**Woman on '07 Ring Sparks Controversy**

By Zachary Ozer and Benjamin Wasserman

The 2007 Brass Rat was unveiled last Sunday night, revising previous years’ controversy by featuring a woman on the ring’s seal.

The reaction to the ring’s design was mixed. Approximately 10 students left the premiere immediately after the Ring Committee debuted the design for the seal. Opinions varied on the general design.

Michael S. Hall ’07, one of those who walked out, said before the premiere began that he would walk out if there was a woman on the ring. Yet even while Hall and others walked out, cheering in support of the seal grew louder, eventually drowning out the booing.

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**Tributes to hacks, Red Sox**

The bezel features a large, menacing beaver juggling an hourglass, a compass, and a diploma. The diploma floats in the air, tantalizingly close, but still out of reach. The Statu Center and Kresge Auditorium fill out the background, with BITTP subtly placed in the windows of Kresge and a plastic cup in a tower of Statu. A shower head sprouts from the branches beneath the beaver, symbolizing the final year of freshman 8.01 (Physics I) showering night.

The class shank features the numbers 2007 and 140 to commemorate MIT’s 140th graduating class. A Wright brothers’ airplane flies above the dome in honor of whom, on the 100th anniversary of flight. Hackers placed a scale model of the plane on the Building 10 dome. A banner hangs on the dome with the word “curse” written backwards, in honor of the Red Sox’s World Series victory and reversing the curse of the Bambino. At the bottom, an Athena owl flies with raised wings that form the words “punt” and “touch.”

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**IS&T Starts to Ask, ‘Whither Athena?’**

By Keith J. Winstein

The student advisory committee to the Executive Committee and Tech- nology will begin to discuss the future of student computing today.

“It’s an opening of a larger student discussion that we hope will continue for several more weeks, if not months,” said Phillip D. Long, who represents MIT’s Academic Computing group on the committee, formally known as the IS&T Student Technology Advisory Board.

“The discussion tomorrow is to get the students around the table,” he said, “to begin the conversation in terms of what the student interests are in terms of aspects of improve shuttle services such as the Tech Shuttle and Saferide, and said he and Owens ‘want to lobby to

**Candidates for UA Offices Debate**

By Jenny Zhang

The candidates for the 2005–2006 Undergraduate Association Presi dent/Vice President debated last night in the first floor of the Student Center. The two VP pairs were John M. Cloutier ’06 and Jessica H. Lowell ’07, and Calvin G. Sizer ’06 and Bryan D. Owens ’07.

The debate drew a strong crowd, which filled all seats and left many more standing and listening for the duration of the debate.

The two teams advocated different issues, but both emphasized the importance of accountability of the leadership in achieving goals. “We want to know what you guys think and be diligent in getting your will out,” Cloutier said.

“If the average student can’t see something that’s improved during our administration, we need to go back to the drawing board,” Sizer said.

Teams introduce different goals

In the opening statements, each team described one specific goal that it hoped to put forth.

Lowell said that she and Cloutier believed that freshmen should be allowed an opportunity to move into dormitories, sororities, and independent living groups during their second semester if they have certain disciplinary record and good academic standing. She and Cloutier would like to discuss this possibility with administrators, she said.

Nathan B. Ball ’05 hangs suspended from the ceiling of Johnson Athletic Center while testing a rope climber, as Daniel G. Walker ’05 belays and Tim Fonoffon G watch from below. Ball, Walker, Fonoffon, and Bryan D. Schmid G constructed the climber to enter in the Soldier Design Competition, to be held today at 6 p.m. in ESL. The climber is designed to be capable of lifting a soldier fifty feet in five seconds.

**A ‘Bad Taste’ That’s Good**

By Zachary Ozer

Let me begin by saying that I’m not a fan of a capella. This is not a result of some sort of inherent dislike for it, but rather the quality of the capella I’ve seen. There is a lot of mediocre a capella and very little good a capella, probably because there are few professional a capella groups. Consider the difference between The Tech and The New York Times, between MITSO and the BSO, between the UA and the federal government. It’s being done by students who, although dedicated, have other priorities.

It all began around 10:15 p.m. Apparently, I was running late for an 11:00 concert. The line began at 16-250 and stretched down the hall. As we waited, the music came more loudly into our ears, and by the time we got to the front of the line, we were cheering for the concert. At the entrance, the security asked for student identification for us to get in. As we got inside, we noticed that the students were actually not the only people in attendance: there were some non-students who were also there, including the Tech Shuttle and Saferide.

Several minutes before 11, security let the crowd into the lecture hall. As we began moving, someone rushed past us carrying a box of TP. As we arrived at 11:20, we noticed CP’s had intercepted the insurgent and confiscated his munitions. As luck would have it, the police were quite clumsy in their confiscation of the material, and I managed to grab a couple of rolls of TP and a pack of Athena paper.

After a mad dash up the stairs, we grabbed some seats in the nose...
President Bush told governors Monday that he wanted to work with them on extending Medicaid, the health insurance program for more than 50 million low-income people. But governors said they were far from reaching an agreement with the White House. “We want to work with you,” Bush told the governors, who were visiting the White House as part of their winter conference. “We also recognize that the system needs to be reformed, and we want to work with you to do so.”

Administration officials said they had hoped for an agreement this week, to provide guidance to Congress as it drafts a blueprint for federal spending.

Gov. Bill Richardson of New Mexico, chairman of the Democratic Governors’ Association, said “the administration was anxious for an agreement by Tuesday. But we are not near agreement. We are not ready by any means to reach an agreement.”

Gov. Mark Warner of Virginia, a Democrat who is chairman of the National Governors Association, said state officials believed Medicaid was unsustainable in its current form.

### Indonesia Welcomes U.S. Plan To Resume Training Its Military

By Jane Perlez

Indonesia welcomed a plan by the Bush administration to restore a military training program that was canceled 13 years ago, saying on Monday that it would open the door to a new era between the two nations.

“Because of the very fundamental nature of the changes in Indonesia, this should be the best of times in U.S.-Indonesia relations,” said Marty Natalegawa, the spokesman for the Foreign Ministry. “It would be ironic if we were to look back and see happier times. Most of us believe that Indonesia was not as fortunate.”

Natalegawa was referring to the three decades of authoritarian rule by Gen. Suharto, which ended in 1998.

The State Department announced over the weekend that the Indonesian government’s cooperation with an FBI investigation into the deaths of two American teachers in Papua Province in 2002 had been great enough to warrant the resumption of military ties.

Under the new administration policy, Indonesia will be remanaged in the Pentagon’s international military education and training program, which allows for combat training of selected officers in the United States. Congressional approval, which is required, is considered a formality, officials said.

### Ebbes’ Worldcom Defense: I Knew Nothing

By Ken Bolson

Benard J. Ebbes, the founder Worldcom’s chief executive once hailed as one of the most brilliant telecommunications entrepreneurs ever, told a packed courtroom on Monday, “I don’t know about technology and I don’t know about finance and accounting.”

In the stand in his own defense, Ebbes displayed a folkloric innocence that was part of the defense’s effort to cast him as someone who relied on others with greater expertise to handle the details of running Worldcom as it grew from a small regional reseller of phone services to one of the largest companies in the country in 2001.

The trial, requiring 12 weeks of testimony at the Brooklyn federal courthouse and a special jury as the court’s first all-female panel of 12, ended Monday with a surprise resignation from Worldcom’s chairman, John M. C. Malone. The company’s stock soared to $22 in trading on Tuesday, up 40 percent.

Worldcom, which has been bought by MCI WorldCom in a $68 billion buyout, is expected to suffer in the wake of the accounting scandal that led to the death of 122 people.

A suicide bomber steered a sedan full of explosives into a thick crowd of security officers on the way to the Interior Ministry, according to the Interior Ministry, and was so powerful that it left a row of shops flattened and the street.

Witnesses described a scene of horrific carnage, with huge pools of blood visible on the pavement and mangled corpses being loaded onto ambulances. The interior ministry said blood could be seen splashed up a wall above a first-story window.

“I was standing inside the door when I saw a car coming fast down the road opposite the Ministry,” said Ala Alam, 51, a security guard who had been inside the medical center and escaped unhurt. “All of a sudden, the glass and shrapnel started coming down all around my head. When I got outside, I couldn’t believe it. There were dead bodies everywhere, and blood on the walls and the street.”

The attack, the latest of dozens aimed at Iraq’s fledging security forces, demonstrated once again that the insurgency still packs the power to launch deadly strikes at will, despite the relatively peaceful national elections in January and the recent capture of several important leaders.

Indeed, the deadliness of the attacks appears to have increased recently. Interior Minister Faiq al-Husein al-Ahmad said on Monday that he had the chance to meet with the commander of the two nations.

Indonesia is likely to help build buddhistic dreaming efforts through-out the Middle East. Few opposition parliamentarians expected to win the no-confidence measure, but in a nod to the growing populism of the opposition, Karami bowed to the Lebanese street.
**Judge Rules U.S. Terror Suspect Held Unjustly by Administration**

By Neil A. Lewis

A federal district judge in South Carolina ruled Monday that President Bush's military commission had no power to detain a Yemeni man accused of planning to bomb the U.S. in 2001 until he is released.

In rewriting its policy to accept liquor advertising for the first time in 32 years, the National Association of Broadcasters on Monday took a significant step forward, but it did not go far enough to satisfy many of the industry's critics.

The petition was closer than many had expected and came after Democrats mounted an attack on Gonzales' role at the White House in developing policies on the treatment of prisoners at the Guantanamo detention center.

Three weeks into his new job as attorney general, Gonzales said that nearly 100 issues, including new models for health care and the Iraq war, were "part of the agenda," he said.

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Rice Urges Palestinians To Dismantle Terror Groups

By Brian Knowles

WASHINGTON

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Speaking to reporters aboard her plane on the way home, Rice lamented the suicide bombing in Tel Aviv that killed five Israelis, and then said it was time for the Palestinians "to begin dismantling the terrorist infrastructure. That is what I will be looking for.

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Cassi Hunt

The devil’s advocate steps onto the podium, brushes off her finely tailored red velvet suit, and—mirroring the behavior of her defendant—opens her big, dumb mouth.

I think everyone needs to cut Lawrence Summers some slack. The remarks he made about the possibility of women being innately disadvantaged in men’s science fields were at best too forceful and at worst poorly-timed, but that doesn’t mean he should be turned into a whipping boy for feminists and jaded professionals angry about discrimination in universities and corporations. Those who actually read the transcript of his speech know that he placed too much emphasis on a theory above the fray. I believe the University has a moral obligation to look deeper below the strain of family and the need for an intense work schedule, and above discrimination. I don’t know enough about human physiology to comment on this order, but I do know that I agree with some of the finer points that made him reach this conclusion.

For Summers, statistics that show lower performance or a lower presence of women in math and science suggest that there may be an inherent difference between men and women’s abilities, and my point—is get ready for this, in case you decide to write an enraged response—is that this is a valid hypothesis, one that establishes a point from which experiments can be arranged, and hopefully, meaningful conclusions can be established.

However, I’d like to offer a counter-hypothesis. Discrimination today isn’t the blatant attitude of male superiority that plagued women of past generations, though, as Susan Okundaye ’05, Marc Levinger ’07, Chen Zhao ’07, Julian Villanueva ’07, A.S. Wine ’08, and many others have argued, discrimination is still present.

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My role models don’t have to have boobs to inspire me, just brains. My past experiences aren’t so different from a genetic disadvantage. In fact, it wasn’t until I left the Bible Belt and came to the glorious bastion of liberalism that I discovered the possibility of women being innately disadvantaged from birth. I’ve experienced so far is unique in that it’s the most debilitating source of discrimination that I’ve encountered in fact. I happen to be a female and my acceptance here, I received an email from one of MIT’s women’s engineering club, and whenever people ask me about my interests, they almost invariably want the perspective of a “woman in Physics.”

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Questioning the Status Quo

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Nick Baldasaro

Boys and Girls

now that formalities are concluded, I’d like to construct a very brief history of male/female expectations. Up to the sixties or so, the basic expectations of women in relationships were static, simple, and awful. They seem to have involved mostly things like being pretty, taking care of the family’s domestic needs, raising kids, and being considerate, and to do our share of providing good jokes constantly are typically valued more than other boys, but few of us would imagine, based on four years of using MIT as a university faculty committee wants the gender ratio to be 50-50. We should let the work of our distinguished colleagues in theology.

The basic expectations for men were to be financially supportive (have a job) and physically supportive of one’s wife/family. Men that expressed traits beyond the basic minimum were rewarded in the form of respect and social approval. As far as I can tell, it also seemed to be generally expected that women were to appear to have the strengths of the opposite sex. It is reasonable to assume that both men and women aspire to be as desirable to others (especially possible partners) as possible. Whether now or in the 1990’s, men with more positive traits (especially beyond the basics) have a better chance of getting a good spouse than people with fewer positive traits. So as of the fifties, the relationship expectations were on average a stigma for girls to emulate guys’ traditional athletic and would destroy them in baseball or football. We should let the work of our distinguished colleagues in theology.

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In starting the great process by which the representation of women in science is that it flattens complex individuals, with their wide range of abilities and interests, into homogeneous and uninteresting groups. If there are small differences between the mean male and the mean female, they are dwarfed by the huge differences between particular individuals, such as Albert Einstein and Charles Manson. Look at this list: Martin Luther King, Marie Curie, Michael Jordan, Virginia Woolf, and Tim Berners-Lee. If you saw a 60-40 over-representation of men, you’ve got your head in the wrong place.

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Trio

by Emezie Okorafor

Wow. So let me get this straight. You're part of a secret ninja clan hired by the MIT Bursar's Office, and your job is punish students who don't pay their late fees...

Something like that.

So, wait a sec... all those times when I've noticed students disappearing near the end of the semester... I always thought it was because of ridiculous loads of class work...

Nope. Ninjas took 'em.

So UNIFIED students, who disappear... that's not classwork...

It's ninjas.

ICE students?

Ninjas.

6,170 students?

Ninjas.

And, what about all the 6,111 students that disappear?

20 percent ninjas...

80 percent 6,111...

Secular Jihad

by Brian Loux

It appears I'm in a 3D world, but what is I'm really in a 3D world?

Actually, you're a complex binary code projectile on a 2D computer screen. This is perfectly into our understanding of the physical world. You're not in an pixel; you're not even within a 3D world. Now if you want to claim that god exists outside our universe, realize it goes against your Judeo-Christian tradition. AND the quotient of proof lies with you. So could you please stop filling the minds of our nation's best and brightest?

Deviants from the Norm

by A.K. Turza

What the hell happened to you?

I worked security, for bad taste.

Not exactly the zombie apocalypse, but close enough.

BizToons

by Jennifer López

The staff wants to know if we can leave early on account of the blizzard.

A snow day?!! You've got to be kidding! This is a business, not a grade school.

*Sigh*

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Tarot-Minded

By Monica Byrne

Come on, admit it. Haven’t you, the MIT reader, secularist and determinist, ever wondered about psychic phenomena? After all, it’s been argued that there’s far more valid evidence for psychic phenomena than there is for modern miracles. And if so, why do we sink millions of dollars into studying one and not the other? To address this discrepancy, I conducted my own rigorous study of psychics in the Boston area.

Translation: I walked down Tremont Street and got two tarot card readings. So, no, I didn’t exactly get a standard deviation, but my research funds were limited.

Lilah inhabits an apartment in the Theatre District across from 7-Eleven. When I buzzed the button on the front door, the doorman opened the door, waved, and went back about his day. It was good for something. She let me in, and the atmosphere of the room was like stepping through a doorway into a psychedelic speakeasy. A grandfatherly man was smoking a pipe and reciting the names of the tarot cards. She didn’t seem interested in my attempts at small talk. The smushed-face cat had also lost interest.

I then went over to the Tremont Room, a more famous Boston establishment in the heart of Downtown Crossing. There were draped tables under the walls of tiles, crystals, murals of swirling colors, and portraits of visionaries. And Lilah’s tarot-reading seemed to be a very sensible way to cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and cleanse and clean.
Bad Taste Pokes Fun at Everything

A Capella Concert Provides Tasteless, Though Funny, MIT:Style Humor

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bleed section on the right-hand side of the auditorium. Several seconds later, paper rained down on us in sheets. It was amazing how the idea that MIT students throw like little French girls was reaffirmed time after time — and I’m not talking about the French House crowd in the front. Some sitting next to me went so far as to say, “MIT students can’t use TP for shit.”

At about 11:05, the concert officially began with “Bad Taste” staff clearing the aisles so that there were no fire code violations (yeah, right). Then, as if Hermes himself had descended from Olympus, a lone Chorallary appeared and read a proclamation of all who would be offended by the debauchery which was about to ensue. Chi Phi, Susan Hookfield, SAE, Charles Vest, Dead Jewish Mothers, Undergrads, African animals, Jews, Muslims, and Christians were chided to much applause and cheering.

Then the corpus of the performance began. It started with a skit portraying a student contemplating suicide and calling up Nightline. The portrayal of the incessant and interminable phone tree was hilarious, especially as the voice on the other end proceeded to ask, and then confirmed, when, where, and how the student would kill himself. This was all part of the recurring theme of poking fun at Medical’s supposed habit of incarcerating mentally unstable students for long periods of time without access to the outside world. In addition to this skit, there was a series of “Not Going Anywhere for a While?” ads, one of which had a student who was placed in a straight jacket as Medical personnel hauled him away. Also included was an ad where a student who woke up in a tub of ice with his kidneys missing. While all of these skits were in “Bad Taste,” you’d have to be chemically imbalanced not to laugh.

Speaking of chemically imbalanced, the Chorallaries then went into an overdone, overly long skit filled with Course 5/7/10 humor. It felt like that took up the vast majority of the concert. It starred the renowned spy Bond, Ironic Bond (taken, not shared) who was fighting his arch nemesis Miti Chondria and his henchmen the Mecium twins (or a Pair of Mecium). You can only imagine where this went. Toilet paper chucking became violent as everyone realized that this skit quite simply would not end.

Then, at some point during this skit, the Chorallaries actually proceeded to sing. The songs that followed, however, offended me as a person not because I have a sense of decency, but because I have a sense of humor. I relished my seat in the front. Some sitting next to me went so far as to say, “MIT students can’t use TP for shit.”

Try to imagine hearing the rendition of “The Engineers Drinking Song,” complete with new verses for the arrival of S. Hock. However, that really didn’t get the memo that Christmas was two months ago, but the snow could have confused them. Despite their early failures, their rendition of “McDonald’s Girl” almost made up for it.

My favorite vocals of the evening, however, were part of the recurring them of sleeping with one’s TA professor in order to pass a class. With the help of soloist Charlene Chuang ’05, “My Own Worst Enemy” by LIT was magically transformed into “Please Let Me By.”

The best part of the evening, at least for me, was the transformation of the gospel “Down in the River to Pray” into “Grad TA” with the assistance of soloist Holly R. Johnson ’07 and the amazing choreography by the Chorallaries.

I already enjoyed it more than “STDs” and “Hairly Thighs” because I could relate to it more, given how often I have contemplated having sex with profs and TAs in exchange for better grades. This was part of a recurring theme.

Eventually, the Chorallaries ended the debauch with the course 5/7/10 skit. The only near-redeming quality was when Bond, immediately before exiting, proclaimed that he would soon be chloplastered.

This was followed by the most amazing skits of the evening. First, there were 101 meanings for “Bitch.” Among my favorites: urinate rudely on pset, urine overflows porcelain, university rips off people.

Shortly thereafter, Resonance showed up and opened with an amazingly choreographed “Stud My Bitches,” a parody of “Stud My Kisser” by Ben Harper (or a side note, I am now infatuated with all of the female members of Resonance). Soloist Stephen S. Lee ’05 pulled off the role of pimp with flying colors. There was also something about separatists inbreeding, but I had stopped paying attention because the costume of one of the members of Resonance had completely consumed my interest: he was wearing what appeared to be a shaving cream teddy. It was just too much for my brain to handle.

Then came one of the most incredible sights I have ever seen. Out walked Lawrence Summers, eagerly anticipating the arrival of his buddy Charles Vest so that they could help put an end to the media’s portrayal of Larry as a chauvinistic pig. Upon his arrival, Chucky told Larry that he was bringing in Aimee Smith to help him complete sensitivity training. Several seconds later, armed with a purple dildo, Aimee Smith appeared and began beating Larry Summers. This elicited the loudest applause and cheering of the evening.

What’s new, Bitch? Aimee proclaimed.

“Get back in the kitchen, woman!” Larry ordered.

In the end, that’s what the “Nth Annual Concert in Bad Taste” is all about. Sure, the Chorallaries did their famous rendition of “The Engineers Drinking Song,” complete with new verses for the arrival of S. Hock. However, that really wasn’t what most people came for; they could have seen an a capella concert at any university that night. What made people line up hours early for “Bad Taste” was that it is uniquely MIT, and for most of us, MIT tastes damn good.
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Ivy League’s Faculty Diversity Grows Very Slowly, Report Finds

By Karen W. Arenson
March 1, 2005

Minorsities and women have made little progress in breaking into the faculty ranks of the Ivy League, according to a new report.

In 2003, Ivy League campuses hired 433 new professors into tenure-track jobs, but only 14 were black and eight were Hispanic. Women received 150 of the jobs.

The figures, culled from a federal database by a graduate student group at Yale University, shows the slow progress these highly visible universities, including Harvard, Yale, Princeton, are making in diversifying their faculties.

“The tenure-track faculty jobs are where all the change is supposed to be taking place,” said Rose K. Murphy, a senior research analyst at the Graduate Employees and Students Organization at Yale, a group of graduate teaching assistants seeking recognition union there, and a co-author of the study. “But most of the new positions are still going to white men.

Lawrence H. Summers ’75, Harvard’s president, has drawn intense criticism for suggesting recently that women might not have the innate ability to become high-powered scientists and for not granting tenure to more women.

But the new study shows that Harvard has abundant company among the Ivies. From 1993 to 2003, the percentage of tenured black professors on the Ivy faculties remained flat at two percent. The only Ivy campus where black professors accounted for more than three percent of the tenured faculty in 2003 was Brown, which had 17 black professors with tenure, or four percent of its tenured faculty.

There was also little change in the tenure-track, positions, the entry-level jobs that give professors a chance to earn permanent positions. In 2003, black professors had no more than four percent of the tenure-track positions at any Ivy university, and at Brown there were none.

“We don’t do enough as an academic culture to recruit and nurture young students of color,” said Robin D.G. Kelley, an anthropology professor at Columbia University who is black. “If I could probably invite all of the African-American faculty in the humanities at major universities across the nation to a party, and they would fit in my house. And it is not that big. I live in a New York City apartment.

Hispanic professors accounted for one percent of tenured professors at the Ivies in both 1993 and 2003, a period that saw tenured professorships grow nine percent, to nearly 6,000 jobs. In 2003, they held three percent of the 3,560 Ivy League tenure-track jobs.

Women showed more progress at the senior levels. They represented 20 percent of all tenured Ivy faculty in 2003, up from 14 percent in 1993. But their share of the tenure-track jobs remained roughly flat over the decade, at about one-third.

Report, “The UnChanging Face of the Ivy League,” was based on data from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System at the U.S. Department of Education. The Graduate Employees and Students Organization at Yale, which compiled the study with help from graduate students at Columbia and the University of Pennsylvania, said it planned to deliver its findings to the Ivy League presidents on Wednesday.

Ronald G. Ehrenberg, a professor of industrial and labor relations and economics at Cornell University who studies academic labor markets, said that the problems in recruiting women are different from those for minority professors. Ehrenberg said that studies had found that eligible women often backed away from research universities because of the difficulties they saw in combining high-powered teaching and family. Some may also perceive discrimination, he said.

“That is not just an issue for academia,” he added. “It’s an issue all over.

The problem in hiring members of minorities, Ehrenberg said, is that the pool of candidates isn’t that large.” He said that under-represented minorities earned only 6.5 percent of all PhD’s granted from 1989 to 1993, and that the percentages in the arts and sciences and engineering were even lower. More than 40 percent of the doctorates earned by blacks were in education.

Officials of the eight Ivy campuses report that they have been trying to diversify, Columbia, for example, recently appointed a vice provost for diversity initiatives.

The University of Pennsylvania has set up special finances to help in the hiring and retention of women and minorities. About three years ago, it began to make special efforts to bring more women to the senior faculty, which is paying off.

Penn was the only Ivy in 2003 that hired more women than men into tenure positions. It hired six women with tenure and five men. Across all the Ivies, women accounted for only 27 percent of 117 tenured hirings that year.

“We realized that if we’re bringing in men at the senior level, we had to bring in more women at the senior level,” Janice R. Bellace, associate provost at Penn, said.

Brown University, as part of an initiative to hire 100 new faculty members, has designated 20 positions for expedited hiring, with the hope that many would be filled by minorities, a university spokesman said.

The study also noted the sharp rise in faculty jobs that were not on the tenure track at all—7,792 slots in 2003 from 4,266 slots in 1993. The 83 percent increase far outstripped the growth in other faculty jobs. Such jobs represented only a third of the Ivy faculty in 1993 but climbed to 45 percent by 2003.

The non-tenure-track jobs, which carry titles like lecturer, instructor or researcher, generally pay less and provide fewer benefits, if any. They are usually short-term, and involve heavier teaching loads, the report said, even though they often require a doctorate. Blacks and women hold higher proportions of these jobs than of the tenure-track positions.

The data did not specify where the non-tenure-track jobs were. But on some campuses, like Columbia, some of the hires in this year’s grants has been in research jobs at medical centers. Other campuses have increased the number of lecturers in academic departments, a move that some critics see as cost-cutting at the expense of education.

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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?

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Design of 2007 Brass Rat Elegant, Traditional, and Classy

Elegant, Traditional, Classy

2007 Brass Rat Design Fails to Escape Controversy

March 1, 2005

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By Ruth Miller

The brass rat for the Class of 2007 was unveiled on Sunday evening in Kresge Auditorium. The brass rat for the Class of 2007 was unveiled on Sunday evening in Kresge Auditorium.

Reporter’s Notebook

There are some productive compromises, and hopefully, the class of 2008 will continue to learn from previous years’ mistakes. Why is there such a pronounced age difference between the people on the seal? Why not make them both students, or both adults? Why not make her look more professional? No butter churn ever won a Nobel Prize, because a captain of industry, or was President of MIT. To both sides: keep it clean. Facebook hate groups, while modern, are infantile. Hate mail to the members of the Ring Committee is also infantile. No decision they made would have garnered 100 percent support, and they made a strong effort to gauge student opinions. If you desperately feel the need Flame someone, you aren’t taking enough classes and are clearly too well-rested.

Picking up the pieces

With the lighthearted mood broken, the appearance of the bezel brought welcome laughter. The presenters partially won the crowd back with references to shower night, laughter. The presenters partially won the crowd back with references to shower night, laughter. Getting Gearing-gauged in a riot was a crucial part of my college experience. The class of 2007 and non-Red Sox fans can relate to seeing a city explode for one day in October.

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People cheered and jeered. Some left. The ceremony continued, but without the fun feeling from before that hateful button push. For some, our committee had failed us by getting lost in trendy political correctness, and for the rest, our class had failed us with their contempt for progress.

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The premiere of the 76th Brass Rat was exactly what the class of 2007 requested for its ring: elegant, traditional, and classy — elegant in that its ring: elegant, traditional, and classy — elegant in that sem-elegant level of professionalism that undergrads are expected to, traditional in that nothing was out of the expected, and classy in that the jokes were good and agreeable to all.

Elegant, Traditional, Classy

The occasion was good. I haven’t seen people from my own class since my GIBS last year, and it’s cool to gather everyone together. The Ring Committee did a good job marketing the “class unity” shtick. The musical selections for the event were strong and strong in that nothing was out of the expected. With the push of a button, the image of a girl was revealed on the seal shank. I will not use her name. A young woman, a pony-tail and jumper are not the uniform of a female scientist, leader of industry. Nobel laureates are not usually seen wearing a ponytail. The presentation is the same from the time period as the man she shares the stage with. The 1800’s weren’t exactly a time of gender equality worth remembering. I haven’t worn a jumper since I told my mom to stop dressing me, and she looks about that same age, while the man looks years younger than her father. I won’t even discuss the butter churn thing.

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Men's Swimmers Compete Well

By Victoria Anderson

In a weekend highlighted by eight new institute records, four automatic bids to the NCAA Championships qualifying times, and nine provisional Division III National Championships qualifying times, the MIT Men's Swimming and Diving team finished third at the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) Championships Feb. 25-27 at home.

Despite the impressive times put forth in both relay and individual events, the Beavers lacked the depth necessary to pull ahead of Springfield College and the Coast Guard Academy. However, the men have a chance to avenge the loss, as they will compete against both teams at the Division III National Championships Mar. 17-19 at Hope College in Holland, MI.

One of the more impressive swims of the weekend was the victory garnered by Craig M. Edwards '05, Grady A. Snyder '06, and Joseph P. Carlucci '05. Johnathan S. Varsanik '05, and Jonathan B. Dimitriou '06. His 100 back time in the relay, as well as in individual events in the season, dived up against the automatic qualification standard for nationals, as did the 200 back time that he posted in the 100 free relay. Finishing run-up to Edwards in the 100 and 200 back, Mattieu Fuzellier '07 posted two provisional national qualifying standards and also posted a provisional qualifying time with his victory in the 100 fly; Varsanik's third-place finish in the 100 fly also bettered the provisional qualifying standard. Additional individual provisional qualifying times came from Carlucci's 100 breast victory, a 400 IM runner-up finish by Kevin D. ‘Kao '08, and Snyder's seventh-place finish in the 100 free.

Carlucci, who was also the co-captain and scholarship recipient in the 200 breast, set two institute records in his 100 breast victory, as his 56.99 broke the 2003 record of 58.03 set by Bruce J. DiBello '05. The 26.45 that Carlucci posted in the first 50 yards of the race broke his own record of 27.41, set earlier this season. The final three provisional qualifying times came from the team's freestyle relays. The first-place 800 free relay of Josiah B. Rosmarin '06, Kao, Snyder, and Edwards from 1993, while the second-place 200 free relay of Varsanik, Edwards, Carlucci, and Snyder broke the institute record set just last year. Meanwhile, the 400 free relay team of Fuzellier, Snyder, Varsanik, and Edwards that finished second to Springfield's team also posted a provisional qualifying time, but narrowly missed setting a new institute record.

While the NEWMAC Championships marked the end of the season for the majority of the squad, at least Edwards, Carlucci, Varsanik, and Snyder will travel to Michigan for the national championships later this month. The NCAA invites additional athletes who have met the provisional qualifying standard to compete. Although Carlucci, who has not been able to race due to a pulled hamstring, will be unable to race, the list of athletes was not available at press time.

Hurt Gymnasts Help Secure Women's Win

By Larisa L. Hershcovitch '07

While Springfield moved to the vault, where they scored just 96.90, performances in their floor routines maintained their lead. MIT began with Lara L. Hershcovitch '07, who performed to music from "Pirates of the Caribbean," and landed a safe but solid routine for a 9.450. Jennifer F. Sasaki '06 continued the rally with a 9.575, and Chandler F. Johnson '06 hopped up the average again with an impressive 9.600.

Meanwhile, the Pride had put up good performances on the beam, so the weight of the meet fell onto the shoulders of Tam. She rose to the occasion, previewing a routine from Tarzan, posting a 9.700, the highest score of the meet, securing victory for MIT. On top of the Engineers' overall victory, Tam, Trowbridge, and Than secured the first, third, and fourth spots in the all-around.

Meanwhile, the 400 free relay team of Josiah B. Rosmarin '06, Kao, Snyder, and Edwards broke the provisional qualifying time, but narrowly missed setting a new institute record. The beam routines marked the return of DeMeo, who came from the disabled list and performed notwithstanding a fractured wrist, using a carefully choreographed routine that allowed her to perform on the balance beam. In spite of her injury, DeMeo placed third all-around on the beam, second among the Engineers to only Tam. Tam landed a 9.45, while Trowbridge landed a 9.35, putting them both in good standing for the individuals.

Going into the final round, the Engineers were just .265 points more than the Engineers. MIT moved to the unlowed bar. The Pride had set the bar high, with an average score of 9.13. The Engineers were not able to meet that, but they kept the match competitive with good showings by Tran, Merritt S. Tam '05, and Sarah J. Tran '06. The Engineers were losing by 875 points. Meanwhile, the Pride started the second half on the balance beam and nailed five out of six of their performances, with an average score of 9.275, an eighth of a point higher than the Springfield average. Harrison opened the event with an 8.975 on her first beam routine in collegiate gymnastics. The team routines marked the return of DeMeo, who came from the disabled list and performed despite a fractured wrist, using a carefully choreographed routine that allowed her to perform on the balance beam. In spite of her injury, DeMeo placed third all-around on the beam, second among the Engineers to only Tam. Tam landed a 9.45, while Trowbridge landed a 9.35, putting them both in good standing for the individuals.

More Steroids Testing Needed in Pro Sports

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using steroids or somehow prove that he didn't use them. Let's look at his comment about the fact that baseball is hurting his image that we should move on. When the media questioned what we should move on from, Bonds responded very negatively. He wanted to avoid the issue. Bonds should have come out and said something about steroids. But take a second to think: what are the issues from the fact that players have cheated in hitting home runs in the past? That they have won MVPs while taking steroids? Perhaps that is what we are hurting from: the records that we have marveled at over the course of all these years have been a fabrication and are as real as a WWF fight. Yes, baseball is hurting, and we do need to move forward. It's about time we legitimize the game once again. Baseball should no longer be marred by the players' dishonesty, whether it be Bonds, Jose Canseco, or Ken Caminiti.

Heavier testing. More frequent testing. Off-season testing. All of these are a good start to fixing the problem. As fans, we do want to see homestands. Just like we didn't want to see cork in Sammy Sosa's bat, though, we also don't want to see steroid use continue and become a part of the Barry Bonds of the world.

The last challenge of a socially conscious society?

Depression strikes millions indiscriminately. Depression is simply a suppression groomed to a point. We should be able to take the world as we see it and make it readily inhabitable, only in 5 years we would be 60% up. Why do so many old drug themselves along or eventually seek relief through alcohol? First, they're not the drug of choice for society. It's too accessible and too easy. Second, they're not an alternative to society. We should tear apart every one of us. Second, they're the unrectified negative stigma attached to it. You know, the negative thing. It's time to collectively live depression, to know its roots are not in society, and to do something about it. Its challenge is long overdue. It's taken too many of us already.
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by Travis Johnson

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The MIT Women's Ice Hockey Has Its Best Season

by Caitlin L. Murray

Barry Bonds Should Tell The Truth about Steroids

By Yong-gil Zhu

It has been an eventful winter in baseball. A perfect pitcher moved to the bench, a six-tool player took way too much money to go someplace nobody really expected, and a Cubby turned into an Oriole. The biggest story of the winter season, though, has been that of steroids.

First and foremost on everyone's mind is whether or not Barry Bonds took steroids. Did he do it? Did he know what he was doing? For how long did he do it?

Bonds won't answer these questions. The media won't stop asking them. Will we ever find out the truth? Many believe that Bonds' leaked grand jury testimony is in fact truthful, but Bonds has been less than candid about what he has done.

Bonds is taking a completely different route than Jason Giambi did. when his testimony was published. He called the steroids questions "routines," because the media has talked about it so much and he insists that the media is simply trying to make a bigger story about it than it actually is.

But in making a joke of the situation, Bonds is actually making himself less credible. Why would you dance around the topic if you had nothing to hide? Bonds seems like he has a lot to hide. He has used all of his tricks in avoiding all the big questions.

For example, at one point during the press conference last week, he verbally attacked a media member, calling that person a liar. The person had stated that Stan Conte, the San Francisco Giants' trainer, had informed him of Bonds' plan to use steroids.

At another point during the press conference, he claimed that all media members have lied in their stories. He said that they should clean their closets before they do digging into Bonds.

Even though there is almost no way of ever finding out the truth, Bonds should set the record straight. Rather than dancing around the issue, he should either admit to...