Seifert: Saudi contract lost due to 'MIT overprotection'

By Mike McNamar

MIT's decision to close down switchboard service in the main MIT telephone system six months ago has been aimed at reassuring the Saudi government that the institute would protect itself against possible discrimination against its researchers, said John Seifert, an MIT research scientist.

Seifert returned from Arabia yesterday to report to MIT administrators on Saudi refusal to sign a $1.7 million, 3-year research agreement for MIT research into water resources and electrical power needs for Saudi Arabian urban development. Seifert, who originally proposed such research two years ago, was a chief MIT negotiator in the talks with the Saudis.

"The real question all along," Seifert said, "was whether some group of people might pressure MIT to say something that would cause cancellation of the contract or an announcement to the effect that the Institute would not accept in writing the Saudi refusal to sign a contract.

MIT is not the only institution in the world that has received a contract that could not be signed because of Saudi refusal to sign it. Many American institutions have had to deal with it.

For example, the University of California, Berkeley, which has since signed a contract with the Saudi government for water resources research, had to deal with the same kind of problem. Berkeley had to say something, Seifert said, to protect itself against possible discrimination against its researchers.

"In the end, the Arab countries will support MIT and we will find that they will support MIT in whatever research we do in the region," Seifert said. "We will find that we can work with MIT on whatever projects we want to do."

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Exchange innovations due

By Gerald Randick

In the seven years since its inception, the MIT-Wellesley Ex-
change has grown from an experi-
mental program involving a handful of students into an ac-
ccepted supplement to the insti-
tutional offerings of each institution.

Now, several important science departments at MIT and Welles-
ley have announced a new exper-
imental program which will involve-
teaching MIT and Wellesley poli-
tical science courses each week between the two cam-

Like the Wellesley Exchange itself, the political science ex-
change is intended to sup-
plement the academic opportu-
nities available to students, ac-
cording to Professor of Political Science Jeffrey Freymann.

Professor of Political Science at Welles-
ley and two MIT subjects are being taught as part of this pro-
gram. "Only joint classes," Randick said, and the said departments are hoping to have as close to a one-to-one ratio of MIT students to Wellesley students as possible.

"People often complain of the 45 to 55 minute bus ride ne-
cessary to get from one campus to

Despite the 45 minute bus ride between MIT and Wellesley, the 7-year-old Wellesley Exchange is flourishing.

"We know how to deal with the NSF, but Arabs are quite different."
Polysci program set

A trial has been scheduled for James Mattie, the former MIT and Boston University Campus Police officer who was arrested early in March and charged with receiving stolen goods, apparently stolen from MIT’s duPont Gymnasium. The trial is scheduled for June 4 in Brockton.

Brookline police had held Mattie after his arrest, but have since released him on bail. A total of 15 charges have been brought against Mattie, including additional counts of receiving stolen goods.

The former MIT Campus Patrol in 1971, Mattie, 33, was discharged by the Patrol Jan. 27 for improper conduct.

Also sided by Condon-Sures, who help inmates maintain contact with the near-by community, is a Tamara, who is primarily operated by long-term inmates who live mobility and who are responsible to advice to the young, short-term inmates who make up the majority of the prison. In addition, the program provides for calling friends and family, as well as providing counsel to any inmate who requests it.

In addition to receiving prisoner letters, Tamara has published an information booklet for inmates and has helped straighten out misleading rumors, which pervade any prison, but especially in a warden's and unprepared to inmates and sometimes victims.

The center also teaches inmates the nature of a job interview, telling them what an interviewer expects and what an interview is like. Practice interviews are held and

Lab staff aids inmates

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MIT's overseas troubles: the case of Saudi research contract

Iran in MIT's future

MIT's foreign involvements have mushroomed in recent years, and MIT Cadets have gone as quickly as they have in Iran. MIT has already signed two contracts with Iran—the Nuclear Engineering program, which will train 54 Iranian students over the next three years, and the Imperial Organization for Social Services contract, in which the Institute will advise on the development of a social school in Iran. Three other contracts with Iran are also under consideration.

On the other hand, the MIT Departments of Ocean Engineering and Earth and Planetary Sciences have submitted "very preliminary" proposals for joint programs in oceanography and the development of Iranian resources in that field. The program, according to Sloan School Dean William Pounds, was prompted by MIT's assassination of the Iranian government. The Iranians have taken the MIT proposal, along with several others received, to a 15-member Department committee which is working on developing US-Iranian cooperation. MIT is awaiting the results of that committee's deliberations.

"Some people say that another "very preliminary" proposal for sponsorship of research at the Energy Laboratory has been submitted to the Iranians. Although the administration stressed the uncertainty of the discussions with Iran at this point, the amount of research being considered is said to range up to $5 million over several years. The Energy Laboratory, which reportedly has had difficulty finding funding ($7.5 million from the government's Campaign is earmarked for Energy Lab endeavor).

Faculty Exchanges—MIT is considering cooperation with Aryanam University in Tehran, Iran, to help that school develop its engineering programs. Officials of Aryanam, including the Chancellor, have visited MIT in recent months, and MIT has proposed several suggestions for that program.

Why so many programs with Iran? As Prof. Arif explained, "we have many contacts with Iran—many of our alumni are there, some of them being very influential people." Also, he said, Iran's recent oil wealth, and its decision to use that wealth for national development, "have created a need for MIT services—and the ability to pay for them."

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MIT 'overprotection' lost Saudi research contract

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degree of specificity was not necessary. "I think we could have handled pressures that we faced internally without problems. We tried to overprotect ourselves."

"... the deal is dead."

Neither Seifert nor Bruce expressed optimism on possible reopening of negotiations with MIT. Seifert said that the administration is awaiting Prince Mohammed's decision. The administration istemporary on fear that Prince will refuse the contract before taking any further action. That reply is expected in about a week.

An administration member said that the Prince indicated the deal is dead—quite definitively. Bruce said, "We have not gotten a direct response yet, and in a communication with the Prince to assure him that we were not setting up a plot in the contract is being considered. Everything is up in the air." Seifert, however, said he thought it would be difficult to repair the rift. "You can't take back what you said, and the Prince never said anything about something MIT's true views," he said. "It's possible that MIT could do something to say that it didn't quite mean what was in the letter, but it would be difficult. That letter was not hastily written, and the Prince took it very seriously."

Other program unaffected

There currently is only one joint MIT-Saudi program, a multi-university advisory committee that works with the Saudi government on development matters. Seifert, who is a member of the committee, said he expected the failure of the research contract to have little effect on that activity.

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After all the fuss, the sky still didn't fall

By Michael McNeece

"Don't worry," the older one was saying. "Just hang on a little longer and it'll all be over.

He was right, after a fashion. The sky had been falling for several weeks, ever since the MIT-Taft debate when it seemed that a 97 percent of the population was prepared to veto any proposal for compulsory courses or grade reform. But on the other hand, it had been a long time since there had been so much work and enthusiasm in the band, or as Steve would say, "the 97 percent of the population," not the 5 percent of the population.

The cause for all this, I think, is the immediacy and clearness of the issue as it arises. It's a problem endemic to the news business - the tendency to get so close to an issue or an area that you can see nothing but the issues and the causes it raises, the questions that arise in its wake, the ramifications of its disastrous result. Try filling a four-page section on an issue like gradients or Iran-Skate-peace or war with the order of the day, and you'll find that it's impossible. The two groups are different in purpose and scope. Two of our members are Wellesley students, and Mr. Speisak might like to share their interest.

Finally, I wish to be disso- liated from Ted Zimmerman's view that MIT is the "home of the Philistines."
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No eviction for Ergo

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Krutter addressed the delay in making the decision whether or not Ergo would keep its office to the executive committee's desire to "find space for everyone," the complexity and difficulty of doing this, and the committee's preference to announce arrangements all at the same time.

The executive committee's most difficult task, Krutter noted, was securing three additional rooms in Walker Memorial, which were needed to accommodate the space requests of several activities. Two months of negotiations were needed by the executive committee to obtain these rooms, largely contributing to the delay in making final arrangements for all activities.

"We could have issued a pop decision," Krutter said. "But we thought it would be better to announce arrangements for all activities at the same time."

Krutter stressed that although Ergo has won the right to remain in its office, if in the future it loses many of its MIT student members or loses hook into publishing irregularly, its office space will again be in jeopardy. "The ASA gives no guarantee of perpetuity when giving space," Krutter remarked. "Future executive committees are not bound to give space to an activity which students don't participate in and which doesn't continue to function."

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**7th at EAWRCs**

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a good race. It was probably the best we racked all year." Unfortunately, their efforts captured only third place behind Wisconsin and Yale in a close heat and a bid for seventh in the second level finals.

The afternoon heats progressed a little more smoothly, The IV best Brown by half a deck in the petite final to place seconds behind Radcliffe, Yale, Dartmouth, Princeton, Connecticut College and Middlebury High School, in that order.

The varsity rowed a third place finish behind UMass and Syracuse, capturing a ninth place finishing position. Radcliffe won the varsity eight race in a time of 3:00.1 over the thousand-meter course.

MIT Athletic Association President Greg Hunter '76 give a Gold Award, presented each year to the students who make an outstanding administrative contribution to MIT athletics, to Tom Stagliano, G, at Tuesday morning's athletics presentation in the Army.

**IM Softball playoff results**

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By David I. Katz

The MIT varsity heavyweight crew finished second at the Eastern Sprints last Sunday. This was its best sprint finish since 1950, when MIT won the varsity heavyweight race. Seeded fourth by the coaches of the eastern crews, the Engineers upset Cornell and Wisconsin, the second and third seeds, respectively.

The junior varsity, seeded second to Harvard, had a poor race and finished sixth. The freshmen, in the petite finals, could not seem to row well in the second half of the race and finished eleventh.

The varsity showed a great deal of power in the morning heats as they beat Cornell by a length even though the Big Red overstroked the Engineers by four strokes per minute. In the other heats, Harvard seemed to have trouble against Rutgers, and Northeastern was almost beaten out by BU.

In the finals, the Engineers came off the line slowly. They had problems with the balance of the boat and quickly went a length down to Harvard. At the thousand-meter mark, cox Mike Newman ’76 called the stroke up two for a power twenty. The boat charged past the Badgers and began to move on Harvard. The Crimson were equal to this challenge as they brought the stroke up to 19 to hold off the Engineers. The final margin of three seconds was four less than the Crimson’s lead two weeks earlier in the race for the Compton Cup. The margin over Wisconsin was 6.5 seconds, reversing the result from last week’s loss in the Cochrane Cup regatta.

The JV morning heat was a rematch against Northeastern. The Engineers led most of the way but decided to save some energy for the afternoon’s finals as they let the Huskies inch past them in the last 300 meters.

Coming off the line in the grand finals, they were even with Harvard for the first 1,200 meters. Cornell, again over-stroking the competition, had a length lead. At this point, both the Crimson and the Engineers began to drive on Cornell. Four strokes into the drive, the Engineers caught a crab that stopped the boat dead in the water. The Tech JVs were never able to get back together and finished behind the other five crews.

The Tech fresh were foiled in their heat by Rutgers and Harvard. The Engineers, down by a length after the first 500 meters, hung on for the next thousand meters and then tried to burst through Rutgers in the closing stages of the race. They were able to pick up only half a length and were closed out of the grand finals.

By Chris Tracey

The MIT varsity’s sprint crew placed sixth in a field of 15 at the Eastern Association of Women’s Rowing Colleges Sprints on Lake Besek in Connecticut last Sunday.

The JV boat finished seventh out of eight. Both crews ran into difficulties in their morning qualifying heats. The JV, rowing in the first heat of the day, was slowed considerably when the number three oar caught a crab about 16 strokes into the race and lost her oar. She was unable to recover it until the race official stopped the boat with less than 500 meters to go. The boat picked up some lost ground, but not enough to make it into the final heat.

The varsity, seeded sixth, shared its morning heat with the first and seventh seeded boats, Yale and Wisconsin. The seedings turned out to be inaccurate, with Wisconsin eventually finishing second only to Radcliffe in the final heat. As Jeanne Pendleton ’76, rowing in the three-seat, put it, “We rowed (Please turn to page 7)

Women ninth in Eastern crew

By Chris Donnelly

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Although Sigma Alpha Epsilon’s second baseman could not tag out the LCA runner on this play in Saturday’s MAA-League playoff game, Metallurgy pounded the upstart SAE team, 23-19, and will face Baker’s Backers in tomorrow’s title game.

Sailors third in Co-Ed Invitational

By Chris Donnelly

The varsity sailing team completed its spring season last weekend with the men’s and women’s teams competing at the New England Intercollegiate Sailing Association Single-Handed Championship. Eliminations previously postponed due to the weather were held on Friday at several locations.

Single-handed sailing can be either relaxing (above) or frustrating (below). MIT’s sailors were more frustrated than relaxed this weekend as the men placed well down in the Monotype Trophy regatta and the men’s and women’s teams combined for third place in the Co-Ed Invitational.

One heat of the eliminations was held up the river at Harvard, the top two finishers qualifying for the finals automatically while third and fourth spars advanced to the semi-finals. Sailing Intercollegiate (light skullers), Bill Critch ’77 sailed very well in the moderate to heavy wind, placing second overall. Critch finished ahead of Roger Altrueder, eventual winner of the finals. Wally Corwin ’76 missed qualifying by one spot, placing fifth in the large Tens. Bill Gooch ’78 also failed to qualify.

In another heat at Tufts, Chris Donnelly ’77 and John Skahr ’78 failed to qualify, finishing sixth and seventh respectively. The six races were sailed in Larks rigged only with a mainsail.

On the semifinals were held on Saturday morning at MIT. Both the semifinals and the finals were sailed in Force River National’s. The performance boats were designed specifically to be sailed by one person. The boats performed well upright and planed easily off the wind. However, breakdown problems developed with the oars and hiking sticks.

George Todd ’76, having qualified for the semifinals last month, hoped to finish in the top four to qualify for the finals. The racing in the morning was marked by a line squall which caused all competitors to capsize at least once in each of the races. Todd had several fast races, two firsts and a second, but missed qualifying by two points.

MIT had two representatives in the finals: Critch and Gary Smith ’78 who had qualified earlier in the season. At stake was the Monotype Trophy and a trip to the Nationals for the top three finishers.

Competition throughout the regatta was extremely close between the fourteen sailors. Going into the final race four individuals were tied for the final qualifying spot for the Nationals. At the conclusion of the final race, Altrueder of Tufts was the next highest placed of the four.

Photo: Action: MIT’s Tom Sahr ’77 takes the final turn of the race and heads for the win.