

# FCU Eyes W20; Student Spaces Get Tune-Up

Credit Union Plans to Open W20 Branch; Reading Room, Lounge Near Completion

By Angeline Wang  
NEWS EDITOR

Plans are underway for the MIT Federal Credit Union to open a branch on the first floor of the Student Center. This comes as the newly-renovated reading room opens for student use and the project to convert the former Cashier's Office into a student lounge nears completion.

The Credit Union submitted a letter of intent to occupy space on the first floor to the MIT Real Estate Office, said Phillip J. Walsh, director of the Campus Activities Complex. While no dates have been set since legal processes must still be completed, the project will most likely move forward. The Credit Union branch would occupy about 60 percent of the existing game room facility, Walsh said. The bank is currently working with architects.

According to Walsh, activity in the game room has been decreasing for a number of years, even after the games were moved from their previous location in the basement to the first floor of the Student Center. At the same time, the vendor who provides the games has indicated his intention to "slowly move out of the business," Walsh said.

The current plan is to maintain a smaller game room with the most



RICARDO RAMIREZ—THE TECH

Renovations for the Student Center reading room include convertible table tops; a latch pull allows a privacy partition and shelf to rise from below the desk.

popular and profitable games, including Dance Dance Revolution. The space will also continue to maintain seating, Walsh said.

"The Credit Union has missed being on campus, and the campus has missed us," Credit Union CEO Brian W. Ducharme said. The Credit

Union moved from Building E19 to its current Technology Square loca-

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## Feeling Lost On Campus? Guide To MIT Necessities

By Marie Y. Thibault  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Your parents have just pulled away from your dorm, smiling and waving from the car window. And only now do you realize that you don't have any shampoo. What to do?

This is a guide to all those little everyday things you'll definitely need, at least if you plan on being comfortable for the next four years.

The quality isn't amazing, but it's fairly dependable with the more traditional cuts. Price: about \$14-\$30 for a haircut.

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If you're one of those people who

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Pick either of these if you need a quick haircut in between classes or before an all-important interview.

## UAP's Advice to Frosh: Get Involved

By Marie Y. Thibault  
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This is the second in a five-part series of interviews introducing new students to administrators and student leaders on campus. Today, The Tech interviews Undergraduate Association President Andrew T. Lukmann '07, who talks about his experiences in student government, the goals of the UA, and advice for freshmen.

*The Tech:* What is the Undergraduate Association and how can freshmen benefit from it?

*Andrew Lukmann:* I can speak a little bit about my experience coming onto campus as a freshman. I was involved a little bit with my high school student government, so that's what I thought of coming on to campus: there's a campus-wide university student government specific to undergrads.

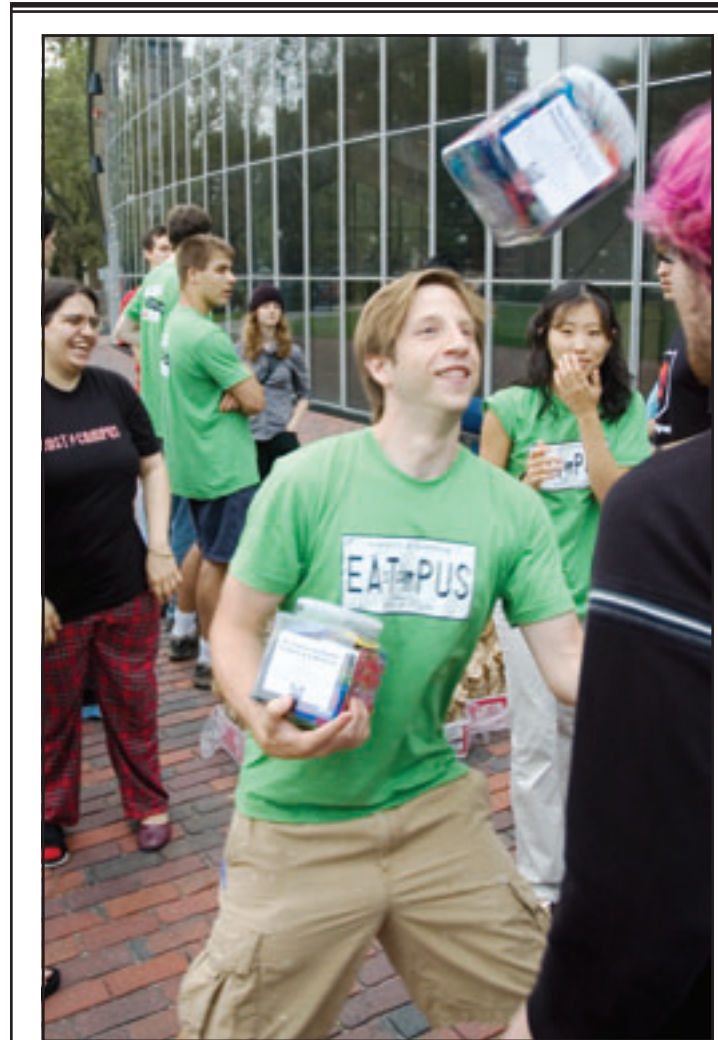
In my high school, we had representation to the high school student government based on classes. It's different in the UA in that you have representation based on residence halls. We found over the 70- or 80-year history of the UA that people tend to associate more with people who live with them even more than with people in their class.

We encourage people to run as senators to represent their living groups. Then we have different committees that tackle individual issues of advocacy, trying to inform the administration about student views on different things.

*TT:* How did you get involved in the UA?

*AL:* It probably started off with

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OMARI STEPHENS—THE TECH

William R. McGehee '08 juggles three sampler-boxes of condoms prior to the root beer and condom distribution following the annual freshman talk on sexuality and alcohol.

## William R. Dickson

MIT NEWS OFFICE

William R. Dickson '56, a retired senior vice president who supervised major building projects that tripled the size of MIT's campus, died Aug. 14 after suffering a heart attack. He was 71.

Dickson worked at MIT for nearly 40 years, starting in Physical Plant and working his way up to senior vice president, a title he held for 16 years before retiring in 1998. As senior vice president, he was responsible for most of the operations of the Institute and much of the financial planning and activities.

During his tenure, he was involved in a number of building projects, including Kresge Auditorium, the Green Building, Eastgate, Westgate, McCormick, the Whitaker Building, Building 16 and the Stata Center.

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## Vernon M. Ingram

MIT NEWS OFFICE

Vernon M. Ingram, a biology professor known as the "father of molecular medicine," died Aug. 17 from injuries suffered during a fall. He was 82.

A memorial service has been scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 10 at 2 p.m. in Wong Auditorium (E51). A reception will follow at Ashdown House.

Ingram was best known for his discovery, during the 1950s, that a single amino acid substitution is responsible for the molecular abnormality that leads to sickle cell anemia.

The find was "one of the absolutely seminal discoveries in the history of molecular biology," said Graham Walker, professor of biology.

Walker, who was Ingram's friend and colleague for 30 years, said

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# WORLD & NATION

## Prudential Agrees to Pay Fine For Mutual-Fund Trading Practices

By Landon Thomas Jr.

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Prudential Financial, the life insurance company, agreed Monday to pay \$600 million to settle charges with federal and state regulators that one of its units engaged in inappropriate mutual fund trading.

The payment, the second-largest levied against a financial institution over the practice, may bring to a close a three-year investigation into the improper trading of mutual funds that has ensnared some of the largest names on Wall Street and the mutual fund industry.

The settlement with the Justice Department, which covers trades totaling more than \$2.5 billion made from 1999 to 2000, is also the first in the market timing scandal in which an institution has admitted to criminal wrongdoing.

Such a concession by Prudential, part of a deferred prosecution agreement that will last five years, underscores the extent to which the improper trading practices had not only been widespread, but condoned by top executives at Prudential Securities, despite repeated complaints from the mutual fund companies.

"The deceptive trading practices at Prudential were compromising the integrity of many mutual funds," Paul J. McNulty, the deputy U.S. attorney general, said. "Investors were dealt a bad hand by corporate con men who stacked the deck against them."

## Severe Plains Drought Hurts Land, Lives, Traditions

By Monica Davey

THE NEW YORK TIMES

MITCHELL, S.D.

With parts of South Dakota at its epicenter, a severe drought has slowly sizzled a large part of the northern Great Plains, forcing farmers and ranchers into conditions that they say are comparable to the Dust Bowl of the 1930s.

The drought has led to desperate, rarely-used methods. Shrunken sunflower plants, normally valuable for seeds and oil, are being used as a makeshift feed for livestock. Despite soaring fuel costs, some cattle owners are hauling herds hundreds of miles to healthier feedlots. And many ranchers are pouring water into "dug outs," or natural watering holes for animals, because so many of them (up to 90 percent in South Dakota, by one reliable estimate) have gone dry.

South Dakota Gov. Mike Rounds, who has requested that 51 of the state's 66 counties be designated a federal agricultural disaster area, recently sought unusual help from his constituents: he issued a proclamation declaring a week to pray for rain.

## Hamas Spokesman Blames Palestinians For Gaza Chaos

By Steven Erlanger

THE NEW YORK TIMES

JERUSALEM

In an unusual instance of self-criticism, a well-known Hamas official has deplored the collapse of Gazan life into chaos and has said that much of the blame belongs to Palestinians themselves.

"Gaza is suffering under the yoke of anarchy and the swords of thugs," wrote Ghazi Hamad, a former Hamas newspaper editor and the spokesman for the current Hamas government, in an article published Sunday in Al-Ayyam, the Palestinian newspaper.

After so much optimism when Israelis pulled out of Gaza a year ago, he wrote, "life became a nightmare and an intolerable burden."

He urged Palestinians to look to themselves, not to Israel, for the causes. But he appeared to be placing the blame elsewhere than on Hamas or the Palestinian Authority prime minister, Ismail Haniya of Hamas.

# New Test to Speed Diagnosis Of Deadly Avian Flu Strain

By Donald G. McNeil Jr.

THE NEW YORK TIMES

In an advance that speeds up diagnosis of the most dangerous avian flu, scientists have developed a detailed influenza test that takes less than 12 hours, federal health officials said Monday.

The new technology, a microchip covered with bits of genetic material from many different flu strains, cuts the typical time needed for diagnosis of the A(H5N1) flu to less than a day from a week or more. In addition, rather than giving just a yes-or-no result, it usually reveals which flu a human or an animal has.

That means that public health officials investigating, for example, a flu outbreak in poultry or in humans in a remote Asian or African village will be able to decide quickly whether to kill thousands of birds or to treat hundreds of potentially exposed people with expensive anti-viral drugs.

Right now, ascertaining whether a flu is of the lethal A(H5N1) strain requires that a sample be frozen and shipped to a highly secure laboratory, usually in a major city like Atlanta or Hong Kong, where the virus can be grown in eggs, isolated and geneti-

cally sequenced, a process that takes four to five days plus shipping time and runs the risk of samples defrosting in transit and being ruined.

The new test, called FluChip, can be performed in any laboratory that can amplify bits of genetic material; many countries have such laboratories in their national capitals, if not in provincial hospitals. Samples need not be frozen, and because only bits of genetic material are multiplied rather than whole viruses, the work can be done in laboratories with lower biosecurity levels.

Nancy J. Cox, chief of the influenza branch of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, said the chip "really allows us to get a lot of information about a virus in a short time."

Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, which announced the creation of the test, called it an "encouraging advance" that could be "invaluable to international flu surveillance efforts."

Dr. William B. Karesh, chief field veterinarian for the Wildlife Conservation Society, who led a 2005 expedition to Mongolia to track the lethal

avian flu virus as it first moved out of Asia in migrating wild birds, said the new test "sounds fabulous."

"It could be an incredibly powerful tool," Karesh said.

A more advanced version to be used in the field may be ready within two years, said Kathy L. Rowlen, the University of Colorado chemistry professor who led the team that developed the test.

At present, animal and human health experts trying to fight avian flu in remote areas are forced to make important decisions based largely on guesses because it is too risky to wait a week for a laboratory to confirm that a highly dangerous virus is loose.

A dipstick test done on the spot, which a veterinarian working in Indonesia said was as quick and as simple as a home pregnancy test, can tell only if a flu is type A.

Getting more information requires polymerase chain reaction amplification, which Rowlen described as "separating the genetic material of the virus itself from all the other things you find in a nasal swab, and then making a million copies of it, like using a photocopier."

# Mexican Court Rules Against Challenges to Presidential Vote

By James C. McKinley Jr.

THE NEW YORK TIMES

MEXICO CITY

Felipe Calderon seemed virtually assured of being named president of Mexico next week after the country's highest electoral tribunal on Monday threw out legal challenges from his leftist opponent, who claims that widespread fraud warped the results of last month's national election.

The seven-member tribunal stopped short of officially naming Calderon, a conservative, president-elect. But it ruled unanimously that the opponent, Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, had failed to prove that irregularities in many of the polling places stemmed from fraud, nor that the errors affected him more than his opponent.

The judges said in open court on Monday that they had ordered the votes from scores of polling places

annulled for irregularities found in a partial recount, but that the final result would not change. They also made it clear they found no evidence of fraud.

"Based on all the annulments that were deemed necessary, all the parties lost a considerable number of votes, but that did not affect the result," said Magistrate Joss Alejandro Luna Ramos.

Lopez Obrador, 53, the former mayor of Mexico City who favors spending more on the poor, has declared he will not accept the ruling, calling it part of a conspiracy to rob him of victory.

Calderon, a 44-year-old former energy commissioner from the National Action Party of President Vicente Fox, narrowly won the July 2 presidential election by 243,000 votes out of 41 million ballots, according to the initial official tally. A fiscal and social conservative, he has promised

to entice foreign investment through public works and a flat tax.

Speaking to lawmakers in Mexico City, Calderon said he was pleased the court's ruling had confirmed his victory. "Just as important as the result of the tribunal's ruling," he said, "is that the citizens know the quality of the election we had, that doubts are cleared away and all the malice that has been sown among the citizens is eliminated."

The court annulled 81,080 votes for Calderon and 76,897 for Lopez Obrador after recounting ballots in about 9 percent of the precincts to satisfy legal challenges. Crossing out those votes gave the leftist candidate a boost of 4,183 votes, far fewer than he needed to catch up, electoral officials said.

The court has until Sept. 6 to issue a final tally and name the president-elect. The decision cannot be appealed.

# WEATHER

## Another Wet One

By Michael J. Ring

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

Unfortunately, after yesterday's less-than-stellar weather to welcome you to the Institute, we are due for another bout of rain today. However, the rest of the week should offer fine weather for outdoor activity.

The two noteworthy features on the North American weather map are Tropical Storm Ernesto and a cold front draping southwestward from New York to Texas. It is the latter which is our problem today; as it moves through New England we can expect periods of rain with showers lingering into the evening. Fortunately, behind the cold front stretches a continent of dry weather — and that is what we will have to enjoy from tomorrow through the weekend.

As for Ernesto? The storm should re-strengthen to hurricane status by Wednesday morning as it clips southeastern Florida. From there the projected track takes the hurricane roughly parallel to the coast until the Carolinas, where a second landfall occurs on Friday or Saturday. Should this track verify we'll likely have to deal with Ernesto's remnants early next week.

### Extended Forecast

**Today:** Rain. High near 68°F (20°C).

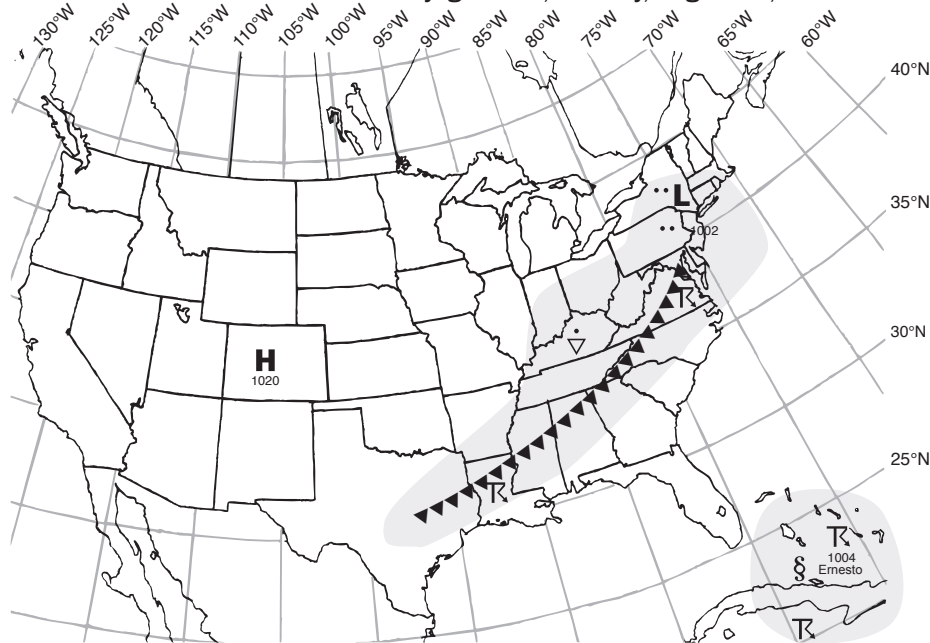
**Tonight:** Cloudy with scattered showers. Low near 60°F (16°C).

**Wednesday:** Clearing skies. High near 75°F (23°C).

**Wednesday night:** Clear. Low near 58°F (14°C).

**Thursday:** Sunny and pleasant. High near 72°F (22°C).

Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Tuesday, August 29, 2006



Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
H High Pressure	- - - Trough	Snow *	Fog
L Low Pressure	—•— Warm Front	Rain ∇	Thunderstorm
§ Hurricane	▲▲▲ Cold Front	Light *	Haze
	▲▲▲ Stationary Front	Moderate **	
		Heavy ***	

Compiled by MIT Meteorology Staff and The Tech

# DNA Evidence Vindicates Karr As Top Suspect in Ramsey Case

By Kirk Johnson  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

BOULDER, COLO.

The case against John M. Karr in the 1996 murder of 6-year-old JonBenet Ramsey collapsed on Monday when DNA tests refuted Karr's claims that he had committed the crime.

The announcement by the Boulder district attorney, Mary T. Lacy, incited a storm of questions about why Karr, 41, had been believed in his admissions, and how he could have led prosecutors into what became an elaborate global farce. Hordes of reporters had tracked Karr's journey, from his apprehension in Thailand nearly two weeks ago to his return to the United States.

In a motion asking a judge to dismiss the arrest warrant, Lacy wrote that Karr's obsession with the case and its details, combined with his

own statement of guilt, had compelled her to act first and test later. But in the end, she said, his words were all there was.

"No evidence has developed, other than his own repeated admissions, to place Mr. Karr at the scene of the crime," she wrote. "Mr. Karr was not the source of the DNA found in the underwear of JonBenet Ramsey."

The resulting anger, in a case that has produced numerous investigative blunders over the years, was immediate. "They took this man and dragged him here from Bangkok, Thailand, with no forensic evidence confirming the allegations against him and no independent factors leading to a presumption that he did anything wrong," Karr's lawyer, Seth Temin, said outside the Boulder County Jail, where Karr was still being held on Monday afternoon. "We're deeply distressed."

The Ramsey family has been at the center of the story for years, part of that time under suspicion by prosecutors. Patsy Ramsey, JonBenet's mother, died in June from ovarian cancer at age 49. Her sister, Pamela Paugh, said on Monday that the search for the real killer would continue.

"He wasn't the only name on the list," Paugh said of Karr.

What is next for Karr is uncertain. He still faces five misdemeanor counts in California of possessing child pornography on his computer. In 2001, he was held in the Sonoma County Jail for six months and then released, with bail waived. When he failed to appear at a court date, the judge issued a warrant for his arrest.

The district attorney in Sonoma, Stephan R. Passalacqua, said in a written statement that Karr would be extradited back to face those charges.

## Floridians Gird For Ernesto's Arrival

By Abby Goodnough  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

MIAMI

South Floridians began hoarding gas and other supplies Monday as Tropical Storm Ernesto threatened to strike here as a hurricane on Tuesday night or early Wednesday.

Though it was too soon to know how powerful the storm might become after leaving Cuba and crossing the warm water of the Florida Straits, schools and courts announced they would close on Tuesday and Wednesday. Miami-Dade and Broward counties prepared to open shelters, and Broward ordered a mandatory evacuation of mobile homes.

Before it was downgraded to a tropical storm, Ernesto briefly became the first hurricane of the season on Sunday. Even if it does not grow back into a hurricane, the forecasters said, it could inflict significant damage on parts of the state, with winds of up to 70 mph.

"We can't pinpoint an exact place for landfall," said Jamie Rhome, a hurricane specialist with the National Hurricane Center, "but anyone in the cone should continue to prepare."

The "cone of probability" for a strike, as predicted by the center, includes the entire Florida peninsula, the eastern half of Georgia, most of South Carolina and a big chunk of North Carolina.

In Cape Canaveral, NASA canceled its launching of the shuttle Atlantis, planned for Tuesday, and rolled the shuttle back to its hangar.

## Ford's Buyout Plan No. 1 Topic For Union Leaders Today

By Nick Bunkley and Micheline Maynard  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

DETROIT

Local union leaders at the Ford Motor Co. are scheduled to meet here Tuesday to discuss a possible expansion of the employee buyout program as well as other moves the company may take to accelerate its turnaround effort.

The meeting of leaders of the United Automobile Workers union locals comes about three weeks before Ford, which lost about \$1.5 billion in the first half of the year, is expected to detail its amended "Way Forward" restructuring plan.

The automaker, whose sales were eclipsed in July for the first time by the Japanese rival Toyota, recently announced substantial cuts in production in the third and fourth quarters.

Analysts now expect Ford to offer buyouts to many or all of its hourly employees, mirroring a similar program at General Motors. Nearly 35,000 employees, almost a third of GM's unionized work force, accepted the offers, which included cash payouts of as much as \$140,000.

Ford has said it plans to cut 30,000 jobs, or about a third of its work force in North America, by 2012 and close 14 plants. But it has a work force that is, on average, younger than GM's, and some analysts have said Ford would need to offer a better deal than GM to garner the same type of response.

# Shiite Militia Clashes With Troops Following Violent Weekend in Iraq

By Damien Cave  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

BAGHDAD, IRAQ

At least 20 gunmen and eight civilians were killed when the Iraqi army battled fiercely for hours Monday with members of a militia loyal to Muqtada al-Sadr, the radical Shiite cleric, in the southern city of Diwaniyah, Iraqi officials said.

The violence, which one Iraqi general said included militiamen executing Iraqi soldiers in a public square, amounted to the most brazen clashes in recent memory between Iraqi government forces and al-Sadr's militia. After weeks of rising tensions and skirmishes between elements of the militia and U.S.-led forces, it could increase pressure on

Prime Minister Nuri Kamal al-Maliki, a conservative Shiite, to find a way, whether political or military or both, to quickly rein in al-Sadr's powerful militia.

The battle erupted after a particularly violent weekend in Iraq for both U.S. soldiers and Iraqi civilians, in what had been a relatively quiet month.

The U.S. military announced on Monday the deaths of nine American service members in attacks on Sunday. In Baghdad, a car bomb killed at least 13 people on Monday and wounded dozens at a checkpoint just outside the Interior Ministry headquarters.

With sectarian violence soaring, U.S. generals and the U.S. ambassador, Zalmay Khalilzad, say that militias are now the single greatest

threat to the stability of Iraq and that the Iraqi government must move urgently to disband them.

But al-Maliki has yet to introduce any new policy and has refrained from strong condemnations of al-Sadr's militia, the Mahdi Army. Al-Maliki relies on al-Sadr, who is enormously popular among poor Shiites, for political support against rival Shiite politicians. Al-Sadr controls at least 30 seats in the Parliament and several ministries, and he maintains close ties to al-Maliki's political group, the Islamic Dawa Party.

Earlier this month, after the Americans called in air support during a raid with Iraqi forces in a Sadr stronghold in Baghdad, al-Maliki denounced the move by the Americans and said he had never given permission for it.

# eBay Unites with Google For Skype Calling Service

By Saul Hansell  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

eBay is hoping its new partnership with Google will help it find new ways to make money from Skype, its Internet calling service. But experts wonder if enough people are willing to make the switch from traditional phones to talking through their computers.

A critical aspect of the deal announced Monday is that Google will introduce a feature that allows users to talk to advertisers by way of Skype, instead of just clicking through to the advertisers' Web sites. Users of this feature, called click-to-call, would also have the option of using Google's own Google Talk system or normal telephones.

Early tests by several companies indicate there is a group of advertisers, including mortgage brokers, who are willing to pay \$8 to \$15 for each call from a Web searcher, roughly 10 times more than they will pay for a Web site click. Under the Google-eBay deal, money paid by advertisers for calls completed through Skype would be split between the two companies, although the proportion of the split was not disclosed.

But most of these tests so far, including those by Google, are focused on calling using regular phones, rather than PC calling using services like Skype. Indeed, eStara, a company that provides pay-per-call advertising technology to companies including Verizon's SuperPages.com unit, offers both telephone and PC calling options. It has found that only 10 percent to 15 percent of people choose to talk using their computers, and that this proportion is not increasing.

"The vast majority of consumers

want calls to be landline-based," said John Federman, eStara's chief executive. PC calling requires computers that are equipped with microphones, and a change in customer behavior.

Alex Kazim, the president of Skype, said that an increasing number of computers now come with microphones, and that consumers were increasingly using them.

"We see a shift over time as users become more and more able to do voice calling on their PCs," Kazim said. He pointed out that Skype had 100 million users worldwide.

eBay bought Skype last year for \$2.6 billion and additional payments based on its performance. It expects Skype to generate \$200 million in revenue this year, mainly from fees for connecting PC calls to regular telephones and extra services like voice mail.

In an interview Sunday, Meg Whitman, eBay's chief executive, said the click-to-call system could substantially increase Skype's revenue, but she declined to say by how much.

Skype and Google will begin testing the system next year. So far, most pay-per-call advertising uses one of two technologies. In some, the ads simply display a telephone number for users to call as they would any business. But the number is used only for that advertising campaign, so each call can be tracked. In others, users enter their phone number on the Web and receive a call moments later from the advertiser.

Google has tested the latter system because it can record exactly what path a user took before initiating a call.

AOL, which is using pay-per-call in its Web search ads, uses the unique phone number approach, because it is easier to understand.

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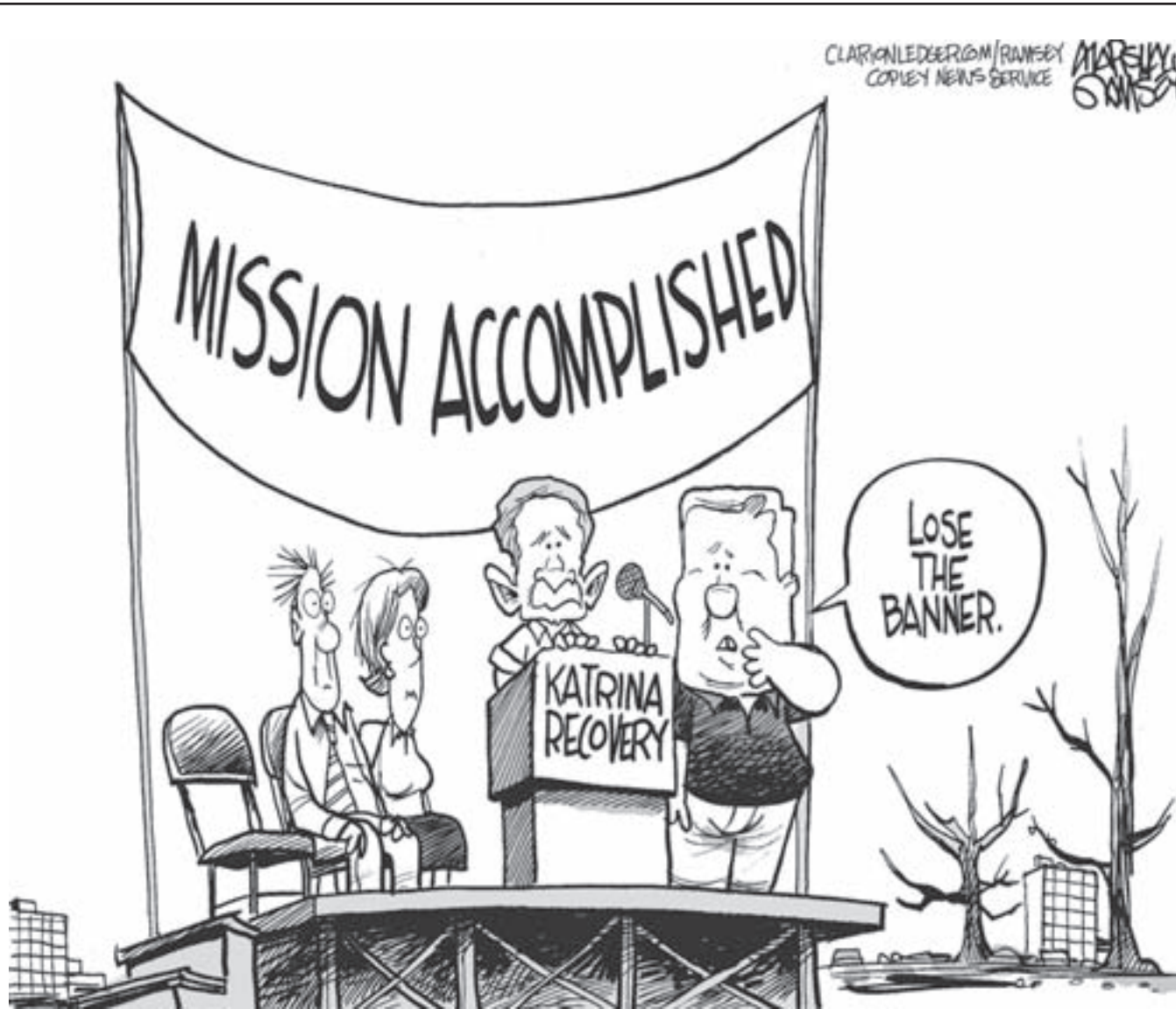
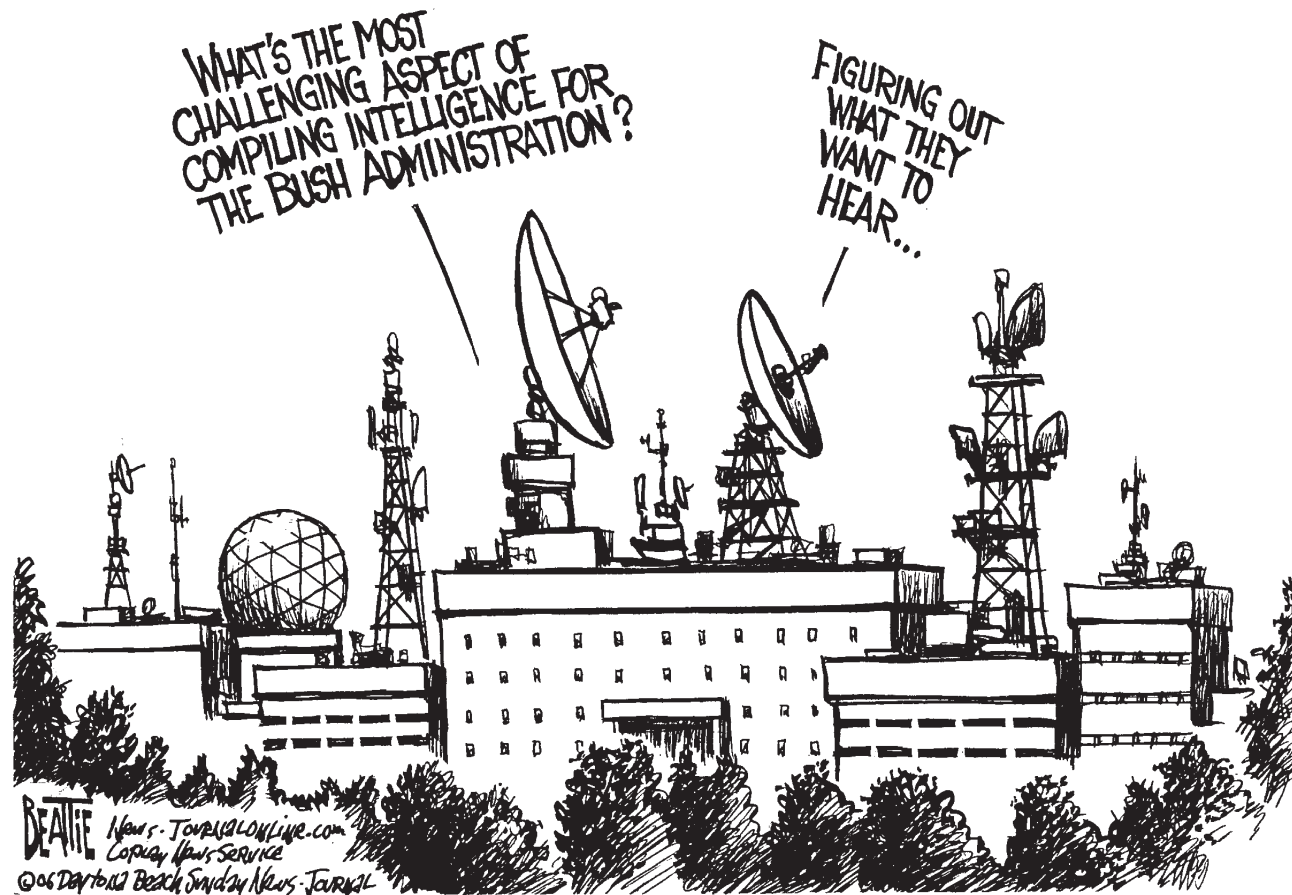
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## Corrections

Yesterday's article "REX Introduces Frosh to Dorms" stated that CityDays was held early during Orientation week in past years. Actually, CityDays was held on a Monday last year to avoid schedule conflicts during Labor Day weekend, but CityDays has traditionally been held on a Friday.



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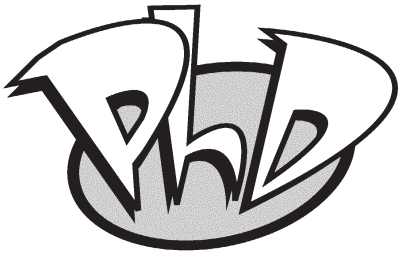
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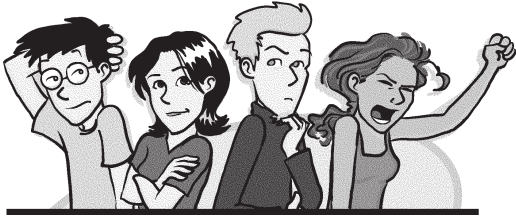
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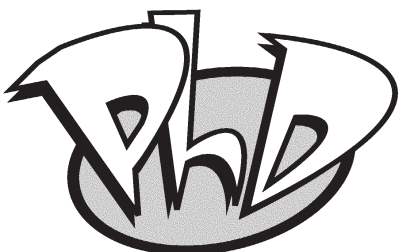
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One day, a royal e-mail arrived announcing a prestigious workshop organized by Prof. Charles Ming... for Prof. Ming was a renowned expert in their field And though years in grad school had accustomed her to injustice and disappointment...

...but Cingradella knew they would not send her. ...and every grad student in the kingdom wanted to work with him. ...a single tear escaped from her eye.

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As the tear fell upon her keyboard, a magical creature suddenly appeared!

"Who are you?" asked Cingradella.

"I am your Fairy Grad Mentor!" said the emeritus faculty, "I am here to make all your wishes come true!"

- "ALL my wishes?" asked Cingradella.  
- "Well, actua-" said the fairy.  
- "Can you make me graduate?"  
- "Um, anything except that."  
- "But you said-"  
- "Look kid, i said wishes, not miracles!"

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With a wave of the fairy's wand, the clothes Cingradella had been wearing since undergrad transformed into the latest in "casual academic"!

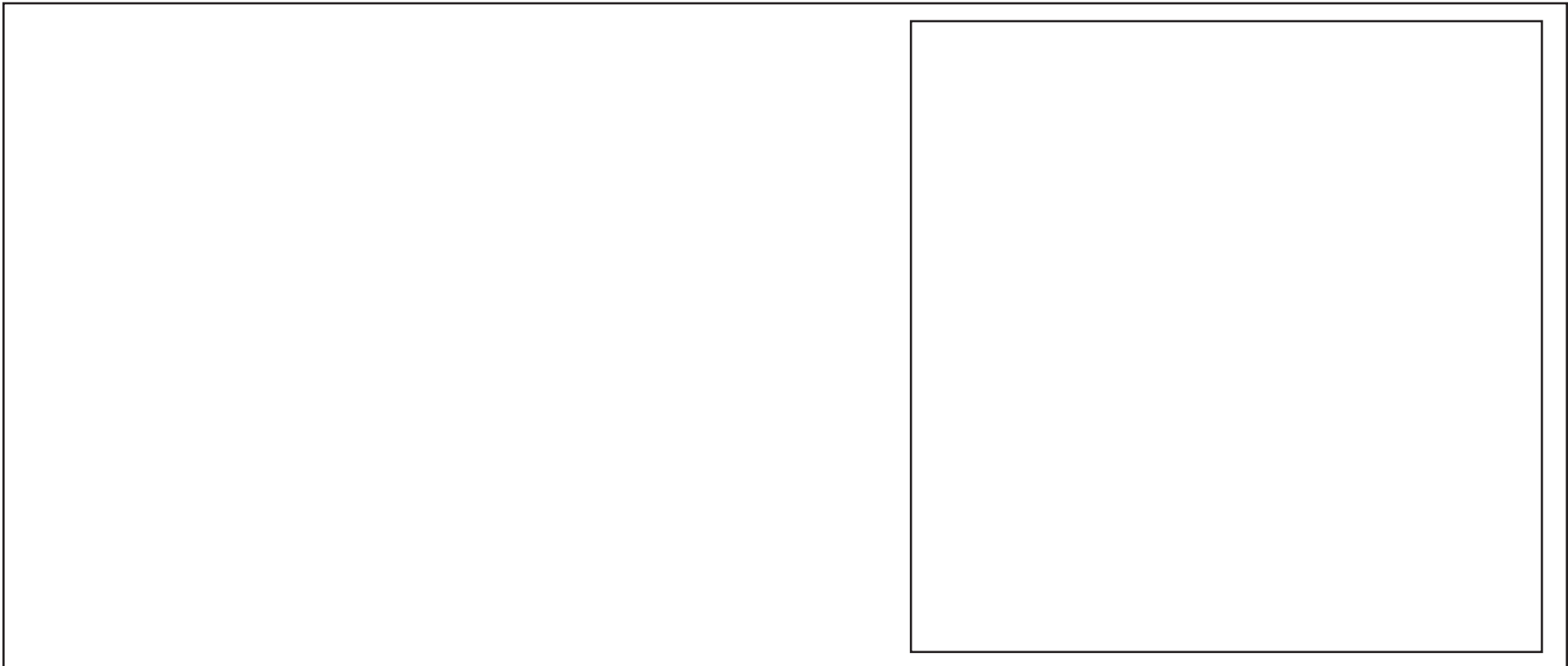
"But how can I go? I have nothing to present!" said Cingradella.

"I give to you this glass thesis. Like all theses, it is shiny and pretty, but transparent and fragile, and you must bring it back by mid-night." replied the fairy.

"Why mid-night?" exclaimed Cingradella, as she sped away in an undergrad-drawn ramen bowl carriage.

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### By The Student Information Processing Board

Want to read your MIT mail on a personal computer? Or figure out exactly where all those @mit.edu addresses go? In this column, the second of four introductory columns, we cover mail and mailing lists.

#### Mailing lists at MIT

There are two commonly used types of mailing lists at MIT: Moira lists and Mailman lists.

Moira lists (also called Athena lists) are more than simple mailing lists. They can be used to restrict access to Web pages and AFS directories, and control who can manage other Moira lists. From Athena, an easy way to access Moira lists is using the mailmaint command:

```
athena% mailmaint
```

For a non-menu driven interface, you can also use the blanche command (to add yourself to the "cluedump-announce" list, for example):

```
athena% blanche cluedump-announce -a $USER
```

To remove yourself:

```
athena% blanche cluedump-announce -d $USER
```

Or to get a list of members:

```
athena% blanche cluedump-announce
```

From any non-Athena computer, you can perform these actions by getting MIT Certificates and going to <http://web.mit.edu/moira/>. Alternatively, you can connect to Athena via SSH and run mailmaint or blanche from there. (See <http://web.mit.edu/olh/Remote/ssh.html> for instructions.)

For more information on manipulating Moira lists, see <http://www.mit.edu/~asksipb/2002columns/2002-11-22-mailinglists/>

Mailman lists offer an alternative to Moira lists. They support moderation and filtering, but cannot be used to control access to Web pages, AFS directories, or manage Moira lists. To add yourself to or remove yourself from a Mailman list, you can visit <http://mailman.mit.edu/mailman/listinfo/listname> (replacing "listname" with the name of the Mailman list).

If you're unsure whether a list is a Mailman list, you can check the list information (using the list "reuse" as an example):

```
athena% blanche -i reuse
```

contains the line

*reuse is a Mailman list on server PCH.MIT.EDU*

From this, you can tell that to subscribe to reuse, you should go to <http://mailman.mit.edu/mailman/listinfo/reuse>.

*I signed up for a bunch of mailing lists at Activities Midway. Help!*

If you're starting to get too much email, it's easy to take yourself off of most mailing lists: for most Moira and Mailman lists, you can use the methods mentioned above. Note that it can take up to 4 hours to stop receiving mail from Moira lists. If, for some reason, these methods fail you should try to contact the list owners. If the listname is example, then try to send mail to owner-example@mit.edu or example-request@mit.edu. You shouldn't send mail to a mailing list requesting to remove you from the list, as most of the people on a list won't be able to do so. As a last resort, you might want to ask accounts@mit.edu if you're having trouble removing yourself from a list.

*How do I read my mail on Athena?*

Athena has many programs you can use to read mail. The simplest to use is Evolution. You can start it by clicking the "Mail" icon in the GNOME panel, or typing:

```
athena% evolution &
```

The other recommended and officially supported program is Pine. Unlike Evolution, Pine is a text-based program, so you can even run it over an SSH connection. You can start Pine by typing

```
athena% pine
```

You will probably find that Pine runs much faster than most other clients.

*How do I read email from non-Athena machines?*

MIT supports two mail protocols: IMAP over SSL, and Kerberized POP. With most mail programs, such as Mozilla Thunderbird, Outlook Express, Apple Mail, and Pine, you can use IMAP over SSL. Eudora, which is being retired by IS&T, supported both protocols.

To use Pine, which requires no setup, login to Athena (see above) and type:

```
athena% pine
```

To setup email in any program that is not already configured to do so, you will need the following settings:

Outgoing mail server: outgoing.mit.edu, SSL (port 465 or 587) or TLS (port 587) if your software supports it  
Incoming mail server: poXX.MIT.EDU (where XX is a number)

You can find your incoming mail server by entering:  
*athena% hesinfo \$USER pobox*

*Does MIT offer spam screening?*

Yes, MIT uses a combination of two systems to detect spam. Since IAP 2003, MIT has been using SpamAssassin, an open-source mail filter that uses rules to determine how likely a piece of mail is to be spam. These rules look for common patterns in spam and add points to give a message a score; the higher the score, the spammier the message.

In August 2006, MIT deployed several Barracuda Networks Model 800 spam appliances to give a "second opinion" about mail coming in from outside MIT. These machines are based on SpamAssassin as well, but receive an updated set of rules hourly, and have additional features. For more information about these two systems, see <http://www.spamassassin.org> and [http://www.barracudanetworks.com/ns/products/spam\\_overview.php](http://www.barracudanetworks.com/ns/products/spam_overview.php).

If the higher of the scores given by these two systems is above a user-configurable threshold, MIT will put these messages into a folder in your INBOX named Spamscreen. If your account was created years ago and you never created a Spamscreen folder (note the capital "S"), you can do so now to begin having your spam filtered for you.

The scoring is not perfect, so you should do a cursory check of your suspected spam before deleting it; by default, spam more than 3 weeks old is automatically purged. For more information, see the IS&T Spam Screening Web page at <http://web.mit.edu/is/help/nospam/>.

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### "Cowboy Store in Elko"



Passing through Reno last night.



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Focal length: 20 mm  
Speed rating: ISO 800  
Distance rating:  
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Waseem: 603 miles  
Nivair: 0 miles  
Flat tires: 0  
Accidents: 0  
Times out of gas: 0  
Speed limit: 75 mph

#### Road Trip 2006: Day 2

Ray and Waseem hightailed it out of California and made 480 miles before turning in at a sad casino/motel in Battle Mountain, Nev. They didn't play the slots. In the afternoon, they stopped at Elko, a city of about 17,000 people just off the highway, on their way to Salt Lake City.

*The Tech:* What's in this picture you're sending us today?

*Waseem:* This is Doug Wright. He was born here and he's lived here all his life. He and his wife own the cowboy store here — the J.M. Capriola Company. They sell cowboy hats, boots, vests, lassos, and leather saddles, which they make here from leather they buy from tanners. Silver spurs are the biggest seller.

Doug says the worst thing about Elko is how big it's gotten since he grew up. There's a Wal-Mart here now, and a Home Depot, and he says it's putting pressure on the mom-and-pop stores. But the big industry here is still the gold mines!

*Ray:* We also visited the Gun World, but they wouldn't sell us a rifle. You have to live in a neighboring state and it can't be California.

*Waseem:* At the restaurant, we saw this big guy with a big cowboy hat and a huge mustache, and Ray totally wanted to interview him, but I was way too intimidated. He probably had a revolver. He definitely had a revolver.

# Reading Room and Cashier Office Receive Facelifts

Renovations, from Page 1

tion in July 2004.

According to Ducharme, the Credit Union will maintain its office in Tech Square. The concept of the Student Center branch will be progressive, with "more sophisticated machines, not the traditional teller line." He said that he hopes this will better meet the community's needs. The new branch will continue the Credit Union's no cash model.

Walsh said that he feels this arrangement will be good for students who will have more choices in banking services with both Bank of America and Credit Union branches in the Student Center.

Undergraduate Association President Andrew T. Lukmann '07 plans to send out a statement in the coming weeks about the possible game room changes to gauge student reactions.

## Reading room opens this week

The reading room, located on the fifth floor of the Student Center, will be open for freshmen tours on Thursday and for the Student Center Open House on Friday. Students will be able to use the 24-hour-access space starting this week.

The free lockers to be located near the entrance of the room for convenient storage still need to be inserted, Walsh said. The CAC is also considering adding art to the room.

"I am very pleased with the reading room," Lukmann said, noting in particular how much brighter the room is now. One goal of the renovation was to provide better lighting.

"The blinds were removed and changed, so there is more natural light coming in."

The renovations divided the room into three different study environments: a lounge, an individual study area, and a group study area. The majority of the space was reserved for individual study, with tables that can be converted into desks with carrels.

Seven work rooms make up the new group study space and include

LCD panels and white boards for presentations.

The architectural plans by Signer Harris Architects were finalized in late April with a final review by the CAC Advisory Board, as reported by *The Tech* in June. The approved budget total for the project is slightly below \$1.2 million. In all, the renovation took approximately eight weeks on what was a 12-week project, said Walsh.

A ceremony celebrating the completion of the renovation will be held during the second week of September.

## Lounge to feature student art

The student lounge along the Infinite Corridor will also be opening within the next two weeks. To celebrate the completion of the space, recently named the Community Lounge, another ceremony is planned for the middle of September, a few days after the ceremony for the reading room.

The CAC and the UA have plans to bring together a committee of interested students to attract student artists, Lukmann said. "We're certainly not planning to leave it that blank." The group will likely be brought together in late September or early October, Walsh said.

Whether the exhibits will be permanent or rotating will need to be decided by the student committee. This committee may be the same group that will work on the renovation of Pritchett Dining Hall, which the CAC would also like to add art to, according to Lukmann.

"The dollar bill will be immortalized in the glass," Walsh said. At this point, there will be no etchings in the glass. Instead, a translucent film will be placed inside the two panels of glass, one with the image of the dollar bill and the other with the history of the mural. This setup will "recognize our history and also recognize our progress."

The original artist of the mural also provided documents and plans of the original mural design that Walsh hopes to put up online "so we don't lose that part of history."

Additionally, detailed reproductions of the Dollar Bill Mural will



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The Community Lounge will soon be decorated with student art. The lounge, which took the space that was formerly occupied by the Cashier's office and the well-loved Dollar Bill Mural, is scheduled to open in early September.

be placed in the MIT museum as well as the Student Center.

The lounge will also include a plaque for the Class of 2005, whose

class gift was used to buy furniture for the lounge.

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# UA President Outlines Action Plan For Coming Year

Lukmann, from Page 1

a friend of mine on my hall in Simmons at the beginning of my freshman year, Seth E. Dorfman '05, who was the UA elections commissioner my freshman year. I was trying to find different ways to get involved right off the bat, so I started off as a committee chairman in my dorm, but then I was also looking to the UA to see whether there was anything I could do. I started off on the elections commission there. It gave me a great opportunity to see all the stuff that was going on that year within the UA. ... Then I decided I would

run for Senate for Simmons and then became the Senate Speaker and now I'm stuck in this chair [laughs].

**TT:** What have you guys done in the last year?

**AL:** Last year we had a lot more internal focus, trying to prepare ourselves, trying to modernize. A lot of what we did last year was to try and procure more funds for student activities, both by looking outside and by trimming down our own budget. That's something I definitely want to continue [this] year.

**TT:** What has the UA been doing this summer?

**AL:** At the very end of the spring,

UA, DormCon [Dormitory Council], and the GSC [Graduate Student Council] worked to put together a task force with Housing and IS&T [Information Services & Technology]. We've been meeting a couple times over the summer to try to evaluate the different options we have for improving the cable system.

One of the options that's under consideration has to do with converting the infrastructure itself from an analog system to a digital system. We can't really execute that immediately for a number of reasons, one of them being [that] we can't make significant changes to the system,

especially ones that would incur additional costs, because grad students have already signed their leases for the year. Any changes would take effect the following year.

One of the things that we can do now is to see whether we can change some of the channels, within the limited bandwidth that we already have on the analog system. A survey recently went out to graduate and undergraduate dormitories asking them whether they think it's a good idea to get rid of a couple channels, and then if they want to get rid of a couple channels, which ones do they want to replace them with? Those channels are separated into different categories, depending on how much they're going to cost additionally per month. I definitely encourage people to take that survey.

**TT:** Tell me a little bit more about what you guys are planning to do this year, concrete action plans.

**AL:** We probably have three major goals. One is improving the quality of services available to student groups, whether that has to do with more offices, better offices, more funds available. That also has to do with general student space that's available to groups on campus. I know a lot of the musical and theater groups are in desperate need for better and more performing space. We want to work with the administration to make sure that funds are available for that in the future. It won't be something that can happen now or in the next year, maybe not in the next three years, but down the road as new buildings get constructed.

One of the other issues has to do with the price of being a student. There are things that we can do as

the UA to just make it a little bit easier to afford being a student here. That has to do with looking at changes in housing prices — long-term and short-term. That has to do with the price of books... making it easier for people to buy books online. The UA might even explore programs where we can buy in bulk books that especially freshmen will need for large classes.

The last one is really improving communications. It has to do with the way that the UA itself gathers input from the student body. We have representatives, but individual representatives don't necessarily have the tools to be as effective as they can be. We want to make sure we hire or find a good IT staff to work on the Web site, improve pokes and holes on the site. The UA as a body or individual representatives can use [the site] to engage the opinion of their constituents on a different topic and then be better informed to vote on it or just to gather input or to compare data.

**TT:** What's the UA's role in orientation?

**AL:** The UA's role in orientation has changed a lot over the years. I know that when I was a freshman, the UA didn't have that much of a role. Basically, it was left to the living group governments.

This year we tried to do something a little bit new where I thought the UA could take a role as the advocate for [undergraduate] student groups to give them even more of an opportunity to expose themselves to freshmen coming in. When I was a sophomore, I had the opportunity to socialize with freshmen as a dormitory REX [Residence Exploration] worker, not just in my dorm but also at the Stata [Center] Tuesday night event then. So the idea is to bring back the Stata event, but instead we'll have ASA-recognized [Association of Student Activities] student groups participating. That was the UA's big project this year to get underway.

**TT:** Explain a little bit about how

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the ASA is related to the UA.

**AL:** The Association for Student Activities is a joint subcommittee of both the Graduate Student Council and the UA. The relationship has been a little bit ambiguous in the past, but I think the three presidents this year [Lukmann, GSC President Eric Weese, and ASA President Jen Lobo], we really want to work together to try to spend a lot of time on student group issues. Both on getting more funding for student groups and on improving the quality of student group space on campus and procuring more of that as well. The ASA is supposed to be the advocacy and organizational group for student activities on campus.

**TT:** I talked to GSC President Eric Weese about UA-GSC cooperation. Are you planning anything?

**AL:** We have yet to have the opportunity to really sit down and take the goals and particular issues that we want to work together on, but I have had the chance just to speak with him on a leisurely basis, and I'm really

looking forward to working with him. I think there's definitely some room to tackle things together.

**TT:** What was your first impression of MIT?

**AL:** I had an idea of it coming in as a prefrish. I came here for CPW [Campus Preview Weekend] and I also had come here the previous fall. During CPW was really when it started dawning on me that so much of the strength of student life and the spirit of creativity at MIT is derived from the living groups, more strongly than any other college that I visited ... Living groups here really drive the spirit of community. They are all passionate in their own separate way and each have their own identity. ... When you feel at home like that, you can take the time to not only do your academics well but join interesting student groups, excel on a sports team, anything like that.

**TT:** What words of advice would you have for freshmen?

**AL:** Don't worry, you have the opportunity to do more than just your academics. Don't pigeonhole yourself. Focus on your studies but make sure you set aside a certain amount each week to try a new group, to take that PE class that looks interesting to you, to play that intramural or varsity sport, something you want to continue from your high school years. I think a lot of people don't take that opportunity and then later regret it, because they say "Oh well, I didn't do it freshman year, so forget about it," or "It's too late to get involved." That's not true.

**TT:** What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

**AL:** I enjoy swimming, skiing and bicycle riding. I also like going hiking and camping.

*This is the second in a five-part series of interviews introducing new students to administrators and student leaders on campus. Tomorrow, The Tech interviews Graduate Student Council President Eric G. Weese G.*



# Dickson Known For Encyclopedic Smarts

Dickson, from Page 1

"Bill was a bridge from the MIT of the 1950s to the MIT of the 21st century. We all benefited from his dedicated work, his straight talk and his inherent wisdom," said President Emeritus Charles M. Vest.

Dickson graduated from MIT in 1956 with a degree in building construction and engineering. He spent two years as a staff engineer at Lincoln Laboratory then became an associate scientist at Avco Corp. in Wilmington. He returned to MIT as assistant to the director of Physical Plant in 1960 and became director of Physical Plant in 1971. In 1980, he was appointed vice president for operations, and he was named senior vice president in 1982.

"He was a wise and effective leader," Vest said. "As befitted his years of experience, he had a knack for 'managing out of his hip pocket,' because he knew everybody and everything about the campus. He was completely devoid of ego and was revered by employees at all levels throughout MIT."

When Dickson retired, he told *The Tech* that his proudest accomplishment was helping the Institute grow from 3.5 million square feet of built space in 1960 to 10 million square feet at the time he left.

MIT's co-generation plant, which is named for Dickson, was built after he initiated the project to combine hot water production with electricity generation in one plant. The facility, which uses natural gas to make the electricity that powers 80 percent of MIT's buildings, has won awards for design and environmental excellence.

President Emeritus Paul E. Gray '54, who appointed Dickson senior vice president in 1982, said that Dickson was recognized early in his career as "not only an outstanding engineer but also an effective motivator and manager of others. He had a splendid memory of people and could call by name not only the men and women in his areas of responsibility but many others among

the faculty and administration of the Institute."

"The cost savings in the operation of the non-academic side of MIT achieved as a result of Bill's insights and wisdom are beyond reckoning. However, I am quite certain that the ongoing savings achieved as a direct consequence of the decisions and actions taken during his stewardship amount, at present, to more than \$100 million per year, every year, possibly much more," Gray said. "We will not soon see his equal."

Among his colleagues, Dickson was known not only for his encyclopedic knowledge of the Institute, but also for his ability to make things happen.

"He had a terrific grasp on the workings of MIT and how to get things done," said Samuel J. Keyser, professor emeritus of linguistics and philosophy and former associate provost who served on the Academic Council with Dickson.

"He came up through the ranks, as it were," Keyser said. "He was somebody who never lost touch with the rank and file. He was one of them, and he understood where they came from."

Dickson was also known for his sense of humor and his respect for everyone he worked with.

"One of the things that separated Bill from so many others was his treatment of people," said Susan E. Crowley, Dickson's longtime assistant. "He treated everyone with respect, was truly a man of the people, and he could relate to all levels of individuals."

Dickson was a lifelong resident of Framingham and a 1952 graduate of Framingham High School.

He is survived by his wife, Ann (Lingley) Dickson; two sons, Christopher Dickson of Medway and Jeffrey Dickson of San Francisco; a daughter, Julie Ferrari of Framingham; a brother, Lee Dickson of Florida; and seven grandchildren.

An afternoon remembrance will be held at the family home on Sunday, Aug. 27, from 2 to 6 p.m., at 220 Singletary Lane, Framingham.

# Ingram Was Dedicated Teacher, Housemaster

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that Ingram was "one of the greatest men I have met in my life. An extraordinary scientist, an extraordinary intellect, and an absolutely wonderful human being."

In recent years, Ingram focused his research on neuroscience, especially Alzheimer's disease. Though in his 80s, he still ran a small laboratory at MIT and was constantly pursuing new research, Walker said.

Ingram and his wife, Elizabeth, served as housemasters at Ashdown House from 1985 until a few years ago.

"They were just extraordinarily dedicated to their students," Walker said.

Ingram was also a dedicated teacher and had served as director of the Experimental Studies Group.

Holly Sweet, current director of ESG, described Ingram as an "inspirational teacher, and a compassionate and spirited man who promoted the professional growth of his staff. As far as his legacy to ESG is concerned, he was the guiding force behind our ever-growing seminar series. He truly put the 'experimental' into the Experimental Study Group."

Ingram was born in Breslau, Germany, in 1924. He studied at Birkbeck College at the University of London, earning his B.Sc. in chemistry in 1945 and his Ph.D. in organic chemistry in 1949. He then spent two years in the United States preparing and crystallizing proteins at the Rockefeller Institute and studying peptide chemistry at Yale.

In 1952, Ingram returned to England, where he studied protein chemistry in the Cavendish Laboratory of Cambridge University. He focused on the genetics of hemoglobin, the molecule that carries oxygen in the blood. Those studies led to his discovery that the misshapen hemoglobin molecules that characterize sickle cell anemia are caused by a single mutation.

Ingram joined the MIT faculty in 1958 and was one of a distinguished group of professors who started a world-renowned center for the study of molecular and cell biology. He originally planned to stay at MIT for only one year, but "I liked it so much that I stayed," he told the National Academy of Sciences in 2002, the year he was elected to that society.

He enjoyed art, music and photography, and was very involved with the Rockport Chamber Music Festival.

RCMF Artistic Director David Deveau, who is also a pianist and a senior lecturer in music at MIT, worked closely with Ingram for the past decade.

"Vernon served with great distinction on the board of directors of the RCMF and brought a wonderful energy and commitment to our enterprise. He and Beth attended most of the festival concerts, enjoyed hosting musicians, talking music and throwing wonderful parties. Vernon brought his natural scientific curiosity to everything he undertook, and music was no exception," Deveau said.

Ingram is survived by his wife; a son, Peter; and a daughter, Jennifer.



## MIT Coop Extended Store Hours

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<b>Friday August 25</b>	<b>9:30-6:30</b>	<b>8:45-6:30</b>
<b>Saturday August 26</b>	<b>10-6:00</b>	<b>10-6:00</b>
<b>Sunday, August 27</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>10-6:00</b>
<b>Mon- Fri Aug 28-Sept 1</b>	<b>9:30-6:30</b>	<b>8:45-6:30</b>
<b>Saturday September 2</b>	<b>10-6:00</b>	<b>10-4:00</b>
<b>Sunday, September 3</b>	<b>10-6:00</b>	<b>10-4:00</b>
<b>Monday, September 4</b>	<b>10-6:00</b>	<b>10-4:00</b>
<b>Tue-Fri, September 5-8</b>	<b>9-7:00</b>	<b>8:45-6:30</b>
<b>Saturday, September 9</b>	<b>10-6:00</b>	<b>10-4:00</b>
<b>Sunday September 10</b>	<b>10-5:00</b>	<b>Closed</b>
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# Need A Haircut? Try Newbury Street or Supercuts

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really care what your hair looks like,

and I mean really care, head across the bridge to Newbury Street in Boston. There are a number of salons that

will meet your expectations in terms of styles, professionalism, and interior design. They'll also go above and beyond your expectations in terms of prices. Guys, if the salon isn't for you but you still want to look great, hunt for a barbershop that specializes in your signature cut. Every guy has his favorite place (ask for recommendations) and you'll find yours too after a few small disappointments. It's inevitable, sorry. Price: anywhere from \$35-\$125 for Newbury salons and \$10-\$20 for barbershops.

**Supercuts**  
829 Boylston St  
Boston, MA 02116  
617-236-0310

<http://www.supercuts.com/>

Walk across the Harvard Bridge into Boston. Turn left on Boylston St and walk a few blocks to Supercuts.

You may already be familiar with

chain salons like SuperCuts. They provide quick, inexpensive service and the stylists are adept with the traditional and popular cuts. Price: About \$15.

## Model Call Nights

If you're wishing for quality service and a nice-smelling salon cut without the exorbitant price, sign up for the model call at select Newbury Street salons. A model call is a euphemism of sorts for stylist training night. Still, you'll get the latest styles and cuts from the up-and-coming stylists. Most likely, you'll end up with something very close to what you were hoping for nothing or next to nothing. Look at each salon's Web site for more information. Price: \$0-\$15.

## Banks

**Bank of America**  
84 Massachusetts Ave  
Cambridge, MA 02139  
Open M-F, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
800-841-4000

**MIT Federal Credit Union**  
700 Technology Square  
Cambridge, MA 02139

Open M-F, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
617-253-2845

Once you get off of campus, it's no contest. **Bank of America** (BoA) is everywhere, as their ads say. That means that you can avoid fees for getting cash as long as you use their ATMs. In addition, if you're the type who sometimes has your parents wire you money, they can use a branch office like Western Union.

BoA is an evil, multi-national conglomerate. They're world renowned for charging mysterious fees to customers and for long waits on their customer service line.

If BoA is an evil multi-national, **MIT Federal Credit Union** (MITFCU) is the apple-pie baking grandmother. They've got the most ATMs on campus and they're opening a new branch office in the student center. In addition, they exist to serve the MIT community. Literally.

On the other hand, MITFCU does not have a national network of ATMs, nor do they reimburse ATM fees. They're also incredibly inconvenient if you ever decide to move.

## Other necessities

**Student Center Post Office**  
Open M-F, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
617-494-8999

**FedEx**  
600 Technology Square  
Cambridge, MA 02139

**Target**  
180 Somerville Ave  
Somerville, MA 02143

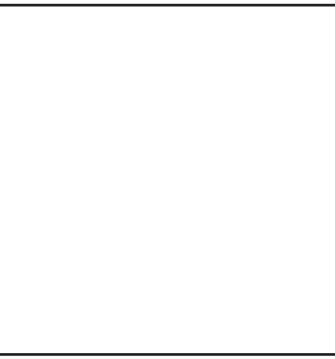
Even the easiest tasks like buying a rug or mailing a package can be difficult in an unfamiliar city. The closest post office is in the basement of the Student Center. If you need to mail a package in record time, head to the nearest **FedEx**. If you're willing to shell out extra you can ensure that your package is delivered on the same day.

If you're looking for inexpensive home furnishings for your new dorm room, head to **Target**. Unfortunately, you'll probably need a car if you plan on doing some serious shopping. Target is very similar to Walmart in selection, but is closer to campus and has a wider selection of dorm furnishings. Target also provides better browsing in the way of clothes, shoes, and even bed sheets.

*Zachary Ozer contributed to the reporting of this article.*

## Solution to Crossword

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**Dangerously Believable.**

**Subsequently Fatal.**

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# Graduate Orientation 2006

## Grad School 101<sup>a</sup>/102<sup>b</sup>

August 28, 10am - 3:30pm  
August 29, 1pm - 4:30pm  
10-250<sup>a</sup> / 34-101<sup>b</sup>

## Information Booth

August 29 & 30, 10am - 6pm  
Lobby 10

## Campus Walking Tours

August 29 & 30, 11am & 1pm  
Depart from Lobby 10

## Rock N' Roast

### Orientation BBQ

August 29, 5:30pm - 8pm  
Sidney Pacific

## \*Welcome Reception Under the Dome

August 30, 5pm - 7pm  
10-500

## \*Prudential Skywalk & Ice Cream

August 30, 6:30 pm - 9pm  
Departs Sidney Pacific & 77 Massachusetts Avenue

## Welcome Banquet

August 31, 6pm - 9pm  
Morss Hall

## Edgerton Luau

September 1, 5pm - 7pm  
Edgerton

## Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?

September 1, 9pm - 1am  
Sidney Pacific

## \*Hiking Trip to White Mountains

September 2, 7am - 10pm  
Departs from Ashdown

## \*Boston Harbor Cruise

September 3, 7pm - 10pm  
Long Wharf, Boston

## \*Freedom Trail Walking Tour

September 4, 1pm - 4pm  
Departs from Kendall T

## Ice Cream Social

September 5, 5pm - 6:30pm  
2nd Floor, Walker Memorial

## Dance Fusion 2006:

### Dead Man's Chest

September 8, 9pm - 1am  
Ashdown

## Residence Day Carnival

September 9, 2pm - 6pm  
Sidney Pacific Courtyard

## Outdoor Movie at Tang

September 9, 8pm onward  
Tang Lawn

## \*Six Flags Trip

September 10, 10am - 9pm  
Departs from Ashdown

## Graduate Student

### Volunteer Day

September 16, 8:30am - 2pm  
Various Locations

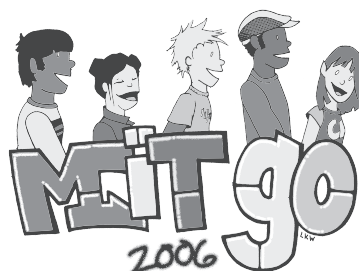
## \*Apple-Picking Trip

September 17, 12pm - 5pm  
Departs from Sidney Pacific

\*Pick up tickets at the

### Information Booth

August 29 & 30.



Welcome to MIT!

# Where to Buy Textbooks

Business	Location	New?	Used?	Notes
MIT Coop	Kendall Square	Yes	Check early	The official store for MIT textbooks; offers a small rebate for Coop members; <a href="http://mit.bkstore.com/">http://mit.bkstore.com/</a>
Quantum Books	4 Cambridge Center (near Kendall Square)	Yes	Yes	Mostly math and technical books, prices comparable to the Coop's after rebate, introducing new buyback option; prices are listed online: <a href="http://www.quantum-books.com/">http://www.quantum-books.com/</a>
Alpha Phi Omega Book Exchange	APO Office (W20-415) and various	No	Yes	Usually happens during the first week of the fall and spring terms; for dates and locations, see the APO Web site: <a href="http://web/apo/www/bookexchange.shtml">http://web/apo/www/bookexchange.shtml</a>
MIT412	<a href="http://www.mit412.com/">http://www.mit412.com/</a>	No	Yes	
CampusBeacon	<a href="http://www.campusbeacon.com/">http://www.campusbeacon.com/</a>	No	Yes	
BookX	<a href="http://bookx.mit.edu/">http://bookx.mit.edu/</a>	No	Yes	Uses MIT Certificates
Bigwords	<a href="http://www.bigwords.com/">http://www.bigwords.com/</a>	Yes	Yes	Compares prices at multiple sites
Yahoo! Shopping	<a href="http://shopping.yahoo.com/">http://shopping.yahoo.com/</a>	Yes	Yes	Compares prices at multiple sites
Amazon.com	<a href="http://www.amazon.com/">http://www.amazon.com/</a>	Yes	Yes	
eBay	<a href="http://www.ebay.com/">http://www.ebay.com/</a>	No	Yes	
Half.com	<a href="http://www.half.com/">http://www.half.com/</a>	No	Yes	

## Police Log

The following incidents were reported to the MIT or Cambridge Police between August 3 and August 24, 2006. This summary does not include incidents such as suspicious activity, false alarms, or medical shuttles.

- August 3:** M16 (21 Ames St.), 12:13 p.m., malicious damage reported in lab.
- August 3:** WILG (355 Mass. Ave.), 3:38 p.m., report of homeless people in rear of building. Mark Gray of 240 Albany St., Cambridge and Roy Simpson of 240 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge arrested for trespassing.
- August 4:** M36 (50 Vassar St.), 10:08 p.m., David Scrima of 150 E 44th St., New York, NY, arrested for trespassing.
- August 9:** 20 Ames St., 9:20 a.m., report of vehicle window broken while parked in loading zone.
- August 11:** WILG (355 Mass. Ave.) 3:37 p.m., Roy Simpson of 402 Massachusetts Ave. arrested for trespassing after notice.
- August 14:** Lot 21 (24 Pacific St.), 8:30 a.m., hit and run damage to motor vehicle.
- August 14:** 405 Memorial Dr., 12:14 p.m., report of investigation of an assault and battery by person(s) known to the victim on July 22 at 2:17 p.m., case open.
- August 18:** W71 (500 Memorial Dr.), 9:06 a.m., malicious damage to Next House with paint, food and emergency telephone damaged.
- August 18:** M50 (142 Memorial Dr.), 5:42 p.m., attempt to break into a cash register in Walker Memorial.
- August 20:** Westgate lot, 12:31 p.m., Rafael Claudio of 835 Huntington Ave., Boston arrested for breaking and entering in the daytime.
- August 23:** 290 Albany St., 2:42 p.m., report of oil spill which may have been caused by larceny of copper wire.
- August 23:** M12 (60 Vassar St.), 11:43 p.m., female and child reported sleeping in the Athena cluster.
- August 24:** E23 (25 Carleton St.), 5:56 p.m., subject trespassing after notice.

Compiled by Benjamin P. Gleitzman.

# East Campus Engineers



ERIC D. SCHMIEDL—THE TECH



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Every year, East Campus Courtyard is filled with wood and machinery for the construction of student-designed and built rides. This year, residents built a trebuchet (see photo on p.12), and a Superman-style roller coaster.

(top left) Construction happened around the clock—here, David G. Ely '08 cuts wood around 11 p.m.

ERIC D. SCHMIEDL—THE TECH



## SPORTS

## Star Golfer Fowler Leads Engineers into Fall Season

By Ryan Lanphere

Embarking on their 100th season of varsity golf, the MIT Engineers are poised for a strong showing this season. The Engineers will return a solid core from last year's team and hope to improve on the foundation built during the 2005-2006 season.

With a ninth place finish in Division III at the New England Championships last fall (27th out of 45 overall), Co-Captain Anthony Fowler '09 will be leading the team along with returning players Bradley S. Brown '08 and Jason E. Katz-Brown '08, who also moonlights as the number one ranked scrabble player in the country.

Arron S. Acosta '10 and Bryn L. Waldwick '10, along with Edward B. Keith '09, a transfer student from the

University of Pennsylvania, should also be big contributors this year.

The team hopes that these new faces will help replace the losses of recently graduated standouts Tom L. Gray '06, Robert D. Batten '06, and William J. Burke '06, all four-year varsity letter earners.

To celebrate the centennial anniversary of varsity golf at MIT, the Engineers will be hosting an all day event at the Concord Country Club in Concord, Massachusetts on October 16. Following that, on October 23 and 24 the Engineers will face their biggest test this season at the NEIGA Championships in Brewster, Massachusetts, at the Captain's Club.

MIT Coach Bruce Chalas will be coaching for the second consecutive year in his second stint at MIT. He had previously coached the Engineers from 1999 to 2001.

## Golf Quick Facts

Conference: Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC)

Last season's finish: 14th out of 19 teams at the ECAC Division III Championship Qualifier.

27th out of 45 teams at the New England Championships, ninth among Division III teams.

Key golfers: Anthony G. Fowler '09, Bradley S. Brown '08

Coach: Bruce Chalas

Schedule:

Saturday, Sept. 9, 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, 9 a.m.	Bowdoin College Invitational	Brunswick, Maine (Brunswick Golf Club)
Saturday, Sept. 23, 8 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, 8 a.m.	Williams College Invitational	Williams, Mass.
Saturday, Sept. 30, 9 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, 9 a.m.	Dartmouth College Invitational	Hanover, N.H. (Dartmouth Golf Club)
Saturday, Oct. 7, 9 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, 9 a.m.	ECAC New England Championship	Bellingham, Mass. (New England Country Club)
Monday, Oct. 16, all day	MIT Golf 100th Anniversary Alumni Event	Concord, Mass. (Concord Country Club)
Monday, Oct. 23, 9 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, 9 a.m.	NEIGA Championship	Brewster, Mass. (Captain's Club — Starboard Course/Port Course)

daily

Tuesday,  
August 29, 2006

00:00

00:00—**Burton-Conner**—want smore smores? come on, you knew that was coming.00:00—**MacGregor**—We are shaking it more than Ricky Martin. Loco!00:00—**New House**—Did you know that DJ Smark's speakers can be heard across the river in Boston?00:18—**Senior Haus**—Saturday Morning Cartoons. Come to our basement and chill out all night with a server full of 'toons and a fridge full of milk and cereal.00:54—**Senior Haus**—Sport death, smoke cigarettes. Only life can kill you, not cigarettes. Especially when they're free.

01:00

01:48—**Senior Haus**—Seven Deadly Sins: Lust: hot, pulsating, animated, erections. I tormented as much hentai as I could possibly find! Come watch with Sari, rm 452!

03:00

03:17—**Random Hall**—Random House of Pancakes: What's one thing manhole covers, pancakes, and ozok all have in common? They're round. Also, they are at Random Hall. All right, that's two things...unless you count from zero. Regardless, come to Random Hall and enjoy a stack of pancakes.

07:00

07:00—**Simmons Hall**—Get out of bed early for once and come running! Meet at Simmons and we'll loop the Harvard Bridge and back across the Longfellow bridge for a great workout and a chance to actually get those endorphins pumping.

08:00

08:00—**Senior Haus**—AUF ZUM FRÖLICHEN JAGEN! HOCHJAGD AUF AUTOMOBILE.  
08:01—**Senior Haus**—(JOLLY HUNTING! GREAT HUNT IN AUTOMOBILES!)  
08:59—**Senior Haus**—Advanced standing exams? Again? Kid, this sounds like a good time to go drown yourself in the river.

10:00

10:00—**MacGregor**—Brunch -- You've partied your heart out

confuzion

the past few days at REX. Now it's time to start thinking about the classes you're going to take this semester. But before you head out to the academic expo and core blitz, stop by MacGregor for a delicious brunch.

11:00

11:00—**Burton-Conner**—Learn how to cook - simple yet delicious breakfast and lunch items. In the 352 kitchen, burton side.11:44—**Senior Haus**—Ever want to go to Pamplona, Spain and run with the bulls? While we don't have bulls here, we do live on Mem Drive, and cars probably go about as fast as bulls...

13:00

13:13—**EAsT campUS**—Fight the man. Come to East Campus.

14:00

14:05—**Senior Haus**—Seven Deadly Sins: Anger. Put on your Friday night finery and grab a

baseball bat, we're going baby seal clubbing! Wheee!!!!

14:17—**Random Hall**—Roofdeck Barbeque: "We will all fry together, when we fry, we will be french fried potatoes by and by..." All the survivors of last night's fictional chain of nuclear detonations are invited to Random Hall's roofdeck for a BBQ.14:23—**EAsT campUS**—Still not tired of free food? We still have some.

15:00

15:04—**EAsT campUS**—We'll tell you all about back in the day.15:04—**Senior Haus**—What is better: robots, unicorns, dinosaurs, or ninjas? What about space robots? Or robot unicorns? Or the number 4? Discussion held by Sari the Leafy Sea Dragon.15:47—**Random Hall**—Liquified Fixed Air: Summer's hot. Liquid Nitrogen is cool. 'Nough said. Come to Random Hall for some tasty awesomeness in frozen form.

16:00

16:00—**Senior Haus**—Seven Deadly Sins: Gluttony. Your need for free food is unending. Here at Senior Haus, we enjoy grilling antelope, wild boar, ill-behaved cats, ill-behaved children, and also more traditional foodstuffs. Come slake your unholy hunger with us!16:21—**Senior Haus**—Senior Haus made adequate yearly progress in 2005. Help us with the rest of 2006. Fill out your Housing Lottery form!16:30—**Senior Haus**—Seven Deadly Sins: Envy: Do you desire to be able to shake your hips at a ridiculous speed? do you desire the skill of TAHITIAN DANCING? Come to the courtyard for free workshops and performances!16:32—**Senior Haus**—Tahitian Dancing is the HOTTEST THING EVER! Come see barely clad girls shake their things, eat some barbeque, and even learn a few moves- they'll teach you!

17:00

17:02—**Senior Haus**—The tree is displeased. You're running out of time to give blood. Come ride the lifeswing of doom.17:27—**EAsT campUS**—Cock-thirsty

18:00

18:01—**Senior Haus**—You're running out of time to move to Senior Haus. Quick! Fill out your Housing Lottery form! Now, dammit!18:02—**Senior Haus**—No, seriously, you heard me. NOW.18:29—**EAsT campUS**—Not too late to pick EC.18:29—**EAsT campUS**—Not too late to pick EC.18:29—**Senior Haus**—One minute left... Hurry!18:31—**Senior Haus**—Too late. Now you're stuck in New House. Oh well. Honestly, we really didn't like you very much anyway.

19:00

19:18—**EAsT campUS**—The lottery has closed, and whether or not you chose East Campus, blah blah blah, wank wank.

23:00

23:59—**Bexxley**—The beet is the most intense of vegetables. The radish, admittedly, is more feverish, but the fire of the radish is a cold fire, the fire of discontent not of passion. Tomatoes are lusty enough, yet there runs and undercurrent of frivolity. Beets are deadly serious.  
23:59—**Senior Haus**—Go away.

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"Jesus: The Ride" enthralles both freshman and upperclassmen alike. Riders are strapped to a cross on one end of a trebuchet and swung in circles.