expressed their enjoyment of being showered, while others wrote that they did not like it.

Scattered showers on Thursday

Benedict said that he was not aware of any showering incidents occurring Thursday night.

Next House housemaster Borivoje Mikic said that no showering took place in Next House. "As far as I know, nothing happened," Mikic said.

However, students said a few showers did take place.

A female freshmen resident of Simmons Hall, who requested anonymity, said a group of three male upperclassmen went "around Simmons, showering 20 to 25 people."

In addition, despite an e-mail sent out to Baker which stated that showering was prohibited and violators would be punished, some upperclassmen circulated the dormitory showering freshmen, said Baker resident Tara C. Chang '08.

However, the freshmen were not helpless victims. "The freshmen were armed with condom water balloons, massive water guns, and big umbrellas," Chang said. The students started on the sixth floor of the dorm and made their way down to the first floor, she said.

Security eventually broke up the water fight, said Bonnie K. Shum '08. "When security came and asked what was going on, everyone dispersed," Shum said. She estimates that there were about 20 freshmen of both genders and 15 male upperclassmen involved.

"They were showering all in fun though, it was a good break from studying for most people," Chang said. "They also didn't shower people if they strictly asked not to be showered."

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Web Site Offers Guide for Parents

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oughly," she said. Berns plans to apply to MIT early action.

Alice Wu, a sophomore from Temple City High School in California said, "I really like the Web site because everything is really neat and accessible and definitely makes browsing very easy.

Jones noted that one especially unique aspect of the new Web site is a section designed specifically for parents. She said that no other school has anything similar to this.

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Two Freshmen Help Chase Down Burglar

Robbery, from Page 1

They looked to see what was happening and saw "a guy and Gita chasing him."

As an afterthought, Pinkerton said that she realized what she had done could have been dangerous, but at the time she didn’t really think about that.

Srivastava is a cross-country runner and lacrosse player, as well.

Srivastava’s roommate, Elizabeth H. Rosenblum ’07, said that MIT Police had borrowed her printer to check for fingerprints, but they were too smudged for analysis. It had been evident that the thief had touched the printer because it had been moved.

Srivastava said she would go today to the police to help create a composite sketch of the suspect.

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Baseball Returns to Washington

By Yong-yul Zhu

Congratulations Washington, baseball is yours again. After 33 years of migrations to Baltimore, the city will have its major league baseball team all to itself once again.

There were many other locations that wanted the MLB team currently known as the Montreal Expos, including Northern Virginia, Las Vegas Norfolk and Monterrey, but our nation's capital won the bid. The city is at or near, the average in most of the market statistics compared with the other baseball teams. The area's population is 13th and the market statistics compared with the other baseball teams. The area's population is 13th and the market statistics.

but the Orioles and the DC team, that 70 percent of people to the new team than it will bring with it. The transition to baseball in more than just the monetary sense. It will bring legitimacy to baseball attendance. In fact, they are currently hashing out how much that set minimal revenue, the plan will go in effect for.

The move did not come easy; it wasn't as though Pete Angelos, the Baltimore Orioles owner, simply caved in. In fact, there were suggestions that the Orioles to move to the National League because of the supposed "better rivals" in the national league. It would allow the Orioles to play more big market teams with a better chance of making the postseas. Eventually, though, the league decided the move won't worth it.

Therefore, Major League Baseball

found another way to compensate Angelos. If the Orioles do not make a set minimal revenue, the MLB will pay Angelos out of its own pocket. In addition, Angelos wanted to sell the team and nobody bid a certain minimal value. MLB would once again pay for difference between that minimal value and the highest bidder is willing to pay. They are currently haggling about how much that minimal value is and how long this plan will go in effect.

Soon, we will see if getting more baseball to an area which already has one team will hurt attendance of both. Angelos has voiced this opinion throughout Washington's bid for the team. True, Balti- more is not doing badly in terms of ticket sales, but they are not among the top ten leaders in terms of attendance. In addition, having a team just an hour's drive away will hurt their market tremendously.

The Orioles are currently 12th in average game attendance, right behind the Red Sox, but the Orioles only fill up 70 percent of their stadium. With a clear division between the Orioles and the DC team, that 70 percent could drop even lower and the average attendance might become one of the lowest in the league.

The other problem is that the Senators will also need to draw a large crowd, ideally from a new market. We know that the DC team will definitely draw a larger crowd than the current Expos. Montreal home games on average drew 9,077 this season, which is dead last in major league baseball attendance. In fact, they have been last in that category for quite a while: in 2003 they aver- aged 12,662, in 2002 they averaged 10,255 and in 2001 the average was a pitiful 7,935 attendance per game.

With the games being played in RFK Stadium for the next three years and the new stadium being built just 12 blocks south of the Capitol, D.C. baseball will be easily accessible via public transportation, something that the Orioles clearly did not provide for D.C. and metro area.

The question is will the transition from Montreal to D.C. bring people to the new team than it will take from the Orioles fans? Baseball in D.C. will be profitable to baseball in more than just the monetary sense. It will bring legitimacy back to one of their teams, which the Expos severely lacked. With the revenue that can be generated from the nation's capital, the team can be an actual contender for the NL East, not just a spectator. Besides, it would be cool to have a stadium right next to the American River. It could be like the McCovey's Cove of the East.

If this move works, at least Bud Selig will have made one good decision in his time as commissioner.
Men's Water Polo Beats Brown

By Caitlin Murray

The MIT men's water polo team gave the animated crowd on the sidelines (complete with a snare drum) something to cheer about as they improved their record to 10–7 overall on Saturday with a 5–4 win over Brown University.

The game started off slowly, with neither team clearly on top. Both goalkeepers, Daniel R. Malconian '07 of MIT and Jay Fantone of Brown made key saves during the first period.

The first goal was scored by MIT two minutes before the end of the first period. Fantone blocked an attack by Dan R. Jacobs '05, but passed it up to his teammate, only to have John H. Rogers '06 lung in for a beautiful score, pass it up to Kevin C. Amendt '07 and from there back to Jacobs, who threw a goal into the corner of the net.

In the first minute of the second period, MIT got possession on a penalty on Brown, only to have the ball stolen within seconds. Brown's Thomas Payton broke away from the pack and beat the rest of the players to Engineer territory. After a face off with Malconian, Payton launched a powerful shot into the net, scoring Brown's first point of the game.

Each team scored twice more in the remainder of the second period, the first a light lob over the goalie's head into the net by MIT's Bruce J. DiBello '05, and the second on another breakaway by Brown, to tie it up 2–2 by the end of the first half. Brown had the chance to take the lead early in the second half, when MIT was given a yellow card and Brown's Andy Wiener took a penalty shot, but the ball ricocheted harmlessly off the crosstbar, leaving the game still tied.

MIT capitalized on Brown's mistake quickly, taking the lead on what turned into the most impressive play of the game. David D. Lohrey '05 passed the ball to Rogers, and Rogers, covered tightly by a Brown defender and facing away from the Brown net, whipped the ball around his back, scored in the opposite side of the goal, and gave the Engineers a 3–2 lead.

Jacobs scored two more goals in the third period, one on a quick assist by Lohrey and one on a powerful attack by MIT that ultimately resulted in Brown's last goal on the night. MIT defeated Brown, 5–4, and will host Harvard this Wednesday.

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UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

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- Varsity Women's Volleyball vs. Clark University, Rockwell Cage, 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 7
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