

1,554 Accepted Into Class of 2012; Admit Rate is Lowest Ever

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MIT released admissions decisions for the class of 2012 on Saturday; 1,554 students, or a record-low 11.6 percent of 13,396 applicants, were admitted. This year's round of admissions saw an increase in applications from women, under-represented minorities, and international students, said Stuart Schmill '86, Interim Director of Admissions. There was an overall 8 percent increase in the number of applications from 12,443 last year.

The low admit rate follows an early action stage that saw a two percent increase in early admittances. The net result was that MIT admitted a "higher proportion of early applicants to regular applicants than in previous years," said Schmill. This was due to "changes in other schools' early application programs," added Schmill, noting "we still are looking to enroll no more than a third of the class from the students we admitted early."

Vast "changes in the admissions landscape" such as Harvard and Princeton's elimination of their early admissions programs and "broad changes in financial aid programs across the country may have an effect on yield," said Schmill. Thus the yield, the number of admitted students who enroll, "will be unpredictable." To account for this increased uncertainty, around 700 students, an increase of about a hundred from last

year, were waitlisted. In past years, MIT's yield has been fairly high, comparable with the yields of Yale, Stanford and Princeton, said Schmill.

A majority of admitted students, 1,245, are expected to apply for financial aid, said Daniel Barkowitz, Director of Financial Aid, on his MIT Admissions blog. With the recent change in MIT's financial aid policy that eliminates tuition costs for students of families earning less than \$75,000, "financial aid may well play a role this year [in admitted students' decisions]," said Schmill. "We should be more attractive than ever," added Schmill.

The applicant pool was more competitive this year; there was a 22 percent increase in "academic star applicants" and a 62 percent increase in "non-academic star applicants" according to an e-mail sent to Educational Counselors which was posted yesterday to a College Confidential forum. Schmill said that the "star" applicants mentioned in the e-mail "were identified with some level of achievement either academically or otherwise," such as science fair winners, athletes, musicians, and artists.

There was a 30 percent increase of admitted "academic stars" and a 35 percent increase in admitted "non-academic stars," according to the e-mail. But "the ratio of the two groups

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DAVID M. TEMPLETON—THE TECH

Jerrold M. Grochow, MIT's Vice President for Information Services and Technology, speaks during an open town-hall meeting held by the Undergraduate Association about the future of MIT's IT systems, as UA President Martin F. Holmes '08 looks on.

Panhel Selects Three Finalists In Search for Extra Sorority at MIT

By Nick Bushak
NEWS EDITOR

The MIT Panhellenic Association chose three sororities out of eleven that applied as finalists in the selection process for a sixth sorority at MIT. National representatives of Delta Delta Delta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Pi Beta Phi were invited to present at MIT in April, according to Tiffany W. Guo '09, Panhel president.

National representatives of the new sorority are expected to begin informal recruitment next fall after MIT's five other sororities, including Alpha Epsilon Phi, participate in formal recruitment, Guo said. According to Guo, the new sorority will begin recruiting after the others because it will have no existing MIT members to participate in formal recruitment.

Adding a sorority does not necessarily

require a formal call for applications like the one currently in progress. Panhel is going through this process because "we have such high numbers" in the existing sororities, said to Guo. She said that a new sorority would "alleviate" that problem, ensuring that all interested women are able to join a sorority.

According to Guo, it would still be possible for a group of interested girls to form a new sorority and apply for membership in Panhel outside of a formal call for applications, but membership numbers in MIT's current sororities have caused Panhel to actively search out a new sorority.

The new sorority will "most likely not" have a house in its first year, said Guo. She also said that housing for sororities would be distributed "in order of the time that [the sororities] came to MIT." So, AEPi, the smallest of MIT's sororities, would have priority over the new sorority if both requested housing.

The new sorority is being selected by the Panhel extension committee, which is comprised of a representative from each sorority; Guo, the Panhel president; Yicong Liu '09, the Panhel vice president of recruitment; Lauren E. Wojtkun, Panhel advisor and Assistant Director of Fraternities, Sororities, and Independent Living Groups; and a representative from the Association of Independent Living Groups.

The extension committee was formed shortly after Panhel members voted to approve the search for a new sorority late last semester. In early January, the National Panhellenic Conference was contacted with a letter requesting applications, and interested sororities visited with Wojtkun in late January.

The finalists were selected last Monday, using six criteria: alumnae support, headquarters support, new member program, member development, risk management, and service and philanthropy, according to Guo.

National representatives of the three sororities will come to MIT in mid-to-late April to present to the MIT Greek community. Guo said that the final sorority will be selected by early May.

AEPi was the most recent sorority to be added to campus. In 1993, nine undergraduate women and several representatives of the national sorority made a presentation to Panhel requesting membership; MIT's colony of AEPi was accepted by Panhel later in that year.

Fed. Education Secretary Says Student Aid Stands, Despite Market Troubles

By Todd Wallack
THE BOSTON GLOBE

The federal education secretary told Congressional lawmakers Friday that despite tight credit markets, students would still be able to find a lender to help them borrow money for college.

"Federal student aid will continue to be available," said Secretary Margaret Spellings, testifying before the House Committee on Education and Labor. Although a "small number" of lenders have stopped making loans in the federally guaranteed program, she continued, "other lenders have stepped in to meet student needs."

Facing tough questions, at times, from lawmakers, Ms. Spellings said the Education Department was monitoring market conditions and collecting information from colleges to find out whether their students had been unable to borrow. She said that, if necessary, the direct-loan program, through which students borrow directly from the government, could double the amount of new loans to student borrowers.

Students could also borrow under a "lender of last resort" program from guarantee agencies, which back student loans for the federal government, she said.

Officials in the lending industry and at some colleges, especially commercial institutions, have raised concerns in recent weeks that tight

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In Short

¶ A memorial service for Professor Jin Au Kong will take place this Saturday at the Douglass Funeral Home, 51 Worthen Rd, Lexington, MA. There is a visitation period from 1-3 p.m. and a memorial service from 3-5 p.m. Photos, videos, and stories for the memorial service can be submitted to ProfessorJAKong@gmail.com.

¶ Election packets for Spring 2008 Undergraduate Association and Class Council elections are due this Friday, March 21 at 5 p.m. For more information, e-mail ua-elect@mit.edu.



DHAVAL D. ADJODAH

The MIT Symphony Orchestra performs Kabalevsky: Concerto No. 2 for Cello on March 14 in Kresge Auditorium. The piece featured soloist Cai P. GoGwilt '10.

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Failure of Nylon Strap Suspected in Crane Collapse

By William Neuman

THE NEW YORK TIMES

NEW YORK

A prime suspect in Saturday's East Side crane collapse — a spectacular disaster across two Manhattan blocks that has claimed seven lives and is expected to cost millions — is a \$50 piece of nylon webbing that investigators suspect may have failed while hoisting a six-ton piece of steel.

A photograph taken at the site shows the yellow nylon sling is ragged at the end like a child's shoelace, indicating, according to experts, the immense force that may have torn it apart.

The investigation into the accident continued Monday while workers recovered three more bodies from the rubble of a four-story town house on East 50th Street that was demolished when a section of the toppling crane slammed into it. That brought the death toll from the collapse to seven, making it one of the deadliest construction accidents in New York City in recent memory.

Heaps of shattered brick, wooden joists, and unidentifiable pulverized debris littered the spot where the four-story town house once stood. Firefighters used mechanized equipment, like a grapple, to move heavy pieces of detritus, then dug through lighter material with shovels and, at times, their hands.

Georgian On Death Row Rebuffed By State's High Court

By Brenda Goodman

THE NEW YORK TIMES

ATLANTA

A narrowly divided Georgia Supreme Court declined Monday to order a new trial for a man sentenced to death in the 1989 murder of an off-duty Savannah police officer, despite recantations by 7 of 9 witnesses who originally testified against him.

The convicted man, Troy A. Davis, 39, had collected affidavits from all seven of the recanting witnesses, some of whom said their trial testimony had been coerced by investigators who were under pressure to convict someone in that fatal shooting of a fellow officer.

But the court, in a 4-3 decision written by Justice Harold Melton, held that sworn testimony at the trial was more important than the later recantations, noting that some of the witnesses had said only that they no longer felt able to identify the gunman.

"We simply cannot disregard the jury's verdict in this case," the court said.

The dissent, written by Chief Justice Leah Ward Sears, called the court "overly rigid" in its consideration of new evidence in support of a retrial and said it had failed to allow "an adequate inquiry into the fundamental question, which is whether or not an innocent person might have been convicted or even, as in this case, might be put to death."

Center to Study Health-Race Link

By Gardiner Harris

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

Drugs to treat hypertension and diabetes are substantially less effective in blacks than they are in whites, one of the many mysteries involving the interaction between health and race that the National Institutes of Health hopes to unravel at a new research center.

The Center for Genomics and Health Disparities will be led by Charles N. Rotimi, former director of the National Human Genome Center at Howard University. Born in Nigeria and trained at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Rotimi has been involved in genetic epidemiology projects in Africa, China and the United States, including the Africa America Diabetes Mellitus Study, the Genetics of Obesity in Blacks Study and others.

"By understanding the nature of human genetic variation," Rotimi said in an interview, "we can see how that overlaps with group identity and individual identity. Do those differences have implication to what we see in terms of differential response to drugs and differential distribution of diseases?"

Dow's Rise Masks Turmoil In Global Financial Markets

By Vikas Bajaj

THE NEW YORK TIMES

With the Dow Jones industrial average up slightly more than 21 points by the end of trading Monday on the New York Stock Exchange, it may have looked like a calm day on Wall Street.

But under the surface, the scene was far from serene. After policymakers hastily arranged a fire sale of the embattled investment bank Bear Stearns to JPMorgan Chase over the weekend, stocks and other financial instruments fluctuated wildly during much of the day as investors started worrying about who and what would be next on the dock. Traders beat down stocks like Lehman Brothers and commodities like oil and wheat.

After a shaky opening, the worst fears of a market plunge were avoided. Although Fed officials do not place much significance in the performance of markets in a single day, they took some comfort from the fact that many markets were relatively stable on Monday following the initial fall.

But nervousness pervaded Wall Street despite the efforts by the Federal Reserve and the Bush adminis-

tration to soothe investors who have been on edge for months and assure them that Washington would do everything in its power to restore order to the financial system.

"There is something mixed up in the market," said Edward Rombach, an analyst at Thomson Financial. "The market is eating itself up."

In the case of Lehman Brothers, some investors fear that the firm is vulnerable to the same ills that undid Bear Stearns. Like Bear Stearns, Lehman is small and more reliant on the mortgage business than its rivals. Its defenders, though, say that Lehman is much better positioned to ride out the financial storm.

And even as nerve endings remained frayed, there were a few notable signs of improvement on Wall Street, Rombach and other specialists noted. Particularly encouraging was the sharp narrowing of the spread between ultra-safe Treasuries and bonds backed by Fannie Mae, the government-chartered buyer of mortgages — a sign that investors are willing to consider riskier investments.

If that move toward a more normal assessment of risk persists, it

could help drive down interest rates on home loans in the coming days. Meanwhile, the broad Standard & Poor's 500-stock index closed down less than 1 percent, recovering much of its losses from early in the day and bucking a strong downdraft from Europe and Asia.

Specialists say their biggest worry now is not whether the economy is already or will soon be in a recession. Far more fundamental and troubling is the health of the financial system that greases the wheels of capitalism.

"Recessions come and go — that is something investors can deal with," said Marc D. Stern, chief investment officer at Bessemer Trust, an investment firm in New York. "The bigger issue is: Can our financial system be restored to a sense of normalcy? In recent weeks we have been moving away from that, which is potentially very serious."

Stern said he was encouraged by the Fed's response to the problems at Bear Stearns. In addition to facilitating the firm's sale to JPMorgan, the central bank also started directly lending to securities firms, something it has not taken on since the Depression of the 1930s.

Simmering Resentments Led To Tibetan Backlash at China

By Jim Yardley

THE NEW YORK TIMES

BEIJING

Chinese leaders have blamed "splittists" led by the exiled Dalai Lama for spurring violent protests in Tibet and orchestrating a public relations sneak attack on the Communist Party as it gears up to host the Olympics Games this summer.

But to many Tibetans and their sympathizers, the weeklong uprising against Chinese rule in Lhasa reflects years of simmering resentment over Beijing's interference in Buddhist religious rites, its tightened political control and the destruction of the environment across the Himalayan territory the Tibetans consider sacred. If there is a surprise, it may be that Beijing has managed to keep things stable for so long.

Since the last big anti-Chinese riots in Tibet two decades ago, Bei-

jing has sought to smother Tibetan separatism by sparking economic development and by inserting itself into the metaphysics of Tibetan Buddhism. But an influx of Han Chinese migrants into Tibet, and a growing sense among Tibetans that China is irreparably altering their way of life, produced a backlash at the moment when Communist Party leaders most needed stability there, analysts say.

"Why did the unrest take off?" asked Liu Junning, a liberal political scientist in Beijing. "I think it has something to do with the long-term policy failure of the central authorities. They failed to earn the respect of the people there."

Tibetans staged anti-Chinese protests in several parts of China on Monday ahead of a midnight deadline to surrender or face harsh consequences. Even in Beijing, Tibetan students held a sit-in to support dem-

onstrators in Lhasa. Around the world there were sympathy protests outside Chinese diplomatic missions.

The unrest is a blow to President Hu Jintao, who personally directed a crackdown on Tibetan protests in 1989 and who has considered the Tibetan region part of his core political base within the Communist Party since then. It will fall to Hu to figure out how to restore order in Tibet without undermining the Olympics coming-out party that China has meticulously planned for years.

For now, Beijing's line on Tibet is likely to harden. Military police officers are pouring in to stifle new protests. Nor are the demonstrations winning much public sympathy in a nation where Tibetans are a tiny minority. State media has tightly controlled its coverage to focus on Tibetans burning Chinese businesses or attacking and killing Chinese merchants.

WEATHER

The Day After Tomorrow

By Mike Yee

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

This St. Patrick's Day brought a brief respite from the rain and wind, but another storm looms just beyond the horizon. A high pressure system keeps our afternoon relatively warm, but precipitation will roll in late tonight. What begins as light snow will gradually taper into a wintry mix of sleet and rain for most of Wednesday, continuing intermittently until Thursday morning.

Elsewhere in the country, tonight's storm is gaining strength in the South before crawling up the eastern seaboard towards New England. As the systems sweeps north, it will diverge into two distinct masses, which will both hit the Boston area with a slight pause in between. The Pacific Northwest continues to receive moderate amounts of precipitation, but for the near future, the center of the country remains generally clear.

Be prepared for a damp commute to class on Wednesday morning. If you're looking to stay dry, pack an umbrella, and when you get to the veritable river that always forms by the chapel, don't even try to ford it, because your oxen will die. Also, there really needs to be a stop sign before the blind dogleg around Burton-Conner, because drivers take that corner way too fast, and lots of people come very close to getting run over. That's it for the weather — the rest is up to you.

Extended Forecast

Today: Calm and warm. High 44°F (7°C).

Tonight: Breezy, with some snow late. Low 31°F (-1°C).

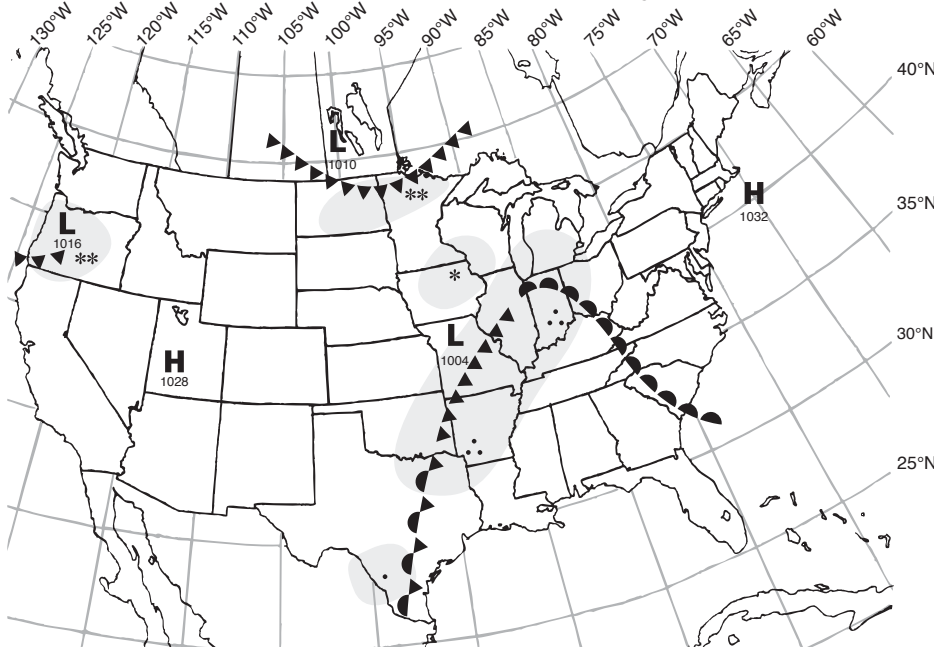
Tomorrow: Rain, rain, short interlude, more rain. High 38°F (3°C).

Tomorrow night: Tapering rain. Low 33°F (1°C).

Thursday: Rain early, then cloudy and warmer. High 50°F (10°C).

Next Week: Happy Spring Break! I have the weather again on the first of April: See y'all then!

Situation for Noon Eastern Standard Time, Tuesday, March 18, 2008



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

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Bush Supports Fed's Actions, But Critics Quickly Find Fault

By Steven Lee Myers
THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

President Bush on Monday welcomed the Federal Reserve's sweeping intervention in the nation's financial markets as his administration faced accusations that it had supported the bailout of a prestigious investment bank while doing little to address the hardships of Americans facing foreclosures on their homes.

Meeting with his economic aides at the White House in the morning in the first of two meetings on the economy, Bush again sought to project optimism at a time of financial turbulence after the Fed's brokering of the takeover of Bear Stearns by JPMorgan Chase.

Bush singled out Treasury Secretary Henry M. Paulson Jr. for praise, saying he had shown "the country and the world that the United States is on top of the situation," an assertion that was broadly disputed by the president's critics.

"I want to thank you, Mr. Secretary, for working over the weekend," Bush said in brief remarks in the Roosevelt Room.

Bush's remarks and his schedule underscored the growing political concern about the economy on a day that would otherwise have been devoted to traditional St. Patrick's Day meetings and events.

The issue also spilled into the presidential campaign, drawing reactions from both Democratic contenders and the presumptive Republican candidate, underscoring how much the economy has overshadowed the war in Iraq, even as the fifth anniversary of the start of that war approaches on Wednesday.

Bush, between an Irish-American lunch on Capitol Hill and a dinner at the White House, met with a group of advisers and regulators that included Ben S. Bernanke PhD '79, the chairman of the Federal Reserve, who has orchestrated a series of moves intended to rescue the nation's financial markets from what officials feared could have been a chain reaction of defaults.

Bush's handling of the economy has vaulted to the top of the political agenda, where the White House would clearly it rather not be. He stood accused on one hand of violat-

ing his own ideological opposition to government intervention and on the other of not doing enough to protect the nation's economy from the disarray in the markets.

"Now that the president has shown his willingness to bail out Wall Street at taxpayer expense, I hope he will drop his opposition to proposals designed to help ordinary homeowners," Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., and the majority leader, said in a statement.

Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., declared the economy "in shambles," but he and his rival for the Democratic presidential nomination, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., trod carefully, expressing concern about the broader market and, in Clinton's case, for the employees of Bear Stearns, based in her home state, New York.

"There is no doubt that we are teetering on a potential crisis on Wall Street that could have ramifications all across the country," Obama said at a news conference after meeting with voters during a campaign stop in Monaca, Pa., a town near the Ohio border. "We have a credit market that is locked up."

New Governor For New York, Pledging Unity

By Nicholas Confessore

THE NEW YORK TIMES

ALBANY, N.Y.

Lt. Gov. David A. Paterson ascended to New York's highest office on Monday, pledging civility and unity in government to an enthusiastic and palpably relieved gathering of state lawmakers and officials.

Paterson was sworn in as the state's 55th governor shortly after 1 p.m., almost exactly a week after reports that his predecessor, Gov. Eliot Spitzer, had been a customer of a prostitution ring and faced federal investigation.

In a speech lasting about half an hour, Paterson offered fond wisecracks and soothing oratory to an audience that clearly ached to move beyond what has been an unusually sordid ordeal even for Albany, a capital well acquainted with political scandal.

Speaking to a joint session of the state Assembly and the Senate, Paterson alluded briefly to Spitzer's difficulties over the past year in working with the Democratic-controlled Assembly and Republican-controlled Senate.

"What we are going to do from now on is what we always should have done: We are going to work together," said Paterson, a 53-year-old Democrat from Harlem. "With conviction in our brains and compassion in our hearts and the love for New York on our sleeves, we will dedicate ourselves to principle but always maintain the ability to listen."

Obama Speech Aims To Defuse Pastor's Words

By Jodi Kantor
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THE NEW YORK TIMES

Faced with what his advisers acknowledged was a major test for his candidacy, Sen. Barack Obama sought on Monday to contain the damage from incendiary comments made by his pastor and prepared to address the issue of race more directly than at any other moment of his presidential campaign.

Though he has faced questions about controversial statements by the pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah A. Wright, for more than a year, Obama is enduring intense new scrutiny now over Wright's characterizations of the United States as fundamentally racist and the government as corrupt and murderous.

Obama, in a speech Tuesday in Philadelphia, will repeat his earlier denunciations of the minister's words, aides said. But they said he would also use the opportunity to open a broader discussion of race, which throughout the course of his presidential campaign he has sought to transcend. He will bluntly address racial divisions, one aide said, talking about the way they play out in church, in the campaign, and beyond.

On Monday evening Obama continued to write the speech, which he believes could be one of the most important of his candidacy, aides said. His wife, Michelle, had not been scheduled to travel with him this week, but hastily made plans to be in Philadelphia.

Obama said that in his speech, to be given at the National Constitution Center, he would "talk a little bit about how some of these issues are perceived from within the black church community, for example, which I think views this very differently."

U.S. Adapts Cold-War Idea To Fight Terrorists

By Eric Schmitt and Thom Shanker

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

In the days immediately after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, members of President Bush's war cabinet declared that it would be impossible to deter the most fervent extremists from carrying out even more deadly terrorist missions with biological, chemical or nuclear weapons.

Since then, however, administration, military and intelligence officials assigned to counterterrorism have begun to change their view. After piecing together a more nuanced portrait of terrorist organizations, they say there is reason to believe that a combination of efforts could in fact establish something akin to the posture of deterrence, the strategy that helped protect the United States from a Soviet nuclear attack during the Cold War.

Interviews with more than two dozen senior officials involved in the effort provided the outlines of previously unreported missions to mute al-Qaida's message, turn the jihadi movement's own weaknesses against it and illuminate al-Qaida's errors whenever possible.

A primary focus has become cyberspace, which is the global safe haven of terrorist networks. To counter efforts by terrorists to plot attacks, raise money and recruit new members on the Internet, the government has mounted a secret campaign to plant bogus e-mail messages and Web site postings, with the intent to sow confusion, dissent and distrust among militant organizations, officials confirm.

Florida Won't Vote Again, State's Top Democrat Says

By John M. Broder

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

Florida's Democratic chairwoman on Monday officially buried the possibility of redoing the state's disputed January presidential primary, saying there was no practical or affordable way to conduct a new election.

Karen L. Thurman, leader of the Florida Democratic Party, essentially threw up her hands after failing to secure approval for a new election from state officials or the campaigns of Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., and Barack Obama, D-Ill.

Thurman said in a statement late Monday that party officials in Florida had proposed such a plan last week. It was unceremoniously shot down, she said.

"Thousands of people responded," she said. "We spent the weekend reviewing your messages, and while your reasons vary widely, the consensus is clear: Florida doesn't want to vote again. So we won't."

The decision leaves the fate of the state's 211 Democratic convention delegates in limbo, with no plan on the table for determining whether or how they will be seated at the Democratic National Convention in August.

Dozens Hurt As Serbs Clash With NATO Peacekeepers in Kosovo

By Dan Bilefsky

THE NEW YORK TIMES

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

Serbs in the northern Kosovo city of Mitrovica fired weapons and threw grenades at international peacekeepers on Monday, wounding dozens of police officers and NATO troops. The clash was the worst violence since Kosovo declared independence from Serbia on Feb. 17.

The episode began at dawn when U.N. police officers raided a U.N. courthouse that had been seized by Serbs on Friday, and arrested 53 people. Capt. Veton Elshani, a spokesman for the Kosovo Police Service, said in a telephone interview from Pristina, Kosovo's capital, that several hundred Serbs responded by shooting at the police and throwing rocks and grenades, and that the police then used stun guns and tear gas.

The clashes, on the anniversary of violence four years ago that left 19 people dead, were part of a campaign by Serbs to make Pristina's administration of northern Kosovo untenable and to force the de facto partition of the territory.

The escalation of violence in the Serb-dominated northern part of Kosovo has become a test of international resolve to hold the newborn nation together. It also poses a quandary for the NATO alliance and its 16,000 troops in Kosovo, which have a mandate to ensure the security of the province, but which are wary of spilling blood and becoming mired in a conflict that invariably trips over politics.

Elshani said the rioters had freed 21 of the detained Serbs by blocking U.N. cars carrying them. At least four U.N. and NATO vehicles were burned, he said, and the police were eventually forced to pull out of northern Mitrovica, leaving NATO troops to face the rioters.

A senior NATO official in Brussels, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he did not have clearance to discuss the issue for attribution, said the military could not be used to prevent every attempt by Serbs to impose a partition on Kosovo, adding, "There is a slippery slope between what is a political issue and what is a security issue."

Mitrovica is divided between eth-

nic Albanians, who live south of the Ibar River, and Serbs, who live to the north. The city has long been a flash point for violence in Kosovo, which was placed under U.N. administration in 1999 after NATO intervened to halt the repression of ethnic Albanians, who make up 95 percent of Kosovo's population, by the Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic.

The northern part of Kosovo already has parallel Serbian institutional structures governing health and education policy, and a majority of Serbs do not recognize the authority of the new government in Pristina.

Over the past few weeks, Serbian protesters have tried to undermine Pristina's authority in the north by setting fire to U.N. border posts, disrupting rail lines, attacking European Union and U.N. judicial and administrative offices, and preventing ethnic Albanian judges and lawyers from entering their offices in northern Mitrovica.

NATO and the United Nations issued a joint statement in Pristina on Monday condemning the "lethal violence, including direct fire by a mob."

Cheney's Iraq Visit Eclipsed as 43 Killed in Shiite Holy City Bombing

By Richard A. Oppel Jr.
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THE NEW YORK TIMES

BAGHDAD

A bombing on Monday evening killed 43 people near the Imam Hussein shrine in the Shiite holy city of Karbala, penetrating one of the most secure perimeters in Iraq, and Iraqi police officers at the scene and several witnesses said it had been carried out by a female suicide bomber.

The explosion, the deadliest attack in Karbala in nearly a year, overshadowed a Baghdad visit by Vice President Dick Cheney, who met with Iraqi and American leaders and extolled what he described as "phenomenal" security improvements in the country.

The explosion rocked central Karbala about 6 p.m. "Many people were killed and wounded," said Abu Ahmed, 36, who minutes earlier had walked past the site and then came rushing back to help the wounded. "Everyone near the bomber was killed."

Iraqi forces sealed off the area, and a grim pall descended on the city. Areas that are normally brisk evening shopping districts were de-

serted, and the shops were closed.

In the aftermath of the attack, a dispute broke out about what happened. Several witnesses and Iraqi policemen said the attack was by a female suicide bomber wearing an explosive vest. An American military statement also later attributed the bombing to a suicide attacker.

But hours after the bombing the Karbala police chief, Gen. Raed Shakir Jawdat, asserted that the explosion was from a large bomb that had been hidden in the area. He also told reporters in Karbala that he believed the bomb was made in the city.

The conflicting versions could not be reconciled. But if the accounts of other policemen and witnesses are correct, it would be one of the most devastating suicide bombings carried out by a woman. The number of female suicide bombers has increased recently, facilitated by Muslim customs that do not allow men to touch women, so they cannot be searched at security checkpoints. In a religious center like Karbala, most women wear a flowing head-to-toe black overgarment, known as an

abaya, which provides an easy way to conceal an explosive vest or belt.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility. Nor was it clear whether the attack was meant to upstage visits to Iraq by Cheney and by the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, Sen. John McCain of Arizona, who, like Cheney, is a strong proponent of keeping large numbers of troops in the country.

Abdul Aal al-Yassiri, the leader of the provincial council in Karbala, said the final toll was 43 dead and 73 wounded, including eight Iraqis.

North of Baghdad, two American soldiers were killed just after noon on Monday when a large roadside bomb exploded near their vehicle, the American military command in Baghdad reported. The soldiers were part of a team working to clear a roadway of bombs and other threats, the military said.

In Baghdad, Cheney signaled that a large reduction in troop levels is unlikely anytime soon. "It would be a mistake now to be so eager to draw down the force that we risk putting the outcome in jeopardy," he said.

OPINION



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CAMPUS LIFE

Ramblings From Hell

Don't Make Me Hold a Bake Sale

By S. Campbell Proehl
STAFF COLUMNIST

I spend eight hours of my week in the undergraduate chemistry labs on the fourth floor of Building 4. If you are not Course 5, 10 with a minor in 5, or premed, I will now share with you a little secret: the labs are disgusting.

The sinks are covered with a thick layer of rust and grime, and signs pasted over the basins warn students not to drink from the faucets. I don't know why the staff members think I need a sign — even if you offered me all of Bill Gates's assets, you still couldn't get me to drink from one of those sinks.

Chemicals are stored in hoods that either don't work, or have gas knobs that get stuck in the on position when you try to turn them, forcing you to go get Chuck, the stockroom manager, so he can turn off the nitrogen.

The hot plates have two settings: off, and

hot, which makes for an interesting overnight heated reaction. We still titrate by hand, and the UV/VIS specs often measure negative protein concentration (in relation to the blank). My lab partners and I have had to repeat experiments several times because the specs gave us such varying measurements that we couldn't even speculate as to our experimental error.

Last semester, during one of the required lab classes, it took me about seven minutes to rotary evaporate two milliliters of dichloromethane out of a 10 mL round bottom flask. For those of you who aren't chemistry majors, that's an inordinate amount of time. And it's not that I didn't know how to rotvap; I spent the entire previous summer learning the ins and outs of these simple machines. Keep in mind that twenty people had to do this and there were only three rotary evaporators. As you can imagine, we were bottlenecked.

My guess is that the labs haven't been up-

dated since the 1970s; we still use an IR Spectrophotometer that requires a little marker pen to trace out the spectrum. That's right: it doesn't have a printer. Frequently, the felt tip becomes dry and I have to channel my ancestors to figure out how to insert the new pen, because I (a child of the new millennium) am not trained to fiddle with such archaic machinery.

Perhaps my favorite part of the labs is the scale room. I tared a weigh boat a couple of weeks ago and then transferred some powder using a scoopula. 0.67g, the scale said. Great, except I definitely transferred about 5 g of material. I collected some more in the scoopula and placed it in the weigh boat with the other powder just to see what happened. This time, the scale read *negative* 0.2 g. Good to know we're getting accurate measurements, when some professors grade us on yield.

I complain about these things not because

I think you want to know them, but because I think you ought to know where MIT's money is not going. "Where is it going?" you ask. Well, community picnics and holiday hot chocolate gatherings, to cite two examples.

I am saddened and disheartened by the lack of attention to undergraduate needs on this campus. We are an institute of higher learning, and how am I supposed to learn if I'm always getting negative product yields? As one chemistry major said, "If we can't get A's because of our negative yields, at least we could get a Nobel for creating antimatter in that scale room."

I hope so. But, then again, I wouldn't trust any results that come out of that dump.

MIT, I have but one request: please show the chemistry undergraduate students, TAs, and professors a little love. And if that's too much to ask, cancel the next community picnic and buy us some new scales.

Rants and Raves

MITCO: The Sword That Slashed My Dreams

By Sarah Levin

It was the beginning of my junior year, just four short semesters until my day of liberation from this stress inducing hell we call MIT. Wait ... It was my JUNIOR YEAR, and I had no idea what I want to do with my life. I had to figure out my life plan just like all my other '09 friends had already done. I needed to get an internship this summer and get ready to apply to grad schools or get a job next year. I needed to know what I was going to do, and I needed to know NOW.

I tormented myself for months with this absurd idea that I needed to know my plan for the next fifty years before even reaching my 20th birthday, and then the light bulb finally turned on (granted, a few days after turning 20).

I've always been happiest when dealing with animals. They're simple. They don't complain. They sure as hell don't judge. It was perfect. I could be a veterinarian, the one profession that combines my love of animals and the outdoors with my need for intellectual stimulation and human interaction. In my euphoric state, I investigated vet schools, trying to find ones that were close to big cities. I hate small country towns. I contacted a clinic in California to set up a weeklong shadow. I

scheduled an appointment with the MIT Careers Office.

On a beautiful fall day in October, I strolled in for my MITCO appointment. There was a spring in my step — I was on my way to the rest of my life. I sat down, and I explained my situation. I was still undecided. I would probably apply within the next few years, and I would take a year or two off before attending. Eager and expectant, I waited for the advisor's reply. "Well, you've started the process a little too late. Most people ask for an advisor in their sophomore year. We probably won't be able to get you an advisor." I sunk a little in my chair. I told her my GPA. "Well, it doesn't raise a red-flag ..." I sunk a little deeper. She proceeded to ask me about myself, and with each pre-determined question about my activities, my UROP, and my "involvement in the community," my excitement waned. After responding "no" to question after brutal question, I left the office feeling deflated, depressed, and incapable of achieving any goals, especially the goal of going to vet school. I resolved never to go back to MITCO. Why would I put myself through that kind of discouragement again?

Maybe I was so taken aback by MITCO's approach because my high school's was so

different. I walked into my high school college counselor's office my junior year with a top 20 percent (but not top ten) GPA, one extracurricular activity, and my not-yet-achieved 1410 on the SATs. I stormed in asking for the moon, the stars and everything in between, and my counselor sat me down and told me how to get it. She worked tirelessly to help me play up every positive aspect of my application. She gave me confidence and a healthy dose of realism, and I left her office after every meeting aware of where I stood then and what I stood to gain in the future.

Both my high school and MIT are excellent private learning institutions with ample means to supply their students with all the help in the world. So why then did I get that help from my high school and not from MIT?

The problem I had with MITCO had nothing to do with the advisor I met, and everything to do with the mentality of our Careers Office. We are of the best and the brightest students this country has ever seen; yet when we approach MITCO with our hopes and dreams, they give us nothing but discouraging statistics and a checklist of questions.

Every day that we go to this school, we are told that we are not good enough, that

we must work harder, that we must be better. We hear it from our professors, from our PIs, from our fellow students. We do not need to hear it from MITCO. We do not need to fit into their cookie cutter. We need to show the best of who we are, not who they think we need to be. If there is one thing I learned from high school, it is that there is no perfect applicant. There's just you.

I have never seen a more disheartening or upsetting mentality than I did at MITCO, and I am shocked that I found it at such a well-respected institution. We pay \$42,000 a year to live and work in one of the most intense and challenging environments out there, and we deserve to get the world-class help we were promised on the first day of orientation.

Where is that help now?

We, as MIT students, have the world at our feet. MITCO should be handing it to us, not telling us that it's out of reach. They should be sending out letters with our applications, explaining that MIT does not have grade inflation and that it is harder than most other schools. They should be accommodating us, no matter our year.

Don't tell us that we can't touch the stars. We can.

Brouhaha Rhythm

Spacing Out

By Michael T. Lin
STAFF COLUMNIST

On the long and not-so-distinguished list of things that we do even though we know we shouldn't, daydreaming is bound to be in the top ten. Daydreams, also known as longings, fantasies, or delusions (depending on the subject matter), serve as a way of withdrawing from the world around us. We daydream because we're uncomfortable, or because we're bored, or because we think that the person sitting in the next row in math class is attractive enough to merit additional mental attention.

Unfortunately, daydreaming also has the effect of making a person inattentive, distracted, or even drowsy in situations in which doing so would be imprudent. Examples include sitting in literature recitation, attending a speech, or operating heavy machinery. Daydreaming at a speech can be especially dangerous scenario,

since someone in your audience is bound to notice when your eyes glaze over. So why do we do it anyway? The same reason we watch mindless action films and eat cupcakes with tasty frosting — because it feels good, and because we can readily accuse anyone who criticizes us of hypocrisy. The same universality of daydreaming that permits this, however, inevitably begs a variety of questions regarding its nature.

What do we, as a populace, daydream about? Riding right past the obvious hormonal answer, I suppose "free time" and "not being in class" are high among our fit-to-print priorities. Personally, I'd also put money on "a decent new Star Wars movie" and "superpowers." The daydreams undoubtedly vary from person to person, in spite of a few universal desires (like a nice mutton, lettuce, and tomato sandwich).

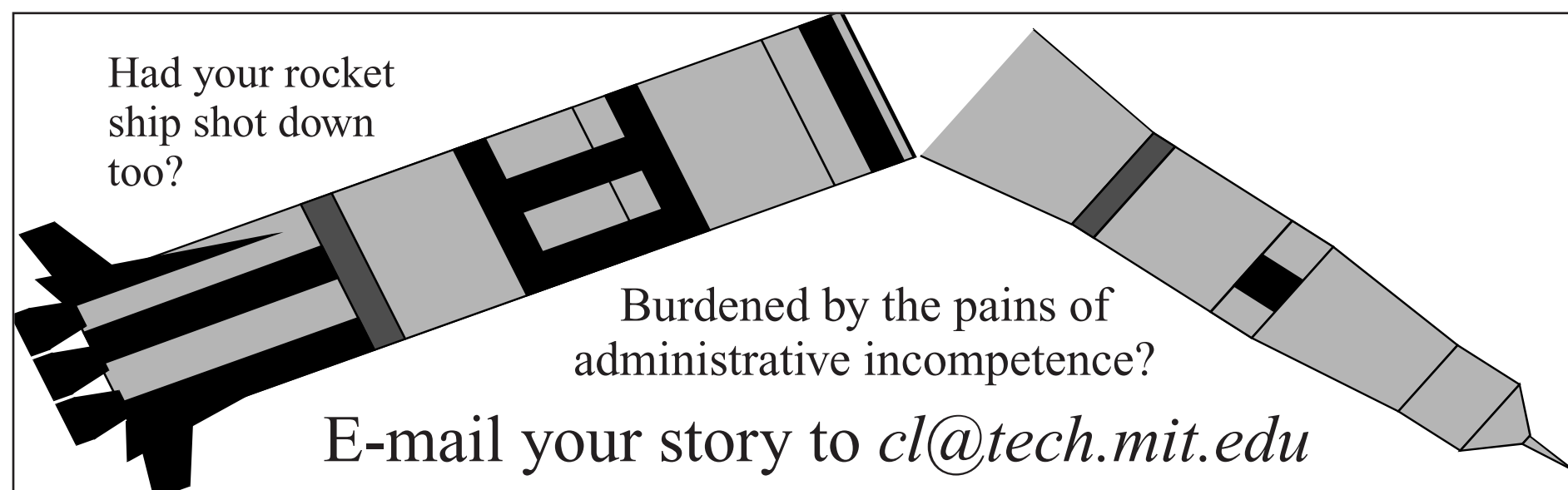
Is daydreaming conscious? Do we decide

to daydream, or do we simply drift away into the ether? Perhaps it's a combination of both? Do we choose the time, location, and subject, or does the daydream arise from the twilight of awareness between sleeping and waking? I know I've deliberately sat down and tuned out to life just to reminisce on life, but is that the norm? The trouble here is that by the time I realize that I've unconsciously removed myself from reality, I'm unconscious. Is it even possible to think about counting daydreams without having it affect when and where one daydreams? (Heisenberg is rolling in his grave. How fast and where, nobody knows.)

Do daydreams impact our perception of the world around us? Well, have you ever, when no one was looking, tried to use the Force to grab a soda from the fridge? Put on a compass ring and recited the Green Lantern Oath to see if it would charge with mystical power? Yes, I

would say that daydreams almost certainly influence the way we behave in the real world. After all, what would life be without occasionally trying out the absurd? Taking a swan dive in the lounge every day between now and graduation will be entirely worth it on that day that I find that yes, my latent capacity for non-powered human flight has finally manifested. (I do, however, draw a line at checking for limb regeneration.)

Maybe I'm overthinking the daydream phenomenon. Maybe daydreams are nothing more than the product of a teenage attention span that, sure as the turning of worlds, meanders from one idea to another regardless of realism, like a mental art film. Either way, I suppose it's self-defeating to ponder too hard about daydreaming. Now if you'll excuse me, I'm off to go visualize not failing my classes. Whether it's a longing or a delusion, we'll have to see.



The Daily Blunderbuss

by Ben Peters



Blobbles

by Jason Chan



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Solution on page 11.

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Crossword Puzzle

Solution, page 11

ACROSS

- 1 Lead actor
- 5 Metal fastener
- 10 Nickel or dime
- 14 Abate
- 15 Walled city near Madrid
- 16 "The King and I" heroine
- 17 Young lice
- 18 Unvoiced
- 19 G-men
- 20 Upped cash
- 23 Solid ground
- 24 Wallach of "The Magnificent Seven"
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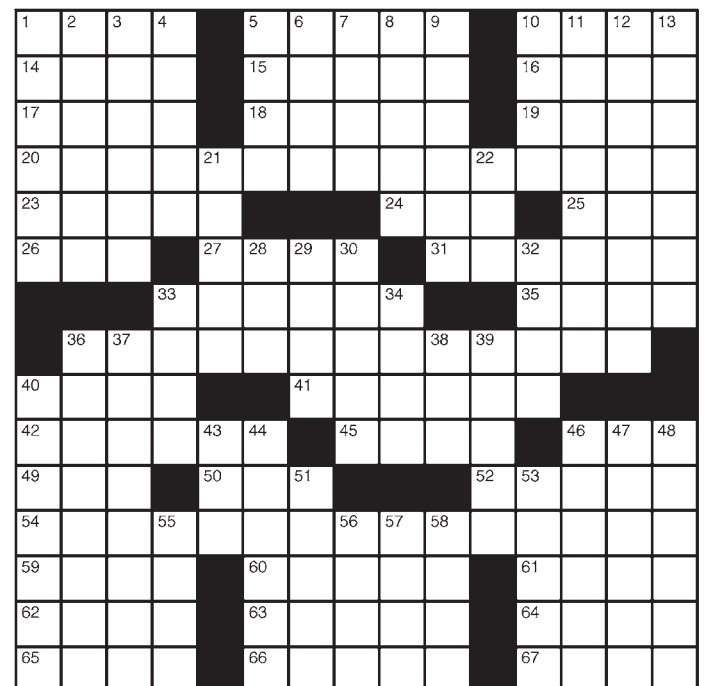
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- 40 Cupbearer of the gods
- 41 Conger catchers
- 42 Code of silence
- 45 Unit of loudness
- 46 Mauna __ volcano
- 49 Danson of "Becker"
- 50 Attorney's org.
- 52 Grumpy characters
- 54 Upped cash
- 59 SSS designation
- 60 City on the Mohawk
- 61 Center
- 62 Bell sound
- 63 Leslie of "Lili"
- 64 Bond's alma mater
- 65 Sp. maiden
- 66 Prevailing tide

- 67 Extravagant speech

DOWN

- 1 Karate instructor
- 2 Formosa, today
- 3 Daisylike flowers
- 4 Return to defaults
- 5 Grade
- 6 Karamazov brother
- 7 Don Johnson TV series, "Miami __"
- 8 Slur over
- 9 Tell secrets
- 10 Alfresco hangout
- 11 Type of swimsuit
- 12 Habitually lazy
- 13 Ilie of tennis
- 21 Hitchhike
- 22 That man
- 28 RSVP word
- 29 Elation

- 30 Yellow-fever mosquito
- 32 Hacks
- 33 Litigant
- 34 Caen's neighbor
- 36 Bearing
- 37 Well-behaved
- 38 Coop biddy
- 39 Upright
- 40 Souped-up vehicles
- 43 __ kwon do
- 44 Spirit away
- 46 Teton Sioux
- 47 Satellite of Uranus
- 48 Concurrence
- 51 Perfume oil
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- 55 Heroic narrative
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- 57 MBA course
- 58 Dune material



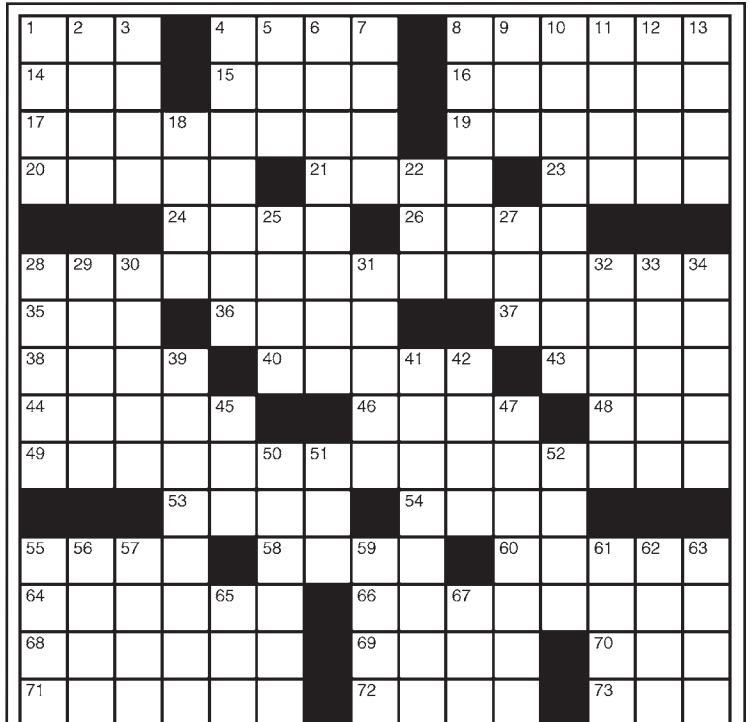
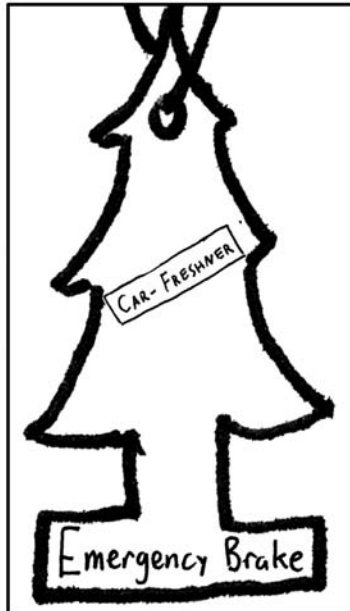
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Steal My Comic

by Michael Ciuffo



Bonus Puzzle

Solution, page 9

ACROSS

- 1 West of Hollywood
- 4 Load luggage
- 8 Ballet dancer Petit
- 14 Flow out
- 15 On top of
- 16 Wild Asian ass
- 17 Start of Evan Esar quip
- 19 Watch out!
- 20 Dance for two
- 21 Wash-basin partner
- 23 Boast
- 24 Longley and Besson
- 26 Newspaper section of old, for short
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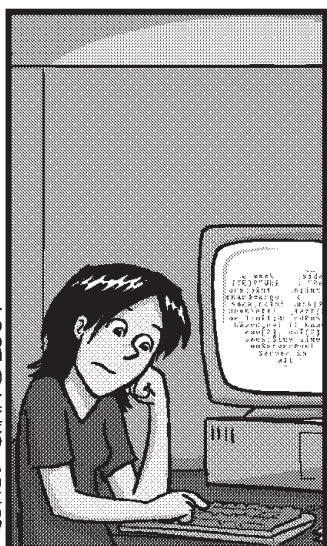
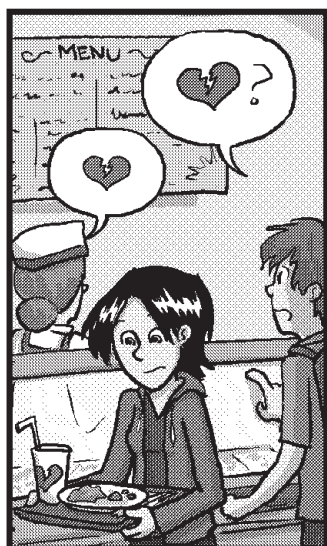
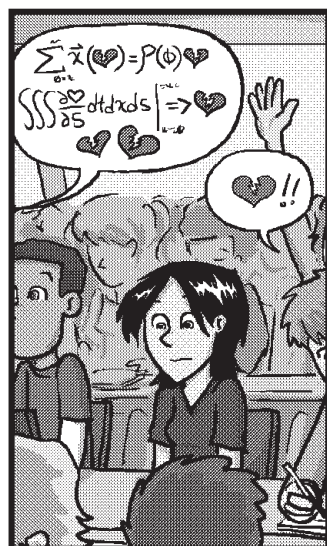
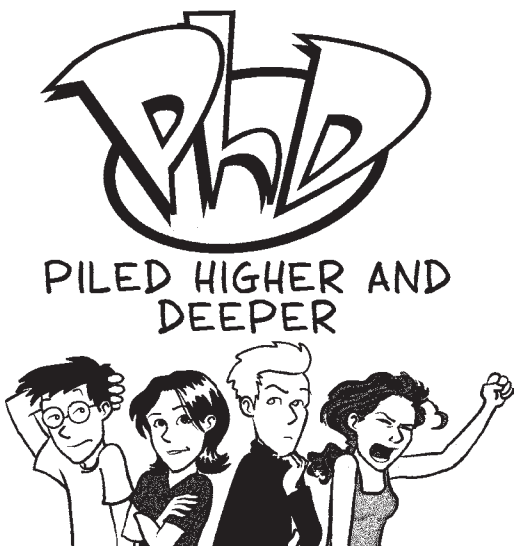
- 44 Played a part
- 46 "___ the night before..."
- 48 PX patrons
- 49 Part 3 of quip
- 53 Butter substitute
- 54 Bigfoot's shoe size
- 55 Young salmon
- 58 Evaluation
- 60 Pampas lasso
- 64 Consecrate with oil
- 66 End of quip
- 68 ___ of Liberty
- 69 Still part of a river
- 70 Shoshone
- 71 Unruffled

DOWN

- 1 Vegetarian taboo
- 2 Swedish rock group
- 3 Jet black
- 4 Some baseball stats
- 5 On the mark
- 6 Clinging
- 7 Recognized
- 8 Scott novel
- 9 United
- 10 Justice setting
- 11 Culture medium

- 12 Claudius' successor
- 13 Attracted
- 18 Hideous
- 22 Unit of work
- 25 Casual talk
- 27 Highest level
- 28 Mountain nymph
- 29 Stupor: pref.
- 30 Slow, in music
- 31 Rad!
- 32 Welsh dog
- 33 At full speed
- 34 Chinese menu notation
- 39 Miss in Guadalajara
- 41 Sugar apple

- 42 Relax
- 45 Lentil dish
- 47 Fatty tissue components
- 50 Medium-size sofa
- 51 Clod chopper
- 52 Housing grp.
- 55 QB option
- 56 Pot starter
- 57 "The ___ Not Taken"
- 59 Small drinks
- 61 Calla lily, e.g.
- 62 Small, New World monkey
- 63 Pinnacle
- 65 Crackpot
- 67 Small dog



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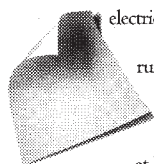


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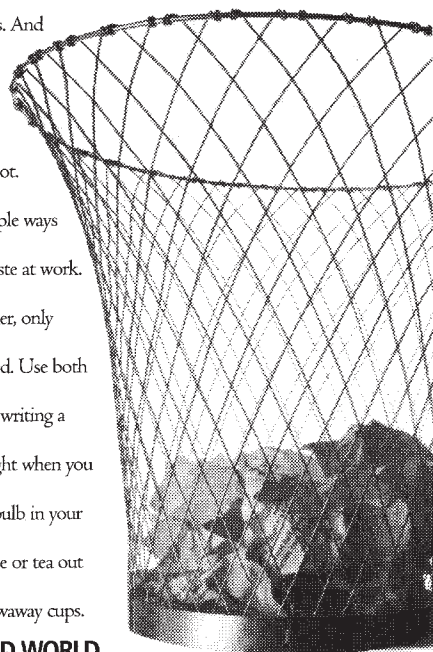


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Schmill: Accepted Students Are A 'Really, Really Talented Class'

Admissions, from Page 1

were about the same as in previous years," said Schmill. Schmill credited those increases to "better identification and more recruitment" and said there could be a possible "magnet effect" whereby high-caliber students would be attracted by the opportunity to attend the same school as their peers. He also noted that "everyone we admitted was a superstar in some way" and those identified as "stars" in the e-mail simply "had an outlet to demonstrate their achievement." Nonetheless, "more students stand out" these days, said Schmill, since "there are more opportunities" like science fairs.

Although the number of female applicants increased by 12 percent, the percentage of admitted students who were female remained at last

year's level of 48 percent (747 students). As in previous years, there was a higher female than male admission rate, which Schmill attributes to female applicants being "more self-selecting." The higher rate "doesn't necessarily mean that it's easier to get in if you're a woman," said Schmill. There were also increases of 13 percent and 12 percent respectively of under-represented minorities and international applicants.

Reflecting on this year's admissions process, Schmill highlighted the "momentum" delivered by the Web site and student blogs which have had a substantial effect. The "breadth of the experience" of students at MIT is a "well-kept secret," said Schmill, adding that he wants students to be able to see "what MIT is really like." Schmill said "one of the questions that we ask ourselves

in our committee is: 'What will the student bring to the community?'"

Schmill said he can't recall the selection process ever being as hard as it was this year. "Some of the students that we weren't able to admit were off the charts," said Schmill. This is a "really, really talented class," he added.

The target size for the class of 2012 is 1,040, slightly below the 1,069 enrolled in the class of 2011, said Schmill. Until "W1 comes online" and dormitory space expands, "[we can't] actually increase the class size," he said. But Schmill looked forward to being able to admit more students, saying "if the world needs more scientists and engineers, then we should train more."

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

MIT Admissions History

Class Year	No. of Early Applicants	No. of Applicants	Early Admit Rate	Overall Admit Rate
2012	3,928	13,396	13.3%	11.6%
2011	3,493	12,443	11.2%	12.3%
2010	3,098	11,373	12.2%	13.0%
2009	2,801	10,439	13.7%	14.3%
2008	2,833	10,464	15.5%	15.9%

SOURCE: STUART SCHMILL '86, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

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Women's Colleges Struggle To Adjust To Transsexual Students

By **Alissa Quart**
THE NEW YORK TIMES

It was late on a rainy fall day, and a college freshman named Rey was showing me the new tattoo on his arm. It commemorated his 500-mile hike through Europe the previous summer, which happened also to be, he said, the last time he was happy. We sat together for a while in his room talking, his tattoo of a piece with his spiky brown hair, oversize tribal earrings and very baggy jeans. He showed me a photo of himself and his girlfriend kissing, pointed out his small drum kit, a bass guitar that lay next to his crumpled clothes and towels and empty bottles of green tea, one full of dried flowers, and the ink self-portraits and drawings of nudes that he had tacked to the walls. Thick jasmine incense competed with his cigarette smoke. He changed the music on his laptop with the melancholy, slightly startled air of a college boy on his own for the first time.

Rey's story, though, had some unusual dimensions. The elite college he began attending last year in New York City, with its academically competitive, fresh-faced students, happened to be a women's school, Barnard. That's because when Rey first entered the freshman class, he was a woman.

Rey, who asked that neither his last name nor his given name be used to protect his and his family's privacy, grew up in Chappaqua, the affluent Westchester suburb that is home to the Clintons, and had a relatively ordinary, middle-class Jewish childhood. Rey, as he now calls himself, loved his younger brother, his parents were together and he was a good student, excelling in English and history. But he always had the distinct feeling that he wasn't the sex he was supposed to be. As a kid, he was often mistaken for a boy, which was "mostly cool," Rey said. "When I was 5, I told my parents not to correct people when strangers thought I was a boy. I was never a girl, really — I questioned my own gender, and other people also questioned my gender for me." When Rey entered puberty, he felt the loss of the "tom-boy" sobriquet acutely.

"My body changed in freshman year of high school, and it made me depressed," Rey said. That year, he started to wonder whether he was really meant to become a woman. His friends in high school were almost all skater boys and musicians, and he related to them as if he were one of them. He began to define himself as "omnisexual," although he was mostly attracted to women.

The idea that he might actually want to transition from female to male began to take shape for Rey when he was 14 or 15; he can't quite remember when exactly. "A trans-male speaker guy" gave a talk at a meeting of his high school's Gay Straight Alliance, and Rey was inspired. Then he took a typical step for someone going to high school in the first years of this century. He went home and typed "transgender" into Google.

At the end of his freshman year in high school, he met Melissa, a student at Smith College who was back in Westchester for summer break and later became his girlfriend. During one of their days together, Melissa, who was immersed in campus gen-

der activism, mentioned the concept of being a "transman" and spoke of her transmale friends. Rey confided his questions about his gender identity to her, and she encouraged him to explore them further. For most of high school, Rey spent hours online reading about transgendered people and their lives. "The Internet is the best thing for trans people," he said. "Living in the suburbs, online groups were an access point." He also started reading memoirs of transgendered people. He asked Melissa to explain the gender theory she was learning in college.

In his senior year, he took on the name Rey. At 17, he finally felt ready to come out as trans to his family, who according to Rey struggled to understand his new identity. Around that time, he also visited a clinic in Manhattan, hoping to start hormone therapy. He was told that unless he wanted his parents involved in the process, he'd have to wait until he was 18. In the meantime, Rey began to apply to colleges. He wanted to go to "a hippie school," as he put it, yet he felt pressure to choose a school like Barnard that hewed to an Ivy League profile. Though he decided on Barnard, he still planned to start on testosterone as soon as he turned 18. When I asked him why he wanted

to start hormone therapy so soon, he replied simply, "You live your life and you feel like a boy." Of course, living life like a boy is not what an elite women's college has historically been about.

At 18, Rey is part of a growing population of transgender students at the nation's colleges and universities. While still a rarity, young women who become men in college, also known as transmen or transmales, have grown in number over the last 10 years. According to Brett-Genny Janiczek Beemyn, director of the Stonewall Center at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, who has studied trans students on college campuses, adults who wished to transition historically did so in middle age. Today a larger percentage of transitions occur in adolescence or young adulthood. The National Center for Transgender Equality estimates that between a quarter of a percent and 1 percent of the U.S. population is transgender — up to three million Americans — though other estimates are lower and precise figures are difficult to come by. Still, the growing number of young people who transition when they are teenagers or very young adults has placed a new pressure on colleges, especially women's colleges, to accommodate them.

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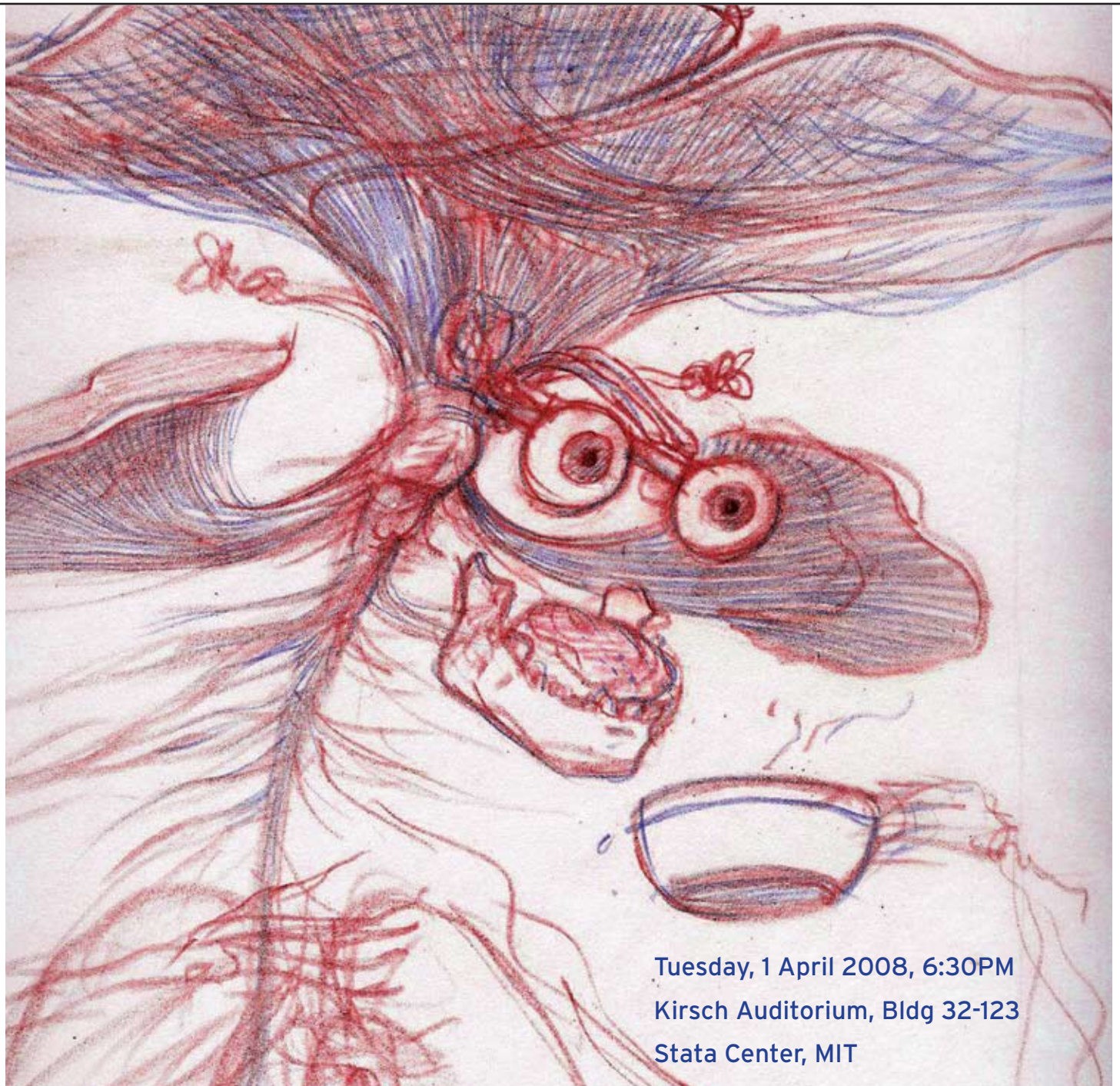
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Claerbout's Art Now On Display At MIT's List Visual Arts Center

By Mark Feeney
THE BOSTON GLOBE

CAMBRIDGE, MA

David Claerbout is a Belgian artist in his late 30s. Nationality is rarely determining as regards art. Jean-Luc Godard and Paul Klee, two of the freer-floating sensibilities in 20th-century culture, were born in Switzerland, for goodness' sake. But in Claerbout's case it's telling that he should come from such an in-between place: not France, not the Netherlands, but a country that draws on both for an identity that's distinct itself yet elusive.

Claerbout creates wall-filling images that incorporate elements of video and still photography. Think of them as moving stills — or frozen videos (thawing, actually, since all of them do move, though in some cases at a barely glacial pace).

Claerbout's self-titled show, which runs at MIT's List Visual Arts Center through April 6, consists of seven such works. They range from "Bourdeaux Piece," which is clearly a video, albeit with a notable durational twist, to "Vietnam, 1967, near Duc Pho (Reconstruction after Hiromishi Mine)," which only very close observation reveals to be something other than a standard photograph. Both are in color, as is one other work. The remaining four are in black and white. Not that that matters much to Claerbout. Appearance, for him, is mainly a means to pondering much different ends: the passage of time and ordering of space.

"Bourdeaux Piece," for example, consists of a fairly straightforward narrative, roughly 12 minutes in length, inspired by Godard's film "Contempt." The twist is that Claerbout kept shooting the same sequence between 5:30 a.m. and 10 p.m. The version we see repeats the narrative over and over again, but with each succeeding version shot 12 minutes later in the day. Claerbout had the actors give identical

line readings for each version (their own ventriloquists, as it were), so that the only thing distinguishing different filmings is the change in light. James Merrill has a volume of poetry called "The Changing Light at Sandover." This could be called "The Changing Light in Bourdeaux."

The images in the show are projections, which means the viewer (or at least his shadow) can become part of them, too. To the extent this is possible within two dimensions, then, the viewer enters into the space of the images. This is fitting, insofar as interaction — not just stasis and motion, appropriated and original, past and present — is central to Claerbout's enterprise.

Often he'll take the still portion of one of his works from a preexisting photograph and integrate a video image within the larger whole. The most memorable instance of this is "Kindergarten Antonio Sant'Elia, 1932." A group of children, frozen in time, play in a schoolyard while the leaves on a pair of saplings Claerbout has added gently flutter.

The effect this blurring of origins has is consciously deflationary. There's nothing glossy about Claerbout's art. He cares not so much about the given artifact as about the time and space that enfold it. "I belong to a generation of artists that has problems with the aura of the art object," Claerbout has said, "and that's why I work in a medium, digital video, historically associated with mass culture."

Yet his images are, in their own way, also aura-struck. The aura is anything but effulgent, but it's

certainly there. In one of the galleries, New Age piano music plays — which is very much the sonic equivalent of that effect: a wan lyricism: blanched, slightly chill, aloof. Claerbout's works aren't detached. An hour-long interview with him that plays on a monitor in a nearby room makes plain just how long and hard he's thought about the issues surrounding his art. And a refusal to divorce the human element from that art is plain in a work like "The Stack," which shows a homeless man asleep in the shadow of an elevated highway, or "Sections of a Happy Moment," which contrasts the highly animated happiness of a Chinese family playing ball with the stark building complex around them.

Still, it's an arm's-length embrace Claerbout extends. Although he neither photographed nor projects his images from behind scrim it can almost feel as though he did. There's a remoteness to his work, as of life lived slightly underwater. We're not watching as voyeurs, but at a further remove — as if over a voyeur's shoulder. Has Claerbout's concern with how space holds us created a further space of its own?

Solution to Crossword

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Solution to Sudoku

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Critic's Warning: It's Too Early To Predict Loan Provider Moves

Financial Aid, from Page 1

credit markets may make it more difficult for students and their families to find willing lenders. Investors have proved reluctant to buy securities backed by student debts, making it more difficult for lenders to raise the capital they need to make loans.

"I hope we're not waiting for a problem to develop," said Representative George Miller, Democrat of California and chairman of the House committee. "We have been forewarned."

Mr. Miller pressed Ms. Spellings to specify the steps she had taken to ready the federal government to make sure loans would be available to students, should banks and other private lenders be unable to meet demand.

"I'm asking whether or not you have asked the operational question," Mr. Miller said, adding, "Have you sat down with the Treasury Department" and asked whether money could be made quickly available for the loans of last resort?"

Ms. Spellings responded that the department would be ready.

Representative Howard P. McKeon of California, the senior Republican on the committee, said market conditions were only one obstacle facing lenders. Recent cuts to federal subsidy payments to lenders might help to create a "perfect storm" blocking access to loans, he said.

"There are real questions about whether loan providers will continue to participate in the federal loan program as a result of the cuts," Mr. McKeon said.

Mr. McKeon also said that in its

effort to respond to the credit crisis, the government should not "favor one loan program or the other," a reference to the direct-loan program, which Ms. Spellings had said could expand.

Some Republicans have been strong critics of the direct-loan program, saying private lenders do a better job at serving students. But its advocates say it has been held back by lawmakers and regulators from offering more competitive rates and benefits.

Financial analysts have said it is too early to know how market turmoil will play out because most students will be applying for loans in earnest over the summer to pay for the fall semester. While Ms. Spellings said she had so far not heard from colleges that had observed problems firsthand, a later witness at the hearing, Paul Wozniak, managing director at UBS Securities, offered a darker assessment.


"The burden on this marketplace is significant and real and is unlikely to correct itself to avoid having an impact on access to loans," Mr. Wozniak said.

Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts and chairman of the Senate education committee, plans to hold a hearing on student loans on Monday in his home state.

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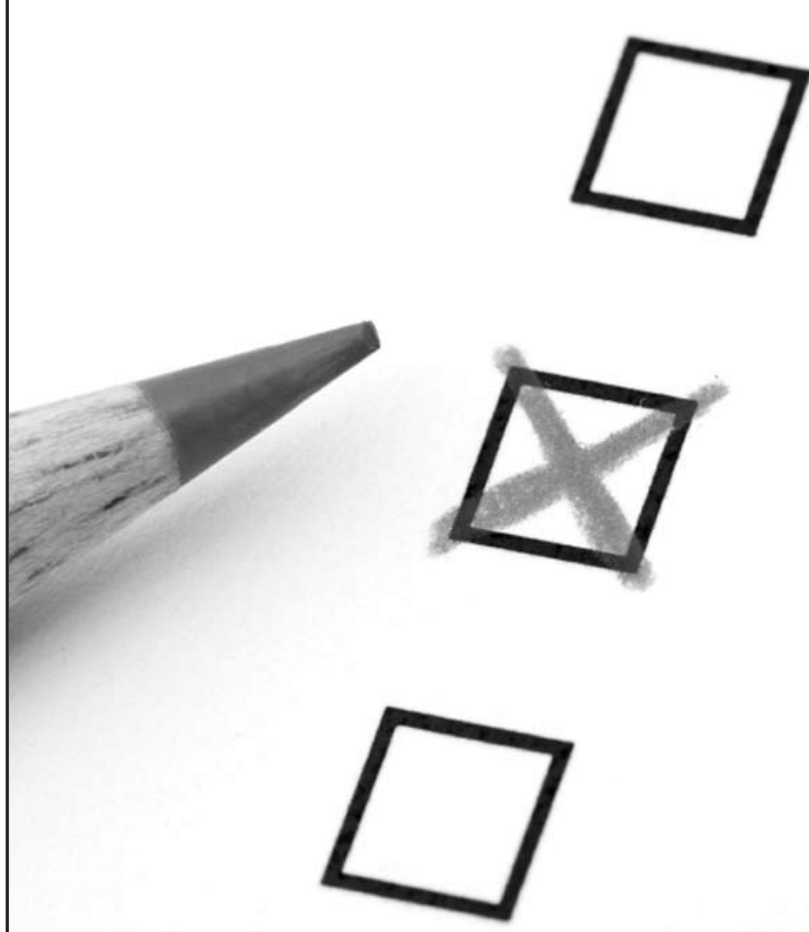
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2008 NCAA Tournament Men's Bracket



The Tech's Sports Department's Picks



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Hansen, Hoover Lead Women's Tennis Over Tough Colby College

By Jennifer A. Rees
TEAM MEMBER

The women's tennis team returned home from Colby College on Saturday with a 7-2 win, bringing its overall season record to 10-3. The team's national ranking rose from 23rd to 20th in the country.

The match began with the doubles teams taking the courts. Mariah N. Hoover '08 and Leslie A. Hansen '10 finished with a decisive win, 8-1. Elizabeth A. Denys '11 and Anisa K. McCree '10 quickly followed with an 8-4 win, giving MIT an early 2-0 lead.

Emily J. Onufer '10 and Katherine M. Smyth '10 finished their exhibition match with an 8-3 win, leaving Karina N. Pikhart '09 and Melissa A. Diskin '11 front and center. The hard fought match went back and forth until MIT's duo barely lost in a tie breaker, losing the set 9-8 (6). The loss left MIT with a 2-1 lead heading

into the singles round.

The singles matches were competitive, though MIT continued to show its dominance over Colby. Hansen won her match at one singles with a 6-1, 6-0 win, followed by Hoover winning 6-2, 6-2 to give MIT a 4-1 lead. Diskin had a tougher battle in her match, but fought out a 6-3, 6-3 win.

Denys pulled out a comeback win after losing the first set, 3-6, 6-2, 6-1. The Engineers' second loss of the day came when Yi Wang '09 lost a tough match 6-4, 6-2. That left McCree to close out the singles action. After losing the first set, McCree won the second set and the third set tiebreak, finishing the match 6-7 (4), 7-5, 10-4.

In the exhibition matches, Jennifer A. Rees '11 won 8-3 and Sonya Makhni '11 battled the entire way but lost 8-4. Makhni did however provide one of the best fist pumps of the day, rivaling that of team captain Hoover, who is well known for them among the team.

Things to Think About When Choosing Teams: Free-Throws, Hotness

NCAA Bracket, from Page 16

Mason. Yes they're a #12 seed, but there's no way they can do it again. 7b. Notre Dame lost as a #6 seed last year. They've learned their lesson. 7c. Winthrop beat Notre Dame as an #11 seed last year. Two upsets in two years, really?

8. Free-throw shooting matters. Just watch any close game from last year. Memphis is throwing away points by shooting only 59.6% on free throws, and it'll come back to bite them, eventually.

9. Louisville's the best #3 seed in the tournament, enough to ignore tip #5.

10. Don't listen to "Bracketology" experts online. Then you can't really take credit for your victory, right?

11. Spend time analyzing teams' strength of schedule, and then disregard it. It's not about who they played, it's who they beat. Tennessee knows how to play top teams, and has beaten them. Arizona knows how to play top teams too, but has lost to most them.

12. Ignore what people say about teams' record versus the top 50 in the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) rankings. It's just a statistic that analysts made popular this year now that people have a vague idea with RPI is.

13. Don't ever consider a team's record on its own, it's all about whom they played. Example: #14 Cornell (22-5) won't beat #3 Stanford (26-7).

14. When in doubt, look at the teams' conference. Default to the Big East, which was the best conference this year, followed closely by the Pac-10. When in doubt, go against the Big 10.

15. Don't discount Xavier for losing twice to Saint Joseph's this month. Sometimes a team just figures out the other team.

16. Home court advantage can matter, and hence, advantage to a couple of #10 seeds: South Alabama playing in Birmingham, and Davidson playing in Raleigh.

17. Pick the favorite, cheer for the underdog. Either way, you can't lose. (Ok, so this is in contradiction to tip #1. How about we define this kind of losing to "you won't feel badly", and the real kind from #1 as "you're going to lose money".)

18. Don't get cocky early. Remember, points from the first round are (usually) insignificant. Picking the final four, and eventual champion, are what counts.

19. And finally, go Bruins!
See page 14 for The Tech's projected bracket, along with an empty one for you to fill out on your own.

The last challenge of a socially conscious society?

Depression strikes millions— indiscriminately. Depression is simply a suppression of brain activity that makes life unbearable. And even though depression is readily treatable, only 1 in 5 ever seeks treatment. Why do so many just drag themselves along or eventually seek relief through suicide? First, there's the lack of awareness of depression— as an illness and as the threat that it is to each and every one of us. Second, there's the unwarranted negative stigma attached to it. You know, the 'mental' thing. It's time to collectively face depression. To know it's an illness, not a weakness. And it's a challenge that's long overdue. It's taken too many of us already.

UNTREATED DEPRESSION

#1 Cause of Suicide

Public Service message from SA/VE (Suicide Awareness Voices of Education) <http://www.save.org>

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Men's Gymnastics	
Sunday, March 16, 2008	
Springfield College (4-5)	338.05
Army (2-9)	336.40
MIT (0-6)	325.30

Women's Gymnastics	
Saturday, March 15, 2008	
ECAC ¹ Championships	
MIT (6-15)	5 of 8

Women's Lacrosse	
Thursday, March 13, 2008	
Williams College (1-0)	15
MIT (0-3)	7

Women's Swimming and Diving	
Saturday, March 15, 2008	
NCAA Championships	
MIT	19 of 52

Men's Tennis	
Saturday, March 15, 2008	
MIT (6-3)	3
Tufts University (3-2)	6

Women's Tennis	
Saturday, March 15, 2008	
MIT (10-3)	7
Colby College (1-1)	2

Men's Volleyball	
Saturday, March 15, 2008	
Baruch College (20-11)	0
MIT (20-10)	3
Rivier College (19-8)	2
MIT (21-10)	3

¹Eastern College Athletic Conference

Figure Skating Programs Include Ice Dance, Soloists, and Classical Music

Figure Skating, from Page 16

MIT's Theater on Ice team in the first year of its existence. Team members included Ouyang, Aubrey L. Samost '10, Holmbeck, Jingyi "Cynthia" Tang '09, Dave Wentzloff G, Diana S. Cheng '04, Helen You '09, Eisenstein, Kachina C. Gosselin '10, Patricia Lee, Fakhraldeen, and Victoria Lee. Their program to Fantasia's "Sorcerer's Apprentice," which they plan on performing at the International Theater on Ice competition in June, featured the themes of slow movements, growth, and repetition.

Two group ice dance numbers,

the Canasta Tango and Willow Waltz, also featured club performers. They were directed by group lesson instructors Alpert, Horwich, and Alex Landsman.

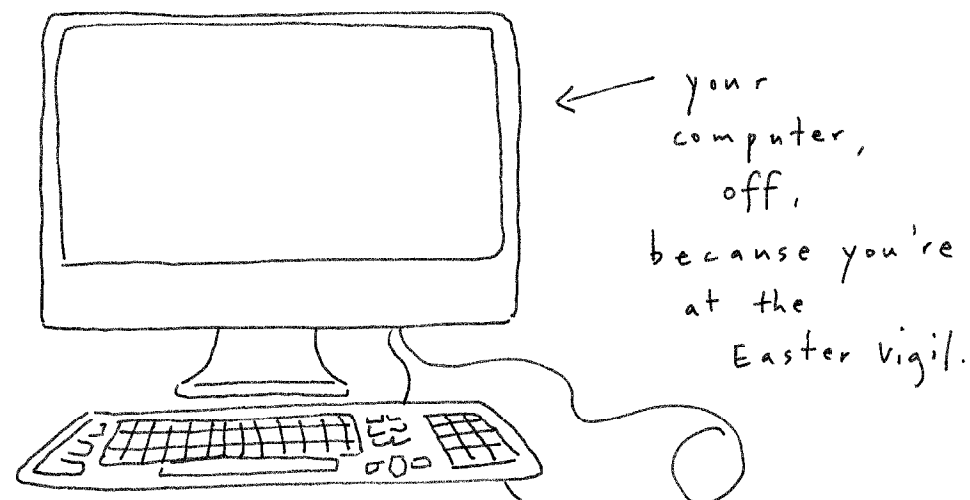
Club soloists included Tang, who skated to Yann Tiersen's "Les Jours Tristes" and Wentzloff, who skated to the Russian folk song "Korobeiniki." Gosselin skated to a Celtic piece, followed by Cheng skating to LeeAnn Rimes' "Looking Through Your Eyes."

Hillary Lang skated to "The Battle" from the soundtrack of The Chronicles of Narnia, Diane M. Brancazio '90 skated to Evanescence's "Bring Me to Life," Kris-

tina K. Brown '09 skated to "Happy Feet," and Eisenstein skated to Arcade Fire's "Neighborhood #1."

Cheng and Mickey Barry skated their pairs program to music from Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, Cars, and "Radar Love." In addition, Samost skated to George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," and Gillian M. Grogan '10 and Jane Codman skated to music by Vivaldi.

Among the cast of guests were 2007 Senior Nationals competitor Margaret Wang, the Skating Club of Boston's Act I theater on ice team, and 2008 US National Intermediate silver medalists Susan Enright and Michael Bramante.



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SPORTS

Need Help In Filling In Your Tournament Bracket? Read On...

By Shreyes Seshasai
SPORTS EDITOR

It's the greatest tournament in sports, and what better time to start than the opening weekend of spring break. March madness has arrived, and starting Thursday, the top 64 teams in the country face off in search of this year's national champion.

Even if you're not a college basketball fan, it's hard not to get drawn into the excitement. Filling out tournament brackets, entering pools, bragging about crazy picks that somehow came true, what could be better.

If you find yourself filling out a bracket over the next few days, here are some guidelines for you to follow:

1. Have fun with it, because you're going to lose. Seriously, of 20+ people in a pool, there's only one winner,

and it probably won't be you.

2. Don't pick a #16 seed to win. Sure, "this could be the year." But more likely, you'll have lost an elite eight team early.

3. Don't pick all four #1 seeds to make the Final Four. It's never happened. Ever. (But "this could be the year")

4. Pick your upsets wisely. Sure it's cool to claim a huge upset in the first round, but you don't want to unnecessarily take out a potential final four team.

5. "What have you done for me recently?" Look for teams on hot streaks. Example: Arkansas' late run in the SEC tournament should give them an edge over struggling Indiana.

6. If you must insist on a 12 over a 5, use tip #5 and choose Temple over Michigan State.

7. Fight the urge, don't pick George

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Magnuson, Morton, Stephens Achieve All-American Status at DIII Nationals

Shreyes Seshasai
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's and women's track and field teams sent three athletes to the 2008 NCAA Division III Track and Field Indoor Championships last weekend at Ohio Northern University. All three athletes performed exceptionally, representing MIT well by each earning All-America accolades.

Amy R. Magnuson '10 finished second in the 55-meter hurdles to put the finishing touch on her impressive indoor season. After running 8.19 seconds in the preliminaries, Magnuson beat her own MIT record in the finals with a time of 8.01 seconds. Despite being faster than the previous four NCAA champions, it wasn't enough to beat Frostburg State University's Sumer Rohrs (7.96 seconds).

Stephen A. Morton '10 earned All-American honors for his eight place finish in the long jump, reaching a distance of 22'9.75". In his other event, Morton failed to place

in the triple jump.

Omari S. Stephens '08, also a Tech photographer, earned All-

American honors as well, clearing 15'9.75" on his way to eighth place in the pole vault.



OMARI STEPHENS—THE TECH

Stephen A. Morton '10 splashes into the sand during his final attempt in the trials of the triple jump at the NCAA Division III indoor track and field national championships. The MIT track and field teams sent three athletes to compete in four events at nationals. Morton placed 8th in the long jump but did not place in the triple jump, Amy R. Magnuson '10 placed 2nd in the 55-meter hurdles, and Omari S. Stephens '08 placed 8th in the pole vault.

MIT Figure Skating Club Holds Annual Exhibition Featuring Local, Club Skaters



VINCENT AUYEUNG—THE TECH

Skaters from the Skating Club of Boston's Act 1 theater on ice team perform at the annual MIT Figure Skating Club Exhibition on March 15 in Johnson Ice Rink. The event featured 27 club skaters and 12 guest programs.

By Diana S. Cheng
CLUB MEMBER

The MIT Figure Skating Club held its annual exhibition last Saturday, with twelve guest programs and twenty-seven club skaters participating. The show was coordinated by Trish Fleming of the MIT Enterprise Forum, Saja

A. Fakhraldeen '09, and group lesson instructor Susan Alpert. Esther Horwich '77 was the show's emcee and Wellesley College alumna Amy Mossman produced the show.

The opening number, choreographed by Jessica A. Eisenstein '06 to Fatboy Slim's "Praise You," featured several first-time student performers: Annie Ouyang '11, Brienne M. Holmbeck '08, Victoria Lee '10, Vidya Ganapati '10, Wendy Chen '09, and Xiumin Zeng '09.

Wellesley student Anne Goldberg choreographed and directed

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Match of the Week

Men's Volleyball Defeats Division Rival Rivier in Strong Comeback

By Mindy Brauer
DAPER STAFF

Victories over Baruch College and nationally-ranked No. 11 Rivier College helped the No. 13 MIT men's volleyball team surpass the 20-win mark for the fourth year in a row as its record improved to 21-10. The Engineers held off Baruch (32-30, 30-25, 30-27) and then outlasted Rivier (23-30, 27-30, 31-29, 30-13, 15-13) to reach the milestone. Earlier, Rivier topped Baruch, 36-34, 30-24, 28-30, 30-19.

MIT def. Baruch

Praveen Pamidimukkala '08 paced MIT with 17 kills to go along with seven blocks, five digs, and two aces. T. Scott Pollom '09 tallied seven blocks, six kills, five digs, and two aces as Kenneth K. Rosche '08 contributed 11 kills and three blocks. Michael Demyttenaere '10 totaled eight kills and five

blocks while Garrett L. Winther '11 notched six kills and four assists. Ryan G. Dean '08 continued his impressive season with 35 assists, eight digs, and four blocks as Matthew Ng '08 collected a team-high ten digs. Eugene Jang '09 bolstered the Engineers' serving efforts with a pair of aces.

Why was this Match of the Week?

MIT delivered when it mattered against division leader Rivier, coming back from two games down. The team squeaked out a 31-29 victory in the third game and a 15-13 win in the decisive fifth game to defeat Rivier.

Daniel Levent led Baruch (20-11) with 23 kills, 11 digs, three blocks, and an ace. Levi Rachmanov anchored the defense with 14 digs as Jonathan Tuwaidan finished with 10 digs and seven kills. Radu Wyrwas compiled 36 assists, five digs, and an ace.

MIT def. Rivier

In a five-game thriller, the Engineers edged Rivier in the final game 15-13 to avenge an early season loss to their division rivals.

Pamidimukkala registered 22 kills, 13 digs, and three aces as Malcolm K. Bean '11 posted 19 kills and three blocks. Demyttenaere compiled 13 kills and five blocks while Winther totaled five digs and four blocks. Dean amassed 64 assists and 13 digs as Troy V. Tamas '10 earned two aces. Jang and Ng rounded out the defense with seven and five digs, respectively.

Zach Hansen recorded a double-double for the Rivier Raiders on 57 assists and 18 digs in addition to five blocks. Kyle O'Neill racked up 20 digs as Scott Wright notched 18 kills. Matt Ferreira posted 16 kills and five blocks while Jared Andreozzi finished with 12 kills and six digs.

Next up for MIT will be a home match against cross-town rival Harvard University on Wednesday, March 19.



ALICE FAN

Laura C. Watson '08 eyes her next move during a game against Williams College last Thursday, March 13. Williams defeated MIT 15-7.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Tuesday, March 18, 2008

Baseball vs. Rhode Island College
Softball vs. Simmons College

3:30 p.m., Briggs Field
4:30 p.m., Briggs Field

Wednesday, March 19, 2008

Baseball vs.

Wentworth Institute of Technology 3:30 p.m., Briggs Field
Men's Tennis vs. Emerson College 4:00 p.m., duPont Tennis Courts
Men's Volleyball vs. Harvard University 7:00 p.m., Rockwell Cage

Thursday, March 20, 2008

Softball vs. Brandeis University

3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., Briggs Field