By Airport-Style Security, Crowds of Delegates

Democratic National Convention Characterized

By John A. Hawkinson
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The convention center was packed with delegates, reporters, and other members of the media. Barricades and fences, along with police officers, were lined up around the convention center. Attendees were searched and questioned before entering.

At times, the security was so tight that attendees had trouble getting through the checkpoints. Some delegates even had to show their passes and press credentials multiple times.

Despite the security, the convention was well attended. Delegates and reporters mingled, discussing the issues of the day. The theme of the day was “One Nation, One Dream.”

A massive display of police force was present, attempting to control any potential protests. The theme of the day was “One World, One Dream.” However, that was the Olympic Games, not the Democratic Convention.

By Jenny Liu

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Michigan Governor Will Hold Proceedings on Kilpatrick

By Susan Saunby
THE DETROIT FREE PRESS
The Associated Press

In a blow to Mayor Kwame M. Kilpatrick’s tempestuous grip on his job, Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm announced on Tuesday that she will hold proceedings next week that could result in the Detroit mayor’s resignation.

Kilpatrick, who stands accused of 10 felony counts in two separate criminal cases, will have to defend himself before Granholm, who un- der state law is authorized to convene the proceedings.

The Detroit City Council, which has no authority to remove Kilpat- rick, had asked Granholm to take up the matter after he unsuccessfully urged the mayor to resign.

The proceedings — and whether they would happen at all — have been held up by Kilpatech attorneys who believe he might yet get a vindication, since they two of the state’s high-ranking Democrats against each other.

Afghanistan’s Opium Crop Shrinks After Record High, U.N. Says

By Celia W. Dugger
NEW YORK TIMES

Afghanistan’s opium harvest has dropped from last year’s record high, the United Nations announced Tuesday, contending that the tide of opium that engulfed Afghanistan in ever rising harvests since 2001 was finally showing signs of ebbing.

“Opium flowwaters in Afghanistan have started to recede,” An- tonio Maria Costa, the executive director of the U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime, said in the final chapter of the annual opium survey, published Tuesday. “Afghan society has started to make progress in its fight against opium.”

Costa added.

Opium cultivation has dropped by 19 percent since 2007, and has fallen beneath 2006 levels as well, the report said. The harvest is also down this year, by a lesser margin because of greater yields, dropping 6 percent by an estimated 8,500 tons.

More than half of Afghanistan’s provinces have now been declared poppy free — that is, 18 of 34 provinces grow few or no poppies, up from 13 poppy-free provinces last year.

Zimbabwe Parliament Opens With Jeers And FORESTS

By Celia W. Dugger
NEW YORK TIMES

President Robert Mugabe opened Zimbabwe’s parliament on Tues- day to rambunctious heckling from opposition lawmakers, just chiding that the tide of opium that engulfed Afghanistan in ever rising harvests since 2001 was finally showing signs of ebbing.

Mugabe, who has ruled the country for 28 increasingly repressive years, declared that he had “every expectation” of striking a power-sharing deal with the opposition, but his government appeared to be further embittering its rivals and complicating prospects for a settlement by locking them up.

The police had sought to arrest eight members of parliament before they could vote Monday for the powerful position of speaker. The lower house of parliament was adjourned after lawmakers am- moned reporters. The opposition’s candidate for speaker won on Mon- day by a vote of 97 to 50.

Mugabe appeared livid when he left the Duke University Medical Center, where he was operated on Sunday night. He was driven there, accompanied by his niece Caroline at his side, when he left a hospital bed here when he decided that Kennedy would not be able to give the convention speech.

His aides said that after Kennedy had undergone surgery, and that he would fear what they said in full- scale falling out with the West over Russia’s actions in Georgia. The mar- ket recovered somewhat, ending the day down 4.1 percent, but investors were still glum about its prospects.

“The market perception is ex- tremely negative,” said James R. Finken, chairman of Red Star Man- agement, a Moscow hedge fund. “They’ve been perceiving it as the evil empire. They’re going to have to do some serious things to change it.”

Russia is not about to give in, as it did in the financial collapse of 1998. Any Western effort to punish Russia economically will surely be softened by the surging demand for Russian oil and natural gas in Western Europe and Asia.

Moreover, while the stock market stumbled, the country’s trade surplus and the profits of its leading energy companies remained as robust as ever. Russia holds about $600 billion in foreign exchange and gold reserves.

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Those penalties could sting far more sharply in today’s Russia than they would have during the days of the Soviet Union, because many of the top officials in government also sit on the boards of directors of state companies.

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Kennedy Left Hospital Bed to Give Talk at Convention

By By Adam Nagourney
THE NEW YORK TIMES

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy had just left a hospital bed here when he delivered his speech to the Demo- cratic National Convention on Mon- day night, after suffering a debilitating stroke a few days earlier.

He arrived on Sunday after a long char- ting bout of kidney stones on Sunday night. He was operated on Sunday night revealed it was kidney stones that had caused him to be admitted to the hospital, where he spent the night.

The sequence of events de- scribed by Kennedy associates added a dramatic layer to the appearance by Kennedy that riv- eted Democrats and produced a sus- tained and tearful outpouring on the delegates.

His aides said that after Kennedy finally decided he was well enough to come to Denver over the week- end, they became alarmed when he arrived on Sunday after a long char- ter airplane flight, accompanied by family members, aides and doctors, and reported being in excruciating pain.

Their first concern was that the pain was somehow related to his cancer, or the chemotherapy and ra- diation he had been undergoing for four months.

Kennedy had no previous history of kidney stones, aides said.

One close associate, who request- ed anonymity to discuss any element of Kennedy’s medical condition, dis- closed that the senator had suffered an unspecified but serious setback in July after he flew to Washington in the midst of treatment to cast a vote on a Medicare bill.

Markets React to Russia’s Recognition of Separatists

By Andrew E. Kramer
THE NEW YORK TIMES

The effects of Russia’s first foreign war as a capitalist country rapped Thursday through the Moscow stock market, which dipped to their lowest level since 2006. The loss of billions of dollars in paper value is confront- ing the Kremlin with a dimension to its geopolitical foray that not even the Cold War, even as Russia seemed to be consolidating its gains after the Georgia conflict.

The RTS stock market fell 6.1 per- cent on Tuesday after President Dima- tri A. Medvedev recognized two sepa- rate regions in Georgia.

The self-ruled South Ossetia and Abkhazia were recognized as independent in 1992, but the war in August showed how deep those separatist enclaves have become. Russia’s actions in Georgia will likely be viewed as a harbinger of its further geopolitical aggression.

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North Korea Threatens to Reactivate Nuclear Facilities

By Choe Sang-Hun

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

North Korea said Tuesday that it had stopped declaring its nuclear material, complex, and threatened to restore facilities and weapons that the North has used to produce plutonium for nuclear arms unless the United States renounced its efforts to pressure the North.

For months, U.S. experts and North Korean officials have been debating key facilities at the complex at Yongbyon, north of Pyongyang, that temporarily shut down at the end of March 2009. That action was supposed to be the lead-in to negotiations intended to nullify a major foreign policy commitment of the Bush administration.

If North Korea rebuilds the facilities in defiance of the United States and a coalition of major powers that have sought to disarm North Korea, it would represent a major blow to the achievement of the Bush administration.

North Korea often issues strident warnings as a negotiating tactic, but nonetheless the latest declaration dimmed the Bush administration's hopes of achieving a breakthrough in the North's nuclear program before President Bush leaves office.

The move has been described as a "step backward." It "carries the unmistakable message that only that 25 militants and 5 civilians were killed in the air-strikes, but has ordered an investigation after Afghan officials reported that 15 people had been wounded in the bombing, which put the total civilian death toll.

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Best Movies of Summer 2008

By Sarah Dupas • 08.27.08

Now that the start of classes draws ever nearer, it feels like summer's out and school's back in session. Ah, yes—nothing like the feel of a marble notebook and the sharp taste of Red Bull to make you long for the scent of the ocean, the taste of barbecued patties, and the cool air of a movie theater. Here, we'll bring you right back to the fresh days of early June with reviews and recaps of this summer's releases.

Iron Man
Directed by Jon Favreau
Starring Robert Downey Jr., Terrence Howard, Gwyneth Paltrow
I'll give a spoiler alert out of courtesy's sake, but if you haven't already seen it, you've probably already heard about all of this. Iron Man was a good summer movie for us nerds at MIT for two distinct reasons: Tony Stark (Downey) wears a Brass Rat and Samuel L. Jackson makes a cameo as S.H.I.E.L.D. director Nick Fury. Luckily, Iron Man does earn back some points because of the totally necessary inclusion of Black Sabbath on the soundtrack.

The Verdict: A good rainy day movie, but not worth waiting in line. Sex and the City: The Movie
Directed by Michael Patrick King
Starring Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall, Cynthia Nixon, Kristin Davis
Generally when I'm forty minutes late for a movie I'll skip it altogether and see the soundtrack. For a movie I'll skip it altogether and see Sex and the City: The Movie? Definitely not.

The Verdict: A last-resort movie at best, the less-than-stellar remake of a pretty excellent television series. Carrie Bradshaw and company's big return to the screen was just as high in fashion as the film's nameake series, but its former sexual frankness—once groundbreaking and humorous—was blased and tried this time around. Let's hope the rumors of a sequel don't come true; if so, show up late or plug your ears.

Get Smart
Directed by Peter Segal
Starring Steve Carell, Anne Hathaway, Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson
A last-resort movie at best, the less-than-star-meller remake of a pretty excellent television show features the absolutely bizarre lead combo of The Office's Steve Carell and The Princess Diaries' Anne Hathaway. If the thought of watching two completely sexually unapetizing people make out doesn't turn you off from this movie, let Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson be your evil super agent; he's the reason you walk out halfway.

The Verdict: Stay to see Bill Murray in a tree; leave before it turns into Mr. Magoo and James Bond's love child.

Hancock
Directed by Peter Berg
Starring Will Smith, Charlize Theron, Jason Bateman
Over the course of Hancock, it's implied that the titular alcoholic bum of a superhero routine causes train wrecks. Funny coincidence, because this movie sort of ends like one; although it's admittedly charming for the first eighty or so minutes. Will Smith has the comedy-action combo down pat, Jason Bateman can do no wrong, and Charlize Theron is both funny and sexy (no small feat nowadays).

The Verdict: Superhero flick with chuckles worth the price of a ticket.

The Dark Knight
Directed by Christopher Nolan
Starring Christian Bale, Heath Ledger, Aaron Eckhart, Michael Caine
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The Verdict: Take your Jimmy Choo’s and try this time around. Let’s hope the rumour of a sequel don't come true; if so, show up late or plug your ears.

The Verdict: Definitely see it, and definitely see it high.

Vicky Cristina Barcelona
Directed by Woody Allen
Starring Scarlett Johansson, Rebecca Hall, Javier Bardem, Penélope Cruz
When did Woody Allen become so much less funny and so much more pervers? Seems like he took a bunch of attractive people to Spain for his vacation, and then realized he had to write a movie to justify being there. Horrible dialogue and a beyond-irritating narrator muck this beautifully shot vacation movie, which is only remediably saved by Bardem as and true’s real-life chemistry and comic timing as a maniac couple in the art world.

The Verdict: Skip it unless you’re a Woody Allen completist.

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**Mysteriously uprighted rocks are seen at Sand Beach in Acadia National Park, Maine.**

**MIT students (left to right) YingHsuan Lin ‘10, William B. Yee ’10, Chuek L Leung ’10, Chun-Kai Wang ’12, Xu Wu ’10, and Yu-Ju Chiu ’11, posed in front of the “Lovers’ Bridge” this July in Taichung, Taiwan.**

**Alex H. Chan G poses on the Great Wall in Beijing, China.**

**Balinese dive master Gede Sama holds up a sea cucumber while diving off the coast of Bali, Indonesia on June 9, 2008.**

**Spaniards celebrate the win of the European Cup in Puerta Jerez in Seville, Spain on June 29.**

**A boy is seen as a boat approaches a dock in Granada, Nicaragua this summer.**
The following incidents were reported to the MIT Police between Aug. 5, 2008 and Aug. 24, 2008. This summary does not include incidents such as false alarms, general service calls, or medical troubles.

Aug. 5:
M10 (122 Memorial Dr.), 4:29 p.m., Larceny of bicycle.
W34 (120 Vassar St.), 4:45 p.m., Wallet stolen from dorm's locker room.

Aug. 6:
W39 (211 Vassar St.), 7:07 p.m., Laptop stolen from Alpha Tao Omega (ATO).
W35 (100 Vassar St.), 7:15 p.m., Wallet stolen from dorm.
M15 (130 Vassar St.), 11:44 p.m., Laptop stolen from office.

Aug. 7:
W39 (211 Vassar St.), 10:03 a.m., Report of theft of construction material.
E51 (70 Memorial Dr.), 9:59 p.m., Suspective activity.
W34 (120 Vassar St.), 11:20 p.m., Identity theft.

Aug. 8:
W35 (100 Vassar St.), 7:56 p.m., Wallet stolen from gym locker.
W35 (100 Vassar St.), 9:21 p.m., Wall larceny from dorm.
M14 (120 Memorial Dr.), 9:28 p.m., Report of identity theft.
W39 (211 Vassar St.), 4:07 p.m., Report of bag lost from dorm.

Aug. 9:
W35 (100 Vassar St.), 7:15 p.m., Larceny of bicycle.

Aug. 10:

Aug. 11:
W35 (100 Vassar St.), 7:56 p.m., Wallet stolen from gym locker.
W35 (100 Vassar St.), 9:21 p.m., Wall larceny from dorm.
M14 (120 Memorial Dr.), 9:28 p.m., Report of identity theft.
W39 (211 Vassar St.), 4:07 p.m., Report of bag lost from dorm.

Aug. 12:

Aug. 13:
W35 (100 Vassar St.), 7:15 p.m., Larceny of bicycle.

Aug. 14:
W39 (211 Vassar St.), 10:21 a.m., Report of male in the women's restroom.
W39 (211 Vassar St.), 11:08 a.m., Fraudulent use of credit card.

Aug. 15:
W35 (100 Vassar St.), 8:32 a.m., Report of personal theft.
W39 (211 Vassar St.), 8:30 p.m., Report of stolen bicycle.

Aug. 16:
PDT (97 Bay State Rd.), 6:04 p.m., Breaking and entering; laptop stolen.
Sigma Chi (532 Beacon St.), 8:05 p.m., Breaking and entering; laptop stolen.

Aug. 17:

Aug. 18:
M15 (130 Vassar St.), 11:49 a.m., Larceny from debit bank account.
W39 (211 Vassar St.), 5:59 p.m., Theft of bicycle.

Aug. 19:
DKE (403 Memorial Dr.), 4:00 p.m., Larceny of laptop.
M32 (32 Vassar St.), 9:38 p.m., Malicious destruction, attempted theft of scooter.

Police Log

IS&T: Upgrades Will Improve Reliability, Internet Bandwidth

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IS&T's upgrades will improve reliability, internet bandwidth, estimated that around 8 percent of students use Verizon's service. Under the new SIP system, students' MIT directory numbers will not be linked to a single phone. "We're going to give you a lot more control," Collins said, providing mobility and allowing students to own their directory numbers if they change rooms. A few MacGregor and Burton-Conner students pointed out that their analog phone lines were useful for phone interviews of those who were not available online; phone cell phone reception, however, they also said that did not use their ana-
log phones very often. "You can't leave campus," one said in high school. There's no rule saying you have to get going, oth-
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Upgrades provide faster Internet The renovations will provide Burton-Conner, MacGregor, and the rest of the dorms on campus in terms of reliability and speed, according to Collins. Each dorm's existing 10-megabit shared network will be replaced with lightning-fast gigabit interne...
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Attendees Hope Convention Will Inspire Students

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out the concourse. Getting into the seating area required passing another security check, and my “Hall” press pass did not allow me to go in. I decided to find the unscheduled press area, rather than aimlessly wandering around.

The press center was set up in the practice court. Rows of tables were filled with press and laptops, all facing a large TV showing what was going on in the convention. After going through the trouble of getting a pass to the arena, I was not going to just sit down and watch it on TV. Besides, I didn’t see any open seats. I exchanged my “Hall” pass for a 30-minute “Floor” pass, which would allow me to go to the lower level. Yes, I thought, I’ll get to hobnob with Congressmen and the cast of “The Daily Show.”

I entered the 100 level of the stadium and quickly discovered there really was no open floor space in the convention. I was stuck in a walkway, along with my fellow refugees, and attendee. Several elevated press platforms were near the walkway, holding celebrities including Wolf Blitzer, Katie Couric, and David Gregory. But there was no time for star gazing, because the security kept yelling at us to keep moving. The job was made tougher when Caroline Kennedy started speaking, and several people stopped moving to listen to the speech or to take photos.

The state delegations were arranged almost randomly, but there was a clear pecking order: Colorado, Illinois, Delaware were up front. Where was Massachusetts? It was up a level. I tried to make my way up there, but of course, that was above my “Floor” pass permissions. I exited the seating area, and turned in my “Floor” pass before the 30 minutes was up. I had enough of being treated like cattle.

It turned out that my “Hall” pass would get me into the 300 level, so I headed up there to watch the surprise speech by Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.). No seats were available, but I was able to get into another walkway, and security was not present to tell me to keep moving. Kennedy clearly captivated the audience. Everyone was watching, and back in the hallways, people were talking and speculating. We were focused on the numerous television screens. Maybe this is why people go to conventions.

I went about asking people why they decided to go to the convention. Many were excited about Barack Obama’s candidacy. Mark Epstein, from New York, thought it was “time for a change,” and that conventions served to get the base excited. He came as a guest of a delegate, and he felt that going to a convention was a “life experience everyone should experience.”

Lindsay McLaughlin is an Obama supporter, as well as a registered lobbyist from Washington, DC. He was clear on delineating the separation of the two roles. He felt he was attending as a supporter, not a lobbyist, and he notes that he’s been canvassing for Obama on his own time. The convention will “celebrate [Obama’s] candidacy” as well as help America get “comfortable with Obama,” he said.

So, why should college students, especially MIT students, care about this convention?

Students should care about the future,” said Lorraine Hariton, a delegate from Palo Alto, Calif. “A convention is just “one element of the election,” and students should make sure to vote.

Her son, Glen Weyl, a postdoc at Harvard University, chimed in that the convention can help inspire MIT students to find solutions to the global climate and national health care problems. MIT students, in recent years, have been lured by Wall Street, and there needs to be more private initiative to go into public service, he said.

Innovation and education are the way to solve our problems, Hariton added.

Hartinton was sporting a “Hillary Supporter for Obama” button. I asked her about another rift between Hillary Clinton and Obama supporters. The press exaggerated the divide, she said. As an example, her son pointed out a fundraising event she held for Obama with Clinton supporters. The press played it as a conspiracy to stab Obama in the back, Weyl said.

The planned roll call vote for Clinton is an attempt at unity, not division, Hartiton said.

Another Clinton supporter, Phyllis Hunt from Columbus, Ohio, also agreed. She “loved her,” but after seeing his speech in Germany, she respected him for the same reasons she respected Clinton, she said. There were a few people at the convention with “Hillary for President” shirts, but it did not seem like they were a large contingent.

I began making my way out of the convention, having seen enough of the Pepsi Center and getting the quotes to make the editors happy. On my way out, I saw former Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta. After I figured out who he was, I tried to chase him down, but he disappeared into the seating area, which was above my “Hall” pass.

Former presidential candidate Bill Richardson was doing interviews and signing autographs. He attracted a lot more attention than Mineta.

My convention experience was educational. I had the opportunity to see inside the seating area, and I realized the floor is really crowded. I got to hear two Kennedys speak in person. Other than spotting some famous Democrats, it wasn’t too much different from watching it on TV. I’ll watch the next two days from the comfort of my own couch, rather than dealing with security and never finding an open seat anywhere in the Pepsi Center. As for the Obama speech at Invesco Field? That’s a different story. I’ll be OK with standing up for that.

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Lorraine Hariton (left), a delegate from Palo Alto, Calif., and her son Glen Weyl (center) attend the Democratic National Convention on Monday.

A Kennedy sign is seen at the Democratic National Convention in support of Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.).

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William Blaine Richardson III is seen in an interview during the Democratic National Convention on Monday.

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MIT Discovery About Insect Life May Open Door to New Products

By Michelle Sigles

An insect capable of diving into water and staying there indefinitely, the backswimmer is an intriguing creature for researchers. It was not until he returned to his lab that he discovered the backswimmer has long beaded legs and a backswimmer has long beaded legs.

Scientists have been fascinated by the backswimmer’s ability to stay underwater for extended periods. It seemed impossible, but Bush and his team set out to solve the mystery of how backswimmers can stay underwater for so long.

One afternoon, John W. M. Bush, an associate professor of mechanical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was playing with his backswimmers. He noticed that they would remain underwater for hours, even after he removed them from the water.

Bush and his team set out to solve the mystery of how backswimmers can stay underwater for so long. They conducted experiments to determine the key factors that allow backswimmers to remain underwater for long periods.

They found that the backswimmer has a unique leg structure that allows it to move through water with minimal resistance. The legs are covered in tiny hairs that repel water, allowing the backswimmer to move through water with ease.

Bush and his team published their findings in the Journal of Fluid Mechanics. The study demonstrated that the backswimmer’s leg structure can be used to design underwater vehicles with similar capabilities.

The findings have potential applications in the design of underwater vehicles, such as drones and submarines. The team is now exploring ways to apply these findings to the design of more efficient and less expensive underwater vehicles.

Bush envisions small underwater vehicles powered by motors fueled by oxygen supplied by such a bubble. "This is a means by which these animals are getting power," he said.

Bush’s team is now working to develop prototypes of underwater vehicles that can stay underwater for extended periods. The team is also exploring ways to apply these findings to other fields, such as robotics and renewable energy.

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Harvard Investigates Univ. Police Following Allegations of Racism

By Tracy Jan

Harvard University will launch an examination of the campus Police Department following long-running complaints that officers have unfairly treated black students and professors and, in an incident this month, a black high school student working at Harvard.

President Drew Gilpin Faust announced Tuesday that she has appointed an independent, six-member committee to review the diversity training, community outreach, and recruitment efforts of Harvard police, the first review of its kind in more than a decade. In recent weeks, black student and faculty leaders have been pressuring the university to address what they view as racial profiling by the predominantly white campus police force, which Harvard oversees.

Ralph Martin, former Suffolk district attorney and managing partner of the Boston office of the Kingham McCutchen law firm, will lead the committee, which will start work next week.

“All of us share an interest in sustaining constructive relations between our campus police and the broader Harvard community, in order to provide a safe and welcoming environment for all faculty, students, staff, and visitors,” Faust wrote in an e-mail to senior university administrators and faculty. “I am confident that this group’s efforts will help the university address this important set of issues in a constructive spirit and forthright manner.”

Black faculty members praised Faust’s initiative, saying it signaled that she will address the issue thoroughly and effectively. Some said the university should go further and establish a permanent police community board to ease tension on both sides.

Harvard law professor Charles Ogletree said black students arrive on campus aiming for academic success but instead find themselves under suspicion.

“All of us share an interest in sustaining constructive relations between Harvard’s black students and university police for much of the last 20 years, and it always stems from an individual incident when African-Americans appear to be the subject of racial profiling by the police department.” Ogletree said Tuesday. “The problem is a persistent one, because there’s still this unfortunate assumption that equates the color of a person’s skin with involvement in criminality.”

Harvard police officials would not respond to questions about specific incidents, but issued a statement Tuesday saying they hope the review will help the private force better serve Harvard’s diverse population.

“We look forward to any recommendations generated by the process that will help ensure the HUPD remains as effective as possible,” the statement said.

Faust was unavailable for comment Tuesday. In her memo, she wrote that the review is being launched “partly in response to concerns expressed internally.”

Earlier this month, she noted, officers confronted a person using tools to remove a lock from a locked bicycle. The person, whom others familiar with the case have identified as a black Boston high school student working on the Harvard campus this summer, owned the bicycle, and was trying to cut the lock because the key had broken off in the lock. The two officers involved have been placed on administrative leave, pending a separate investigation into the matter, said a source familiar with the case.

Faculty and students say previous incidents have fanned tension with police.

In spring 2007, police stopped S. Allen Counter, a prominent neuroscience professor, as he was walking to his office across Harvard Yard because they mistook him for a black robbery suspect.

Earlier this month, in response to inquiries from the Globe, Police Chief Francis Riley said through a spokesman that the department has begun conversations with the black student organizations to address “bias incidents” but would not respond to a request for statistics on how often black students and faculty are stopped.

Almeda Biggers, president of the Association of Black Harvard Women, said the review shows Faust is aware of black students’ concerns about police.

“It’s much needed,” Biggers said. “If you talk to any student in the black community, they’ll talk about being targeted.”

J. Lorand Matory - who co-chairs the Association of Black Faculty, Administrators and Fellows - called the police review a “thoughtful response.”

“I hope this committee will be able to initiate a thoughtful conversation that we have not been able to accomplish to date,” said Matory, a professor of anthropology and Afrikan and African-American studies.

Martin said he hopes the committee will present its findings and recommendations by December.

Any great institution is never afraid to be introspective,” Martin said. “This is really an effort to identify what the university police do well, as well as what the areas of improvement potentially are. We’re going to go at it as objectively as possible.”

In addition to Martin, members of the committee are William Lee, a former Harvard overseer; Mark Moore, a professor at the John F. Kennedy School of Government; Nancy Rosenblum, Harvard professor of ethics in politics and government; Matthew Sundquist, president of the Harvard Undergraduate Council; and David Wilkins, a Harvard law professor.

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Women’s Lacrosse Collects IWLCA Academic Accolades

For the sixth straight season the MIT women’s lacrosse team qualified for the Intercollegiate Women’s Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) Merit Squad as it posted the third-highest GPA of 56 programs. Bryn Mawr College led the way with an average of 3.49, followed by the University of Rochester (3.453), and the Engineers (3.4).

Individually, Laura C. Watson ’08 earned her second selection to the Academic Honor Roll as did Stephanie V. Brennan ’09 and Lily He ’09 who were first-time honorees. Since the inception of MIT’s women’s lacrosse program in 1993, the Engineers have had at least one award winner every season.

Stephanie V. Brenman ’09 and Lily He ’09 were second selection to the Academic Honor Roll as the Engineers (3.4).

Collects IWLCA Academic Honors

MIT was the only NEWMAC institution to receive All-Academic Team accolades for both its men’s and women’s programs as announced by the Intercollegiate Women’s Lacrosse Association (IWLCA). The women’s squad collected its sixth award while the men received their first nod.

Individuals Yi Wang ’09 and Katrina N. Phair ’09 picked up their third Scholar-Athlete honor as Leslie A. Hansen ’10 and Emily J. Onufer ’10 were selected for the second time. The accolade was Hansen’s second from the IWLCA this past season as she was named to its All-America Team following a 1-1 performance at the NCAA Singles Championship. Shen- na Bhattacharya ’11 and Sonya Makhtine ’11 were first-time honorees for the Engineers.

Representing MIT on the men’s side was Ryan W. Castonia ’09, Jonathan F. Farm ’09, David E. Iba ’09, Vinith Misra ’08, Peden P. Nichols ’09, Michael R. Price G, and Ken Van Tilburg ’11.

Tech Tennis Receives ITA Honors

On July 16–20, MIT Sport Taekwondo Coach Dan Chuang traveled to Belgrade, Serbia to serve as a US National Collegiate Taekwondo Team Coach. The US Team consisted of five coaches and sixteen athletes (eight men and eight women). The sixteen competitors from the US were part of a field of 285 athletes from 42 nations competing in the 2008 World University Taekwondo Championships.

The 2008 championships marked the tenth time the event has been held and the first time it has taken place in Serbia. The event, which is held every two years, draws collegiate athletes from around the world including Taekwondo powerhouses like Korea, Taiwan, Iran, China and Spain.

The competitors on the US team earned their team spots through a selection process that required placing in the top 4 at the National Collegiate Taekwondo Championships on April 26 at Stanford University, and then coming out on top of their weight class at the US National Collegiate Team Trials in Highlands Ranch, Colorado on May 17.

The competitors were supported by a team of ten officials: coaches, managers, referees, and a team doctor. Chuang served as the ringside coach for four athletes: Jermaine James from Edison College, Nir Moriah from Rice University, Luke Ford from Nova Southeastern University, and bronze medalist John Duhart from Mendo College. Among these athletes, James and Moriah both reached the quarterfinals, Ford lost a close match to Taekwondo powerhouse Korea, and Duhart won his bronze medal after winning matches against Kenya and Egypt, but falling to the Korean gold medalist in the semifinals.

Duhart’s medal was the only medal for the US team on the first day of the competition. Overall, the US team came away with two bronze medals and one silver medal.

Chuang described his perspective on working with the athletes: “It was a great experience working with some of the best Taekwondo athletes in the country. My role was basically to establish a rapport with the athletes during the preparation period of the competition, provide technical support during the training sessions, and to give tactical advice during the matches. I had worked with Jermaine James before, but the other athletes, we had to get on the same page quickly. I thought they all performed very well and gave it everything they had in the ring.”

Now back in the states, Chuang is leading the MIT Sport Taekwondo Club into another competitive season in the Ivy/Northeast Collegiate Taekwondo League, kicking off with MIT’s home tournament on Saturday, October 25.

More information on the World University Championships is available online at http://www.usa-taekwondo.us/.

Coach of MIT Sport Taekwondo Coaches USA Collegiate Team

By Aaron Sampson

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