Next House Housemasters Medard, Simmons Will Leave at End of Term

By Michael McGraw-Hende

Next House housemasters Muriel Medard ‘89 and John Simmons ‘90 will leave the post at the end of the 2007–8 academic year to focus on their family.

Medard said in an e-mail that the decision is a result of space pressures. “The kids are getting bigger,” she wrote, “and it was getting very tight when we had long visits by relatives.” The decision is a result of space pressures.

Perhaps the housemasters’ most widely-known achievement is their advocacy for freshman participation in Residential Exploration. This fall, freshmen will be able to enter or leave Next House, putting the dormitory in line with all other undergraduate dormitories except McCormick Hall and the cultural houses.

People sometimes concentrate on the fact that freshmen could not leave – the fact is also that freshmen could not come in,” Medard wrote in an e-mail. “I think that allowing the students who are most enthusiastic about Next House to live there will strengthen the community further,” she wrote.

When Medard and Simmons came to Next House in fall 2006, freshmen were barred from RXE because of constraints imposed by the Residence-Based Advising program, in which students who live together share an academic advisor. RBA was first adopted by the dormitory in 2007–8 academic year to focus on freshmen participation.

Sherley's Discrimination Claim Rejected

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has denied employment discrimination claims by former professor James L. Sherley, who left MIT on June 30, 2007 after an unsuccessful hunger strike to have his tenure case re-examined, according to documents provided to The Tech by Sherley.

Sherley filed a complaint on Sept. 11, 2007 through the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, claiming that his termination from MIT violated Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The EEOC replied that the evidence Sherley provided “fails to indicate that a violation of the law occurred” and that his claim was filed more than 300 days after he was informed of the decision to deny him tenure (on Jan. 3, 2005). According to Title VII, discrimination claims must be filed within 300 days from the date an employer tells a complainant about a harm.

One key question is whether the “harm” was Sherley's denial of tenure in 2005, or his termination from work on June 30, 2007. Sherley argued that the harm happened on June 30, 2007, and he said that his complaint was not made too late. In a letter, he said that “the crucial moment of harm... was my firing from MIT due to illegal racial discrimination on June 30, 2007.”


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The southeast corner of MIT’s NW35 dormitory, which will soon house about fifty undergraduates.

$30,000 Awarded to Graduate Student for Bacterial Innovation

By Arjait Day

Timothy K. Lu is a prize-winning killer.

To be more precise, on Wednesday, he won the $30,000 Lemelson-MIT Student Prize for Inventiveness for developing methods to kill antibiotic-resistant bacteria. The prize will support research that aims to contain one of the deadliest threats known to biologists.

“I’m very honored,” said Lu at the awards ceremony Wednesday. “I’ve been working in the lab for there for four years doing my Ph.D., it’s nice to be recognized,” he said.

Lu described two major sources of infections that his research fights: hard-to-kill antibiotic-resistant bacteria and biofilms, bacteria sticking to surfaces.

MRSA, or methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, is one example of such a “superbug” which in 2005 killed nearly 19,000 people in the United States, surpassing the death toll due to AIDS in the U.S., according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Lu’s research modifies bacteriophages, viruses that attack bacteria, to make them deadly to biofilms. The bacterial phages weaken the defense mechanisms of biofilms, making the biofilms susceptible to antibiotics which ordinarily could not destroy them.

“The next step is to bring it to the real world,” Lu said. “Currently it’s just a really cool thing in the lab,” he said. But Lu plans to collaborate with the CDC to make real-world tests of the technology.

The most practical applications could target industry, starting with food processing plants. Once the technology has been proven, it might eventually be used in clinical trials.

Lu said that one important goal is to “expand the library of phages.” Currently his techniques only use one phage, targeted at E. Coli.

“I started off as a techie,” said Lu, who majored in Course VI as an undergraduate and received a M.Eng in 2003. He developed an interest in biology while working with Prof. Rahul Sarapeshkar of RLSE to “make devices that stimulate the inner ear for deaf people.”

Later, after entering the HST program and witnessing patients crippled with infections first-hand

Fifteen Apply to Serve as W1 Founders

Four More Late Applications Will Not Be Considered, Says Residential Life Dean

By Nick Bushak

Fifteen applications for the W1 “founders group” were received by Tuesday’s deadline, and the group’s student membership will be selected by Friday.

The founders group, which will have about ten members, will prepare the culture and structure of the new undergraduate dormitory W1 (currently Ashdown). Four students applied late, their applications will not be considered.

Associate Dean of Residential Life Donna M. Denoncourt said that almost 40 people attended two information sessions held to tell people about the founders group. Denoncourt said that the committee will choose about ten founders group members by Friday evening.

About 50 students, including the founders group, will move into the new graduate dormitory NW35 this fall, an advance of moving into W1 when it reopens in fall 2010. W1 has been the graduate dormitory Ashdown House for decades, and NW35 will be named Ashdown when it opens this fall.
Recall Widens for Blood Drug Possibly Tied to More Deaths

By Walt Bogdanich

The New York Times

Baxter produces much of the heparin used in the United States, regulators said the other major supplier would be able to meet the demand.

The Food and Drug Administration said the number of deaths possibly associated with the drug, made from pig intestines, had risen to 21 from 19. But it cautioned that many of those patients were already seriously ill and that the drug may not have caused their deaths.

The FDA emphasized that it had not yet identified the root cause of the problem, and that it had not concluded that the Chinese factory was responsible.

The agency also said it was investigating two Chinese wholesalers—also called consolidators—that supplied crude heparin to the Chinese plant, Changzhou SPL, as well as those who sold raw ingredients to the consolidators.

The New York Times reported Thursday that at least one of the consolidators received supplies from small, unregulated family workshops that scraped mucous membrane from pig intestines and cooked it, eventually producing a dry substance known as crude heparin.

The FDA also noted that it had received a brand of the blood thinning drug that supplied much of the active ingredient to Baxter International, which makes heparin with "material from an unaccredited source." The FDA said Thursday it had found "potentially defective" amounts of a chemical that at plant that supplied much of the active ingredient for the drug.

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This week, the flagship of that effort, the Global Seed Vault, received in its first shipment. But it is just the middle of a frozen Arctic mountain topped snow, the Seed Vault’s goal is to store and protect samples of every type of seed from every seed collector.

As of Thursday, thousands of neatly stacked and labeled gray boxes of seeds from Pakistan, Peru, from Mexico—and inside this glass-enclosed, cavelike structure, forming a sort of backup hard drive, in case natural disasters or human errors erase the seeds from the outside world.

Partisan Split Emerges On Mortgage Crisis Relief

By Edmund L. Andrews

The New York Times

Democratic leaders after President Bush and Democratic leaders hailed their bipartisan agreement on an economic stimulus plan, the two sides went to war on Thursday over how to prevent widening damage from the housing crisis.

Democratic leaders, lining up with President Bush, blocked a Democrat-sponsored proposal to fast-track bankruptcy for homeowners in trouble and let bankruptcy judges reduce the terms of a mortgage for people about to lose their houses through foreclosure.

Meanwhile, the Bush administration rejected Democratic proposals to rescue hundreds of thousands of borrowers, as well as their mortgage lenders, by having the government buy up and restructure billions of dollars in delinquent home loans. Instead, the president called on Congress to extend indefinitely his 2001 and 2003 tax cuts, which expire at the end of 2010.

With new data showing that the economy may be even weaker than previously thought, Republicans and Democrats plunged back into a partisan, ideological clash over whether the government should try to stabilize home prices, prevent foreclosures and perhaps even bail out lenders.
Revenge Attacks Widen Rift Between Gaza and Israel

By Israel Kershner

Palestinian militants in Gaza fired at least eight imported, Katyusha-style rockets on Thursday at Ashkelon, on the coastal island of Israel, in what Israeli security officials said was a clear宣示 of intent.

Ashkelon has been an occasional target of these longer-range rockets, but never so many in one day. The attack scored a direct hit on a house near the town, killing a 70-year-old man and wounding two other men.

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Italy has already begun pointing to the Northern Journal having urged Hamas as the most liberal member of the Arab Union of the Senate, based on his votes.

Though McVoo has vowed to work toward a tough and respectful campaign — he chastened a conservative talk radio host this week for disparaging Obama and invoking his middle name as Barack Hussein.

Walking Away From Their Homes

Facing Default, More Owners Are Forcibly Moving Out

By John Leland

Last week he moved into a three-bedroom rental home for $1,200 a month, less than half the cost of his former mortgage, and he was able to cover closing costs. For first-time home buyers, the median was 2 percent. And many borrowers were more than the price of the home to cover closing costs.

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The director of a new panel that will look into attacks on U.N.

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The Best Concerts of March 2008

By Sarah Dupuis

March can be a pretty bleak time for music in a college town like Boston. This is true for a number of reasons. Mid-month through the semester, so students are stressing out and staying in. It's right around vacation, so they've got to spend on extravagant tickets. Most impor-
tantly, every week, there'll at least some school on Spring Break, which means a large popu-
lation of the city up and vanishes.

Some venues turn to Emergence Music Fes-
tival, a one-stage series of concerts in which the most desperate and idiotic acts in college rock sell tickets that benefit the suits, all the while holding on to the unlikely hope that they'll either profit or make it big at this scan-fest. So by making money off the bands and the concert
goers, venues can make up for all the music fans who’ve gone home for the week. It’s a great way for them to keep up business, really. I'd hate to see another club close in Boston. Theummer is that Emergence takes up a ton of nights this month, and I have no desire to see any of it.

The Best Concerts of March 2008

Wednesday, March 5

Paradise Rock Club, 18+, $15

Blitzen Trapper should be a shitty band. Though I could call them Blitzen Trapper and all would be well. The problem is that they are act-
ually awesome (as evidenced by their number of nights on the most-recent tour, seven on Monday, March 1

SubUrbia

Racism, Sexism, Idealism, and Cynicism Presented and Analyzed Throughout

'The Theater Review

By Samuel J. Cole

SubUrbia

MFA Performance

Written by Eric Bogosian

Directed by David R. Gammon

Thursday, February 7, 6:15-16:15

Bogosian’s production of “SubUrbia” was an incredibly enjoyable and ear-
ing performance of Eric Bogosian’s one-man show at the MFA. It presents an ex-
acting view of young adult angst which view-
ers can easily relate to.

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Drama

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Saturday, March 22

President’s of the United States of America (with Ace Tuck and Luluc)

Paradise Rock Club, 18+, $15

This is a theme show, and the theme is brain-deadness. Said theme’s applica-
tion to PUSA is obvious — “she’s lump / she’s in my head / she might be dead.”

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Morning Pick-me-ups

By Manisha Padi and Ying Yang

We here at Figuring Out Fashion know how hard mornings can be. The ring of a monotonous alarm clock, grumbling showers, and the unpleasant jolt of cold air in our faces upon leaving our dorms. Dragging ourselves to class is far from an easy task, and when combined with brushing teeth and eating breakfast, the challenges of the typical morning seem insurmountable. Most mornings, the last thing on our minds is fashion. Yet, we found it was no coincidence that the mornings we dressed well and felt good about ourselves led to our best days. In the interests of our own future happiness and that of our audience, we’ve collected a set of morning tips from our most stylish friends and acquaintances. The plan? Doing just one of these every day to make our lives more positive and fashionable.

Tip 1: Choose flattering and tastefully bright outerwear — Go for fitted sweaters and coats with exciting silhouettes rather than sweathirts, because, after all, you’ll have to wear warm outerwear all the time thanks to the Boston weather.

Tip 2: Do a quick work out in the morning — Nothing makes you feel good like tight muscles and blood pumping in the morning hours. Try stretching and crunches to keep it simple and not too tiring. If you’re very ambitious, wake up earlier every morning and run on the treadmill for 15 minutes.

Tip 3: Use perfumef/cologne — Choose something light and informal for daytime. Guys could use Axe, while girls could use light perfumes, body sprays, or lotions. We all know how important a great cover-up can be when there’s no time for a shower.

Tip 4: Accessorize — Nothing spices up even the dowdest sweatsuits/sweatshirt combo like an awesome pair of earrings or a bright patent leather purse. For guys, consider a bright hat or an unusual scarf to liven things up.

Tip 5: Exfoliate at least once a week — An exfoliating face wash and all over body wash can rejuvenate the skin by taking off dry winter layers and leaving you feeling fresh. Follow with a moisturizing cream to lock in the smoothness.

Tip 6: Ladies, a touch of makeup — A little bit can bring that polished edge even on the dreariest days. We recommend nail polish because of its lasting power and concealer to deal with circles under the eyes. The post-school raccoon look is definitely not flattering.

Tip 7: Drink a glass (or more) of water — Dehydration is the most common reason for lack of focus, headaches, and other plagues. Don’t start the day by falling victim to it. Complement it with whole fruits to improve complexion and moderate blood sugar.

Tip 8: Check your posture — Even the most stylish outfit can be ruined with slumped shoulders and a curved spine. Try to pull your spine straight with the muscles in the middle of your back and relax your shoulders for a natural look.

Tip 9: Look in the mirror and say “I’m a strong, attractive MIT guy/gal.” It may sound silly, but you’ll be amazed by how well it works. Just being reminded that you’re a red-blooded human will allow you to act and dress more comfortably. If you love the way you are then it will show in the way you present yourself to others.

Tip 10: Wear one exciting piece of clothing that you really feel good about — Try a pair baggy sweatsuits with a bright patterned tank top, or a boxy sweater with your best fitting jeans. Even consider wearing your favorite underwears/boxers. It’s a lot easier to get by if even only a part of you feels stylish.

We love these tips because even if they’re not bad enough to get us much time or effort, so there’s no excuse to pick one and try it out today. One day, we hope to get them all incorporated in our morning rou- tines, but that’s far in the future when there’s time to get ready and not last minute prepping to do in the wee hours. Until then, we’ll keep scavenging for tips that make it easier for us all to be stylish. In the mean time, here’s to taking care of ourselves — something as important as our academic lives.

Campus Style Watch

Sulinya Ramanan ’10 is wearing shoes from Payless ($20), earrings and bangles from Bebe ($15), and a dress from Bebe ($60). Why we love her look: ($60). Why we love her look: She looks cute, comfortable, and cool. If $15, and a dress from Bebe ($60). Why we love her look: ($60). Why we love her look: She looks cute, comfortable, and cool. If

Ask A TA

This week features TAs asking TAs questions because you undergrads don’t ever write in. You also never show up to recitation. You think we like having recitations just so we can go deaf by the end. Full of feedback, static, screaming, pounding bass, and of course, dentist drills, harsh noise is one of the best ways to piss off your roommate and entertain the side of you that thinks death metal is for sissies.

1. To Live and Shave in L.A., — “The Wigmaker in Eighteenth-Century Williamsburg”

2. Hair Police, — "Dead Man"

3. Prurient, — “And Still, Wanting”

4. Kevin Drumm, — “Sheer Hellish Miasma”

5. Yellow Swans, —“Psychic Secessio”

Top 5 Albums to Blow Out Your Eardrums

- Random Sloan Student

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Person 5: “Come on, I’m course 5. You think I can come up with all that?”

- Unknown

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To submit quotes, join the Facebook group! Special thanks to group creator Kristin M. Rose ’10.
The Daily Blunderbuss

Something that really annoys me...
Can't you calculate the tip? You go to MIT, come on...

Can you fix my iPod? Come on, you go to MIT?

Can you bring my dog back to life? You go to MIT, right?

Steal My Comic

CRAP, THIS CODE IS SO BUGGY. WHATEVER, I'LL FIX IT IN THE NEXT RELEASE.

Today's: 1

13.7 BILLION YEARS LATER

SO WE CAN CONCLUDE THAT LIGHT ACTS AS BOTH A PARTICLE AND A WAVE

That doesn't make any sense

Figure 27. The plot shows the affection a person is willing to supply as a function of the price of a gift he or she receives. The local slope (point price elasticity of affection supply) changes depending on how materialistic the person is. Case 2 is the theoretically expected behavior (one which the elasticity is positive and constant). Deviations from the expected behavior are common and examples are given by the other curves. Case 1 shows a significantly materialistic person, since for expensive gifts, even small changes in price result in large changes in affection. Case 3 shows a non-materialistic, but highly distrustful person: the affection does not change initially, but it decreases sharply with expensive gifts. This behavior is based on the perception that pricey gifts are given out of guilt for infidelity or similar misconduct. (The author thanks Monica Martinez-Bravo for being a source of inspiration for this plot.)
Doonesbury
BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column, row, and 3 by 3 grid contains exactly one of each of the digits 1 through 9.

Solution on page 10.

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Crossword Puzzle
Solution, page 12

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Committee Members See High Interest in W1 Founders Group

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Because of the high interest seen so far, founders group organizers are confident that they will be able to fill the "colony" of students moving into NW35 next year. Denoncourt said that she and the founders group will settle details for selecting co-residents in about a month.

Sarah C. Hopp ’08, the Dormitory Council's president and a member of the committee that will select W1 founders, said that she was confident that undergraduates would be interested in moving to NW35 and that she was not worried about a shortage of applicants. She said that the option to live in NW35 and later W1 will be "heavily promoted to the freshmen through the I3 videos," introductions to MIT dormitories recorded by residents that are sent to new students and are available online via YouTube.

Fifteen applications were received by the deadline, and another four applications were submitted late, Denoncourt said. She said that although only the on-time applications are being considered, she hopes that late applicants will consider joining the W1 "colony" in the new graduate dorm NW35 next year.

Even the "colonists" who are not in the founders group will have some input into the future of the dormitory: probably through committees, future housemasters Suzanne Flynn and Jack Carroll told The Tech last week.

The committee for selecting the students contains Denoncourt, Hopp, Flynn, Carroll, and Undergraduate Association President Martin F. Holmes ’08. The selection committee is impressed by the level of interest in the project, Denoncourt said.

"It's looking great," she said.

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Employment Commission Refuses To Hear Sherley's Claim of Racism

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Court case in which the court ruled that a professor who was denied tenure received "harm" when he learned about his tenure denial, not on the 31st day of his employment. Another question is whether, if the committee were to consider Sherley's claim, they would find that MIT had illegally discriminated against Sherley. A Feb. 4, 2008 letter from Sanders said that even if Sherley had filed his charges sooner, the committee would have found that MIT's reasons for denying Sherley tenure were valid and nondiscriminatory.

"[MIT] articulated bona-fide, legitimate and non-discriminatory reasons for its actions that may have been unfair to you but they were not causally connected or directly related to your patronage [sic] and opposition in a legally protected activity that is enforced by the EEOC," the letter states.

In a February 22, 2008 letter, Sherley wrote to Governor Deval Patrick, Senator Edward Kennedy, and Attorney General Martha Coakley requesting that the EEOC's denial be investigated. Sherley wrote that the EEOC chose its date of "harm" to his detriment. He said that a later date should have applied since MIT reversed his first termination notice and repeatedly extended his appointment. Sherley also wrote that it was unfair for the EEOC to accept MIT's termination reasons without thoroughly investigating them. He also alleged that racial discrimination inside the EEOC may have led to his complaint.

The committee will not investigate a claim or that no discrimination has occurred, it issues a "Right to Sue" letter that entitles the complainant to file a discrimination lawsuit within 90 days. The EEOC sent Sherley such a form on Dec. 27, 2007, so under the law he has only 90 days from then to file a Title VII discrimination lawsuit against MIT.

Sherley offered the committee more information in a letter dated Jan. 10, 2008, including a brief timeline of his firing, and additional allegations that MIT failed to notify him about health benefits (in violation of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act). Sherley also wrote that he had two witnesses who could testify that MIT was withholding information necessary to transfer his federal research grants from MIT to the Boston Biomedical Research Institute.

For more information on Sherley’s complaint, including copies of the EEOC filings, visit The Tech’s Web site at http://www-tech.mit.edu/V128/N8/sherley/.

—Nick Semenovich

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$30,000 Prize Goes to Student Who Studies Bacteria-Killing Viruses

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While working in local hospitals, Lu "got interested in fighting bacterial infections." Switching to the field of synthetic biology which he describes as "programming cells or modifying organisms" was not a complete departure from his original computer science background. Lu compared the "ability to program DNA" to "the early years of engineering semiconductors."

Lu said the most exciting time during his "many, many late nights in the lab" came when he made his first effective plasmid. The prize money's use is unrestricted, but Lu said he plans to spend it on furthering his research.

This is the second year that the Lemelson-MIT Program, which recognizes outstanding inventors, has offered a prize to an MIT student. Lu said his advisor, J.J. Collins, professor of biomedical engineering at Boston University, encouraged him to apply.

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Housemasters Will Remember Bonds With Student Community

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2002. One Tech letter writer dubbed the policy which kept entering fresh-
men in Next House “the RBA fly-
trapa.”

Medard said that despite its effect on REX, residence-based advising has helped the Next House maintain a strong sense of community. “The dorm has kept in very service-ori-
ented culture, which we have really enjoyed,” she wrote.

As housemasters, Medard and Simmons are responsible for the social well-being of Next House’s nearly 400 residents. “It’s an intense job, but it is completely unique in its rewards,” Medard wrote.

“There are particular instances which we shall look back on with great satisfaction and that no other job in academia can give,” she wrote, citing as an example “a student who maybe went through a very rough path and then thanked you after graduation.”

Housemasters offered sup-
port in October 2007, when Anna L. Tang, then a Wellesley College stu-
dent cross-enrolled at MIT, entered Next House and allegedly stabbed her ex-boyfriend. Wolfe B. Styke ’10 seven times. Medard said that she and Simmons tried to ensure the well-being of students who needed support after the event. “Mostly, we just offered a haven.”

Some students were disappoint-
ment that Medard and Simmons gave them little immediate information about the stabbing. “I was somewhat disturbed to find out about them from someone who does not live at Next House,” Albert W. Chang ’10 wrote in an e-mail to the next-forum mailing list. Chang wrote in an e-mail that he heard about the stabbing from a Boston resident after he left Next House and went to class.

At the time, Medard said in an e-
mail to next-forum that she only told residents the facts she could verify, and that she was limited by concerns about privacy.

Both Medard and Simmons have undergraduate and graduate degrees from M.I.T. Medard, an associate pro-
fessor, is working at Harvard Univer-
sity on sabbatical.

Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedict, who plans to retire at the end of this academic year, will orga-
nize the search for new Next House housemasters. Medard is a member of the committee appointed to find his replacement.

Housemaster work, however, need not always be challenging.

During dress rehearsals for last year’s annual Next Act show, the housemasters’ second-oldest child was in the show and was turning seven. “I have a very fond memory of our family and the cast sharing a chocolate birthday cake,” Medard wrote.

“There are many students whom we shall never forget and who, I hope, will stay in touch with us,” Medard wrote.

Police Log

The following incidents were reported to the MIT Police between Jan.
16, 2008 and Feb. 26, 2008. This summary does not include incidents such as false alarms, general service calls, lancere, or medical seizures.

Jan. 16: NE49 (600 Tech Square), 3:52 p.m., Fraudulent withdrawal from checking account.


Jan. 25: M55 (15 Mass. Ave.), 9:25 a.m., Breaking and entering; laptop stolen. W20 (54 Mass. Ave.), 8:56 p.m., Breaking and entering; camera lens stolen. Editor’s Note: If you’ve seen an AF-S Zoom-

NIKKOR 17-55mm f/2.8-3.5G ED with “THE TECH” etched on it, please return it to The Tech’s office, W20-483, no questions asked.

Jan. 26: M10 (77 Mass. Ave.), 11:24 a.m., Breaking and entering; laptop stolen.


Jan. 31: NW6 (70 Pacific St.), 12:04 p.m., Fraudulent use of credit card.

Feb. 1: M10 (122 Memorial Dr.), 2:06 p.m., Breaking and entering; speakers and computer parts stolen.

Feb. 2: W70 (471 Memorial Dr.), 5:51 p.m., Domestic disturbance; report of domestic assault and battery. Robert Jackson of 473 Memorial Dr., Cambridge, Mass., arrested for assault and battery.

Feb. 3: W84 (550 Memorial Dr.), 4:06 p.m., Domestic disturbance; report of a domestic problem. Young Zhao of 305 Memorial Dr., Cambridge, Mass., arrested.


cicious person in the conference room on the 4th floor. David Scrima, homeless, arrested for trespassing, resisting arrest, and assault and battery on a police officer.


Feb. 8: Delta Upholston (526 Beacon St.), 2:55 a.m., Assault and bat-
ter; problem with individual attending party. WS (150 Memorial Dr.), 5:15 p.m., Operator of vehicle re-
ports damage on Harvard Bridge. Andres Toews of 331 El-

yor St. 526, Brookline, NY, arrested for malicious destruction of property over $250.

Feb. 10: Chi Phi (32 Hereford St.), 12:16 a.m., Assault; Unknown per-
diem student who arrived at MIT, without a student ID, rescued a student while trying to gain access to a party.

Feb. 12: Wh (1450 Memorial Dr.), 7:13 p.m., Domestic assault; Chris-
tine Z. Yu of 430 Memorial Dr., Cambridge, Mass., arrested for domestic assault and battery.

Feb. 16: Lot (142 Vassar St.), 3:27 p.m., Vehicle stolen; 1988 Chevy van stolen from West Garage.

Feb. 19: E19 (Amherst St.), 7:53 p.m., Malicious damage to a door. M14 (160 Memorial Dr.), 8:58 p.m., Arrest of Brian M. Eck-

gart of 443 Washington St., Dorchester, Mass., on outstanding warrant.

Feb. 25: M13 (105 Memorial Dr.), 11:39 a.m., Breaking and entering; cash stolen.

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Fencing Competes at IFA Champ; Kopylov Given Cointe Award

By DAPER Staff

The men’s fencing team finished ninth out of eleven teams this weekend in the Intercollegiate Fencing Association Championship, the oldest collegiate championship in the country.

The épée team led the charge with an eighth-place finish, followed by foil (ninth) and saber (10th). The women’s team finished tenth out of twelve teams, and the foil team posted the highest ranking for MIT as it took sixth place for the second year in a row.

Igor Kopylov ’09 was the Lone Division III recipient of the Georgi es L. Cointe Award, given to an individual who excels in high-level competition with excellence in sportsmanship. He is MIT’s second consecutive winner of this award and third overall, as Trevor T. Chang ’07 was honored last year and Guy P. Pommers ’11 was chosen in 1969-70.

On the women’s side, Cordelia S. Link ’10 led the way by capturing fifth (6-5) in the top foil pool while Laura Evans notched a 4-7 (ninth place) in the “C” pool. Elena A. Tatarchenko ’11 rounded out the group in twelfth place ranking and a total of 1-10 (12th) in the “B” pool.

Spencer R. Sugimoto ’08 led the team at 4-6, placing fifth (6-5) in the top foil pool en route to an overall fifth-place ranking and the highest finish by a Division III competitor. She defeated Nina Zajamh from Princeton University, 15-9. In the “C” pool, Jenna G. Caldwell ’11 captured fifth with a 6-4-1 outing while Chun Li ’08 was ninth with a 3-3 mark. Lindsey C. Graham ’10 rounded out the group in twelfth place and record of 3-8 in the “B” pool.

Yuhsin Chen ’08 finished ninth in the individual sabre competition and sixth in the “A” pool as the top Division III performer with a record of 6-5. Elena A. Tatarchenko ’11 went 4-7 (ninth place) in the “C” pool while Laura Evans notched a total of 1-10 (12th) in the “B” pool. Overall, the sabre team captured tenth place.

Zhenshi Gu ’08 recorded the best performance for the épée team with a 4-6 ledger and an eighth-place finish in the “B” pool as the squad claimed 11th place. Sophie M. Monahan ’11 (5-2, ninth place) and Kristin D. Kahn ’11 (1-5, 13th) represented the Engineers in the “C” pool as Stephanie H. Shin ’10 wrapped up the competition with a fourth-place ranking and a total of 1-10.

In the men’s competition, Kopylov finished eleventh in the individual sabre competition, falling to the eventual runner-up, Alex Dacouri of Columbia University, 15-9. In the top qualifying pool, he placed fourth with a record of 6-4. Maximilian L. Brand ’11 claimed ninth place (2-8) in the “B” pool while Matthew W. Farrell ’08 took tenth (1-9) in the “C” pool.

Why this is Match of the Week:
The fencing teams, coming off their victories in the New England Championship, performed well in this national competition, representing MIT well against formidable Division III opponents.

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