MIT Fires Professor Van Parijs for Using Fake Data in Papers

By Kelley Rivoire

Professor of Biology Luk Van Parijs has been dismissed after admitting to fabricating and falsifying research data. MIT announced yesterday.

Van Parijs, who came to MIT five years ago and was promoted to associate professor last July, first came under fire in August 2004, when members of his lab reported allegations of misconduct to MIT. They “couldn’t find or identify some of the data,” said Alice P. Gast, vice president for research and a provost. Van Parijs could not be reached for comment yesterday.

The subsequent investigation launched by MIT, which Gast oversaw, concluded this week and made recommendations to Provost L. Rafael Reif, who made the decision to dismiss Van Parijs, she said. The investigation, conducted by “senior members of the community,” whom Gast declined to name specifically, only concerned Van Parijs’ work at MIT, she said.

There was “a serious enough set of allegations and admissions by him that he put on leave and denied access to his lab” immediately last August, Gast said.

None of his coauthors have been implicated, Gast said, and retractions will be printed on the appropriate papers.

Baltimore, who declined to comment.

Van Parijs' coauthors in research groups who brought forward the allegations of misconduct. “It’s really those closest to the research that would be able to determine the specifics of something like this. It’s a case where the system worked, and they felt comfortable coming forward.” The process worked exactly the way you would want it to,” she said.

The investigation is a confidential process to fully gather all the facts related to the case,” she said. “It involves collecting information from materials as well as interviews with the people bringing forward the allegations as the respondent … as well as others involved in the research. It’s a confidential process, and it was done very carefully and very thoroughly an appropriate articles. “We’ll be helping all participants in retractions,” but the allocations are “important to the ASA and the students,” said Srinivas Devadas, assistant head.

by

The Weather

Tonight: Cloudy, showers, 36°F (2°C)

Zahra Khan and Sadaf Ansari ’03 exchange candles for donations toward Asian Earthquake relief efforts yesterday night in front of the Student Center. An earthquake of 7.6 magnitude on the Richter scale devastated the Kashmir territory of Pakistan on Oct. 8. The current official death toll is 3,842.

Art

Serenus Hua ’07 put on a dazzling show at MITSO’s first concert last Friday.

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ASA to Assign Offices After Four-Year Delay

By Marissa Vogt

The Association of Student Activities plans to allocate office space for this fall after the first time since the fall of 2001. Allocations were to take place in the fall of 2003 but were not completed.

In 2003, officers of student groups requesting space were required to complete a form, and the groups were assigned priority levels in the reallocation process, even if they were not assigned to offices.

Applications for office space are due Oct. 29, after which the ASA will assign groups to categories based on priority, said Michael Shaw ’07, ASA undergraduate member at large. The deadline is a firm one for student groups, though it has already been adjusted once by the ASA.

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Miers Withdraws Under Fire From Both Sides of the Aisle

By David Stout and Timothy Williams

WASHINGTON

Harriet E. Miers withdrew her nomination for the Supreme Court Thursday morning after weeks of heated debate over the depth of her conservative beliefs and her qualification to fill the seat to be vacated by Justice Sandra Day O’Connor. Miers, President Bush’s White House counsel, told the president in a letter Thursday morning that she feared that the confirmation process “presents a burden for the White House and our staff that is not in the best interest of the country.” She said that even though her long career offered enough basis for senators to consider her nomination, “I am convinced the efforts to obtain executive branch materials and information will continue.”

Bush issued a statement in which he accepted Miers’ decision with regret, praised her “extraordinarily legal experience” and her character, and said that he agreed senators were intent on gaining access to internal White House documents about her service. Succeeding such paperwork would underrate any president’s ability to get free and unfettered advice from key aides, Bush added.

“Harriet Miers’ decision demonstrates her deep respect for the essential aspect of the Constitutional separation of powers — and confirms my deep respect and admiration for her,” the president said. Bush said he would announce a new nominee “in a timely manner.”

Miers withdrawal is a severe political blow to President Bush, who had vowed to stand by his nominee. The withdrawal comes as senior members of the Bush administration face possible indictment growing out of the disclosure of the identity of a CIA officer two years ago. Public opinion polls also show that the president’s popularity has fallen dramatically as the war in Iraq continues to claim Iraqi and American lives with no end in sight. Miers called President Bush at 8:30 Wednesday evening to inform him she had decided to step aside, the president’s chief spokesman, Scott McClellan, said Thursday. McClellan said the decision was hers alone, in recognition of “the unsustainable impasse” over the issue of separation of powers. As he has repeatedly, McClellan described Miers as “extraordinarily well-qualified.”

Although the president and Miers cited the principle of separation of powers as the basis for her withdrawal, there appeared to be much more at stake than that. The nominee had been severely criticized by senators of all political stripes — by conservatives who doubted her commitment to their cause, especially her feelings about abortion, and by moderates and liberals, who said she knew too little about her, especially since she had never been a judge.

That lack of a “paper trail” was the reason that senators offered for seeking documents related to her White House service — documents that Bush said he would never submit. Indeed, not many days ago Bush said that principle was “a red line” that he would never cross.

Conscientiously or not, Miers’ withdrawal, ostensibly over the principle of separation of powers as it relates to White House papers, is the very scenario that some conservative commentateurs have suggested as a face-saving play for the nominee and the White House.

Israel Ups Reprisals for Killings On West Bank After Bombings

By Steven Erlanger

In the West Bank

Israel intensified a crackdown on Palestinian areas on Thursday, imposing a curfew on the West Bank and carrying out a series of arrests. It also mounted a rocket attack on the car of two Israeli members in a crowded Gaza district, killing them and at least five passers-by.

The Israeli actions, which included banning private cars from traveling in the northern West Bank and creating sonic booms over Gaza for a third night in a row, came in response to Wednesday’s suicide bombing, which killed five Israelis and wounded 20 more in a Haifa market. The attacks are viewed by locals as a response to the July 12 in Netanya, Islamic Jihad, unlike the larger Hamas, is not planning to take part in Palestinian elections, cares least about public opinion and is more directly controlled, the Israelis contend, by Iran through its leadership based in Teheran.

A Abbas the bombing “harms the Palestinian interests and could widen the cycle of violence, chaos, extremism and Moshwad.” But in a speech the Palestinian parliament on Wednesday, he refrained from condemning Islamic Jihad.

A Dark and Damp Weekend

By Michael J. Ring

The weather will be very fitting for the end of daylight-saving time as another rainy, chilly weekend is in the forecast.

A low pressure system currently off the California coast will strengthen and move over the West on Friday, bringing an early-season nor’ easter to the region on Saturday. While the low should pass far enough offshore that the bulk of the precipitation falls on George’s Bank, we will nonetheless have to contend with some rain and a raw wind off the ocean. Temperatures Saturday will struggle to get past 40°F (5°C), and the precipitation will end as snow away from the coast.

After the storm clears, however, more pleasant weather is on tap for next week. Monday and Tuesday should feature high temperatures near 60°F (16°C)—four degrees warmer than climatological means for Halloween and All Saints’ Day.

Extended Forecast

Today: Cloudy and cool. High near 48°F (9°C).
Tonight: Cloudy with showers after midnight. Low near 36°F (3°C).
Saturday: Partly sunny and mild. High near 52°F (11°C); low near 45°F (7°C).
Sunday: Clearing and milder. High near 55°F (13°C); low near 45°F (8°C).
Monday: Partly sunny and mild. High near 60°F (16°C); low near 45°F (8°C).

Wealth & Nation

Facing Sanctions, Syria Mulls Steps To Rally the Home Front

By Michael Slackman

AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

The threat of economic sanctions looming over Syria, officials of the governing Baath Party announced on Thursday that they would formally notify the United Nations on Friday that they will not extend an already 43-year American embargo that has caused hundreds of thousands of Kurds of their citizenship, and would also discuss the prospect of allowing multiple political parties in future elections. The timing of the notice and the consultations — which have been years in the making — will be discussed with the United Nations. The New York Times has seen a draft of a letter to be submitted by Syria’s permanent representative to the United Nations on Thursday — no matter how vague and noncommittal — may provide an indication of how officials are hoping to manage a political crisis in cited by the investigation into the assassination of the former Lebanese prime minister, Rafik Hariri, in February.

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Iraqi Shiite Politicians Agree To Using a Joint Election List

By Edward Wong
THE NEW YORK TIMES BAGHDAD, IRAQ

The country's governing Shiite parties agreed Thursday to put forth a joint list of candidates in upcoming parliamentary elections, ensuring that the religious parties, all with strong Iranian ties, will remain a formidable force in the new government.

The Shiite parties' step, combined with a similar move by three of the country's major Sunni political parties, virtually guarantees that the vote will divide along ethnic and sectarian lines, as it did during the recent constitutional referendum and last January's elections for a transitional Parliament.

With a deadline of Friday to present a list of candidates to the Iraqi electoral commission, the Shiite-dominated coalition, known as the Arab List, decided on a joint list, while the Sunnis have promised to run a separate slate.

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Science Organizations Deny Usage Of Copyright Materials to Kansas

By Jodi Wilgoren
THE NEW YORK TIMES CHICAGO

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In a thoughtful and well-considered opinion in The Tech ("The World Is Getting Smaller and Flatter," Oct. 23), Hector Briceno-Núnez states that ROTC "should be the inclusion of the ROTC as a student group on campus." However, I am unable to divine what specific actions he advocates by his somewhat vague assertion that MIT should "assess" ROTC. I will give Mr. Briceno-Núnez the benefit of the doubt, but at the same time I am not advocating the expulsion of ROTC. There are many reasons why expelling ROTC should not be an option.

I agree that the military policy in question is behind the times. I do not believe ending ROTC at MIT is worth the costs to our institution, in particular to our peers whose enrollment at MIT depends on ROTC scholarships. Ending ROTC would deny these outstanding young cadets and midshipmen the opportunity that should be open to them on the basis of their merit. They have the double distinction of being considered among the world's greatest minds, as well as the finest candidates for positions in our country's armed services. As an institution that values intellectual inquiry, MIT should support the quest of students for independent moral self-discovery. Even some students that I do not consider a cadre case of preparation for leadership in the armed forces would benefit from the value they place on service to our country. We should not hinder the pursuit of these selfless dreams of our fellow students.

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**CLASSICAL REVIEW**

**Violinist Hua Shows Prowess With Carmen Fantasy**

BY TONY HUEANG
correspondent

MIT Symphony Orchestra
Daniel Anzolini, conductor
Serena Hsu '07, violin
Krege Auditory
Friday, Oct. 21, 8:30 p.m.

A
dge audience gathered at Krege Auditory on Friday evening, eager to hear the MIT Symphony Orchestra's first concert of the season. The opening number set the tone for the season, allowing listeners to get a feel for what the orchestra has to offer. MITSO was happy to oblige, programming the first half of the concert with the sultry and exotic melodies of Carmen, a grand symphonic work of Schubert in the second half.

The quality of an orchestra's performance depends not only on the ability of individual players, but also on members' familiarity with each other. This year's MITSO roster consists of many returning players, thus allowing the orchestra to play cohesively. Additionally, new players feel more comfortable, as they are settling in and not struggling to find their own identity.

After some pretty fast tuning from the orchestra, and some stage lighting dimmed on stage and bright lights on the audience (a la Gil Shaham), conductor Daniel Anzolini took his place on the podium and was ready to start with Bizet's "Carmen Suite No. 1." Immediately, the orchestra had the attention of the group. Anzolini has the convincing style of a maestro, and he managed to keep the melodies in motion, from the upper body and rocking back and forth on his feet, almost as if dancing to the music. These motions were extremely fitting for such a vibrant and dramatically intense work, as the orchestra was able to watch, although it was visually distracting in some parts where the conductor was by himself and became lost. However, this technique effortlessly transferred the music and created its climaxes through grand fanfares from the horns as opposed to whistling passages from the strings (e.g. Carmen). As before, the intonation was excellent, appropriately capturing progressions of alternating dissonance and harmony. However, as the symphony is a long one, it is quite mentally taxing on the players and their fingertips began to show through toward the end of the second movement, although it picked up a bit again for the finale.

MITSO's first concert of the season was an encouraging start. Hua's showstopper was great, offering some interesting moments in the interpretation. The orchestra itself delivered the music properly, and with some more passionate playing could become truly remarkable.

**CLASSICAL REVIEW**

**Boston Baroque Presents A Dramatic Agrippina**

BY BYRON RICHMOND

Handel
Martin Pearlman, conductor
Boston Baroque
Baroque vocal performances "are singers." Composer Antonio Vivaldi was of such musical glories.

If, undoubtedly, Pearlman's extraordinary orchestra was the star of the show, the best singing was by hands of the soloists and, as usual, the choral sections at the time of the Roman Empire came from a script in a most unusual way and lacked any useful insights into his personal life.

On the downside, the semi-missing of Sam Helfrich proved to be an unfortunate omission. As an experienced performer, Helfrich has the ability to communicate with his audience and create an atmosphere.

Despite artificial, overdone staging, Martin Pearlman brings out Handel's fabulous musical drama in Boston Baroque's "Agrippina."

For inspiring interest in both orchestra and audience, the performance of Sibelius' "Violin Concerto" and Shostakovich was used as therapy. In any case, BSO still has a good return on its investment, at least when measured in orchestral volume per inch of conductor movement.

Shostakovich's symphonies have been described as long and almost unconscionable; the Eighth in particular became known as the "Symphony of Suffering," an epic on the war at over an hour in length.

The piece builds tension in "foreboding grief" through the long (almost 30 minutes) first movement. Two fast movements follow, typical Shostakovich slow with downbeats and few legatos, "a world of full-blown self-important melodicism, seen through the lens of grotesque caricature," according to the program notes. The work climaxes in the fourth movement, largo, with tremendous sequences that make use of the entire orchestra, cymbals and all. The fifth and final movement, which featured many melodic and thematic solos by the principal musicians—always returning to the same recurring theme—created a welcome melodic change from the constant rhythmic barrage of the previous movements. Many passages showed a talent for fine winds and brass.

The symphony was overwhelming — as a work about the tragedy of war probably should be. Overcome with the weight of mortality, much of the audience no longer had the energy for the type of rousing ovation that had followed the Sibelius.
Once Again ‘Saw 2’ Makes the Cut
Gory Thriller Just in Time for All Hallows’ Eve
By Yong-ji Zhu

FILM REVIEW ★★★

The Legend of Zorro
Directed and Written by Martin Campbell
Starring Antonio Banderas, Catherine Zeta-Jones
Rated PG
Opens Today

The kernel of the story is well known — the bad guy is planning something evil. Now that all cards are laid out, everyone knows what the hero is suspicious of him. This suspicion is probably the most predictable element of the plot, which is a hallmark of a typical superhero film. The hero is a glamorous rich man (or a man who’s funded by a rich man in the case of Zorro in this film, where a failing marriage can offer everything but love). As a result, “The Legend of Zorro” is a predictable movie with a predictable ending, but it’s enjoyable to watch.

Set in California about 10 years after the first film, this movie again revolves around California scenery intercut through the movie, beautiful but natural than most superhero action movies. The acting in the movie is also quite good. Catherine Zeta-Jones is an obvious star of the movie, beautiful but dangerous, emotional but mousy — playing a role that recalls her character in “Evita.” Antonio Banderas also performs convincingly, offering sword fights, humor, and is full of bittersweet challenges. The movie, though predictable, is well made and evokes more natural than most superhero action movies that came out have recently.

“The Legend of Zorro,” though predictable, nonetheless offers sword fights, humor, and breathtaking cinematography.

The sequel “Saw 2” is a horribly gruesome film just in time for Halloween scares. First, I must admit that I thought this movie was going to be a romantic comedy, but I was wrong. “Shopgirl” is a drama about life and love, and is full of contradictions and challenges, this certainly is not the typical chick flick with a happy ending. Claire Danes perfectly portrays Mirabelle as the complex character that she is, with much of the movie focusing on her facial expressions rather than on what the audience is thinking. She carries the film, and you can’t help but wish for the best for her. I felt my pain as she struggled with the challenges of an imperiled life and understood the choices she made. In addition, Steve Martin and Jason Schwartzman completely disappeared into their characters. They contrasted each other in every way, even exposing the flaws of the other.

One of my favorite aspects of this film was the subtle symbolism throughout. It was particularly intriguing by the 52 stairs to Mirabelle’s apartment — they rise and rise, but right before her apartment go down half a flight. They are shown repeatedly in the film as well as commented upon, and represent Mirabelle’s attempt to reach the apex of her dreams, only to be brought down again by reality. I also enjoyed the circular nature of the film, with the same scene of cars on a highway opening and closing the film.

The major fault of the film was the slow pace. Often the story dragged, and even the wonderful musical score could not save the movie from a tedious pace and lightened this often heavy film. However, the movie as a whole was very good — it intelligently represented the ups and downs of life, and life’s inability to lead you to a specific place. Up until the last scene, I was unsure which woman she would choose, with neither being the obvious, and perfect, choice. “Shopgirl” is a grown-up movie that shows the pains of real life.

Watch the movie, please. “Shopgirl” is a grown-up movie that shows the pains of real life.
**FILM REVIEW**

**Not Quite ‘Prime’ Material**

Witty Lines and Intimate Insight Get Bogged Down in This Romantic Comedy

By Danhee Kim

Directed by Ben Younger
Screenplay by Ben Younger
Starring Uma Thurman, Meryl Streep, Bryan Greenberg
Rated PG-13
Open Today

I t’s a love story with the finest smatter- ing of smart, funny lines that could pull laughs from any audience. The acting is aces, and the story is intriguing. But there is a taut sluggishness to Focus Fea- tures’ newest movie, “Prime,” which just barely fails of delivering a really memorable movie experience.

Lisa O’Hara (Uma Thurman) is a 37-year-old ca- reer woman living in Manhattan and seeing a therapist about her recent divorce. Dave (Bryan Greenberg) is a talented 25-year-old painter from Brooklyn. Despite the large age gap, the two fall in love. Ralf’s therapist Lisa (Meryl Streep) — who is part counselor, part Jewish mother — does her best to guide her patient with gentle care through Ralf’s post-divorce slump and urgent awareness of her ticking biological clock. Lisa encourages Ralf’s new fling, warning that although this relation- ship may not be the right one for long-term, it would be alright to share the same bed and have a little fun.

However, Lisa begins to find it hard to lis- ten to details of Ralf’s love life after she real- izes that the man Ralf has fallen for is really her son, Dave. You can just imagine her comic reactions to that one. Lisa struggles to main- tain a good therapist-patient relationship, but the secret is soon out, and complications after complication swirls around the couple, who are battered by culture clashes, restrained ar- guments, and an absolute storm of opinions from family and friends.

Uma Thurman delivers a wonderful perfor- mance as a career-driven woman with a few intense pet peeves, who nonetheless loves be- ing in love and desperately wants a family of her own. Bryan Greenberg complements her both physically and emotionally on screen, and brings a heartwarmingly naive and boister- ous awkwardness to the character of Dave, who does a lot of growing up and self-discovery through the film. Meryl Streep, as always, gives a brilliant performance on screen, de- livering laughs with her comic reactions to her son’s love life and delivering lines with quiet power in the more emotional or psychological scenes.

The setup is intriguing enough to bait an audience with both the assumption that Ralf and Dave’s relationship is inevitable and the anticipation for what will break loose when the whole truth is out. The story is well writ- ten, and there are so many brilliant comic mo- ments, ranging from visually ironic scenes to the perfectly timed one-liners. But while some parts of the movie are a subtle shaping of the story, this subtlety sometimes turns just plain boring in places where the pace slows to a barely decent crawl. In between those moments of comedic brilliance and memorable scenes of soft but not too sappy sentimental- ity, audience members will feel as if though they missed half the fun. This em- otography does little in an artistic sense, in fact, it’s almost too bland to even consider its existence in this film. Very little about this movie stood out as creative, artistic, or even innovative.

That being said, the ending does give au- diences a twist from the usual endings of ro- mantic comedies. Not only are Ralf and Dave’a fantastical on-screen couple, but the blossoming friendship between Ralf and Lisa is another excellent character development and commen- tary on the many relationships that complete a person’s life. However, though “Prime” has moments of glory to bask in, the package as a whole isn’t much to get worked up over.

**FILM REVIEW**

**‘Protocols’ an Eye-Opener to American Anti-Semitism**

By Yong-yi Zhu

“Protocols of Zion” Directed by Marc Levin
Think Film
Not Rated
Opened Oct. 21, 2005

W as there a major Jewish plot to bomb the twin towers on Sep- tember 11th? Were there millions of Jews who did not die because they were warned not to go to work that day? Is there really a conspiracy by the Jews that began at the start of the twentieth century that foretells their rise to world domination?

These are the questions that director Marc Levin set out to answer in his documentary, “Protocols of Zion.” In a series of vignettes that focus primarily on anti-Semitism and the overarching problem of the distrust of Jews in America, Levin presents a collage of the extremists who believe in the “Protocols” and some of the reasons they might adopt such a radical philosophy.

“The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion” is a piece of apocrypha, supposedly documenting a plot by the Jews to take over the world. It lists a series of protocols, consisting of instructions the Jews are superior to other people and how they might take advantage of this power. All of the protocols are outrageous in their message, and most reasonable people would not believe them. It is said that this book was written at the turn of the century by a group of Jewish elders. However, the truth is that the “Protocols” were written by anti-Semites who wanted to use this book to create an anti-Jew movement. Hitler, for example, used the “Protocols” during World War II to implicate the Jews in all of their purported wrongdoings.

For this movie, the director ob- tained a wide-ranging sample of believers from the most extreme separatists to the more moderate. Take, for example the National Alli- ance, an organization that cultivates separatist beliefs. Levin traveled to West Virginia to interview the leader of that organization. He discovered that the group sells all sorts of Nazi materials, from the “Protocols” to Swastika flags. In fact, the leader ad- mitted to having gone to Auschwitz and purchased hair there, adding that the camp is now more of a tour- ist site than a memorial. This simple incident shows the lack of respect some people have, even today, for the Holocaust and the millions that died in the tragedy.

When Levin went to a street corner in New York and asked several African Ameri- cans about their views on the September 11 tragedies, he received shocking responses. One person pro- claimed that of course the Jews knew about it beforehand. In fact, he said that the whole world is being run by Jews and we needn’t look further than Pepsi and the像 him and many oth- others, Pepsi is a conspiracy that stands for “Pay Every Penny to Swastika”! Outrageous as it may sound, there are many who believe in this. Perhaps ignorance among these people is propagated by the lack of genuine informa- tion available.

In fact, according to Levin, even the Jews in Hollywood are hesitant to discuss the issues of their religion. Before the release of “The Passion of the Christ,” he called up Larry David and Rob Sch-neider, two prominent Jews in show business, to set up a lunch with them and discuss how the movie portrays and deals with the themes of Judaism. Neither of them were willing to partake in this discus- sion. It was almost as though they were afraid to publicize their views, choosing instead to hide their religious beliefs. Without public exposure, the problem remains concealed and people are left unaware of the issues.

Not until “Protocols of Zion” did I real- ize that massive separatist movements and anti-Semitism abound in the United States. Through this series of vignettes, Levin is able to paint a complete picture of this movement, which plagues many parts of this country to- day. This enlightening movie helps to open the audience’s eyes to major current political and social issues of which most are ignorant. It is an excellent movie to watch to learn more about anti-Semitism — but be warned, the director does not offer any solutions to mitigate this hatred. The audience is thus faced with a sense of hopelessness, feeling that because this has been going on for the last hundred years, it is destined to continue and that perhaps even their own benevolent acts will have little impact on a problem of such a grand scale.
Compiled by Kevin Der
Trio

Can I go home now?

No. He said he'd pick me up near Kresge around 8. Be patient.

But, I wanna go home and SLEEP!

I had a long day at work today...

I want you to meet my date, first. And, besides, you don't HAVE a job.

Yes, I do. You know those flyers you see posted around campus? The ones that pay volunteers to be in lab experiments?

Well, if you find A LOT of 'em...

Actually...on second thought...maybe you should just...go home.

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by Emezie Okorafor

Deviants From The Norm

But why are there Harvard clones in Lobby 7?

Hey...what's that on the back of their necks?


Those stickers show up in the oddest places.

by A.K. Turza

More Cowbell

Early period...

Middle period...

Modern period...


Aflac.

by Jia Lou

FVCKED

i did course xiii...

so i guess all i got...

but my diploma won't say that.

is this cool t-shirt.

by Colin Dillard
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After W20 Renovation Attempt, Total Office Space Unchanged

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the application is designed to get as much information as possible from
groups, Shaw said.

The office space designated for

student activities is under the super-

vision of the Office of the Dean for

Student Life but is assigned to the

ASA with the understanding that

the space be reallocated with “some

regulations,” said Director of Campus

Activities Complex Philip J. Walsh.

He said that the CAC works with the

ASA in terms of the physical condi-
tion of the offices but is not involved

with the ASA’s policies on how often

they review space or the criteria by

which they assign offices.

Two factors that contributed to the

cancellation of the 2003 alloca-
tions were miscommunication be-

 tween the ASA and the CAC, and

Student Center renovations that were
planned but never carried through.

In the fall of 2004, the ASA attrib-
uted its delays to renovations needed

to create more student space, though

Shaw said that the ASA currently

has the same amount of space to al-
locate as it did four years ago.

Applications to be made public

Once the ASA receives space requests from student groups, they

will assign the groups to different
categories based on priority and

whether or not the group currently

has an office, Shaw said. Requests

from groups that currently have of-

fice space are considered separately

from requests by groups that do not

have a space.

Shaw said that it is unlikely that

subsets of these categories, such as
groups without offices who had re-

quested office space in the fall 2003
allocations, will receive special con-

sideration. However, he said that

groups with an office space will likely have “good

applications” because of their previ-

ous experience.

Groups that currently have office

space are prioritized into the follow-

ing categories: groups that will re-
tain their current office or may gain

space; groups that may lose some of their space, gain rooms, or, change offices; and groups that will lose their office space. Groups that do not have space are divided into three categories based on priority.

Following prioritization but

with annual allocations given, groups may appeal the ASA’s deci-

sions.

This year, groups’ applications

will be made publicly available af-

ter appeals are completed, though

the ASA operating guidelines do not specifically address the publication of responses. Shaw said, “It adds a degree of transparency to the whole process.”

Shaw said that office space moves will happen in January, and that he expects the ASA to give out allocations in December before fi-
nals week.

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Retraction of Research Should Not Undermine Field

Peter Sandy, a postdoctoral associate at the University of California San Francisco, who formerly worked in Van Parijs' laboratory, also said that the incident “doesn’t really affect my work.”

Gast said that Van Parijs’ former graduate students “have been able to carry on their research with new advisors and new projects. MIT has ‘done the best we can to take care of their futures,” she said.

In recent years, many have called into question the competitive “publish-or-perish” environment that can drive scientific research. Nicholas Steneck, University of Michigan professor of history and a consultant for the ORI, reported in 2000 that while one in 100,000 research cases had been involved in misconduct, reported knowledge of misconduct is higher than one percent.

Gast said she said that she knew of no similar conduct by other individuals or environment that would lead to such conduct at MIT. “It’s an isolated individual behavior,” she said. “I don’t think it’s endemic or systemic.” Nonetheless, the case may serve as an important lesson that “integrity is extremely important to scientific research,” she said.

Beckett W. Sterner contributed to the reporting of this story.

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Volleyball looks ahead to end of season Coast Guard match

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Lowing Smith to recover defensively with a full offensive sequence. Tech extended its lead to 19-13 before Reynolds' second trip to the service line put the contest out of reach. With a match-high fourth ace, Reynolds put the Engineers up 24-13 en route to a 30-19 victory. Zimmerman finished the match with 36 assists as the Engineers hit 0.248 as a team. Jordan and Stephenson each tallied 11 kills, with Jordan needing only 26 swings to record her match-high 0.385 performance. Saturday, the Engineers will close the regular season and host Coast Guard (21-3, 7-1 NEWMAC) at 1 p.m. in Rockwell Cage. Last year's meeting of Coast Guard was a marathon match of two unbeaten teams, with the Engineers losing in five games after having held a 2-0 lead. Earlier this season, Tech swept Coast Guard in the championship match of the MIT Invitational.

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As Reynolds Sets MIT Records

Reynolds, whose 29 digs helped her collection of record-breaking performances to keep MIT perfect in NEWMAC play with a 3-0 (28-19, 30-15, 30-19) rout of Smith College Tuesday night in Rockwell Cage. The victory set up a Saturday home showdown against Coast Guard with the winner for the second straight year clinching the regular season championship and the privilege of hosting the conference tournament.

Reynolds, whose 29 digs helped the Engineers hold the Leos to a team hitting performance of just 0.014, eclipsed an 11-year-old mark for digs in a three-game match previously held by Parearn Dhall ’95. Offensively, Caroline D. Jordan ’06, Frances M. Rogoz ’07, and Briana J. Stephenson ’07 each registered double-figure kills as the Engineers needed just over an hour to register one of their most consistent and convincing victories of the season.

For the second time in the 2005 campaign, MIT (26-7, 8-0 NEWMAC) recovered from a weekend upset to soundly defeat a conference opponent. Held to a team hitting performance of just 0.029 in Saturday’s contest at Smith, the Engineers looked to be in danger of repeating that season-low performance in the opening game, staking the Lyons (19-6, 5-3 NEWMAC) to a 3-0 lead on a pair of hitting errors. Despite recovering to take a 4-3 lead on Lindsay Hunting’s serve, the Engineers had not yet secured their second point in the opening frame, and Reynolds opened the scoring with a dramatic momentum shift from Saturday’s entire match. She converted 22 scores through kills after having missed six of her match-high 13 kills with an error. Reynolds turned a 7-7 tie into an 11-7 advantage during her first trip to the service line, thanks to a service ace and a clever kill from Zimmerman, who turned a courageous defensive sequence from the Lyons into a heart-stopping defeat with a first-touch set deep into the Smith backcourt.

When Smith libero Megumi Sasaki’s errant touch on a Rogoz blast looked to be a sure kill, NEWMAC dig leader Kate M. Sorensen ’08 purloined the ball beyond midcourt, evading the second official and nearly colliding with MIT head coach Paul Dill. Appropriately, Reynolds closed the ball beyond the official and nearly colliding with MIT head coach Paul Dill. Appropriately, Reynolds closed the second set with an ace. The 30-13 game margin was Smith’s most lopsided defeat of the 2005 campaign.

The Engineers continued the run in the third game, with Reynolds collecting 12 digs and Rogoz blasting six of her match-high 13 kills without an error. Reynolds turned a 7-7 tie into an 11-7 advantage during her...