Charges Against MIT Students Eliminated

MIT Discipline Committee to Handle Case

By Angeline Wang

Felony charges against three MIT students who set off a burglary alarm in the E52 Faculty Club last October were dropped Wednesday by the Middlesex County district attorney’s office. The students contend that they were hacking when found by the police. The case will now be handled within the Institute by the Committee on Discipline.

Kristina K. Brown ’09, David N. DiFava, and Matthew L. Petersen ’09 appeared in court Wednesday for what was originally a motion hearing. No motions were heard, according to Steven J. Sack, the attorney for Brown, as the district attorney moved to dismiss the case instead.

The judge, Severin B. Singleton, chose not to dismiss the case himself and had the prosecution file a nolle prosequi order, indicating that they would not move forward on the charges. Sack said:

“The Commonwealth has spoken to [R.] Greg Morgan, General Counsel of MIT,” the orders for Nass state. “Mr. Morgan on behalf of MIT has requested the case be dismissed, so MIT may handle this matter internally and administratively, as they have done in the past in similar situations.”

According to the district attorney’s press office, the language for Brown’s and Petersen’s nolle prosequi orders had similar language.

Morgan and DiFava did not return calls for comment. Brown declined to comment about the case, because of the upcoming CoD hearings. According to DiFava in a previous interview, as a matter of process, when a case comes up before the CoD, the officers involved could be called on to testify.

The MIT News Office released a statement: “After further discussions with the Middlesex County district attorney’s office, and counsel for the students, this matter will now be addressed through MIT’s internal disciplinary procedures, rather than through further court proceedings.”

“The defendants are gratified that the district attorney’s office chose to

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Situation for Noon Eastern Standard Time, Friday, March 2, 2007

**WEATHER**

**Snow to Be Washed Out**

By Roberto Rondanelli

**NEW YORK TIMES**

Once the low pressure centered over the Midwest is gone, the cold front will pass through the Northeast and New England on Thursday. The temperature will rise into the 30s and 40s with scattered showers. Expect a high of 45°F to 50°F.

**Extended Forecast**

Today: Snow and sleet in the morning, changing to rain before noon. High 39°F (4°C).


Saturday: Mostly cloudy. High 44°F (7°C).

**CHILDREN'S COLD MEDICINES**

**DRAW FDA SAFETY REVIEW**

By Gardner Harris

**WASHINGTON**

Federal drug regulators have started a broad review of the safety of popular cough and cold remedies meant for children, a top official said Thursday.

The official, Dr. Charles J. Garlant, director of the office of nonprescription drug products at the Food and Drug Administration, said in an interview that the agency was “revisiting the risks and benefits of the use of these drugs in children” and that: “We’re particularly concerned about the use of these drugs in children less than 2 years of age.”

In high doses, cold medicines can affect the heart’s electrical system, leading to arrhythmias. These medicines affect the blood vessels and in high doses have been associated with hypertension and stroke.

In rare cases, children have been injured even when given recommended doses of cold medicines.

In a recent study of hospital emergency room records from 2004 and 2005, the researchers at Denver and Pueblo, Colorado, found that at least 1,519 children who were 2 years old had suffered serious health problems after being treated with common cough and cold medicines.

By Kirk Johnson

**DENVER**

Ken Gorman, an aging missions- ary of marijuana, was found murdered in his home here two weeks ago. The unsolved crime is exposing the tangled threads at the border of marijuana supply system say the central marijuana supplier, who said he was murdered in August, the day after he was convicted of 14 people of making illicit profits totaling more than $8 million from 13 individuals.

The measure is organized labor's No. 1 legislative priority, and Democrats call it vital to rebuilding unions and bolstering the nation's middle class.

**MURDER CASE HIGHLIGHTS RISK OF SELLING MARIJUANA, EVEN LEGALLY**

Ken Gorman, a friend and fellow marijuana law was passed in California, as many as 20 legal marijuana providers have been killed around the country, mostly in robberies, said Allen St. Pierre, the executive director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, or NORML, a nonpartisan advocacy group in Washington. Some in law enforcement, in- cluding Colorado's attorney general, John W. Suthers, say the Gorman case highlights the risk of selling marijuana, even legally.
**Some Libyans Seeking Economic Growth Without Political Change**

By Michael Slackman

For more than three decades, Libya has been an incubator of one man's ideology. The result is a country with an active bureaucracy, a constitution, national institutions, an unreliable legal system, inadequate schools and hospitals, and a population that is largely unprepared for modernity.

The question on many people's minds is how that can be carried out without political change.

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Opinion

The author of the Feb. 27 letter "Threat of Enamor Domain Overseas" is Kelley Brown MCP '84, not '04.

A statement in the Feb. 27 article "Forum Features Controversial Speakers" was inaccu-
rate. "Issues addressed in the question and answer session included Weiss's denial of the Ho-
locaust . . ." should have read "Issues addressed in the question and answer session included
whether Weiss had ever denied the Holocaust . . ."

In the Feb. 23 article "Used Grease to Power Shuttles," the statement that the University of
New Hampshire biodiesel program failed to meet safety standards was incorrect. Actu-
ally, the UNH program has not failed any standards. In addition, because of an editing error,
the report did not mention that Weiss had been interviewed, and is not "helping Biodiesel/MIT meet safety standards . . ." This erroneous
information was obtained from another source.

Letters To The Editor

Wynne Supports One-Sided Debate

Imagine that you could pick two speakers to come to MIT to share their views on the
Global Warming controversy. The debate would be not just one, but two, side-by-side
debates. Arguing against the need for action, and arguing for the need for action on
Earth.

Wynne supports the Global Warming solution, while being one of the bravest
voices of the younger generation.

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Silence is the Problem
I share many of the concerns voiced by alumnus Barun Singh in last week’s The Tech (“The Other Side to Racism”), but disagree with Mr. Singh’s diagnosis.

The problem of silence and reduced discussion becomes clearer on issues such as race which is important and far-reaching. An academic in- stitution in particular requires the free flow of ideas and impossibly the ability to disagree and argue as a path towards finding better so- lutions. In some ways, the silence around race or other social issues may undermine its own problem preventing progress on those very issues.

The example of the GSC Diversity Com- mittee resolution raised by Mr. Singh is a good one. Few would argue against giving the grad- uate student community a voice in the many Institute decisions regarding recruitment and retention of graduate students and efforts to promote a more diverse community. That, in essence, is the goal of the proposed GSC Di- versity Committee.

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CONCERT REVIEW
Mesmerizing Mozart, Spellbinding Shostakovich
Audubon String Quartet Lives up to Its Name

By Bogdan Fedeles, 417 Hanover Street

Last Friday, MIT chamber music enthusiasts had the special opportunity to hear the highly acclaimed Audubon String Quartet perform in Kresge Auditorium. In addition to Mozart’s string quintet K.515, the program also included two string quartets by Mozart (K.458) and Shostakovich (No.5). The captivating performances, the intimate music, the large and enthusiastic audience, all contributed to a deservedly worthwhile musical experience.

The Audubon String Quartet, founded in 1974, quickly established itself internationally, winning numerous competitions and taking a groundbreaking tour through China in the early eighties. Their music, over a wide range of styles, the seams of which had less to do with music and more with a personal court case, which threatened not only the livelihoods but also the instruments of several of the members. Fortunately, a philanthropist stepped in, and Friday’s concert confirmed that the group has recovered to display its old aplomb.

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Some Assembly Required  by Alex Hornstein

I’m sick of all these homogenous indie bands. They all have the same whiny singers, quirky lyrics and clever name.

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Out of curiosity, what kind of music will The Plural Nouns play? I mean, who cares?

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.sudoko.com; see also solution, page 14.

Run Bug  by Roberto Perez-Franco, G

Oh, my! Buddy? Is that you? Why are you all covered in ice and snow? I haven’t seen you in class lately. Your face looks blue!

Brrrr... I’ve been sitting out here for days.

Why? Why? What for?

I’m waiting to see the swimming team’s traditional Infinite Corridor run in bathing suit.

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Last week, too.

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Alumni, Students Help Pay For Legal Fees

Students and alumni involved in the hacking community have been helping to pay the legal bills of the three students. “We’ve managed to raise $10,327 through a combination of donations from 20 alumni and a chocolate fundraiser,” Stanley R. Zanarotti SM ’89 said in an e-mail. According to Zanarotti, $1,877 was raised at the Feb. 20 chocolate fundraiser, which 100 students and alumni attended. “We still expect there will be another $2,500 of legal bills.”
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Which is superior - The Hanukkah Latke or the Purim Hamentashen? The answer lies in the wisdom of our MIT experts.

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Physics/STS
Steven Ostrow
History
Joe Sussman
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Mathematics
Michael Ouelette
Theater
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Master of Ceremonies: Donald Sadoway

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The ethics review boards, known as Institutional Review Boards (IRBs), are required at all institutions that receive federal research funding. The regulations require that research involving “human subjects” and is medical research. In 1981 the regulations were established to protect human subjects and dismissed the notion that most nonmedical research did not. The regulations, acknowledging that the standards covering the boards’ actions have not been clear enough and that these panels have spun out of control, curtailing academic freedom and interfering with research in history, English and other subjects that pose virtually no danger to anyone.

Among the incidents cited in recent reports by the American Council on Education and the National Institutes of Health, the most well-known is the Tuskegee Syphilis Study. This study involved poor black men in the Southern United States from the 1930s to the 1970s and was conducted by the United States Public Health Service. The study was initially designed to observe the natural progression of syphilis in men who were not treated. However, it later became clear that the study was unethical, as the men were not informed of their infection and were not given proper care.

The review board discovered the Tuskegee Syphilis Study came to light three decades later, when researchers analyzed the data collected during the study. The board initially refused to send in the report, but after six months of negotiations, the board agreed to release the report to the public. The board that approved the Tuskegee Syphilis Study was the same one that approved the research on rat’s in biomedical studies. Yet now, thousands of plaintiffs have filed lawsuits against the universities involved in the Tuskegee Syphilis Study, seeking compensation for the harm they suffered.

The usual responses, he said, are: “What are you doing? Will you use my name? Who’s responsible if I get hurt?” Making sure those questions get answered, said Mr. Johnson, “is the purpose of the IRB.”

Mr. Johnson said his board met monthly and reviewed approximately 200 projects a year, most are routine, requiring only a quick check to ensure they are not harmful. About 30 to 40 require full board review, which takes at least six weeks. Timothy Wilson, a social psychologist at the University of Virginia, now in his second term as a member of Virginia’s nonmedical review board, said that “[IRB’s] naturally became cautious, not to the point of silly. I think our board works extremely well.”

In the past year, discussions about what some call the “IRB wars” have sprung up in specialty publications like The Chronicle of Higher Education, conferences, scholarly journals and blogs. Although research proposals are rarely rejected, scholars argue that the requested changes in the wording of questions and consent forms can alter the nature of the study and scare off participants.

Benedicta McAlister, a history professor at Hunter College, said she ran into trouble a couple of years ago when she asked to see the files of former students who had been subjected to the study. The files contained information about the students’ personal lives, including their medical records and family histories.

Some critics fault the universities, placing blame either on overzealous panels or with university administration or that have done enough to differentiate between research that receives federal money and research that does not. Mr. Freeman of City University said there are within the humanities “most faculty members don’t know these rules exist.” He added, “If they in fact followed these rules, the whole IRB system would grind to a halt.”
**Kastner to Broaden Science Department**

**Dean to Include More Women, Minorities**

Kastner, from Page 1

make this one of his top priorities. “The most important job of the dean of science is to make sure that we create the very best faculty we can. That means having more diverse facul-
ty — one of the biggest challenges — but at the same time, maintain very high standards.”

In addition to broadening the sci-
ence faculty, Kastner also plans to work on the energy initiative Presi-
dent Hockfield announced. “I think that President Hockfield’s initiatives are the just the right things for MIT,” said Kastner, “I would like to see the School of Science doing more along those lines, and new ideas will be en-
couraged in that direction.”

During Silbey’s reign as dean, Silbey hired over 80 faculty and appointed four new department heads. According to Silbey, one of these new heads was Maria Zuber, the first woman department head in the School of Science, in the De-
partment of Earth and Planetary Sciences. Silbey also reappointed two department heads, including

In the School of Science, Silbey began many efforts to facilitate sci-
ence research by completing the ren-
ovation of the chemistry department space and building new space for the neuroscience and physics. He also launched other major research enter-
prises, including the McGovern In-
stitute for Brain Research, the Broad Institute, and the Magellan Telescope in Chile.

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Are Science and Christian Faith at Odds?

Friday, March 2
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Ian Hutchinson
Head—Department of Nuclear Science and Engineering, MIT

Living Machines
Can Robots Become Human?

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Rodney Brooks
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John Brandon
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Faith, Academia, and the Developing World:
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Saturday, March 3
12:00, 3-270

Annette Kim
Assistant Professor—Department of Urban Studies and Planning, MIT

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**Sports**

**Springfield Edges MIT Women In Conference Swimming Meet**

By Jeff Lemieux

For the second time in three days, diver Doria M. Holbrook '08 broke Institute and conference records in the diving portion of the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) Championships, but it wasn't enough for MIT to hold off Springfield College, as the Pride took the Engineers on the last day of competition to claim its seventh straight title.

Springfield finished with 812.5 points, while the Engineers closed in second-place for the eighth straight year with 717.5 points. Host Wellesley College claimed the third spot with a point total of 621.

Holbrook, who set a NEWMAC one-meter diving record on Friday, recorded an astonishing 53.30 in prelims of the three-meter before easily winning the event with a 514.85 in the finals. The old MIT record was a 464.30 set by Lori A. Blackwelder '85 and the highest previous conference mark had been 533.60.

However, the event's importance to Tech's point total was erased by the impressive Springfield divers who claimed the next three spots after Holbrook. Erin White, Michelle Regan and Melissa Nelson finished 2-3-4, respectively.

MIT had another record-breaker that evening, as Nicole M. O'Keeffe '09 swam the 200-yard breaststroke in 2:26.54, not only good enough for second-place and an NCAA "B" cut, but also set to a new Institute mark. O'Keeffe surely would have grabbed the win in the event if not for the amazing swim of the Pride's Moira Price, whose time of 2:20.95 reached the NCAA "A" cut.

The Cardinal and Gray did claim two victories in "B" consolation finals on the last day of swimming. First, Stephanie M. Brown '10 touched the wall ahead of all competitors in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2:17.21. Then, in the final event of the competition, Tech's 400-yard freestyle relay team of Abigail M. Clark '08, Jacqueline M. Nowickie '08, Ashley E. Pruchno '10 and Susan T. Harpole '07 clocked in at 3:46.57 for the win.

Head coach Dawn B. Gerken said, "I just want to thank all of our graduating athletes for everything that they did for this program over the years that they were a part of this team," she said. "They were truly a fun group, and working with them was one of the most rewarding experiences of my coaching career. All four girls helped this program grow tremendously and their contributions will be missed."

**Holbrook, Nowickie named Men’s and Women’s Divers of the Year**

The New England Women's and Men's Conference (NEWMAC) "Diver of the Year" award adds to Holbrook's already impressive pile of trophies that include an NCAA national championship in 2005, an NCAA national runner-up in 2006, and the 2005 NEWMAC Diver of the Year award.

Holbrook will compete at the 2007 NCAA Division III championships meet next weekend in Houston, Texas.

Basketball grabs postseason award

Erich W. Bracht '10 received the NEWMAC award for Rookie of the Year in an outstanding first season full of double-doubles and games played without rest. Bracht averaged 13 points in 36 minutes a game, got 10 double-doubles in the team's 27 games, and set an MIT record with 62.7 percent field goal percentage.

James M. Bartolotta '09, last season's Rookie of the Year, was named to the All-Conference First-Team and placed second in Player of the Year voting.

Bartolotta racked up big numbers in all statistical categories, leading the Engineers in points (21.2), assists (4.3), steals (1.9), blocks (1.0), and minutes played (38.7). He also led the conference in scoring, free throw shooting percentage (66.6 percent), and led the nation in free throws made.

**Upcoming Home Events**

- **Saturday, March 3, 2007**
  - Men's Tennis vs. Brandeis University and SUNY Brockport
  - 11:00 a.m., J.B. Carr Gymnasium
  - Women's Gymnastics vs. West Chester University
  - 1:00 p.m., duPont Gymnasium
  - Women's Tennis vs. Bates College
  - 3:00 p.m., J.B. Carr Gymnasium

- **Sunday, March 4, 2007**
  - Men's USA Shooting Open Air
  - 11:00 a.m., duPont Athletic Center

- **Monday, March 5, 2007**
  - Men's Tennis vs. Gordon College
  - 4:00 p.m., J.B. Carr Tennis Bubble

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