Students at MIT and other universities all around Boston are getting in gear to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Some universities, including the University of Massachusetts system and Boston University, are offering open admissions to students at colleges in the affected areas. Other schools, including Harvard and MIT, will admit a limited number of students on a case-by-case basis.

At MIT, fundraising events have sprung up to help those suffering from the aftermath of one of the worst disasters in the U.S.’s history.

Louis D. Fouche ’07, forced by Katrina to evacuate his home in New Orleans, has started a major effort to coordinate donations, events, and projects on campus.

“We’re trying to unify the entire campus,” Fouche said. His group, which calls itself the MIT Hurricane Katrina Relief Initiative, will have booths in Lobby 10 starting tomorrow to collect donations, and is planning fundraising events over the next few weeks.

Fouche, who is also a community-service chair for Chocolate City, said that the citizens of New Orleans were not going to give up. “We want our city back,” he said. “It’s love…There’s no other place in the world like New Orleans.”

MIT opens spots for refugees. “About 90 MIT students are from the region, and we are reaching out to them through their housemasters, deans and departments to offer support and advice in making it through this terrible difficult time,” wrote President Susan Hockfield in a message to the MIT community.

“In the meantime, we are accepting special applications from students whose educational plans have been interrupted by this disaster,” she wrote. “We will evaluate such applications on a case-by-case basis.”

Many other local colleges have also opened enrollment to a limited number of students. Harvard University will also match donations from students, faculty and staff of up to $50,000.

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The bank no longer stops at the Treasurer’s Office. Many more complex investment expenses. A rising level of professionalism have all driven MIT’s endowment out of the Treasurer’s Office and into an entity called the MIT Investment Management Company (IMCo). Putting MIT more in line with common practice at other top universities, a chief investment officer will take charge of ensuring MIT’s long-term financial stability some time next year.

As federal research grants contribute an increasingly small portion of MIT’s operating revenue, the stability and growth of the endowment have become more important to MIT’s well-being. The success of the new Investment Management Company (IMCo) will be crucial to MIT’s future.

The Student Life Office will not hire a new dean until the completion of an ongoing review of the discipline process; hence, the position is unlikely to be filled this fall, Benedict said.

The committee conducting the review is “looking at the structure of the discipline program,” Benedict said.

After Revamping Community Service, MIT Is First in New College Rankings

By Gabriel Fouasson

MIT ranked number one this year, but not on the U.S. News and World Report’s ranking of national universities. Instead, MIT topped a new ranking, made by the political magazine The Washington Monthly, that focuses on universities’ service to the country.

If The Washington Monthly had performed its assessment three years ago, however, MIT probably would not have won. An important factor in MIT’s top ranking is its turnaround over the last three years in how it spends funds from the Federal Work-Study Program. The FWSF gives money to universities to help pay financially needy students who choose to work while in college. Congress mandates that seven percent of this money go toward community service projects.

Joanna Rodriguez-Noyola ’09 is strapped into a giant bowling ball during Carnival at MIT, held last Friday, Sept. 2 on the Astroturf and in Kresge lot.

Send descriptions of events and efforts to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina to news@mit.edu for listing in The Tech.
Lebanon's President Facing Pressure to Resign

By Hassan M. Fattah
THE NEW YORK TIMES

Pressure has been mounting in recent days for the resignation of President Emile Lahoud, who has clung to office even as his Syrian backers have been forced to withdraw from the country. Lebanon's recently elected prime minister and his Cabinet are avoiding Lahoud, and his influence is hard to detect in most government offices.

He keeps a low profile, rarely making public appearances or giving interviews. But as hard as he may try to remain out of sight, he has been on many minds here in recent days, as Lebanese have taken to predicting his imminent political demise.

Things appeared to come crashing down on Lahoud last week, when four senior security officials, including his current head of security, Mustafa Hamdan, were cited as suspects by a U.N. investigation into the assassination of a former prime minister, Rafik Hariri. It is "all but sure now that he will have to step down — the question is when," said Fares Bouez, a lawyer who is a former minister of foreign affairs and the environment. "The man is no longer able to rule the country, and I don’t think this can last another two months."

Deal Reached on Shipments Of Clothes From China

By Chris Buckley
THE NEW YORK TIMES

BEIJING

China and the EU agreed on Monday to end their dispute over Chinese-made clothing because of the world's overtures to use a high-level meeting in Beijing to stress broader cooperation.

Europe's trade commissioner, Peter Mandelson, and China's commerce minister, Bo Xilai, reached the agreement after days of negoti- ations about how to handle some 400 million euros ($501 million) of Chinese clothes, shoes, and other goods that have been stuck in ports.

"We will sign an agreement that is fair and acceptable to both sides, and will benefit both consumers and businesses," the Chinese prime minister, Wen Jiabao, said at a news conference attended by the British Prime Minister Tony Blair and the European Commission President José Manuel Barroso. Blair said he was confident that the EU would approve the proposed agreement.

Experts Find Reduced Effects of Chernobyl

By Elisabeth Rosenthal
THE NEW YORK TIMES

BEIRUT

Nearly 20 years after the huge accident at the Chernobyl nuclear-power plant in Ukraine, a new scientific report has found that its after-effects on health and the environment have not proved as dire as scientists had predicted.

The report was prepared by a panel of more than 100 experts convened by the U.N. agencies. It says huge compensation programs for people in the Chernobyl region, including the region’s recovery, both by creating a culture of dependency and by soaking up a high percent- age of the region’s resources. It recommends that the compensation programs be reduced.

The report, “Chernobyl’s Legacy: Health, Environmental and So- cial-Economic Impact,” says 4,000 deaths will probably be attribut- able to the accident ultimately — compared with the tens of thousands predicted at the time of the accident.

Bush Selects Judge Roberts To Be Chief Justice of Court

By Richard W. Stevenson and Sheryl Gay Stolberg
WASHINGTON

President Bush nominated Judge John G. Roberts Jr. on Monday to succeed Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, whose death last Saturday opened a second vacancy on the Supreme Court and a new front in the ideological battle over the judiciary. Senate leaders agreed Monday morning to delay by at least two days the start of Roberts’ confirmation hearing, which was set for Wednesday. The hearings will begin as early as Thursday and no later than next Mon- day, with a final decision on timing expected after further discussions.

Bush made Monday’s announce- ment in the Oval Office with Roberts at his side, saying that with just four weeks left before the Supreme Court recessed, it was the interest of the court and the country to have a chief justice on the bench for the first full day of the fall term.

“He’s a man of integrity and fairness and throughout his life he’s in- spired the respect and loyalty of oth- ers,” Bush said of his nominee. “Judge Roberts built a record of excellence and achievement for goodwill and decency toward others as an extraordinary career judge.”

In brief remarks, Roberts said: “I am honored and humbled by the confidence the president has shown in me.”

“I am very much aware that if I confirmed I would succeed a man I deeply respect and admire, a man who has been very kind to me for 25 years,” he said.

Rehnquist died Saturday night at his home in Arlington, Va. He was 80 and had been serving on the court for 33 years, the last 19 as chief justice.

After Bush’s announcement Mon- day morning, several Democrats had urged that Roberts’ nomination hear- ings be delayed to consider him for the post of chief justice.

“Now that the president has said he will nominate Judge Roberts as chief justice, the stakes are higher and the Senate’s advice and consent re- sponsibility is even more important,” the Democratic leader, Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada, said Monday. “If confirmed to this lifetime job, Judge Roberts would become the leader of the third branch of the federal govern- ment and the most prominent judge in the nation. The Senate must be vigi- lant in considering this nomination.”

Bush also said he wanted to dis- cuss the recent developments with Roberts.

“Justice O’Connor has been a voice of moderation and reason on the court, and should be replaced by someone who, like her, embodies the fundamental American values of fair- ness, liberty and equality.”

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D- Mass., also wanted more time.

“Before the Senate acts on John Roberts’ new nomination, we should know even more about his record, and we should know whom the presi- dent intends to propose in his place as a replacement for Sandra Day O’Connor,” he said. “The American people care deeply about the overall balance of their court, and its dedication to the protection of their rights.”

White House Moves To Contain Political Fallout From Katrina

By Adam Nagerour and Anne E. Kornblut
WASHINGTON

Under the command of President Bush’s two senior political advisers, the White House this weekend rolled out a plan to contain the damage from the administration’s response to Hur- ricane Katrina.

It orchestrated visits by Cabinet members to the region, leading up to an extraordinary news conference by Bush to New Orleans on Monday, directed administration officials not to respond to attacks from Democrats on the relief efforts, and sought to move the blame for the slow response to Louisiana state officials, according to Re- publicans familiar with the White House plan.

The effort is being directed by Bush’s chief political adviser, Karl Rove, and his communications di- rector, Dan Bartlett. It began late last week after congressional Re- publicans called White House of- ficials to register alarm about what they saw as a feeble response by Bush to the hurricane, according to Republican congressional aides.

As a result, Americans watch- ing the television coverage of the tragedy this weekend began to see, amid the images of destruction and suffering, some of the highest-pos- ition officials of the administration — Richard B. Myers, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Don- ald Rumsfeld, the secretary of de- fense; and Condoleezza Rice, the secretary of state — courting storm-damaged communities.

Bush himself is to return to Louisianna and Mississippi on Monday, his first visit, on Friday, left some Republicans cringing, in part because the president had little contact with residents left homeless.

Republicans said the adminis- tration’s effort to stanch the dam- age had been helped by the fact that conveyors of troops and supplies had arrived in the area by the time the administration officials turned up. All of those developments were covered deeply by television.

In many ways, the unfolding public relations campaign reflects the style Rove has brought to the political campaigns he has run for Bush.

“We will have to go back and lay out an after-action report, but the time right now is to look at what the wrongness tasks ahead are,” Michael Chertoff, the secre- tary of homeland security, said on NBC’s “Meet the Press.”
Iraqi President Attacks Other Arab Leaders Over Inattention

By Robert F. Worth

JAKARTA, INDONESIA

Iraq’s Kurdish president, Jalal Talabani, issued a bitter rhetorical broadside against other Arab coun-
tries on Monday, saying they had in-
sulted Iraq by not sending diplomats to Baghdad and had not sent condo-
leance letters about the stampede last week in which almost 1,000 Shiite pilgrims were killed.

The president spoke just after two dozen insurgent staged a bra-
zen dawn raid on the heavily guarded of-
fices of Iraq’s Interior Ministry in Bag-
hdad, killing two police officers and wounding five, and two British soldiers were killed by a bomb in southern Iraq.

Speaking at a news conference, Talabani echoed and amplified com-
plaints by other Iraqi leaders about the Arab states’ failure to recognize the stampede, which stunned Iraqis and caused the highest one-day death toll since the U.S. invasion. The com-
plaints, coming largely from Shiites and aimed at the Arab world’s Sunni leaders, hit at a sectarian bias against Iraq, where Shiites are about 60 percent of the population.

“We stood with our Arab brothers in their hard times,” Talabani said. “For instance, we sent a letter ex-
pressing our condolences on the ter-
rorist attack which claimed a lot of innocent lives in Shami el-Ishikh.”

Iraq’s prime minister, Ibrahim al-
Jaafari, hit at a similar criticism Monday when he was asked about the emir of Qatar, who donated $100
million to the American victims of Hurricane Katrina but nothing to the victims of the stampede.

“I’m not condemning what he did, but he should think of Iraq,” al-
Jaafari said.

The comments by Talabani and al-Jaafari came at a time of height-
ened tension with other Arab na-
tions. Last week, Nouri Mousa, the secretary of the Arab League, issued a public criticism of Iraq’s new con-
sitution — which largely by Shiites and Kurds — in which he echoed the criticisms of some Sunni Arabs in Iraq. The Sunnis have opposed two provisions in particular: one that would create largely autono-
mous federal regions, and one that describes Iraq as an Islamic country but not an Arab one.

Airplane Crash in Indonesia Kills 104 on Board and 39 on Ground

By Jane Perlez

An Indonesian Boeing 737 pas-
senger plane crashed into a crowded neighborhood shortly after takeoff in the northern city of Medan on Monday, killing 104 people aboard and 39 on the ground.

The operator, Mandala Airlines, said 13 people sitting in the rear survived the fire that engulfed the plane when it hit a busy road 500 yards from the airport in mid-morning.

About 20 houses caught fire and cars on the road: a major one to the airport, were ablaze. People with their clothes alight screamed for help, and drivers later described escaping their burning vehicles.

Several survivors said the plane, which was headed for the capital, Ja-
karta, made a shaky takeoff and crashed just as the flight attendant had finished the announcement about safety proce-
dures.

“When the plane started to take off it was shaking,” Firdy Ismail, 53, a survivor who was at the Adam Malik hospital, was quoted as saying by an Indonesian Web news service. “The stewardess was going to sit down after making her announcement when the plane crashed.”

Ismail said he was in seat 20 E near the toilet in the tail of the plane. After the crash, a wall in the back of the plane cracked open and he managed to crawl through it before the fire broke out, he said. About 10 other people also escaped through the tail area, he said.

Another survivor, Rohadi Situp, said the plane veered to the left imme-
diately after takeoff. “Then a ball of fire came from the front of the plane toward the end.” Situp told Metro TV, a major news channel.

Mandala Airlines, a low-fare carrier that is partly owned by the Indonesian military, said the plane had 112 passen-
gers and a crew of five.

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Hurricane Katrina has left Louisiana devastated. More than half a million people’s homes have been wrecked beyond repair; the dead number in the thousands; and New Orleans will cease to exist as an inhabitable city until 2006. America has watched one of its most celebrated cultural centers decay within days into an anarchic battleground scoured by human suffering, looting, and murder. But the worst of the storm is over. Now, in this period of crisis management, recovery, and rebuilding, MIT has both the opportunity and the responsibility to use its position of national prominence to help the victims of Katrina.

The Institute has made its initial response. President Hockfield issued a public statement (http://web.mit.edu/katrina/), Counseling services, both emotional and financial, are being provided to MIT students directly affected by the hurricane. The Institute has offered to enroll a limited number of displaced college students. MIT has also issued a list of experts available to those offering their assistance over Independent Activities Period, spring break, and summer 2006; this action is admirable but inadequate. Urgent engineering problems involved in restoring power to hundreds of thousands of residents, removing deadly toxins from the water, and safely draining a flood zone require our expertise now. More complex problems face New Orleans in the coming months, as city leaders prepare to rebuild a ruined infrastructure and a raved city. Here, too, MIT can provide the assistance so desperately needed. The Department of Urban Studies and Planning is a natural resource for the long-term restructuring the city will need. Regenerating a shattered economy could be made easier with help from the Sloan School of Management. Though these concerns do not need immediate solutions, the Institute must not ignore or forget them in the coming months, and must consider them today.

The Institute should also offer a solid commitment to its goal of admitting some of the estimated 100,000 students displaced by the hurricane. In her statement, President Hockfield followed dozens of national universities in pledging that the Admissions Office will consider applications for temporary study “on a case-by-case basis” until Sept. 9. This offer, made in earnest, must be executed to the best of MIT’s ability. When dormitories already face crowding, with so little time to evaluate applicants’ merits, and in light of the terrible pressures facing many potential applicants, whether MIT will really play host to many or any “Katrina special students” is unclear. Should students apply that the Institute cannot accommodate, we urge Admissions to keep in touch with all applicants and ensure that their education continues elsewhere.

Finally, MIT should use its clout as a national university to directly help the victims of Hurricane Katrina. The PSC, along with countless student organizations, is to be praised for promptly coordinating fundraisers. But here, too, MIT could do more. Harvard is matching donations of up to $100 by faculty, staff, and students; if the Institute cannot afford to match donations, it should seek a sponsor who will do so. Such an incentive would at least double the value of contributions from within MIT and could even provide a reason for more people to donate.

However the Institute acts, it must make its plans quickly, announce them clearly, and arrange them coherently. There should be tangible, effective coordination among the varied campus groups working on the relief effort, or time and money will be wasted on internal administration. MIT should start addressing the long-term urban and structural rebuilding of New Orleans now, rather than months later, so that the relief effort can progress seamlessly from short-term solutions to long-term reconstruction. The nation as well as the Institute has a responsibility to use its position of national prominence to help. The effort must be tangible, sincere, and ongoing.

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Errata

A front-page article in Friday’s paper about the Clearinghouse system used in fraternity rush mistated the last time the system was used. Clearinghouse was last used in 2001, not in 1996.

An article on Thursday, “Giggle Cops 125th Tech Managing Board Elections” (The Tech’s annual managing board election roundup article), omitted the election of Brian D. Hemond G to the position of photography editor on Dec. 4, 2004.
Disgust in the Aftermath of Katrina

Barun Singh

Hurricane Katrina is leaving in its wake what will likely be remembered as one of the worst tragedies of American history. The death toll will almost certainly number in the thousands, with orders of magnitude more people displaced from their homes. While this is terrible, the real tragedy is in people’s reactions to the devastation.

It is said that a person’s true character is revealed in times of struggle and crisis. If that is true, the desperate people in New Orleans have made a strong statement indeed. The eruption of utter chaos in the wake of Katrina is perhaps one of the saddest and most pathetic things I have ever seen. Lootin’ deserted stores is perfectly understandable with people dying all around and help nowhere to be found; there is no reason not to seek out essential supplies from wherever you can. But holding up an ambulance at gunpoint or shoot- ing at supply-carrying helicopters, so you can hold these resources for yourself, is nothing short of utterly deplorable.

The situation has gotten so bad that ambu- lances have stopped going into the city. Helic- opters seeking to airlift sick infants are un- able to land. Doctors — seeking only to save as many lives as possible — are fearful for their own safety. The city is quickly becoming a war zone, and not because of the water or devast- ation from the hurricane. No, this devastation is being caused solely by the inhabitants of the city, and they are inflicting it upon themselves out- of a simple lack of principles.

Any person in a state of crisis is likely to think and act differently than they normally would. One cannot attribute to basic human nature, however, the complete loss of morality in such a situation. Overwhelmingly in histo- ry, tragedy brings out the best in most people. This was the situation just one year ago after the tsunami killed over 150,000 in East Asia (a far worse disaster than this from any angle). Reports from those who were present in the villages of Indonesia or Sri Lanka spoke not of violence and selfishness, but of people banding together and working as a community to cope and rebuild. While it is always the case that some people turn to their worst in the face of disaster, “every man for himself” seems to be the mode of operation for a disturbingly large portion of the citizenry left in New Orleans.

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Are these reactions reflective of something in the American culture? Is it specific to New Orleans (which does have a much higher than average crime rate)? Perhaps it relates to the fact that the majority of those remaining in the city are from the lower socio-economic classes. Whatever the reason may be, one thing we can be sure of is that any society in which indi- viduals lose all semblance of humanity in the face of struggle is not one that can survive for long.

The reaction of the government to the tragic situation is almost equally disturbing. People have been huddled into the New Or- leans Convention Center for over three days — many have no food, and no water. We live in the richest country in the world and somehow we don’t have enough resources to bring enough water to a city within our own borders? We have 400,000 military personnel in other countries, but we don’t have enough left to keep order on the streets at home? We don’t have enough military doctors and nurses to help the sick and injured in a time of cri- sis? This is a national emergency; three days should be more than enough to get organized. Perhaps more time should be spent actually planning contingencies for disasters, instead of simply treating the utility of color-coded “terror alert systems.”

At least the government was prepared to supply enough oil to ensure that the hurri- cane wouldn’t affect short-term gas prices too much, even while it failed to supply ba- sic nourishment to the stranded and dying — clearly our priorities are in the right place. Of course, the government is taking measures to help the people affected by Katrina. But it is much too little, too late. On top of it, even the elected representatives of the state are disgust- ed at the behavior of its citizenry. Based on what we have seen so far, this hurricane will leave a much bigger and longer-term impact on our society than its physical destruction — one which will be much harder to deal with than reconstructing a city.

Barun Singh is a graduate student and for- mer president of the Graduate Student Coun- cil. Mr. Singh welcomes comments at his Web site: http://barunsingh.com

Letter to the Editor

I am writing concerning the “Where to Buy Textbooks” chart that was published in the Aug. 29 issue of The Tech. There are two corrections you should make in the listing for Quantum Books: First, we carry EEC’s, Math, Physics, Chemistry, Business, and other texts. Second is the comment regarding price which states “comparable to the COOP after discount.” Here are a few examples of significantly lower prices on new textbooks:

- Atkins’ “Chemical Principles: The Quest for Insight” package with student study guide and solutions manual, Coop price: $177.00, Quantum price: $144.20

While it is true that the differences may not be this great on all items, these are certainly substantial enough to warrant a short walk down the block. And even $2.00 to $3.00 a book on other items can add up over a semester’s worth of books. If I could give a message to the stu- dents it would be this: Comparison shop, and compare values online and in the neighbor- hood. You may need to invest a little extra time but there are definitely bargains to be had if you take a little time to check things out.

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Quantum Books

[Ed. note: A correction in the Sept. 2 issue ad- dressed the types of books sold by Quantum.]
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Condom condumnd

Dear MedLink: I have heard that MIT students can get free condoms at MIT Medical. Can you tell me where and how to get them? I'm too shy to ask. —Condom-Shy

Dear Bashful: As a MedLink, I get asked this question a lot. People often feel hesitant to talk about condoms, so you have performed a real service in bringing up the topic. It is, of course, as a MedLink, I get asked this question a lot. People often feel hesitant to talk about condoms, so you have performed a real service in bringing up the topic. It is, of course, important to use a condom, not only for birth control, but also to prevent the spread of many sexually transmitted diseases—even if you are using another method of birth control.

Students can take a few free condoms from a jar at Health Education, on the second floor of MIT Medical (E23-205), without having to ask anyone. Condoms are also available in most living groups from tutors. If your floor tutor doesn’t provide condoms, or if you don’t feel comfortable asking, you can also seek out one of the MedLinks in your living group. We MedLinks always have a supply of condoms, provided by Health Education, that we make available to you. —Pam

Can I slow the glow?

Dear MedLink: I’ve heard that some people take Tagamet before drinking to prevent “Asian glow.” Does it work, and is it safe? —Seeing Red

Dear Red: As a fellow Asian, I know how embarrassing it is to flush bright red after drinking even a tiny bit of alcohol, so your question especially intrigued me. To find the answer, I spoke with MIT Medical endocrinologist and medical director William Kettyle, M.D.

Dr. Kettyle explained that the body metabolizes alcohol in two steps. First, the enzyme alcohol dehydrogenase converts alcohol to acetaldehyde, which is easily cleared by your body. What we call “Asian glow” occurs in individuals who have relatively decreased activities of the second enzyme, acetaldehyde dehydrogenase. This causes alcohol metabolism to stall in the middle of the process, leading to a buildup of acetaldehyde, which results in flushing and nausea. This condition is fairly common in Asians and Ashkenazi Jews.

Tagamet (cimetidine) is a medication that reduces acid production in the stomach. According to Dr. Kettyle, Tagamet may be a relatively safe way to “slow the glow,” because it will decrease the activity of the enzyme alcohol dehydrogenase, which should decelerate the acetaldehyde buildup that leads to “Asian glow.” But, Kettyle warns, the overall metabolism of alcohol will also be slowed, so even moderate drinking will be more intoxicating than usual.

Of course, the easiest way to prevent the glow would be to not drink at all, but I know people like to enjoy alcohol every once in a while (including me). Thanks for asking this question; I hope my answer helps! And remember, you can always talk with your personal physician at MIT Medical if you still have questions. —Grace

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New Rankings Feature Service

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Community service work. Until recently, MIT, which received $2,228,063 for 2004-2005, had always fallen far below seven percent.

In fact, The Washington Monthly ran an article in its January/February 2002 edition showing that MIT was violating federal law by spending only 1.9 percent of funds on community service. Shortly afterward, in February 2002, the government fined MIT $75,000.

MIT has since improved the situation, and spent about 20 percent on community service in 2003-2004. “MIT leaped from near the bottom of the pack three years ago to near the top today,” wrote The Washington Monthly in its College Rankings article.

Leaping to the top

Making the improvements was not easy, said Jane D. Smith, director of the Student Employment Office, which is responsible for the use of work-study funds. In one of its first efforts, the Student Employment Office joined with the Public Service Center to develop ReachOut, the MIT branch of AmericaReads, a tutoring program for young students developed under former President Bill Clinton.

Because MIT has no education school, the project was not easy to implement, Smith said MIT ultimately sought help from Harvard’s Language and Literacy program. She said MIT hired a literacy professional to train students in tutoring skills, and 40 to 50 students per year now participate in MIT’s branch of AmericaReads.

Smith said a major difficulty in fixing MIT’s underperformance in meeting FWSP quota was the problem of distance: it is harder for students to do community service when they have to travel off campus, Smith said. “They can only afford a certain number of hours a week.”

As a consequence, one program developed to be conveniently on campus is a four to five week summer tutoring program that pays students eligible for work-study. The SEO also spent time developing a system allowing students to be paid with FW funds for community service positions in their home towns over the summer.

The PSC also oversees a summer housing program for MIT students who would like to stay on campus over the summer while working at least 20 hours per week in a community service project.

In developing these programs, PSC Director Sally Susnowitz stressed that it was important that work-study programs not only enrich the community but also entail more than the “mindless ladling of soup.”

Smith said the SEO created their community projects with more in mind than just the law and avoiding fines. “If we were just following the letter of the law we’d stop at seven percent.”

A different ranking system

MIT did not stop at seven percent, and this clearly helped it reap The Washington Monthly’s recognition. The Washington Monthly created its list to make people think about college rankings in a new way. “While other guides ask what colleges can do for students, we ask what colleges are doing for the country,” states the magazine’s introduction.

Specifically, The Washington Monthly chose to look at three criteria: social mobility, research, and community service.

Social mobility is determined by how a university’s graduation rate compares to the expected rate given the number of Pell Grant recipients it has. Research comprises two figures: the total amount of money invested in research and the number of PhDs awarded in science and engineering.

Community service was weighted equally among three factors: students in Reserve Officer Training Corps, students serving in the Peace Corps, and the percentage of federal work-study dollars invested in community service.

The overall system used by The Washington Monthly is similar to that used by The U.S. News and World Report in that the rankings are produced using a combination of different statistics about the universities.

The Washington Monthly, however, uses completely different criteria, none of which are directly scored by USNWR.

Unlike many highly prestigious schools, MIT placed highly in both rankings. MIT ranked first in undergraduate engineering programs and seventh for national universities in the latest U.S. News and World Report ranking.

The Washington Monthly rankings are not unquestionable, of course. FW/SP funds spent on community service represent only a part of the overall community service performed by a university, calling into question the social mobility rankings. When the Boston Globe reported on MIT’s $75,000 fine, it wrote that “the government records MIT students performing only 5,000 hours of community service between 1999 and 2000, but the overall student population (including many who don’t qualify for work-study) actually did more than 30,000 hours of community service, they say.”

Susnowitz, on the rankings, claimed, “It’s not the way I’d do it.”

Assistant Director of Admissions Mathew L. McCormick ’02 called the rankings “a bit simplistic,” pointing out that there are other ways to serve the country upon graduation than by joining Peace Corps (such as by joining AmeriCorps), which The Washington Monthly did not take into account. “But what it tried to measure and rank is admirable,” he added. “This, like any other ranking, should be taken with a grain of salt.”

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Freshmen grab rubber ducks from the Chapel Moat to poten- tally win prizes during the Health and Wellness Fair this past Friday, Sept. 2. The duck raffle was held by MIT’s religious life staff to help welcome the freshmen to MIT.
Opportunities for Helping Are on the Way
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$100 to some charities.

Relief Initiative takes off
About 50 people, including Public Service Center Director Sally Susnowitz, attended a meeting to organize relief efforts around campus on short notice this Sunday, Fouche said. Many students have started to organize events on campus and still more are making donations — during a 40-minute interview, two students walked up to Fouche in a New House lounge to ask about contributing.

The Relief Initiative will focus on three major areas: aid to victims of the hurricane, awareness, and how MIT community members can use their knowledge and experience to help the reconstruction effort.

Upcoming efforts include a clothing drive, a food drive, a fundraising dinner, and a benefit concert with the Berklee College of Music, which will feature New Orleans-native music, he said. Fouche said it is important that interest in helping not fade away over time. “The reason we’re trying to get the whole of MIT involved is so that this doesn’t just die,” he said, referring to aid efforts on campus.

He said a list of events and instructions for contributing will be available online soon at http://web.mit.edu/katrina/relief, and those interested in helping should e-mail katrina-relief at mit.edu.

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For more organizations organizing relief efforts, please see http://www.navoad.org/membersdb.php?members=National. Check Friday’s issue of The Tech for information on ways to get involved at MIT.

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Mon, Sept. 12, 12pm–6pm
Tue, Sept. 13, 10pm–6pm
Thu, Sept. 15, 12pm–6pm
Fri, Sept. 16, 12pm–6pm
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Donations for Hurricane Katrina relief will be collected during the drive. Also, on Thursday and Friday, people will be able to register as bone marrow donors, another great way to help save lives.

It is MIT policy to allow employees time off with pay to donate blood at the drives that are sponsored on campus.

For more information or to make an appointment, visit http://web.mit.edu/blood-drive/ senate/

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Committee to Address Disciplinary Process

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Benedict said he was surprised when Fischer sent him his resignation letter, and that he and Fischer “got along very well both practically and philosophically.” Fischer’s predecessor, Steven J. Tyrell, also left MIT after about one year serving as associate dean for student discipline.

It isn’t always clear to people at first that they’re right for the D. E. Shaw group. Like the poet we hired to head an automated block trading unit. Or the woman who designs solar-powered race cars; we hired her to help launch a new venture in computational chemistry. They didn’t think of themselves as “financial types,” and neither did we. We thought of them as people with extraordinary talent.

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lion, slips in performance have a wide-ranging impact, Buffard said. The Institute’s endowment has languished in recent years, slipping 4.2 percent in 2003 because of poor investment performance in a weak market. This caused a budget crunch the same year, which prompted the Institute to close over winter break, lay off 250 MIT employees, and implement salary freezes.

Changes reflect new complexity

Buffard said that IMCo is MIT’s response to three trends: a more complex and diverse investment environment, a limited pool from which to hire advisors and board members, and increasing the level of professionalism.

While MIT’s investments 30 years ago were nearly all domestic stocks, bonds, real estate, and other traditional financial instruments, he said about two thirds of MIT’s investment activities today involve foreign stocks and bonds, venture capital, hedge funds, and other complex financial holdings.

Buffard said that IMCo would open the door for a greater portion of the “MIT family” to participate in the Institute’s investment activities than the pool of approximately 75 MIT Corporation members.

It would also allow experts and specialists unaffiliated with the Institute to directly consult on policy and strategy. “We want to attract professionals who have specializations in the many types of investments available now,” he said. “We need to access a broader cross section.”

Buffard emphasized that while IMCo will be “a structure to focus on new issues” it will remain “a creature of MIT. It’s completely controlled by MIT.” In addition to the CIO acting as the president of IMCo, the Executive Committee of the MIT Corporation must approve the members appointed to IMCo’s board and its bylaws, and requires that MIT Corporation members must occupy a majority of the IMCo board.

Analogues at other schools

MIT is not unique in establishing an entry solely devoted towards the school’s investment activities. Buffard said schools like Harvard, Princeton, Stanford, and the University of Texas all have equivalents to the IMCo.

However, some investment entities at other universities have come under intense scrutiny from both members of the faculty and alumni associations. Both Harvard and Yale have come under fire in recent years for their investment practices. Harvard was criticized for awarding millions in bonuses to its top investment managers; the university defended its action by highlighting the large returns on the endowment at a time when other universities’ finances were struggling. Yale University’s endowment policies were criticized in 2002 over a conflict of interest between its forest preservation initiatives and possible logging on property owned by one of its subsidiaries.

Buffard said that the IMCo’s functions, while similar to other university’s investment practices, differ from those at Harvard and elsewhere. The staff of IMCo will formulate portfolio policy and strategy, which must then be approved by the all-volunteer board. Once approved, they will be implemented by outside managers. No member of IMCo would receive the seven or eight-figure bonus compensation like the Harvard managers, Buffard said.

MIT’s current network of outside investment managers includes more than 145 different relationships, the largest and oldest of which is with Wellington Management Company; Buffard said. Investment managers generally retain a portion of the gains made on the investment as incentive compensation, rather than being directly compensated by the investment owners like MIT.

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Activities Midway

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Poh Lim, head instructor of the MIT Korean Karate Club, breaks four boards with an elbow strike.

David W. Rush '07 juggles three pins during a presentation by the MIT Student Juggling Club.

John C. Ho G of MIT Sport Taekwondo leaps to break a board held by Charles S. Fisher '08.

MIT Go Club president Kristen M. Burrall '08 plays a game against a club member.

Instructor Lester McCoy flips fellow instructor Patrick Menard over his leg during an American Jiu-Jitsu demonstration.

Lisa Hsu G dances in a performance by the MIT Cheerleading Team.