IJC Presidents Vote
For Removal of SAE

By Kathy Lin

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity was expelled from the Interfraternity Council on Wednesday. Since “MIT only recognizes fraternities that are members of the IFC...SAE is no longer recognized by MIT,” according to an IFC statement provided by IFC President Christopher P. Child ’06.

Because SAE was an associate member, rather than a full member, the Presidents’ Council had the right to vote to remove them from the IFC at any time. SAE was previously recognized by the IFC in January 2000 after an underage drinking incident and re-recognized as an associate member at the end of last spring. “The outcome of [Wednesday] night’s vote was disappointing,” wrote SAE President Neil J. Kelly ’06 in a statement from the fraternity.

Expulsion not disciplinary

The motion for expulsion was passed by the IFC Presidents’ Council with a majority, although the actual vote could not be disclosed, Child said. The reason for expulsion was that “some of the presidents felt that SAE hadn’t lived up to the standards,” Child said.

The IFC’s Judicial Committee had been investigating a December party held at an Allison house where four SAE members were arrested, during which several SAE members were arrested. The expulsion “was in no way a punishment for any of that,” Child said. The “presidents were aware that there was an investigation,” but it had not yet concluded by Wednesday, so there “wasn’t anything for them to find out,” he said.

It has not yet been decided whether the IFC’s investigation into the party will continue now that SAE is not a member of the IFC. Child said.

SAE to reapply for membership

SAE can petition the IFC for readmission after three months. Child wrote. “If they are readmitted, they will begin the associate member program as a new member,” he wrote. A fraternity must be an associate member for at least one year, then a probationary member for six months, before it can be a full member.

“We will continue to work closely with our alumni, the MIT administration, and the IFC with the intent to reapply for membership in three months,” Kelly wrote. “We are excited about several upcoming public service projects which will help to strengthen our application and show that we are an asset to the Greek community,” he wrote.

Mass. Ave. Construction Begins amid Complaints

By Beckett W. Sterner

Massachusetts Avenue between Memorial Drive and Lafayette Square will undergo construction starting this March to improve the pavement and sidewalks, as well as to redesign the intersection of Main Street, Colombia Street and Mass. Ave.

Parts of the project drew criticism from MIT and Cambridge community members at a forum held yesterday for failure to address bicyclist protection, intersection safety, and the elimination of 30 unmetered parking spots on the western side of Mass. Ave.

The construction will run from March, 2005 through September, said Transportation, Construction, and Technology.

GSC Presents Survey Data, Ideas on Grad Student Life

By Kathy Dobson

Graduate Student Council members presented recommendations for ways to improve graduate advising to about 150 students, faculty members, and administrators of events on Tuesday. The recommendations include increasing communication among students, faculty, departments, and the Institute, and providing resources that are more accessible to students.

The recommendations are based on an analysis of questions from the 2004 Graduate Student Life Survey and suggestions from a series of focus groups that met last November.

About a third of respondents wanted more contact with their advisor, the survey found, and while students were excited about the recommendations, they still wanted more.

Candidates for Undergraduate Association President and Vice President Elections

John M. Cloutier ’06 and Jessica H. Lowell ’07

See page 12 for a list of candidates for Class Council positions. Source: Tiffany L. Sev ’06, UA Elections Commissioner

The Weather

Today: Cold, 25°F (–4°C)  Tomorow: Mostly cloudy, 18°F (–8°C)

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The Weekend Outlook:


Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Low 16°F (-9°C).


Tomorrow night: Decreasing clouds. Low 20°F (-7°C).

Sunday: Sun returns, but still seasonally cool. High 34°F (1°C).

Monday: Mostly sunny early with some melting, but clouds build late in advance of possible a storm at night. High 36°F (2°C).

WEATHER
By Gardiner Harris and Alex Berenson

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25—Two government drug advisers who last week endorsed continuation of a drug trial because the hugest inflating pain pills Celebrex, Bextra and Vioxx have in recent years promised to review in detail accounts of disclosures in medical journals.

If the 10 advisers did not cast their votes, the committee would have voted 5-4 to recommend that Celebrex remain on the market. The committee with 10 advisers is voting 9-1 to keep Bextra on the market and Vioxx off.

The votes of the 10 did not sub-
stantially influence the committee's decision. The committee is made up of one government, one private-sector and eight private-government advisers. One committee member voted that Celebrex should be withdrawn.

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Syria Promises to Remove Forces From Lebanon after U.S. Pressure

By Joel Brinkley and Hassan M. Fattah

TIKRIT, IRAQ, Feb. 25—Tens of thousands of Lebanese soldiers were caught in a wave of attacks, and a suicide bomber blew himself up in a police station on Thursday that "we demand a fixed withdrawal announcement," said Imad Moustapha, the head of the Movement for Change, known to observers as Lebanon's principal political party.

The family of Ali, who was held without charges for 20 months in Alexandria, Va., is applying to sell Prexige.

Researchers with ties to industry commonly serve on Food and Drug Administration advisory panels, where their presence has been a long con-

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Letter to the Editor

Searching for the future

When I was an active member of the Tang Hall Resident Association and led the authorship of the 2004 Housing Strategy Group report on Senior Segue, I campaigned for the graduate students’ cause to maintain their right to their on-campus housing. When I moved to Midland four years ago, I vocalized that grad students were the largest student body at MIT, and that the corporation, and maybe grad students. While the housing management system is back above 10,000, despite the setbacks Hussein would be worth the benefit to the Iraqi people. I never included myself in the ranks of this group. I disagree. Bush specifically stated that he would pull off a remotely successful election. I knew some felt it was vague on time throughout the course of their entire presidency, let alone during the state of the union. And while your girlfriend may tell you (and herself) that length doesn’t matter, if there’s nothing there, nothing gets done. Many would argue that these factors don’t matter because history takes a deeper look at time. I never thought that the administration fell off the bandwagon when I found out that the inaugural ball was Tea and Boots. What really did it for me, though, was the Iraqi election. I was positive that Jan 30 would mark the end of the problems he felt this nation faces and that there was nothing he could have done to avoid it. However, George Bush does have one inexorable character flaw: he’s a Yank who thinks he’s from Texas.

Karl Rove convinced the people of Texas to keep, but talks Texan. According to these people, history cares about length doesn’t matter, if there’s nothing there, nothing gets done. Many would argue that these factors don’t matter because history takes a deeper look at time.
Chen Zhao

When I heard about Harvard President Lawrence Summers’ now infamous National Bureau of Economic Research speech, I thought, “How stupid” because of its controversial nature. But I also thought, “How refreshing.” Summers has always been known as an honest, if perhaps uncautious, man. His words are not sugar-coated to help the PR department sleep more easily — something difficult to come by in the modern world where college presidents often-times seem more like politicians than academic leaders. It is for this precise reason that it would be unfortunate if Summers loses his job, as it seems he might, over this recent controversy.

Summers’ speech addressed the significant disparity between the number of men and women in science and engineering departments at leading research universities. The transcript has now been released, so we no longer need to speculate over the context in which he made his remarks. Summers mentioned three possible reasons for the observed disparity. One is the fact that gender discrimination exists. I do not think that anyone will disagree with that point.

The second reason mentioned was the fact that women have to live with different familial roles and societal expectations than men do, which might lead to women being less likely than men to want to work the enormous number of hours expected if one is to really excel in his/her field. Again, I do not believe there to be much disagreement on this point.

The third reason was the possibility that there are innate differences between men and women in the area of science and engineering, and it has sparked enormous debate. Many have condemned Summers as sexist and rude, some even calling him a male chauvinistic pig. Women have complained that his remarks might lead others to think that it is okay to consider women inferior. Let us look at what he actually said and then consider the appropriateness of his words.

First, Summers never said that men are superior to women. He proposed that the reason why the aforementioned disparity is greater in science than in other fields could be that there is some innate difference between men and women similar to innate differences in areas such as body weight or likelihood to commit crime. He did not con-jecture as to what the mean science “ability” of men or women is, but he asked whether it could be the case that the standard deviation is larger for men than for women. Following this logic, he thought that it might be that since faculty members at top universities are many standard deviations above the mean of their field, there is a smaller pool of available women than men. Then he said that this, along with the other possibilities mentioned, might account for our observations.

Essentially, all Summers did was brainstorm out loud about different possible explanations for what he agrees is a serious problem that needs to be addressed. Summers is an accomplished economist, and he did what a good scientist does. He was being creative and comprehensive in trying to explain a situation. We applaud scientists who ask questions, so why should we condemn Summers when he simply asked if innate differences could explain the gender gap in science? The history of science is full of scientists proposing controversial ideas. Should they all have thought their ideas only to themselves?

Some have said that Summers was right to explore different explanations, but that he should have done so privately. Why should he be silenced because he is an influential person? If all the influential people in the world simply said what is pre-approved, then what is the point of them speaking at all? Also, let’s give more credit to Summers’ audience. Is it really realistic to think that some previously neutral person will become sexist because of what the president of Harvard said?

The worst charge that has been laid at Summers’ feet is that he is hindering the progress of the feminist movement. This is absolutely ridiculous because Summers’ goal in giving the speech was to promote identification of why women are getting left behind in science, and then to fix the problem. It could only be beneficial to the feminist movement to figure out what differences separate the genders. The goal of feminism is not to declare that women and men are the same, but to make sure that they are treated in a fair and equal way.

The goal of feminism is not to declare that women and men are the same, but to make sure that they are treated in a fair and equal way. Let’s not forget that the progress that has been made in promoting women’s rights came about because some people were willing to think outside the box. Society, even women, accepted the notion that women were in some ways inferior and should not be allowed the same rights as men. Then a few innovative thinkers said, “What if?” and “What about this?”

Of course, not all novel ideas turn out to be correct. We do not know if what Summers has conjectured is even close to the truth. We do know that there are many innate differences between men and women, and there is a body of evidence that shows that men and women think differently. Therefore, it is not too much of a stretch to think that maybe men might inherently be “better” at math and science than women. However, we, of course, do not know if this is true, and a lot of research could be done to try to figure it out. Summers did not claim that the idea is right; he was just putting it out there.

A lot of women are very offended that anyone could even think that men are better at math and science than women. Like I said, we do not have any idea whether it is true or not. However, even if it is, is it really so terrible? I understand that it is pretty upsetting if you are told that you are not as good as someone else at something. But even if the standard deviations are different between men’s and women’s abilities, there will still be women who are very good at math and science and men who are not so good.

We must also consider what it means to be good at something. Maybe it could turn out that men are more intelligent in math and science, but women are naturally more hard working or persistent. Who knows? We do know that statistics show that boys score higher than girls on standardized tests, but 60 percent of college students are female, and girls get better grades than boys on average. We also know that boys tend to do better in math and science, but girls tend to be better writers, according to some studies. There are many factors when it comes to success, and one gender might be better at one aspect and the other gender might be better at another aspect. We won’t even know the truth unless someone asks the questions and inspires research.
**ARTS**

**THEATER REVIEW**

**The Vagina Monologues**

Material Rejected from The Black Hole

By Monica Byrne

February 17–19, 2005

You might call me a vagina veteran. MIT’s latest production of “The Vagina Monologues” was my fourth viewing of the famous Every. I’ve felt touched and inspired by the hurricane of energy involved in bringing the event to fruition, all for the sake of women’s well-being in the world. This year’s production — with one glaring exception — was a resounding affirmation of that mission.

Last year’s MIT production was ebullient and engaging, with 10,250 packed to capacity. This year, the venue was Little Kresge — smaller but much more sleek. The stage was draped beautifully in strips of pink chiffon with out-of-focus lights.4 A talented musician who brought much depth to the entire performance, the music was wonderful and very fitting for the opera, as if we were attending a grand opera "masculine" values like independence, stoicism, emotionality, openness, and communality are just as much to gain from change. Society, programs girls to be independent, strong, and not have their worth dependent on men for wholeness. Conversely, society programs boys to be dependent on women for emotional and mental health receptors. Imagine a world where our sensibilities are far from our current reality.

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What to Look for at the
Worthy ‘Sideways’ Eclipsed by Million Dollar Night

By Kapil Amarnath

The Academy generally doesn’t award memorable films, unless it’s extremely obvious. Consider Best Picture winners from recent times: “The King’s Speech” and “Chicago.” Both films quickly disappeared from view shortly after their statuette-filled nights. The Academy generally selects films from movies that are released towards the end of the year, or pushed hard by a big distributor, or c. serious. This year, movies left out of the fi te include “Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind,” which was released in late March. Easily one of the year’s top films, it failed to garner deserving nominations for Best Picture, Director, Lead Actor, and Lead Actress. “Sideways” was a great summer blockbuster and a classic superhero movie, but only got nominations in sound and visual effects. Finally, “Heart Huckabees,” a hilarious, intelligent, well-acted comedy distributed by the small Fox Searchlight simply didn’t have a chance against the Miramax-pushed “Aviator.”

Despite the Academy’s seeming inability to discern the good from the great, there are a couple of reasons to watch this year’s ceremony. First and foremost, Chris Rock is the host. He made his debut as a host this year, it was also the year of the first female director to be nominated for Best Picture. Second, the awards are actually announced, the nominations, which are often only a hint of what is to come in the industry, often allows us to see real emotion from someone who usually must act. So here are some take away facts about 20 minutes of the three hour marathon. I would admit I skimmed the show and only looked up the background or looking up the schedule of awards.

Best Picture

Best Picture winners tend to be critically loved, have a good showing at the box office, and feature stars. Of the nominees, “The Aviator” best exemplifies these traits. Much has been made of director Martin Scorsese’s lack of a Best Director Oscar, but none of his films have been more popular. “The Aviator” is the worst of the nominees, but needless to say, it has won most of the Best Picture awards in ceremonies leading up to the Oscars. “Million Dollar Baby” could push “The Aviator” from the throne, but it’s a character study, confined to smaller ambitions than “The Aviator.” Of the movies, my favorite is “Sideways,” but, despite its quality, it lacks the stars and the epic grandeur of “The Aviator.” “Finding Neverland” simply isn’t ambitious enough to be mentioned in the same breath as “Sideways.” “Million Dollar Baby” is the one to look out for, even though it’s held up by Jamie Foxx’s amazing performance and the well-integrated musical performances.

Best Director

Seven out of the last ten years, the director of a nominated movie has won for Best Director. This year, however, despite the sympathy votes for Martin Scorsese, Clint Eastwood will win. He will have won for a movie- “Million Dollar Baby” that wouldn’t have come out if he hadn’t shown up by Jamie Foxx’s amazing performance and the well-integrated musical performances. I would expect his win to be more about东野圭吾’s work on \"Founding Neverland\", but \"Sideways\" is more than due.

Best Supporting Actress

Jamie Foxx (Ray) was one of the few good things going for “The Aviator” in her portrayal of Audrey Hepburn. Portman beat out Blanchett at the Golden Globes, but since then Blanchett hasn’t lost. Portman represents a rising star, while Blanchett is an established A-lister who was nominated for Best Actress in 1998 for her role as Queen Elizabeth. Ultimately, I think Portman better. I think Blanchett will win. The Academy will probably feel that Portman will have many more chances at Oscar glory, while Blanchett is long due a statuette, as was Rene Zellweger last year. Virginia Madsen was mesmerizing in scenes in \"Sideways\" but simply didn’t have as large a role as Portman does in \"Closer\".

Writing (Original Screenplay)

Ah, here we are – the screenplay awards. This category is where the movies which were critically lauded, but simply won’t win Best Picture, get their consolation prize. Furthermore, many of the nominees are deserving movies that won’t win awards because they’re too daring or funny. Last year, it was Sofia Coppola for \"Lost in Translation,\" in 1996 the Coen brothers won for \"Fargo,\" and Quentin Tarantino won for \"Pulp Fiction\" in 1994. This year, it’s none other than Charlie Kaufman, for \"Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind.\" Kaufman is more than deserving, having already been nominated in this category twice for \"Being John Malkovich\" and \"Adaptation.\" \"Mind\” is not only original, but also sincere, which made the movie one of my favorites this year. The other two deserving nominees are Brad Bird for \"The Incredibles\” and Terry George and Kiefer Pearson for \"Hotel Rwanda,\” which could sneak up on Kaufman on awards night.

Writing (Adapted Screenplay)

And finally, there’s the adaptation prize awarded by Payne and Jim Taylor for \"Sideways,\” easily one of the best films of the year, and deserving of more acclaim in these awards. Payne and Tay- lor, previously nominated in this category for \"Election,\” will finally win this award. The Academy gave some recognition in this cate- gory to two movies considered two of the best films of the year. However, it’s too far – so far – \"Before Sunset\” and \"The Motorcycle Di- garder’s Men,\” but \"Sideways\” is more than due.

By Kapil Amarnath

Jamie Foxx will win the Best Actor award for his portrayal of Ray Charles (above) and is also nominated in the Best Supporting Actor category for his role in "Sideways."

Construction, from Page 1

2006, with possible finishing work in the spring of 2007. Work will take place in pieces, with traffic restricted to one lane each way in the affected areas. Other improvements include new traffic signals at the Mass. Ave. and Landauverse Street intersection, as well as the replacement of lighting with historic 1907 reproduction fixtures, new trees, the addition of bicycle lanes, and a landscaped plaza at the intersection of Main Street and Mass. Ave.

Some concerns about safety

A number of people attending the community forum requested action be taken to provide bicyclists an alternative to passing stopped buses on the left, and also to slow down cars near the 77 Mass. Ave. crosswalk. O. Robert Simha MCP '57, former MIT Director of Planning, said during the forum that Cambridge had consistently opposed a plan put forward by MIT that he said would give greater safety to bicyclists by putting them on a raised pathway similar to that of Vassar Street.

The “city staff stonewalled us,” he said, and ignored his objections at each stage of the planning review. “It’s worth screaming” about the plan now, he said, “because they’re not going to pick up the pieces.”

“When I led the Planning Office, five or six years ago, MIT objected to this design [and] presented an alternative that was safer for pedestrians and bicyclists,” he wrote in an e-mail yesterday to President Susan Hockfield and Chief Facilities Officer William J. Anderson, Jr., among others.

Instead, “the city opted for what they described as a city-wide bike path scheme… This system has killed several people in the city as they were ‘doored’ by drivers exiting their cars,” he wrote, “and asked for a report on the outcome.

“That was a stretch for them to change” from their standard, he said. Anderson also said that because he had only recently taken the chief facilities officer at MIT, he was not present during MIT’s talks with Cambridge over the past years but was planning further research on the matter and MIT’s position.

“I know with these bicycle issues that there isn’t a definitive solution,” he said.

Project will improve streetscape

“The streets and sidewalks outside here are in very poor repair,” Deignan said during the forum, and the construction ahead is aimed at solving many longstanding problems. As a result of resurfacing both the streets and sidewalks, Mass. Ave. will gain curb extensions at crosswalks to increase visibility and shorten crossing distances. The changes will also take better advantage of the drainage system now in place, which was built with this project in mind and hence was not well suited to the current setup.

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Candidates for Undergraduate Association Class Council Offices

The official campaigning period for candidates running for UA offices begins today. A presidential/vice presidential debate will take place Monday, and a Class Council Presidents’ debate will take place on Mar. 2. Electronic voting begins on Mar. 3.

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After a brief hiatus, the MIT campus is again hit by snowfall on Thursday night.
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At Faculty Meeting, Summers Makes Vow To Improve Behavior

By Sara Rimer and Patrick D. Healy

With his faculty threatening open revolt, the president of Harvard, Lawrence H. Summers ’75, promised Tuesday that he would temper his management style and begin treating people more respectfully.

Professors, gathered at an overflow meeting of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences to hear and discuss Summers, appeared so dissatisfied with the state of his leadership that they rejected a proposal to have three senior Harvard scholars mediate the furor between the faculty and its president.

After five weeks of mea culpas for his remarks about women in the sciences, Summers issued yet another apology. He promised professors that they would no longer experience the intimidation, anger, and hurt feelings that many of them have reported in his three-and-a-half-year tenure.

“I am committed to opening a new chapter in my work with you,” he told some 500 faculty and staff members, according to a copy of his remarks. “To start, I pledge to you that I will seek to listen more and more carefully and to temper my words and actions in ways that convey respect and help us work together more harmoniously.”

“No doubt I will not always get things right. But I am determined to see a different tone.”

He also promised to pay greater respect to the powers of the faculty on matters like undergraduate education, which he has sought to re-shape.

But the deep concern among professors at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences over his management appeared likely to continue, at least in private. Some critics said after the meeting that Summers was so damaged that his chance of being a great Harvard president was over. Others praised him as trying to reach out.

Although professors did not hold a vote of no confidence at Tuesday’s meeting, as some had threatened, a university dean promised to hold a series of private, informal meetings between Summers and professors in the coming weeks. However, several professors expressed skepticism about whether that intervention would do any good. The next full faculty meeting, where the confrontations with Summers have taken place this month, is scheduled for Mar. 15.

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Dr. Ned Block

MIT 1964 Humanities Professor of Philosophy and Psychology Department of Philosophy, New York University

Dr. Block will deliver a talk entitled

“WHAT IS CONSCIOUSNESS IN THE BRAIN?”

Wednesday, March 2, 2005
5:00 PM
MIT, Building E15
Barton Theater
20 Ames Street
Cambridge

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For further information please contact (617) 258-6760
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MIT Kinaesthetics Lab Dance Concert

Kresge Little Theater at MIT
Thursday, March 3 and Friday, March 4 at 8pm
$10 General Admission / $5 Students & Seniors
Reservations and information: mitdance@gmail.com

Sponsored by the UA Finance Board
GSC Presents Ideas on Advising

Student satisfaction started very high with new students, it declined each year afterwards.

The survey, which was sponsored by the Provost’s Office, the Graduate Student Office, and the GSC, included questions posed by members of the GSC about students’ experiences with advising.

About 3,000 students, or almost half of the graduate student population, responded, said Krishnan Sriman G, chair of the GSC subcommittee on Better Advising and Research Ethics.

The focus groups consisted of about 15 faculty members, 25 administrators, and 45 graduate students representing 25 departments. Topics discussed were finding and changing advisors, work expectations, students in transition, mentoring at MIT, conflict resolution, funding, ethical issues, and career advising.

This presentation was meant to kick-start several months of the GSC communicating their findings to the MIT community. Sriram said.

Members of the GSC plan to present their findings at the school and department levels, and the GSC plans to release a document summarizing their recommendations by the spring. So far, “everyone has been very receptive and very encouraging,” Sriram said.

GSC suggests improvements

“Part of the GSC’s mission is to prevent” negative relationships between graduate students and their advisors, said Barun Singh G, president of the GSC.

Personal guidance and feedback were listed as the top two traits that graduate students wanted to see more of in their advisors, according to analysis done by Brenden P. Epps G on the survey. Thirty-three percent of the survey respondents said that they did not meet with their advisor enough.

Another recommendation made was to publicize resources that are available to graduate students, such as the Graduate Student Office, the Ombudsperson’s Office, and counseling and support services.

According to the survey, only 5 to 15 percent of graduate students occasionally or frequently use these resources.

Singh said that adding counseling and ombuds services on the department level might increase their use. “Students prefer to use resources that are more localized.”

Call for Nominations!

2005 Student Art Awards

LAYA and JEROME B. WIESNER

STUDENT ART AWARDS

The Laya and Jerome B. Wiesner Student Art Awards are presented annually to up to three students (undergraduate or graduate), living groups, organizations or activities for outstanding achievement in and contributions to the arts at MIT. Established in 1979, these awards honor President Emeritus Wiesner and Mrs. Wiesner for their commitment to the arts at MIT. An endowment fund provides a $1,250 honorarium to each recipient.

http://web.mit.edu/arts/about/awards/wiesner.html

Please send nominating letters by Friday March 18, 2005 to:

Susan Cohen, Director, Council for the Arts at MIT

E15-205

cohen@media.mit.edu

LOUIS SUDLER

PRIZE IN THE ARTS

The Louis Sudler Prize in the Arts is presented annually to a graduating senior who has demonstrated excellence or the highest standards of proficiency in music, theater, painting, sculpture, design, architecture or film. The Prize was established in 1982 by Mr. Sudler, a performer in the arts and an arts patron from Chicago. An endowment fund provides a $1,250 award to the honoree.

http://web.mit.edu/arts/about/awards/sudler.html
Funk, Jazz, and Joya in Song

The “Joya in Concert” show was held last Thursday evening in Kresge Little Theatre. The concert closed with an encore performance featuring lead vocalist Joanna Y. Abbott’s Artists Behind the Desk rhythm and blues group.

(left) Joanna “Joya” Y. Abbott provides the lead vocals.

(below) Louis Andre Castillo O’choa fingers the bass guitar.

Photography by Omari Stephens

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LBGT & Questioning Support & Discussion Group for MIT Students

Facilitated bi-weekly support and discussions for all LBGT and Questioning undergraduate and graduate students. Not just for coming out.

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The Chorallaries of MIT Present The Nth Annual Concert in BAD TASTE

Saturday, February 26th

10-250

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In the tradition of Mens et Manus, MIT is pleased to announce an innovative opportunity for undergraduates—the new Minor in Management. Initial enrollment will be limited. Current sophomores and juniors are eligible to participate in a lottery to be held this spring.

The curriculum for the new minor comprises:

- 14.01 Principles of Microeconomics
- 15.501 Corporate Financial Accounting
- 15.668 People and Organizations (new)
- 15.812 Marketing Management

Plus two elective subjects (selected from a specified list)

To learn more, visit http://mitsloan.mit.edu/undergrad/ and attend one of the following information sessions:

**Tuesday, March 1**
4:00-5:00 PM
6-120

**Wednesday, March 2**
4:00-5:00 PM
E51-325

Questions? Email ugprogram@sloan.mit.edu.
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# How do I make an appointment at the MIT Mental Health Service?

If you wish to make an appointment at MIT Medical’s Mental Health Service, call x3-2816. The receptionist will schedule you for an appointment on that same phone line. This is an approximately 15-minute phone call during which an intake clinician will establish the general problem and its urgency, as well as gather information that will help match you with the clinician who will be the most helpful to you. The clinician will then schedule you for an initial hour-long appointment.

If you don't have the privacy for a phone call, you can choose to come to the Mental Health Service (3rd floor of MIT Medical, building E23) for your intake interview.

If you cannot wait, there are walk-in hours every afternoon, Monday–Friday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. If you come during walk-in hours, you will be seen, although there may be a wait. Appropriate follow-up will be arranged at that walk-in visit. This can include being booked for an intake appointment.

# What should I expect at my first visit?

During your first visit, you will talk with a clinician about the concerns that prompted you to make the appointment. The clinician will also take a history, which will involve asking some questions about your family, childhood, and substance use. Usually the session will end with some feedback and suggestions about the best treatment. Sometimes a recommendation is made for treatment outside of the medical center; sometimes a recommendation is made to consider medication.

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

For graduate and undergraduate students there is no charge for visits to the Mental Health Service at MIT Medical.

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

Go to [http://web.mit.edu/medical](http://web.mit.edu/medical) to find answers to the following questions.

- **u** Who should use mental health services?
- **u** Is everything in a mental health visit really 100% confidential?
- **u** Does MHS prescribe medications?
- **u** What if I want to see a clinician outside MIT?
- **u** How are mental health services covered if I am on my parents’ insurance?
- **u** How are mental health services covered if I have the MIT Student Extended Insurance Plan?

To learn more about SHAC membership, look out for our Wellness Seminars/Study Breaks around campus, or visit our website [http://web.mit.edu/shac/](http://web.mit.edu/shac/).
SPORTS

Women’s Swimming and Diving Take Second at Championships

By Victoria K. Anderson

The MIT Women’s Swimming and Diving team held their seeminglypermanent slump and put aside a distant memory of defeat. The New England Intercollegiate Men’s and Women’s Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) championships, held Feb. 18-20 at Wellesley College. Springfield College won its fifth straight championship title, while host Wellesley trounced the Beavers for the meet and finished third.

Highlighting the action for MIT was double-winner Doria M. Holbrook ’08, who broke the team’s dry spell in the diving events as she toppled the rest of the conference on the one-meter and three-meter boards. In doing so, she beat better than several competitors from Division III diving powerhouse Springfield, which bodes well for her hopes at the Division III National Championships.

While the victories were sparse for MIT at the championships, the team utilized its depth, particularly in the back and breast events, to post enough points for their second-place finish. In the 100 breast, Katherine C. Thornton ’07, Moria C. Chambers ’06, Katriina M. Sorenson ’08, and Jolinta Y. Lin ’06 all placed in the top eight, except for Kirstin Alberi ’03, 59.89, 2002), but also betters the provisional qualifying time for the NCAA Division III Women’s 1-meter. Shih-Yuan Liu and Jessica R. Huot ’06 placed second, Dmitry Abasov and Guadalupe O. Mota ’08, who broke the team’s dry spell in the diving events as she toppled the rest of the conference on the one-meter and three-meter boards. In doing so, she beat better than several competitors from Division III diving powerhouse Springfield, which bodes well for her hopes at the Division III National Championships.

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