Three MIT Students Arrested, SAE Faces Possible Sanctions

By Kelley Rivoire

Three MIT students were arrested in December following a party held at a house in Allston in which a majority of the members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity resides. The Office of Student Discipline is investigating the incident. The results of the investigation will determine whether the Interfraternity Council Judicial Committee Review Board will hold a disciplinary hearing for SAE.

Under the terms of the agreement with the City of Cambridge, MIT will accept a PILOT-based Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) and in exchange will agree to prevent at least 1.5 million dollars, and by the end of the current fiscal year, to remove large amounts of land from the city's tax rolls, said Executive Vice President John R. Curry. MIT voluntarily makes a yearly PILOT to Cambridge for tax-exempt academic land. This tradition has existed for about 75 years, according to the Office of Government Relations.

MIT and City Reach Tax Agreement

By Jenly Zhang

Last month, MIT signed a 40-year Payment in Lieu of Taxes agreement with the City of Cambridge. Under the terms of the agreement, MIT will increase next year’s base PILOT by 250,000 dollars to 1.5 million dollars, and by 2.5 percent each year thereafter. MIT has also agreed to not abruptly remove large amounts of land from the City’s tax rolls, said Executive Vice President John R. Curry. MIT voluntarily makes a yearly PILOT to Cambridge for tax-exempt academic land. This tradition has existed for about 75 years, according to the Office of Government Relations.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon’s temporary house in Allston, MA, was the site of a recent party involving underage drinking. SAE may face sanctions from the Interfraternity Council.

By Jiao Wang

This year, MIT admitted 383 students (13.7 percent) of the early action applicant pool of 2801 for the Class of 2009. Last year, 438 (15.5 percent) of the 2833 early action applicants were accepted. Last year, 78 percent of the students admitted early action matriculated in the fall. Dean of Admissions Marilee Jones wrote in an e-mail that “this was the highest yield we had ever received.” According to Jones, the higher yield was a result of some changes in other schools’ admissions policies. Harvard, Stanford, and Yale switched to single choice early action, under which students are not bound to the school they apply to. In any particular year, any-where from 5 to 25 percent of the deferred early applicants are admitted in the regular admissions season. Jones wrote that this is dependent on the strength of the school, the competition from other Ivy League schools, and MIT’s own efforts to make the early decision pool as attractive as possible for MIT students. Finally, Jones wrote that the admissions process is not an exact science and that MIT is not trying to increase the number of early action applicants, but rather is trying to find the best students for MIT and to make the early decision pool as attractive as possible for MIT students.
**Iraq to Increase Size of Its Army**

Prime Minister Ayad Allawi of Iraq said Tuesday that his country planned to spend about $32 billion to increase the size of its army from 100,000 to more than 150,000 in a stepped-up effort to hit back at insurgent forces.

Most of the other round of violence hit Iraq, with six Iraqi policemen killed when a suicide car bomb exploded at or near a police check point in northeastern Baghdad, and reports that seven Iraqi civilians had died in a roadside bomb blast south of Baghdad.

Allawi acknowledged that the Iraqi Defense Ministry had re-established a military academy “and other institutions to deal with training issues.”

“Nevertheless, we have to mobilize the training powers to destroy the Iraqi structure and economic facilities, and attack the oil facilities. Allawi told Iraqi soldiers, police officers and reporters in Baghdad as a result, he added. “We have to back up the role of the police and expand recruitment to police; we have to increase security protection teams and deploy these forces all over the country.”

**Vestiges of Big Bang Sound Waves Found**

Astronomers reported on Tuesday that they had convincingly seen, in the patterns of galaxies scattered across the night sky, the vestiges of sound waves that rumbled through the universe after the Big Bang.

Stars and galaxies tended to form along the ripples of the sound waves where matter was slightly denser, and the pull of gravity was slightly stronger. The ripples preserve a picture of the universe when it was only a millionth of a second old, and with it a snapshot of how ideas of the universe, which started smooth and uniform, became lumpy with stars, gas clouds and other celestial objects.

The discovery pinpoints the locations of thousands of galaxies from two sections of the sky reported similar findings on the sound waves at a meeting of the American Astronomical Society here.

Earlier research had found signs of the ripples, but “we regard this as smoking-gun evidence,” said Dr. Daniel Eisenstein of the University of Arizona, lead investigator of one of the teams.

“The important picture we have of the universe is hanging together remarkably well,” said Dr. Martin Rees, the professor of cosmology at Cambridge University who was not involved with either team. “The standard picture is firming up.”

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**Wildfire Tragedy in California Mudslide**

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Drug Makers to Give Uninsured Lower Prices for Prescriptions

By Robert Pear
New York Times

Ten major pharmaceutical companies said on Tuesday that they were joining a new program to cut the retail prices of prescription drugs for the nation’s people of modest means younger than 65.

The drug makers, like many Democratic lawmakers, promised a grim picture of life without health insurance. Americans went without life-saving drugs because they lacked coverage.

People who enroll in the new program, known as Together Rx Access, will receive plastic cards that can be used to obtain substantial discounts on prescription drugs.

The program is the latest effort by drug makers to meet public demand for their products while disputing public anger about the prices.

The federal government has no role in the program, but Tom G. Thompson, the secretary of health and human services, joined drug company executives at a news conference announcing the initiative.

“I am sure there are some cynics out there who will say that this is a marketing ploy, and it is, but it’s an exciting opportunity to provide Americans who have no access to prescription medicines,” Mr. Thompson said.

The number of uninsured Americans has been rising at a brisk pace, reaching 45 million in 2003, business executives estimated. The new cards will be available for people without insurance who have been turned down by private plans or are in Medicare-Medicaid managed care plans.

Sponsors of the new card estimated that 36 million uninsured people would be eligible for it.

But experience with other discount cards, endorsed by the government for seniors, has shown that the number of those who sign up will be much lower.

Many consumers say they have been confused by similar cards and disappointed with the savings.

Pitzy already offers a 30-day supply of many of its drugs to certain Medicare beneficiaries for a flat fee charged to a person with no insurance.

The drug makers, like many other companies, have been made to mask slowing sales.

The announcement on Tuesday added to investors’ concerns about a deal in December that some analysts say might not be enough, “But it just didn’t happen.”
Voting with a Checkbook

Ruth Miller

If a rational person is presented two options, they will weigh the costs and benefits associated with each option and make their choice. But what happens when a person is given more options? Or multi-faceted options? Or options where there is a limited number of resources between various causes? How does a population distribute its attention amongst competing, and often very different, choices? Why, the free market, but of course.

The “market politics” that President Bush espouses are rooted in the idea that some things sound good, and will always garner public support, but when you start talking dollars and cents, people get serious. Take for example, free range cat. It sounds like a good idea, and you’d be hard pressed to find someone that openly supports inhumane livestock conditions. Attitudes change when you assign prices, and people find that their idealist cause is more expensive. How much more are you willing to pay to support free range cat? Money makes people serious and can turn the otherwise fluffy-feel-y thing into a market.

The free market struck a huge victory in Texas last month when a woman received the world’s first cloned-to-order cat. The owner, suffering the loss of her cat of 17 years, plucked down $50,000 for a clone. Named Little Nicky in memorandum of its owner, the clone's sizeable price tag suggests the target demographic will be able to track down this service around the globe.

Second, and my personal favorite, critics are offended at the name of the company that created Little Nicky — Genetic Savings and Clone. What does this tell the American youth? If you grew up with a niche, and pio-
tered to spay clinics to buy unwanted pets. It’s difficult to believe that funneling money into research, even frivolous research, won’t have any positive implications in other fields. Cloned animals have higher chances to develop-

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The Real Jacques Cousteau Was Better

“The Life Aquatic” Has Humor But Lets It Get Away

By Beckett W. Sterner
EDITOR IN CHIEF
January 12, 2005

The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou
Directed by Wes Anderson
Written by Wes Anderson and Noah Baumbach
Starring Bill Murray, Owen Wilson, Cate Blanchett
Rated R

The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou is a movie that aims high and leaves you with the feeling something deep just happened, and that you missed it. As a product of director Wes Anderson, “Life Aquatic” is stylistically similar to his previous movie “The Royal Tenenbaums,” and the movie’s characters have the same strongly etched but curiously shallow personalities. While the movie does have undeniably funny moments, you’re more likely to leave the theater with a vaguely pleasant but empty feeling rather than with a smile.

In what is an alternate universe of the voyages of Jacques Cousteau, Steve Zissou (Bill Murray) leads a motley crew of untrained volunteers across the oceans producing endearingly overscripted documentaries, which he then brings to an elite, upper-crust audience whose approval serves as a bellweather for the documentary’s general success. “Life Aquatic” opens with the premiere of Zissou’s most recent documentary, which centers on the death of Zissou’s best friend and first mate who had joined their crew as a condition for financing the team. Similarly, when Zissou’s ship is being attacked by pirates, the film abruptly takes on a reddish tint when he finally snaps and pulls off a 007 one-man army attack. After seeing that, I would nominate Murray as a candidate for the next Bond, just to see him act through another kamikaze blitz.

Balancing Zissou’s quest for his next documentary film gives us moments of a more convincing personality. Most of the best humor in the movie comes from the absurdity of the otherwise washed up and old Zissou, played in a wonderfully understated fashion by Murray. Zissou’s attempt at action stunts are absurdly funny, such as his commando raid on a desert island to rescue a “bond company stooge” who had joined their crew as a condition for financing the team. Similarly, when Zissou’s ship is being attacked by pirates, the film abruptly takes on a reddish tint when he finally snaps and pulls off a 007 one-man army attack. After seeing that, I would nominate Murray as a candidate for the next Bond, just to see him act through another kamikaze blitz.

Tenenbaums, where characters were introduced from the perspective of a story by one of the (very cynical) children, Anderson’s artifices cut through a lot of otherwise necessary background dialogue, but leave the characters somewhat bereft of any depth or mystery. The people in his movie tend to have two or three clearly defined traits or quirks, leaving little room for the subtlety and complexity of a more convincing personality.

In the end, “Life Aquatic” is an occasionally amusing movie with a few too many slow moments or bits of unconvincing dialogue. Perhaps intentionally, some of the most entertaining moments occur when we actually see sealife, done in a glittry, stopmotion animation style. These seconds of unexpected beauty were just enough to remind me why, in the end, the real Cousteau was more interesting.

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**Office of Admissions Places Emphasis on Passionate Students**

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Applicants with passion sought

Increasingly in the admissions process at MIT, academic distinction has become so common that the admissions staff now measures applicants with a new yardstick, the so-called “passion index,” Jones wrote. The index is used only in a small number of cases to distinguish between candidates.

Many of the applicants accepted through early action managed to demonstrate in their applications “a resonance for MIT,” wrote Jones. “We want students who will thrive at MIT; students who are willing to risk, who are self-driven and who have an emotional flexibility to tolerate the rigors of an analytical education,” she wrote.

Overcrowding not expected

The Admissions Office is purposely admitting fewer early action students this year to ensure that the class of 2009 will stay within its target size, Jones wrote. Last year, MIT admitted a total of 16,055 students, 1,081 of which came. That was about sixty students more than the admissions office had anticipated and the excess resulted in overcrowded dormitories.

“The desired enrollment is determined by the Enrollment Management Committee. “The target enrollment… is based on the number of beds in the dorms and FSILG’s,” said Chancellor Phillip L. Clay, one of the members on the committee. “In any given year, the number is not permanently set.”

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Lack of Response by SAE Delays Process, Hearing is Expected

SAE, from Page 1

asked Das to clear the house, but saw no one exit. Upon entering the house, police found numerous empty alcohol containers and about 35 people, many hiding in closets. Two underage party attendees admitted that they had been served alcohol. Police also found a document describing the SAE induction ceremony.

The students were arraigned at Brighton District Court, where a pre-trial conference scheduled is scheduled for Jan. 31.

Kelly, Holland, and Das could not be reached for comment.

Investigation of SAE underway

The IFC received the complaint from the police report, said Fowler. The IFC JudComm Chair and William M. Fischer, associate dean of student conduct and risk management, decided to pursue an investigation of the incident, which is currently being handled by the Office of Student Discipline, said Child.

The investigation centers around possible violations of IFC risk management policy and underage drinking, said current IFC JudComm Chair Robert D. Batten ’06.

“SAE has yet to respond” to the investigation, Batten said, slowing down the process. “Hopefully we get a response,” he said, but “if not, we still move forward,” likely at the end of this week.

When the investigation is complete, Fischer and Batten will decide whether the IFC JudComm Review Board, composed of five members of five different fraternities, should hold a hearing about whether there was a violation. Fowler said should the fraternity be found guilty of a violation, four types of sanctions could be imposed, ranging from a warning lasting 30 days to expulsion of the fraternity from the IFC, he said.

Because SAE is an associate member of the IFC rather than a full member, the IFC Presidents’ Council also has the power to expel the fraternity. Child said that the results of any hearing held “would come into play” in the decision of the President’s Council.

Batten said he hopes that any hearing would be completed by the end of the month so that the President’s Council can discuss possible sanctions for SAE at its first meeting in February.

Joseph P. Catucci ’05, who was president of SAE last fall, could not be reached for comment.

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Contract Limits the Rate Property May Become Tax Exempt

In the past, MIT has not been bound by requirements on the amount of PILOT per year, but under the new agreement, PILOT must increase by 20 percent to 1.5 million for fiscal year 2005, which spans from July 2004 to June 2005. The agreed upon rate of increase of payments, 2.5 percent per year, is in line with what MIT has done in the past, Curry said.

In addition, under the agreement MIT will follow a “phase-out” procedure for taking property off the tax rolls, said Sarah E. Gallop, Co-Director of the Office of Government and Community Relations. This happens when MIT chooses to convert commercial, taxable land to academic, tax-exempt land. Under the new agreement, there will be a four-year plan for conversion where MIT will pay 100, 66, 33, and finally zero percent of the commercial land taxes, Gallop said.

In the past, when MIT had taken such land off the tax base, it would discontinue paying commercial property taxes immediately and instead use PILOT for the newly academic land.

The phasing procedure “gives the city time to plan” for the loss of this source of taxes instead of causing a sudden blow, Curry said.

In addition, over the next 10 years, MIT may only remove 2.5 percent of the city’s tax base by converting commercial property to academic, with a maximum of 0.5 percent per year, Curry said. If MIT chose to exceed this limit, it would be required by the agreement to continue paying real estate taxes increasing at a rate of three percent per year, Gallop said.

She said she did not anticipate MIT needing to exceed the limits. “We will take advantage of space on campus” which MIT already is not paying property tax for, Curry said. For example, there are old parking garages and buildings around MIT Medical that could be developed, he said.

If there were a “strategic need for space” that is currently commercial, he said, there would be no hesitation to use it for academic purposes under the conditions of the new agreement, he said.

MIT aims to be “good citizen”

MIT agreed to the new conditions for PILOT because the “city asked us,” said Gallop. MIT must “act as a good citizen… we have a responsibility,” she said.

The conditions first arose several years ago when MIT purchased Technology Square. This created concerns that Cambridge would suddenly lose a sizeable amount of commercial, taxable property if MIT were to use it for academic purposes, Gallop said.

Curry said MIT does not want to “frighten the city,” and the new agreement guarantees that MIT will not suddenly cause the city to lose large amounts of taxable property. The well-being of Cambridge translates to the well-being of MIT, he said.

The conditions are effective for the next 10 years and then may be renewed three more times, Curry said. The additional payments will come out of the General Institute Budget, he said.
By Kelley Rivoire
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

The merger between the Ocean Engineering department and the Mechanical Engineering depart-
ment, which took effect on Jan. 1, is progressing well, said Rohan Abeyaratne, department head of
Mechanical Engineering.

Major administrative changes have been completed and academic changes are planned for next fall, he
said.

The merged department is now seeking approval for a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical and Ocean
Engineering, which would replace the Ocean Engineering bachelor’s degree. The degree programs avail-
able prior to the merger, however, will remain available to all current undergraduate students, Abeyaratne
said.

No academic changes, including registration procedures, will occur this spring.

Some changes for degree programs
The department is presently revising the bulletin, with comple-
tion slated for this summer, said Nicholas M. Patrikalakis, associate
department head of Mechanical Engineering.

Once changes are made over the next one or two years, the undergraduate subjects in ocean
engineering will be five core sub-
jects and one higher level subject in acoustics, approximately half of
the present offerings, Patrikalakis
said.

Abeyaratne hopes the proposed undergraduate degree in Mechanical and Ocean Engineering “might be
attractive to a larger number of stu-
dents” than the ocean engineering
degree is because of its breadth.

Graduate subjects will remain unchanged. Graduate degree
programs unaffected by the merger will not be recommended by the new
department, he said.

New group, center for OE
An Ocean Engineering Group within the merged department has
been formed and will have repre-
sentation in the departmental coun-
cil, the governing body of the
Department of Mechanical Engi-
neering.

A departmental Center for Ocean Engineering has also been formed for research in ocean engi-
neering, Abeyaratne said. The “cen-
ter will keep the identity” of ocean engineering at MIT, he said, and
will serve as a visible presence, par-
ticularly online, for ocean engineer-
ing at MIT.

A proposed interdisciplinary Center for Ocean Science and Engi-
neering is still in the preliminary stages, he said.

In addition, for the next year and likely the following year, funding will be available for grad-
uate students to have advisors in both mechanical and ocean engineering.

Different cultures biggest obstacle
“Getting used to the cultures of each other” will be the most difficult
part of the merger, Abeyaratne said,
as the Department of Ocean Engi-
neering was small enough to
involve all faculty members in deci-
sions, whereas more delegation occurs in the Department of
Mechanical Engineering.

A departmental retreat is planned for later this month, and is “meant
for us to get to know each other,”
Abeyaratne said.

A review of MIT policy regard-
ing mergers, which was recom-
mended by the committee that evaluated the process of the OE
merger, will be initiated this
spring, said Chair of the Faculty
Rafael L. Bras ’72. A statement
prepared for a special faculty meet-
ing last Nov. 29 by Henrik
Schmidt, acting department head of
Ocean Engineering, also recom-
mended review of the policy, “to
find a better way of weighing fair-
ness and efficiency… so that in
the future other colleagues do not go
through what we experienced.”

The statement in particular criticizes the length of the process.
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