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The increase in yield was a result of the implementation of single-choice early action by other universities, which increases MIT’s yield for the Class of 2008, said Jones from early action applications this year. "I would not have any immediate effect on the Institute but signal a continuing effect on the part of the city to expand the tax revenue MIT and Harvard generate at a time when citizens are voicing concerns over sharp increases in property taxes," said the order requests that universities increase the payments that they make in lieu of taxes retroactive to 10 years ago, the bill asks the city’s legal team to investigate the possibility of eliminating the property tax exemption for large, non-profit organizations such as MIT.

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Charter Schools Fall Short In Public Schools Matchup

By Samantha H. and Diana Jean Schoeman

A new study commissioned by the Department of Education, which compares achievement levels in charter schools with those attending traditional public schools in five states, has concluded that the charter schools were less likely to meet state performance standards.

In Colorado, for instance, the study found that 98 percent of public schools met state performance requirements, but that only 90 percent of the charter schools did. Even when adjusted for race and poverty, the study said, the charter schools fell short more frequently by a statistically significant amount. The study added new data to a highly politicized debate between charter school supporters, including the Bush administration, and skeptics who question the performance of the publicly financed but privately managed schools.

Education Secretary Eugene Hickok minimized the report’s significance even as he released the results. But academics who have been critical of charter school performance called it an important contribution.

Study Finds Savings In Medicare Drug Benefit

By Robert Pear

A new study confirms that the drug benefit being added to Medicare will provide significant help to elderly people with low incomes. It suggests that a drug benefit for all Medicare enrollees will save the government some money for the first time.

In other words, the study says, one-fourth of the people who enroll in the new program will have higher out-of-pocket costs than if they had no drug benefit at all. The study also says, one in four people who sign up for the benefit will have to spend more of their own money for their medicines.

The study, issued Monday by the Kaiser Family Foundation, says that fewer people who sign up for the benefit will see their out-of-pocket drug spending decline by $465, or 37 percent, from what it would otherwise have been in 2006.

Powell Sees Israel Committed To Aiding Palestinian Vote

By Steven R. Weisman

Secretary of State Colin L. Powell said Monday that he had won a commitment from Israel to let Palestinians living in Jerusalem take part in elections in January and to ease conditions in the West Bank and Gaza so that they can so easily vote there as well.

In what is likely to be his final foray to the Middle East before leaving office, Powell also conferred with Palestinian leaders, praising them for their efforts to reform their government, work with the Israelis and allow the elections and began a process to draw militant groups into electoral politics.

“Toward the greater level of coordination and cooperation that exists between the Israeli government and the Palestinian authority to make sure that those elections can be held,” he said, outside an election day ceremony, where he heard a progress report on Palestinian efforts to get 1.7 million voters to the polls.

Big Dig Leaks Are Routine And Not Surprising, Company Says

By C. J. Chivers

Rechtel-Parsons Brinckerhoff, the private company that manages the Big Dig, said Monday that plugging leaks in the Interstate section of the tunnels will take “months, not years,” as a routine part of finishing the $14.6 billion project.

The leak problem is well under control, said a letter Bechtel sent to reporters.

The five-page letter represents Bechtel’s first detailed effort to address publicly the issues raised in recent news stories about the leaks.

While the letter does not discuss the number of leaks in the tunnels — state officials estimate there are currently 500 — it asserts that “no waterproofing system is perfect.”

“Chasing water that inevitably seeps through walls and joints is a normal part of construction,” the report says. “The spots where water enters are systematically located and sealed as fast as can be done.”

The letter emphasized that some water enters the tunnel through portions of the project under construction and “open to the weather.”

Yanukovich Wins Presidency Amid Serious Voting Abuses

By J. C. Chivers

Yanukovich approached a political stalemate on Monday, as vote counts of the presidential runoff election indicated that Prime Minister Viktor F. Yushchenko had won but international observers alleged serious voting abuses and the opposition candidate refused to accept defeat.

With more than 99 percent of ballots counted, the government tally gave Yanukovich 49.42 percent of the vote to 46.7 percent for Viktor A. Yushchenko, whose supporters turned out in the tens of thousands in Independence Square here, vowing not to move until results were reversed.

"To victory!" said Nina Kovalyvskaia, 53, who stood in the cold Monday evening. "To our victory!"

With the opposition filling the landmark square, an international election observer mission — from the Organization for Security and Coop- eration in Europe, the European Par- liament, the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and the Council of Europe released a preliminary report that--boozed them, declaring that the election did not meet democratic stan-
dards.

The observers’ findings were sec- onded by Sen. Richard G. Lugar, chairman of the Senate Foreign Rela- tions Committee, who had led an American mission to Ukraine to urge outgoing President Leonid D. Kuchi- maa to organize fair elections.

“A concerted and forceful pro- gram of election-day fraud and abuse was carried out with either the leader- ship or cooperation of governmental authori- ties,” the senator said Monday in Kiev.

At stake is not only the presidency of a nation of nearly 45 million, but also the direction of the overwhelm- ingly Slavic country during the next five-year presidential term.

Yanukovich is the personally selected successor of Khuchma, a for- mer Soviet technocrat who ruled the country in a centralized fashion for 10 years, amid sometimes tense rela- tions with Washington and allega- tions of corruption and abuse of power.

The prime minister has vowed to continue on Khuchma’s course, and to steer the country closer to Russia, its historic and cultural partner.

Russia’s president, Vladimir V. Putin, telephoned Yanukovich on Monday from an official visit to Brazil to con- gratulate him, according to Interfax.

Yushchenko, a former prime min- ister, has described the incumbent blue of state power as crooked and hidebound, and pledged to maintain ties with Russia while encouraging business and expanding Ukraine’s relationship westward to Europe.

His support in the capital, and among young voters, is palpably high on this campaign — denied of regional media coverage and pressured by the resources of the Ukrainian state, according to the reports of international observers — has adopt- ed the tactics of the underdog.

The nearly three-year-long struggle for the prime minister given in official results diverged sharply from a range of surveys of voters at polling places that gave the opposition as much as an 11-point lead. Opposition organi- zers pushed for protest and mass action.

Yushchenko, addressing the large public, began a multiproposed campaign to block Yanukovich’s claim on office. He urged his supporters to remain united in the streets, and called for an urgent session of Parliament to review extensive allegations of state manipulation of the election, and for the judiciary to investigate document- ed complaints.

Weather

Situation for Noon Eastern Standard Time, Tuesday, November 23, 2004

Rainy Days for Travel

By J. Moskati

"If nature were not beautiful, it would not be worth studying. And life would not be worth living." — Henri Pissareau

A rather potent early-season storm traversing the eastern U.S. could pose some problems for those leaving town on Wednesday. The surface low pressure area will accelerate out of the southern Great Plains tonight, reaching the eastern Great Lakes by Wednesday night. Heavy rain and snow will fall in a wide swath to the northwest of this track. Just ahead of the low pressure center and attendant cold front, from the Ohio Valley south to the Gulf of Mexico, severe thunderstorms are expected. Finally, in the mid-Mississippi and the Northeast, a warm front associated with the same storm Gulf of Mexico, severe thunderstorms are expected. Finally, in the Mid- pressure center and attendant cold front, from the Ohio Valley south to the eastern Great Lakes by Wednesday night. Heavy rain and snow some travel headaches for those leaving town on Wednesday. The surface

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New, Tougher Screening Rules May Slow Security at Airports

By Keith Reed

Thanksgiving travelers might face long security lines at Logan and other airports, as a rush of travelers is expected to collide with new security rules recently implemented by the Transportation Security Administration.

Since September, the agency has been requiring passengers to remove layers of bulky clothing like heavy sweaters, sweatshirts and even suit jackets during preflight screenings because they might conceal weapons or explosives. Previously, only coats were required to be removed.

TSA toughened its screening methods because of intelligence gathered about possible terror threats and in the wake of suspected terrorist bombings in Madrid. This summer, said George N. Naccara, federal security director at Logan. More passengers are also being selected for special "secondary" screenings because the TSA has expanded its list of passengers pre-selected for such screenings in recent months.

Many frequent fliers are already used to the added measures, he said, but the TSA is talking publicly about the changes now because they fear a rush of occasional travelers during the holidays could complicate the screening process.

"The changes are "not precipitated by the holidays, but if there are more people subject to the screening, it could take longer," Naccara said.

"Educating the passenger is important because we are still obtaining so many banned items. It's the infrequent traveler that causes the problem."

Monday Logan International Airport officials urged passengers to arrive at the airport at least a half-hour earlier than normal when traveling this week.

Spending Bill Passed in Congress Eliminates Bunker-Busting Nukes

By Matthew L. Wald

The giant spending bill that Congress passed on Saturday eliminated money for developing new nuclear weapons, including one that would be used to destroy underground structures, experts say. For years, military planners have discussed a need for such a weapon, which could wipe out underground factories or command centers. But critics argued that developing such weapons would push the United States closer to stepping across the nuclear threshold for the first time since 1945, that intelligence was not good enough to assure that the Pentagon would know where to use them, and that even if such weapons were used, they might not work.

Another program that was cut back was the advanced concepts initiative, which was also apparently for new weapons, although details were not made public. It was also supposed to provide meaningful work for young weapons designers after years of the United States' relying on old designs, nuclear experts said.

Instead, Congress gave the Energy Department the amount it had requested, $9 million, but told it to use the money for modifying existing weapons to keep them reliable, an aide to the House Appropriations Committee said.

Rep. David L. Hobson, R-Ohio, the chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, said in a speech in August to a symposium on post-Cold-War nuclear strategy that he saw the administration's call for research on the new bombs and the earth penetrator, along with a proposal to shorten the lead time required to resume nuclear testing, as "very provocative and overly aggressive policies that undermine our moral authority to argue that other nations should forgo nuclear weapons."

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These days, bipartisanship is one of those words politicians use when their campaign advisors suggest it would be good to appear friendly to voters with-out saying anything of substance. Some might argue George Bush benefits from benevolent hypocrisy when the Democrats happen to agree with him. Given that a gen-ius is the ability to explain something in a way that no other politician, pundit, and even ordinary people have recently defaulted to the idea that political power comes only from mobilizing your vote base. New York Times op-ed writer Paul Krug-er expressed this banker mentality in his column “No Surrender” shortly after the election, as if the election was a battle in a war between the parties. The Washington Monthly’s article by paraphrasing it, retaining the ideas and structure almost identically in place. The key point is that the source was in the middle of the article, attributing a specific quote, and was entirely inappropriate to the degree to which he relied on the Monthly’s article. Del Nido expressed contrition and told the Managing Board that he was unaware that the unacknowledged use of another’s ideas constituted plagiarism. Although the Board believes that Del Nido acted in good faith and out of ignorance, it also believes that such ignorance is not acceptable in either a journalistic or academic environ-ment. We apologize for publishing this column in our opinion section. To ensure that no member of The Tech inadvertently plagiarizes in the future, the Managing Board also has added the following addition to the Staff Policies, which will be given to all current and new staff:

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Letters to the Editor

The Tech, and it will
Announcing the Creation Of the Mental Health Initiative

It is crucial to develop ways to help students cope with an environment that is always demanding and often overwhelming.

In the year 2000, 1 in 4 in the United States were helped emotionally by depression or other mental illnesses. Our potential and have a rich and fulfilling underwriting.

Students are part of a crowd. Psychologists and anthropologists have found that feelings of guilt and personal responsibility do not exist in a crowd. We do not see our blood-stained hands. Traveling, however, is stepping outside the crowd.

When I cried about the election, I cried because the weight of my guilt bore down on me, making it hard for me to breathe.

But I wasn’t guilty of not voting. And I wasn’t guilty of voting for the wrong person.

When the television showed footage of destroyed cities in Iraq and losing the number of civilian deaths related to the invasion is estimated to be over 100,000. A John Hopkins University study, published in the Oct. 28 issue of the British medical journal The Lancet, arrived at the staggering figure after conducting extensive research in Iraq. This 100,000 competitors with the number of innocent men, women, and children who have been killed in Sudan in a crisis that the United States has opened. When the government then innocents are murdered by us, 100,000 becomes “necessary” for the cause of democracy, 100,000 lives that our government sweeps under the carpet as mere collateral damage.

I am not the type of person to cry over death. I don’t cry when I read about horrific murders, tragic suicides, or mass ethnic slaughters. I didn’t cry at the trials I saw when I visited the killing fields in Cambodia. I didn’t cry at the Rwandan Memorial in D.C. or at the chilling Vietnam War Museum in Ho Chi Minh City. Although the genocide in Sudan sickened me, I have not shed tears for its victims.

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by Brian Loux

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by Josie Sung

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unison saxophone parts contrasted well with the sound forced, especially in the commercial. Finally, FJE ended their concert with the unobtrusively coherent, allowing spongebob to recover his bald spot. When Plankton abducts the manager of the Krusty Krab. Chum Bucket propri- ty by being promoted from fry cook to man- ager of the Krusty Krab. Chum Bucket owner Eugene Krab, it falls on spongebob to recover the royal dopeyne or Neptune will kill Krab. Hijinks ensue.

Weird and director Bill Condon had his work cut out for him. Not only must he be able to make a film portray the complex life of sex researcher alfred C. Kinsey, but he had to be, well, sexy. This is no small task, considering that Kinsey wore bow ties and sported one of the manly sideburns of his time and a pair of boots. as usual, spongebob is not one to engage in some foot tapping, at least. Conductor Frederic Harris made up for the lack of a soloist by conducting the ensemble himself, without an instrumental soloist to Mars chord. simply right in. Finally, FJE ended their concert with the All That, a piece written by Werner himself. It began with the guitar playing a nice, simple melody, but Werner’s music loses its meaning when the conductor loses hold of the piece. The melody became convoluted with too many strange chords and rhythms, and the music sounded forced. Jazz should never sound forced, especially in the composi- tion. The lead melody is passed off by a solo by derr, who though still quiet, was very lyrical and had a nice groove going.

Lucy, up next was the wonderful “boogie Stop Shuffle,” by Charles Mingus. Mingus has one of the few bass players who can act as the leader of a jazz group instead of just rhythm section. He’s got a strong bass line, manifested in the Shuffie, that helps to drive the piece. The collective tal- ent of FJE, which I had almost forgotten since the first two songs, was obviously apparent. The band parts were well balanced and not harsh, and the solos were humorous.

I must mention one gripe though. After five songs, FJE still seemed uptight. I had been hearing that it was just the beginning of a string that was keeping the musicians so stone cold. Perhaps he was being held back by the music. Werner is a great leader, and I can barely keep from moving to the music. Why is it that no one but the conductor is still moving? Jazz needs to come alive.

After a harmonious arrangement by Kevin Chen ’05 of Clifford Brown’s “Prelude,” the concert crashed to the end with three Kenny Werner compositions/arrangements. His arrangement of “A Portrait of the Artist” sounded like it was from a post-Kenny G era. There was an overemphasis on the use of multiple resources and it was much too classical sounding. Werner acted as maestro for this piece, and it was, different. The man was on the stage, waving his arms up and down and all around, and completely overriding the piece. Harris was to lead and hold, and the music Werner just looked silly.

The piece started off with a grace,” a requiem, featured just Werner and Padilla. Although the trumpet part resonated wonderfully through the auditorium, Werner’s trumpet was not heard. It was repeated by far and away the world premiere of Werner’s “Higher Learn- ing.” Learning wasn’t as bad as the other Werner pieces, but it still was not up to par. The piece was supposed to be like jazz. The sound was slightly more upbeat than before, and it was not as bad as we could have, but the piece just wasn’t that great.

This was the theme throughout the night. Although Werner’s composition/arrangements were mature, the FJE piece has one great flaw — bad piece choice. There was no balance between the band and the LCD screen with some bad pixels. That one flaw made the concert essentially not worth anything.
By Brian Stephenson

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With skits so funny they should consider starting a comedy club, Resonance’s fall concert also wowed the audience with an impressive, energetic musical performance that included six new songs with six different soloists, two of whom (Dan Stone ’08 and Jia Lou ’07) are new to the group.

Resonance opened the night with a guest group called the Smith Noteables, a small, all-female a cappella group. They kicked things off with the a capella favorite, A-Ha’s “Take on Me,” which was a safe start but lacked novelty. Their next rendition, Weezer’s “Say It Ain’t So” included an impressive backdrop of simulated percussion, guitar wailing, and Mike feedback that was combined with solid vocals. They kept things fresh by switching musical genres with their renditions of “Son of a Preacher Man” and a spirited performance of Elton John’s “Tiny Dancer.” The song’s soulful vocals, unusual for a capella, impressed the audience. The Noteables put on a good show, although it became clear early on that the sound balance was off. The center mike badly needed to be turned up to help solo vocals project over the accompaniment.

Resonance then took the stage, ramping the energy level way up with a lively delivery of Green Day’s “Basket Case.” Their high-energy, smoothly-choreographed moves drew cheers and laughter from the audience. Mark Cote ’07 kept the energy up in a charismatic performance of Josh Kelly’s “Amazing” by pulling the oldest a-cappella trick in the book — serenading an audience member. The group’s main skit (delivered in two parts) left the audience rolling in the aisles and almost stole the show. Imagine, first a stereotypical Asian couple walks onto the stage, getting ready to study together. But wait, the superhero Asian-Fetish Man bursts on the scene, and steals Asian Man’s girlfriend while he is gone collecting his calculus book. In a desperate bid to win his girl back, Asian Man teams up with who else but jilted White Girl, whose ex-boyfriend has just developed a taste for bubble tea. But what can the Asian-Fetish man’s fatal weakness be? Can’t jump? Can’t rap? Ahh, can’t dance. Asian Man challenges Asian-Fetish Man to a DDR showdown where the superhero is soundly defeated.

Resonance followed up on their skit with John Mayer’s “Love Song for No One,” and Liz Phair’s “Why Can’t I.” Both songs were solid, but unfortunately the solo vocals kept getting lost in the accompaniment. The group ended their set with Frou Frou’s “Let Go,” Matchbox 20’s “Unwell,” Joydrop’s “Beautiful,” and Chenoa’s “Mystify/Atrevete.” Resonance kept the crowd engaged right up to the show’s conclusion, although “Mystify/Atrevete” came across as too complicated and drowned under its own multi-layered weight for a less than climactic end.

Two encores left the crowd on its feet, however, bringing the evening to a satisfying conclusion. Although better sound balancing would have improved the experience, great skits and solid singing performances left everyone smiling.
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Only four people are staying at Pi Lambda Phi, said Michael T. Jensen '07. “They’re probably going to get together with some friends and cook dinner,” he said.

The Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity will be holding their annual “Angst-giving” dinner for brothers and their friends who aren’t going home. “We cook the dinner,” said Michael P. Short ’05. “It’ll probably be a traditional thanksgiving dinner, with some untraditional things… ’cause it’s us,” said Short.

International students on campus
Not everybody is leaving, though. Many people, and international students in particular, will be staying on campus.

Jingwen Ouyang ’08 is choosing to stay on campus because she has a basketball game next weekend in New York, and her mother is in China right now. “I plan to have a dinner with my friends in McCormick,” which will be organized by a cooking group.

Rezy Pradipta ’06 is an international student who will be having dinner with a host family in Quincy, MA. They have invited him to their Thanksgiving dinner for the past few years, he said. “It’s a little bit quiet” on campus during the break, but he will probably “just do whatever… I have a lot of assignments,” said Pradipta.

“I will probably stay here,” said Polish international student Jakub K. Kominiczuk ’08. “I was invited by a friend from Harvard to go with him to his host family’s house and have a thanksgiving dinner with them.”

Kominiczuk said there was a Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday in Russian House, but he didn’t go. If there are more dinners on campus, he would definitely attend, Kominiczuk said. “Free food is always good… that’s the healthiest type of food.”

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City Seeks to Revoke MIT Tax Exemption

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and universities if the city is not forced to "make pleas" for payments each year.

Another councillors voiced support for the measure at the meeting. Councillor Denise Simmons said that the city provides services to the universities that they do not help fund; students are "not buying the parking; they are buying the parking permit."

Councillor Kenneth Reeves said the "the current relationship was "inequitable... [universities] are not sharing in the burden of taxation."

Galluccio said that MIT, despite its nonprofit status, is the largest taxpayer in the city due primarily to its large commercial holdings including the recently purchased Technol
gy Square.

Written agreement 'very close'

MIT and the city have been involved in negotiations to come to a written agreement governing how the Institute makes PILOT payments since early 2003. The current agreement is informal. The new agreement has been stalled in negoti
ations since April of 2003 but the agreement is "very close" to being signed, Galluccio said.

A written agreement between the city and the universities would eliminate the quid pro quo nature of current PILOT negotiations, Galluccio said. "It is inarguable that there are enormous benefits" from the universities do not pay their fair share of property taxes, while universities see only slight increases. The current system is "robbing the hood" she said; it takes from poor and gives to the rich.

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Public voice for support

The members of the public who spoke at the meeting were in favor of the measure. Kathy Rodgers said that home-owners should not face large increases in their property taxes while universities see only slight increases. The current system is "obnoxious" the hood" she said; it takes from poor and gives to the rich.

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MIT also has a relatively small fundraising staff, about 100 people, in comparison to Harvard, which has around 600. Stowe said.

Stowe hopes the success of the recent campaign will allow the staff to expand, especially as more staff will be needed to keep the more than 68,000 contributors from this campaign updated.

Next goal undetermined

The next capital campaign will likely begin in several years, Stowe said. She anticipates that "it won't be a quick turnaround," as there will be some adjustments when Hockfield becomes president.

Fundraising will continue between campaigns, and Stowe said she hopes to "maintain the momentum this campaign has generated.

Stowe said that a campaigns provide a framework and goals for fundraising, but the "pace and intensity will not change" between campaigns.

MIT aims to raise 250 to 300 million on an annual basis, up from 100 million when the campaign started. Stowe said. She believes support from alumni will continue to meet the increasing demand for funds, she said.

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2005 Panhel Officers Elected

By Kathy Lin

MIT Panhellics has elected new officers and is now restructuring its council to increase efficiency.

The new officers are “experienced, excited, motivated people... who have been really involved,” said Robin M. Davis ’05, Vice President of Recruitment. They will take office on Jan. 31 after Panhel recruitment.

President-elect Nikki A. Pfarr ’06 has three main goals for her tenure as president. The first is to “make sure Panhel runs as an effective administrative tool,” Pfarr said. Panhel plans to seek constant feedback about its performance and the restructuring, she said.

“Panhel works for the sororities, not the other way around,” Davis said.

The second goal is to “take advantage of the fact that sororities are all women’s organizations that face similar challenges,” and they “have lots to learn from each other,” Pfarr said.

There “could be more cooperation” among the sororities, Davis said. For example, she said Panhel is planning on making a database of common resources that can be accessed by all sororities.

The third goal, Davis said, is to “embrace the role of Panhel as the largest women’s organization on campus,” and to “not just reach out to affiliated women.”

For example, Executive Vice President-elect Julia D. Kurnik ’06 and Administrative Vice President-elect Shannon N. Nees ’07 are working on a Women’s Guide to Getting around MIT.

Pfarr said she also wants Panhel to work towards being “recognized on the level of the Interfraternity Council and the Undergraduate Association,” in part by reaching out to students and networking with administrators, staff, and faculty.

“We’re younger, but now we’re on our feet,” Davis said.

Restructuring means new offices

Panhel is restructuring its council, Davis said, though the Executive Board won’t change. The changes are basically downsizing and reshuffling, she said.

“We reevaluated the positions we considered the most important,” Pfarr said. “We were doing a lot of good things,” but Panhel will now “do more things sororities want and need us to do,” she said.

Previously, Panhel “tried to do a lot of programming and spread itself too thin,” Pfarr said.

Now, they cut some “smaller positions” like Social Chair and put “stronger committees” in charge of the more important events, like Greek Week and Women’s Week.

After “we get Greek Week and Women’s Week really successful,” Panhel will reevaluate to see if they want to change their structure or branch out to new activities, Pfarr said.

Nikki A. Pfarr ’06 was recently elected to be the next Panhel president.

Panhel Election Results

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Executive Vice President: Julia D. Kurnik ’06
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Dance Troupe Performs ‘In the Middle of the Street’

Dance Troupe hosts their show, “In the Middle of Street,” in Kresge Little Theater this past weekend.

(above) Derek H. Chu ’07 choreographs and stars in “My Boo” with Heather A. Levites ’08. The dance was set to “You Got It Bad (remix)” by Usher.

(above left) Munhee Sohn G (left to right), Ji Ji Gu ’07, Kathryn Der ’05, and Jennifer J. Liang ’06 step together in “Street Swans Suite,” a piece choreographed by Anna Kuperstein.

(above) Hyon I. Lee ’07 (back) and Jordan J. Medeiros ’06 (front) breakdance in “Iyieyieyie,” a mix of hip-hop, reggaeton, and salsa.

(left) Shaking pom-poms, girls perform “I Like It,” a piece choreographed by Eva Kassens G.
PlayStation Mania at Lobdell

Kappa Alpha Theta hosts their annual event, Theta Playstation, this past Saturday, Nov. 20 in Lobdell’s. Proceeds went to their national philanthropy, Court-Appointed Special Advocates.

(upper right) A participant takes off his shoes to play Dance Dance Revolution.
(above) Leah L. Oats G, Diana Lam ’04, and Angela Y. Chen G (the winner) compete in a Vitamin Water chugging contest.

(counterclockwise from above) Diana Nee ’07 draws caricatures at her booth.
Students compete in a burrito eating contest (sponsored by Picante Grill) for prizes.
Players compete in a team Super Smash Brothers tournament as spectators watch on.

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Congress Reduces Pell Grants

By Marcella Bombardieri

Nearly a quarter of low and moderate-income college students who currently qualify for federal Pell Grants will see their awards reduced or even eliminated under a change in federal rules that Congress allowed in its new spending bill passed over the weekend, according to an estimate from higher education advocates.

About $5,000 of the 5.2 million students currently eligible to receive Pell grants will become ineligible. Another 1.2 million will get a smaller award as the formula the government will use to determine how much families can afford to pay for college, according to estimates from the American Council on Higher Education. The change will take effect for students starting out in classes next summer or fall.

Higher education officials worry that the change, estimated to save the government about $300 million in next year’s budget, will hurt students already struggling to pay for college, according to estimates from the American Council on Higher Education. The change will take effect for students starting out in classes next summer or fall.

Pell Grants, the main federal program to help low and moderate-income families pay for college, will cost the government about $300 million next year, according to American Council on Education estimates. Even more, the maximum grant of $4,050 has been virtually frozen for four years, about 1.2 million more students have become eligible for the Pell Grants in that time, leading to even smaller awards.

It is not clear yet which students will lose their Pell Grants, but Fitzgerald said it will most likely be those with family incomes at the higher levels of Pell eligibility, perhaps $35,000 to $40,000. Fitzgerald said these students are already receiving far less than the maximum grant. Many other students with lower family incomes will see their grants reduced by up to a few hundred dollars, Fitzgerald estimated.

Families will find out if they are losing grant money when they get their aid packages for next year.

Meanwhile, the Pell Grant is covering less of the cost of college education each year. The average Pell Grant covered one-third of the cost of the average four-year public college in the 1980-81 school year. Last year, the average Pell grant—$2,466—covered only one-quarter of the cost, according to the College Board.

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such a high degree. The Committee expects a similarly high yield this year.

This year, 2,822 students applied under early action, slightly fewer than the 2,832 who applied last year. Since the number of applicants is comparable to last year’s, the Institute plans to admit fewer students to maintain the usual class size.

Of the early action applicants, 74 percent were male, while 26 percent were female; three percent were African American, 28 percent Asian American, 51 percent Caucasian, six percent Hispanic, and one percent Native American.

MIT not planning on single-choice

Jone said MIT’s competitors heavily influence early action application patterns. Many of these competitors, such as Harvard, Stanford, and Yale recently adopted single-choice early action, increasing MIT’s yield and limiting the options of potential applicants who did not consider MIT as their top choice.

“MyMIT, however, experienced technical difficulties a few hours before the early action deadline. Though the Committee responded by extending the deadline for early action applicants from Nov. 1 to Nov. 5, Jones says the extension did not affect the number of students who applied. “We’re usually very flexible with deadlines,” said Jones.

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At first, it looked as though it would be a simple NBA fight. Players were getting into each other’s faces and coaches were trying to separate everyone. Wallace jumped over the scorer’s table, grabbed a headset down when Ron Artest sat down on the scorer’s table, someone threw a full cup of ice at him, hitting him on the face. That drove Artest completely out of control. He and Stephen Jackson went into the stands and began to pummel the fans who were assaulting them. After Artest left the crowd in the stands and returned to the court, another Pistons fan was waiting for him. Ron wasted no time bringing his fist to the man’s face. Artest’s hit was so violent that the referee was forced to run towards Artest to separate him from the crowd. Maryann Racine ‘06, 2:09.66.

The NBA did the right thing in suspending Artest, Jackson, O’Neal and Wallace indefinitely. They should be punished severely.

The fans were also completely out of their minds when they threw cups at the players. How drunk must those guys have been? Fans were warned not to go onto the playing field and not to throw objects onto the court. The fact that there was a fight going on should have been an indication to the fans that they should take the high road and not make the situation even worse.

Finally, the atmosphere at the Palace of Auburn Hills was not able to control anything that was going on. They tried to stop the players and the spectators, but they were basically useless. It is true that security never in their right minds could have seen this coming, but they have a duty to be prepared in the event of such an emergency.

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**MIT Women’s Swimming Results**

- 100 Back: 1, Edwards, 1:02.76. 2, Zoller, 1:03.94.
- 200 Free Relay: 2 A (DeBoer, Nowicke, Sidelko, Zoller), 1:44.68. 3, Nowicke, 1:50.96.
- 100 Breast: 1, Dere, 1:12.10. 3, Chambers, 1:14.40.
- 200 Free: 2 Brophy, 1:57.35. 3, DeBoer, 2:01.94.
- 200 IM: 2, La'o, 2:15.50. 3, Larsson, 2:19.98.
- 200 Medley Relay: 1 A, 1:55.47. 4 B, 2:01.50.
- 50 Breast: 1, Carlucci, 27.41. 2, Gilbert, 30.07.
- 50 Fly: 1, Varsanik, 23.23. 2, Pan, 25.51.
- 500 Breast: 1, Carlucci, 1:59.71. 2, Lohrey, 2:06.21. 3 Carlucci, 2:08.18.
- 500 Back: 1, Edwards, 1:01.42. 2, Liao, 1:02.29. 3, St. James, 1:03.94.
- 200 Breast: 2 Brophy, 1:56.07. 3, DeBoer, 1:59.18. 1 A (DeBoer, Nowicke, Liao, Pan), 1:55.47.
- 200 Freestyle: 2 Brophy, 1:49.50. 3, Zoller, 1:52.46.
- 500 Medley Relay: 1 A, 4:16.01. 2 B (Jeffrey B. Gilbert ’05, Jonathan S. Varsanik ’05, Michael D. Dimitrou ’06), 4:19.72.
- 100 Breast: 2 Brophy, 58.93. 3, Dere, 59.07.
- 100 Fly: 1, Larsson, 54.71. 3, Thornton, 56.70.
- 100 Free: 2, Rosmarin, 49.49. 3, Dimitrou, 50.83.
- 100 Back: 1, La'o, 55.72. 2, Nowicke, 57.90.
- 100 IM: 1, Kao, 1:03.33. 2, Lohrey, 1:05.02.
- 200 Freestyle: 1, Fan, 1:51.56. 2, Dimitrou, 1:55.25.
- 200 IM: 1, Kao, 2:01.94. 3, Maryann Racine ’06, 2:09.66.
- 200 Free Relay: 1 A (Edwards, Rosmarin, Dimitrou, Varsanik), 1:42.95. 4 A (DeBoer, Nowicke, Larsson, Brophy), 1:45.72.
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**SPORTS**

**V-Ball Wins 2nd Straight ECAC Title**

By Paul Dill

MIT Women’s volleyball team closed out its 2004 campaign by earning its ninth consecutive post season bid and by winning its second straight ECAC New England Championship.

For the women, Katherine C. Thornton ’07 swims to a first place finish in the 1000-yard freestyle. Thorton also placed first in the 500 freestyle and 50 breaststroke.

Jennifer A. La’O ’05 also had a strong meet. She placed second in both the 1-meter and 3-meter diving events. La’O also had the top time in the 100 free, 100 back, and 100 fly.

The Lady Beavers boasted two athletes with double-digit wins in both the 100 and 200 freestyle. Both Nanci D. Green and Kathleen A. Duggan swept both events.

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Wednesday saw its best out on the right course to accomplishing that goal. MIT players who did score all did so for the first time this sea-
son, marking an impressive improvement within the team.

Head Coach Mark O’Mears, who started coaching for the Engi-
ners in 1998, has led the Engineers to the NCAA and College 
Pacifica Association Championship finals the last six years, winning three titles.

The Engineers hope to break 
Bryant College’s three year title run by taking the NECHA title this year. Wednesday’s blowout has set them on the right course to accomplishing that goal.

**Ice Hockey Aims For Title After 6-1 Win**

By Caitlin Murray

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ties, to which the small but exuber-
ant crowd reacted vehemently, pep-
pering the referees with loud suggestions and accusations.

But the penalties made no differ-
ence, as the Engineers dominated from the start. MIT scored the first goal of the blowout just 52 seconds into the first period. They drove the puck down the right, behind the goal line, and after a brief scuffle in front of the net, Jonathan S. Varsanik ’05 tapped the puck in to take an early 1–0 lead.

The Bears managed to shut MIT out for the rest of the first period, but the Engineers entered the second period with four MIT penalties, and finished the period with no goals.

The Engineers improved on their lead in the second period. Glenn P. Tournier G pushed a goal in after a wraparound, and Timothy E. Stud-
ley ’07 knocked one in against the short-handed Bears. Jonathan S. Varsanik ’05 added a goal in the third period, as the Bears halfway through the period.

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