

UA Affirms Due Process Right

Condemns Suspension of Housing Without Prior Investigation



DMITRY KASHLEV—THE TECH

UA Senate speaker Rose A. Grabowski '05 presents a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the Undergraduate Association to outgoing MIT president Charles M. Vest at the UA Senate meeting, Monday, Nov. 22.

High Yield for 2008 Forces Fewer Early Action Admits

By Andy L. Lin

MIT will admit fewer students from early action applications this year because of a greater predicted yield for the Class of 2008, said Dean of Admissions Marilee Jones.

The increase in yield was a result of the implementation of single-choice early action by other universities, which increases MIT's yield on those students who apply, Jones said. Single-choice early action

restricts students to apply to only one school under early action.

Fewer students will be accepted

Last year, a greater percentage of students accepted to MIT under early action chose to attend than in previous years, Jones said. She said the Undergraduate Admissions Committee had anticipated this departure from the norm, but not to

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'Campaign for MIT' Raises \$2B Mostly From Individual Donors

By Kelley Rivoire
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

MIT recently reached the two billion dollar mark in a seven-year fundraising campaign, Vice-President for Research Development Barbara G. Stowe announced at a meeting of the faculty last Wednesday. Sixty-six percent of the contributions came from individuals, a significant increase from previous fundraising efforts, Stowe said.

'Campaign for MIT' a success

The goal of the Campaign for

Of the 2.02 billion dollars raised so far, 79 percent has been received, and an additional 11 percent is expected within the next 36 months.

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By Kelley Rivoire
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

The Undergraduate Association Senate approved a resolution last night condemning decisions to suspend student housing without due process.

The resolution was in response to debate about the disciplinary procedures leading to the removal of three students from Simmons Hall after an unregistered party. UA President Harel M. Williams '04 will bring the resolution to Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedict for further discussion.

The Senate rejected a subsequent resolution to further investigate the Simmons incident because of a need for further clarification regarding who would serve on such an investigating panel. President Charles M. Vest also spoke at the Senate meeting, and a resolution of appreciation for President Vest was passed by the Senate.

UA condemns lack of due process

The resolution by the Senate, as passed, states that "we condemn the decision to suspend students' housing privileges without due process;

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City Seeks New Taxes On Local Universities

By Frank Dabek
STAFF REPORTER

The Cambridge city council passed two measures last night that call for MIT and Harvard to pay additional taxes to the city. The measures come in the wake of widespread discontent over large property tax increases for Cambridge home owners.

The two measures were passed at last night's city council meeting; they will not have any immediate effect on the Institute but signal a continuing effort on the part of the city to expand the tax revenue MIT and Harvard generate at a time when citizens are voicing concerns over sharp rises in property taxes.

One order requests that universities increase the payments that they make in lieu of taxes retroactive to 10 years ago; the second asks the city's legal team to investigate the possibility of eliminating the property tax exemption for large, non-profit organizations such as MIT.

Councillor Anthony Galluccio, who introduced both measures, said that more than 10 years have passed since Harvard and MIT have made major adjustments to

the PILOT agreements that spell out how much they pay to the city in lieu of property taxes, while property owners have seen large increases in their tax bills during that time.

Galluccio proposed an "automatic mechanism for increases" at a rate commensurate with the increase in property values and the cost of the services Cambridge provides to MIT. The payments currently increase at a fixed rate of 2.5 percent; MIT paid approximately \$1.2 million last year.

Sarah E. Gallop, co-director of the office of government relations for MIT, said that MIT is not likely to renegotiate past PILOT payments and that a pending renegotiated agreement is not likely to be affected by recent property tax increases.

Galluccio positioned the motions as a way to improve the relationship between the city and the universities. MIT can increase its payments as a "show of respect to taxpayers." Automatic increases would "bring even more dignity to the relationship" between the city

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Thank Goodness: Escape and Sleep

By Jeffrey Chang
STAFF REPORTER

This year's Thanksgiving break brings the usual exodus from the MIT campus, with a four-day weekend for students and other members of the MIT community to do as they please.

President Charles M. Vest said that he and his wife plan to be with family in Charleston, West Virginia. "I hope to spend as much time as possible playing with our two grandchildren... and to play a major role in cooking a traditional Thanksgiving dinner," Vest wrote in an e-mail.

Students have range of plans

Graduate Student Council President Barun Singh G said he plans to go home to Montgomery, Alabama and have a Thanksgiving dinner with his family. "I'm flying out on Thursday morning and will be coming back at the end of the weekend," Singh said.

Michael Shaw '07 is also going home for the break, although he said he would never miss a class. Shaw is taking an Amtrak train on Wednesday as soon as he gets out of class. "I can't wait to get home to New York," said Shaw. "I'll watch a little football, and have a nice turkey dinner with my family." He is coming back to MIT on Saturday morning, though, because he has a ten page paper to write and three problem sets to complete during the weekend.

Denise "Dida" Bland, an employee at the COOP store in the student center, will be hosting a large dinner at her house in Mattapan with her extended family. She will work until 4:00 pm on Wednesday, then has the next two days off. "This is my second year of Thanksgiving here [at MIT]," Bland said, but the first time she does not need to work on the next day. "Now I can do some shopping," she said.

Fraternities empty for holiday

MIT's fraternities will be much quieter than usual.

At Theta Chi, only two or three of the brothers are staying at the house, and they will be making a modest turkey dinner.

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STEPHANIE LEE — THE TECH

Elizabeth Ricker practices her carving skills on MacGregor D-Entry's Thanksgiving turkey Sunday night. Turkey contains tryptophan, which is the main culprit behind the food coma often attributed to Thanksgiving feasts.

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'Spongebob' is crazy, funny and afraid of growing up.

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Charter Schools Fall Short In Public Schools Matchup

By Sam Dillon and Diana Jean Schemo
THE NEW YORK TIMES

A new study commissioned by the Department of Education, which compares the achievement of students in charter schools with those attending traditional public schools in five states, has concluded that the charter schools were less likely to meet state performance standards.

In Colorado, for instance, the study found that 98 percent of public schools met state performance requirements, but that only 90 percent of the charter schools did. Even when adjusted for race and poverty, the study said, the charter schools fell short more frequently by a statistically significant amount. The study added new data to a highly politicized debate between charter school supporters, including senior officials in the Bush administration, and skeptics who question the performance of the publicly financed but privately managed schools.

Deputy Education Secretary Eugene Hickok minimized the report's significance even as he released the results. But academics who have been critical of charter school performance called it an important contribution.

Study Finds Savings In Medicare Drug Benefit

By Robert Pear
THE NEW YORK TIMES WASHINGTON

A new study confirms that the drug benefit being added to Medicare will provide significant help to elderly people with low incomes or very high drug costs. But, it says, one in four people who sign up for the benefit will have to spend more of their own money for prescription drugs.

In other words, the study says, one-fourth of the people who enroll in the new program will have higher out-of-pocket costs than if the law had never been enacted.

The study, issued Monday by the Kaiser Family Foundation, says that on average people who sign up for the benefit will see their out-of-pocket drug spending decline by \$465, or 37 percent, from what it would otherwise have been in 2006, to \$792 from \$1,257.

James W. Mays, vice president of the Actuarial Research Corp. of Annandale, Va., which did the calculations for Kaiser, estimated that 29 million of the 41 million Medicare beneficiaries would sign up for drug coverage when it becomes available in 2006.

Powell Sees Israel Committed To Aiding Palestinian Vote

By Steven R. Weisman
THE NEW YORK TIMES JERUSALEM

Secretary of State Colin L. Powell said Monday that he had won a commitment from Israel to let Palestinians living in Jerusalem take part in elections in January and to ease conditions in the West Bank and Gaza so that they can more easily vote there as well.

In what is likely to be his final foray to the Middle East before leaving office, Powell also conferred with Palestinian leaders, praising them for their efforts to reform their government, work with the Israelis to plan for the elections and begin a process to draw militant groups into electoral politics.

"I'm pleased with the level of coordination and cooperation that exists between the Israeli government and the Palestinian authority to make sure that those elections can be held," he said outside an election office in Jericho, where he heard a progress report on Palestinian efforts to get 1.7 million voters to the polls.

Yanukovich Wins Presidency Amid Serious Voting Abuses

By C. J. Chivers
THE NEW YORK TIMES KIEV, UKRAINE

Ukraine approached a political stalemate on Monday, as vote counts of the presidential runoff election indicated that Prime Minister Viktor F. Yanukovich had won but international observers alleged systemic voting abuses and the opposition candidate refused to accept defeat.

With more than 99 percent of ballots counted, the government tally gave Yanukovich 49.42 percent of the vote to 46.7 percent for Viktor A. Yushchenko, whose supporters turned out in the tens of thousands in Independence Square here, vowing not to move until results were reversed.

"To victory!" said Nina Kovalevskaya, 53, who stood in the cold Monday evening air. "To our victory!"

With the opposition filling the landmark square, an international election observer mission — from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the European Parliament, the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and the Council of Europe released a preliminary report that buoyed them, declaring that the election did not meet democratic stan-

dards.

The observers' findings were seconded by Sen. Richard G. Lugar, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who had led an American mission to Ukraine to urge outgoing President Leonid D. Kuchma to organize fair elections.

"A concerted and forceful program of election-day fraud and abuse was enacted with either the leadership or cooperation of governmental authorities," the senator said Monday in Kiev.

At stake is not only the presidency of a nation of nearly 48 million, but also the direction of the overwhelmingly Slavic country during the next five-year presidential term.

Yanukovich is the personally selected successor of Kuchma, a former Soviet technocrat who ruled the country in a centralized fashion for 10 years, amid sometimes tense relations with Washington and allegations of corruption and abuse of power.

The prime minister has vowed to continue on Kuchma's course, and to steer the county closer to Russia, its historic and cultural partner. The Russian president, Vladimir V. Putin, telephoned Yanukovich on Monday from an official visit to Brazil to con-

gratulate him, according to Interfax.

Yushchenko, a former prime minister, has described the incumbent bloc of state power as crooked and hidebound, and pledged to maintain ties with Russia while encouraging business and expanding Ukraine's relationship westward to Europe.

His support in the capital, and among young voters, is palpably high. His campaign — deprived of equal media coverage and pressured by the resources of the Ukrainian state, according to the reports of international observers — has adopted the tactics of the underdog.

The nearly three-point victory for the prime minister given in official results diverged sharply from a range of surveys of voters at polling places that gave the opposition as much as an 11-point lead. Opposition organizers pushed for protest and mass action.

Yushchenko, addressing the large public, began a multipronged effort to block Yanukovich's claim on office. He urged his supporters to remain united and in the streets, and called for an urgent session of Parliament to review extensive allegations of state manipulation of the election, and for the judiciary to investigate documented complaints.

Big Dig Leaks Are Routine And Not Surprising, Company Says

By Raphael Lewis
THE BOSTON GLOBE

Bechtel/Parsons Brinckerhoff, the private company that manages the Big Dig, said Monday that plugging leaks in the Interstate 93 section of the tunnels will take "months, not years," as a routine part of finishing the \$14.6 billion project.

"The leak problem is well under control," said a letter Bechtel sent to reporters.

The five-page letter represents Bechtel's first detailed effort to address publicly the issues raised in recent news stories about the leaks.

While the letter does not discuss the number of leaks in the tunnels — state officials estimate there are currently 500 — it asserts that "no waterproofing system is perfect."

"Chasing water that inevitably seeps through walls and joints is a normal part of construction," the report says. "The spots where water enters are systematically located and sealed one at a time."

The letter emphasized that some water enters the tunnel through portions of the project under construction and "open to the weather."

Matthew J. Amorello, chairman of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, which oversees the project, has said engineers have been unable to determine how much water is coming from open sections of the project and how much is seeping through imperfections in the tunnel walls and joints. The latter kind of leak is more troublesome because it suggests a broader, and potentially

more lasting, problem.

On Nov. 10, the Globe reported that the tunnels had hundreds of leaks, based on interviews with outside engineers brought in by the Turnpike Authority to investigate a large breach in a tunnel wall Sept. 15.

In an interview with the Globe, Jack K. Lemley, one of those engineers, told the Globe that repairing the leaks would take "years, even a decade." Lemley said that when one leak is plugged, water migrates to another weak spot in the wall and bursts through.

Bechtel officials said the company's program to "locate and seal normal wall and roof leaks" is making significant progress and should be "substantially complete" this summer.

WEATHER

Rainy Days for Travel

By J.R. Moskaitis
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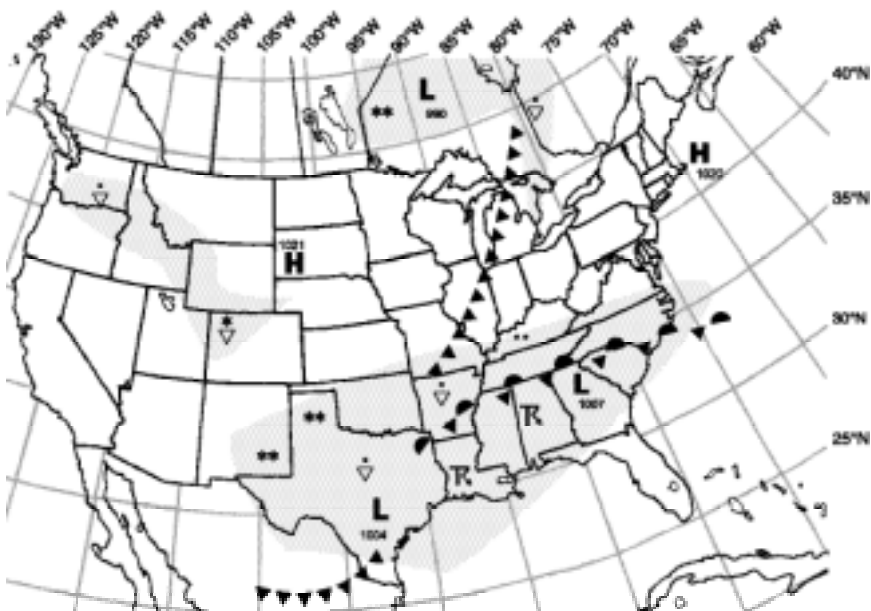
"If nature were not beautiful, it would not be worth studying it. And life would not be worth living." — Henri Poincare

A rather potent early-season storm traversing the eastern U.S. could pose some travel headaches for those leaving town on Wednesday. The surface low pressure area will accelerate out of the southern Great Plains tonight, reaching the eastern Great Lakes by Wednesday night. Heavy rain and snow will fall in a wide swath to the northwest of this track. Just ahead of the low pressure center and attendant cold front, from the Ohio Valley south to the Gulf of Mexico, severe thunderstorms are expected. Finally, in the Mid-Atlantic and the Northeast, a warm front associated with the same storm will also cause some rain. Here in Cambridge, expect the wet weather to arrive during the day on Wednesday, with precipitation increasingly likely after nightfall.

Extended Forecast:

Today: Increasing clouds. High 49°F (9°C).
Tonight: Overcast. Low 45°F (7°C).
Wednesday: Breezy with rain likely, especially towards evening. High 51°F (11°C).
Thanksgiving: Rain early, then mostly cloudy with showers. A warm southerly wind. High 60°F (16°C).
Friday: Partly sunny, much colder and windy. Some flurries possible. High 38°F (4°C).

Situation for Noon Eastern Standard Time, Tuesday, November 23, 2004



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	

Compiled by MIT Meteorology Staff and The Tech

New, Tougher Screening Rules May Slow Security at Airports

By Keith Reed
THE BOSTON GLOBE

Thanksgiving travelers might face long security lines at Logan and other airports, as a rush of travelers is expected to collide with new security rules recently implemented by the Transportation Security Administration.

Since September, the agency has been requiring passengers to remove layers of bulky clothing like heavy sweaters, sweat shirts and even suit jackets during preflight screenings because they might conceal weapons or explosives. Previously, only coats were required to be removed.

TSA toughened its screening methods because of intelligence gathered about possible terror threats and in the wake of suspected terrorist bombings that downed two commercial airliners in Russia this summer, said George N. Naccara, federal security director at Logan. More passengers are also being selected for special “secondary” screenings because the TSA has expanded its list of passengers pre-selected for such screenings in recent months.

-Many frequent fliers are already used to the added measures, he said, but the TSA is talking publicly about the changes now because they fear a

rush of occasional travelers during the holidays could complicate the screening process. -

-The changes are “not precipitated by the holidays, but if there are more people subject to the screening, it could take longer,” Naccara said. “Educating the passenger is important because we are still obtaining so many banned items. It’s the infrequent traveler that causes the problem.”

Monday Logan International Airport officials urged passengers to arrive at the airport at least a half-hour earlier than normal when traveling this week.

Spending Bill Passed in Congress Eliminates Bunker-Busting Nukes

By Matthew L. Wald
THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

The giant spending bill that Congress passed on Saturday eliminated money for developing new nuclear weapons, including one that would be used to destroy underground bunkers. It also deeply cut the Bush administration's request for money for a new factory to make the triggers for nuclear bombs.

One of the projects eliminated was the Robust Nuclear Earth Penetrator, widely known as the bunker buster; the administration had wanted \$27.6 million for the program.

If a bomb penetrates a few feet into the earth before detonating, much of its energy transfers to the soil, forming a shock wave that can destroy underground structures,

experts say. For years, military planners have discussed a need for such a weapon, which could wipe out underground factories or command centers. But critics argued that developing such weapons would push the United States closer to stepping across the nuclear threshold for the first time since 1945, that intelligence was not good enough to assure that the Pentagon would know where to use the them, and that even if such weapons were used, they might not work.

Another program that was cut back was the advanced concepts initiative, which was also apparently for new weapons, although details were not made public. It was also supposed to provide meaningful work for young weapons designers after years of the United States' relying on old designs, nuclear experts said.

Instead, Congress gave the Energy Department the amount it had requested, \$9 million, but told it to use the money for modifying existing weapons to keep them reliable, an aide to the House Appropriations Committee said.

Rep. David L. Hobson, R-Ohio, the chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, said in a speech in August to a symposium on post-Cold-War nuclear strategy that he saw the administration's call for research on the new bombs and the earth penetrator, along with a proposal to shorten the lead time required to resume nuclear testing, as "very provocative and overly aggressive policies that undermine our moral authority to argue that other nations should forgo nuclear weapons."

Israeli Officer Charged in Death of Palestinian Girl

By Greg Myre
THE NEW YORK TIMES

JERUSALEM

Military prosecutors on Monday charged an army captain with five separate offenses after fellow soldiers accused him of repeatedly shooting a 13-year-old Palestinian schoolgirl to make sure that she was dead.

The case has received widespread attention in Israel, where the military is generally held in high regard and such serious charges against soldiers are extremely rare. But Palestinians and human rights groups say alleged abuses by the security forces have seldom been fully investigated during the last four years of fighting.

The girl, Iman al-Hams, was killed in the southern part of the Gaza Strip on Oct. 5 as she approached an Israeli military outpost. The captain, who has not been publicly identified, was initially cleared of wrongdoing by an internal army investigation, but he was arrested about three weeks ago as part of a separate inquiry by the military police.

The captain has denied the charges, Israel radio reported, citing his lawyer.

The girl's family said she had been on her way to school, though she was in an extremely tense area along Gaza's border with Egypt, in an area used only by the Israeli soldiers.

Romney Sees Penalties For Firms Without Health Insurance

By Scott S. Greenberger
THE BOSTON GLOBE

Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney said Monday he envisions a range of penalties for businesses that fail to provide health insurance, such as forcing them to pay a higher minimum wage, banning them from doing business with state agencies, or slapping a decal on their window to publicize their refusal.

The Republican governor, disclosing details of his new healthcare proposal for the first time, said a system of “carrots and sticks” would persuade businesses that don’t provide health insurance to their workers to do so. Most of the employers he is targeting are small businesses with fewer than 50 workers.

"It could actually be a lot cheaper for businesses to provide insurance than to have to conform to the higher minimum wage for those that don't provide insurance," Romney told reporters in a briefing in his State House office.

Romney suggested the Legislature could impose the higher minimum wage for employers that refuse to provide coverage the next time lawmakers consider a minimum wage increase. He emphasized that he is not specifically committed to the minimum wage idea or any of the other “sticks” he suggested Monday. He also argued that the biggest incentive for companies is that insurers would be offering stripped down insurance coverage that is “half as expensive as it’s been in the past.”

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These days, bipartisanship is one of those words politicians use when their campaign advisors tell them they need to appear friendly

Editorial

to voters without saying anything of substance. Some might argue George Bush believes bipartisanship to mean when Democrats happen to agree with him. Given that a genuine consensus in politics is utterly utopian, politicians, pundits and even ordinary people have recently defaulted to the idea that political power comes only from mobilizing your voter base. *New York Times* op-ed writer Paul Krugman expressed this bunker mentality in his column “No Surrender” shortly after the election, as if the election was a battle in a war between the two parties rather than the 55th time America has chosen its leader without violence, epitomizing the process of democracy. This wartime mentality in politics seems to be held by many MIT students and faculty as well, a stance that indicates that something of great value is miss-

ing at a great institution of higher education: political debate and intellectual engagement.

The national media has made much of the perception that many universities have predominantly liberal faculty and students. MIT is unquestionably in this category, as evidenced by how three times more voters in the primarily MIT districts of Cambridge have registered as Democrats than Republicans (about half are unregistered or “other”). This concentration of liberalism alone is not a problem (we might as well start complaining that many millionaires are Republican). However, given the reception typically Republican or Libertarian ideas get on campus, it seems too much of one thing has led to complacency. Rather than engage or argue with those who disagree with them, many liberals on campus react with surprise, hostility or condescension when someone says they support the war in Iraq or creating personal Social Security accounts.

If this were a scientific debate, that kind of reaction would hardly be a symbol of the open-

Note from the Editor

Following a meeting of the Managing Board of The Tech this weekend, the Board voted to remove Alexander Del Nido from staff permanently for the article [“The Party’s Over,” Oct. 15] he plagiarized from a column in *The Washington Monthly* [“Party Down,” October 2004, Benjamin Wallace-Wells]. Del Nido essentially rewrote *The Washington Monthly*’s article by paraphrasing it, retaining the ideas and structure almost identically in places. The one reference he made to his source was in the middle of the article, attributing a specific quote, and was entirely insufficient to indicate the degree to which he relied on the *Monthly*’s article.

Del Nido expressed contrition and told the Managing Board that he was unaware that the unacknowledged use of another’s ideas constituted plagiarism. Although the Board believes that Del Nido acted in good faith and out of ignorance, it also believes that such ignorance is not acceptable in either a journalistic or academic environ-

ment.

We apologize for publishing this column in our opinion section. To ensure that no member of The Tech inadvertently plagiarizes in the future, the Managing Board also has adopted the following addition to the Staff Policies, which will be given to all current and new staff members:

“Plagiarism is the theft of another person’s or institution’s intellectual work, including but not limited to that person’s or institution’s words, ideas, theories and concepts. The following is a non-exhaustive list of plagiaristic acts:

— Failure to put the actual words of another within quotation marks and to identify the speaker or writer of those words.

— Failure to attribute paraphrases of another’s words.

— Failure to attribute the use of ideas, theories or concepts created by another.

Plagiarism is unacceptable. The Editor in Chief and Managing Board shall investigate

—Beckett W. Sterner
Editor in Chief

Letters To The Editor

Taxes Taken by Law, Not Force

I suggest that prior to writing his next op-ed article, Rick Rajter exercise a bit more due diligence in researching his topic, especially when suggesting that readers can legally evade their taxes [“Taxes Taken by Force, Not Law,” Nov. 19].

While I am sure *givemeliberty.org* has

impeccable credentials, I suggest Rajter read the IRS’s “The Truth About Frivolous Tax Arguments” (http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-utl/friv_tax.pdf). This 54-page document lists many of the fallacies to which Rajter subscribes, and refutes each one with a multitude of court decisions supporting the existing income tax system.

If he follows his own advice, Rajter should exercise caution. The IRS and Department of the Treasury are cracking down on frivolous

non-filers (http://www.treas.gov/irs/ci/tax_fraud/docnonfilers.htm) and the Department of Justice is issuing injunctions against promoters of illegal tax plans (<http://www.irs.gov/compliance/enforcement/article/0,,id=119332,00.html>).

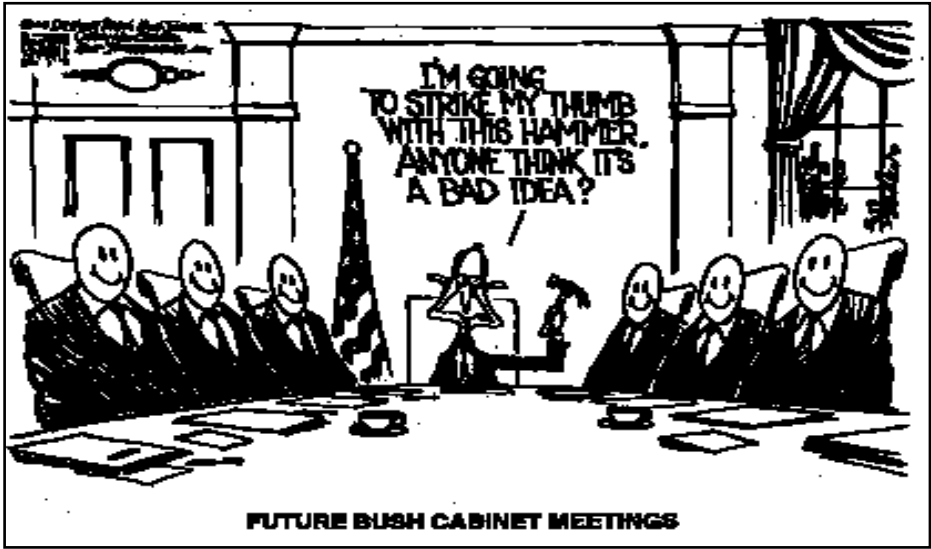
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Clarifying Court Decisions

Rick Rajter [“Taxes Taken by Force, Not Law,” Nov. 19] may wish to read the Brushaber and Stanton decisions again, since he implies that they “challenge the constitutionality” of the 16th Amendment. Although the decisions do state that the amendment confers no new power of taxation, the decision in Brushaber (and confirmed by Stanton) establishes quite clearly the court’s interpretation that levying the income tax is in fact within Congress’s power. As such, the IRS does have a right to collect income tax.

I’m also confused as to why Rajter thinks the Gaylon Herrell case is relevant to his arguments against the IRS. Herrell was accused of failing to file an Illinois state tax form, not a federal one.

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Announcing the Creation Of the Mental Health Initiative

Ali Wyne

The year 2000 will, in all likelihood, be remembered as one of MIT’s darkest. In April of that year, Elizabeth Shin, then a sophomore in her spring term, committed suicide by setting fire to herself. Her death sent shockwaves across the country, and indeed provoked so much controversy that *The New York Times Sunday Magazine* featured a prominent article — “Who Was Responsible For Elizabeth Shin?” — discussing this subject in its April 2002 issue. Admittedly, it is difficult to revisit an incident whose horror and tragedy defy words. The case of Elizabeth Shin is, furthermore, one which some might believe to be an isolated instance. It is, however, indicative of a problem that is much more pervasive than we would like to believe, not only here at MIT, but also at institutions of learning throughout the country.

According to a 2003 survey conducted by the American College Health Association,

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more than 40 percent of undergraduate students felt “too depressed” to effectively function at one time or another during the course of the academic year. Another recent survey concluded that 10 percent of college students actually suffered from clinical depression.

While the roots of mental illnesses, and ostensibly depression, are still not fully understood, research suggests that stress is one of the most important factors responsible for causing and exacerbating depression in an individual. The *New York Times* article which I referenced earlier asserted that “since the 1990s, MIT [has battled] a reputation as a pressure cooker.” It is no surprise that MIT nurtures an academic atmosphere which is remarkably intense; in its most recent rankings, The Princeton Review described MIT as the “toughest school” to which to gain admission. I mention such assessments of MIT not in a negative light, and quite to the contrary, believe that it is wonderful that academic rigor distinguishes it from even the best institutions of learning in this country. However, it is crucial to develop

ways to help students cope with an environment that is always demanding, and often overwhelming.

As such, MIT should approach the problem of mental illness not by merely responding to its violent manifestations, such as suicide, but rather by developing a more comprehensive system that addresses its roots and effects. MIT has taken many steps towards formulating such an approach; it is greatly expanding its Mental Health Service and, most promisingly, is developing an online system whereby students can anonymously report their concerns and difficulties to a certified clinician. These efforts, and more importantly the individuals and groups responsible for them, are admirable. However, the only way to make certain that these efforts have a significant, measurable impact on campus is to ensure that they continue and expand.

It is in this spirit that I wish to announce the formation of the Mental Health Initiative, a Undergraduate Association Committee on Student Life sub-organization founded on one simple principle: that all students at MIT should be able to succeed to the fullest of their potential and have a rich and fulfilling undergraduate experience without being hampered by depression or other mental illnesses. Our objectives are to give the subject of mental

health the attention that it deserves, to raise awareness of the mental health services that are available here at MIT, and ultimately, to work together with advocacy groups on campus, including MIT’s administration, faculty, and student government, to develop and implement solutions which will improve the overall quality of life of MIT’s student body.

We are preparing to launch “Mental Health Week.” As its name suggests, it’s a week which will consist of panels, seminars, workshops, and a host of other activities dedicated to raising the profile of mental health issues here at MIT. It will be held in early March, and we hope to make it an annual event. Even though the Mental Health Initiative is still in its inception, we have already started to network with important individuals and groups on campus who share our enthusiasm and commitment to issues relating to mental health here at MIT, and we have delineated clear goals which we hope to accomplish in the coming months. We realize that our goals are ambitious, and achieving them will take extensive time, planning, resources, energy, and dedication over the next several years. We are confident, however, that with the support of the MIT community, those goals can and will be realized.

Ali Wyne '08 is a UA Senator and member of the Mental Health Initiative.

Collateral Damage

Anna Wexler

When I cried about the election, I cried because the weight of my guilt bore down on me and crushed me, making it hard for me to breathe.

But I wasn’t guilty of not voting. And I wasn’t guilty of voting for the wrong person.

Seventeen thousand Iraqi civilians have been reported dead. The actual number of civilian deaths related to the invasion is estimated to be 100,000. A John Hopkins University study, published in the Oct. 28 issue of the British medical journal *The Lancet*, arrived at this staggering figure after conducting extensive research in Iraq. This 100,000 competes with the number of innocent men, women, and children who have been killed in Sudan in a crisis that the United States has openly condemned as genocide. But when innocents are murdered by us, 100,000 becomes “necessary” for the cause of “democracy,” 100,000 lives that our government sweeps under the carpet as mere collateral damage in a war for which no one can figure out the reason.

I’m not the type of person to cry over death. I don’t cry when I read about horrific murders, tragic suicides, or mass ethnic slaughter. I didn’t cry at the skulls I saw when I visited the killing fields in Cambodia. I didn’t cry at the Holocaust Memorial in D.C. or at the chilling Vietnam War Museum in Ho Chi Minh City. Although the genocide in Sudan sickens me, I have not shed tears for its victims.

But I cried for the civilians of Iraq.

The guilt every American citizen bears is invisible while living in this country. But the stain of blood is on our hands, wet and fresh. We don’t see it because living in America, we are part of a crowd. Psychologists and anthropologists have shown that feelings of guilt and of personal responsibility do not exist in a crowd. We do not see our blood-stained

hands. Traveling, however, is stepping outside the crowd.

When I stepped outside America, I felt my personal responsibility, and for the first time I realized how bloody my hands actually are. I was in Egypt, and I had befriended a Bedouin family living in Giza, just a stone’s throw from the pyramids. The entire family was warmly hospitable to me; they showed me around Cairo, drove me to Alexandria, and even took me into their home the last week of my trip.

It was during this last week, at their home, that the emotional weight — the guilt — really hit me. Hamdi and I were drinking tea as the television droned on in the background; Al-Jazeera was showing footage of destroyed cities in Iraq and listing the number of civilian casualties — about 20 a day. Of course, Al Jazeera is just as biased as the American media. However, when I compared the reports of international media outlets, I found that the American media was rarely reporting civilian casualties.

Hamdi asked me why I live in America. I was taken aback: no one’s ever asked me why. I told him that I live in America because my friends are there, because I want to get my degree from MIT.

But you can move if you want?

Yes, I said.

Looking around at Hamdi’s room, at the shabby, dirty furniture and at the goats roaming around in the backyard, I realized that Hamdi couldn’t move to another country even if he wanted to. Most people in Egypt — and indeed, most of the world — can’t.

So I had a choice. I was consciously choosing to pay my taxes to a government that had invaded Iraq in a willful, deliberate, and premeditated manner. Those words, by the way, are the definition of first degree murder according to the state of California. Most states have similar definitions.

For the first time, I felt personally responsible, as though my taxes were going directly

to support the bloodshed in Iraq. Guilt comes only from feelings of responsibility, and responsibility comes only from the experience of making a conscious decision, when one realizes that one can do otherwise. My hands are stained even though I disagree with my government’s actions. Upon returning to America, I comforted myself by thinking that it was only six months until the election. That thought put my feelings of guilt on hold until November.

The issue of personal responsibility came up last week in my class entitled “Violence, Human Rights, and Justice.” A student posed a question about the responsibility of German citizens during World War II. He cited the example of a German railroad employee in the early 1940’s whose job it was to sign off on trains crammed full of Jews passing through his town, transporting Jews to their deaths at extermination camps. The employee strongly disagreed with Hitler’s “final solution,” and had the financial capability to move to another country. However, he consciously decided to remain in Germany, and each day he signed off on the train log. Is he responsible? Is he guilty?

Most of us Democrats are in the same situation as the train manager. The war in Iraq will continue regardless of whether or not we decide to leave the country. More innocent civilians will be killed with or without our tax money. But we need to confront our personal responsibility, because disagreeing with our government does not absolve us of guilt. We have a choice in whether or not we want to live in this country, and each of us is responsible for our decision.

Stay and resist, people say; leaving is cow-

ardly and apathetic. But what kinds of resistance are available to us? We can whine about our awful government, but griping is the weakest form of resistance. Voting is a stronger form of resistance, but we must wait four excruciating years for another chance. The only resistance left is activism: letter-writing, door-to-door campaigning, and grassroots organizing. But honestly, how many of us campaigned at a grassroots level for this election? More importantly, how many of us will, in the next four years, campaign at a grassroots level?

I’m not advocating mass exodus, but I am pointing out the inconsistencies between the number of people who call for resistance and the number of people who actually resist. To me, leaving the country is a different kind of resistance. Leaving is the opposite of apathy; it directly acknowledges our guilt and says, “No, I will not support my government’s actions.”

I can no longer fool myself into thinking that I am not guilty. One hundred thousand Iraqi civilians have died; that number has been gnawing at my conscience. I cannot condemn the genocide in Sudan without first looking at my own hands. I cried that Tuesday because I realized that I need to confront my guilt or leave the country.

I can only wish that every single American be forced to sit across from my friend Hamdi, in his one-room home in Giza. I can only wish that each of us would see our blood-stained hands, would realize our guilt as we hear our own voices stutter and stammer in response to Hamdi’s question:

Why do you live in America?

Anna Wexler is a member of the class of 2007.

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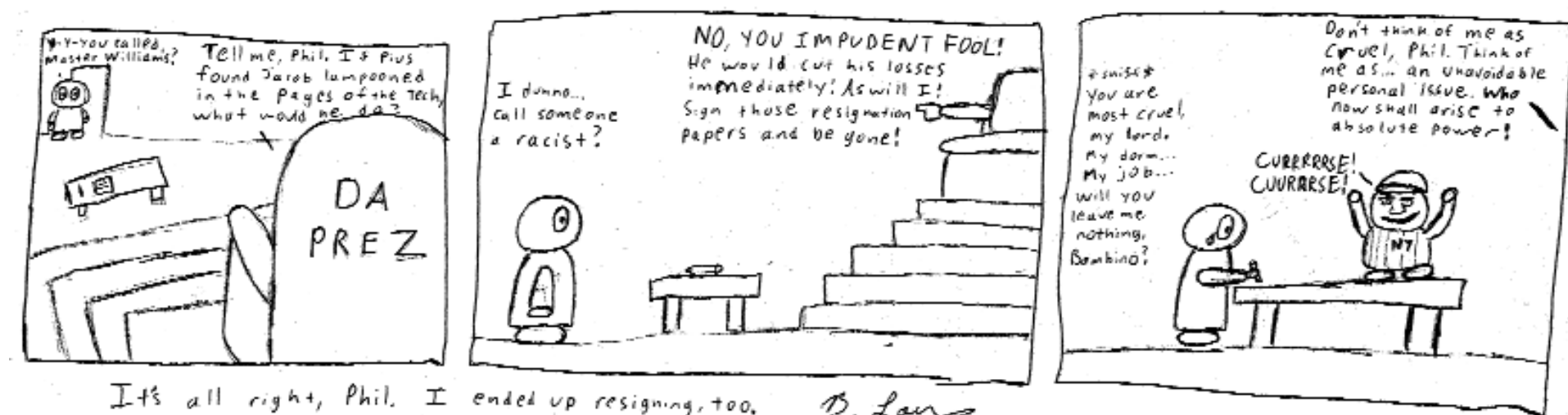
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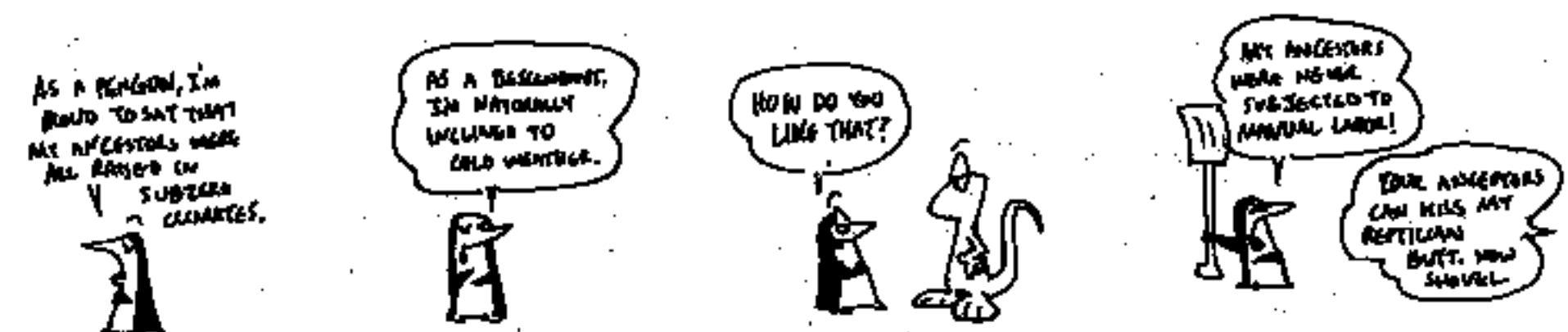
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18 Come down from

19 Discuss

22 Long tangent, in C

23 Farewell, from Francois

24 Pusillanymous person

26 Carrere of Wayne's World

27 Mixed-descent South-East Asian woman

28 Lesser typeset measurements

29 Remove from a basketball game

31 "My Shoes" artist

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32 Wife of Married with Children

33 Triangular head stick of a popular goal game

34 Engender cats and dogs, idiomatically

36 Serous fluid filled skin elevation

37 Rebounds, in billiards

40 Attempt

41 Charleston and surrounds tree protection gp.

45 Virtue, to Herodotus

46 Three, in Rome

47 Bar seat

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63 Roman god of the household

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12 "A" (tardy)

15 Largest Scottish river and loch into which it flows

20 Heavyweight boxer David

21 Road curve

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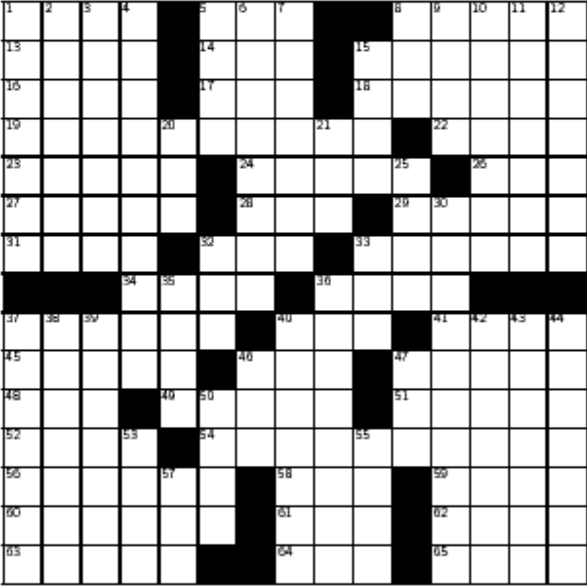
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20 Zero hour?

23 Spike and Pinky

24 Sea of France

25 Face-to-face exams

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31 Almost closed

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43 One in Toledo

44 Last breath

45 Co-founder of "The Tatler"

46 Vidal's Breckinridge

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55 Michael Martin Murphey hit

63 Send payment

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5 Long-legged wader

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8 Chinese premier Li

9 Faux pas

10 "Peer Gynt" dancer

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33 Soap plant

34 Not as refined

36 Actor Omar

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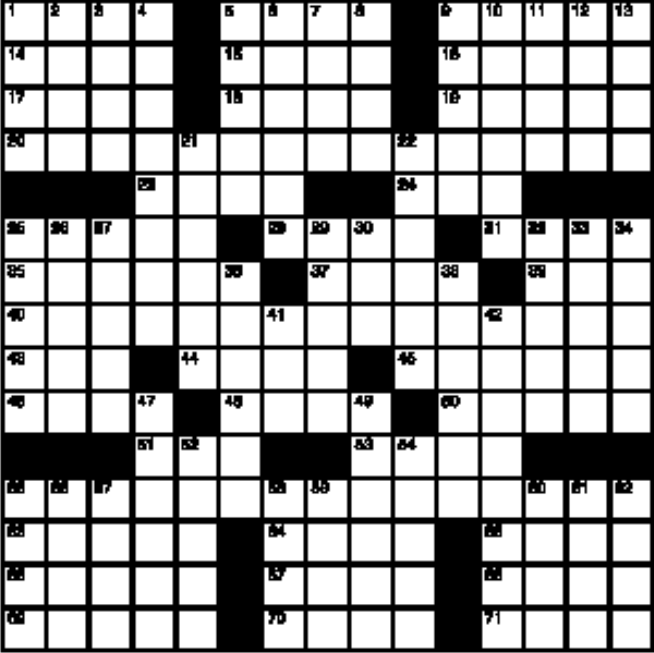
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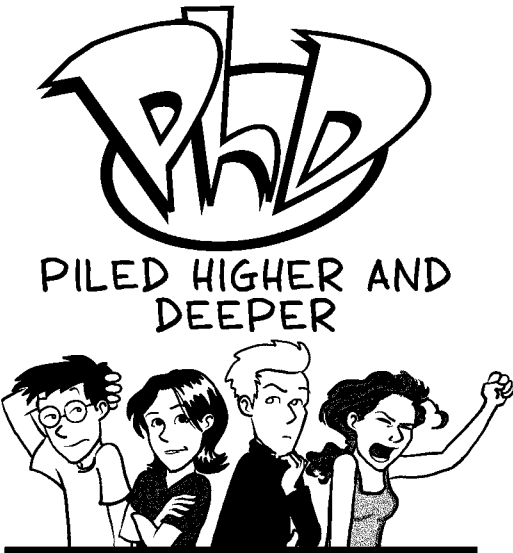
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MOVIE REVIEW ★★★

‘Spongebob’ Old Wine in New Cask

Abbott and Costello Meet Odysseus... Underwater

By Philip Burrowes

The Spongebob Squarepants Movie
Written by Stephen Hillenburg,
Derek Drymon, Tim Hill, Kent Osborne,
Aaron Springer, Pault Tibbitt
Directed by Sherm Cohen,
Stephen Hillenburg, Mark Osborne
Starring Tom Kenny, Bill Fagerbakke,
Mr. Lawrence, Alec Baldwin,
Scarlett Johansson
Nickelodeon Movies
Rated PG
November 19, 2004

Spongebob Squarepants is the number one program on the number one cable network. It’s more than just a Nielsen stalwart, however; it’s a marketing juggernaut. This has made the very visage of Spongebob a distasteful symbol of the latest children’s fad in the eyes of many. Now that the show has ceased production of new episodes, these people see the Spongebob movie as little more than another attempt to squeeze a few million dollars out of the hands of clamoring kids. Of course, they are right, but that doesn’t mean critics wouldn’t have fun if they stopped being pretentious and just watched.

Novices unversed in the Spongebob back-story need not worry. The film is very accessible, establishing everyone’s motives in the first third. Spongebob wants to show his maturity by being promoted from fry cook to manager of the Krusty Krab. Chum Bucket proprietor Plankton wants to see the Krusty Krab go under for both commercial and megalomaniacal reasons. King Neptune wants his crown to cover his bald spot. When Plankton abducts the diadem and blames Krusty Krab owner Eugene Krab, it falls on Spongebob to recover the royal domeplate or Neptune will kill Krab. Hijinks ensue.

Plot doesn’t exactly matter for Spongebob to work, though. The story just has to be unobtrusively coherent, allowing Spongebob and his pal Patrick Star the freedom to be complete lunatics without their misadventures degenerating into a desultory string of vignettes. Once the action is character-driven, the film can be unapologetically stupid.

For some people, this will be too unsophisticated a style. Occasionally an Aquaman or George Herriman reference gets thrown into the mix, but this seems to be the creative team having fun more than anything else. Unlike the age-conscious pandering of nineties Disney that used multiple layers of humors to captivate

all generations, Spongebob hits on the lowest common denominator of humor. Not scatology nor witticism (although there is an NPR joke at Squidward’s expense), but sheer absurdity.

Considering that the writers are used to orchestrating 11-minute segments, this approach holds up remarkably well. Along with the television series’ Kricfalusi-esque visual malleability and general surreality — the star, after all, is a sponge —they’ve made an effort to utilize the greater resources of the silver screen. Since everyone loves pirates, there’s a framing device with an entire crew as an excuse to sing a choral rendition of the Spongebob theme. We learn that water is what makes sea creatures look animated when Spongebob and Patrick end up in the live-action surface world. The story climaxes on the back of an uproarious Dee Snider-meets-Bootsy Collins homage to early days of music videos.

Genre bending on this scale is acceptable because the film is part Martin and Lewis road trip, except both Patrick and Spongebob have decided to play Lewis. Not only are they off to see multiple sites, but there’s no stentorian to prevent them from getting ice cream hangovers or to point out their mustaches are made of seaweed. They are free to roam wild while filmic convention tells us that this is not out of

the ordinary.

At other times the story takes on the classical structure of a hero quest, with Spongebob overcoming several trials in an attempt to attain manhood. Unfortunately, such a rigid formula has no place in a comedy predicated on the illogical. For example, if you ever stop to think about how Plankton hid Neptune’s crown, his plan falls apart even given the inherent inconsistency of cel-based cartoons. Worse yet, should Spongebob become an “adult,” he would lose the bright-eyed ignorance that makes him so appealing. Fans want to root for him to do well, but they are effectively wishing for the abolition of the character.

Life-altering circumstances are not uncommon in movies starring television characters; they allow us to convince ourselves that we’re not just watching an overextended episode of the source show. Seeing Spongebob go through porifera puberty is supposed to be like watching Mulder witness aliens or Optimus Prime dying to defeat Megatron, a dual culmination of a goal and sacrifice of motivation. Except Spongebob is purposefully non-episodic. It is shown at all times of day on Nickelodeon, out of any semblance of production order and yet always with remarkable results. The ending attempts to mitigate this by being ambivalent to growth, but any development contradicts the core of character.

Maybe that was the intent — one last Friends-like hurrah for Spongebob while he’s still on top. Or maybe kids are really that oblivious and the series will merely rejuvenate under the might of the movie’s premiere à la Rugrats. Perhaps it is the start of a film franchise on its own, as “Police Squad!” begat “Naked Gun.” Either way, get the fun while it lasts.

MOVIE REVIEW ★★★

On Sex, Technically

Life of Sex Researcher Alfred Kinsey Portrayed Through Film

By Emily Kagan

Kinsey
Written and directed by Bill Condon
Starring Liam Neeson, Laura Linney
Distributed by Fox Searchlight
Rated R
November 12, 2004

Writer and director Bill Condon had his work cut out for him. Not only did he have to make a film portraying the complex life of sex researcher Alfred C. Kinsey, but it had to be, well, sexy. This is no small task, considering

that Kinsey wore a bowtie and sported one of the worst crew cuts ever shaved into the head of mankind. But Condon succeeds in making a movie that captures our American love/hate relationship with sex through one man’s struggles and obsession with the subject.

Kinsey brought the topic of human sexuality out of the whispered corners of conversation during the 1950’s when he published his book *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male*. By collecting thousands of sexual histories from people across the country, he gave Americans their first honest look at what they did behind closed doors. Aside from decriminalizing masturbation, Kinsey is perhaps

most famous for posing the idea that human sexuality varies on a continuum between exclusively heterosexual to exclusively homosexual.

Liam Neeson brings Kinsey, a man almost comically obsessed with needing to understand life scientifically, into relief. But the depth of this character is only fully realized in scenes he shares with his wife, played to perfection by Laura Linney. Linney’s portrayal of Mrs. Kinsey makes this otherwise strange and bookish man into someone’s father and someone’s lover, and returns Kinsey’s clinical assessments of sex to the realm of passion.

Where the film falters, the actors are not to blame. Condon is at times heavy handed in his writing. He doesn’t trust the audience to pick up the subtleties of the characters, so he has some rather useless moments of exposition attempting to illustrate the obvious. The film’s other shortcoming is due to the fact that very few lives are lived with a perfect plot arc. Kinsey’s life is no exception. The movie peaks three quarters of the way though and then drags to an unimpressive conclusion.

The film really shines when it’s calling into question some of our beliefs about sex. It points to our squeamishness regarding homosexuality, it questions what sex means without a relationship, and it highlights our assumption that sex is something only the young and beautiful do (as illustrated by some wonderful scenes with senior citizens). Overall, the film is an enjoyable look at one of the most controversial scientists in American history, and a chance to reflect on just how far we’ve come in the past fifty years.

CONCERT REVIEW

Repertoire Gone Wrong

Lukewarm Concert by MIT FJE Easily Improvable

By Amy Lee

ARTS EDITOR
MIT Festival Jazz Ensemble
The Musical World of Kenny Werner
Conducted by Frederick Harris
Featuring Kenny Werner
Kresge Auditorium
Nov. 19, 2004, 8 p.m.

Bad things happen to good people who make bad choices. Bad concerts happen to decent ensembles that pick horrible songs. And that’s what happened to the MIT Festival Jazz Ensemble.

Their concert, featuring guest pianist Kenny Werner, unfortunately went wrong right there —featuring Kenny Werner and his music. Werner is clearly a talented pianist, as seen by his performing and recording credentials, but his jazz music (or at least what was featured) is much too classical, discordant, and just doesn’t have that much of a “groove” to it. Luckily, only half of the concert was composed of his pieces.

FJE began their concert with “Sister Sadie” by Horace Silver. The powerful sound of the unison saxophone parts contrasted well with the more playful solos. Trombonist Jonathan Kroenes ’07 and alto sax Alex McMath ’07 were both featured. They especially shined during a

conversation-like solo section, their solo improvisation parts alternating and rising in volume, like a friendly competition between instruments. Other than the solos, the most noticeable factor about FJE was how nervous they looked. The musicians barely moved anything but their fingers and lips; I was just yearning for someone to engage in some foot tapping, at least. Conductor Frederick Harris made up for the whole ensemble by himself though, his entire body loosely moving to the music.

Next up was an arrangement by Jorge Padilla ’05, on trumpet, of John Coltrane’s “Mr. P.C.” Werner was brought out to perform on this song that, instead of featuring all of FJE, was played by a smaller seven-person ensemble. Padilla began the piece by snapping his fingers in time, and following some Tarzan-like bass drumming, he came in with a gorgeously pure sounding trumpet melody. Padilla, along with the rest of his group, was a bit stilted at first, but he soon relaxed and got more into the piece. After solos by each member of the group, trombonist Christian Derr ’08 and Werner played a call-and-response-like section, with Derr playing a syncopated line that stopped and started to allow Werner to weave his part between. Derr clearly excels at improvisation, but he was so timid it was difficult to even hear him.

All of FJE participated in the next song, “First Love Song,” by Bob Brookmeyer. This song was just painful and sounded surprisingly similar to bad background music for a jewelry commercial. True, there aren’t really “supposed-to’s” in jazz, but I personally don’t believe jazz is meant to be played this slow. Or, this out of tune. It was clear that the strange sounding chords in the beginning weren’t intentional but more the fault of someone who needed to tune. And when Werner had his long, long, long piano solo, the jarring chords that were intentional were too many, too slow.

Unfortunately, the Werner disaster kept going and the concert became worse. This time, FJE played “All That,” a piece written by Werner himself. It began with the guitar playing a nice, simple melody, but Werner’s seemingly trademark chords dove right in soon after. The melody became convoluted with too many strange chords and rhythms, and the music sounded forced. Jazz should never sound forced, especially in the composed sections. The piece was relieved by a solo by Derr, who though still quiet, was very lyrical and had a nice groove going.

Luckily, up next was the wonderful “Boogie Stop Shuffle,” by Charles Mingus. Mingus is one of the few bass players who acted as leader of a jazz group instead of just rhythm section/sideman. Thus his pieces have a strong bass line, manifested in the Shuffle, that help to drive the piece. The collective talent of FJE, which I had almost forgotten since the first two songs, was obviously apparent. The unison parts were strong but not harsh and the solos were humorous.

I must mention one gripe though. After five songs, FJE still seemed uptight. I had

been hoping that it was just the beginning jitters that was keeping the musicians so stone-like. Nope. Jazz is about having fun, moving with the music. As a listener, I can barely keep from moving to the music. Why is it that no one but the conductor was still moving?

After a harmonious arrangement by Kevin Chen ’05 of Clifford Brown’s “Prelude,” the concert crashed to the end with three Kenny Werner compositions/arrangements. His arrangement of “A Portrait of Jenny” sounded like it was from a post-Kenny G era. There was an overemphasis on the saxophone line, and it was much too classical sounding. Werner acted as maestro for this piece, and it was, different. The man was up on the stage, waving his arms up and down and all around, and completely overconducting the piece. Harris was relaxed and moving to the music; Werner just looked silly.

“Fall From Grace,” a requiem, featured just Werner and Padilla. Although the trumpet part resounded wonderfully through the auditorium, I didn’t understand why the piece was played. It was unnecessary and far from special. Finally, FJE ended their concert with the world premiere of Werner’s “Higher Learning.” Learning wasn’t as bad as the other Werner pieces, but still didn’t seem to sound like jazz. The song was slightly more upbeat and like usual, FJE played as well as they could, but the piece just wasn’t that great.

This was the theme throughout the night. Aside from a desperate need for them to relax, FJE has one one great flaw — bad piece choices. Unfortunately the concert was like an LCD screen with some bad pixels. That one flaw made the concert essentially not worth anything.

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Great Songs and Hilarious Skits Resonate with Crowd

MIT A Cappella Group Leaves the Crowd Content

By Brian Stephenson

Resonance
Fall Concert
10-250
Nov. 19, 8 p.m.

With skits so funny they should consider starting a comedy club, Resonance’s fall concert also wowed the audience with an impressive, energetic musical performance that included six new songs with six different soloists, two of whom (Dan Stone ‘08 and Jia Lou ‘07) are new to the group.

Resonance opened the night with a guest group called the Smith Noteables, a small, all-female a cappella group. They kicked things off with the a capella favorite, A-Ha’s “Take on Me,” which was a safe start but lacked novelty. Their next rendition, Weez-

er’s “Say It Ain’t So” included an impressive backdrop of simulated percussion, guitar wailing, and mike feedback that was combined with solid vocals. They kept things fresh by switching musical genres with their renditions of “Son of a Preacher Man” and a spirited performance of Elton John’s “Tiny Dancer.” The song’s soulful vocals, unusual for a capella, impressed the audience. The Noteables put on a good show, although it became clear early on that the sound balance was off. The center mike badly needed to be turned up to help solo vocals project over the accompaniment.

Resonance then took the stage, ramping the energy level way up with a lively delivery of Green Day’s “Basket Case.” Their high-energy, smoothly-choreographed moves drew cheers and laughter from the audience. Mark Cote ‘07 kept the energy up in a charismatic performance of Josh Kelly’s “Amazing” by

pulling the oldest a cappella trick in the book — serenading an audience member. The groups’ next song, Indigo Girls’ “Ghost,” was well sung, but the sound balance didn’t let the solo part, sung by Carrie Niziolek ‘06, come through the way it was intended.

The group’s main skit (delivered in two parts) left the audience rolling in the aisles and almost stole the show. Imagine, first a stereotypical Asian couple walks onto the stage, getting ready to study together. But wait, the superhero Asian-Fetish Man bursts on the scene and steals Asian Man’s girlfriend while he is gone collecting his calculus book. In a desperate bid to win his girl back, Asian Man teams up with who else but jilted White Girl, whose ex-boyfriend has just developed a taste for bubble tea. But what can the Asian-Fetish man’s fatal weakness be? Can’t jump? Can’t rap? Ahh, can’t dance. Asian Man challenges Asian-Fetish Man to a

DDR showdown where the superhero is soundly defeated.

Resonance followed up on their skit with John Mayer’s “Love Song for No One,” and Liz Phair’s “Why Can’t I.” Both songs were solid, but unfortunately the solo vocals kept getting lost in the accompaniment. The group ended their set with Frou Frou’s “Let Go,” Matchbox 20’s “Unwell,” Joydrop’s “Beautiful,” and Chenoa’s “Mystify/Atrevete.” Resonance kept the crowd engaged right up to the show’s conclusion, although “Mystify/Atrevete” came across as too complicated and drowned under its own multi-layered weight for a less than climactic end.

Two encores left the crowd on its feet, however, bringing the evening to a satisfying conclusion. Although better sound balancing would have improved the experience, great skits and solid singing performances left everyone smiling.

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Waves of change 

Free Food for Int’ls Cause to Celebrate

Thanksgiving, from Page 1

Only four people are staying at Pi Lambda Phi, said Michael T. Jensen '07. “They’re probably going to get together with some friends and cook dinner,” he said.

The Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity will be holding their annual “Angst-giving” dinner for brothers and their friends who aren’t going home. “We cook the dinner,” said Michael P. Short '05. “It’ll probably be a traditional thanksgiving dinner, with some untraditional things... ’cause it’s us,” said Short.

International students on campus

Not everybody is leaving, though. Many people, and international students in particular, will be staying on campus.

Jingwen Ouyang '08 is choosing to stay on campus because she has a basketball game next weekend in New York, and her mother is in China right now. “I plan to have a dinner with my friends in McCormick,” which will be organized by a cooking group.

Rezy Pradipta '06 is an international student who will be having dinner with a host family in Quincy, MA. They have invited him to their Thanksgiving dinner for the past few years, he said. “It’s a little bit quiet” on campus during the break, but he will probably “just do whatever...I have a lot of assignments,” said Pradipta.

“I will probably stay here,” said Polish international student Jakub K. Kominiarczuk '08. “I was invited by a friend from Harvard to go with him to his host family’s house and have a thanksgiving dinner with them.”

Kominiarczuk said there was a Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday in Russian House, but he didn’t go. If there are more dinners on campus, he would definitely attend, Kominiarczuk said. “Free food is always good ... that’s the healthiest type of food.”

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City Seeks to Revoke MIT Tax Exemption

Student Life Funds Short of Goal

Taxes, from Page 1

and universities if the city is not forced to “make pleas” for payments each year.

Other councillors voiced support for the measure at the meeting. Councillor Denise Simmons said that the city provides services to the universities that they do not help fund: students are “not buying the parking; they are buying the parking permit.”

Councillor Kenneth Reeves said the the current relationship was “inequitable... [universities] are not sharing in the burden of taxation.”

Gallop said that MIT, despite its non-profit status, is the largest taxpayer in the city due primarily to its large commercial holdings including the recently purchased Technology Square.

Written agreement ‘very close’

MIT and the city have been involved in negotiations to come to a written agreement governing how the Institute makes PILOT payments since early 2003. The current agreement is informal. The new agreement has been stalled in negotiations since April of 2003 but the agreement is “very close” to being signed, Gallop said.

A written agreement between the city and the universities would eliminate the quid pro quo nature of current PILOT negotiations, Galluccio said. “It is inarguable that there are enormous benefits” from the universities, he said, but it would be easier to advocate on behalf of universities interests if a written agreement existed. MIT’s small payments, relative to the city’s budget, “make it tough to face taxpayers.”

Motion would tax universities

Galluccio’s second motion calls on the city solicitor to “examine all possible legal and legislative mechanisms by which ... [the] elimination of property tax exemptions for large institutions could be accomplished.”

The order would apply to large nonprofit institutions that reach a specified percentage of land-ownership in the city.

Speaking in support of his order, Galluccio said that MIT and Harvard were “no longer the fledgling educational institutes” that the non-profit status was designed to protect.

Reeves said that MIT and Harvard behave “much more like businesses than not.”

Mayor Michael Sullivan pointed out that 51 percent of the land in Cambridge is not taxable, much of it owned by MIT and Harvard.

The council has attempted to levy taxes against universities in the past. In 2003, the council proposed a payroll tax that would apply to university workers.

Public voices support for city

The members of the public who spoke at the meeting were in favor of the measure. Kathy Podgers said that home-owners should not face large increases in their property taxes while universities see only slight increases. The current system is “robbin’ the hood” she said: it takes from poor and gives to the rich.

Bill Cavallini recalled a 1979 march on MIT to protest low in lieu of taxes payments. The universities do not pay their fair share today, and “it’s time that they do.” he said.

Fundraising, from Page 1

The previous campaign, Campaign for the Future, which took place from 1987 to 1992, had a goal of 700 million dollars and raised 710 million, Stowe said.

Shift to individual donors

The Campaign for MIT had a record 66 percent of funds donated by individuals. In the previous campaigns, from 1987 to 1992, and 1975 to 1980, only 42 and 37 percent of contributions came from individuals, respectively.

“Historically, MIT relied on support from corporations and foundations” rather than alumni, Stowe said.

The “donor base has shifted to much more like our Ivy League peers,” Stowe said, and MIT has “turned to alumni in unprecedented ways.”

Of the remaining 34 percent of donations in the most recent campaign, 17 percent came from corporations, 14 percent from foundations, and three percent from other sources.

Some areas fall short of goals

Because contributions are often made for specific purposes, certain

areas of funding exceeded their goals while others missed the mark.

Areas that have received funding equal to or above their goals are faculty chairs, educational projects, and unrestricted funding. The large amount of unrestricted funding will provide MIT President-elect Susan Hockfield with flexibility in her early months as president, said Stowe.

Areas that are projected to be unsuccessful in raising their target funds are scholarships and financial aid (180.7 of the 350 million dollar goal), construction and renovations (312 of the 450 million dollar goal), and undergraduate and student life programs (180.7 of a 350 million dollar goal). Stowe hopes that some of these gaps can be closed within the final months of the campaign, speculating that an additional 30 or 40 million dollars might be donated.

MIT competitive in fundraising

Fewer than ten other schools have completed successful two billion dollar campaigns, many of which have larger alumni bases, as well as medical and law schools, Stowe said. Of the universities that have raised two billion dollars, MIT has the largest goal to alumni ratio of 20,916 dollars.

MIT also has a relatively small fundraising staff, about 100 people, in comparison to Harvard, which has around 600, Stowe said.

Stowe hopes the success of the recent campaign will allow the staff to expand, especially as more staff will be needed to keep the more than 68,000 contributors from this campaign updated.

Next goal undetermined

The next capital campaign will likely begin in several years, Stowe said. She anticipates that “it won’t be a quick turnaround,” as there will be some adjustments when Hockfield becomes president.

Fundraising will continue between campaigns, and Stowe said she hopes to “maintain the momentum this campaign” has generated.

Stowe said that a campaigns provide a framework and goals for fundraising, but the “pace and intensity will not change” between campaigns.

MIT aims to raise 250 to 300 million on an annual basis, up from 100 million when the campaign started, Stowe said. She believes support from alumni will continue to meet the increasing demand for funds, she said.

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2005 Panhel Officers Elected

By Kathy Lin
NEWS EDITOR

MIT Panhellenic has elected new officers and is now restructuring its council to increase efficiency.

The new officers are “experienced, excited, motivated people... who have been really involved,” said Robin M. Davis ’05, Vice President of Recruitment. They will take office on Jan. 31 after Panhel recruitment.

President-elect Nikki A. Pfarr ’06 has three main goals for her tenure as president. The first is to “make sure Panhel runs as an effective administrative tool,” Pfarr said. Panhel plans to seek constant feedback about its performance and the restructuring, she said.

“Panhel works for the sororities, not the other way around,” Davis said.

The second goal is to “take advantage of the fact that sororities are all women’s organizations that face similar challenges,” and they “have lots to learn from each other,” Pfarr said.

There “could be more cooperation” among the sororities, Davis said. For example, she said Panhel is planning on making a database of common resources that can be accessed by all sororities.

The third goal, Davis said, is to “embrace the role of Panhel as the largest women’s organization on campus,” and to “not just reach out

to affiliated women.”

For example, Executive Vice President-elect Julia D. Kurnik ’06 and Administrative Vice President-elect Shannon N. Nees ’07 are working on a Women’s Guide to Getting around MIT.

Pfarr said she also wants Panhel to work towards being “recognized on the level of the Interfraternity Council and the Undergraduate Association,” in part by reaching out to students and networking with administrators, staff, and faculty.

“We’re younger, but now we’re on our feet,” Davis said.

Restructuring means new offices

Panhel is restructuring its council, Davis said, though the Executive Board won’t change. The changes are basically downsizing and reshuffling, she said.

“We reevaluated the positions we considered the most important,” Pfarr said. “We were doing a lot of good things,” but Panhel will now “do more things sororities want and need us to do,” she said.

Previously, Panhel “tried to do a lot of programming and spread itself too thin,” Pfarr said.



STEPHANIE LEE—THE TECH
Nikki A. Pfarr ’06 was recently elected to be the next Panhel president.

Now, they cut some “smaller positions” like Social Chair and put “stronger committees” in charge of the more important events, like Greek Week and Women’s Week.

After “we get Greek Week and Women’s Week really successful,” Panhel will reevaluate to see if they want to change their structure or branch out to new activities, Pfarr said.

Panhel Election Results

President	Nikki A. Pfarr ’06
Executive Vice President	Julia D. Kurnik ’06
Administrative Vice President	Shannon N. Nees ’07
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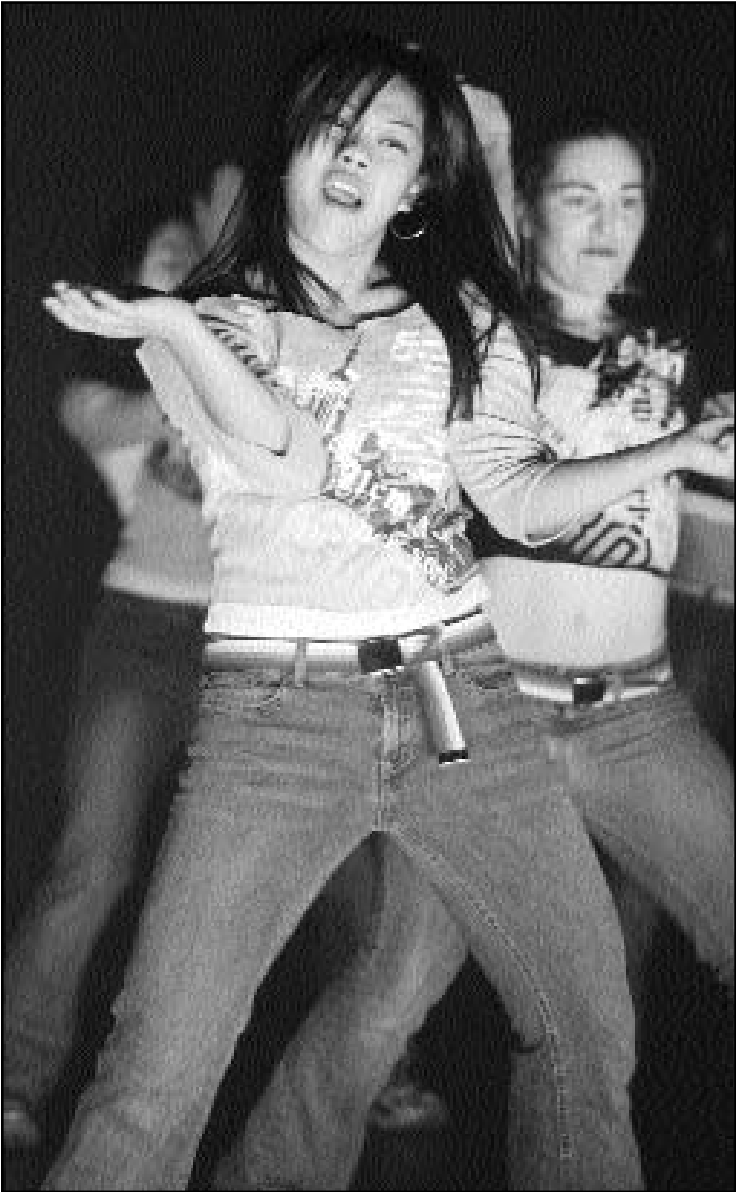
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Dance Troupe Performs ‘In the Middle of the Street’



BRIAN HEMOND—THE TECH



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Dance Troupe hosts their show, “In the Middle of Street,” in Kresge Little Theater this past weekend.

(left) Andrea T. Urmanita ’06 (left) and Viviana M. Serra ’07 perform in “Dogs and Buns,” choreographed by Christina Huang ’06 and Brendan J. Smith ’06.

(above) Derek H. Chu ’07 choreographs and stars in “My Boo” with Heather A. Levites ’08. The dance was set to “You Got It Bad (remix)” by Usher.



BRIAN HEMOND—THE TECH



JIMMY CHEUNG—THE TECH



BRIAN HEMOND—THE TECH

(above left) Munhee Sohn G (left to right), Jiji Gu ’07, Kathryn Der ’05, and Jennifer J. Liang ’06 step together in “Street Swans Suite,” a piece choreographed by Anna Kuperstein.

(above) Hyon I. Lee ’07 (back) and Jordan J. Medeiros ’06 (front) breakdance in “lyieyieyie,” a mix of hip-hop, reggaetton, and salsa.

(left) Shaking pom-poms, girls perform “I Like It,” a piece choreographed by Eva Kassens G.

Playstation Mania at Lobdell



Kappa Alpha Theta hosts their annual event, Theta Playstation, this past Saturday, Nov. 20 in Lobdell's. Proceeds went to their national philanthropy, Court-Appointed Special Advocates.

(upper right) A participant takes off his shoes to play Dance Dance Revolution.
(above) Leah L. Oats G, Diana Lam '04, and Angela Y. Chen G (the winner) compete in a Vitamin Water chugging contest.



(counterclockwise from above) Diana Nee '07 draws caricatures at her booth.

Students compete in a burrito eating contest (sponsored by Picante Grill) for prizes.

Players compete in a team Super Smash Brothers tournament as spectators watch on.

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Congress Reduces Pell Grants

By Marcella Bombardieri
THE BOSTON GLOBE

Nearly a quarter of low and moderate-income college students who currently qualify for federal Pell Grants will see their awards reduced or even eliminated under a change in federal rules that Congress allowed in its new spending bill passed over the weekend, according to an estimate from higher education analysts.

About 85,000 of the 5.2 million students currently eligible to receive Pell grants will become ineligible. Another 1.2 million will get a smaller award under a new formula the government will use to determine how much families can afford to pay for college, according to estimates from the American Council on Higher Education. The change will take effect for students starting or returning to classes next summer or fall.

Higher education officials worry that the change, estimated to save the government about \$300 million in next year's budget, will hurt students already struggling to pay for college.

"Nobody knows if the change will actually lead anybody to abandon their plans for post-secondary education," said Terry Hartle, senior vice president at ACE. "The best-case scenario is that families will

have to dig deeper to pay for college, perhaps by working more hours or taking out more loans."

The effects could be much more widespread than the council's estimates suggest. The same federal formulas are used to calculate federal subsidized loans, state aid, and grants colleges make to their own students, said Brian K. Fitzgerald, staff director of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance.

The change was first proposed last year by the U.S Department of Education. It was blocked at the time by Congressional legislation, but this year Republican leaders left a new amendment to block it out of the compromise bill approved Saturday by the House and Senate.

The new Department of Education aid formula was intended to reflect a reduction in income taxes in many states, but some analysts say the tax burden is measured in a flawed way that doesn't reflect real increases in taxes in the last several years. The formula is supposed to be updated every year, but it hadn't happened in many years.

Some Republicans say that the formula needed to be updated to help deal with the Pell Grant program's \$4 billion deficit and to ultimately increase the maximum award.

Pell Grants, the main federal program to help low and moderate income families pay for college, will cost will cost \$12.5 billion next year, according to American Council on Education estimates. Even though the maximum grant of \$4,050 has been virtually frozen for four years, about 1.2 million more students have become eligible for the Pell Grants in that time, leading to the budget squeeze.

It is not clear yet which students will lose their Pell Grants, but Fitzgerald said it will most likely be those with family incomes at the higher levels of Pell eligibility, perhaps \$35,000 to \$40,000, Fitzgerald said. These students are already receiving far less than the maximum grant. Many other students with lower family incomes will see their grants reduced by up to a few hundred dollars, Fitzgerald estimated.

Families will find out if they are losing grant money when they get their aid packages for next year.

Meanwhile, the Pell Grant is covering less of the cost of a college education each year. The average Pell Grant covered one-third of the cost of the average four-year public college in the 1980-81 school year. Last year, the average Pell grant — \$2,466 — covered only one-quarter of the cost, according to the College Board.

More Students Apply Online Using MyMIT

Admissions from Page 1

such a high degree. The Committee expects a similarly high yield this year.

This year, 2,822 students applied under early action, slightly fewer than the 2,833 who applied last year. Since the number of applicants is comparable to last year's, the Institute plans to admit fewer students to maintain the usual class size.

Of the early action applicants, 74 percent were male, while 26 percent were female; three percent were African American, 28 percent Asian American, 51 percent Caucasian, six percent Hispanic, and one percent Native American.

MIT not planning on single-choice

Jones said MIT's competitors heavily influence early action application patterns. Many of these competitors, such as Harvard, Stanford, and Yale recently adopted single-choice early action, increasing MIT's yield and limiting the options of potential applicants who did not consider MIT as their top choice.

"Live and learn," said Jones. "Things appear to be changing." Though Jones said she believes that single-choice early action will eventually dominate nationally, she does not believe MIT's policy will change.

"It is a cultural value at MIT to have choice and that's why I have not been eager to change what we do for early action," she said.

New MyMIT admissions Web site

This year, the Institute launched a new Web site entitled MyMIT, which boasted a user-friendly interface and decorative colors. Of the early applicants, 65 percent applied electronically, a significant rise from the 49 percent of applications filed electronically last year.

MyMIT, however, experienced technical difficulties a few hours before the early action deadline. Though the Committee responded by extending the deadline for early action applicants from Nov. 1 to Nov. 5, Jones says the extension did not affect the number of students who applied. "We're usually very flexible with deadlines," said Jones.

Simmons Party Investigation Rejected

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and that we believe that it is poor policy in general to punish students first and investigate later."

The original wording of the resolution had read "that we condemn the decision to suspend the students' housing privileges at Simmons Hall as premature," but this wording was amended after concerns from some senators that the details of the incident at Simmons were not precisely known.

The resolution, however, does include the statement that, "we feel due process was not granted to the students punished for their roles in the Oct. 9 Simmons Hall party, who were removed from their dormitory before an investigation had been conducted into the party or a disciplinary hearing held."

The resolution was co-sponsored by Jessica H. Lowell '07, a senator from East Campus, Andrew T. Lukmann '07, a senator from Simmons Hall, and John R. Velasco '05, a senator from the Interfraternity Council.

Controversy over Simmons party

The resolution was brought about by controversy over the handling of punishments following the Simmons Hall party.

The "major problem was the fact that they were punished before the discussion process had been allowed to work," Lowell said.

"Due process wasn't granted in this case" and students "shouldn't

be punished before they've had a chance to defend themselves," she said.

Lukmann said that he had spoken with Benedict, who he says admits there may have been procedural violations.

Williams said that "clearly something was wrong here," and the senators "have to come out strongly about how this was handled."

Williams said that the president of Simmons had not been informed about the process, and that he and Senate Speaker Rose A. Grabowski '05 were not notified about the decision in a timely manner.

Williams said the resolution will serve as an "official statement on behalf of student body" that "reinforces our efforts" and that "discussions have already begun with administration about process."

The resolution was passed with 20 votes in support, six against, and four abstentions.

Simmons investigation rejected

A resolution to launch a UA investigation of the Simmons incident was struck down, largely due to questions about whether and how living groups and fraternities should be involved in the investigation, Grabowski said. In addition, questions arose about whether the investigation of the applicants would be relevant to all students, or simply those living in dormitories.

The resolution would have stated "that the President of the

Undergraduate Association shall be able to convene a joint committee of representatives from the governments of the Undergraduate Association, DormCon, the Inter-Fraternity Council, Panhel, and the Living Group Council, to investigate the handling of the Oct. 9 party at Simmons Hall." The text of the resolution continues "that this committee shall work with MIT administrators and other affected parties to devise procedures to better handle incidents such as the Simmons party in all living groups in the future."

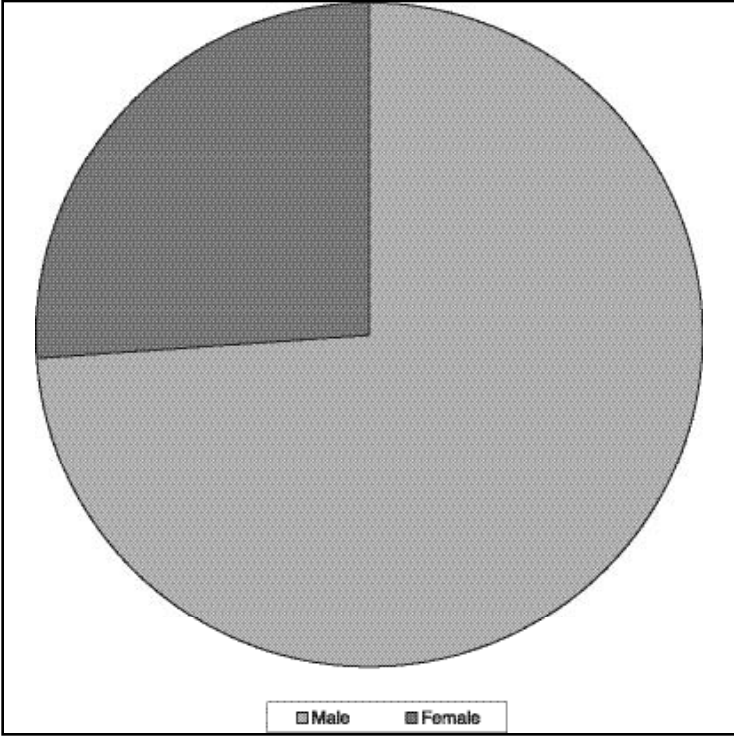
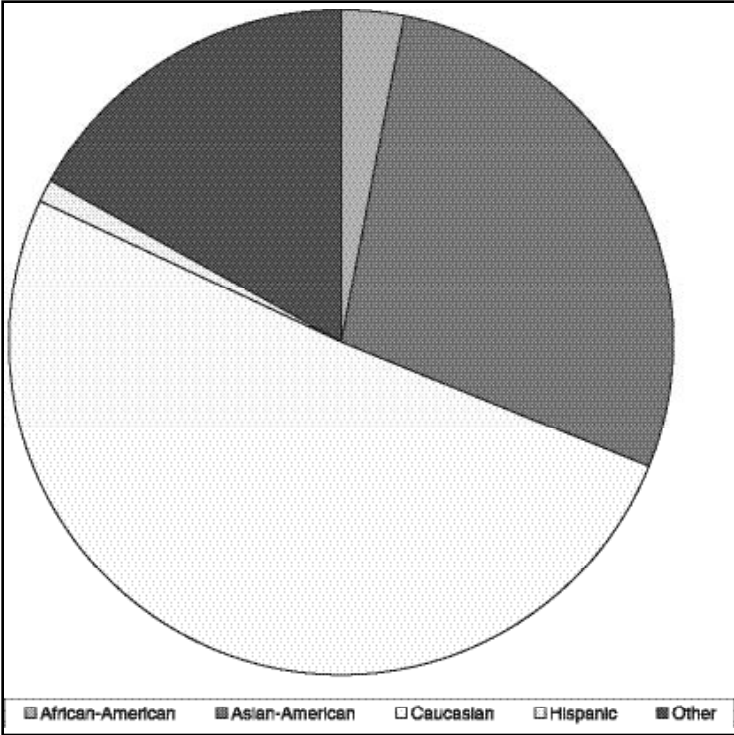
The resolution, sponsored by Lowell, was designed to "try to make it so that this doesn't happen again."

Lukmann said that he believes it "absolutely necessary... to really give our statement some sort of action" to go along with the resolution that passed regarding due process.

Jessica E. Karnis '05, the senator representing the Living Group Council, said that the LGC is not interested in investigation, and that LGC should not be involved with the dormitories.

Christina C. Royce '06, the senator representing Panhellenic, said that although she supported action being taken, the current resolution "didn't seem the right method" for change.

The resolution was rejected with 10 opposing the resolution, five supporting, and seven abstentions.



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Next Pistons, Pacers Match As Professional Boxers

By Yong-yi Zhu
SPORTS COLUMNIST

Remember last year when it was expected that the city of Detroit would self destruct should the Pistons win the NBA Championship?

Well, the destruction was coming, just bit belatedly. It blossomed this past Friday when Ben Wallace, Ron Artest, Stephen Jackson and Jermaine O’Neal got into a scuffle not only with each other, but also with the fans at the Palace of Auburn Hills, the Pistons’ home stadium.

As Wallace was going up for a dunk at the end of the game, Ron Artest hit Wallace on the arm violently enough to upset him. Wallace ended up confronting Artest and shoved him rather viciously. Then the fighting began.

At first, it looked as though it would be a simple NBA fight. Players were getting in each other’s faces and coaches were trying to separate everyone from the big gathering at the scorer’s table. It appeared as though things would die down when Ron Artest sat down on the scorer’s table, grabbed a headset and started talking into it, instead of continuing to confront others.

But the Piston fans wouldn’t let things die. While Artest was lying on the scorer’s table, someone threw a full cup of ice at him, hitting him on the face. That drove Artest completely out of control. He and Stephen Jackson went into the stands and began to pummel the fans who were assaulting them.

After Artest left the crowd in the stands and returned to the court, another Pistons fan was waiting for him. Ron wasted no time bringing his fist to the man’s face. Jermaine

O’Neal followed suit by decking the man again after Artest was dragged away by his coaches and teammates.

As the Pacers left for the lockers, the fans continued to pelt things at them, including drinks, trash and even chairs.

With so many people to blame, whose fault was this?

It really was a complete breakdown of everyone involved in the situation. Everyone involved had a hand in escalating the situation to another even more unacceptable level.

The players were out of line in jumping into the stands. Sure, the fans should not have thrown things at them. Sure, tempers were flaring at the end of that game. But in no way should they have assaulted the fans in the violent manner that they did.

The NBA did the right thing in

suspending Artest, Jackson, O’Neal and Wallace indefinitely. They should be punished severely.

The fans were also completely out of their minds when they threw cups at the players. How drunk must those guys have been? Fans are warned not to go onto the playing field and not to throw objects onto the court. The fact that there was a fight going on should have been an indication to the fans that they should take the high road and not make the situation even worse.

Finally, the security at the Palace of Auburn Hills was not able to control anything that was happening. They tried to stop the players and the spectators, but were basically useless. It is true that security never in their right minds could have seen this coming, but they have a duty to be prepared in the event of such an emergency.

When something like this happens, we can wonder: why do we need Showtime or HBO to broadcast boxing fights when the NBA has fighting that’s far more entertaining? The executives at ESPN and ABC will greatly benefit from this. NBA ratings will skyrocket after this fight, which is just what they want. On Christmas day, when these two teams match up on national television, the ratings will be absolutely phenomenal. Don’t think David Stern was unhappy about this

Hopefully, though, this fight will prepare the league for future outbreaks. Don’t be surprised if security all over the league gets a complete overhaul because of this situation. I guess that is a good thing, but it is a real shame that something this bad had to happened before the NBA realized that things were not right.

Team Finds U of New England A Challenge

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described it, “They couldn’t guard us off the dribble and when they tried, they would foul... so at the half we emphasized attacking off the dribble — and it worked nicely!”

After a 30 second timeout with about four minutes to play, MIT went on a 15–0 nothing run that lasted the remainder of the game and featured some excellent foul shooting and ball handling.

Against the University of New England in Saturday’s championship game, every mistake MIT made was magnified and every flaw was more noticeable.

As Straub stated afterwards, “In this afternoon’s contest, we were on the opposite side of things, playing an opponent who was more athletic and quicker.”

The New England team dominated throughout, but there were positives for MIT. Turnovers were down from the night before, 30 to 23. The effort also never subsided, as evidenced by a 7–0 run in the middle of the second half that cut the deficit from 21 to 14.

As for the rest of the season, Coach Staub has three goals: “one, improve; two, have fun; and three, win a few games. I think that if we keep the focus on one and two, an ample supply of three will result.”

Jordan, Zimmerman Win Many Individual Awards

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’08 had 12 kills. Lisa Rossi ’07 posted 12 digs while Zimmerman dished out 50 assists, helping her establish the new career assists record.

Jordan earned Tournament MVP honors as Zimmerman established a new Institute record of 3,632 career assists. The Engineers closed the season with a record of 26–10 and

final New England Regional ranking of number four out of 73 teams. The Engineers are 117–31 over the past four seasons with a .79 winning percentage.

Jordan and Zimmerman received NEWMAC All-Conference, NEWVA All-Region, AVCA All-Region and AVCA Division III Honorable Mention All-America Awards for their outstanding play throughout the season.

Statistics for Swimming, Diving Meets

MIT Women’s Swimming Results

November 20, MIT 220 – Babson 7

200 Medley Relay: 1 A, 1:55.47. 4 B, 2:01.50.
1000 Free: 1, Katherine C. Thornton ’07, 11:03.07. 2, Jacquelyn M. Nowicke, 11:29.31. 3, Lindsey R. Sheehan ’07, 11:51.48.
200 Free: 1, Sasha B. Brophy ’08, 1:57.35. 2, Jennifer J. DeBoer ’05, 2:01.94. 3, Maryann Racine ’06, 2:09.66.
50 Back: 1, Erin M. Zoller ’05, 30.63. 3, Rebecca E. Jimenez ’07, 32.04.
50 Breast: 1, Thornton, 32.45. 3, Moria C. Chambers ’06, 33.98.
100 Fly: 1, Annika S. Larsson ’08, 1:02.29. 3, Melissa E. Dere ’06, 1:05.34.
50 Free: 1, Brophy, 25.92. 2, DeBoer, 26.58.
1 M Diving: 1, Doria M. Holbrook ’08, 244.80. 2, Ashley R. Rothenberg ’05, 157.85.
100 Free: 1, Brophy, 55.72. 2, Nowicke, 57.90.
100 Back: 1, Jennifer A. La’o ’05, 1:03.68. 2, Zoller, 1:04.79.
100 Breast: 2, Melissa E. Dere ’06, 1:12.10. 3, Chambers, 1:14.40.
500 Free: 1, Thornton, 5:21.84. 2, DeBoer, 5:34.96. 3, Racine, 5:42.45.
50 Fly: 1, Larsson, 28.64.
3 M Diving: 1, Holbrook, 244.80. 2, Rothenberg, 157.85.
200 IM: 1, La’o, 2:15.50. 2, Larsson, 2:19.98.
200 Free Relay: 1 A (DeBoer, Nowicke, Stephanie A. Sidelko ’07, Zoller), 1:44.68. 3 B (Katrina M. Sorenson ’08, Sheehan, Jessica A. Harpole ’07, Jolinta Y. Lin ’06), 1:50.96.

November 20, MIT 184 – Bowdoin 114

200 Medley Relay: 2 A, 1:55.47. 3 B, 2:01.50.
1000 Free: 1, Thornton 11:03.07. 3, Nowicke, 11:29.31. 4, Sheehan, 11:51.48.
200 Free: 2 Brophy, 1:57.35. 3, DeBoer, 2:01.94.
50 Back: 2, Zoller, 30.63. 3, Jimenez, 32.04.
50 Breast: 1, Thornton, 32.45. 2, Chambers, 33.98. 3, Nowicke, 34.29.
100 Fly: 2, Larsson, 1:02.29. 3, Dere, 1:05.34.
50 Free: 1, Brophy, 25.92. 3, DeBoer, 26.58.
1 M Diving: 1, Holbrook, 244.80. 2, Rothenberg, 157.85. 3, Andria R. Balogh ’07, 133.30.
100 Free: 1, Brophy, 55.72. 3, Nowicke, 57.90.
100 Back: 2, La’o, 1:03.68. 3, Zoller, 1:04.79.
100 Breast: 1, Dere, 1:12.10. 3, Chambers, 1:14.40.
500 Free: 1, Thornton, 5:21.84. 2, McLean, Bowdoin, 5:29.31. 3, DeBoer, 5:34.96.
50 Fly: 1, Larsson, 28.64.
3 M Diving: 1, Holbrook, 244.80. 2, Rothenberg, 157.85. 3, Balogh, 133.30.
200 IM: 2, La’o, 2:15.50. 3, Larsson, 2:19.98.
200 Free Relay: 2 A (DeBoer, Nowicke, Sidelko, Zoller), 1:44.68. 3 B (Sorenson, Sheehan, Harpole, Lin), 1:50.96.

November 17, MIT 172 – Wellesley 122

200 Medley Relay: 1 A (Juliana K. Edwards ’08, Thornton, Larsson, Zoller), 1:55.49. 3 B (La’o, Chambers, Dere, Sidelko), 1:59.28.
1000 Free: 1, Thornton, 11:01.08. 2, Nowicke, 11:25.04.
200 Free: 1, Brophy, 2:00.89. 2, DeBoer, 2:01.15.
100 Back: 1, Edwards, 1:02.76. 2, Zoller, 1:03.94.
100 Breast: 2, Dere, 1:12.47. 3, Chambers, 1:13.29.

200 Fly: 1, Larsson, 2:16.88. 3, Thornton, 2:21.74.
50 Free: 2, Brophy, 26.40. 3, Zoller, 26.46.
100 Free: 1, Edwards, 55.40. 2, DeBoer, 57.32.
200 Back: 1, La’o, 2:14.41. 3, Zoller, 2:21.59.
200 Breast: 2, Dere, 2:34.41. 3, Chambers, 2:35.54.
500 Free: 1, Brophy, 5:25.14. 3, Nowicke, 5:36.07.
100 Fly: 1, Edwards, 1:01.42. 2, Larsson, 1:02.55.
400 IM: 1, La’o, 4:44.05. 2, Thornton, 4:50.13.
400 Free Relay: 1 A (DeBoer, Nowicke, Larsson, Brophy), 3:49.87.
1 M Diving: 1, Holbrook, 256.00. 2, Rothenberg, 180.37.
3 M Diving: 1, Holbrook, 232.57. 2, Rothenberg, 173.40.

MIT Men’s Swimming Results

November 20, MIT 211 – Babson 75

200 Medley Relay: 1 A (Craig M. Edwards ’07, Joseph P. Carlucci ’05, Jonathan S. Varsanik ’05, Michael D. Dimitrou ’06), 1:36.60. 3 B (Nicholas O. Sidelnik ’05, Jeffrey B. Gilbert ’05, Jeffrey J. Pan ’07, David H. Friend ’07), 1:45.72.
1000 Free: 1, Calvin D. Kao ’08, 10:03.35. 2, Mark Y. Liao ’06, 10:07.51. 3, Harrison K. Hall ’08 10:43.07.
200 Free: 1, Fan, 1:51.56. 2, Dimitrou, 1:55.25.
50 Back: 1, Edwards, 24.94. 3, Boris E. Revzin ’08, 27.77.
50 Breast: 1, Carlucci, 27.41. 3, Jeffrey B. Gilbert ’05, 30.07.
100 Fly: 1, Sidelnik, 54.97. 2, Pan, 56.70.
50 Free: 1, Varsanik, 21.89. 3, Josiah B. Rosmarin ’06, 22.72.
1 M Diving: 1, Mikko A. Solomon ’07, 156.45.
100 Free: 2, Rosmarin, 49.49. 3, Dimitrou, 50.83.
100 Back: 1, Edwards, 53.83. 3, Neil J. Kelly ’06, 58.26.
100 Breast: 1, Carlucci, 59.38. 2, Kao, 1:02.54.
500 Free: 1, Liao, 4:50.90. 2, Sidelnik, 5:04.60. 3, Fan, 5:05.19.
50 Fly: 1, Varsanik, 23.23. 2, Pan, 25.51.
3 M Diving: 1, Solomon, 156.45.
200 IM: 1, Kao, 1:59.71. 2, David D. Lohrey ’05, 2:06.21. 3, Carlucci, 2:08.18.
200 Free Relay: 1 A (Edwards, Rosmarin, Dimitrou, Varsanik), 1:28.54. 2 B (Nemanja L. Spasojevic ’05, Kao, Fan, Friend), 1:33.19. 3-C (Revzin, Pan, Hall, Gilbert), 1:35.78.

November 20, MIT 193 – Bowdoin 89

200 Medley Relay: 1 A (Edwards, Carlucci, Varsanik, Dimitrou), 1:36.60. 3 B (Sidelnik, Gilbert, Pan, Friend), 1:45.72.
1000 Free: 1, Kao, 10:03.35. 2, Liao, 10:07.51. 3, Hall 10:43.07
200 Free: 2 Fan, 1:51.56. 3, Dimitrou, 1:55.25.
50 Back: 1, Edwards, 24.94. 2, Revzin, 27.77.
50 Breast: 1, Carlucci, 27.41. 2, Gilbert, 30.07.
100 Fly: 2, Sidelnik, 54.97. 3, Pan, 56.70.
50 Free: 1, Varsanik, 21.89. 2, Rosmarin, 22.72. 3, Spasojevic, 23.57.
1 M Diving: 2, Solomon, 156.45.
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200 Free Relay: 1 A (Edwards, Rosmarin, Dimitrou, Varsanik), 1:28.54. 2 B (Spasojevic, Kao, Fan, Friend), 1:33.19.



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SPORTS

Ice Hockey Aims For Title After 6–1 Win

By Caitlin Murray
STAFF WRITER

The MIT men’s ice hockey team thoroughly trounced the Bridgewater State Bears Wednesday with a final score of 6–1, improving their record to 2–2.

MIT, out in full force for the first time this season, dominated the Bears despite numerous penalties, to which the small but exuberant crowd reacted vehemently, peppering the referees with loud suggestions and accusations.

But the penalties made no difference, as the Engineers dominated from the start. MIT scored the first goal of the blowout just 52 seconds into the first period. They drove the puck down the rink, behind the goal cage, and after a brief scuffle in front of the net, Brian A. LaCrosse ’07 tapped the puck in to take an early lead.

The Bears managed to shut MIT out for the rest of the first period, but were unable to capitalize on MIT penalties, and finished the period still trailing by one.

The Engineers improved on their lead in the second period. Glenn P. Tournier G pushed a goal in after a wraparound, and Timothy E. Studley ’07 knocked one in against the shorthanded (through a penalty) Bears halfway through the period.

It looked like the Bears might

show signs of life at the end of the second period, when Brian Connolly shortened the lead to 3–1 with a well-placed shot in the corner.

But the Bears’ comeback was short-lived because of their inability to stay out of the penalty box in the third period. The Engineers capitalized on that to score three power play goals in the third. One was by forward Kyle S. McKenney ’04, and two were by defensemen John J. Bergin ’06 and Richard C. Lean ’06. MIT cruised to a well-earned victory after those goals.

Adam Shabshelowitz ’06, MIT’s star forward and leading scorer, who scored four goals in the previous two games, did not put any points on the board this game but was integral in driving the puck to the net.

The MIT players who did score all did so for the first time this season, marking an impressive improvement within the team.

Head Coach Mark O’Meara, who started coaching for the Engineers in 1998, has led the Engineers to the NorthEast Collegiate Hockey Association Championship finals five of the last six years, winning three titles.

The Engineers hope to break Bryant College’s three year streak by taking the NECHA title this year. Wednesday’s blowout has set them on the right course to accomplishing that goal.

Young B-Ball Team Finds Stride

By Travis Johnson
STAFF WRITER

MIT Women’s Basketball went 1–1 this past weekend, good for runner-up honors at the MIT Tip Off Classic.

The Engineers defeated Mount Ida College Friday night in dramatic comeback fashion, erasing a six point deficit with four minutes to play and winning 51–42. MIT then fell in the championship game to University of New England by a score of 53–36.

The Mustangs of Mount Ida led



Friday’s match throughout the first half and most of the second, keeping the lead at about 4 to 6 points.

Until the turnaround late in the second half, MIT was plagued by turnovers and missed lay-ups. Especially early on, MIT lost a lot of possessions to poor passing and to miscommunication.

Coach Kristi Straub attributed these errors to “Jitters — big time jitters,” as her lineup, which returned no starters from last season and featured a freshmen point guard, got accustomed to college basketball.

When they were able to hang on

to the ball, their offense delivered good shots, often at point-blank range. But the Engineers had trouble finishing.

MIT stayed in the game despite these faults thanks to the hustle and offensive rebounding effort, particularly by forward Christa M. Margossian ’07 who would later be named to the all-tournament team.

The game turned around in the second half when MIT started to attack the basket, get fouled, and make their free throws. As Straub

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V-Ball Wins 2nd Straight ECAC Title

By Paul Dill
TEAM COACH

The MIT women’s volleyball team closed out its 2004 campaign by earning its ninth consecutive post season bid and by winning its second straight ECAC New England Championship.

After finishing the regular season with a 23–9 record and a second place finish (8–1 record) in the NEWMAC Conference, the Engineers went into the conference tournament with high hopes of earning an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

Unfortunately, after dispatching Clark University in the Quarterfinals 3–0 (30–17, 30–20, 30–28), MIT stumbled against eventual conference champions Springfield



College 0–3 (29–31, 22–30, 17–30).

However, due to their strong record and high ranking within the New England region, the Engineers earned a number two seed in the ECAC New England Post Season Championship Tournament.

Extremely disappointed in their performance in the conference tournament, the Engineers had something to prove and wanted another shot at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, who had beaten MIT earlier and who were also hosting the tournament as the number one seed.

MIT first defeated Wellesley College in the semifinals 3–1 (30–26, 24–30, 30–23, 30–18), marking the fourth time this year the Engineers have been on the winning side of this pairing.

Caroline Jordan ’06 posted her

first double-double of the day, tallying 17 kills and 12 digs, while Joy Hart ’06 added another double-double, notching 10 kills and 16 digs, and registered a team high of eight aces. Arlis Reynolds ’06 led Tech with 17 digs while Austin Zimmerman ’06 totaled 40 assists, 10 digs, and two solo blocks.

Next came payback time against Coast Guard. MIT fought off three game points in the first game en route to a 3–1 (33–31, 30–24, 27–30, 30–27) victory over the top-seeded Bears.

Hart led the way with 17 kills and 26 digs while Jordan contributed 15 kills, 16 digs, one solo and three assisted blocks. Reynolds and Carrie Buchanan ’08 each totaled 21 digs while Ellen Sojka

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Men’s, Women’s Swimming and Diving Teams Sweep Two Opponents

By Victoria Anderson
TEAM ALUMNA

The MIT Men’s and Women’s Swimming and Diving teams triumphed over Babson College and Bowdoin College in a home double-dual meet on Saturday, Nov. 20. The men beat Babson 211–75 and Bowdoin 193–89, while the women were victorious over Babson with a score of 220–78 and topped Bowdoin 184–114.

Highlighting the strength of the men’s team at the meet was the setting of two Institute records. Joseph P. Carlucci ’05 set the record in the 50-yard breast with his 27.41, while Jonathan S. Varsanik ’05 reached a new mark in the 50 fly when he touched in at 23.23. Varsanik and Carlucci won their respective record-setting events in both dual meets. Carlucci also topped the entire field in the 100 breast and Varsanik added a victory in the overall 50 free title.

Both rookie Calvin D. Kao ’08 and All-American Craig M. Edwards ’07 also finished first over all Babson and Bowdoin opponents in two events. Edwards won the 50 back and 100 back, while Kao touched first in both the 1000 free and the 200 IM. Kao’s 1000 free performance led the Beavers to a 1–2–3 sweep over both schools, with Mark Y. Liao ’06 and Harrison K. Hall ’08 completing the sweep for the team.

In the 500 free, Liao led another conquest of the top three spots by finishing first in the field, while Nicholas O. Sidelnik ’05 and Davin F. Fan ’08 took the next two places in the field.

For the women, Katherine C. Thornton ’07 topped the entire field in three events, winning the 1000

free, the 50 breast, and the 500 free in both dual meets.

The Lady Beavers boasted two other athletes with double individual wins over both Babson and Bowdoin. Diver Doria M. Holbrook ’08 took top honors in both one-meter and three-meter diving, while Sasha B. Brophy ’08 was the fastest in the 50 free and 100 free.

The women went into the weekend meet coming off a 172–122 victory over NEWMAC-rival Wellesley College on Wednesday, Nov. 17. In that meet, the Beavers showcased their superior depth by not only winning 13 of 16 events in the meet, but by also finishing second in eight of the events that they won. “Our win against Wellesley was a true team effort,” said Head Coach Dawn B. Gerken.

Particularly indicative of the team effort were the performances in the relay events. Julianna K. Edwards ’08, Thornton, Annika S. Larsson ’08, and Erin M. Zoller ’05 topped the field by over three seconds in the 200 medley relay, while Jennifer J. DeBoer ’05, Jacquelyn M. Nowicke ’08, Larsson, and Brophy won by a margin of over six seconds in the 400 free relay.

Topping the individual performances for the team in the Wellesley meet was Edwards, who won the 100 free, 100 back, and 100 fly.

Jennifer A. La’O ’05 also had several outstanding performances against Wellesley, winning the 200 back and 400 IM with times near those of her swims last year at the end of the season.

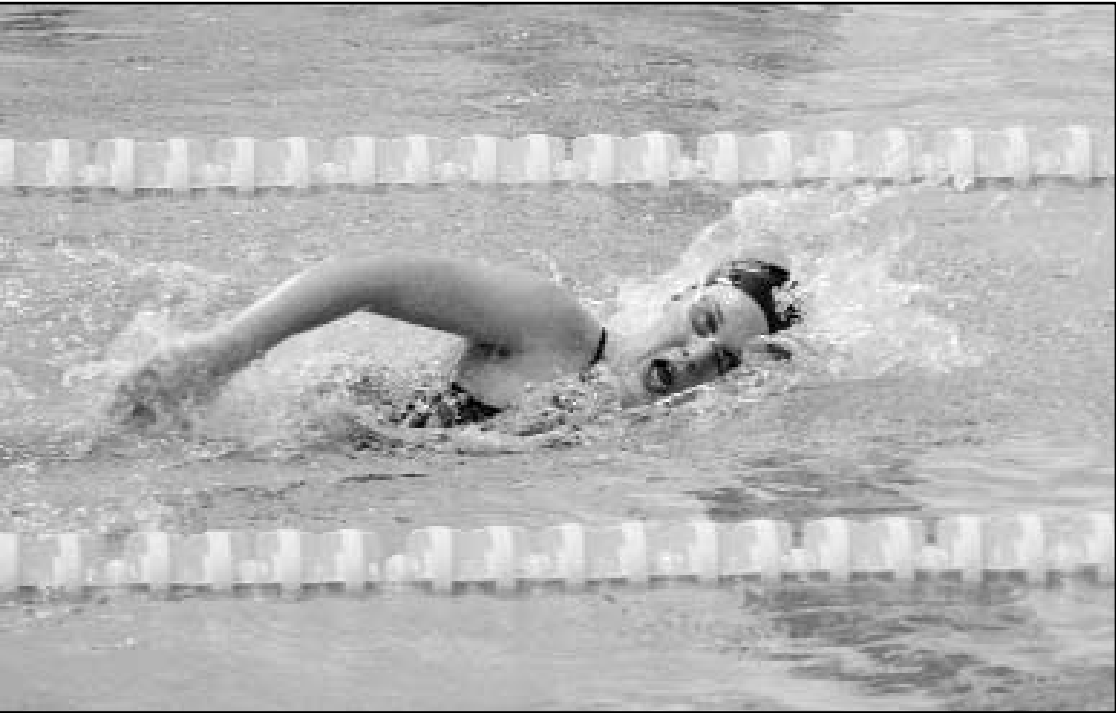
Brophy also won two events, the 200 and 500 free, while Holbrook swept the 1-meter and 3-meter diving events with an NCAA-qualifying score on the 1-meter board.

Detailed meet results are on page 19.



DMITRY KASHLEV—THE TECH

Jeffrey J. Pan ’07 swims to a first place finish in the 50-yard butterfly during the tri-college swim meet last Saturday, Nov. 20 at Zesiger Center. The Engineers defeated Babson College and Bowdoin College.



DMITRY KASHLEV—THE TECH

Katherine C. Thornton ’07 swims to a first place finish in the 1000-yard freestyle. Thorton also placed first in the 500 freestyle and 50 breaststroke.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Tuesday, November 23

Varsity Women’s Basketball vs. Anna Maria, Rockwell Cage, 7 p.m.