By Nick Semenkovich

The Undergraduate Association Presidential/Vice Presidential debate drew a small crowd as three pairs of candidates lobbied for community votes. During the debate, the candi-
dates did not stay far from their plat-
form statements.

Candidate pair Manisha Man-
mohan ’08 and Fernando Funakoshi ’09 wanted the UA to work more visibly to improve undergraduate life. The pair described a need for additional funding for the Associa-
tion of Student Activities, proposed expanding SafeRide coverage and hours, and said they felt qualified despite a lack of student govern-
ment experience.

Martin F. Holmes ’08, presi-
dent of the 2008 class council, and running mate Ali S. Wyne ’08, UA Senator from Burton-Conner and a Tech opinion staff writer, aimed at improving communication with the administration, implementing more proximity card readers, and estab-
lishing an FSILG-Police dinner fund to improve police relations. The pair also suggested adding office hours for UA representatives and improv-
ing course evaluations.

Lauren E. Oldja ’08, UA Trea-
surer and Steven M. Kelch ’08, the UA Senate Speaker, had a platform focused on preserving the duration

and style of Residential Exploration, protecting MIT’s community from forced “community building” by the administration, and strengthening current UA programs. They also sug-
gested establishing an alcohol policy for small events.

The debate, which was moder-
ated by members of The Tech, had three key focal points: changes in ASA funding, the effectiveness of the UA, and the rising cost of text-
books.

After opening statements, the dis-
cussion began with ASA funding and increases in the student life fee. Both Oldja/Kelch and Mannmohan/Fu-
akoshi were in favor of additional support for the ASA. Mannmohan and Funakoshi wanted additional funding for the ASA and considered it inappropriate that the ASA denied funding to some student groups, ac-
cording to Mannmohan.

Kelch said that he and Oldja wanted additional staff and student backing of the ASA. “Throwing even more money at them isn’t going to necessarily get them to do more,” said Kelch.

Holmes and Wyne, however, were opposed to increasing ASA funding, concerned that any increase in the student life fee would “put an added burden on students,” said Holmes.

By John A. Hawkins

The mail server outage that began last week Wednesday drew to a close on Saturday morning, but then was followed by an unrelated outage of an-
other of the five post office servers on Monday afternoon. In a third outage, early Tuesday, two of the six Webmail servers were down for about half an hour.

On Wednesday morning, po14 mail.mit.edu crashed leaving all 4,000 of its users without access to e-mail. By Thursday morning initial repairs on “firebrick,” one of four filesystems on po14, had not completed. Information Services and Technology staff changed to a new plan: bring po14 up with its three intact file systems, and copy the remaining mailboxes from the dam-
aged file system to a new file system. The resulting mailboxes-by-mailboxes restoration began on Thursday morn-
ing, and did not complete until Satur-
day morning, at about 8 a.m.

Throughout the outage, IS&T pro-
vided updates on the 3-DOWN outage information service, http://3down.mit.edu/, though it was not until 6 p.m. on Friday that IS&T published any information about the rate of restores. No estimates for restore times were ever provided. Friday’s 6 p.m. update reported that there were “below 300” mailboxes awaiting restoration. By 9 p.m., 3-DOWN reported that less than 75 mailboxes were still affected but the restores did not complete until the following morning.

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According to Jeffrey L. Schiller ’79, restores were prioritized, with faculty accounts first and guest accounts last. The Firebrick file system held about 843 gigabytes of data across 27 mil-

ion files, Schiller said. Beginning Wednesday, IS&T provided technical details of the overall outage in a Web page linked from the main 3-DOWN page, http://3down.mit.edu/cgi-bin/ 3down/aboutpage2.pl.

po14 ran out of disk space

On Monday afternoon at about 3:43 p.m., IS&T experienced another mail server failure. According to Schiller, a filesystem on po14 named

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By Mandana T. Manzari

Elections for Undergraduate Association President and Vice-President will begin this week. Electronic voting be-
gins at http://vote.mit.edu/ on Thursday, March 15 and ends Tuesday, March 20. Paper balloting will start Wednesday, March 21 in Lobby 10. Read on for The Tech’s interviews with the UA candidates for President and Vice-President: Martin F. Holmes ’08 and Ali S. Wyne ’08; Manisha Mannmohan ’08 and Fernando Funakoshi ’09; and Lauren E. Oldja ’08 and Steven M. Kelch ’08.

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Ford Motor Co. will raise $848 million toward its overall plan by selling Aston Martin, its British luxury sports car brand, the automaker said Monday.

The topupal buyer is David Richards, a former British racing champion who described the transaction as beginning "a new era, perhaps a new chapter in this extraordinary story of Aston Martin," a 94-year-old nameplate best known for the preferred side of James Bond.

Joining Richards in the deal are the American banker John Sinders and two Kuwaiti investment firms, Investment Dar and the Adem Investment Co.

Ford, which has owned at least 75 percent of Aston Martin since 1993, paid $1.4 billion in 1998 for a stake worth $77 million, held in a separate class of preferred shares.

Ford, which put Aston Martin on the market six months ago, closed out the worst year in its history in January, losing $12.7 billion amid slow sales of its biggest moneymakers, pickup trucks and sport utility vehicles.

By Warren Hoge THE NEW YORK TIMES

A U.N. Human Rights Council mission to Darfur said Monday that the Sudanese government had organized and taken part in human rights crimes against its own population, and that international action to stop the killings and rapes had been inadequate.

The government in Khartoum, the Sudanese capital, "has manifestly failed to protect the population of Darfur from large-scale international crimes and has itself orchestrated and participated in these crimes," the 35-page report said. It added that rebels were also to blame for abuses, including the rape and torture of civilians.

The report urged the implementation of all resolutions from the U.N. Security Council and the African Union. "Including those relating to travel bans and the freezing of funds, assets, and economic resources of those who commit violations."

Human rights advocates welcomed the unusually tough tone of the report and its recommendations, but they warned that steps were already under way to block its effect when the report comes up for adoption by the Human Rights Council on Friday in Geneva.

The rights council has been widely criticized for being no more effective than the discredited Human Rights Commission it replaced that year. Taking action on Darfur is seen by rights groups as a measure of whether the council can start to build credibility during its formal session, the fourth it has held since it began meeting in March.

So far, all eight of the condemnation of Sudan's human rights performance has it issued since its creation in June have been against one country, Israel. The mission to Darfur, led by Jody Williams, an American campaigner against land mines and a Nobel Peace Prize laureate, was denied entry to Sudan by the government and had to base its report on interviews with refugees and aid workers, rebels across the border in Chad and officials of the African Union at its headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

"This report is Jody Williams and her team members, and this is definitely not the council," said Hel- lud Negro, executive director of U.S. Watch, an organization based in Geneva that monitors U.N. activity. "The council will probably throw this report into Lake Geneva."

Reachled at her home in Virginia, Williams said, "Given the hostility to the mission almost from the moment it was formed, I would not be shocked if there were maneuverers not to allow the report to be presented."

She said she was traveling to Geneva this week to lobby for the adoption of the report. "But I understand she has already been talked a resolution to try to block the presentation of this report and call it a new quack, untraceable and objective mission," she said.

The original decision to send the six-person team to Sudan was made only after a bitter debate among council members, with some Arab and African countries on the 47-member group opposing the signing out of Sudan.

Commenting on that, Williams said: "The most difficult part of this mission was the travel or the worry about getting visas for Darfur, not the interviewing of refugees and listening to five women out of 20 in the space of an hour about being gang-raped. It was dealing with the politics of the Human Rights Council on the minute I received the call."

BY RANDELL C. ARCHIBOLD

A federal appeals panel Monday blocked a ski resort's plan to artificially create snow on mountains that Indian tribes consider sacred.

Becky L. Papasan, a three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. District Court of Appeals, in San Francisco, overturned a lower court ruling from January 2006 that would have allowed the resort, the Arizona Snowbowl, to proceed with the snowmaking and other work on the San Francisco Peaks near Flagstaff.

The snowmaking, which has jurisdiction over the Scuba Club and other environmentalists, had appealed the decision. They said using wastewater, no matter how clean, would offend deities and spiritually contaminate herbs and other plants used for medicine and religious ceremonies.

In addition, the tribes said, the resort and the U.S. Forest Service, which has jurisdiction over the mountain and had approved the plan, had failed to study adequately the safety and effects of the wastewater.

BY CRAIG S. SMITH

I.M.G., the Italian luxury brand that expired after a lengthy illness, will be revived this month as a Chinese sportswear brand, the chairman of the French company that bought it said Monday.

The chairman of MG, the latest and most splashy example of how China's growing economic might is reaching reaching into foreign markets, buying up troubled companies with established brands and using them to build bridgeheads for some of the billions of dollars that the country has poured into foreign investment, has been a very small time period, of time, will see a lot of diversification among the strategies, said the chairman of Nan- jung Automobile in the United King- dom, Wang Hongbiao. It is a crucial, even stealthlike approach, and a stark contrast to Japan and Korea, which spent billions of dollars over decades to build recognized brands, through exports before establishing a high-profile corporate presence overseas. That era reached its peak with the purchase by Mitsubishi Estate of a Rosewood Hotel in 1989.

Still, China is in a hurry and as it increases outward investment, many of its companies hope to leapfrog the expansion process by acquiring technol- ogy and distribution networks together with well-known names with which to build larger businesses.

The investment agency China is setting up diversity to its $1.1 billion foreign exchange, could provide another boost, particularly as the government sees the entire world, including developing coun- tries in Africa and Latin America, as its stage for acquisitions.

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GOP Voters Voice Anxieties on Party’s Fate; Iraq War Strategy

By Adam Nagourney and Megan Thee

WASHINGTON — After years of political dominance, Republican voters now view their party as divided and say they are not satisfied with the choice of candidates seeking the Republican presidential nomination in 2008, according to the latest New York Times/CBS News Poll.

In a survey that brought to life the party’s anxiety about keeping the White House, Republicans said they were concerned that their party had drifted from the principles of Ronald Reagan, its most popular figure of the past 50 years.

Forty percent of Republicans said they expected Democrats to take control of the White House next year, compared with 46 percent who said they believed a Republican would win. By contrast, just 12 percent of Democrats said they thought the opposition party would take the White House next year.

Even as Republican voters continued to support President Bush and the war in Iraq, including the recent increase in the number of American troops deployed there, they said a candidate who backed Bush’s war policies would be at a decided disadvantage in 2008. And they suggested that they were open to supporting a candidate who broke with the president on a crucial aspect of his Iraq strategy.

Asked what was more important to them in a nominee — a commitment to stay in Iraq until the United States succeeds or flexibility about when to withdraw — 58 percent of self-identified Republican primary voters said flexibility versus 39 percent who said a commitment to stay. The three lead- ing Republican candidates are strong supporters of the war and the increase in American troops there.

The Times/CBS News Poll, which was designed to survey more Republicans than it normally would to provide a better statistical look at the mood of the party, found that there was uneasy about its future.

“There is going to be so much anti-war in the news media that there is no way the Republicans are going to win,” said Randy Miller, 54, a Republican from Kansas, said in a follow-up interview after participating in the poll. “The Democrats will win because of the war. I think the Republi- can just won’t vote.”

Kennedy, Eager For GOP Support, Recconsiders Tactics on Immigration

By Rachel L. Swarns

WASHINGTON — Facing a rebellion from some key Republicans, Sen. Edward M. Ken- nedy has abandoned efforts to pro- duce a new immigration bill and is proposing using legislation produced last March by the Republican-con- trolled Senate Judiciary committee as the starting point for negotiations this year, lawmakers said on Monday.

Kennedy, the Massachusetts Democrat who is principal architect of immigration legislation in the Sen- ate, now controlled by Democrats, said he was shifting gears in hopes of winning Republican support and speeding the passage of immigra- tion legislation this spring. Four of 10 Republicans on the Senate Judi- ciary Committee voted last year for the committee’s bill, which would tighten border security, create a tem- porary worker program, and legalize the nation’s illegal immigrants.

President Bush said on Monday in Guatemala that he hoped to see an immigration bill completed by the fall and that he was working with Republic- ans to define a position most could support. “If we don’t have enough consensus, nothing is going to move out of the Senate,” Bush said.

Kennedy and a Republican col- league, Sen. John McCain of Ari- zona, had spent several months trying to produce a new immigration bill that was expected to be introduced this month. But several Republicans protested that they were shut out of the negotiations. They began draft- ing their own bill, led by Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, the Republi- can moderate who led the debate on immigration in the Judiciary Com- mittee last year.

Meanwhile, McCain, who led Rep- ublican lawmakers in championing immigration legislation last year, has appeared to be backing away from that role, several congressional aides said.

Conservatives have sharply criti- cized McCain, a leading Republican presidential candidate, for support- ing efforts to put illegal immigrants on a path to citizenship.

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By Elaine Sciolino

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“I am with Nicolas Sarkozy to defend the ideals of our politi- cal family and so that the choice for the French people is as clear as possible,” de Villepin told Europe 1 radio a day after President Jacques Chirac announced that he would not seek a third term.

He added, “We have been together in government, we will be to- gether in this battle.”

The endorsement is important because de Villepin, who once had been considered a potential presidential contender, put party unity ahead of the personal and political differences he has had over the years with Sarkozy, who is the interior minister and the head of the governing party, the Union for a Popular Movement.

In the past, de Villepin has criticized Sarkozy’s proposal to institute a modest limited affirmative action program for France, which de Ville- pin believes runs counter to the republican ideal that ignores race, religion and ethnicity.
Religion Provides Meaning

I would like to respond to Rahmat Muhammad’s letter entitled, “In Search of Meaning: Beyond the Veritas Forum.” Ms. Muhammad correctly states that the Veritas Forum on Science, Faith, and Technology sought to address whether religious belief, specifically a belief in Jesus Christ and Christianity, can exist in intellectual harmony with scientific pursuits. I am writing this letter because Ms. Muhammad’s firm that resolving “the need for a meaningful life and a career in science” is an important issue. In addition, she welcomes critiques of her definition of “meaning,” which I will attempt to offer.

To explain my perspective from which I am an Christian, I am, and I was associated with organizing parts of the Veritas Forum. It has been said that “who you are depends what you write on a very deep level.” Therefore, I do not claim my letter to be perfectly unbiased, but rather that the arguments are logical and compelling.

Ms. Muhammad defines “meaning” as an abstract term attributed to lives and actions “when they are directed at something bigger than themselves.” Yet if meaning could be found by simply directing your life outwardly, people would not still be searching for it, and no “deeper examination” would be required. People already direct their lives to external things: power, careers, money, fame — things larger than themselves. But in the sight of death, most people would agree that these things are vain and meaningless.

However, if meaning were instead defined as “directing your life outwardly toward your Creator,” then indeed deeper examination would be required. “Where do we come from?” is a question in the heart of every human being. That’s why we want to know who our ancestors were and where they were from, that’s why we study the earth and the stars, and that’s why we ask questions about evolution and creationism. I am a one small person in a sea of people.” I think, “There must be more than this.” Yet more generally, how does directing your life outwardly, towards your Creator, give “meaning” to science and engineering? This is where truth becomes important. Scientists would naturally agree that truth cannot be relative.
What Impact Will Engineers Have in a Flat World?

By Manish Bhardwaj

Over the past few years, the race to the rapid expansion of emerging economies has reached a crescendo. The excitement is palpable everywhere. And unlike the similar frenzy about “Asian Tigers” in the mid-90s, this seems to be no swan song. The fate of the first world is closely entwined with these countries. The debate if the world is, or should be, flat is passé. The more pressing question concerns our impact in this world.

About a month and a half ago, I heard Richard Templeton, Sr. CEO of Texas Instruments, speak at MIT on “Building Technology that Matters: Global Opportunities in Engineering.” Mr. Templeton argued that the rise of economics like China and India meant that technologies now had billions of new consumers. He was of the opinion that this might be the “best time in history” to be an engineer. Mr. Templeton's excitement is well founded. Inevitable hiccups in growth is real, and prosperity for the large middle class in these economies, and fueled unprecedented demand. However, what sometimes gets overshadowed is that despite this breakneck growth over the last decade, the World Bank estimates that about 1.5 billion Indians and Chinese, out of a total 2.3 billion, earn less than two dollars a day. Growth has not always translated to prosperity for the countryside, where the majority in these countries still live.

Some issues actually have two sides. Global warming, though? Not so much.

By Manish Bhardwaj

A Convenient Forum

Bill Andrews and Katherine L. Kleesch

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nothing is more frustrating than seeing someone who thinks “astronomy” is a type for “astrology” challenge scientific evidence.

A piece entitled “In Search of Meaning: Beyond the Vatican,” purported to address the meaning of life, death, and the afterlife. The author, a member of the Class of 2007.

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THEATRE REVIEW

“Scoundrels” Will Sneak Into Your Heart

Musical Has Many Departures From Film — Is That Wrong?

By Bill Andrews

“Dirty Rotten Scoundrels”

Boston Opera House

Through Sunday, March 18, 2007

Perhaps it says something about me, but "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" has been one of my favorite movies since the age of seven. Starring Michael Caine and Steve Martin, this movie about two con-men trying to one up each other in the French Riviera was just about the funniest thing I’d ever seen. Thus when I heard a musical based on it was coming out, I was both thrilled and worried. Since I love the original and I love musicals, it had the potential to be magnificent. Of course, if they messed it up and tarnished the good name of Scoundrels, it would be a bitter disappointment on the order of The Matrix Reloaded. Finally, after years of fear, I bit the bullet and saw the show. My hopes were realized: it was really good.

Now, before we get to the biggest issues, let me summarize one thing for you. This musical was one of the musical-iest shows I’ve ever seen. If you were to make a list of things that musicals are known for (clever lyrics, catchy tunes, random dance numbers, impressively mobile and minimalist sets, etc), Scoundrels has them all. The comparison I really want to make is for you Simpsons fans: remember the one where they go to New York and see a musical called Checking In? Remember how well it fit all the musical stereotypes? This is just like that. Whether that’s good or bad is up to you, but like I’ve said, I like musicals, so I didn’t mind.

This one, though, is easy to like, even if you’ve never seen the original movie. British con-artist Lawrence Jameson has just returned from the bank after convincing yet another rich heiress that he’s a prince, fighting for his country’s freedom, when he comes across lowly American huckster Freddy Benson, who tricks girls into buying him meals and giving him money. Jameson, seeing that the pond isn’t big enough for two fish (even if one’s just a guppy), does what he can to get rid of Benson and instantly a rivalry is born. This isn’t one of those boring, Ivy League waltzers, though; this is more like the MIT-West Point rivalry, where anything can happen and it’s all tons of fun. Amidst false, double crosses, and tons of dancing (flamboyant guns and wheelchairs), their love-hate relationship will entwine with the fate of Christine Colgate, the American Soap Queen. Does that sound crazy? That’s just the first act!

But, not only is it the story well-preserved (except for the few random little things that weren’t) and fun to watch, the actors themselves do a great job too. Tom Hewitt as Jameson was able to portray the quiet dignity and rollicking fun that a con-artist of his years should, and D.B. Bonds as Benson was everything you’d expect a crass, boorish, (but love-able) guy to be. Plus, of course, they could sing like nobody’s business.

Laura Marie Duncan as Colgate, though, was particularly impressive, both in music and out of it; her emotional range was incredible, singing a wispy, emotional ballad one moment, and an energetic, powerful duet the next.

There are really only two negative things about this show, and neither is major enough to keep you away. First is the surprising amount of vulgarity that I wasn’t expecting; not only was there an F-bomb dropped, but there was more sex than a college comedy. So while it’s a great show to go to with your friends, it is definitely not one to go to with the family, unless you happen to do an act together called “the aristocrats.”

The second negative has to do with the pacing, as the entire first act really just serves as a prelude to the second act. Of course, the movie was the same way, but for some reason in the show it just seems to take a long time.

So whether it’s big laughs, great songs, or a blast from the past you’re after, this is a show that delivers on all fronts. As the closing number (called, cutely, “Dirty Little Number”) says, “It was a ball, it was a blast, and it’s a shame it couldn’t last.”

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CAN NUCLEAR ENERGY AND NON-PROLIFERATION CO-EXIST?

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Science, Technology and Global Security Working Group, IAEA, MIT

Matthew Bunn
Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University

Marvin Miller
Center for International Studies, MIT

Moderator: Owen Cove

Thursday, March 15, 2007, 7pm in 32-141 (Kresge Auditorium)

(top) Freddy Benson (D.B. Bonds) and Lawrence Jameson (Tom Hewitt) toast their dirty rotten selves.

(bottom) Freddy Benson (D.B. Bonds) is tempted and impressed by some “Real Big Stuff.”
The MIT Festival Jazz Ensemble played a concert entitled “The Music of Magali Souriau” last Friday, March 9 in Kresge Auditorium. In addition to composing a number of the pieces played on Friday, Souriau also guest-conducted most of the concert.

Clockwise from above:
- Daniel E. Bickerstaff ’09 plays guitar during “Herb de Provence,” named for and dedicated to the Festival Jazz Ensemble’s founder, Herb Pomeroy.
- Shanker Raman ’09 (left), Matthew J. Abrahamson G, and Collin E. Johnson ’07 play the tenor saxophone, baritone saxophone, and bass trombone, respectively.
- Magali Souriau discusses her composition “Lady with the Hat” before the ensemble premieres it. Pianist Matthew J. Rosario ’10 plays during “Ali Baba,” also by Souriau.
- Christopher N. Kottke G plays a flugelhorn as Souriau sings in “Herb de Provence.”
- Daniel R. Hochbaum ’09 plays a soprano saxophone solo during “Rockin’ in Rhythm” by Duke Ellington.

Photography by Omari Stephens
By Bill Andrews

Sometimes, in life, you are faced with a great crisis. The forefront of our country had to turn their backs on the fire they had been facing. You turned your backs towards a country, and they performed admirably. The greatest generation is famed for their resolve in the face of adversity and Nazism. Of course, these are huge crises that we can't really compare common spaces and play games, ranging from pool to old-school arcade games. You can use? Buy premium wallpapers from the selection of wallpapers you don't like. Ims been pretty scared for a second, but thank goodness she doesn't know anyone named Humpenlink. Not only did Congress fail to repeal the DST (as I'd been praying for them to do for years), they actually moved it up. Instead of losing an hour in the relative balm and calm of April, we now lose it in the lion-y wildness of March.

By Eitan Glinert

This past week I took a break from week-long meetings to attend Game Developer's Conference. Held in San Francisco, the conference is a two-day whirlwind of informative lectures, fun networking, and awe-inspiring forefathers of our country had to take their time to adapt to (at least, I certainly hope not), but there are, still, certain events that try our patience and reveal to the world just what we're made of. This past weekend was one such time for me, as I struggled to adapt my plan just wasn't crazy enough to work. We still had to face the DST this last weekend, and lives are now the hour for it.

Surely I am not the only student@mit.edu, who felt the DST's cold sting. From what I understand, the week we are currently in the midst of is no picnic for many of us, what with mid March being prime exam, multiple lab report, and crazy p-set time. It's as if we're being taunted by the US Congress, "Hey MIT, your lives aren't hard enough, we'll throw this on you too!" Hahaha, Man, I hate it. Of course, life doesn't close a door without opening a window, and when life hands you lemons you're supposed to make lemonade. We must persevere together, as a nation, or at least as a school, and prove to the world that we can handle whatever curve balls life throws at us. We are the same people who helped out on a relative whim, and gave women the right to vote just as casually as we decided to impose an income tax. If we put our minds to it, we can succeed at this too! Sure it's tough, sure it'll be hard but then, great crises so frequently are.

I'd hardly flinch when the fated hour didn't come. I'd use Spring Break, my birthday, and Easter as stepping stones to the Big Day. But I was getting so that a guy could finally come to terms with losing an hour of his life, never to get it back again. Then I heard the news about this year, and my soul made the usual, ultimate suffing. (My fiancée was pretty indignant of the subject matter not fitting the audience, a "realistic" feeling. Furthermore, the user interface physics are faked, and don't really work in a "realistic" way.)

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By Janet S. Lieberman

A lot of people make bad frozen food choices. I’m just trying to help prevent that.

Barber Foods

Barber Foods fascinates me. Really. As far as I can tell, Barber Foods does breaded chicken, and pretty much only breaded chicken. But they do it well, and inventively, somehow making an entire freezer section out of a niche market. Now, my mom warns me that their lean dishes are hit or miss, so I have avoided them. Specifically, she said they were okay but lackluster, with the exception of the Marlo Polo, which is deadly. Their Chicken Kiev, however, is everything frozen food can hope to be. Dude. Chicken, stuffed with butter. Like restaurant quality. Their cheese and broccoli stuffed chicken is almost as good, and has the added benefit of that sense of accomplishment that comes with being able to say “Why yes, I did eat vegetables today.”

I’ve been way too satisfied with these two to try any of the other stuffed chicken options, but you’re welcome to do so, and I give them better odds of being good than just about any other unknown in the frozen food realm. They’ve recently removed the microwave instructions from the package, however, I suppose having someone to do with the rest of the chicken that starts out not entirely cooked. There are three or four steps to microwaving these, but it’s definitely worth it, and I hereby record these steps for posterity: two minutes with the chicken, then flip down, one minute right side up, wait a minute, and then one minute again right side up. That’s right — it’s so good I have it memorized.

However, the masterminds at Barber foods don’t stop at chicken encased entrees. I remember I had something with a ridicu- lous name like “Potato Chip Breaded Chicken Sticks” a couple of years ago, and that was way better than it had any right to be, though not quite as good as some of their other products. It wasn’t even really a quality issue with the chicken sticks, but they didn’t always microwave evenly. I just tried their Four Cheese Stuffed Chicken Nuggets, and they are my new favorites. Something about them looking like little chicken vulcanes with molten cheese in the middle really appeals to me, so the added benefit of their actually tasting delicious is quite exciting.

Sundries

A few final notes that didn’t seem to fit into any other category.

• Breakfast foods tend to be one of the categories that are harder to come by in college. Every once in a while someone, maybe even you, will make pancakes, but generally that’s about it, even then, it’s a little bland. Jones’ Golden Brown precooked sausages work well as both an add-on to pancakes and as a breakfast on-the-go, and they’re a really good breakfast-food-craving fix.

• Most dumpings don’t work out quite well, because they’re really expected to be microwaved. Plus the sauces tend to be pretty spicy as well and hard to cook, and not enough for the quantity in the box. However, the sha- man you can get at Trader Joe’s tend to fare better.

• Quite a few of the good microwavable dishes are just meat, which is yummy, but not exactly balanced. I haven’t dabbled much in the vegetable arena, but Green Giant Niblets Corn and Butter Sauce works pretty well as an add-on to a side dish. I would say it’s probably can serve as a side dish for two people.

• Things from Trader Joe’s that I couldn’t find: Trader Joe’s Chicken Drumettes and some sort of buffalo chicken patty/ triangle. One thing from Trader Joe’s that was surprisingly good: Broccoli and Cheddar Quiche. Trader Joe’s frozen dishes tend to follow the same rules as the more experimental Lean Cuisine’s; they’re more innovative, so they have the potential to be so much better, and also the potential to be so much worse. I wouldn’t recommend doing your freezer food shopping unless you’re going the way of the true scientists, and are willing to try a few things and fail at a good number of them.

• In the not-actually-frozen category: Spaghettios are just as good as you remember but Chef Boyardee is not.

We all have skills which we go unused. Talents which lie fallow. Knowledge bases which we never find the venue to implement. Thank you for allowing me this forum to feel like like my area of expertise just might have helped someone.

By Danial Lashkari

On another freezing night in front of 84 Mass Ave, a crowd of exhausted students awaits the SafeRides, those hypothetical savants of Mass Ave, a crowd of exhausted students waiting. Moreover, there is evidence that the vehicles used for these routes don’t seem to be significantly different. Or, consider the rather frustrating day of research or problem-setting. It’s the fittest happen every freezing night, right around the corner: here, on MIT’s campus.

There are many issues to study concerning this socio-transportational phenomenon, the most uninteresting of which is why it is impossible to have another vehicle for this route, especially when we know there are many more students trying to use it in the cold season. As if we were trying to see that there is not much money to be made here. Most of the Cambridge-Westerners are graduate students going home late at night; thus, the amount of psychological instability of students’ character- ers at the end of a possibly unfruitful, and frustrating day of research or problem-setting. That is why none such complaints received by MIT’s Facilities are worth being considered, and ultimately find their ways to the trash.

From the theoretical point of view, some people argued that under certain space-time conditions, when it seems intuitively more reasonable, or moral, it might be justifiable to alter the law in order to preserve what they call the “spirit of the law.” Such people usually point to some inconvenient incidents which happen once in a while, when the poor student is trying to hitch a ride to him in, and in front of all the onlookers, his plea is rejected and he is kicked out. Another point usually brought up is that only a small fraction of the many people waiting can actually get on these rides, and when there is no means to determine who is to be among those lucky few, there is a possibility for tension and contention among the students.

In could, then, be argued that it might be possible, for the sake of mercy, to allow the transgression of the law under such circumstances, especially since almost everybody gets off at the first couple of stops. In response to such sentimental arguments, one should note that these sacred laws, sent to us for the common good, are not meant to be influenced by our morals or emotions. Thus, these claims are fundamentally invalid, and such variations in “the law” are forbidden.

Returning to our friends left behind by the SafeRide in front of 84 Mass Ave. — these are ways to remedy their problem. First, they ought to distinguish between the legitimate and illegitimate alternations in the enforcement of law, and avoid requesting the forbid- den ones. Secondly, they should adopt the fol- lowing variation: instead of trying so hard to take Cambridge West to get home supposed-ly in 5 minutes, they can take half an hour each night touring the sights of west Boston with the Boston West SafeRide, which allows peo- ple to stand. This SafeRide passes Tang Hall at the end of its long journey back home!
PROOF OF FALSE

Reference to a recurring Feb 2003 Tech comic whose disapproving name shall not be mentioned here.

Run Bug

Hey, Buddy! Are you running for President, too?

Lately everybody is running. It's as if this presidential fever, this "run bug", had caught them all. Clinton, McCain, Obama, Giuliani, Edwards, Romney...

...Dodd, Brownback, Gravel, Gilmore, Huckabee, Hunter, Paul, Tancredo, Thompson, Richardson, Biden, Kucinich... and it's just starting.

Wow! Who is not running?

It's basically you, me, my mom and Mr. Whiskers...

RunBug.com

PHD

Piled Higher and Deeper

New Hall from Prof. Smith:
To all lab members:
I'll be out of the office for the next two weeks (family vacation).

I'm bringing my laptop and will be checking e-mail several times a day. I'll be expecting updates from all of you on the status of your projects.

Any urgent matters of research, you can reach me at...

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Hey, so... Prof. Smith is out of town. Are we still having a meeting?

What?

Well, let's see. Why don't we ask the senior member of the lab.

Mike?

ZZZZZ...

All in agreement, say "aye".

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Pseudoscience

by Daniel Klein-Marcuschamer

Figure 5. This graph shows the number of bubble gum flavors released in the last 12 years, and the projected data up to 2016. The solid bars represent actual new flavors, whereas the striped bars represent any package advertised with the words “new flavor.” The projected data (dotted and horizontally striped bars) were obtained from models developed at the American Dental Association. Notice that the variety of (actual) new flavors stagnates after 2010, but the number of flavors advertised as new continues to increase, which is, of course, absurd.
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that it would be suicide,”’ Moghimi

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The only time the two men spoke

Solution to Sudoku

from page 11
Manmohan said the "structure of the UAI isn't actually important." What matters, she said, are "changes you can see in your day-to-day life." Holmes described the UAI as infrequent. "Right now, the UI is completely messed up," he said. The UI debates -- "for 20 minutes about the phrasing and wording of a certain bill" -- was "sort of a waste," he said. Funakoshi, however, was skeptical of candidates who criticize the UI. Kelch cautioned that people criticize the UI each year, but "only as much as they can get elected ... they don't change it," she said.

Textbook pricing involved a more technical discussion, touching on the financial risks involved in bulk purchases of textbooks.

Holmes and Wyne proposed requiring professors to submit a list of required texts a month before classes. Oldja and Kelch, however, countered that a plan to reduce textbook costs was already being looked at by the UI. A requirement for professors to post textbooks online through the registrar is "in the office of the Dean of Undergraduate Education," said Oldja.

A series of small discussions also permeated the debate, as candidates shared similar goals with slightly differing methodologies. Both Oldja/Kelch and Holmes/Wyne considered REX a priority. The candidates talk wanted to increase REX time and work to decrease the administrative overhead involved in REX. Manisha and Funakoshi offered no position on the REX discussion.

ASA space constraints were considered a priority for the upcoming year, and all candidates were in favor of expanding student space on campus. "We need to make more space available," said Oldja. Manmohan and Funakoshi praised the new lockers in the reading room.

Kelch cited committee apathy as a current negative aspect of the UAI. "Members of the administration time and time again sit with a lot of great ideas, and as time moves on [they] drop from committees," Kelch said. "Our main push is accountability." Due to their experiences in the UI, both candidates have a "very good understanding of what the jobs require," said Holmes. "Often, we hear about administration to "lay out all objectives and input and knowledge of the situations being made with little student administration," added Manmohan. "We are more in tune with what the undergraduate population wants," said Funakoshi.

They also said they believe that the UI student representatives should work closely with the administration to "lay out all objectives and avoid misunderstandings." Manmohan and Funakoshi said they are also concerned with decisions being made without student input and knowledge of the situation.

"Often, we hear about administrative decisions after the fact," said oldja. "What’s important is having meetings and discussions to avoid the problem of administrators making decisions without student opinions being heard."
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### NCAA Division I Men's Bracket

**Eastern Regional**

**Midwest Regional**

**South Regional**

**West Regional**

**Final Four**

**Atlantic • March 31 & April 2**

- **Florida**
- **Georgetown**
- **Ohio State**
- **UCLA**

**The Tech's Sports Editors' Picks**

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Lacrosse Falls in Season Opener To Corsairs’ Second Period Effort

James Zorich

MIT men’s lacrosse could not overcome six consecutive first-half goals by UMass-Dartmouth, falling 20-12.

The Engineers started the game hot, capitalizing on the first 60 seconds to take a 2-0 lead. The Mules followed up by scoring the next seven goals of the game. MIT, however, was unable to score in the second half, which ended in an 18-2 victory for the Mules.

Women’s Lacrosse vs. Endicott College

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

7:00 p.m. Rockwell Cage

The Tech men return to competition this week after a 2-3 win, MIT stepped it up to defeat Bowdoin College 10-2 and Bates College 12-1 on Saturday night.

Due to the withdrawal of the University of Vermont from the league, MIT played Bowdoin College and Bates College in the first and second matches of the tournament. The Engineers came back to beat Bowdoin again by a score of 6-5 and Bates College University 11-1, a much larger victory margin than their earlier victories.

Kristen L. Cook G and Analiese DiConti ’10 recorded the three goals, while Kimmie E. Winzler ’07, who scored 20 goals over the course of the week, was also scoring in their games.

Lead by Christine E. Winzler ’07, who completed goals 2 and 3 in the game. The first goal was recorded on the only goal of the day for Bowdoin College, while the second was scored by the Engineers, rounding out their career.

The nationally-ranked No. 5 MIT women’s water polo team crushed their opponents this weekend, ending in a 5–3 win, MIT stepped it up to defeat Bowdoin College 10-2 and Bates College 12-1 on Saturday night.