



OMARI STEPHENS—THE TECH

Landscape workers John W. Hames III (left) and Andrew C. Dymant (right) and head gardener Robert H. Kuykendall (not pictured) remove the plastic orange construction fencing from the perimeter of Kresge Oval. Hames said that though this fencing is currently gone, renovations on the Oval are ongoing.

For GSC Election, Weese Is Only Candidate So Far

By Gabriel Fouasnon
STAFF REPORTER

The elections for next year's Graduate Student Council officers will take place tomorrow. Eric G. Weese G is running uncontested for GSC president, but so far there are no candidates for the other three offices — Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Nominations for those positions will come from the floor of the elections meeting.

Current GSC President Sylvain Bruni G, who is also filling the role of vice-president, said he knows several people who are interested in seeking nomination for the three vacant positions. Bruni said that since he was busy fulfilling the duties of both president and vice-president he did not have much time to recruit candidates.

All graduate students are permitted to attend the elections, and any

graduate student attending the meeting can be nominated to a vacant position by two voting members of the GSC. Weese, following GSC tradition, will decline his nomination in order to make the position vacant and reopen the floor for more presidential nominations. Weese would then be re-nominated.

Unlike Undergraduate Association elections, for which all undergraduates can vote, only GSC representatives (who registered before March 1), committee chairs with the exception of editors of Graduate Student News, and current officers can vote in the GSC election. 48 people are eligible to vote.

Weese said he has been involved with the GSC since April 2005 when he was elected to co-chair the Housing and Community Affairs Com-

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MIT Settles Shin Case, Parents Agree Death Likely an Accident

By Marissa Vogt
NEWS EDITOR

MIT and the parents of Elizabeth H. Shin '02 announced yesterday that they have reached a settlement for an undisclosed amount in the wrongful death lawsuit filed against Institute administrators and doctors.

The case was scheduled to go to trial in May, but in an unexpected move, both parties came to an agreement that the death was a tragic accident and not a suicide as originally confirmed by the Cambridge Fire Department and the Suffolk County medical examiner. Shin died in April 2000 from self-inflicted burns suffered in her room at Random Hall and the death was ruled a suicide, according to Shin's death certificate.

"The settlement came because we agreed what the best interests of the Institute" and the Shin family are, said Chancellor Phillip L. Clay.

"The circumstances were such

that ... it was not immediately evident to her family" that the death was an accident, and so it was determined that it was in MIT's best interests to settle, said Denise Brehm of the MIT News Office. Brehm declined to comment specifically why MIT chose to settle the case, citing the settlement's confidentiality agreement.

A lawyer representing the Shin family, David A. DeLuca, did not respond to repeated requests for comment yesterday. Curtis R. Diedrich, a lawyer representing Dr. Linda Cunningham, who treated Shin at MIT Medical, also could not be reached for comment.

Shin may have overdosed before fire

As part of the agreement, the amount of the settlement will be kept confidential. It was not immediately clear how MIT would allocate funds for the settlement, though the money will likely come from MIT's insurance

and will not be paid with tuition funds, said Robert M. Randolph, senior associate dean for students. Randolph also said that he assumes the settlement will cover the Shin's legal fees.

According to an MIT press release, Shin's father Cho Hyun said "We appreciate MIT's willingness to spare our family the ordeal of a trial and have come to understand that our daughter's death was likely a tragic accident."

It was not immediately clear what new evidence contributed to the recent agreement, though Brehm said that MIT has always believed Shin's death was a terrible accident and not a suicide.

However, the day of the fire, Shin told students at Random Hall that she was planning to kill herself later that day. Additionally, *The Boston Globe* reports today that DeLuca said that

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AEPhi's Return to Jewish Identity Spurs De-pledgings, De-affiliations

By Marie Thibault
NEWS EDITOR

Seven of the eight new members of Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority have de-pledged, and five members have also de-affiliated, according to an Alpha Epsilon Phi sister who requested to remain anonymous. AEPi's Vice-President of Operations Emily D. Slutsky '07 declined to confirm these numbers, saying "AEPi has a different game plan than the other four sororities, so numbers mean absolutely nothing to us."

Slutsky presented the plan to what she termed "return to AEPi's national identity" in a letter read at a chapter meeting in February. She described the letter as a reflection of the need for AEPi as a chapter to promote the values of the national Jewish sorority.

A woman who de-pledged and also wished to remain anonymous said she did so because AEPi's new identity does not support what she and her fellow new members believe. "The Jewish identity is taking priority before diversity. This conflicts with what we believe in so this is the best decision," she said of her decision to de-pledge.

Lauren E. Oldja '08, who de-affiliated, said she did so because "the

identity of the chapter has changed. AEPi is not what I thought it was, and it is not what I told Potential New Members (PNM) it was. In the same way that I probably would not have joined a Hispanic or Black sorority, I probably would not have joined a Jewish sorority." She said that AEPi is now actively recruiting

Jewish women.

Slutsky said that the purpose of AEPi is to have a home for everyone who wants to respect and understand the Jewish religion. "It is not a religious organization at all," she said.

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BRIAN HEMOND—THE TECH

Working from a bucket truck with a chainsaw, a worker from Bartlett Tree Experts slices off a section of the dead Great American Elm tree in Killian Court. The tree was brought down in small sections for safety. It will be replaced with a Red Oak in the future.

Ernest Rabinowicz

Professor Emeritus Ernest Rabinowicz passed away in his sleep yesterday. He was 79.

Rabinowicz worked in the Mechanical Engineering Department for 43 years. He was born in Berlin and lived in London, but had made Newton, Massachusetts his home for the past 60 years, his grandson Samuel L. Raymond '06 said.

Recognized as a leader in the field of tribology, the study of design, friction, and wear of interacting surfaces like bearings, he was awarded the Tribology Gold

Medal Award in 1998 by the Institution of Mechanical Engineers in England. Both his book "Friction and Wear of Materials" and his video produced through the MIT Center for Advanced Engineering Studies have been used by many engineers in the industry, according to a 1999 MIT News Office announcement.

The funeral will be held today at 1 p.m. at the Temple Emanuel in Newton. Rabinowicz is survived by his wife Ina, his three daughters Dena, Judith, and Laura, and seven grandchildren.



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Americans in Iraq Face Their Deadliest Day in Months

By Kirk Semple

THE NEW YORK TIMES

BAGHDAD, IRAQ

In the deadliest day for American forces since the beginning of the year, at least nine members of the military were killed in the insurgent stronghold of Anbar Province, including four in a rebel attack and at least five when their truck accidentally flipped over, the American military command said Monday.

Three Marines and one sailor were killed on Sunday in the rebel assault, the military reported, offering no further information. It was the largest number of American deaths in a single attack in more than a month.

In another part of Anbar on Sunday, a flash flood toppled a seven-ton truck, killing five Marines riding inside it and wounding one, the military said. Two Marines and one Navy corpsman in the truck were missing, officials said.

Wrapping up a quick visit here, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Jack Straw, the British foreign secretary, pressed Iraqi leaders for a second day on Monday to form a coalition government as quickly as possible, in order to end a power vacuum in which insurgent attacks, sectarian violence and general lawlessness have flourished.

Canada Scraps Plans To Decriminalize Marijuana

By Clifford Krauss

THE NEW YORK TIMES

TORONTO

Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced Monday that he was scrapping draft legislation to decriminalize possession of small amounts of marijuana, a measure that had been strongly criticized by the Bush administration.

The move was not unexpected, because his Conservative Party had opposed the measure. But it was symbolically important coming on the first day that Canada's new Parliament convened and only days after Harper's first meeting as prime minister with President Bush, at a summit meeting in Mexico.

Harper announced the move during a speech to the Canadian Professional Police Association in which he pledged to toughen sentences for drug and gun crimes, tighten parole rules, strengthen controls on child pornography and expand the national databank of DNA samples for convicted criminals.

"We are going to hold criminals to account," said Harper, who was elected in January. "If you do a serious crime, you're going to do serious time."

Thai Leader Says He Will Accept Panel's Scrutiny

By Thomas Fuller

THE NEW YORK TIMES

BANGKOK, THAILAND

Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra claimed victory on Monday in national elections, which were boycotted by opposition groups, and said he had a mandate to remain in his post.

"I am satisfied with the result," Thaksin said on national television, his first substantive comments since the voting on Sunday. "Sixty percent of people trust me."

But in a concession to opposition groups that have called for his resignation, Thaksin offered to set up an independent committee to judge his fitness to rule that would be made up of former prime ministers, former supreme court justices, former members of parliament and deans from Thai universities.

"If this committee thinks that it's better if I quit, I will go," he said.

Thaksin said his party received 16 million votes, or 57 percent of the 28 million votes cast. Official results are expected on Tuesday.

Moussaoui Can Be Executed For 9/11 Deaths, Jury Finds

By Neil A. Lewis

THE NEW YORK TIMES

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

A federal jury found on Monday that Zacarias Moussaoui was responsible for some of the deaths that occurred on Sept. 11, 2001, and is thus eligible to be executed. The unanimous verdict means that Moussaoui may now be weeks from being sentenced to death.

Moussaoui sat silently as the verdict was read, seemingly mouthing prayers to himself. The jury was stoic as were most of the handful of relatives of Sept. 11 victims in the courtroom, although two quietly wiped away tears.

The jury of nine men and three women will move into the next phase of the sentencing trial beginning Thursday in which they will decide whether Moussaoui, the only person to be tried in an American courtroom in connection with the Sept. 11 attacks, should actually be executed by lethal injection at the federal prison in Terre Haute, Ind.

But it was the first phase of the trial that ended Monday that was viewed by lawyers and death penalty experts as the one in which

Moussaoui had the greater chance to escape execution. At the time of the attacks, Moussaoui was in jail in Minnesota, having been arrested three weeks earlier on immigration charges.

The Justice Department argued that even though he did not take part in the attacks he deserved to die because at the time of his arrest he willfully concealed detailed knowledge of al-Qaida's plans to use suicide hijackers to fly planes into buildings.

His lies, a prosecutor told the jury, "made him just as guilty as if he were at the controls of one of those planes."

His court-appointed defense lawyers whose help he spurned countered that even though he was an Islamic extremist, he was only a minor player in al-Qaida whose senior officials found him unreliable and had not planned on using him for the Sept. 11 plot.

The defense lawyers seemed to be building a solid case until Moussaoui took the stand himself last week and proceeded to acknowledge unreservedly every element of the prosecution's case. He asserted

that he was set to be part of the Sept. 11 plot by flying a fifth airplane into the White House.

His testimony was startling in that he had earlier said that he was to have participated in a separate al-Qaida plot, had nothing to do with Sept. 11, and would fight the death penalty with all his strength.

Moussaoui, a 37-year-old Frenchman of Moroccan heritage, has through his courtroom outbursts and bizarre notes to the judge over the last few years, seemed at times indisputably irrational and his decision to testify against the advice of his lawyers was seen initially as another ill-considered move.

But the testimony that vaulted him closer to a death sentence was delivered in a calm and deliberate manner. It may have been provoked by his anger at the defense lawyers' efforts to portray his role as trivial and suggested that what he wanted most of all was to be seen as a full-fledged member of al-Qaida's Sept. 11 conspiracy. He even acknowledged how delighted he was to hear the panicked tape-recorded voice of a flight attendant pleading for her life.

Supreme Court Votes to Refuse Consideration of Padilla Case

By Linda Greenhouse

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

Jose Padilla, the U.S. citizen held for more than three years in military custody as an enemy combatant, fell one vote short on Monday of persuading the Supreme Court to take his case.

Four votes are necessary for the court to take a case, and Padilla's appeal received only three. The result was to leave standing a decision by the federal appeals court in Richmond, Va., that endorsed the government's power to seize a citizen on U.S. soil and keep him in open-ended detention.

Nonetheless, the outcome was not the unalloyed victory for the Bush administration that it might have appeared to be.

Three justices who voted not to hear the case — justices Anthony M.

Kennedy and John Paul Stevens, along with Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. — filed an unusual opinion explaining their position. They noted that Padilla, who is currently out of military custody and awaiting trial in federal district court in Miami on terrorism-related charges, was entitled to a criminal defendant's full range of protections, including the right to a speedy trial.

Most significant, the three justices warned the administration that the federal courts, including the Supreme Court, stood ready to intervene "were the government to seek to change the status or conditions of Padilla's custody."

The comment was clearly a reference to the sequence of events last fall, when the administration, days before it was due to file a brief in response to Padilla's Supreme Court appeal, announced that it had obtained a grand jury indictment and planned to shift

him to civilian custody.

The administration then filed a brief arguing that the appeal had to be dismissed as moot, since Padilla was getting the relief he requested when he filed his original petition asking to be released from custody or charged with a crime. The Miami indictment charges him with providing material support to terrorists as part of a cell that is said to have sent money and recruits overseas. He is being held without bail, with a trial scheduled for Sept. 9.

In simply turning down Padilla's appeal, Padilla v. Hanft, No. 05-533, the court did not make a formal determination that the case was moot. However, Padilla's transfer from military custody to the civilian justice system rendered his legal claims "at least for now, hypothetical," Kennedy said in the explanatory opinion, which the two other justices signed.

WEATHER

"Law of Averages"

By Cegeon J. Chan

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

Deep down, you knew it couldn't last forever. Last week's spring break weather couldn't have been any better. Along with sunny and dry conditions, high temperatures were about 10 to 15 degrees warmer than normal. In fact, it was so dry, Boston only received 14.5 percent (0.56") of the normal monthly precipitation total in March, the second lowest on record.

Waking up to the heavy rain, raw conditions, and maybe even thunder, your instincts of a changing weather pattern have become reality. As expected from the "law of averages," over the next several days, high temperatures will be 5 to 10 degrees below normal. Expect rain totals of an inch to an inch and a half. As the storm exits later today, a much cooler air mass builds in and sets the stage for some spring snow. While there is still significant uncertainty as to whether a secondary low pressure system will develop, it is likely that some precipitation in the form of snow will fall beginning sometime tonight into tomorrow morning. No accumulation is expected. After that, Thursday will likely be the only dry day for the remainder of this week. So, dig up the umbrella — you'll be needing it.

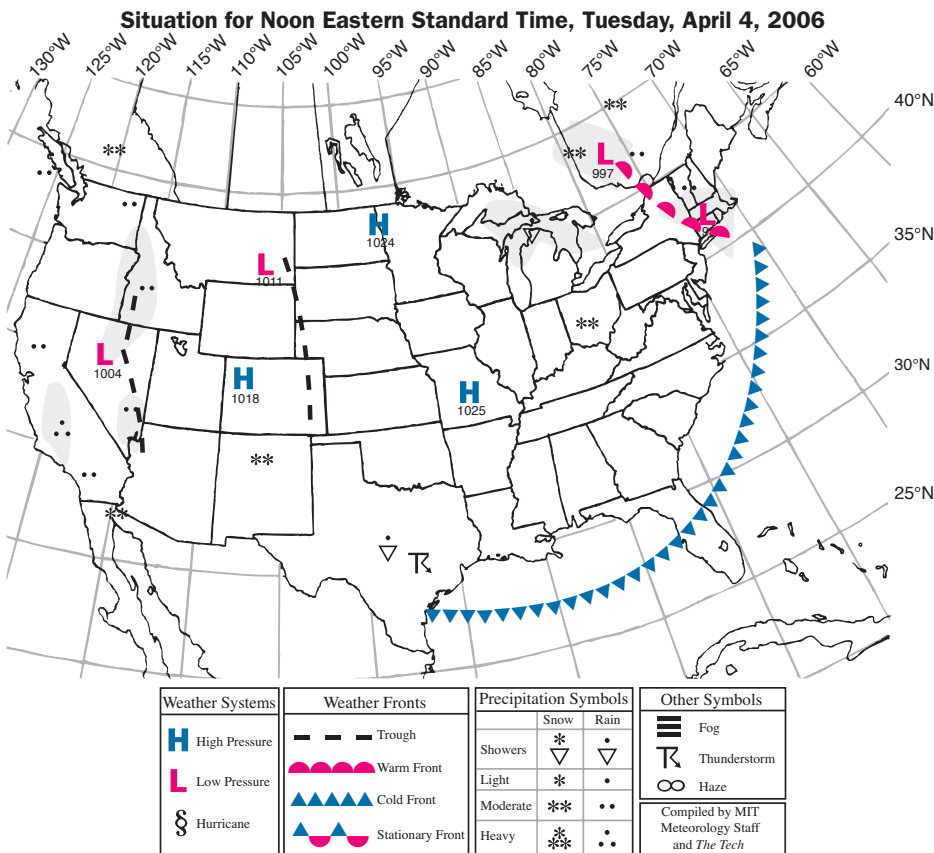
Extended Forecast

Today: Rain. Breezy. Much cooler. High in the mid 40's °F (7°C).

Tonight: Light snow showers after midnight. No accumulation expected. Windy with gusts up to 40 mph. Lows in the lower 30's °F (0°C).

Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy. Rain and/or snow showers in the morning. Highs in the mid 40's (7°C).

Thursday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50's °F (11°C).



Top U.N. Official Accuses Sudan Government of Darfur Coverup

By Marc Lacey
THE NEW YORK TIMES

NAIROBI, KENYA

The government of Sudan has blocked Jan Egeland, the top U.N. emergency aid official, from visiting the western Darfur region this week, prompting Egeland to accuse Khartoum of trying to hide the dire conditions there.

The Sudanese government offered various explanations for its decision not to allow Egeland, the undersecretary general for humanitarian affairs and U.N. emergency relief coordinator, to visit Khartoum, the capital, or Darfur beginning Monday.

Jamal Ibrahim, a Foreign Ministry spokesman, said the visit was merely postponed because it would have coincided with the Prophet Muhammad's birthday. He also said in an interview with the BBC that it would not have been safe for Egeland, a Norwegian, to visit the country given the recent controversy over cartoons of the prophet published in a Danish newspaper.

But the United Nations said the trip had been planned in advance and that the decision by Sudanese author-

ities not to approve his flight appeared to be politically motivated.

"They said I'm not welcome," Egeland said in a telephone interview from Rumbek, in southern Sudan, which operates semi-autonomously and did give approval for his visit. "My interpretation is that they don't want me to see what I was planning to witness in south and west Darfur, which is renewed attacks on the civilian population."

In the latest wave of attacks in Darfur, Egeland said, thousands of people had been chased from 60 villages by government-backed militias known as the janjaweed. He said the deteriorating security environment had made it increasingly difficult to provide assistance to the estimated 3 million refugees living in camps in Darfur and across the border in Chad.

He said the governor, or wali, of South Darfur, where Egeland had been scheduled to visit, had opposed his arrival there and suggested that it might not be safe for him to visit. In addition, Egeland said the Sudanese government's representatives to the United Nations had informed his office in New York that he would not be

welcome in Darfur or Khartoum.

"We are having an endless nightmare of administrative obstacles to our work in Darfur," Egeland said. "We have a feeling that the people we are trying to assist are being increasingly attacked. My feeling is the government should help us help their people."

Relations between the Sudanese and the United Nations are particularly delicate now because of plans for the United Nations later this year to take over the running of the African Union peacekeeping mission currently under way in Darfur. Under-financed and limited in its ability to quell the violence, the 7,000-strong African Union force is viewed as more neutral by the Sudanese, who oppose the arrival of any Western troops in Darfur.

Prompted by the government, Sudanese citizens have taken to the streets on several occasions to protest against a U.N. force, which they often equate with an American role in Sudan. Egeland has played a major role in focusing international attention on Darfur, which he declared the world's worst humanitarian crisis in early 2004.

Coast Guard, FBI Power Dispute Could Weaken Response to Attack

By Eric Lipton
THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

Potentially disastrous confusion could arise during a terrorist attack on a cruise ship or ferry because of a power struggle between the FBI and the Coast Guard over who would be in charge, a report released Monday by the Department of Justice inspector general warned.

After the 2001 attacks, both organizations created or expanded armed teams that have the ability to board a moving ship or ferry, using a small boat or helicopter.

"The FBI and the Coast Guard both want the ability to respond to terrorist threats in the maritime area," the report says. "Unless such differences over roles and authorities are resolved, the response to a maritime incident could be confused and potentially disastrous."

The two agencies agree that cruise ships, ferries and container ships are likely targets for terrorists using a bomb or a small boat packed with explosives or by taking hostages.

Since 2001, the Coast Guard, a part of the Department of Homeland Security, created 13 specialized teams based at major ports around the nation that travel on small boats equipped with machine guns and are trained to respond to a hostage-taking or other maritime terrorism. These 100-member teams also have access to Coast Guard helicopters and transport planes.

The FBI, a division of the Justice Department, has 14 of what it calls "enhanced maritime SWAT teams," and a separate hostage rescue team trained to respond to maritime terrorism. The hostage team can rappel from a helicopter onto a ship, or approach a ship using closed circuit diving gear that does not emit bubbles.

The inspector general's report says that the rivalry between the FBI and Coast Guard teams is so great that during a training exercise last year in Connecticut, which featured a mock terrorist strike on a ferry, "the FBI repeatedly blocked the Coast Guard's efforts, saying the FBI was the lead federal agency."

In response, the report says, the

Coast Guard "changed the scenario to circumvent the FBI's lead federal agency role."

The federal government tried to clarify the roles, through an October 2005 document called the Maritime Operational Threat Response. It says Homeland Security and its agencies, including the Coast Guard, take the lead "for the interdiction of maritime threats in waters where DHS normally operates," meaning U.S. ports and coastal waters.

The document says the role of the Justice Department and FBI is to search for clues to prevent maritime terrorism and, if there is an attack, to investigate and prosecute the terrorists.

But the new report says the 2005 document has "not eliminated the potential for conflict and confusion in the event of a terrorist incident at a seaport."

Spokesmen for the Coast Guard and FBI said their agencies are committed to resolving the disagreement.

"There is no room for failure, we will resolve this," said Richard J. Kolko, an FBI agent.

U.S. and England Demand That Iraqis Promptly Form a Unified Government

By Edward Wong
and Joel Brinkley
THE NEW YORK TIMES

BAGHDAD, IRAQ

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Jack Straw, the British foreign minister, forcefully demanded on Monday that the Iraqi leadership form a unified government as quickly as possible to end a power vacuum in which sectarian bloodletting has been rampant.

Their announcement was made during the second day of a visit here to convey their acute impatience with the country's political paralysis, and came a day after Iraq's dominant Shiite political bloc fractured when its most powerful faction publicly demanded that the incumbent Shiite prime minister resign over his inability to form a unified government.

It was not clear whether the joint visit by Rice and Straw, the top emissaries of the two countries that led the invasion of Iraq three years ago, played a direct role in the splintering of the Shiite bloc, and whether that schism would lead to forward movement on forming a new government,

which has been stalled for months.

The developments suggested that a new phase in Iraq's convulsions might have started by opening a possibly violent battle for the country's top job between rival Shiite factions, which both have militias backing them. The incumbent prime minister, Ibrahim al-Jaafari, has said he will fight to keep his job, and his principal supporter is Moktada al-Sadr, a rebellious cleric whose Mahdi Army militia has resorted to violence many times to enforce his wishes.

Rice and Straw, who came here unannounced early Sunday from a meeting in England punctuated by antiwar protests, told reporters they did not want to intervene in the dispute over the prime minister. But at the same time they pointed out that Jaafari had been unable to win enough political support to form a government since his nomination on Feb. 12.

"They've got to get a prime minister who can actually form the government," Rice said after a meeting on Sunday with Iraqi leaders — which included a visibly uncom-

fortable photo session with Jaafari — inside the Green Zone, the fortified part of Baghdad that houses the Iraqi government and American Embassy. She added, "I told them that a lot of treasure, a lot of human treasure, has been put on the line to give Iraq the chance to have a democratic future."

"We are entitled to say that whilst it is up to you, the Iraqis, to say who will fill these positions, someone must fill these positions and fill them quickly," Straw told reporters at a news conference Monday.

"There is no doubt the political vacuum that is here at the moment is not assisting the security situation," he added.

At lunchtime, officials with Jaafari's party met with Kurdish leaders to try to rally political support for the embattled prime minister. The Kurds, and particularly President Jalal Talabani, have been at the forefront of calls to oust Jaafari. Talabani was incensed after Jaafari paid a state visit to Turkey in late February; Turkish leaders have repeatedly threatened to invade Iraqi Kurdistan if the Kurds try to secede.

On a Scaffold in the Lab, Doctors Build a Bladder

By Lawrence K. Altman

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Bladders created in the laboratory from a patient's own cells and then implanted in seven young people have achieved good long-term results in all of them, a team of researchers reported on Monday in a medical journal.

It takes about two months to grow the new bladder on a scaffold outside the body. After implantation, the engineered bladder enlarges over time in the recipient. The researchers say they expect that the new bladder will last a patient's lifetime, but the longevity will be known only as the children grow older.

The hope is that someday the experimental reconstruction procedure will be standard for larger numbers of patients, including adults, and for those with other kinds of bladder damage.

A major advantage of his technique is that rejection cannot occur because the cells used to create a new bladder are from the patient, not from another individual. So an ultimate aim — still years off — is to develop the technique to grow a wide variety of other tissues, possibly even organs, to help relieve the shortage of donor organs available for transplanting, said the research team's leader, Dr. Anthony Atala. He directs the Institute for Regenerative Medicine at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Despite Criticism, Trailer For 9/11 Film Will Run

By Sharon Waxman

THE NEW YORK TIMES

LOS ANGELES

Universal Studios said on Monday that it would stick with plans to show an adrenaline-pumping trailer for "United 93," its forthcoming thriller about the passenger revolt on one of the planes hijacked on 9/11, despite qualms from some moviegoers and families of 9/11 victims.

Adam Fogelson, Universal's president of marketing, said the trailer, which was pulled from AMC Loews Lincoln Square 12 Theater in Manhattan on Saturday after complaints from patrons, would be shown only before R-rated movies or "grown-up" PG-13 ones. He said the trailer was created to give a candid sense of the film itself, which opens at the end of the month.

"The film is not sanitized or softened, it's an honest and real look" at the events on United Airlines Flight 93, Fogelson said. "If I sanitized the trailer beyond what's there, am I suggesting that the experience will be less real than what the movie itself is? We as a company feel comfortable that it is a responsible and fair way to show what's coming."

The studio's challenge — how to promote a film about the tragedy without seeming to exploit it — is likely to surface repeatedly in coming months, as a cluster of movies that touch on the events of 9/11 begins to surface.

Tonsil-Adenoid Surgery May Help Behavior, Too

By Nicholas Bakalar

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Researchers have found strong evidence that adenotonsillectomy the surgery to remove the tonsils and adenoids — can help relieve childhood behavioral or attention problems, including attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, or ADHD.

Although the surgery has become less common with antibiotics, more than 400,000 children under 15 have their tonsils, adenoids, or both removed every year, according to estimates by the Metropolitan Insurance Co. About half of the patients undergo the procedure to control chronic throat or ear infections. The rest have the operation to relieve breathing difficulty or nighttime sleep apnea, a serious disorder in which the sleeping child briefly stops breathing during the night.

Researchers studied 78 children who were scheduled for the operation, and a control group of 27 children having other surgery. According to the paper, which was published on Monday in Pediatrics, it has been known that children with sleep disorders often have behavior problems. But no cause-and-effect relationship has been established.

All the children spent one night in a sleep laboratory to record their sleep and breathing patterns. Their parents filled out scales that measured their children's behavior, each child was tested for vigilance and concentration, and their daytime sleepiness was measured and recorded. Finally, a child psychiatrist determined which children's difficulties merited the diagnosis of attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder.

A CBS Deal With Couric May Be Near

By Bill Carter

THE NEW YORK TIMES

CBS' long courtship of Katie Couric has moved close to a conclusion. A deal to recruit her away from NBC's "Today" show and into the nightly anchor chair at CBS News may be completed as early as this week, people close to the negotiations said Monday.

While Couric is under contract to NBC though the end of May and, under the terms of her current deal, cannot have any formal talks with CBS or another network until the beginning of that month, NBC executives decided in recent days to permit Couric's representatives to discuss outside offers for her future services.

That decision, consistent with what representatives on both sides said had remained a completely amicable relationship between Couric and NBC, has finally speeded up CBS' effort to woo the "Today" host, which began well over a year ago with an informal approach to Couric from the chairman of the CBS Corp., Leslie Moonves.

CBS' pursuit of Couric has been the subject of a torrent of publicity over the last several months, with near-daily updates in some publications of Couric's inclinations to stay at NBC or leave for CBS.

The speculation for at least the past three months has been that the "Today" host would accept CBS' offer to succeed Dan Rather as the permanent anchor of "The CBS Evening News." Bob Schieffer has filled in as anchor since Rather stepped down in March 2005, and has done that job with great success. Audience totals for the newscast are up significantly under Schieffer.

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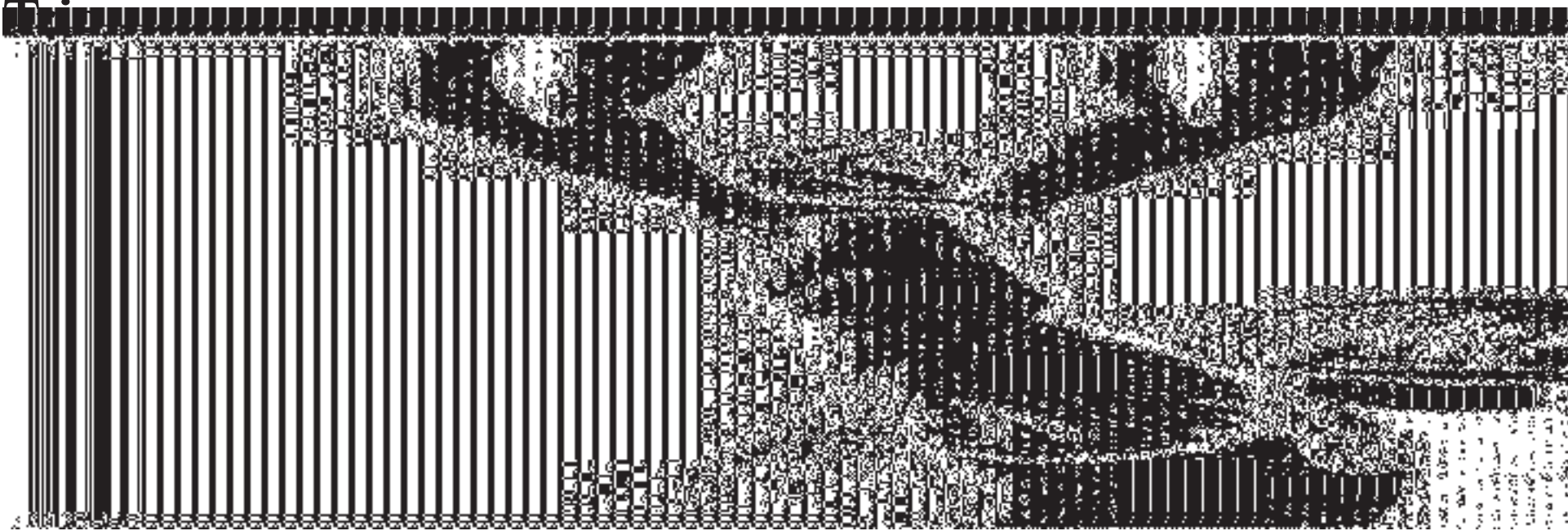
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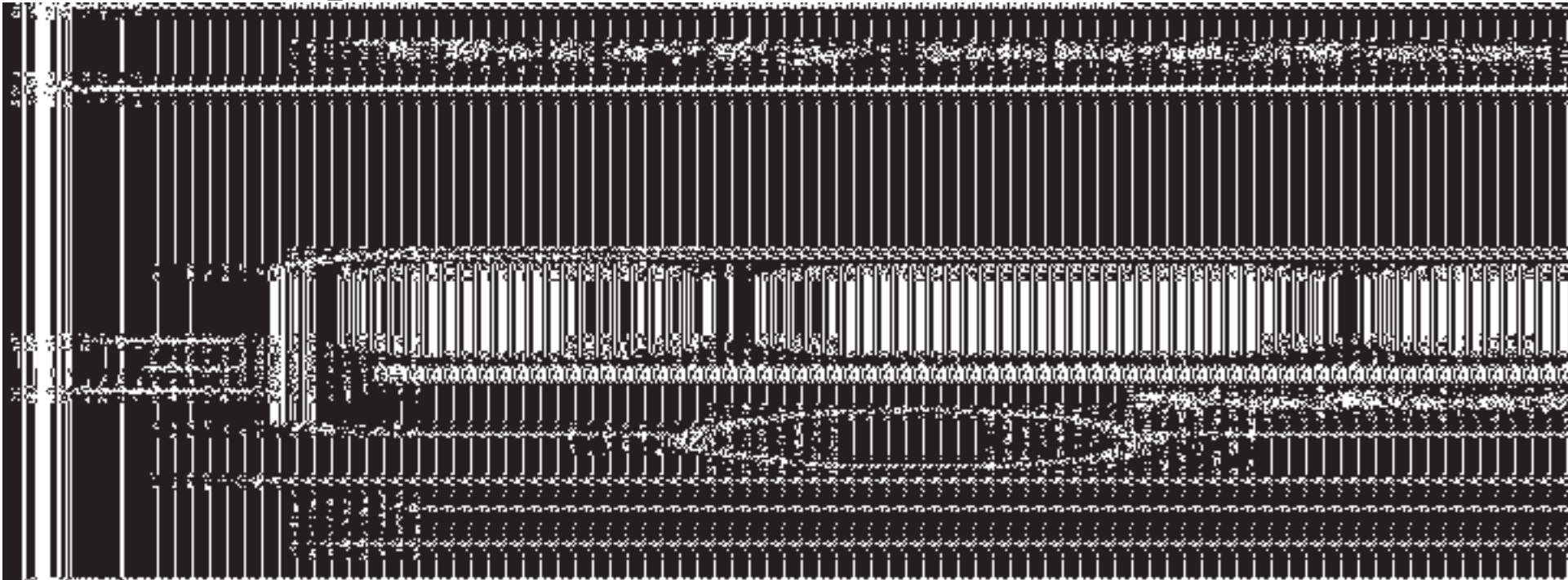
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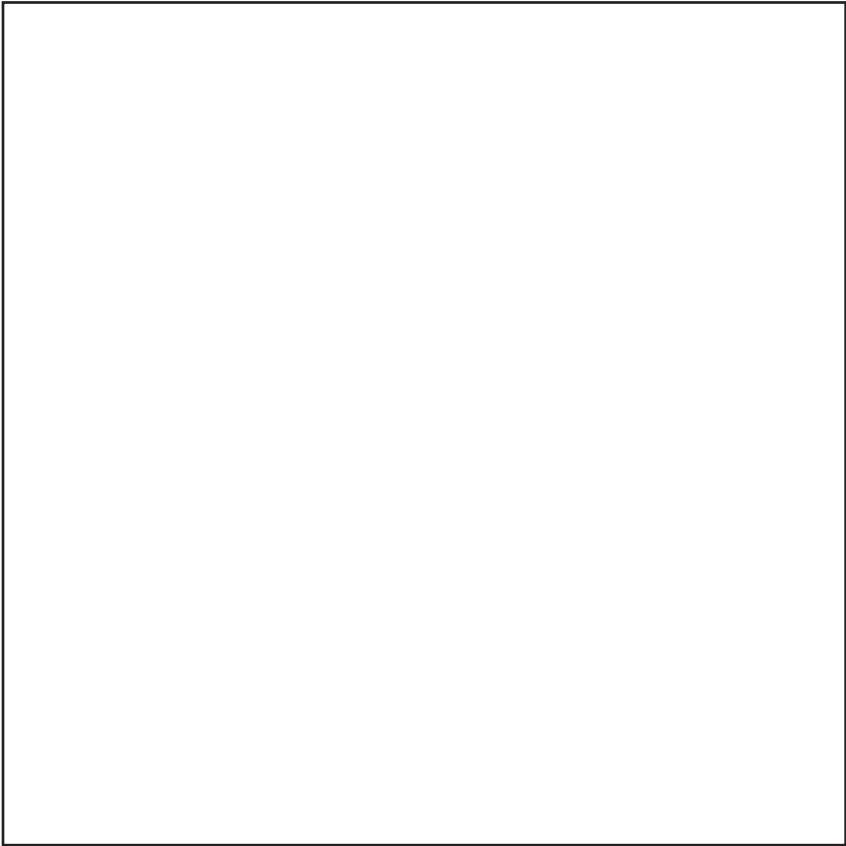


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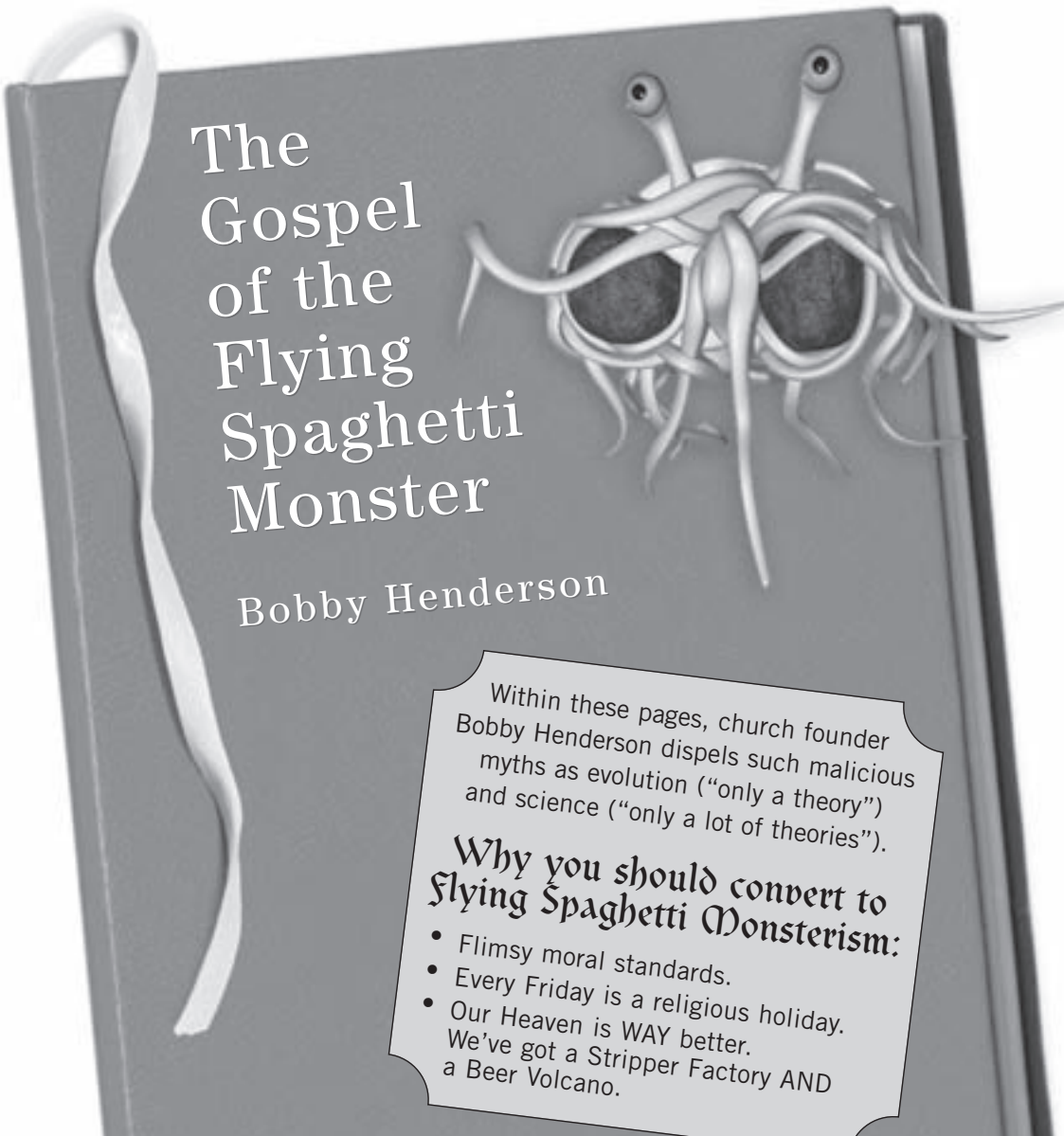
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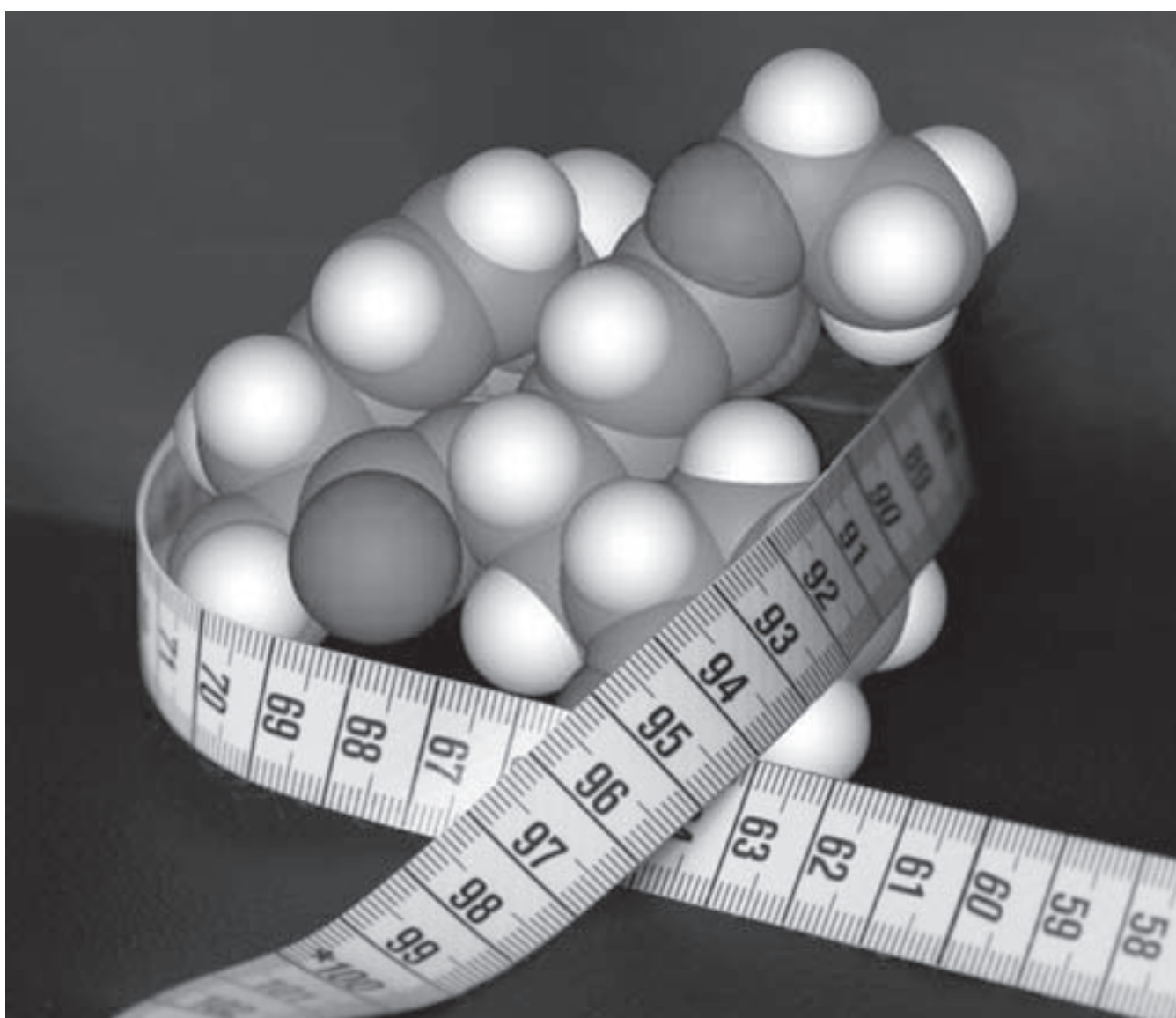
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Run Over by the RIAA

Don't Tap the Glass

By Cassi Hunt

Either since the day I visited my first aquarium or the day Goldie came into my family's life, our parents have told us not to tap the glass of the fish tank. It's cruel to Goldie — I understand and respect that. I mean, heck, I am a vegetarian. But would we have many qualms over a little water perturbation if Goldie were, say, a bloodthirsty shark? I'd knock on that glass to the near-cracking point. And in that spirit, I decided to call up my new friend at the RIAA negotiation hotline again. (Hereafter I'll refer to her as Bowie, which means "yellow haired," as I'm pretty sure that's the case.)

Last time I spoke with Bowie, the conversation was pretty much over after she named \$3750 as the settlement amount. (I haven't actually agreed to settle yet.) So when I called her again, I asked — again — about how to negotiate that amount. I counted on the fact that self-important types wouldn't be inclined to remember a lowly pirate like me. Bowie didn't disappoint. She launched into her spiel about how the RIAA doesn't negotiate settlements. I told her that it was too much to ask for thousands of dollars from a college student who only makes just enough from term and summer employment to still come out a couple thousand in debt.

Bowie replied that the RIAA was oh-so-kind enough to offer a six month repayment plan. At this point, I was beginning to speculate on Bowie's hair color, and decided to switch tactics. I concisely and calmly explained how the situation was ridiculous: they weren't offering a settlement, they were issuing an ultimatum! Let us screw you over gently now, or with chains and whips in court. Surely there must be some flexibility for individual cases.

Well, she replied, they do make allowances if something like a medical emergency comes up. Now we're getting somewhere. "And who would I talk to about a situation like that, because I'd like to talk to them now?"

"Me," she replied. Ever feel like your nose has just been flattened by something large and solid? I mean, besides the doors at 77 Mass. Ave. "But you're not in a situation like that."

Oh, but I am. The Institvtte has left me with severe bouts of p-set-induced insomnia and a case of stuck-to-desk-itis that recurs two to three times in a semester, then again just before break. And my wallet certainly takes a hit for it.

But as much as I tried to argue that I was in as unique a situation as someone with medical expenses, there was no getting through. Bowie even had the audacity to say, "In fact, the RIAA has been known to suggest that students drop out of college or go to community college in order to be able to afford settlements."

Are. You. Shitting. Me.

There you have it, fellow Techsters: proof of the fantastic levels of absurdity to which the RIAA attack has sunk. The Recording Industry of America would rather see America's youth deprived of higher education, forever marring their ability to contribute personally and financially to society — including the arts — so that they may crucify us as examples to our peers. To say nothing of wrecking our lives in the process. I finally understand what the RIAA meant when they told me "stealing music is not a victimless crime" — the victims hang for all to see.

Please, RIAA — if any competent representative happens to enjoy flipping through *The Tech* — please tell me Bowie is a moronic tool who can't help what the Superior Gray Coverage Golden Blonde hair dye does to her mental facilities. Please tell me you actually care about the futures of the age demographic that buys most of your music (<http://www.riaa.com/news/marketingdata/pdf/2004consumerprofile.pdf>). Your evil pirates are people too, people who enjoy music and almost always still purchase it legitimately. Each has an individual life and circumstances that deserve consideration, if not for the sake of empathy for your fellow man, then for the sake of business sense.

Sure, if you commit a crime against someone, you should be held accountable. But I find it horrifying that anyone would single-mindedly and without compassion process people like a meat grinder set to purée. So while the RIAA continues to play the part of shark, I'll continue to stand behind the glass, tapping away, wondering which of us is on display.

Ask Nutty B!

By Bruce Wu

Nutty B is currently a graduate student at MIT that tries to give his 2 cents worth to his readers' questions regarding anything and everything. Please e-mail him with whatever question you would like someone to listen to, and help him have an excuse to procrastinate at 3:00 a.m. Please send all questions to askNuttyB@yahoo.com

Dear Nutty B,
Why it's Nutty B! So glad to have you back!
I graduated last year and I've worked at my job for six months now. I have pretty much decided that I need to leave. The work is not challenging or interesting at all, essentially it's just data entry. So while I've been trying to find jobs in rival companies, the job descriptions reminded me of exactly what I had just done for the last six months. Now I wonder if I should switch fields, even though I'm probably woefully unprepared for anything else. I really enjoyed the subject when I learned it at MIT, but I don't know if the business world can make it as exciting. What should I do?
—Drone to Be

Dear Drone to Be,
Thank you, and yes, I am back. In fact, I was never gone, though I *really* thought I'd have got out of Hell (I mean this place) by now. But anyway, it is always nice to have old readers keeping in touch. Remember to re-sign up for the fan club!

It seems the problem is not where you work, but rather what you do. If you don't like what you do, switching from one job to another of the same nature will be just like changing from one version of Microsoft to the next: it's the same crap under a new name. Also, you wonder if you can apply the subjects you've learned at MIT to the business world? My answer to you, my friend, is that unless the business world needs nerdiness and social incompetence, they probably won't do you any good.

You need to ask yourself what you really want to do for your career and if that is enough for you to abandon a job you already have. Sleeping on the streets while dreaming about being the next CEO of IBM is just not that practical. Sometimes you can pursue your interests as hobbies during your free time, in addition to your day job; that is, unless you

are a grad student here, then you would just have no life.

Also, it is common to see that one's job post-graduation is very different from one's major in college. You should think the real value of your overpriced MIT education is not how fast you can solve equations or chug a pint of beer, but rather what tools you have acquired during your years here that can help you solve whatever problem you might encounter in life. It was not a fish TIM the Beaver handed you when you walked on that fine June day, it was a fishing rod that would help you get more of your own fish later on. Now, go fishing and make TIM the Beaver proud!

Dear Nutty B,
Men suck! How come men don't like to make plans for the weekends? They always want to leave their weekends open. What's up with that?
—Curious in Cambridge

Dear Curious in Cambridge,
We don't suck, nor are we non-committal. In fact, we actually plan ahead, but we just haven't mastered how to plan ahead to accommodate multiple people's schedules yet. So quit complaining and whining and be considerate; learn to overlook that flaw in us as a species. How do you expect us to plan around the schedules of Gracie, Chrissy, and Tracy without their knowledge of each other's existence, all while we've told our buddies that we would get trashed together every Friday and Saturday night?

Now that we're are clear on the possible cause of your confusion, the good news is that perhaps the guy(s) you were talking about really just wants to make the weekend a week-end, a time when he/she can just chill and do nothing. I know I like to wake up at 13:00 on a fine Saturday, open a bottle of wine, and sip my day (I mean glass) away, without having to worry about planning any work or meeting anyone. Everyone is different, and that's the only answer I can give you if you're talking about men in general. If you are talking about a specific person, then perhaps you should let him know that it bothers you, and you two can communicate and figure out a compromise. Also, if it's the latter case, feel free to ask me again in more detail, and I'll get back to you soon; perhaps over dinner, on any weeknight?

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The MIT Women's Tennis team defeated Bowdoin College this past Saturday, April 1 for the first time in the program's history. The athletes played on the du Pont Tennis Courts, where the Engineers took 5 matches to Bowdoin's 4.

Counterclockwise from left:
Serena Y. Lin '08 rips a forehand in her doubles match with partner Mariah N. Hoover '07.

Hoover hits a backhand volley. Lin and Hoover won their match 8 games to 5.

Women's tennis co-captain Elaine Ni '06 hits a forehand volley in her doubles match with partner Joanna L. MacKay '07. Ni and MacKay lost their match 7-9.

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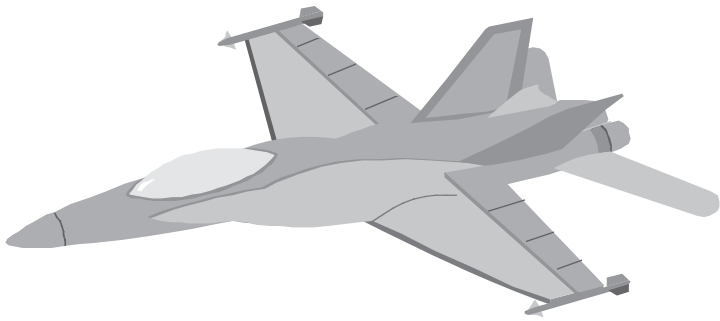




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Settlement: Death an Accident

MIT Claims Agreement Will Not Set Precedent for Student Deaths

Shin, from Page 1

toxicology tests suggest that Shin overdosed and as a result may have been unconscious when the fire started. At the time of her death, Shin was being treated for depression by MIT medical staff and had previously attempted suicide.

MIT administrators expressed satisfaction that the case has been resolved and that the staff members who interacted with Shin have been cleared of wrongdoing.

Brehm said that though the settlement includes an agreement that Shin's death was accidental, it does not set a precedent allowing families to sue MIT in the event of future accidents and that MIT is "strongly prepared" to defend lawsuits.

Recent settlements between MIT and the parents of Richard A. Guy '99 and Scott S. Krueger '01 have provided for memorial scholarship funds, but Clay said that no such fund has been planned as part of the Shin settlement.

The wrongful death lawsuit was

originally filed against MIT and several of its employees in January 2002 sought damages of \$27.65 million. The four counts against MIT were dismissed by the Massachusetts Superior Court in June 2005, and charges against MIT Police officers who responded to the incident were dismissed by agreement of all parties involved in July 2005.

In the settlement, Shin's parents have agreed to dismiss all remaining claims against the MIT administra-

tors and psychiatrists named in the wrongful death lawsuit.

With the Shin settlement, the wrongful death lawsuit filed by the parents of Julia M. Carpenter '03 in 2003 becomes the final outstanding wrongful death suit. Carpenter committed suicide in April 2001 and her parents are seeking damages of more than \$20 million from MIT, Institute officials, and Charvak P. Karpe G, who is accused of stalking her. The case is slated for trial later this year.

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PoNing Chen '06
Anand R. Deopurkar '08
Nathaniel J. Ince '08
Pramook Khungurn '06
Joshua J. Lim '09
Yuncheng Lin '08
Thomas J. Mildorf '09
Virgil C. Petrea '07
Matthew J. Thibault '06
David W. Vincent '07

The MIT Team, which won the two previous years, took fourth place this year, behind Harvard, Princeton, and Duke. The team will receive a \$10,000 reward, and each team member will receive \$400. The test was administered on December 3, 2005.

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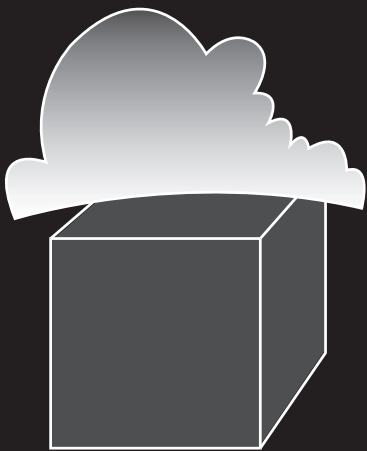
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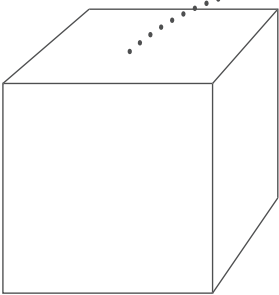


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By Rosa Cao
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GSC Officer Elections Wed.

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mittee.

In his candidate statement, dated March 22, Weese wrote that only 35 of 86 GSC representative positions were filled. Although the number of GSC representatives always falls short of the maximum, he considers this year's number to be low. He said that as president, he would aim to fill at least 60 positions.

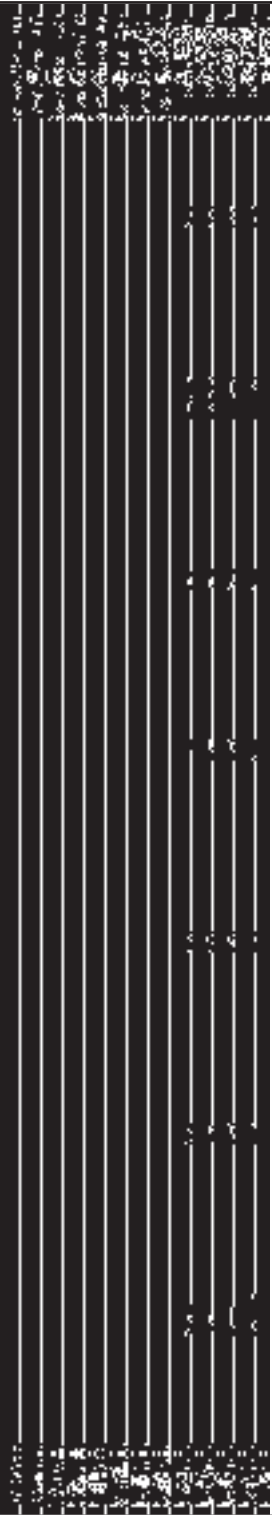
GSC representatives Megan J. Palmer G and Greg Fischer G declined to comment on the politics of the election.

The elections will take place in Room 4-163 beginning at 5 p.m. Preceding the meeting, a social will be held in the GSC office, 50-220, from 3 to 5 p.m. After the elections, a celebration will be held in the Muddy Charles Pub.

For more information, visit <http://gsc.mit.edu/elections>.

Solution to Crossword

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Harvard: No Tuition For Parents Making Under 60K Annually

By Karen W. Arenson
THE NEW YORK TIMES

The quest by prestigious colleges to attract more low- and middle-income students is turning into a financial aid arms race.

Harvard University, which two years ago focused attention on the paucity of low-income students in the Ivy League with its announcement that it would not ask parents who earned less than \$40,000 a year to contribute money for their children's education, said March 30 that it would raise that ceiling to \$60,000 for students entering this fall.

The students themselves will still be expected to make some payments from jobs they hold.

Harvard's president, Lawrence H. Summers, said in a statement, "There is no more important mission for Harvard and higher education than promoting equality of opportunity for all."

He said the financial aid increases "send a clear signal to middle-class families who have all too often felt that Harvard and other leading universities are out of reach."

In 1998, Princeton, one of the colleges with the highest endowment per student, announced that it would replace loans with grants for students from families with annual incomes less than \$46,500. Five years ago, it extended that policy to all undergraduates. That was a move that few colleges felt ready to match.

But since Harvard's announcement in 2004, there has been a suc-

cession of announcements of higher-aid programs by top-tier colleges.

Also in 2004, Brown said that a \$100 million gift to the university would allow it to replace loans with grants for about 135 students.

Last year, Yale said it would eliminate the contribution required of parents earning less than \$45,000, an plan similar to Harvard's.

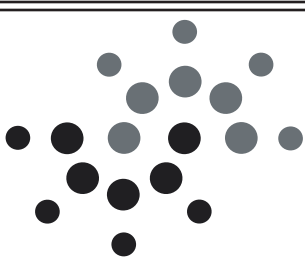
This month there has been a profusion of announcements. In early March, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology said it would begin matching the federal Pell Grants that its low-income students got. Pell grants are currently \$4,050 a year.

M.I.T., which will charge \$43,550 for tuition, housing and meals, said that 16 percent of its undergraduates came from homes with incomes below \$42,000, and that 90 percent of its undergraduates qualified for financial aid.

Stanford University said this month that it would eliminate the parental contribution for families with annual incomes below \$45,000. Last week, the University of Pennsylvania said it would replace loans with grants for undergraduates from economically disadvantaged families with incomes of \$50,000 or less.

Some financial aid officials applauded the announcements.

"If you step back and forget my role as a financial aid director and focus on helping needy students, this is great," Michael D. Bartini, director of financial aid at Brown, said March 30.



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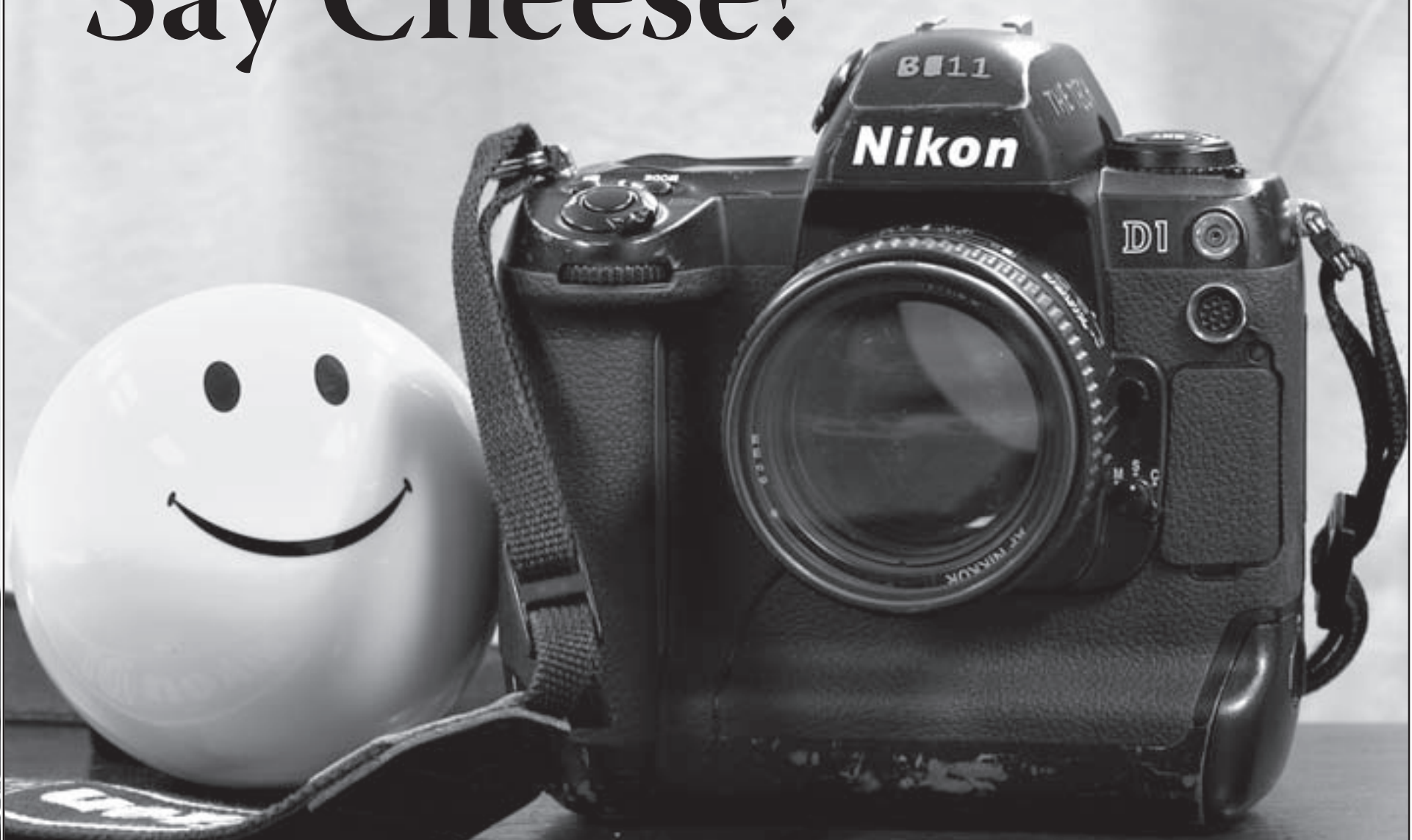
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AEPhi Recruits a Second New Member Class; Most Are Jewish

De-pledgings Caused by Communication Gap, Differing Beliefs

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Both Vice-President of Recruitment Elizabeth Katcoff '08 and Slutsky said they are not alarmed by the recent depledgings because they have been able to recruit another new member class. They declined to give any numbers. When asked how many of the most recent prospective new members are Jewish, Katcoff

said that “we aren’t very concerned about percentages.” The anonymous sister said that all of the most recent new members are Jewish except for one.

The anonymous sister said that seven of AEPhi’s 22 sisters are Jewish. Both Slutsky and Katcoff declined to confirm this statistic.

Katcoff, who was recently named vice-president of recruitment after this year’s formal recruitment, said “it’s our fault not that they [the new members] depledged, but the fact that they were new members to begin with,” because AEPhi’s Jewish identity was not promoted during formal recruitment.

Brigid C. Dwyer '06, who was the previous vice-president of recruitment in charge of this year’s formal recruitment said “my philosophy was trying to communicate ... that AEPhi has an open membership policy ... I tried to make an effort to make sure AEPhi’s heritage and identity was known.”

Members split on whether to stay

Nina H. Kim '09, who de-pledged, said she felt like there was a communication gap between the sisters. “We didn’t even know that AEPhi was ... proclaiming a Jewish identity until a week into pledging.”

Both Kim and the anonymous woman who de-pledged said that they de-pledged by e-mail, but do not know how AEPhi members reacted. Kim said that she received an e-mail suggesting she talk over her decision with members of the executive board, while the other person said she hadn’t heard any response.

Katcoff said that seven years ago AEPhi had a similar problem. “We were lying about our identity in order to get more members.” At that time, members from AEPhi’s national headquarters interviewed all of the sisters and invited those who recognized and supported the Jewish identity of AEPhi to remain. Only three were not invited back, and not all of them were non-Jewish, Katcoff said. Those sisters deaffiliated but were given alumni status. Bonnie Wunsch, executive director of AEPhi, could not be reached for comment.

“We didn’t want something like that to happen again,” but “we realized we were straying again,” Katcoff said.

Lindsay L. Calderon '08, who is not Jewish, decided to de-affiliate the weekend after the letter was read to the chapter. She said she felt that Jewish sisters couldn’t really be

themselves if she was around. “I really want AEPhi to prosper in their Jewish identity,” she added.

Sarah C. Rich '08 said that she decided to stay at AEPhi because “I like the sisters and the sorority and I made a commitment.” Teresa H. Liu '07, who is also a member, said that AEPhi has allowed her to grow as a person because she was learning about a culture different from her own.

The anonymous sister said that she felt Slutsky and other members of AEPhi’s executive board were “focused on an admirable cause,” but “were going about it in the wrong way.” “I feel that in making the Jewish identity of our chapter an objective to which AEPhi’s other values can be sacrificed, we are losing sight of what really matters.”

Sisters not aware of mailing list

The anonymous sister said that she had recently discovered the existence of AEPhiJews@mit.edu, an e-mail list that she said consisted only of Jewish sisters and one new Jewish member. She said that the major planning decisions about informal recruitment events were being made by Jewish AEPhi sisters through this mailing list.

Slutsky said that one of her tasks as vice-president of operations is to create mailing lists. This one was created because she and some other sisters were unclear about how to present AEPhi’s Jewish identity. The list serves as a think tank and discussion forum, she said.

Katcoff said the new member was “helping us determine our identity.”

AEPhi’s President Elaina L. Cherry '07 said that not everyone on the mailing list is Jewish, citing herself as an example.

The anonymous sister said that she felt some sisters were not included in planning sorority events, but were told where and when an event would be without being allowed input.

Slutsky said that it is a “flat-out lie” that sisters were not informed about event planning. “I can’t help it if people don’t check their e-mails.”

Katcoff said that everyone knew about the events, except in one case, where the PNM “wouldn’t have come if we told them the whole chapter would be there,” because she felt more comfortable at first in a setting with her friends.

Neither Rich nor Calderon had heard of AEPhiJews@mit.edu.

Members: AEPhi financially sound

Kaya Miller, assistant director of Fraternities, Sororities, and Independent Living Groups, said that she worked with members of AEPhi’s executive board before the de-pledgings to plan informal recruitment events. She said that the girls had planned three large events and she encouraged them to plan two others. Katcoff said these events included Arts & Craft day and cookie baking.

“I didn’t find it alarming they were trying to connect with their national identity ... I personally feel that this is a part of a group development model they’re going through” Miller said of the de-pledgings.

Panhellenic Association President Shannon N. Nees '07 said that Panhel members are available to offer an unbiased opinion for anyone involved, but that AEPhi has been handling the situation internally. “I think their officers are doing a very good job of handling it,” she said.

Cherry said that the loss of sisters and new members will not affect AEPhi financially, since the activities planned are based on the number of sisters. Though sororities do not submit budgets to the Student Life Programs department, Miller said that AEPhi has a long-term lease on their house and that they are not in jeopardy of losing it.

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Streaking Sabbatini Could Surprise Field

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attack that course better than any golfer in the field.

You want a couple of dark horses for this year's Masters? How about Retief Goosen, a man more known for his calm U.S. Open play than for the aggressive style needed to win in Augusta, Georgia? He has been playing quite well the past several weeks, both at the Players Championship and at the BellSouth Classic. Goosen has the nerves of steel to hold down those emotions come Sunday afternoon on the back nine. Watch for him to be a factor in the tournament.

What about Sergio Garcia? He also played well at the Players. He

definitely needs a major win to put a stamp on his great career. So far, he has the unwanted label of being the best player never to have won a major tournament. Garcia wants to rid himself of that label and get to the next step.

For a really out-of-nowhere potential winner, how about Rory Sabbatini? He has been at the top of the money list this entire season and even though he hasn't played well in the last couple of tournaments, he is still someone to watch out for this week.

All in all, the list of potential winners is a good one, and come Sunday, it will once again be a race to see who can birdie the most holes on the back nine.

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Mickelson Most Likely To Succeed at Masters On Longer Golf Course

By Yong-yi Zhu
COLUMNIST

As we approach Masters week this year, the talk is not about the competitors on the course, but rather about changes to the course itself. The already booming golf challenge at the end of Magnolia Lane has been lengthened by an additional 155 yards this year.

The main stated goal of lengthening the course is to bring the original, intended landing positions back into play since the advent of new, longer golf technology.

This effort to Tiger-proof the course and prevent the long-hitters from breaking every record in the Masters record books has made the course completely inaccessible to many of shorter hitters on tour. Because of this added length, holes like the par 4 11th play to more than 500 yards; on a windy day, all you can say is a quiet amen as you head into the beginning of Amen Corner.

But while additional distance is not necessarily good for the tournament, it does bring the bigger hitters, and therefore the bigger names, into play.

My top pick this week is not

Tiger Woods, but Phil Mickelson. Mickelson is coming off an unbelievable week at the BellSouth Classic, and he is playing some terrific golf. His putting has improved, especially inside of five feet. That will be a great plus when he attacks a course that is always birdie-rich.

Mickelson needs not only to make more putts but also need to attack the pins whenever he can. His short game has always been his strong suit, and it allows him to recover from any bad shot. His philosophy of shaving a couple of shots around the green will be critical because of the added difficulty of those elongated holes.

Of course, you cannot talk about the Masters without mentioning Tiger Woods. He started this year hot, winning twice on the PGA tour and making a terrific comeback to win the Dubai. But I just feel that Tiger is not yet playing his best golf. If he gets it together this week, we will see something truly special, but if he continues to plod along as he has in last couple of tournaments or so, we will not see a dominant Tiger.

But then again, he doesn't need to be dominant to win a major, just good and a little lucky (see last year's 16th hole). He knows how to

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Sherry and Sorba Each Score 3 In 9-5 Lacrosse Win Over Clark

By Mindy Brauer
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Four unanswered goals in the fourth quarter powered MIT Men's Lacrosse Team to a 9-5 victory over Clark University in Pilgrim League action on Friday. Brennan P. Sherry '06 and Tyler G. Sorba '07 each contributed three goals and an assist while Jonathan P. Stolmeier '07 posted two goals and two assists for the Engineers (3-1, 1-0 Pilgrim). Scott Foglietta led the Cougars (2-2, 0-1 Pilgrim) with two goals and an assist.

Stolmeier notched the first goal of the game with an unassisted tally at 6:06. Tech extended its lead less than three minutes later when Sherry converted a pass from Ryan W. Ballen-

tine '09. Nate Sherman put Clark on the board with 1:55 left in the quarter. MIT maintained its slim advantage through a scoreless second quarter.

Sorba ended the 20-minute scoring drought with an unassisted goal to keep the Engineers ahead, 3-1. At the 10:08 mark, the Cougars narrowed the margin to one when Matt Fram set-up Zach Goodman for a man-down goal. Eight seconds later, Stolmeier connected on a feed from Sherry for an extra-man goal. Sherry then scored on a pass by Stolmeier at 9:49 for a 5-2 edge.

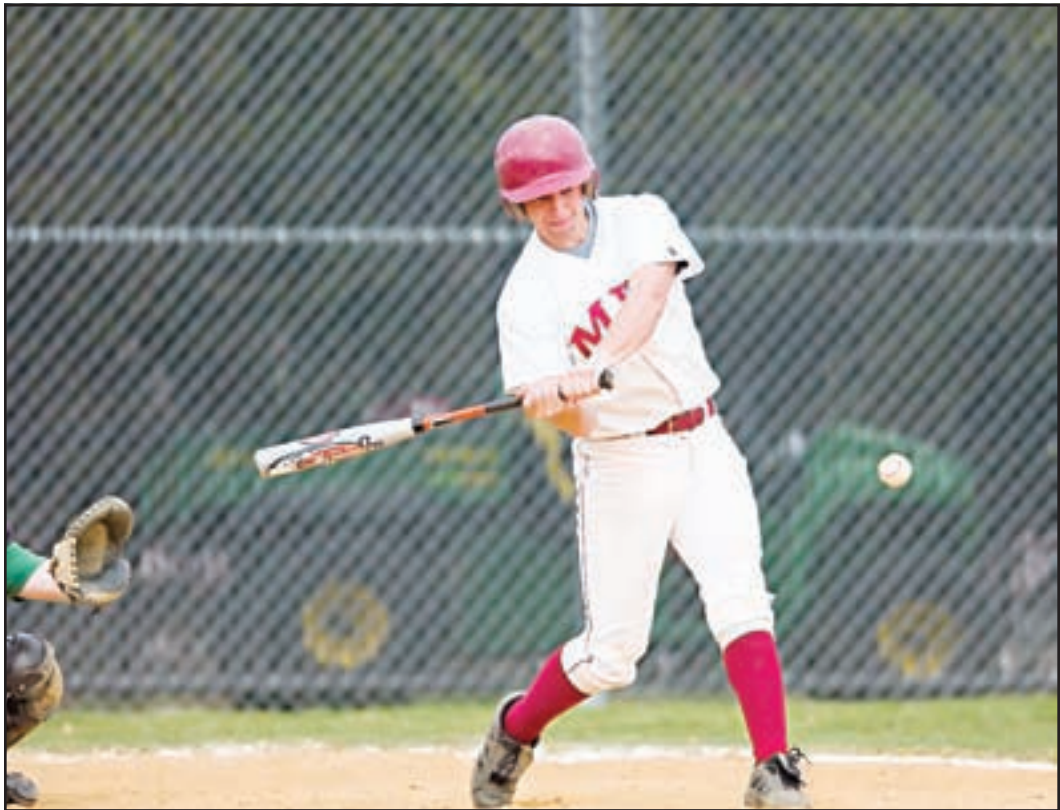
The score would hold until Clark netted three goals during the opening five minutes of the final frame. Shawn Roche found Foglietta to spark the rally. Foglietta then set-up Fram for a man-up goal, which was followed by another Foglietta-Roche connection with 9:53 left. MIT ended the spree when long-stick midfielder Ebbe G. Strathairn '09 carried the ball into the attack and flipped it to Sherry for what proved to be the game-winning goal 26 seconds later. Scott T. Purchase '06 increased the Engineers' lead by scoring a man-up goal and assisting Sorba in another. Sherry converted a pass by Stolmeier to cap the scoring with 3:38 on the clock.

In net, Zach E. Brewer '07 collected 12 saves and 14 groundballs for MIT. Richard Doucette finished with nine saves while Dave Breglio paced the Cougars with nine groundballs.

The next game for MIT will be on Wednesday, April 5 at 4 p.m. when the Engineers travels to Wheaton College.



Attacker Tyler G. Sorba '07 runs in to make a shot on goal in front of Clark University's David Breglio '07 during the third period of the Engineer's game on Friday, March 24, 2006 on the Barry Astro turf Field. Sorba and Brennan P. Sherry '06 led MIT to a 9-5 victory, each contributing three goals and an assist.



Thomas M. Phillips '09 hits a single into the gap in right field during the second game of the Engineer's double-header against Elms College on Saturday, April 1 on Briggs Field. The Engineers won the first game 9-7 and took the second one 6-2 after a rain delay.



Christine Fanchiang '07 swings up to clear 3.20 meters (10'6") in the pole vault at the Diet Pepsi Invitational, hosted by the University of Florida this past Saturday, April 1. The non-scoring meet was attended by a myriad of college athletes as well as domestic and international professional athletes.

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