Designs Are Finalized As Reading Room May at Last Be Renovated

By Diana Jue

The fifth-floor Student Center reading room, basically unchanged since its inception in 1965, may soon undergo new construction.

New plans for the renovation of the Student Center’s fifth-floor reading room are currently being reviewed by students before they are finalized by architects and submitted to the Division of Student Life in the Committee for the Review of Space Planning.

Renshaw cite the addition of a lounge and ID-activated lockers in the entry area, according to floor plans designed by Signer Harris Architects. New lighting fixtures and retractable shades are also a part of the plan. The carpet and all the chairs will be replaced.

“The intent is to make it more airy,” said Undergraduate Association Senate Speaker Andrew T. Lunkman ‘07.

An acoustically sealed partition will divide the room into two sections.

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MIT Alums Race to Mars With Start-Up Company

By Hanhan Wang

Talk about reaching for the stars. Last month, a few MIT alumni turned space entrepreneurs launched 4Frontiers Corporation, a start-up dedicated to building a self-sustaining settlement on Mars by 2025.

“4Frontiers is like a start-up, establishing civilization on the Red Planet,” said Joseph D. Palma, IV, MIT graduate student and co-founder of 4Frontiers.

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Hockfield Addresses Ethics in Universities

A university has a responsibility not only to its members, but to the world, said President Susan Hockfield yesterday, delivering the 2005 Arthur Miller Lecture on Science and Ethics. In her lecture, Hockfield repeatedly highlighted the importance of a university’s faculty governance structure in “fulfilling our responsibilities.”

She made only brief mention of two recent cases of ethical problems raised at MIT, namely the dismissal of a faculty member over scientific misconduct and an ongoing investigation into allegations of fraudulent missile defense test data. Hockfield focused instead on the universals of university ethics.

Responsibility prominent Hockfield described the evolution of the university, from a keeper of knowledge in medieval times, to the emergence of the modern research university as a locus for both teaching and innovation. She said MIT’s example challenges those who believe that research and education are mutually exclusive.

Hockfield emphasized a need for MIT to be a place of “high moral standards” to meet its two goals of educating students to become leaders and advancing knowledge for humanity.

“We must fulfill our responsibilities to each other if we are to fulfill our responsibilities to the world,” she said. Because scientific knowledge is cumulative, researchers “must be able to rely on the work of their colleagues,” she said.

Members of a university must also have academic freedom and be able to “explore unfashionable hypotheses,” she said, emphasizing the need for the campus to remain “intellectually open.”

As a university, MIT must also fulfill its mission to engage with and improve the world, through innovation, education, and the power of example. “Work at MIT generates new ideas,” she said.

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SigEp Returns to MIT After Short Hiatus

By Daniela Cako

After having its chapter revoked earlier this year, fraternity Sigma Phi Epsilon has returned to campus and is recruiting members. The nationalSigEp headquarters had revoked the MIT chapter’s charter in January 2005 because of its lack of members and decreasing size.

SigEp officers aim for the local chapter to grow to 20–25 members this year and to have around 50 members in the long run, said Jason A. Cherish, director of New Chapter Development in the national SigEp.

The MIT SigEp chapter is trying to rejoin the Intrafraternity Council, and has undergone a reorganization. As required by the national SigEp, all potential new members must go through an application process with the national organization. The fraternity house will also be recruiting through an application process with the national organization.

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Alvin W. Drake

Drake was born in Rayon, N.J., specialized in decision analysis, applied probability, applications of operations research to public systems, and blood and organ banking.

Drake’s best-known MIT course, Probabilistic Systems Analysis 6.041, has been “legendary,” said Richard Larson, Mitsu Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering and of Engineering Systems. “He taught students to think in terms of basic principles, in the MIT tradition,” Larson said.

Drake’s own enthusiasm for the Institute and his devotion to the

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The Tech will not publish on Friday because it is a student holiday. Regular publication will resume November 15.
The Indian foreign minister, Natwar Singh, resigned Monday, as pressure mounted over allegations that he and the governing Congress Party had collected kickbacks from the U.N.-oil-for-food program in Iraq.

Singh, 74, a veteran Congress Party politician, is among the most visible proponents of India's ambition to hold a permanent seat on the U.N. Security Council. He is to remain a Cabinet minister without portfolio and go on to chair the Congress Party. Singh, but he will be relieved of his foreign ministry duties, the prime minister's office announced in a statement late in the day.

Earlier on Monday, the prime minister's office appointed a commission of inquiry to investigate the allegations against Singh, to be headed by a former Indian Supreme Court chief justice.

Singh was named in a report by a U.N. commission headed by Paul Volcker, the former chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, which investigated accusations of abuse of the oil-for-food program.

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

The Supreme Court announced on Monday that it would decide on the validity of the medical commissions that President Bush wants to use to bring detainees charged with terrorist offenses to trial.

The case, to be argued in March, places the court back at the center of the national debate over the limits of presidential authority in conducting the war on terror.

Last year, the Supreme Court rejected the administration's position that the federal courts have no jurisdiction over those held as enemy combatants at the United States naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

This time, once again, the justices acted over the vigorous opposition of the administration, which urged the court to stay its hand and defer any review until after a detainee has been tried by a military jury and convicted.

Lawyers representing Salim Ahmed Hamdan, the Yemeni who brought the challenge to the commissions, argued that the issues of domestic and international law raised by the case were sufficiently important to be heard and resolved without further delay.

The military and civilian lawyers representing him are arguing that Bush had neither statutory nor executive authority to establish military commissions. Further, they argue that the commissions, as defined by the military order the president issued on Nov. 13, 2001, violate the Third Geneva Convention.

In addition, withholding protections that defendants would be guaranteed in courts-martial.

Hamdan, described by the government as Osama bin Laden's former bodyguard and driver, is charged with conspiracy, murder and terrorism.

He was captured in Afghanistan in 2001 and since 2002 has been held at Guantanamo.

He is now one of a dozen detainees, out of the more than 500 still held there, who have been designated by Bush as eligible for trial before military commissions.

These would be the first trials by military commissions since the World War II era. Preliminary motions for the first trial, for an Afghan detainee, David Hicks, are due to be heard at Guantanamo Bay next week.

The Pentagon said Monday after- noon that it would proceed as planned, but Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly, a U.S. District Court judge here with jurisdiction over another aspect of the Australian's case, ordered the parties to file briefs addressing whether the hearing should now be postponed.

Although the Hamdan case, Hamdan v. Rumsfeld, No. 05-184, is likely to be the marquee case of the Supreme Court term, it will be decided without the participation of the new chief justice, John G. Roberts Jr.

That is because he was a member of the three-judge panel of the federal appeals court here that rejected Hamdan's challenge to the commissions, overturning a ruling issued by U.S. District Judge James Robertson last November.

The appeals court issued its decision on July 15, four days before Bush named Roberts to the Supreme Court. When Hamdan's lawyers filed their Supreme Court appeal three weeks later, it was obvious that Rob- erts, if confirmed to the Supreme Court, would be ineligible to partici- pate.

Impose Curfews Following Riots

In an escalating legal battle, Qualcomm said on Monday that it had filed suit against Nokia, accusing the mobile phone maker of infringe- ment on a dozen patents related to GSM, a cell phone standard that is used in two of its three handsets worldwide.

The suit, filed on Friday in a federal court in San Diego, comes after several companies — including Nokia, Ericsson, Texas Instruments, and Broadcom — filed a complaint on Oct. 28 with the Euro- pean Union, charging that Qualcomm offered lower royalties on its cell phone chip patents if customers also bought the chips.

The lawsuit intensifies an already fierce battle over one segment of the wireless technology market, raising the stakes for both companies. The suit comes as Nokia and others are rushing to develop new chip products.

The civil unrest sweeping France spread to nearly every major city in the country by Monday, claimed its first death, and even touched two cit- ies overseas. An incident that could further escalate the situation.

President Bush on Monday endorsed widening the Panama Canal and cited progress in reaching a free-trade agreement with Panama's president, Martin Torrijos, whose friendly reception here was in sharp contrast to the hostility that Bush has encountered on a four- day trip to Latin America.

But Bush, after saying "we’re getting close" on the trade pact be- tween the United States and Panama, said Democrats might block it in Congress, and blamed them for holding up recent trade deals.

"We want to close the "gap,"" the president said at a joint news conference with Torrijos at Casa Amarrilla, the Yellow House, a 17th-century mansion that houses the Foreign Ministry and overlooks the Bay of Panama.

Bush added that in the past, the Democratic Party "had free-trade members who are willing to make the right decisions based not on politics, but based on what's best for the interest of the country, and that spirit has dissipated in recent votes."

The local police officers assigned to re-establish order very quickly on Oct. 27) in part because the initial nights of unrest did not seem particu- larly unusual in a country where an average of more than 80 cars were set on fire every day this year even before the violence.

The government at first seemed distracted by internal political squab- bles as the arson and attacks on the police gathered momentum last week and hopscotched across the nation.

If that appears paradoxical as the violence spiraled into the worst civil unrest that France has faced in nearly 40 years.
Suicide Bomb Kills 4 Soldiers In Deadliest Attack in Months

By Sabrina Tavernise and Kirk Semple

A suicide bomber blew a car packed with explosives into an American checkpoint on Monday, killing four American soldiers in the single deadliest suicide bombing against an American target in Iraq since the war began a year ago.

The bomb struck the checkpoint, which was in a road in southern Baghdad, said Spc. Ricardo Branch of the 3rd Infantry Division. The soldiers were on patrol because of recent killings.

The military declined to say how many American soldiers died but confirmed that four soldiers were killed.

Several military officials said the suicide bomber was wearing a Tibawi suicide vest, which is a plastic container filled with explosives. The soldiers were killed as they were waiting to be moved to a detention facility on the base.

And in Washington, the Pentagon announced plans to rotate troops back from Iraq, where it has fought since March 2003. The U.S. was over 92,000 in Iraq through 2008, though officials emphasized that the numbers may fluctuate.

The attack was the largest against American forces since an American car bomb drove into an American convoy in Fallujah, a restive city west of Baghdad, killing at least six people. Before that, a bomb struck a U.S. checkpoint in the spring of 2004, when a car bomber killed eight soldiers, also in southern Baghdad.

Suicide car bombs against American forces have become a tactic used by insurgents to underscore the increasing skills of insurgents here. Military commanders acknowledge that insurgents are now staging more sophisticated attacks, but say troops responded to the changes. Of the more than 2,000 American deaths in Iraq to date, most have been caused by soldiers' vehicles hitting unexpected improvised bombs. Suicide bombers have tended to strike so-called soft targets, like mosques and markets, where security is virtually nonexistent.

The attack came as U.S. Marines, assisted by insurgents, fought back in Ur, a Ninth Century. The Marines lost four for a day, in a day-long battle.

But the victory against the insurgents came at a high cost, with several U.S. soldiers wounded in fighting on Monday — officials did not release the exact number — but none were killed. Only one Marine has been killed in the operation, officials said. Ground resistance has been coming under sporadic fire from AK-47 assault rifles, rocket-propelled grenades and at least one hand grenade.

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Barun Singh

Facing the only serious threat to this nation’s sovereignty since our Constitution came into effect in 1789, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt had one primary message for the American people: sacrifice. Not just by those engaged in combat, but by those on the homefront. In his famous “Four Freedoms” speech in 1941, FDR stated, “Yes, and we must prepare, all of us prepared, to make sacrifices to save the freedom we are fighting for.”

In response, the entire country, still reeling from the Great Depression, answered the call. By urging every citizen to engage in the war effort, FDR was able to not only change the production mode of an entire economy, but also to unite the entire nation towards a common cause, fostering a sense of patriotism not seen since.

In contrast, consider the present day. The President has told us for the last four years that we are engaged in a “global war against terror” — one unlike any other, and one that will require sacrifice and persistence. It was a war spurred on by the only attack on American soil from outside since Pearl Harbor. Despite this, where is the sacrifice on the homefront now? Where is the call to rally the citizenry and move the country towards a safer and brighter future?

The results between our current situation and World War II do not run very deep. Unlike World War II, our war was begun preemptively.

What are we willing to sacrifice so that...
The growing tension between President George W. Bush and his Vietnamese counterpart, Hu Chau, emerges as discussions on the Free Trade Agreement of the Americas (FTAA) have stagnated or, some would argue, collapsed. It is tempting to dismiss Chau’s invectives against international capitalism as underscoring of serious consideration, as he is admittedly predisposed to hyperbole and sensationalism. However, adopting such a posture is imprudent, because ideology retains a powerful degree of influence in shaping economic policy and, more importantly, his words convey some powerful truths.

As a long-term strategy, protectionism is widely recognized to be a prescription for failure, especially as the economies of the world become increasingly interdependent. The abysmal standards of living in Cuba and North Korea offer striking affirmations of this assertion, as did the implosion of the Soviet Union. Indeed, those who would have the world revert to isolation articulate a uniquely regressive and damaging strategy for achieving economic growth. It is not surprising that the implosion of the Soviet Union. Indeed, those who would have the world revert to isolation articulate a uniquely regressive and damaging strategy for achieving economic growth. Indeed, those who would have the world revert to isolation articulate a uniquely regressive and damaging strategy for achieving economic growth. Indeed, those who would have the world revert to isolation articulate a uniquely regressive and damaging strategy for achieving economic growth. Indeed, those who would have the world revert to isolation articulate a uniquely regressive and damaging strategy for achieving economic growth. Indeed, those who would have the world revert to isolation articulate a uniquely regressive and damaging strategy for achieving economic growth. Indeed, those who would have the world revert to isolation articulate a uniquely regressive and damaging strategy for achieving economic growth. Indeed, those who would have the world revert to isolation articulate a uniquely regressive and damaging strategy for achieving economic growth. Indeed, those who would have the world revert to isolation articulate a uniquely regressive and damaging strategy for achieving economic growth. Indeed, those who would have the world revert to isolation articulate a uniquely regressive and damaging strategy for achieving economic growth. Indeed, those who would have the world revert to isolation articulate a uniquely regressive and damaging strategy for achieving economic growth. Indeed, those who would have the world revert to isolation articulate a uniquely regressive and damaging strategy for achieving economic growth. Indeed, those who would have the world revert to isolation articulate a uniquely regressive and damaging strategy for achieving economic growth. Indeed, those who would have the world revert to isolation articulate a uniquely regressive and damaging strategy for achieving economic growth. Indeed, those who would have the world revert to isolation articulate a uniquely regressive and damaging strategy for achieving economic growth. Indeed, those who would have the world revert to isolation articulate a uniquely regressive and damaging strategy for achieving economic growth. Indeed, those who would have the world revert to isolation articulate a uniquely regressive and damaging strategy for achieving economic growth. Indeed, those who would have the world revert to isolation articulate a uniquely regressive and damaging strategy for achieving economic growth. Indeed, those who would have the world revert to isolation articulate a uniquely regressive and damaging strategy for achieving economic growth. Indeed, those who would have the world revert to isolation articulate a uniquely regressive and damaging strategy for achieving economic growth. Indeed, those who would have the world revert to isolation articulate a uniquely regressive and damaging strategy for achieving economic growth. Indeed, those who would have the world revert to isolation articulate a uniquely regressive and damaging strategy for achieving economic growth. Indeed, those who would have the world revert to isolation articulate a uniquely regressive and damaging strategy for achieving economic growth. Indeed, those who would have the world revert to isolation articulate a uniquely regressive and damaging strategy for achieving economic growth. Indeed, those who would have the world revert to isolation articulate a uniquely regressive and damaging strategy for achieving economic growth.

The propensities of trade liberalization appear to be reverting to protectionism while compelling poorer states to open their own markets.

Apple will stop selling out and start getting its act together.

The iPod has revolutionized the entire industry, and it seems like an inevitable trend, but it’s not. The iPod is not a complete solution, and there are other devices that can perform similar functions. It’s important to recognize that the iPod is not a panacea, but rather a tool that can enhance the capabilities of existing devices.

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In Heaven or on Earth, ‘Paradise Now’ Profoundly Poses Israeli-Palestinian Questions

By Andrew Guerra

Paradise Now
Directed by Hany Abu-Assad
Written by Hany Abu-Assad, Bev Bayer, and Pierre Hodgson
Starring Kais Nashef, Ali Suliman, and Lubna Azabal
Rated PG-13
Now playing at Kendall Square Cinema

A certain amount of courage is required to make any sort of portrayal of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. To depict a conflict so deeply rooted and contentious is to invite controversy, particularly when the portrayal does not clearly favor one side, as is the case in ‘Paradise Now.’ Perhaps for this courage alone should ‘Paradise Now’ be praised. Yet it is the dedication to this fair-minded portrayal that truly deserves recognition. Through this balanced depiction of a polemical ed portrayal that truly deserves recognition. This film invites viewers to determine the juxtaposition of the disrepair of the town in which Said and Khaled live and the clean, new Tel Aviv. Said and Khaled speak of a life without dignity, and it’s not difficult to imagine that they feel as though they are existing on the edge of tolerability.

‘Paradise Now’ indeed both Israeli treatment of Palestinians and the Palestinians themselves. The Palestinian resistance leaders who recruit Said and Khaled for the suicide-bombing mission are portrayed as casually sending the two friends to their deaths. These leaders also manipulate Said and Khaled to ensure that they fulfill their mission through religion and display of wealth and power. In addition, Said and Khaled are portrayed as thoughtless. Said almost single-handedly late in the film, when he is forced into confronting the implications and consequences of his actions.

While dealing with a very specific conflict, ‘Paradise Now’ manages to utilize more universal themes and symbols to allow the audience to relate more directly to the circumstances and the worthiness of the sacrifice and what consequences it could have on others.

Loyalty is also a central theme of the film. It is portrayed in the loyalty of Said and Khaled to each other, loyalty to one’s family, as well as loyalty to ideals and organizations. These themes are universal and allow the viewer to more closely relate to the characters as well as providing a starting point for a consideration of the film as a whole. Finally, in preparation for their suicide mission, Said and Khaled have a last meal, which was filmed in such a manner as to evoke an image of Vinci’s ‘The Last Supper’ again introducing an interesting comparison for the viewer to consider.

‘Paradise Now’ certainly isn’t perfect. The pacing, while appropriate for the mood of the film, is slightly slow. There is one point in the film when a character undergoes a major shift in opinion that occurs too quickly and without enough characterization. Finally, the plot also becomes somewhat predictable towards the end, yet these problems are minor. In general the acting is excellent, with a standout performance from Kais Nashef as Said. The cinematography is beautiful, the directing intelligent and intriguing, and the mood is perfect. When you go see ‘Paradise Now,’ because you should, it will probably be the most thought-provoking film you’ll see all year.

Two Centuries Later, ‘Pride and Prejudice’ Still Delightful

By Yusuf Zhu

Pride and Prejudice
Directed by Joe Wright
Written by Deborah Moggach
Based on Jane Austen’s novel
Starring Keira Knightley, Matthew MacFayden
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Opens Friday, Nov. 11, 2005

The story is a classic. Mrs. Bennet (Brenda Blethyn) worries all of her daughters to marry rich, successful men. Unfortunately, she has five of them to send off. Jane (Rosamund Pike) is the eldest and the best provider for the bunch. Elizabeth (Keira Knightley), on the other hand, is younger and much plainer-looking. One night, when they go to a ball, they meet two men, Charles Bingley (Simon Woods) and Fitzwilliam Darcy (Matthew MacFayden), a terribly amiable character, and he takes to the movie: the answer is obviously yes.

Yet ‘Paradise Now’ manages to use something that a book can do easily, but is not so simple in a movie. Wright incorporates the music beautifully into the film, as he often blends a particular character playing the piano into the background. Wright also uses symmetry thought the film to depict the absolute grandeur of the building, rooms and scenes in 19th century England. The shots are so poignant that they stay in your head long after the movie is over, causing you to wonder whether you should buy a castle in Derbyshire. What you shouldn’t wonder about is whether or not to see the movie: the answer is obviously yes.

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Lack of Realism Brings Dull Thriller to a Hall

Owen and Aniston ‘Derailed’ by Adultery

By Yong-Yi Zhu

Directed: Directed by Mikael Hafstrom
Written by Stuart Breat
Based on the novel by James Siegel
Starring Clive Owen, Jennifer Aniston,
Vincent Cassel
Rated R

O ne easy message to take away from “Derailed” is the following: don’t ever cheat on your wife or your life will fall apart. Despite the simplistic summary, the plot of the movie is a bit more complex. Clive Owen is Charles Shire, a business executive who is married to a beautiful woman, Amy (Addison Timlin), has Type 1 diabetes. She not only needs plenty of medicine, but she also needs new kidneys. Her wife, Deanna (Melissa Geogrg), is a school teacher and does not earn enough money to support the family to the same degree that Charles can. He must therefore keep his savings to pay for his daughter’s medical bills.

One day, when Shire misses his usual train to work, he bumps into Lucinda Harris (Jennifer Aniston), another marriage in trouble. He is forced by the mob to encounter his past. There she yearns for a connection. In what is unquestionably the most memorable scene in the film, starring The Rock as a space marine, was made primarily for fans of the “Doom” computer games, leaving everyone else to suffer through what is essentially a mindless action flick. Fans probably won’t be bothered that the movie has no plot, but anyone else should give it a miss. (Andrew Guerra)

This film is violence and gore is on par with the tale of the world’s nastiest criminals and bringing them to the screen. There is a shot of the two having a conversation on a train in which you cannot imagine what the two find desirable in each another. The two pair up to make you really believe in the toot relationship between the evil villain and the helpless protagonist. Jennifer Aniston, though, is a weak link in the acting. She is simply not convincing as the woman attracted to Owen. In stead, she is unemotional and aloof. Let’s just say I wouldn’t want to have an affair with her. Perhaps Aniston’s poor acting is because of the lack of chemistry between her and Owen. Their relationship appears forced, and they drain energy from each other when both are on screen. There is a shot of the two having a conversation on a train in which you cannot imagine what the two find desirable in each another. The result is a movie that is slow to engage and tough to believe.

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**CLASSICAL REVIEW**

**More Than Just a Mad Scene**

**Tracy Dahl Steals the Show in Boston Lyric Opera’s ‘Lucie de Lammermoor’**

By Kelley Rivoire

Lotte de Lammermoor
Boston Lyric Opera
Produced by Lifeline Group
Featuring Tracy Dahl, Guatran Lapierriere, Taisi Nakajima
Nov. 6, 2005, 3 p.m.
Shubert Theatre
Also being performed Nov. 11, 13, 15

*Start with a Romeo and Juliet story: Now, crank up the drama a few notches — on a logarithmic scale — and you have Gaetano Donizetti’s ‘Lucie de Lammermoor’. Performed by the Boston Lyric Opera in its French version, which the program notes describe as “more linear, less grand, and scarier” than the original Italian, “Lucie,” led by the phenomenal Tracy Dahl in the title role, breath-taking within the audience.

Packled with action from beginning to end, the opera is in a two hour forty minute tug at the emotions. The Romeo and Juliet story itself is not unusual. Lucie Ashton loves Edgard Ravenswood, but their love is fate to end badly because of a long-standing family conflict. The constant level of decent and trickery, however, stands out — never once does the lovers ever enjoy a moment of true repose in this story based on “The Lady of the Lake” by Sir Walter Scott.

Lucie’s brother Henrik, in political trouble so severe he fears for his life, arranges for Lucie to marry Arthur Bucklaw; who can save him from ill ends. Through one lie after another, to both Arthur and Lucie, he schemes and connives to get his way, sacrificing the happiness of everyone else for his own. Assisting him is the even more duplicitous Gilbert, whose easily flexible loyalties depend on who is paying him, and who mourns that Henrik’s relinance to have Edgard murdered will mean a lesser monetary reward for himself.

Lucie remains determined to wed Edgard, even as Arthur has him sent to France, until Gilbert makes a copy of the ring that promises him to Lucie, telling her that Edgard no longer loves her. Lucie, confused and alone, finally agrees to marry Arthur, but her wedding scene is one of fear and trembling rather than joy and happiness. Edgard makes an appearance and the chapslain Raymond barely stops a swordfight to the death.

A now married Lucie, manipulated by the rum around her who conspired to keep her from the one she loved, feels she has nothing left for in her life and loses her sanity. This final fall leads to the infamous mad scene with the coloratura fireworks.

Dahl puts all she has into making us sympathize with Lucie, alone, confused, and without a friend (her female confidante Alisa, present in the Italian version, is eliminated here). Her every move portrays Lucie’s character, her voice perfect in each note of the elaborate, melismatic part. In a talented cast, the stage was hers, and she conquered the audience long before the mad scene.

Guatran Lapierriere excelled as Henrik, not thoroughly evil, but desperately focused on saving himself at all costs, he sang marvelously as well. The role of the evil manipulator was left to Alan Schneider as Gilbert, whose posture and expressions matched his role. In the role of Edgard Yon Nakajima, a tremendous tenor, sang powerfully, though I couldn’t help but feel that much of his acting involved not much more than taking a contrituous posture with a look of intent on his face.

The chorus, in particular the chorus of hunt- ers, was also superb, with their phenomenal opening chorus, magnificently sung and beautiful choroegraphed, setting the bar for the rest of the opera.

The staging, simple in nature, was extreme- ly effective. The threatening angles of the painted background and terraced stage mirrored the constant tension of “Lucie.” The dark lighting, sometimes with a tinge of blood red added, also contributed to the mood.

“Lucie” presents a story of tension and defeat quite different. Performed by a lesser group, the constant melodrama might seem unrealistic and stiffing. But the Boston Lyric Opera completely won me over, I fell for every dramatic device from start to end.

**CD REVIEW**

‘Our Lady Peace’ Can’t Catch a Break

Latest From Rock Band is Solid, Not Spectacular

By Andrew Guarra

Healthy in Paranoid Times
Our Lady Peace
Sony Music
Released on Aug. 30, 2005

**One almost has to feel sorry for Our Lady Peace. The Canadian quintet is one of the most popular rock bands in its native land, but after attempting to break into the mainstream here in the States for over a decade, they still remain a “One Hit Wonder”**. This meager accomplishment is in spite of the players’ ability to create genuinely good songs in the deluge of mass-manufactured music that has recently dominated the American mainstream. Their latest, “Healthy in Paranoid Times,” won’t be the CD to change that.

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*For a band with a history of success, it was a letdown and felt artistically unrealistic in comparison. This brings us to “Healthy,” their first release with new material following “Gravity.” This album splits the difference between “Chummy” and “Grav- ity,” and comes out the better for it. The heavy production of “Gravity” has been significantly reduced, and the songs have the sort of garage band feel that “Chummy” did. The raw emotions of “Chummy” both are about a boy yearning for a girl who left him to explore outer space and find herself. “Gravity” was a depar- ture for Our Lady Peace — it is more emotion- ally subdued and heavily produced than their previous albums. Maida’s voice and the guitar were softened for mainstream consump- tion, and while the CD may have technically been as good as the band’s previous work, it was also bland and felt artistically unrealistic.*

*However, is far from perfect. While there aren’t any outright bad songs on the album, most of the songs are only mediocre, with the only standout being “Angels/Losing Sleep.” “Chummy” is perhaps the best “fuck you” song I’ve heard in a while, while “Wipe That Smile Off Your Face?” Our Lady Peace’s sound isn’t exactly ground-breaking either, and since most of the songs are just de- cent, there’s a certain sense that you’ve heard it all before. Finally, while Maida’s voice has improved from earlier albums, there are still rough moments in some songs, especially, as one might imagine, while he’s screeching. Our Lady Peace deserves better than to be relegated to One Hit Wonder status, and there’s a certain sense that you’ve heard it all before. Finally, while Maida’s voice has improved from earlier albums, there are still rough moments in some songs, especially, as one might imagine, while he’s screeching. Our Lady Peace deserves better than to be relegated to One Hit Wonder status, and there’s a certain sense that you’ve heard it all before. Finally, while Maida’s voice has improved from earlier albums, there are still rough moments in some songs, especially, as one might imagine, while he’s screeching. Our Lady Peace deserves better than to be relegated to One Hit Wonder status, and there’s a certain sense that you’ve heard it all before.*

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CHRIS CABRAL

By Chris Cabral and Nikhil Shenoy

Since the advent of the Internet, the Web has seen a lot of social media, talking to friends, and most importantly developing enough pores in minutes to last us, at least until the next Facebook update. However, you may notice a paradigm shift in modern Internet life. Of course, you may use the word "paradigm" more. No one knows what it means, so you can get away with almost anything. For example, a "paradigm shift" is a paradigm shift right now. Wow; look at the paradigm on her. If I found 20 cents, I would pass all the way around.

Facebook was an amitown wovensociological, so complex and beautiful that none of its designers could resist it. Facebook has lost its lust. Alas, just like anything good (cars, airplanes, food, peace, health, and career, voting rights), Facebook has fallen from grace into the hands of the plebeians. Upon my first Facebook, the new Facebook has grown so has our ability to stalk (commonly referred to as "hacking" or "randomu"). Randomu is a randomu, Wellesley, Simmons, and, occasionally, MIT girls. Before Facebook, the only way to adequately stalk a woman was to go to her dorm and technique the rooms. Now you can hack her from anywhere in the world, even when she leaves her home, apparently.

When You're Smiling:

The Obligatory Facebook Article

By Bill Andrews

MIT is the capital of weird happenings. I once saw a post about literally leap off the wall in the Infinite, only to be nonchalantly walked over by passersby with looks on their face suggesting, "okay that was just a paradigm shift and nothing more." I've heard the rumors that if you go to the basement of Building 6 at night you can hear the howls of animals being tested upon. I've even gotten used to all the danger signs you see around here, from the elementary "High Voltage" and "Laser In Use" to the more advanced "Radiation Warning" and "Biobehavioral Level 4." Yeah, I've been around the Infinite a few times, baby, but last week I saw something that unnerved me to the core. I've been thinking about it ever since. What could it be, to have pierced my weirdness armor (+2 D&D references) so fully? A girl was smiling. No, not at me. No, she wasn't hot (or at least, not particularly hot). No, I'm not jealous (though, of course, some part of me would like to be so happy I walked away from the whole Facebooking business). But I just don't see the Infinite like that anymore. I've seen that sort of thing before, it's just something. Except for the Infinite, there's no Infinite in the United States, and there's anything. But I just don't see the Infinite like that anymore. I've seen that sort of thing before, it's just something. Except for the Infinite, there's no Infinite in the United States, and there's anything. But I just don't see the Infinite like that anymore. I've seen that sort of thing before, it's just something. Except for the Infinite, there's no Infinite in the United States, and there's anything.

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If this were real life, I would have to resign myself to the fact that I probably never see her again. But on Facebook, you can always Facebook a specific person and then Facebook the likes of them. And I got to see that smile (which I can't stop looking at) back and forth, and I finally mentioned that smile, and she somehow remembers, and she tells me why, which is really weird. So, it's enigmatic, now, this smile. It's taken on mystical proportions for me, and if I find out what makes a girl smile, I'm sure that I'll sit next to this girl in recitation next semester, or at the MITSO concert in December. And if she does, and I recognize her, what then? "Hi, I don't mean to pry, but do you remember that Wednesday last semester when you and I were in Stone Hall?" That would be weird, even for an MIT student.

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In fact, there is only one thing I would say to her, if we ever happen to meet (or, if by some great twist of fate, she reads this column and recognizes herself). It's not everyday that you see someone triump over MIT's ability to know you. Congratulations, and thank you.

As a result of Facebook's recent change, many people are wondering what Facebook's "paper" paradigm is. This is because Facebook is the paper paradigm all over itself. (For the record, once the season is over, I'm sure he too will sit next to this girl in recitation next semester, or at the MITSO concert in December. And if she does, and I recognize her, what then? "Hi, I don't mean to pry, but do you remember that Wednesday last semester when you and I were in Stone Hall?" That would be weird, even for an MIT student.

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Dare Me?  
The 5th Metatarsal of Hell

By Sarah Buckley

When I signed up for this whole “Dare” thing, I had a few simple expectations. One was that I would get through each week with my bones still intact. That didn’t turn out so well. I couldn’t even be a schoolyard cat-fairy for Halloween like I wanted to! No, I had to go as Gumpy McBroke-Foot, which is not nearly as sexy and hurts a lot more.

But before I tell you the story, I’d like to commend those of you who were brave enough to send in dares. Most of them were, sadly, summarily dismissed due to a preponderance of suckality, but there were a few good ones that you can look forward to. Three different people wrote in suggesting that I start my own religion and apply for the position of a Scientologist.

Apparently, these people think that the details of U.S. tax law make for good reading. Interesting, or so boring you’d rather chew your own eyes out to avoid reading about it? You be the judge. And to the guy who dared me to drink a gallon of bleach: who let you off the short end?

Encouraged by the love and adoration of the people, I developed a little banana dance where I would jump around from foot to foot shouting, “Bananas are so great, man! They are so unbelievably yellow!” But it was nowhere at the time — the streets were slick and menacing — and a few cars were starting to swerve around me. As I dodged an insane motorist barreling toward me, I slipped and landed smack dab on my 5th metatarsal (on the side near the pinky toe). (Note: I am not a klutz, and by no means did I gnomically fall over my own feet.)

You know what? Maybe Didn’t see this dare through to the end. But at the very least, I figure this will give me a bit of street cred like Fiddy Cent. I hear he got shot nine times and then drove himself to the hospital. I’m almost as badass as that, except I ended up calling the MIT Ambulance for transport. Honestly, I can’t say enough good things about those EMT guys. They almost made the experience worth it.

At the hospital I kept giggling and asking for morphine; somehow the entire situation seemed hilarious, even though I was in such a good mood that the hospital staff didn’t notice. It was not a good mood that the hospital staff didn’t notice. I believe I hurt my foot at all until the X-rays came back showing those two, horrible fractures. Would-you-so never felt so good!

Anyways, my foot still hurts like a Mofo. Hey, I’ve got a dare for you. I dare any of you to volunteer to be my personal assistant for the next four to six weeks. The job will involve making my food, doing my laundry, cleaning up after me, attending my classes to take notes, etc. While the position is unpaid and has no benefits to it, I do believe I’ll have to get some freshman on my floor to do it. Or get all of them whacked.

Send your Gumpy McBroke-Foot friendly dares to sabuckle@mit.edu — she’ll jump right on it.

I stayed out there for a full two minutes, and I only received one bit of positive feedback. One guy pulled over his car and stuck his upper torso out the window, shouting, “I’m an Arab, and I also love Bush!” He looked at me with those adoring eyes, the kind a man gives a girl when he’s found his lone kindred spirit in a sea of damn dirty hippies.

Anyway, two minutes was more than enough with Bush, so I let traffic go through and changed over to the bananas poster. That’s what the trouble started. People legitimately liked this poster. Drivers were cracking up left and right, and the honks were significantly shorter than they had been in the previous two minutes.

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Trio
by Emezie Okorafor

My dear Lady Katherine,
our dinner awaits...
As we eagerly embark
on our second date...

Though, I doubt I deserve
such a visage so pleasing...
The goddess of fortune
I must be appeasing...

For here I bear witness
to wondrous of sights...
My radiant auspice,
my sun in the night...

Wait...you are not she.
You are a he.
I know they’re really cool
and all...but maybe wearing
sunglasses at night isn’t
such a great idea...

Moons of Uranus
by Juan Pablo Mendieta

Hahaha
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What the hell am I doing here.

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**Crossword Puzzle**

Solution, page 21
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Science for the Soldier
Professor Edwin (Ned) Thomas
Director, Institute for Soldier Nanotechnologies, M.I.T.

The US Army has established a $10m/year center at M.I.T. for basic research, transitioning, and outreach in nanomaterials and nanotechnology to enable revolutionary advances in soldier protection and survivability. The USN is the single largest and most visible nanotechnology effort at M.I.T. and a cornerstone for further growth in this important area. The key soldier capabilities that the USN seeks to investigate are:

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- The center is comprised of ~35 Faculty from 8 departments, co-supervising ~90 Grad Students, and ~25 Post Docs with researchers from industry and the Army. Founding industrial partners are Raytheon, DuPont and Partners Health Care (Brigham and Women’s and Mass General Hospitals). This talk will describe the approach being used to create a team of MIT/industry/Army for unprecedented protection of soldiers using systems of nanosystems.

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(left) Magdalen smiles while singing and playing the guitar in a song entitled “Change the World.”
(right) Dale Fanning of the band Living Daylights duels with Magdalen (not pictured) as she plays a hand drum during a song called “Chink.”

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Does it cost anything to use the Mental Health Service at MIT?

What should I expect at my first visit?

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I am applying for a job and the application asks if I have ever been diagnosed with a psychiatric disorder. Does seeing someone at MHS mean I have to answer yes to this question?

Not necessarily. Many people are seen at MHS for things other than "psychiatric disorders." It is also important to remember that for most jobs a "yes" answer to that question usually just leads to a few more questions and the prospective employer possibly contacting the clinician at MHS.

I am applying for a job that requires a security clearance. Will the fact that I have been seen at MHS have an impact on my clearance?

This is an issue that comes up frequently. Usually the agency that is doing the clearance contacts MHS after notifying you (we need your permission to release information; usually the agency has already asked you to sign something to this effect). The agency will ask your clinician for his or her professional opinion as to whether you are a risk to security. They are generally more interested in the clinician’s overall assessment regarding your potential risk to security than in the details of your medical record.

Is everything in a mental health visit really 100% confidential?

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Controversial ethics

Referring to Luk Van Parijs and allegations of fraud in National Missile Defense, Hockfield said she did not "want to dwell on their particular today.

"We don't think we're competing," Hockfield said. "Instead of focusing on only two companies, we're trying to foster collaboration between engineers.

"Inventing the future and making the world a better place, we aim to serve," Hockfield reminded the audience that a university should aim "to serve" and "to make the world a better place."

"A remarkable process for investigating allegations of misconduct," Hockfield said. "As are all departures from our standard of conduct."

"But the case is also a demonstration of 'how our process can and should work,' " Hockfield said, in this case through "a careful and thoughtful investigation."

"We cannot afford to be complacent with our policies."

The national organization aims to recruit students fitting the Balanced Man Ideal, defined as students who maintain a balanced and healthy lifestyle.

"We are looking for someone who is well-rounded...the Renaissance man, so to speak," Cherish said. The membership application requires information on academics, athletics, leadership, and work or internship experience, as well as an interview.

There are currently no living requirements for fraternity members because parts of the house are being used as office space or are rented out, and the building will not be converted to living space for at least two years, Cherish said.

Brian Schmidt '07, SigEp's vice-president last year, re-applied to become a member of SigEp over the summer. "It think SigEp is a great opportunity and it's very exciting trying to get the new chapter," he said.

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Harvard’s student newspaper The Crimson and Harvard University argued before the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court yesterday in a case that could require the disclosure of arrest records by private university police departments.

The case was originally filed by The Crimson in June 2003, after the Harvard Police Department refused a request to provide access to arrest records referenced in Harvard’s police log. The Crimson claimed those records should be available under the Massachusetts Public Records Act.

The Public Records Law is similar to the federal Freedom of Information Act, which allows public access to government records.

Massachusetts Superior Court dismissed the case in favor of the university, and The Crimson is now appealing to the Supreme Judicial Court.

The case hinges on whether the Public Records Law applies to private police departments. The Crimson argues in its brief that Harvard Police officers “are also officers or employees of … public entities under the Public Records Act.”

Harvard University’s brief argues that its police officers are neither state employees nor officers. Harvard also claims that the records in question are “already public,” because arrest warrants are “returned to the issuing court,” with similar provisions for warrantless arrests, such that they may be requested from the relevant court.

The case was argued for The Crimson by Frances S. Cohen of Dechert LLP and for Harvard University by Jeffrey Swope of Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge LLP. Swope frequently represents MIT.

Both sides performed well in oral argument, limited to 15 minutes each. Cohen, who argued for The Crimson, was questioned by Justice John M. Greaney as to whether a verdict in favor of The Crimson might require Wal-Mart to release similar records if their security forces were deputized. Cohen replied yes, suggesting that would be a desirable result.

A similar case in Georgia, Barnett & Farahany v. Mercer University, was decided in favor of open campus records in February 2004, however, Georgia’s appeals court reversed that decision in February 2005, and the Georgia Supreme Court declined to hear the case.

Chief Justice Margaret H. Marshall recused herself from the case because she has previously represented Harvard University.
The number of international students entering American graduate schools rose 1 percent this year, despite a 5 percent drop in applications from foreign students, according to the annual report by the Council of Graduate Schools.

While the increase is small, it follows several years of decline. “This increase in first-time international students is a very good sign, and I am hopeful that it signals a turnaround in the trend of declining numbers,” Debra W. Stewart, the council president, said in a statement.

China and India send the most students to the United States, and the council collected data on those from China, India, Korea and the Middle East, from which students are least able to get visas. The largest increase in first-time international enrollment came among Middle Eastern students, whose numbers were up 11 percent. Enrollment of Chinese and Indian students increased 3 percent, and Koreans were up 5 percent.

The increase in Chinese enrollment is noteworthy because declines in Chinese students’ enrollment and applications last year were the largest of any of the countries included in the report. In 2004, applications from Chinese students declined by 45 percent. In addition, China is spending billions of dollars to woo big-name scholars, build first-class research laboratories and transform its top universities into the world’s best.

The annual report also found changes in the international students’ fields of study, with increases in those studying engineering, physical sciences and business, and declines in the numbers enrolling in education, humanities, social sciences and life sciences.

The decline in education students was particularly steep, with first-time enrollment down by 15 percent. The number of new international students enrolling in American graduate schools peaked in 2002. And because graduate studies typically last for several years, the overall number of international graduate students in the United States is still down 3 percent from last year, despite the increase in new enrollment.

The report is based on an initial survey of a sample of graduate institutions, so it is not yet possible to report the number of international students who enrolled in American graduate programs for the first time this fall.

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As Sox Say Goodbye to Epstein, Questions of the Future Abound

By Yong-ji Zhu

The most instrumental person in the Red Sox 2004 playoff run was not Terry Francona, Curt Schilling or Manny Ramirez. It was Theo Epstein. Epstein, the man who traded away Mr. Red Sox, Nomar Garciaparra, brought in Curt Schilling and his bloody sock, and mixed the Alex Rodriguez deal only to find a better fit with Orlando Cabrera, is now part of the Red Sox past.

In a surprise move, just days after he negotiated a new contract, Epstein resigned.

But how much difference can a General Manager make? Was he really responsible for the World Championship?

It's safe to say Epstein played a large part in 2004, putting the pieces of the puzzle together before and during the season. He even made several moves that were not popular among fans at the time, but in the end paid off.

The first unpopular but fruitful acquisition was Keith Foulke. Anyone who's read "Moneyball" by Michael Lewis knows not to buy even a good closer at a high price. But because closer committee didn't work for the Red Sox the year before, Epstein went out and acquired Foulke, who stabilized the Red Sox bullpen and had a spectacular postseason. Epstein's problem was his contract.

The final questionable move was the trade of Nomar to the Cubs. He was at the center of the organization for years and very popular in Boston. Epstein, however, didn't give a hoot what the rest of New England felt. He sent Nomar packing and his replacement Orlando Cabrera worked just fine.

It's true that Epstein had a larger budget than anyone else in the business—next to Brian Cashman, but that doesn't take away from what he accomplished. Theo spent the money the right way, and that's why the Red Sox are now a success, instead of a constant underdog.

So Sox are now a success, instead of a constant underdog. The most instrumental person in the Red Sox 2004 playoff run was not Terry Francona, Curt Schilling or Manny Ramirez. It was Theo Epstein. Epstein didn't feel confident giving the Texas Rangers all the money they were asking. In the end, the Yankees got A-Rod, but the Red Sox got the World Series, in part because they had the extra money they would have spent on Rodriguez.

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The problem was his contract, which means losing a player of his caliber without getting anything back. They probably won't just let Manny go because there are fewer free agents to pursue this time around.

They also need to address the problem with Keith Foulke. Is he going to be a healthier closer? If not, what are their other options? Mike Timlin is not a natural closer. There may be a couple of free agents out there, or they could make a trade, but it's tough to find a reliable closer of Foulke's caliber these days. Perhaps they can convert Jonathan Papelbon to their regular closer, but he's young and will go through rough patches. Can the Red Sox and their fans bear that?