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By Shimali Senanayake

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Baghdad Museum Head Resigns, Cites Political Threat

By Edward Wong

The director of the Baghdad Museum has resigned and moved to Syria because he felt under threat from fundamentalists with ties to the Shiites, said the diplomat, an official in the Baath Party under Saddam Hussein’s government and told people close to him that he felt threatened. George was a midlevel official under the banner of a vio-

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Violent protests broke out in the southern Pakistani province of Baluchistan and in the city of Karachi on Sunday after the killing of a prominent rebel tribal leader in a fierce battle with the army.

Anne E. Kornblut of The Washington Post, who has written about the group, said the massacre of the fighters in the operations...
Digital Tools Employed to Test Response to Simulated Disaster

By John Markoff
THE NEW YORK TIMES

It began with a worldwide virus outbreak that had cities under quarantine, emergency workers overwhelmed and government agencies unable to cope. It was compounded by a wave of cyberterror attacks that cut off power, phones and Internet access.

Such was the crisis that teams from the Pentagon, nongovernmental agencies and several dozen technology companies set out to resolve in a five-day simulation meant to show case and test a new set of digital tools in responding to disaster.

The limitations of even the latest technology were in evidence when an effort to restore communications by setting up ad hoc wireless networks resulted in a three-day traffic jam.

Yet the problems encountered in the training effort, named Strong Angel III, did little to dampen the enthusiasm of the participants, a diverse group of more than 800 “first responders,” military officers and software and wireless network experts — some from rivals like Microsoft and Google, working side by side.

“My view is that the value of Strong Angel is 70 percent in the social networks that will be created,” said the organizer, Eric Rasmussen, a Navy surgeon and veteran of relief efforts on several continents. “What we do is try to bring people with disparate backgrounds together and ensure that they are forced to enter into a conversation.”

More than $35 million in equipment was assembled here as part of the event, aimed at preparing for natural disasters, epidemics, terrorist attacks or the aftermath of war.

Last Monday, the group began to assemble a makeshift command center at an abandoned building near the San Diego airport. But a state-of-the-art wireless network, intended to route video images, satellite map coordinates and other data — from an impressive array of mobile computers, software analysis tools and command programs — failed to come to life.

“Finally I said, ‘Lights out! Everyone turn everything off and let’s start over,’” said Brian O’Steckler, a computer scientist at the Naval Post- Graduate School in Monterey, Calif., who was in charge of more than a dozen interlocking networks at the heart of the command center.

Hundreds of computers and even cell phones were shut down, and then the network was slowly turned back on, segment by segment. Too many high-bandwidth applications had choked the network, including a powerful video camera and “rogue” transmitters set up by participants intent on creating their own mini-networks.

Rivals Say Data Contradicts Forbes Web Site Claims

By Peter Edmonston
THE NEW YORK TIMES

If Forbes.com was looking to create some Internet buzz last week, it succeeded.

The Web site published an article called “Don’t Marry Career Women,” which suggested that if a man did, he was more likely to be cheated on, get divorced and have a dirty house.

Responses on the Web were swift, with many blogs and sites like Salon.com attacking the posting as a sexist throwback. Forbes.com temporarily withdrew the article and later paired it with an opposing view titled “Don’t Marry A Lazy Man.”

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Corrections

In the In Short section of the Aug. 4 issue of The Tech, Professor Steven R. Leeman ‘72 was incorrectly identified as a housemaster of Sidney-Pacific graduate dorm. Leeman is actually the housemaster of The Warehouse graduate residence (Hldg. NW301).

In the Aug. 4 issue of The Tech, the table entitled “Comparing Class Demographics” incorrectly reported that two percent of the Class of 2007 identified their race as Other/No Response. Ten percent of the class actually identified their race as Other/No Response.

An August 4 article on IS&T’s spam efforts incorrectly identified the model of the device deployed. It is a “Barracuda Spam Firewall Model 800,” not “BT-800.”

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’1175 Boylston’ Impressive Debut for Berklee Student Levinson’s Lyrics Capture Complexities of Life

By: Jillian Berry
Address: “1175 Boylston” by Justin Levinson Show at Thirsty Ear Pub. 29 (5) 9pm

Justin Levinson’s debut album, “1175 Boylston,” can best be described as “powerpop” with its perfectly blended poppy tunes and lyrical depth. A songwriting student at the Berklee College of Music, Levinson is often compared to Ben Folds. Furthermore, he demonstrates with what they had, their characters were large in sound and style – and with good reason. Levinson’s piano skills, pure vocal, and songwriting abilities are impressive, and the album shines throughout the CD. In particular, his lyrics are insightful and diverse – ranging from his ‘girl’ and ‘bad guy’. I am completely convinced that, like Tom Hanks, Levinson is often compared to Ben Folds and is also a method? Do you write the actual music first or do you write the words first? JL: I love Boston. It’s so nice. It reminds me of Vermont where I’m from; the same type of people and open space. I thought everyone will be so good, I’ll be the odd one out, even though it strayed dangerously close to being predictable. Ul's slow and subtle transformation from citizen lackey to pile-on man is entirely realistic and believable, even if a little predictable.

The story itself, however, is not quite so predictable. Though initially damaged when I realized it was, pretty much, a love story, I’m happy to see it turn out like this. It’s actually a little odd, even though it stayed dangerously close at times. The simple love triangle is a web of deceit, treachery, and murder, some of it apparently as logical-defying as Eisenheim’s. The score does justice to both the main characters and the villain. The score does justice to both the main characters and the villain.

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Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column, row, and 3 by 3 grid contains exactly one of each of the digits 1 through 9. Solution on page 16.
"Leaving Stanford"

By Ruth Miller

MIT Fashion is a funny thing. At few other places can one get away with, nay, win applause for a duct tape tuxedo.

Generally, fashion isn’t a concern of the MIT student. Even the smallest heel will elope up and down the Infinite, and once the first cold snap hits, all the warm-weather freshmen pile on every single piece of clothing they own with abandon. Weighting grooming over sleep is difficult, and your second year, MIT gogles will ensure that you don’t care what anyone else looks like anyway.

Why buy shirts when tons of companies shell out big bucks to come to MIT and give them to you for free? And is it necessary to change out big bucks to come to MIT and give them to you for free? And is it necessary to change out big bucks to come to MIT and give them to you for free?

Questions like these plague the modern MIT student. But for those who still strive for acceptance off-campus, or want to improve on the cross-gender campus status quo of jeans and T-shirt, here’s a quick guide to fashion by major, in handy decreasing order of fashion consciousness:

**Management** – Suits. Every management major I know is always running around to interviews, and owns at least one suit. Taking classes in the Sloan building will make you feel like a slob, so even if you aren’t a Sloaner, but take a class in their building, wear a suit. Especially on free food days.

**Chemical Engineering** – The world is made of elements that can be combined into compounds. Some compounds are good, while others are bad. Much like fashion, chemistry requires knowing how to construct useful and attractive combinations. Unraid of chemical hair dye, Chemists and Chemical Engineers also make good use of close-toed shoes.

**Civil Engineering** – Engineering, yes, but a field of engineering that often involves a lot of government work. Government work implies a slightly more formal dress code.

**Materials/Mechanical Engineering** – Equipment that can get by without seeing the light of day. Let’s say “casual.”

**Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences** – The most environmentally friendly of the majors is thus the most reminiscent of the 1960s. Crocs, the dishwasher-safe shoes, are abundant.

**Aeronautics and Astronautics/Nuclear Engineering** – A very good friend of mine is in Aero/Auto, and he has worked very hard to bring back the look of the 1969 NASA engineer – boxy, pressed shirt and pants, pocket protector, red lights: none in view.

**Physics/Math** – How can anyone look at closed paths all day and not see facility in dressing up? They’re going to end up in the hamper at the end of the day, so you might as well choose the system that involves the least amount of work.

**Computer Science** – By Digital Death Lab, if you still care about how you look, you’re going to be fine.

There exists a realm beyond the physical world where being super-smart transcends the rules of mortal clothing. If the purpose of fashion is to impress, wear a baggy black T-shirt and pants into an electronics store and explain to the clerks how their products work. Dressing well isn’t as important as knowing how to reason and think, and teachers and employers know that. But it never hurts to put your best foot forward. And after a week of drudgery, sometimes dressing to the 9’s and going out for Thai is a great way to brush off the doldrums.

The only superfluous rule of MIT Fashion? Hygiene is your friend.

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**Road Trip 2006: Day 1**

On Saturday, our photographer Ray C. He said goodbye to Seattle and his summer at Amazon.com and drove 850 miles down to Georgia Tech on their pick-up with our very own S. Duker. Feeling lucky, they snapped this picture Sunday afternoon in Google's academic backyards.

University – at the start of their long way back to MIT.

**The Tech** Any deep thoughts? It’s the beginning of your 3,200-mile journey.

I’m just excited to start. I do have some remorse about the end of the summer, but we’re both antsy to get back to MIT for our senior years. Plus, I’ve never explored the midwest of the country before. We’re going to swim in the Great Salt Lake, exit the West through its gateway – St. Louis – and I’m going to a wedding and a funeral in Ohio. So beginnings and endings all around. Is that deep enough?

TT way, could you ambush some interesting people and tell us all about them? We’ll see.
warn you: you will be.

By Bill Andrews

August 28, 2006

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the office is open to answer questions. OLC is Athena Online Consulting, MIT' s official support

Y ou can come ask SIPB in person or via email. Our office is W20-557 (right next to the Athena cluster). Anytime mem-

Sign up for 3-DOWN, which can be found at

http://web.mit.edu/africa/; or call us at x3-7788 if you need help.

SIPB will be offering weekly Cluedumps, a series

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Freshmen Rock Kresge Talent Show

Above: Srinivasan B. Mami '10 and Serdar Karatekin '10 play an instrumental duet to a full house during Sunday Night’s Orientation Ceremonies in Kresge Auditorium.

Below: Kresge goes wild at last night’s freshman talent show.

Photography by Ricardo Ramirez

Before last weekend, the only thing he’d ever burned was a CD.

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that instead of two big parties for the East and West dorms, there will be even more successful than last year when many freshmen entered the adjustment lottery. Last year, about 16 percent of the Class of 2009 requested to move out of their temporary dormitory assignments in the dorm culture without any travel.”

Dormitory Council (Dormcon) hopes that this year’s REX will be even more successful than last year because CityDays conflicted with other events.

According to Hopp, this year’s orientation and REX activities are scheduled better than last year, “thanks to advance communication between the Academic Resource Center and Dormcon.”

One change was having CityDays on Friday this year instead of early in the week as it has been scheduled in the past. The change was made because CityDays conflicted with REX events.

“As a result, freshmen will not have scheduling conflicts to impede their dormitory exploration,” REX Assistant Chair Allison M. Jacobs ’08 said.

“We hope that freshmen will find the atmosphere and people that best suit them instead of staying in a dorm which is good enough just because it is convenient to remain there,” Hopp said.

About 45 freshmen signed up for the mentor program, which is not mandatory, and about 27 upperclassmen volunteered to be mentors for this year’s program.

There were a total of seven mentor groups, with on average four mentors and six freshmen. I, along with the other mentors in my group, answered questions relating to course selection, the Independent Activities Period, dorms, dorm supplies, and clothing. This advice is similar to that given on the admissions blogs but on a much more personal level.

Arguably, the most important part of the mentor program is the airport pickup.

“I had some problems with delayed baggage, and if I had to deal with the situation alone it would have been very difficult,” wrote Iliya T. Tsekov ’08 from Bulgaria, in his application to be a mentor in this year’s program.

I met fellow mentor Adelaide S. Calbry-Muzyka ’09 from Canada and France at the Kendall “T” Stop on August 18 at noon. She was equipped with a sign with “Asha Dhar” boldly printed on it. We arrived at Logan’s Terminal B to find a handful of people in the mentor program, including Schwartz and Robert G. Leke ’07 from Cameroon. Leke, plagued by a bad experience with his arrival freshman year, wanted to be transportation coordinator to prevent others from having to deal with the stress he went through.

In all, he spent more than 20 hours at the airport on the weekend international students have been requested to be picked up at the airport.

That Friday, as we stood chatting and waiting for our freshmen to arrive, a young man walked up to us and introduced himself as Arka.

Arka P. Dhar ’10 from India had just arrived in Boston on a connecting flight from Changi International Airport with Abdulaziz M. AlBahar ’10 from Kuwait who had just arrived at Logan. He and I began our journey back to campus.

Calbry-Muzyka and I helped Dhar register and check in to his room. He was grateful to his mentors for “helping me carry my baggage to the fourth floor of East Campus.”

We said goodbye to Dhar just in time to get back to the airport to pick up Joe Klassy ’10 from Lebanon. One of my favorite airport pick-up moments was when two Turkish students, Cansu Hasan ’08 and Serdar Karatekin ’10 arrived on separate flights that were moments apart. Neither they nor the mentors realized that they were both from Turkey until they introduced themselves and spontaneously started speaking in their native language.

After a weekend of arrivals, International Student Orientation officially began on the morning of August 21.

“Something that I definitely liked was the free food,” said Christian B. Santoso ’10 from Indonesia. “Aside from that, I could gladly say that MIT people are friendly in general.”

Adriana N. Ciccone ’09 from Canada, one of the coordinators of this year’s orientation, described it as “a great opportunity to introduce freshmen to US culture.”

Events included an information session at MIT Medical, a Duck Tour, a shopping trip, a campus tour, a party and quite a few breakfasts, brunches, and lunches in Boston restaurants.

Schwartz said that international students always tell her they make their closest friends during International Student Orientation.

Later in an interview, Dhar said that he feels he now knows more about MIT and Boston than some of his American friends. Matagorri H. Schade ’10 from Germany admitted that International Orientation was more enjoyable than her Freshman Pre-Orientation Program.

Perhaps the only event that was not very popular was the mandatory immigration session. When I was a freshman two years ago, I remember listening to tips about how to avoid violating immigration rules. “The immigration session was boring,” said Ana-Maria A. Piso ’10 from Romania.

The boring session did have one positive effect: helping the students bond. Soon the students were joking about what they knew they should avoid in any case. “Don’t get those American girls pregnant,” said Kellar R. Cameron ’10 from the United Kingdom, with lots of laughter at the table. “It’s going to be difficult but I’ll try,” responded Stavroula C. Gatsidou ’10, a female student from Greece.
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Where to Buy Food: Grocery Store Guide

By Ji Qi

When you first arrive at MIT, the dining options on campus and numerous restaurants located in Cambridge and Boston can make it easy to avoid the kitchens of your dorm or living group. Sooner or later, though, budget constraints, the urge to finally consume something healthy, or the longing for a home-cooked meal may cause you to look for the nearest grocery store.

Here are a few places to start:

Star Market
20 Sidney Street
Cambridge, MA 02139
617-494-5250
Open daily, 7 a.m. to midnight
http://www.shaws.com/
Walk north on Mass. Ave. Take a left at the gas station, then a right on the next street. Star is on the left.

The closest market to MIT, Star is very similar to the traditional large grocery chains that you’re probably used to back home in terms of the brands and items they carry. Prices are probably higher than you’re used to, as is true for most Boston supermarkets. This may be the only supermarket you can reach during the colder winter months.

Trader Joe’s
748 Memorial Drive
Cambridge, MA 02139
617-661-5832
Open daily, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.
http://www.traderjoes.com/
Walk west along Memorial Drive (along Dorn Bros). Trader Joe’s is a 20-minute walk from MIT.

A supermarket full of unique and local specialty items, Trader Joe’s will provide more adventurous eaters with treats that will last a while without breaking the bank. Although the selection is less comprehensive than Star’s, you’re sure to fall in love with the foods you can only find at Trader Joe’s. A few of my new staples include hummus, cappuccino meringues, pita chips, frozen mangos, and Chicken Gyzoa “Potstickers.”

A second location is a short walk across the river in Boston at 899 Boylston Street across from the Hynes Convention Center.

Haymarket
Take the red line subway to Park Street, then take the green line to the Haymarket stop.

If you’re looking for fresh and cheap produce, look no further. All throughout Haymarket you may quite a hike from MIT, the deals you will score at this fantastic outdoor market are definitely worth it. You might find two boxes of strawberries or four pounds of tomatoes for only a dollar. Aside from produce, vendors also sell meat, seafood, and a variety of specialty items. Haymarket is around every Friday and Saturday from dawn until items run out. If you stick around until late afternoon, you might just catch the dollar-a-bag sales.

The most convenient location for MIT students is the farmers’ market in Central Square, located in the parking lot at Bishop Allen Dr. and Norfolk St. behind the Harvest Co-op. The market is open on Mondays from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. or 6 p.m. until Nov. 20. Another close location is the Morse School Parking Lot, which is on the way to the Memorial Drive Trader Joe’s. This one runs on Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. until Oct. 28. The Harvard Square farmer’s market is hosted by the Charles Hotel and runs Fridays and Saturdays through the end of November.

For more locations farmer’s market locations, visit http://www.mass.gov/agecom/farmersmarkets.html.
List of Gay-Friendly Campuses

By Sarah Schweitzer

The rankings, educators said, are the first step in a decade ago, because fewer students are coming out at younger ages, placing the climate of a college campus at the forefront of more students’ minds as they select schools.

A list of high school kids have already dealt with the issue of coming out by the time they get to college,” said Bruce Steele, the editor of the Advocate, whose sister company, Alyson Books, published the guide. Steele said the book’s aim is to help those students and their parents make an informed college choice.

The book does not assign individual rankings, but identified a top 20, including Tufts University and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Since 1992, The Princeton Review has ranked the 20 schools that it considers the most and the least “gay community accepted.” This year, the review ranked New York University as most gay friendly and Notre Dame as most inhospitable.

Steele points out that the Review’s gay-friendly rankings are based on student opinion, while his guide is based on quantifiable data.

Harriet Brand, spokeswoman for the Review, said the survey of 115,000 students are more compelling because students offer a more accurate, ground-level gauge of a campus’ climate.

For the Advocate, the rankings book is an entry point to a potentially lucrative niche market. The magazine is so eager to attach its name to reports about the guide that magazine officials insisted that Steele answer all questions about the book and refused to allow the author, Shane Windmeyer, to speak with a reporter.

The publishing house has no sales figures yet for the book, which had a first run of 5,000 copies and is expected to be placed in stores’ college preparation sections, not their gay and lesbian sections.

Officials at schools that made the top 100 expressed gratitude in interviews for being included.

Bruce Reitman, dean of students at Tufts University said: “We know it’s a friendly, open campus...It is a nice statement for the community.”

Yet last week Tufts alerted the press when Newsweek had named it one of the “New Ivies” and did not publicize its ranking within the Advocate’s top 20. Kim Thurley, the school spokeswoman, said that Tufts does not announce its standings in every school ranking, adding that it did not publicize the US News & World Report or the Princeton Review rankings, for instance.

She said the Advocate ranking will be posted on the school’s e-mail news service. “We certainly weren’t keeping [the Advocate ranking] under a bushel,” she said.

Gay and lesbian activists and student leaders said that the book is a welcome addition to the online rumor mill that has tended to inform high school students’ decisions about gay-friendliness.

“I would have definitely liked having a book like this,” said Abigail Francis, 29, project coordinator of MIT’s Lesbian Bisexual Gay and Transgender (LBGT) Services, a position the university funded for the first time last year.

The rankings are calculated on a “gay point average,” which looks at 20 factors, including whether a school offers a resource center for gay and lesbian students, a variety of gay studies courses, scholarships specifically for gay and lesbian students, gay and lesbian social events, and procedures for reporting gay and lesbian harassment.

The rankings, educators said, might not have been possible to calculate a decade ago, because fewer services for gay and lesbian students existed.

The AIDS crisis in the 1980s propelled the creation of more services, which then multiplied in the 1990s as more students came out at younger ages, said Donna Yarbrough, director of the LGBT Center at Tufts. But, she said that today less than 5 percent of colleges and universities have centers for gay and lesbian students.

The rankings of the top 100 schools were not all obvious choices, some educators said. Smith College, for example, is not on the list, nor is Harvard University.

Steele said he wasn’t sure why Smith didn’t make the list; Harvard did not because at the time the Advocate was surveying school officials, Harvard’s antidiscrimination policy did not protect transgendered students, though that has since changed, he said.

Steele said he hopes to expand the list in coming years to include more schools.

But for now, “what matters is that schools are now going to compete to see who is the most gay-friendly,” he said. “They change because they have to keep up.”
This is a first in a first-of-series interviews of administrators and student leaders at MIT.

Tomorrow: The Tech interviews Undergraduate Association President Andrew L’Hotman ’07.

TT: I have a different story for them, because now they’ve learned to deal with these kinds of things. MIT has a wealth of things available. Boston and Cambridge have an enormous variety of opportunities and experiences. Take advantage of this. This is one of the few times in your life where you're going to get out and get involved. And as you know, the number of student activities we have here is phenomenal, let alone the kinds of opportunities that exist in Boston and Cambridge. So, get out, experience our area, enjoy. And we also have a lot of international students, and we want them especially to get to understand the variety of things that are available to them here.

TT: What do you think will be the major challenges the freshmen will face?

TT: The biggest challenge for freshmen that I remember is learning how to study, learning how to learn, and learning how to adjust to this incredibly exciting but competitive environment. Getting through the first 801 problem set and getting through the first 801 exam. It's very challenging. I think first semester can be very overwhelming, but all of our students learn how to deal with it by the end of the first semester. So I try to calm people down a little bit. Don't be overwhelmed. It will be tough, we know it's going to be tough, but that's why we're here.

TT: If there was one thing you would recommend new students in their first semester here, what would it be?

TT: The very first thing I would recommend is to get to know one of your faculty. Almost all faculty have open hours, and if they don't, they'll meet you on appointment basis. Almost all of our faculty enjoy that. But I think as a freshman coming in, you think, oh, go to my M.E. or M.S. or PhD. At big time Nobel-winning, prize-winning faculty member, I can't talk to that person, they don't want to talk to me. In fact, they do. I think one of the more enjoyable experiences those freshmen who do have that meeting and talking with faculty. The other thing is this is a big place, and during the course of four years you're going to see a lot of people. You need to make contact with some of them and let them get to know you as a person, because down the road you're going to want recommendations. And if you start connecting with a faculty member early on, that will make you see that you're going to keep that connection for four years.

One of the challenges I give to freshmen is to come talk to me. I have open office hours. I have e-mail. I love to meet you.

TT: What were your first impressions of MIT? Have they changed at all?

TT: Before I got here, I had a stereotypical view of MIT. And that is, we have a bunch of drudges people here who never do anything but work and study and who don't have any fun. Very shortly, within days of being here, I found out quite the opposite. We have a very diverse student body that is very active and interested in all kinds of activities, taking advantage of all the various things MIT has to offer. It is an incredibly dynamic place. As I talk to students one on one — they don't want to admit it public, but behind closed doors they will tell you — most of the time most of them are having a very good experience here. They are enjoying MIT. They’re having all kinds of things they never dreamed would be possible for them. It is a wonderful environment in that MIT gives its students more autonomy over more aspects of their education within the classroom and outside the classroom than any other school I know. I think that’s wonderful. You’re going to learn and grow more here at other schools because of that autonomy.

TT: Why did you want to be the dean for student life?

TT: MIT has a wonderful academic reputation, but at the end of the day, if I did the job, it didn’t have such a wonderful reputation for the student life program. And one of the things that I want to do is to be able to do is be part of an organization that is responsible for the student life program, to improve the quality of life outside the classroom, to provide more opportunities and support for students. It’s a wonderful time to be here. It is a new building that has been built the Z Center and residence halls. We’ve got new staff and new moneys for student programs. It’s been a great time, a lot of fun.

TT: Since you’ve been dean of student life at so many other colleges, what would you say is different about MIT?

TT: Our students really are very driven. In some ways, that’s really good, and in some ways I feel sorry sometimes because students get so exhausted, so worn out, so frizzled. The one thing I think is MIT’s education. It’s a very tough education, but when I talk to students they say, oh yeah, it’s killing me but I wouldn’t have it any other way. Students say the one thing they don’t want to do is to slow down the academic experience here. And I don’t blame them. But with that comes the price of a lot of hard work.

TT: What are you currently spending your time working on in terms of student life activities?

TT: There are several big things this year. One is to continue our work on the new graduate residence hall, NW33. We began that last year, we’ve got a full blown planning effort underway for that. The new graduate hall will open up near Sidney-Pacific and Appleton Street. Related to that, we’re going to begin the planning this fall for the twelfth floor for Ashdown into an undergraduate residence hall. That's going to take about 18 months to 2 years of planning and renovation to understand what we’re going to be putting a committee together at the beginning of the semester. We have a variety of dining programs and experiments we’re working on this year. I want to see Pritchett Union renovated by the end of the next academic year become an integral part of the east side of campus. We are working with MacGregor, for example, to introduce a pilot dining program here. We’re looking at experiments in the other residence halls that have residential dining. And then finally we are working with students to try to get them more involved with our dining effort.

We’re bringing in a new director for the office of student mediation and conduct, Victorino Mendosa [‘99]. She was a student here, and she went on to graduate school and has been out working in the legal profession. She’s going to be joining us Sept. 1.

The staff and myself have been working very closely with the Undergraduate Student Council, various student leaders and things like that. We have a lot of initiatives we’re working on, and we are trying to give students lots of opportunities during their career. We are trying to give them different kinds of experiences where they play some kind of leadership role.

TT: What would you say are the differences in student life in colleges in general since you were a student?

TT: Student life now is smarter. They are more autonomous. The students are more excel lent at more things, especially at MIT. You want to do a thousand things and do them all well. It’s a tough goal, but sometimes it is a struggle. Students struggle with more problems these days than they did when I was in school, back in the day. It’s probably true, but it’s the price of having too many things to do or if it’s the pressure of trying to get the ideal job or if it’s the pressure of trying to get the ideal job. It’s the pressure on things like dressing, music, things like dressing, music, problems with the RUA and MPA. The opportunities available today are phenomenal. When I was in school, I don’t think I had an art project with a profes sor. These are critical pieces of people’s education now. Lots of new opportunities, lots of new expectations, and lots of new weaknesses. It’s a tough world. And it’s a lot to try to balance.

TT: When you’re not in your office, how do you spend your time?

TT: I like to go walking around Boston. I like to cook, and I like to read contemporary fiction. I don’t have time for a lot of any of that, because when school’s out I’m in the office a lot, including many evenings and many weekends. But those are the things I enjoy doing most. My wife and I used to go walk on the beach, walk in the woods of New Hampshire and Maine.
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### Entire Class of ’10 Placed in Top Three Dorm Choices

The Housing Lottery placed everyone in the Class of 2010 in their top three dormitory choices. 70 percent received their first choice, 23 percent received their second, and 7 percent received their third. These numbers are comparable to last year’s, with 70 percent, 26 percent, and 4 percent of the Class of 2009 receiving their first, second, and third choice dormitories, respectively.

The Housing Office partners with Information Services & Technology on an algorithm that achieves the “highest rate of satisfaction” for freshmen, Robin Smedick, assistant director of undergraduate housing said. The goal is to place students in their top three choices, which has been done for the past two years.

Baker was the most popular choice, with 293 students selecting it as their first choice dorm. MacGregor House with 155 students, Burton-Conner with 130, and Simmons Hall with 113 followed for first-choice requests. MacGregor saw more requests this year than in previous years, Smedick said, as all of the slots in the dorm were filled with those who requested it as their first choice. Last year, only 57 percent of available spaces were filled with students requesting MacGregor first.

According to Smedick, the survey given to students after the lottery indicated that “size or style of room” was the most common contributing factor for those who chose MacGregor. It is likely that MacGregor was chosen because it is the most likely place to receive a single room, Smedick said. The Adjustment Lottery opened Thursday, Aug. 24 at noon and will close on Tuesday, Aug. 29 at 6:30 p.m.  

---Angeline Wang
Sunday, August 28, 2006

00:10
01:04—East Campus—“The thermal energy spectrum is continuous. Not quantized!” You sure about that... something about “Phonons?” Not even close.

01:17—Random Hall—Compressed Organoid Internships: Random Hall’s cooler than the movie theatre for one thing, the concessions are free. Also, frozen. Even if you aren’t watching the movie, come, step by for some Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream.

02:10—Senior Haus—Need to get rid of an unwanted corporate? Come see us immediately. 02:22—Random Hall—Random Hall is really amazing, no seriously. I have pink dreadlocks and I used to be a lesbian. I watch it with me. Room 452.

03:00—Simmons Hall—A day of gouging around and partying topped off with a late night joint with Jack could make anybody hungry and we have what you need. Waffles, waffles, waffles and ice cream on them, inside a waffle cone. Room 48.

03:17—Random Hall—Random House of Pancakes: Tired of McDonald’s? A pancake house is right around the corner. Random Hall is located at 42deq. 21:40min N, 71deg 06.29min W. It is easy to spot, so drop in for by (early or later) breakfast.

04:00—Senior Haus—Come to Senior Haus and have sex with one (or both) of our lovely rush chairs. condos and dental dams provided by MIT Medical. 04:17—Random Hall—Talk to Megahal. Megahal rules Azenbajan. Megahal works Arica. Megahal is up, Megahal is Random Hall’s sentient computer— full of arcane knowledge and miraculous insight. It makes more sense than any of your professors ever will.

04:23—East Campus—u r k teh juilest. Middlemillians.

07:09—Senior Haus—So you’re a virgin frog. And lost play makes you uncomfortable. Which enzymatic mechanism is involved in this process? Which makes you more obvious, etc. Starting to understand?

08:00—Burton-Conner—Breakfast—Not as bad as House-lot’s master’s Brunch. But still Brown. 08:59—Senior Haus—Seven Deadly Sins: Sloth. Chinese Roulette: Has 3 days worth of free food made you bored with dinner? Spice up your evening meal with an element of risk - The Chinese Roulette! Come test your luck at our Spinning Table of Death.

11:00—Senior Haus—Tea party! Appropriate attire encouraged. Alice did not quite booties, she helped herself to some tea and bread-and-fruit, and then asked to the dormitories and repeated her question. Why did they live at the bottom of a well? 17:14—East Campus—celebrate man’s exalted position, reign supreme over both flora and fauna.

11:10—Random Hall—Things that shouldn’t be eaten for breakfast—Indigestion’s what you get from the enemies you eat”. Come to Random Hall and consume other things that aren’t meant to be eaten for breakfast, are considered edible anyway.

12:17—Random Hall—Games in the Main Lounge: Do you know any de- struction and despair, people dying everywhere. Come, play the world... 12:20—Simmons Hall—PAINT ME HUNGRY—Why are you in my grill? This ain’t no BBQ. Oh wait.

13:00—MacGregor—Fancy House—You consider the babies. 13:17—Random Hall—Cookies and Smit (with Viking Bingo!). Apparently there is a market for erotic viking fiction. Come, listen to dramatic retellings of what is certainly some of the worst material ever written (aside, of course, from internet fanfiction.)

14:00—East Campus—Way back in the 1860’s we all knew what games we were going to play the day before. Come over to French House and play in a game of tag and four square, drink some water. Don’t pet the roaches.

14:00—Senior Haus—Seven Deadly Sins: Haus Pride: Those sneaky East Campus bastards are going to start petting us with water balloons. Help us man our lawn and reap their attack! Don’t know what a fun- nelator is? Come find out! 14:00—Spanish House—Spanish House Sports: If by soccer you meant football join us for a game on the field. 14:17—Random Hall—Come on top. Come of bubbles and doom!

14:37—East Campus—Your orientation should be a little dull. Spice them up with a little of vocatonic madness with the EC human spirit-ease.

15:00—Random Hall—How will you survive the zombie apoc- laypse? Join the DOOMCOM Zombie Games, the scariest as we show you how to make boffers [padded swords] so that your final battle will be a thing of glory. 15:00—Burton-Conner—BBQ: 7,000+ BIZZIE in BBQ! BIZZIE+fire=tasty. We welcome francophones, die-hard Francophiles and non-French-speakers alike, so you really should be vraiment fantastique. Maison Française! Come enjoy the soundtrack for New House’s campaign and Random Hall is the reason. Stay off your demise with blinky lights. Laid nitrogen ice cream, and other doomsday devices.

21:00—Burton-Conner—Like bread, cheese, henna tattoos? DDR? BOBbing for apples? These things and much more will be available at Baker’s installation of the Amherst Alley while the party’s rocking out. 21:00—MacGregor—Salsa lessons. You want to be able to proudly shake those hips at our Salsa party, right? 21:00—Next House—Are you a poker player? Do you enjoy tormenting Egyptian rats? Is Ser more your style? Whatever your card game, Next House can de- liver! We’ve got everything from Texas Hold’Em to Mac to Come for the cards, stay for the free food! 21:00—Senior Haus—15 more min of Dance Party: 15 minutes of dance since 6:30. 21:00—Senior Haus—All that stuff is for suckers. What do you need? Come to the fire and get your groves on, yeah! 21:00—MacGregor—Come get yourself from friendly McComb residents before you head down Amherst Alley! Check out the Amherst Alley Custom Tour! 21:00—Burton-Conner—Jello- land! We’re still rocking out. 21:00—Next House—We’re not trained. You’ve sworn to rid the world of the undead. ARE YOU READY? Come to DOOMCOM and try your skills against our zombie-comeback. Bring your boffers and your weapons and fight the undead hordes.

22:00—MacGregor—We’re still got some! Come on top one and head down to Baker. 22:15—Baker House—We’re still bouncing at Baker! Come hop on! 22:45—Senior Haus—Ordy in the crib and you can’t open the door, provided. Oh, right. I forgot to mention: this event has to go to 3! 23:00—MacGregor—We’re still knishin’ our hips here at Mac- Gregor. 23:00—New House—DJ Smak is providing an awesome sound track for this most part of the Amherst Alley. Don’t miss it.

23:14—Senior Haus—WARN- ING, Overexposure to black lights might cause lung cancer. At least that’s what the smokers tell us. 23:20—Burton-Conner—We’re rocking out.

23:34—Senior Haus—Dee & Carmen. Learn how to commit tax fraud with our resident expert. Bruno. 23:43—Cormick—It’d be nice to have a smoothie and a humpy down Amherst Alley while the party’s still rocking out. 23:59—Senior Haus—Come to chat with the residents of Mc- Comb.

23:59—Burton-Conner—When was the last time you had came food? If you’ve already stopped by Baker’s part of the Amherst Alley, your an- swer would be TODAY! There’s still time to grab some!
Men's Cross Country Hoping for Ninth NEWMAC Title

SPORTS EDITOR

A saying in the running world goes “Cross Country: Our sport is your sport’s punishment”. Some may consider running 70 to 80 miles a week punishment befitting a serious felony, but the Men’s Cross Country team considers it fall practice.

All those miles are part of a winning tradition that Coach Halston Taylor has built in his 24 years as coach. One example of the team’s success is that since it joined the NEWMAC in 1998, it has won every conference meet. Last year was no exception, and the Engineers tallied a score of 25 at the conference meet by placing all seven of their top runners within the top 13.

Last season’s second place finisher, Coast Guard, had a lot of success in the distance running track events last spring and, according to Taylor, may be favored to win this year. “Coast Guard is often a better team than we are but we tend to run a better race when up against them,” said Taylor.

Before the conference title meet on October 28, MIT will compete six times, including at the Engineer’s cup in Franklin Park by the Forest Hills subway station.

Part of the reason MIT has been so successful in big races is Taylor’s strategy and his runners’ ability to execute. Halston sets time goals for each of his runners in the form of absolute times mile-by-mile and how far they should be behind MIT’s fastest runner.

More important than the quantitative goals are ways of “turning negative thoughts into positive thoughts and planning for distractions,” says Taylor. The ability of the mind to keep getting more out of the body is the focus of this Zen-like approach. Besides hoping to beat Coast Guard to capture their ninth consecutive NEWMAC title, Men’s Cross Country aspires to advance to the National Tournament, which would require placing second in an extremely tough regional tournament or running well enough all season long to get an at-large bid.

The team has made nationals seven times in Taylor’s twenty-four year tenure, and he says “we have an outside chance [of making nationals this season] if we stay healthy and the team members do not doubt themselves when the time comes.”

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Men’s Cross Country Quick Facts

Home Venue: Franklin Park
Conference: NEWMAC
Last Season’s finish: 1st in conference, 6th at regional meet
Key Runners: Kevin F. Brulose ’07, Jacob J. Ruzevick ’09

Schedule:
Saturday, Sept. 2, 5 p.m. Alumni Meet Boston, Mass. (Franklin Park)
Saturday, Sept. 9, 1:30 p.m. Engineers Cup Boston, Mass. (Franklin Park)
Saturday, Sept. 16, 10:30 a.m. University of Southern Maine Invitational
Gorham, Maine
Friday, Sept. 22, 5:15 p.m. National Preview Wilmington, Ohio
Saturday, Sept. 30, 1:00 p.m. Mount Holyoke College Invitational South Hadley, Mass.
Saturday, Oct. 7, time TBA NE1CAA Championship location TBA
Saturday, Oct. 28, noon NEWMAC Championship
South Hadley, Mass.
Saturday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m. NCAA Regional Championship Springfield, Mass.
Saturday, Nov. 18, 11 a.m. NCAA Championship
Wilmington, Ohio

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