BE Professor Threatens Hunger Strike to Protest Tenure Denial

By Joyce Kwan

An African-American associate professor has threatened to go on hunger strike unless the provost reverses his tenure denial. Although he was granted tenure in 2004, the professor was denied tenure again last semester. He has stated his case in an independent review, and now he is threatening a hunger strike.

Magazine

To Change Because of Financial Difficulties

By Manisha Padi

The December issue of the magazine was over 1,000 dollars in debt due to the December issue of Counterpoint. This deficit is standard procedure. The staff is looking for ways to cut down on expenditures.

Investigation Complete

In One Broadway Fire

Building Expected to Be Open Soon, MIT Says

By Rosa Cao and Eric S. Wang

The Dec. 8, 2006 explosion of an NSTAR transformer at One Broadway was a “tragic accident,” states the report from a joint investigation conducted by the Cambridge Fire Department and Massachusetts State Fire Services. According to the press release, the investigation team ruled out any criminal act but could not determine if the accident was due to “human error, procedural error, or malfunction of safety mechanisms.”

Congressional Budget Delay

Stymies Scientific Research

By William J. Broad

The failure of Congress to pass new budgets for the current fiscal year has produced a crisis in science financing that threatens to close major facilities, delay new projects, and leave thousands of government scientists out of work, federal and private officials say.

The Weather

Today: Mostly cloudy, winds, 38°F (3°C)

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, 29°F (-2°C)

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, 39°F (4°C)

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President Bush has chosen Fred F. Fielding as the new chief White House lawyer, adding to his long list of Washington luminaries who have served as veterans of the post.

Fielding, who handled politically charged episodes like Watergate and the air traffic controllers' strike in 1981, was. White House officials said Bush would announce as early as Tuesday that Fielding would return as White House counsel, succeeding Harriet M. Miers, who announced her resignation last week. The officials insisted that the announcement was not related to Miers.

Fielding's agreement to take the job surprised some of his closest friends. The friends said last week, when his name surfaced as a contender for the position, that he would give up a successful corporate practice for another stunt of what promises to be heavy partisan battle at age 67.

Fielding was deputy counsel to President Richard M. Nixon under John W. Dean III and was White House counsel for the first five years of Ronald Reagan's presidency.

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The United States, moving to raise pressure on Iran, on Tuesday barred American financial institutions from doing business with a major Iranian bank after concluding that it had been involved in illicit weapons programs.

The move against Bank Sepah, announced by the Treasury Department, also affected North Korea, which U.S. officials said had used the bank to facilitate payments to a North Korean group that exports missile technologies.

The announcement applies to domestic and foreign branches of American banks, as well as to U.S. citizens working overseas at banks that deal with Bank Sepah anywhere in the world. The department said that no American bank can transfer dollars to Bank Sepah or its branches and subsidiaries in Rome, London, Frankfurt and Paris.

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"By taking this action, the United States is putting immense pressure on our allies and trading partners to treat Bank Sepah the same way we do," said Judith Lee, a partner at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher specializing in sanctions law. "It is an effort to make U.S. actions against Iran extraterritorial. European countries have opposed moves by the United States to apply the principle of extraterritoriality, a term referring to cases when U.S. law can affect dealings entirely within another country. But the Bush administration recently has stepped up its use of various laws and directives to press forward with the concept.

For example, since oil is traded in dollars, the reach of U.S. directives could be significant, many banking experts say. In theory, Tuesday's action would prevent Bank Sepah from facilitating an oil sale in which dollars are used. Iran has already announced that, because of U.S. directives, it has begun selling oil for euros rather than dollars.

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Second Church Official Resigns In Poland

By Craig S. Smith and Ian Fisher

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Warsaw.

The Catholic Church in Poland was in turmoil Monday as a second prelate stepped down, because of his Communist-era secret police ties, after Sunday’s resignation of this city’s archbishop over similar allegations.

Questions spread about just how broad and deep a stain secret-police collaboration has left on a church long regarded as a beacon of faith and collaboration has left on a church long regarded as a beacon of faith and.

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Cold today, but warm winter to continue

Cegeneon J. Chan

WEATHER

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There are, of course, many definitions, but what do meteorologists precisely mean when they say it's cold? (I suspect most readers of this column will find today cold, regardless of how it is referenced.) Some meteorologists will often say it's colder than normal because they define "normal" relative to long-term averages. Others will call it cold relative to a temperature trend, e.g. today's temperature is lower than yesterday's. Finally, some might call it cold when an unbroken period of below-freezing temperatures makes it difficult to keep one's body warm. For today, the first one does not apply, while the latter two are valid. Thus, temperatures today are colder than normal, but feel colder due to the combination of the wind and the comparison with the mild weather of the past couple of weeks.

Astonishing the record high temperature by seven degrees Fahrenheit on Saturday, will this warm winter continue? In the short-term, the answer is yes. The current cold weather is forecast to be abnormally above the climatological averages. In addition, with the jet stream staying to the north of New England, the National Climate Prediction Center is predicting a greater than 40 percent chance of above-normal temperatures in New England for next week.

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Extended Forecast

Today: Mostly cloudy with scattered flurries. Winds: Highs in the upper 30s °F (3°C). Winds remaining steady at 20 to 25 mph.

Tonnite: Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 20s °F (-6°C). Winds with gusts up to 10 mph.

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny. Not as windy. Highs in the mid 30s °F (2°C). Winds 10 to 15 mph.
CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE OVER HOW TO STOP THE IRAQ WAR

By Jeff Zeleny

THE NEW YORK TIMES

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The new Democratic majority in Congress is divided over how to assert U.S. influence and to craft a Bush administration plan to send more troops to Baghdad and to explore ways to block financial financing for a military expansion without being accused of abandoning the United States or its friends in Iraq.

While Democrats find themselves unusually united in their resistance to a troop increase, party leaders are struggling to frame a debate over how to proceed in the early days of their new strategy. The White House has issued some Democratic moves to meet with Bush administration officials on Wednesday, even as others have scoured the history books to find cases when Congress has refused to organize power or when sending more

STENY HOYER, has not endorsed the idea. Other Democrats, either looking for ways to keep an independent president or their own re-elections, have also distanced themselves from such a proposal. President Bush has said that he would "be pulling back any funds," said Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., who was elected an independent last week and voted to oppose a proposal to block money for troop increases.

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"It has long been acknowledged that American companies have had access to the U.S. market because of their competitive advantage," said the director of the judicial policy. "But Pollack and other foreign policy experts said that might require American business to make a fresh start on judicial nominations, one that emphasizes qualifications and bipartisan consensus over game-playing."

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The new House speaker, Nancy Pelosi, has similarly suggested Democrats should consider block-

financing for a troop increase, and the Senate majority leader, Har-ren, voted against Monday's vote to look at it. But the House majority leader, Steny Hoyer, has not endorsed the idea. Other Democrats, either looking for ways to keep an independent president or their own re-elections, have also distanced themselves from such a proposal. President Bush has said that he would "be pulling back any funds," said Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., who was elected an independent last week and voted to oppose a proposal to block money for troop increases.

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Paul E. Gray

For more than three years the world has watched the developing horror in the Darfur region of Sudan. Militias, supported openly and by the national government, have robbed, raped, brutalized and murdered the civilians of Darfur. Millions have been driven from their homes and hundreds of thousands have died. Relief efforts have been thwarted and there is widespread famine and malnutrition. The illegitimate, corrupt, duplicitous, genocidal government of Sudan continues to ignore the pleas and demands of the civilized world. The African Union peacekeeping force in Darfur is so poor in quality that it does little to protect the civilian population. The Chinese government (which also has large investments in Sudan continues, with characteristic insensitivity to human rights, to prevent the UN Security Council from taking stronger actions that would ameliorate the suffering. What can be done to help the people of Darfur?

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MIT Alum Plays the ‘Geek’

Herman Discusses Role on ‘Beauty and the Geek’

By Jillian A. Berry

MIT alum Matthew A. Herman '06 appears on the popular reality show “Beauty and the Geek.” The show, which premiered on the CW television network Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2007, is a competition between two categories of people: “Geeks” and “Beauty.”

MH: When you got selected for the show?

TT: I think it was kind of like a joke at first. The producers were just playing around with the idea. I was like that sounds interesting, I have nothing else going on, I might as well give it a shot. They called back and got on to the show.

MH: It was kind of like a joke at first. The summer before last – I lived at Theta Xi, and we had this list for random stuff – one of the guys from the house forwarded this e-mail to us...from the casting people from “Beauty and the Geek,” and he changed the title to “I nominate Matt Herman.” I was like that sounds like fun, but the day they were doing their casting call in Boston I couldn’t go. But the following December, I watched the show and it was a lot of fun. Then, the following April, it was my senior year, and I had just finished with a lot of job interviews, I was walking around campus and I see these flyers up casting for season three. I went back to Theta Xi and other people had seen the flyers as well. So two other people went with me, and it was a lot of fun. I just kept on getting called back and called back and called back and got on to the show.

TT: When you got selected for the show were you thinking “wow, yes, I got on the show” and at the same time, “uh no, I got on the show”?

MH: Definitely. I knew I was really happy that I was cast because it’s kind of an accomplishment. It’s almost similar to getting into some prestigious school or whatever – there are lots and lots of people who try out who are all very qualified, but for some reason they chose you – so I was really excited about that. Though it looks like the premise of the show is going to make the beauties and the geeks look like there’s something wrong with them, but they’re actually really nice to you on the show, and they make everybody look reasonably good. But at the same time, you’re obviously wondering what you’re going to look like, how is this going to influence your life.

MH: Did you feel that you were portrayed accurately?

TT: I feel, to a certain extent, it’s accurate. There are obviously some inaccuracies. When there are 16 people and you have two hours to show them, each person doesn’t get very much time. So obviously they’re creating a story that’s going to be funny and going to be a good show. I was very happy with the way I looked...You have to be very careful on the show, and this was something I wasn’t expecting. They want to make you look a little greeker and stuff. It’s for the show and it makes sense. They want you to compare things and it starts to get very hard when you want them to compare things that are mathematical, and you have to make what you’re saying about something mathematical very funny, but at the same time accurate so you don’t look like an idiot.

MH: What did you learn from the experience?

TT: Of the stuff I learned from the experience I can’t tell you because it’s behind the scenes things. I always loved watching TV, so the main thing that I learned is how TV is made; how reality TV particularly is done, but also what it’s like to be on a show and after the experience what it’s like to have been somebody who was on a reasonably popular show. Obviously “Beauty and the Geek” is not like “Desperate Housewives” or “Grey’s Anatomy”...I think one of the coolest parts of the experience is just seeing a lot of girls who aren’t dumb – they’re not dumb at all, and I think this season they’re not even portrayed as being morons, they’re actually incredibly intelligent. It shocked me how these people were in reasonably good colleges, but several of them dropped out. Others who now have degrees, but don’t have steady jobs because they’re modeling or doing whatever, or could be doing some very cool things, but they’re working in bars instead. I was baffled by that. They were great people, and half of them were more articulate than the guys. They were amazing speakers, they dressed well, they looked good, they didn’t say stupid things more than any of the rest of us, and that’s something that I’ve never seen before.

MH: Did you think you’ve improved your social skills by being on this show?

TT: I think I improved my social skills while I was at MIT. I don’t think I went in there concerned about my social skills. Going into situations where there are a whole lot of new people, and meeting new people, it’s something that’s very tough for me. I think the show helped a little with that, but not that much, it only forced you to do it because if you didn’t get to meet the people, you were going to be at a disadvantage.

TT: The show portrays the “geeks” as having problems with confidence when it comes to women. Do you think you are more confident around women since the show?

MH: Maybe a little. I didn’t really feel that I was ever uncomfortable around women. I don’t date very much, but that’s more of a priority thing and not really wanting a commitment thing, than anything else. A lot of my friends are girls. I have no issues talking to girls. On the show you’ll notice that there was no problem if I needed to talk to a girl. The girls I liked them a lot. Sheree and Evin were my favorites, and there was nothing wrong with approaching them and talking to them. They’re nice people too. Maybe you encouraged me more to go up and maybe go out on dates with somebody other than that, but didn’t really.

TT: Obviously you can’t tell us the outcome, knowing what you know now, and based on your experience, would you do it again?

MH: I’d definitely do it again. I had a great time. It was a huge amount of fun. It was an experience that most people don’t get a chance to do, and I think it’s very important for everybody to do some things even if it’s at the expense of making a fool out of themselves. You never know how you’re going to look, and you never going to know what’s going to happen. So much of this show depends on your partner, how you and your partner are going to interact. So much of the show you don’t have control over so you need to go in there knowing that you might not come out looking the best.

Matthew Herman will be watching the next episode of “Beauty and the Geek” tonight (Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2007) at 8pm on the CW. A Q & A session will follow the show.

GHEORGHE CHISTOL—THE TECH

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The Muses sing “Santa Baby” to a lucky volunteer from the audience at their Fall concert on December 16 in 10-250. Impulse also sang at the concert.

Kevin P. Schoenfelder ‘09 (foreground) performs with the Logarithyms during their fall concert on December 17 in Kresge.
Crossword Puzzle

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Yup. Is it time yet?

Yes and no. Since the weather is not helping, we'll replace it with a Mud Man competition.

Are you interested?
Only if I can still use that carrot for the man's nose. I already paid for it.

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by Andrew Spano

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BOOM!!!

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Daniel Felsenfeld

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Aaron Trant

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ARTISTS

Sarah Bob, piano

Gabriela Diaz, violin

Aaron Trant, percussion

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American Medical Student Association | $1,855 | $2,355 | 78.77%
Association of Puerto Rican Students | $1,240 | $2,166 | 58.03%
Black Student Union | $1,530 | $2,785 | 55.04%
Brain and Cognitive Sciences Society | $720 | $890 | 83.21%
Cultural | $660 | $400 | 162.5%
Experiencing Health Policy | $1,010 | $1,000 | 100.00%
Group 0 | $1,175 | $2,000 | 58.75%
Hippocrene | $1,100 | $940 | 117.45%
LISSA | $1,500 | $1,500 | 100.00%
MAPS (Minority Association of Pre-Health Students) | $875 | $875 | 100.00%
MTD Debate Team | $1,500 | $1,370 | 91.33%
MTF/IL | $560 | $560 | 100.00%
MTG Gilbert and Sullivan | $1,172 | $2,139 | 55.04%
MT Model United Nations | $810 | $1,000 | 80.99%
MTI Quizbowl Team | $860 | $1,040 | 82.19%
MT-Comic Book Society | $660 | $635 | 104.26%
MT Undergraduate Biochemistry Association | $600 | $770 | 78.19%
Mock Trial | $910 | $1,030 | 88.81%
MIT National Society of Black Engineers | $590 | $725 | 82.19%
Penning Rifles C-12 (ARBN) | $275 | $275 | 100.00%
SOSD (Students for the Exploration and Development of Space) | $510 | $1,240 | 41.33%
Sinan Undergraduate Management Association | $1,040 | $1,510 | 68.94%
Cultural | | | |
Alumni Student Association | $950 | $1,100 | 86.36%
Annie | $1,390 | $2,230 | 62.78%
American Asian Association | $1,235 | $2,326 | 53.53%
Association of Native Students | $3,860 | $3,860 | 100.00%
Chinese Student Union | $1,291 | $2,913 | 44.17%
EAUE | $125 | $640 | 20.78%
General | $1,100 | $1,407 | 78.35%
Hong Kong Student Society | $680 | $2,265 | 30.09%
Invisible | $815 | $1,085 | 75.17%
NSC | $1,600 | $1,600 | 100.00%
Korean Student Association | $1,545 | $1,613 | 96.18%
La Union Chicana por Aztlán | $1,193 | $1,393 | 85.64%
LAILE | $1,850 | $1,850 | 100.00%
MTH Bhagwaana | $2,000 | $2,950 | 68.13%
MTH Chakma | $1,220 | $2,120 | 57.55%
MTH | $375 | $900 | 41.33%
MTH-Haiti Union | $462 | $462 | 100.00%
MTH Lion Dance | $1,110 | $1,888 | 58.97%
MTI Myth | $875 | $1,411 | 62.19%
Music | $1,585 | $1,585 | 100.00%
Outside | | | |
DUC | $600 | $632 | 94.48%
PatMTH | $900 | $2,000 | 45.00%
Pep-TR | $462 | $462 | 100.00%
PMS | $1,130 | $1,880 | 60.09%
South Asian Students Association | $2,000 | $2,575 | 78.08%
Chinese Student Union | | | |
Student for India | $3,175 | $3,830 | 82.59%
The Filipino Student Association | $810 | $810 | 100.00%
Music | | | |
Clarinettist of MIT | $750 | $750 | 100.00%
Concert Band | $1,612 | $1,612 | 100.00%
MT-Welshley Teams | $900 | $1,099 | 82.09%
MT-Casino | $860 | $1,490 | 57.73%
MT-Leguay/ole | $1,675 | $1,675 | 100.00%

UA Finance Board Supplemental Policies

- No food under operations
- No Membership dues to external groups
- No Intramural sports fees

The Start-up Restructuring Fund:

- Will no longer contain a separate capital portion for all groups, a partial capital of $2,300 is available for all groups through restructuring as deemed by Finboard.

With regard to budgets:

- As conditions for applying for funds, current main account balance, current reserve account balance, actual gross income and actual gross expenditures for the last two funding periods shall be provided by the Student Activities Finance Office, the group shall provide gross estimated income.

- The purpose of the appeals is to give money to groups that did not receive an allocation and on rare exceptions increase the amount at the discretion of Finboard; nearly all Final funds will be distributed at allocations.

With regard to Capital:

- If a capital request costs $200 or more, at least two must be quoted to be financed.

- No more Final fundings can be used on a specific capital line item other than what has been allocated to the group without permission from the Finboard Chair.

- Counterpoint reserves the right to ask for at least one quote for any capital line item.

Source: CONFERENCE ON ASSOCIATE FINANCE BOARD

The start-up fund would be great for new publications to get on their feet." Summers said. "It would be tough to expect small publications to get much advertising revenue without much group funding."

Moreover, this also spells a move toward having Final allocations involved in the financial organization of groups.

"We're trying to do more hands-on work with different groups," Anderson said. "It's helped especially for new groups, or those that are in some trouble from Finboard."

Other changes that are being made include further restrictions on how Final money can be used for.
By Alan Finder

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Naked Parties Held At Many Universities Including Yale, MIT

By Rachel Aviv January 10, 2007

In the unforgiving fluorescent light of Rosenfeld Hall, a dormitory on the periphery of Yale’s campus, students crowded in a hallway and quickly stuffed their clothes into plastic grocery bags. Shirts were left inside out, socks balled in pant legs. Gigling, they hurried into a basement storage room, where some 40 people lined up, under stone arches and gargoyles, wearing nothing but shoes.

Lighted only by tea candles, the party had the afterglow of a literary reading. Students chatted in small groups, drifting toward the darkest parts of the room. Arms held tight to the body, eyes unwavering from face to face, they talked and played pool and played cards. I said, “No, people were just kind of chatting and playing pool and playing piano.”

“Tired and bored” is one of those things people say, and now could shut down entirely, throwing its 1,069 specialists into limbo.

For us, it’s quite serious,” said Sam Aronson, the Brookhaven director. For the nation, Dr. Aronson added, the timing is especially bad because the collider has given the United States a head start on European rivals, who hope to build a more powerful machine.

“It’s rather devastating,” said Jeff Neshib, the foundation’s head of legislative and public affairs. “While $500 million in the grand scheme of things might seem like a drop in the bucket, it’s hugely important for universities that rely on NSF funding.”

The threatened programs include a $550 million plan to build a supercomputer that universities would use to push back frontiers in science and engineering. A $310 million observatory meant to study the ocean environment from the seabed to the surface; a $562 million contribution to a global program of polar research involving 10 other nations; and a $98 million ship to explore the Arctic, including the thinning of its sea ice.

Missions at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration are also threatened, with $100 million in cuts. Paul Hertz, the chief scientist at NASA’s science mission directorate, said potential victims include programs to explore Mars, astrophysics and space weather.

Physicists said a partial solution to the crisis would let the Energy Department do what it wanted to do all along for 2007: move $500 million left over from environmental cleanup accounts into the physical sciences. That would require Congressional approval but no budget increase.
MIT Reviews Tenure Process, Says Charge Of Racism Not True

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was denied laboratory space during his seven years at MIT because of his race. He also received a call from a member of the MIT Corporation regarding his "confidential outspoken criticism against Provost Robert [A.] Brown," who was the provost before Reif arrived in 2005. Sherley said "I now know that for a member of the Corporation to contact an untenured faculty member regarding such important Corporation business is improper," Sherley wrote.

BE Professor John M. Essigmann P'83 "said he had never heard Sherley complain about lacking adequate lab space.

"Academia is a difficult place. MIT is a difficult place," said BE Professor C. Forbes Dewey, Jr. He mentioned that the faculty went through great deliberation, understanding that someone's life would be in their hands, but "[we] felt in every respect the process was appropriate and complete, and the result was appropriate." According to various BE professors, the review of tenure includes assessment of teaching ability, reputation, external and internal letters, community service, and grants received.

In a December letter sent out to MIT faculty calling for support, Sherley said, "I will either see the Provost resign and my hard-earned tenure granted at MIT, or I will die defiantly right outside his office. This is the strength of my conviction and it must end. What better place to kill a smallhandleSubmit to disappointment, it is a well-reasoned self-sacrifice for change."

Internal Investigations Into Kendall Sq. Fire Continue For NSTAR

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suits and inspections." Retail stores on the first floor of the building (Wainwright Bank, Dunkin' Donuts, Enterprise Rent-A-Car and Dominos' Pizza) had received city safety approval to re-open by Jan. 2. The building has been expected to fully re-open to all tenants sometime this week, although the latest release from March on Jan. 5 suggests there is still uncertainty as to the exact timeline.

Cambridge Fire Chief Gerard Reardon remarked, "It’s probably the extensive electric damage" that is delaying the building’s re-opening. A month after the fire, the building is still being powered by temporary generators located on Third St.

Calls to Steven C. Marsh, MIT’s Manager of Development Real Estate, were not returned. Other members of MITIMCO declined to comment, as did the Office of Vice President for Institute Affairs Kirk D. Kolenda.

NSTAR has removed all three transformers from the building for examination. They could not comment on the progress of its ongoing internal investigation.

Jennifer Mott from State Fire Services said, "Of course people [MIT and NSTar] are being careful about what they are saying, since there will likely be litigation."

There do not appear to be any long-term health threats to those who were exposed to smoke during the fire. A memo from David Diamond, Chief of Medicine at MIT Medical, concludes, "Although the smoke was intense and trace amounts of chemicals and metals were detected in the analyzed soot, the duration of inhalation would not lead to a significant increase in an average person’s lifetime exposure to these potentially unhealthy airborne chemicals and particles."

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Solution to Sudoku

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Police Log

The following incidents were reported to the MIT Police between Dec. 1 and Dec. 31, 2006. This summary does not include incidents such as false alarms, general service calls, larcenies, or medical shuttles.


Dec. 3: W20 (84 Mass. Ave.), 6:36 p.m.; Reporting person reports walked by her and grabbed her breast. S46 (30 Wadsworth St.), 7:56 p.m.; Reporting person reports her car windshield was damaged while parked in the Mass. Ave. lot.

Dec. 5: M58 (142 Memorial Dr) 1:49 a.m.; Reporting person states there is homophbic graffiti on blackboard in men's room.

Dec. 8: M10 (122 Memorial Dr.), 3:02 a.m.; Several individuals seen on the dome of Bldg. 10. W92, 11:03 a.m.; Malicious damage to bicycle. E70 (1 Broadway St.), 11:13 a.m.; Working fire, all units and ambulance en route to scene. M36 (50 Vassar St.), 12:04 p.m.; Strong smell of chemical spill; Boston Fire Department on scene; floor was.

Dec. 9: SPC (518 Beacon St.), 5:49 p.m.; Received a call from party requesting ex-boyfriend be removed from residence. M55 (50 Vassar St.), 6:04 p.m.; Suspicious activity; known entering librarian's area.

Dec. 10: TDC (372 Memorial Dr.), 12:40 a.m.; Fire alarm at 372 Memorial Dr.; Cambridge Fire Department responding; police report pull station activation on the third floor. DTD (416 Beacon St.), 5:39 p.m.; Reporting person came home and found suspicious person in house on third floor; suspicious person then fled onto back street from the rear door; police dispatched.

Dec. 12: M16 (21 Rear Ames St.), 4:17 p.m.; M16 lobby vending machine broken into.

Dec. 11: E25 (25 Carlton St.), 12:20 a.m.; E25 basement vending machine broken into. NW62 (310 Mass. Ave.), 7:46 a.m.; Cambridge fire en route; broken water pipe. M68 (131 Ames St.), 11:11 p.m.; Reporting person states she has been stalked by an individual and he called her and said he was coming by. ADP (351 Mass. Ave.), 7:16 p.m.; Homeless male rear of 351 Mass. Ave.; routine check, individual sent on his way.

Dec. 12: M16 (21 Rear Ames St.), 9:57 a.m.; States there is a peeping tom in the ladies bathroom; light-skinned male, shaved head. W92 (239 Vassar St.), 9:54 a.m.; Reporting person reports his bicycle was vandalized in the W92 parking area. M14 (160 Memorial Dr), 9:56 p.m.; Reporting person reports two suspicious males at vending machines. Arrested Shawn Morley, 78 Bowdoin St., Dorchester; arrested for trespassing and possession of burglary tools. M9 (21 Rear Ames St.), 7:23 p.m.; Arrest of Keith Morley, Gavin House, South Boston; arrested for trespassing, resisting arrest, and possession of burglary tools.

Dec. 13: M32 (32 Vassar St.), 9:54 a.m.; Vehicle occupied by two individuals; Level P1 of garage; suspicious activity involved marijuana. E53 (30 Wadsworth St.), 11:36 a.m.; Reporting person states a suspicious person; bald head, black jacket is in the library across from the front desk on computer; harassing people and talking to himself.

Dec. 14: SN (523 Newbury St.), 1:46 a.m.; Noise complaint; people waiting for the shuttle back to campus.


Dec. 16: M66 (25 Ames St.), 12:13 p.m.; Suspicious activity; unknown entering librarian's area.

Dec. 17: M10 (122 Memorial Dr.), 9:36 p.m.; Routine check conducted at 100 Memorial Dr.

Dec. 18: M50 (142 Memorial Dr.), 8:06 a.m.; Reporting person reports there is a homeless man sleeping on the stairs going into Walker Memorial; routine check.

Dec. 19: W1 (350 Memorial Dr.), 12:54 p.m.; Reports suspicious activity, U-Valut removing computer equipment.

Dec. 20: M16 (21 Rear Ames St.), 3:07 p.m. Caller states there is a peeping tom in the ladies bathroom; police in serving papers.

Dec. 21: M50 (142 Memorial Dr), 8:06 a.m.; Reporting person reports he called her and said he was coming by. W20 (84 Mass. Ave.), 7:27 p.m.; Routine check of individual.

Dec. 22: TDC (372 Memorial Dr.), 1:49 a.m.; Reporting person reports two suspicious males at vending machines. Arrested Shawn Morley, 78 Bowdoin St., Dorchester; arrested for trespassing and possession of burglary tools.

Dec. 23: W1 (305 Memorial Dr.), 12:54 p.m.; Reports suspicious activity, U-Valut removing computer equipment.

Dec. 26: Memorial Dr. and Dewey Library, 12:12 p.m.; Suspicious person given a trespass warning.

Dec. 27: M42 (211 Mass. Ave.), 2:46 p.m.; Caller at M42 states that two males attempted to break into a Faculties truck; area checked; suspects gone.

Dec. 28: M10 (122 Memorial Dr.), 3:30 p.m.; Reporting person states that an alarm sounded on the ATM machine and an individual ran away from the scene; police meet with reporting person and collected evidence. 28 Fenway, 7:50 p.m.; Reporting person states a person in the house; possibly stealing laptops; MIT Police respond with Boston Police to investigate; house cleared, no persons found.


Dec. 30: M16 (21 Rear Ames St.), 12:12 p.m.; Cambridge Police requests assistance from MIT Police in serving papers.

Are you an MIT Fraternity man? Are you comfortable speaking in groups? DO YOU NEED SOME EXTRA CASH?

The Office of Community Development and Substance Abuse (CDSA) is seeking fraternity men to co-lead group-based presentations created by MIT students for MIT fraternity and sorority chapters.

This pilot program is a research initiative funded by the U.S. Department of Education and your participation would be a great resume-booster if you're a prospective medical student, interested in health care, or looking to sharpen your public speaking skills.

To participate, you must be on campus for training during the end of IAP in addition to being available for four to six evenings in February or March for the presentations and meetings with CDSA staff.

You will be compensated for all trainings, presentations, and meetings.

If you're interested in learning more, please send a brief email about yourself and experiences you've had that would qualify you to lead group presentations to Rashmi Tiwari at CDSA: rtiwari@mit.edu. Hope to hear from you soon!
More than one million people turned out for the “First Night” celebration on New Year’s Eve. The event included the “Metro Boston Grand Procession,” live music performances, and two fireworks shows — an early one for families and one at midnight. Last week also brought some changes: T fares were raised with the introduction of the CharlieCard, Deval Patrick was inaugurated as Massachusetts governor, and MIT Cable added 14 new channels to its lineup.

Clockwise from left:
1. The State House on Beacon Hill is illuminated for the holidays.
2. Partygoers enjoy the midnight fireworks.
3. The Common is festooned with lights on New Year’s Eve, when warm temperatures brought out a large crowd.

Photography by Gheorghe Chistol
**SPORTS**

**Foot Out of Bounds, Key Foul Cost Basketball in 56-57 Loss**

By James Kramer

MIT men's basketball (6-6, 0-1 NEWMAC) erased a 15-point deficit in the second half only to lose Saturday's conference opener to Springfield (6-7, 1-0 on back-to-back miscues in the final five seconds of regulation.

After the Engineers rebounded what seemed to be Springfield's final shot of the game, a foul on the baseline gave the ball back to the Pride with the score tied 56-56. On the ensuing play, Springfield's Jamaal Gibbs drew a foul with one second left on an attempt from behind the arc. Although the junior guard connected on just the middle attempt, it proved to be enough as the Pride escaped Rockwell Cage with a 57-56 win.

MIT's James M. Bartolotta '09 paced all players with 18 points and 10 rebounds en route to his fourth double-double of the season. Alexander G. Krull '07 and Erich W. Bracht '10 also reached double figures for the Cardinal and Gray.

Krull was instrumental in the second-half comeback and closed with 14 points, while Bracht was 4-of-5 from the field en route to 11 points and seven rebounds.

Rookie Pat Crean's first three-point field goal midway through the opening half gave Springfield a lead it wouldn't relinquish until the closing minutes of the game. The Engineers turned the ball over 14 times in the first frame and went ice cold from the field as Springfield stretched a 15-13 lead at the eight-minute mark with an 18-4 run to close the half.

Senior Damian Farley capped the run with a three as time expired and the Pride went to the locker room boasting a 33-27 lead.

MIT closed the gap to 10 several times in the first part of the second half, but Springfield answered with an offense that saw eight different players add to the score sheet. Another three by Crean put the Pride in front, 42-29, with 12 minutes on the clock, but the Engineers refused to go away and slowly chipped away at the sizable deficit.

Bartolotta, Krull and Patrick S. Siuiman '10 converted on shots from beyond the three-point line during a 15-4 run in a five-minute stretch midway through the period. After leaving the game temporarily with a cut above his eye, Bartolotta was especially impressive in the surge and, at one point during the run, scored seven straight. MIT finally knotted the score with 2:01 remaining on another jumper by Bartolotta. Despite relinquishing the lead, Springfield kept its composure down the stretch and stayed in front with four consecutive points from Farley. A sweet step-back by Gibbs with 1:01 left in the game stretched the Pride's lead to 56-50, but MIT once again battled back.

Bracht converted a traditional three-point play after drawing contact on a lay-up before MIT got the ball back with a chance to tie the following Springfield turnover. With 10 seconds left in the game, Krull buried a three after a kick-out by Bradley Gampel to make the score 56-50, setting up the furious finish.

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**Second Period Goals Key to MIT's Stumble**

Huskies Score Twice in One Minute to Win 5-3

By Mindy Brauer

MIT women's ice hockey team fell to the University of Southern Maine, 5-3, in ECAC East action on Saturday. The loss dropped the Engineers' record to 1-10-0 in conference play.

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