By Joyce Kwan

This is the third interview in a seven-part series introducing incoming students to some of MIT’s faculty, staff, and student leaders. Today, The Tech interviews Donald R. Sadoway, a professor in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering, who discusses his first impressions of MIT and how the Institute has changed and gives advice to freshmen for their first year.

The Tech: What is your role at MIT?

Donald Sadoway: Educator. And educator first. When I came to MIT, I had just finished my PhD at the University of Toronto. Little things — people answered their own phones. You call

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A bomb threat was sent to MIT yesterday via an anonymous e-mail, according to a press release from the MIT Police Department. The police did not find any evidence to substantiate the threat. MIT was one of many schools to receive the e-mail threat, including Princeton University, The University of New Hampshire, The University of Iowa, and Carnegie-Mellon University. The e-mails also prompted University Residential Communities to provide affiliate housing.

By Peter Schworm

Tufts University officials Monday barred student-faculty groups from censoring campus publications, reversing a committee’s punishment of a conservative student magazine for publishing editorials that sparked cries of racism. University officials also overruled the committee’s ruling that forced The Primary Sources magazine to use bylines on all published articles and editorials, which magazine editors and free speech advocates said was akin to censorship. University officials kept in place, though, the committee’s finding that the editorials constituted harassment.

“Universities are places where people should have the right to freely express opinions, no matter how offensive, stupid, wrong, ill-considered or unpopular,” Tufts Press

Police Believe Alum Zhou’s Death Was Suicide

An investigation into the death of Mengyao “May” Zhou ‘04 is anticipated to be closed in the next few weeks, according to a press release from the Santa Rosa Police Department. Zhou was found dead in the trunk of her car in January in an apparent suicide. An official autopsy showed toxic levels of diphenhydramine, an ingredient in sleep medications. Zhou’s father Yitong Zhou, however, remains skeptical of his daughter’s suicide. On August 16, Zhou hired a private pathologist to exhume his daughter’s body and perform a second autopsy. According to state-ments posted on his Web site, http://www.mayzhou.com, the results of the second autopsy indicated his daughter’s death was “homicide” and the result of “multiple blunt force trauma.”

In response, an Aug. 23 press release from the Santa Rosa Police Department states that there were “no signs of trauma,” and that there is “no evidence of foul play.” The press release also describes a previously unreleased e-mail sent from May Zhou to her sister, on the evening of her death. The press release characterizes the e-mail as “a goodbye... Zhou has refused to provide the police department and media with a copy of the second autopsy.”
Russia Seeks to Arrest Wealthy Oil Entrepreneur

By Andrew E. Kramer

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Gutarev, who is wanted for questioning in a separate case related to tax evasion, has denied the charges and said he will seek asylum in France or another European country.

The arrest warrant is the latest in a series of legal moves by the Russian government to pressure its critics and opponents. The country's legal system is often accused of being used as a tool to silence dissent and punish political opponents.

politicians, regulators and financial specialists outside the United States are seeking a role in the oversight of American markets, banks and rating agencies, and have made a number of recent proposals to subprime mortgage problems.

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In a globalized economy with a single currency, foreign investors are also asking why American banks and financial firms have been so quick to lend money to Russia, even when the country is beleaguered by a recession and high inflation.

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By Sabrina Tavassini and Sebnem Aru

The New York Times

ATHENS, TURKEY —

An observer Muslim with a backhand to the.george, who was voted in on Tuesday as president, became the first person to hold a role of power by the secular establishment and ushering in a new religious middle class after decades of being marginalized by the center of the staunchly secular state.

Lawmakers approved Abdullah Gül, a 56-year-old economist, with 339 out of 550 members of parliament voting yes to aii, who had been ready in the 550-member Parliament since 2002, and lost another 83 votes. The main party of the secular establishment boycotted the vote.

The selection of Gül ended four months of political standoff that began when Turkey's secular establishment and military, virally opposed to his candidacy, blocked it in May, forcing a national election last month.

But Gül's party, Justice and Development, refused to back down, and his success on Tuesday was a rare occasion in Turkish history in which a party prevailed against the military.

There was no immediate statement from the military, which has robustly. But a statement gave its support to the move.

The military's decision, announced by the parliament speaker, to support Gül's appointment, a unusual unparliamentary move, is a victory for Gül's leadership.

The announcement places his party in control of most of the Turkish state, with the posts of prime minister, speaker of parliament, and president. Thousands of rank-and-file party members are settling into the Turkish bureaucracy, and some observers say their conservative worldview could begin to affect their policies in deeply personal areas, like education for children.

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Congratulations, freshmen, you’ve made it to the middle of Orientation. Dormitory residents are no longer scrambling to attract your attention, and fraternities can’t start spending their large budgets on steak and lobster dinners until Saturday. Now would be a great time to explore the various student groups that MIT has to offer.

The one hitch, though, is that the Association of Student Activities, nominally the governing body over all the student groups, has abandoned the system that regulates these groups. At the time of this writing, regulations have been posted that make it impossible to get permission to have a mailing list. If the association had been in charge, these groups could have had for recruitment events anyway.

But times have changed. Dormitory residence exploration is now separate from FSILG rush, and the Activities Midway has been postponed to the end of Orientation. What was once a common-sense policy that let living groups and student groups reach new students has become an anachronism.

Under these rules, student groups must compete against the much larger forces of fraternity and independent living group rush, and this year, sorority recruitment. (In the interests of full disclosure, note that The Tech is a student group.)

More fundamentally, the ASA recruitment regulations (http://tech.mit.edu/V127/N33/ASA-Recruitment_Rules_2006.pdf) are unnecessary, at least in their current form. What used to be an informal agreement to use common sense not to overwhelm the freshmen has devolved into today’s complex set of regulations, imposing a fraternity-rush-style ban on early advertising and events. Unlike fraternity rush, though, student group recruitment is not a zero-sum game. A freshman’s selection of one fraternity necessarily precludes his joining others; in contrast, with student groups, freshmen—indeed, all students—should be encouraged to be flexible, to explore, and find all of their passions in college. Moreover, the rules, geared toward freshmen, unnecessarily block recruitment of new graduate students during the first part of their orientation.

These regulations also leave open the risk of accidental or intentional abuse by the ASA. The catch-all provision that the ASA executive board may broadly interpret the definition of “recruiting event” however it sees fit leaves a cloud over the operations of student groups who have regular events, which are supposed to be allowed by the rules, before Orientation. This provision has a chilling effect on legitimate activities by encouraging student groups to over-extend on the side of caution, no group wants the ASA executive board second-guessing and sanctioning its own events.

The ASA should eliminate its complex and unnecessary recruitment rules. In addition, the ASA should advocate for the movement of the Activities Midway to earlier in the week, possibly by rotating the major daytime events of Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Finally, the ASA should encourage student groups to use more of its early returns to help the new students of MIT explore more of their extracurricular interests before they get buried in class work. The purpose of the ASA is to foster the well being of MIT or local community and have the author’s name in italics. Columns without italics are written by Tech staff.

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Interpol Has Some Growing Pains

Weary to Date, But Still Pretty Good

By Andrew Lee

Our Love to Admire

Interpol

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One would assume that the antiphone on the cover of Our Love to Admire would make for a more expressive pose than pictured, given that he faces his demise via predatory lions. I guess this antiphone just needs a little time to mull over what’s happening before reacting. That kind of behavior is just a bit too similar to that like their torsos intact, and while humans rarely have to worry (anymore) about that sort of thing, the principle still rings true in modern society: there are those with a predilection for thinking too much about what they want. So far, they’ve been very good at it. In the past, they have fashioned oblique tales of poetic, cinematic efforts and paralyzed ambition, which they then channeled through singer Paul Banks’ baritone/overdownbeat bass tracts to craft two impressionistic and persistent full-lengths, Turn on the Bright Lights (a modern rock masterpiece) and Antics. Being established as one of the premier indie bands of the decade will grant you the right to take a break from consuming and recording, but it can also cause a lack of follow-up to Radishhead-like proportions. When that happens, you’d better be careful. From the neck down out of your hat is going to satisfy the fans. For the fans, I mean. I got their debut LP, Our Love to Admire, and noted its co-production by Elephant6’s JohnSharp and noted its co-producers. Some of the album feels like a rock opera that showcases the band with all its cylinders firing. A chiming Arcade Fire-esque piano and a wash of shimmering guitars tell the story of a relationship backed against the wall before the singer tells her off. Tracks like “The Scale” and “All Fired Up” are outright duds, featuring the most uncomfortable, uncomfortable.

Thankfully, there are low points, and the rest of the album is higher ground. Out of the several rhythmically experimental songs, which remind me a bit of the '70s, “Rest My My Mind” is closest to success, although Interpol hits for a much higher average when it sticks to what it knows. “The Heineman Maneuver,” a bitter tirade against an ex who moved away before Banks had a chance to tell her off, is Interpol’s first single and a tight, hard-charging rock that plays right to their strengths. Banks’ lyrically jazzyfrassness and non-sequence as if unsure how much to protect his own emotions, while his wounded countenance is achingly evident with the smirking remark, “How are things in the west coast.”

That’s not all; Our Love to Admire also features “A Constant Dread,” a nautical send-up of the plot of The Ortolan. The guitars have a secret weapon that makes the album worthwhile regardless of most of its content — and that weapon is Stefan Stevens’ Du-

ters with her on a strange tour about running away to nowhere and taking only a comb and shoes.

The Ortolan by The Deadly Syndrome

Release: Sept. 11, 2007 on One Mule Records

The first thing I thought while listening to this album was “Moderst Mouse!” If you’ve read reviews by me before, then you know my first thought was a good one. But this is no coy picture album, and aside from the hammer-on-hammer-off riff throughout opening track “Eucaiputus,” The Deadly Syndrome stays far from my first impression over the course of their debut album, The Ortolan. The guitars and bass tracks could have come straight out of the American Northwest in the 90s, but are decorated with horns, bells, and keys typi-
cal of today’s Pitchfork Media darlings. There are also sweet folk numbers with stories about ghosts and wolves. And the end of the album is peppered with the most randomly interspersed disco beats. Mmmmm.
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, tips, and computer program at http://www.sudoku.com; see also solution, page 15.

Crossword Puzzle
Solution, page 15

ACROSS
1 Native Israeli
6 Extended operatic aria
11 Opposite of masc.
14 Communicate by PC
15 Tender spots
16 Oklahoma town
17 Drug agts.
18 Start of Evan Esar quote
20 Lummox
22 Piths
23 Part of quote
27 Phoenician port
28 Type of omelet
29 End-product purchaser
32 Pelvic pieces
33 French pronoun
35 For the time being, briefly
39 Dis or Pan, e.g.
40 Part 3 of quote
42 Words before roll or rampage
43 Proud mounts
45 Letter from Greece
46 Yeah, sure
49 Urnly rob
51 Bear dad
54 Part 4 of quote
56 Menu alternative
59 P. Hearst's kidnappers
60 End of quote
62 Vote in
64 Printers' measures
67 Dog family
68 Washer cycle
69 Salty sauce
70 Shade providers
71 Family car

DOWN
1  Upper Hse. member
2  GPS' org.
3  Cake of soap
4  Italian cheese
5  Region of France
6  Fast plane, briefly
7  Writer/singer
8  Mocedades hit
9  New Jersey five
10  Tennis great
11  Onate
12  Lawn tool
13  Billiards shot
14  Musical opening
15  Taiwan, once
16  Nest material
24  Spartan serif
25  Stage whisper
26  Singers ones in Paris?
30  Joint injuries
31  Before in a poem
34  Sault __ Marie
36  American abstract artist
37  Latin American
38  Taiwan Strait island
40  Four CDs
41  Longbow's bell town
44  Pass into law
46  I've been framed!
48  Harmonize
50  Impertinent lookers
51  Shows anxiety
52  Texas mission
53  Colorful violet
55  Skater Sonja
57  Part of IRA
58  Lion sound
61  6-pointers
63  Conclude
64  Dixie gq.
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East and West Wage (Water) War
The annual East vs. West Water War took place at Kresge Barbecue Pits Monday.

(clockwise from top left)
- Residents of east campus re-stock on water balloons.
- West campus students head to Kresge Oval.
- Erik D. Fogg ’09 hugs another student.
- Students head to the Chapel’s moat.
- Students inside of the Chapel’s moat congratulate each other at the end of the war.
- East campus residents clear the way for the paper-maché “Trojan Elephant.”
- East campus assaults west campus with water balloons.
- West campus students use homemade shields to protect themselves from east campus.
- A west campus student narrowly deflects a water balloon.
- West campus residents attack the paper-maché “Trojan Elephant” from east campus.

Photography by Eric D. Schmiedl
Tech Staffers Share Their Summer Photos
Every June when the last threat of final exams has passed, MIT students usually find the first flight out of town. Today, we take a look at some of the places MIT students visited and lived this summer.

(clockwise from top left)

CRATER LAKE, ORE.—Dimitry Kashlev (a Tech staff photographer) takes a break just off the beaten path at Crater Lake National Park in Oregon. Crater Lake, the deepest lake in the United States, was formed by the collapse of a volcano.

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—Su Lin, a giant panda, munches on bamboo at the San Diego Zoo. She is one of only 13 pandas in the United States.

VERONA, ITALY.—Incoming graduate student, Alex Chan, takes a break from work to relax above Verona in Italy.

YELLOWSTONE, WYO.—A bison grazes next to Mammoth Hot Springs in Yellowstone National Park.

PASADENA, CALIF.—Tech Chairman Michael McGraw-Herdeg '08 poses next to the Fleming House Cannon at the California Institute of Technology. MIT hackers borrowed the cannon in April 2006 after which it appeared next to the Green Building at the beginning of Campus Preview Weekend. The cannon is now chained to the ground.

GRAND CANYON, ARIZ.—Summer storms pass through the Grand Canyon in Arizona.

NEW YORK, N,Y.—Alice Tao '08 (silhouetted) is seen peering toward Columbus Circle and Central Park in New York City from the second floor balcony inside the Time Warner Center.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.—A cable car full of tourists makes its way up Powell Avenue from Fisherman’s Wharf on its way to downtown San Francisco.
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In the past, the process of secu-
ring a site has ranged anywhere from modifying existing buildings to constructing and have included private sale, offer to multiple buyers, and public auction, accord-
ing the URC Web site. There was a time two years ago when it was so difficult to obtain an agreeable price that the URC was willing to modify its criteria; the Web site stated. Subscribers were asked of the extent to which they were willing to postpone occupancy for three to six years and whether a location a mile or two from MIT with shuttle service would be ac-
ceptable. Indeed, the URC and its constituency have survived those tests and have moved on to more promising paths.


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By Jonathan D. Glater
College Board Quits the Student Loan Business
August 29, 2007

The College Board, which was in an unusual position because it was a loan marketer, would point out, not a particularly smart one.
By Caroline Huang

Column

"Oh, that's another friend calling about our Sunday fantasy football draft. Oh right, you guys probably don't follow fantasy football at MIT, do you?"

Yeah, that was part of an actual conversation I had with someone (who shall remain nameless) who graduated from a prominent Division I Athletics school.

In my last column, I wrote about the amazing professional sports scene surrounding MIT. In this column, I'll put on the I'm-So-Much-Wiser-Than-You-Because-I'm-An-Upperclassman-Hat that every upperclassman in this Institute sometimes think they wear. It's a little different to be interested in sports when you're from MIT. Confused? I would be too.

At the same time, however, people outside the Institute sometimes think that being an Engineer and being an accomplished varsity athlete are mutually exclusive. The same goes for being an Engineer and a member of a fantasy football league, or a Zeiger Center weightlifting addict, or a member of your dormitory's intramural frisbee team, or any of the many other ways you can choose to be involved in sports.

Why is this (clearly wrong) expectation so prevalent? For starters, MIT doesn't accept students solely because of their athletic abilities — the admissions policy is that everyone is accepted holistically, not based on a 4.35-second 40-yard dash or a 34-inch vertical leap alone. Then there's the fact that MIT is a Division III school, which means that it can't provide athletic scholarships — even those of the Institute to be brilliant in the guise of unnecessary financial aid — at all.

Finally, the people the MIT community admires are those who make contributions to society, and those people are often in fields other than athletics. Thus, it's the exception rather than the norm for an MIT alum to qualify for the Olympics or the major leagues of a sport, but it's the norm rather than the exception for a professor or student to make a scientific breakthrough. Observers expect members of the Institute to be brilliant on a regular basis, weighty expectation or not, because it has been true in the past and will most likely be true in the future. They simply don't expect the MIT varsity teams to compete with Stanford in athletics, though they expect the students on those teams to make academic discoveries on par with Stanford students in labs.

In my last column, I wrote as reasons that my mate-