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Investigation Ongoing in Kendall Sq. Fire

MIT-Owned Building Transformer Explosion Kills One, Others Suffer Smoke Inhalation

By Eric S. Wang

The cause of the Friday, Dec. 8 fire in the basement of One Broadway is still under investigation by State Fire Services and the Cambridge Fire Department. The fire broke out at 10:45 a.m. when an NSTAR transformer exploded, resulting in the death of 28-year-old NSTAR employee Kevin Fidalgo. 30 others were hospitalized for smoke inhalation and 700 to 800 were evacuated.

The MIT-owned building, also known as Bldg. E70, is an investment property primarily occupied by small technology companies, several of which have ties to MIT. Patricia Richards of the MIT News Office said that 65 of the building's occupants are in Sloan offices and 35 occupants are involved in the OpenCourseWare project.

NSTAR spokesperson Michael Durand reported that twelve buildings initially lost power, though all but One Broadway regained power before midnight. One Broadway was still without power yesterday evening, except for a temporary emergency generator.

"We all headed down the stairs until we hit very heavy smoke in the stairwell and couldn't go any



Paramedics load a victim of the 1 Broadway (MIT Building E70) fire into an ambulance. One NSTAR employee was killed after an electrical fire in the building on the morning of Friday, Dec. 8.

further," said OCW Director Anne H. Margulies in an e-mail. "At that point we ended up going in different directions and it was really quite scary."

"Things should have been in place" to prevent that much smoke, said Jennifer Mieth from State Fire Services, referring to the building's fire code.

The exact cause of the fire is still unknown, pending an investigation by State Fire Services and the Cam-

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Early Action Pool Up, Admit Rate Falls

By Swetha Kambhampati

STAFF REPORTER

Early Action results for the Class of 2011 were finally released last week, with 3,493 early action applications received, marking a 13 percent increase from last year. Out of these, 390 students, or 11 percent, were admitted; last year, MIT admitted roughly 12 percent of early applicants in December. 319 were denied admission, while three-quarters, or 2,784, were deferred to regular action decisions in March. The deadline for early action was Nov. 1.

The admissions server has been notorious the past two years for crashing on the day of the early action deadline, but it held up this year after substantial testing, said Dean of Undergraduate Admissions Marilee Jones.

"We're thrilled and very satisfied with the students we admitted. They will fit in well with the MIT community and we believe will really thrive here," Jones said.

A table outlining the composition of the student body admitted is featured on pg. 15

The admissions application has undergone some wording and content changes this year.

"We changed some of the language to clarify our intentions behind the questions and make them more transparent," Jones said. For example, after the "What do you do simply for fun" question, the admissions committee added clarification, "This isn't a trick question. We want to see how you bring balance to your life."

Additionally, the Essay A option has now been changed to read, "Tell us about an experience which, at the time, really felt like 'the end of the world' — but had it not happened, you would not be who you are today. Describe the process through which

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Students Increase Tensions In Boston Neighborhoods

By Adrienne P. Samuels
THE BOSTON GLOBE

College students, who for years have lived in large numbers in neighborhoods such as The Fenway and Allston/Brighton, increasingly appear to be moving into other neighborhoods around Boston.

New city statistics tracking the number of students living off campus show sharp increases in neighborhoods including Beacon Hill

and Mission Hill in Roxbury. At the same time, tensions have mounted in some neighborhoods where residents blame students for increased litter, noise, and public safety problems.

"I have now started a new program on collecting their trash," said Anna Marie Camargo, a resident of Beacon Hill. "At least six times, I've woken up and taken beer cans off of

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Proposals For Promoting Grad Student Life Picked

By Nick Bushak
STAFF REPORTER

The MIT Graduate Students Office has awarded about \$70,000 in Student Life Grants to 16 out of 25 student life proposals submitted this year. Projects, which received grants between \$500 and \$14,000, range from the "Weekend Brunch Series" to "BabyBeacon," a Web-based searchable database for parents interested in informal babysitting ex-

changes.

While most of the funding comes from the Student Life Fee, a \$200 fee which applies to all undergraduates and graduate students, this year, some of the money also comes out of the new Graduate Student Life Fund, established last year.

Other notable projects funded by this year's Graduate Student Life Grants include "Muddy Mondays: Building Cross Cultural Graduate Community at MIT," a proposal for a regular event series to allow student cultural groups to turn the Muddy Charles Pub into their home countries for a night. For another program, "College Applications Made Easy," MIT graduate students mentor Cambridge high school students through the college application process.

A proposed five-day seminar over

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ERIC SCHMIEDL—THE TECH

A red car, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority bus, and SafeRide vehicle were involved in an accident on Massachusetts Avenue near the MIT Museum. MIT Police and the Cambridge Police Department declined to provide any more details on the accident by press time.

This is the last issue of *The Tech* before winter break. *The Tech* will publish every Wednesday during IAP.

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In Short

¶ **The deadline to waive** the MIT Student Extended Insurance Plan online for the spring term is Feb. 28, 2007. The plan has been automatically billed to students. Alternately, if students have already waived the plan for the entire academic year, no additional waiver is needed. If students wish to enroll themselves or their dependents for the spring term, the deadline to do so is also Feb. 28, 2007. Go to <http://web.mit.edu/medical> for more information.

¶ **PC Magazine and The Princeton Review** named MIT the second most wired college campus in the nation, after Villanova University. Rounding out the top five are Indiana University Bloomington, Swarthmore College, and Creighton University in third, fourth, and fifth, respectively. Full results can be found in the Jan. 2007 issue, or online at <http://go.pcmag.com/>

wiredcolleges starting on Tuesday, Dec. 19.

¶ **Final exams** begin Monday, Dec. 18 at 9 a.m. For a complete listing of the final exam schedule, visit <http://web.mit.edu/registrar/www/schedules/exams.html>.

¶ **The Winter Break Shuttle** to Logan Airport will be available from Dec. 20–23, departing from the Kresge parking lot. A shuttle fee of \$7 will be billed to student bursar accounts or via employee payroll deductions. Advance reservations are required and will be processed through the Web site. Please see <http://web.mit.edu/facilities/transportation/shuttles/airport.html> for scheduling and availability.

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WORLD & NATION

Sex Scandal Forces Denver Pastor to Resign

By Neela Banerjee
THE NEW YORK TIMES

The senior pastor of a suburban Denver evangelical church resigned on Sunday after admitting to having had sexual relations with men. The move apparently came after the pastor was confronted by another minister in his church who had been alerted by an anonymous caller, *The Denver Post* reported.

The resignation of the pastor, the Rev. Paul Barnes, from the pulpit of the 2,100-member Grace Chapel megachurch in Englewood came by way of a tearful, 32-minute videotaped address to his congregation.

His departure occurred a month after the Rev. Ted Haggard stepped down as president of the National Association of Evangelicals and senior pastor of New Life Church in Colorado Springs when a former male prostitute disclosed that Haggard had had a sexual relationship with him for three years.

Dave Palmer, the associate pastor of Grace Chapel, told *The Denver Post* that the church received a call last week from a person who had overheard someone speak of “blowing the whistle” on other evangelical ministers in clandestine homosexual relationships, among them Barnes. Palmer then spoke with Barnes.

Families Force a Delay In Report on Mine Blast

By Christopher Maag
THE NEW YORK TIMES

Bowing to pressure from relatives of the 12 men who died in an explosion at the Sago mine in January, West Virginia officials on Monday postponed the release of their report on the disaster until the survivors’ questions can be answered.

At the heart of the dispute were not the findings themselves, which were to have been released Monday, but the way they were presented, said Lara Ramsburg, a spokeswoman for Gov. Joe Manchin.

Unlike other reports on recent mining disasters, Ramsburg said, this one was not accompanied by a simplified summary or PowerPoint presentation that would have helped the families and the governor understand the findings by the Office of Miners’ Health Safety and Training.

“The governor and the families had the same problem with the report, that it was not done in a way that was easy to understand all the data,” said Ramsburg, who attended the meeting at West Virginia Wesleyan College where the governor and relatives of the miners received the report.

Hewlett’s Longtime CFO Schedules His Retirement

By Damon Darlin
THE NEW YORK TIMES

Hewlett-Packard said Monday that its longtime chief financial officer, Robert P. Wayman, would retire at the end of this month and leave the company’s board in March. His departure, which he said had long been planned, leaves another board vacancy in what has been a tumultuous period for the company.

Wayman, who joined the company as an accountant in 1969, was named to the top finance job in 1984. He served briefly as the chief executive during a period of upheaval in 2005 between the board’s firing of Carly Fiorina and its hiring of Mark V. Hurd, the current chairman and chief executive officer. The Hewlett board awarded him a \$3 million bonus for the 52-day stint.

When Wayman became chief financial officer, the company’s annual revenues were \$6 billion; this year they were \$91.7 billion.

Secretary-General Urges US To Reject Unilateralist Policy

By Warren Hoge
THE NEW YORK TIMES

UNITED NATIONS

Kofi A. Annan SL ’72, the departing secretary-general, challenged the Bush administration Monday to shun go-it-alone diplomacy and remain committed to observing human rights as it acts to forestall terrorism.

In a speech delivered at the Truman Presidential Museum and Library in Independence, Mo., billed as his last address to an American audience as secretary-general, Annan said, “You Americans did so much, in the last century, to build an effective multilateral system, with the United Nations at its heart. Do you need it less today, and does it need you less than 60 years ago?”

Annan did not directly cite the Bush administration, with which he has had a fraught relationship, but he made his rebuke of current American foreign policy clear by urging a return to “far-sighted American leadership, in the Truman tradition.”

President Harry S. Truman was instrumental in creating the United Nations after the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1945.

Annan noted that the United States

was “in the vanguard of the global human rights movement,” but said “that lead can only be maintained if America remains true to its principles, including in the struggle against terrorism.”

“When it appears to abandon its own ideals and objectives,” he added, “its friends abroad are naturally troubled and confused.”

Annan steps down Dec. 31 after completing his second five-year term, to be succeeded by Ban Ki-moon.

Annan has often been at odds with the Bush administration, particularly since the United States invaded Iraq in 2003 without obtaining a go-ahead from the United Nations.

Having infuriated the Bush administration two years ago by labeling the Iraq war “illegal,” he said Monday that while observing international law can be “inconvenient,” it is essential.

In a clear reference to the lack of international support for the American action in Iraq, he said, “No state can make its own actions legitimate in the eyes of others. When power, especially military force, is used, the world will consider it legitimate only when convinced that it is being used for the right purpose — for broadly shared aims — in accordance with broadly accepted norms.”

He said the United States was a model democracy “in which everyone, including the most powerful, is subject to legal restraint.”

“Its current moment of world supremacy gives it a priceless opportunity to entrench the same principles at the global level,” he continued.

He reminded his audience that Truman had once said, “We all have to recognize no matter how great our strength, that we must deny ourselves the license to do always as we please.”

Annan also cited Truman’s statement that “the responsibility of great states is to serve and not dominate the peoples of the world,” and noted approvingly how Truman had used American power to face down a threat to international order during his administration.

“He believed strongly that henceforth security must be collective and indivisible,” Annan said. “That was why, for instance, that he insisted, when faced with aggression by North Korea against the South in 1950, on bringing the issue to the United Nations and placing US troops under the UN flag, at the head of a multinational force.”

Major Parties in Talks to Break Shiite Cleric Al-Sadr’s Influence

By Edward Wong
THE NEW YORK TIMES

BAGHDAD, IRAQ

Following discussions with the Bush administration, several of Iraq’s major political parties are in talks to form a coalition whose aim is to break the powerful influence of the radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr within the government, senior Iraqi officials say.

The talks are taking place among the two main Kurdish groups, the most influential Sunni Arab party, and an Iranian-backed Shiite party that has long sought to lead the government.

They have invited Prime Minister Nouri Kamal al-Maliki to join them. But al-Maliki, a conservative Shiite who has close ties to al-Sadr, has held back for fear that the parties might be seeking to oust him, a Shiite legislator close to al-Maliki

said.

Officials involved in the talks say their aim is not to undermine al-Maliki, but to isolate al-Sadr as well as firebrand Sunni Arab politicians inside the government. Al-Sadr controls a militia with an estimated 60,000 fighters that has rebelled twice against the American military and is accused of widening the sectarian war with reprisal killings of Sunni Arabs.

The Americans, frustrated with al-Maliki’s political dependence on al-Sadr, appear to be working hard to help build the new coalition. President Bush met last week in the White House with Abdul Aziz al-Hakim, the leader of the Iranian-backed Shiite party, and is meeting this week with Tariq al-Hashemi, leader of the Sunni Arab party.

In late November, Bush and his

top aides met with leaders from Sunni countries in the Middle East to urge them to press moderate Sunni Arab Iraqis to support al-Maliki.

The White House visits by al-Hakim and al-Hashemi are directly related to their effort to form a new alliance, a senior Iraqi official said.

Last month, Bush’s national security adviser, Stephen J. Hadley, wrote in a classified memo that the Americans should press Sunni Arab and Shiite leaders, especially al-Hakim, to support al-Maliki if he sought to build “an alternative political base.”

The memo noted that Americans could provide “monetary support to moderate groups.”

Iraqi officials involved in the talks said they had conceived of the coalition themselves after growing frustrated with militant politicians.

WEATHER

No Snow in Sight

People anxious about snow might have to wait a little longer. No snow is in sight for at least the next few days. This is not out of the ordinary and we might well have to wait even longer — 16 years between 1891 and 2002 have recorded less than one inch of snow in December. Of course, a single storm might be able to pull the snow measurement up to the average of seven inches for this month.

Temperatures will drop today as a strong high pressure system moves over our region (1034 mb in the map). This high will bring clear skies and the relatively cold temperatures that are normal for this time of the year. After the passage of the anticyclone, a weakened front will sweep through, bringing warmer temperatures for Wednesday and Thursday and also the possibility of rain showers (only liquid precipitation though).

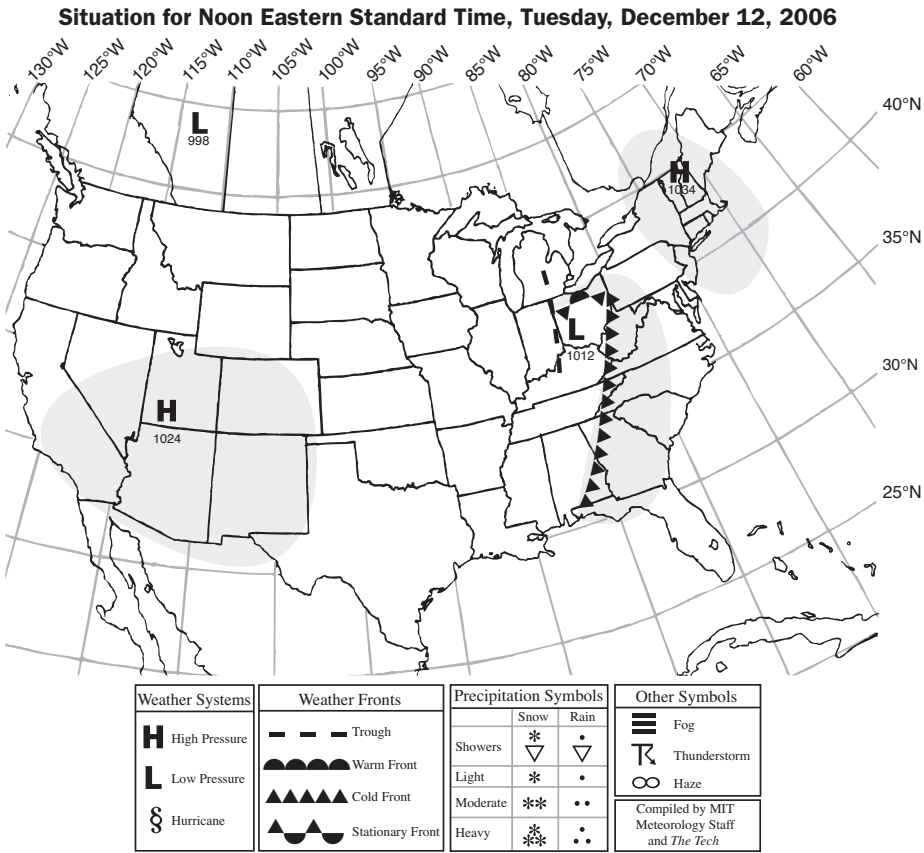
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Tonight: Mostly clear. Low 38°F (3°C).

Tomorrow: Partly cloudy to cloudy. Chance of rain showers. High 51°F (11°C).

Thursday: Slight chance of showers in the morning, then partly cloudy. High 53°F (12°C).



Appeals Court Erred in Granting New Trial, Supreme Court Rules

By Linda Greenhouse
THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court ruled Monday that the federal appeals court in California overstepped its authority when it granted a new trial to a murder defendant whose victim's relatives sat at the trial, in view of the jury, wearing buttons with the victim's picture on them.

The appeals court, in granting a writ of habeas corpus, found that the buttons were inherently prejudicial and deprived the defendant, Mathew Musladin, of the right to a fair trial.

Voting 9-0, the Supreme Court overturned that ruling in an opinion by Justice Clarence Thomas that did not actually decide whether the but-

tons were prejudicial. That was, and remains, "an open question in our jurisprudence," Thomas said. And that was precisely where the appeals court had gone wrong, the justices all agreed; it had based a grant of habeas corpus on a legal principle that the Supreme Court itself had not adopted.

A writ of habeas corpus is a judicial declaration that a prison inmate has been wrongfully convicted or sentenced. The decision Monday was the Supreme Court's latest effort to interpret and apply a 10-year-old federal statute that substantially restricted the ability of federal judges to use habeas corpus to overturn state-court judgments.

The statute, the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act,

provides that the writ "shall not be granted" unless the state court had issued a decision "that was contrary to, or involved an unreasonable application of, clearly established federal law, as determined by the Supreme Court of the United States."

The statutory language has proved to be a good deal less precise than it looks. When is federal law "clearly established," and what constitutes an "unreasonable application" of it? The Supreme Court has been wrestling with these questions, often in contention with the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, the San Francisco-based appeals court that continues to grant writs of habeas corpus considerably more often than the Supreme Court believes it should.

Shell Offers to Sell Stake in Oil and Gas Platform to Russia's Gazprom

By Andrew E. Kramer
THE NEW YORK TIMES

MOSCOW

Royal Dutch Shell offered on Monday to sell a stake in its \$20 billion Sakhalin Island project to Gazprom, in a capitulation to the Kremlin's campaign to tighten control over the oil industry.

Shell's chief executive, Jeroen van der Veer, made the offer after months of pressure by Russia's environmental regulators, who threatened to freeze work on Sakhalin 2 by revoking critical operating permits.

Gazprom said in a statement on Monday that it would study Shell's new offer. Analysts said a deal could come as early as the end of the

month.

Sakhalin 2, owned 55 percent by Shell, 25 percent by Mitsubishi and 20 percent by Mitsui, has several large components: two offshore platforms, pipelines, and the world's largest liquefied natural gas plant.

Asian nations on the hunt for energy supplies are seeking liquefied gas from the project. Gas from the Sakhalin 2 operation has already been sold through future supply contracts to Japan, South Korea, and China.

Gazprom already has a monopoly on Russian gas supplies to Europe and wants the same in Asia and it refuses to be undercut by any independent operator of Sakhalin 2.

A Shell spokesman, Maxim Shoob, confirmed that van der Veer met on Friday with Gazprom's chief executive, Alexei B. Miller. He said the talks were "quite positive and very constructive" but offered no details.

Gazprom characterized the meeting as van der Veer's making a "series of offers concerning Sakhalin 2."

Gazprom and Shell have been in talks since July 2005 over the sale of a stake worth 25 percent plus one share of Sakhalin 2. But talks stalled after Shell doubled its cost estimates for Sakhalin 2 to \$20 billion, citing higher prices for steel and an appreciation of the ruble.

In a Slip, Israel's Leader Seems to Confirm its Nuclear Arsenal

By Greg Myre
THE NEW YORK TIMES

JERUSALEM

Israel's prime minister, Ehud Olmert, appeared to acknowledge inadvertently during a TV interview shown Monday that Israel has nuclear weapons, an issue on which the Jewish state has sought to maintain ambiguity for decades.

However, Olmert's aides said later that there was no change in Israel's policy of refusing to confirm or deny if it has nuclear weapons.

In an interview with the N24 cable news channel in Germany, Olmert was asked about Iran's nuclear program. He gave a lengthy response, saying the United States, France, Britain and Russia had nuclear weapons, and were "civilized countries that do not threaten the foundations of the world."

Olmert then added: "Iran openly, explicitly and publicly threatens to wipe Israel off the map. Can you say that this is the same level, when they are aspiring to have nuclear weapons as America, France, Israel, Russia?"

The interview took place Friday in Israel but shown Monday, timed to Olmert's visit to Germany.

Olmert's spokeswoman, Miri Eisin, said by telephone: "Israel's policy has not changed." The prime minister and other officials, have consistently said that Israel would not be the first country to introduce nuclear weapons in the Middle East.

Iran Opens Conference On Holocaust

By Nazila Fathi
THE NEW YORK TIMES

TEHRAN, IRAN

Iran held a gathering that included Holocaust deniers, discredited scholars and white supremacists from around the world on Monday under the guise of a conference to "debate" the Nazi slaughter of 6 million Jews.

Among those representing the United States was the former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke, whose prepared remarks, issued by the Iranian Foreign Ministry, said the gas chambers in which millions perished actually did not exist.

Robert Faurisson, an academic from France, said in his speech that the Holocaust was a myth created to justify the occupation of Palestine, meaning the creation of Israel.

This is what Iran's president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, has frequently claimed, and it was Ahmadinejad's statements that inspired the foreign ministry to hold the conference. The ministry said 67 people from 30 countries were participating in the two days of meetings.

In a welcoming speech, Rasoul Mousavi, head of the Foreign Ministry's Institute for Political and International Studies, said the session would provide an opportunity to discuss the Holocaust "away from Western taboos and the restriction imposed on them in Europe." In several European countries, denial of the Holocaust is a crime.

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OPINION

From the Editor

The Friday, Dec. 1 arts review of the Musical Theater Guild’s production of “Children of Eden,” entitled ““Children of Eden’ is Sinfully Good,” did not disclose the author’s involvement with MTG. Though the author, Bill Andrews, who is also *The Tech’s* Campus Life editor, was not involved in the production of “Children of Eden,” he has recently performed in the cast and orchestra of other MTG shows and has become the group’s publicity director since writing the review. The author was not fully aware of *The Tech’s* policy that prohibits reviewers from covering any

performances of groups in which they are involved. Had editors been aware of his involvement, the review would not have been published. Andrews will not write reviews of theater or band groups on campus, since he is involved in both activities. In the future, arts writers will also complete a form asking them to list their extracurricular involvement and will be told explicitly about the policy.

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Remember the Beavers

Thomas Hay

When I went home over Thanksgiving Break, my high school friends and I had the inevitable conversation about the positive and negative qualities of our respective schools. My friend who goes to Duke brought up how great the school was because of the basketball team. He then said, “it must suck that MIT has no good sports teams to root for.”

Where does this assumption come from? Just because we go to a school renowned for the academic prowess of its students, people should not automatically assume that MIT athletics are a joke. The problem is that many students, in addition to outsiders, hold this assumption as well. For those of you without faith in MIT sports, let me enlighten you. They aren’t just competitive, they are among the best in the nation! We need to get out and support them.

Just a few weeks ago, I was standing in Rockwell Cage, black and silver paint covering my body, while screaming myself hoarse in support of our woman’s volleyball team. They made it all the way to the Sweet Sixteen round of the NCAA Division III Volleyball tournament. Each day of their tournament run, more and more students crowded into Rockwell Cage to cheer for the team. By their final game, the stands were packed and the atmosphere was reminiscent of a Division I basketball game. The roar of the crowd was deafening

every time MIT scored a point. Students were running around with painted faces and bodies, going absolutely nuts. It was awesome.

More of our sports deserve this same atmosphere. At men’s hockey games there is a dedicated cheering section that is loud, rowdy, and makes the game more fun to watch with its cheers and on-going commentary. There should be a cheering section like this at as many games as possible. Anyone who plays a sport will tell you what a difference it makes to have people cheering for you.

There are plenty of other teams who are having great seasons that need our support. Did you know that the MIT pistol team beat the U.S. Military Academy? The U.S. Military Academy! If that is not impressive, I don’t know what is. As for the teams that aren’t doing so well, we need to support them as well. Home field advantage is only an advantage when your fans outnumber those of the opponent. There should never be a home game where our opponent has more fans than we do. Fans help motivate a team to work harder, to dig deeper, and to never give up.

During the MIT-Tufts basketball game last Saturday the crowd got involved in double over-

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time and the team responded by tying the game up, sending it into triple overtime. If there had been more fans there, the energy from the fans could have pumped up the team even more. I’m sure both the men’s and women’s basketball teams would love to have you at their games giving them that extra excitement and energy that only a packed set of bleachers can supply.

If nothing else, going to sporting events is fun. First off, it’s free of charge to all MIT students. Get a group of your friends and head out to a game. It’s a great way to hang out, relax, and meet other MIT students. It also gives you an excuse to let out all the frustration of p-sets and tests by screaming your lungs out. Besides, college sporting events are one of the last places left where face and body paint are cool.

So direct your web browser to <http://mitathletics.cstv.com>, look for a sport that interests you, find the date and time of a home game, and then go! The only way that we can show all the doubters that smart kids can be athletes is to support MIT athletics and help our teams win championships.

Thomas Hay is a member of the Class of 2010.

A Freshman’s Lament

Katherine Silberstein

The next time I’m looked down upon for being on pass/no record, I think I might scream. Yes, we, the students of 2010, were born a few years after you. We still talk about proms and GPAs. We still talk to our high school friends. We’re new to this whole college thing. But does that give you any reason to make a mockery of our fledgling endeavors? “You have nothing to worry about; you’re on pass/no record.”

Granted, this factor does take quite a load off our high school-weary shoulders, but we don’t yet have a college backbone. And we still need to pass. Some of us have never taken physics or high-level math, and this semester gives us time to get up to speed. Stop telling us that MIT’s academic track was established so that a couple of failed introductory classes can’t hurt our chances of getting out in four years. We don’t plan to fail;

Give us a second (or a semester) to adjust to mediocrity, please.

we don’t want to hear it. We’re overachievers, just like you. Give us a second (or a semester) to adjust to mediocrity, please.

And don’t tell me you’ve erased all memory of the struggles of figuring out college life, or even harder, MIT life. Problem sets swallow hours with a satisfied gulp, no matter what grade you may or may not get on them. Remember what it felt like to have to ignore all the tantalizing new social experiences in order to study, or how it felt when you succumbed to the temptations? What about the plethora of extracurricular opportunities available to you? Were you able to narrow down and focus your choices without making any personal mistakes or academic sacrifices?

No matter how careful you are, it’s near impossible to have MIT all figured out from day one. There is a lot more to college than getting good grades, and pass/no record allows freshmen to realize that. What happens in the fol-

lowing years to make you forget? We are your fellow students. We too are paying thousands of dollars to walk down the Infinite. It would be nice if we could be treated as if you believed that.

Maybe with the approach of the holiday season and the end of term, more upperclassmen will stop rubbing in how academically superior they are to the supposedly meek little freshmen, either from holiday spirit, guilt, or realization of intellectual equality. Out of the goodness of my heart, I will grant that not all students older than freshmen behave in this manner; that should be understood.

There is enough of a negative vibe, however, between the big kids and little kids, that the issue needs to be addressed. This mild form of hazing is really unnecessary. All we ask is that the condescension and one-upsmanship end as soon as possible, so that when we are the big scary upperclassmen, we’ll remember how it felt to be on the bottom rung and act accordingly.

Katherine Silberstein is a member of the Class of 2010.

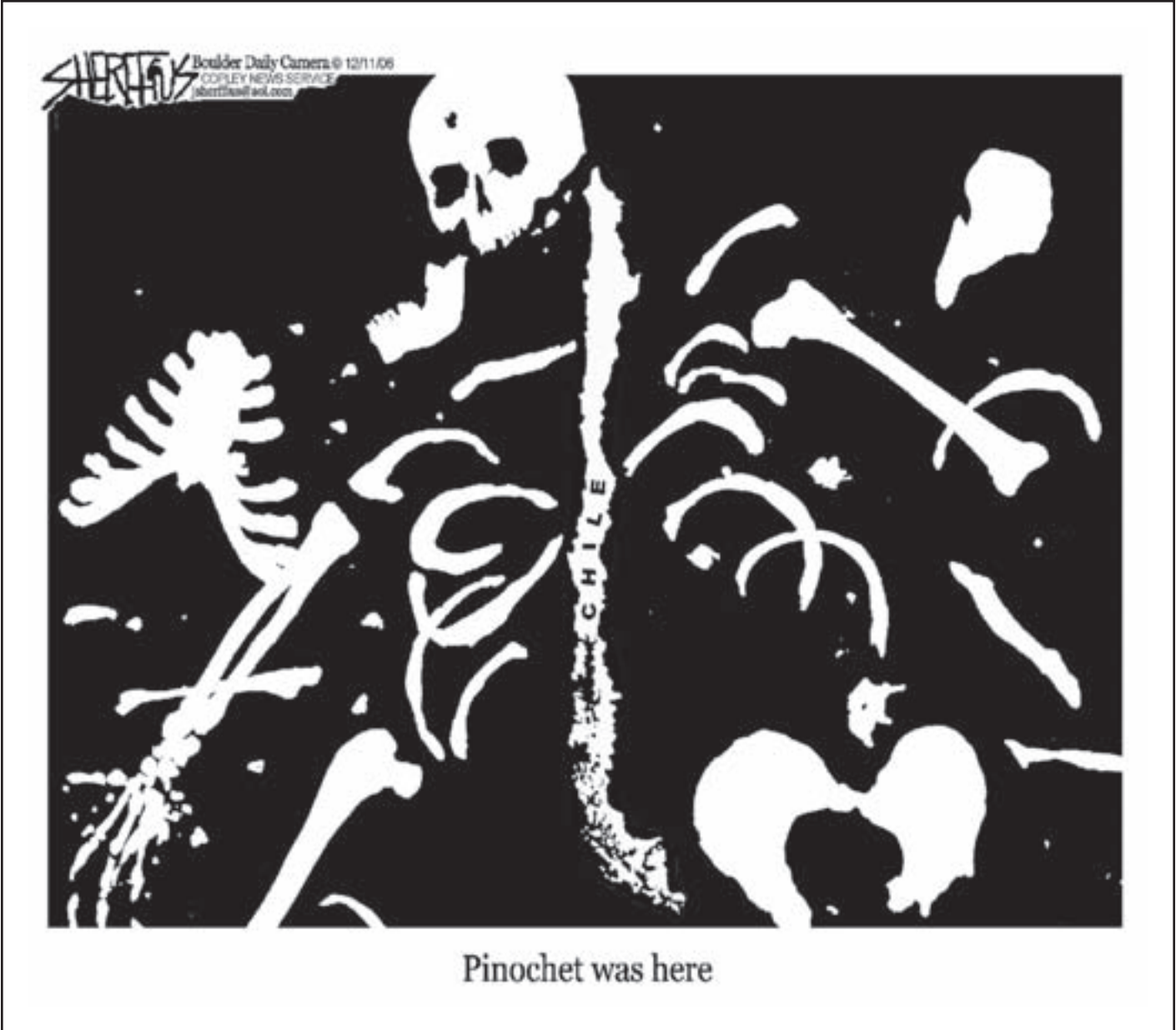


Good luck on finals and have a great break!



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CONCERT REVIEW

Resonance on a Plane

A Cappella Group Snakes its Way Through Resonance Fall Concert

By Jillian Berry

ARTS EDITOR

*Resonance Fall Concert
Friday, Dec. 8, 2006
Room 10-250*

On Friday night, MIT's co-ed a cappella group, Resonance, brought a good dose of music and humor to the normally class-filled 10-250. With the theme of "Snakes on a Plane" running throughout the show, Resonance combined singing with skits for a very enjoyable two hours.

The all male Doo Wop Shop from UMass Amherst opened the show with Incubus' "Summer Romance (Anti-Gravity Love Song)." After performing Billy Joel's "She's Got A Way," the members of the group removed their matching cowboy hats to sing Gary Jules' version of "Mad World." The lead singer was so into the piece that he sang nearly the whole song with his eyes closed, just letting music flow from his lips. For the final two songs, they shook it up a bit as they performed "Feliz Navidad" and "Some Kind of Wonderful" by Grand Funk Railroad. These songs energized the audience, and prepared us for the main group.

Resonance came on stage as a member of the group welcomed us on board Flight

121 from Los Angeles to Hawaii. They then jumped into Cobra Starship's "Snakes On A Plane (Bring It)," and were soon visited by a giant snake (Ted A. Fernandez '09). While the music was fine, I was far more amused by the hunt for the snake, as was most of the audience. The song was then followed by a skit that involved the power of Axe body spray and Samuel L. Jackson (James Levi M. Schmidt '10) capturing the snake. While those may seem like two completely unrelated topics, they were actually merged both seamlessly and hilariously.

The group returned with Sarah E. Dupuis '10 (who is also an associate arts editor for *The Tech*) singing "So Little Notice," a song she penned. Her unique, resonating voice was intense as she sang about love. For the next song, Schmidt, still in his Samuel L.

Jackson costume, sang Billy Joel's "River of Dreams." While he hit the high notes, I think he missed a verse at the beginning of the song. In addition, he walked back and forth across the stage throughout the song, never really looking at the audience.

After these two songs came another skit, somewhat more awkward than the previous one. It began with an argument between a guy and a girl in which the girl knees the guy between the legs, and ended with a father physically beating his son while they played a

Wii game together. Amazingly, the more awkward portion of the skit came at the beginning since it almost seemed possible that the guy and girl were having a real fight.

Luckily, the group was able to recover with an amazingly soulful rendition of Gnarl's Barkley's "Crazy" (Ting Ting Luo '09), while the rest of the group danced to look like the ink blots moving in the video with great success. The only part of the song that was a bit odd was towards the end, when they tried to make a "Crazy"

medley as Anisa K. McCree '10 sang Britney Spears' "Crazy" while Luo sang Barkley. Had McCree sung the whole song as Luo ended her piece, it might have worked better; as it was, the songs were just a little too jumbled to work well together.

Next came another powerful piece as Koyel Bhattacharyya '09 belted Christina Aguilera's "Fighter." After yet another skit (they were starting to get a bit old by this point), Joshua M. Karges '08 performed Panic! At the Disco's "I Write Sins Not Tragedies." The song was well sung, and Karges hit all the notes, but since it was an a cappella performance, some of the sharp beats were lost in the arrangement. Michelle M. Yam '07 followed up with "In God's Hands" by Nelly Furtado, after which there was another skit. This last skit was actually very funny as it involved the

character of Samuel L. Jackson rescuing the snake a la "The Bodyguard" while Whitney Houston's "I Will Always Love You" played in the background.

Jia Lou '07 (a *Tech* cartoonist) next per-

formed Garbage's "When I Grow Up." She hit all the right notes, though her voice was not as powerful as the original, which had more of a punk tone than this arrangement. Resonance then invited some of its alumni up to sing The Nields' "Easy People," and finished the scheduled part of the evening

with Ted A. Fernandez's '09 rendition of "Time" by Hootie and the Blowfish. This was probably the most powerful performance of the night as Fernandez was able to stand up to the backup singers, who were energetically singing the chorus. Fernandez's performance was dynamic, with a sense of effortlessness that made this a great last song; the standing ovation it received was well deserved. As with all a cappella concerts, there was also an encore. Sarah E. Dupuis '10 again took the stage, singing Alanis Morissette's "You Oughta Know" with even more energy than she had shown in her original piece.

Overall, Resonance put on a funny and entertaining show. Though the number of skits seemed excessive, the music was well performed, and the song choices kept the audience interested throughout the show.

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WILLIAM YEE—THE TECH

Ron Ron Cheng '07 sings "Army," originally performed by Ben Folds, with the Toons at their fall concert on the evening of Sunday, Dec. 10 in room 10-250.

CD REVIEW

No Matter Your Preference, New O.C. CD is Bad Choice

Terrible Rock Covers Make Me Want to Shatter the CD

By Sarah Dupuis

ASSOCIATE ARTS EDITOR

*Music From the O.C.:**Mix 6, Covering Our Tracks**Produced by Alexandra Patsavas**Warner Bros.*

Everyone's got her own preference. To-may-to or to-mah-to? Ashlee or Jessica? Decaf or espresso? Winter or Spring? Questions and decisions like these plague everyday existence. But when faced with a choice between seventies English punk band The Sex Pistols and Lady Sovereign, a young white female rapper who also hails Britannia, I'd unflinchingly select the former, and I suspect most rational humans with any auditory ability would agree with me; *Music from The O.C.: Mix 6, Covering Our Tracks* was apparently produced by irrational humans. Irrationality (or perhaps temporary insanity) is the only reason anyone could have allowed Lady Sovereign to record such a hideous cover of the Sex Pistol's "Pretty Vacant" and then put that same cover on a major-label studio release. Irresponsibility is the only reason I can

cite for letting all of these terrible recordings come together on one offensively bad disc.

The new "album," if that noun is even applicable, consists of covers of past O.C. soundtrack singles. I generally respect the show's playlist and so when I saw the new mix's track order I was hesitantly hopeful for a fun new addition to my music library. In my years of making mix tapes, I've learned that a well-done cover of a recognizable song can add personality to a playlist, but the key words are "well-done" and "recognizable." Try an experiment: put together an entire collection split between poor versions of rock standards and indie covers of obscure and uninteresting songs. I guarantee you'll come somewhat close to this new O.C. mix.

Covering Our Tracks opens with the ump-

teenth bad pop cover of Modest Mouse's "Float On." This version is performed by Goldspot, a Los Angeles band known for ... wait a minute. Scratch that. Goldspot is known for nothing. They've made no positive or known contributions to the world of music other than playing a Modest Mouse cover on the O.C., and I'm not sure I'd describe that accomplishment as positive, either. This cover is the kind of song I'd expect to hear in a credit card commercial. Annoying. Bubbly. Shut up already!

Rock Kills Kid's cover of Spoon's "I Turn My Camera On" sounds like a groan-inducing dance remix. Pixies' indie rock song "Debaser," famous for inspiring Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit," is covered on this album as well, but the cover excludes all of the raw shouts and catchy guitars that

made the original tune grunge-inspiring. Tally Hall does an acceptable cover of The Killers' "Smile Like You Mean It," but I just can't shake the feeling that covers of songs released in the past two years deserve to be performed exclusively in teen centers and local bars. First the O.C. killed off Mischa Barton, and now they're pro-

moting this crap extravaganza. Enough is enough. Shame on the show's producers for reaching a new low.

"These are the happiest versions of some of the angriest songs ever written," said Josh Schwartz, creator of the O.C., about *Covering Our Tracks*. No offense intended to Schwartz — scratch that, offense very much intended — but sometimes angry is just meant to stay angry. I had a very hard time listening to this album all the way through, and as soon as it was done I immediately had to listen to the originals again to remind myself that they didn't suck. Everyone has her own preference, but some preferences are just plain wrong. You buying this record would be just plain wrong. You've been warned.

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MITSO Plays Russian Repertoire, Receives Standing Ovation



The MIT Symphony Orchestra performed a concert this past Friday, Dec. 8, featuring works by all Russian composers. The concert began with “Night on Bald Mountain” by Modest Mussorgsky, continued with “Chamber Symphony, Op. 110a” by Dmitri Shostakovich, and concluded with Pyotr Tchaikovsky’s “Symphony No. 5 in E Minor, Op. 64.” The audience responded with an extended standing ovation after the finale.

(clockwise from above)

Violinists play in unison as Tchaikovsky’s “Symphony No. 5” nears its conclusion.

Interim MITSO conductor Paul M. Biss focuses on the violins while spiritedly conducting the Tchaikovsky piece.

Noel S. Lee ’08 (center) smiles as she, Rei Chiang ’09 (left) and Alexis Dale ’09 (right) reach the final moments of the concert.

Cai P. GoGwilt ’10, at the head of a row of cellos, contemplatively closes his eyes just before the start of “Symphony No. 5.”

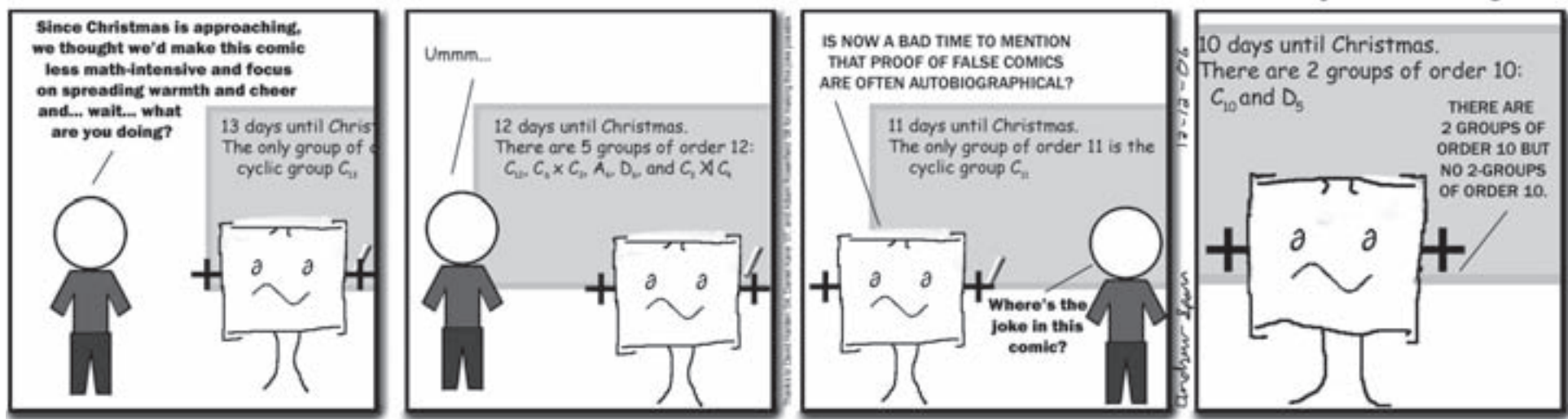


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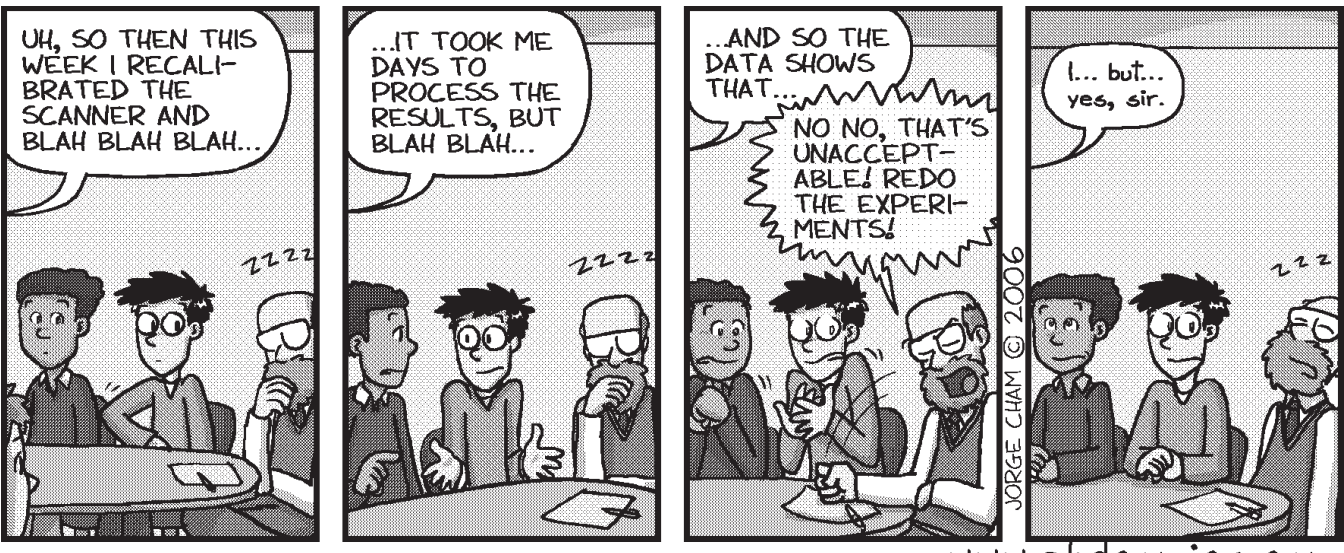
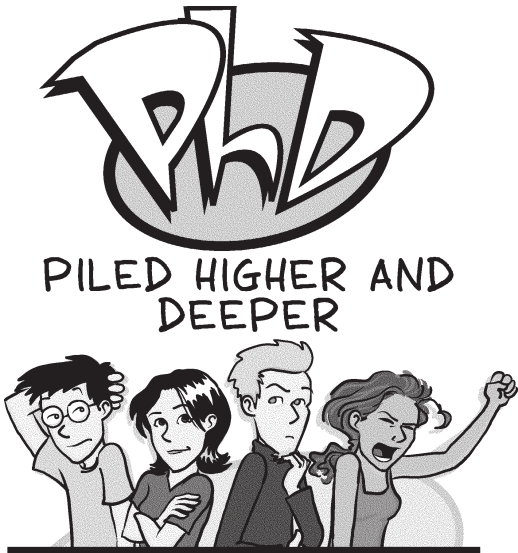
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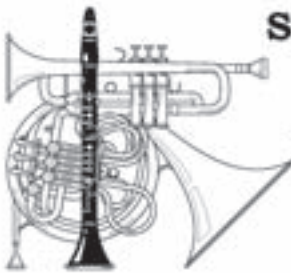
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Senate Speaker Discusses ASA, Finboard Allocations

This is the seventh of a series of weekly interviews with members of the Undergraduate Association. These interviews will be conducted by The Tech's news editors and members of the editorial board. A UA representative will be present during these interviews as well. Questions for the UA members should be sent to uaqa@the-tech.mit.edu the same week they are featured. Responses to these questions will be printed alongside the following week's interview.

UA Q&A

Steven M. Kelch '08, the UA Senate Speaker, was interviewed this week.

The Tech: What is the Senate's role in the UA?

Steven Kelch: The Senate's role is a discussion

forum. All the senators are elected by their constituents which is their living groups, their individual living groups. Their job is to find out what students care about and bring those issues to the Senate. And then we'll all discuss it and then go back to the constituents, and we'll discuss it with them. And we'll come together and if it's something very important, we'll make a resolution that we'll then put to the administration.

We also do things like internal changes in the UA. We'll change our Constitution. We're also the main funding approval body for the UA. So [the UA Finance Board] comes to us with numbers and ... we'll be approving Finboard allocations for the spring.

TT: How many senators are there?

SK: There are currently 27 senators from all living groups except Bexley.

TT: When are Senate meetings?

SK: Senate meetings are Monday nights at 8 p.m. in W20-400, open to all undergrads.

TT: What are some of the types of issues that you have to deal with?

SK: Some of the recurring themes are always dining. People care very much about dining on this campus. Issues that have come up so far this semester have been student group space, student group property, and interaction with the ASA. The ASA is going to have some recommendations on new policies and some internal reforms based on that discussion. We also just got done talking about

the Sudan divestment and what the student body feels about that. We passed a resolution in support of MIT's continuing efforts to find the best way to divest from Sudan and we recommended targeted divestment, based on student input.

What we'll be looking at this week is the Theme House report. ... There are plenty of students on this campus who have very strong opinions.

TT: Can you elaborate on the property rights debate?

SK: This was just sort of an idea that one of the senators had, he realized that [when] we were talking [about] the Logarhythm studio, that issue came up. And there was some ambiguity between where exactly that issue should be held. We all eventually decided that ...

the ASA, based on the student input, ... was the best place to handle that. And it's true, that's sort of what the ASA was designed for. So we made sure that the ASA handled that.

TT: How is the ASA related to the UA?

SK: The ASA is a joint committee between the UA and the Graduate Student Council. So the ASA runs all student groups on campus, including undergraduate and graduate. We make recommendations to the ASA based on undergraduate students. But a lot of times the ASA affects all student groups.

TT: Tell us more about Finboard allocations.

SK: Finboard gets together on a weekend and they get the budget requests from all of the different student groups. And they sit down, they have a set amount of money that they're trying to allocate. This year it's approximately 95,000 dollars for undergraduate student groups. What they do is they take all of the groups that request money from Finboard and go through line item by line item and decide what they can fund and what they can't fund based on policies of Finboard and, of course, how much money they actually have to give out. They can't, obviously, fund all of the student groups exactly what they want, but they do try to give them what they need. That comes before the Senate to look through and make sure that everything seems fair, that no student group is getting unfair treatment. Then it goes before the Senate and they vote to approve



MICHAEL MCGRAW-HERDEG—THE TECH

Undergraduate Association Senate Speaker Steven M. Kelch '08 speaks at last night's UA Senate meeting. Kelch described the Senate as a "discussion forum for any issues that the students feel are important."

it. There's a small amount left over for Appeals, in case a student group is overlooked or realizes last minute that they need something they didn't get.

TT: Is all the money usually allocated?

SK: All of the money is allocated, in fact, we have a certain percentage of over-allocation. The student groups don't always spend everything they're given and so that's factored in. Finboard actually ... gives away more money than it has, but based on past trends, we've never been in the hole coming out of it. There's always some roll over.

TT: Where does the money come from?

SK: The money comes from various places. Most of it comes from the Student Life Fee, which is another issue that we're looking at right now. We've actually passed a resolution asking for greater transparency for the Student Life Fee. This was an initiative started by Andrew [T.] Lukmann '07, the UA president, that the Senate approved. What we're asking for is a little more control over that. The Student Life Fee is broken down into two different areas. Some of it, actually most of it, goes to [the Department of Athletics, Physical Education, and Recreation], to run the Z Center and the athletic facilities. ... What's left over sort of gets split between the Undergraduate Association and the Graduate Student

Council. What we're asking for is a little bit more control over the portion that goes to the Undergraduate Association, stuff that goes directly to students, directly to student groups, through Finboard. And responses from the administration so far have been fairly positive, and so we think that with a little bit of diligence, we're going to get this through and actually have a lot more control and give that control back to the students.

TT: The Student Life Fee might go up?

SK: There's a strong possibility that it's going to be raised. Right now DAPER is having trouble paying its bills. The facilities cost a lot of money to run and of course we're getting more

students. The staff in DAPER ... get yearly raises. In an effort to provide more service and better service to students, DAPER needs more money. This is where the whole topic came up. ... We got wind that this fee might be increased and we wanted to make sure we have some say in what portions of it go where. If it's going to be increased, we want to have a say in it.

TT: We'd heard there were some changes to Finboard this year, tell us

more.

SK: There were a couple of small policy changes, they were sort of in place already and we just formalized them to make sure that they were published and to make sure students understood these. For instance, we can't fund food for meetings because it's very costly and there's just not enough money to go around. ... We can't fund direct charity contributions [and] can't take money from students and give it to charities, specifically. Small policy issues like that we wanted to make sure were clear and the Finboard chair especially wanted to make sure was on record.

TT: Is there anything you think the Senate could

improve on?

SK: Well, there's always something that we can improve on, and if anybody has ideas on what we could improve on, we would encourage them to come to us. I hope that people are getting information from their senators, and if not, that's something that we need to know and that we can definitely improve on.

TT: Is there anything that you'd like to say to students?

SK: Sure, I'd like to say that the Senate is here as a discussion forum for any issues that the students feel are important. We can go out there and look for issues, but it's best if you bring them to us. That way, we know that there are people who are passionate about it. And don't be shy about showing up for meetings, we've got room. We're always willing to entertain people who want to speak. For instance, on the Cultural House issue, unfortunately, at the meeting where that was first brought up, we were so heavy into the Sudan discussion that [the discussion] sort of got put on hold. And some people came to speak about the theme houses and didn't quite have the chance to talk. I would really like them to come back ... and anybody else who has any thoughts and cares about this issue should come by ... and speak about it.

TT: How can students add an item to the Senate agenda?

SK: Students should e-mail their senators with agenda items, ideas, comments, concerns, and complaints.

TT: Where are Senate minutes located and how quickly are they updated?

SK: Senate minutes are located on the Web site. The Web site is currently in transition to a much better system that will allow instant updates.

TT: Where can your Web site be found?

SK: Currently, the Web site is behind a few weeks but can be found at <http://web.mit.edu/ua/www/senate/index.html>.



DAVID TEMPLETON—THE TECH

Julie B. Norman, director of Undergraduate Advising and Academic Programs, speaks in the Undergraduate Association's question-and-answer session yesterday evening in W20-400.

Undergraduate Association Goals, Fall 2006

This is the end-of-semester evaluation of the Undergraduate Association’s Fall 2006 goals. ✓ indicates a goal that has been reached; ✕ indicates a goal that has not been reached; . . . indicates a goal that should be completed during the Independent Activities Period.
* Goals were either modified or added since the first publication of the UA goals on Sept. 19, 2006

UA Committee	Goals for Fall 2006	Progress	Goal Reached?
Executive Committee	Construct a new Web site with interactive features (votes, polls, and forums) to help the UA to better gauge student opinions.	The skeletal Web site located at http://scripts.mit.edu/~ua/drupal will be going online at the end of the Independent Activites Period.	. . .
	Create undergrads-inform@mit.edu , an optional list for all undergraduates to disseminate information regarding pressing campus issues that could have an effect on student life.	Information, Services & Technology discovered technical hurdles, but efforts are continuing.	✕
	Work more closely with Institute and faculty committee representatives to ensure that the UA has the pulse of the faculty and the administration.	A banquet was held in early December for all committee representatives and faculty committee chairmen, while plans are being made to strengthen this relationship.	✓
	Increase the level of competition for Senate seats and improving voter turnout for all UA elections.	Voter turnout actually decreased compared to last fall: 1,160 votes decreased to 1,083.	✕
	Cultivate a stronger relationship with campus media outlets, including weekly or bi-weekly UA Q&A interviews.	<i>The Tech</i> and the UA have produced weekly Q&As, as well as initial, mid-term, and final semester goals checklists.	✓
	Focus resource development efforts on finding sponsors for undergraduate student groups and activities.	A survey has been conducted of our peer institutions and their resource development to gather ideas, and now care will be taken to push MIT’s efforts in an amenable and unobtrusive direction.	✓
	* Evaluate the MIT Cable offerings and recommend changes as necessary.	Discovery Channel has already replaced MIT Weather When You Want It. Changes based on two rounds of surveys will be going into effect Jan. 1, 2007.	✓
Committee on Athletics	Examine Department of Athletics, Physical Education, and Recreation managerial infrastructure to seek ways of improving its operation efficiency and cost effectiveness.	Lisa M. Witmer ’07, a member of the DAPER managerial infrastructure to seek ways of improving its operation efficiency and cost effectiveness.	✕
	Organize sports tournaments to foster and increase student participation in athletics on campus.	Co-Chair Richard L. Lin ’09 will continue planning the IAP/Spring basketball tournament.	✕
	* Implement student input and suggestions regarding DAPER operations and facilities.	The committee is currently working with the UA Executive Committee to assess the proposal to slightly increase the Student Life Fee so that DAPER will have more money to provide better services, facilities, and programs for the MIT community.	✓
Committee on Campus Sustainability	Establish MIT as a global leader in the realm of sustainability by drawing from all schools and departments.	Establish a self-sustaining grant with 20 \$25,000 amounts for release in Spring 2007.	✕
	Create a proposal for a built environment which generates energy, processes waste, demonstrates new innovative building technologies, supports a vibrant learning community, and lays down a path for structure retrofit.	Complete design of three CAD models, one of the new graduate dormitory, one of the proposed Energy Research Council center, and one of a radical think-and-do tank to demonstrate prototype technologies. Beginning audit of all buildings on campus, and putting green roofs on at least one building by Summer 2007.	✕
	Investigate how MIT uses capital on campus, and evaluate how financing for sustainability initiatives might best be located, locked in, and used effectively.	Beginning relationship with MIT endowment office to investigate how the endowment is invested and whether on-campus rates of return might be high enough to justify local investment.	✕
	Investigate and report on MIT’s ecology and use of consumables for community and research use.	Establishing protocol for a 90 percent decrease in energy and materials for research and a 25 percent reduction in cost for community consumables.	✕
	Work to make the average MIT undergraduate a more aware, compassionate and wise global citizen.	This is met by the self-sustaining grant mentioned above.	✕
Committee on Dining	Work with Campus Dining to promote a student survey to help fill the remaining storefronts in Lobdell Food Court.	The survey went out and was well received.	✓
	Continue to work to improve late-night dining options on campus.	When Subway opens, it will stay open until 11 p.m. weekdays. More work remains to be done regarding dormitory dining hours.	✕
	Organize a joint event with the Graduate Student Council to publicize the diversity of dining options on campus.	Dining has tentatively scheduled an event for the first week of the spring term. The legwork will be done over IAP.	. . .
	Continue to explore increased breakfast options on campus.	The success of Jamba Juice in the Dining Survey is a step in the right direction, but more work remains to be done.	✕
Student Committee on Educational Policy	Draft an advisory report compiling undergraduate feedback regarding the recommendations of the Task Force on the Undergraduate Educational Commons.	After a town hall meeting and online surveys, feedback is being compiled into a report to be completed over IAP.	. . .
	Work with the faculty to increase awareness of term regulations and resolve violations.	The committee has been in contact with faculty over violations received through the SCEP Web site (http://web.mit.edu/ua/www/committees/scep/termregs/report-violation.shtml), and all of them have been resolved.	✓
	Work with faculty and administrators to demonstrably improve undergraduate advising.	The committee has incorporated feedback received from faculty on a brochure the committee created titled “How to Get Advice.” It will serve as a resource for all students on how to make the most of their advisors. The brochure is going to be printed by the end of the term so that it can be distributed at the beginning of the spring term.	✓
	Create a “Guide to Educational Policy at MIT” for incoming freshmen.	The committee is incorporating term regulations, reporting violations, and educational resources in its spring brochure.	✓
Committee on Housing	Ensure significant student input and involvement in the transition of Ashdown House to an undergraduate dormitory.	The committee worked with Dormitory Council to form an undergraduate advisory panel for the transition process and will be writing a report in the spring.	✓
	Provide for student involvement in the decision-making process regarding undergraduate dormitory renovations and “swing” housing.	The committee formed this fall will address the “swing” housing issue in the spring report.	✕
	Investigate the needs and the future of cultural houses at MIT and how they integrate with other elements of the housing system.	The committee and Culture House representatives will work over IAP to produce a response to the Institute’s Culture/Theme House Report.	. . .
	Publish reports regarding the committee’s opinion on important housing issues at least twice a term.	The committee has gathered a significant amount of data, but the Ashdown advisory report and culture house response will not be released until the spring and over IAP, along with joint committee reports on Pritchett Dining and long-term space planning at MIT.	✕
	Investigate the practicability of returning full telephone service to dormitories.	The Input-A-Palooza survey asked for undergraduates to weigh in on the importance of this issue, and a majority responded that they were not interested.	✓
Committee on Orientation	Work with the Office of Undergraduate Advising and Academic Programming and Student Life Orientation Planning committees to better showcase undergraduate student activities to incoming freshmen.	The meetings to plan the Orientation schedule for next term have not begun yet. The committee will send a member to the preliminary fall meetings and also the SLOPE Orientation planning committee. In the meantime, the committee has compiled a report on Orientation documenting important student issues.	✓
	Work to make the UA-supported Tuesday Night State Center “T-Party” a recurring event, clarifying how the Association of Student Activities restrictions on advertising apply to this event.	Committee member Erik D. Fogg ’09 has volunteered to lead this effort. The UA Report on Orientation has sections dealing with the importance of student groups.	✓
	Investigate the rescheduling of the Mathematics Diagnostic Test to Orientation Week; if necessary, work to reschedule the exam to a more amenable time slot.	The Physics Department has said it is interested in working to schedule the test at an amenable time during Orientation but has said that the exam will probably not revert to its former summer mailing.	✓
	Work to support the Virtual CPW project to help admitted students get a better idea of the strength of MIT student life even if they are unable to attend Campus Preview Weekend.	Committee member Valery K. Brobbey ’08 (also a <i>Tech</i> reporter), who worked on Virtual CPW last year, is leading the effort again this year. Getting Virtual CPW recognized as a student group is currently under consideration.	✓
	Perform annual post-Orientation feedback sessions to identify the best and worst elements of the orientation experience from the freshmen who went through it.	The committee conducted a freshman survey visiting five dormitories from Oct. 9–12. The following week an online upperclassman survey was conducted. Results were tabulated and, together with statistics from the Department of Housing’s earlier surveys, a UA Report on Orientation was written and endorsed by the Senate.	✓
Committee on Student Life	Promote, staff, and administer the new Undergraduate Mentorship Program.	The committee is getting feedback from the mentor pairs and is handling problems that arise.	✓
	Investigate and draft a report in response to student complaints regarding MIT Medical quality of service.	The committee is currently gathering data through multiple surveys and drafting a report that will be available by the end of IAP.	. . .
Committee on Student Space Planning	Conduct an inventory of existing student spaces on campus, analyze their strengths and deficiencies, and present this information on the committee Web site.	Expect to see something come online over IAP.	. . .
	Invite feedback from the student body on the need for new spaces or improvements that can be made to existing spaces utilizing surveys, public meetings, and Web forums.	The committee polled the student body on the future of the Student Center game room and proposals for Student Center expansion in the DormStorm survey. These projects will be brought to the UA Senate for review in early spring.	✓
	* Build relationships with the MIT Department of Facilities, the administration, and other key players in forming the new campus.	The committee has met with Philip J. Walsh, director of the Campus Activities Complex, to discuss upcoming projects that relate to student activity space and will be helping to select artwork to place in the Building 10 Community Lounge and the Student Center’s fifth floor Reading Room.	✓
	Produce an official report of all the above findings for public access.	This will be available at the end of spring term and will review all of the committee’s activities from the year.	✕
Finance Board	Improve communication between groups and liaisons (including regular Finboard Office Hours).	Office hours were held regularly during the fall term and will continue in the spring.	✓
	Improve overall allocation usage by better leveraging past data and spending trends.	Finboard incorporated previous spending trends on allocations, which identified underspenders and reduced publicity and printing allocations.	✓
	Provide for a longer institutional memory span by making previous usage statistics more accessible.	A new liaison page for future Finboard members has been added. Members can have access to information we post for internal use.	✓
	Investigate the creation of a capital start-up fund for new groups.	Finboard allocations for IAP and Spring 2007 were released last night.	✓
Nominations Committee	Improve communication with advocates so that, if there is a problem, the committee is always in the know.	The first in a series of events has been thrown to bring together advocates for the purposes of discussion.	✓
	Train student advocates and utilize an improved Web site to track issues being discussed among the various Institute and faculty committees.	The NomComm blog will open over IAP.	. . .
	Throw an advocate banquet to increase communication between faculty and advocates.	The banquet was held in early December.	✓

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Cause of Excessive Smoke Not Yet Found

"People have been so generous," Westlund said. "We've been offered space all over campus."

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Solution to Sudoku

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Construction Projects By Boston Colleges to Furnish Jobs, Housing

By Marcella Bombardieri
THE BOSTON GLOBE

A new residential tower could rise 30 stories over the Back Bay. A sprawling complex would buzz with hundreds of scientists in Allston, and a sleek glass-and-limestone business school would fill out the banks of the Charles.

These projects — at Berklee College of Music, Harvard University, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology — are among about two dozen new buildings on the drawing board at universities and colleges in the Boston area.

In the next decade, construction on eight college and university campuses will create thousands of jobs and alter the Boston landscape. The plans — some recently unveiled, others under construction — call for building more than 5 million square feet, according to a Globe tally of available figures from the schools. They would cost well over \$1.3 billion, a price tag that does not include Harvard's or Boston College's proposals because they would not provide cost estimates.

"Things are changing in our city, and I think changing for the good," said Mayor Thomas M. Menino. Universities "are bringing new energy to this city. The possibilities for development are just untold, you can't even imagine what they are going to be."

Boston-area colleges large and small are taking advantage of their wealth, their rising national reputations, and their expanding research programs to undertake historic levels of growth.

They have also been pushed by the city of Boston to house more students on campus and are driven by market forces to improve amenities for students and expand research facilities.

New residence halls would house an additional 6,000 students.

But the university building boom, while alleviating town-gown tension in some areas, has increased it in others.

Some residents worry that high-rise dorms could erode the character of their neighborhoods, and others oppose more development because they say tax-exempt universities already place too much of a burden on the city's budget.

Boston has not seen such a rash of university development since at least the 1960s, said Richard M. Freeland, former president of Northeastern and a historian of higher education. Today, he said, local colleges are thriving to the point that they can finance hundreds of millions of dollars for construction.

BC and MIT are each working on major campus upgrades with at least four new buildings on existing land, for a variety of purposes including housing and research. Harvard is beginning what promises to be a decades-long expansion into Allston, with a focus on science, professional schools, and cultural spaces. Northeastern, Suffolk University, Boston University, Emerson College, and Berklee are building or planning to build new dormitories.

For the most part, they are adding space to house more students on campus, rather than to expand enrollment.

Civic leaders say that while higher education has long been one of Boston's strongest economic sectors, it has become all the more crucial as Boston has lost much of its status as a major corporate headquarters. Gillette, FleetBoston, and John Hancock were bought by out-of-town corporations.

In 2002, the city's major research universities employed 50,750 people, a study found.

The building boom will create thousands of short-term construction jobs and thousands more permanent skilled and unskilled jobs, according to Globe estimates based on formulas developed by Applesseed, a New York-based economic development consultant company that has done similar

studies for the Boston Foundation and Harvard.

Colleges' growth also indirectly spawns new businesses, civic leaders say.

MIT's new \$210 million cancer research building will house at least 400 biologists, engineers, and their support staff working to develop new drugs and devices.

Harvard's short-term plans include about 1 million square feet of research facilities, which could lead to a steady stream of discoveries and spark the creation of eight to 10 start-up companies each year, according to Applesseed's formulas.



ERIC SCHMIEDL—THE TECH

A giant red dollar sign appeared on Monday morning just north of Bldg. 68. The hack includes an information plaque claiming, among other things, that the installation cost MIT well over \$700,000 and that similar art pieces exist in Germany and Japan.

Amgen-UROP Scholars Program

Undergraduate Research in the Sciences and Biotechnology, Summer 2007

Applications are now being accepted for the **2007 Amgen-UROP Scholars Program**.

Thirty student applicants (including fifteen from MIT) will be selected to conduct research in MIT laboratories, take part in networking and educational activities, and attend a mid-summer research symposium in Lake Tahoe, CA. Participants receive a competitive stipend and food allowance.

Applications are due by February 1, 2007. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents presently attending a four-year college or university in the U.S., Puerto Rico, or other U.S. territory. Applicants should also be sophomores, juniors, or seniors. For further information on eligibility requirements and to access the online application, visit mit.edu/urop/amgenscholars.

The Amgen-UROP Scholars Program is managed by the Office of Undergraduate Advising and Academic Programming (UAAP), and is funded by a grant provided by the Amgen Foundation.

For more information, contact UAAP staff at amgen-scholars@mit.edu, or (617) 253-7306.

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Killam Fellowship Information Session:

Friday December 15, 3:30PM, 5-134

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A black and white photograph of a street in Boston, showing historic buildings and a church steeple in the background.

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Funds For Graduate Student Life Projects Will Be Distributed

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IAP, “Science Policy Bootcamp,” introduces graduate students to the basics of science policy through a series of lectures by William B. Bonvillian, director of the MIT Washington Office, MIT’s lobbyist presence on Capitol Hill.

Proposals are generally funded for one to two years. However, outstanding ones that “become a part of graduate student life” are usually budgeted out separately at the beginning of the year, said Barrie Gleason, chair of the Graduate Student Life Grant Selection Panel.

The new Graduate Student Life Fund was created to promote graduate student community through dona-

tions solicited from alumni, according to the GSO Web site. Although the fund has not received notably large donations, Gleason said the GSO was impressed by the number of alumni making small donations.

The main criterion for selecting Student Life Projects, Gleason said, is “whether or not the idea enhances the graduate student community.” Student Life Grant proposals are selected by a panel of five MIT graduate students and five MIT staff members.

Graduate Student Life Grants were created by Dean for Graduate Students Isaac M. Colbert in 2002, when \$200,000 was allotted to the GSO to promote Graduate Student Life.

Students Cause Ire in Local Neighborhoods

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my steps, and this is when I’m setting out to take my kids to school. That’s not for families. I love that we have some students but I think there is a tipping point.”

On Beacon Hill and in the West End, the number of Suffolk University and Northeastern University students increased from 344 in 2005 to 635 this year, according to a student housing census the Boston Redevelopment Authority began last year.

Similarly, a short time ago, Mission Hill was believed to have very few students, but this year has 1,446, according to the census.

Councilor Michael P. Ross, whose district includes Mission Hill, said tensions in the neighborhood have grown.

Ten years ago, Ross said, the area was not popular with students. Now many crowd into single apartments, and permanent residents have increasingly complained.

Ross spearheaded the drive for a census with the 2004 University Accountability Ordinance requiring

colleges to list where their off-campus students are living.

“Clearly we can see where neighborhoods could have too many students, but then you can see neighborhoods where there’s a really healthy number of students,” Ross said. “I’d argue between 10 and 20 percent is a great number. A working-class family, a student, a lifelong resident. That’s a healthy diversity I think.”

According to the census, the number of off-campus students in the South End rose from 1,473 last fall to 1,582 this year. Jamaica Plain had 1,202 students this fall, up from 1,127 at the same time in 2005.

Officials caution that two years of data is not enough to show definitive trends. But the numbers in some cases have been surprising and provided a new sense of urgency at City Hall to confront the issue.

“It’s giving some evidence to what some neighborhood residents, like those in Mission Hill, are saying about the fact that they have a lot of students,” said Linda Kowalcky, a Boston Redevelopment Authority official, who tabulated recent numbers.

Chanukah at MIT



FYSH Dreidel Making

8:00pm Student Center PDR #1
Join the First Year Students of Hillel for some Dreidel making arts & crafts fun. Creative new ways to make dreidels, including making a 2 foot tall dreidel! For more information, contact Jordyn Rozensky, Jordynr@mit.edu.

Chanukah Sale

10:00am-3:00pm, Student Center
Hillel will be selling Chanukah candles, menorahs, gelt and more in the Student Center. Look for the table with the 2-foot dreidel and stock up on all of your Chanukah needs!

LatkeFest 2006: Chanukkah Party!

7:00pm-9:30pm Student Center, West Lounge
On December 13th, 9 contestants (to represent the menorah candles) vie for the title of CHAMPION by eating the most latkes in 8 minutes. Will it be you? Submit your champion title (i.e. Purple Potato Eater, Latke Monster, etc) and a short explanation as to why you are the champion latke eater by Dec 8th. A small committee will review submissions and announce On Dec 10th who be competing in our First Annual LatkeFest Feast. MIT’s first Champion:it could be you!
Submissions to jenna@mit.edu

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3:00pm, W11
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Sunday December 17th in Bexeley and Baker
Monday December 18th in East Campus
Tuesday December 19th in Next House



CHRISTINA KANG—THE TECH

Erik D. Fogg '09 sands down the edges of a wooden toy train on Saturday, Dec. 9. Phi Delta Theta made 450 wooden trains, helicopters, and cars to be donated to local children’s hospitals and local community centers.

Universities to End Early Action In 2007, MIT Continues Process

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you discovered value in the negative.”

Last year’s question stated, “Life brings many disappointments as well as satisfactions. Tell us about a time in your life when you experienced disappointment, or faced difficult or trying circumstances. How did you react?”

“It is so painful to turn down so many extraordinary students because we just don’t have the space,” said Jones. “We’re in the remarkable position of attracting so many of the nation’s most extraordinary students and we wish we could take many more.”

While many other top schools such as Harvard and Princeton decided to get rid of early admissions after this application cycle, MIT has no intention to do so.

“MIT early action is very open and fair. It is non-restricting, non-binding, and non-preferential,” said Stuart Schmill, director of Educational Council.

Schmill said that other schools’ elimination of early action stem from the restrictive (meaning that students can only apply to that particular school early), binding (meaning that students have to matriculate into the college if they are accepted early), and preferential nature (meaning

Early Action, Class of 2011

- ¶ Total students applied Early Action: 3,493
- ¶ No. of students admitted: 390
- ¶ No. of students deferred: 2,784
- ¶ No. of students denied: 319
- ¶ Male students admitted: 212
- ¶ Female students admitted: 178
- ¶ States represented among EA admits: 44
- ¶ Foreign countries represented among EA admits: 7 *
- ¶ High schools represented among EA admits: 322

SOURCE—MATT L. MCGANN '00, MIT ADMISSIONS OFFICE

*** The foreign countries noted are countries of residency, not citizenship. International admissions, for students who are not United States citizens or permanent residents, will be conducted during regular action admissions.**

there is an advantage to applying early) of their early admissions. This advantage for those who apply early puts lower-income students, who may not have as much guidance and preparation to strategize and get their test scores, materials, and application in so early, at a disadvantage.

“MIT’s early admission is beneficial in many ways,” said Schmill, in that it allows students who definitely know that MIT is their top choice to get the stress of admissions out of the way as soon as possible. It offers no advantage to those who apply early, thus not putting regular action appli-

cants and low-income students at any disadvantage, Schmill added.

Early admissions is a process that was started forty years ago which allowed students to apply to their top choice colleges early and allowed colleges to spread their workload out. Early decision, which requires students to attend the college they are accepted into early, arose from the competition between colleges and the desire to start locking students into a college decision.



ARTHUR PETRON—THE TECH
Dean Kamen (left), inventor of the Segway, talks with Professor Woodie C. Flowers '73 after the final presentations of prototype products for 2.009 (Product Design Processes). Seven groups presented various products aimed at increasing the quality of life for the disabled.

Popularity of Colleges Increases With Tuition

By Jonathan D. Glater
and Alan Finder
THE NEW YORK TIMES

COLLEGEVILLE, PA.

John Strassburger, the president of Ursinus College, a small liberal arts institution here in the eastern Pennsylvania countryside, vividly remembers the day that the chairman of the board of trustees told him the college was losing applicants because of its tuition.

It was too low.
So early in 2000 the board voted to raise tuition and fees 17.6 percent, to \$23,460 (and to include a laptop for every incoming student to help soften the blow). Then it waited to see what would happen.

Ursinus received nearly 200 more applications than the year before. Within four years the size of the freshman class had risen 35 percent, to 454 students. Applicants had apparently assumed that if the college cost more, it must be better.

“It’s bizarre and it’s embarrassing, but it’s probably true,” Strassburger said.

Ursinus also did something more: It raised student aid by nearly 20 percent, to just under \$12.9 million, meaning that a majority of its students paid less than half price.

Ursinus is not unique. With the race for rankings and choice students shaping college pricing, the University of Notre Dame, Bryn Mawr College, Rice University, the University of Richmond and Hendrix College, in Conway, Ark., are just a few that have sharply increased tuition to match colleges they consider their rivals, while also providing more financial assistance.

The recognition that families associate price with quality, and that a tuition rise, accompanied by discounts, can lure more applicants and revenue, has helped produce an economy in academe something like that in the health care system, with prices rising faster than inflation but with many consumers paying less than full price.

Average tuition at private, non-profit four-year colleges — the price leaders — rose 81 percent from 1993 to 2004, more than double the inflation rate, according to the College Board, while campus-based financial aid rose 135 percent.

The average cost of tuition, fees, room and board at those colleges is now \$30,367. Many charge much

more; at George Washington University, the sum is more than \$49,000.

But aid is now so extensive that more than 73 percent of undergraduates attending private four-year institutions received it in the school year that ended in 2004, not even counting loans.

“We can cushion the sticker shock,” said Amy Gutmann, president of the University of Pennsylvania, which distributes aid on the basis of financial need. “We focus on both middle-income and low-income families.”

So net prices vary widely on a given campus. On some, as many as 90 percent of students receive support, primarily from the college itself or the federal government.



ERIC D. SCHMIEDL—THE TECH
Collin E. Johnson '07 explains the finer points of a tour guide robot prototype to Quentin E. Smith '10 on Friday. Once it is finished, the robot’s developers hope to see it giving tours of the Infinite to prospective students.

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SPORTS



Deke Hu '09 swims to a first place finish in the 200 yard butterfly during the men's swimming and diving meet against Wheaton College at the Zesiger Center last Saturday. MIT won the meet.

DMITRY KASHLEV—THE TECH

Engineer Basketball Shoots Poorly, Falls To Lord Jeffs 79-47

By Ryan Lanphere
STAFF WRITER

The MIT men's basketball team (4-5) fell 79-47 to the No. 2 ranked Amherst College (6-0) on Thursday night in Rockwell Cage. The Jeffs' deep bench and precision perimeter shooting proved to be too much for the Engineers to overcome.

With 47 of the Jeffs' 79 points coming off the bench, the Engineers were unable to match the Jeffs' extremely productive second unit, and couldn't stay within striking distance in the second half.

Assistant Coach Oliver W. Esslinger said, "I was really proud of our effort in the first half, when we were able to run our offense we played right with them." The Engineers indeed looked strongest when they were able to keep the pace of the game slow, preventing the Jeffs from running and making use of their plethora of subs.

MIT started the game strong, as the Engineers matched the Jeffs point for point with the score tied 10-10 through the first ten minutes of play. Then, the Jeffs began to pull away, helped in part by junior guard Andrew Olson who was lights out in the first half, going three for three behind the arch, and finished the game with 12 points, four assists, and two steals.

The Engineers went to the locker room trailing 20-33 after the first half of play. The break didn't help, as the Jeffs came out hot in the second half, shooting 6-of-10 from three-point range while holding off the Engineers.

Guard James M. Bartolotta '09 carried the Engineers in the first half with 10 points and eight rebounds, and finished the game leading all MIT scorers with 16 points, nine rebounds, two steals, and a blocked shot.

The Jeffs had an incredibly balanced attack. They scored 79 points as a team, but their leading scorer, Ryan Baskauskas, only had 13 points. Guard Tim McLaughlin and forward Fletcher Walters also contributed 12 points to join Baskauskas and Olson as double-digit scorers for the Jeffs.

The Engineers, who have been inconsistent all year, couldn't find their shooting groove and made just 35 percent of their shots Thursday night. Forward Erich W. Bracht '10 continued his breakout rookie season shooting five of six from the field for 14 points, and also pulled down nine boards. Point guard Bradley H. Gampel '09 also contributed in MIT's effort, dishing out seven assists to go with two steals.

The Engineers' next contest will be at home, when they host Emerson College (5-3) tonight in Rockwell Cage; the tip-off is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

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Men's Basketball vs. Emerson

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