

Students Protest at LaVerde's with Post-it Notes

By Swetha Kambhampati

A group of students expressed their discontent with changes at LaVerde's Market by covering the front door and windows of the store with suggestions and complaints written on Post-it Notes this past Friday night. This student protest comes barely two months after a change in the store's ownership. The three major student complaints were about the shortened deli hours, a reduction in product selection, and the elimination of the suggestion box, according to Greg H. Belote '07, one of the organizers of the protest.

The group of 15 students, primarily from East Campus, spent about half an hour late Friday night "Post-it Noting," writing messages like "Bring back sandwich cards," "24/7," and "Verde's is my anti-drug."

The elimination of the suggestion box "was the real kicker," Belote said. "I got the impression the management no longer cares about customer opinion. ... If LaVerde's brings back the suggestion box and perhaps even distributes customer surveys, my hope is that they can better adjust to their market and will maintain their customer loyalty."

LaVerde's owner Chris Christensen said yesterday that he was not aware of any complaints from



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Hundreds of Post-it notes cover the neon words "Something For Everyone" at LaVerde's in the Student Center. Students unhappy with recent changes, including shortened deli hours, smaller food selection, and removal of the suggestion box, covered the storefront with hundreds of written suggestions.

students. Specifically, Christensen said that he had just then received an e-mail regarding the Post-it Note

protest and would look into it further. Mark Semon, the manager of LaVerde's, declined to comment and

deferred questions to Christensen.

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Dining Pilot Draws MacGregor Crowd

By Hanhan Wang
STAFF REPORTER

MacGregor House kicked off their pilot dining program last night, a 10-week trial which will survey

the demand for re-opening the dining hall in the dormitory. Based on a feasibility study conducted in the spring, a new dining hall would require a multi-million dollar and

six-month renovation during which MacGregor Convenience would be closed.

The feasibility study conducted by Shamut Construction and funded by Berlin and Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedict, determined what renovations would need to take place if the dining hall were to re-open. The renovation would include installation of an operable kitchen, new ovens, new carpeting, and a general re-design of the facility.

About 200 students gathered in the community space next to the convenience store for their buffet-style meal of Bavarian chicken, potato pancakes, and buttered egg noodles, among other things. According to MacGregor House President Adam V. Donovan '07, the food served last night "won't be entirely indicative of the food that will be served" if the dining hall is re-opened. The food was sent from other dormitory dining halls and brought over to MacGregor.

"The turnout seemed really good," Donovan said.

These buffet-style meals that cost \$7 will be offered every Monday this month from 6 to 9 p.m. in the community space next to MacGregor Convenience. Dining services are open to all students, and those with preferred dining will get their food for half price.

Because many residents can save money by cooking for themselves, Director of Campus Dining Richard D. Berlin III said he believes that there is a balance between cooking and dining in the dormitory. In regards to pre-

Ashdown Conversion Committees To Recruit

By Valery K. Brobbey
STAFF REPORTER

As construction continues on the new graduate dormitory, recruitment is underway to staff a steering committee and three subcommittees that will lead the efforts to convert Ashdown House into an undergraduate dormitory by fall 2008. At the same time, current residents of Ashdown are pushing to bring the name of the dormitory along with them to the new graduate residence, NW35, which will be located near Sidney-Pacific graduate residence.

The steering committee and its three subcommittees Transitions, Feasibility, and Programming will be responsible for overall planning, the phasing in of students, technical design issues of the building, and living-learning issues, such as advising and dining, respectively. The recruitment, which began Saturday, was aimed at attracting committed sophomores and juniors who will be working on "all issues involved with opening a new dormitory," Dormitory Council President David A. Nedzel '07 said. MIT administrators will also sit on the committee.

According to Nedzel, W1, the

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Katharine E. Silberstein '10 and Sina S. Omran '10 enjoy a buffet-style dinner on the first night of MacGregor's pilot dining program. Dining services will be provided Mondays this month from 6 to 9 p.m.

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UA Voter Turnout Lower This Year

By JiHy Kim

The Undergraduate Association Senate and 2010 Class Council elections for fall 2006 concluded on Friday with a slightly lower voter turnout than last year and no representatives chosen for Bexley Hall and the Living Group Council. Compared to a voter turnout of 1,160 votes last year, 1,083 votes were cast this year, with a general increase in freshman participation and a small decrease in upperclassman participation.

The slight decrease in voter turnout may be due to problems in obtaining viable candidates for all of the open positions and engaging the students to vote, according to UA Technical Coordinator Joseph W. Presbrey '08. Upperclassman participation decreased, as seen by a drop of nearly 70 votes in the sophomore and senior classes. However, freshman participation rose from last year's 466 votes to this year's 547.

The new leaders of the 2010 Class Council are President Jason A. Scott '10 and Vice President Priya Ramaswamy '10. Additionally, 26 UA Senators were elected as representatives of off-campus students, fraternities, sororities, and campus dormitories.

Both Bexley and the LGC do not have elected senators because their candidates received only one vote each.

According to the UA President Andrew T. Lukmann '07, Bexley's most popular write-in candidate "Naked Abe Lincoln," a fictional student, received about 35 votes, while the official Bexley candidate for Senate, Grace C. Lee '09, received one vote. There were also several other write-in candidates that received one vote each.

"Rather than hold a runoff between each of the one-vote valid candidates," Lukmann said, "the elections commission decided to choose no winner."

Usually, in such situations, the dormitory president will appoint a senator, but Bexley does not have a president, Miller said. She said that Lukmann will e-mail Bexley residents to find interested parties, and if there is more than one, another vote will take place.

The LGC also did not have an elected senator, as there were no official candidates running and a few write-in candidates that all received one vote each. Miller said that the LGC speaker will appoint a senator.

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In Short

¶ **A Campus Dining survey** obtaining feedback about which food vendor the MIT community would like added to Lobdell Food Court has been posted. After the results are tallied, Director of Campus Dining Richard D. Berlin III said that he hopes to open the new outlet before or during spring term. The survey, located at <http://web.mit.edu/dining/feedback/surveys.html>, will be

open until Oct. 17.

¶ **The final exam schedule** was announced by the Registrar in late September. See <http://web.mit.edu/registrar/www/schedules/exams.html>.

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WORLD & NATION

U.S. General Says Chavez Worries Region

By Robert Pear

THE NEW YORK TIMES

MANAGUA, NICARAGUA

The commander of U.S. military activities in Latin America said Monday that Venezuela under President Hugo Chavez had become a destabilizing force, and that other countries in the Western hemisphere shared that concern.

The commander, Gen. Bantz J. Craddock of the Army, said, “What I have heard in the last few months is more concern by more countries” about an increase in Venezuela’s purchase of weapons, especially small arms.

U.S. officials said Venezuela had used its oil wealth to undermine democratic forces in other Latin American countries. “There’s a factor here that is destabilizing,” Craddock said.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and Craddock were in Managua for a meeting of defense ministers from more than 30 countries in the hemisphere.

In recent months, Venezuela has bought AK-47 assault rifles and military helicopters from Russia and patrol boats from Spain.

Airplane Recorders Recovered From Brazilian Crash Site

By Paulo Prada

THE NEW YORK TIMES

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

Rescue workers on Monday found cockpit voice and data recorders in the wreckage of an airliner that crashed in the Amazon rainforest last week, killing all 155 people on board.

Investigators continued questioning the American pilots of a business jet that Brazilian authorities say they believe collided with the larger aircraft in midair. A senior executive of ExcelAire Service Inc., a New York-based aircraft charter and management company that had purchased the smaller jet in Brazil and was bringing it back to the United States, was also being questioned.

In aerial surveys of the crash site, in dense thicket in the central Brazilian state of Mato Grosso, salvage crews spotted the tail section of the Boeing 737-800 in which the recorders were found. Until now, the probe into the crash has focused on cockpit data from the smaller aircraft, an Embraer Legacy 600 executive jet, and on the statements of its pilots and passengers, who landed safely on a remote military landing strip a half-hour after they felt a jolt.

Compulsive Buying May Become a Psychiatric Diagnosis

By Nicholas Bakalar

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Compulsive buying is just as common in men as in women, a nationwide telephone survey has found, and in its extreme forms may be a psychiatric illness an impulse control disorder associated with abnormal levels of depression and anxiety.

Researchers used a seven-item questionnaire to determine whether people felt a need to spend money, whether they were aware that their spending behavior was aberrant, whether they bought things to improve their mood and whether their buying habits had led to financial problems.

They followed up with three questions designed to determine the degree of loss of control: How often have you just wanted to buy things and did not care what you bought? How often have you bought something and when you got home were not sure why you bought it? How often have you gone on a buying spree and just could not stop?

A statistical analysis of the results found that 5.5 percent of men and 6.0 percent of women could be classified as compulsive shoppers — that is, people whose uncontrolled urges to spend money lead to serious negative consequences.

Shootings Raise Tensions in Already Tense Public Schools

By Kirk Johnson

THE NEW YORK TIMES

DENVER

Schools around the country were on alert Monday after the second hostage event, and third homicide case, in less than a week in a public school.

The killings in Nickel Mines, Pa., with at least three students dead, occurred five days after a man took over a classroom here in Colorado and killed one teenage hostage and himself as the police closed in.

On Friday in Wisconsin, a student fatally shot a principal. Two schools in the Las Vegas region were locked down on Monday after witnesses reported seeing an armed person on the grounds.

Some school administrators and security experts said they were worried about a new pattern of violence that schools were not well prepared for — outside adults with grudges or suicidal urges entering schools — and that news coverage could inspire more crimes.

Others said those factors did not matter because vigilance, pre-emption and resources would be the same either way.

“We’re always worried about copycats,” said Michael Nicosia, the superintendent of the Columbia Falls School District in northwestern Montana, which has five schools and 2,500 students.

Nicosia, echoing other school officials, said that systems and procedures were in place to head off or respond to attacks or other incidents but that building up those systems in response to events elsewhere was not an option.

“We have a resource officer who’s been circulating more than he has been,” Nicosia said. “But for the most part, there really are not resources available to upscale the program.”

Psychologists and scholars of the news media said that although copycat events were always possible, the likelihood of one school attack leading to another was probably a bit less than it was a few years ago.

Some experts said they were not sure that the copycat phenomenon was real.

Psychological training and increased security that many schools instituted after the killing of 13 people in 1999 at Columbine High School in Colorado have given teachers and

principals new tools and insights to spot potential trouble, the experts said.

Members of the news media, some scholars say, have recently given somewhat less prominence to school violence as it has become less novel, a trend that could also reduce the likelihood of mimic attacks.

School officials said the existence of a new pattern did not matter. Educators watch more closely the comings and goings in a school, they said, and they do the best they can.

“It raises everybody’s awareness and reminds everyone to be vigilant to never assume your school is going to be safe,” said Mike Vaughn, a spokesman for the Chicago Public School System.

Vaughn said that each of the 625 schools in his district had metal detectors, that 70 had full-time uniformed police officers and that the rest had off-duty police or security officers.

“Continual high alert is a good way to describe it,” he said.

How the shootings affect school-children and how they learn about them is much less certain or controlled, news media experts and psychologists said.

2006 Nobel Prize For Medicine Awarded For Discovery of RNAi

By Nicholas Wade

THE NEW YORK TIMES

This year’s Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine has been awarded to two American researchers, Andrew Z. Fire and Craig C. Mello, for a far-reaching discovery about how genes are controlled within living cells.

The discovery was made in 1998, only eight years ago. It has been recognized with unusual speed by the Nobel Foundation in Stockholm, Sweden, which sometimes lets decades elapse before awarding its accolade. The foundation’s caution, born of the fear of giving immediate recognition to research that may prove unfounded, may have been dispelled this year by the evident promise of the new field, several scientists said.

The finding by Fire and Mello made sense of a series of puzzling results obtained mostly by plant biolo-

gists, including some who were trying to change the color of petunias. By clarifying what was going on, they discovered a quite unexpected system of gene regulation in living cells and began an explosive phase of research in a field known variously as RNA interference or gene silencing.

This natural method of switching genes off has turned out to be a superb research tool, allowing scientists to understand the role of new genes by suppressing them. The method may also lead to a new class of drugs that switch off unwanted processes in disease. Two gene-silencing drugs designed to treat macular degeneration are already in clinical trials.

“This was such an obvious Nobel, on everybody’s list of discoveries that would receive the prize soon,” said Dr. Thomas Cech, an expert on RNA and president of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

Dr. Bruce Stillman, president of the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory on Long Island, said the prize was to recognize a new field of research, which has had “a spectacular birth and expansion,” as well as the discovery by Fire and Mello that started it.

Fire, now at Stanford University, worked at the Carnegie Institution of Washington when he made the discovery. Mello, a frequent collaborator, is at the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester. Both are worm people, as scientists who do their biology in the roundworm *Caenorhabditis elegans* call themselves.

Prior to their discovery, plant biologists over many decades had found odd exceptions to Mendel’s laws of heredity, including some unexplained effects produced by injecting RNA, the less well-known cousin of DNA, into plants.

WEATHER

A Week of Extremes

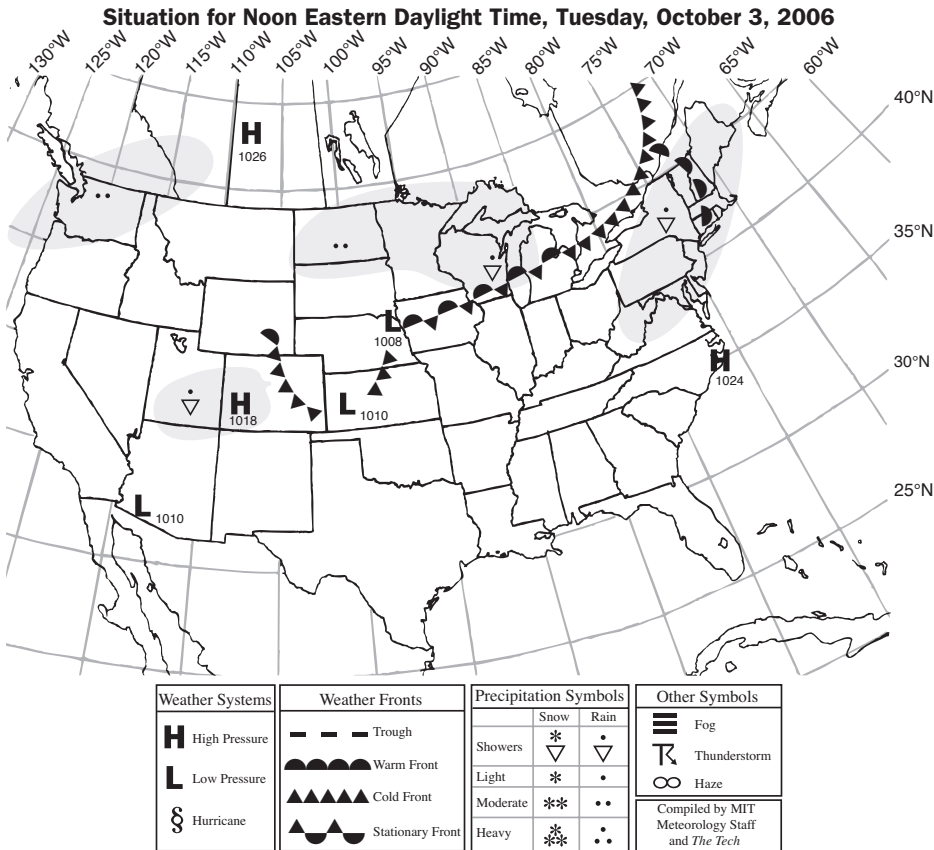
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This week’s weather features relatively warm temperatures during the beginning of the week, then a shift to the coldest temperatures we have seen this autumn. This afternoon will be pleasantly warm with an afternoon high temperature in the lower 70s°F. A warm front moves through this evening, which will help push Wednesday’s high temperature to near 80°F. As a low pressure system approaches from the west, we will have an increased chance for rain Wednesday night and Thursday morning. With this system comes much cooler temperatures, possibly as low as 40°F Thursday night. The high temperature on Friday will be cooler than the low tonight!

Extended Forecast

- Today:** Partly sunny. High 73°F (23°C).
- Tonight:** Partly cloudy. Low 60°F (16°C).
- Wednesday:** Partly sunny and unseasonably warm. High 80°F (27°C).
- Wednesday night:** Chance of showers. Low 57°F (14°C).
- Thursday:** Showers early, then partial clearing. Much cooler. High 60°F (16°C).
- Thursday night:** Partly cloudy. Low 42°F (6°C).
- Friday:** Partly sunny. High 58°F (14°C).



Gov't Records Confirm that CIA Head Warned Rice on Al-Qaida

By Philip Shenon
and Mark Mazzetti

THE NEW YORK TIMES

JIDDA, SAUDI ARABIA

A review of White House records has determined that George J. Tenet, then the director of central intelligence, did brief Condoleezza Rice and other top officials on July 10, 2001, about the looming threat from al-Qaida, a State Department spokesman said Monday.

The account by the spokesman, Sean McCormack, came hours after Rice, the secretary of state, told reporters aboard her airplane that she did not recall the specific meeting on July 10, noting that she had met repeatedly with Tenet that summer about terrorist threats. Rice, the national security adviser at the time, said it was “incomprehensible” to suggest she had ignored dire terrorist threats two months before the Sept. 11 attacks.

McCormack also said records showed that the Sept. 11 commission had been informed about the meeting, a fact that former intelligence officials and members of the commission confirmed Monday. Members of the commission had earlier said they could not

recall being told about it.

When details of the meeting emerged last week in “State of Denial,” a new book by Bob Woodward of The Washington Post, Bush administration officials questioned Woodward’s reporting.

Now, after several days, both current and former Bush administration officials have confirmed parts of Woodward’s account.

Officials now agree that on July 10, 2001, Tenet and his counterterrorism deputy, J. Cofer Black, were so alarmed about an impending attack by al-Qaida that they demanded an emergency meeting at the White House with Rice and her National Security Council staff.

According to two former intelligence officials, Tenet told those assembled at the White House about the growing body of intelligence the CIA had collected pointing to an attack. But both current and former officials took issue with Woodward’s account that Tenet and his aides had left the meeting in frustration and feeling that Rice had ignored them.

Tenet told members of the Sept. 11 commission about the July 10 meeting

when they interviewed him in early 2004, but committee members said he never indicated he had left the White House with the impression that he had been ignored.

“Tenet never told us that he was brushed off,” said Richard Ben-Veniste, a Democratic member of the commission. “We certainly would have followed that up.”

Rice, speaking Sunday night to reporters traveling with her to the Middle East, said she did not remember the emergency meeting with Tenet on July 10.

“What I can be quite certain of is that I would remember if I was told, as this account apparently says, that there was about to be an attack in the United States,” she said. “The idea that I would have somehow ignored that, I find incomprehensible — especially given that in July, we’re getting a steady stream of quite alarmist reports of potential attacks.” McCormack said the records showed that far from ignoring Tenet’s warnings, Rice acted on the intelligence and requested that Tenet make the same presentation to Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and John Ashcroft.

UN Security Council Backs South Korean For New Secretary-General

By Warren Hoge

THE NEW YORK TIMES

UNITED NATIONS

Ban Ki-moon, the foreign minister of South Korea, on Monday virtually assured his selection as the next secretary-general of the United Nations, winning overwhelming support in a final informal poll of the Security Council.

The council scheduled a formal vote for next Monday to make its verdict official, which should lead to Ban’s being elevated to the position of the world’s most important international civil servant on Jan. 1.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan SM ’72 is to step down Dec. 31 after two five-year terms, and under U.N. procedures, the 15-member Security Council selects one name and sends it to the 192-member General Assembly for appointment.

Ban nailed down his selection by winning his fourth straight informal poll, this one with a different colored ballot for the five veto-bearing members — Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States — to show whether any of them were opposed.

In a contest in which the ambas-

sadors had the options of voting “encourage,” “discourage” or “no opinion,” Ban won 14 positive votes, no negatives and one “no opinion,” from one of the 10 rotating members.

There were objections from permanent members — signaling potential vetoes — against all five of the other active candidates. (One had withdrawn.)

Ban will inherit the leadership of a global organization with 9,000 workers, a \$5 billion annual budget and tasks ranging from education, health care and emergency assistance to areas hit by natural disaster, to peacekeeping in nations emerging from conflicts.

He will also take over at a moment when the United Nations has been shaken by management lapses and scandals, and faces continuing demands to overhaul its procedures. At the same time, it is a moment when the United Nations finds itself back at the center of many of the world’s most intractable problems in places like Lebanon, Sudan, Iran, Kosovo and North Korea.

Ban has said he would devote particular attention to efforts to broker a

settlement in the Middle East.

Ban, 62, is a soft-spoken man who in six months of campaigning around the world has had to learn the Western art of self-promotion after early audiences complained they found his laid-back presentation unimpressive.

Ban is familiar with the United Nations, where he served as first secretary at the South Korean mission from 1974 to 1978 and was chief assistant to Han Seung-soo, president of the General Assembly in 2001. He has also served as director of the U.N. division at the South Korean Foreign Ministry.

His selection will carry great resonance in South Korea, a country created by the United Nations in 1948 and defended by U.N.-authorized troops in the Korean War.

In his lifetime, South Korea has been a model for development, transformed from a war-torn, impoverished country into one of the world’s wealthiest.

As a foreign service officer for three decades, Ban has been a top official in the Korean Embassy in New Delhi and ambassador to Austria.

Internet Betting Stocks Take a Dive After US Gov't Crackdown is Passed

By Eric Pfanner

THE NEW YORK TIMES

LONDON

On a Black Monday for the online-gambling industry, companies that operate Internet betting sites and payment systems lost billions of dollars in market value after the U.S. government moved to criminalize the processing of online wagers.

Congress passed legislation over the weekend that would make it a crime to use credit cards or online payment systems for Internet betting. As a result, several online gambling companies said Monday that they planned to stop doing business with customers in the United States — by far the largest market for Internet gambling.

Analysts said the measure would effectively bar online gambling companies from operating legally in the United States, fundamentally altering their business models and perhaps forcing some companies out of business. Shares of many of the companies plunged, with some losing more than half of their value

within minutes Monday morning.

“This development is a significant setback for our company, our shareholders, our players and our industry,” said Mitch Garber, chief executive of PartyGaming, the largest online gambling company.

On Monday, shares of PartyGaming, which is based in Gibraltar, fell 58 percent, erasing about 2 billion pounds (\$3.8 billion) of the company’s market capitalization.

Over the last few years, Internet gambling operators, many of them based outside Britain, rushed to list their shares on the London Stock Exchange, taking advantage of a change in British law that legalized and regulated the business.

PartyGaming, which generates 78 percent of its revenue in the United States, said it would suspend all “real money” transactions with U.S.-based customers if President Bush signs the bill into law, as is expected within the next two weeks.

Another publicly traded online gambling operator, 888 Holdings, said it would also stop doing busi-

ness with bettors in the United States, pending Bush’s signature. The company, also based in Gibraltar, generates nearly half of its business outside the United States. Its shares fell 26 percent on Monday.

The legislation, championed by Rep. Jim Leach, R-Iowa, was added to an unrelated bill on port security and passed in the rush to complete business before a congressional recess in advance of the Nov. 7 elections.

“There is nothing in Internet gambling that adds to the GDP or makes America more competitive in the world,” Leach said. “Everyone loses if this industry continues its remarkable growth trends.”

Concern about regulatory and legal risks grew over the summer, as executives of two online gambling companies were arrested while in the United States.

David Carruthers, who was later removed from his position as chief executive of BetOnSports, pleaded not guilty to charges of racketeering, fraud, tax evasion and conspiracy after his arrest in Dallas in July.

Early Results of Bosnia Vote Reinforce Ethnic Split

By Nicholas Wood

THE NEW YORK TIMES

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Bosnia’s ethnic divisions seem most likely to become even more firmly entrenched, as partial results of national elections on Monday showed two parties with diametrically opposing views in the lead. The results could delay a move by the international authorities to end their oversight of the country.

After a campaign dominated by nationalist grandstanding, parties led by Haris Silajdzic, the Bosnian Muslim who was prime minister during the civil war fought from 1992 to 1995, and Milorad Dodik, the most prominent Bosnian Serb politician, were likely to dominate the country’s main institutions. Complete results in the voting for the country’s complex governing system were not expected until the end of the week.

During the election campaign, both men were criticized for increasing ethnic tensions as they outlined conflicting views of Bosnia’s future.

Each man advocates a tough version of the policies generally supported by his ethnic group. Bosnian Muslims, the country’s largest group, with some support from their Roman Catholic Croat allies, seek a more unified country. They want to carry out political and economic changes that will enable Bosnia to join the European Union.

But many Serbs still want the half of the country that they dominate to become independent, a position that set off the civil war.

Russia Severs Transport Links with Georgia

By Steven Lee Myers

THE NEW YORK TIMES

MOSCOW

Russia announced on Monday that it was suspending air, rail, sea and road links to its small southern neighbor, Georgia, taking its first significant retaliatory steps following last week’s arrests by Georgia of four Russian military officers on accusations of espionage.

Several hours after Russia suspended travel, as well as postal service, between the two countries, Georgia released the four officers into the custody of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, an international body to which both countries belong that had helped negotiate the release.

The officers and two others in Georgia who were accused, but not arrested, returned to Russia on a flight from Georgia on Monday night.

Their release, however, did not lead Russia to reconsider its actions. A Kremlin spokesman, Dmitri S. Peskov, said that the moves were intended to punish the Georgian authorities for what he called a pattern of hostile and provocative acts toward Russia that extended beyond the latest arrests.

“It’s a matter of changing their attitude totally,” he said in a telephone interview.

“Instead of making steps toward improving relations with Russia,” he added, “they are taking steps toward conflict.”

Hungarian Leader Calls For a Vote of Confidence

By Judy Dempsey

THE NEW YORK TIMES

BERLIN, OCT. 2

The embattled prime minister of Hungary, Ferenc Gyurcsany, called Monday for a parliamentary vote of confidence in his national government after his party was drubbed over the weekend in local elections.

Gyurcsany has been trying to regain the initiative after weeks of growing political tumult as opposition parties have held mass rallies to drive him and his Socialist-led coalition from office after his admission that he had repeatedly lied about Hungary’s economic strength.

Andrea Szente, a spokeswoman for Gyurcsany’s office, said the prime minister would hold firm. “He wants to implement his economic reforms,” Szente said. “He sees no reason to resign. He wants to use this vote to show he has support for his reforms.”

Gyurcsany scheduled a vote of confidence for Friday after his government was swept by Fidesz, the conservative opposition party, in 18 of 19 regional councils. It was a devastating loss by the Socialists, erasing the gains they made in the 2002 local-government elections. They suffered heavy setbacks in Budapest, the capital, and other cities that had been longtime strongholds for the party and its smaller coalition allies. In Budapest, Fidesz won almost half the seats on the regional council.

If Gyurcsany and his Cabinet ministers lose the confidence vote, they must resign. But Imre Szekeres, vice president of the Socialist Party, predicted that they would survive by a comfortable margin.

Riots Spread as Incumbent Widens Lead in Zambia Vote

By Michael Wines

THE NEW YORK TIMES

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

President Levy Mwanawasa of Zambia took an unexpectedly large lead on Monday as vote-counting neared an end in the nation’s presidential election and some supporters of his populist rival, Michael Sata, rioted for a second day.

Sata urged his followers to end the violence, but he also accused Mwanawasa of stealing the election and promised “a big battle” against Mwanawasa’s faction inParliament. Sata said he would not contest the election results in court, but at the same time refused to formally concede the race. “How can I concede when I am complaining of votes being stolen?” he said.

With votes tallied in all but 15 of Zambia’s 150 constituencies, Mwanawasa had captured 43 percent of the 2.52 million ballots counted, compared with 27 percent for Sata and 26 percent for Hakainde Hichilema, a businessman and the third major candidate.

The final total was delayed because impassable roads slowed the delivery of ballots from some rural provinces.

Sata complained that 400,000 votes in his strongholds, in urban areas like the copper-mining regions, were unaccounted for, and the national election commission said it was investigating the charge. European observers and local political analysts have said, however, that the election seemed relatively free of corruption.

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Letters To The Editor

Abstinence Education an Effective Way to Combat STDs

The American Social Health Association maintains that as many as one in four Americans has genital herpes, and 80 percent of women will have contracted human papilloma virus (HPV) by the time they turn 50. It also notes that each year, there are more than 15 million new cases of STDs in the United States. The U.S. has the highest rate of STDs in the industrialized world, and education about contraceptives has done little to slow its spread.

Despite the fact that 85 percent of American parents feel that abstinence should be emphasized at least as much as contraception in sex education, far less attention — and funding — is given to abstinence education. In 2002, the U.S. government spent \$144 million on promoting abstinence and \$635 million, over four times as much, on contraception services and promotion for teens.

In addition, many people are not aware of the limitations of contraceptives. The National Institutes of Health and Human Services maintain that there is no substantial evidence that condoms prevent the spread of some STDs, including gonorrhea in women, chlamydia infection, genital herpes, and syphilis.

In addition to STDs, being sexually active is also linked to other societal problems. It often results in out-of-wedlock childbearing; in 2000,

240,000 children were born in the U.S. to girls 18 or younger, nearly all of whom were unmarried. Furthermore, those who are sexually active are more likely to be depressed and attempt suicide. According to the National Longitudinal Survey of Adolescent Health, 17 percent of Americans aged 14 to 17 who are sexually active were depressed “a lot of the time” or “most of the time” in the past week and ten percent have attempted suicide, while six percent of those who are not sexually active were depressed and three percent have attempted suicide.

Then why do many Americans oppose abstinence education? This is largely because of the prevailing perception that adolescents are incapable of abstinence. However, this notion is challenged by statistical and historical evidence.

Abstinence is certainly a viable option; in fact, it used to be expected among adolescents. Abstinence was the norm for unmarried teenage girls in America up until at least 1982. Only recently has it been dismissed as unrealistic.

However, abstinence is still a popular alternative among today’s youth. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, six out of ten American teenagers are not sexually active. In one survey, 93 percent of teens said that teens should be given a “strong message” that they should abstain from sex. An Emory University study of 1,000 girls found that of 12 sex education topics, the most popular, chosen by 84 percent of those surveyed, was, “How to say no without hurting the other person’s feelings.”

Many people assume that abstinence education does not teach about STDs or contraception. Despite all the talk about abstinence-only education, many abstinence programs *do* teach these topics. Indeed, they teach them accurately, explaining the truth about so-called “safe sex” and helping adolescents understand that their choices have consequences. “Safe sex” or misleadingly named “abstinence plus” programs, on the other hand, do little or nothing to encourage teens to abstain from sex and often implicitly encourage sexual activity.

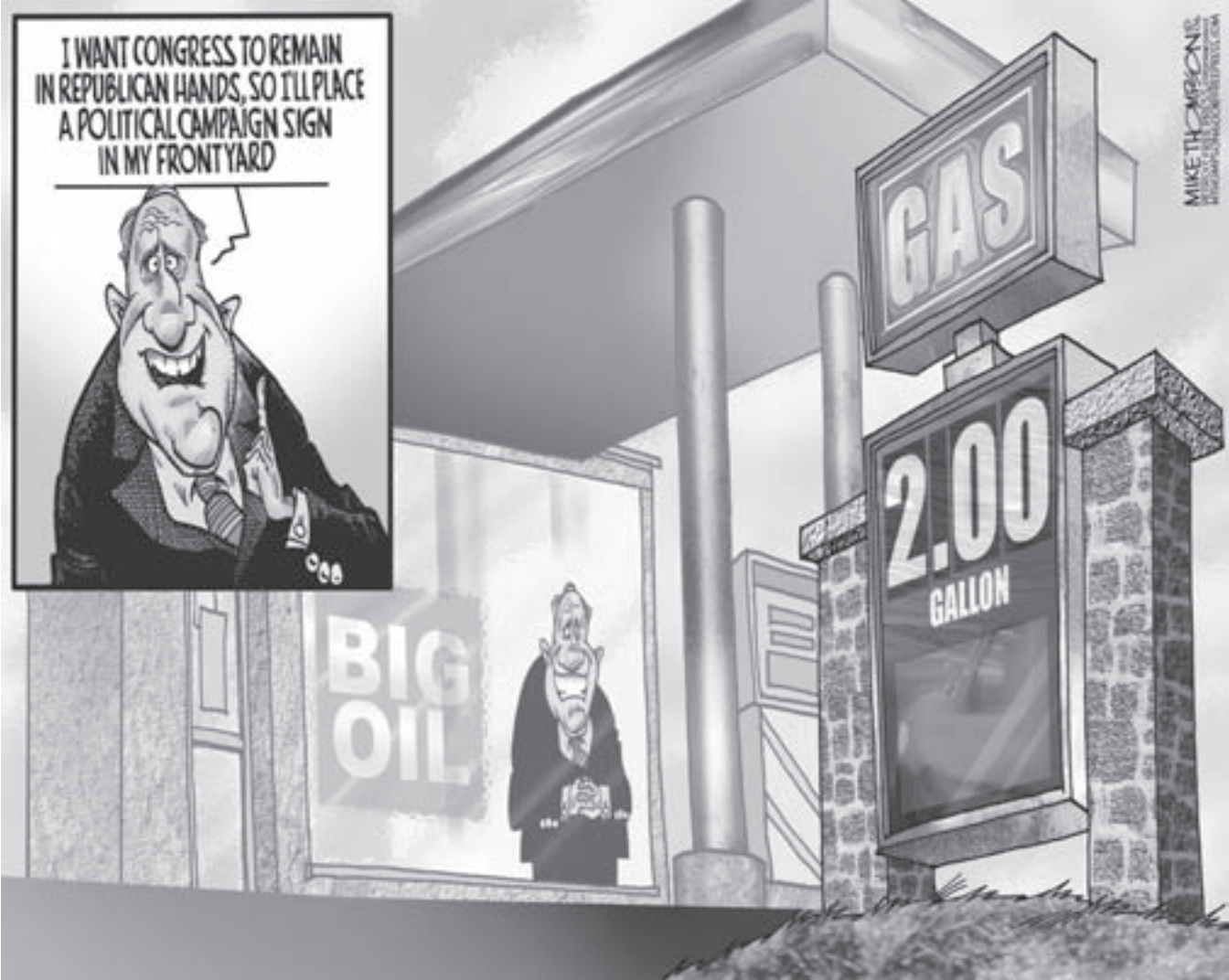
Despite allegations to the contrary, available evidence conclusively shows that abstinence education is effective. There are ten reputable evaluations showing that abstinence education is effective in reducing sexual activity among teens, five of which have been published in peer-reviewed journals. The “Not Me, Not Now” program effected a 32 percent decrease in the sexual activity of 15-year-olds in the county in which it was practiced. An article in the Journal of the American Medical Association found that participating in an abstinence program and taking a chastity pledge were by far the largest contributors to teenagers delaying sexual activity.

The fact is that abstinence education is the most effective and realistic way to stop the epidemic spread of STDs and other societal problems in the United States.

Bill Jacobs

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Science Studies Would Enrich GIR

Beckett W. Sterner

In reconsidering its General Institute Requirements, MIT has pursued at least two major goals. One is to update the curriculum requirements to satisfy present needs while guarding against an onerous load of requirements by keeping them simple and flexible. A second goal has been to add more energy and common spirit to the freshman year. So far, the GIR committee has treated the science requirements in detail, but has encountered greater difficulty with improving the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences requirements. The HASS requirements, especially those involving CI-H and CI-M classes, are complex and vary greatly in the quality of their implementation across classes and departments. For many students, the intended purpose of the HASS requirements — a general education about the qualities of human existence — fails to be relevant to them personally or professionally.

The suggestion I make here has the potential to address many of the above problems: I propose that MIT require all freshmen to take a semester of Science Studies, broadly conceived as the cultural, social and logical critiques of science and technology. The class would demonstrate the relevance of the humanities to MIT undergraduates, provide a basis for lively intellectual discussion for freshmen, and put MIT on the cutting edge of the growing convergence between the concerns of science and society.

Science Studies is a growing field that crosses many disciplines to study science as a human practice, recognizing the essential and central role of people in creating knowledge. (While there are a number of similar fields, including Science, Technology and Society at MIT, I use Science Studies as the closest to my intended focus.) This class would be highly controversial, but such controversy would only work to its advantage, because the class would force students to confront their preconceptions about science and engineering.

To support my suggestion, I will discuss the importance and relevance of the class's content to students and to MIT's goals as an institution overall. I will also sketch out a possible way to accommodate the requirement in the GIRs.

Scientists and engineers who claim to act in the best interests of society must consider the impacts of their actions on a broad scale. The design of technology or research agendas can dramatically shape their consequences; questions of values, culture and politics live in the very heart of the processes by which science and engineering produce knowledge and tech-

nology. While they have been ignored or denied in the past, a deeper understanding of how these factors figure in science and engineering as distinctly human enterprises promises practical benefits.

For science, this mixing of what we presumed to be separate poses a challenge for the objectivity of knowledge.

MIT anthropology professor Stefan Helmreich has documented how the cultural and economic origins of scientists at the Sante Fe Institute influenced their concept of "life" as a scientific idea and how humans could synthesize it artificially. MIT Professor Sherry Turkle has explored in detail how technological objects such as computers, online games, and robots challenge our notions of what it means to be alive and what is a fulfilling life. She has also explored how computers and the internet are transforming our social lives. Historian and philosopher of science Thomas Kuhn has challenged the "progress" of science as in fact no more than a succession of disjoint paradigms of knowledge that encompassed ever more physical phenomena without necessarily describing the true nature of reality more accurately. These are only a few examples of the many ways in which the conventional assumptions of scientists about what they do have been opened up to questioning. Although some have sought to use these questions to undermine science itself, a more robust position welcomes these questions as ultimately beneficial to the primary goal of science: producing a rational understanding of reality.

A class that raised these issues for debate is therefore perfectly aligned with MIT's goals for its technical and professional curriculum. That this alignment is possible marks an astounding change in the relationship of the humanities to science and engineering, which will continue to grow in importance over time. For MIT to recognize this in its undergraduate curriculum would show a far-sighted vision and demonstrate leadership in almost every discipline of academia.

As a common experience in the freshman year, the class would give students something worth talking about in the best tradition of the liberal arts, as well encourage them to think critically about science and engineering in novel ways. The class would serve as a bridge to the humanities for students who saw them as irrelevant before — obviously, nothing can force them to cross that bridge, but the choice should be a conscious one.

As a practical matter, the class would necessarily cover material from a number of disciplines: STS, anthropology, philosophy, history, and sociology. It could thus serve as a unique introduction to many disciplines, although it would not function simply as a survey course: the material would be aimed at critical questions about science and engineering as practices, such as, "How do social values influence science?" In terms of MIT's current requirements, the class is an obvious candidate to be a HASS-D and even CI-H class (i.e. satisfies a distribution requirement and communication-intensive requirement), and thus would not interfere with the concentration requirement that students pursue three or more classes in a single HASS discipline such as music or economics. It could also count as one of the eight required HASS-designated classes. Thus the class would not increase the total number of requirements, and only marginally decrease the choices available to students. The practicalities of holding enough small (25–30 students) sessions of the class for the entire freshman class to enroll would be more challenging. However, by allowing freshmen to take the class either fall or spring term, the task would be easier, and would also allow any students who fail MIT's Freshman Essay Examination to take a remedial writing class in the fall. Moreover, the requirement would allow MIT to make a more concerted effort to teach writing skills to all students in a uniform way, allowing other HASS classes to assume a higher degree of average competency.

The proposed requirement is therefore feasible in practice, satisfies many of MIT's major educational goals, and is sufficiently foundational to our understanding of science and engineering to merit inclusion in the GIRs. I respectfully submit it for the consideration of the GIR committee, the Student Advisory Committee, and the MIT community.

Beckett W. Sterner is a member of the class of 2006 and was The Tech's Editor in Chief from mid April 2004 to Jan 2005.

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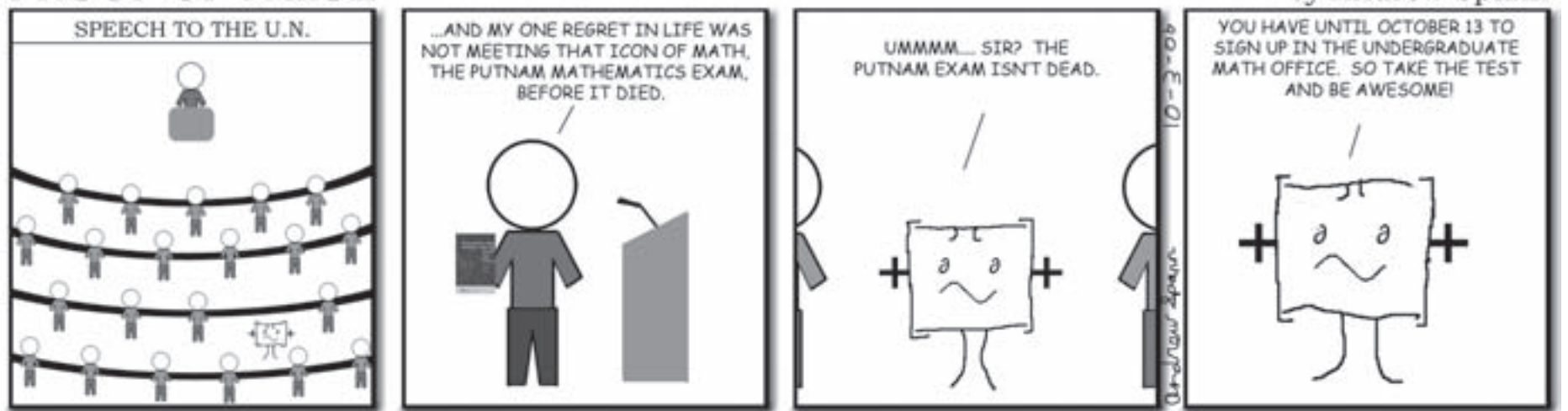


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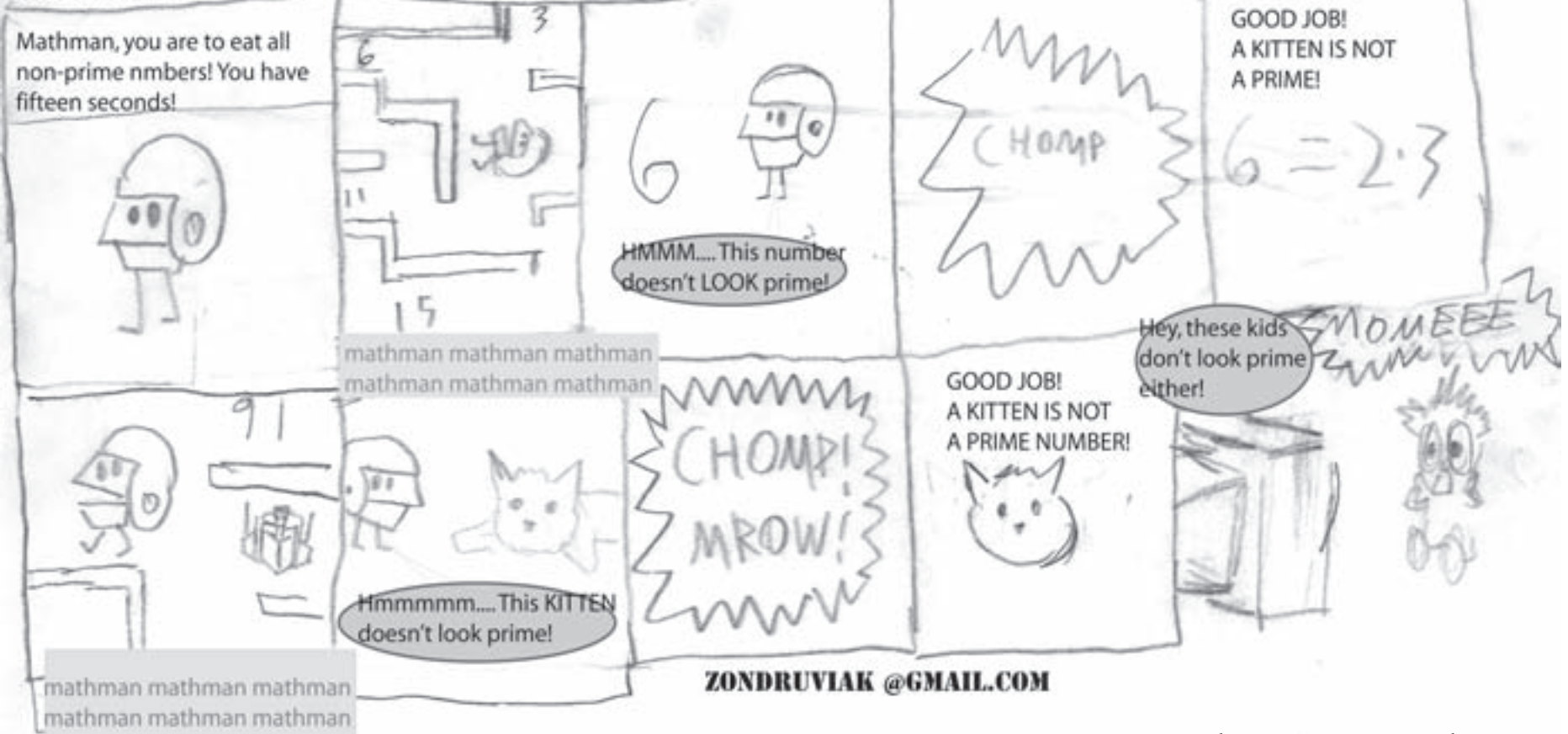
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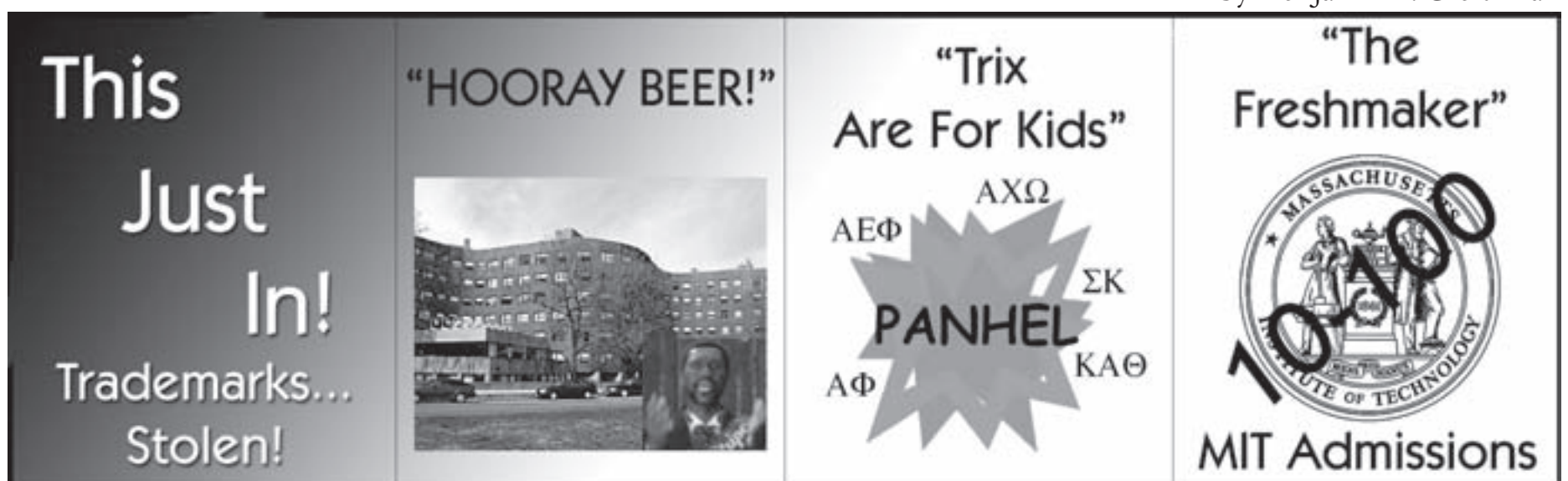


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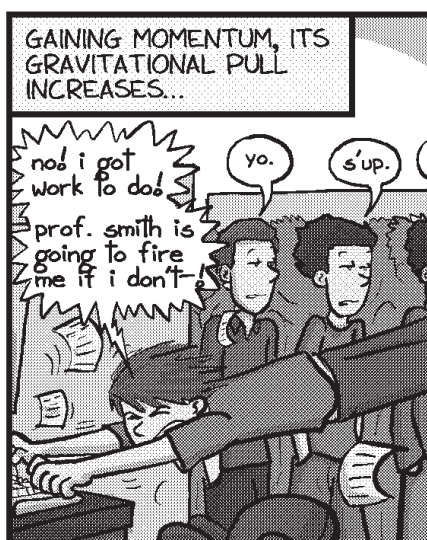
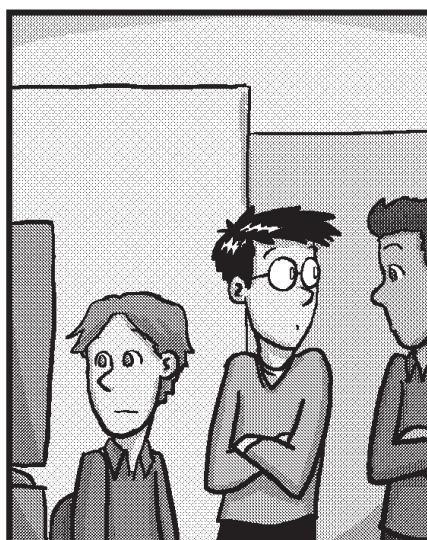
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Flux You!

By Bill Andrews
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

This past summer, I started swearing a lot, unfortunately. I write unfortunately, but even now my inner child is proud, happy to have such a dirty mouth. What is it about saying those ‘bad’ words that makes us feel so adult, so cool, so hip? It’s like smoking, but without the cancer (or the stains, or smell, or cost ...).

When I was a kid, I remember all my friends swearing like sailors; they’d be saying all kinds of naughty words, words whose definitions I didn’t know but I was sure were titillating. Words like titillating ... They’d poke fun at me, because they knew I wouldn’t reciprocate in kind. Eventually they wore me down, though, and soon I was sprinkling some PG-13’s into my speech, always being very careful at home to watch my mouth. My parents raised me better than that, after all.

Again, just as with smoking, I’d try to quit many times. I don’t know why, but it always bothered me a little bit that I said bad words, even though now, looking back, they’re almost quaint in their lack of vulgarity. I’d go weeks, months even, without swearing, but then I’d stub my toe, or a girl I asked to a dance would go off and start making out with some dude, and there I’d be again, cursing it up.

And it was so liberating! Nothing was as satisfying as hanging out with friends, shooting the ... breeze, and lettin’ fly with some well-timed obscenity. No longer was ‘crappy’ an acceptable adverb, nor merely calling jerks A-holes. After a while, I just decided to go with the flow and enjoy the ride and probably other aphorisms.

In all my bacchanalian, potty-mouthed revelry, I started branching out. Words I had been saving for my later years became more and more desirable, more and more necessary for me to communicate precisely what I felt. I’ll leave it to the imagination just which words these are, except to specify that I never once dropped the f bomb. These second tier words though, man were they great. The meanings were more vulgar, the shapes my mouth made in forming them more exotic, the situations more fraught. Fraught with peril (them’s fightin’ words!), fraught with danger (no, honest, Mrs. Norvell, I said “hunt”), just plain fraught. The highs were higher, sweeter, and my friends and I reveled even more. At least, I

consoled myself, I do have some standards.

The big one itself, the mother of all bad words, the one I can’t print but rhymes with suck (and is more vulgar) ... I referred to it earlier as the f-bomb, and I think that’s my favorite appellation for it, since indeed it can shatter a conversation if unexpected, and is just something to watch out for otherwise. For whatever dubious moral reasons, I refused to drop it myself. Even quoting others, I’d make some goofy substitution, such as my personal favorite, “Dude, he just called you a maternal copulator!”

I’d often heard that someone who swears a lot is just displaying their lack of vocabulary, and I usually agree. I’d swear, sure, but at least I’d vary it up, keep it interesting. It’s kinda like cooking with curry: a bit is exciting, exotic, adds a nice spice, but too much and it’ll all taste the same, and people won’t eat at your place again. Well, except for the fact that with swearing, people would. I’ve noticed that @mit.edu the swearing is rampant and widespread. At first, maybe, I figured it was just a college thing, a phase, but my brief and frightening forays into the real world have shown me it ain’t no passing craze. Apparently, everyone everywhere swears. Society was urging me onward, pushing me inexorably toward a future filled with fulsome and flagrant f’s.

Alas, this summer finally broke me of my inhibitions, as only theater can do. When my fiancée came in from out of town to watch the show, she told me how surprised she was by my heavy and casual swearing. I must have been f-bombing the f out of that f-ing place, and she was suitably shocked and awed. Seeing the dismay on her face, I resolved to try to tone down the swearing.

It’s really hard though. Just like smoking (see first paragraph) it’s hell addictive, and quitting is a slow process (see third paragraph). I guess it’s worth it, so my fiancée can recognize me once again, and so people think I have a nice, big vocabulary (or, rather, a verbose lexicon). It’s just not the same though, when your favorite show is pre-empted by the croquet bowl or you find out there’s an exam at 9 a.m. the Monday after Thanksgiving and all you can say is “dang it”. Some things are just best articulated by words we shouldn’t use, and most appropriately described by inappropriate words. Effin’ ironic, huh?

Ask Nutty B!

By Bruce Wu
STAFF COLUMNIST

Nutty B is currently a graduate student at MIT who tries to give his two 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,

From the last issue of The Tech I read about what you did to Mr. Melvin. I thought it was brilliant and I almost laughed my pants off. Here is a question for you: What do I do with all the junk mail I get from different credit card companies? I get so much everyday and I am so sick of reading them and throwing them away!

—Bill

Dear Bill,

I hope you were kidding about your pants being off. I mean, if I don’t get to see something so kinky and scandalous, no one else around the Infinite Corridor should either.

Also, you really read the credit card company junk? I remember when I was your age (I think there were still dinosaurs wandering around then), I read each of them, cursed each of them, and threw away each of them. But now I know better! Every time you want to throw away mail with your personal information on it, I’d highly recommend you to either shred or rip it into really small pieces so no one can pick up your info on the street. The last thing you want is for the guy going through trash every Thursday morning to know your birthday, address, social security number, and the fact that you were interested in Playboy or Playgirl!

Now the fun part: What do you do with the content of the junk? Britney Spears’s “I’m Not That Innocent” has inspired me to play naughty with those who annoy me. I usually collect all the coupons that I don’t need and all the commercial flyers and stuff them all in a prepaid envelope and return them to the credit card company. I’ve started to believe that the people opening those tons of envelopes everyday might have gotten sick of reading card applications and finding out there are turkey sales at Star Market. Just make sure you don’t return anything with your information on it.

It really works. I have been doing this for a year now, and I don’t really get anything from any credit card company anymore. My new roommate who just moved in a few weeks ago, on the other hand ...

Dear Nutty B,

I am a new student at MIT from Canada. I had a perfect credit history back home, but now I can’t even get a simple credit card. This is so frustrating, as I don’t want to use my Canadian credit card to pay for my expenses here. What should I do to get a credit card here?

—Leigh

Dear Leigh,

My dear fellow Canadian, I hear thy pain! I also had the same problem when I first got here (again, dinosaurs still roamed the Earth then). What a coincidence that Bill (see above) has the opposite problem! Perhaps you can somehow exchange identities with him?

It’s no biggie really. Trust me! In a few months your question to me will be how to get rid of all the “preapproved applications” from Capital One. In the mean time, you can request your credit report from Canada. Some of the banks here would consider your credit history from back home, and that might help. Also, start with something small. There are places where you can get a student credit card. A credit limit of \$100 probably won’t do you any good, but start with that and build your credit history. (That probably means you will have to use some other form of payment for your illegal activities, but that’s another story...)

In a few months you can always request a limit increase or apply for other cards. Also, you should look into the checkcard options in some banks. Those cards will allow you to purchase items with a debit card, rather than a credit card, but it is convenient. Hang in there and start with something small! Just remember to pay your bills and maintain that good credit history of yours here, and in no time you will be a member of the elite club, in which every member is pre-approved for every credit card on Earth every f&!\$ing day!

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MIT Glass Lab Pumpkin Sale Exhibits Over 1550 Pieces



This weekend, the MIT Glass Lab held its sixth annual Great Glass Pumpkin Patch sale. The sale featured about 1550 pumpkins. Most of the proceeds went to the Glass Lab; the pumpkins' creators receive a small amount of the profit.

On Friday evening, the pumpkins were exhibited but not sold in a tent on Kresge Oval. Volunteers kept a vigil in the tent throughout the evening to keep the pumpkins safe. The lab's printers, used to make sales on-site, were covered with plastic just in case the Kresge sprinklers were to go off overnight (as they did last year).

On Saturday morning, the pumpkins were arranged in small clumps around the roped-off Kresge Oval, as a crowd of eager Beavers grew. Within a few hours, roughly 1500 pumpkins were sold; about twenty went home with their creators; and 10-20 were broken, said Houk. The main cause of broken glass pumpkins was people lifting them by the stems — just as with real pumpkins.

(clockwise from right)
Many pumpkins had a Halloween theme.

The more than 1500 pumpkins were displayed Friday afternoon.

A group of pumpkins get some sun just before the crowds are let into Kresge on Saturday.

The colorful pumpkins attracted discriminating eyes of both the young and young at heart.

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By Diane E. Lewis
THE BOSTON GLOBE

The region's academic institutions are collaborating online to court talent. Thirty-six New England universities and colleges launched an Internet site Monday with more than 3,000 job openings for faculty, administrators, and hospital personnel.

The New England Higher Education Recruitment Consortium's site, found at www.newenglandherec.org, is free to job seekers and not restricted to people who work in academia. Jobs listed range from positions for professors and lecturers to openings for physicians, scientists, laboratory technicians, researchers, and medical and


support staff. "This will enable us to have an integrated database for many institutions in the area," said Laura Fisher, associate dean of the Harvard University Faculty of Arts and Sciences. "It is a way to initiate a job search. The database goes beyond jobs because it gives people a sense of what the region offers. Any-

one can access it, not just someone we would like to recruit." Initiated by Harvard University, the site was inspired by similar efforts in California and the New York-New Jersey region, said Jacqueline Hogan, director of the consortium. She said the site should make it easier for academia to place dual-career couples in faculty, administrative, or staff positions. Evelyn Hammonds, senior vice provost for faculty development at Harvard, said meeting the needs of a job candidate whose spouse is also an academic can be especially difficult when an institution has no openings suited for the candidate's significant other. "The fact that places like Stanford, Princeton ... have joined consortiums speaks to the fact that this is a problem for higher education right now, and everyone is trying to address it," she said. Harvard University made an initial investment of about \$200,000 to launch the job site, which has listings from public and private institutions, five Boston-area hospitals, and several community colleges. Each pays a fee to the consortium based on the number of graduate and undergraduate students enrolled at the institution. Fees range from about \$2,900 per year for an institution with fewer than 3,000 students to \$13,000 for large private institutions, with un-


limited opportunities to post jobs. Consortium fees will be used to pay administrative costs and licensing fees and to maintain the site. Hogan said letters went out last year, inviting the region's colleges and universities to join. At the time, more than 100 institutions were interested. About 60 attended an inaugural meeting. In all, 25 became found-

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ing members of the site. Since then, the number of participating institutions has increased to 36. Besides jobs, the site has information on schools, child care, relocation services, local government, transportation, religious services, as well as items of interest to gay, lesbian, and transgendered applicants. Members of the consortium include MIT, Boston University, Boston College, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Brown University, Dartmouth University, Worcester State College, University of Vermont, Bentley College, Berkeley College of Music, Emerson College, Northeastern University, Babson College, Simmons College, Emmanuel College, and Wheelock College. Hospitals in the consortium include Massachusetts General Hospital, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, and Brigham & Women's Hospital.



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No UA Senator Elected From Bexley and LGC

UA Elections, from Page 1

The UA is planning on changing the write-in voting procedures for Spring 2007 elections.

“In living groups that historically rely on write-in elections, it was argued last year that there should be more write-in blanks on the ballot,” UA Vice President Ruth Miller ’07 said. “Discussion took place about creating a formula to decide how many blanks appear on a ballot ... but the fall election took place early enough in the year that we weren’t able to sit down with a representative group and look over the specifics of any changes.”

Of the Senate candidates, 12 decided to represent their respective Fraternity, Sorority, or Independent Living Group while 26 chose to represent their dormitories, according to

Presbrey.

For the 2010 Class Council, there were 14 official candidates with a total of 60 including write-in candidates. For the UA Senate, there were 33 official candidates with a total of 235.

This year, there were 1,053 on-line votes and about 20-30 paper votes compared to last year’s nearly 60 paper votes, which represents the increasing convenience of on-line voting. On average, 48 percent of votes cast were for the winners, although there was a wide range of percentage of votes obtained by winning senators.

“I am very happy with this year’s elections,” UA Election Commissioner Michelle Jeong ’08. This election ran relatively smoothly without any foul play or illegal campaigning issues.

UA Election Results Fall 2006

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MacGregor House Senators	Ying Yang ’10 Charles D. DeRobertis ’10
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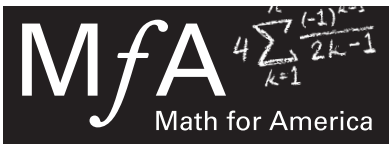
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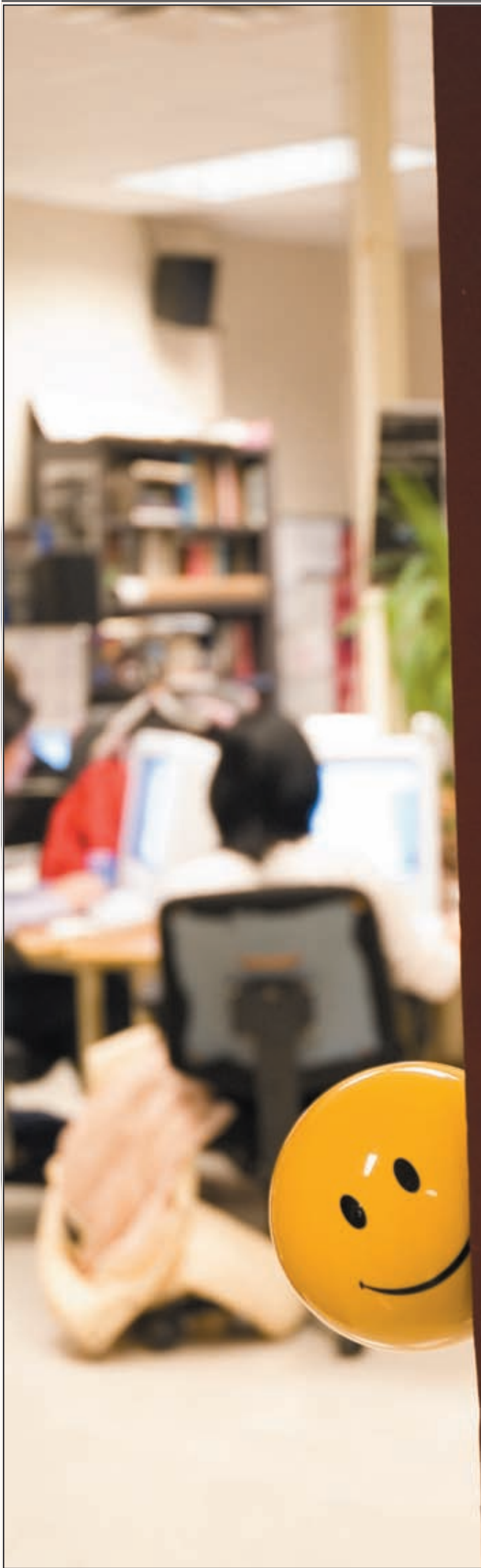
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Millions in Renovations Needed To Re-Open MacGregor Dining

MacGregor, from Page 1

ferred dining and pricing, Berlin said that he thinks there is “an agenda for a system that makes sense for campus, and it evolves through the years. ... It’s a dynamic process over time.”

The pilot program will be reevaluated at the end of the month with feedback from students, according to Donovan. Based on the feedback, the one-day-a-week pilot may be held on a different day and other adjustments may be made for the month of November, Donovan said.

“You would want an overwhelming majority to be behind the idea,” Berlin said.

MacGregor’s housemasters proposed the idea of re-opening dining facilities to their House Committee shortly after January this year, and a dining committee was set up to look

into the possibility. According to MacGregor Social Chair Joseph S. Pokora ’09, a member of the committee, the housemasters hoped that a dining hall would bring a greater sense of community to a dormitory consisting of mostly single-person rooms.

Last spring, a survey sent to all MacGregor residents revealed that about 50 to 75 percent of students who responded would use the proposed dining facilities, Pokora said. The considerable response in favor of dining led to the dining trial this month, he said.

According to Pokora, the trial serves to accurately measure the true demand before Campus Dining decides whether or not to re-open MacGregor’s dining hall, which was shut down in 1993. MacGregor Dining was shut down when students were told that they would each have to purchase a mandatory \$1,150-per-year meal plan in order to keep campus dining halls open.

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Poor Weather Does Not Keep Activists at Bay



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In spite of the torrential rain, about a hundred anti-war activists joined at Boston Common bandstand on Sunday to protest war in the Middle East. Folk songs, handwritten signs, unidentifiable flags, and a veteran's impassioned speech characterized the "Bring the Troops Home Now" rally. The rally was connected with the national Declaration of Peace campaign, which boasts the participation of over 500 organizations in its Sept. 21-28 "Week of Action."

(left) The poor weather doesn't stop this activist from getting her message out.

(below) An activist delivers a speech calling for the end of the Iraq war.



MICHAEL MCGRAW-HERDEG—THE TECH

MIT Students March For Life

The 20th annual pro-life Walk to Aid Mothers and Children also occurred Sunday afternoon. The march was both a demonstration of the power of the Boston pro-life movement and a fundraiser for the organizer, Massachusetts Citizens for Life. Participants aged over 18 were encouraged to register and to seek additional sponsorships for the 5K walk; one flyer said "It is imperative that you get as many sponsors as possible."

(clockwise from right)

Kevin J. DiGenova, members of MIT Pro-Life and the Wellesley Alliance for Life joined the pro-life march on Sunday.

A group of about twenty pro-choice protestors stood at the corner of Charles St. and Beacon St. and chanted at pro-life marchers as they passed. Most of the marchers politely ignored the chanting counterprotestors. The counter-protest was organized by the National Organization for Women.

Marchers filled the left side of most streets; traffic halted altogether on some.



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NW35 May Increase Undergrad Class Size

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building currently named Ashdown, is expected to be open to undergraduate students in the fall of 2008. Construction work on NW35, the graduate dormitory that will house displaced Ashdown residents, is also expected to be complete at that time, the Division of Student Life Web site states. Director of Housing, Karen A. Nilsson, however, would not commit to a date for the opening of W1 to undergraduates, saying that she “can’t say at this moment in time.”

Reacting to speculations that W1 will serve as temporary housing for undergraduates while other dormitories are renovated, Nilsson said that, in the long term, “renovations for East Campus, Random Hall and Bexley will be necessary.” “However, the W1 project is currently in a feasibility study only and decision regarding the renovations/upgrades to other building has not been discussed,” Nilsson added.

While the cost of the new graduate dormitory NW35 is estimated at \$104 million, the renovation costs for W1 is “dependent on the scope of the project,” Nilsson said. “Rents will not be set until closer to the re-opening of W1 as an undergraduates dorm.” Renovations will include adding Graduate Resident Tutor apartments to W1.

NW35 may allow for more frosh

Some of goals of the NW35 project, according to the Division of Student Life Web site, includes “ending Senior Segue” or the placing of seniors in graduate residences, “achieving a net gain in graduate beds on campus,” and “increasing the size of the freshman class.”

“I expect that we’ll grow the class a bit over the next few years, but only as much as the housing stock can accommodate,” Dean of Admissions Marilee Jones said in an e-mail. “Though the size of the class is never determined by one person, I don’t believe that the freshman class will ever grow to more than 1,100 students, the all-time high number in

the 1980s.”

“Class size will not affect the kind of students we admit or affect our recruitment strategies because the fluctuations are so minor from year to year,” Jones added.

Students worried about prices

Ashdown residents have requested to “bring the name ‘Ashdown’ to NW35,” Nilsson said.

According to Sian A. Kleindienst G, chair of the Ashdown House Executive Committee, residents want to carry the name over to the new building because Avery Ashdown PhD ’24, then a faculty member in the Department of Chemistry, was the first Housemaster of Ashdown and a big proponent of graduate student life.

The names of the rooms, including the Hulsizer Room in W1, would also be transferred to the new building, Kleindienst said.

Graduate students continue to have concerns about the transition. Kleindienst said that some students cannot pay the higher rents in NW35 and worries that other students may move into the new building at the expense of current Ashdown residents. But at the same time, students are hopeful.

“The Northwest sector of campus,” which already has three graduate dorms, will enhance “a strong graduate student presence,” Nilsson said. Kleindienst hopes that this will “facilitate more collaboration” between graduate students.

“We’re very happy with the final design of the new building,” Weese said. “I’m excited about the proposal for food in the new building. Given the large number of grad students in the area, it seems like it should be possible to have a dining hall serving dinner on a daily basis.”

The application deadline for the steering committee and subcommittees is Oct. 9 and Oct. 15, respectively. Nine undergraduates are currently needed, according to Nedzel. Interested students can send their applications to dorm-founders@mit.edu.

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Students Protest LaVerde's Changes

LaVerde's, from Page 1

Undergraduate Association President Andrew T. Lukmann '07 believes that "while a protest like this is valuable and shows that students do care about the issue, people should feel free to talk to their senators and express their problems to the student government." Lukmann said that it is more effective when a central government "speaks on behalf of 4,000 students rather than a small group of people."

According to Belote, the main focus of the protest was to bring back the extended deli hours as well as certain store merchandise. LaVerde's deli hours are currently 7 a.m. to midnight Monday through Saturday and 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday, whereas last year the deli was open 24 hours.

"I know a lot of people who miss late night subs and stews, and there are a handful of obscure products that people miss as well," Belote said.

Christensen said that the corporation decided to limit deli hours because "it was not busy past midnight and there was no need to have people unnecessarily working there when they could be at home." He also said that "students have other options if they need something at that time."

LaVerde's was opened in 1988 by Frank LaVerde, who also owned the Star Market in Medford, in response to student needs. LaVerde sold the store to 660 Corporation in August in order to retire and spend more time with his family.

Police Log

The following incidents were reported to the MIT or Cambridge Police between Sept. 21 and Oct. 1, 2006. This summary does not include incidents such as false alarms, general service calls, or medical shuttles.

- Sept. 21:** W79 (229 Vassar St.), 9:37 p.m., Altercation at Simmons Hall between persons known to each other.
- Sept. 22:** W4 (320 Memorial Dr.), 9:33 a.m., Desk worker reports person did not check in at desk. West car respond. NW10 (143 Albany St.), 10:23 a.m., Reports damage to moped. Lot 1 (125 Vassar St.), 2:02 p.m., Motorvehicle damaged in west garage.
- Sept. 25:** Campus Police (301 Vassar St.), 2:18 p.m., Report that a boat stolen in 2003 has been recovered.
- Sept. 26:** Hayden Library (160 Memorial Dr.), 2:13 p.m., Report that money was taken from a safe. Walker Memorial basement (142 Memorial Dr.), 6:25 p.m., Graffiti in men s room.
- Sept. 27:** Center for Cancer Research (40 Ames St.), c. 5:30 p.m., Door broken in and computer stolen.
- Sept. 29:** Bldg. 34 (50 Vassar St.), 9:45 a.m., Theft from mail room. Kappa Sigma fraternity (407 Memorial Dr.), 10:22 p.m., Graffiti spray-painted on wall.
- Sept. 30:** Harvard Bridge, 3:12 a.m., A female student reports being robbed while walking down Mass. Ave. Suspect did not appear to be carrying a weapon.

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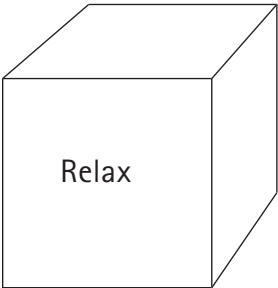


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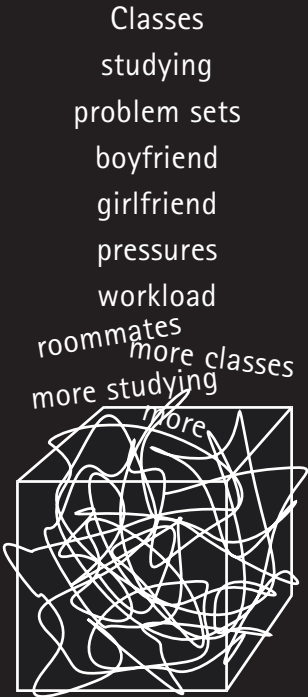
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Thursday, Oct. 5, 2006		
Men's Water Polo vs. Harvard	8 p.m., Zesiger Center	

Soccer Loses in 20T Marathon
Each Team Fires 23 Shots, Coast Guard Wins 3-2 in 103rd Minute

By Jeff Lemieux
SPORTS INFORMATION ASSISTANT

Midfielder Andrew M. Bishara '09 scored two goals, including a dramatic equalizer with under three minutes remaining in regulation, but it wasn't enough for men's soccer (3-6, 0-3 in NEWMAC) to overcome Coast Guard (6-2-1, 2-0) in a 3-2 double overtime loss on Saturday afternoon.

The Coast Guard Bears proved that every second of each half counts, as they scored in both the first and last minutes of the opening

half. Tech found itself in a hole from the outset after Coast Guard took the lead just 35 seconds into the contest when senior Ryan Poitinger scored off an assist from fellow senior Casey Steuer. The lead was extended to 2-0 with just 45 seconds remaining in the first half when Peter Deneen found Ben Weber for the finish.

The Engineers refused to go down without a fight, however, and their efforts paid off when Bishara slashed the lead in half in the 65th minute. The Toledo, Ohio native then scored his second goal of the game — and third of the season — in the 87th minute to knot the game at 2-2. Both of his goals were unassisted.

Despite having their chances in the extra sessions, it wasn't to be for the Engineers, who conceded the game-winner to Steuer three minutes into the second overtime period.

Each team put its opponents' keeper to the test, getting off 23 shots apiece. Freshman Timothy Olah made nine saves for the Bears, while Thomas S. Caldwell '09 stopped six shots for the Engineers.

MIT will look to end a five game losing streak when it begins a five game home-stand against Brandeis tomorrow at 3:30 p.m.



JONGU SHIN

Jacob M. Muhleman '08 smiles as he prepares his sail at the Smith Trophy this weekend. The Engineers earned third place, with a total score of 195, trailing only Boston College and Yale University.



STANLEY HU—THE TECH

Devin M. Lewis '10 of the MIT men's water polo team shoots during Engineers' 20-2 loss to No. 12 ranked St. Francis College on Sunday, Oct. 1, 2006. Lewis tallied seven goals in the three matches over the weekend, leading the Engineers to an 13-11 victory over Queens College and a 9-6 victory over Connecticut College.



This past weekend, the MIT women's volleyball team earned second place at the Tufts University Invitational. The Engineers started out strong, sweeping Emmanuel College and SUNY Cortland on Friday. Play resumed on Saturday with the Engineers sweeping Salisbury University at Tufts. MIT took the first two games of the championship match against Tufts but the Jumbos roared back to win the next three games to take the title.

(left) Ellen E. Sojka '08 prepares to dig for the ball, helping MIT defeat Emmanuel College.

(below) Katrina M. Ellison '10, left, and Ellen E. Sojka '08, attempt to block the ball coming from Emmanuel College.



STANLEY HU—THE TECH



OMARI STEPHENS—THE TECH

Ilana L. Brito G (#814) accelerates at the start of the women's category-A cross-country mountain bike race this past Saturday, Sept. 30. Seven MIT students, including Brito, participated in various mountain bike races held on the University of New Hampshire's Kingman Farm trail system.