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The Defense Contract Audit Agency, as part of its investigation into the indirect cost billing practices of several universities, recommends that MIT withdraw $22 million of requests for reimbursement of research-related expenses.

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The New Hampshire Fire Marshal rules that the cause of a fire which destroyed an MIT Outlying Club cabin is undetermined.

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The DCAA temporarily halts its audit because of what it calls “changing circumstances,” which include a $776,261 payment by MIT to the federal government.

By Jeremy Hylton

I have a friend who once described himself as a “peasemudical idealist.” This oxymoron may sound a little too much like some kind of Sophomoric argot, but the idea strikes at the heart of my reactions to the past year. A victory in April meant that the change for the better, and events forced me to realize that as often as not, the way is through the wrong. The world that we thought might work is not the world that we thought it was. The war in Iraq was a real war.

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