Fire Alarms Triggered at Dorms, Prank Suspected
By Nick Bushak

Fire alarms at Baker House; Burton-Conner and Simmons Hall were set off simultaneously early Friday morning by unidentified parties, forcing residents into the street. As a prank by unidentified parties, Ranks in Puzzle Challenge

STAFF REPORTER
By Valery K. Brobbey

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Student Life Fee May be Increased
Resolution Addresses Problems With Fee, Benefits of Greater Funding

Petition Drafted For Institute Divestment
Sudanese Government Cited as "Genocidal"

By Marie Y. Thibault

As an MIT Corporation advisory committee continues deliberating whether MIT should divest from Sudan or not, a petition supporting divestment is gathering energy around campus. A feature planned for next week is expected to open and add to campus discussion about divestment.

Carlson said that at this time the MIT Police does not have a list of possible suspects. "To be honest, I don't know what the motivation might be," he said.

Carlson said that although three fire alarms were triggered from pull stations in the dormitories, not smoke detectors, according to MIT Police Captain David Carlso

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The Weather

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Tonight: Partly cloudy, 68°F (20°C)
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The Thanksgiving airport shuttle, departing from the Korge parking lot, is available today and tomorrow for a fee of $7. Advance reservations are required online at http://web.mit.edu/facilities/transportation/shuttle/online/.

The Toe for Tickets program, sponsored by MIT Parking and Transportation, will run between Nov. 27 and Dec. 1. New toys or clothing along with their receipts can be exchanged for settling an outstanding parking ticket fine of equal or lesser value at MIT Medical, MIT Police Station, or the Parking and Transportation Office.

Julie T. Norris was appointed as interim director for the Office for Sponsored Programs and will assume her new position starting Dec. 2. Norris previously served as director of OSP for 10 years.

The virtual Opening of the Books begins Monday, Nov. 27. Groups can then begin requesting Campus Activities Complex space for the 2007-2008 academic term at http://cac-ems.mit.edu/VirtualEMS/Login.aspx.

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Electricity Prices Rise Amid Flaws in the Utilities Market

By By David Johnston

A growing chorus of large industrial power users, municipal utilities and consumer groups say there is a reason the price of electricity has not fallen since the federal government opened the heavily regulated utility industry to competition a decade ago. The new markets, they argue, do not work right.

They point to a variety of reasons. For one thing, when electricity producers offer to supply power for use the next day, utilities pay every one the highest price accepted. One study in Texas, where electricity bills have been rising sharply, found that because of this auction system, consumers pay a lot more than they would have under the old system where the state regulated prices.

They also contend that producers can withhold power or limit production, with little risk of penalty, even when demand is at its highest, meaning prices soar.

"Shutting down a power plant in July is like the mall closing on the weekend before Christmas, but in July last year, 20 percent of generating capacity was shut down in California," said Robert McCullough, an economist whose Oregon consulting business is advising some of those contending in lawsuits that prices are being manipulated.

The government agency that oversees the electricity market — the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission — set the rules before allowing market prices for electricity to replace regulated prices. The industry's large industrial companies filed a complaint in September, arguing that the energy commission had failed to ensure proper competition and that it had stymied efforts by others to investigate allegations of improper conduct by withholding some of the data it collects.

"The markets that are rolling off the commission's production line are not fit for their purpose," wrote Robert A. Weisbach Jr., the lawyer for the industrial companies.

The commission dismisses the critics, saying that where it has determined that a market for electricity exists, the prices in that market are assumed to be "just and reasonable." The standard set in federal law: The commission's rules seek to curb monopoly power, but not oligopoly power, in which a few firms control the market. The commission says that anyone manipulating markets will be discovered either by the monitors in each regional market, by competition or utilities that buy power, by the commission or even by the public.

Allowing producers of electricity to compete for utility customers should assure the lowest possible cost to the commission says. But the opposite has sometimes been true.

For eight hours last May, for example, the price of a megawatt of power in New England leaped from about $50 to almost $1,000. The region's electricity exchange attributes the spike to congested transmission lines, but has kept the identities of the high bidders secret.

Its own studies say that the exchange's rules make it possible to inflate prices artificially during periods of high demand and that at least one producer has manipulated prices in the past, though its identity was not disclosed.

Officials of other exchanges all said they had strict rules to ensure that capacity is not withheld from the market to inflate prices artificially.

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Reynolds said the driver of a car, a young man, was in custody and being interviewed, but he would not release his name or age.

A team from the National Transportation Safety Board was investigating the accident.

Two high school students, Nicole Ford, 17, and Christine Colllier, 18, and an elementary school girl, Taniah Hill, focused on losing consciousness as he was rushed to Huntsville Hospital, a hospital spokeswoman said. Hill's age was not immediately available.

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Stolen Goya Recovered, in Good Condition; No Arrests to Date

By Randy Kennedy

THE NEW YORK TIMES

THE STUART COURT

New York City's highest court ended a lawless legal fight over education funding on Monday, ruling that another $1.93 billion more must be spent each year on state's New York City's public schools far less than the 54.7 billion dollars annually that the minimum needed to give city children a sound basic education.

In its 4-2 ruling, the Court of Appeals in a two-week hearing that was a typical New Jersey cargo of spending options for the state to fulfill its constitutional obligation to New York City's public schools, 年 $3.4 billion at the $3.1 billion the court has been authorized to mandating in lower courts' rulings making more than $1.93 billion in additional aid for New York.

The decision came as an immense blow to New York City, which, based on prior court rulings, had anticipated up to $5.63 billion a year in additional education aid. New York state now pays about $7.1 billion, or on average $3,800 for each student, to the city's total education budget of $34.4 billion, the largest local school budget in the country. The court's order would be on top of this, but the ruling left open the possibility that the state would press the city to contribute to the added financing.

The decision was handed down on Monday also vacated lower courts' rulings mandating that the state provide more than $1.93 billion in capital aid for new schools, libraries and other amenities, saying that the state had met its obligations by authorizing $11.1 billion for the city's schools.

In his written statement, the court's majority, Judge Michael R. Bloomberg issued a muted statement, "...we now look forward to receiving additional funds from the state—..." the ruling was greeted with a mix of relief in Albany, especially among Republican lawmakers representing upstate and suburban districts.

Appearing on a stage in the historic Constitution Plaza, with the public will not be deprived in this nerve-racking experience." She pointed out that the show in- in another跡 to the theft remains active, foreign statement.

The Florida museum has been made, and because the investiga- by the FBI and told investigators where the painting had been found. But they did say it appeared that — contrary to earlier theories among law enforcement officials that the theft was an inside job — the thieves probably pulled it off with what kind of art historical lore they had stumbled upon when they broke into the truck overnight in a parking lot in a Howard joint Inn near Bartonsville, Pa.

This time of year — close to Christmas — they probably thought they'd found a truck filled with Picassos and were broke in asking for the biggest-looking box, "I can imagine that New York State Education Commissioner Betty Rosa might have liked to put the painting back into the show but she added that "This is a rare target-op-portunity typical New York cargo of students are not included as a late entry in the Guggen-heim show, "Spanish Painting From El Greco to Picasso: Time, Truth and History," a sprawling ex-hibition of some 135 paintings by Spanish masters that opened Friday. Instead, the court, painted in $11.3 and titled "Children With a Cart," will be returned to Toledo.

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Hacked Survey Hosted With Zoomerang

In “Survey Foiled by Fast Food Fraud”, an email I wrote to MIT Campus Dining was quoted, indicating “It is possible for a student to set up a program to change his/her IP address to vote multiple times.”

This particular survey was hosted with a commercial web-survey service known as Zoomerang, which is often used for quick opinion polls around MIT. This Zoomerang survey was set up to allow one response per IP address. After closing the survey, I noticed a pattern of response indicating someone had “ballot-stuffed” the survey, most likely with a computer program designed to automatically submit responses from different IP addresses.

Web surveys run by the IS&T Web Survey Service and the Office of Institutional Research are not set up using Zoomerang. Generally, our surveys authenticate individual responses, usually with MIT web certificates or assigned unique web links, ensuring one response per person. The Office of Institutional Research recommends that any survey that is used for administrative purposes or decision-making be authenticated.

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Letters To The Editor

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Thomas W. Hay

SafeRide. The idea behind it is brilliant: It helps students living further away to get to campus faster. It allows students to get around in the winter without having to brave the cold or walk on sidewalks and streets that can be hazardous to traverse when iced over. It acts as a designated driver, providing a safe means of transportation to students if they have been drinking. Finally, it is complemented by a convenient online tracking system (ShuttleTrack) that lets the user know where it is going next.

In principle, SafeRide is a beneficial service for the MIT community. In practice, however, SafeRide is flawed. First, it simply does not run on time. The Web site warns that heavy traffic, weather, and van maintenance can all cause shuttle delays. “Can delay” implies occasional inconveniences, but SafeRide is always late. MIT’s workload is hard enough; students in living groups off-campus do not need the added stress of having to rely on SafeRide to get to class on time. With a total of 25 fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups located in Boston and six located in Cambridge or Brookline, an inefficient SafeRide hurts a substantial part of the MIT undergraduate population.

The ShuttleTrack web site is supposed to solve the tardiness problem by letting riders know when SafeRide will arrive at a certain stop. However, in my experience, ShuttleTrack is rarely functional. Sometimes, the site gives no position for SafeRide, other times the position of the shuttle is inaccurate. A good first step would be to make sure the GPS in each shuttle is operating correctly.

MIT should make SafeRide a priority since it is so widely used by the student body. If shuttles need maintenance or new equipment, MIT should quickly accommodate those needs. MIT is a leader in engineering and information technology; the fact that we can not even track the SafeRide shuttles consistently using widespread and proven technology such as GPS is embarrassing.

Another problem is overcrowding on board shuttles. Recently, MIT has tried to fix this problem by adding more buses (that are bigger than the traditional SafeRide shuttles) to certain routes. This has been a huge help in alleviating overcrowding, but more can be done. I have seen students get kicked off of SafeRide because there is physically not enough room for them to fit on. This creates two problems. First, students that can not fit on SafeRide are forced to wait up to 30 minutes (depending on the day of the week and the time) for the next shuttle. Second, on weekends, overcrowding forces students to walk across the ill-lit Harvard Bridge, which can be risky late at night. The purpose of SafeRide is defeated if an intoxicated student is kicked off of SafeRide and then has to walk back to campus or his fraternity. SafeRide is supposed to provide a means of safe transportation. When the students who need it most are getting kicked off and instead forced to walk across the bridge, then SafeRide has failed its purpose.

To solve this problem, drivers should not try to pack as many students on as possible, as that would create an unsafe situation. Rather, during hours when students are traveling in peak numbers into Boston and Cambridge, there should be more shuttles operating so students do not have to wait for another SafeRide to come.

An alternate solution is to create a bridge shuttle. Since many students use SafeRide just to get across the bridge, a shuttle that just goes back and forth across the bridge every ten minutes or so would be very useful. Since many students use SafeRide just to get across the bridge, a shuttle that just goes back and forth across the bridge every ten minutes or so would be very useful. A bridge shuttle would decrease overcrowding on the Boston East and West SafeRides and prevent students from having to cross the frigid Harvard Bridge in the winter or if they are under the influence.

SafeRide has all the potential to be an effective and efficient means to get around campus. All MIT needs to do is put a little more money into the program and make sure ShuttleTrack consistently works. With the addition of a bridge shuttle, many of the problems related to overcrowding could be eliminated. These suggestions could be easily implemented by MIT and would make SafeRide a certain to live up to its name and purpose. If you agree or see any other flaws with SafeRide, let MIT know by calling 617-258-6510 or by sending an e-mail to mitparking@mit.edu.

Thomas W. Hay is a member of the class of 2010.
PROOF OF FALSE

THEOREM: For any positive integer n, there exists a justification for going i days without showering.

PROOF: We proceed by induction on n.

BASE CASE: n = 1
Most people shower once a day. Right before you shower, you have gone 1 day without showering. If going 1 day without showering were unreasonable, you would have showered before then.

INDUCTION STEP
We assume the induction hypothesis is true for i and now consider the case i+1. Suppose you have a problem set or an exam the next day. Clearly, showering can wait 1 more day until you get that done.

QED
I'm not going near you even again.

THE BEST PART IS
I USE THE SAME ARGUMENT TO JUSTIFY NOT SLEEPING TO STUDY FOR JUST 1 MORE HOUR.

BIG CLOCK, small hands
By Ali Ghajarnia & Nancy Hua

THE DAIRY COW UNION HAS A LIST OF DEMANDS IF YOU DON'T MEET THEM, WE'LL STOP PRODUCING MILK.

HMM... I SEE THE MERIT OF YOUR ARGUMENT.

NECK-LONG SPECIAL ON BEER:

DEPARTMENT RECRUITMENT STATISTICS

THEY SAY THE AVERAGE PHD TAKES 5 YEARS

YET NOBODY YOU KNOW HAS TAKEN LESS THAN 3!

THEY SAY THE NUMBER OF INCOMING STUDENTS EACH YEAR IS 25

BUT ONLY 4 PEOPLE GET HOOKED AT COMMENCEMENT EACH YEAR...

THEY SAY THE STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO IS 4-TO-1

SO WHY DOES YOUR ADVISOR DOUBLE-BOOK YOUR MEETINGS?

HARD TO BELIEVE? NOT ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL DEPARTMENT BROCHURE!

THEY SAY THE DEPARTMENT BRINGS IN HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF RESEARCH DOLLARS EACH YEAR!

BUT YOU WOULDN'T KNOW IT FROM YOUR STIPEND CHECK.

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what are you doing?

WHAT ME? NOTHING! I SUCCEEDED BY ACCIDENT!
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 17.

Solution, tips, and computer program at http://www.sudoku.com
BURCHARD SCHOLARS PROGRAM

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CONCERT REVIEW
Impulse Mixes Humor and Harmony

Newest All Male A Cappella Group has Potential

By Jillian Berry

IT Impulse, MIT’s newest all male a cappella group, took the stage for this con-
cert this past Friday, Nov. 17, in 54-100. The six members of the group — Philip Fu, Christopher M. Yang ‘08, and Terral R. House in November. When the day fi-
ished, I think they managed to reach my ex-
pected level of potential. With a little more time, and maybe a few more members, I think they’ll be right in with the other a cappella groups on campus.

FILM REVIEW
A Moment With Wongfu Productions

Amateur Group Screens Their First Movie, “A Moment With You”

By Tina Ro

W ongfu Productions
Written, Directed, and Produced by
Wong Fu, and Philip Wong
Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006

Wongfuproductions.com

On Thursday, Nov. 16, MIT’s Chinese Students and Scholars Association pre-
sented an evening of film titled “A Moment With You,” by the amateur group Wongfu Productions. Although Wongfu Productions was primarily com-
posed of Asian students, the movie itself is not
targeted toward a specific community and ended with an opportunity for the audience to ask the three gentlemen of Wongfu Productions questions.

Wongfu Productions is run by Wesley Chan, Ted Fu, and Philip Wong. The three men star-
ted off as freshman roommates at the Univer-
sity of California, San Diego, and went on to create their own filming company: Sketchbook Media. In order to make a living, they made music videos and other short films — all of which can be found on YouTube.

In 2004, founding members Yu Chan, Philip Wong, and Dustin Chan formed a full-length feature film. After working on the movie, while also finishing their schoolwork, they created an hour and forty minutes worth of film.

For the movie, the group partnered with two contra-
ting characters, Dustin and Arthur, who come from different backgrounds, and are shaped by their own unique characteristics, yet come to the same life lessons.

Arthur is the classic, stereotypical dork who has never had a girlfriend; a girl finally comes into his life, yet Arthur refuses to acknowledge her and take advantage of this opportunity. Dustin does not have a problem finding women. However, the only girl he thinks of is his ex-girlfriend. He cannot let go of this rela-
tionship from years ago. The theme focuses on the importance of certain moments that shape the lives of individuals and the importance of making the most of present opportunities. Their dialogue is reminiscent of that between Joey and Dawson in the old teen drama Dawson’s Creek, but with more sophistication.

The movie fits the genre of romantic com-
dy and uses emphasis on the conflicts on serious life themes. However, many scenes and romantic moments in the movie are “aww” moments and surprising twists, yet come to the same life lessons.

For me, the highlights were mainly the 30 percent of the songs they played that weren’t from “Transatlanticism” or “Plans” — name,
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scure media hype. Also impressive was “We Looked Like Giants,” which turned into a 15-minute extended jam during which Ben played on a miniature drum set which was assembled and disassembled during the song.

Despite its large Asian fan base, Wongfu’s movie has a cast of equal numbers of Asians and Caucasians. Furthermore, all the charac-
ters were shaped by their own characteristics rather than by their race, a refreshing concept for a movie.

After the showing, the audience enthusias-
tically clapped and cheered. The three movie-
makers answered questions from the audience ranging from how the set was made to whether or not they were single. (Their set was a friend’s apartment, and two of the three were single; though they did not provide phone numbers.)

“A Moment With You” will be publicly available next spring, for updates see www.
www.wongfuproductions.com

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CONCERT REVIEW
An Odd Couple at the Opera House

Ted Leo Brings Energy, Death Cab Induces Sleep

By Tyson McNulty

Ted Leo and the Pharmacists and Death Cab For Cutie
Thursday, Nov. 2, 2006
Brookline Canton

A back in October, a friend of mine told me that Ted Leo and the Pharmacists were going to be playing at the Opera House in November. When the day fi-

The house was barely half full when Ted opened the show. I was surprised to find that even though I was in the second-row-center, there were no other avid Ted Leo fans in sight. After he got into the middle of his set, I hardly no-
ticed any more because I was too busy singing along to every word. He played eight songs in all. Four of them were from “Shake the Shakes” (his most recent album), three were from earlier
releases, and one was brand new. It’s hard to choose a favorite between “Me and Your Dime,” “Tim-
orous Me,” “Where Have All the Rude Boys Gone?” and “Down the Hours.” In fact, I submit that it can’t be done. Ted rocked the house, but the house barely knew it for. Ted is someone who hasn’t seen or heard of Ted Leo before, they’re a power trio that can play a variety of rock arrangements and lyrics with a stirring, often politically charged subtext. The musicians’ musicianship made Ted Leo sound like a band that has been performing for years.

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It was one of those “OK, I admit it, that was pretty cool” things that would have made even the most scrupulous music critics consider Death Cab for Cutie for entry into the canon of enduring
data:image/png;base64,iVBORw0KGgoAAAANSUhEUgAAAjAAAA...
The Festival Jazz Ensemble put on “Saxophrenia and other Benign Maladies” this past Saturday, Nov. 18 in Kresge Auditorium. The concert featured special guests Mark S. Harvey, lecturer for the Music and Theater Arts Section, and saxophone soloist Arni Cheatham.

(counter-clockwise from left)
Matthew J. Abrahamson ’06 plays a bass trombone solo during the Festival Jazz Ensemble Combo’s performance of “United,” by Wayne Shorter.
Daniel E. Bickerstaff ’10 (right) and John P. Murphy ’10 (left) play guitar and bass, respectively.
Mark S. Harvey jumps at the crescendo as the final piece, his own “Movin’ On,” comes to a close.
Guest performer Arni Cheatham plays an alto and a tenor saxophone simultaneously during “Movin’ On.”
Pianist Matthew J. Rosario ’10 plays the keyboard during the performance of “Cantaloupe Island,” composed by Herbie Hancock and arranged by Guillermo Klein.

Photography by Omari Stephens
Ring the Alarm: Dance Competition

Ring the Alarm, an intercollegiate group dance competition and afterparty was held in Lobdell this past Saturday evening. The event was sponsored by MIT’s Collegiate Party Renaissance and Mocha Moves, featuring five MIT groups and four other dance groups from Boston University, Wellesley, and Simmons College.

(right) Mathangi Radha ’09 shows off her umbrella.

(below) Shyamli Sinha ’07 (left) and Adal R. Grayson ’08 (right) show off their moves.
Director of Picower to Step Down

Biology professor Susumu Tonegawa announced that he will step down as head of the Picower Institute for Learning and Memory on Dec. 31, 2006 when his appointment expires. An interim director will be named before that date, according to an MIT News Office press release.

In a statement sent to members of Picower, Tonegawa explained that his decision to step down was motivated by a desire to devote more time to research, as well as “my belief that, in order to move the neuroscience community at MIT towards a more cooperative spirit and a shared vision of excellence, a new generation of leadership is needed.”

Tonegawa declined to comment further.

Three weeks ago, an investigative committee deemed Tonegawa’s actions during the failed recruitment of a young female scientist as “inappropriate” while stating that his actions were at least somewhat provoked by the actions of other faculty members and administrators. The investigation began after Tonegawa was accused in July of bullying Alla Y. Karpova into declining an assistant professorship in the Biology Department.

The investigative committee is preparing to release a modified version of the report in the coming weeks.

“Professor Tonegawa has shown admirable character in making a decision that he viewed as in the best interests of MIT,” Reif said in an e-mail.

Dean of Science Robert J. Silbey will oversee the process to identify the next Picower director. Silbey did not immediately return a call yesterday.

—Angeline Wang

T Fare to Jump in January

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority fares will rise again in Jan. 2007, a 200 percent increase from Dec. 2003. Local bus lines will cost $1.50, up from 90 cents, subway fares will be $2.00, up from $1.25, and commuter rail fares will also see an increase. Free rides for outbound passengers on the Green Line, as well as exit fares on the Red Line, will also be discontinued, according to the MBTA Web site.

Cheaper fares will be offered for users of the CharlieCard, a plastic ticket that can be reloaded with money and reused. Bus and subway fares with the CharlieCard will cost $1.25 and $1.70, respectively, according to the MBTA Web site. Users of the CharlieCard will receive free transfers to local buses from the subway, and vice versa.

Monthly passes for the bus and rail lines will drop to $59 a month, about a $20 decrease from the current price. The last MBTA fare increase was in Jan. 2004.

—Benjamin P. Gleitzman

Police Log

The following incidents were reported to the MIT or Cambridge Police between Nov. 1 and Nov. 13, 2006. This summary does not include incidents such as false alarms, general service calls, or medical shuttles.

Nov. 1:
W20 (84 Mass. Ave.), 9:33 a.m., WMS warrant on Michael Kreisel, 11 Garden St., Cambridge; arrested on an outstanding warrant.

Nov. 2:
W92, 1:15 a.m., At approximately 11:10 p.m. power loss due to explosion on Audrey St. in manhole; Cambridge Fire Department, Cambridge Police, and NSTAR responded; late entry due to computer problems due to outage.

M54 (21 Rear Ames St.), 1:25 a.m., Received call from Cambridge Police for 911 hangup in Bldg 54; car dispatched; radio society repeater problems; malfunction Cambridge Police notified.

Nov. 5:
W70 (471 Memorial Dr.), 5:54 a.m., Report of an intruder being chased at New House; MIT Police dispatched for a routine check.

Railroad tracks, rear of W79 (229 Vassar St.), 4:55 p.m., Reporting person states male subject set a fire in a cement construction pipe with cardboard and wood material; the suspect is described as a White male, tall, dressed in dark clothing, wearing a hat and carrying a duffle bag; he was seen leaving the area from the rear of Simmons Hall towards Albany St. MIT Police responded with the Cambridge Fire Department and Cambridge Police.

Nov. 10:
W13 (52 Mass. Ave.), 11:38 a.m., Victim reports unauthorized use of her credit card.

Nov. 13:
M68 (31 Ames St.), 8:08 a.m., Restraining order paperwork was served in hand; return of service to issuing police department.

W13 (52 Mass. Ave.), 11:32 p.m., A female student was walking on the Harvard Bridge when a man exposed himself.

—Compiled by Angeline Wang

Are you sad or depressed? Lack of energy or motivation?

The Psychopharmacology Research Program at the Cambridge Health Alliance is seeking volunteers to participate in a research study involving medications for the treatment of depression. If interested, you will receive a specialized diagnostic evaluation, and if you qualify, you may be eligible for compensation.

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Or email: dsa@challiance.org

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The wiki concept is about parallel production. And under the right conditions, the results can be spectacular.

— Jonathan L. Zittrain
Committee Considers REX Schedule, Advising Policy

Main Conclusions of the UA Report on Orientation

We asked UA Orientation Committee Chair Andrew P. Sporn ’07 to elaborate on the main conclusions in the Undergraduate Association Report on Orientation. The following are his responses.

Place greater emphasis on student-generated content.

Andrew Sporn: There has been this tendency for everyone planning Orientation over the last few years to try and do a местная модель театр — a different model for a theater. … But one thing that we would like to look at is viewing Orientation as a modern video game, where emphasis is on non-linear exploration and peer interaction.

Allow freshmen in Residence Based Advising dorms to enter the Housing Readjustment Lottery

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Undergraduate Association Goals, Fall 2006

This is the mid-quarter update for the Undergraduate Association’s Fall 2006 goals. The Tech will evaluate the success of the committees at the end of the semester.

Goals were modified or added since the first publication of the UA goals on Sept. 15, 2006.

Committee on Athletics

- Construct a new Web site with interactive features (votes, polls, and forums) to help the UA reach a better group student opinion.
- Create undergraduate student role models, an optional tool for all undergraduates to disseminate information regarding pressing campus issues that could have an effect on student life.
- Increase the level of cooperation for Senate bills and improving voter turnout for all UA elections.
- Cultivate a stronger relationship with campus media outlets, including weekly or hometown UA Q&A interviews.
- Focus resource development efforts on finding sponsors for undergraduate student life programs and initiatives.

- Develop a mentoring program to foster and increase student participation in athletics on campus.
- Implement student input and suggestions regarding DAEP operations and facilities.

Committee on Campus Sustainability

- Establish MIT as a global leader in the realm of sustainability by drawing from all schools and departments.
- Create a proposal for a built environment which generates energy, processes waste, and uses design as a tool to develop a vibrant learning community, and lays down a path for structure rethink, reform, and reorganization.
- Investigate how undergraduate renovations and“swing” housing.
- Investigate and record on MIT’s ecology and use of consumables for community and research use.
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- Make the average MIT undergraduate a more aware, compassionate, and wise global citizen.
- Work with Campus Dining to promote a student survey to help fill the remaining storefronts in Lowell Food Court.
- Continue to work to improve late-night dining options on campus.
- Argue with the Graduate Student Council to publicize the diversity of dining options on campus.

- Continue to explore increased breakfast options.

Committee on Educational Policy

- Draft an annual report on undergraduate advising and the student feedback regarding the recommendations of the Task Force on the Undergraduate Educational Commons.
- Work with the faculty to increase awareness of term regulations and resolve violations.
- Work with faculty and administrators to demonstrably improve undergraduate advising.
- Create a “Guide to Educational Policy at MIT” for incoming freshmen.

- Ensure significant student input and involvement in the transition of Ashdown House to an undergraduate dormitory.

Committee on Housing

- Provide for student involvement in the decision-making process regarding undergraduate dormitory renovations and “swing” housing.
- Investigate the needs and the future of cultural houses at MIT and how they integrate with other elements of the housing system.
- Investigate and report on MIT’s ecology and use of consumables for community and research use.

Committee on Orientation

- Investigate the practicability of returning full telephone service to dormitories.
- Work with the Office of Undergraduate Advising and Academic Programming to develop a diagnostic tool and raw data for the committee’s report. The first draft of the report will be out in December, and the full report will be completed sometime in the spring.
- Investigate the rescheduling of the Mathematics Diagnostic Test to a more amenable time slot.
- Work to make the average MIT undergraduate a more aware, compassionate, and wise global citizen.

Committee on Student Life

- Support the Virtual CPW project to help admitted students get a better idea of the strength of MIT student life even if they are unable to attend Campus Weekend.
- Perform annual post-Orientation feedback sessions to identify the best and worst elements of the orientation experience from the freshman who went through.

Committee on Student Space Planning

- Produce, staff, and administrate the new Undergraduate Membership Program.
- Conduct an inventory of existing student spaces on campus, analyze their strengths and deficiencies, and present this information on the campus Web site.

Committee on Student Senate

- Develop a vision to guide the long-term future of the campus, and build relationships with the MIT Department of Facilities, the administration, and all other stakeholders.
- Produce an official report of all the above findings for public access.

- Interim report and a capital student fund for new projects.

Committee on Nomination

- Innovate with communication advocates so that, if there is a problem, the student can be informed.
- Make recommendations to the student body on the future of the Student Center game room and proposals for Student Center expansion in the DormStorm survey.

Finance Board

- Finance Board is incorporating previous spending trends on allocations, which has identified understanders and cut unnecessary and poorly planned spending.
- Violation: MIT does not meet its financial management service via the Undergraduate Association’s website.

Nominations Committee

- Yearly student advocates and utilize an improved MIT Web site to track issues being discussed among the various Institute and faculty committees.

UA Committee

- Goals for Fall 2006
- Progress

- A student Web designer has been found, and a skeletal Web site (http://ua-web.mit.edu/~socabit) is already up and running that has the capability to host votes, polls, and forums, but additional features and pages are needed before it formally goes online.

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- A forum with all committee representatives will be held to late November followed by a banquet in early De- cember for all committee representatives and faculty committee chairmen.

- A number of companies have been contacted, but no plans have been finalized. Care is being taken to push this forward in an amenable and unobtrusive direction.

- The committee is currently working with the UA Executive Committee to assess the proposal to slightly increase the Student Life Fee so that DAEP will have more money to provide better services, facilities, and programs for the MIT community.

- Organize a joint event with the Graduate Student Council to publicize the dormitories.
- Investigate the practicability of returning full telephone service to dormitories at least twice a term.
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- Investigate and report on MIT’s ecology and use of consumables for community and research use.

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No Date Yet Set For Expected Decision on Sudan Divestment

Sudan, from Page 1

Brandeis University sophomore Daniel Millenson, president and national advocacy director of the task force, explained that the targeted model “only goes after the worst offenders.” This means that of the approximately 400 companies with ties to Sudan, about two dozen are on the worst offenders list. These worst offenders are those companies that have business relations with the Sudanese government or with government related projects, provide minimum benefit to people outside government circles, and do not have a substantial corporate governance policy.

Millenson said that he has e-mailed the ACSR twice offering the Sudan Divestment Task Force as a resource to Sudan, twice offering the Sudan Divestment Task Force as a resource to the ACSR twice offering the Sudan Divestment Task Force as a resource to the ACSR.

“He would not pinpoint a date when a decision could not be rushed because ‘we’re going to do it right.’”

Spoon declined to divulge how much money MIT has invested in Sudan.

Michael Haenem, staff to the committee, said that although a date has not been set for the ACSR’s next meeting, the members are hoping to meet one more time before the winter holidays.

All of the Ivy League schools have done either general divestment or have surveyed the kinds of projects, provide minimum benefit to people outside government circles, and do not have a substantial corporate governance policy.

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The UA team provides for a speaker to present another view alongside Reeves at the Nov. 30 event. Dafalla said that he has approached some faculty members, but finds that there is a dichotomy over divestment from Sudan. Dafalla said that he is an opponent of divestment. Reeves at the Nov. 30 event. Dafalla described the Sudanese as a developed, modern city. He said that he found during a visit this summer that many homes lack indoor plumbing or much of what city dwellers in America count as necessities.

A more viable alternative than divestment, he said, is for MIT to begin an initiative to work toward building infrastructure in Sudan so that necessities can be delivered to everyone in the country. “If we’re serious about helping people, why not take an active role in making things happen?”

“It’s safe to say they’re all very different,” Kruskall said of the puzzles.

For Quarks and Gluons, Chronis said that one puzzle required half the context to solve, which was six hours, while others could be solved in a matter of minutes. The variety ranged from cryptograms to crossword puzzles, according to Rosenfield.

“The Challenge is in the spirit of MIT’s annual Mystery Hunt held during the Independent Activities Period, which may have given teams from MIT an edge.”

Most of [the puzzles] were like standard MIT Mystery Hunt puzzles but easier,” Chronis said.

Both Kruskall and Rosenfield mentioned the Mystery Hunt as a leading factor in their involvement in competitive puzzling.

When asked how they prepared for the competition, both Chronis and Rosenfield mentioned that no formal preparation took place. Instead, preparation evolved through years of interest in solving puzzles. For Kruskall, the Microsoft Chal- lenge served as practice for the MIT Mystery Hunt.

Puzzles, from Page 1

has been open to MIT students and the third year since its inception. The puzzles have a common theme each year, and this year’s theme centered on teaming up with an international organization, S.O.L.V.E., to explore the secrets of a mysterious island, according to the College Puzzle Challenge Web site.

“I thought it was a good twelve-hour game of fun,” said Pete S. Kruskall ’09, a participant in the competition. “It’s kind of like a fun social event to hang with friends and solve crazy puzzles,” he added.

Teams from MIT dominated the competition, with five MIT teams in the top 10. Each of the members of the grand prize winning team, MIT’s Quarks and Gluons, will receive a Microsoft Xbox 360. Quarks and Gluons was one of two teams that was able to solve every puzzle correctly and, in fact, completed the challenge nearly two hours ahead of the other teams.

“We came in third place last year, and we were really determined to beat our friends [also from MIT] who came in second,” said Adam P. Rosenfield ’08, a member of the winning team. “Plus, we just love puzzles.”

Other participants seemed to feel a sense of lightning-quick peer rivalry, in addition to a love for puzzling. Kruskall, whose team, You Know, placed fifth overall in the competition, mentioned a “girls versus boys” rivalry with another MIT team in which his team, the boys, “came out on top.”

The competition lasted for 12 hours, from noon to midnight. Initially, all MIT teams were gathered in one room to solve three preliminary puzzles that were “fun for everyone,” said Ioanna K. Chronis ’08, another member of Quarks and Gluons. After completion of the first puzzles, each team received a booklet of additional puzzles to be solved in a preferred campus location. Kruskall described the atmosphere as relaxed, but “rush, rush, rush, see how fast you can solve” at times during competition time.

Rosenfield said Quarks and Gluons was humming during the first round, but solved nine puzzles in a little more than an hour during the second round.

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Student Life Fee May Increase Due to Buying Power ‘Erosion’

Fire Alarms, from Page 1

Simultaneous alarms from MIT dormitories sound suspicious, “the fire department takes alarms seriously,” because steam, dust, and smoke can “trip fire alarms.”

Collins said that the activation of three alarms at once presented a problem for the fire department because “they had to dispatch trucks from all over the city.”

According to Collins, it is “very possible they will fine us.”

Carlson said that he does not know if MIT will be fined, but the fire department may be frustrated, since they take their work seriously.

According to a police report from Carlson, the Simmons alarm was triggered from the third floor stairwell at 1:17 a.m., while the Burton-Conner alarm was triggered from the first floor at 1:20 a.m. The location of the Baker alarm, triggered at 1:18 a.m., was not included in the police report.

Carlson said that the police department does not intend to “go around telling people not to pull fire alarms.” “At this stage in life everyone knows not to pull fire alarms,” he said. Carlson added that such pranks only hurt the residents of the dormitory.

Collins points out the vigilance of dormitory residents to prevent another occurrence of this incident. “The best eyes are people in the houses,” said Carlson. He said that he would urge dormitory residents to “give us a call if something is out of place.”

At the time the fire alarms went off, residents were busily completing homework and studying for tests on Friday. “I was studying for my 6.004 exam,” said Jules D. Walter ’08, resident of Baker House, who described the incident as an “inappropriate joke.” “We had to stay outside for at least half an hour.”

Solution to Sudoku

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Three Simultaneous Fire Alarms Pulled; Cambridge May Fine MIT

Adelaide S. Calby-Muzyka ’09, a resident of Burton-Conner House who was working on a problem set, called the prank “obnoxious” and mentioned that the fire alarm was pulled when it was raining. Calby-Muzyka said that one of her friends was sick and asleep at the time the alarm went off.

David A. Nedzel ’07, Dormitory Council president and resident of Simmons Hall, described the incident as a “serious safety issue.” “It’s unfortunate people do that,” Nedzel added. Nedzel said he and some of his friends went to Westgate Apartments to seek shelter from the rain and “noticed some other people walking across the parking lot to Next House.”

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MIT Faces Cornell in All Three Division Finals of TKD Tourney

Taekwondo, from Page 20

fore the tournament they continued to lead against new opponents. Ning Wu G took first and Lim-ael Tabares '09 followed closely with third place in the men's green belt division. Jacyin J. Hs '09 tied for first in the women's green belt division and, in an exciting turn of events, performed her form a second time. After seeing her exceptional strength and agility, the judges awarded her first place.

Also in that division was EunMee Yang '07, who placed third. In another challenging division, Elizabeth M. Markham '09 and Miranda J. Ha '07 placed first and second respectively among women's white and yellow belts.

The sparring competitions that followed provided a different challenge. In individual women's black belt sparring, Steve Kim '10 breezed through several matches to place first in her division.

In the advanced (A team) sparring division, Women's A1 (Chan, Chen, Shawon A. Lawrence '07, and Ziyan M. Markham)'09 easily advanced to the finals, where Chan came from behind to even out the score against a tough Cornell competitor but the rest of the team couldn't prevail, leading to a second place overall finish.

Up next were the beginner's (D team) sparring divisions, which gave the upper belts a chance to notch and cheer on their new teammates. Newcomer Stephanie C. Chan '09, the lone competitor in Women's B1, made her way to the top of her bracket and in a new team record, won her match 10-0 in only 26 seconds. Despite starting the sport of Taekwondo a mere eight weeks ago, she placed first in her division.

In the novice (C team) divisions, both men and women's teams fought in excellent matches against MIT's rival school, Cornell. Women's C1 (Ha, Yang, Markham) made it to the finals and came in second to the more experienced Cornell Women's C1. Ha fought beautifully using advanced tactics to win her match 10-2.

Last came the intermediate (B team) division. In the semifinals, Women's B2 (Jennifer L. Caplin '07, Lee, Hui) fought Michigan B1. In a classic MIT move, Caplin won her round with a score of 8-4 after being down 2-3 after the first half. Hui scored on her opponent several times using her signature inside turning kick but lost the round in a close fight to a more experienced competitor. Women's B2 placed third in this tough division.

On the other side of the bracket, Women's B1 (Chen, Lawrence, Chu) advanced with two victories into the finals to fight the same Michigan B1 team. This time, the MIT team was relentless. Chen easily beat her opponent 12-7, while Lawrence lost 4-5. After being down 4-6 in the first half, Chu came back into the ring with the advice of coach Connor F. Madigan, scoring a head shot on her opponent in the last seconds of the round and winning 15-14, which gave the Women's B1 team a first finish in their division.

The Men's B1 (Wu, Chambers, Hui) team advanced match after match under the guidance of their coach Master Daniel B. Chuang in one of the most difficult divisions of the tournament, meeting rivals Cornell B1 in the finals.

Wu lost in a close round 9-10. Hui fought with his usual cool grace, scoring on his opponent with several beautiful double kicks, but couldn't overcome his weight disadvantage, so that the Men's B1 placed second in their division.

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