

Interim Leader Stu Schmill Will Be Next Dean of Admissions

By Marissa Vogt
STAFF REPORTER

The next dean of admissions will be Stuart Schmill '86. Schmill has served as the interim director of admissions since Marilee Jones's abrupt resignation last April.

Dean for Undergraduate Education Daniel E. Hastings PhD '80 made the announcement Monday during spring break. Schmill was one of the three candidates recommended to Hastings by a search committee and was the only candidate internal to MIT.

President Emeritus Paul E. Gray '54, who chaired that committee, said that he was "delighted" with Hastings' choice.

Schmill has worked in the Ad-

missions Office since 2002 but is relatively inexperienced in the field when compared to the other two short-listed candidates. Hastings and members of the search committee declined to identify the other candidates, but have said that the two finalists were nationally respected leaders from highly competitive peer institutions.

Members of the committee, including Gray, had said before the announcement that the job should be held by someone who understands the Institute's culture. Schmill has more than a decade of experience at MIT, working as the head crew coach, the director of the Parents Association, and the director of the Educational Council. "It's in his DNA,"

Gray said.

Despite Schmill's relative inexperience in admissions, he seems to be doing a fine job in his current role: this year, with Schmill as interim director, MIT received a record number of applications for freshman admission and had a record-low acceptance rate. Additionally, during Schmill's six years in admissions he has presented at national and regional conferences and is currently the co-president of a regional admissions network.

Schmill's diverse experience working in industry and at the Institute gave him an advantage over the other candidates, he said. "I think

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Spammers Compromise MIT Users' Accounts Using Phishing E-Mails

By Arkajit Dey
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Throughout March, spammers sent a wave of fraudulent e-mail messages claiming to be the "MIT Webmail team" and requesting recipients to "confirm" their accounts by replying with their passwords. About a half-dozen people have sent their passwords to the attackers after each e-mail, said Jeffrey I. Schiller '79, MIT Network Manager.

Victims sent their passwords to foreign locations including Hong Kong, said Schiller. Attacks in which e-mail recipients are tricked into revealing their password, called "phishing," have hit MIT with increasing frequency. "It's been building up to a crescendo," Schiller said.

Some of the messages have come

from MIT's own Webmail service and from other universities' Webmail services.

"All it takes is one person at MIT to be weak and respond to the message," said Schiller. In an attack last Thursday, one of the compromised accounts, belonging to Shun Kanda, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Architecture, was used to send more fraudulent e-mail via Webmail.

About 20,000 people receive each wave of phishing messages, Schiller said.

Phishing "hasn't really been an issue for us until recently," said Schiller. MIT is not a bank or a credit card company, so compromised user accounts aren't worth very much. But recent advancements in antispam technology have made authentic user

accounts a valuable commodity. Mail sent from a college is more likely to be received than is mail sent from a compromised computer in a network of robots.

Unauthenticated e-mail — sent through MIT servers without validating a sender's Athena credentials — is easy for spammers to abuse, Schiller said. Authenticated e-mail, in which MIT indicates that it has verified the sender has the right Athena username and password, is considered more trustworthy and is harder to send. "We try really hard to keep the spammers off" of authenticated e-mail, Schiller said.

To prevent future abuse of the Webmail system, MIT has limited

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CLARE BAYLEY

Sea life is seen in the underwater tunnels at the Aquarium of the Bay in San Francisco, CA on Tuesday, March 25. See pages 12-13 for many more spring break photos taken by Tech photographers.

MIT and Others Funded Disease Research Using Tobacco Company Money

By Stephen Smith
THE BOSTON GLOBE

The nation's largest cigarette maker has paid for scientific research at four Massachusetts universities since 2000, a practice that critics of the tobacco industry liken to the Mafia underwriting crime fighting.

Philip Morris USA, which makes Marlboro and other top-selling cigarette lines, gave grants to scientists at Boston University, Harvard University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the University of Massachusetts, company spokesman David M. Sylvia said Friday.

The research supported by the company touched on conditions such as heart disease and cancer that are linked to smoking. The grants

given by the Philip Morris External Research Program were not used to develop new tobacco products or refine existing brands, but they may have helped the company rehabilitate its public image.

When accepting Philip Morris money, the researchers had to promise to disclose the source of their funding in scientific publications, Sylvia said, and the company, in turn, promised not to meddle in the research.

Still, industry foes said research paid for by tobacco companies is irredeemably compromised.

"Taking money from the tobacco industry to conduct scientific re-

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OMARI STEPHENS—THE TECH

A worker cuts an old stoplight pole into manageable pieces at the intersection of Massachusetts Ave. and Amherst St. around noon on Friday, March 21. The worker said that old stoplight poles up and down Massachusetts Ave., such as the one pictured, are being replaced by new ones.

In Short

¶ **The East Lot food trucks** will move to their new location today — Carleton St. on the eastern side of MIT Medical — due to construction on the new building housing the Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research.

¶ **Spring Weekend Concert tickets** are available beginning today for presale at <http://web.mit.edu/spring>. The \$10 presale tickets are limited to the first 500 MIT students. This

year's opener is Howie Day and the main act is Third Eye Blind.

¶ **MassCPR**, the annual CPR certification class arranged by MIT-EMS, will take place on Thursday, April 3. There will be two four-hour sessions, starting at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m., in La Sala de Puerto Rico. The class is free for MIT undergraduates and \$5 for all others, payable at the door. To pre-register, visit <http://ems.mit.edu/heartsafe>.



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WORLD & NATION

In Gaza, Hamas' Insults to Jews Complicate Peace Effort

By Steven Erlanger

THE NEW YORK TIMES

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP

In the Katib Wilayat mosque one recent Friday, the imam was discussing the willness of the Jew.

"Jews are a people who cannot be trusted," Imam Yousif al-Zahar of Hamas told the faithful. "They have been traitors to all agreements — go back to history. Their fate is their vanishing. Look what they are doing to us."

At Al Omari mosque, the imam cursed the Jews and the "Crusaders," or Christians, and the Danes, for reprinting cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad. He referred to Jews as "the brothers of apes and pigs," while the Hamas television station, Al Aksa, praises suicide bombing and advocates holy war until Palestine is free of Jewish control.

Its videos praise fighters and rocket-launching teams; its broadcasts insult the Palestinian Authority president, Mahmoud Abbas, for talking to Israel and the United States; its children's programs praise "martyrdom" and teach what Hamas calls the perfidy of the Jews and the need to end Israeli occupation over Palestinian land, meaning any part of the State of Israel.

Big Plans for Big Easy Are Stalled

By Adam Nossiter

THE NEW YORK TIMES

NEW ORLEANS

In March 2007, city officials finally unveiled their plan to redevelop New Orleans and begin to move out of the post-Hurricane Katrina morass. It was billed as the plan to end all plans, with Paris-like streetscape renderings and promises of parks, playgrounds and "cranes on the skyline" within months.

But a year after a celebratory City Hall kickoff, there have been no cranes and no Parisian boulevards. A modest paved walking path behind a derelict old market building is held up as a marquee accomplishment of the yet-to-be-realized plan.

There has been nothing to signal a transformation in the sea of blight and abandonment that still defines much of the city. Weary and bewildered citizens, forced to bring back the hard-hit city on their own, have searched the plan's 17 "target recovery zones" for any sign that the city's promises should not be consigned to the municipal filing cabinet, along with their predecessors. On their one-year anniversary, the designated "zones" have hardly budged.

Carrying Primary Scars Into Nov.

By Katharine Q. Seelye and Julie Bosman

THE NEW YORK TIMES

President Carter and Sen. Edward M. Kennedy had been sharp adversaries with a bad history, and in the 1980 presidential campaign they let it bleed into a bitter nomination fight. The Carter administration challenged Kennedy's patriotism and refused to debate, while Kennedy dragged out their fight for nine months, all the way to the Democratic convention. A weakened Carter prevailed and won the nomination, but he went on to lose in November.

Convention fights often spell ruin for a party. The 1980 experience for Democrats — as well as a fight in 1968, and one in 1976 for Republicans — all suggest that a bruising primary carried through the summer can contribute to defeat in November.

Today, nervous Democrats are worried that history will repeat itself as Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, who lags in delegates and the popular vote, has refused to concede the nomination to Sen. Barack Obama. Despite the increasing rancor of the campaign, Clinton says she is staying in until the voting is over.

Former President Clinton reinforced that point on Sunday. "There is somehow the suggestion that because we are having a vigorous debate about who would be the best president, we are going to weaken this party in the fall," Clinton said. "Chill out."

Increase in Disability Cases Overloading Social Security

By Mary Williams Walsh

THE NEW YORK TIMES

The Social Security system is choking on paperwork and spending millions of dollars a year screening dubious applications for disability benefits, according to lawsuits filed by whistle-blowers.

Insurance companies are the source of the problem, the lawsuits say. The insurers are forcing many people who file disability claims with them to also apply to Social Security — even people who clearly do not qualify for the government program.

The Social Security Administration defines "disabled" much more stringently than the insurers generally do, so it rejects most of the applications, at least initially. Often, the insurers then tell their claimants to appeal, the lawsuits say, raising the cost.

The insurers say that requiring a Social Security assessment is a standard practice and that there is nothing wrong with it. The policies they sell allow them to coordinate their benefit payments with others to make sure no one is paid twice. Thus, if a disabled person can get benefits

from somewhere else — like workers' compensation, a disability pension or Social Security — the insurance company can reduce the benefit check by that amount.

The flood of referrals, however, is making it hard for Social Security to respond to people who are truly disabled, said Kenneth D. Nibali, the former top administrator of the Social Security disability program. "Anybody who is forced to come into this system, and who doesn't need to be there, is affecting someone else," said Nibali, who retired in 2002 and is serving as an expert witness for the plaintiffs. "They're holding up cases for the people who have been waiting for months and years, who in many cases are much worse off."

Already, the disability program is in much worse shape financially than the old-age portion of Social Security. It is projected to run out of money in 2026, 16 years ahead of the old-age trust fund.

The disability caseload is also expected to grow as the work force ages, since recovery time increases with age. The number of people waiting for hearings on their claims by an administrative

law judge has more than doubled since 2000, and the average wait has grown to 512 days in that time, from 258 days.

The Social Security Administration is not an active participant in the lawsuits and declined to comment on them. A spokesman, Mark Lassiter, said Social Security does not keep track of how many of its roughly 2.5 million annual applicants for disability are referred by insurance companies. But he cited academic research showing that 18 percent acknowledged privately that they were unqualified, because they could still work.

"It is probable that many of these claimants were required to apply," Lassiter said.

Jessica Ortiz, a 27-year-old gas station attendant in San Diego, said that was what happened to her. Her disability insurer, the Unum Group, called more than 10 times after she was hurt in a car crash, insisting that she apply for Social Security and asking repeatedly where her application stood. Unum was paying her only \$50 a month under her policy, she said, which seemed a small amount to merit so much attention.

Wall Street Lobbying for Loose Oversight, Despite Loan Woes

By Jenny Anderson

THE NEW YORK TIMES

NEW YORK

More than a year ago, when the markets were flying high, a chorus of alarm went up on Wall Street. Talk spread that the United States risked losing its edge in the financial world.

But the threat that many executives saw was not the credit crisis then looming — it was the threat of excessive litigation and over-regulation. Wall Street urged Washington to lighten up.

The financial industry could not get what it wanted then, but it may get what it wants now.

If adopted, the sweeping overhaul of the system overseen by the American financial system proposed by Treasury Secretary Henry M. Paulson Jr. on Monday could hand Wall Street investment banks

a major victory in their years of effort to streamline regulation.

While the plan is unlikely to gain congressional approval soon, and may go nowhere in a partisan election year, it echoes many of the seemingly subtle and yet profound changes that Wall Street has been lobbying for all along.

One change Wall Street wants is for regulators to shift from policing the industry with hard and fast rules — do this, don't do that — to using looser "principles" that might be open to interpretation. Another is to modernize the hodgepodge of state and federal regulators that sometimes overlap and compete with one another.

Paulson's plan would take a step toward both of these changes by consolidating banking and insurance regulators and potentially merging the Securities and Ex-

change Commission with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, then stripping the combined entity of much of its regulatory authority. Many on Wall Street applaud those proposals.

"I thought it was a major step forward," Thomas A. Russo, chief legal officer of Lehman Bros., said of the proposal. "The world became homogenized, but the regulatory structure stayed within the same straitjacket."

Proponents of the principles approach say it is more efficient. They point to the meteoric rise of London as a global financial center, which has fueled worries that New York might one day lose its title as the world capital of capital. The Financial Services Authority, Britain's main financial regulator, relies on principles rather than rules.

WEATHER

The Day Before Yesterday

By Mike Yee

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

CAMBRIDGE

Historians at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology announced Tuesday that they have recovered the lab notebooks of famed Radiation Laboratory researcher Dr. Ira Hoaxe. The writings of Dr. Hoaxe, notable for discovering the weather forecasting technique of Doppler auguration, detail the scientist's first forays into meteorology. Archaeologists have managed to decipher portions of Hoaxe's texts, excerpts of which are presented here.

... March 30, 1941. For the ninth day in a row, Doppler augur reported that today will be 'gray and miserable.' I suspect a malfunction with the machine, but the forecast is correct, for the ninth day in a row.

March 31, 1941. Rumors abound of a Course VI student 'going on a date.' We are relieved when the myth is dispelled as false.

April 1, 1941. In celebration of an annual holiday, some churlish 'hackers' have posted designs for a new building to replace our beloved Radiation Laboratory, with the most horrendous angles and colliding roof pieces. The nerve of some people! As if such a monstrosity would ever be constructed ...

To commemorate this historic discovery, today's Tech includes a new section, the PastCast, in which the weather of the last few days will be determined using the latest technology.

PastCast

Sunday: Clear, with abundant sunshine. High 41°F (5°C), low 26°F (-3°C).

Yesterday: Cloudy, intermittent rain. High 44°F (7°C), low 29°F (-2°C).

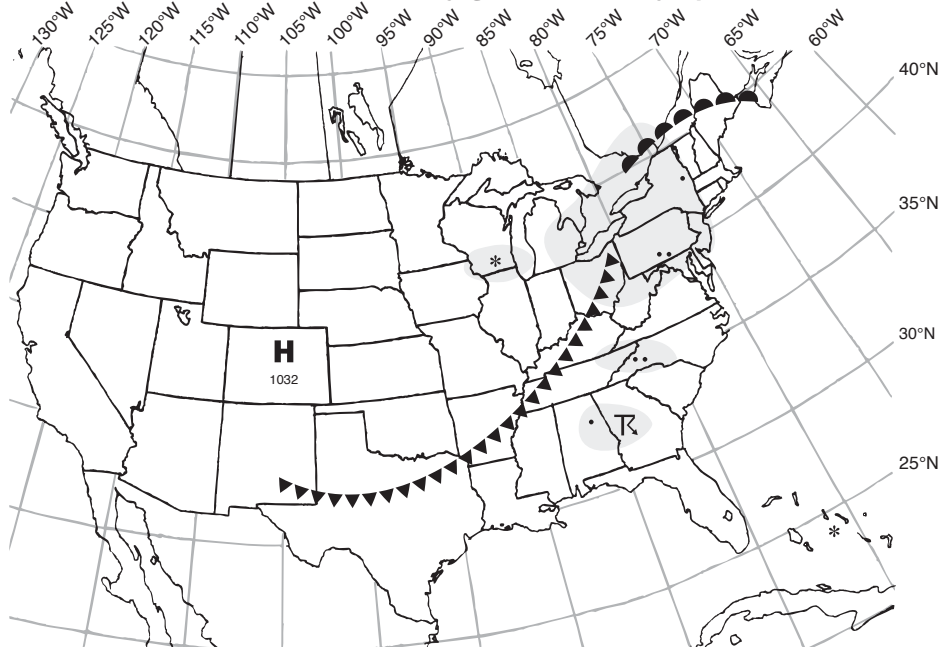
Today: Breezy and warm, showers in the afternoon. High 59°F (15°C).

Tonight: Overcast with scattered showers. Low 42°F (6°C).

Tomorrow: Sunny and cooler. High 52°F (11°C).

Tomorrow Night: Clear skies and smooth sailing. Low 35°F (2°C).

Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Tuesday, April 1, 2008



Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
H High Pressure	- - - Trough	Snow *	Fog
L Low Pressure	—••• Warm Front	Rain •	Thunderstorm T
§ Hurricane	▲▲▲ Cold Front	Light *	Haze
	▲▲▲ Stationary Front	Moderate **	
		Heavy ***	

Compiled by MIT Meteorology Staff and The Tech

Cleric's Order to End Fighting Creates Fragile Peace in Iraq

By James Glanz
THE NEW YORK TIMES

BAGHDAD

Militiamen with the Mahdi Army, the followers of the Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, mostly vanished from the streets of Basra on Monday, a day after he ordered them to lay down their arms and also insisted that the Iraqi government grant a general amnesty for his followers and made other demands.

Iraqi army and police forces immediately moved into Basra neighborhoods abandoned by the Mahdi Army, which is the armed wing of al-Sadr's political movement, setting up checkpoints and searching for roadside bombs.

As helicopters continued buzzing overhead, shops began to reopen, and residents ventured out into the streets. The southern Iraqi city had been a battleground since Prime Minister Nouri Kamal al-Maliki ordered federal forces to begin an assault on the city a week ago.

For al-Maliki, who had vowed that he would see the Basra campaign through to a military victory, the negotiated outcome was seen as a serious blow to his leadership.

The uncertainty over al-Sadr's statements were underlined at a news briefing in Baghdad on Monday, where Ali al-Dabbagh, a government spokesman, dodged questions about whether al-Maliki would honor al-Sadr's demands.

When asked if the government would release Mahdi Army detainees who have not been accused of a crime, for instance, al-Dabbagh said there had long been plans to let some of them go.

He said the government would "look into" al-Sadr's concerns.

Al-Maliki had said the operation in Basra was meant only to root out criminals, rather than any particular political or military group. But nearly all the fighting involved the Mahdi Army, which gave up little or no ground and essentially fought the federal forces to a standstill.

The streets remained extremely tense on Monday in both Basra and Baghdad.

Moving to Down-To-Earth Oratory for Working People

By Michael Powell

THE NEW YORK TIMES

STATE COLLEGE, PA.

The Speech is his finely polished sword, a transcendent weapon. Seen and heard on a thousand YouTube postings, Sen. Barack Obama's speeches have made a happening of that hoariest of campaign forms, the stump speech.

But Obama sheathes that sword more often now. He is grounding his lofty rhetoric in the more prosaic language of white-working-class discontent, adjusting it to the less welcoming terrain of Pennsylvania. His preferred communication now is the town-hall-style meeting.

So in Johnstown, a small, economically depressed city tucked in a valley hard by the Little Conemaugh River, Obama on Saturday spoke to the gritty reality of a city that ranks dead last on the Census Bureau's list of places likely to attract American workers. His traveling companion, Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa., introduced the candidate as an "underdog fighter for an underdog state."

Obama, a quicksilver political student, picked up that cue. He often mentions his background as a community organizer but in passing, a parenthetical. Not this time. "I got into public service as an organizer," Obama told these 1,200 mostly white Pennsylvanians in a local high school gymnasium. "There were a group of churches, mostly Catholic parishes, and they hired me for \$12,000 plus carfare."

That detail drew knowing chuckles in a town where the median income hovers at just over \$20,000. "So I got myself believing that the most important thing is not to be an elected official but to hold them accountable."

April Fool! The Purpose Of Pranks

By Benedict Carey

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Keep it above the belt, stop short of total humiliation and, if possible, mix in some irony, some drama, maybe even a bogus call from the person's old flame or new boss. A good prank, of course, involves good stagecraft. But it also requires emotional intuition.

"You want to play on people's weaknesses or dislikes, but not go too hard," said Tommy Doran, a fire fighter and paramedic in Skokie, Ill., who as a rookie in Montgomery County, Md., was lured into the station's kitchen and blasted with multiple cream pies. "For me it's just the sort of dark humor we use to cope with the job and each other. Nothing dangerous or illegal."

Psychologists have studied pranks for years, often in the context of harassment, bullying and all manner of malicious exclusion and prejudice.

Yet practical jokes are far more commonly an effort to bring a person into a group, anthropologists have found — an integral part of rituals around the world intended to temper success with humility. And recent research suggests that the experience of being duped can stir self-reflection in a way few other experiences can, functioning as a check on arrogance or obliviousness.

Democratic Candidates Hit the Campaign Trail in Pennsylvania

By Katharine Q. Seelye
THE NEW YORK TIMES

FAIRLESS HILLS, PA.

The Democratic campaign took on the feel of the early voting states on Monday, back when the candidates' buses would crisscross paths in a single state. Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama were both in eastern Pennsylvania courting voters, on a day in which Obama gained a superdelegate.

Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., announced her support for Obama in a conference call with reporters, describing him as "a new kind of leader — he speaks with a different voice, he brings a new perspective."

Klobuchar described both Clinton and Obama as friends and colleagues

but said, "To continue to stay silent would be, as my 12-year-old daughter, Abigail, likes to say, 'Awkward, Mom, awkward.'"

Obama already leads in pledged delegates, and Klobuchar's endorsement continues to narrow the gap in superdelegates. Clinton, by a New York Times count, now leads Obama by little more than a dozen.

Klobuchar brings to 65 the number of superdelegates to endorse Obama since Feb. 5, compared with 9 for Clinton, although she has also lost a few since then. Each has 13 senators.

On Friday, Obama received the endorsement of Sen. Bob Casey of Pennsylvania, which is expected to help him gain support among blue-

collar voters in the state, which holds its primary on April 22.

Clinton was beginning a three-day tour of Pennsylvania as Obama went into the fourth day of a six-day tour of it. He stopped in Lancaster and Reading, while she spoke in Harrisburg and here in suburban Philadelphia.

Sen. John McCain of Arizona, the presumed Republican nominee, was beginning a tour to highlight his family's long tradition of military service. In Meridian, Miss., he regaled reporters on his bus with tales of his exploits as a young pilot, including when he was disciplined for flying too close to another plane. That was on a field that happened to be named for his grandfather.

MIT Palestine Awareness Week 2008

First week in April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	9am - 5pm Information Table @ Lobby 10	9am - 5pm Information Table @ Lobby 10	9am - 5pm Information Table @ Lobby 10	9am - 5pm Information Table @ Lobby 10	9am - 5pm Information Table @ Lobby 10	
		7pm Occupation 101: Film Screening and Discussion @ room 2-105	6pm Lecture by Dr. Norman Finkelstein @ room 6-120		4:30pm Coffee Hour with MIT's Palestinian Students @ room 1-150	

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OPINION

'21' Discriminatory Casting Unjustified

By Alvin Lin

Several years ago, when I first heard that the best-selling book *Bringing Down the House* would be made into a Hollywood movie, I was beyond excited. However, now that '21' is out, no matter how much I try to rationalize the casting decisions behind this film, I remain outraged as an American. I will attempt to explain why Hollywood's discriminatory casting process behind this film is offensive, why over 600 members on a Facebook group have called for its boycott, and why several prominent newspapers and blogs have criticized this movie, with one writer even calling it "moving Asian Americans to the back of the bus."

Some background information must be introduced. First, the real-life team, which this non-fiction book and inspired film were based on, consisted of mostly Asian American men, who have recently revealed themselves as Jeffrey Ma '94 (the character Ben Campbell), Michael Aponte '95 (Steve Fisher), and John Chang '85 (Mickey Rosa). In a March 25 Boston Globe interview, the real-life Jill Taylor (Jane Willis, then a Harvard Law School student and ring-leader of the blackjack team) confirmed the ethnic makeup of the team: "I think it dawned on him that we could play blackjack and also give the team, which was mostly Asian and male, a little diversity." It should be reiterated that '21' is not about any other blackjack team; new versions of the book 'Bringing Down the House' even have the movie poster as its book cover.

Second, according to the non-fiction book, the team's Asian ethnicities were central to the plot and their ability to gamble huge amounts of money without notice. Here is an excerpt from the book: "The MIT team thrived by choosing [Big Players] who fit the casino mold of the young, foolish, and wealthy. Primarily non-white, either Asian or Middle Eastern, these were the kids the casinos were accustomed to

seeing bet a thousand bucks a hand. Like many on the team, Kevin Lewis was part Asian, and could pass as the child of a rich Chinese or Japanese executive ... '... White 20-year-olds with \$2 million bankrolls stand out,' explains Andrew Tay, one of Lewis' teammates."

Third, before seeing any auditions, the movie studio had initially intended to write out all of these Asian American males in the cast. In a 2005 *Tech* interview, here is what the book author Ben Mezrich had to say: "Mezrich mentioned the stereotypical Hollywood casting process — though most of the actual blackjack team was composed of Asian males, a studio executive involved in the casting process said that most of the film's actors would be White, with perhaps an Asian female."

For those who have seen the film, the end result was a production that whitewashed most of the real life characters, with Aaron Yoo playing a kleptomaniac as a token Asian secondary character. Think of other examples of films inspired from true stories. Would you feel okay about 'Coach Carter' or 'Pursuit of Happiness', starring Al Pacino? How about 'Passion of the Christ' starring an East Asian, or a blond, blue-eyed actor? I think when entertainment is supposed to be based on real life, that there is an obligation to stay true to the situation's demographics and the real life protagonists. For example, a movie about the NBA with no Black actors, or a hospital show with no Asian American male doctors in it, would seem unrealistic. There is also precedent to this argument. For example, decades ago Broadway initially used White actresses to play the Asian female protagonist in 'Miss Saigon,' until they were eventually forced by the Actor's Equity Union to use Asian actresses.

The two strongest defenses I have read for this offensive casting process are that Hollywood is a business (and that Americans won't accept Asian faces), and also to point to films like 'I Am Legend' (a film starring Will Smith

which was based on a book about a fictional White protagonist). In my opinion, both arguments are unconvincing.

People who pay to see this film are going to see the supposedly non-fiction cool story, Kevin Spacey, and Laurence Fishburne. Jim Sturgess is not putting butts in the seats any more than Aaron Yoo is (who would have made a great lead). Additionally, the implications of the 'it makes money' excuse are troubling to me; similar-sounding defenses have been used in the past to justify discrimination of minorities for jobs, and to exclude women from voting or the workforce. In fact, people familiar with Hollywood know that casting is not just chosen on best talent, and is oftentimes determined by marketing departments who dictate which races or ethnicities the characters will be, in order to make the most money. Incidentally, a 2006 study of Hollywood's discriminatory casting process, by UCLA law professor Russell Robinson, indicated that under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, minority actors may have legal rights to sue Hollywood for excluding minorities from roles based on race.

'I Am Legend' did not offend most White Americans, whereas '21' offended Asian Americans, because there is a dearth of non-stereotypical, three-dimensional, sympathetic, or positive Asian American male images in American media. NPR and PBS recently featured the documentary 'The Slanted Screen,' which chronicles the marginalization of Asian American men in Hollywood, from evil Fu Manchu caricatures, to yellowface and buck-toothed Asians in 'Breakfast at Tiffany's,' to how Bruce Lee wasn't even picked for his own TV show that he wrote ('Kung Fu'), instead having it go to David Carradine, who to this day still pretends he is Asian in television commercials. Whitewashing of Asian characters continues to this day, such as in upcoming live-action films like 'Akira,' 'Dragonball,' and 'Speed Racer.' 'Charlie Chan,' an old popular TV series about an Asian American detective done in yellowface, is currently being remade into a Hollywood movie starring no Asian men. Additionally, there are questionable motivations behind the recent dozens of remakes of quality Asian films, including 'The Departed,' and 'My Sassy Girl,' in which almost nothing is changed from the original stories except for race.

In multiple East Asian countries, the majority of films in theaters are Hollywood films starring White actors, and viewers have no problem paying and reading sub-titles, so why can't Americans accept non-White faces in their theaters? Given the success of various East Asian foreign language films, 'Harold and Kumar,' 'Lost,' and 'Heroes,' I personally think America is willing to see Asian American male faces, and it is a shame that these studio executives give Americans such little credit.

This movie was the perfect chance for Hollywood to overcome its history of discrimination towards Asian American males, and to showcase talented Asian American actors, and they blew it. If there were more three-dimensional images out there for Asian American actors, I do not believe Asian Americans would be so frustrated over '21'. Exclusion or lack of presence can be just as offensive as overt negative stereotypes, and it marginalizes and alienates Asian Americans from the American melting pot. Studios obviously are not scared of offending Asian Americans, possibly because we are only 5 percent of the population. Major change probably will not happen until fair-minded non-Asian Americans get offended too.

Alvin Lin is a member of the Class of 2004.



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Green Hall: No Longer Home for Female Graduate Students

By Hsin-Yu Tsai

The residents of Green Hall were recently informed that Green Hall, opened in 1983 in honor of Ida Flansburgh Green, a major MIT benefactor and advocate of graduate studies for women, would no longer function as a graduate women's dormitory. As a resident and transition coordinator of Green Hall, I would like to share the perspectives from Green Hall residents on how the MIT administration has handled this matter.

The transition plan

On Jan. 15, with half of our residents out of town, three housing officers came to our dorm

dinner to announce the decision to convert Green Hall from a graduate women's dorm to an undergraduate sorority house. It is true that we are a small community with only 30 residents remaining here this fall, but that does not mean we should not be afforded at least a baseline level of consideration. The decision had been made without any input from Green Hall residents, the house master, nor the GSC (it was raised for about 30 seconds at a Housing Strategy Group meeting as the question 'What happens to Green when NW35 opens?' — with no discussion). The housing contracts we signed and the continuing status we currently possess have not provided us any protection nor any guarantee during this transition process. (Detailed transition plans were reported in the Feb.

12 issue of *The Tech*.)

The true reasons

The official reasons we were given for this decision was the absence of a graduate community as Ashdown moves over to NW35. However, Green Hall residents were not given the opportunity to be involved in the planning for New Ashdown nor the option to transition with the Ashdown community. The true reasons for swapping the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority with Green Hall residents with only five months notice is to provide the KAT sorority with the house they need, to end senior segue, and to preserve a female-only graduate housing option. Everyone in this decision was taken into consideration, except the graduate residents in Green Hall.

Disappointing responses from MIT housing

After the dorm dinner, we contacted the GSC and our officers tried to negotiate with housing, but all proposed alternatives were rejected: no mid-August move-out, no seniority in housing lotteries, no NW35 tours, and no Green Hall option for those with continuing status who are graduating soon. On Jan. 24, an official survey of resident's housing preferences was distributed by the Housing Office at our officers' request, but there was no option to remain in Green Hall and no option to move out later than June 30th. "If you feel that moving in June is a problem for you, please let us know that you'd prefer to move now, and we will facilitate that," said one of the e-mails from housing. As Henry Ford once quipped of the Model T, "You can paint it any color, so long as it's black."

Meeting with the deans

We conducted an internal survey of residents' preferences and showed that more than 20 residents wanted to continue graduate lives in the close and friendly female community that they had formed. "This community could not be replaced or reformed in the S&P female wing due to the stark contrast between isolated apartment designs and Green Hall's dormitory design," said one of the residents who moved from Sidney-Pacific.

On Jan. 28 we wrote to Steven R. Lerman '72 and Larry G. Benedict (the Dean for Grad-

uate Students and Student Life, respectively) with the signature of 24 supporting residents. We proposed:

- * preserving 1-2 floors as graduate women housing for 11-23 residents

- * current residents be allowed to remain in Green until our contract ends in August

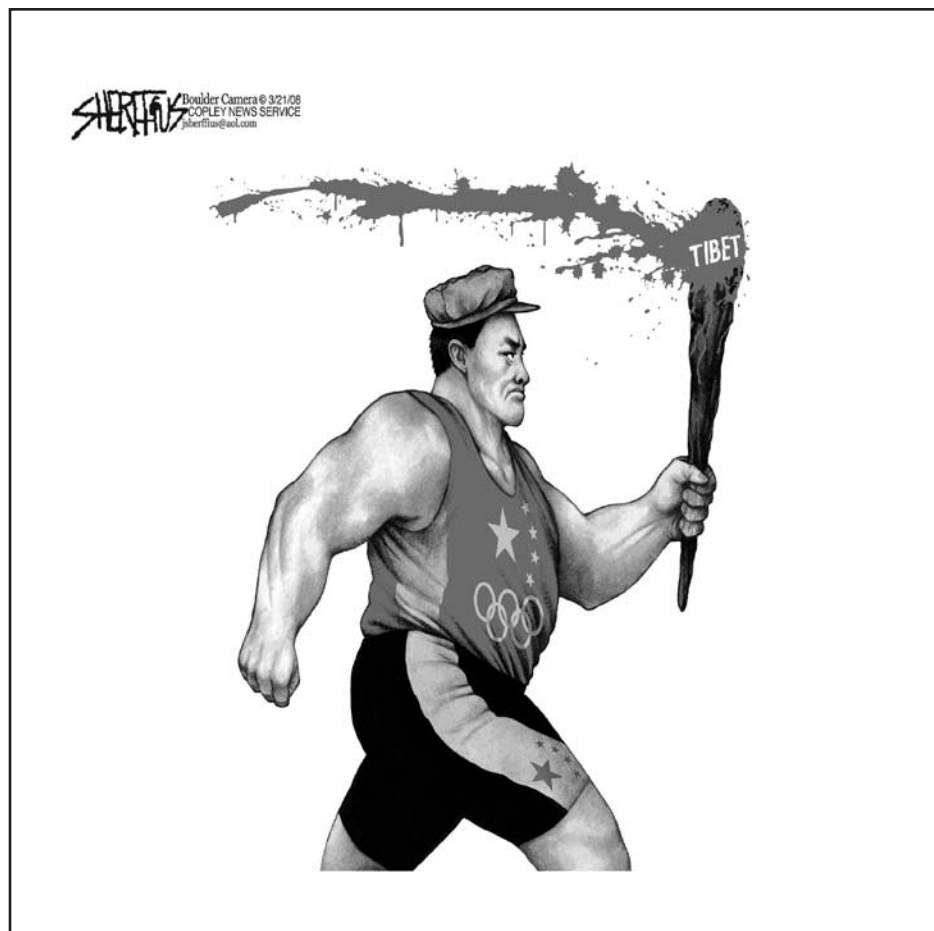
On Feb. 6, resident representatives from Green Hall were finally able to meet with Benedict, who had been on vacation the entire January. The proposal to preserve Green Hall in any graduate form was rejected and was not discussed at all because the decision was already "made." On Feb. 14, after the sorority decided that renovations will only take place in the basement, it was agreed that residents could remain in Green Hall until August. At this point, about 20 Green Hall residents are planning to move to NW35, 3 to Sidney-Pacific, 1 to Edgerton House, 1 to Tang Hall, and 4 off campus.

Reflections

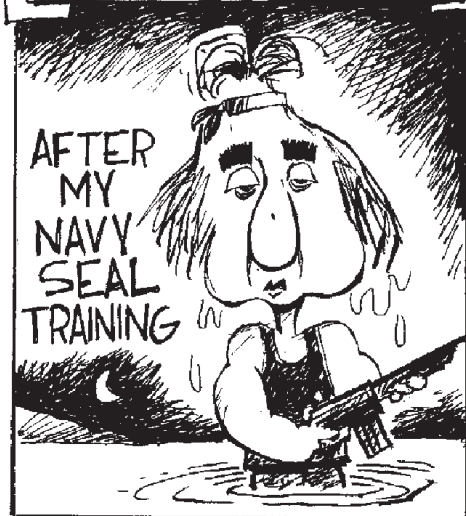
As a former co-president of Graduate Women of Course 6 (GW6), I cannot fully express my disappointment. MIT makes such an effort to be an inclusive place for women, but cannot ensure the rights of 30 women to continue living in a community that they have worked hard to create. Some residents have stated that if our relatively low rent is the problem, then they would prefer a rent increase rather than being forced to leave Green Hall. At least three residents (20% of the continuing PhD candidates in Green Hall) have seriously considered leaving MIT without a PhD, and many complained about the additional stress imposed on their graduate studies.

Our graduate student community is being destroyed, but no official apology has ever been made; this decision making pattern with no student input and last minute notice continues repeating itself. We sincerely hope that the administrative authorities can seriously address this reoccurring pattern and work with the GSC to effectively ensure student input in future decision processes.

Hsin-Yu Tsai, a Green Hall resident, is a graduate student in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and a transition coordinator for Green Hall.



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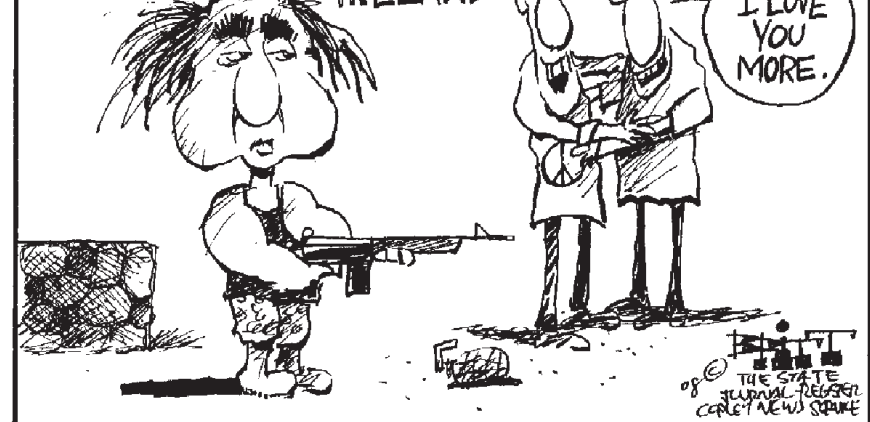
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Brouhaha Rhythm

So, What Do You Want To Do?

By Michael T. Lin

STAFF COLUMNIST

I'm going to miss spring break. I realize that's true for all but the most masochistic among us, but after such a long and lustrous on-campus vacation, telling myself to return to the academic schedule is like asking Robinson Crusoe to vacation in the Bahamas. He'll do it, but don't expect him to leap for joy at the opportunity. Especially not after he's had a week to get used to sitting at home eating processed snack foods and leftover pizza in front of a perpetual YouTube header.

There's a reason why the answer to "How was your break?" is, almost without fail, "short." I'm going to operate under the assumption that it's because time flies when you're having fun, but it's also entirely possible that the less social among us move so

little from our chairs that time dilation works backwards. (I'm still amazed that I'm at a school where I can use jokes like that and have readers understand my blathering.) As one of the few that remained on-campus over spring break, I can say with confidence that even in the ghost town that the MIT campus became last week, there were still fun people to do fun things with. Certain anticipated

video game and film releases have a way of keeping geeks properly occupied, while those ahead of the time-management curve have been dutifully chiseling away at the home-

work assigned over vacation. There should be plenty about to keep a person occupied — until one takes into account the effect of too much free time on the human mind.

I'd hope there are at least a few of you out there who are familiar with the productivity Twilight Zone — not enough motivation to do anything productive and not enough interest to do anything frivolous. The hours of the day waste away as you sit in your room, feeling sorry for the cow whose jerky you're nibbling as you stare out the window at the gray Cantabrigian landscape and wondering

what might be wrong with you that you can't think of anything to do with all the resources at hand. Or perhaps that was just me.

For those of you who know what I'm talking about, I'd be more than happy to offer some advice to help prevent falling into this maelstrom of despair, if only I knew what to do about it myself. I'm hoping that I will eventually rediscover the drive that once fueled my part-scholastic, part-monastic existence and channel it into an attention span worth speaking of. Until then, here I sit, gorging myself on the snack that smiles back and contemplating how much messier my side of the room can get before it interferes intolerably with my capacity to function. Best of luck to those of you ailing in kind, and please — let me know if you solve your problem before I do.

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Through My Eyes

How Many Cows Are You Worth?

By Christina Kang

STAFF COLUMNIST

Women, how many cows are you worth? Men, how many cows would you be willing to pay as a dowry for your wife? Two? Three? How about forty? How many of your wife's extended family members would you be willing to support? My last day in Kenya, I was invited to have tea with the directors, chairmen, and head staff of the Association for the Physically Disabled of Kenya (APDK). They invited me to hear about my accomplishments during the week, what I hoped to do with the information and media I had obtained, a reflection of my visit, and my personal future plans. The issue of gender arose as we spoke about my desire to become a surgeon. Surprisingly, the differences in the role of women in East Africa versus in the United States turned out to be mainly based around the concept of dowries.

Webster defines a dowry as "the money, goods, or estate that a woman brings to her husband in marriage." A "dower" or "mahr," on the other hand, is what the groom promises

to give to the bride should she be widowed. To make matters even more confusing, money or goods a groom pays to the bride's parents in exchange for her hand in marriage is technically the "bride price." The tea conversation was technically based around "bride price," but this was referred to as the "dowry," and the thought of the woman's family paying was inconceivable.

To many of us at MIT, especially our generation that grew up in the United States, the concept of a dowry is almost obsolete. It is often deemed old-fashioned and related to arranged marriage and the renaissance period. However, in some areas and cultures, it is alive and thriving still today. I was able to get both a Kenyan and British perspective, as the national chairman of APDK is British while the other staff members are Kenyan. They informed me that in both countries, it is custom for the man to pay his wife's family a dowry.

In Kenya, this dowry often continues for the rest of their lives and the responsibility of supporting the woman's extended family,

should they need to be supported, lies in the man's hands. The dowry (often livestock and/or monetary) serves as a promise and a type of contract. When I explained that the concept of a dowry was almost extinct among my community in the United States, both the women and men in the room were aghast. They argued that a dowry was beneficial as it bonded families together, making both the woman and man more faithful to the marriage due to the relationship being an economic investment. So much relied on the marriage that divorce was unthinkable and almost obsolete. They blamed the lack of dowries as one cause for the increase of failed marriages in modern societies.

The battle of the sexes resumed when it came to details of the dowry. The women in the room argued that dowries for wives made the wives appear as purchasable property in the men's eyes. They argued that the woman's family should pay the dowry to the man. This was an interesting view because in Korea, the woman's family often pays a dowry, and I've heard complaints of the women feeling depre-

ciated because they feel that it indicates the male needs to receive something to take them; they, themselves, are not worthy enough, and they are a burden to both their husband and their fathers.

In the end, it seems that there is no perfect solution. A lot of the issue is dependent on how the parties involved choose to interpret the dowry. You can choose to think of it as a price that you are paying for a woman that has been objectified or deemed not worthy on her own. On the other hand, you can think of it as a gift, promise of commitment, or acknowledgment of the joining of families. The danger comes when there is an argument about the extent of the price or gift; when an argument gets heated and one party makes an angry comment using the dowry as an attack. However, it can definitely set the tone for the relationship; not only are the bride and groom involved, but their entire families are entering into the relationship. It can also give just one more reason to try and work things out rather than deciding to divorce. What do you think?



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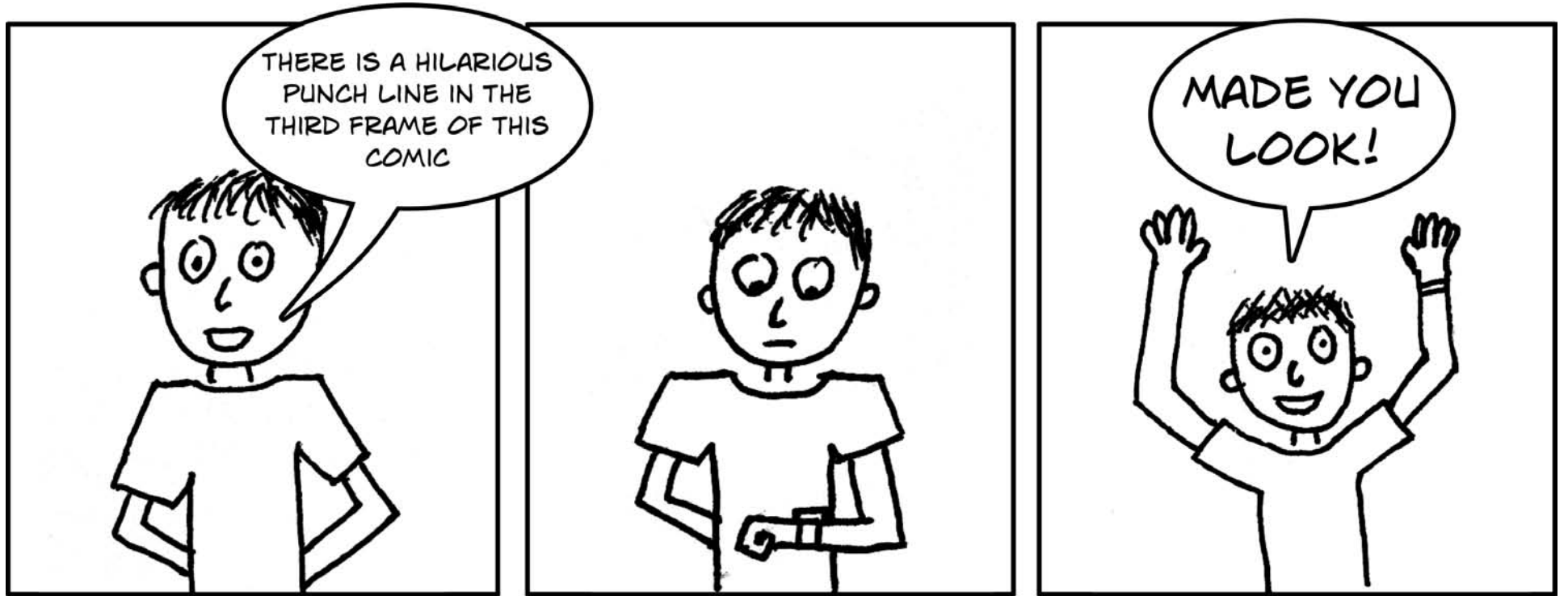


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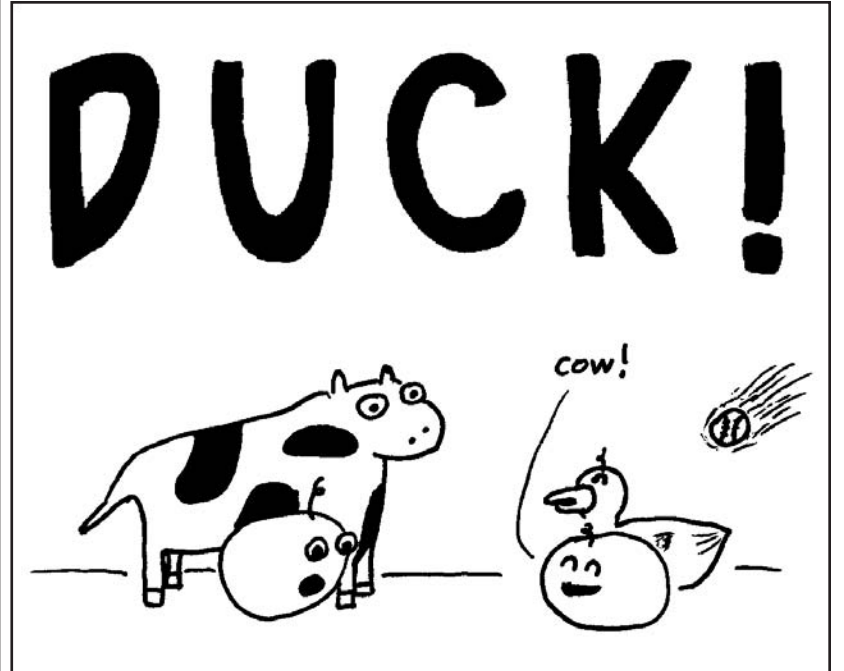
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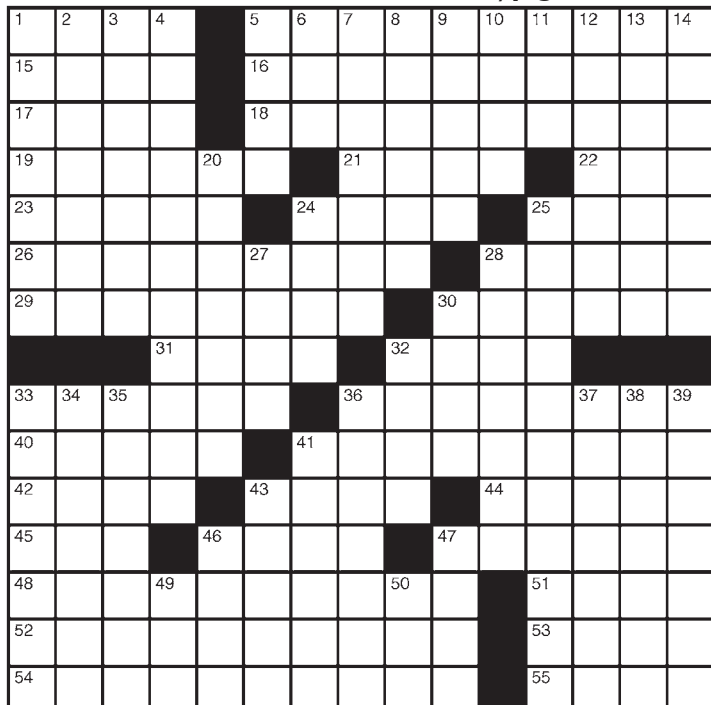
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Crossword Puzzle

Solution, page 18



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- 5 Occurs
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- 18 Comics' superhero group
- 19 Tell
- 21 Shooter's ammo
- 22 Turkish title
- 23 Big name in mini motor homes
- 24 Witty remark
- 25 Long ride?
- 26 Mr. Humperdinck

- 28 Nutty pie
- 29 Dinner enders
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- 33 Willow
- 36 Cyrano de ___
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- 41 Mask
- 42 Commotions
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- 45 Strike sharply
- 46 "Promised Land" author Abba
- 47 Revolve
- 48 Voters
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- 55 Woods rooster?

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- 8 Actor Borgnine
- 9 Pulled up a chair to
- 10 Trident-shaped letters

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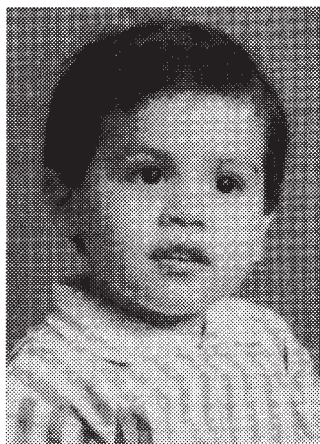
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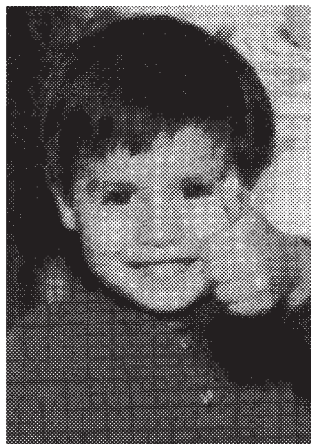
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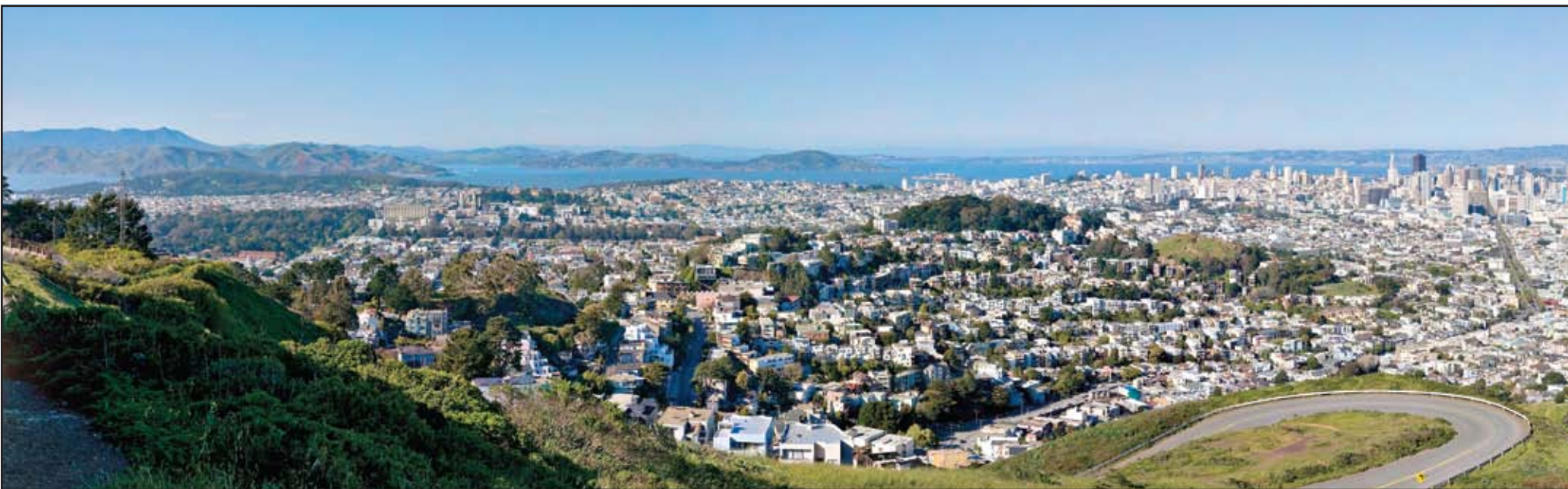
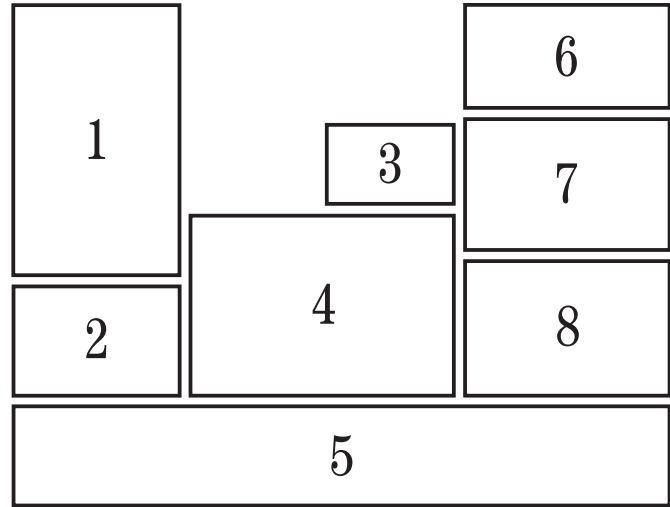


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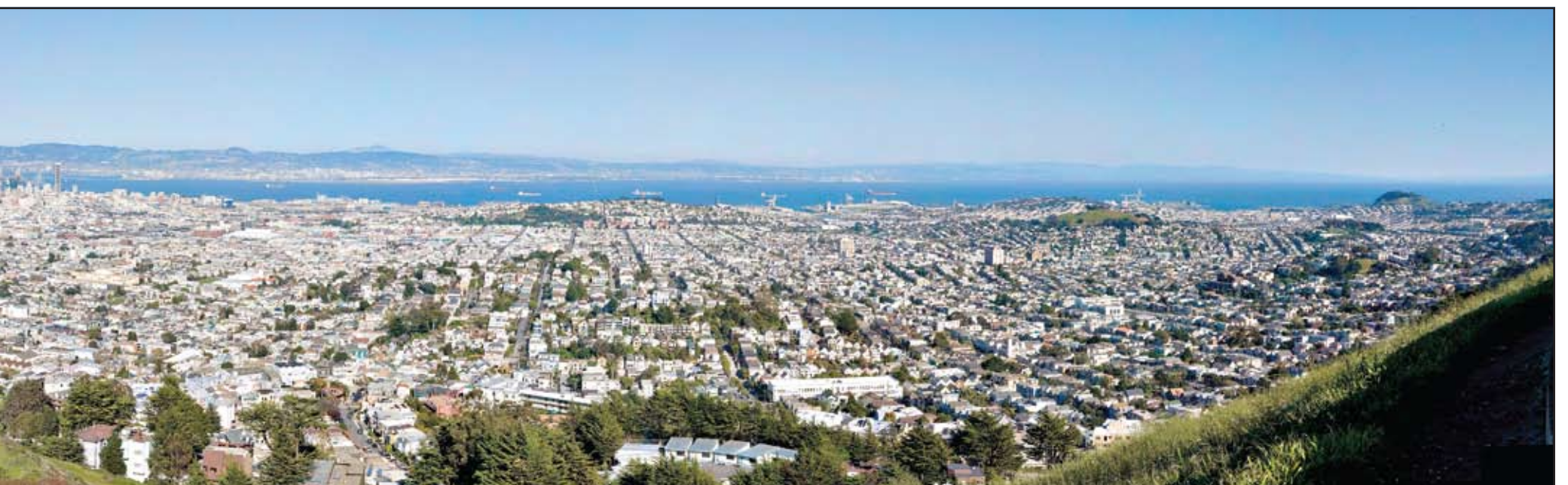
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Tad Hirsch, Media Lab Grad. Student, Subpoenaed For Users of TXTmob, System Employed by Protesters

By Colin Moynihan
THE NEW YORK TIMES

When delegates to the Republican National Convention assembled in New York in August 2004, the streets and sidewalks near Union Square and Madison Square Garden filled with demonstrators. Police officers in helmets formed barriers by stretching orange netting across intersections. Hordes of bicyclists participated in rolling protests through nighttime streets, and helicopters hovered overhead.

These tableaux and others were described as they happened in text messages that spread from mobile phone to mobile phone in New York City and beyond. The people sending and receiving the messages were using technology, developed by an anonymous group of artists and activists called the Institute for Applied Autonomy, that allowed users to form networks and transmit messages to hundreds or thousands of telephones.

Although the service, called TXTmob, was widely used by demonstrators, reporters and possibly even police officers, little was known about its inventors. Last month, however, the New York City Law Department issued a subpoena to Edward A. Hirsch G, a doctoral candidate at

the Massachusetts Institute of Technology who wrote the code that created TXTmob.

Lawyers representing the city in lawsuits filed by hundreds of people arrested during the convention asked Mr. Hirsch to hand over voluminous records revealing the content of messages exchanged on his service and identifying people who sent and received messages. Mr. Hirsch says that some of the subpoenaed material no longer exists and that he believes he has the right to keep other information secret.

"There's a principle at stake here," he said recently by telephone. "I think I have a moral responsibility to the people who use my service to protect their privacy."

The subpoena, which was issued Feb. 4, instructed Mr. Hirsch, who is completing his dissertation at MIT, to produce a wide range of material, including all text messages sent via TXTmob during the convention, the date and time of the messages, information about people who sent and received messages, and lists of people who used the service.

In a letter to the Law Department, David B. Rankin, a lawyer for Mr. Hirsch, called the subpoena "vague" and "overbroad," and wrote that seeking information about TXT-

mob users who have nothing to do with lawsuits against the city would violate their First Amendment and privacy rights.

Lawyers for the city declined to comment.

The subpoena is connected to a group of 62 lawsuits against the city that stem from arrests during the convention and have been consolidated in Federal District Court in Manhattan. About 1,800 people were arrested and charged, but 90 percent of them ultimately walked away from court without pleading guilty or being convicted.

Many people complained that they were arrested unjustly, and a State Supreme Court justice chastised the city after hundreds of people were held by the police for more than 24 hours without a hearing.

The police commissioner, Raymond W. Kelly, has called the convention a success for his department, which he credited with preventing major disruptions during a turbulent week. He has countered complaints about police tactics by saying that nearly a million people peacefully expressed their political opinions, while the convention and the city functioned smoothly.

Mr. Hirsch said that the idea for TXTmob evolved from conversa-

tions about how police departments were adopting strategies to counter large-scale marches that converged at a single spot.

While preparing for the 2004 political conventions in New York and Boston, some demonstrators decided to plan decentralized protests in which small, mobile groups held rallies and roamed the streets.

"The idea was to create a very dynamic, fluid environment," Mr. Hirsch said. "We wanted to transform areas around the entire city into theaters of dissent."

Organizers wanted to enable people in different areas to spread word of what they were seeing in each spot and to coordinate their movements. Mr. Hirsch said that he wrote the TXTmob code over about two weeks. After a trial run in Boston during the Democratic National Convention, the service was in wide use during the Republican convention in New York. Hundreds of people went to the TXTmob Web site and joined user groups at no charge.

As a result, when members of the War Resisters League were arrested after starting to march up Broadway, or when Republican delegates attended a performance of "The Lion King" on West 42nd Street, a server under a desk in Cambridge, Mass.,

transmitted messages detailing the action, often while scenes on the streets were still unfolding.

Messages were exchanged by self-organized first-aid volunteers, demonstrators urging each other on and even by people in far-flung cities who simply wanted to trade thoughts or opinions with those on the streets of New York. Reporters began monitoring the messages too, looking for word of breaking news and rushing to spots where mass arrests were said to be taking place.

And Mr. Hirsch said he thought it likely that police officers were among those receiving TXTmob messages on their phones.

It is difficult to know for sure who received messages, but an examination of police surveillance documents prepared in 2003 and 2004, and unsealed by a federal magistrate last year, makes it clear that the authorities were aware of TXTmob at least a month before the Republican convention began.

A document marked "N.Y.P.D. SECRET" and dated July 26, 2004, included the address of the TXTmob Web site and stated, "It is anticipated that text messaging is one of several different communications systems that will be utilized to organize the upcoming RNC protests."

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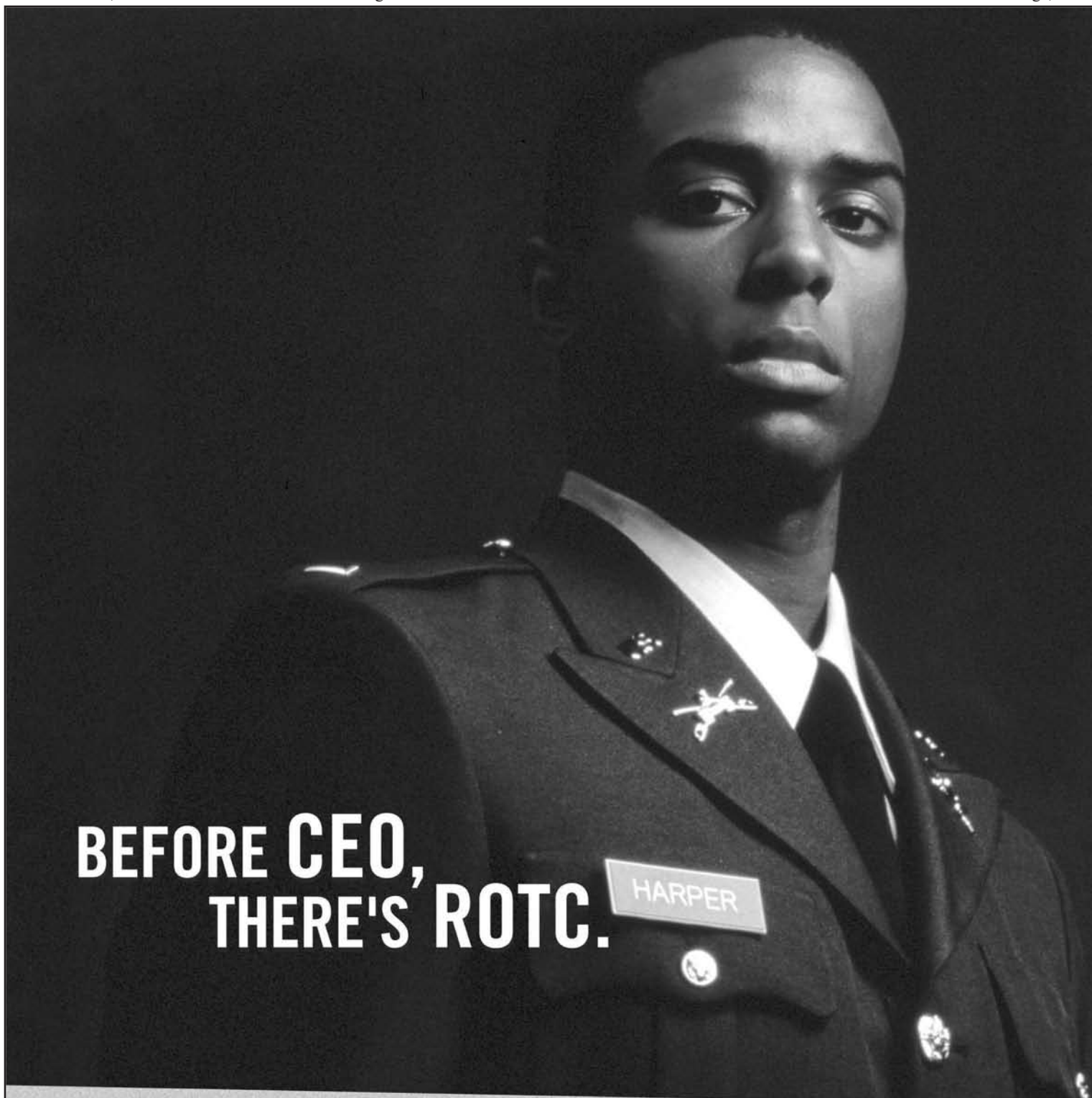
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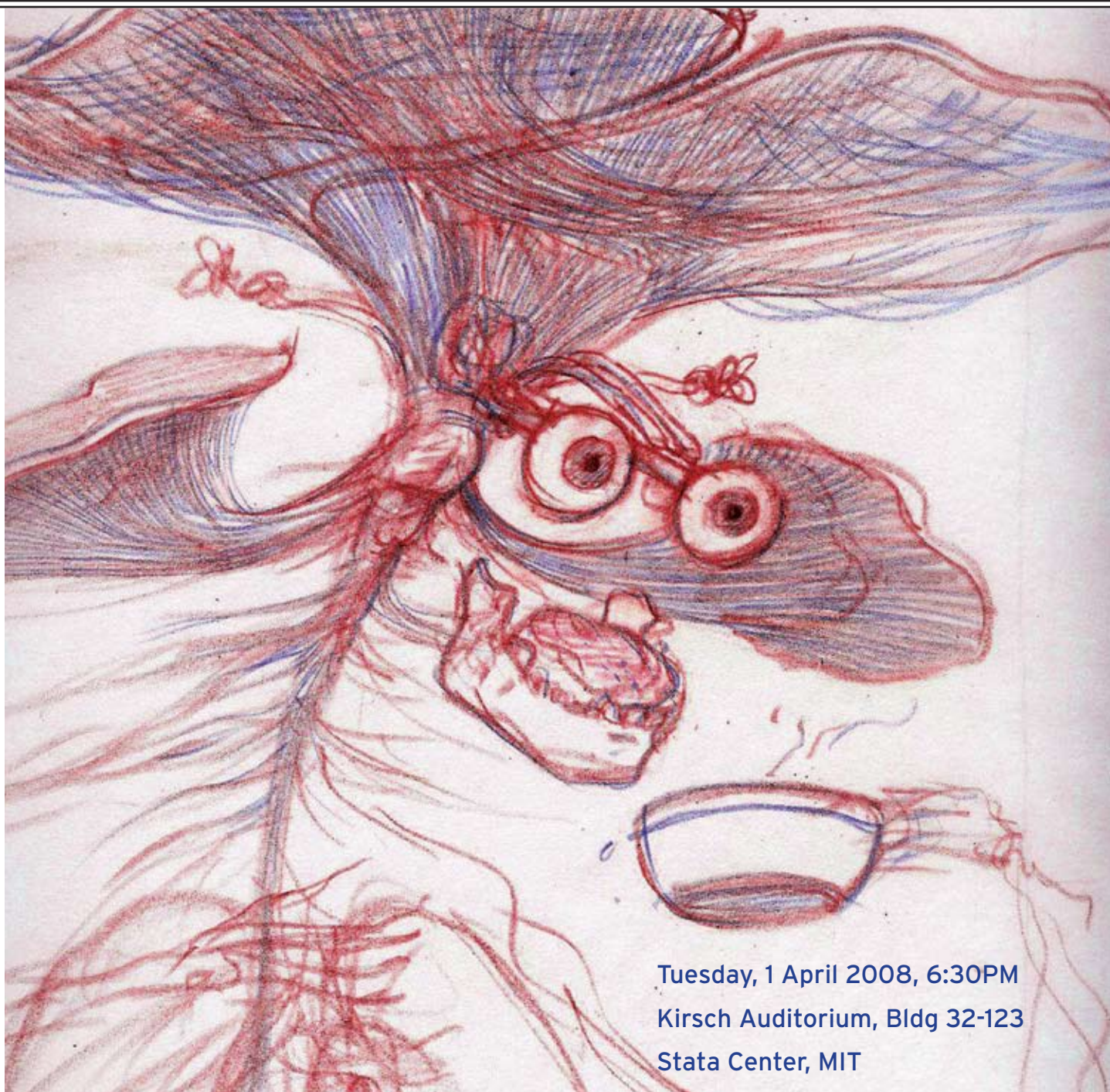
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Outgoing Spam From MIT Prompts ISPs To Reject Some Mail

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the number of e-mails that a Web-mail user can send to fifteen per fifteen minutes, Schiller said.

Spam sent from MIT servers has been a perennial problem. In 2003, AOL blocked all e-mail from MIT for five days. AOL eventually agreed to accept all e-mail from MIT, provided that MIT first check each message for spam content.

Other Internet service providers have periodically blocked MIT e-mail, with access usually restored within a few days.

Schiller said that MIT's Information Services and Technology is working to fight spam. And, he said, we "will never, never, never, never ask you for your password."

Michael McGraw-Herdeg contributed to the reporting of this article.



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Researchers Claim Money Had No Strings Attached

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search is like the DA taking money from the Mafia to conduct investigations of crime," said Gregory Connolly, a Harvard School of Public Health professor and former director of the Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program.

University scientists first came

under withering attack for taking money from Big Tobacco in the 1990s, when their work was seen as buttressing industry claims that cigarettes were not harmful. The tenor of industry-funded research changed after the companies acknowledged in a landmark settlement in 1998 that their products were lethal.

"Their interest now is to try to

convince the public that they are truly concerned companies and that they care enough to fund important research at reputable institutions," said Dr. Michael Siegel, a Boston University School of Public Health researcher who has extensively studied the tobacco industry. "And, they're using the good name of these institutions to try to bolster their own

scientific and public credibility."

BU's acceptance of research grants from Philip Morris was first disclosed Thursday in The Daily Free Press, a student newspaper at the university.

In a statement issued Friday evening, the provost of BU's medical campus, Dr. Karen Antman, said the school had received \$3.99 million from Philip Morris during the past decade and devoted it to the study of tobacco-related diseases.

"We adhere to the highest ethical conduct in research and pursue funding from a variety of sources for unrestricted medical research," Antman said in the statement. "Our research is conducted and the results are assessed against the standard benchmarks that apply to any research."

Philip Morris would not disclose how much money in total it distributed through the External Research Program from 2000 through last year, when it was ended. Nor would the company specify the amounts given to Massachusetts scientists.

Worldwide, about 470 research projects were underwritten by the company, Sylvia said, resulting in more than 1,000 publications in journals that subject papers to peer scrutiny, such as the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Philip Morris recruited a scientific advisory board to review research proposals, Sylvia said, plac-

ing an emphasis on projects related to how smoking causes cancer, heart disease, and respiratory ailments.

"Obviously, cigarettes are a product that is addictive and cause serious disease," Sylvia said. "Our goal is to try to reduce the harm associated with cigarettes. We felt there needed to be additional research in these various areas to better help us in our effort to reduce the harm related to smoking."

The company provided three examples of Massachusetts researchers it supported. In two of those cases, the recipients were junior scientists — known as post-doctoral researchers — who often find it difficult to win highly competitive grants from the federal government or other major sources of research support.

One of them said he was happy to get the funding for his work on computer modeling of potential treatments for cardiovascular disease.

"As there were no strings attached in the application process I had no qualms in applying for this funding," Rami A. Tzafirri, of MIT, said in an e-mail. "In retrospect I can say that the whole process was very professional and friendly and that under similar circumstances I would apply for such funding again. Funding for research is essential, but unfortunately scarce. So any source that does not compromise my independence is welcome."

MIT officials declined to comment about their researchers' acceptance of Philip Morris money.

At BU, one recipient, Dr. Douglas Faller, is a longtime professor and director of the BU Cancer Center. According to a document detailing work at the university's Women's Health Interdisciplinary Research Center, Faller received \$268,759 from Philip Morris to investigate a cancer drug.

Reached at his home late Friday, Faller deferred to university officials for comment.

At Harvard Medical School, researchers were ordered to stop pursuing tobacco-industry grants in July 2004. "The policy did, however, allow those few researchers who had ongoing projects funded by those entities to complete them," Margaret Dale, dean for faculty and research integrity at Harvard Medical School, said in a statement released Friday by a university spokesman.

When the school issued its policy, administrators acknowledged that grant money can be hard to turn down.

But "in light of the harm that has been caused by the tobacco industry and its products, and considering [Harvard Medical School's] mission as a leader in teaching, research and patient care," the only acceptable course was to ban the tobacco grants, the Harvard administrators wrote.

A UMass Medical School spokeswoman said that the school does not currently have any research supported by tobacco companies and that it had accepted "no more than" \$2 million from the industry over the past decade. By comparison, she said, the medical school estimates it received a total of \$1.3 billion in research funding during that period.

The Tufts University School of Medicine received no Philip Morris grants, but a school spokeswoman said that one laboratory there had received a grant in 2006 from a tobacco company.



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Former Educational Council Director Is New Admissions Dean

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my [career] path has been even more helpful," Schmill said. Schmill said that his experience as the head crew coach, when he spent 20 hours per week with students, gave him a deeper insight into the students at MIT and what type of students the Institute should admit. His positions with the Alumni Office and Educational Council gave him further experience working with students and their parents, he said.

Hastings said that Schmill was chosen in part because "he had a very good vision and deep, deep understanding of the MIT culture and the kind of things we need to do to move us forward". Hastings also said that he was pleased with Schmill's performance as interim director. He said that, rather than serving just as a "bench warmer" during the past year, Schmill was willing to pilot new experiments.

Schmill "thinks analytically, which is, for an MIT person, what you'd expect" and "uses data in a thoughtful way," said Hastings.

The Tech reported before spring break that the job had been offered to one of the three finalists and that an announcement would be coming in the following days. Hastings declined to say whether the delay was because he had offered the job to one of the other candidates, who had turned it down, before choosing Schmill. "I went through an iterative process" and "a lot of debate" in making a decision, Hastings said, and "after some negotiation [Schmill] ultimately accepted" the job.

"I've always thought [Schmill] was a great person for the job," Hastings said, and one of the benefits of the search process was to gain an external reference point for comparison with Schmill and his qualifications. Hastings said that he was pleased that Schmill would

be able to continue leading the staff in the Admissions Office because "they're clearly very attached to him."

Schmill will be the first MIT alumnus to lead the Admissions Office since Peter H. Richardson '48, who served as director of admissions from 1972 to 1984. Richardson was the director when Schmill was admitted, and "every time I see him I like to thank him," said Schmill.

Richardson said that he had met Schmill before and was even invited to observe the early action admissions process last fall. Being an MIT alumnus is not essential to the job, Richardson said, although he added that his own experiences as a freshman helped him understand the types of transitions that students go through when first coming to the Institute. "I'm terribly pleased that Stu got the job," Richardson said.

As the new dean of admissions, Schmill will have to face challenges such as recent increases in financial aid by some of MIT's peer institutions, an increased focus in science and engineering from competitors, and an expected decline in the number of high school students. The new dean will therefore have to both maintain and enhance the quality of students admitted, Hastings told The Tech in the week before the announcement was made.

Despite the challenges, Schmill sounds optimistic. "Those are just changes in the landscape," he said. "I think MIT is as relevant as ever" and that the problems the world is facing, including global climate change, "require MIT students and the analytical teachings we offer."

Schmill said last Monday that he was "really honored" and "quite thrilled" at his appointment. "I absolutely love this job," he said. "I've had enormous fun over this past year."



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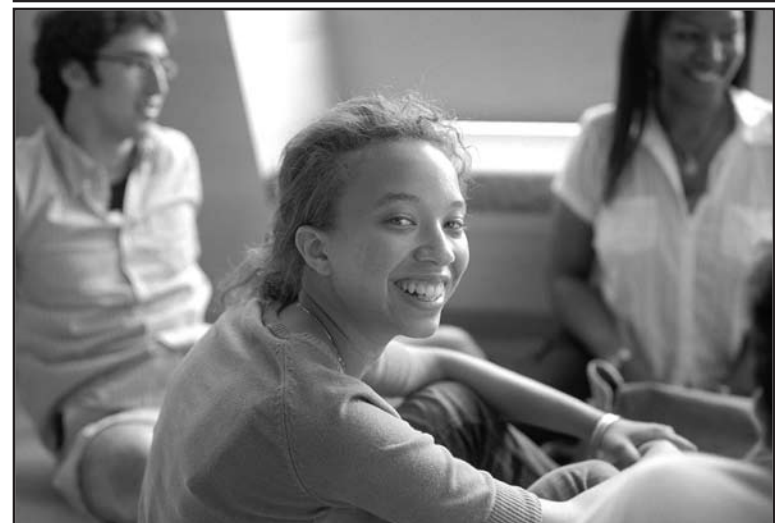
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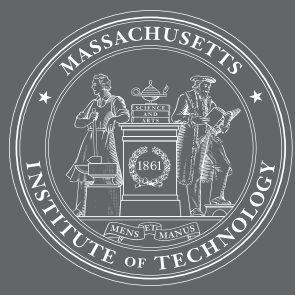


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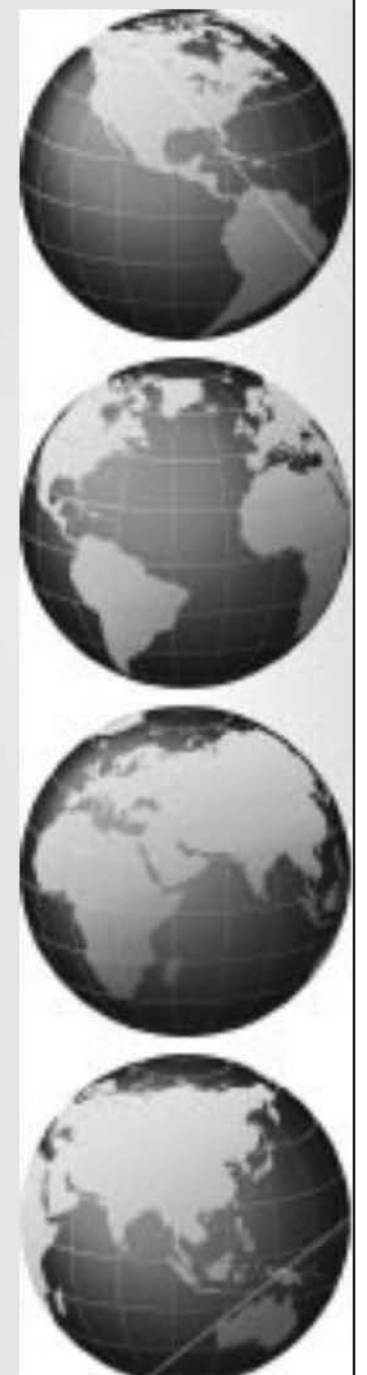
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Memphis Starts Making Free-Throws, Earns Final Four Birth

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son. It wasn't just that most of the top seeds ended up winning, but the dominating way in which they won made many of the games dull enough to change the channel.

Sure Louisville "upset" Tennessee, but looking closely at how the Cardinal's full-court press frustrated a Volunteer team without a serious guard, it's no surprise the margin of victory was as large as it was.

This is not to say that the top four teams don't deserve to be where they are now, but a little more parity wouldn't hurt, would it?

Road to the Final Four

The top seeded University of North Carolina Tar Heels were finally challenged by Louisville in the Elite Eight. The Cardinals made a run to tie the game at 59 midway through the second half before Tar Heels forward Tyler Hansbrough stepped up to take control of the game. Now the Tar Heels will venture out of North Carolina for the first time this tournament to represent the East regional in San Antonio.

Kansas University appeared on paper to have the easiest road through the first four rounds of the tournament. The Jayhawks beat the 16th, 8th, 12th, and 10th seeds in

the tumultuous Midwest Region, but the final game against 10th seeded Davidson was certainly no walk-through. Drawing playful comparisons to the mythical David vs. Goliath, the Cinderella team of the year nearly became the first tenth seed to ever make the Final Four, but a last second three pointer clanked wide left and Kansas survived 59-57.

As hard as it was to see the underdog Davidson lose, it is even harder when one realizes how many opportunities the team missed along the way. Scoring just two points in the first six minutes of the game, and six points in the last seven, it's unclear whether the team was hit with nerves, fatigue, or both. Guard Stephen Curry went cold from three point range in the second half, though that should take nothing away from his inspired performance during the entire tournament.

Memphis University looked dominant against the Texas Longhorns to earn their first trip to the Final Four in 23 years, after losing in the Elite Eight the past two years. The greatest difference between today's Memphis Tigers and the one that many doubted a week ago: free-throw shooting. The Tigers appear to have overcome their greatest weakness, going 30-36 against Texas and 26-35 against Michigan State University, both well

above their season average of 59.2 percent. Compare this to their close second round match-up against Mississippi State University, where they shot 46.9 percent from the line and edged out a win 77-74.

While this improvement certainly isn't the only aspect of Memphis' game that led them to win the South Region, it will be a main factor in their next game against UCLA. The Bruins' defense is one of the best in the country, and the Tigers will need every free point from the foul line they can get.

UCLA itself had the most troubled road to the Final Four of the four top seeds. They survived a scare against Texas A&M in the second round, and a weak second half almost cost the Bruins against Western Kentucky University. The team nevertheless finds itself in the Final Four for the third year in a row, and is feeling good after dismantling a solid Xavier team. As long as it scores enough to keep up with the talented Memphis offense, UCLA hopes to find itself in the title game for the second time in three years.

Final Four — San Antonio, TX

#1 Memphis vs. #1 UCLA,

April 5, 6:07 p.m.

#1 North Carolina vs. #1 Kansas,

April 5, 8:47 p.m.

Nole's Walk-off Single Gives MIT the Victory

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vantage with six runs in the top of the fourth. Two MIT errors proved costly during the inning while Babson's Corey Highfield, Andrew Nodine, and Steve Tahmoush provided the offense with run-scoring hits.

MIT answered with two more runs in the bottom of the fourth and added another run in the fifth off a single to left field by Stewart J. Park '10. Park set up one of MIT's runs in the fourth with one of his three stolen bases in the game.

Babson's Matt Delaney homered to left center to lead off the sixth to reduce the lead to two, and the team tied the game in the seventh with a single to left field by Tahmoush.

After an explosive first nine innings, the offense disappeared on both sides for the next three frames. In the top of the 11th, Babson made a significant push to win the game. Nodine's RBI double to left field put the Beavers ahead by one. Delaney scored Nodine with a single two batters later and Peter O'Toole doubled to left center to drive home Babson's third run.

William L. Blackman '11 singled down the third-base line to lead off the bottom half of the 11th for MIT. A walk and a wild pitch put the Engineers in scoring position. Daniel E.

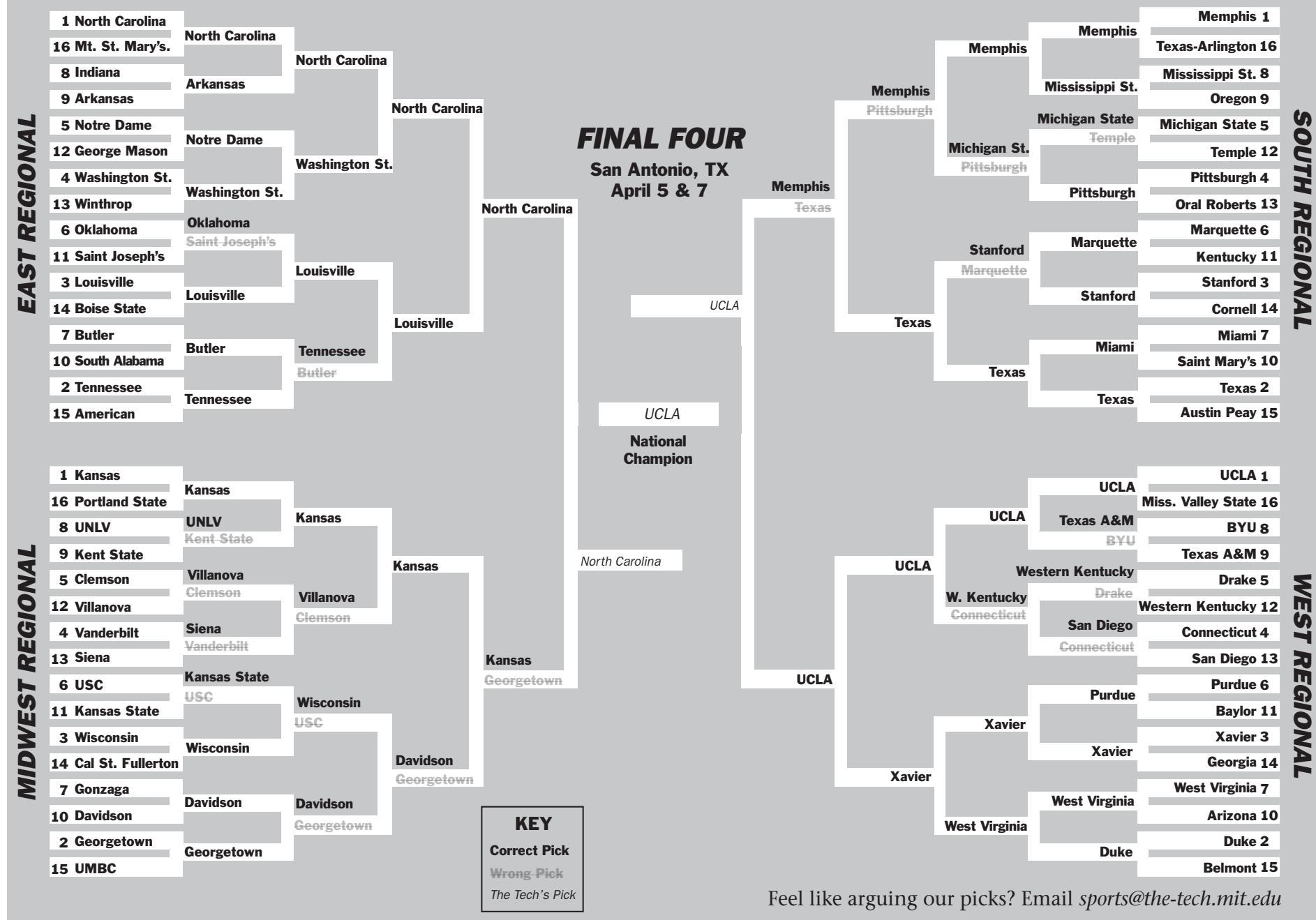
Hyatt '11 singled to left field to reduce the deficit to 12-10, while Brian P. Doyle '11 scored on a passed ball to trim the advantage to one. During the ensuing at-bat, fellow rookie Ryne R. Barry's single to right field led to a miscue along the line that enabled Steven M. Nunez '09 to race home from second and tie the game.

MIT finally secured the winning run in the bottom of the 13th. Barry singled to center with two outs despite a diving stop by Dave Ahern. Park followed with a single to right that moved Barry to third before Nole singled over the head of the Babson third baseman for the game-winning hit.

MIT utilized all of its hitters during the game while Doyle finished 5-for-6 with a walk and three runs to pace the attack. Nole finished 3-for-7 with four RBI.

Each team received an outstanding relief effort from its bullpen early in extra innings. Babson's Matt Barton pitched 5.1 scoreless innings, scattering five hits and striking out six. MIT's G. Mike Vasquez '08 set an Institute record with his 43rd career appearance and made it a good one as he hurled three innings, allowing just one run and three hits. Matt D. Loper '09 threw the final 1.2 innings without yielding a run to gain the win for the Engineers.

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SPORTS

March Madness Not Mad Enough As All Top Seeds Dominate

By Shreyes Seshasai
SPORTS EDITOR

You would expect the crowd at Satisfaction Restaurant and Bar in downtown Durham, NC to be filled with shirts of dark blue in late March, supporting Coach K and the perennial college basketball powerhouse Duke University Blue Devils. Well, not this year.

Walking into the bar, a week after Duke's second round loss to West Virginia University, no one would be surprised to instead find a more subdued crowd, with a spattering of University of North Carolina fans who undoubtedly strayed into Duke country because either 1) they couldn't find a ticket to UNC's game in Charlotte, or 2) they wanted to celebrate their victory in Duke country where they knew it would hurt the most.

Either way, it was clear that last Saturday, basketball fans at Duke were more focused on the for-charity Duke-Carolina Basketball Marathon in Wilson gym than watching eight other schools compete for a spot in the Final Four.

The disappointment that spread through Duke also hit 60 other campuses across the country over the last two weeks of play, as the field of 65 college basketball teams has now been narrowed to four.

For the first time in history, all

four #1 seeds have made it to the Final Four. While this may seem like an unimpressive feat (they are the best teams in the country, right?), it goes against something that this tournament has cherished in the past, the underdog winner. Sure the commercials have been proclaiming "There are no Cinderella's," but part of what makes the tournament great are teams coming from nowhere and taking down the favorites.

The first weekend of the tournament started off promising, with two #12 and #13 seeds advancing to face each other. #12 Villanova's entrance into the Sweet Sixteen excited local Philadelphia news to a level unmatched this year. #10 Davidson College took down #7 Gonzaga University in the opening round, and then upset #2 Georgetown University, a team that many (including this editor) thought had a good change to make the Final Four.

Even without the upsets, the games provided excitement. Stanford squeaked by Marquette, Texas held on over Miami (FL), Tennessee went to overtime against Butler, and UCLA survived a scare against Texas A&M.

But as we hit the second weekend of March madness, the tournament's usual flare for the dramatic seemed to be lost among the forces of rea-

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Pistol Team Finishes in Fourth at NRA Intercollegiate Championship

By Mindy Brauer
DAPER STAFF

The MIT pistol team closed its season with a fourth-place finish at the National Rifle Association Intercollegiate Championship held the week of March 9. The team collected seven All-American awards, led by Edward S. Huo '08, who ranked fifth overall and earned All-America First-Team honors in free pistol, standard pistol, and air pistol. Fuzhou Hu '09 received air pistol Second-Team and free pistol Honorable Mention honors. Daniel Jang '10 and Christine T. Hsueh '10 earned Second-Team awards in free and air pistol, respectively.

The Engineers captured a silver medal in the air pistol team champi-

onship with a total of 2,200 points, equaling the mark of national champion U.S. Naval Academy and finishing three points ahead of Ohio State University. Huo led the way with a score of 555, closely followed by Andrew K. Sugaya '11 (549), Jang (548), and Hu (548). In the individual air pistol competition, Huo placed fifth with a score of 649.7, just 3.3 points shy of medal contention.

MIT collected its second silver medal of the week with its score of 2,000 in free pistol. The U.S. Naval Academy finished first with a score of 2008. Huo (525 points) once again led MIT, while Sugaya (504), Jang (500), and Hu (471) rounded out the group. Huo ranked fourth in the individual competition with a score of 614.

Behind Huo's mark of 521, MIT

placed fourth in standard pistol with a total of 2,053. Sugaya finished three points behind Huo as Hu compiled a tally of 513. Hsueh added a score of 501 for the Engineers.

As a team, the Engineers captured fourth in women's air pistol with a score of 1,059, four points behind bronze-medalist Navy. Michelle C. Ma '10 led the charge with a 357 while two points separated Hsueh (352) and Xudan Liu '10 (350). Li-hua Bai '09 also represented MIT in the event, shooting a 339.

In women's sport pistol, Tech registered another fourth-place performance with a total of 1,548. Hsueh was the squad's top shooter, finishing with a 535. Ma claimed the next spot with a score of 511 while Bai recorded a mark of 502. Liu amassed a tally of 492 to wrap up MIT's contingent.

Game of the Week

Baseball Rallies in Eleventh Inning, Splits Doubleheader Against Babson

By James Kramer
DAPER STAFF

David M. Nole '09 supplied MIT with its second walk-off hit in as many days as the Engineers rallied to defeat Babson College, 13-12, in 13 innings, to complete a wild nightcap of a baseball doubleheader on March 22. In the opening game, Babson was domi-

nant in a 10-1 victory over the Engineers.

In the second game, the Engineers bounced back from their sluggish offensive start in the first game by scoring in four of the first five innings. MIT jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the second behind two-run singles by Paul Groudas '08 and Nole. In the third, Groudas picked up a third RBI, and Benjamin T. Bersanti '10 added a run-scoring double down

Why Game of the Week?

After losing the opener 10-1 and bring down by three in the 11th, MIT stormed back to steal a win in the 13th inning from conference opponent Babson.

the left-field line to move MIT in front, 6-0.

Babson erased the sizeable ad-

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Coblentz Seventh in Individual Competition As Gymnastics Places Fourth at Nationals

By Mindy Brauer
DAPER STAFF

The MIT men's gymnastics team kicked off its postseason push with a fifth-place finish at the USA Gymnastics National Championship held this past weekend at Springfield College. Joshua S. Coblentz '08, the Engineers' lone representative in the individual competition, claimed seventh in the still rings with a score of 13.400.

The U.S. Naval Academy came away with the team title after compiling a mark of 339.300. The College of William and Mary placed second (338.450), followed by the U.S. Air Force Academy (335.100), the host Pride (326.200), and MIT (317.000).

In the all-around, MIT gymnasts secured seventh through 10th place as Coblentz led the way with a score of 80.200. Jacob T. Shapiro '11 cap-

tered the next spot (79.500) while Boris Rasin '09 (79.200) and Thomas S. Caldwell '09 (77.500) wrapped up the contingent.

As a team, the Engineers finished fourth on the rings with a total of 54.950. Coblentz paced the squad with a 14.150 to tie for seventh as Shapiro placed right behind him at 14.100. Rasin registered a 13.950 while Caldwell collected a score of 12.750.

MIT matched its mark from the rings with a fourth place finish on the vault, as Caldwell recorded the team's top tally of 13.900. Rasin edged out Coblentz, 13.750-13.700, as Matthew K. Heine '08 closed out the scoring contingent with a 13.600. Shapiro also competed in the event, compiling a score of 13.500.

On the parallel bars, Shapiro tied for 15th (13.400), Heine tied for 17th (13.350), and Coblentz tied for 20th (13.200). Caldwell collected a 12.950 that brought the Engineers to a team

mark of 52.900. Rasin rounded out the group with a total of 12.850.

Coblentz captured his final team-leading performance with a score of 13.750 on the floor exercise. Shapiro finished with a 13.300 as Rasin registered a 12.900. Caldwell placed one-tenth of a point behind Rasin while MIT posted an overall tally of 52.750.

Caldwell reached 14th place on the high bar with a 13.150 as the Engineers notched a total of 51.200. Coblentz claimed 16th (12.800) while Rasin captured the next spot with a 12.750. Shapiro bolstered the Cardinal and Gray's efforts with a score of 12.500.

On the pommel horse, MIT compiled a mark of 50.250. Rasin paced the squad with a tally of 13.000, which was closely followed by Shapiro (12.700), Coblentz (12.600), and Caldwell (11.950). Jesse M. Ashcraft-Johnson '11 came in right behind Caldwell with a score of 11.900.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

Softball vs. Wheaton College 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., Briggs Field
Baseball vs. Brandeis University 3:30 p.m., Briggs Field
Men's Volleyball vs. Wentworth Institute of Technology 7:00 p.m., Rockwell Cage

Track Goes to San Diego for Break



The MIT men's and women's track and field teams spent Spring Break training in Claremont, California, and capped off the week with a meet held in San Diego by Point Loma Nazarene University. (left) Anthony D. McDonald '10 spins during his final attempt in the hammer throw.

(above) Karin E. Fisher '11 clears the bar in the pole vault. Photography by Omari Stephens