MIT Police, Family Search For Missing Senior Daniel Barclay

By Nick Semonikovitch

Undergraduate Daniel J. Barclay ’07 has been missing since Sunday, April 8. Barclay, 5’11”, has brown hair and blue eyes and may be wearing a dark fleece jacket, according to an MIT News Office press release. Barclay, 22, who is a former Opinion staff columnist for The Tech, was last seen at his Ashdown House residence.

According to the MIT Police, Barclay was declared a missing person on Friday, April 13 and is listed as both state and national missing persons databases. Anyone with information regarding Barclay’s disappearance is urged to call the MIT Police at 617-253-1212.

The last sign of Barclay was his AOL Instant Messenger away message set late last evening. Barclay’s mother Susan Kayton ’78 said, according to the press release, “I have to meet with some people today. I would like to have more people to talk to. I thought I’d never have to deal with this again in my life.”

Barclay’s Associate Dean for Students Barbara A. Baker said that the investigation is “focused through our student Affairs starting May 21. Bohren is expected to raise the possibility that she will be found and will be found in good health” and “every lead is being pursued,” she said.

“It’s possible that he was bushwhacked” said Barbara A. Baker, who also added that the search was not suspended. “It’s possible that he was looking to get away,” Barkley may have gone on one of the long walks he sometimes takes, she said.

Privacy Laws Restrict Mental Illness Disclosure to Parents

By Tamar Lewin

Federal privacy and antidiscrimination laws restrict how universities can deal with students who have mental health problems. For the part of these laws are sometimes not followed by universities. In many cases, they cannot tell parents about their children’s problems without the student’s consent, nor can they release information in a student’s medical record without consent. They cannot put students on involuntary medical leave, just because they develop a serious mental illness.

Nor is knowing when to worry about student behavior, and what action to take, always so clear.

New Lobdell Thai Restaurant Construction Slated For Summer

Construction for a new Thai restaurant that will fill the last spot in Lobdell Food Court is slated to begin over the summer, according to Richard D. Berlin III, The new Subway restaurant is scheduled to open next month.

Big Screw Money Goes to Make-A-Wish

By Benjamin P. Oeltzien

This year’s Big Screw candidate Maureen R. Lynch, Design and Manufacturing (J.2.007) course administrator, amassed over $1,500 in the final day of the competition to claim the 2007 title. During the week-long contest, national service-fraternity Alpha Phi Omega collected $2,919.09, including $3,920.67 submitted on behalf Lynch.

This is the largest amount of money raised in recent memory through the Big Screw contest, said Sarah C. Hopp ’08, the service vice president of APO. All money collected during the event will be donated to Lynch’s charity of choice, the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Lynch was surprised with the trophy, a four foot framed aluminum piece, during the 2.007 laboratory period yesterday afternoon.

“I am relieved that the winner has been announced,” said Lynch, admitting her award. “Up until the last day, [Laboratory at Software Engineering (6.170) professor Michael D.] Ernst was slightly ahead of Lynch,” said Lau rell H. Bobrow ’07. Many $500 bills, wrapped in $1 bills, were submitted for Lynch on the final day, along with a huge number of $20 bills from the 2.007 support staff. Ernst only 33 Lives, Shocks Academic Community

By Shaila Dewan and John M. Broder

The police identified Cho Seung-Hui, a 23-year-old student, as the killer of 32 people in the shooting rampage at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, releasing new information on Tuesday about the troubled mind of a young man few people on campus knew.

Federal investigators said Cho — a South Korean immigrant who Americanized his name and preferred to be known as Seung Cho — left behind a note that they described as a lengthy, rambling and bitter list of complaints focusing on moral laxity and double-dealing he found among those he viewed as wealthier and more privileged students on campus.

And new information emerged that may help explain a fatal two-hour delay by university officials in warning the campus of a gunman at large. According to search warrants and statements from the police, campus investigators had been busy pursuing what appears to have been a fruitful lead in the first of two shooting episodes Monday.

After too people, Emily Jane Ishler, a freshman, and Ryan Clark, the resident adviser whose room was nearby in the dormitory, were shot dead, the campus police began searching for Karl D. Thorn-
New Hampshire Governor Says He Supports Civil Unions

By Pam Belluck

New Hampshire's governor said Thursday that he would sign a bill legalizing civil unions for same-sex couples.

For weeks, the governor, John Lynch, declined to express his views on the civil-union bill, which was approved by the State House of Representa-
tives and is expected to be passed by the State Senate next week.

Both chambers are controlled by Democrats for the first time in more than a century.

The measure would make New Hampshire the fourth state to allow same-sex unions, following the lead of Vermont, Connecticut and New Jersey.

California allows domestic partnerships with benefits similar to civil unions. Massachusetts is the only state that allows same-sex marriage.

"It's a matter of conscience, of fairness and preventing discrimina-
tion," the governor, a Democrat, told reporters in Alnwick, N.H., according to his spokesman, Colin Manning.

Manning said the governor opposes same-sex marriage, adding that "the New Hampshire bill does allow the rights that married couples do en-
joy — hospital visitation, custody rights, health insurance — but at the same time it preserves the distinction of marriage."

Hedge Funds' Activism Creates New Wealth For Law Firms

By Ellen Rosen

The number of outside lawyers a certain age, it seems like the 1980s all over again.

Proxy fights, once the exclusive domain of investors like Carl C. Icahn, are on the rise. The primary cause is easy to spot. "The exposure of shareholder activism is a direct result of the growth of hedge funds," said Michael Weil, a partner at Schulte Roth & Zabel.

And the re-emergence of proxy fights is a reason that mergers-and-
acquisitions lawyers, along with longtime fund-formation lawyers, are rede-
eming the hedge fund practice.

The result is a boon both to law firms that originally advised hedge funds, like Schulte Roth, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, and Seward & Kissel, as well as to those with more traditional corporate finance practices, like Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, Sidley Austin, Sullivan & Cromwell, and Willkie Farr & Gallagher, among others.

Chinese Growth Shows Little Restraint, Rising 11.1 Percent

By David Barboza

China's economy continues to accelerate at a blistering pace, growing 11.1 percent in the first quarter of this year, from 9.5 percent in the first quarter of 2006, according to data from the National Bureau of Statistics released Thursday.

The surge in growth is almost certain to force Beijing to step up efforts to cool the economy. Pressure is also mounting on officials to allow the value of the currency, the yuan, to appreciate more quickly.

A benchmark Chinese share index — anticipating higher interest rates, delivered at trading day price for stocks — plunged 4.3 percent Thursday, ending a robust rally that had driven prices to record highs in recent days.

The benchmark Shanghai Stock Exchange composite index closed at 3,449.02, up more than 200 percent in the last 16 months.

Many stock traders and others to tighten money and lending over the last three years have failed to tame growth in China, the world's fastest-growing major economy.

Bush, Lawmakers Fail to Agree On a U.S. Troop Iraq Timeline

By Jeff Zeleny and Jim Rutenberg

WASHINGTON

After weeks of acrimonious spar-
ing over financing the next phase of the war, President Bush and congres-
sional leaders softened their tone on Wednesday, but failed to resolve their dif-
fferences over a timeline for remov-
ing most U.S. combat troops from Iraq next year.

Bush met with a bipartisan group of senators on Tuesday, in the middle of a civil war. The first face-to-face discussion since the House and Sen-
ate passed emergency Iraq funding bills last month with provisions to end the war. Democratic leaders would have to persuade the president to delay the next phase, despite his pledge to veto, so the debate over financing the troops remains at an impasse.

Sen. Mitch McConnell of Ken-
ucky, the Republican leader, said, "The president, obviously, as you already know, is not going to accept language that specifies a date for sur-
render or language that micromanag-
s the efforts of our military in Iraq."

The discussions took place on one of the deadliest days of the year in Baghdad, where at least 171 people were killed in bombings. Democrats said the violence underscored the ur-
gency of finding a new direction in Iraq, one that did not place U.S. troops in the middle of a civil war.

At the beginning of the meeting, Bush declared, "People have strong opinions around the table and I'm looking forward to listening to them."

And for the next hour, according to White House insiders, the president and the 10 legislative leaders sat around the table in the Cabinet Room.

White House official who at-
tended the meeting, and spoke on conditions of anonymity in order to de-
scribe details, said Bush's first ques-
tion to the Democratic leaders was, "When can you get me a bill?"

And this official, said Bush told the Democrats that he hoped to ulti-
mately follow several of the guide-
lines set forth last year in a report by the Iraq Study Group.
Justice Uphold Partial-Birth Abortion Ban in a 5-4 Decision

By Linda Greenhouse

The Supreme Court reversed course on abortion on Wednesday, upholding the federal Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act in a 5-4 decision that caps a decade of debate on whether the abortion debate and define the young woman's abortion options.

The most important vote was that of the newest justice, Samuel A. Alito Jr., who was appointed to the Court three years ago by President George W. Bush, who had previously served as Attorney General of New Jersey, said Wolfowitz need not resign, said the report.

According to several bank officials who perform the prohibited procedure may face criminal proce- sion, fines and up to two years in prison. The federal law, enacted in 2003, had been blocking from taking effect by the lower courts rulings that the Supreme Court overturned.

The banned procedure, known medically as "dilation and ex- traction," involves removing the feto- tus in an intact condition rather than breaking it up. The methods are used to terminate pregnan- ncies beginning at about 12 weeks, after the fetus has grown too small to be removed by the suction method or manual removal, beginning at about 16 weeks. When 85 percent to 90 percent of all abortions take place.

Bush will rush the law with a direct impact on only a relatively small group of women but his decision has broader implications for abortion regulations generally, indi- cated, through a change of the vio- lating of the various interests involved in the issue.

Most notable was the emphasis in the majority opinion, by Justice An- tonin Scalia, on the "problematical applica- tion of abortion's "ethical and moral concerns." "The act expresses respect for the dignity of human life," Kennedy said.

The session with Wolfowitz and his vice presidents was the first such meeting in the Bush administration, they said.

"Wolfowitz imposed managing director last year by Wolfowitz, did not expect any specific actions to come from the meeting, Wolfowitz said.

The board also scheduled a meeting for Thursday to discuss the situation. Officials close to the board said they did not expect any specific actions to be taken.

They said the board was still try- ing to decide whether to approve the re- nomination of Wolfowitz or to make some other assessment of his role in the trans- action debate from the rights of women to hold the sanctity of life. We will con- tinue to do our job and make sure that the second meeting with a man- date."

"A vote of no confidence," Alito's vote, was in this position to vote not for the dissenters but for the new majority.

Justice Souter's decision set the stage for the Bush administration's proposal, which was opposed by women's rights groups and pro-choice advocates, to require doctors to complete abortions in a way that reduces the risk of injury.

The Supreme Court has repeatedly refused to strike down the partial-birth ban since it was enacted in 2003, but the justices have said they would take up the law's constitutionality.

By Steven R. Weissman

Paul D. Wolfowitz sought Wednesday to protect his leadership of the World Bank by promising Wednesday that he would change his management style, but he suffered a blow when one of those aides asked to resign, bank of- ficials said.

The aides urged him to resign, said the report.

"The fact that Graeme would ask him to resign has been all over the news," a former aide to Wolfowitz said. "It is an unassaying man who is very well respected here.

Where he imposed managing director last year by Wolfowitz, did not expect any specific actions to come from this session, Wolfowitz said.

The board also scheduled a meeting for Thursday to discuss the situation. Officials close to the board said they did not expect any specific actions to be taken.

They said the board was still try- ing to decide whether to approve the re- nomination of Wolfowitz or to make some other assessment of his role in the trans- action debate from the rights of women to hold the sanctity of life. We will con- tinue to do our job and make sure that the second meeting with a man- date."

"A vote of no confidence," Alito's vote, was in this position to vote not for the dissenters but for the new majority.
Letters To The Editor

As you might have read in The Tech last week, the Advisory Committee on Shareholder Responsibility (ACSR) recently submitted their recommendations on divestment from Sudan to the MIT Corporation’s Executive Committee (a whopping seven months after they first convened). But what you might not have heard was that on the same day, the issue of MIT’s divestment came up in another forum—during the Karl Taylor Compton lecture by Senator Edward Kennedy.

During a question and answer session following the lecture, a student asked Senator Kennedy about the genocide in Darfur and about our moral obligation to act. During his response, Senator Kennedy mentioned “an impressive grassroots divestment campaign that has sprung up across states and universities in response to the genocide. Provocatively, Senator Kennedy turned directly to our President, who was sitting in the front row, and asked her where MIT stood on this front.”

I wonder what President Hockfield would have responded had she had a microphone? Given that we are one of only a very few top universities in the country who have not even completed a formal decision on divestment, I imagine the response would have been very similar to what Senator Kennedy gave: 41 universities and nine states, including California—the seventh largest economy in the world—have already divested from Sudan (some more than two years ago), MIT’s silence on this front is at best shameful.

However, all is not lost. The MIT Executive Committee is now in a unique position to change things, to turn this whole thing around. How? By aiming higher, much higher. Why not, instead of simply divesting from Sudan, which we are lagging behind in any case, take the lead in helping the people of Darfur? How? Why not organize an Institute-wide fundraiser to raise money for humanitarian aid for the 2.5 million Darfur civilians currently living on a thread in refugee camps? Why not use the skills of MIT’s expert engineers to start a program to build solar cookers for the women of Darfur? Why not use the skills of MIT’s expert engineers to start a program to build solar cookers for the women of Darfur, many of whom have been violently displaced from their homes? Why not convene. But what you might not have heard was that on the same day, the issue of MIT’s divestment came up in another forum—during the Karl Taylor Compton lecture by Senator Edward Kennedy.

During a question and answer session following the lecture, a student asked Senator Kennedy about the genocide in Darfur and about our moral obligation to act. During his response, Senator Kennedy mentioned “an impressive grassroots divestment campaign that has sprung up across states and universities in response to the genocide. Provocatively, Senator Kennedy turned directly to our President, who was sitting in the front row, and asked her where MIT stood on this front.”

I wonder what President Hockfield would have responded had she had a microphone? Given that we are one of only a very few top universities in the country who have not even completed a formal decision on divestment, I imagine the response would have been very similar to what Senator Kennedy gave: 41 universities and nine states, including California—the seventh largest economy in the world—have already divested from Sudan (some more than two years ago), MIT’s silence on this front is at best shameful.

However, all is not lost. The MIT Executive Committee is now in a unique position to change things, to turn this whole thing around. How? By aiming higher, much higher. Why not, instead of simply divesting from Sudan, which we are lagging behind in any case, take the lead in helping the people of Darfur? How? Why not organize an Institute-wide fundraiser to raise money for humanitarian aid for the 2.5 million Darfur civilians currently living on a thread in refugee camps? Why not use the skills of MIT’s expert engineers to start a program to build solar cookers for the women of Darfur? Why not use the skills of MIT’s expert engineers to start a program to build solar cookers for the women of Darfur, many of whom have been violently displaced from their homes? Why not convene.
I have walked by Miracle of Science Bar & Grill on Massachusetts Avenue at least a hundred times, but didn’t know until last week that it was there. It took my fiancé, who doesn’t even live here anymore, to tell me about this place and why we should eat there when she came to visit on her spring break. Apparently, the restaurant is famous enough that her friends in the Midwest suggested we try it out, and I’m glad they did. It’s a fun little restaurant with good food, a nice atmosphere, and reasonable (if not for everyday) prices. Despite the construction that always plagues Mass. Ave. (and reached right up to the front door when we went there), Miracle of Science has a pleasant, urban sophistication to it. Even though it’s on the small size, it felt like a homey place from the first moment we walked into the triangular-shaped space. It’s the kind of place you’d feel comfortable taking your family, hanging out at with friends, or suggesting to your advisor when he or she wants to take you out for drinks. Being a science-y area and all, the menu is displayed in a periodic table of elements, with the columns and rows having similar properties (chicken dishes vs. beef dishes, appetizers vs. entrees, etc.). It was cute in its own nerdy way.

We picked a table near the bar where we could see up the street (away from MIT, thank goodness), and wondered what to have. The waitress, friendly and attentive even though the place seemed packed, suggested we try a skewer dish (like a shish kebab). After a couple more minutes of thought and beer (which always helps with decisions), we decided on a chicken skewer dish ($10) and a regular ol’ hamburger ($7.50).

Overall the food was pretty good, though nothing really to write home about. The chicken was tasty and exotic (or, at least, more exotic than our usual fare), and came with a great blend of sauces and garnishes. I personally don’t like too much going on in my mouth, but my fiancé loved the interesting interplay of foods not normally eaten together. My burger, on the other hand, was not too exotic but still very good. Too many restaurants that should really know better suffer from what I call “bad burger syndrome.” This syndrome generally causes otherwise nice restaurants to inexplicably fail at producing decent burgers, either overcooking them or combining ingredients that are at odds with each other. So I was relieved when my burger was juicy, well-cooked, and didn’t just taste of charcoal.

The food was good, the service was fine, the atmosphere was enjoyable, and even the view was nice. Are we going to eat there all the time now? Not unless we win the lottery (or, at least, get real jobs). $10 for the chicken, and $7.50 for the burger (which was smaller than what we get at the more economical Cambridge Grill), plus a couple beers at $4 each, and it’s a pretty expensive little lunch. And, due to the limited menu and the small size, it doesn’t seem like this would be a really great place for dinner, either. I’ve since heard that the real greatness of Miracle of Science is their bar, that you can just talk for hours while getting great drinks at regular prices and having a good time; that may be the case, but it looked like a regular bar to us.

Miracle of Science is a good place to know about and have on your radar. You should eat there at least once during your tenure at MIT and keep it in mind when others are willing to pay for you. And, who knows, maybe you’ll find that the blend of tastes or the fabulous bar service easily justifies the extra cost. Just so long as you don’t have to wait too long to get a table.

Miracle of Science Bar & Grill
131 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA
(617) 868-2006
Open Daily 11:30am-1am

Mira Nair’s films, like Indian festivals, tend to be indulgent and excessive. Writer Jhumpa Lahiri’s stories about Indian-Americans are sparse and understated by contrast. For her adaptation of Lahiri’s best-selling novel The Namesake, Nair finds a compromise between the two styles, but her otherwise effective direction is undercut by an overambitious yet bland screenplay.

The film attempts to address multi-generational themes, but is littered with lazy approximations of the immigrant experience and tries to cover too many characters in too much detail. It takes a tragedy to remind him of his love for Indian culture. It makes him realize that his parents’ influence with his American surroundings. In the novel, Gogol is defined by his romantic relationships and his memories, but both are handled poorly in the film. For example, in the novel, Maxine (Jacinda Barrett) and her Wasp-y parents seduce Gogol with the sense of permanence, comfort, and style evident in their lives, starting with the first time he sees Ashima and her house, a Greek Revival. The film, however, skips Gogol’s first meeting with Maxine’s family entirely. Too many flashback make either obvious or vague points. Without the right details, I missed the strong familiarity that I felt with Gogol when I read the novel.

Both Nair and screenwriter Sooni Taraporevala identify with Ashima as a main character in the movie, even though she was a secondary character in the novel. In an attempt to give equal weight to both stories, the film does not do justice to either, but can only fit through the main events in these characters’ lives. Bouncing from crisis to crisis, Ashima and Gogol seem oddly emotional and overly tragic, and despite all the action, the movie plods. One complaint I had about the novel was Lahiri’s insistence on a hashed tone that stripped several of the characters of personaliti, making them seem like caricatures. A film had the opportunity to breathe life into these characters. The film settles for simplifications of many aspects of the immigrant experience and ultimately fails to challenge or engage the audience.

Miracle of Science Bar & Grill on Massachusetts Avenue at least a hundred times, but didn’t know until last week that it was there. It took my fiancé, who doesn’t even live here anymore, to tell me about this place and why we should eat there when she came to visit on her spring break. Apparently, the restaurant is famous enough that her friends in the Midwest suggested we try it out, and I’m glad they did. It’s a fun little restaurant with good food, a nice atmosphere, and reasonable (if not for everyday) prices. Despite the construction that always plagues Mass. Ave. (and reached right up to the front door when we went there), Miracle of Science has a pleasant, urban sophistication to it. Even though it’s on the small size, it felt like a homey place from the first moment we walked into the triangular-shaped space. It’s the kind of place you’d feel comfortable taking your family, hanging out at with friends, or suggesting to your advisor when he or she wants to take you out for drinks. Being a science-y area and all, the menu is displayed in a periodic table of elements, with the columns and rows having similar properties (chicken dishes vs. beef dishes, appetizers vs. entrees, etc.). It was cute in its own nerdy way.

We picked a table near the bar where we could see up the street (away from MIT, thank goodness), and wondered what to have. The waitress, friendly and attentive even though the place seemed packed, suggested we try a skewer dish (like a shish kebab). After a couple more minutes of thought and beer (which always helps with decisions), we decided on a chicken skewer dish ($10) and a regular ol’ hamburger ($7.50).

Overall the food was pretty good, though nothing really to write home about. The chicken was tasty and exotic (or, at least, more exotic than our usual fare), and came with a great blend of sauces and garnishes. I personally don’t like too much going on in my mouth, but my fiancé loved the interesting interplay of foods not normally eaten together. My burger, on the other hand, was not too exotic but still very good. Too many restaurants that should really know better suffer from what I call “bad burger syndrome.” This syndrome generally causes otherwise nice restaurants to inexplicably fail at producing decent burgers, either overcooking them or combining ingredients that are at odds with each other. So I was relieved when my burger was juicy, well-cooked, and didn’t just taste of charcoal.

The food was good, the service was fine, the atmosphere was enjoyable, and even the view was nice. Are we going to eat there all the time now? Not unless we win the lottery (or, at least, get real jobs). $10 for the chicken, and $7.50 for the burger (which was smaller than what we get at the more economical Cambridge Grill), plus a couple beers at $4 each, and it’s a pretty expensive little lunch. And, due to the limited menu and the small size, it doesn’t seem like this would be a really great place for dinner, either. I’ve since heard that the real greatness of Miracle of Science is their bar, that you can just talk for hours while getting great drinks at regular prices and having a good time; that may be the case, but it looked like a regular bar to us.

Miracle of Science is a good place to know about and have on your radar. You should eat there at least once during your tenure at MIT and keep it in mind when others are willing to pay for you. And, who knows, maybe you’ll find that the blend of tastes or the fabulous bar service easily justifies the extra cost. Just so long as you don’t have to wait too long to get a table.
TRIO

Emeze Okorol

my space.com/emezie

THUNK

SORRY KIDS, BUT THE RIDE ON MY SKATEBOARD HAS BEEN Filled FOR QUITE SOME TIME NOW!

I WAS MAKING AN IMPACT ON THIS SCENE A YEAR AND A HALF BEFORE YOUR FIRST APPEARANCE, KID, AND I'VE BEEN SHAKING THINGS UP EVERY SINCE.

FROM MY DEBUT IN 1998, WHERE I RAN BOBBY OVER WITH MY SKATEBOARD...

TO 1999, WHERE I RAN BOBBY OVER WITH MY SKATEBOARD...

TO 2000, WHERE I RAN BOBBY OVER WITH MY SKATEBOARD...

SEE WHAT? DYNAMIC CHARACTERS DEVELOPMENT REMAINS IN THIS PRIDE.

PROOF OF FALSE

by Andrew Spann

REMEMBER THE PROJECTIVE PLANE?

Why should I? Most of the math in this comic has no application.

I FOUND AN APPLICATION.

IN THE GAME CHRONO TRIGGER THERE ARE 7 CHARACTERS, AND EACH PACK OF CHARACTERS HAS A DUAL ATTACK. FING YOU CONTROL 3 CHARACTERS AT ONCE. AN OBVIOUS LOWER BOUND ON THE NUMBER OF TIMES YOU NEED TO PIECE CHARACTERS IN ORDER TO USE EVERY DUAL TECH IS 7.

CAN YOU ACTUALLY ACHIEVE THIS LOWER BOUND?

YES, THE FANO PROJECTIVE PLANE TELLS YOU HOW IT CAN BE DONE EACH LINE IS ONE PAIR.

That doesn't quite work because Fano doesn't have any dual tech attacks.

Run Bug

by Roberto Perez-Franco, G

Hey, Buddy! Did you file your taxes on time?

What do you mean?

I'm a foreigner.

That's got nothing to do with it, Buddy.

You have to file your taxes anyway.

You're kidding me!

Nope. There's a special form for non-residents...

Only in America!

Not really... that's pretty universal. I think it's the same in your country, actually.

Oh, shut up!

2007-Apr-14

RunBug.com

GUSTAV the ANTISQUIRREL

By Scott Bredlieck and Vera Pavel

Do something.

What?

Do something interesting so I can write a paper about it.

Eh?

Oh, I think I smell a Nature paper.
Pseudoscience by Daniel Klein-Marcuschamer

Figure 9. Dendrogram-like representation of the tax preparation process. Each horizontal line represents a form that must be completed, e.g., to complete form A, forms B and C must also be completed, and so on. The letters EZ in form D serve to throw people off by making them believe the form is straightforward. For clarity, the figure here presented is a shortened version of the full diagram. It is evident from the picture that the tax preparation problem is NP-hard.

Crossword Puzzle
Solution, page 21

Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column, row, and 3 by 3 grid contains exactly one of each of the digits 1 through 9.

Solution on page 21.
Science Should Influence Policy, Says Sen. Kennedy

Massachusetts Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D) spoke to an MIT audience recently about the Bush administration’s current science policy, including the restrictions it places on stem cell research and its handling of global warming. Kennedy, who is in the 2007 Karl Taylor Compton Lectures, drew a crowd to a packed Kresch Auditorium last Friday, April 13. Kennedy praised MIT for its leadership over the past century and a half in “producing scientists, engineers, and entrepreneurs who have changed the world.” He began by describing the nature of the creation of MIT by founders who “understood that the spirit of scientific inquiry could serve a model for a more enlightened age.” Kennedy described the founders as those who “believed that politics should be influenced and informed by science—not the other way around.”

In describing the current administration, Kennedy was very critical of President George W. Bush. “We find people in power who believe that political advantage—and not scientific truth—should inform public policy,” he said. “But, no matter how hard they try to create their own pseudo-science, in the long run, the Bush administration’s actions towards stem cell research, which currently ‘presupposes the federal funding of stem cell lines created since August 9, 2001,’ Kennedy questioned the ‘morbid concern’ that Bush has with stem cell research, stating that the choice of August 9, 2001 was arbitrary and not scientifically or morally significant.

Earlier this month, Kennedy voted in favor of a bill to allow federal funding for stem cell research, called the HOPE Act. The bill was approved in the Senate and is currently in committee in the House of Representatives.

Kennedy also saw the conflict between politics and science in the administration’s actions towards global warming. Kennedy described how Bush allowed “former oil industry lobbyists employed by the White House to edit EPA documents about global warming before they were released… [which] weakened critical conclusions about the scope and causes of climate change.”

Regarding intelligent design, “the President himself has supported the teaching of intelligent design in our public schools, notwithstanding the enormous weight of scientific evidence against it.” “This manipulation of governmental institutions for political gain not only breeds cynicism and reduced trust, but it also threatens the very fabric of our democracy. But there is an antidote for this poison, and you’ve got it here at MIT. You’ll see that the answer to an unquestioning uncertainty is not absolutely certain of our own, but a question—asking questions that seek to find and follow the truth.”

Kennedy expressed hope that “MIT will be our partner in making science and public policy partners once again,” and continued by comparing MIT to the White House staff back in 2003. “I am reminded of the White House staff back in 2003. They were the people in power who believed that politics should be influenced and informed by science—not the other way around.”

Throughout the speech, Kennedy criticized the administration’s attempts to influence scientific findings for its own gain. Kennedy referenced the Bush administration’s delay of the approval of the emergency contraceptive pill Plan B until August 2006, despite recommendation for approval by the FDA’s professional staff back in 2003. Kennedy also described his frustration with President Bush’s stance on stem cell research, which currently “presupposes the federal funding of stem cell lines created since August 9, 2001.”

Kennedy addressed the issue of intelligent design, “the President himself has supported the teaching of intelligent design in our public schools, notwithstanding the enormous weight of scientific evidence against it.” “This manipulation of governmental institutions for political gain not only breeds cynicism and reduced trust, but it also threatens the very fabric of our democracy. But there is an antidote for this poison, and you’ve got it here at MIT. You’ll see that the answer to an unquestioning uncertainty is not absolutely certain of our own, but a question—asking questions that seek to find and follow the truth.”

Kennedy described the current administration’s actions towards global warming. Kennedy described how Bush allowed “former oil industry lobbyists employed by the White House to edit EPA documents about global warming before they were released… [which] weakened critical conclusions about the scope and causes of climate change.”

Regarding intelligent design, “the President himself has supported the teaching of intelligent design in our public schools, notwithstanding the enormous weight of scientific evidence against it.” “This manipulation of governmental institutions for political gain not only breeds cynicism and reduced trust, but it also threatens the very fabric of our democracy. But there is an antidote for this poison, and you’ve got it here at MIT. You’ll see that the answer to an unquestioning uncertainty is not absolutely certain of our own, but a question—asking questions that seek to find and follow the truth.”

By Shreyes Seshasai

Senior Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA), the 2007 Karl Taylor Compton Lecturer, discusses science and public policy in a filled Kresch Auditorium on Friday, April 13.

Free tickets for MIT students!

Lyric Stage Company of Boston: Miss Witherspoon
Saturday, April 21 at 4pm
140 Clarendon Street, Boston

By Christopher Durang; directed by Scott Edmiston
Known for his eccentric humor, Durang’s Pulitzer-prize-finalist begs the question “does life get any better after death?” Veronica, after committing suicide, is destined to return to earth, reincarnated over and over, learning that the “other side” offers no respite. Navigating through the rough seas of fate and free will (and large objects falling from the sky), she searches for truth and peacefulness, questioning ideas of faith in a “wailing room” between death and rebirth.

Theater Offensive: Surviving the Nian
Sunday, April 22 at 3pm
Roberts Studio Theater at the BCA, 527 Tremont Street, Boston

Music and lyrics by Melissa Li, book by Li and Abe Rybeck; directed by Patrick Wang.

Roberts Studio Theater at the BCA, 527 Tremont Street, Boston

Music and lyrics by Melissa Li, book by Li and Abe Rybeck; directed by Patrick Wang.

The musical follows the journey of Kaylin, who returns home to Hong Kong after a five-year absence to introduce her lover, Asha, and her new life plan to her family. The musical explores Kaylin’s free will (and large objects falling from the sky), she searches for truth and peacefulness, questioning ideas of faith in a “wailing room” between death and rebirth.

Boston Sessonision: Mother Tongue: The Music and Meter of the English Language
Friday, April 27 at 8pm
First Church in Cambridge, Congregational, 11 Garden Street, Cambridge

Calling Commoners and Kings! Join Boston Sessonision on a witty journey—from Handel and Purcell to Gilbert and Sullivan—exploring the pitfalls, pratfalls and pleasantries of setting the English language to music. Sessonision has commissioned three brilliant composers Byron Adams, Ruth Lomon (composer-in-residence), and Scott Wheeler to write short choral pieces that demonstrate the inherent elegance, rhythm and beauty of the English language itself.

Aardvark Jazz Orchestra: Jazz in Film: Ellington & Beyond
Sunday, April 29 at 3:30pm
Museum of Fine Arts, 465 Huntington Avenue, Boston

Special guest: Ran Blake, piano.

In honor of Ellington’s birthday, Aardvark offers a unique program of film music composed by Ellington, a Ducal piano tribute by Ran Blake, and a rarely screened short film Date with Duke featuring the Maestro and animated perfume bottles! Extending this theme, contemporary animated films will be shown with improvisational soundtracks, and original music by Mark Harvey inspired by the will round out the festivities.

Tickets available at the MIT Office of the Arts (E15-205)
Monday - Friday, 10am - 4pm in person, first-come, first-served only.
1 ticket per valid MIT student ID
http://web.mit.edu/arts/see/freetickets/index.html

Made possible by the Council for the Arts at MIT

Page 8 April 20, 2007 THE TECH

By Shreyes Seshasai

Senior Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA), the 2007 Karl Taylor Compton Lecturer, discusses science and public policy in a filled Kresch Auditorium on Friday, April 13.

Free tickets for MIT students!

Lyric Stage Company of Boston: Miss Witherspoon
Saturday, April 21 at 4pm
140 Clarendon Street, Boston

By Christopher Durang; directed by Scott Edmiston
Known for his eccentric humor, Durang’s Pulitzer-prize-finalist begs the question “does life get any better after death?” Veronica, after committing suicide, is destined to return to earth, reincarnated over and over, learning that the “other side” offers no respite. Navigating through the rough seas of fate and free will (and large objects falling from the sky), she searches for truth and peacefulness, questioning ideas of faith in a “wailing room” between death and rebirth.

Theater Offensive: Surviving the Nian
Sunday, April 22 at 3pm
Roberts Studio Theater at the BCA, 527 Tremont Street, Boston

Music and lyrics by Melissa Li, book by Li and Abe Rybeck; directed by Patrick Wang.

The musical follows the journey of Kaylin, who returns home to Hong Kong after a five-year absence to introduce her lover, Asha, and her new life plan to her family. The musical explores Kaylin’s relationships and loyalties as well as her ability to deal with her family’s own plans for her.

Boston Sessonision: Mother Tongue: The Music and Meter of the English Language
Friday, April 27 at 8pm
First Church in Cambridge, Congregational, 11 Garden Street, Cambridge

Calling Commoners and Kings! Join Boston Sessonision on a witty journey—from Handel and Purcell to Gilbert and Sullivan—exploring the pitfalls, pratfalls and pleasantries of setting the English language to music. Sessonision has commissioned three brilliant composers Byron Adams, Ruth Lomon (composer-in-residence), and Scott Wheeler to write short choral pieces that demonstrate the inherent elegance, rhythm and beauty of the English language itself.

Aardvark Jazz Orchestra: Jazz in Film: Ellington & Beyond
Sunday, April 29 at 3:30pm
Museum of Fine Arts, 465 Huntington Avenue, Boston

Special guest: Ran Blake, piano.

In honor of Ellington’s birthday, Aardvark offers a unique program of film music composed by Ellington, a Ducal piano tribute by Ran Blake, and a rarely screened short film Date with Duke featuring the Maestro and animated perfume bottles! Extending this theme, contemporary animated films will be shown with improvisational soundtracks, and original music by Mark Harvey inspired by the will round out the festivities.

Tickets available at the MIT Office of the Arts (E15-205)
Monday - Friday, 10am - 4pm in person, first-come, first-served only.
1 ticket per valid MIT student ID
http://web.mit.edu/arts/see/freetickets/index.html

Made possible by the Council for the Arts at MIT

By Shreyes Seshasai

Senior Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA), the 2007 Karl Taylor Compton Lecturer, discusses science and public policy in a filled Kresch Auditorium on Friday, April 13.
April 20, 2007

Course II Administrator Is Big Screw Winner

Big Screw Totals

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Candidate</th>
<th>Title/Charity</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Emery N. Brown</td>
<td>9.07 Professor / Codman Academy</td>
<td>$4.10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stephen Ansolabehere</td>
<td>Professor of Political Science / Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition</td>
<td>$8.08</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Keith A. Nelson</td>
<td>5.68 Professor / House for Little Wanderers</td>
<td>$10.36</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Timothy F. Jamison</td>
<td>Professor of Chemistry / Conservation Fund</td>
<td>$13.06</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Christopher C. Cummins</td>
<td>5.111/5.112 Professor / Save the Harbor</td>
<td>$19.84</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hack Candidate: Caltech</td>
<td>7.62 Professor / Bose &amp; See Moving Company</td>
<td>$20.21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Michelle D. Mushke</td>
<td>7.02 Professor / New England Wildlife Center</td>
<td>$20.46</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Daniel Barkowitz</td>
<td>Director of Financial Aid / MIT General Undergraduate Scholarship Endowment</td>
<td>$32.12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Krishna Rajagopal</td>
<td>8.09 Professor / Union of Concerned Scientists</td>
<td>$53.13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brett D. Parker</td>
<td>18.100B Professor / MASSPIRG Education Fund</td>
<td>$73.52</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Richard D. Berlin III</td>
<td>Director of Dining / Richard D. Berlin Center for Cell Analysis and Modeling at the University of Connecticut Health Center</td>
<td>$205.82</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Michael D. Ernst</td>
<td>6.170 Professor / St. Mark Community Education Program</td>
<td>$529.71</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maureen R. Lynch</td>
<td>2.007 Course Administrator / Make-A-Wish Foundation</td>
<td>$1,200.67</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Write-ins (undirected donations)</td>
<td></td>
<td>$2.01</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td></td>
<td>$2,913.59</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Source: AlphA phi omegA

Thank you to Students, Faculty, Staff and Employees of M.I.T.

Bose Corporation was founded and built by M.I.T. people. Our success in research and in business is a result, in no small part, of what M.I.T. has done for us. As one measure of our appreciation, we are extending special purchase privileges to all students and employees of M.I.T. for their personal use.

Thank you to Students, Faculty, Staff and Employees of M.I.T.

Bose Corporation

1-800-444-BOSE

©2004 Bose Corporation. Patent rights issued and/or pending. Delivery is subject to product availability.
The Brothers of Chocolate City
with the Office of the Dean of Student Life
present...

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2007
Showtime: 7pm (Doors Open @ 6:30pm)
Venue: MIT Kresge Auditorium
48 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA
Price: $3

Starring Comedians from
Comedy Central & BET ComicView:
Wil Sylvince
Vinnie Oshere
Ardie Fuqua
Damon Wayans, Jr.

w/ DJ FRENZY spinnin’
the hottest between acts!
Battle of the Bands Rocks Lobdell

Battle of the Bands, brought together 10 local bands to raise money for the Children’s Hospital of Boston, part of the Children’s Miracle Network. The event, sponsored by the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity, took place in Lobdell Dining Hall on Saturday and brought in over $2,100.

(clockwise from top left)
Ben Jones, Admissions Director of Communications, sings lead for his band, The Red Decade.
Harold B. Cooper ’07 (left), Katherine E. Dailis ’05 (background), and Carrie A. McDonough ’08 (foreground) from “carrie okie band” perform.
Tim the Beaver crowd-surfs during a performance by Force the Fall, who went on to win the competition.
Dean of Admissions Marilee Jones (right) joins Admissions Director of Communications Ben Jones’s (left) band for a song.
Prospective Students Tour MIT During Action-Packed Campus Preview Weekend

Campus Preview Weekend brought over 900 prospective freshmen to MIT’s campus last weekend.

(clockwise from left)

Matthew H. Walker ’09 (left) reads The Tech as Hamilton Falk hands out fake copies of The Tech produced by staff members of the California Institute of Technology’s student newspaper.

Clayton T. Sims ’08 adjusts a live video feed during the 24-hour Voodoo Telethon that started at noon on Saturday. Voodoo raised $30 from the telethon.

Hackers constructed two giant “paper” airplanes and hung them above Lobby 10 for the first full day of CPW.
Prospective Students Tour MIT During Campus Preview Weekend

MIT hackers turned the windows of building E25 into a giant stoplight on Saturday night.

Carrie A. Lee ’10 dances in MacGregor’s Salsa Night.

Samantha Palazzolo ’10 with her pocket-sized Mooninite. East Campus hosted a Mooninite construction party for CPW.

Nathan S. Lachenmyer ’10 demonstrates the East Campus handcar for a group of prospective freshmen.

Adam F. Schwartz ’10 of Resonance performs “I Write Sins Not Tragedies” (originally performed by Panic! at the Disco) at the CPW Closing Ceremonies.
The 111th Boston Marathon was held on Monday, April 16. Despite the rainy weather, over 20,000 participants finished the 42.195 km race.

(clockwise from left)

An original contestant approaches the finish line of the Boston Marathon victoriously.

A group of athletes run through Kenmore Square in the final stretch of the race.

Supporters from the crowd reach out their arms to high five the tired athletes in the last 1000 meters of the Boston Marathon.

Alex N. Hornstein '07 runs the last 500 meters of the Boston Marathon on Monday.

Glenn J. Geesman '09 (left) and Willard J. Johnson '09 (right) round Hereford Street onto Boylston Street to complete the final stretch of the marathon. Geesman and Johnson both ran the marathon dressed in large red Solo Cups.
Please notify Jen Cook, jacook@mit.edu, as soon as possible, and also please make an appointment to discuss the status of your preparation to date.

Are you planning to study abroad this summer, the Fall of 2007, or the whole 2007-2008 Academic Year?

Please notify Jen Cook, jacook@mit.edu, as soon as possible, and also please make an appointment to discuss the status of your preparation to date.

eadline for handing in the Planning Worksheet is:

MAY 1, 2007
Test drive our new web tools

Take off with new tools that make online research quicker, easier and more fun!

The MIT Libraries are trying out new tools like
- A Firefox toolbar that allows you to quickly search the Barton catalog, Vera, Google Scholar, and the SFX FullText Finder
- An online business and economics research advisor,
- A virtual book “browsery,”
- RSS feeds for new books and more.

Go to http://libraries.mit.edu/betas to take them for a spin.

How do I make an appointment at the MIT Mental Health Service?

If you wish to make an appointment at the MIT Medical mental health service, call 3-2916. The receptionist will schedule you for an intake phone call. This is a 15-minute phone call during which an intake clinician will establish the general problem and its urgency, as well as gather information that will help match you with the clinician who will be the most helpful to you.

The clinician will then schedule you for an initial hour long appointment. If you don’t have the privacy for a phone call, you can choose to come to the mental health service (3rd floor of MIT Medical, building E23) for your intake interview. If you cannot wait, there are walk-in hours 2–4 pm, Monday–Friday. Call 617-253-2916 for appointments and info.

What should I expect at my first visit?

During the first visit, you will talk with a clinician about the concerns that prompted you to make the appointment. The clinician will also take a history, which will involve asking some questions about your family, childhood, and substance use. Usually the session will end with some feedback and suggestions about the best treatment. Sometimes a recommendation is made for treatment outside of the medical center; sometimes a recommendation is made to consider medication.

Does it cost anything to use the mental health service at MIT Medical?

For graduate and undergraduate students, there is no charge for visits to the mental health service at MIT Medical. For urgent matters, you come during walk-in hours, you will be seen, although there may be a wait. Appropriate follow-up will be arranged at that visit.

What if I want to see someone outside MIT?

If you wish to make an appointment outside MIT, you should see a mental health provider that accepts your insurance.

How are mental health services covered if I am on my parents’ insurance?

For graduate and undergraduate students, there is no charge for visits to the mental health service at MIT Medical.

Who should use mental health services?

Any MIT student who feels they need to talk with someone about any mental health concern.

Does it cost anything to use the mental health service at MIT Medical?

No charge for visits to the mental health service at MIT Medical.

Healthy adults, 18-85, needed for noninvasive study of Emotion & Memory.

Research conducted at Boston College

Complete pen-and-paper and computerized tasks. Receive $10/hr. For info, call Dr. Kensinger at 617-552-6949 or email canlab@mail.bc.edu

To learn more about SHAC membership, visit our website http://web.mit.edu/medical/student.
### Police Log

The following incidents were reported to the MIT Police between April 5, 2007 and April 16, 2007. This summary does not include incidents such as false alarms, general service calls, larcenies, or medical shuttles.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Details</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Apr. 6</td>
<td>M2 (182 Memorial Dr.)</td>
<td>4:23 p.m.</td>
<td>Suspect stated he needed money for a flat tire and would pay him back; victim gave him $40 on Carlton St. Police dispatched to take report.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Apr. 8</td>
<td>111 Boylston, Boston</td>
<td>2:22 p.m.</td>
<td>Caller states male 30-40 years of age, sweatshirt wearing a blue ball hat, last seen on the fourth floor of house; units arrived, building checked; suspicious person gone upon arrival.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Apr. 9</td>
<td>M14 (160 Memorial Dr.)</td>
<td>6:23 p.m.</td>
<td>Hayden Library deskworker stated that a suspicious person, male wearing a dark shirt and dark pants was acting suspiciously at the computers, individual said no trespass warning.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Apr. 11</td>
<td>W39/291 Vassar St.</td>
<td>12:39 p.m.</td>
<td>Police take report of a laptop stolen from Building 3. M14 (160 Memorial Dr.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Apr. 12</td>
<td>M16 (21 Rear Ames St.)</td>
<td>4:29 p.m.</td>
<td>Malicious damage to a cabinet.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Apr. 13</td>
<td>W1 (305 Memorial Dr.)</td>
<td>1:46 a.m.</td>
<td>Reporting person reports a student may be missing; detectives investigating.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>E11 (40 Mass. Ave.)</td>
<td>3:59 p.m.</td>
<td>Male asking for money and intimidating people; police dispatched, subject given trespass warning and escorted off property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Apr. 14</td>
<td>M10 (122 Memorial Dr.)</td>
<td>4:26 p.m.</td>
<td>Kilian Court suspicious person asking for money; police dispatched, check and inquiry of individual.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>E2 (70 Amherst St.)</td>
<td>8:08 p.m.</td>
<td>States someone stole digital camera, cash, cell phone, and watch; police take report.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>E2 (70 Amherst St.)</td>
<td>8:08 p.m.</td>
<td>States someone stole her backpack and laptop computer; police take report.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Apr. 15</td>
<td>DU (126 Beacon St.)</td>
<td>1:43 a.m.</td>
<td>Report of unknown in building at 126 Beacon St., Boston, arrest of Charles Roderick, 12 Lechmere St., Brookline, Mass.; under arrest for breaking and entering nighttime.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Apr. 16</td>
<td>W1 (305 Memorial Dr.)</td>
<td>10:26 p.m.</td>
<td>States his laptop has been stolen from his room.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>500 Commonwealth Ave.</td>
<td>7:50 p.m.</td>
<td>Arrested Timothy M. Brien, 115 Willis Ave., Medford, Mass.; malicious destruction of property and possession of Class B, Class D.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Compiled by Angelina Wang**

---

**Habitat for Humanity®**

**Breakfast Fundraiser**

**TODAY, April 20, 2007**

**9:00AM – 5:00PM**

**Lobby 10**

**Great Food at Great Prices for a Great Cause!**

**Featuring donations from:**

- Starbucks
- Bruegger’s
- Dunkin Donuts
- Costco
- Forbes Café
- Star Market
- Bon Appetit
- Alpine Catering/Cambridge Grill

---

**Google**

**Use email? Google wants your opinion.**

Schoolwork, activities, parties – if you’re like most students, you’ve got a lot on your plate. With Google, your school can give you Gmail and other tools to help you make the most of your time – for free. Already, schools like Arizona State University and Northwestern University are working with Google. Maybe your school should be next.

**Take the Google student survey.** Does your school’s email system give you the tools you need to manage your life effectively? Are there ways Google could help make it better?

Visit [http://www.google.com/studentsurvey](http://www.google.com/studentsurvey) and tell us about it.
Mental Health, from Page 1

...they mandate four counseling sessions, for example,” said Kadison, an author of “College of the Overwhelmed: The Campus Mental Health Crisis and What To Do About It.” Universities can find themselves in a double bind. On the one hand, they may be liable if they fail to prevent a suicide or murder. After the death in 2000 of Elizabeth H. Shin ’02, a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology who had written seven suicide notes and used the university counseling service before setting herself on fire, the Massachusetts Superior Court allowed her parents, who had not been told of her deterioration, to sue administrators for $27.7 million. The case was settled for an undisclosed amount.

On the other hand, universities may be held liable if they do take action to remove a potentially suicidal student. In August, the City University of New York agreed to pay $65,000 to a student who sued after being barred from her dormitory room at Hunter College because she was hospitalized after a suicide attempt.

Also last year, George Washington University reached a confidential settlement in a case charging that it had violated antidiscrimination laws by suspending Jordan Nott, a student who had sought hospitalization for depression.

“The law is a very, very difficult and gray area, when you take action to remove the student from the campus environment, versus when you encourage the student to use the resources available on campus,” said Ada Meloy, director of legal and regulatory affairs at the American Council on Education. “In an emergency, you can share certain information, but it’s not clear what’s an emergency.”

Meloy estimated that situations complicated enough to involve a university’s lawyers arise, on average, about twice a semester at large universities.

While shootings like the one at Virginia Tech are extremely rare, suicides, threats and serious mental-health problems are not. Last year, the American College Health Association’s National College Health Assessment, covering nearly 95,000 students at 117 campuses, found that nine percent of students had seriously considered suicide in the previous year, and 1 in 100 had attempted it.

With VA Tech Killings, College Mental Health Debate Emerges Again

So mental health experts emphasize that, whatever a college’s concerns about liability, the goal of campus policies should be to maximize the likelihood that those who need mental-health treatment will get it.

“What we really need to do is encourage students to seek mental health treatment if they need it, to remove any barriers to their getting help, destigmatize it, and make it safe, so they know there won’t be negative consequences,” said Karen Fowler, a lawyer at the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law in Washington, who represented Nott.

With the Virginia Tech killings, many universities are planning to remind faculty members of their protocols: “We’re actually going to go ahead and have the counseling service here do a session for all our instructors and faculty on what to look for, what the procedures are, and what the counseling center can do,” said Shannon Miller, chairman of the English department at Temple University.

At Harvard, Kadison said, dormitory resident assistants watch for signs of trouble, and are usually the first to become aware of worrisome behavior — and to call a dean.

“The dean might insist that they get an evaluation to make sure they’re healthy enough to live in a dorm,” he said. “If it’s not thought they’re in any immediate danger, they can take or not take the recommendation.”

Last month, Virginia passed a law, the first in the nation, prohibiting public colleges and universities from expelling or punishing students solely for attempting suicide or seeking mental-health treatment for suicidal thoughts.

“In one sense, the new law doesn’t cover new territory, because discrimination against people with mental health problems is already prohibited,” said Dana L. Fleming, an expert on education law. “But in another sense, it’s ground-breaking since it’s the first time we’ve seen states focus on student suicides and come up with some code of conduct for schools.”

College counseling services nationwide are seeing more use.

“We’re seeing more students in our service consistently every year,” said Alejandro Martinez, director for counseling and psychological services at Stanford University, which sees about 10 percent of the student body each year.

So mental health experts emphasize that, whatever a college’s concerns about liability, the goal of campus policies should be to maximize the likelihood that those who need mental-health treatment will get it.

“What we really need to do is encourage students to seek mental health treatment if they need it, to remove any barriers to their getting help, destigmatize it, and make it safe, so they know there won’t be negative consequences,” said Karen Fowler, a lawyer at the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law in Washington, who represented Nott.

With the Virginia Tech killings, many universities are planning to remind faculty members of their protocols: “We’re actually going to go ahead and have the counseling service here do a session for all our instructors and faculty on what to look for, what the procedures are, and what the counseling center can do,” said Shannon Miller, chairman of the English department at Temple University.

At Harvard, Kadison said, dormitory resident assistants watch for signs of trouble, and are usually the first to become aware of worrisome behavior — and to call a dean.

“The dean might insist that they get an evaluation to make sure they’re healthy enough to live in a dorm,” he said. “If it’s not thought they’re in any immediate danger, they can take or not take the recommendation.”

Last month, Virginia passed a law, the first in the nation, prohibiting public colleges and universities from expelling or punishing students solely for attempting suicide or seeking mental-health treatment for suicidal thoughts.

“In one sense, the new law doesn’t cover new territory, because discrimination against people with mental health problems is already prohibited,” said Dana L. Fleming, an expert on education law. “But in another sense, it’s ground-breaking since it’s the first time we’ve seen states focus on student suicides and come up with some code of conduct for schools.”

College counseling services nationwide are seeing more use.

“We’re seeing more students in our service consistently every year,” said Alejandro Martinez, director for counseling and psychological services at Stanford University, which sees about 10 percent of the student body each year.

With VA Tech Killings, College Mental Health Debate Emerges Again

So mental health experts emphasize that, whatever a college’s concerns about liability, the goal of campus policies should be to maximize the likelihood that those who need mental-health treatment will get it.

“What we really need to do is encourage students to seek mental health treatment if they need it, to remove any barriers to their getting help, destigmatize it, and make it safe, so they know there won’t be negative consequences,” said Karen Fowler, a lawyer at the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law in Washington, who represented Nott.

With the Virginia Tech killings, many universities are planning to remind faculty members of their protocols: “We’re actually going to go ahead and have the counseling service here do a session for all our instructors and faculty on what to look for, what the procedures are, and what the counseling center can do,” said Shannon Miller, chairman of the English department at Temple University.

At Harvard, Kadison said, dormitory resident assistants watch for signs of trouble, and are usually the first to become aware of worrisome behavior — and to call a dean.

“The dean might insist that they get an evaluation to make sure they’re healthy enough to live in a dorm,” he said. “If it’s not thought they’re in any immediate danger, they can take or not take the recommendation.”

Last month, Virginia passed a law, the first in the nation, prohibiting public colleges and universities from expelling or punishing students solely for attempting suicide or seeking mental-health treatment for suicidal thoughts.

“In one sense, the new law doesn’t cover new territory, because discrimination against people with mental health problems is already prohibited,” said Dana L. Fleming, an expert on education law. “But in another sense, it’s ground-breaking since it’s the first time we’ve seen states focus on student suicides and come up with some code of conduct for schools.”

College counseling services nationwide are seeing more use.

“We’re seeing more students in our service consistently every year,” said Alejandro Martinez, director for counseling and psychological services at Stanford University, which sees about 10 percent of the student body each year.

So mental health experts emphasize that, whatever a college’s concerns about liability, the goal of campus policies should be to maximize the likelihood that those who need mental-health treatment will get it.

“What we really need to do is encourage students to seek mental health treatment if they need it, to remove any barriers to their getting help, destigmatize it, and make it safe, so they know there won’t be negative consequences,” said Karen Fowler, a lawyer at the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law in Washington, who represented Nott.

With the Virginia Tech killings, many universities are planning to remind faculty members of their protocols: “We’re actually going to go ahead and have the counseling service here do a session for all our instructors and faculty on what to look for, what the procedures are, and what the counseling center can do,” said Shannon Miller, chairman of the English department at Temple University.

At Harvard, Kadison said, dormitory resident assistants watch for signs of trouble, and are usually the first to become aware of worrisome behavior — and to call a dean.

“The dean might insist that they get an evaluation to make sure they’re healthy enough to live in a dorm,” he said. “If it’s not thought they’re in any immediate danger, they can take or not take the recommendation.”

Last month, Virginia passed a law, the first in the nation, prohibiting public colleges and universities from expelling or punishing students solely for attempting suicide or seeking mental-health treatment for suicidal thoughts.

“In one sense, the new law doesn’t cover new territory, because discrimination against people with mental health problems is already prohibited,” said Dana L. Fleming, an expert on education law. “But in another sense, it’s ground-breaking since it’s the first time we’ve seen states focus on student suicides and come up with some code of conduct for schools.”

College counseling services nationwide are seeing more use.

“We’re seeing more students in our service consistently every year,” said Alejandro Martinez, director for counseling and psychological services at Stanford University, which sees about 10 percent of the student body each year.

So mental health experts emphasize that, whatever a college’s concerns about liability, the goal of campus policies should be to maximize the likelihood that those who need mental-health treatment will get it.

“What we really need to do is encourage students to seek mental health treatment if they need it, to remove any barriers to their getting help, destigmatize it, and make it safe, so they know there won’t be negative consequences,” said Karen Fowler, a lawyer at the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law in Washington, who represented Nott.

With the Virginia Tech killings, many universities are planning to remind faculty members of their protocols: “We’re actually going to go ahead and have the counseling service here do a session for all our instructors and faculty on what to look for, what the procedures are, and what the counseling center can do,” said Shannon Miller, chairman of the English department at Temple University.

At Harvard, Kadison said, dormitory resident assistants watch for signs of trouble, and are usually the first to become aware of worrisome behavior — and to call a dean.

“The dean might insist that they get an evaluation to make sure they’re healthy enough to live in a dorm,” he said. “If it’s not thought they’re in any immediate danger, they can take or not take the recommendation.”

Last month, Virginia passed a law, the first in the nation, prohibiting public colleges and universities from expelling or punishing students solely for attempting suicide or seeking mental-health treatment for suicidal thoughts.

“In one sense, the new law doesn’t cover new territory, because discrimination against people with mental health problems is already prohibited,” said Dana L. Fleming, an expert on education law. “But in another sense, it’s ground-breaking since it’s the first time we’ve seen states focus on student suicides and come up with some code of conduct for schools.”

College counseling services nationwide are seeing more use.

“We’re seeing more students in our service consistently every year,” said Alejandro Martinez, director for counseling and psychological services at Stanford University, which sees about 10 percent of the student body each year.
Virginia Tech, from Page 1

hill, who was described in Internet memorials as Hilscher’s boyfriend. According to a search warrant filed by the police, Hilscher’s roommate told a state trooper that Hilscher, a student at nearby Radford Uni-
versity, had guns at his town house. The roommates told the police that she had recently been at a shooting range with Thornhill, the affidavit said, leading the police to believe he may have been the gunman.

But as they were questioning Thornhill, reports of widespread shooting at Norris Hall came in, making it clear that they had not con-
tinued the threat on campus. Thorn-
hill was not arrested, although he continues to be an important witness in the case, the police said.

At the time of the dormitory shootings, Col. W. Steven Flaherty, the superintendent of the Virginia State Police, said, “There was cer-
tainly no evidence or no reason to think that there was anyone else at that particular point in time.”

State officials continued to defend the actions of the campus authorities. John W. Marshall, the Virginia secre-
tary of public safety, said, Charles W. Steger, the president of Virginia Tech, and Chief Wendell Flinchum of the campus police “made the right deci-
sions based on the best information that they had available at the time.”

At an afternoon news briefing, Gov. Timothy M. Kaine said Steger had asked him to appoint a com-
mmittee to examine the university’s response and try to answer some of the remaining questions about the gunman’s actions.

After the shootings, the state po-
lace executed another search warrant, this time for Cho’s dormitory room. The warrant said a bomb threat against the engineering school build-
ings was found near Cho’s body. The warrant mentioned two other bomb threat notes against the campus re-
eceived over the past three weeks.

Cho had used two handguns, a 9-
millimeter and a .22-caliber, to shoot dozens of rounds, leaving even those who survived with multiple bullet wounds, officials said. The guns were bought legally in March and April. Fla-
herty said that although one of those guns had been used in the dormitory shooting, investigators were not ready to conclude that the same gunman was responsible for both episodes. But he said there was no evidence of another gunman or an accomplice.

Among the central unknowns is what prompted the gunman to move to Norris Hall, which contains engi-
neering and other classrooms, where what prompted the gunman to move.

One of the lucky ones was Kev-
in Steger, a senior who will graduate in a few weeks. He was hit twice in the right thigh, piercing an artery.
Stege

bought legally in March and April. Fla-
herty said that although one of those guns had been used in the dormitory shooting, investigators were not ready to conclude that the same gunman was responsible for both episodes. But he said there was no evidence of another gunman or an accomplice.

Among the central unknowns is what prompted the gunman to move to Norris Hall, which contains engi-
neering and other classrooms, where what prompted the gunman to move.

One of the lucky ones was Kev-
in Steger, a senior who will graduate in a few weeks. He was hit twice in the right thigh, piercing an artery.
Stege

bought legally in March and April. Fla-
herty said that although one of those guns had been used in the dormitory shooting, investigators were not ready to conclude that the same gunman was responsible for both episodes. But he said there was no evidence of another gunman or an accomplice.

Among the central unknowns is what prompted the gunman to move to Norris Hall, which contains engi-
neering and other classrooms, where what prompted the gunman to move.

One of the lucky ones was Kev-
in Steger, a senior who will graduate in a few weeks. He was hit twice in the right thigh, piercing an artery.
Stege

bought legally in March and April. Fla-
herty said that although one of those guns had been used in the dormitory shooting, investigators were not ready to conclude that the same gunman was responsible for both episodes. But he said there was no evidence of another gunman or an accomplice.

Among the central unknowns is what prompted the gunman to move to Norris Hall, which contains engi-
neering and other classrooms, where what prompted the gunman to move.

One of the lucky ones was Kev-
in Steger, a senior who will graduate in a few weeks. He was hit twice in the right thigh, piercing an artery.
Stege

bought legally in March and April. Fla-
herty said that although one of those guns had been used in the dormitory shooting, investigators were not ready to conclude that the same gunman was responsible for both episodes. But he said there was no evidence of another gunman or an accomplice.

Among the central unknowns is what prompted the gunman to move to Norris Hall, which contains engi-
neering and other classrooms, where what prompted the gunman to move.

One of the lucky ones was Kev-
in Steger, a senior who will graduate in a few weeks. He was hit twice in the right thigh, piercing an artery.
Stege

bought legally in March and April. Fla-
herty said that although one of those guns had been used in the dormitory shooting, investigators were not ready to conclude that the same gunman was responsible for both episodes. But he said there was no evidence of another gunman or an accomplice.

Among the central unknowns is what prompted the gunman to move to Norris Hall, which contains engi-
neering and other classrooms, where what prompted the gunman to move.
Family Seeks Help In Search

Kayton, whose husband is a lawyer, said she has “subpoenaed … phone records,” and “postered all of his favorite places.”

Kayton, who lives in California, said she flew out on the first flight after she learned her son was missing. The MIT Police said that Barclay’s father was flying in yesterday.

Timeline of events

On Saturday, April 7, Barclay drove to a debate tournament with the MIT Debate Team and later held a party in his room with approximately four people, Kayton said.

Boulter said the police had been in contact with “all the local hospitals and colleges where he debated,” but were unable to confirm the number of people at the party.

Barclay then placed two calls on the evening of Sunday, April 8: one at 8:15 p.m. to his grandmother and one at 10:34 p.m. to a number in San Francisco, Kayton said. Later that evening, Barclay posted his AOL away message, according to Kayton.

“What’s so heartbreaking about this whole thing is that [he told his grandmother] that ‘tomorrow night I have this toy design class presentation … and it’s my favorite class at MIT.’ … He didn’t show up,” said Kayton.

According to Kayton, Barclay’s friends thought he missed class because he was busy working on his thesis; Barclay’s friends contacted Kayton on Thursday, April 12, when they became concerned.

Kayton said that obtaining records about her son was extremely difficult, “Because of all these privacy laws … we have to get court orders,” Kayton said. “The law has gone too far,” she said, specifically in regard to missing persons cases.

“It’s been eleven days and they won’t let us in his Athena files,” Kayton said on Wednesday evening. Kayton stated that MIT rejected two subpoenas for access to Athena files: one from her and one from the MIT Police filed through the district attorney.

In missing persons cases, Kayton suggested the judiciary “ease up on the burden of proof.”

Family seeks information, help

Kayton asked for help from the MIT community in finding her son and said she is interested in any information about him.

“Investigations like this … they grind incredibly slowly,” said Kayton. “New leads come … the list keeps shifting,” she said.

Kayton expressed her desire to know who her son’s non-MIT friends are. She said she would also like to know who was at the party with her son and whether anyone had heard Barclay mention east Cambridge.

Kayton is also looking for volunteers to canvas the east Cambridge area and praised the MIT Debate Team for their efforts. “They gave up their entire four-day weekend” to help with the search for Barclay, she said. Kayton also said the debate team found one of the first clues of the investigation; a receipt showing Barclay had purchased camping gear. Kayton said she does not believe the camping gear is related to her son’s disappearance.

Adam J. Goldstein ’09, president of the MIT Debate Team, said Barclay is a “very funny guy.” “[I] hope that we can find him,” said Goldstein.

Those interested in volunteering can contact Kayton at kayton@alum.mit.edu.
Briefs, Continued

News Briefs, from Page 1

Colbert said that there had been difficulties "ensuring that everyone who wanted to take the test would have a seat." "It has been very difficult to get firm commitments to ensure this," Colbert said. "There were some sites that could guarantee some dates but not others. It turned out to be a much more difficult undertaking" than expected.

Colbert said he expected ETS would roll out the changes to the test in stages rather than all at once, stating that he believed the changes would make a better GRE. The GRE board will decide which changes to introduce first at their next meeting in late May or early June, according to Colbert. "We will have a better test that reflects the kinds of skills we're trying to measure.

The scheduled changes included making the GRE into a computer-based linear exam which would allow test-takers to skip and come back to questions, adding in an online calculator, and altering the curriculum and composition of the test.

Caltech Pranks The Tech During CPW

On April 13, the Friday of Campus Preview Weekend, staff members of the California Institute of Technology's student newspaper, The California Tech, distributed fake copies of The Tech to the MIT community. According to Marissa Cevallos, The California Tech's editor in chief, 15,000 copies of the prank issue were printed and 11,000 copies were distributed.

Cevallos said that the prank was in the spirit of one pulled by the University of California, Los Angeles, on the University of Southern California and was suggested by an advisor to The California Tech. Work on the issue began soon after the newspaper's April Fool's edition was released.

MIT students have different opinions of the hack. "I thought it was incredible," Christina M. Margossian '07 said. "I thought it was really funny. It was a nice prank, but it wasn't really comparable to the hacks MIT pulls on a regular basis," James A. Ostrowski '10 said. "It was a nice prank, but it wasn't really comparable to the hacks MIT pulls on a regular basis," James A. Ostrowski '10 said.

Cevallos said the cost of the prank was reimbursed through the MIT community. According to Marissa Cevallos, The California Tech's editor in chief, 15,000 copies of the prank issue were printed and 11,000 copies were distributed.

Cevallos said that the prank was in the spirit of one pulled by the University of California, Los Angeles, on the University of Southern California and was suggested by an advisor to The California Tech. Work on the issue began soon after the newspaper's April Fool's edition was released.

The scheduled changes included making the GRE into a computer-based linear exam which would allow test-takers to skip and come back to questions, adding in an online calculator, and altering the curriculum and composition of the test.

Caltech Pranks The Tech During CPW

On April 13, the Friday of Campus Preview Weekend, staff members of the California Institute of Technology's student newspaper, The California Tech, distributed fake copies of The Tech to the MIT community. According to Marissa Cevallos, The California Tech's editor in chief, 15,000 copies of the prank issue were printed and 11,000 copies were distributed.

Cevallos said that the prank was in the spirit of one pulled by the University of California, Los Angeles, on the University of Southern California and was suggested by an advisor to The California Tech. Work on the issue began soon after the newspaper's April Fool's edition was released.

The scheduled changes included making the GRE into a computer-based linear exam which would allow test-takers to skip and come back to questions, adding in an online calculator, and altering the curriculum and composition of the test.

Colbert said he expected ETS would roll out the changes to the test in stages rather than all at once, stating that he believed the changes would make a better GRE. The GRE board will decide which changes to introduce first at their next meeting in late May or early June, according to Colbert. "We will have a better test that reflects the kinds of skills we're trying to measure.

The scheduled changes included making the GRE into a computer-based linear exam which would allow test-takers to skip and come back to questions, adding in an online calculator, and altering the curriculum and composition of the test.

Colbert said he expected ETS would roll out the changes to the test in stages rather than all at once, stating that he believed the changes would make a better GRE. The GRE board will decide which changes to introduce first at their next meeting in late May or early June, according to Colbert. "We will have a better test that reflects the kinds of skills we're trying to measure.

The scheduled changes included making the GRE into a computer-based linear exam which would allow test-takers to skip and come back to questions, adding in an online calculator, and altering the curriculum and composition of the test.

Colbert said he expected ETS would roll out the changes to the test in stages rather than all at once, stating that he believed the changes would make a better GRE. The GRE board will decide which changes to introduce first at their next meeting in late May or early June, according to Colbert. "We will have a better test that reflects the kinds of skills we're trying to measure.

The scheduled changes included making the GRE into a computer-based linear exam which would allow test-takers to skip and come back to questions, adding in an online calculator, and altering the curriculum and composition of the test.

Colbert said he expected ETS would roll out the changes to the test in stages rather than all at once, stating that he believed the changes would make a better GRE. The GRE board will decide which changes to introduce first at their next meeting in late May or early June, according to Colbert. "We will have a better test that reflects the kinds of skills we're trying to measure.

The scheduled changes included making the GRE into a computer-based linear exam which would allow test-takers to skip and come back to questions, adding in an online calculator, and altering the curriculum and composition of the test.

Colbert said he expected ETS would roll out the changes to the test in stages rather than all at once, stating that he believed the changes would make a better GRE. The GRE board will decide which changes to introduce first at their next meeting in late May or early June, according to Colbert. "We will have a better test that reflects the kinds of skills we're trying to measure.

The scheduled changes included making the GRE into a computer-based linear exam which would allow test-takers to skip and come back to questions, adding in an online calculator, and altering the curriculum and composition of the test.
FREE CONCERT APRIL 22
JOHNSON ATHLETIC CENTER
DOORS OPEN AT 3:30 PM
SHOW BEGINS AT 4:30 PM
EVENT FOR MIT STUDENTS PLUS 1 GUEST
Watson connected on a pass from Flynn, who then recorded her first goal of the night. Roberts and Amanda P. Hunter '07 completed the spurt with unassisted goals.

Just over two minutes later, Grant found Williams for her first score to pull Wheaton within 5. But once again, MIT countered with a long run, this time scoring five unanswered goals which resulted in a 12-2 advantage at the intermission. A goal by Roberts that was set up by Watson sparked the run as Watson completed the hat trick with 3:19 to go. Samantha F. O'Keefe '09 notched what proved to be the game-winning goal on the ensuing draw while Flynn and Mary Harding rounded out the scoring for the Engineers.

Flynn converted MIT's first free position shot of the game to start the second half to give MIT its biggest lead of the night at 13-2. Wheaton then tallied three goals in a span of 1:36, which cut its deficit to 13-5 at 22:42. Williams' free position goal ignited the run, which was followed by an unassisted goal from Meredith Hard and a free position goal by Abbie Sherwin. Flynn found the back of the net for the Engineers before two quick goals from the Lyons' Williams and Hurd narrowed the gap to 14-7 midway through the half.

Watson recorded the final score for MIT with 13:35 left to play. Wheaton continued to attack as Williams connected on a pass from Al- exa Harczak at the 7:30 mark. The remainder of the game was a defensive battle until a turnover by the Engineers set up Grant for the night's last goal as the horn sounded.

O'Keefe collected a game-high four groundballs while Annamaria E. Ayuso '07 and Hunter each posted three draw controls. In net, HeeJay Kang '07 made eight saves as her record improved to 4-6 on the year.

MIT will close out regular season NEWMAC play on Saturday, April 21 when it travels to Mount Holyoke College.
Taekwon-Do Takes Third at Nationals

By Richard-Duane Chambers

Over the weekend of March 30, the MIT sport taekwondo team continued its tradition of success at the National Collegiate Taekwondo Championships, placing third among the thirteen competing schools.

This year’s championships, held on the home turf of perennial rival Texas A & M University in College Station, Texas, provided newcomers the opportunity to test their skills, and also allowed seasoned members to match wins with some of the nation’s top athletes.

At the conclusion of the two-day event, the team had captured bronze medals in the Novice (Colored Belt) and Championship (Black Belt) divisions, claimed bronze overall, and won some twenty individual awards. Most impressively, four MIT black belts — Captain John T. Wong G, Captain Erica Y. Chan ’07, Alicia Y. Ho G, and Bobby B. Ren ’06, and Richard-Duane S. Chambers G took second, third, and fourth, respectively.

MIT was dominant in nearly every part of the meet, winning every event on the track from 100 to 5000 meters with the exception of the steeplechase and the 400 hurdles. MIT was in spectacular form as they easily swept the sprint events, breaking the tape in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.88 before cruising to a split of 21.91 in the 200-meter.

MIT also mounted a tremendous team performance in the jumps. The freshman jumped 23-2” to outdistance teammate Anthony D. Teixeira ’09 for top honors in the long jump, although Teixeira paced a 1:2-5 finish in the triple jump after a leap of 43-9”. Morton equaled Teixeira’s distance later in the event to secure second, losing the lot in a tie-breaker, while Christopher B. Bateman ’07 followed up a fourth-place finish in the long jump to finish third in the triple.

Almost all of the team members competing in forms, the performance of uniform patterns of blocks and strikes. In emphasizing the power, accuracy, and rhythm of their motions, MIT competitions demonstrated why forms competition remains a traditional strength of the team and captured numerous medals across several divisions designated by weight and rank.

Among the colored belts, Tyler J. Hess ’10 and Stephanie E. Nix ’09 took third and white/yellow belts, while Miranda J. Ha ’07 and Richard-Duane S. Chambers G took second and their respective groups. Han Zhu ’06, Stephanie R. Chiang ’08, and Ning Wu G, meanwhile, prevailed with gold medals.

Black belt competition performed equally well, despite the high level of competition they faced. Zhou, John C. Ho G, Bobby B. Ren ’06, and Richard Sinn ’07 secured four silver medals while John T. Wong ’07 took a gold. Despite a strong showing in forms, much of the team’s excitement was reserved for the second day’s sparring matches. MIT colored belts represented the team exceptionally well, with Nix earning bronze and Chiang Chambers, and Ha earning gold.

The Tech’s black belts put on a similarly strong showing. Newly-promoted black belt Lawrence, for instance, took bronze after winning a very strategic match and lost only to the tournament’s athlete of the year. Similarly, Wong defeated a seasoned competitor before challenging the division winner in a very spirited bout. Soon after, Zhou, making her last tournament appearance for MIT and Chan, last year’s female athlete of the year, enjoyed clean victories and claimed bronze medals as well.

Tech has been a consistent national contender over the past few years, placing second in the meet last year and first in 2004. The MIT team hopes to continue its forward momentum into the coming season, where the team will continue fighting for the Ivy Northeast Collegiate Taekwondo League cup. Meanwhile, Zhou, Chan, Lawrence, and Wong will be preparing for Col- legiate Team Trials in Kansas, where they will each be seeking a spot on the United States Collegiate National Team.

Women’s Lax Wins 15-9, Nets 12 First-Half Goals

By Mindy Brauer

MIT’s 12 first-half goals were crucial in its 15-9 win over Wheaton College in a non-conference men’s and Women’s Athletic Conference (NEW- MAC) women’s lacrosse game on Tuesday night. Laura C. Watson ’08 and Casey M. Flynn ’10 paced the Engineers’ 4-6-2 NEWMAC with four goals each as Madeline Wil- liams posted four goals for the Lyons (3-5-10, 2-3 NEWMAC).

MIT quickly jumped out of the gate as it tallied three goals during the first 2:35 of the contest. Watson put the Engineers on the board with an unassisted goal, and then Julia N. Roberts ’10 connected on a pass from Mary P. Harding ’07, which was followed by an unassisted strike from Lynne D. Tyler ’10.

The Lyons ended the halftime at 19.47 mark on a goal from Caitlin Grant. The Engineers led a turnover during an MIT clear attempt and Grant pivoted the ballground and sprinted to the net for the score. The Engineers responded with four consecutive goals which extend- ed their lead to 7-1 with 10:31 on the