MIT Places First in Putnam Again

By Jenny Zhang

For a second consecutive year, MIT has placed first in the William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition. The MIT team, selected by mathematics professors Hartley Rogers Jr. and Richard P. Stanley before the exam was taken, consisted of Reid W. Barton ’05, Daniel M. Kane ’07, and Emanuel I. Stoica ’05.

Three MIT students, Barton, Kane, and Valdimir B. Barzov ’06, placed among the top five scorers, earning them each $2,500 and recognition as Putnam Fellows. The MIT mathematics department will receive an award of $25,000, and each of the three team members will have $1,000. Team ranks are determined by the sum of the scores of the three pre-selected members.

The next highest-scoring teams were Princeton University, Duke University, University of Waterloo, and California Institute of Technology. The annual Putnam exam, which is open to undergraduates in the United States and Canada, takes place on the first Saturday of December. It consists of two three-hour sections of six problems each and has now run for 65 years.

On the 2004 exam, more than half of the participants scored zero out of a possible 120 points on the exam. Rogers said the MIT median has typically been between 20 and 30.

MIT competitors used experience

The top MIT scorers said they did not practice specifically for the exam, but instead relied on experience.

Kane, who was also a Fellow and MIT team member for the 2003 exam, said he did not prepare specifically this year, but 18.534, Mathematical Problem Solving, a freshman mathematical problem solving seminar he took last year, was helpful.

In addition, Kane said, his high school International Mathematics Olympiad experience was useful because many of the problems were similar.

He advised students interested in participating in Putnam to do problems from previous exams and look at some problem-solving books for general techniques.

Kane said he had not made particular plans for using his reward, but would be “putting the money in the bank.”

Barzov, however, had more immediate plans for his reward, he said, “We’re trying to make SafeRide safe again.”

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By Jiao Wang

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Tomorrow: Sunny, windy, 50°F (12°C)

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Fabulous to Perform For Spring Weekend

By Hanhan Wang

Rap artists Fabulous and Lloyd Banks will co-headline MIT’s annual Spring Weekend Concert this year.

The concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 22, in the Johnson Athletic Center. The concert is open to MIT and other colleges around the area and will kick off the weekend’s entertainment lineup.

A Spring Weekend Committee of 15 students has been planning Spring Weekend since fall. In previous years, the committee surveyed students about their music preferences. The rock and hip-hop genres topped the preferences every year.

Every year, the survey ended up being 50-50,” said Shawn M. Cooper-Gibson, head administrator for Spring Weekend, so the committee decided to alternate band genres each year.

The Spring Weekend committee tries to get bands on the listing road to fame. “This year, we had two that weren’t as big as any of the large bands,” Fabulous, popular for his rap hits “Breathe,” “Tk’E 4 Tat’,” and “Baby,” has been rhyming since high school. After mixtape star DJ Clue heard Fabulous’ work, he immediately signed Fabulous to his Desert Storm imprint. Fabulous’ fame quickly took off from there, producing songs like “In the Hood,” “Take You Home,” and “We Don’t Give.”

“I’m actually more excited about Lloyd Banks—he’s part of G-Unit,” Qi Feng ’05 said. Lloyd Banks was anointed as 2003’s Mixtape Artist of the Year due to his work on G-Unit mixtapes and his money in the Bank series.

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Students wait to board a crowded shuttle at 77 Massachusetts Avenue.
**Earthquake Hits Indonesia, No Major Tsunamis Reported**

By Maria Newman

An earthquake with a magnitude of 8.7 shook Indonesia Monday three months after a somewhat stronger quake triggered a tsunami that caused widespread devastation in the region and killed tens of thousands of people. The U.S. Geological Survey said Monday’s quake was centered about 125 miles west-northwest of the northern Indonesian island of Sumatra and began around 11 p.m. local time. Some reports put the duration at five minutes, others less.

While there were no reports so far of a major tsunami, officials in Indonesia said that there had already been “perhaps dozens” of people killed by the earthquake on land. The mayor of Gunungsitoli, the main town on Indonesia’s Nias island, told a local television station that the quake had claimed several lives and destroyed hundreds of homes, according to Reuters.

“I can guarantee that dozens have died,” said Agus Mendoiro, the deputy mayor of the town. “Gunungsitoli is now like a dead town. The situation here is in extreme panic.”

The quake provoked a nervous reaction across western Indonesia, Sri Lanka and coastal parts of Malaysia and Thailand, the areas devastated by the Dec. 26 tsunami.

“Seems: waited and tens of thousands of people were evacuated after tsunami warnings were sounded; while others drove or ran from the coast to higher ground, Reuters said.

A senior police officer told a news agency that he had seen three bodies and that many others were trapped in damaged buildings.

“The earthquake was massive, it’s still shaking now,” said A. Nangingan, the deputy chief police chief in Gunungsitoli.

Nias, off the western coast of Sumatra and about 870 miles north-west of Jakarta, is a remote and rugged island famed as a surfing paradise.

In Sri Lanka, officials evacuated that country’s tsunami-battered coastal line late Monday amid fears of a another tsunami, government officials told Reuters.

From the eastern town of Trincomalee to the capital Colombo, the police used loudspeakers to warn residents to move inland.

“We received a call from Trincomalee,” said Ferial Hafiz, a spokesman for President Chandrika Kumaratunga, told Reuters. “We were told sirens are going, which means an evacuation is taking place.”

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Honolulu said that the authorities in the Indian Ocean region should monitor the situation to determine where evacuations might be warranted.

“This earthquake has the potential to generate a widely destructive tsunami in the ocean or seas near the earthquake,” the warning center said in an advisory just after the quake rumbled through the area.

“Authorities in those regions should be aware of this possibility and take immediate action,” it said. “This action should include evacuation of coasts within a thousand kilometers (600 miles) of the epicenter and close monitoring to determine the need for evacuation further away.”

The Pacific warning center is an international tsunami warning system operated under U.N. auspices, and is based in and focused on the Pacific, where 90 percent of tsunamis occur.

In their bulletin, issued 19 minutes after the earthquake struck, officials from the warning center said that the authorities could “assume the danger has passed if no tsunami waves are observed in the region near the epicenter for four hours of the quake.”

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**CO Court Affirms Bible Should Not Be Used in Deliberations**

By Kirk Johnson

The Bush administration said Monday that it had sent the first of some 20 million applications to low-income people who might qualify for financial assistance with Medicare’s new prescription drug benefit.

Doctors and other advocates for low-income people said the form was so complex that they expected fewer than 5 percent of the people who qualify will apply under it. The value of the assistance is substantial. The government will provide a 75 percent subsidy worth about $1,250 a year for the basic drug benefit, plus an average of almost $2,300 a year in extra assistance to low-income seniors.

The applications have been sent to Medicare beneficiaries in 42 ZIP codes in 21 states. The list of ZIP codes in 21 states. The list of cities includes Bristol, Conn.; New York; Miami; Chicago; Las Vegas; and Honolulu.

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**Medicare Applications Sent To Low-Income Americans**

By Robert Fast

The Supreme Court said in a 3-2 decision Monday that juries must deliberate in private, without religious precepts or their general knowledge, and thus were relevant to their court-sanctioned moral assessment,” the minority wrote.

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**Pakistanis Smuggle Anti-Aircraft Missiles into Gaza, Israeli**

By Steven Erlanger

Palestinians have smuggled several Stella shoulder-fired missiles, which pose a threat to Israeli aircraft, into the Gaza Strip with the help of members of the Palestinian military intelligence agency, Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz said in an interview on Sunday night. “This crosses a red line for us,” Mofaz said, speaking in his Tel Aviv office. He said he had ordered the Israeli commander in Gaza, Maj. Gen. Dan Halel, to meet with Moussa Arafat, chief of the intelligence directorate and better put their hands on the smugglers and the Strelas and hand them over to us.”

Strela anti-aircraft missiles, developed by the Soviet Union in the 1960s and then modernized, can be used against low-flying aircraft like the helicopters that are crucial for Israeli intelligence, especially on coastal lines.

Most Israeli aircraft can deal with Strelas, said Ithaf Shapir of the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University. But for Mofaz, a former military chief of staff, the Strelas are a telling example of how little the new Palestinian president, Mahmoud Abbas, knows as Abu Mazen, has been able to put his stamp on the compet-

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**Report Cites Flaws in CIA Assessment of Saddam**

By By Maria Jeremian

But the question of how the CIA and other agencies never properly assessed Saddam Hussein’s political maneuverings or the possibility that he no longer had weapon stockpiles, according to officials who have seen the report’s executive summary.

The report also proposes broad changes in the sharing of informa-
tion among intelligence agencies that go well beyond the legislation passed by Congress late last year creating a director of national intelli-
gence to coordinate action among all 16 intelligence agencies. Those recommendations are likely to figure prominently in the confirm-

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**CO Report on Terrorist Units**

By Robert Fast

The Tech

By Cegone J., Chan

But that saying? April showers bring May flowers? Apparently, no one told Mother Nature that it’s still March! This storm was also no simple shower. When the storm finally exits, anywhere from 1.5” to 2” of rain will have fallen with possible local reports of greater totals. To put this into perspective, the total precipitation for a typical summer month in March is 2.5”.

So, because of the copious amounts of rain, the National Weather Service has kept a Flood Watch in effect until noon today. Although we had a soggy start to the week, expect this outlook to last for more of the coming mid-week. Looking upstream, temperatures in South Dakota yesterday were over 80° F. It can be expected tem-

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**Soggy Start**

By Cegone J., Chan

- Tomorrow: Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60’s F (20°C). Winds gusting to 30 mph in the morning and subsiding in the afternoon.
- Tomorrow Night: Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 50’s F (15°C).
- The Tech: Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 50’s F (15°C) and lows near 40°F (5°C).
On Eve of National Assembly, Iraqi Parties Still Disagreeing

By Edward Wong

After a wave of violence swept central Iraq late Sunday and Monday, leaving at least nine people dead, the country’s leading political parties negotiated furiously but apparently fruitlessly on Monday, a day before a scheduled meeting of the national assembly.

The violence was concentrated in an area south of Baghdad known as the Triangle of Death for the regularity with which Iraqi civilians and security personnel are gunned down by insurgents and criminals. With Shiite pilgrims now heading through the area to Karbala for a religious festival, attacks on Shiite pilgrims are expected to increase.

In addition, three Romanian journalists were abducted on Monday, according to Romania’s president, Traian Basescu, who did not say where the kidnapping occurred. The three worked for Prima TV, part of the Romanian Satellite Network.

As the 275-member assembly prepared to hold its second meeting, two months after general elections, it appeared that the top politicians had failed to reach any deal to install a government.

At best, the assembly is expected to name a speaker and two deputy speakers, said Adnan Pachachi, a leading Sunni Arab politician. But even that looked doubtful on Monday afternoon, after the leading candidate for speaker, the current interim president, Sheik Ghazi al-Yawer, turned down the job, according to his personal secretary, Ahmad Najaf. The leaders of the top parties met Monday evening to discuss the issue.

The leading Shiite bloc, the United Iraqi Alliance, was trying to put forward Fawaz al-Jabara, a Sunni Arab candidate from its group, as an alternative. Some politicians have expressed reservation, though, to having a member of the alliance, even a Sunni Arab, take on the job of assembly speaker, because the alliance already dominates the assembly and is expected to secure the post of prime minister.

Federal Officials Plan to Catalog Genetic Abnormalities of Cancer

By Andrew Pollack

Opening a new front in the battle against cancer, federal officials are planning to compile a complete catalog of the genetic abnormalities that characterize it.

The proposed Human Cancer Genome Project, as it is being called for now, would be greater in scale than the Human Genome Project, said it may be better ways to move cancer research away from smaller ones run by individual scientists.

Dr. J. Craig Venter, who led a private project to determine the human DNA blueprint in competition with the Human Genome Project, said it might be better to look at specific families of genes known to be involved in cancer.

“Knowing the defects of the cancer cell points you to the Achilles’ heel of tumors,” said Dr. Eric S. Lander, director of the Broad Institute, a genetic research center in Cambridge, Mass., that is affiliated with Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The project would cost roughly $1.5 billion over nine years, but where the money will come from is still uncertain. For now, the government is likely to start with some smaller pilot projects, officials said.

Proponents say a database of all such mutations, which would be freely available to researchers, would provide invaluable clues for developing new ways to diagnose, treat and prevent cancer.

China to Reward Whistleblowers On Bank Corruption

By Chris Buckley

Seeking to halt a recent increase in bank corruption, China published rules Monday offering generous rewards to bank employees who expose corruption.

Bank managers will also be regularly rotated to different posts and monitored for involvement in pornography, gambling and drugs under the rules, which were issued by the China Banking Regulatory Commission.

Other steps announced included making senior managers “legally responsible” for major fraud cases; establishing a system of reporting on the stock investments of managers and top personnel; and establishing new checks on loan approvals.

“Their been a succession of major cases due to weaknesses in risk management and internal controls, and this had led to major capital losses from banks,” a commission official told Xinhua, the official news agency, in a statement that appeared in the Chinese press Monday. Xinhua did not identify the official.

## Council for the Arts at MIT Funding Available!

Next application deadline: April 8, 2005!

Please contact the director of the Council for the Arts at MIT, Susan Cohen, at cohen@media.mit.edu, to make an appointment to discuss your project and the Council’s application process. While not mandatory, it is strongly recommended that you meet with the director.

Requests for funding submitted on this deadline must be for projects or events that begin no sooner than May 19, 2005.

Important information is available on the web:

Application form: http://web.mit.edu/arts/do/funding/grantform.html
Other funding sources: http://web.mit.edu/slp/finances/supp-funding-guide.html
Cell Phone Options Are Available

The March 15 issue of The Tech did a very nice job describing the changes to dorm phones next fall. However, I realized I missed an opportunity to comment on the cell phone options available at MIT.

MIT has two preferred cell phone vendors, Nextel and Verizon Wireless. Nextel offers discounts to MIT students. In addition, MIT also has contracts with Cingular and Sprint, neither of which has explicit discounts for students. All contracts provide discounts for MIT employees, though, so students who are employed by MIT qualify to receive MIT employee discounts. Further information can be found on-line at http://tech.mit.edu/serv/telecommunications/cellphones.html.

Although Information Services and Technology (IS&T) does not provide cell phone service, we do work with the carriers to try to rectify reception problems. Feedback regarding reception problems can be e-mailed to cell-feedback@mit.edu.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON MIT’S cell phone contracts, contact Mary Bacci at mambo@mit.edu. If you have questions about the changes in dorm phone service, feel free to contact Housing at housing@mit.edu, or IS&T at dorm-phone@mit.edu.

Alison F. Dolan
Director, Telephony Services

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The Killing of Terri Schiavo

O ne nurse testified that often after M ichael's private visits Terri would be more agitated and tense, and another that a couple of times after his visits, her blood sugar was so low that the nurse had to administer dextrose (implying Michael had given Terri insulin shots). Observation notes describing Terri's capabilities were regularly omitted from the medical charts and thrown into the trash.

The question of the feeding tube, while not the crux of the right-to-die case, is not the crux of the right-to-die case, is important because the tube was put in at Michael's insistence. It is much easier for the staff to deal with. Anyone who is fed a baby knows that spoon feeding is not very neat, and occasionally, feeding tubes are regularly put in just to make nurs- es' lives easier. That's fine. The fact that Terri hasn't had a swallowing test since 1992, doesn't drool, and that Judge Greer denied the motions to give her a swallowing test and to have her fed by mouth after her tube was to be removed is quite disturbing. If the claim is that she's being supported by "extraordinary means" (which many people dispute in the first place), she should at least be given the chance to live by ordinary means, such as feeding by mouth. Why deny such a request? Was he worried she'd choose to die instead of starving?

What has some people worried is the combination of an unplanned bone scan and Michael's "cre- mation without autopsy." In 2002, one of the lawyers was given, through discovery, the bone scan done in 1991 indicating broken bones of such severity that they could only have been caused through something like a multi- story fall. This, com- bined with Michael's "cremation without autopsy" order and the fact that he turned down the Schindlers' offer to let him keep all the corpse and autopsy and tissues, is a grave concern that he would have inherited when she dies, but made to die, aware of her own suffering, for the sake of money. But what's the point of even having a trial? Why did Judge Greer never even visit Terri to see her situa- tion for himself even though a court-appointed guardian is required to do so? You'd think, at the least, that it'd be worthwhile to the Schindlers to see their child and their daughter before she's starved to death to make sure she really is PVS.

All-in-all, when you listen to this is just a right-to-die case with a practical hus- band and parents who are imagining that their daughter inherits with them, be very skeptical. This case has gotten people, both pro-life and pro-choice, riled up and many believe that a woman is literally being murdered, aware of her own suffering, for the sake of money.

For more information on Michael's testi- mony at the malpractice trial, the nurses' testi- mony, the bone scan, and Trudy Capone's tes- timony, visit http://www.terrisfights.net/

Terri Matsakis is a member of the Class of '93.

A Response Regarding Sloan R Ejections

Dear Members of the MIT Cryptography and Information Security Group and of CSAIL,

I am replying to your thoughtful e-mail of March 16, 2005, about MIT Sloan’s position on the treatment of applicants who gained unautho- rized access to a portion of the Web site. From March 16, 2005, to the letter to the editor from March 16, 2005, regarding MIT Sloan’s position on the treatment of applicants who gained unautho- rized access to a portion of the Web site, an important fact got access to any confidential MIT Sloan information. The locked file cabinet was empty. MIT Sloan, however, will take a stand against intellectual breach or theft, to gain unauthorized access to Web sites. Curiosity is not an excuse. We will take a stand on ethics and good judgment, attrib- butes that are important to us in our mission of developing principled, innovative leaders who improve the world.

We take fairness seriously at MIT Sloan. We also take fairness seriously, which is why we have repeatedly said that we will consider appeals on decisions regarding Sloan R. If you are concerned about your own Sloan R issue you can request a review of the decision, if there is good information that we do not have and that is relevant to our conclusion about the ethics and judgment demonstrated by a particular applicant. We also believe that people make mistakes, and this is why we have also said that Sloan R is a combination of an all-in- tense, and another that a couple

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But I love a good coding challenge...

The Apply Yourself server did not indis- criminatingly hand out confidential information, but rather people had to commit crimi- nate and unusual steps to gain unauthorized access to a portion of the Web site. From looking at the posting and following the steps, a reasonable person would have known these instructions were intended to be acessed and undesired and unauthorized access.

So now you know what I mean by a security vulnerability holds in this situation. If Person A picks the lock on his neighbor's house and tells Person B how to use the lock and provides the combination to a padlock being denied the request. Breaking into the locked file cabinet would be clearly unethical. In fact, accessing the file cabinet even if it contained information that could be used to commit fraud or theft, but it is clear that applicants are not authorized to access it. This is an alteration of the University's rights as relevant to our mission of developing principled, innovative leaders who improve the world.

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At first glance, going to a female strip club is not especially unusual or alternative. Business deals, bachelor parties, big game nights, fraternity soirees, and 21st birthday parties regularly populate strip clubs on weekends. On Saturday nights, venues like Centerfolds—a strip club in a Chinatown alley—overflow.

That’s why I went at 4 o’clock on a Tuesday afternoon.

Going to a strip club was also a personal adventure for three reasons. First, I’d never been to one. Second, I’ve been a very vocal feminist since I could speak, committed to the eradication of sex as a social category. Third, I’ve been to one.

Second, I’ve been a very vocal feminist since I could speak, considered whether they knew how to play the men. That may play a part in it. But since talking to me, just like they knew how to play the men. They were genuinely glad to see me.

Because it was a slow time of day, there were only four strippers on duty. The Lindy-Say Lohan look-alike came around again. I was struck, as was all with the women, by how beautiful she was. At the end of her routine, she squatted in front of me, naked as a jaybird, everything there for me to see: ridges, folds, and petals opening out. It was completely uneructed. It wasn’t desire; it was gratitude. I knew, by current social norms, that she was likely stripping out of financial need, self-esteem issues, or a history of abuse. But I could only see her as sharing a gift with me, a gift of inestimable value.

When the men clamped for her attention, waving bills, her expression changed markedly. Her eyes went manic, and her expression turnedvacant. The men didn’t paw or harass, behaviors that are not unusual in strip clubs. According to a recent study of Midwestern strip clubs, 94 percent of strippers experienced harassment or abuse. Patrons make threatening phone calls and follow them to their cars, pelt them onsite, or outright attack them. The pervasive attitude is, “If she’s showing her body to me, she must want it. And if she doesn’t want it, she shouldn’t be showing off her body.” They live in a world where they are entitled to access women’s bodies with no requisition. To strippers, men mostly represent danger. Unfortunately, they also represent livelihood.

This was a higher-class establishment, and the men kept their hands and insults to themselves. Instead they leaned in, their mouths making O’s, smacking their lips, and breathing through their teeth — sad stereotypes in sport coats. Were they the oppressors or just another kind of victim? In either case, they also inhabited this fantasy world.

On the other hand, in my world, these women did work of inestimable worth and value. They deserved reverence and gratitude for their generosity and as much money as I make in a month. There is certainly precedent for this attitude. Far from being a feminist myth, evidence abounds of prostitutions.
Monkey Gone to Heaven
By Ruth Miller

I decided to write this after throwing back a few ciders at the conclusion of the mock kick ass Spring Break ever. Yes, I know they throw that around a lot. But seriously, this time it was true.

Now a lot of your typical “best Spring Break ever” stories involve shelling out a lot of your or your parents’ money to go to some sandy tourist hot spot, get buzzed out of your mind, and have giant orgies with other boozed up college students. That’s why my story is better. I’m the proud recipient of the “Dalin Someone Has Never Done This Before” Award. That’s right, we didn’t spend a dime and we didn’t even approach this ideal. For that reason, I will tell you this.

“Wild Spring Break” shows. I could be on one of those. I was sitting in the back of the room while the general presiding on the side and not even approaching this idea. For that reason, I will tell you this.

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Trio
Hey ya...tell a friend about TRIO: ALUM.MIT.EDU/WWW/EMIE
by Emezie Okorafor

M-Mina? What are you doing here? I haven't seen you in such a...
Bobby, I hate long hellos even more than long good-byes.
So, to the point...
I've called all my best friends...my so-so-best friends...my not-so-best friends...my enemies...my boyfriend...ex-boyfriends...future boyfriends...my classmates...professors...advisors...my brother, mom, and dad in New York...that one weird dude in the Athena cluster...the pizza delivery man...
And, would you believe it? Every single one is busy tonight!

Wow, this guy sounds like more of a loser than me!
What a dork-burger! Ha, ha...

There's a man from a defense firm schmoozing with some women.
Oh, calm down, Scott.

He seems to be avoiding the students and fiends.
We're once, drunken, self-destructive, and cool.

We're going to kill the dork-somewhere.

The Phantom is a Menace
by Brian Loux

Modern President! The Phantom of Sig Ep Env just threw a cushy house party and gave all party goers large amounts of alcohol.
Oh, calm down, Scott.

I wonder what he's up to? A villain? A hench?

I will crush you, little maggots!

One Screw Loose
by Josie Sung

I hear we're getting a new character today.

Our cardboard is trying to get fast home quantities drunk.

I'll get the bus spray!

BizToons
by Jennifer López

The BizToons book, "You Can't Fire Me, I Still Have Business Cards Left!" is now 15% off at Amazon.com and free shipping!

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Department of Chemistry

Freshman Open House

Thursday, March 31

BUSH ROOM (10-105)
4:30 - 6:00
Putnam Provides Fun, Food, and Rewards

Mary P. Harding ’07 knocks the ball loose from Springfield College’s Holly Carmody on Saturday, March 26, at the Jack Barry Field. MIT lost its second game of the season, 12–9.

THE 2005 HAROLD & ARLENE SCHNITZER PRIZE IN THE VISUAL ARTS

The Council for the Arts at MIT and the MIT Student Art Association invite all registered MIT students to submit works of visual art (2 dimensional, 3 dimensional, and video) to the Harold & Arlene Schnitzer Visual Arts Competition.

**Submissions will be accepted on Monday, April 4, 2005 between 11am – 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. The show will hang in the gallery during commencement, from late May 2005 through June 30, 2005. Schnitzer Prize Applications are available at the Student Art Association (W20-429), Campus Activities Complex (W20-500), and the Office of the Arts (E15-205).

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.
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Spring Weekend, from Page 1

Banks has built his popularity on his works on the mixtapes. Drag show, LipSync among events
Spring Weekend will kick off Thursday night with the Fierce Forever Drag show. On Friday, the iFair will be held in Kresge Oval during the day. Events such as Alpha Chi Omega’s LipSync, bands on the steps, a barbecue in the pits, and Habitat for Humanity’s Campus Build will be held on Saturday. The weekend will end with the MIT Holi Dance, where people throw colored powder at each other to celebrate the Spring, sponsored by the Hindu Student Council.

Spring Weekend has existed since the 1960s. In 1969, Janice Joplin performed, and R.E.M. headlined in 1985. In the 1980s, Spring Weekend funding came from a Campus Activities Committee Programming Board, which collected money for hiring the bands from the gameroom and coffeehouse in the Student Center, said Linda D. Noel, program coordinator for student activities.

Tickets available online
Since Johnson can only hold 3000 people, MIT students can purchase their tickets in advance online. Tickets, which go on sale Friday, are $10 for MIT students and $15 for non-MIT students.

Spring Weekend Schedule
Wednesday Night
Kick Off, Free Mike’s Pastries, Ticket Sales
Thursday Night
Fierce Forever Drag Show
Friday Daytime
iFair
Friday Evening
Concert: Fabolous & Lloyd Banks (co-headlining)
Saturday Daytime
Bands, iHUB, Habitat for Humanity Campus Build
Saturday Evening
AXO Lip Sync
Sunday
Holi Dance

SOURCE: CONNIE YU ‘05, A MEMBER OF THE SPRING WEEKEND COMMITTEE

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Increased Capacity Needed for SafeRide

The demand for transportation services in increasing, said Larry Brutti, Operations Manager for MIT Parking and Transport. “However, it’s really eating up the equipment. These vehicles are running 18 hours a day. We’re in the process of upgrading to transit-type vehicles with 10 to 12 year lifespans versus the current 3 to 4.”

Currently, the largest capacity buses hold 22-28 passengers while the smaller vans only have capacity for 14. The proposed new vehicles for the SafeRide routes may include room for as many as 38 people sitting and standing. Buses with room for 48 passengers (28 seated and 20 standing) would replace current shuttles for the TechShuttle and Northwest Shuttle.

Brutti said the Parking and Transportation Office has been coordinating its efforts with the Disabilities Services Office and the Environmental Health and Safety Office. The new vehicles will differ from the current fleet in that they will use bio-diesel fuel to improve efficiency and reduce emissions. The new fleet will continue to be handicap accessible.

SafeRide Schedule extended

The Boston Winter Shuttle service has been extended through Spring Break to Friday, April 1. The service was originally slated to end on the Friday before Spring Break. The request and funding came from the Division for Student Life. He also said the Winter Shuttle will have an extended schedule next year.

Three Named as Goldwater Scholars

Three MIT undergraduates are among the 320 recently-named Barry Goldwater Scholars, receiving a prestigious national award given annually to sophomores and juniors planning careers in science and engineering.

The three winners from MIT are Jacob Fox ’06, a mathematics major who plans to pursue a PhD in mathematics with a focus on combinatorics, Kevin K. Miu ’06, a mechanical engineering major who plans to obtain an MD/PhD in biomechantronics, and Alicia Y. Zhou ’06, a biology major who plans to obtain a PhD in cancer biology. Fox and Zhou plan to conduct research at the university level, while Miu would like to “create prosthetics and other devices that can aid in daily routines and contribute to an improved quality of life,” according to the list of winners.

The Goldwater Scholars receive up to $7,500 for each of their remaining undergraduate academic years. Goldwater scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic merit. Of this year’s 320 scholarship recipients, 239 are majoring in science, 45 in engineering, 27 in mathematics, and 9 in computer science related majors, according to a press release from the Goldwater program. There are 165 male scholars and 155 female scholars. Universities can nominate up to four students to be considered for the awards, which honor Senator Barry M. Goldwater.

—Kelley Rivoire

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OCW Materials Translated into Various Languages

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a major philosophical shift from the mid-1990s, when colleges and edu-
cators alike protected their course materials and teaching methods for
private use and monetary gain. The name of the project is an allusion to
open-source software, in which pro-
grammers use the Web to make their
individual computer code available
to others on the condition that any
future advances made are also simi-
larly posted back to them.

MIT was one of the first to
expose the idea of open sharing.
Since then, OCW projects at the
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of
Public Health and Utah State
University have been introduced.
The two programs were launched in
February of this year.

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with the idea of OCW, describes the

Margulies. As of now, only MIT has
promised to put up every undergrad-
uate subject. Other colleges would
also like to put up courses, but most
are restricted due to funding limita-
tions. Some also believe that it is
not necessary to put up again what
MIT has already done.

MIT’s Stellar Web site now
holds many of the school’s internal
sites and require student certificates
for access. Some of them are in the
process of being transferred to
external sites on OCW.

Formal translating partners

Margulies, executive director for
OCW, hopes that OCW will provide
a model for other universities
to use in developing their own OCR

 refund to the MIT education and take
devalue an MIT education and take
books, which may incorporate simi-
lar provisions to commercial-
ization of the information.

“If MIT sets a good standard and
OCW is currently supported by
the Mellon Foundation and the
Hewlett Foundation.

Benefits accrued by those outside
of MIT is the true reason why OCW
was initiated. Yue believes that many
faculty support the project because it
“appeals to the moral higher ground”
by forgiving any attempts to commer-
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“IT sets a good standard and model of how to do it, other people will follow,” Yue said. “Then we
would have truly changed the land-
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Easter is all about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Come find out more and help us **celebrate**! Eat free food, praise God, and learn about the relevance of Easter.

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Men’s Swimming Team Places 10th at Div. III Championships

By Jonathan A. Goler

In an impressive showing, the MIT Men’s Swimming team took 10th place out of 56 teams at the NCAA Division III National championships at Hope College in Michigan.

Coach Dawn Gerken said, “We really surprised a lot of people, and our 10th place finish really shows the level of athletes that our program is fielding.”

Leading off the event, the 200 freestyle relay of Jonathan S. Varsanik ’05, Craig M. Edwards ’07, Matthew Fuzellier G, and Grady A. Snyder ’06 took 10th place with a time of 1:24.74. Then, the team of Edwards, Captain JP Carlucci ’05, Fuzellier and Snyder placed fourth in the 400 Medley Relay and clinched All American standing with a time of 3:24.09.

On the second day, the team of Edwards, Varsanik, Carlucci, and Snyder started the day by taking fifth in the 200 Medley Relay. JP Carlucci swam into 20th place in the 100 Breaststroke, while Craig Edwards tied for third in the 100 Backstroke, coming back with an impressive second half. Fuzellier took 13th in the same event with a time of 52.25. Finishing off the second day, the team of Josiah B. Rosmarin ’06, Kelvin D. Kao ’08, Snyder, and Edwards took 10th in the 800 Free Relay with a time of 6:56.16, touching out rival Springfield College.

The third day began with a fifth place finish by Edwards in the 200 Backstroke with a time of 1:50.76. Snyder and JP Carlucci took 26th place in the 100 free and 200 breaststroke preliminaries, respectively. The MIT team finished out the championship with a win in the consolation finals of the 400 Freestyle relay with a time of 3:06.02.

The final standings put MIT at 135.5 (10th place), a half-point under traditional rival Springfield, but far ahead of rivals Amherst, the Coast Guard, and Tufts.

“A lot of coaches came up and said how impressed they are with our team,” remarked Gerken, further noting that it was the whole team that deserves credit for their hard work in making it to the national competition.

MIT Hosts Boston Open Badminton Tournament

The 2005 Boston Open badminton tournament took place from March 25-27 in Rockwell Cage, featuring top-ranked players from Canada, Russia, and the USA.

(left) Men’s doubles champion Pascal Gagnon jumps for a smash. (below) Women’s doubles champion Lili Zhou fields the shuttlecock. (Photography by Jonathan Wang)