GIR Comm. Ponders Diversity in Housing

By Marissa Vogt

At a recent meeting of the Task Force on the Undergraduate Educational Commons, one of its members identified the campus housing system as a possible area in which to address the issue of diversity at MIT.

John R. Velasco, another member of the task force, said that there was a document presented that reflected the opinion of one individual, whom Velasco declined to name, that “the classroom is not necessarily the place to address the issue of diversity.”

The document identified the housing system as an appropriate place to do so and suggested that a group be formed to look at that in specific. Velasco said that last summer each member of the task force summarized his or her understanding of the task force’s sentiments, but could also include personal opinions and commentary. He said that Robert P. Redwine, dean for undergraduate education, wrote about the issue of a diversity General Institute Requirement.

“A person answering the phone at Redwine’s residence last night said he was unavailable.”

“I have been told to expect a recommendation along the lines to convene a special committee to look at the way we do housing on campus,” said Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedict at last night’s meeting of the Dormitory Council.

Several Domcon members expressed concern during last night’s meeting about the possibility of such a task force being formed and leading to a radical change in the housing system. However, Velasco said he was a document presented that reasserted the campus housing system. However, Velasco said he was a document presented that reasserted the campus housing system.

Specifically, a move to fall recruitment would benefit MIT’s smallest sorority, Alpha Epsilon Phi, which in May 2005 had only about 30 sisters. Smaller than the other sororities, which at the time had about 100 members each, AEPhi faces a disadvantage in publicity during the fall term due to a smaller presence on campus.

Additionally, the committee determined that fall recruitment would encourage girls to make decisions about their sororities independently from their friends, limiting the formation of cliques within pledge classes.

“During fall recruitment, friendships are newer and more pliable,” the report states. “Women may be able to accept,” wrote BE Professor Antimony L. Gerhardt, “she was the person I’d think of when I imagined what a aspiring young woman.”

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CA Congressman Resigns After Admitting He Accepted Bribes

By John M. Broder

Rep. Randy Cunningham, a California Republican, said Tuesday that he would resign from Congress by March 1 to face federal corruption charges. Cunningham, a five-term member of the House, said he would plead guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit bribery and to one count of conspiracy to defraud the United States. He also agreed to cooperate with prosecutors in exchange for a sentence of no more than 56 months in prison and $10 million in fines. Cunningham, 63, said he would repay $2.3 million that he had received in federal contracts to a defense contractor that had paid him for his influence in awarding contracts. He also acknowledged that he had accepted bribes from four unnamed contractors in exchange for his assistance in winning contracts for the contractor. Cunningham's plea adds to the growing list of Republican lawmakers who have been convicted of corruption in recent months. The White House has said that it would not be involved in the congressional elections in California. The Democratic Party has said that it would not support Cunningham in his re-election campaign. Cunningham has been a member of the House since 1981 and has been re-elected every two years since then. He has been a member of the House Armed Services Committee and the House Intelligence Committee. Cunningham has been a strong supporter of the military and has been a vocal opponent of cuts in defense spending. He has also been a vocal supporter of the war in Iraq and has been critical of the leadership of the Democratic Party in Congress. Cunningham has been a member of the House Ethics Committee and has been re-elected to that committee every two years since 1995. He has been a vocal critic of the ethics committee and has been critical of the way that it has handled cases of alleged corruption. Cunningham has been a member of the House Rules Committee and has been re-elected to that committee every two years since 1995. He has been a vocal critic of the rules committee and has been critical of the way that it has handled cases of alleged corruption. Cunningham has been a member of the House Appropriations Committee and has been re-elected to that committee every two years since 1995. He has been a vocal critic of the appropriations committee and has been critical of the way that it has handled cases of alleged corruption. Cunningham has been a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and has been re-elected to that committee every two years since 1995. He has been a vocal critic of the energy and commerce committee and has been critical of the way that it has handled cases of alleged corruption. Cunningham has been a member of the House Ways and Means Committee and has been re-elected to that committee every two years since 1995. He has been a vocal critic of the ways and means committee and has been critical of the way that it has handled cases of alleged corruption.
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Women’s Health at MIT

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Collisions between two neutrinos can result in a neutrino taking a circular path produced by the surrounding background.

Discover the mechanism controlling the mass of the proton

The mass in-flow rate into the neutrino depends on the enveloping sphere diameter which is the ether mean free path and thus is independent of the variable mass of neutrinos.

Energy conservation of the final condensation requires an extremely large thrust force (mega-newtons) applied to the neutrino condensed assemblage. The thrust is produced by the surrounding background.

Collisions between two neutrinos can result in a neutrino taking a circular path.

One value of mass can balance the centrifugal force to the thrust force and have an angular momentum equal the neutrino angular momentum.

This mass is the mass of the proton.

The disturbance close to the proton makes up the short-lived particles associated with the proton.

The disturbance at a long distance from the proton is the electro-magnetic field.
Trio

Okay, Kit and her date are behind me. I don't want to attract too much attention by turning around, so you look, and tell me what they're doing.

She's calling a cab. Now he's having a smoke, and she's taking a drag.

What? Kit's SMOKING?! NO WAY!

She's touching his chest now... he takes off her dress now... let me go... I just can't look, it's killing me... and taking control...

OH NO!! WE'RE TOO LATE!! HE'S ALREADY CORRUPTED OUR SWEET, INNOCENT KATHERINE WITH HIS CIGARETTES AND POETRY!!!

Did you say something, Flick? I've had my headphones on for the past few minutes, so I couldn't hear a thing you said.

I was just saying how much I hate long hair on guys.

Moons of Uranus

Hey Ron, Hermione's Sangin'! When are you going tap that?

Well, it's just I get nervous when I'm near her and I start acting stupid. I can't help it.

Hm... I think I can help.

Check this out.

Are these magical herbs that will make me cooler?

You bet your ass.

Piled Higher and Deeper

Crossword Puzzle

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Solution, tips, and computer program at http://www.sudoku.com; see also solution, page 11.
Dear MedLink:

If I need to cut corners on sleep somehow, which is better—taking several shorter naps during the day or getting however much sleep as I can at night?—Sleepy@MIT

Dear Sleepy:

I know how you feel. Between juggling classes, a UROP, activities, work, and friends, it can seem nearly impossible to find time to sleep.

Still, according to MIT Medical psychologist, Xiaolu Hsi, Ph.D., following your body’s circadian clock is the best way to feel rested and energized. Ideally, this means sleeping seven to eight continuous hours each night. However, if this isn’t realistic for your lifestyle, you should definitely try to schedule quick naps throughout your day, not only to give you an energy boost but to also counter your “sleep debt,” which, over time, could prove deleterious to your health.

Try to keep naps to between 20 and 30 minutes in length or longer than 90 minutes. The shorter naps will give your body just enough time to rest and recuperate before dropping off into the deeper stages of sleep, and 90 minutes will give you enough time to complete an entire sleep cycle. But remember that napping for two to four hours isn’t an effective way to increase your productivity or alertness.

Ultimately, however, when it comes to catching up on sleep, each of us is unique, so there is no magic formula that works for everyone. It sometimes seems that sleep is expendable here at MIT, but the truth is that sleep deprivation may have many short- and long-term health effects. In addition to interfering with your ability to concentrate and weakening your immune system, insufficient sleep also interferes with your body’s regulation of insulin production, which may increase one’s risk of developing Type 2 diabetes. Moreover, lack of sleep also decreases production of the hormone leptin, which tells your body to stop eating when full, so people who regularly cut corners on sleep are more likely to be obese than those who get enough sleep.

If you continue to have questions about sleep, use the resources at MIT Medical to get answers. Discuss your concerns with your primary care physician or speak with a health educator in the Center for Health Promotion and Wellness (E23-205; 3-1316).

Sweet dreams!—Anu ’07

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Panhel Study Claims Bonus to Fall Rush
More Recruits, Shorter Prep Are Benefits

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more inclined to make decisions independently of their orientation friends than they were with their friends from the first semester.”

Alpha Chi Omega member Doria M. Holbrook ’08 agreed with this tendency, explaining, “I think it’s better for freshmen to go through recruitment in the fall without anyone else’s opinion. They need to make a decision based on who they’re going to fit in with.”

But while sororities can give support to freshmen, Sigma Kappa member Rachel A. Longley ’08 said that a fall recruitment would simply be too soon for a potential new member to even know if she were interested in joining Greek life. “I guess it would be nice to have an immediate support network, but on the same token, they are just getting here and they wouldn’t really know if they want support from those people,” she said.

Longley, who went through recruitment last spring, said she feels certain that she wouldn’t have pledged had recruitment taken place in the fall. “It had just been an idea in the back of my mind, and then an upperclassman I had gotten to know told me, ‘you should really look into that.’ I had the opportunity to see what sororities at MIT are really like. If you’ve just gotten to school, it’s hard to make those decisions right away,” she said.

The report did acknowledge that spring recruitment may benefit the overall sorority community by making it more interconnected. “New members who join in the fall frequently spend a lot of time during their socially formative first semester with members of their own pledge class—it does not result in tight bonds throughout Panhellenic.”

Another concern addressed by Pressler was the amount of time Panhel’s recruitment counselors (PRCs) had to be disaffiliated. “In the spring the PRCs have to be disaffiliated for over a semester, and the National Panhellenic Council really only recommends 30 days,” Pressler said. With the adoption of fall recruitment, this time would be more limited.

The disaffiliation period requires PRC’s to hide their sorority affiliations, often by covering up pictures, living somewhere other than the sorority house and paying attention to groups of people they are around, said to PRC Emily Chung ’06.

The committee considered nine main factors in its report: members occupying sorority houses, Panhel’s relationship with the Interfraternity Council, effectiveness of recruitment counselors, inter-sorority relationships, orientation scheduling, how potential members are influenced, growth potential for smaller chapters, relationship between publicity of sororities and their sizes, and fall term benefits for new members.

The proposed fall recruitment received some criticism from the IFC as well, according to the feasibility report, because it would conflict with rush-girl programs at fraternities. According to the report, there is also the possibility that, to limit competition over women, fraternities may not allow girls into their facilities during the rush period.
Gerhardt, from Page 1

Martin A. Schmidt, director of the Microsystems Technology Laborato-
ries, said she was a "very impressive" student who had decided only three and a half years after arriv-
ing at MIT. She was on track to finish her PhD next year.

"She just seemed to have every-
things for her," Schmidt said. "She was athletic, smart, very outgo-
ing and engaging, and extremely giv-
ing of her time to others."

In 2002, she was named a Bur-
cham fellow in the School of Hu-
manities, Arts and Social Sciences.

Gerhardt was nationally ranked
high school tennis player and played
on the MIT women's tennis team
during her freshman year.

"She was very friendly, polite, and a great team member," said her
MIT tennis coach, Carol Matsu-
"She took things seriously but always had a smile on her face."

Gerhardt's friendly manner also
made an impression on the house-

Lottery Dissuaded Some From Picking BE Major

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harder because it is so permanent," said Katherine H. Aull '08. "You
don't want to apply and later drop
d. Then you end up taking away a spot from someone else."

D Andre Green '08, another
BE.110 student, said that the lot-
ttery was an issue because "it makes it hard to plan for next semester and stuff in the future."

"I know several people who chose not to apply to the lottery because
they were expecting interest to be so high that many students would
not get in," Green said.

Currently there are only 65 soph-
ornotes enrolled in BE.110, and only
30 of those appear to be seriously interested in the new major, Griffith
wrote in e-mail to the class.

Adapted from the MIT PhD bio-
engineering program, the un-
dergraduate major emphasizes more

Solution to Crossword

Solution to Sudoku

Issue Would Merit Much Discussion

Housing, from Page 1

does not believe at this time that the GBG task force will include such
recommendation in its final report to the faculty in the spring. He said that
any such recommendation "would have to be discussed more thorough-

of an "engineering analysis, design, and
synthesis approaches to modern
biology at the molecular to systems level" than its counterpart the BME
minor, according to the BE depart-
ment's Web site.

A BE major's core subjects would include Molecular, Cellular, and
Biomolecular Kinetics and Cell Dy-
namics (BE.320); Biological Engi-
neering Computation (BE.181); and
a capstone design project (BE.380).

There are currently 38 faculty affili-
ated with the department, including
joint appointments.

Other universities are also feel-
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course of action, and non-MIT stu-
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30 of those appear to be seriously interested in the new major, Griffith
wrote in e-mail to the class.

Adapted from the MIT PhD bio-
engineering program, the un-
dergraduate major emphasizes more

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MIT Mental Health Services

MIT Medical, E23-3rd Floor
For appointments and information (617) 253-2916
Walk-in hours 2–4 pm, Monday–Friday for urgent matters

How often are students hospitalized for mental health issues?

Mental health hospitalizations are unusual at MIT and result only from
careful assessment of the student and his or her supportive environment.

There were more than 11,000 visits to MIT Medical’s Mental Health Service by students in academic year 2003-2004; only 24 of those result-

in hospitalizations. Most of those hospitalizations were voluntary; the
patient agreed that he or she was at risk and would benefit from intensive

When is someone hospitalized involuntarily?

In the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, a person can be hospitalized
voluntarily only if he or she poses a probable risk of serious harm to
himself or herself or to others. The clinician's assessment of risk is based on
statistics and factors such as the person's current situation, past history
and mental status. For example, someone exhibiting the signs and symp-
toms of major depression is more likely to commit suicide than someone
who is not depressed, and someone who has attempted suicide in the past
is more likely to make an attempt now than someone who has never

This is one of a series of mental health FAQs developed by SHAC
(Student Health Advisory Committee) with input from MIT Medical's
Mental Health Service. More questions and answers on mental health
issues are available online.

Go to http://web.mit.edu/medical/student to find answers to the following questions:

► Is it normal for a student to be talking about suicide?

► How long is a person usually in the hospital?

► How are hospital discharge decisions made?

► I have been hospitalized and I don't think I need to be here, what do I do?

► Do patients in mental health hospitals have access to phone
and internet?

► Are patients allowed visitors?

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**Men's Basketball Team Beats Suffolk With 48-18 Second-Half Rout, Moving to 4-0 for Season**

By Evans Boney

The MIT Men's Basketball team moved to 4-0 this season with an 84-46 win over the Suffolk University Rams (0-4) this Saturday in Rockwell Cage. The rout included a 48-18 performance by the Engineers in the second half, which featured the entire MIT team. The Engineers got off to a less than impressive start, and the scoreboard showed 18-13 in favor of the Rams just five minutes into the game. MIT rallied to a 34-28 lead by halftime behind solid defense. The second half was an offensive clinic by the Engineers, who ran the score to 61-34 with 7:49 left in the game. The push continued, and the MIT bench maintained the 30-point lead by halftime behind solid defense.

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**Beckett's Move to Red Sox Highlights a Huge Week for MLB Trades**

By Yang-yi Zhu

You know that the baseball off-season is fully taken shape when the first of the huge trades make the papers. This past weekend, there was no trade larger than the move of young pitcher Josh Beckett to the Boston Red Sox. In what may be a turning point of Carlos Delgado, Jim Thome and B.J. Ryan will make the Red Sox one of the busiest weeks of the baseball season. Obviously, the most talked about trade is the move of pitcher Josh Beckett, third baseman Mike Lowell and pitcher Guillermo Mota to Boston for four highly-rated prospects sent to the Marlins. The deal is pretty sweet for Boston considering their need for some starting pitching to solidify their rotation. Now, the Sox have one of the best young arms in baseball. As a Wise Moves MVP, Beckett will help Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling in the post-season.

It will take a hit of massaging to find the right place for Mike Lowell, but he can always convert and become an outfielder or work as both a first baseman and third baseman. The real gems of the trade might just be Guillermo Mota. Good middle relief pitching is not cheap, with the market for relievers suddenly heating up. Mota can be solid setup for Keith Foulke, and his price tag is not going to come close to that of B.J. Ryan or Billy Wagner.

Another major trade involved the Marlins/ Carlos Delgado and the Mets/ Mike Lieberthal. Delgado heads north to New York for two prospects and first baseman Mike Jacobs. The Mets are trying to stock up on pitching to fill in for a career-high 24 points. Kimberly E. Koelzer scored an earned All-Tournament Team honors after leading the Cardinal and Gray to a 78-56 win over St. Joseph’s College (Maine) in the opening round of the tournament. Shefller recorded her first career double-double with a pair of career-high 24 points (18 in the opening round of the tournament. Shefller recorded her first career double-double with a pair of career-high 24 points (18 in the opening round of the tournament. Shefller recorded her first career double-double with a pair of career-high 24 points (18 in the opening round of the tournament. Shefller recorded her first career double-double with a pair of career-high 24 points (18 in the opening round of the tournament. Shefller recorded her first career double-double with a pair of career-high 24 points (18 in the opening round of the tournament. Shefller recorded her first career double-double with a pair of career-high 24 points (18 in the opening round of the tournament. Shefller recorded her first career double-double with a pair of career-high 24 points (18 in the opening round of the tournament. Shefller recorded her first career double-double with a pair of career-high 24 points (18 in the opening round of the tournament. Shefller recorded her first career double-double with a pair of career-high 24 points (18 in the opening round of the tourna...