Low Admission Rate

MT's undergraduate admissions acceptance rate hit an all-time low of 14.3 percent this year, with only 1,495 of 10,439 applicants accepted.

This year's acceptance rate is significantly below the 16 percent acceptance rate for the classes of 2007 and 2008, while the total number of applicants was only 25 fewer than last year.

"The admissions rate was low because we admitted fewer people in order to fill a smaller class of 980," wrote Dean of Admissions Marilee Jones in an e-mail. "We targeted an unusually high yield so that we'll be sure to go to the waitlist, which we haven't been able to do for the past two years," she wrote.

The admitted students come from 48 states and 66 countries. Forty-nine percent are female, and the SAT averages are "the highest we've seen," Jones wrote.

"This year's class is just great. We have all the usual sparkles," she wrote. A list of the admitted students was made available for viewing yesterday morning in room 10-100. Students must present their MIT ID cards to view the list.

Wu Voted '06 Council Pres. in Close Runoff

Kumberly W. Wu has won the 2006 Class Council presidential election, after a 215–215 vote tie with Nikhil S. Shenoy forced a runoff that ended at 11:59 p.m. last night.

Wu, who said she is "just really happy," won by a narrow margin of only 11 votes, according to an e-mail from Tiffany L. Neto '06, the chair of the Undergraduate Association Election Commission. "Both candidates were very strong choices," Neto wrote.

Wu will join running mate Clarence Lee '06, who won the vice presidential race last week during the regular elections, as well as several other 2006 Class Council winners who endorsed her via campus posters in the past week.

Class Council presidential and vice presidential candidates cannot officially run as one ticket, so two candidates running as one ticket may receive different numbers of votes. Lee, who received 247 votes, beat Shenoy's running mate, Noelle J. Kanaga, and the other vice presidential candidate, Bella C. Liang, who received 102 and 133 votes, respectively.

"I'm really happy that Kim was able to win the election," Lee said, adding that he was very impressed by the effectiveness of Shenoy's campaign and the amount of support Shenoy was able to rally.

Wu plans to continue "senior traditions like Senior Week, Pub Nights, Broch Cruise, Career Fair and Senior Ball," as well as start new events like "06 nights every other week, '06 Boston Dining Nights, and an '06 Student Advisory Committee, according to her platform.

Members of Harvard's Faculty of Arts and Sciences passed a vote of no confidence Tuesday in Lawrence H. Summers '75, dealing a stunning rebuke to the president of one of the world's top universities.

The vote, which astonished even some fierce critics, made clear that the faculty's disenchantment with Summers is deeper than many had imagined. After the vote, Summers renewed his pledge to improve relations with Harvard's scholars.

"My hope now is that our faculty will be in a position to move forward strongly and in a united way in the important issues that we are facing," he told reporters gathered outside the Loeb Drama Center, where the meeting had been moved to accommodate more than 550 participants.

The motion, stating simply that "the Faculty lacks confidence in the leadership of Summers," passed by a secret ballot vote of 218 to 185, with 18 abstentions. A second motion that offered a milder censure of the president passed 253 to 157, also with 18 abstentions.

The votes have no official impact. Only Harvard's governing corporation has the power to fire Summers, and it has stood by him since his comments in January suggesting that women might not have the same "intrinsinc aptitude" in science as men touched off a bitter campus debate about his management of the university.

But resolutions like that adopted last night are unheard of in modern academic matters facing Harvard.

Elzbieta Ettinger

Elzbieta Ettinger, a novelist, biographer, and professor of writing who helped build the MIT Program in Writing and Humanistic Studies, died of heart failure in her home in Cambridge, Mass., on Saturday, March 12. She was 80 years old.

A native of Warsaw, Poland, Ettinger survived the Holocaust, escaping the Warsaw ghetto shortly before its liquidation, she then worked for the Polish resistance while maintaining a false identity as a Catholic Pole (she was also known by her wartime pseudonym, Elzbieta Chodakowska). Her experiences during the Second World War were chronicled in her first novel, Kindergarten (1968), described by the New York Times Book Review as a work "one reads with frozen attention."

A self-described rebel who believed in the promise of socialism as an antidote to social and economic inequality, Ettinger refused to be silent about the totalitarian nature of the Soviet-influenced Polish system.

The new undergraduate degree program in mechanical and ocean engineering in the Department of Mechanical Engineering was approved Wednesday by the faculty. The degree program will contain five subjects with ocean engineering content, with the number in the ocean engineering bachelor's degree that it will eventually replace.
### Weather

**Situation for Noon Eastern Standard Time, Friday, March 18, 2005**

**High, 44°F (-2°C)**
- **Low, 30°F (-1°C)**

**Storm Systems**
- **Cold Front**
- **Warm Front**
- **Stationary Front**

**Weather Conditions**
- **Moderate**
- **Heavy**
- **Light**

### Senate Votes against Cutting Medicaid in Setback to Bush

By Sheryl Gay Stolberg

President Bush's long-stalled plan to open up Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to energy drilling cleared a major hurdle on Capitol Hill on Wednesday, when the Senate voted to include the proposal in its budget — a maneuver that smooths the way for Congress to approve drilling later this year.

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President Bush's plan to reduce the explosive growth of Medicaid, the government insurance program for the poor, ran into a roadblock on Capitol Hill on Thursday when the Senate voted to strike it from its $1.6 trillion budget proposal. All but $10 billion of that Medicaid cut, which would have led to a two-year freeze on new federal commitments to states, was included in legislation passed by the House.

In a related development, GlaxoSmithKline said Wednesday that the FDA had ordered it to halt a trial of its multiple sclerosis drug Avonex. The company said the drug had induced liver damage in rare cases, which is similar to Tyasabi. A Glaxo spokesman said the company understood that the drug is under consideration in trials of all drugs in the same class. A spokeswoman for the FDA said the agency could not comment because of confidentiality about clinical trials.

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### CIA Head Admits ‘Uncertainty’ About Torture Use Guidelines

By Douglas Jehl

Porter J. Goss, the director of central intelligence, said on Thurs- day that he could not assure Con- gress that the CIA’s methods of interrogating suspected terrorists once Sept. 11, 2001, had been legally permissible under federal law prohibiting torture.

Under sharp questioning at a hearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee, Goss sought to reassure lawmakers that all interroga- tions “at this time” are legal and that no methods currently in use constituted torture. But he declined, when asked, to take the same broad assertions about practices used over the last few years.

“This at this time, there are no ‘tech- niques,’ if I could say, that are being employed that are in any way against the law or would meet — would be considered torture or any- thing like that,” Goss said in response to one question.

When he was asked several ques- tions later whether he could say the same about techniques employed by the agency since the campaign against al-Qaida expanded in the aftermath of the 2001 attacks in the United States, he said, “I am not able to tell you that.”

He added that he might be able to elaborate after the committee went into closed session to take questions from senators.

Goss’ statements came closer than previous statements from the agency to consider legislation that would have allowed a federal court to review the case of Terry Schiavo, a Florida woman who was in a vegeta- tive state and whose feeding tube is scheduled to be removed on Friday.

### Money to Clean Up Polluted Sites

By Andrew Pollack

Biogen Idec’s multiple sclerosis drug Avonex might cause severe liver damage in rare cases, the company and the Food and Drug Administration said Wednesday.

The warning was another blow, though probably only a glancing one, to Biogen, already reeling from the hails in sales of its other multiple sclerosis drug, Tysabri, which was linked to a rare brain infec- tion.

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In a letter posted on the FDA Web site, Biogen said severe liver injury, including liver failure, “has been reported rarely in patients taking Avonex.” It said doctors should especially consider the risk when Avonex is used along with other drugs that can cause liver damage, or in patients who drink alcohol.

### Bush Plan for Arctic Oil Drilling

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The vote was the latest in one of the most contentious and long-running energy debates in Washington at a time when Sen- ate Republicans, using the power of a newly expanded majority, have been pushing through bills that opponents say favor big business.

They also rejected a Democratic attempt to strip cuts in farm subsi- dies from the budget. And a propos- al to allow the Department of Health and Human Services to negotiate directly with pharmaceutical com- panies when buying prescription drugs for Medicare beneficiaries was narrowly defeated, 50-49.

But the amendment striking the Medicaid cuts, sponsored by Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., was by far the most troubling to the Republican leadership. Seven Republicans joined with the Senate’s 44 Democ- rats and one independent to oppose the proposal.

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Bush Picks Ohio Congressman As Next Trade Representative

By Elizabeth Becker

President Bush announced Thursday that he had selected Rep. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, as his choice for trade representative, an announcement that also was welcomed by several experts in Washington, D.C.

Portman, who is one of his closest friends in Congress, to be the next U.S. trade representative.

Portman, a former Ohio state senator, has worked with Democrats, was hailed as a choice by law- 
makers and industry leaders around the country and Israel and was confirmed by the Senate as a senator by a voice vote. Portman was selected for the Commerce Department post but said she was concerned that he is "inheriting an absol-

utive position. The agreement between Israel's prime minister, Ariel Sharon, and the Palestinian Authority's President Mahmoud Abbas, who attended the talks, was praised in Washington, D.C.

"I am generally dismayed by the magnitude and trend of the pro-
promoted NASA aeronautics budget," R. John Hansman Jr. of the Massa-
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W hat’s the Difference?

This is the equivalent of somebody who is walking by a store which has its doors wide open in the middle of the night. He walks in, just to look around, mind you, not to steal anything, and leaves just shortly. Is that not trespassing? Unauthorized access is unauthorized access.

Would you agree that that is hacking?

If so, then what is the difference between this example and what really happened? A human enters a URL to access a part of a Web site, he does not have authorization for — not guilty. A human creates a program which enters a URL to access a part of a Web site he does not have authorization for — guilty.

So, what’s the difference?

Patrick Paul

Biological Research Staff

Erratum

A front page photo caption in Tuesday’s issue incorrectly stated the location of The Great Latke-Hamentashen Debate. It took place in 10-250, not Kresge Auditorium.
Why Are You Talking?

Ken Nesmith

The MIT Drama Shop recently performed a play called “The Internationalist.” The play comprises a compelling discussion of international identity, contrasting American national character with a hybrid European and global national character. The play asks, almost nihilistically, if the trite of business, commerce, and status purvey lurch from our true humanity, decaying our identities and our souls, and if it can ever be a salve to that decay. (The play says, “No.”) I think the play makes some mistakes, taking answers that are too easy once in a while, but the work engages several topics in an interesting dialogue. At the end of “The Internationalist,” the actress and actors did a noteworthy thing: they took a bow.

The bow seemed an acknowledgement that their work was not purely discursive; the actors had not fully subsumed the play’s investigation and engagement of issues as their own. They were putting on a show for their friends and fans, not investigating an idea. A terminal bow marked the ultimate purpose of the performance as an element of social dialogue, not ideological discourse, as the prior two hours of performance suggested. Such a bow is, of course, common. An audience engrossed in the dilemmas implied in a given play is invited to stop thinking and to closet away tough questions such as, after all, is just a play. Here, the awkwardness and hesitation in the actors’ bows, a self-consciousness that might reflect that anxiety of purpose. After a vigorous and well-acted production, the players danced self-consciously across the stage, took their bows, and shuffled off again, apparently unprepared to commit to the play’s content as artists.

The same divergence is apparent in everyday discourse. Personal discussions and arguments are often waged less for consequences that relate to their subject matter, which can range from minor to nonexistent, than for the sake of personal needs and the social effects of argumentation. The nominal purpose of such exchanges, as revealed by the way they are exchanged, is divorced from the actual purpose. At the end of a vicious debate, opponents might shake hands with mutual respect, even though positions they’ve just defended might variously require that they consider their opponent irrational or ignorant, some shade of a baby killer or an oppressor of women, a Bible thumping simplon or a soulless atheist, or a racist or a demagogue, depending on the specific topic of a particular debate. Those conclusions are marginalized, and the material discussed is brushed aside. The real purpose was just a battle and social contest. Thus discourse is betrayed as recreational, a frivolous social outlet that might well be any other.

We can ask the same question not just of conversational discourse, but of the written variety. Why do students publish columns in The Tech? Sometimes, columns are indeed written for the sake of their content, to influence opinion and change minds. But if discourse is a social outlet like any other — say, athletics — then its purposes should parallel those of something like athletics, and indeed they do. Athletes are not always about the pursuit of fitness, nor is discourse always about the pursuit of truth. Columns are written for frustration, to tweak the noses of ideological opponents, to inflame and generate anger rather than craft understanding. They are written for status; to impress girls, guys, peers, and even oneself. The performer, the child, deploy new vocabulary words and ... how to say it ... bombastic grandiosity, to make the child show off a shabby handicap.

These are all social ends. But even discursive conversation can present a potential reawakening of sanity. It is a check that if a thought can be written, there must be some concern about underpinning it. Airing a private thought process offers a reconnection with and validation of oneself, an assurance of one’s sanity via social approval, which is a dependence that can become unhealthy. Publicizing discursive discourse can restore one’s trust in one’s own thoughts, and some seek public forum for the same reason people like to talk through their problems with friends; often it’s not to get advice, it’s just to have someone listen to their internal machinations, which is calming. Interestingly, writing can become addictive as athletics or other social outlets can become addictive — having thought through an argument, if you fail to write it, it’s as if you’ve skipped a workout, cheating your mind just as you might cheat your body of needed exercise. Spoken and written discourse can clearly have primary purposes that are divorced from their content. But that discourse extends beyond discourse. The same surmises can be identified in most facets of life: in science, researchers often attempt to publish papers and earn tenure; rather than to solve scientific problems, which might be done better collaboratively. Marriages are managed for the myriads of little岸边 lives — status, wealth, religion, convenience, pregnancy, and so forth. People do community service and academic research in pursuit of a commercial instrument for their social status effects, rather than their functional purpose. Discourse between stated purpose and actual or revealed purpose is everywhere, and generally speaking, the more such differences are widely acknowledged and understood, the less damage they cause. Most of those points are obvious — everyone knows that people buy things to gain social status and wealth for status. But watching “The Internationalist,” I found the separation between context and purpose especially unnerving, probably in the way that the revelation of any ulterior motive pertinent to something important to us is unnerving.

I’ve studied very little theater, and perhaps what I’ll propose now is a general statement, a theater statement. I would like to see a play conclude without a bow, leaving the audience in the realm of discourse, instead of so readily breaking the connective tissue of a fictitious dialectic by reminding us that the actors just put on a show, just putting on a play, seeking the social approval of their audience. The audience could be forced to break that connection themselves and would step from the theater with the play rather than the resigned, unnatural interruption of applause lingering in their minds. The play’s purpose would then be its content, not the text of the theater, the bow of the on-genocide could conclude not with credits, acknowledging all of the hard work of actors, set designers, sound editors, and production assistants that created this element of the dialogue, but could instead conclude with finality, a fade to blackness and silence that left the ball in the viewer’s court. These would be moving ways to expand the power of theatrical discourse. Compelling the same kind of purpose of other fields is another matter.

Nesmith Distorts Krugman’s Views on Social Security

Letter

David Berman

In the March 8 issue of The Tech, Ken Nesmith purports to summarize a host of Paul Krugman’s New York Times editorials, to “help new national retirement plan, when in fact we already have one that is functioning quite well. He then proceeds to repeatedly attack Krugman for failing to propose a new retirement plan, which makes no sense — Krugman’s intent is to defend the one we currently have! Why would he propose a new one?

Nesmith’s summation of Krugman’s Jan. 28 article is particular—legislative. He discusses Krugman’s problem, which is that Social Security will be solvent through at least 2042 and with no adjustment will still be able to pay out 81 cents on the dollar after that time. Paul Krugman has been presenting an intelligent, well-reasoned defense of this program for quite a while, and his analysis deserves better than Nesmith’s partisan hatchet job. In fact, what Krugman斗于 the following sentence:

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Trio

by Emezie O. Okorafor

Momma... it's been so nice relaxing here, talking with you. You don't know how many times I've wanted to be with you over the years...

Yes, love, it has been nice making up for some of the lost time... but, I have something to tell you...

This isn't really heaven. And, you aren't really dead. You're just dreaming. You got your @$$ kicked by an angry ninja, and now you're lying unconscious on the sidewalk.

Momma! You can't say "@$$" in heaven!

My little angel... you have to wake up now!

Wake up? B-but so soon, Momma? I just got here!

Why do I have to wake up already?

Because you just called me "momma," and I figured you should be awake for the beatdown I'm about to give you.

Whooa, I'm awake!

I'm awake!

Aaron Brown's newssight. I thought you were about this

Welcome to day 80 of the Michael Jackson case. With statements on the trial, we go to Sade Mickar, a resident of Sudan.

Well, in the last few days, it seems as though the death of the famous singer has a great impact on our village and the world. We need to know how to cope with this news.

This goes out to all of my family and friends in Sudan.

This goes out to all of you, world, but it is especially important to the people in my voice box.

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One Screw Loose

by Josie Sung

DEVIANTS FROM THE NORM

Hey, where are you going?

I was thinking of heading over to East Campus

PrOH

On second thought, maybe not...

Meanwhile, on the East side of campus...

Does anyone need any more marshmallows?

Nah, but you can put more coffee in the fire!

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KRT Crossword Puzzle

Solution, page 14

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4 Parade vehicle
9 Chris of tennis
14 Wrath
15 Deciduous conifer
16 Banister, e.g.
17 Chest bone
18 Tournament uncertainty
20 Average grades
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23 Skates
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Submissions will be accepted on Monday, April 4, 2005 between 12noon – 5:00pm at the Student Art Association (W20-429)

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Winners must be willing and able to display their work in the Wiesner Student Art Gallery during commencement, from late May 2005 through June 30, 2005

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You may also download the material from the SAA web page:
http://web.mit.edu/saa/schnitzer.html

Winners will be announced on Monday April 11, 2005

If you plan to enter the Schnitzer competition, please send a confirmation email to cohen@media.mit.edu with “Schnitzer Prize” in the subject line.
The theater production of "Othello" at MIT showcased a range of talents and emotions. Director Kortney Adams led a cast that included Erin Rhode '04, Brian Anzolini, and others, who were praised for their acting chops. The production was a complex interplay of love and deception, with Iago (Dan Liston '04) playing a central role as he manipulates Othello (Todd Radford G) into suspecting his wife, Desdemona (Elvie Stephanopoulos). The final movement of the production, featuring Iago and Desdemona, evoked horror and fascination in the audience.

The orchestra under the direction of Johannes Brahms performed an Adagio from Mozart's work. Though the orchestra's music came off smoothly, the audience's reaction was mixed, with some giving more applause than others. The concert concluded with a celebration of sound, a reminder of the beauty and challenge of live performance.
Administration to consider housing shift
East Campus, Sr. House residents would switch with Ashdown

By Jay Glass

The MIT administration, faced with growing graduate housing shortages, plans to examine a housing proposal that could affect over 1,000 undergraduates and graduate students living on campus.

Suggested by Dean of the Graduate School Kenneth R. Waddigh, the proposal would entail moving the undergraduates now in East Campus and Senior House into Ashdown and Senior House after completion of the latter’s fall of 1981. The graduates now in Ashdown would be transferred into the east campus dormitories.

The net effect of the housing switch would be to create 190 new single graduate housing openings in the east campus dormitories and ease chronic shortage of housing for single graduates.

The proposal calls for the east campus to become a center of graduate life, with a renovated Walker Memorial as the focus.

By Steven Solnick

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Average room rates for academic year 1980 - 81

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Nightline, now in its second year of existence, provides a needed service at MIT.

The Boston Lyric Opera’s production of Verdi’s “Il Giasone” loses out to poor staging Page 6.

Despite its unusual plot, Simon, the new Alan Arkin movie, fails to provide sad laughs. Page 6.

Our fencing team exceeded all expectations by placing second in all American competitions. Page 8.

Joseph Everingham

Professor of Literature
Joseph Dov Everingham, and Director of the MIT Drama Program, died in his sleep late last week. He was 40.

Professor Everingham came to MIT in 1934, when Kenney Auditorium was just being completed. He created the MIT Drama Program and directed the MIT Dramashop for 22 years, until the death of Assistant Professor Robert Scally.

Although in partial retirement for the last three years, Everingham continued to direct major productions of the year. He was well known for his hot auditions for this year’s show, “Man and Superman” this week. Scally will now direct the show after spring vacation.

A memorial service for Professor Everingham will be held Thursday, March 20, in the Chapel at 3pm.
government and faced repeated interrogations and professional black-listing during the early 1960s. She described post-war life in Poland in her second novel, *Quicksand* (1989).

Ettinger earned a Ph.D. in American literature from Warsaw University in 1966; she moved to Cambridge the following year and served as a Senior Fellow at the Radcliffe (now Bunting) Institute until 1974. She was known for her passionate and incisive lectures on modern Russian literature, as well as her outspoken critiques of the materialism, anti-intellectualism, and racial prejudice that she perceived as dominant aspects of American culture.

From 1975 to 1996, Ettinger served as professor of writing at MIT, where she was named Thomas Meloy Professor of Rhetoric and Literature. A demanding and forceful teacher, she helped build the Institute’s Program in Writing and Humanistic Studies and was instrumental in bringing such writers as I. B. Singer, Bernard Malamud, and Elizabeth Bishop to the MIT community.

Ettinger’s biography, *Rosa Luxemburg, A Life* (1987), was translated into several languages. It portrays the personality—the heart and mind—of a brilliant revolutionary who was murdered by her comrades. Love and politics are intimately intertwined throughout Ettinger’s narrative.

Ettinger’s controversial 1994 book, *Hannah Arendt-Martin Heidegger*, interpreted the lengthy romantic relationship between the Jewish philosopher and her Nazi-affiliated mentor. In this work, described in the *New York Times* as “absorbing and cruelly fascinating,” Ettinger was “unsparing in her exposure of both Heidegger’s mendacity and Arendt’s propensity for self-deception” about Heidegger, wrote the reviewer. Shortly afterward, the Heidegger estate published the full text of the Heidegger-Arendt correspondence.

Ettinger was at work on a full-length biography of Hannah Arendt at the time of her death. She is survived by her daughter, Maia Ettinger, of San Francisco.

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Application form: [http://web.mit.edu/arts/do/funding/grantform.html](http://web.mit.edu/arts/do/funding/grantform.html)

the faculty votes to carry great symbolic weight on campus. The Faculty of Arts and Sciences is only one of Harvard’s 10 schools, but it represents almost half of the tenured and tenure-track faculty. It includes the undergraduate college and the traditional PhD programs and is considered by many to be the heart of the university.

“This is something the corporation has to take seriously,” Everett Mendelsohn, a professor of the history of science, said in an interview after the meeting, where he voted for both motions. “These two motions are a serious critique of the president and indirectly of the corporation.”

Mendelsohn said he “accepted at face value and respected” Summers’s apologies, but added that “whether in the face of these [votes] he can do his job is something he’ll have to look hard at.”

Summers, whose demeanor in the meeting was described by faculty as very somber, indicated afterward that he did not intend to resign. “As I said to the faculty, I have done my best these last two months to hear all that has been said, to think hard, to learn, and to adjust,” he said in a statement after the meeting. “I will continue to do that.”

The embattled president was heckled by dozens of protesters, many of them students, as he headed for a waiting car after the meeting. Some of them sang, “Hey Larry, goodbye,” to the tune of Stevie Wonder’s 1969 hit, “Na Na Hey Hey Kiss Him Goodbye.”

But inside the Loeb Drama Center, home to the American Repertory Theatre, the mood was described as conciliatory. Professor of government and sociologist, read: “The Faculty regrets the President’s mid-January statements about women in science and the adverse consequences of those statements for individuals and for Harvard; and the Faculty also regrets aspects of the President’s managerial approach as discussed in recent meetings of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. The Faculty appreciates the President’s stated intent to address these issues and seeks to meet the challenges facing Harvard in ways that are collegial and consistent with longstanding faculty responsibilities in institutional governance.”

Skocpol said some of her colleagues told her they voted for the no-confidence resolution, but it was soundly defeated on a voice vote.

The text of the second motion, introduced by Theda Skocpol, professor of government and sociologist, read: “The Faculty regrets the President’s mid-January statements about women in science and the adverse consequences of those statements for individuals and for Harvard; and the Faculty also regrets aspects of the President’s managerial approach as discussed in recent meetings of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. The Faculty appreciates the President’s stated intent to address these issues and seeks to meet the challenges facing Harvard in ways that are collegial and consistent with longstanding faculty responsibilities in institutional governance.”

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**New RNAi Consortium To Be Based at Broad**

By Kelley Rivière

A new consortium between private and public institutions based at the Broad Institute was announced on Tuesday. The three year, $18 million project, the RNAi Consortium, known as TRC, will use the relatively new technique of RNA interference to generate an openly available library cataloguing gene inhibitors. This will help scientists understand the functions of genes, including those that cause diseases such as cancer and diabetes, according to a Broad Institute press release. RNAi is a useful research tool because by silencing certain genes, scientists can observe how an organism behaves differently when a particular gene is nonfunctional.

The consortium aims to "create a public good: a comprehensive set of reagents to be used in thousands of laboratories," said Professor Eric S. Lander, director of the Broad Institute, as quoted in the press release. TRC will also work to "develop efficient protocols for preparing large and virus stocks of the RNAi reagents and will create methods for performing high-throughput screening with the entire library," said the press release. The affiliations of TRC members include MIT, Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School, the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, and the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research.

Five other member organizations will each contribute $3.6 million to TRC over the three-year duration of the project, according to the press release. They are Bristol-Myers Squibb, Eli Lilly and Company, and Novartis, pharmaceutical companies, Sigma-Aldrich, a manufacturer of research products, and Academia Sinica-National Science, an academic consortium affiliated with the government of Taiwan.

"In order to advance pharmaceutical science, fundamental tools like RNAi need to be made available and accessible to scientists around the world," said Mark Fishman, president of Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research in the press release. "The ability to perform high-throughput screening with validated RNAi reagents will provide the ability to systematically identify the genes underlying disease process and thereby identify previously unknown targets for drug discovery," said Steven Paul, executive vice president of Lilly Research Laboratories, Eli Lilly and Company in the press release.

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**Graduate Stipends Increase By 3.5%**

By Kathy Dobson

Graduate student stipend rates will increase by an average of 3.5 percent next year, according to a memo sent by Dean for Graduate Students Isaac M. Colbert and Assistant Provost Alice P. Gaits in February.

Single graduate students with research or teaching assistantships will continue to receive a full subsidy for their health insurance cost, while premiums for spouses and dependents of students will decrease from last year’s levels, according to the memo.

Increase varies by degree, dept.

Next year’s graduate student stipend level will range from $1,873 to $2,101 per month (doctoral candidates receive more than master of science candidates, and teaching assistants more than research assistants). Departments have the option to decrease this base rate by up to 10 percent or increase it by up to 15 percent.

"We’re encouraging departmental student groups to approach their departments to push for something on the [positive] side,” wrote Michael Folker G, co-chair of the Graduate Student Council Housing and Community Affairs Committee, in an e-mail.

Faculty will continue to cover 55 percent of the tuition for graduate students.

The stipend hike is greater than the rise in cost of living for graduate students, which is expected to be 2.9 percent next year, according to information compiled by the Graduate Student Council. The cost of living estimate is based on data taken from the 2002 Graduate Student Life Survey, the MIT Housing Office, and local and national economic data.

Family health insurance fees fall

In addition to extending the full health insurance subsidy for supported single students, family health insurance premiums will also decrease. Premiums for spouses and dependents will decrease by $200 next year to $1,560 for a spouse and $360 per child. Premiums for families will be capped at $1,720. These reductions were made based on recommendations from the director of the Medical Department, the vice president for Human Resources, and the Office of Budget and Planning, according to the memo.

"The GSC has been pushing for the needs of families for the last three years,” said Barun Singh G, president of the GSC.

Committee to examine grad funds

To further examine ways to improve financial support of graduate students, a new Committee on the Funding of Graduate Students has been established by Provost Robert A. Brown.

The committee will examine issues such as the on-campus/off-campus disposable income gap (which the GSC estimates to be about $240 more for off-campus students per month), the graduate housing shortage, support for graduate co-operative living groups, and off-campus rent subsidies, wrote Folker in an e-mail. As the GSC president, Singh will be the graduate student representative on the committee.

The committee is chaired by Philip S. Khoury, Dean of the School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences.
A proposal for a new Faculty Housing Assistance Program was presented at Wednesday’s faculty meeting. The proposal would improve upon the current Housing Assistance Loan Program in light of recent increases in area housing prices and would extend the program to junior faculty.

The proposal, created by the Committee on the Design of the Faculty Housing Program, would provide separate types of aid for junior and senior faculty to purchase homes in the area, and its recommended starting date is July 1.

The full report of the committee is available online at http://web.mit.edu/faculty/reports/index.html. The committee has opened a 30-day period for comments, which can be sent by e-mail to fachousing-plan@mit.edu, said Associate Provost Claude R. Canizares, chair of the committee.

Program to keep MIT competitive

The new program aims to keep the Institute competitive with other top institutions in the resources it provides to faculty members.

“It’s no secret to the faculty that we face challenges recruiting faculty and retaining them in the Boston area because of housing costs,” said Provost Robert A. Brown.

The proposal is based in part on the recommendations of a 2003 Committee on Senior Faculty Housing Benefits. The plan that the 2003 committee made was tabled at that time because of Institute financial difficulties.

Loans available to faculty

Eligible tenured faculty would be able to receive a $300,000, 30-year Contingent Interest Mortgage, a low-interest second mortgage with interest dependent on how the property value appreciates throughout the loan’s duration. According to the committee’s report, this would “significantly increase the buying power of faculty newly hired or promoted into tenured positions.”

Eligible junior faculty could receive a $50,000, five-year No-Interest Fully Amortized Loan, which is incrementally forgiven over the length of the loan, as well as a $50,000, 10-year Contingent Interest Mortgage. These two options would be aimed at giving faculty the funds to make down payments on first homes, according to the committee report.

Eligible faculty for this year would include those who entered the area’s housing market as first-time buyers during or after July 2000, when the quotient of median housing price and average associate professor salary first escalated to “historically unprecedented high values,” as stated in the report. Those who have already received other financial assistance from MIT would not be eligible. In future years, the eligibility period would last three fiscal years.

The program must also be reviewed by the MIT Corporation Executive Committee and weighed against other priorities, as the program “would end up being a rather significant financial commitment,” Canizares said.

Solution to KRT Crossword from page 7

Chocolate, cheesecake, and roadkill gummi worms: Join us and never go hungry again!

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Overflow of Coeds
McCormick plans annex

President Stratton has announced that construction of a new
residence hall for women at MIT will begin this summer and be completed by
the fall of 2006. The dormitory will house 331 students, and will be
financed by the $4 million endowment gift recently announced by the
alumni of the School of Engineering and Applied Science. The
dormitory is planned to replace the
McCormick House, which houses 144 women, and to provide
additional living space to accommodate the enrollment of female
students.

In addition, some women will be housed in one of the
nearby brownstone row houses on Mather
Drive.

The main floor of the new dormitory will provide a
large common area, a house dining room and kitchen, and a
study room. A second floor will be
devoted to study rooms, music practice and
lounging rooms, and a art room.


Reorganization of AC
approved by Inscom

Activities Council received approval
day of its new constitution and leadership at
the recent student government meeting.

One of the most significant changes to the structure of the
council will be the implementation of the
president of the council. The current president will be elected by the council
members.

The 13 permanent Council mem-
bers, along with a number of AC
officers, will be elected by the freshmen class.

The Activities Council will re-
main on the Executive Council of Insom.

Lecture by Townes begins
annual series planned by Sigma XI

Dr. Charles H. Townes, Provost, will speak on "Basic-Bruiton
Engineering -- the interaction between intense laser beams and
mechanical motion," Wednesday, March 24 at 8:00 pm in Kresge Auditorium.

The lecture is being sponsored by the Sigma XI chapter of MIT,
which is responsible for the annual lecture series planned by
the Sigma XI chapter of MIT.

The Townes lecture is the first of a six-part series of lectures, sponsored by Sigma XI and
open to all MIT students.

The MIT chapter of Sigma XI is a major sponsor of the annual series of lectures in honor of
the late Nobel laureate.

The lectures will be held in Kresge Auditorium, with the exception of Finance Board and the Athletic Associa-
tion.

The series will begin on March 24 at 8:00 pm in Kresge Auditorium.

Six Tech students chosen
Woodrow Wilson Fellows

Six MIT seniors were named as Woodrow Wilson National
Foundation Fellows, the largest such honor in advanced
alumni arts and activities.

The students are Alan S. Fried-
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SPORTS

Varsity Men's Volleyball Record
Now 22–4, Still 11th in Div. III

By Paul Dill

The Varsity Men’s Volleyball team pushed its overall record to 22–4 (14–2 NECVA) this past week over two more wins over conference foes. In their match against Johnson & Wales University, the Engineers controlled the first two games behind the offense of Robert M. McAndrew '05, who led the team with 18 kills for the match. The opposition '05, who led the team with 18 kills and earning a game point at 29–28 before MIT turned the tide and pulled out the game, 51–29, for the 3–0 victory. Jordan X. Wan '06 ditched out 33 assists, while Matthew Ng '08 and Ryan G. Dean '08 anchored the defense with 13 and 12 digs, respectively.

MIT’s next opponent, Emmanuel College, fared no better, falling 3–0 as well. This time, the Engineers controlled the match from start to finish. McAndrew again led the way with 14 kills, while Bob G. Aispens '06 and Michelangelo A. Raimondi '06 each added seven kills to the effort. Also, with his 38 assists in the match, Wan surpassed his own MIT record for assists in a single season, which he set last year at 1039.

McAndrew also received conference honors for his impressive play during the week. He was named the NECVA New England Division Player of the Week and the NECVA Conference Player of the Week.

NECVA is comprised of 32 Division III teams. MIT is currently ranked 11th nationally in Division III.