The popular ice cream and coffee shop Toscanini’s remains closed after a seizure on Thursday by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue for nonpayment of more than $167,000 in back taxes.

By Nick Bushak

The Central Square branch of Toscanini’s Ice Cream was seized last Thursday by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue because the shop failed to pay more than $167,000 in taxes that have accumulated since 2000, according to the Boston Globe.

A proposal for reopening the store and paying the taxes requested by the DOR was made on Friday, Jan. 11, Toscanini’s owner Gus Rancatore said in an interview. He had not yet heard back from the DOR regarding the proposal as of Tuesday afternoon, he said, but he and the DOR were in talks to develop a plan to reopen the store.

To raise money for a down payment to the DOR, Samuel Mehe — a Toscanini’s employee and music student in Rochester, N.Y. — created a Web site requesting donations, said Gus Rancatore. The site, www.sau- rensciz.com, stated that its goal was to raise $25,000 to help the store reopen.

As of yesterday afternoon, the site has raised more than $18,000 from donations, said Mimi Ran- catec, one of the store’s operators. The amount raised was “very overwhelming” and “[we are] very grateful,” she said.

The shop was shut down largely because of a “confused attempt to expand the business between 2000 and 2005,” according to a press re-lease issued by Gus and Mimi Ran- cateore on Jan. 20.

“We got very disorganized and did not pay taxes for a period,” Gus Rancatore said in an interview. “During that time, Toscanini’s opened the pop-up store, the Boston Globe.

In Ascent, Hunt, Murder Mystery Challenges Institute Puzzle Buffs

By Elijah Jordan Turner

Hordes of people gathered in Lobby 7 on noon on Friday for the 29th annual Mystery Hunt, when teams were handed a piece of paper entitled “Puzzle Zero.” It became quite clear over the next arduous 16 hours that this puzzle had absolutely nothing to do with the Hunt, as teams of students, alumni, and others followed through on what even the organizers — collect-ively known as “Palindromes” — admit was a very difficult condition of MIT’s annual Hunt.

This year’s Hunt involved the murder of the fictional Dr. Otto Awk-ward, who was killed while he was hiding the coin that participants spent the greater part of the weekend seeking. Since the only person who knew the whereabouts of the coin was Otto himself, and no one in his situation was, naturally, to solve the treasure, members of the MIT community worked on a preliminary puzzle at the Mystery Hunt opening ceremony. The ceremony occurred in Lobby 7 this past Friday, Jan. 19, at noon. The team Evil Mid-night Bombers What Bomb at Midnight won this year’s annual Hunt; see page 17 for more photographs.

By Yuri Hanada

Students who paid half price for meals at dining halls during the fall will also pay half price during the Independent Activities Period.

MIT Campus Dining has extended the duration of the House Dining Membership, formerly known as Preferred Dining, to no additional cost to members.

The extension was announced in an e-mail sent to MIT housemasters on Jan. 10. The extension affects all members of the program, which students may opt into but which automatically enrolls all residents of the undergraduate dormitories with dining halls — Baker House, McCormick Hall, Next House, and Simmons Hall.

The House Dining Membership fee is currently $300 for Spring 2008. Members receive a 50 per- cent discount on most purchases in dining halls.

While a dining discount that covered IAP was available for pur-chase in the past through a separate membership, it was discontinued due to low interest, said Anne W. Wilson, marketing specialist for Campus Dining. In recent years, the fall House Dining Membership did not include IAP because Campus Dining wanted to reduce program costs. The current extension began Jan. 10. House Dining members who ate at dining halls during IAP before that date paid full price.

“Extending it through IAP cer-tainly makes sense and aligns din-ing policy with academic policy,” said Professor Charles H. Stewart III, McCormick Hall housemaster.

IAP is considered part of the fall semester for much of what we do on the academic side at MIT,” he said. “It is certainly true that first-year students are increasingly re-quired to be on campus during IAP so having a dining membership plan extended during IAP makes sense.”

Kenneth A. Wright ’47

Kenneth A. Wright ’47, a physicist who spent more than 60 years at MIT researching the effects of radiation, died Jan. 7. He was 88.

Wright’s area of expertise was in determining the radiation doses required to sterilize, pasteurize and modify materials, and in verifying the effects of these doses on irradiated materials.

Wright came to MIT from the U.S. Army, where he worked on radar during World War II. Between 1947 and 1955, he worked as a physicist staff member of the High Voltage Research Laboratory in the Department of Electrical Engineering. In 1985, he became a half-time staffer in HVRL and in 1995 moved to part-time. During his career, he au-thored or co-authored more than 70 research papers.

Wright is survived by his wife, Margarette (Fleming) Wright, four daughters, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held Jan. 12 in Lexington, Mass., where he lived.
Fed Lowers Rates in Reaction To Monday's Market Turmoil

By Edmund L. Andrews  
The New York Times

WASHINGTON

The Federal Reserve, confronted by deepening panic in global financial markets about a possible recession in the United States, struck back on Tuesday morning with the biggest one-day reduction of interest rates on record and at least temporarily stopped a vertigo-inducing plunge in stock prices.

The unexpectedly strong reaction came after a rare, hastily called policy meeting by video conference on Monday evening, and it reduced the Fed's benchmark overnight lending rate by three-quarters of a percentage point to 3.5 percent.

The Fed's move was prompted in part by turmoil in global markets on Monday, a holiday in the United States. Shortly after that last day, Fed Chairman Ben S. Bernanke PhD '79 canceled a planned trip to New York and started organizing the impromptu meeting of Fed officials who decide interest rate policy. The Treasury secretary, Henry M. Paulson Jr., watching the same market turmoil, was sufficiently anxious that he called President Bush at the White House.  

In a statement accompanying the Fed's decision, which was announced about an hour before the stock mar- ket opened for trading, officials hastened to note that they may well reduce rates yet again at their scheduled meeting next Tuesday and Wednesday.  

The magnitude of the Fed's rate cut helped reverse what began as a horrendous day in the stock markets. European and Asian stock prices had already plunged for the second day in a row and the Dow Jones industrial average fell 464 points — about 5 percent — as soon as markets opened in New York.

By the close of trading Tuesday afternoon, stock prices, after tum-bling wildly for hours, had clawed much of their way back. Shares of banks and insurers of mortgage- backed securities, which had been battered in recent days, were among the day's biggest gainers.

“Wall Street is incredibly jittery,” said Len Blum, a partner at West- wood Capital, a boutique investment bank in New York. “They don’t know how to react to it. The last time they did a rate cut in between meetings was after Sept. 11, 2001.”

The Fed's move came as Bush and congressional leaders pledged to work together on a bipartisan fis- cal measure to jolt the economy with about $145 billion in tax rebates, tax breaks for businesses, and possibly additional payments to low-income people.  

“I believe we can find common ground to get something done that's big enough and effective enough,” Bush told reporters. Sen. Harry Reid, the Senate majority leader, said he thought Congress could pass a bill before the Presidents Day recess on Feb. 18.

Still, it was a nerve-wracking day on Wall Street, with the Dow ending down 125 points, or about 1 percent. And even after the rebound, the mar- ket indexes are down about 10 percent from far in January and even further off their recent highs in Oc- tober. The Nasdaq composite index, which mostly reflects technology stocks, is off 18.3 percent.

And economists said it remained far from clear that the United States will avoid a recession, either because the Fed and the Bush administration had moved too slowly or because the economy's woes were too acute to solve so quickly and painlessly.

Thompson Drops Out of Race; Candidates Seek His Supporters

By Adam Nagourney  
The New York Times

WASHINGTON

Fred D. Thompson, the former senator from Tennessee, dropped out of the Republican race for president Tuesday after a third-place primary showing Saturday in South Carolina, a state he had hoped to win when he entered the race riding a wave of op- timism among conservatives looking for a strong general election candi- date.

His withdrawal came just three days after he delivered a rambling speech Saturday night that signaled his depar- ture was imminent. Ads said he was delayed because he wanted to test the waters before entering the race.

"I hope that my country and my party have benefited from our having made this effort," he said in a state- ment. "Jed and I will always be grateful for the encouragement and friend- ship of so many wonderful people.”

Thompson's advisers said he would not make an endorsement in the race. But Bush, his decision would seem potentially to help Mike Hucka- bee, the former governor of Arkansas, who has competed for many of the same conservative voters that Thomp- son had seemed to appeal to. Huckabee said Tuesday that he might have come in second in South Carolina precisely because Thompson had siphoned off much of his support, permitting Sen. John McCain of Arizona to win.

"The votes that he took essentially were votes that I would have more likely had, according to the exit polls and other analysis," Huckabee said.

But Huckabee has moved to scale back his own campaign after his South Carolina showing, and has backed away from plans to campaign heavily in Florida. Assuming Huckabee does not concentrate on Florida, Thomp- son's withdrawal could therefore be a boon for Mitt Romney of Massachu- setts, who would have had an easier time recruiting Florida conservatives to his side.

Romney quickly issued a warm statement praising Thompson, signal- ing what this campaign would be an effort to recruit them as the Repub- lican candidates concentrate almost all their resources here in Florida in preparation of next week's vote. Evan- gelen Philipp Christian Krakow, 52 percent of the vote here.  

"Throughout this campaign, Fred Thompson brought a laudable focus to the challenges confronting our country and the solutions necessary to meet them," Romney said in a state- ment. "He stood for strong conserva- tion together.”

Actor Heath Ledger Dies  
At 28 of Unknown Causes

By James Barron  
The New York Times

NEW YORK

Heath Ledger, the Australian-born actor whose breathtaking role as a jilted, vengeful cowboy in the 2005 hit "Brokeback Mountain" earned him a nomination for an Academy Award and comparisons to the likes of Marlon Brando, was found dead Tuesday in an apartment in Manhattan with prescription pills near his body, the police said.

The police said he was found naked on the floor by the bed in an apartment in the Bowery near Cooper Union that he had rented. The chief police spokesman, Paul J. Browne, said the police did not suspect foul play.

"There is no indication at this time that there was any sign of suicide or self-harm,” he said, adding that there were no signs that Ledger had been drinking. Nor were any illeg- al drugs found in the loft, which neighbors said Ledger had occupied for several months.

Police officials said that a bottle of prescription sleeping pills were found on a nearby night table, but that they did not know whether the pills had anything to do with Ledger’s death. Officers who checked the apartment found other prescription medications in the bathroom. A spokesman for the medical examiner's office said an autopsy would be conducted on Wednesday.

Browne said no obvious indication of suicide, such as a note, was found in the bedroom.

Iraq Purges Flag of Signs of Saddam

By Abraham Hamady and R. Jeffrey Smith

NEW YORK TIMES

Iraqi lawmakers adopted a modified version of the national flag on Tuesday, removing three stars that symbolized the Baathist era of unity, freedom, and socialism, and Saddam Hussein’s handwritten cal- ligraphy, which has been a source of national identity while purging the flag of Baathist allusions, supporters say.

Kurdish politicians, many of whom survived the genocidal gas bombings by Saddam’s forces in the Anfal, or apostles of war, campaign of the 1980s, were among the fiercest critics of the old flag. In 2006, Massoud Barzani, president of the semiautonomous Kurdish Re- gional Government, refused to fly the flag from government offices, prompting fear of Kurdish separation.

Google and Publicis Announce Digital Advertising Cooperation

By Victoria Shannon

The New York Times

The vice presidents of Publicis Group, the advertising conglomerate, and Google, the Internet giant, said Tuesday that they would jointly develop an approach to digital advertising that was both creative and technologically savvy, a combination they said is lacking.

Neither Maurice Levy of Publicis nor Eric E. Schmidt of Google, speaking at a meeting at Publicis' headquarters here, would put a value on the partnership, which is not exclusive. But they asserted that the collaboration gave them a “first-mover advantage” in combining the creative power and the computational drive of ad- vertising agencies.

The resulting tools and business intelligence would not necessarily be proprietary to the two companies but could help propel the growth of digital advertising, they said.

Weather

By John K. Williams

Today: Mostly sunny, breezy. High 32°F (0°C).

Extended Forecast

For more details on the current and extended forecasts, visit meteorology.nihs/dcc/adc/weather/
Padilla Sentenced to 17 Years for Role in Conspiracy

By Kirk Semple

The New York Times

Jose Padilla, the Brooklyn-born convert to Islam whom the government accused of plotting to detonate a “dirty bomb” in the United States, was sentenced Tuesday to 17 years and four months for his prison in his role as a help in planning an Islamic jihad.

The sentence was more lenient than what federal prosecutors had recommended and was a setback for the government, which had requested life imprisonment.

In explaining her decision, Judge Marla R. Daniels of the federal court in Miami underscored the gravity of the crimes Padilla, 37, had committed, but was mindful of the efficacy of the conspiracy, saying there was no evidence linking Padilla and two co-defendants to specific terrorist acts anywhere.

“There is no evidence that these defendants personally manned, kidnapped or killed anyone in the United States or elsewhere,” Judge Daniels said. “There was never a plot to overthrow the United States government.”

Padilla was accused of plotting a dirty bomb attack on the United States after being arrested in 2002 at O'Hare airport in Chicago.

Without specifics on the proposed scenario or the weapons, however, they would be much more extensive than previous sanctions or would be more vigorous. A symbolic gesture, in particular, has resisted calls for harder sanctions.

The proposed resolution will be submitted to the full Security Council in the next few weeks, Steinmeier said.

The council has twice voted to impose sanctions to deprive Iran from enriching uranium, in December 2006 and March 2007. But the release last December of a declared U.S. intelligence report saying Iran had put in place a nuclear weapons program on hold in 2003 seemed to undercut the council's assertion that Iran presented a threat.

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Bush administration officials said that Iran had deceived the world about a weapons program that could easily be restarted if the U.N. Security Council was required to stop enriching uranium to comply with the Security Council resolution of January 2006.

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The official specifically referred to the freezing of assets and travel bans on some 100 people, said he could not elaborate because the foreign ministers were meeting in Montego Bay. The draft must be approved by the Security Council, which is expected to meet before the Council is returned to the council a revised version of the proposed resolution.

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Even in the current global rout of world bourses, the size of the losses on Tokyo’s stock markets stands out. Japan’s benchmark Nikkei 225 index, which is lent to the entire economy of Canada. By comparison, major indexes in New York, London, and Frankfurt are down 13 to 16 percent since April as investors want to see results. There is a perception that none of Japan’s recovery promises have come through.

Russia’s Gasprom Takes Control of Serbian Oil Monopoly

By Judy Dempsey

The New York Times

Russia added Serbia’s oil monopoly to its recent string of energy acquisi- tions in a deal that will also allow Moscow to send more natural gas to Europe.

Four days after signing a major pipeline deal with Bulgaria, the Russian state-owned energy giant Gazprom agreed to buy a 51 percent stake in NOV, the state-owned oil company, it was announced in a statement by the Serbian government.

The deal is part of Gazprom’s ambitions to build its own 2,000-mile pipeline to bring gas from Europe to Iran and Azerbaijan via Turkey, analysts said.

With Gazprom’s entry into NOV, the Serbian government is allowed to cease discussions about a deal for the European Union to pay most of the cost to build the pipeline.

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In Wake of War, Congo’s High Death Rate Shows Little Change

By Lydia Polgreen

The New York Times

Two years after Congo’s catastrophic war officially ended, the rate at which people are dying in the country remains virtually unchanged according to a new survey, despite the efforts of the world’s largest peacekeeping force, of billions of dollars, of massive relief and of a historic election that revived democracy after decades of violence and repression.

The survey, released Tuesday, estimated that 45,000 people continue to die every month, about the same pace as in 2004, when the war just ended and the international community had scarcely begun. Almost all the deaths come from hunger and disease, signs that the country is still grappling with the aftermath of a war that gutted its infrastructure, forced millions to flee and flattened its economy.

In the first three months of this year, when than 5.4 million people have died in Congo since the war began in 1998, according to the most recent survey’s estimate, the latest in a series completed by the International Rescue Committee, an American aid organization. Nearly half of the dead were children younger than five.

The staggering numbers, even as the death rate has slightly decreased in eastern Congo, the last festering node of conflict, it has actually increased in parts of central Congo, though the area has not seen combat for several years.

The study released Tuesday found that the focus of aid dollars on the east and neglect of the region by government were the most likely explanations for the change.

Italy’s Premier Tries To Patch Up Support

By Ian Fisher

The New York Times

Premier Silvio Berlusconi on Tuesday called for a vote of confidence in his government, promising to open itself to the global economy, combined with a global retrenchment of investment portfolios after America’s housing-loan crisis.

Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, who won up to keep up for new elections he hopes will make him Italy’s leader again.

“I think he is doing this now,” said the of the bloc’s natural gas. Nabucco has been dogged by logistical delays, acquistions in a deal that will also allow Moscow to send more natural gas to Europe through its South Stream pipeline, it was announced Tuesday. It is the second sale of more than $50 billion in a deal that will allow Moscow to send more natural gas to Europe.

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Tokyo Markets Plunge as Global Investors Lose Confidence

By Martin Fackler

The New York Times

From buoyant optimism just two years ago, the mood among foreign investors in Japan has swung to grim pessimism.

An intense sense of disappointment that the country has not kept its promises to open itself to the global economy, combined with a global retrenchment of investment portfolios after America’s housing-loan crisis, is blamed for a new round of selling.

Even in the current global rout of world bourses, the size of the losses on Tokyo’s stock markets stands out. Japan’s benchmark Nikkei 225 index, which is lent to the entire economy of Canada. By comparison, major indexes in New York, London, and Frankfurt are down 13 to 16 percent since April as investors want to see results. There is a perception that none of Japan’s recovery promises have come through.
Scientific Giants Held Theological Interests, Too

I am writing in response to a letter appearing in the Jan. 16, 2008 issue from Miguel Valencio Pires G (Chaplain Position Is Affront to MIT community). I believe that the author was quite correct in his assessment of the problem and I would like to add a few points of my own.

I am bemused that the argument put forward by Mr. Pires in opposition to the appointment of a chaplain at MIT rests so strongly on the identity of the various scientific giants whose names are inscribed around Killian Court. While it is certainly true that D’Alberti was no friend of organized religion and Pasteur was lukewarm in his associations with the same, the other three men cited by Pires were all deeply committed men of faith.

Galileo, despite his woes endured by the heliocentric model of the universe, remained a theologically orthodox Catholic all his life. Kepler’s dream had been to enter the Lutheran ministry but he was forbidden to mathematically express his economy. His life work never lost contact with his theological interests, however. He even published a small tract on his understanding of the relationship between science and the Scriptures, a text from which Galileo borrowed freely in his own work. Finally, Newton’s connections with both orthodox faith and the world of the supernatural were so strong that John Maynard Keynes famously cited him as “the last of the Physicists” in the preface prepared for the tercentenary celebration of Newton’s birth.

Whether MIT should have a chaplain or not is certainly a conversation worth having. I just hope that when we do so, we first comprehend the long scientific tradition to which we are heirs in its full intellectual complexity. This must inevitably include the many cases where devotion to understanding the natural world was fully in harmony with the belief in, and worship of, the Divine. Professor Anne E. McCants, Head of HASS History Section

Clarifications About Original ASA Space Allocation Policy

There are several factual errors in the Tech’s article about the Association of Student Activit

ies space allocation policy in the Dec. 11, 2007 issue of The Tech, entitled “ASA Allocates Student Group Space, Chooses Rooms for More Review.”

I was ASA president in 1987 and 1988. I, along with Sonia La Kazmir ’87 and John F. Kuenzig ’88, wrote the original ASA space allocation policy. This policy was adopted by a unanimous vote of the ASA general assembly in 1987.

The errors are as follows:

1. The ASA executive board does not have the authority to amend the space allocation policy. Any amendments must be approved by the full ASA general assembly.

2. ASA is a supragovernmental body and not a joint committee of the Undergraduate Association and Graduate Student Council. It actually has the authority to reallocate space to the UA or GSC, although this would be extremely unlikely.

3. The ASA authority to reallocate office space is delegated from the dean’s office, and ASA has always involved the dean’s office in the process to minimize the chances for capricious reallocation of space. For example, our first act after passage of the space allocation policy was to revoke and reallocate office space in Walker Memorial that had been abandoned by a group more than a year (there were squatters living in the office). One of the offices was subsequently assigned to the Black Graduate Student Association for the BGSA Lounge. Another was assigned to small activities for storage.

4. The two-step appeals process was drafted to slow down the process. We believed that ASA should not reallocate office space that was in active use and designed the process to make it difficult to reallocate space. A decision to reallocate space should be clear cut and non-controversial.

5. We believed that the office space of organizations with a long history at MIT, such as The Tech, Technique, WMBB, APO, LSC, Musical Theatre Guild, Tech Model Railroad Club, and Science Fiction Society, would not be subject to reallocation unless the organizations became defunct. Most of these organizations predate ASA, the UA, and the GSC, and their office spaces were specifically designated according to their needs and designated as such in the original blueprints for the Student Center.

6. Walker Memorial has been in need of ren

ovation for two decades. It was ASA’s report on condition of student activity space campus

wide, with a special focus on Walker Memorial, that spurred the creation of a space allocation policy. At the time Philip J. Walsh and Virginia Siranni told me that Walker Memorial would be given high priority for renovations.

7. A key philosophical basis for the space allocation policy was “it isn’t about to, don’t fix it.” If an organization has a long history and space, maintaining the status quo would promote the long-term success of student organizations at MIT. New organizations had to demonstrate some longevity before they could be allocated space and have a clear plan for how they would use the space. They also had to demonstrate how the use of the space would contribute to the organization and the community.

Mark Kantrowitz ’89, Former ASA President and Managing Editor of The Tech
On Commercial Street, one of Bangalore's shopping meccas, our group was on assignment to bargain for and purchase various city items. While buying a pair of turqoise earings, I felt a slight graze on my upper arm. I turned and saw a middle-aged Indian woman, with a baby. She brought together the fingers of her right hand and pressed them to her mouth, motioning an eating action. Then she cupped that hand presented it to us palm side up, and looked at us expectantly. Throughout the rest of the afternoon, we encountered many beggars. The beggar felt the graze on our legs. We looked down and saw a man who dragged his body and his non-functional leg along the ground. We were followed up and down Commercial Street by children trying to sell us plastic dolls and miniature chess sets. Sometimes the children had nothing to sell, because, as we quickly understood, they had nothing.

When my roommate and I finally returned home to our comfortable middle class residence, we nearly passed out from the experience. It was draining by all means: physically, mentally, and emotionally.

"In my life," she said, "I've never seen so much poverty. As you walk around the world are becoming centers of economic growth, they are also becoming centers of poverty. According to the United Nations Human Settlement Program, governments and local authorities use economic growth models and engineering solutions to close disparities between rural and urban populations but often result in high and low-income populations within cities. Many governments and international developers continue to treat poverty as a mainly rural phenomenon and neglect large-scale assistance to cities. As a result, India has the highest prevalence of urban poverty in Asia. News sources like Business Week and the New York Times praise Bangalore as the "Silicon Valley of India." However, when I arrived in the city, I clearly saw both the scientific and engineering side of India, as well as its slums. Infrastructure needed improvement, holes in sidewalks proved hazardous. Trash was strewn in the streets. Rolling garbage cans could frequently be seen. Bangalore's city activity showed me how poverty affects some of Bangalore's 6.5 million inhabitants.

It was relatively easy to see the deficiency of wealth in Bangalore. This was not the case in Buenos Aires, Argentina. I was initially in awe of the city, but as I got to know it, I looked and felt like Europe. The French architecture, ornate theatres and hotels, spacious plazas, outdoor cafes, and even the Bloomingdale's-like department store (natural or otherwise) looked as if they were photographed out of a European travel book. Buenos Aires isn't nicknamed "Paris of the South" for nothing.

At the beginning, my classmate couldn't get over how comfortable it was. Most of us lived with host families in a neighborhood where the shop- ping and nightlife kept every- one entertained. The jewel of the city's new development, Puerto Madero, was a fantastic weekend hangout consisting of restaurants and retail along the waterfront. Our first week of class quickly countered those first impressions. One site visit was to Villa 21, a villas miserias, or "neighborhood of misericordia" located in the southern neighborhood of Baracas. We entered Villa 21 as a group of 40 Americans and were appropriately startled. Our guide heightened our paranoia by advis- ing us to brace our wallets as we rode our cameras, and not make eye contact. Rain fell the day before, and as I was walking through the villa I kept my eyes on the ground to avoid puddles and dog droppings left by the strays on the unpaved roads. Most homes had single-story, roofed with corrugated tin, and built by hand. One electricity line and one water line serve the 35,000-person settlement. Few people live, but young people have children to support. Illegal activity is com- mon, and informal markets range from real estate to drug dealing. Little social mobility is possible. The Market Day activity showed me how poverty affects some of Buenos Aires' 5.5 million inhabitants.

The growing invisibility of the urban poor and lack of acknowledgment by their co-citi- zens unnerved me when I consider what could be done to ease urban poverty. In The End of Poverty, Jeffrey D. Sachs points out that problems in urban areas regard empowerment and finance. But if the wealthy are no longer attuned to the needs of the poor, how would they react to shanty dwellers organizations or to requests to contribute their tax dollars to service these ar- eas? Fear? Dissent? Would political unrest be a problem? How much aid can realistically be implemented without the support of the entire population? These are all questions to consider as urban development and its counterpart, ur- ban poverty, continue worldwide.
**MOVIE REVIEW • 1/2**

**Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story** Is a Disappointment

By Kevin Wang

"Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story"

Directed by Judd Apatow

Written by Judd Apatow and Jake Kasdan

Starring: John C. Reilly, Tim Meadows, and Jenna Fischer

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ou you like movies that fail to maintain coherent continuity? Are you interested in the art of parody? How about comedies that are entirely lacking in substance? Then you might be interested in "Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story," a musical comedy that has been described as "ridiculously funny" by some critics, but is generally considered a disappointment by most. The movie is set in a small town in the American South, where Dewey Cox (played by John C. Reilly) is a country singer who dreams of making it big in the music industry. However, his attempts to become famous are repeatedly thwarted by his rural upbringing and lack of musical talent.

In 1984, the movie "This Is Spinal Tap," released, both mocking and reveling in the excesses of eighties rock bands. It was released, both mocking and reveling in the excesses of eighties rock bands. It was a phenomenon that made fun of the music industry, but it also captured the spirit of the era. "Walk Hard" is virtually identical to "Spinal Tap," except that it is far less intelligent and humorous.

The movie was directed by Judd Apatow and written by Apatow and Jake Kasdan, the team behind the popular TV show "Frasier." The movie stars John C. Reilly as Dewey Cox, Tim Meadows as Sam, and Jenna Fischer as Darlene Madison. The movie is filled with parodies of other movies, including "This Is Spinal Tap," "The Blues Brothers," and "The Shining." However, despite the movie's attempts to be funny, it ultimately fails to deliver.

One of the movie's biggest problems is its script. The movie is filled with crass and offensive jokes that are supposed to be funny, but are instead just disgusting and tasteless. The movie also relies on unnecessary predigested dialogue and lazy writing.

The movie's plot is also weak. The story of Dewey Cox is predictable and lacks any real depth or nuance. The movie fails to take any risks or explore any interesting ideas.

The movie's performances are also lackluster. John C. Reilly does a decent job of playing Dewey Cox, but the other actors are not given much to work with. The movie is filled with terrible dialogue and cheap gags, which makes it difficult to take any of the characters seriously.

In summary, "Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story" is a disappointment. It is filled with bad writing, bad acting, and bad humor. If you're looking for a good musical comedy, you should probably look elsewhere.
MOVIE REVIEW 1/2

Monsters Take Manhattan

‘Cloverfield’ Shows Attack a la ‘Blair Witch’

By Samuel J. Cole

Cloverfield
Directed by Matt Reeves
Written by Drew Goddard
Starring: Michael Stahl-David, T.J. Miller, Lizzy Caplan, and Odette Yustman
Rated PG-13
Now Playing

The first thing you’ve probably noticed upon watching the various trailers and previews for “Cloverfield” is that the movie is shot as though it is being recorded by a personal camcorder. Luckily, this gimmick (which you probably remember from “The Blair Witch Project”) is not the only thing the movie has going for it.

“Cloverfield” was directed by Matt Reeves and written by Drew Goddard, but the movie is in actuality the brainchild of J.J. Abrams. Abrams is best known as the high-adrenaline director of “Mission: Impossible III” and the upcoming “Star Trek” remake, as well as executive producer of the critically adored television hits “Alias” and “Lost.” Anyone familiar with his body of work knows Abrams has a flare for the supernatural, over-the-top, sci-fi extravaganza. This movie is no exception, diving deep into this same genre. The larger budget provided, however, gives him endless creative possibilities, and needless to say his imagination was running wild when he thought of this story.

The movie follows the adventures of five friends — led by Rob Hawkins (played by Michael Stahl-David) — as they try to survive the onslaught of a monster attack on Manhattan. The movie starts off with Rob’s friends throwing him a going away party as he is scheduled to take a job in Japan. Amidst conflict at the party as a result of the appearance of Rob’s love interest, Beth McIntyre (Odette Yustman), the party is abruptly interrupted by the monster’s initial foray into New York. For the remainder of the movie, Rob’s best friend, Hud Platt (T.J. Miller), records the attack on a camcorder he conveniently had on hand for the goodbye party.

Thus, the chaos ensues with Hud giving his personal expletives for the attacks in each scene. The level of suspense and tension in “Cloverfield” is maintained throughout. After the initial attack, the pace of the movie seldom slows for the viewer to take a breath. It authentically creates a level of fear seldom seen even in most of today’s scariest horror movies. This is probably due to the combination of the first-person-style view given as well as the atmosphere created by the devastation in New York. The special effects are as epic as any seen in most summer movie blockbusters and the movie pulls out all the stops to make moviegoers’ jaws drop on as many occasions as possible. (Sights and sounds include the head of the Statue of Liberty landing like a meteor on a Manhattan street and army missiles zooming directly above the main characters’ heads to topple buildings.) Furthermore, CGI and outlandish plot aside, the realistic characters in this story somehow keep this movie afloat and believable despite the premise.

Although the movie will inevitably leave viewers a bit dizzy (sometimes there is way too much motion) and with a few questions typical of any J.J. Abrams experiment, qualms should be easily forgiven as the entertainment value of “Cloverfield” far exceeds most movies of recent memory. Even though the year is just beginning, this movie will most likely still stand as one of the best thrill rides 2008 had to offer come December.
Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Starter? starter?
5. Poker winnings
9. Dam
14. Poet Angelou
15. Artifice
16. Liquid measure
17. Hosiers shade
18. Biblical twin
19. Lowest deck
20. Start of Olin Miller quote
23. Black cuckoo
25. Turned outward
27. PC key
30. Chemical grouping
33. Vacuum’s lack
34. Part 2 of quote
39. Part 3 of quote
40. Wear out
41. Corp. head
42. Arabian gulf
43. Part 3 of quote
45. Downpour
46. Hönefossers’ skipper
47. Accusatory words to Brutus
48. Wear out
49. Ticket info
50. Will landing craft
51. Passage
52. Ave. crossings
55. Gray soldier, briefly
56. End of quote
57. Violin maker
58. ____-do-well
63. “Green Eggs and Ham” author
64. Like nights in white satin?
65. Possessive pronoun
66. Dental filling
67. Suffer stiffness
68. Mountaineer’s spike
69. Alum
70. Pack down tightly
71. Cubic meter
72. Evening in Bologna
73. River of New York
74. Part 2 of quote
75. Greek harp
76. Animals of a region
77. Legal claims
78. Craps number
79. Mineral bonanza
80. Pastoral poem
81. Modernists
82. “Hunger” author
83. Hansen
84. Water Caldwell
85. Downpour
86. Noted Hodgers’ skipper
87. Accusatory words to Brutus
88. Pitfals
89. Pay the bill
90. Lesseen
91. Grasping device
92. Use the rod
93. Used to be
94. Solar period
95. Final Four letters
96. Resistance units
97. Cried
98. Dragg hill
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DOWN
1. Old World duck
2. Apiece
3. Greek harp
4. Spiece
5. Alum
6. Pack down tightly
7. Cubic meter
8. Evening in Bologna
9. River of New York
10. Part 2 of quote
11. Old World duck
12. Arabian gulf
13. Part 3 of quote
14. Notable time
15. Ticket info
16. Will landing craft
17. Passage
18. Ave. crossings
19. Gray soldier, briefly
20. End of quote
21. Violin maker
22. Like nights in white satin?
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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 15.

Sudoku

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Piled Higher and Deeper

PhD

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YOU MEAN... A REAL JOB?

BUT THEN... WHAT HAVE I BEEN WORKING TOWARDS ALL THIS TIME IF NOT TO BE A PROFESSOR?

I CAN'T WORK FOR THE MAN!

I CAN'T BE A SELL-OUT LIKE... LIKE... LIKE ME!

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THE BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP
Surge of Applicants Seeks Admission to Top-Tier Universities

By Karen W. Arenson

Applications to selective colleges and universities are reaching new heights this year, promising another season of high rejection rates and dashed hopes for many more students.

Harvard said Wednesday, Jan. 16 that it had received a record number of applicants — 27,278 — for its next freshman class, a 19 percent increase over last year. Other campuses reporting double-digit increases included the University of Chicago (18 percent), Amherst College (17 percent), Northwestern University (14 percent), and Dartmouth (10 percent).

Officials said the trend was a result of demographics, aggressive recruiting, the ease of online applications, and more students applying to ever more colleges as a safety net. The swelling population of 18-year-olds is not supposed to peak until 2009, when the largest group of high school seniors in the nation’s history, 3.2 million, are to graduate. The rise in applications at three universities — Harvard, Princeton, and the University of Virginia — came about as they ended early admissions policies, which had allowed students to receive decisions by mid-December, months ahead of others. The universities said early admissions benefited more affluent and sophisticated students and required students to commit without being able to compare financial aid offerings from various colleges.

The application figures suggested that many early admissions did not hurt. Princeton received a record 20,118 applicants, up 6 percent. The University of Virginia received 18,776 applications, a 4 percent increase. California, for example, reported that applications to the University of California-Berkeley, months ahead of others. The universities said early admissions benefited more affluent and sophisticated students and required students to commit without being able to compare financial aid offerings from various colleges.

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Community Members Donate to Help Save Local Toscanini’s Site

The seizure also occurred at a bad time because “this is the worst time of the year for us,” he said. “We’re not very busy at all.”

Toscanini’s has been shut down before for not paying taxes. The shop was closed for one day in 2002, but “Gus got it reopened,” Mimi Rancatore said.

Since then, “we’ve been running the business in a much more organized way,” with business “much more profitable” than years earlier when the two other stores were open, Gus Rancatore said.

The Save Toscani’s Web site’s forum for comments has been alive with people expressing both sympathy for Toscanini’s situation and disdain for its attempt to raise money. “If people don’t want to [donate], they certainly don’t have to do it,” Gus Rancatore said. “We’re not asking for a tax break. We admit we incurred this obligation, and we want to pay it.”

According to Rancatore, the Internet has caused news of Toscanini’s closing to spread to MIT alumni all over the world. He said he has received e-mails and donations from former members of the MIT community who are now at distant places like Italy and China. “Most of the e-mails have been incredibly sweet,” Gus Rancatore said.

Reactions at MIT have been varied. “I don’t understand why a for-profit company is requesting donations to stay afloat,” James A. Ostrowski ’10 said.

Emily A. Kramer ’08 said that she has been to Toscanini’s “quite a few times in the past few years.” “It’s really sad to see a small business get into trouble like that,” Kramer said.
Meal Plan Cost May Increase If Dining Continues IAP Discount

Dining, from Page 1

policy that corresponds with that reality makes sense, too,” Stewart continued.

The extension to IAP originated from community feedback and low patronage at Baker House’s dining hall, said Richard D. Berlin III, director of Campus Dining.

“Customer counts are up 100 to 150 percent each night, so it appears to be a good decision,” Berlin said. “Even though we price the program for the academic year, we decided to try an experiment to see if patronage would increase enough to partially offset the additional cost to the department.”

The cost of this year’s extension will be absorbed by Campus Dining and will not affect the price for next semester, Wilson said.

Berlin said that because students responded positively to the extension, Campus Dining would consider implementing the extension in future years, although in order to fund such an extension, Campus Dining might increase the cost of House Dining membership.

“The amount of the increase, if any, would depend on a thorough accounting of the costs and profits of having more people eat at dining halls over IAP.”

“Anything learned from this extension will be shared with the Campus Dining Advisory Board to determine the best way to address IAP and House Dining Membership in the future,” Wilson said.

Meal Plan Cost May Increase If Dining Continues IAP Discount
LSC Presents Sneak Peek of ‘Jumper’

The Lecture Series Committee hosted a screening of the new film “Jumper” on Wednesday, Jan. 16 to a packed crowd in 26-100. After the screening, a panel of artists involved with the film — including director Doug Liman and actor Hayden Christensen — participated in a discussion and MIT Professors Edward Farhi and Max E. Tegmark lectured on the possibilities of achieving teleportation in real life.

(clockwise from below)

Christensen, star of the film, participates in the panel discussion.
A packed crowd awaits the start of the screening.
Laura A. Daher ’08 poses a question to the panel of artists and scientists.
Liman participates in the panel discussion.

Solution to Sudoku from page 8

1 5 7 2 9 3 4 6 8
2 8 9 7 6 4 5 1 3
6 4 3 8 1 5 2 7 9
3 7 1 6 8 2 9 4 5
9 6 8 5 4 1 3 2 7
5 2 4 3 7 9 1 8 6
4 1 6 9 3 8 7 5 2
6 9 5 4 2 7 6 3 1
7 3 2 1 5 6 8 9 4

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MIT Forwards RIAA Letters to 19 Alleged Copyright Infringers

RIAA, from Page 1
dress to which a letter was sent could not be connected to an individual,
Kennedy said.

Kennedy did not respond to nu-
meros requests for comment this
week and last week about the out-
come of the October letters, and she
deprecated to comment on the group of
letters sent most recently.

One student may contest letter
An MIT student who said he re-
ceived a demand letter contacted The
Tech last week and said he plans to
decide an early settlement and to
fight the RIAA’s subpoena. He re-
quested anonymity because he wants
to keep his identity from the RIAA.

The student, who said he was “the
victim of a fishing expedition by the
RIAA,” said he did not want to settle
because settlement would not prevent
further legal action by the individual
record labels the RIAA represents.

“I’m disappointed that MIT isn’t
going to step up,” the student said.

Other schools like Boston University
and the University of Oregon have
resisted RIAA subpoenas of student
records more proactively than MIT has,
said. Two BU computer science
professors, Azer Bestavros and Jesse
R. Stengel, gave sworn statements in
July 2007 asking the Massachusetts
federal district court to quash sub-
poenas that sought to identify BU
community members. The University
of Oregon in November 2007 asked
the Oregon federal district court to
quash a similar subpoena.

The MIT student who received
a letter said he would like to chal-
lege the subpoenas by collaborating
with other MIT students with whom
he received letters, but he has been un-
able to find the names of the other
recipients because those records are
considered confidential by MIT.

In an Oct. 4 statement, Dean
for Student Life Larry G. Benedict
and Jerrold M. Grochow ’68, vice
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MIT policy, and a serious matter with
potentially damaging consequences.

MIT strongly discourages such unau-
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The statement notes that in ad-
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A police officer (played by Jenny Gutbezahl, left) from this year’s Mystery Hunt opening ceremony skit talks to a team representative, Gutbezahl and Ed Poznyski, who also played a police officer, registered teams for the Hunt after the skit’s conclusion on Friday, Jan. 18.

During team Groovytron’s dance-off on Sunday in Lobby 34, a team member spins a Hula Hoop around his foot while lying on the floor. Several teams participated in the dance-off that provided a break from this year’s Mystery Hunt.

As one of the puzzles in the Mystery Hunt, this FM transmitter was hidden above the doors to Lobby 7. It repeatedly transmitted a message to the correct frequency the first time they saw the setup and worked out that the solution required them to take an FM radio to Lobby 7 and tune it to the correct frequency.

After spending two hours just reading the rules and still failed to come up with an approach to solve it.

One of the newer puzzles, entitled “That’ll Tichu to Mess With Us,” required two of our team members to learn to play the Chinese card game of Tichu and then challenge two of the organizers to a match. Beginning around 6 p.m. that night, three of my teammates — Joseph S. Gionta ’06, Garrett C. Robinson ’09, and Diana J. Wallin ’07 — and I spent the greater part of two hours perfecting the game. At 10 p.m., Diana and Garret went off to play, and ultimately defeated, the Tichu masters at Hunt Headquarters.

Saturday night was an even later battle for my comrades and me. However, Diana seemed to raise the spirits of my team with a 4 a.m. e-mail congratulating us on completing 20 puzzles and including a picture of a certain team member sleeping in the lounge with his hands together, as if praying.

Feeling that Sunlight had appeared above the horizon by the time I went to sleep, so I woke up on Sunday even later than I had the previous day. Sunday day was also marked by the Patriots game, so among other reasons, the team presence at headquarters was less impressive than earlier in the weekend. Still, as I discovered when I arrived that evening, we still solved a few tough puzzles over the course of the afternoon.

Furthermore, although the number of people physically present at Too Much Clue’s headquarters was low, we had remote solvers from around the world (and just around the corner) trying to solve the answers. Simultaneously, the organizers sent out e-mails with references to the MBTA train or to a needlepoint reference to the MBTA train or to a needlepoint, which one could find one city three times on a red line — was not as easy as expected. One of my teammates informed me they had been found. And thus, at 2:26 p.m., the Hunt ended. Originally prepared to return to Baker for more hours of puzzle-solving, my team instead returned to shut down and clean up the headquarters, which had been flooded with papers, sunflower seeds, soda, and pizza boxes.

During the two-hour wrap-up, the organizers, Team Palindrome, shared some of the lighter moments from behind the scenes of the Hunt and explained the solutions to a few of the more challenging puzzles. The explanations drew a variety of emotions from the crowd — laughs, moans, and even hissing could all be heard. One puzzle, “Knotts and Crossroads,” was so difficult, the hosts joked that they considered making that puzzle alone the entire Mystery Hunt.

The hosts were particularly amused by the number of teams that were able to complete the puzzle entitled “Nationwide Hunt,” which required teams to find six words on monuments and buildings scattered across the country (a challenge with which even Google couldn’t help). A few teams reported calling strangers across the country, including people in San Francisco City Hall and a hotel in Miami, on their quest to find the answer.

Near the conclusion of the ceremony, the organizers acknowledged and congratulated this year’s winners, the peculiarly-named Evil Midnight Bombers Who Blast at Midnight. As winners of this year’s Hunt, the Midnight Bombers have the privilege of creating next year’s Hunt, just as they did after they won the 2006 Mystery Hunt. Perhaps next year’s Hunt won’t be such a killer...

As of Monday, Jan. 21, a long 72 hours after the Hunt began, the teams all congregated in 26-100 for the wrap-up event. Team Death From Above provided an online simulcast so remote hunters could enjoy hearing from the organizers as well.

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THE TECH Page 17
Red-Zone Plays Key Patriots Win; Giants Survive Missed FGs

NFL, from Page 20

previous Patriots victories that re-
lied on charting out passing yards.
In many ways, it harkened back to
Brady games in years past: the of-
fense was not perfect, but it pro-
duced scores when it mattered. And,
of course, the defense didn’t allow an
touchdown.

Though Brady tossed three in-
terceptions — remember, turnovers
were supposed to key any potential
Chargers victory — the San Diego
offense could not capitalize. Quar-
terback Philip Rivers was hampered
by his two bad knees, and the right
one required surgery the Monday be-
fore the game. Though his movement
was better than anticipated, Rivers
was unable to complete throws he
probably would have made at full
strength.

That running back Le’Dain Tomlinson
was a non-factor, provid-
ing only five yards on two car-
ries before riding the bench for the
rest of the game. Tight end Antonio
Gates was similarly ineffective, catch-
ing only two passes for 17 yards.

The way the Patriots won may have
been uglier than usual, but the end
result was the same — and when it
comes down to it, that’s really all
that coach Bill Belichick and the Pa-
trotics care about.

Giants defeat Packers, 23-20 (OT)

This wasn’t how the story was
supposed to go. The Packers were
supposed to be on a plane to Ari-
zona, Tom Coughlin and the Gi-
ants were supposed to be on a flight
back east, and we were supposed to
be here writing about quarterback
Brett Favre’s ageless greatness.
We’re not sure we can even bring
words to our level of disappoint-
ment. But it happened, and you’ve
be a debate over which MVP is the
better playoff quarterback: Brady
or Favre?

Instead, we get the Giants, a team
that has continued to find a way to
win despite being heavy underdogs.
A team led by Eli Manning, who
made but by the intercep-
tions he hasn’t thrown. A team that
plays he’s made — amid rumors of Elway’s imminent
retirement — to a Super Bowl vic-
tory. For Favre, toppling the
legends are created by their ca-
reers and defined by their successes,
Favre left the Packers behind, hel-
ing them to their first Super Bowl
championship since 1996.

If this really is the last of Favre,
10 years, will you really remember
his interception in overtime against
the Giants? You shouldn’t. The first
thing you’ll remember is the image
of him running across the field, hat-
med raised high, smiling like a kid
the thing you’ll remember is
The Packers ran the game to
halfback Aaron Rodgers, who
only do the ESPN networks reach
people would tend more towards the
major sport, and I could see why some
people would tend more towards the
peaceful baseball.

5. The game is too fast for most
people to understand it. The NHL
doesn’t appreciate it. How can we
teach a kid how to play, when we
consider soccer. Youth soc-
netball: as a kid, we can go out onto our
rinks, a net, etc. It’s simply not as easy
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Poor On-Field Play Only Enhances Questions About Off-Field Choices

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Simpson in Cabo San Lucas during the Cowboys’ bye weekend, earning him a tearful defense from T.O. after playing with him.

Normally, I’m all right with a little emotion. (Hell, one of my favorite college basketball players ever was Duke’s J.J. Redick. To put it mildly, he had rather prolific tear ducts.) Tears show that the athlete cares enough about his sport and his team to show a little emotion. And I’m certainly all for teammates supporting each other. But this situation is just ludicrous, particularly when T.O. is sending out his pressers on his way of protecting his current quarterback. This involves choosing a few key phrases, then continually repeating them.

“It’s really unfair. That’s my quarter- back. This team to show a little emotion. And controlling the net game with its blocking and one-on-one kills.

Lee enters MIT alongside Garrett Wintner ’11, who Panni- dimkukala calls “one of the most versatile players” on the team. Wintner had a huge game against Springfield, excelling on kills at key points in the first game. Round- ing out the new class is Bean, an athletic natural who high- level leap will not help him as an outside hitter.

The strong freshman class is a “huge testament to where this pro- gram is headed,” says Pammidum- kukala. Now in his senior year, Pammidum- kukala was a part of...
**Eight-Ranked Men's Volleyball Outlasted By No. 1 Springfield**

By Shreyes Seshasai

Fans filled the stands in Rockwell Cage Saturday night as the MIT men's volleyball team, ranked eighth in the nation, hosted the top-ranked team in the country, Springfield College. In their second match of the season, the Engineers fought hard against the Pride, managing to take a game off them before eventually losing 30-27, 27-30, 30-28.

The match remained close throughout the four games, with no team able to build a substantial lead. Nerves from the tough match-up, along with early season rust, contributed to errors on both sides of the net. At one point both teams combined for four straight service errors, a problem that plagued the teams throughout the night.

After being tied 1-1 different times in the first game, Springfield pulled away to a 25-19 lead.

Why this was Game of the Week:

In a clash of nationally-ranked men's volleyball teams, MIT secured top-ranked Springfield College by winning the second game and staying competitive throughout. Despite falling in four games, the team proved capable of competing for the national championship.

**Patriots Stay Perfect, Giants Shock Packers In NFC Championship**

By Caroline Huang and Shreyes Seshasai

While the New England Patriots' pursuit of perfection remains intact after finishing as the San Diego Chargers',

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.. their final drive was a symbol of their dominance and their ability to take over games.

The Chargers were forced to settle for a field goal, allowing the Patriots to advance to the Super Bowl.

The name of the game was red zone efficiency, and the Patriots were far superior to the Chargers in the American Football Conference Championship. The Patriots clawed their way to three touchdowns, while the Chargers were forced to settle for four field goals.

In a game where quarterback Tom Brady's passing was uncharacteristically sloppy to the tune of a 66.4 QB rating, the Patriots once again found alternate ways to win. The Chargers effectively took wide receiver Randy Moss out of the game and neutralized Brady on a gusty night, but running backs Kevin Faulk and Laurence Maroney stepped up to keep moving the chains.

This was a marked change from the New England Patriots, who ended the season 18-0.

**Tech Athletes of the Week:**

Amy E. Jacobi '11 and Michael J. Dobson '11

Amy E. Jacobi '11 helped the women's swimming and diving team capture a 170-124 victory over Colby College on Saturday afternoon, placing first in four different events. Jacobi swept the three positions in the 50-yard freestyle with Jacobi clocking in at 24.24. In addition, she won the 100-yard (54.42) and 200-yard (51.50) freestyle events. Jacobi's fourth victory came as the lead on the 200-yard freestyle relay team, with teammates King, M. Nowicke '08, and Pinchin, who won with a time of 1:43.13.

On Sunday, Jacobi followed up her performance with victories in three separate events. The rookie finished first in both the 100-yard backstroke (1:01.82) and the 100-yard butterfly (59.77). She ended her day by leading off the 400-yard freestyle relay team with teammates King, Pinchin, and S. broccoli '08, who touched the wall first with a time of 3:44.91.

Michael J. Dobson '11 broke the Institute record in the 1,000-yard freestyle in Sunday afternoon's men's swimming and diving tri-meet against New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference opponents Springfield College and the United States Coast Guard Academy. Dobson set a new record of 9:47.36, which he came within 0.04 seconds faster than the second-place finisher, but it also shattered the MIT record by over five seconds. The record was previously set in 2005 by Mark Y. Liao '06.

Dobson also won first place in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:47.35, helping the 150-pound Engineers earn a split in the tri-meet. The team defeated Springfield, 181-117, but were narrowly edged by Coast Guard, 154-144.

—Shreyes Seshasai and DAPER Staff

**Cowboys’ WR Owens Models the Hypocrisy In Sports**

By Caroline Huang

Consider the following scenarios:

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Quarterback A is the starting quarterback for the San Diego Chargers. Quarterback B is the starting quarterback for Dallas Cowboys. Quarterback A has a time of 1:01.62, and the 100-yard butterfly (59.97). She ended her day by leading off the 400-yard freestyle relay team with teammates King, Pinchin, and S. broccoli '08, who touched the wall first with a time of 3:44.91.

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**NHL Unable to Attract New Fans for Numerous Reasons**

Anonymity of Players Contributes to Lack of Fan Base

By Shreyes Seshasai

Sometimes I wonder why more people aren’t hockey fans. Sports in the United States are built around four major leagues: the National Hockey League, the National Basketball Association, Major League Baseball, and the National Hockey League. Sure, more people watch baseball games, but there’s always room for improvement.

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**Upcoming Home Events**

Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008

Men's Ice Hockey vs. Daniel Webster

7 p.m., Johnson Ice Arena

Thursday, Jan. 24, 2008

Men's Volleyball vs. Elms College

7 p.m., Rockwell Cage

Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008

Rifle vs. Coast Guard, Wentworth, John Jay, Penn State, SUNY-Maritime

1 p.m., duPont Athletic Center

Women's Basketball vs. Mount Holyoke

1 p.m., duPont Athletic Center

Wrestling vs. Bridgewater State, Plymouth State

1 p.m., Zesiger Center Pool

Squash vs. Fordham

2 p.m., Zesiger Center Pool

Sunday, Jan. 27, 2008

Rifle vs. Coast Guard, Wentworth, John Jay, Penn State, SUNY-Maritime

1 p.m., duPont Athletic Center

Men's Volleyball vs. Lesley

9 a.m., Rockwell Cage

**SPORTS**

Trace U. Sauter ’11 takes off at the beginning of the men’s 100-yard backstroke at the MIT swimming and diving team’s Saturday meet with Colby College. The Engineers won the meet 176-94 at the Zesiger Center Pool.