

MIT Senior Suffers Fatal Injuries From Fall

By Angeline Wang
EDITOR IN CHIEF

MIT senior James T. Albrecht '08 died on July 22 from injuries sustained in a fall that may have been alcohol-related.

Albrecht, who was 21, appears to have fallen from the roof of a New York City five-story apartment building and landed on a secondary ledge of an adjacent building, according to a spokesman from the New York Police Department.

The cause of death has not yet

been finalized, said a representative from the New York City Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. The medical examiner is waiting on test results that should be complete in approximately one week.

According to an article in the *Chicago Daily Herald*, Albrecht's death is not being treated as a homicide.

Albrecht, who was double majoring in math and physics, was working in New York as a summer intern at D.E. Shaw & Co., an investment and technology development firm.

Albrecht's mother, Marita, described him as "gentle but fun-loving and obviously smart." "For a smart guy, he never limited his circles," his mother said. "All through high school and when he was home from college, there were always people around the house."

At MIT, he was the president of Baker House and was elected as vice president of the Dormitory Council in May. Albrecht was also a teaching assistant for the spring term's Differential Equations (18.03) course,

according to Albrecht's academic advisor David A. Vogan, professor of mathematics.

"Most MIT undergraduates are essentially nice people; sometimes it just takes a little while to see that," Vogan said in an e-mail. "With James, nice was all I ever saw from the moment I met him. He was cheerful, helpful, self-deprecating, and generally just a great pleasure to talk to. ... I'll certainly miss him."

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Number of Pell Grant Recipients Increases In '06-'07

By Yuri Hanada

Both the number of MIT students receiving Pell grants and the average amount awarded to MIT students increased for the 2006-2007 academic year. The number of recipients increased 3.5 percent and the average amount increased 5.5 percent from the previous year, Director of Financial Aid Daniel Barkowitz said.

A Pell grant is an entitlement grant that the federal government administers through the Federal Pell Grant Program. The total amount awarded depends on factors such as school cost and family income. It does not need to be repaid and can be used at any participating college or university.

Barkowitz said that \$1,592,427 in the form of Pell grants was given to 575 eligible students for the 2006-2007 academic year as compared to \$1,460,137 for 545 eligible students the previous year. For the 2006-2007 academic year, students received an average amount of \$2,774.

Comparatively, students nationwide received an average of \$2,494, according to FinAid.org. Also, fewer students received grants nationwide. For the 2006-2007 academic year, 5,165,000 students receiving grants with 5,468,000 students receiving grants in the previous year.

Earlier this year, the U.S. House of Representatives voted to pass H.J. Resolution 20, a bill which increases the maximum Pell grant award amount by \$260 to \$4,310 for the fiscal year 2007. The MIT program, initiated in 2006, matches the amount of federal Pell grant funds for eligible MIT students and effectively reduces the student contribution portion of a financial aid package.

"Students wind up working and paying less for MIT ... and now it's

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Missing Alumnus Found Dead in National Forest

Gonzalez Was Assistant Tennis Coach For DAPER

By Rosa Cao
and Angeline Wang
STAFF REPORTERS

The body of Cambridge resident Edgar R. Gonzalez '04 was found in Grout Pond in Stratton, Vt. on July 29. Gonzalez had been missing since July 7 when he became separated from his group while hiking during a camping trip in the Green Mountain National Forest.

The 29-year-old Gonzalez worked as an assistant tennis coach in MIT's Department of Athletics, Physical Education, and Recreation.

According to Vermont State Police press releases, search teams

found the body floating near the west shore of the pond at around 8:15 a.m. last Sunday after an extensive 22-day search. Hikers had reported hearing splashing and cries for help from the pond hours after Gonzalez first disappeared.

The body was taken to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Burlington, Vt. for an autopsy and toxicology tests, after which it is expected to be released to family members in Tallahassee, Fl.

Jeffrey Whitesell, police chief for Winhall, Vt., said that no foul play was suspected, reported the *Ban-nington Banner*.

MIT Releases Preliminary Report on New Race Study

By Joyce Kwan
NEWS EDITOR

MIT released a preliminary report detailing recommendations on how the Institute can undertake a study on faculty race issues. The study is anticipated to be fully launched at the start of the 2007-2008 academic

year, according to the report released on July 16.

On April 2, Provost L. Rafael Reif selected a committee of seven faculty members that represent all five MIT schools to investigate the study, also known as the Race Initiative. The initiative will focus on race issues and how they affect underrepresented minority faculty at MIT.

Reif said in an e-mail to *The Tech* that he "consulted with faculty members across the Institute and with leaders in the administration" in appointing the members of the committee.

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MINDY ENG—THE TECH

Final touch-ups are made to the new MIT Federal Credit Union branch on the first floor of the Student Center. For more information, see the news brief on page 8.



OMARI STEPHENS—THE TECH

Rodney A. Brooks gets dessert at an ice cream social held in his honor on Friday, June 29. Brooks stepped down as the director of the Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Lab, after serving as director for CSAIL and one of its predecessors for a total of 10 years. In a short speech during the event, Brooks urged the CSAIL community to "go for the big problems ... we should be leading."

Eugene Bell

MIT NEWS OFFICE

Eugene Bell, a former MIT biology professor renowned for his pioneering work in the field of regenerative medicine, passed away on June 22. He was 88.

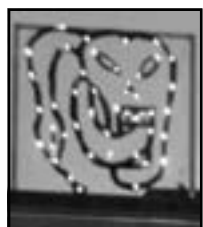
Bell recently donated more than \$1 million to MIT to establish the Eugene Bell Career Development Professorship of Tissue Engineering. Darrell J. Irvine, the inaugural holder of the professorship, said Bell came to be known as the "father of tissue engineering" as a result of a seminal study he published in the journal *Science* in 1981.

That study, which has been cited more than 400 times, demonstrated a way to repair skin wounds with artificial skin made from a person's or an animal's own cells.

"This basic demonstration became the basis for an entire generation of studies aimed at regenerating every type of tissue — skin, cartilage, bone, nerve, liver, etc.," Irvine said. "It turns out that many tissues require different approaches and provide unique chal-

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WORLD & NATION

Bush Sends Warning Meant For Syria: Don't Meddle in Lebanon

By Sheryl Gay Stolberg

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

President Bush said Thursday that the United States would freeze the property and assets of anyone trying to undermine Lebanon's democratically elected government — a move intended as a sharp warning to Syria and its ally, Hezbollah, not to meddle in Lebanese affairs.

The announcement, in an executive order and an accompanying letter to Congress, reflects heightened concern in Washington that Syria is trying to reassert control over Lebanon. It comes a little more than a month after the administration announced that it was enacting a travel ban, barring "those who have contributed to the breakdown of the rule of law in Lebanon," including leading Syrian intelligence officials, from entering the United States.

Taken together, the steps are an effort to ratchet up pressure on Syria at a time when the administration contends that it is helping to fuel the insurgency in Iraq, as well as creating instability in Lebanon. Bush's order deems interference in Lebanon's government to be an "extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States," and declares it a "national emergency."

House Passes Bill Expanding Children's Health Insurance

By Robert Pear

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

Over angry Republican objections, the House passed on Wednesday an expansion of the Children's Health Insurance Program, financed with increases in tobacco taxes and cuts in subsidies to private Medicare insurance plans for older Americans.

The bill embodies the Democrats' vision for health care, taking a step toward the goal of universal coverage while reversing what they see as Republican efforts to "privatize Medicare."

By a vote of 225-204, the bill was approved, with support from 220 Democrats and five Republicans. Ten Democrats joined 194 Republicans in voting against the measure. The bill would provide coverage for more than 4 million uninsured children in low-income families, prevent cuts in doctors' Medicare payments scheduled for Jan. 1 and raise the federal cigarette tax 45 cents a pack, to 84 cents.

It would also increase assistance to low-income Medicare recipients and eliminate co-payments for most preventive care provided to Medicare recipients.

London Police Criticized in Slaying After 2005 Terror Attack

By Jane Perlez

THE NEW YORK TIMES

LONDON

The London police misinformed the British public about the identity of an innocent man shot dead by the police at a subway station the day after an attempted terror attack in London in 2005, an investigation by a police watchdog group concluded Thursday.

The group's finding says that an assistant police commissioner knew that the police had mistaken a Brazilian electrician for a suicide bomber but failed to tell the police commissioner, Sir Ian Blair, thus allowing erroneous reports to appear in the news media.

Last month, four Muslim men of East African origin were found guilty of plotting the attack on the London transit system on July 21, 2005.

Television and newspaper reports after the shooting of the Brazilian, Jean Charles de Menezes, on the morning of July 22, 2005, said the dead man had been wearing a bulky jacket and appeared to be one of the terrorists who had tried to detonate backpacks laden with explosives on three subway trains and a bus.

Minnesota Interstate Bridge Collapses, Kills Seven People

By Libby Sander and Susan Saulny

THE NEW YORK TIMES

An Interstate highway bridge in downtown Minneapolis loaded with rush-hour traffic dropped more than 60 feet into the Mississippi River on Wednesday night, sending at least 50 vehicles and passengers into the water.

Chief Jim Clack of the Minneapolis Fire Department said at least seven people were killed and more than 60 were injured. The Star Tribune of Minneapolis, citing the State Patrol, reported that 20 people were missing.

"This is a catastrophe of historic proportions for Minnesota," Gov. Tim Pawlenty said at a news conference about three hours after the collapse.

The eight-lane bridge on Interstate 35, the main north-south route through Minneapolis, was being repaired at the time, and an eyewitness told MSNBC that he had heard a jackhammer being used on the roadway just before the collapse at about 6 p.m. Witnesses said the bridge, which was built in 1967, collapsed in three sections. One section of the bridge lay flat in the river, with cars

parked on the rolling pavement.

The collapsed section of the bridge, which was about 1,000 feet long, had been repaired by a steel truss structure. Repairs were being made to the bridge's concrete deck, guard rails and lights, state officials said.

Divers and rescue boats continued to search the river and the twisted wreckage of the bridge, with darkness setting in and rain beginning to fall. The Star Tribune reported that some people were seen floundering in the river, calling for help.

Leah R. Fulin, 16, of Minneapolis, had just crossed the bridge and was on the Washington Avenue exit when it collapsed behind her.

"Most of the cars that were on the bridge went into the river," she said. "There was a whole bunch of smoke when concrete breaks like that. There were people screaming."

Janet Stately was returning from Duluth, Minn., and decided to take an adjacent bridge to avoid traffic when the collapse occurred.

"I heard an awful noise and saw what looked to me like a piece of the freeway just going down flat," Stately said. Then she said she saw the road

collapse into a V and cars rolling into the river. "I clearly recall horns honking. I was screaming. We were trying to call 911 on our cell phones."

Television pictures showed a school bus on one section of the collapsed slab, but the back door was open and no passengers were visible. Red Cross officials said 60 children were taken off the bus, 10 of whom had injuries that were treated at city hospitals. A column of smoke curled up from a tractor-trailer near the bus. "I saw a lot of crying," Courtney Johnson of the Red Cross told CNN. "Some of the older children were comforting the younger children." The children were 4 to 12 or 13 years in age, Johnson estimated.

Dr. Joseph Clinton, chief of emergency medicine at Hennepin County Medical Center, said six patients at the hospital had critical injuries, and 22 had injuries that were not considered life-threatening. There was one fatality there, Clinton said.

"This is a very busy bridge," said Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., whose home is nearby. "It's really right in the heart of the city," Klobuchar told CNN. "Thousands of commuters use this bridge every day."

Senate Approves New Lobbying Constraints, Bans Private Gifts

By Jeff Zeleny and Carl Hulse

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

The Senate gave final approval Thursday to a far-reaching package of new ethics and lobbying rules, with an overwhelming majority of Republicans and Democrats agreeing to better police the relationship between lawmakers and lobbyists.

If President Bush signs the bill into law, members of Congress would face a battery of new restrictions. The legislation, approved by the Senate on a vote of 83-14, calls for bans on gifts, meals and travel paid for by lobbyists, and makes it more difficult for lawmakers to quickly capitalize on their connections when joining the private sector.

The measure, which grew out of scandals that have tarnished the image of Congress, represents a cultural shift

in the traditions of Capitol Hill. While proponents hailed the measure as the most significant reform since Watergate, questions remained on how some provisions would be enforced and whether the measure would change lawmakers' ability to secure pet projects known as earmarks.

Still, the legislation does require greater disclosure about how the projects are chosen, with an effort to shed light on backroom dealing at the root of scandals that landed four lawmakers in jail and contributed to Republicans losing control of Congress last year. The bill also requires lawmakers to disclose the names of lobbyists who raise \$15,000 in contributions in a six-month period through the bundling of donations.

The measure also abolishes the practice of discounted rides on private planes, requiring senators as well as candidates for the Senate or the

White House to pay full charter rates for trips. House members would be barred from accepting free trips on private planes.

"Regardless of how reforms might impact us, our priority must be to convince our constituents that we are here to advocate their best interests, not those of well-connected lobbyists," said Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis. "Ethical conduct in government should be more than an aspiration. It should be a requirement."

The legislation brings a close — for the moment, anyway — to quarreling among Democrats and Republicans over charges of corruption. The debate came amid a widening corruption investigation involving Sen. Ted Stevens of Alaska, the longest-serving Republican, and only weeks after Sen. David Vitter, a Louisiana Republican, was linked to a prostitution scandal. Both senators voted for the bill.

WEATHER

Head to the Beach

By Angela Zalucha
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

My advice to you: head to the beach if you can. Today and tomorrow will be very hot and humid, making the frigid waters of the Atlantic Ocean feel downright pleasant. Watch out for possible thunderstorms, some of which could be severe. If you plan to be outside, drink plenty of water to prevent heat exhaustion and remember the sunscreen. Sunday's forecast shows some relief from the heat, and a passing high pressure system will ensure a sunny day.

Last week saw the development of Tropical Storm Chantal, the third named storm of the Atlantic Ocean this year. Chantal formed well away from land and soon moved northward, ending its brief stint as a tropical cyclone. Determined not to go unnoticed, Chantal's remnants brought heavy rain and flooding to Newfoundland on Wednesday.

Extended Forecast

Today: Hot and humid. A chance for a thunderstorm, otherwise mostly sunny. High 94°F (34°C).

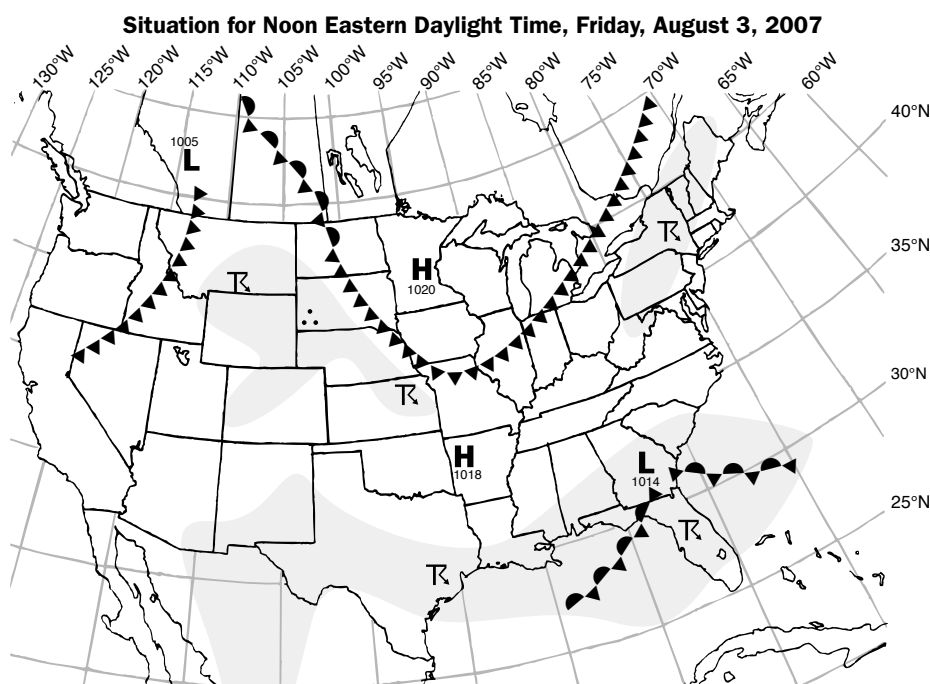
Tonight: Humid. Chance for a thunderstorm, otherwise partly cloudy. Low 72°F (22°C).

Tomorrow: Hot and humid. A chance for a thunderstorm, otherwise mostly sunny. High 92°F (33°C).

Tomorrow night: Clear. Low 67°F (19°C).

Sunday: Sunny and not as hot. High 80°F (27°C).

Monday through Thursday: A mixture of clouds and sunshine with a chance for showers each day. Highs in the mid 80s. Lows in the upper 60s.



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

Compiled by MIT Meteorology Staff and The Tech

California Struggles to Resolve Disruptive Financial Deadlock

By Jennifer Steinhauer
THE NEW YORK TIMES

LOS ANGELES

California lawmakers scrambled Wednesday to end a deadlock over the state's overdue budget, as \$1 billion in payments to hospitals, nursing homes, colleges and dozens of state suppliers ground to a halt.

"This budget is long overdue and it's now causing a disruption to some state services," said Adam Mendelsohn, the communications director for Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. "It's time to get this done."

A \$145 billion budget, due on June 15, was approved by the State Assembly on July 20, but it has languished in the State Senate, where Republican lawmakers are holding out for cuts that would render the document without deficits. The Senate was meeting again Wednesday night in an effort to break the impasse.

Democrats, who control both houses of the Legislature, have been unwilling to make cuts to some programs that serve the poor, such as Medi-Cal, the state's Medicaid program. They have also opposed a proposed \$300 million trim to an en-

titlement program for children that Republicans would like to see tightened for families that do not comply with certain requirements.

Republicans, led by their most conservative members in the Senate, have countered that the state cannot afford extensive programs at a time of deficits, and have asked for over \$800 million in additional cuts.

"Their mantra has been blind, elderly and disabled," said David Orosco, a spokesman for the Senate Republican Caucus, referring to the people that Democrats have said would be hurt by further trims. "We are looking for a reduction in spending."

Senate President pro tem Don Perata, a Democrat, sent a letter to Dick Ackerman, the Senate minority leader, saying Democrats wanted his caucus "to produce a budget your caucus can support unanimously — not simply a list of cuts to the budget conference report."

Schwarzenegger, a Republican, is able to trim the budget with line-item vetoes. But the Republican caucus, irked by the governor's proclaimed era of "post partisanship," is loath to give him a commodious victory by passing

the budget. Republican senators did meet with the governor earlier in the week, but with no immediate result.

California is one of the few states that requires a two-thirds majority vote in the legislature to pass a budget; that means a budget measure could pass the 40-member Senate with just two of 15 Republican senators signing off, but so far the Republican caucus has remained united.

The state's constitutional deadline for passing a budget is June 15, although the legislature generally views July 1, the start of the state's fiscal year, as its deadline. Should the Senate fail to approve a budget Wednesday night, the process will be held up until the Assembly returns on Aug. 20.

The state's comptroller, John Chiang, said Tuesday that the state would be unable to make payments to hospitals, nursing homes, community colleges and multiple vendors that provide services to the state. While Chiang is authorized to pay doctors and nurses from the state's general fund until a budget is passed, his office cut off \$227 million beginning this week to hospitals and nursing homes in Medi-Cal payments.

House Votes to Ensure Equal Leave Time; Bill Unlikely to Pass Congress

By Carl Hulse
THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

House Democrats, in their latest challenge to Bush administration war policy, voted on Thursday to limit how quickly American troops can be sent back to Iraq after serving a rotation there.

The House voted 229-194 in favor of legislation requiring that active-duty members of the military get at least as much time at home as they served in Iraq before being sent back. Members of the Reserve or National Guard would qualify for at least three times as much time at home as they spent in Iraq.

The measure, opposed by the administration, is unlikely to make it through Congress. Senate Republicans blocked a similar proposal last month. But Democrats wanted to take at least one more vote expressing their dissatisfaction with the way the war is being conducted. Democrats said the measure was a response to the Bush administration's decision to quickly send units back to Iraq in order to provide the forces needed for its troop buildup, a decision that Democrats

said was straining the military, hurting morale and destabilizing military families.

Republicans said the bill represented congressional meddling in what should be a purely military matter and would make it more difficult for the military command to identify troops available for combat.

"The question for the members of the House is, 'Who do you stand for?'" asked Rep. Ellen O. Tauscher, D-Calif., who was the bill's chief sponsor. "Do you stand for military planners or other members of the Pentagon who have the executive branch to speak for them? Or do you stand with the American people, the families of our troops and the troops themselves?"

Republicans said that the proposal could put undue burden on troops already in Iraq if replacements could not be found because of the rotation requirements, and that it could keep experienced noncommissioned officers off the battlefield, to the detriment of green troops who could benefit from their guidance.

"This is a war of specialties," said Rep. Duncan Hunter of California, the senior Republican on the Armed Ser-

vices Committee. "We have to have experience."

Democratic leaders on Thursday were weighing whether to bring another Iraq-related measure to the floor before breaking for the monthlong August recess. The proposal, which has bipartisan support, would direct the administration to deliver within 60 days a plan for reducing the forces in Iraq. A similar proposal was introduced on Thursday in the Senate by three Democratic senators: Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York, John Kerry of Massachusetts and Barbara Boxer of California.

"Withdrawing troops from Iraq will be dangerous and difficult, and we must oversee the Bush administration as the Constitution demands and that four years of mistakes and mismanagement in Iraq require," Clinton said.

The House leadership had initially decided to hold off on voting on the bill until September, with some lawmakers arguing that it could provide Republicans with a vote to point to as calling for a change in Iraq policy when they had refused to support any withdrawal plans.

European Bank Announces September Interest Rate Rise to Control Inflation

By Carter Dougherty
THE NEW YORK TIMES

FRANKFURT, GERMANY

The European Central Bank signaled Thursday that it would raise interest rates in September to curb inflation amid an expanding economy. Its president, Jean-Claude Trichet, also vowed to pay "great attention" to volatile developments in global financial markets.

Trichet, who does not usually speak to the news media in August, made an appearance after the bank voted Thursday to keep borrowing costs unchanged. He said the bank would exercise "strong vigilance" to ensure that higher inflation does not appear. The Bank of England also left its benchmark rate unchanged Thursday, at 5.75 percent.

Trichet's use of that phrase suggested the bank's benchmark interest rate would rise a quarter of a percentage point, to 4.25 percent, at the next policy meeting, in September — the ninth increase since the end of 2005.

Inflation is now running slightly lower than the bank's target of below, but close to, 2 percent.

"That they are willing to pre-announce a rate increase means they are very confident of the fundamentals," said Erik Nielsen, chief European economist at Goldman Sachs in London. "They could have gotten out of it if they wanted to, but the market reaction showed they do not need to."

Trichet also struck a sanguine note about recent financial market turbulence, repeatedly calling it the "normalization" of risk assessments by investors who had ignored the dangers in some types of investments.

Stock markets in the United States, Europe and Asia have been shaken this week by fears of a global spread of financial problems tied to the floundering subprime lending market in the U.S.

Trichet said, however, that the bank is monitoring market turmoil as it makes decisions. "We will continue to observe and have great attention for the developments in the market in the period to come," he said at a news conference.

Trichet said inflation risks have

increased as factory output has neared capacity — which can create supply bottlenecks and lead companies to raise prices amid strong demand — and oil prices have fallen only slightly from their highs of \$78 a barrel.

The European Central Bank has previously called on investors to price risks sensibly, and Trichet betrayed some anxiety that the current market convulsions were not what the bank had envisioned.

"We were calling for an orderly and smooth reappreciation of risks, and we asked markets and investors to be as keen as possible to avoid sharp and abrupt corrections," Trichet said. He urged investors to "keep one's sang-froid."

Trichet, echoing comments made this week by U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry M. Paulson Jr. and the World Bank president, Robert B. Zoellick, said most economies are still expanding, and the best that central banks can do is to keep inflation low.

"All we do is pave the way for economic growth to be as sustainable as everyone hopes," Trichet said.

Sudan Agrees to Complement African Union Force

By Lydia Polgreen

THE NEW YORK TIMES

DAKAR, SENEGAL

Sudan's foreign minister told reporters Wednesday that the government supported the deployment of a U.N. peacekeeping force for Darfur, as authorized by the Security Council, while a number of countries in Africa, Asia and Europe volunteered to send troops to join it.

Nigeria, which already makes up the bulk of the 7,000-member African Union force in Darfur, pledged a fourth battalion of troops, and Senegal also said it would consider sending more troops if the soldiers had adequate means to protect themselves. Senegal had threatened to withdraw from the African Union peacekeeping force after five Senegalese soldiers were killed in an ambush earlier this year.

France, Indonesia, Denmark, Sweden and Norway also indicated that they were considering sending troops to bolster the force, which is expected to begin deploying late this year. At full strength, with about 20,000 soldiers and 6,000 civilian police officers, it will be the world's largest peacekeeping operation, costing \$2 billion in the first year.

The 7,000 troops in place will be absorbed into the new force, which will be a joint operation between the African Union and the United Nations, led by an African general but largely run by the United Nations.

Gonzales Offers a Defense Denying Lies to Senate Panel

By James Risen

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales offered a narrowly drawn defense of his recent congressional testimony Wednesday, saying he had been truthful in denying that there had been serious disagreements within the Bush administration about the National Security Agency's program of wiretapping without warrants.

In a letter to leaders of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Gonzales said a dispute between the Justice Department and the White House in March 2004 involved other NSA surveillance activities, not that domestic eavesdropping program. He said the White House first called the eavesdropping the Terrorist Surveillance Program after it was publicly disclosed in December 2005 and confirmed by President Bush.

The attorney general has been under fire from congressional Democrats for what they describe as misleading testimony both last week and in 2006, and some lawmakers have threatened him with a perjury investigation.

In his letter Wednesday, he acknowledged that his testimony might have been confusing to those who did not realize that he was parsing his words so carefully.

"I recognize that the use of the term Terrorist Surveillance Program and my shorthand reference to the 'program' publicly 'described by the president' may have created confusion, particularly for those who are knowledgeable about the NSA activities authorized in the presidential order," he said in the letter, sent to Sens. Patrick J. Leahy, D-Vt., of Vermont, the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and Arlen Specter, R-Pa., the ranking minority member.

Report Finds Education Dept. Lax In Supervising Loan Program

By Jonathan D. Glater

THE NEW YORK TIMES

The Department of Education, after months of criticism for its lax oversight of the federal student loan program, still has no system to detect and uncover misconduct by lenders and protect student borrowers, a new government report said Wednesday.

The report, by the General Accountability Office and released Wednesday by congressional Democrats, found that the department "has no oversight tools" to see whether lenders are giving improper incentives to colleges to steer student borrowers their way, and, that since 1989, the department has offered lenders no "comprehensive guidance" on what incentives may be forbidden. In 20 years, the report found, the department has tried to sanction only two lenders for violating government rules.

The department does not even try to discover whether universities are improperly limiting students' choice of lenders, according to the GAO, the government's main research arm.

The agency's first since revelations of potential misconduct in student lending this year, said the department's lack of oversight of federal student loans "may have resulted in some students taking loans with higher interest rates or fewer borrower benefits." Overall, the report portrays an agency that may at times react to outside complaints, but does not "proactively detect" problems.

Russia Plants Flag at North Pole Seabed in Bid to Claim Resources

By C.J. Chivers

THE NEW YORK TIMES

MOSCOW

A Russian expedition descended in a pair of submersible vessels more than two miles under the ice cap on Thursday and deposited a Russian flag on the sea bed at the North Pole. The dive was a symbolic move to enhance the government's disputed claim to nearly half of the floor of the Arctic Ocean and potential oil or other resources there.

The expedition, covered intensely by Russian news organizations and state-controlled television, mixed high-seas adventure with the Russian tradition of polar exploration. But it was also an openly choreographed publicity event.

Inside the first of the mini-submarines to reach the sea floor were two members of Russia's lower house of Parliament. One of them, Artur N. Chilingarov, led the expedition to seek evidence reinforcing Russia's claim over the largely uncharted domain.

That claim, which has no current legal standing, rests on a Russian assertion that the seabed under the pole, called the Lomonosov Ridge, is an extension of Russia's continental shelf and thus Russian territory.

At least one country with a stake in the issue registered its immediate disapproval of the expedition. "This isn't the 15th century," Canadian Foreign Minister Peter MacKay said on CTV television. "You can't go around the world and just plant flags and say 'We're claiming this territory.'"

OPINION



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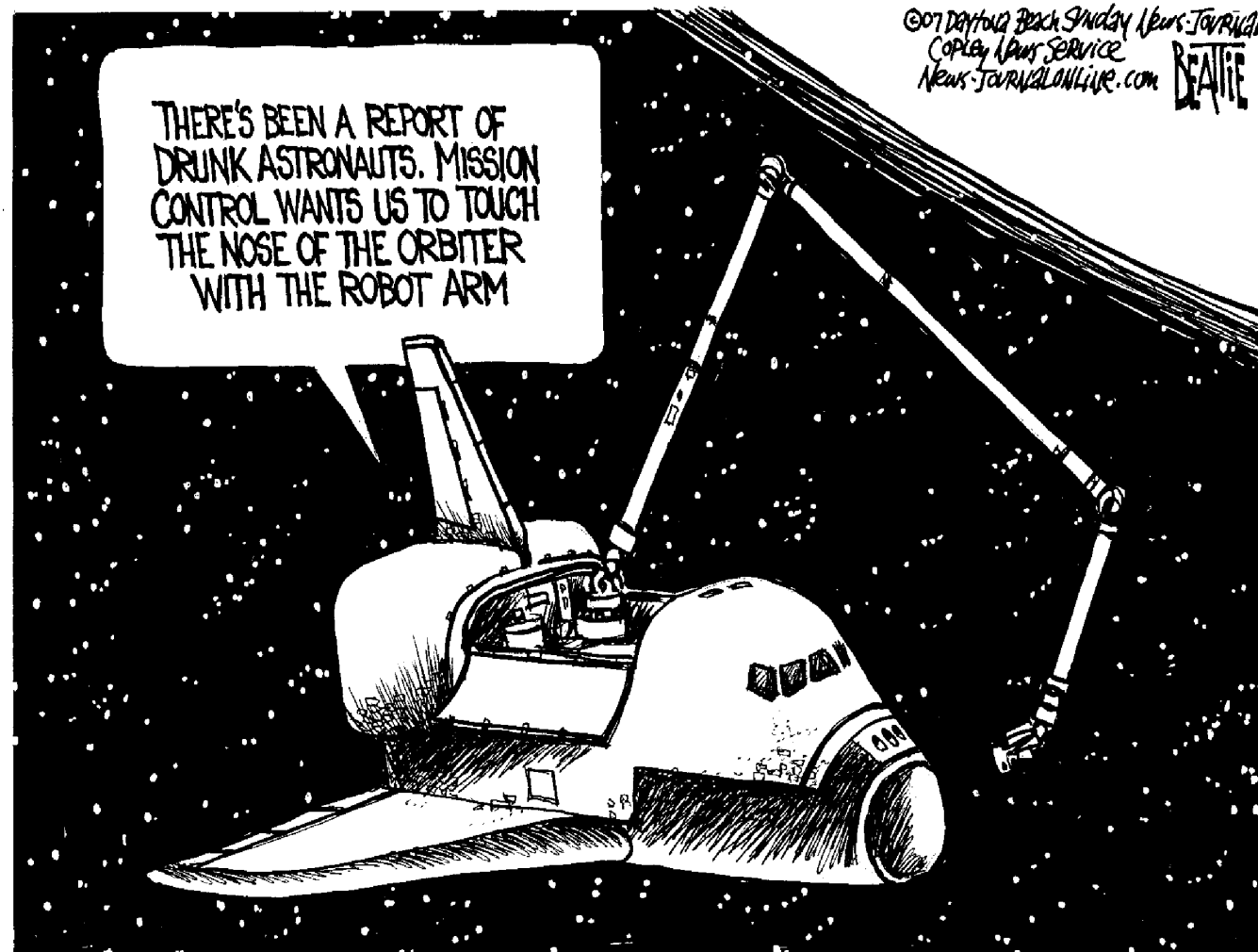
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MOVIE REVIEW ★★ 1/2

'Order of the Phoenix' Action Packed

Character Development Lost in Latest Harry Potter Movie

By Jillian Berry

ARTS EDITOR

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix
Based on the novel by J.K. Rowling

Directed by David Yates

Written by Michael Goldenberg

Starring: Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson,

Rupert Grint, and Imelda Staunton

Rated PG-13

Now Playing

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," the fifth movie in the series based on J.K. Rowling's books, follows Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe) and his friends as they enter their fifth year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Lord Voldemort (Ralph Fiennes), the evil Dark wizard, has returned, but no one at the Ministry of Magic wants to admit it. Instead, the Ministry uses all its might to convince the public that Harry Potter is a liar and control all those who believe in him. They even go so far as to place the wickedly sweet Dolores Umbridge (Imelda Staunton) at Hogwarts to watch over Harry and squash any rebellious behavior. All of this while Lord Voldemort is trying to obtain some sort of weapon in his fight for control.

With clear political undertones as fear is used to control society and limit freedoms, *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* is my favorite book of the series. Therefore, I did not expect the movie to be anywhere near as good as the book, and unfortunately I was right. One of the most difficult things about reviewing a "Harry Potter" movie — or any movie based on a book, for that matter — is separating the movie from the book. To recreate with perfect detail and subtlety the plot, characters, and feelings of the book would be nearly impossible and require far more than the 138 minutes of the current film. As a result, some changes must be expected. In the case of the "Order"

there were multiple alterations used to compress the plot. Unlike my friends, I recognized that these were necessary, and I tried not to focus on the pieces of the story that were removed. Instead, I merely wondered if enough of the story remained such that someone who has never read the books (yes, there are people who have never read *Harry Potter*, crazy, I know) would be able to follow the plot. And after talking to someone who falls into the never-read-the-book category, even those worries were gone. No, too little plot was not the problem with the film.

Like the last "Harry Potter" film, I felt the movie did not suffer so much from plot compression, but from the opposite problem: unrelenting action. Sure, the books have a lot of action, but they also have character development; after all, these are in essence coming of age novels. This book, in particular, focuses on the serious and relevant topics of government intervention and manipulation. The movie, on the other hand, barely addresses this theme, instead letting it fade into the background. Instead, the plot is forced onto us with montage after montage. While sometimes necessary to move a story along, I do not need to see Harry's life in three second clips set to music; it's a movie, not a music video. Even many of Ron's (Rupert Grint) witty one-liners were cut to make way for principle story line. David Yates, the director of the film, would have benefited from taking cues from Alfonso



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Harry Potter, played by Daniel Radcliffe, and friends gather to take on Death Eaters in the Ministry of Magic's Department of Mysteries. "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" opened in theatres on July 11, 2007.

Cuarón's "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban." In that film, there are actually scenes where the characters just talk.

Although the above may seem like I hated the movie, this is not true. Sure, there was too much plot, but the movie was not terrible. When the actors were actually allowed to act, they showed that they are in fact capable of conveying the emotions and feelings of their characters. In particular, Imelda Staunton had the perfect combination of fake sweetness and

forcefulness to make her absolutely terrifying. Furthermore, the visual effects were absolutely stunning. The Ministry of Magic and the Hall of Prophecies were jaw dropping in their scale and realism.

Overall, the movie was about what I expected. While I was secretly hoping that it would impress me (because it could have) I wasn't holding my breath. If you haven't seen the film yet, I would recommend waiting until it comes out on DVD.

BOOK REVIEW

Harry Potter Ending Predictable But Fitting

Long-Awaited 'Hallows' Adequately Caps Memorable Series

By Angeline Wang

EDITOR IN CHIEF

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

Written by J.K. Rowling

Published by Scholastic

Now available

The most anticipated book of the last decade perhaps — certainly the most talked about of the year — the final *Harry Potter* book hit the stores two weeks ago, breaking sales records left and right (although not before pictures of each of the American version's 759 pages had been leaked online). That it tops the best-seller lists should come as no surprise, but how does the book itself measure up?

The seventh and darkest book in J.K. Rowling's popular fantasy series, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* follows the title

character's quest to bring about the downfall of the Dark wizard Lord Voldemort. Harry must search for Horcruxes, objects housing pieces of Voldemort's soul, and destroy them before the Dark wizard himself can be killed.

Meanwhile, war rages on in the Wizarding world (though we only see glimpses of it throughout most of the book), characters — some we hardly know, others whom we have grown to love — meet their deaths, and a few not-so-polite words make it past the censors for the first time in the series.

I flipped open the cover of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* with a few questions I desperately wanted answered. Is Harry going to die to save the world? Just whose side is Professor Snape on anyway? And is the Horcrux hunt Harry was set to go on at the end of the last book going to be as boring and tedious as it sounds?

While I dare not give away the answers to the first two questions for fear of potential backlash from the few fans who have not yet finished reading (and I consider myself quite the Harry Potter fan, so I know just how scary we can be), the answer to the last question is, Well, sort of.

Though I wouldn't describe the first two-thirds of the book as boring — it is certainly filled with enough adventure and life-or-death struggles to keep even the most casual reader mildly entertained — the Horcrux hunt does drag on. If not for the promise of the inevitable and likely explosive showdown between Harry and Voldemort at the end of the book, much of the exposition and build-up would be difficult to plod through.

Almost every bit of that exposition is necessary, however, for the conclusion to work as it is written. Information and details have to be introduced that will become important later, not the least of which is the lengthy backstory of Albus Dumbledore and the explanation of the Deathly Hallows.

The isolation of Harry and his two friends, Hermione Granger and Ronald Weasley, from the rest of the Wizarding world, while necessary for the plot, is also limiting in many ways. As a result, we do not get to see as much interaction between Harry and other characters, though the friendship and interactions between the Gryffindor Trio are wonderfully written and realistically portrayed in this book.

The reader also keenly feels the absence of the magical school where most of Harry's adventures in the past six books have taken place. The heart of the books has always been Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, and it isn't until Harry finally returns to the school and is reunited with his classmates and professors that things really get interesting. I would even say the final third of *Deathly Hallows* makes up for everything that may have been wrong or lacking in the 500 or so pages previous. (Everything except the spelling errors. There is no excuse for those, not in the most anticipated book of the decade.)

The final battle breaks out at Hogwarts with everyone and his mother joining in to fight. There are genuinely heart-wrenching scenes and shocking deaths (I admit it: I cried like a baby). Answers to questions that have plagued fans for years are finally given, and plot threads

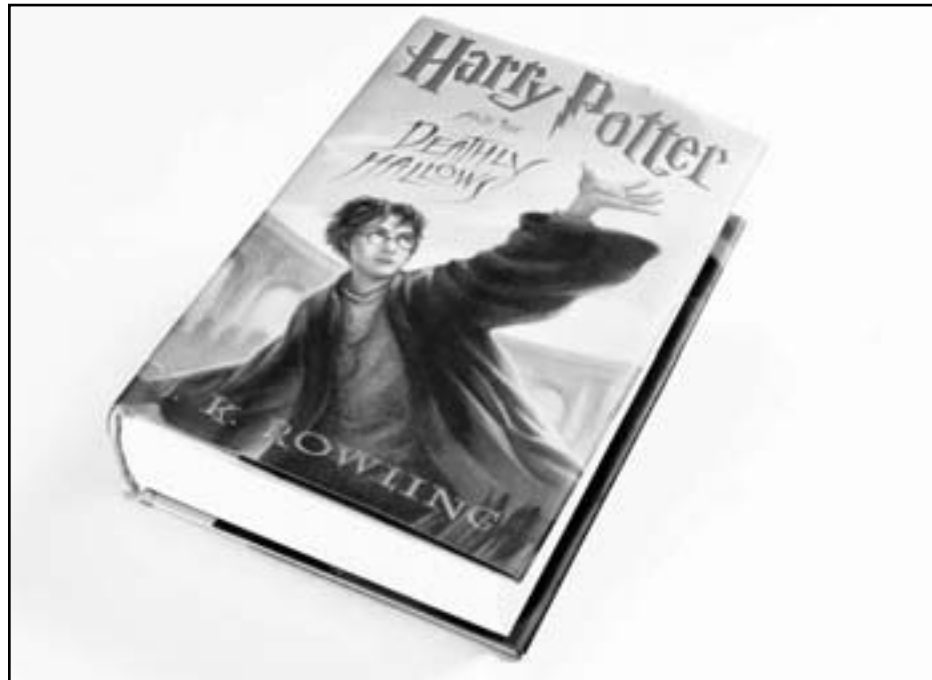
— some originating all the way back in the first *Harry Potter* book, which was published 10 years ago — are woven together to form a most fitting conclusion, even if it is a predictable one.

As with each of the previous *Harry Potter* books, Rowling's creativity, imagination, and attention to detail are impressive. Each new location explored by the Trio is well developed and replete with the magical quirks that readers have come to expect from Rowling. (In one scene, wizards and witches line up to enter the Ministry of Magic by flushing themselves down enchanted toilets.) We see fleshed out stories for characters that were only mentioned in passing in previous books: the Dark wizard Grindelwald, Luna Lovegood's eccentric father, Dumbledore's goat-loving brother Aberforth, and Harry's mother Lily Potter, among others.

What may be surprising to some readers is the level of character development seen in this book. The characters in the *Harry Potter* series have long been somewhat two dimensional and black and white. But as the series ends and Harry himself grows up and begins to see shades of grey, the characters start to show some depth and become infinitely more interesting. Harry's journey in *Deathly Hallows* is as much a philosophical and moral one as it is a physical quest. We see Harry, now an adult, finally grow into the role of the hero that he has been groomed for; he is someone who refuses to accept comfortable lies and half-truths, someone who isn't afraid to look Death in the eyes.

Another surprise for readers may be just how dark and depressing the book is. While *Harry Potter* may have started out as a children's book series, it hasn't ended that way. Rowling doesn't shy away from describing the horrors of the war and of the new regime, strongly reminiscent of Nazi Germany during World War II. And did I mention that a lot of people die?

As a whole, *Deathly Hallows* does what it sets out to do: it provides a fitting conclusion for one of history's most popular series of children's books. But although Harry's story is now closed, Potter fans can still look forward to an encyclopedia of the Wizarding world that J.K. Rowling has said she will write, a compendium that may answer some of the many questions that remain and will allow us to visit the world of Harry Potter once more.

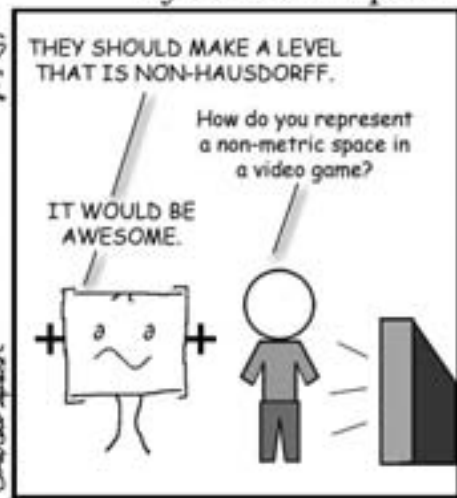
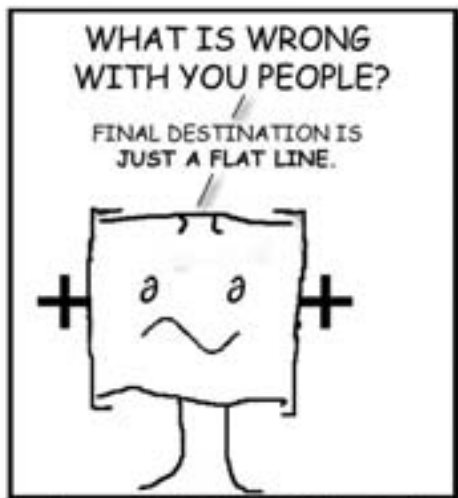


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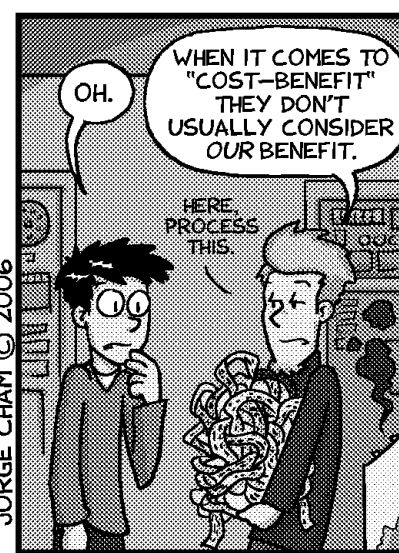
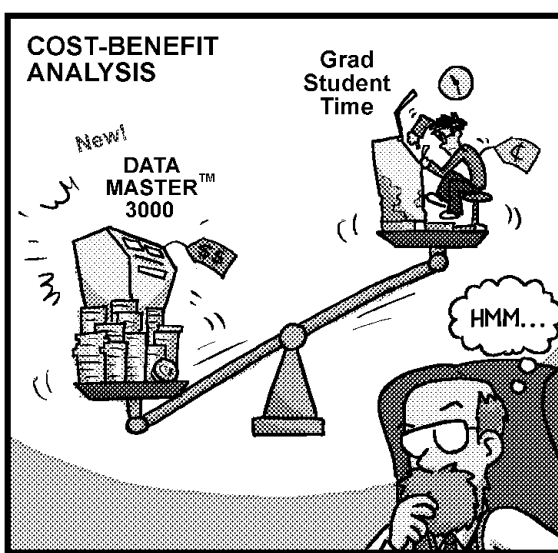
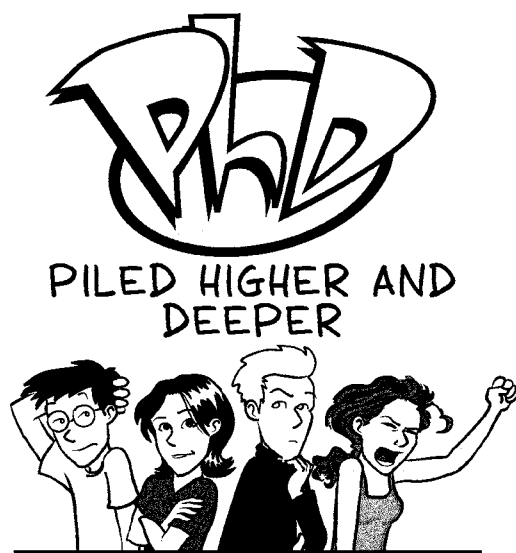
Harry Potter and Deathly Hallows, the seventh and final installment in the epic Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling, was finally released to eager fans at 12:01 a.m. on July 21. Deathly Hallows has broken several records including a 12 million copy first printing with 8.3 million sold in the first 24 hours in the United States, according to U.S. publisher Scholastic Inc.

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by Andrew Spann



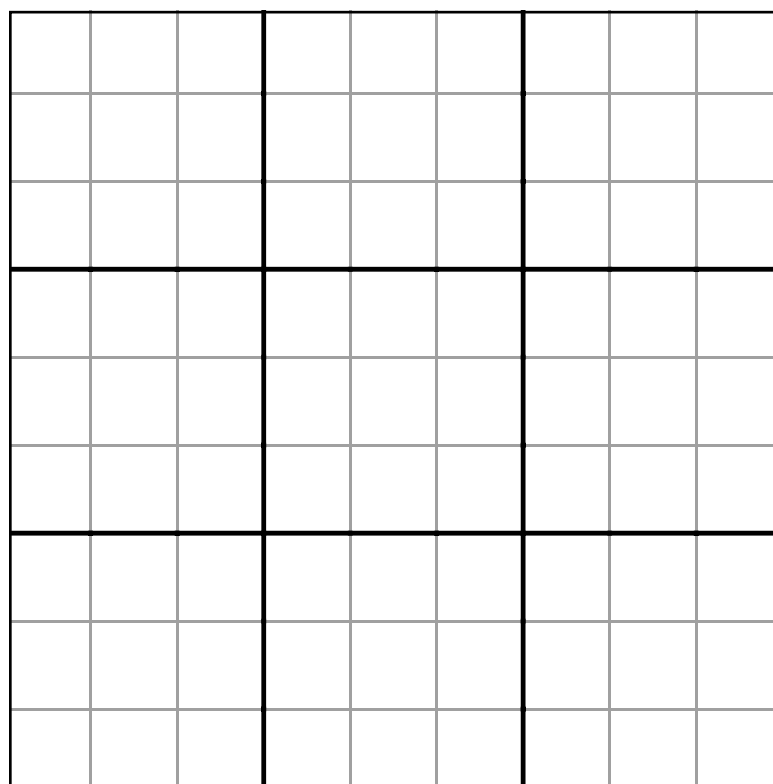
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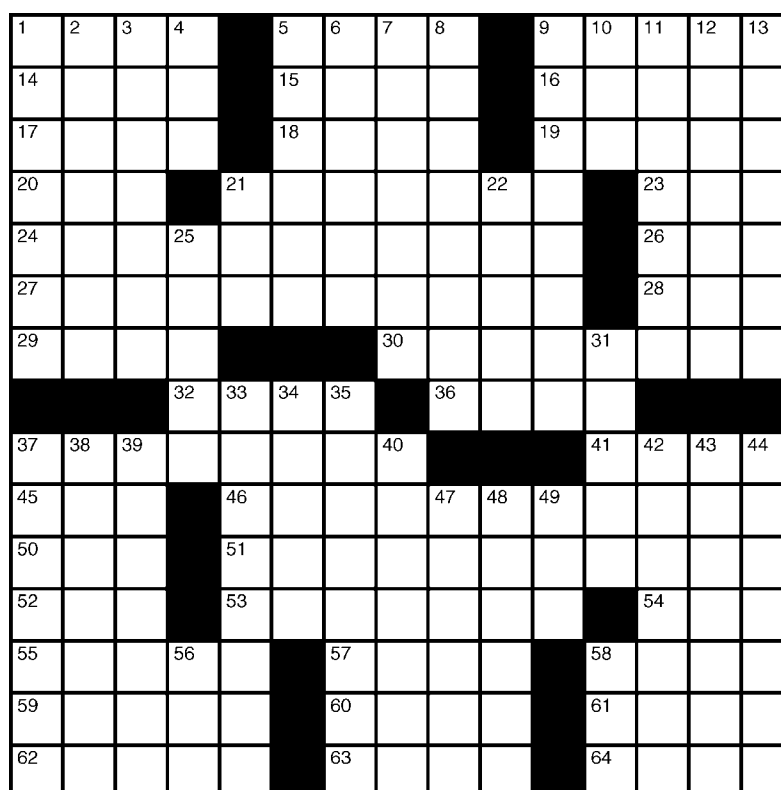
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Solution, page 10

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- 1 "My People" author
- 5 Spouted pitcher
- 9 "A Delicate Balance" playwright
- 14 Forbidden thing
- 15 Feeble
- 16 Parts of speech
- 17 Pesky insect
- 18 Aits in the Aisne
- 19 Blockheads
- 20 Small pc. of land
- 21 Straddling
- 23 High dudgeon
- 24 "Jaws" star
- 26 Guy
- 27 Causes despondency
- 28 "Monsters, _"
- 29 Miss in Sp.
- 30 Begin something new
- 32 Mongol tent
- 36 Newcastle's river
- 37 Long pillows
- 41 "Damn Yankees" role
- 45 Dijon donkey
- 46 Reiner movie
- 50 Std.
- 51 Winter sleep
- 52 360-degree curve
- 53 By the lowest estimation
- 54 Vane dir.
- 55 Arboreal ape, for short
- 57 Old Peruvian currency
- 58 Something to get 'round?
- 59 Recipient
- 60 Require
- 61 "Charley's _"



- 62 Not from either side
- 63 Circular current
- 64 Words of realization
- 9 Ian of Jethro Tull
- 10 Old card game
- 11 Eating disorder
- 12 Competitor in a contest
- 13 Pith
- 21 Pet detective
- 22 Pitcher McLain
- 25 Open carriages
- 31 South African grassland
- 33 "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" Tony winner
- 34 Overhaul
- 35 Multiplying by three
- 37 Scannable price tag
- 38 Long golf club
- 39 "The Thomas Crown Affair" composer
- 40 Julia of "SNL"
- 42 Menacing
- 43 Of the pride
- 44 Mouseketeer
- 47 Cheese gadget
- 48 _ kick (football gamble)
- 49 Mare's morsel
- 56 Classical leader?
- 58 Mai _ cocktail

DOWN

- 1 Surrounds
- 2 Good evening, Pierre
- 3 Head doctor?
- 4 NIMBY part
- 5 Cook of "The Maltese Falcon"
- 6 Newsman Cronkite
- 7 Retired professors
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MITFCU to Open Branch in W20

Students who bank at the MIT Federal Credit Union will no longer have to trek to the Technology Square office as renovations to place a new branch office in the former Game Room on the first floor of the Student Center nears completion.

The new branch office will open for business Monday, Aug. 6, according to MITFCU CEO Brian W. Ducharme. A larger opening event is scheduled mid-September. Services provided at the branch will be the same as those currently offered at Technology Square, Ducharme said.

The credit union applied to occupy the space last August after MIT re-negotiated its contract with Bank of America, according to Ducharme; the new contract allows competing financial service institutions in the Student Center for the first time. Bank of America also has a branch on the first floor of the Student Center.

"It's something that we've been looking to do for 15 to 20 years," Ducharme said.

Ducharme said that he expects student membership in the credit union to increase with the more central presence on campus. Currently 26 percent of credit union members are students, with about 2,500 of those being undergraduates, he said.

No representatives of the Campus Activities Complex were available this week to comment on the re-opening date of the downsized game room. CAC officials have previously said that the game room is expected to retain its most popular games, including Dance Dance Revolution.

—Rosa Cao

2,000 Students Elect to Pay Summer Athletics Fee

Approximately 2,000 MIT students have chosen to pay for summer access to the Zesiger Center and other Department of Athletics and Physical Education facilities. According to Tim J. Moore, manager of the Zesiger Center, 1,707 students paid \$40 for the entire summer, 286 paid \$25 for a single month, and 34 paid \$15 for a single week.

DAPER instituted the fee for the first time this summer; during the term, and in recent years, during the summer, access to athletics facilities has been paid for by the mandatory Student Activities Fee. The fee is currently \$200 per year, but is going up to \$236 for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Julie Soriero, DAPER's new director, said that there was currently no timeline for deciding whether the summer athletics fee would continue in summer 2008. She said that she expects there to be further discussion and communication on this issue.

—John A. Hawkinson

Weekend Power Outage Affects 18 MIT Buildings

An NSTAR generator failure left six MIT buildings, including undergraduate dormitory Random Hall (NW61), without power Saturday night. A failed cable splice caused a power interruption, which was followed by the generator failure, according to Michael Durand, a spokesperson for NSTAR.

The initial interruption occurred around 6 p.m. on the night of Saturday, July 28, according to Durand. The power failure occurred during Saturday night's lightning storm, Durand said. "We can't say for sure, but it was likely storm-related." The generator failed around midnight.

According to Jennifer Garland, an administrative assistant for the Department of Facilities, power was out for an extended period of time in six buildings: NW61, N42, N51, N52, N57, and NW62. Garland said the earlier interruption affected 12 buildings (N70, W53, W92, W85, 32, 50, W13, W, E15, W91, W11, and W15). Power was restored to all buildings by 7 a.m. Sunday morning.

—Angeline Wang

Lobby 7 Doors: Two More Weeks of Plywood

The Department of Facilities is in the process of replacing the automatic door mechanism for MIT's front door, the main double doors into Lobby 7. The work began on July 16, and currently the doorway is covered by a large plywood board. Joseph P. Vella, Jr., supervisor of Carpentry for Facilities, said that he hopes the doors would be complete by Friday, Aug. 17.

According to Facilities Communications Manager Ruth T. Davis, when the project is complete, the doors will appear unchanged but will "open and close more easily and quickly."

The new door mechanism is a "TN Operator" electro-hydraulic mechanism from TORMAX Technologies, with adjustable opening and closing speeds, adjustable opening pressure, adjustable holding force,

and adjustable damping.

In the past few years, Facilities has blockaded the main doors during the coldest months of the year because of complaints about temperature from offices near to Lobby 7. According to Peter Cooper of Facilities, the cold air in Lobby 7 was bad enough to make people uncomfortable. In April of 2006, Cooper estimated that the Institute saved \$20,000 per year in energy costs by disabling the automated mechanism on the Lobby 7 doors.

Davis said that the new doors are intended to "reduce the amount of cold and warm air that enters the building," and that the new mechanism would "eliminate the need to block off the doors because of mechanical problems."

—John A. Hawkinson



OMARI STEPHENS—THE TECH



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An explosion in a Building 18 chemistry lab on the evening of July 23 drew a large response from the Cambridge Fire Department. According to bystanders, the explosion was caused by acids improperly stored behind a fume hood and no personal injury resulted from the accident.



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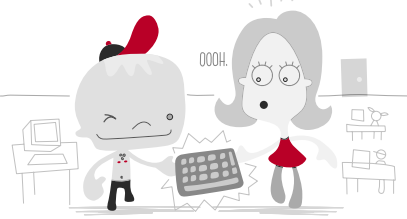
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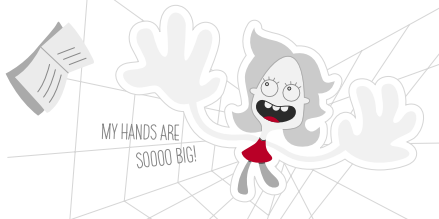
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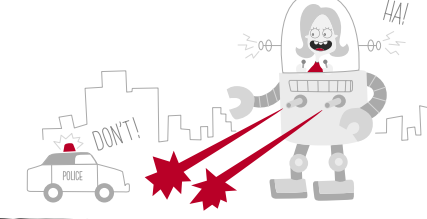
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'We Have to Stay on Top,' Says New Sloan School Interim Dean

By JiHy Kim
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Steven D. Eppinger '83, professor of Management Science, has been appointed as the interim dean of MIT Sloan School of Management, effective July 1. The former dean of Sloan School Richard Schmalensee '65, professor of economics and management, stepped down at the end of the Spring 2007 term after nine years as dean.

Eppinger was the Sloan School's deputy dean for the last three years before being asked to step in as dean. He managed Sloan's undergraduate, doctoral, and executive programs. "I enjoyed the position. Having enjoyed it, I felt that I can keep an eye on things, so I agreed to step in and help out," Eppinger said.

As the new interim dean, Eppinger said he hopes to follow through with all the projects and programs the former dean had initiated.

"We've just broken ground on the new Sloan building. The designs are still being detailed, and the contracts are still going out," Eppinger said. "This is one example of an ongoing project that cannot wait for the new dean to step in."

Another job Eppinger holds as the interim dean is continuing the summer educational and executive programs offered through Sloan.

"As a top business school, we have to stay on the top," Eppinger said. "This is incredibly competitive; we're fighting tooth and nail for every faculty and every MBA, doctorate student we get." According to Eppinger, Sloan constantly updates and revises its curriculum to adapt to the fast-paced business world.

"Lately, we've been focusing on putting more practicing manage-



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ment, which include applied projects, applied industries, and global projects," Eppinger said. "We are also trying really hard to integrate leadership skills into the curriculum."

According to Eppinger, another challenge for the Sloan School is to keep up with the increasingly globalized world.

"Business management is about managing global enterprises, and we have to integrate international business into our curriculum as much as we can," Eppinger said. He hopes to see more of these improvements within the school in the future.

Eppinger's expertise lies in prod-

uct design and development, teaching 15.783J Product Design and Development, a graduate course. He co-authored the book *Product Design and Development* with Karl T. Ulrich '84. Currently, he is researching how product development processes are globally distributed and how complex engineering projects can be structured.

According to the MIT News Office, a faculty search advisory committee and external advisory committee are still in deliberation to appoint the next dean of MIT Sloan. A decision is to be made within the next few months.

Suresh Becomes the New Dean of Engineering; Magnanti Steps Down

By JiHy Kim
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Subra Suresh PhD '81, professor in the Department of Material Science and Engineering, was appointed as the new dean of engineering in June, effective July 23. Suresh replaced Institute Professor Thomas L. Magnanti, who was dean since 1999, according to the MIT News Office.

Suresh said that he has previously held many leadership positions in and outside of MIT. Outside of MIT, he was a professor at Brown University for 10 years and editor-in-chief of the international journal *Acta Materialia*. At MIT, Suresh was appointed to DMSE, eventually serving as its head until he stepped down in 2005.

Suresh also said that he holds joint faculty appointments in the Mechanical Engineering Department, the Biological Engineering Department, and the Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology. As the new dean of engineering, he will now oversee about 40 percent of the MIT faculty, Suresh said.

"The good thing is that MIT has

many top leading engineering departments," Suresh said. "MIT has a relatively decentralized engineering school. As daunting as it may seem, this is more of a team effort."

Suresh said that he hopes to initiate some engineering programs while continuing the improvement of existing programs such as the Undergraduate Practice Opportunities Program, started by the previous dean.

"I would like to focus on greater interdisciplinary interaction between engineering departments and between schools," Suresh said.

"As department head, I had personal experience pioneering the infrastructure of the nanotechnology labs in the Infinite," Suresh said. "I would like to see similarly more visible, modern activity take place across the school for better education and communication."

According to the MIT News Office, Suresh has played a key role in devising a new undergraduate curriculum and a new masters of engineering degree program. In addition to the nanotechnology laboratories along the Infinite Corridor, Suresh has also worked closely with the De-

partment of Physics to construct the Physics, DMSE, Spectroscopy and Infrastructure project, scheduled to finish in 2007.

As an active proponent of international, interdisciplinary research, Suresh founded the Singapore-MIT Alliance. After he stepped down as the head of DMSE, Suresh also became the founding director of the Global Enterprise for Micromechanics and Molecular Medicine, which links several U.S. universities with other universities around the world.

"Engineering is not an easy major for students to study abroad their junior year," Suresh said. "In an increasingly globalized world, we need to help our students become global citizens and leaders, not just academically but culturally as well."

According to Suresh, he received his mechanical engineering bachelor's degree at the Indian Institute of Technology. He obtained his doctoral degree in mechanical engineering at MIT and conducted two years of postdoctoral research at the University of California, Berkeley. Suresh was elected into the National Academy of Engineering in 2002.

Bell Fought in Second World War, Laid Foundations For Tissue Engineering

Bell, from Page 1

lenges, but the basic work done by Bell paved the way for what is now referred to as 'regenerative medicine.'"

Bell was born in New York and enlisted in the Army during World War II. He saw combat action in the Philippines and in New Guinea and was wounded by a piece of shrapnel that stayed in his hand for the rest of his life.

He began his academic career at MIT in 1956 and became a professor of biology in 1967. While at MIT he laid the groundwork for the field of tissue engineering. Bell held more than 40 U.S. and foreign patents and was the chief author of more than 200 scientific papers.

Bell retired from MIT in 1986, but went on to found two companies that made the technology he helped develop commercially available.

His wife, Millicent, said Bell

never lost sight of his youthful ambition to make a positive contribution to the world.

In addition to his wife, Bell leaves a son, a daughter, and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Aug. 19 at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole. A separate memorial service on the MIT campus is being planned; details will be released as they become available.

Police Log

The following incidents were reported to the MIT Police between June 19 and July 23, 2007. This summary does not include incidents such as false alarms, general service calls, larcenies, or medical shuttles.

- June 20:** M3 (33 Mass. Ave.), 10:14 a.m., Party reports two laptops stolen from office; no forced entry.
W20 (84 Mass. Ave.), 12:19 p.m., Stop of homeless person on the second floor; trespass warning issued.
W4 (320 Memorial Dr.), 9:32 p.m., Person entered building without authorization; MIT Police dispatched.
- June 22:** M5 (55 Mass. Ave.), 12:46 a.m., Past suspicious person in Bldg. 5.
NE125 (1 Charles St.), 3:39 a.m., Reporting person reports two youths on bicycles threw rock into front door breaking glass above door; malicious destruction of private property.
M56 (21 Rear Ames St.), 4:34 p.m., Party reports male exiting third floor women's restroom; MIT Police dispatched, check and inquiry on individual conducted.
- June 24:** Lot 15 (22 Windsor St.), 6:16 p.m., Car stolen.
- June 26:** W4 (320 Memorial Dr.), 11:29 p.m., A report of a male that entered the building from the roof.
- June 27:** M16 (21 Rear Ames St.), 10:23 a.m., Reporting person states there was a "Peeping Tom" in the ladies' room.
NW12 (138 Albany St.), 11:38 a.m., Check and inquiry of two homeless people.
Mass. Ave. and Albany St., 9:06 p.m., Routine check and inquiry of suspicious person.
- June 28:** M68 (31 Ames St.), 10:22 a.m., Found kitchen area in disarray.
W91 (570 Memorial Dr.), 5:40 p.m., Complaints of two individuals loitering; trespass warning issued.
Windsor Lot, 8:17 p.m., MIT Police recover stolen motor vehicle in Windsor St. Lot; stolen from Boston.
Albany Garage, 8:55 p.m., Check and inquiry of three individuals; trespass warning issued.
NW21 (190 Albany St.), 9:13 p.m., Check and inquiry of two individuals; trespass warning issued.
- June 29:** W20 (84 Mass. Ave.), 4:20 p.m., Check and inquiry of individual in W20 Coffee House; trespass warning issued.
M68 (31 Ames St.), 7:35 p.m., Arrest of David Scrima, 150 E. 44th St., New York; arrested for trespassing.
- June 30:** DU (526 Beacon St.), 12:21 a.m., Loud noise at 526 Beacon St., Boston; MIT Police report issued resolved.
NW61 (282 Mass. Ave.), 1:50 a.m., Arrest of Henry Corley, 11 Greene St. Apt. 1112, Cambridge, Mass. 02139; arrested for tagging.
NW30 (224 Albany St.), 10:36 p.m., Check and inquiry of suspicious male in vehicle in the rear of NW30; trespass warning issued.
- July 2:** W20 (84 Mass. Ave.), 3:48 p.m., MIT Police with MBTA Bus No. 2273 due to emergency lights being activated.
M32 (32 Vassar St.), 10:23 p.m., Party reports suspicious black male in first floor area; MIT Police dispatched. Ronald Johnson of 185 Elm St., Cambridge, Mass. arrested for trespassing.
- July 3:** Lot 15 (22 Windsor St.), 10:41 p.m., Report of a car window smashed and bag taken.
- July 5:** NW10 (143 Albany St.), 11:24 a.m., Party reports ex-girlfriend harassing him; report to follow.
M56 (21 Rear Ames St.), 12:59 p.m., Report of a suspicious person.
- July 6:** Waverley Lot, 8:51 p.m., Check and inquiry of vehicle operator; trespass warning issued.
- July 7:** W89 (291 Vassar St.), 9:46 a.m., Person reports vehicle broken into on Ames St. and a GPS system stolen from the vehicle; Cambridge Police take report.
240 Albany St., 5:30 p.m., Check and inquiry of three subjects in lot by 240 Albany St.; trespass warning issued.
Albany Garage, 6:18 p.m., Two suspects stopped by Albany St. garage; trespass warning issued.
- July 8:** DP (428 Memorial Dr.), 12:15 a.m., Person reports a problem at 428 Memorial Dr., Cambridge, Mass.; disturbance related to a party at residence; party shut down by officers.
W51 (410 Memorial Dr.), 12:58 a.m., Officers conduct check and inquiry.
TDC (372 Memorial Dr.), 8:01 p.m., MIT Police assist Cambridge Police at 372 Memorial Dr., Cambridge, Mass. for person leaving the scene of an accident.
- July 9:** M9 (105 Mass. Ave.), 10:25 a.m., Breaking and entering, computers stolen.
- July 11:** E40 (1 Amherst St.), 10:20 a.m., Breaking and entering no force, larceny of computer.
W91 (570 Memorial Dr.), 2:52 p.m., Breaking and entering no force, computer stolen.
SPE (518 Beacon St.), 7:08 p.m., Subject seen in building, units respond, Lisandro Quinones, 229 Vassar St., Cambridge, Mass. arrested for breaking and entering daytime.
- July 12:** Hayward Lot, 6:42 a.m., Party reported that someone broke into her vehicle; GPS stolen.
Hayward Lot, 8:49 a.m., Larceny of GPS system.
M10 (122 Memorial Dr.), 12:50 p.m., Breaking and entering no force; reports projects stolen from office.
M10 (122 Memorial Dr.), 1:05 p.m., Breaking and entering no force; computer stolen.
- July 15:** 526 Beacon St., 12:23 p.m., Breaking and entering; report of a stolen laptop computer.
- July 17:** E23 (25 Carlton St.), 8:06 p.m., Reporting person reports her vehicle was broken into while parked on Carleton St.; GPS stolen.
- July 21:** Westgate Lot, 8:03 a.m., Parties came to station to report larceny from motor vehicle; car stereo stolen.
Lot 15 (22 Windsor St.), 9:45 p.m., MIT Police witnesses attempted larceny from a vehicle; all MIT units in foot pursuit of suspect who evaded officers in the New Town Court area. Suspect fled from a vehicle stolen elsewhere.
- July 22:** Lot 15 (22 Windsor St.), 2:59 a.m., Reporting person reports window of motor vehicle; no further damage, nothing missing from vehicle.
- July 23:** M5 (55 Mass. Ave.), 9:54 a.m., Breaking and entering, electronics stolen.

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Eager Fans Line Up to Learn The Fate of Harry Potter

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, the seventh and final book in the epic series by J.K. Rowling, was released to fans across the world on Saturday, July 21. The night before, millions of fans crowded around bookstores in anticipation of the midnight release. The book is the last in the Potter series, which started on June 26, 1997, with the release of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. For a review of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, see page 5.

(clockwise from above)

Harry and the Potters perform on stage at Harvard University July 20.

Hackers put a Dark Mark on top of the Student Center on the morning of the release of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*.

Fans dressed as characters from Harry Potter swarm Harvard Square the night of the release of the seventh and final book of the series. The woman on the left is dressed as the Fat Lady, a talking painting that guards the entrance to Gryffindor Tower, complete with a frame in which to reside.

A crowd estimated between 10,000 and 15,000 people gathered at Tercentenary Theatre for a Harry Potter release concert.

Hackers installed a broomstick parking spot, complete with brooms, in the Stata Center's Student Street July 20.

Photography by Eric D. Schmiedl



SPORTS

News Sites Must Find Balance in Sports Reporting

By Caroline Huang
SPORTS EDITOR

Usually, I open Mozilla Firefox and expect to find typical sporting news on ESPN.com: the Red Sox won; the Yankees lost; Mark Cuban complained about X, Y, and Z; Scott Boras' clients are holding out for more money; another Cincinnati Bengal was arrested; Shaquille O'Neal said something profound; the Celtics' front office did something horrifying. In other words, I expect to find news causing the average fan to smile a little wider or groan a little louder.

Lately, however, all that anyone hears about are the scandals and tragedies. The nightmare of every person involved in sports: National Basketball Association referee Tim Donaghy's gambling problem and subsequent betting. The soap opera that is Barry Bonds flirting with Hank Aaron's record of 755 home

runs, with a syringe of steroids and an injection of Bud Selig. The indictment of Michael Vick on charges of sponsoring a dogfighting operation, now even grimmer since a codefendant pleaded guilty and pointed his finger at Vick.

How serious are the scandals? Well, the National Hockey League — the organization that used to be the laughingstock of the sports world — is looking more saintly every day.

The sound you just heard was me smacking my head against the wall in disgust.

Then there are the deaths of prominent sports figures. Skip Prosser, the former Wake Forest men's basketball coach, collapsed unexpectedly while at the gym. Mike Coolbaugh, a former major leaguer and minor-league coach, was struck in the head by a foul ball and pronounced dead an hour later. Bill Walsh, the college and National Football League coach who popularized the West Coast offense, just lost a battle with leukemia.

What's the upshot of all of this? It actually feels like I've navigated to CNN.com instead of ESPN.com every time I launch Firefox. (The rare exception falls on days like this past Tuesday, when Kevin Garnett and Eric Gagne both miraculously landed in Boston. Shocking, the Celtics did something right.)

Granted, this news clearly needs to be addressed. I'm not asking the sports world to turn a blind eye to betting, steroids, or dogfighting, nor do I advocate ignoring the deaths of great sportsmen. However, I do miss the balance struck between serious news and amusing features, such as interviews with Shaq regarding his television show (*Shaq's Big Challenge*), which tackled childhood obesity.

Sports are often a respite from the real world. For the duration of a game, or even an article, small frustrations — hell, even significant problems — evaporate until it's just the fans, the players, and (sometimes) the officials. Unfortunately, when the integrity of professional sports is repeatedly questioned, there is no respite, just the unwelcome reality that the sports world is exactly like the rest of the world. When death is thrown into the mix, that reality becomes even more apparent.

In response to the sudden dearth of amusement in sports, I've written some shorts that might liven up the tone of ESPN.com's front page. At the very least, these might belong on a less-serious volume of Page 2, the section of ESPN.com billed as "Humor, columns, commentary, lists, and analysis." (As a further illustration of the gloomy mood in sports, even Page 2 has focused almost exclusively on the "columns, commentary, lists, and analysis" rather than the "humor" department as of late.) One caveat? These shorts are not exactly true ...

¶ Bill Belichick developed laryngitis and was unable to finish his second coaching session of the day. Team doctors determined the cause of his illness was revealing too much information to the media.

¶ David Stern, Bud Selig, and Roger Goodell have decided to hold a forum on damage control. Sources say NHL commissioner Gary Bettman has been proposed as a keynotes speaker.

¶ David Beckham may be traded from the Los Angeles Galaxy to the Toronto Football Club, thus making soccer more popular than hockey in Canada. Posh Spice — excuse me, Victoria Beckham — is reportedly "thrilled about the potential move."

¶ The Yankees have decided to emulate the Oakland Athletics and Minnesota Twins in order to "increase efficiency" and "decrease excessive spending." George Steinbrenner is said to have introduced the new team motto of "Fiscal responsibility, dammit!"

¶ Curt Schilling unknowingly agreed to steer clear of making controversial comments in his blog, *38 Pitches*, for the duration of his Red Sox contract. A fan, who turned out to be a Sox lawyer in disguise, asked for an autograph. Schilling obliged, but he was really signing a document that said he would concentrate solely on pitching after his stint on the disabled list. Future incidents will result in Schilling being forbidden to speak to media members.

¶ Recently drafted Brady Quinn, the No. 22 pick who went to the Cleveland Browns, realized that charging \$75 per autograph and holding out for a lucrative contract — particularly one that is unreasonable for a No. 22 pick — is far less profitable than modeling. He has since switched careers.

¶ Another reason that KG wanted to be a Celtic: as a member of the Minnesota Timberwolves, he had to listen to guard Troy Hudson's rap album ... which sold a mere 78 copies in its first week. (Yes, that is fact — go ahead and Google it. How large do you think his entourage is? I'm guessing somewhere in the neighborhood of 78 people.) Furthermore, as a veteran, he was expected to be supportive of his teammate. T-wolves fans should quit blaming General Manager Kevin McHale for trading KG and confront the real culprit: Hudson. There's a reason the T-wolves bought out Hudson's contract ...

On second thought, the last short may actually be true.

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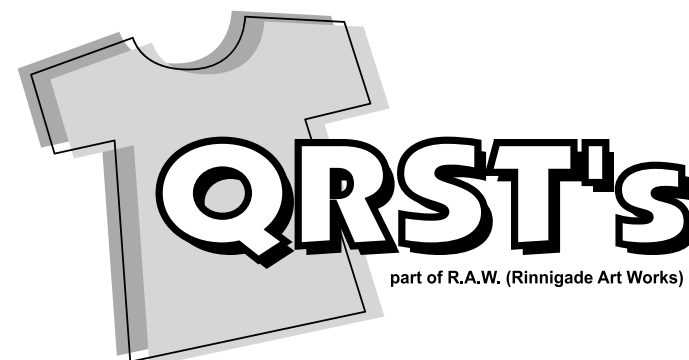
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