

MIT Gives a Helping Hand to Katrina Victims

By Beckett W. Sterner
NEWS EDITOR

Students at MIT and other universities all around Boston are getting in gear to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Some universities, including the University of Massachusetts system and Boston University, are offering open admissions to students at colleges in the affected areas. Other schools, including Harvard and MIT, will admit a limited number of students on a case-by-case basis.

At MIT, fundraising events have sprung up to help those suffering from the aftermath of one of the worst disasters in the U.S.'s history.

Louis D. Fouché '07, forced by Katrina to evacuate his home in New Orleans, has started a major effort to coordinate donations, events, and projects on campus.

"We're trying to unify the entire campus," Fouché said. His group, which calls itself the MIT Hurricane Katrina Relief Initiative, will have booths in Lobby 10 starting tomorrow to collect donations, and is planning fundraising events over the next few weeks.

Fouché, who is also a community service chair for Chocolate City, said that the citizens of New Orleans were not going to give up. "We want our city back," he said. "It's love ... There's no other place in the world



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Louis D. Fouché '07 is spearheading a relief program for the victims of Hurricane Katrina by spreading awareness and sending food, clothes, and other necessities to the areas that suffered damage.

like New Orleans."

MIT opens spots for refugees

"About 90 MIT students are from the region, and we are reaching out to them through their housemasters, deans and departments to offer support and advice in making it through

this terribly difficult time," wrote President Susan Hockfield in a message to the MIT community.

"In the meantime, we are accepting special applications from students whose educational plans have been interrupted by this disaster," she wrote. "We will evaluate such applications

on a case-by-case basis."

Many other local colleges have also opened enrollment to a limited number of students. Harvard University will also match donations from students, faculty and staff of up to

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Fischer Leaves As Dean

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William M. Fischer has stepped down as associate dean for student conduct and risk management after having served under one year in the position.

Fischer, who resigned this summer, declined to discuss his future professional plans in detail. He said he "just had a number of professional opportunities that came along" that convinced him to leave.

Fischer will continue to work with the Student Life Office as a consultant on discipline issues this fall, said Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedict.

The Student Life Office will not hire a new dean until the completion of an ongoing review of the discipline process; hence, the position is unlikely to be filled this fall, Benedict said.

The committee conducting the review is "looking at the structure

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After Revamping Community Service, MIT Is First in New College Rankings

By Gabriel Fouasnon

MIT ranked number one this year, but not on the *U.S. News and World Report's* ranking of national universities. Instead, MIT topped a new ranking, made by the political magazine *The Washington Monthly*, that focuses on universities' service to the coun-

try.

If *The Washington Monthly* had performed its assessment three years ago, however, MIT probably would not have won. An important factor in MIT's top ranking is its turnaround over the last three years in how it spends funds from the Federal Work-

Study Program.

The FWSP gives money to universities to help pay financially needy students who choose to work while in college. Congress mandates that seven percent of this money go toward com-

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In a More Complex World, MIT Ups Professionalism

By Brian Keegan

STAFF REPORTER

The buck no longer stops at the Treasurer's Office.

A more complex investment program, the need for more advisors, and a rising level of professionalism have all driven MIT's endowment out of the Treasurer's Office and into an entity called the MIT Investment Management Company (IMCo).

Putting MIT more in line with common practice at other top universities, a chief investment officer will take charge of ensuring MIT's long-term financial stability sometime next year.

As federal research grants contribute an increasingly small portion of MIT's operating revenue, the stability and growth of the endowment have become more important to MIT's well-being. The success of the new Investment Management Company will be crucial to MIT's future.

Transparent transition planned

In conjunction with the announcement of the retirement of Treasurer Allan S. Bufferd '59, MIT has followed through on a long-term intention to split the financial responsibilities of the Treasurer into two new entities. The

management of the endowment will shift into the MIT Investment Management Company, and the budget and other responsibilities will move to the executive vice president for finance and administration.

The CIO, as the president of IMCo, will be responsible for managing the Institute's nearly \$11 billion in financial assets, including the endowment and pension plans.

Despite the announcement of his retirement last week, Bufferd said he plans on overseeing the transition to the end of the academic year. The next executive vice president will retain many of the Treasurer's current responsibilities to the Corporation, while the CIO will focus solely on investment activities. Bufferd said that the distinction between the two new offices is not completely clear yet but will "get worked on when my successors arrive."

Bufferd said he does not anticipate the transition will impact Institute operations such as tuition or financial aid. Nor does he anticipate the IMCo significantly altering the Institute's current investment strategies or portfolios.

Because the endowment contributes more than \$300 million per year to Institute operations out of a total operating budget of \$1.8 bil-

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OMARI STEPHENS—THE TECH

Joanna Rodriguez-Noyola '09 is strapped into a giant bowling ball during Carnival at MIT, held last Friday, Sept. 2 on the Astroturf and in Kresge lot.

Send descriptions of events and efforts to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina to news@tt.mit.edu for listing in *The Tech*.



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Lebanon's President Facing Pressure to Resign

By Hassan M. Fattah

THE NEW YORK TIMES

BEIRUT, LEBANON

Pressure has been mounting in recent days for the resignation of President Emile Lahoud, who has clung to office even as his Syrian backers have been forced to withdraw from the country.

Lebanon's recently elected prime minister and his Cabinet are avoiding Lahoud, and his influence is hard to detect in most government offices.

He keeps a low profile, rarely making public appearances or giving interviews. But as hard as he may try to remain out of sight, he has been on many minds here in recent days, as Lebanese have taken to predicting his imminent political demise.

Things appeared to come crashing down on Lahoud last week, when four senior security men, including his current head of security, Mustafa Hamdan, were cited as suspects by a U.N. investigation into the assassination of a former prime minister, Rafik Hariri.

"It is all but sure now that he will have to step down — the question is when," said Fares Boueiz, a lawyer who is a former minister of foreign affairs and the environment. "The man is no longer able to rule the country, and I don't think this can last another two months."

Deal Reached on Shipments Of Clothes From China

By Chris Buckley

THE NEW YORK TIMES

BEIJING

China and the EU agreed on Monday to end their dispute over Chinese-made clothes marooned on European docks, as both sides sought to use a high-level meeting in Beijing to stress broader cooperation.

Europe's trade commissioner, Peter Mandelson, and China's commerce minister, Bo Xilai, reached the agreement after two days of negotiations about how to handle some 400 million euros (\$501 million) of Chinese sweaters, shirts, trousers and bras that a June quota agreement threatened to keep off the shelves of European retailers.

The two officials signed a preliminary agreement on Monday night, and if the deal is approved by European countries, it will unblock the stalled shipments.

"They will sign an agreement that is fair and acceptable to both sides, and will benefit both consumers and businesses," the Chinese prime minister, Wen Jiabao, said at a news conference attended by the British Prime Minister Tony Blair and the European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso. Blair said he was confident that the EU would approve the proposed agreement.

Experts Find Reduced Effects of Chernobyl

By Elisabeth Rosenthal

THE NEW YORK TIMES

ROME

Nearly 20 years after the huge accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in Ukraine, a new scientific report has found that its aftereffects on health and the environment have not proved as dire as scientists had predicted.

The report was prepared by a panel of more than 100 experts convened by U.N. agencies.

It says huge compensation programs for people in the Chernobyl region have become "a major barrier to the region's recovery," both by creating a culture of dependency and by soaking up a high percentage of the region's resources. It recommends that the compensation programs be cut back.

The report, "Chernobyl's Legacy: Health, Environmental and Socio-Economic Impacts," says 4,000 deaths will probably be attributable to the accident ultimately — compared with the tens of thousands predicted at the time of the accident.

Bush Selects Judge Roberts To Be Chief Justice of Court

By Richard W. Stevenson and Sheryl Gay Stolberg

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

President Bush nominated Judge John G. Roberts Jr. on Monday to succeed Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, whose death late Saturday opened a second vacancy on the Supreme Court and a new front in the ideological battle over the judiciary.

Senate leaders agreed Monday morning to delay by at least two days the start of Roberts' confirmation hearing, which had been set to begin on Tuesday, when he was being considered to succeed Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Now that Bush has nominated him for the chief justice's job, several Senate and congressional leaders had asked that the hearings be delayed until after Rehnquist's funeral, which is set for Wednesday.

The hearings will begin as early as Thursday and no later than next Monday, with a final decision on timing expected after further discussions.

Bush made Monday's announcement in the Oval Office with Roberts at his side, saying that with just four weeks left before the Supreme Court reconvenes, it was in the interest of

the court and the country to have a chief justice on the bench on the first full day of the fall term.

"He's a man of integrity and fairness and throughout his life he's inspired the respect and loyalty of others," Bush said of his nominee. "John Roberts built a record of excellence and achievement and reputation for goodwill and decency toward others in his extraordinary career."

In brief remarks, Roberts said: "I am honored and humbled by the confidence the president has shown in me."

"I am very much aware that if I am confirmed I would succeed a man I deeply respect and admire, a man who has been very kind to me for 25 years," he said.

Rehnquist died Saturday night at his home in Arlington, Va. He was 80 and had been serving on the court for 33 years, the last 19 as chief justice.

After Bush's announcement Monday morning, several Democrats had urged that Roberts' nomination hearings be delayed to consider him for the higher post of chief justice.

"Now that the president has said he will nominate Judge Roberts as chief justice, the stakes are higher and

the Senate's advice and consent responsibility is even more important," the Democratic leader, Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada, said Monday. "If confirmed to this lifetime job, John Roberts would become the leader of the third branch of the federal government and the most prominent judge in the nation. The Senate must be vigilant in considering this nomination."

Reid also said he wanted to discuss the recent developments with O'Connor.

"Justice O'Connor has been a voice of moderation and reason on the court, and should be replaced by someone who, like her, embodies the fundamental American values of fairness, liberty and equality."

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., also wanted more time.

"Before the Senate acts on John Roberts' new nomination, we should know even more about his record, and we should know whom the president intends to propose to nominate as a replacement for Sandra Day O'Connor," he said. "The American people care deeply about the overall balance of their highest court, and its dedication to the protection of their rights."

White House Moves to Contain Political Fallout From Katrina

By Adam Nagourney and Anne E. Kornblut

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

Under the command of President Bush's two senior political advisers, the White House this weekend rolled out a plan to contain the political damage from the administration's response to Hurricane Katrina.

It orchestrated visits by Cabinet members to the region, leading up to an extraordinary return visit by Bush to New Orleans on Monday, directed administration officials not to respond to attacks from Democrats on the relief efforts, and sought to move the blame for the slow response to Louisiana state officials, according to Republicans familiar with the White House plan.

The effort is being directed by

Bush's chief political adviser, Karl Rove, and his communications director, Dan Bartlett. It began late last week after congressional Republicans called White House officials to register alarm about what they saw as a feeble response by Bush to the hurricane, according to Republican congressional aides.

As a result, Americans watching the television coverage of the tragedy this weekend began to see, amid the images of destruction and suffering, some of the highest-profile members of the administration — Richard B. Myers, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Donald Rumsfeld, the secretary of defense, and Condoleezza Rice, the secretary of state — touring storm-damaged communities.

Bush himself is to return to Louisiana and Mississippi on Monday; his first visit, on Friday,

left some Republicans cringing, in part because the president had little contact with residents left homeless.

Republicans said the administration's effort to stanch the damage had been helped by the fact that convoys of troops and supplies had finally begun to arrive by the time the administration officials turned up. All of those developments were covered closely by television

In many ways, the unfolding public relations campaign reflects the style Rove has brought to the political campaigns he has run for Bush.

"We will have time to go back and do an after-action report, but the time right now is to look at what the enormous tasks ahead are," Michael Chertoff, the secretary of homeland security, said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

WEATHER

Continuation of a Beautiful September

By Timothy R. Whitcomb

In a sketch, Lewis Black jealously remarked that the job of a TV meteorologist in San Diego was one of the easiest jobs in the world.

"What's the weather going to be like, Lou?"

"Nice! ... Back to you!"

Lou has found a new job as the forecaster in New England, at least for the past few days. Labor Day weekend brought a break from high humidity as the dew point temperatures dropped into the mid-to-low 50's and the temperature hovered around 70°F on Monday.

For the next few days, we should expect the pleasant conditions to continue as we continue to be dominated by a ridge of high pressure. Look for fairly light winds, cool nights, mild days, and a humidity that is more than tolerable.

In the Atlantic, Hurricane Maria continues to pose a possible threat to shipping vessels, but no danger to land as yet. On Monday, the National Hurricane Center classified Tropical Depression Fifteen so there is more afoot in the tropics to keep an eye out for.

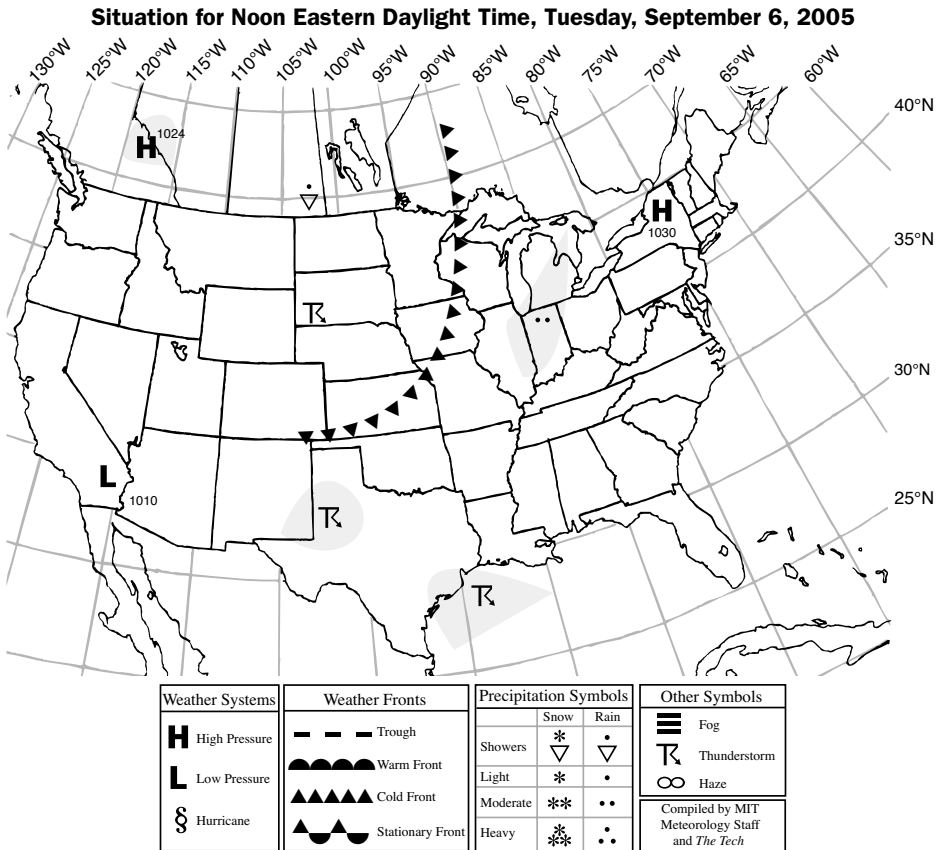
Extended Forecast

Today: Clear skies, highs 77–80°F (25–27°C)

Tonight: Clear skies, lows near 50°F (10°C)

Wednesday: Clear skies, highs 80–83°F (27–29°C)

Thursday: A little cloudy, highs near 85°F (29°C)



Iraqi President Attacks Other Arab Leaders Over Inattention

By Robert F. Worth
THE NEW YORK TIMES

BAGHDAD, IRAQ
Iraq's Kurdish president, Jalal Talabani, issued a bitter rhetorical broadside against other Arab countries on Monday, saying they had insulted Iraq by not sending diplomats to Baghdad and had not sent condolence letters about the stampede last week in which almost 1,000 Shiite pilgrims were killed.
The president spoke just after two dozen insurgents staged a brazen dawn raid on the heavily guarded offices of Iraq's Interior Ministry in Baghdad, killing two police officers and wounding five, and two British soldiers were killed by a bomb in southern Iraq.
Speaking at a news conference,

Talabani echoed and amplified complaints by other Iraqi leaders about the Arab states' failure to recognize the stampede, which stunned Iraqis and caused the highest one-day death toll since the U.S. invasion. The complaints, coming largely from Shiites and aimed at the Arab world's Sunni leaders, hinted at a sectarian bias against Iraq, where Shiites are about 60 percent of the population.
"We stood with our Arab brothers in their hard times," Talabani said. "For instance, we sent a letter expressing our condolences on the terrorist attack which claimed a lot of innocent lives in Sharm el-Sheikh."
Iraq's prime minister, Ibrahim al-Jaafari, hinted at a similar criticism Monday when he was asked about the emir of Qatar, who donated \$100

million to the American victims of Hurricane Katrina but nothing to the victims of the stampede.
"I'm not condemning what he did, but he should think of Iraq," al-Jaafari said.
The comments by Talabani and al-Jaafari came at a time of heightened tension with other Arab nations. Last week Amr Mousa, the secretary of the Arab League, issued a public criticism of Iraq's new constitution — written largely by Shiites and Kurds — in which he echoed the criticisms of some Sunni Arabs in Iraq. The Sunnis have opposed two provisions in particular: one that would create largely autonomous federal regions, and one that describes Iraq as an Islamic country but not an Arab one.

Airplane Crash in Indonesia Kills 104 on Board and 39 on Ground

By Jane Perlez
THE NEW YORK TIMES

JAKARTA, INDONESIA
An Indonesian Boeing 737 passenger plane crashed into a crowded neighborhood shortly after takeoff in the northern city of Medan on Monday, killing 104 people aboard and 39 on the ground.
The operator, Mandala Airlines, said 13 people sitting in the rear survived the fire that engulfed the plane when it hit a busy road 500 yards from the airport in mid-morning.
About 20 houses caught fire and cars on the road, a major one to the airport, were ablaze. People with their clothes alight screamed for help, and drivers later described escaping their burning

vehicles.
Several survivors said the plane, which was headed for the capital, Jakarta, made a shaky takeoff and crashed just as the flight attendant had finished the announcement about safety procedures.
"When the plane started to take off it was shaking," Fredy Ismail, 53, a survivor who was treated at the Adam Malik hospital, was quoted as saying by an Indonesian Web news service. "The stewardess was going to sit down after making her announcement when the plane crashed."
Ismail said he was in seat 20 E near the toilet in the tail of the plane. After the crash, a wall in the back of the plane cracked open and he managed to crawl

through it before the fire broke out, he said. About 10 other people also escaped through the tail area, he said.
Another survivor, Rohaid Sitepu, said the plane swerved to the left immediately after takeoff. "Then a ball of fire came from the front of the plane toward the end," Sitepu told Metro TV, a major news channel.
Mandala Airlines, a low-fare carrier that is partly owned by the Indonesian military, said the plane had 112 passengers and a crew of five.
Mandala Airlines is a relatively small carrier and one of the oldest in Indonesia. Its fleet of 15 planes consists mainly of aging 737-200 jets like the one that crashed Monday, which was nearly 25 years old, the airline said.

UBS Sells Three Private Banks to Julius Baer

By Tom Wright
THE NEW YORK TIMES

GENEVA
UBS, Switzerland's largest bank, announced Monday that it had sold its three private banks and its asset management unit to Julius Baer, the largest publicly traded private bank in Switzerland, for \$4.6 billion.
But analysts said the sale was unlikely to spur more of the consolidation that some say is needed in Switzerland's crowded private banking industry.
UBS said in a statement that it would receive about \$3.1 billion in cash for the sale and would take a 21.5 percent stake in Julius Baer, making it the largest shareholder of the private bank.
Julius Baer will finance \$2 billion of the deal through an equity rights sale, UBS said. Julius Baer will remain small in terms of assets compared with the private banking operations of UBS or Credit Suisse, Switzerland's second largest bank, even after taking over the UBS units — Banco di Lugano, Ehinger & Armand Von Ernst and Ferrier Lullin — and the asset management company GAM.
Analysts say Julius Baer should be big enough to remain independent.
"With this deal, Julius Baer has defended itself from being taken over," said Ray Soudah, chairman of Millennium Associates, a consulting firm for private banks.

Australia Court Rules Against File-Sharing Network Kazaa

By Wayne Arnold
THE NEW YORK TIMES

SINGAPORE
An Australian court ruled Monday that the popular file-sharing network Kazaa violated Australian music copyrights and ordered the company to modify its software to help prevent it.
"The respondents authorized users to infringe the applicants' copyright in their sound recording," Murray R. Wilcox, a federal judge in Sydney, wrote in a summary of his judgment. "The respondents have long known that the Kazaa system is widely used for the sharing of copyright files."
The ruling culminates an 18-month legal battle between the recording industry and the Australian-based owners of Kazaa, who said they planned to appeal. The ruling also complemented a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in June that Internet file-sharing companies like Kazaa could be held liable for copyright piracy.
The Australian ruling was broadly consistent with a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court in June that the makers of the file-sharing services Grokster and Morpheus could be held liable for contributing to the infringement of copyrights. The Supreme Court also rejected the argument that file-sharing services should be protected if they have some legitimate uses and sent the case back for trial to look at whether they encouraged users to steal copyrighted material.

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Rebuilding a City: How MIT Can Help

Hurricane Katrina has left Louisiana devastated. More than half a million people's homes have been wrecked beyond repair; the dead number in the thousands; and New Orleans will cease to exist as an inhabitable city until

Editorial

2006. America has watched one of its most celebrated cultural centers decay within days into an anarchic battleground scourged by human suffering, looting, and murder. But the worst of the storm is over. Now, in this period of crisis management, recovery, and rebuilding, MIT has both the opportunity and the responsibility to use its position of national prominence to help the victims of Katrina.

The Institute has made its initial response. President Hockfield issued a public statement (<http://web.mit.edu/katrina/>). Counseling services, both emotional and financial, are being provided to MIT students directly affected by the hurricane. The Institute has offered to enroll a limited number of displaced college students. MIT has also issued a list of experts available to the media for comments (<http://web.mit.edu/newsoffice/special/hurricanes-experts.html>). Additionally, organizations across campus have begun individual relief campaigns. These initial efforts, however, while a start, are insufficient.

As a national leader in science and technology, MIT has an obligation to share its talent. It is not enough for the News Office to provide a list of faculty members available for interviews; instead of merely serving as sound bites for the media, MIT researchers should be sent on paid leave to support the cleanup effort. The Public Service Center is awarding fellowships to those offering their assistance over Independent Activities Period, spring break, and summer 2006; this action is admirable but inadequate. Urgent engineering problems involved in restoring power to hundreds of thousands of residents, removing deadly toxins from the water, and safely draining a flood zone require our expertise now. More complex problems face New Orleans in the coming months, as city leaders prepare to rebuild a ruined infrastructure and a ravaged city. Here, too, MIT can provide the assistance the city desperately needs. The Department of Urban Studies and Planning is a natural resource for the long-term restructuring the city will need. Regenerating a shattered economy

could be made easier with help from the Sloan School of Management. Though these concerns do not need immediate solutions, the Institute must not ignore or forget them in the coming months, and must consider the questions today.

The Institute should also offer a solid commitment to its goal of admitting some of the estimated 100,000 students displaced by the hurricane. In her statement, President Hockfield followed dozens of national universities in pledging that the Admissions Office will consider applications for temporary study "on a case-by-case basis" until Sept. 9. This offer, made in earnest, must be executed to the best of MIT's ability. When dormitories already face crowding, with so little time to evaluate applicants' merits, and in light of the terrible pressures facing many potential applicants, whether MIT will really play host to many or even any "Katrina special students" is unclear. Should students apply that the Institute cannot accommodate, we urge Admissions to keep in touch with all applicants and ensure that their education continues elsewhere.

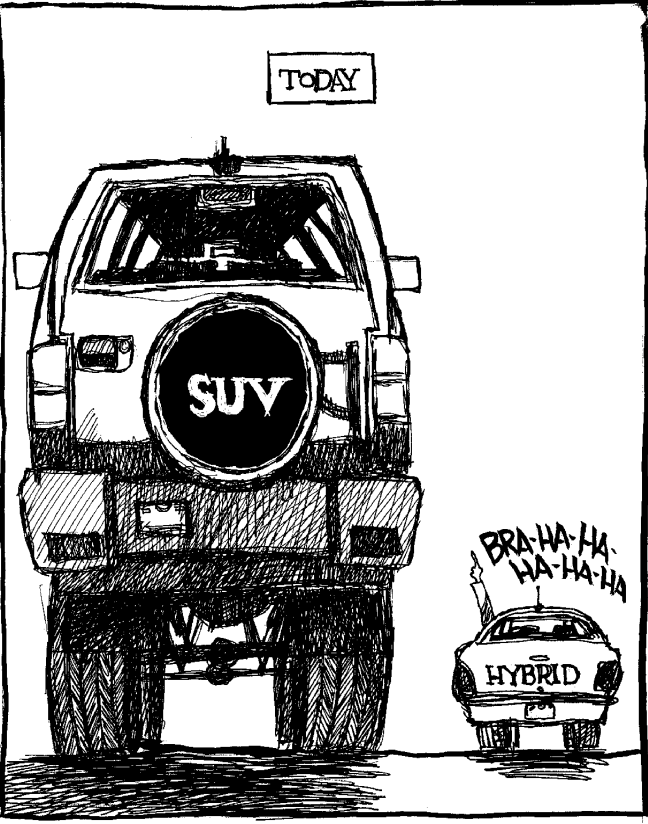
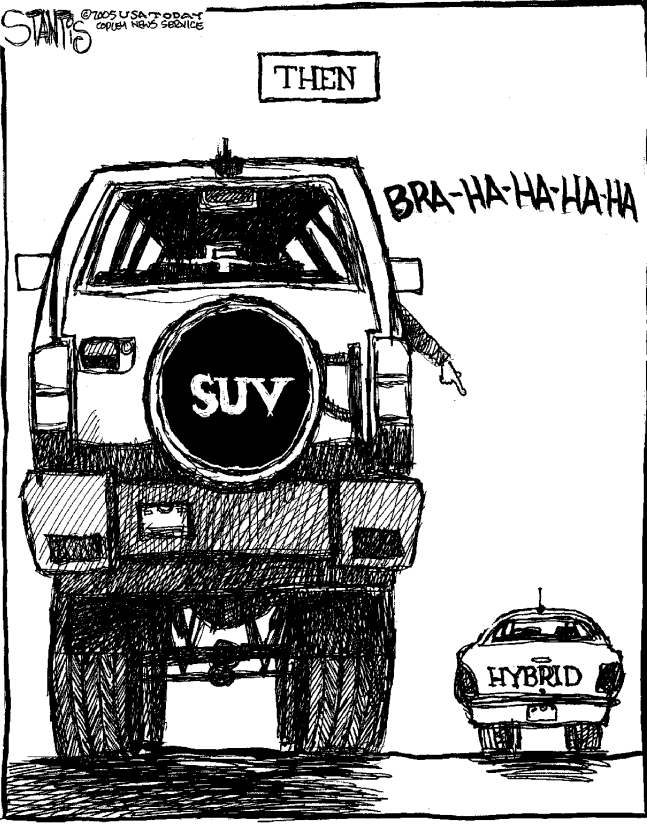
Finally, MIT should use its clout as a national university to directly help the victims of Hurricane Katrina. The PSC, along with countless student organizations, is to be praised for promptly coordinating fundraisers. But here, too, MIT could do more. Harvard is matching donations of up to \$100 made by faculty, staff, and students; if the Institute cannot afford to match donations, it should seek a sponsor who will do so. Such an incentive would at the least double the value of contributions from within MIT and could even provide a reason for more people to donate.

However the Institute acts, it must make its plans quickly, announce them clearly, and arrange them coherently. There should be tight, effective coordination among the varied campus groups working on the relief effort, or time and money will be wasted on internal administration. MIT should start addressing the long-term urban and structural rebuilding of New Orleans now, rather than months later, so that the relief effort can progress seamlessly from short-term solutions to long-term reconstruction. The nation is mired in crisis; with careful leadership and steady guidance, MIT can help. The effort must be tangible, sincere, and ongoing.

Errata

A front-page article in Friday's paper about the Clearinghouse system used in fraternity rush misstated the last time the system was used. Clearinghouse was last used in 2001, not in 1996.

An article on Thursday, "Gaggle Cops 125th Tech Managing Board Elections" (The Tech's annual managing board election roundup article), omitted the election of Brian D. Hemond G to the position of photography editor on Dec. 4, 2004.



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Disgust in the Aftermath of Katrina

Barun Singh

Hurricane Katrina is leaving in its wake what will likely be remembered as one of the worst tragedies of American history. The death toll will almost certainly number in the thousands, with orders of magnitude more people displaced from their homes. While this is terrible enough, the real tragedy is in people's reactions to the devastation.

It is said that a person's true character is revealed in times of struggle and crisis. If that is true, the desperate people in New Orleans have made a strong statement indeed. The eruption of utter chaos in the wake of Katrina is perhaps one of the saddest and most pathetic things I have ever seen. Looting deserted stores is perfectly understandable with people dying all around and help nowhere to be found; there is no reason not to seek out essential supplies from wherever you can. But holding up an ambulance at gunpoint or shooting at supply-carrying helicopters, so you can horde those resources for yourself, is nothing short of utterly deplorable.

The situation has gotten so bad that ambulances have stopped going into the city. Helicopters seeking to airlift sick infants are unable to land. Doctors — seeking only to save as many lives as possible — are fearful for their own safety. The city is quickly becoming a war zone, and not because of the water or devastation from the hurricane. No, this devastation is being caused solely by the inhabitants of the city, and they are inflicting it upon themselves out of a simple lack of principles.

Any person in a state of crisis is likely to think and act differently than they normally would. One cannot attribute to basic human

nature, however, the complete loss of morality in such a situation. Overwhelmingly in history, tragedy brings out the best in most people. This was the situation just one year ago after the tsunami killed over 150,000 in East Asia (a far worse disaster than this from any angle). Reports from those who were present in the villages of Indonesia or Sri Lanka spoke not of violence and selfishness, but of people banding together and working as a community to cope and rebuild. While it is always the case that some people turn to their worst in the face of

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Are these reactions reflective of something in the American culture? Is it specific to New Orleans (which does have a much higher than average crime rate)? Perhaps it relates to the fact that the majority of those remaining in the city are from the lower socio-economic classes. Whatever the reason may be, one thing we can be sure of is that any society in which individuals lose all semblance of humanity in the face of struggle is not one that can survive for

long. The reaction of the government to the tragic situation is almost equally disturbing. People have been huddled into the New Orleans Convention Center for over three days — many have no food, and no water. We live in the richest country in the world and somehow we don't have enough resources to bring enough water to a city within our own borders? We have 400,000 military personnel in other countries, but we don't have enough left to keep order on the streets at home? We don't have enough military doctors and nurses to help the sick and injured in a time of crisis? This is a national emergency; three days should be more than enough to get organized. Perhaps more time should be spent actually planning contingencies for disasters, instead of simply touting the utility of color-coded "terror alert systems."

At least the government was prepared to supply enough oil to ensure that the hurricane wouldn't affect short-term gas prices too much, even while it failed to supply basic nourishment to the stranded and dying — clearly our priorities are in the right place. Of course, the government is taking measures to help the people affected by Katrina. But it is much too little, too late. On top of it, even the elected representatives of the state are disgusted at the behavior of its citizenry. Based on what we have seen so far, this hurricane will leave a much bigger and longer-term impact on our society than its physical destruction — one which will be much harder to deal with than reconstructing a city.

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Letter to the Editor

Quantum v. Coop

I am writing concerning the "Where to Buy Textbooks" chart that was published in the Aug. 29 issue of *The Tech*. There are two corrections you should make in the listing for Quantum Books. First, we carry EECS, Math, Physics, Chemistry, Business, and other texts. Second is the comment regarding price which states "comparable to the COOP after discount." Here are a few examples of significantly lower prices on new textbooks:

¶ McMurry's "Organic Chemistry with Study Guide & Solutions Manual Bundle" (ISBN 0-534-62481-2), List price: \$145, Coop price: \$155, Quantum price: \$138;
¶ Atkins' "Chemical Principles: The Quest for Insight" (ISBN 0-7167-5701-X), List price: \$151.55, Coop price: \$139.75, Quantum price: \$99;
¶ Atkins' "Chemical Principles: The Quest for Insight" package with student study guide and solutions manual, Coop price: \$177.00, Quantum price: \$144.20
While it is true that the differences may not

be this great on all items, these are certainly substantial enough to warrant a short walk down the block. And even \$2.00 to \$5.00 a book on other items can add up over a semester's worth of books. If I could give a message to the students it would be this: Comparison shop, and compare values online and in the neighborhood. You may need to invest a little extra time but there are definitely bargains to be had if you take a little time to check things out.

June Kapitan
Quantum Books

[Ed. note: A correction in the Sept. 2 issue addressed the types of books sold by Quantum.]



"You know it's bad when tsunami victims are sending US relief supplies!"





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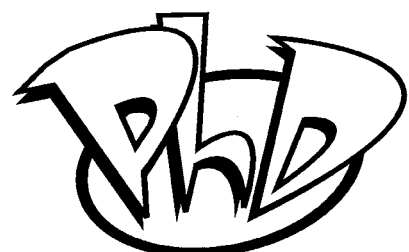
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Tuesday, September 6, 2005

00:00
00:00—**Tau Epsilon Phi**—(All Day) Reg. Day Feynman!
00:00—**Theta Chi**—(All Day) Croquet and Barbecue: Nothing obnoxious about this combo. Find us on campus for some casual food and play.

08:00
08:00—**Chi Phi**—Deep Sea Fishing: Take advantage of our amazing New England locale by joining the Brothers of Chi Phi for a day of deep sea fishing on our rockin charter fishing vessel.
08:00—**Chi Phi**—The Chi Phi Gentleman kills only what he can eat, and eats everything that he kills. So be prepared for a seafood dinner (6:30 p.m., as always), pending a lot of tackle and a little bit of luck. Please come early to reserve your spot on the boat.
08:00—**Theta Delta Chi**—Not really breakfast — ice cream pancakes and other goodies...
08:30—**Sigma Nu**—Tropical Breakfast, Waffles and Fruits and Sushi

09:00
09:00—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**—Bray Kfast
09:00—**Phi Beta Epsilon**—Deep Sea Fishing: Rod, tackle, bait, and a boat. What more do you need?
09:00—**Phi Kappa Theta**—Breakfast, served hot! Grab a hearty breakfast to start your day off right!
09:00—**Pi Lambda Phi**—Breakfast: Start the day off right with a healthy breakfast. Then come to Pilam, and chow down on some awesome omelettes, piled-high pancakes, and decadent donuts!
09:00—**Phi Kappa Sigma**—Breakfast @ Skullhouse: Hot Breakfast — one of the few you will get at MIT.
09:00—**pika**—Come to pika, and have breakfast with us! After sleeping on the roofdeck, there is nothing like French toast and smoothies to start your day. Or you can have pancakes, or toast, or cereal, or leftovers from the night before, or whatever you want.

10:00
10:00—**Sigma Nu**—Six Flags New England
10:00—**Theta Delta Chi**—Last Minute Staples Trip (School Supplies)
10:00—**Theta Xi**—Mike's Pastries at Theta Xi Brunch: Come over for pancakes, fruit, eggs, waffles, croissants, bagels, and Boston's finest pastries to fill you up and keep you going strong.

11:00
11:00—**Sigma Chi**—F1 Racing: Formula One Boston Racing [45 M.P.H. Karts] These are no ordinary Go-Karts — be ready for a true racing experience!
11:00—**Zeta Psi**—Canoeing Trip: Enjoy your last day of freedom in style. Cruise down the Mystic River, and enjoy a delicious BBQ lunch.
11:30—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**—Rock Climbing
11:30—**Theta Delta Chi**—BBQ We love it pink and juicy

12:00
12:00—**Alpha Delta Phi**—All-Day

Xbox Tournament Sponsored by Microsoft: Sign up early to reserve your spot.
12:00—**Beta Theta Pi**—Steak, BBQ Pizza and Massages: Pizza? On a grill? With whatever you want on it? How is that possible? We don't know. But you'll love it anyway, while receiving a massage.
12:00—**Kappa Sigma**—BBQ and Sports during the day: Come grab a bite to eat, hang out, or play some sports with Kappa Sigma.
12:00—**Pi Lambda Phi**—Beach Trip: Last chance to fill out that tan and enjoy the ocean before school starts! No one ever looks back and says, "Geez, I wish I had spent more time buying books and less time at the beach."
12:00—**Phi Sigma Kappa**—Battle Canoeing: Bring your war-paint, and we'll provide the weapons and canoes. Custer will never see us coming.
12:00—**Theta Xi**—Battle Canoes: Join us for a true Theta Xi tradition — battle canoes! We'll have a great time dueling it out. You might want to bring a change of clothes.
12:30—**Phi Kappa Sigma**—Laser Quest: Compete in the multi-level arena.

13:00
13:00—**WILG**—Shopping on Newbury Street: Explore the most diverse shopping area in Boston.
13:00—**Phi Beta Epsilon**—Richardsons: Batting Cages, Driving Range, Mini-Golf.
13:00—**Pi Lambda Phi**—Summer Siesta: Celebrate the end of summer tex-mex style! Drop by for our unique blend of tasty food, hot fiesta, and cool siesta. First 20 guests get a free sombrero!
13:00—**Zeta Beta Tau**—Bowling
13:06—**Delta Psi (No. 6 Club)**—Picnic at the Esplanade: Finished with registration? Join the sixers at the Esplanade for lunch and games.
13:30—**Theta Delta Chi**—Laser Tag, Race Cars, and Gaming — Good Times Emporium.

14:00
14:00—**Delta Kappa Epsilon**—Back lot Basketball: They say white men can't jump, well, we're here to prove them right — ball it up in the 3-on-3 tournament in the Deke back lot.
14:00—**Kappa Sigma**—Rock Climbing Trip: Test your endurance and come indoor rock climbing with Kappa Sigma.
14:00—**Lambda Chi Alpha**—Fenway Park Tour: Visit the park where the Babe pitched, The Kid hit, and Yaz dazzled. Come visit one of the most beloved parks in baseball, and see why living in Kenmore Square is just that much more exciting than the rest of Boston.
14:00—**Phi Delta Theta**—F1 Boston. Let the majority of MIT's F1 racing team show you what go-kart racing is really all about. All skill levels welcome.

15:00
15:00—**Phi Kappa Sigma**—Boston Bowl: Bowl against the Champion Intramural Bowling Team.

16:00
16:00—**Theta Delta Chi**—Catch up w/ everyone @ Good Times.
16:30—**pika**—Come to Kresge Oval, and practice your improv

theater skills with Marion and her friend from France. Laugh at pikans who can't act, and show us how it's done. No props, no preparation. Afterwards, come to pika for dinner.

17:00
17:00—**Fenway House**—Sushi-Making Workshop, from 5–7 p.m., at Fenway House. Learn to make different types of sushi, then eat it. (Vegetarian options available.)
17:00—**Phi Beta Epsilon**—Dinner at the House: Enjoy a home-cooked meal by our French-trained chef.

18:00
18:00—**WILG**—Chicken Primavera Pasta Dinner
18:00—**Alpha Delta Phi**—Steak and Lobster Dinner with iPod Shuffle Raffle: Your last chance at a "surf and turf" dinner before the start of classes. You might walk out with a new iPod Shuffle.
18:00—**Delta Upsilon**—Steamship Dinner Cruise: Dinner and drinks on a steamship in Boston.
18:00—**Nu Delta**—Red Sox Game/Jillian's/Lucky Strike Lanes: Come experience the Boston Red Sox up close and personal on the massive screens of the Video Lounge at the world famous Jillian's, right next to Fenway Park.
18:00—**Nu Delta**—Play pool, go bowling, and chow down on our spread while you kick back in comfortable couches and watch the game. And we might even catch a little in person, you never know.
18:00—**Phi Beta Epsilon**—Boston Red Sox vs. L.A. Angels: Get to Fenway Park, see Manny crush the ball, grab a Fenway Frank.
18:00—**Phi Kappa Theta**—Steak and Lobster Dinner: This could very well be the only time in your life you'll be treated to a free surf and turf dinner!

18:00—**Sigma Chi**—Dinner on the Town's Finest: Explore Boston and her excellent dining establishments with Sigma Chi.
18:00—**Theta Chi**—Wings: Ride in style to a wings place we can't even advertise.
18:00—**Theta Xi**—Carne Asada (Mexican BBQ): Pedro promises that "it will make all your wildest dreams come true." It will leave you asking, "Anna's what?!"
18:00—**Zeta Beta Tau**—Dinner: Roofdeck BBQ: Burgers, hot dogs, and milk shakes on our very own roofdeck.
18:00—**pika**—Come early, and get a house tour before dinner! Did you know we have nine fridges in the house? We really like food. We also have a well-stocked pantry and kitchen that are always open, so you can make cookies any time you want.
18:15—**pika**—Diiiiiiinner! Pikans have dinner at 6:15 every night of the semester, and you are welcome to join us. Today Anna B is making smoothies, and Bergey is cooking dinner. Yum! Vegetarian options are always served. 69 Chestnut St., call (617) 492-6983 for a ride.
18:30—**Chi Phi**—Dinner: Dinner at the Chi Phi mansion. Everyone's invited!
18:30—**Sigma Nu**—Chicken parmiggiano with our authentic Italian Chef, Rich D'orsi.

19:00
19:00—**Alpha Delta Phi**—Roofdrop: Gravity in action!
19:00—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**—Italian

Dinner
19:00—**Beta Theta Pi**—Dine Out with the Beta crew: We'll be hitting up some fancy food establishment in the Boston area for their edibles. Call ahead (617-872-8722) and bring your appetite.
19:00—**Delta Kappa Epsilon**—Dinner: Bongiorno! Chicken Parmesan served at the Deke house. Mario and Luigi would certainly approve.
19:00—**Kappa Sigma**—Wings in Boston: Come out with the guys of Kappa Sigma to meet the ladies of an excellent world-renowned restaurant.
19:00—**Phi Delta Theta**—Caribbean Dinner: You might have decided to go to school in Boston, but you can still enjoy delicious tropical food.
19:00—**Phi Sigma Kappa**—Boston Comedy: Come by the house and we'll take you to see local Boston talent at The Comedy Studio.
19:00—**Theta Delta Chi**—Little Mermaid's Minions — Dinner from the Sea (& other food 2)
19:00—**Theta Chi**—Pinata Night: Have aggression? These pinatas won't smash themselves. You'll like what's inside.
19:00—**pika**—If you didn't get a house tour before dinner, this is the time to get one! Of course, you can get one at any time of day or night. We like giving house tours. Did you know that pika was called Murphy for a week in 1983? Do you know why? Come and find out!
19:00—**pika**—Come and play games until late at night at pika! Balderdash and telephone pictionary are some of our favorites. Pikans also play chess very often. If you don't want to play, you can make cookies in our kitchen. We like cookies. Just come over and have fun with us.
19:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**—Mexican Fiesta!
19:30—**Alpha Tau Omega**—BBQ at Amanti's: Come join the brothers to ATO Alumni Steve Amanti's home in Lynnfield, MA for a delicious BBQ. Vans depart from ATO from 7:30 on.

20:00
20:00—**Phi Delta Theta**—Phi Delts Flambe. Come watch this pyrotechnic dessert experience, then enjoy the delicious aftermath.
20:00—**Phi Kappa Theta**—Mini-Golf and Batting Cages: You gotta digest all that steak and lobster somehow.
20:00—**Zeta Beta Tau**—LAN Party: Gear up for some Quake III Arena or old school Starcraft on 20 networked computers at our LAN party!
20:00—**Zeta Psi**—Pub Trivia: Enjoy root beer floats while competing for sweet prizes at Zeta Psi pub trivia night.
20:06—**Delta Psi (No. 6 Club)**—Crepe Night at No. 6
20:30—**Sigma Nu**—Comedy Connection

21:00
21:00—**Delta Kappa Epsilon**—Madden Tournament: Think you can handle the QB vision and the "Truck Stick"? Come show off your skills for a chance to win a prize.
21:00—**Lambda Chi Alpha**—Bowling: Going out to a local bowling alley for the night to relax before classes start.
21:00—**Pi Lambda Phi**—Old School Party: Know your roots. Celebrate new beginnings with vintage pastimes, including old school music, old school video games, and "Old School" the movie. Only by studying our past can we truly understand what went so very, very wrong.
21:00—**Theta Delta Chi**—Chillin @

TDC: Poker, Billiards, and Prep-pin for school
21:00—**Theta Xi**—Bowling: Want to see what 'candlepin' bowling is all about? Take on the recent champions from our IM Bowling team and put your skills to the test.

22:00
22:00—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**—Movie: Revenge of the Nerds
22:00—**Zeta Psi**—Late Night: Hang out with your friends in a laid-back atmosphere. Play some poker, throw some darts and enjoy other games as you celebrate your last night of freedom.

23:00
23:00—**Theta Xi**—Infinite Desert Tray: We'll have cookies, zeppoles, cannoli, brownies, ice cream, cheesecake, and a host of other desserts.

Wednesday, September 7, 2005

00:00
00:00—**Kappa Sigma**—Midnight Buffet: Grab some grub on your way home. Visit Kappa Sigma right between Baker and Burton-Conner.

08:00
08:00—**Delta Kappa Epsilon**—Breakfast: Breakfast is the most essential meal of the day. Come to Deke to find out why it's also the tastiest.

10:00
10:00—**WILG**—Free cookies in Lobby 16!

12:00
12:00—**Alpha Delta Phi**—Lunch

17:00
17:00—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**—Bouncy Castle
17:00—**Beta Theta Pi**—Jim Dinner: Stuff yourself with good eats and some crazy stories from our legendary house cook, Jim D. Cook. On the menu: Something delicious. Like Jim Ribs, or maybe Jim Pasta, or perhaps Jim Schnitzel.
17:00—**Phi Beta Epsilon**—Sports w/ Brothers: Basketball, soccer, ultimate; you name it, we play it.
17:00—**Theta Delta Chi**—Quick Snack, Help with Psets, and Hanging Out.

18:00
18:00—**WILG**—Taco Dinner
18:00—**Alpha Delta Phi**—Dinner
18:00—**Delta Upsilon**—Dave and Buster's Trip: A trip to Dave and Buster's in Rhode Island, with dinner, drinks, pool, and an arcade.
18:00—**Nu Delta**—Banquet at Dick's Last Resort: Come finish off Rush with Nu Delta at our fabulous banquet at Dick's Last Resort in Copley Square. Food fights encouraged. Having an awesome time is mandatory.
18:00—**Phi Beta Epsilon**—Dinner at the House: Every problem set is a nightmare; at least every meal is a banquet.
18:00—**Phi Sigma Kappa**—Boston Nightlife: Meet at Phi Sig, and we'll be off for a night around the town. Get your first true taste for Boston by experiencing its local music scene, its food, its culture — all starting from Kenmore Square.
18:00—**Theta Chi**—Roofdeck Texas Style BBQ: Everything's bigger in Texas. And at Theta Chi. Y'all come back!
18:00—**Theta Xi**—Theta Xi Dinner: Stop by for another great meal prepared by our own Chef D.

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Wednesday,
September 7, 2005

18:00—**pika**—House tour! Come to pika, and get one! We have four stories of interconnected decks, a 3-story tall firepole, and a tree-friendly treehouse with wireless internet access and a drawbridge. Why a drawbridge? Come listen to Dave tell (and show) you why.
18:15—**pika**—Diiinner! Marion wanted to make food from a faraway place, and she thought that Russian had become too common (we don't know why), so she is making Kazakh dinner for you to enjoy! Vegetarian options always served. 69 Chestnut St., call (617) 492-6983 for a ride.
18:30—**Chi Phi**—Steak and Lobster Dinner: How can you beat surf-and-turf? Free surf-and-turf! Treat yourself to a fine dining experience as we present Chi Phi's Original Steak and Lobster dinner in the elegant dining hall of the John F. Andrew's Mansion.
18:30—**Phi Kappa Sigma**—House Dinner
18:30—**Theta Delta Chi**—Night on the town: Jillian's Bowling, Billiards, and Dinner.

19:00
19:00—**WILG**—'80s movie night: You know you miss scrunchies and spandex.
19:00—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**—Mexican Dinner
19:00—**Delta Kappa Epsilon**—Dinner: Do you feel like chicken tonight? Fried Chicken served at the house.
19:00—**Delta Tau Delta**—Rock Climbing
19:00—**Kappa Sigma**—Dick's Last Resort: Come where the food is good and the waiters are dicks! Dick's Last Resort is one of the funniest and most famous restaurants in Boston.
19:00—**Phi Beta Epsilon**—Comedy Connection: Laugh the night away at Boston's premiere comedy club.
19:00—**Phi Delta Theta**—Dinner: Come and see the more laid back side of Phi Delts. Enjoy a relaxing dinner and just hang out with the brothers.
19:00—**Phi Kappa Theta**—Hickory BBQ Ribs: Finger-lickin' good!
19:00—**Sigma Nu**—Steak Dinner at Hilltop Steakhouse.
19:00—**pika**—The kitchen at pika has been used for many things. A friend of the house once built the Himalayas out of cookie there. Come and follow the new tradition and build edible structures out of cookies, and brownies, and a lot of sticky frosting to make it all stick.
19:06—**Delta Psi (No. 6 Club)**—Dessert and Coffee in the North End: Stressful first day of classes? Come, relax and enjoy some great desserts and coffee at Boston's North End.
19:30—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**—Boston Tea Party
19:30—**Alpha Tau Omega**—Steak and Lobster Dinner: Tired of eating at the Student Center? Drop in at ATO for a delicious steak and lobster dinner.
19:30—**Phi Kappa Sigma**—Poker Tournament: Compete for prizes against Skullhouse's best.

20:00
20:00—**Delta Kappa Epsilon**—Wiffle Ball: In honor of Manny stayin' with the Sox, we're putting together a little home run derby.
20:00—**Sigma Chi**—Mr. Tea. Sigma Chi's Weekly Wednesday Party. Enjoy bucket drummers, great food, and an amazing time in the bar.
20:00—**Theta Xi**—Red Sox and Coffeenight: Come by and watch

the game, eat some wings, and hear the live cheers from Fenway just two blocks from the house.
20:00—**Zeta Beta Tau**—Mini-golf: Take a break from classes. You earned it!
20:00—**Zeta Psi**—Bowling: Come enjoy some friendly bowling with Zetes.
20:30—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**—Big Vat of Fluorescent Juice

21:00
21:00—**Phi Kappa Theta**—Bowling and IHOP: Roll some strikes then grab more free food! What more could you ask for?
21:00—**Pi Lambda Phi**—Frat Party: Simulation of a real fraternity party! After long hours of work, most MIT students like to kick back and have fun every once in a while. Kick back and enjoy a party. You'll even learn to play the games college students play on the weekends (or weekdays).
21:00—**Sigma Nu**—Movie Marathon while you recover from 32 oz. steaks.
21:00—**Theta Chi**—Bowling: Homer Simpson and Fred Flintstone can't both be wrong. Join us for one of America's great pastimes.

22:00
22:00—**Alpha Delta Phi**—Bowling at Lucky Strikes.
22:00—**Phi Beta Epsilon**—Cheese of the Week: Gouda, Sharp Cheddar, Jack, and crackers. The perfect evening delight.
22:22—**Tau Epsilon Phi**—Cocoa! 22:22 on the first school night of every week!
22:30—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**—Movie: Desperado, Toys: Nerf
22:30—**Theta Xi**—JP Licks: Enjoy ice cream at one of Boston's best ice cream parlors on Newbury.

Thursday,
September 8, 2005

10:00
10:00—**WILG**—Cookie Giveaway continued in Lobby 16!
12:00
12:00—**Alpha Delta Phi**—Lunch
17:00
17:00—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**—Frisbee on the Esplanade.
17:00—**Phi Beta Epsilon**—Sports w/ Brothers: We reserved the courts; we got the balls, now we just need some players.
17:00—**Theta Delta Chi**—Finish those Psets, it's gonna be a busy weekend.
17:00—**pika**—If you don't have homework for tomorrow, come to pika after class and help cook, or just hang out with us in the Murph while we wait for dinner. If you do have homework, come to pika and we'll help you with it. There are pikans in around 15 departments at MIT.
17:30—**Chi Phi**—Dinner: An early dinner at Chi Phi. The earlier we eat, the faster we can get to our Boston Harbor Cruise!

18:00
18:00—**WILG**—Pork Chop Dinner
18:00—**Alpha Delta Phi**—Dinner
18:00—**Phi Beta Epsilon**—Dinner at the House: Culinary delights from across the globe and some backwater favorites too.
18:00—**Phi Sigma Kappa**—Hawaiian Dinner: Come enjoy our Hawaiian brothers' authentic cuisine for a taste of the pacific.
18:00—**Theta Chi**—Rec Room @ Theta Chi: Come unwind from classes with all your favorite activities, from pool to foosball to dining room shuffleboard.
18:00—**Theta Xi**—Make-Your-Own Pizza Night: We give you the all the ingredients; you make the pizza of your dreams.

18:15—**pika**—Diiinner!!! Maggie is a great juggler, and she is a great cook, so tonight she'll be making a jugglable dinner. Come to pika and learn to juggle using food, and enjoy a home-cooked meal. Vegetarian options always served. 69 Chestnut St., call (617) 492-6983 for a ride.
18:30—**Chi Phi**—Chi Phi Rush Cruise: End Rush in style and join Chi Phi as we take our annual Boston Harbor Cruise aboard the Liberty Clipper, the largest sailboat in Boston.
18:30—**Chi Phi**—After the cruise get ready to indulge yourself on the finest desserts you'll ever taste. Be sure to RSVP as soon as possible at <http://chiph.mit.edu>, as space is limited and our cruises have never left the harbor less than full to capacity.
18:30—**Delta Upsilon**—House Dinner: House dinner at DU.
18:30—**Phi Kappa Sigma**—House Dinner
18:30—**Theta Delta Chi**—Dinner @ TDC, Halo 2 Tourney & Super

Smash Bros Melee!
19:00
19:00—**WILG**—Cafe Thursday and Desserts with ADP: Join us at ADP for literary presentations by the brothers and stay for coffee and homemade desserts.
19:00—**Alpha Delta Phi**—Cafe Thursday: Experience literary presentations by the Brothers and winners of the Henry Leeb scholarship. Refreshments will be served.
19:00—**Fenway House**—It's late in the summer, the Red Sox have home games, and Fenway House is right by the ballpark. Come relax in front of Fenway House at the end of the day for a Red Sox Listening Party. Fenway House, 7 p.m.–10 p.m.
19:00—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**—Dinner
19:00—**Alpha Tau Omega**—Dinner with the Brothers.
19:00—**Phi Beta Epsilon**—Jillian's for the Patriots' Game: Watch the game surrounded by die-hard fans, wings, and plasma TVs.

19:00—**Phi Kappa Theta**—Dinner at the house: Served hot every night.
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19:06—**Delta Psi (No. 6 Club)**—Dinner at No. 6: Join us for dinner before our Literary Event...
19:30—**Phi Kappa Sigma**—CandlePin Bowling: Play what people here think is real bowling.

20:00
20:00—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**—Nap-time with Walfisch
20:00—**Delta Kappa Epsilon**—Boat Cruise: The next four years of your life will be defined by two moments: one may be your 21st birthday; the other will definitely be the Deke Boat Cruise.
20:00—**Delta Tau Delta**—Patriots

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Dear Bashful: As a MedLink, I get asked this question a lot. People often feel hesitant to talk about condoms, so you have performed a real service in bringing up the topic. It is, of course, so important to use a condom, not only for birth control, but also to prevent the spread of many sexually transmitted diseases-even if you are using another method of birth control.

Students can take a few free condoms from a jar at Health Education, on the second floor of MIT Medical (E23-205), without having to ask anyone. Condoms are also available in most living groups from tutors. If your floor tutor doesn't provide condoms, or if you don't feel comfortable asking, you can also seek out one of the MedLinks in your living group. We MedLinks always have a supply of condoms, provided by Health Education, that we make available to others in our living groups. —**Pam**

Can I slow the glow?

Dear Medlink: I've heard that some people take Tagamet before drinking to prevent "Asian glow." Does it work, and is it safe? —**Seeing Red**

Dear Red: As a fellow Asian, I know how embarrassing it is to flush bright red after drinking even a tiny bit of alcohol, so your question especially intrigued me. To find the answer, I spoke with MIT Medical endocrinologist and medical director William Kettle, M.D.

Dr. Kettle explained that the body metabolizes alcohol in two steps. First, the enzyme alcohol dehydrogenase converts alcohol to acetaldehyde. Then another enzyme, acetaldehyde dehydrogenase, converts the acetaldehyde to acetate, which is easily cleared by your body. What we call "Asian glow" occurs in individuals who have relatively decreased activities of the second enzyme, acetaldehyde dehydrogenase. This causes alcohol metabolism to stall in the middle of the process, leading to a buildup of acetaldehyde, which results in flushing and nausea. This condition is fairly common in Asians and Ashkenazi Jews.

Tagamet (cimetidine) is a medication that reduces acid production in the stomach. According to Dr. Kettle, Tagamet may be a relatively safe way to "slow the glow," because it will decrease the activity of the enzyme alcohol dehydrogenase, which should decelerate the acetaldehyde buildup that leads to "Asian glow." But, Kettle warns, the overall metabolism of alcohol will also be slowed, so even moderate drinking will be more intoxicating than usual.

Of course, the easiest way to prevent the glow would be to not drink at all, but I know people like to enjoy alcohol every once in a while (including me). Thanks for asking this question; I hope my answer helps! And remember, you can always talk with your personal physician at MIT Medical if you still have questions. —**Grace**



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Thursday,
September 8, 2005

Tailgating: Join us as we watch the first game of the season, eat some BBQ wings and just relax.
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20:00—**Lambda Chi Alpha**—NFL Night: Have a variety of appetizers, and watch the first Patriots game of the year.
20:00—**Phi Delta Theta**—IMAX Movie: Join the house for a movie at the Boston Aquarium's state of the art IMAX theatre. Come grab snacks with us beforehand at historic Faneuil Hall.
20:00—**Phi Sigma Kappa**—The Jim Show: Jim can surf. He can also juggle while balancing a spinning plate on his nose — all the while not looking completely

like a fool. Suffice to say, he puts on an awesome show.
20:00—**Sigma Chi**—Season Opener Oakland at Pats in HDTV, Pool, and Poker: Catch the Pats on our huge flat screen TV and hang out for a chill evening.
20:00—**Sigma Nu**—Chef's Special: Chili con Carne and Cornbread
20:00—**Theta Chi**—Jillian's Private Room: The weekend starts on Thursday night, so let's live life VIP-style.
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21:00

21:00—**Delta Upsilon**—DOTW — Drink of the Week: party with a live band.
21:00—**Phi Kappa Theta**—Jello Drop: A PKT tradition — sometimes dangerous, usually messy, always fun!
21:00—**Pi Lambda Phi**—Movie Night: Kick back and enjoy dinner and a movie. Just like going on a date, but we promise not to hold your hand. Inquire within for movie details.
21:00—**Sigma Nu**—Patriots Football Game with Wings and Nachos.
21:00—**Zeta Beta Tau**—ZBThursday study break: Experience the typical ZBT study break, with a hilarious account of the past two weeks by our historians.

22:00

22:00—**Alpha Epsilon Pi**—Cider-night! Come on over.
22:30—**Fenway House**—Join us for Fenway's weekly Milk and Cookies Night for homemade baked goods and board games. 10:30 p.m. on Thursdays, at Fenway House.

23:00

23:00—**Lambda Chi Alpha**—Casino Night: Brothers run a casino night where prizes are given to those with the highest winnings. Prizes include Xbox and gift certificates.
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New Rankings Feature Service

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community service work. Until recently, MIT, which received \$2,228,063 for 2004–2005, had always fallen far below seven percent.

In fact, *The Washington Monthly* ran an article in its January/February 2002 edition showing that MIT was violating federal law by spending only 1.9 percent of funds on community service. Shortly afterward, in February 2002, the government fined MIT \$75,000.

MIT has since improved the situation, and spent about 20 percent on community service in 2003–2004. “MIT leaped from near the bottom of the pack three years ago to near the top today,” wrote *The Washington Monthly* in its College Rankings article.

Leaping to the top

Making the improvements was not easy, said Jane D. Smith, director of the Student Employment Office, which is responsible for the use of work-study funds.

In one of its first efforts, the Student Employment Office joined with the Public Service Center to develop ReachOut, the MIT branch of AmericaReads, a tutoring program for young students developed under former President Bill Clinton.

Because MIT has no education school, the project was not easy to implement, Smith said. MIT ultimately sought help from Harvard’s Language and Literacy program. She said MIT hired a literacy professional to train students in tutoring skills, and 40 to 50 students per year now participate in MIT’s branch of AmericaReads.

Smith said a major difficulty in fixing MIT’s underperformance in meeting the FWSP quota was the problem of distance: it is harder for students to do community service when they have to travel off campus, Smith said. “They can only afford a certain number of hours a week.”

As a consequence, one program developed to be conveniently on campus is a four to five week summer tutoring program that pays students eligible for work-study. The SEO also spent time developing a system allowing students to be paid with FWS funds for community service positions in their home towns over the summer.

The PSC also oversees a summer housing program for MIT students who would like to stay on campus over the summer while working at least 20 hours per week in a community service project.

In developing these programs, PSC Director Sally Susnowitz stressed that it was important that work-study programs not only enrich the community but also entail more than the “mindless ladling of soup.”

Smith said the SEO created their community projects with more in mind than just the law and avoiding fines. “If we were just following the letter of the law we’d stop at seven percent.”

A different ranking system

MIT did not stop at seven percent, and this clearly helped it reap *The Washinton Monthly’s* recognition.

The Washington Monthly created its list to make people think about college rankings in a new way. “While other guides ask what colleges can do for students, we ask what colleges are doing for the country,” states the magazine’s introduction.

Specifically, *The Washington Monthly* chose to look at three criteria: social mobility, research, and community service.

Social mobility is determined by how a university’s graduation rate compares to the expected rate given the number of Pell Grant recipients it has. Research comprises two figures: the total amount of money invested in research and the number of PhDs awarded in science and engineering. Community service was weighted

equally among three factors: students in Reserve Officer Training Corps, students serving in the Peace Corps, and the percentage of federal work-study dollars invested in community service.

The overall system used by *The Washington Monthly* is similar to that used by the *U.S. News and World Report* in that the rankings are produced using a combination of different statistics about the universities.

The Washington Monthly, however, uses completely different criteria, none of which are directly scored by *USNWR*.

Unlike many highly prestigious schools, MIT placed highly in both rankings. MIT ranked first in undergraduate engineering programs and seventh for national universities in the latest *U.S. News and World Report* ranking.

The Washington Monthly rankings are not unquestionable, of course. FWSP funds spent on community service represent only a part of the overall community service performed by a university, calling into question the social mobility rankings. When the *Boston Globe* reported on MIT’s \$75,000 fine, it wrote that “the government records MIT students performing only 5,000 hours of community service between 1999 and 2000, but the overall student population (including many who don’t qualify for work-study) actually did more than 30,000 hours of community service, they say.”

Susnowitz, on the rankings, claimed, “It’s not the way I’d do it.”

Assistant Director of Admissions Mathew L. McGann ’00 called the rankings “a bit simplistic,” pointing out that there are other ways to serve the country upon graduation than by joining Peace Corps (such as by joining Americorps), which *The Washington Monthly* did not take into account. But “what it tried to measure and rank is admirable,” he added. “This, like any other ranking, should be taken with a grain of salt.”



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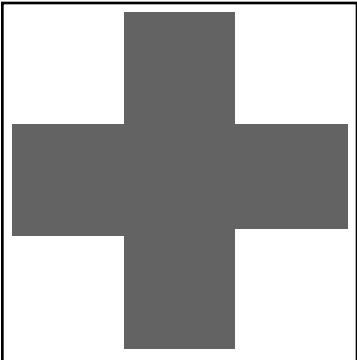
Freshmen grab rubber ducks from the Chapel Moat to potentially win prizes during the Health and Wellness Fair this past Friday, Sept. 2. The duck raffle was held by MIT’s religious life staff to help welcome the freshmen to MIT.

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Donations for Hurricane Katrina relief will be collected during the drive. Also, on Thursday and Friday, people will be able to register as bone marrow donors, another great way to help save lives.

It is MIT policy to allow employees time off with pay to donate blood at the drives that are sponsored on campus.

For more information or to make an appointment, visit <http://web.mit.edu/blood-drive/www/>

Blood Drives are sponsored by ARCTAN, MIT's American Red Cross Team and Network.

Opportunities for Helping Are on the Way

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\$100 to some charities.

Relief Initiative takes off

About 50 people, including Public Service Center Director Sally Susnowitz, attended a meeting to organize relief efforts around campus on short notice this Sunday, Fouche said. Many students have started to organize events on campus and still more are making donations — during a 40-minute interview, two students walked up to Fouche in a New House lounge to ask about contributing. The Relief Initiative will focus

on three major areas: aid to victims of the hurricane, awareness, and how MIT community members can use their knowledge and experience to help the reconstruction effort. Upcoming efforts include a clothing drive, a food drive, a fundraising dinner, and a benefit concert with the Berklee College of Music, which will feature New Orleans-native music, he said. Fouche said it is important that interest in helping not fade away over time. “The reason we’re trying to get the whole of MIT involved is so that this doesn’t just die,” he said, referring to aid efforts on campus.

He said a list of events and instructions for contributing will be available online soon at <http://web.mit.edu/katrina/relief>, and those interested in helping should e-mail katrina-relief@mit.edu.

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Committee to Address Disciplinary Process

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of the discipline [process] and how to make it better,” said Lorna J. Gibson, chair of the faculty, who is chairing the committee. An undergraduate and graduate student are also serving on the committee, and the details of the review are not yet public, she said.

In the interim, Benedict said,

current administrators, including Barbara A. Baker, associate dean for Student Life Programs; Daniel Trujillo, associate dean for Community Development and Substance Abuse; and Margery Resnick, chair of the Committee on Discipline, will work on a transition plan and fill in for Fischer’s position.

Fischer said he does not know if

he will be involved with the search for the next dean. The next dean should have a “philosophy that student conduct provides an opportunity to help students learn and grow from mistakes they may have made,” he said.

Choosing to leave was an “extremely difficult decision,” Fischer said. “I have not worked with a finer group of professionals in the stu-

dent life area in my almost 10 years of higher-ed experience.”

Benedict said he was surprised when Fischer sent him his resignation letter, and that he and Fischer “got along very well both practically and philosophically.” Fischer’s predecessor, Steven J. Tyrell, also left MIT after about one year serving as associate dean for student discipline.

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MIT to Keep Control of Money

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lion, slips in performance have a wide-ranging impact, Bufferd said. The Institute's endowment has languished in recent years, slipping 4.2 percent in 2003 because of poor investment performance in a weak market. This caused a budget crunch the same year, which prompted the Institute to close over winter break, lay off 250 MIT employees, and implement salary freezes.

Changes reflect new complexity

Bufferd said that IMCo is MIT's response to three trends: a more complex and diverse investment environment, a limited pool from which to hire advisors and board members, and increasing the level of professionalism.

While MIT's investments 30 years ago were nearly all domestic stocks, bonds, real estate, and other traditional financial instruments, he said about two thirds of MIT's investment activities today involve foreign stocks and bonds, venture capital, hedge funds, and other complex financial holdings.

Bufferd said that IMCo would open the door for a greater portion of the "MIT family" to participate in the Institute's investments activities than the pool of approximately 75 MIT Corporation members.

It would also allow experts and specialists unaffiliated with the Institute to directly consult on policy and strategy. "We want to attract professionals who have specializations in the many types of investments available now," he said. "We need to access a broader cross section."

Bufferd emphasized that while IMCo will be "a structure to focus on new issues" it will remain "a creature of MIT. It's completely controlled by MIT." In addition to the CIO acting as the president of IMCo, the Executive Committee of the MIT Corporation must approve the members appointed to IMCo's board and its bylaws, and requires that MIT Corporation members must occupy a majority of the IMCo board.

Analogues at other schools

MIT is not unique in establishing an entity solely devoted towards the school's investment activities. Bufferd said schools like Harvard, Princeton, Stanford, and the University of Texas all have equivalents to the IMCo.

However, some investment entities at other universities have come under intense scrutiny from both members of the faculty and alumni associations. Both Harvard and Yale have come under fire in recent years for their investment practices. Harvard was criticized for awarding millions in bonuses to its top investment managers; the university defended its action by highlighting the large returns on the endowment at a time when other universities' finances were struggling. Yale University's endowment policies were criticized in 2002 over a conflict of interest between its forest preservation initiatives and possible logging on property owned by one of its subsidiaries.

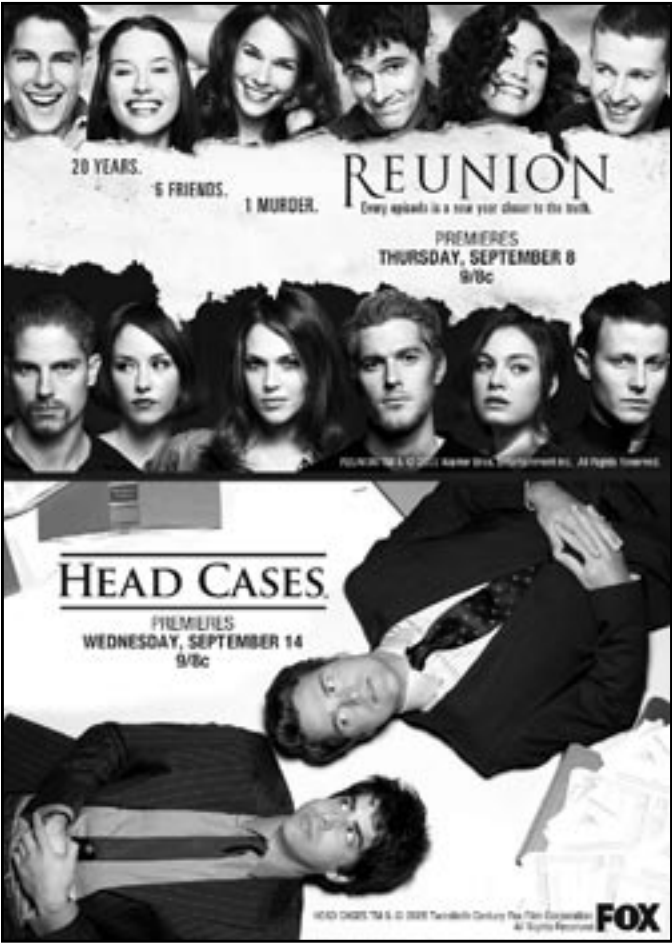
Bufferd said that the IMCo's functions, while similar to other university's investment practices, differ from those at Harvard and elsewhere. The staff of IMCo will

formulate portfolio policy and strategy, which must then be approved by the all-volunteer board. Once approved, they will be implemented by outside managers. No member of IMCo would receive the seven or eight-figure bonus compensation like the Harvard managers, Bufferd said.

MIT's current network of outside

investment managers includes more than 145 different relationships, the largest and oldest of which is with Wellington Management Company, Bufferd said. Investment managers generally retain a portion of the gains made on the investment as incentive compensation, rather than being directly compensated by the investment owners like MIT.

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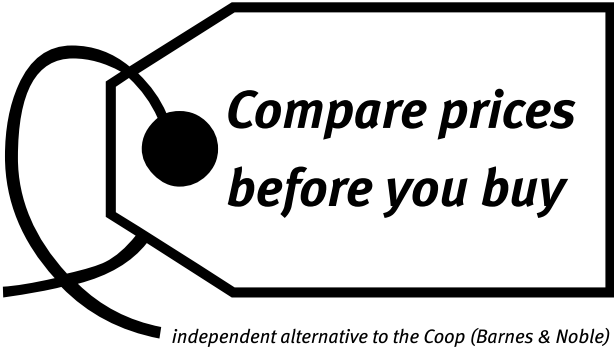


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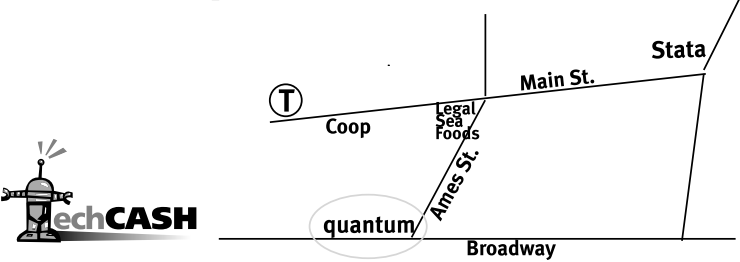
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Activities Midway

The Activities Midway was held last Friday, Sept. 2, in Johnson Athletic Center and featured information booths and performances from many MIT groups. Clockwise from top left:

Poh Lim, head instructor of the MIT Korean Karate Club, breaks four boards with an elbow strike.

David W. Rush '07 juggles three pins during a presentation by the MIT Student Juggling Club.

John C. Ho G of MIT Sport Taekwondo leaps to break a board held by Charles S. Fisher '08.

MIT Go Club president Kristen M. Burrall '08 plays a game against a club member.

Instructor Lester McCoy flips fellow instructor Patrick Menard over his leg during an American Jiu-Jitsu demonstration.

Lisa Hsu G dances in a performance by the MIT Cheerleading Team.

