

Report Assesses Cultural, Theme Houses

Residents of MIT's Four Cultural Houses Concerned Over Committee Recommendations

By Angeline Wang
NEWS EDITOR

The final report on cultural and theme houses, released earlier this month, has raised the concerns of residents in MIT's four cultural houses. The report assesses the cultural houses on campus and provides three recommendations for strengthening the programs, one of which is to establish and maintain an academic focus and faculty connection, which the houses are currently lacking, according to the report.

MIT currently has four cultural houses — Spanish, German, French, and Chocolate City, all located within New House — with a total of approximately 130 residents. Jason C. Forte '09, Undergraduate Association senator for New House and resident of Chocolate City, estimates that the cultural houses make up 40 percent of New House undergraduate dormitory.

A decline in shared cooking and dining and the sense of community those activities provide, erosion of relationships with faculty and departments, and failure to maintain an

academic focus were listed as observations of the cultural houses in the report.

The report, which includes a history of cultural houses at MIT and summaries of the status of each current cultural community, states that theme houses should serve as a language- or culturally-focused "educational and support community" for a group and that the houses should provide outreach to the wider community and "engage others in learning about a language, culture or society."

Discussion on the report was expected at last night's UA Senate meeting but was postponed until the next Senate meeting. Representatives from the cultural houses will meet with the Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedict, who co-chaired the subcommittee that produced the report, on Wednesday to discuss the recommendations and the concerns of the students, said George S. Zaidan '08, president of French House. The meeting will be hosted by the New House housemasters.

"We appreciate the committee's



MICHAEL MCGRAW-HERDEG—THE TECH

Jason C. Forte '09, an Undergraduate Association senator from New House and member of Chocolate City, was present at last night's Senate meeting. At the end of the two-and-a-half hour meeting, the Senate voted to postpone discussion on the cultural house report, to the dismay of several attendees.

hard work," Zaidan said in an e-mail. "However, we were disappointed with some of the report's conclusions and recommendations."

According to Zaidan, the cultural

houses are in the process of writing a letter responding to the report which will be sent to the subcommittee.

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One Position Still Open On Panhel Exec

By Swetha Kambhampati
STAFF REPORTER

The new executive board of the Panhellenic Association has been elected, with the exception of the vice president for recruitment. Although a sophomore was originally slated to fill the position, Anna Massie '07, the current vice president for recruitment, said that she and the board are looking for a junior replacement.

"The sisters were interested in more experienced" candidate who had "gone through recruitment twice and seen a lot more things on the sister side," said Massie. The board felt that the person who filled this position needs not only a lot of dedication but also extensive prior knowledge and experience.

The incoming executive slate includes Annika S. Larsson '08 for president, Teejana Beenessreesingh '08 for executive vice president, Caroline J. Barker '08 for vice president of recruitment programming, Yi Zhou '09 (also a Tech staff reporter) for vice president of programming, and Yicong Liu '09 for vice president of finance and record.

While the original slating occurred on Oct. 13 and the slate as it stands was approved on Nov. 7, the position for the vice president of recruitment was voted on on Nov. 19 and the final slate was released on Nov. 21.

The election for the unfilled position will be held Dec. 10, said Shannon N. Nees '07. She declined to

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UA Senate Supports Targeted Divestment From Sudan

A motion supporting MIT's targeted divestment from Sudan was passed unanimously last night by the Undergraduate Association Senate last night.

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Last night's resolution asked that divestment be targeted, though no particular model was endorsed after more than an hour of discussion.

Both sides of the debate over whether MIT should divest or not were represented at the meeting. Kayvan Zainabadi G, who drafted the original resolution, pointed out that the Sudanese military responds to rebel attacks with strikes on civilian targets. Also, he said, divestment does not affect the vast majority of citizens, most of whom are poor.

Mustafa G. Dafalla '09, who is originally from Sudan, argued that

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In Short

¶ A special faculty meeting will be held tomorrow, Nov. 29 in 32-123 (Stata Center) at 3:30 p.m. to discuss the curriculum changes proposed by the Task Force on the Undergraduate Educational Commons. A vote will be taken on a motion to postpone votes on the proposed changes until at least February.

¶ World AIDS Day will be observed at MIT this Friday, Dec. 1 with a chocolate buffet in Lobby 10 sponsored by the MIT Women's League. Proceeds will be donated to the AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts. The Women's League is looking for pastry donations and volunteers. Contact Sis de Bordenave at (617) 253-3656 or esdeb@mit.edu for more information.

¶ The Children's and Educational Book Fair sponsored by the Community Service Office will be held in the Stata Center tomorrow, Nov. 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Part of the proceeds will be donated to the MIT Community Service Fund and the United Way of Massachusetts Bay. Used and broken cell phones can also be donated to benefit the victims of domestic violence.

¶ MIT Libraries book sale will be held on Thursday, Nov. 30 in the Bush Room (10-105) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds will go to the Libraries' Preservation Fund.

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DIANE K. RAK—THE TECH

A graduate from Emmanuel College, Dave Kemp sets up his Rube Goldberg-like "Toy Land" contraption for the MIT Museum sponsored Friday After Thanksgiving (F.A.T.) "Chain Reaction" event. MIT students and Arthur Ganson, a kinetic sculptor and renowned chain reaction creator, connected all the devices together into one grand chain reaction. The event was held in Rockwell Cage on Friday, Nov. 24. Please see page 7 for additional photos.

Top Salaries at MIT From 2004–2005

Name	Title	Compensation	Percent Increase
Charles M. Vest	Outgoing President	\$680,927*	2.9
Susan Hockfield	Incoming President	\$622,205	N/A
Donald R. Lessard	Professor, Sloan School	\$594,461	32.8
Allan S. Bufferd '59	Treasurer	\$538,771	-5.1
Gabriel R. Bitran PhD '75	Deputy Dean, Professor, Sloan School	\$537,063	N/A
Richard M. Locke PhD '89	Professor, Sloan School	\$509,449	N/A
Robert A. Brown	Provost	\$476,705**	-5.8
Rebecca M. Henderson '81	Professor, Sloan School	\$474,667	N/A
Charles H. Fine	Professor, Sloan School	\$474,480	N/A
John R. Curry	Executive Vice President	\$460,296	1.9
Phillip L. Clay PhD '75	Chancellor	\$269,812	0.5
Kathryn A. Willmore	Vice President, Secretary of the Corporation	\$241,198	1.4
Dana G. Mead PhD '67	Chairman of the Corporation	\$227,367	16.8

Salaries include compensation and benefits for fiscal year 2005, the most recent available. The percent increase is from the previous fiscal year. The salaries include MIT's executive officers and top five highest-paid employees. Hockfield, Bitran, Locke, Henderson, and Fine were not listed in the top salaries in FY 2004.

* Does not include \$8,099 from an expense account, which compares to \$8,060 in FY 2004.

** Includes \$30,600 from a standard Children's Scholarship benefit. Brown received \$44,100 in FY 2004.

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Fire in Missouri Kills 10 at Home For Mentally Disabled

By John Hacker
and Ralph Blumenthal

THE NEW YORK TIMES

ANDERSON, MO.

A fire raced through a group home for the mentally ill and disabled here early Monday, killing nine residents and one staff member in a blaze that Gov. Matt Blunt called suspicious.

Eighteen other people were hospitalized, some in critical condition. Six of the 34 people inside the building, ranging in age from their early 20s to seniors, escaped with minor injuries. Officials would not immediately identify the victims, and local hospitals would not allow patients who survived the fire to be interviewed.

The fire destroyed the one-story home, the Anderson Guest House, a converted grocery operated by the River of Life Ministries Inc. The group declined to comment, but the operator's owner, Robert Dupont, later released a statement calling the fire and the loss of life "a very tragic situation." The Associated Press reported.

State officials said the building, on the main highway through this town of 1,900 in McDonald County, in the southwest Ozarks, had been cited for minor violations but passed state inspection as recently as March.

Iranian President Vows to Help Iraq Curb Violence

By Nazila Fathi
and Kirk Semple

THE NEW YORK TIMES

TEHRAN, IRAN

Iran's president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, pledged Monday in a meeting with the Iraqi president that Iran will do all it can to stop the growing violence in Iraq.

"The Iranian government and people will stand by their brothers in Iraq and will do anything to help bring peace into Iraq," Ahmadinejad said in a press conference with the Iraqi president, Jalal Talabani, state-run television reported. "A safe, developed and strong Iraq is better for Iran and also for the region," he said.

In an effort to increase its role as an influential power in the region, Iran had also invited the Syrian president, Bashar Assad, to join the talks with Talabani. But Assad did not respond to the invitation, according to an official at Ahmadinejad's office who requested anonymity.

Analysts believe that Talabani is here to urge Iranian officials to hold direct talks with the United States to help stop the bloodshed in Iraq. On Sunday, Ahmadinejad said that Iran was ready to help America in Iraq. Iran has close ties with Shiite leaders in Iraq, and it might be able to call on them to exert restraint.

Lawyers Cite Obstruction in Second Trial For Rights Advocate

By Joseph Kahn

THE NEW YORK TIMES

BEIJING

A Chinese legal expert who exposed abuses in the country's population control policies began a rare second trial on Monday, but his lawyers accused local authorities of preventing them from mounting a vigorous defense.

The legal expert, Chen Guangcheng, was sentenced in August to four years and three months by a county court in Shandong Province for destroying property and organizing a mob to disrupt traffic.

A higher court later quashed the verdict and ordered a new trial, which some supporters of Chen cited as an important breakthrough for China's Communist Party-run judicial system.

But the first day of the new trial, held in the same county court, ended in acrimony. Several of Chen's most important witnesses were prevented from attending the hearing by thugs who had the backing of local officials, his lawyers said, and the judges in the case declined to grant a defense request to delay the trial.

NY Mayor Bloomberg Labels Fatal Shooting 'Inexplicable'

By Diane Cardwell
and Sewell Chan

THE NEW YORK TIMES

NEW YORK

Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg convened an extraordinary summit meeting of black religious leaders and elected officials at City Hall Monday to calm frayed tempers over the fatal police shooting of an unarmed black man in Queens, a killing he called "inexplicable" and "unacceptable."

"It sounds to me like excessive force was used," the mayor said of the conduct of the officers, who fired 50 shots outside a Queens nightclub early Saturday, killing Sean Bell, 23, hours before he was to be wed, and injuring two others. "I can tell you that it is to me unacceptable or inexplicable how you can have 50-odd shots fired."

Bloomberg made the remarks after meeting with some of the city's most influential black politicians and community leaders, including Rep. Charles B. Rangel, the Rev. Al Sharpton and dozens of others. The mayor's decision to meet with Sharpton and other black leaders was a stark turnabout from the days of

Bloomberg's predecessor, Rudolph W. Giuliani, who did not reach out to black leaders in the immediate aftermath of the fatal 1999 shooting of Amadou Diallo, an unarmed African immigrant who died in a hail of 41 police bullets.

Bloomberg's blunt assessment of events still under investigation was striking, although he took pains to point out that the facts were not all in, saying several times that he did not yet know what happened in the shooting, which is being reviewed by the Queens district attorney, Richard A. Brown.

In a surprise development, a lawyer representing the officers said they would testify before the grand jury looking into the shooting. The lawyer, Philip E. Karasyk, who works for the Detectives Endowment Association, said, "We feel confident that once all of the facts and circumstance of this tragic incident are known, then our detectives will be exonerated."

"This was a tragedy, but not a crime," he said.

Participants at the private meeting at City Hall, which included Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly

and several high-ranking Bloomberg aides, described the discussions as frequently heated, with the mayor sitting next to leaders who he counts as supporters. Those more critical of the administration's response to the shooting, including Sharpton and City Councilman Charles Barron of Brooklyn, sat on the opposite side of the table.

Bloomberg's approach of reaching out to community leaders has drawn praise, but it has left some unconvinced that the underlying conflicts between the police and predominantly black communities are being addressed.

"We prefer talking than not talking, but the object is not a conversation, the object is fairness and justice," Sharpton said as he left City Hall. "Because we're not just interested in being treated politely, we're interested in being treated fairly and rightly. And that will happen when police are held as accountable as anyone else."

Bloomberg pledged to do just that, saying that the city would review its policies and training procedures to ensure fair treatment, but he added that he did not believe the shooting was racially motivated.

Justice Official Begins Inquiry On Domestic Spying Campaign

By Eric Lichtblau

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

After months of pressure from congressional Democrats, the Justice Department's inspector general said Monday that his office had opened a full review into the department's role in President Bush's domestic eavesdropping program and the legal requirements governing the program.

Democrats said they saw the investigation as a welcome step that could answer questions about the operations and legal underpinnings of the program, which allows the National Security Agency to monitor, without getting court warrants, the international communications of Americans and others inside this country with suspected terrorist ties.

"This is a long overdue investigation of a highly controversial program," said Rep. John Conyers

Jr., D-Mich., who will take over next month as chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.

Last December, more than three dozen Democrats called for the Justice Department inspector general, Glenn A. Fine, to open an investigation.

Fine declined at the time, saying a review of the program's legality fell outside his jurisdiction. He referred the matter to another arm of the Justice Department, the Office of Professional Responsibility. That office sought to examine ethical issues surrounding the roles played by Justice Department lawyers in the wiretapping program, but its review was blocked earlier this year when Bush personally refused security clearances for its investigators.

Democrats have since renewed their calls for a full Justice Department investigation, accusing the Bush administration of stonewalling.

On Monday, Fine informed members of Congress in a letter that he was opening an investigation after the White House had agreed to approve the necessary security clearances for members of his staff.

The review will have a somewhat different scope than the investigation sought and rejected last year. The review, Fine said in his letter, will examine the controls in place at the Justice Department for the wiretapping, the way information developed from the wiretapping was used, and the department's "compliance with legal requirements governing the program."

Officials said the investigation could examine the legal authority given to the Justice Department under a secret executive order first signed by Bush in October 2001, as well as the laws and procedures governing intelligence wiretaps under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.

WEATHER

Unseasonable Warmth

By Scott Stransky
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

The average high in Boston this time of year is 47°F (8°C). For the duration of this week, we can expect temperatures to exceed this value. Why is it going to be so warm here? One major reason is the position of the jetstream.

The jetstream is a band of fast moving air in the upper levels of the troposphere. Typically, these winds blow from west to east and act as a conveyor belt, transporting storms and airmasses along. These high-speed winds normally separate the cooler, polar air from the warmer, more tropical air. During the summer, the jetstream is further north than it is during the winter, so we might expect the jet to be somewhat south of us at this time of year. In our current state, however, the jetstream is well to the north of us.

So how long will these temperatures last? A storm system will move through at the end of this week, leaving us in a much colder airmass. Next weekend, we will be lucky to make it to a high of 40°F (4°C).

Extended Forecast

Today: Mostly cloudy. High 50°F (10°C).

Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Low 40°F (4°C).

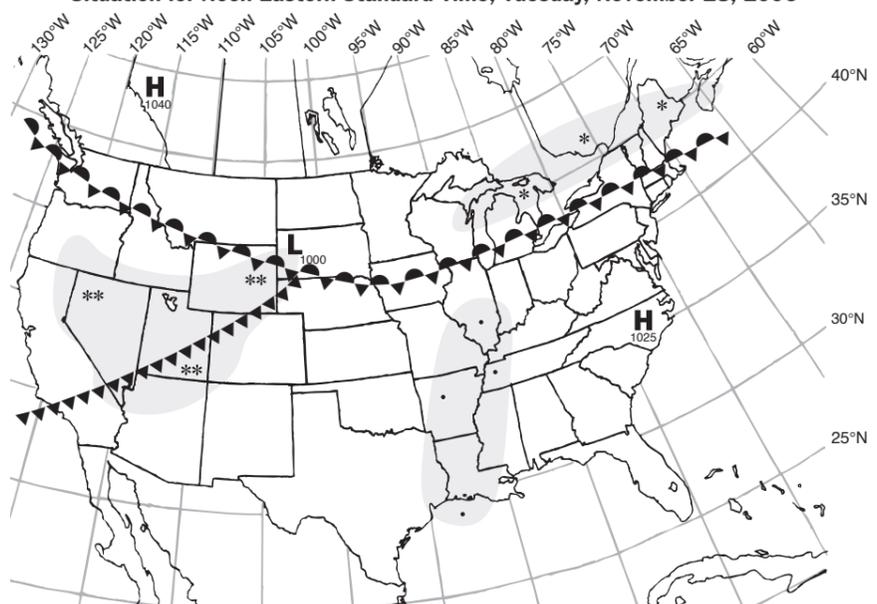
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy. High 53°F (12°C).

Tomorrow night: Mostly cloudy. Low 47°F (8°C).

Thursday: Sun and clouds. High 60°F (16°C).

Thursday night: Possible rain. Low 50°F (10°C).

Situation for Noon Eastern Standard Time, Tuesday, November 28, 2006



Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
H High Pressure	- - - Trough	Snow *	Fog
L Low Pressure	—•— Warm Front	Light *	Thunderstorm
§ Hurricane	▲▲▲ Cold Front	Moderate **	Haze
	▲▲▲ Stationary Front	Heavy ***	
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Attorney General Calls Big Dig Tunnel Ceiling Collapse 'A Crime'

By Scott Allen
THE BOSTON GLOBE

Declaring that a fatal tunnel ceiling collapse in Boston last summer was "a crime," Massachusetts Attorney General Thomas F. Reilly said Monday that his office's investigation into the July 10 death of Milena Del Valle has convinced him that people and companies connected with the tunnel's construction should face manslaughter charges.

Reilly said the investigation, including a review of 400,000 pages of construction documents, suggests that the design and construction of the tunnel ceiling in the Interstate 90 connector was so reckless that it was criminal, a belief Reilly said he has had since first seeing the Del Valle family's flattened car.

He said that project managers overseeing ceiling construction in 1999 knew that the bolts holding up the ceiling sometimes slipped out unexpectedly and that they pressed ahead with construction anyway. Likewise, he said, managers knew there were problems with the training of some workers putting up the

ceiling, but they did not double-check their work. He also said the ceiling design - held up by epoxy bolts that essentially are super-glued to the tunnel roof - was questionable and illegal in some states today.

"They knew enough at some point to stop it, and they didn't do it," Reilly said during an afternoon press conference, referring to managers from Bechtel/Parsons Brinckerhoff, the joint venture that oversaw the Big Dig project, and Modern Continental Construction Co., the firm that built the ceiling.

"The clock was ticking," he said. "The fuse was lit. It was just a matter of time" before the ceiling collapsed.

"It is clear to me now that they didn't do it right, and the consequences were grave," Reilly said.

At his request, a special grand jury has been hearing witnesses since last month, and Reilly has not asked the grand jury to indict anyone.

He said he would first seek to recover the state's financial damages due to the accident, which has cost at least \$30 million in tunnel repair and investigation costs while causing

headaches for drivers. The tunnel, a major route to Logan International Airport, has been partially closed for more than four months.

Reilly announced plans to file a civil lawsuit against 15 companies connected with the tunnel ceiling project, including Bechtel/Parsons Brinckerhoff. He declined to say how much money he wants from the lawsuit - expected to be filed in Suffolk Superior Court Tuesday instead of Monday, as his staff had expected - but a state official familiar with the case said he expected damages to exceed \$150 million.

Normally, prosecutors wait for criminal cases to be concluded before filing a civil lawsuit, but Reilly said he didn't want to wait because of a requirement in state law that lawsuits over faulty construction be filed within six years of the project's completion. In the connector tunnel, a single ramp opened to the public on Nov. 29, 2000, making the sixth anniversary Wednesday. "I'm not personally sure that the opening of a ramp triggers it, but I am not taking any chances," Reilly said.

Report Names Australian Company In Oil-For-Food Program Scandal

By Raymond Bonner
THE NEW YORK TIMES

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

A high-level commission investigating corruption in the United Nations' oil-for-food program released a long-awaited report on Monday, stating unequivocally that a major Australian wheat company paid more than \$224 million in kickbacks and bribes to Saddam Hussein's government.

The commission also found that the company, AWB Ltd., had "deliberately and dishonestly" devised a scheme for the payments — from 1999 until the overthrow of Saddam in 2003 — to deceive the United Nations. When the United Nations conducted its investigation, headed by Paul A. Volcker, in 2005, AWB withheld thousands of pages of documents, and its lawyers made statements to Volcker that were patently false, the commission found.

The Australian commission's report was the most thorough — and damning — investigation of corruption in the United Nations' oil-for-food program. It is certain to have

repercussions for politicians in Canberra as well as in Washington, where incoming Democratic congressional representatives have pledged to hold their own hearings.

The program was intended to alleviate the hardships of the Iraqi people while isolating Saddam Hussein's government. Its aim was to allow Iraq to trade some oil for food and other necessities under close U.N. supervision while the country remained under international sanctions.

Instead, the report found that both AWB and the Iraqi government used the program for profit.

In Canberra, the government of Prime Minister John Howard claimed vindication because the commission declared that it found no evidence that any government officials had actual knowledge of AWB's kickback scheme.

But the commission's chairman, Terence Cole, a retired state supreme court justice, left open the question of whether Australian officials could, or should, have known about the scheme — all AWB contracts were submitted to the govern-

ment for approval — if they had conducted their own investigation. His mandate from the government for the inquiry did not include that question, he said.

The opposition leader, Kim Beazley, said that even if the government was not criminally culpable, it was at least negligent and incompetent for not knowing about the kickbacks.

The scheme AWB and the Iraqi government set up for making the kickbacks involved using a Jordanian trucking company, Alia, which was a front for the Iraqi government, the report concluded.

At first AWB paid Alia \$12 for each ton of wheat it sold to the Iraqi government, money that went into the pockets of Iraqi officials. Later, the amount was increased by the Iraqi government to \$55 a ton, which included a so-called service fee. The money was ostensibly for moving the wheat inland from the Iraqi port. But Alia had no trucks in Iraq.

AWB then passed on the cost of the bribes to the United Nations by recovering the inflated payments from the oil-for-food program's escrow account.

Organic Food Distinction Draws Fire From Environmentalists, Fish Farmers

By Andrew Martin
THE NEW YORK TIMES

Buying a pork chop labeled "organic" is relatively straightforward: you can assume that the pig that produced it ate only organic food, roamed outdoors from time to time, and was left free of antibiotics.

But what makes a fish organic? That is a question vexing the Agriculture Department, which decides such things. The answer could determine whether Americans will be able to add fish to the growing list of organic foods they are buying, and whether fish farmers will be able to tap into that trend and the profits that go with it.

Organic foods, which many people believe to be more healthful (though others scoff), are grown on farms that shun chemicals and synthetic fertilizers and that meet certain government standards for safeguarding the environment and animals.

An organic tomato must flourish without conventional pesticides; an organic chicken cannot be fed antibiotics. Food marketers can use terms

like "natural" and "free range" with some wiggle room, but only the Agriculture Department can sanction the "organic" label.

To the dismay of some fishermen — including many in the Alaskan salmon industry — this means that wild fish, whose living conditions are not controlled, are not likely to make the grade. And that has led to a lot of bafflement, since wild fish tend to swim in pristine waters, show lower levels of contaminants, and be favored by fish lovers.

"If you can't call a wild Alaska salmon true and organic," asked Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, "what can you call organic?"

Instead, it appears that only farm-raised salmon may pass muster, as may a good number of other farm-raised fish — much to the delight of fish farmers. "With our control from hatch to harvest, that's going to be what people are looking for," said Neil Anthony Sims, president and co-founder of Kona Blue Water Farms in Hawaii, which sells a species of yellowtail that is sometimes used for sushi.

But a proposed guideline at the Agriculture Department for calling certain farmed fish "organic" is controversial on all sides. Environmentalists argue that many farm-raised fish live in cramped nets in conditions that can pollute the water, and that calling them organic is a perversion of the label. Those who catch and sell wild fish say that their products should be called organic and worry that if they aren't, fish farmers will gain a huge leg up.

Even among people who favor the designation of farmed fish as organic, there are huge disputes over which types of fish should be included.

Trying to define what makes a fish organic "is a strange concept," said George H. Leonard, science manager for the Seafood Watch Program at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, which offers a consumer guide to picking seafood. "I think the more you look at it, particularly for particular kinds of fish, it gets even stranger."

The issue comes down largely to what a fish eats, and whether the fish can be fed an organic diet.

Radioactive Traces Found Around London

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and John O'Neil

THE NEW YORK TIMES

LONDON

The investigation into the death of Alexander V. Litvinenko, a former Russian secret agent, has broadened with the discovery of traces of the radioactive isotope that poisoned him in more locations than had previously been suspected, Home Secretary John Reid said Monday.

Reid, who is Britain's most senior law-enforcement official, told Parliament that police investigators have confirmed the discovery of traces of the isotope, polonium 210, in Litvinenko's home, in several areas of a hotel he visited before becoming ill, in a sushi restaurant where he dined the same day, and "in several other premises."

Reid did not say where those premises were, or who was connected with them. There had been no previous suggestion that locations other than the hotel, restaurant and Litvinenko's home were involved.

He also said that a small number of people — "fewer than five" — were being referred for special medical tests after reporting "symptoms which have merited further investigation."

About 500 people have responded to a request by health authorities for information from people who had visited the hotel or restaurant or had contact with Litvinenko.

Reid said that the sushi restaurant, the bar and several other locations within the hotel building remained closed to the public, as did the section of the intensive care unit at University College Hospital where Litvinenko died.

Households' Income in 2004 Was Below Level in 2000

By David Cay Johnston

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Despite significant gains in 2004, the total income Americans reported to the tax collector that year, adjusted for inflation, was still below its peak in 2000, new government data shows.

Reported income totaled \$7.044 trillion in 2004, the latest year for which data is available, down from more than \$7.143 trillion in 2000, new Internal Revenue Service data shows.

Total reported income, in 2004 dollars, fell 1.4 percent, but because the population grew during that period average real incomes declined more than twice as much, falling \$1,641, or 3 percent, to \$53,974.

Since 2004, the Census Department has found, the income of the typical American household has grown along with the rise in average incomes but at a slow pace that, until recent months, had barely kept ahead of inflation.

The tax data, while not as up to date, helps spell out whose incomes were most affected in the recent downturn and why.

The overall income declines of that extended era came despite a series of tax cuts that President Bush and congressional Republicans promoted as the best way to stimulate both short- and long-term growth after the Internet bubble burst on Wall Street in 2000 and the economy fell into a brief recession in 2001.

The tax cuts contributed to a big decline in individual income tax receipts, which fell at a rate 14 times that of the drop in incomes.

YouTube Coming Soon To Cell Phones

By Matt Richtel

THE NEW YORK TIMES

SAN FRANCISCO

YouTube is coming to mobile phones — or, to be more precise, a small slice of YouTube is coming to some Verizon Wireless phones.

While its explosively popular Web site is free, YouTube's phone-based version will require a \$15-a-month subscription to a Verizon Wireless service called VCast. And instead of choosing what to watch from a vast library of clips, VCast users will be limited to an unspecified number of videos selected and approved by the companies.

Still, the deal, which the companies plan to announce on Tuesday, marks the mobile-phone debut of YouTube, the video-sharing service owned by Google that many say is already changing the media landscape.

"Everybody carries a phone with them, but they may not have a computer," said Steve Chen, chief technology officer and a co-founder of YouTube. People can "take the phone out of their pocket while waiting for the bus" and watch a video, he added.

Verizon Wireless and YouTube said the service would be available early next month. The companies would not discuss the financial terms of their deal but said Verizon would have the exclusive rights to distribute YouTube videos on mobile phones "for a limited period of time."

"This marquee partnership is the first of many," said Kelly Liang, senior director of business development for YouTube. Liang said the company planned to introduce other such deals within the coming year.

Pastor Chosen to Lead Christian Coalition Steps Down in Dispute

By Neela Banerjee

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

The president-elect of the Christian Coalition of America, which long served as a model for activism for the religious right, has stepped down, he said, after the group resisted his efforts to broaden its agenda to include reducing poverty and fighting global warming.

The Rev. Joel C. Hunter, pastor of a Florida megachurch, was named the group's president-elect in July. He was to have taken over the presidency in January from Roberta Combs, who is also the chairwoman of the Christian Coalition's board. Combs will continue in both positions now.

Over the last few years, Hunter, senior pastor of Northland Church in Longwood, Fla., has gained a reputation as an evangelical leader who sought to expand the agenda of conservative Christian activists from issues like abortion and same-sex marriage.

In a telephone interview, Hunter said that although Combs had indicated that the organization also wanted to expand its priorities to include the issues that concerned him, the board backed away from such a commitment during a conference call last Tuesday. By the end of the call, Hunter and the coalition decided to part amicably, according to both sides.

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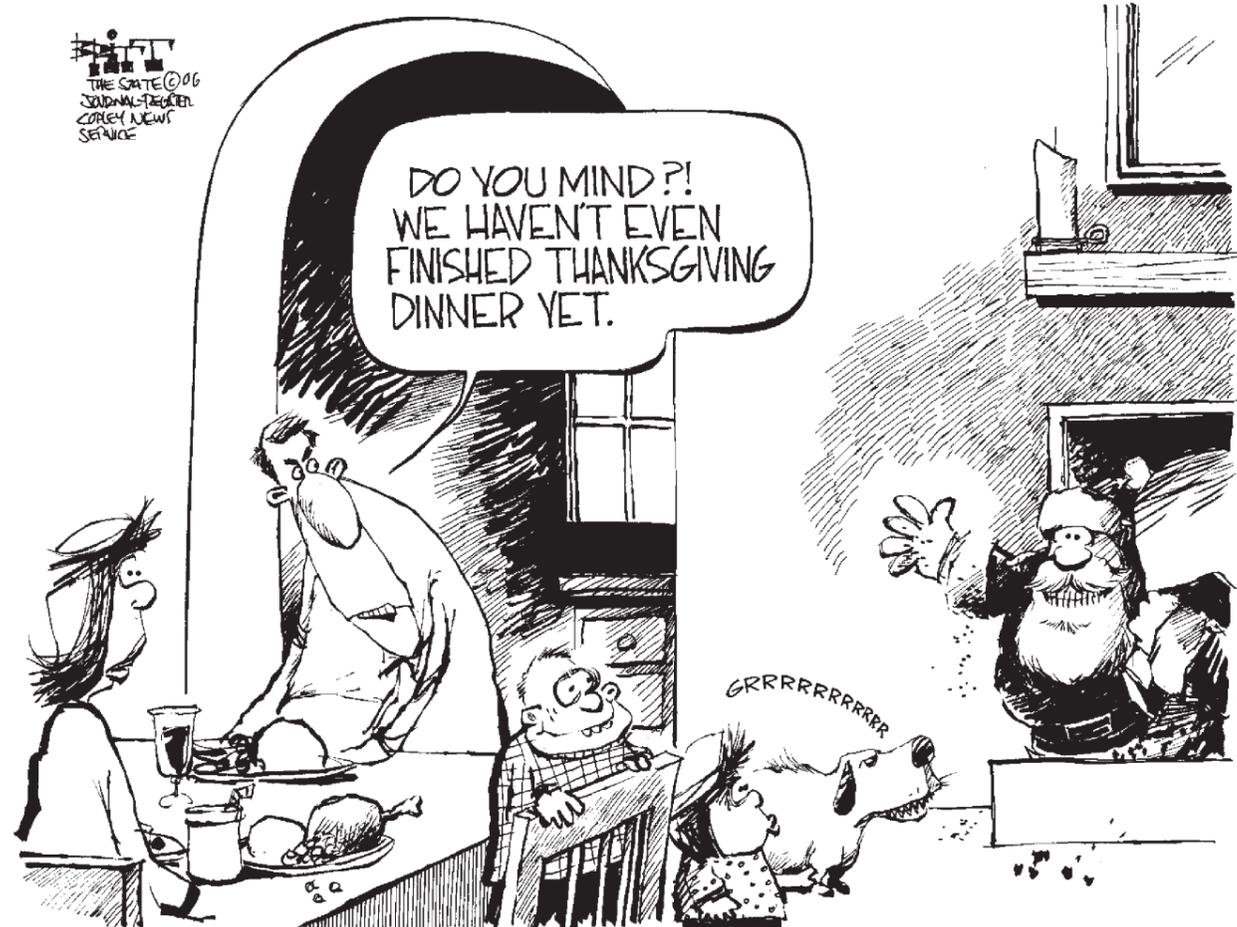
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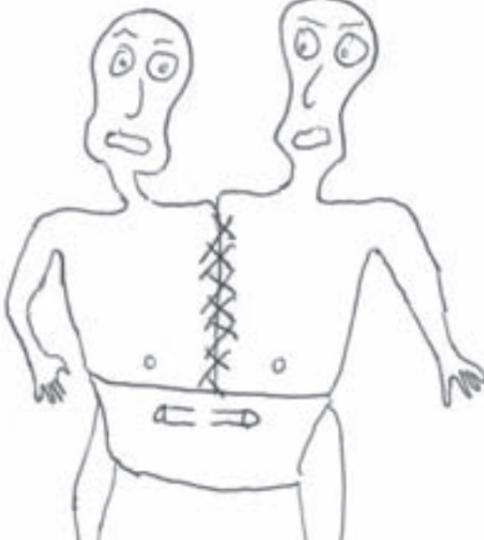
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By Scott Burdick
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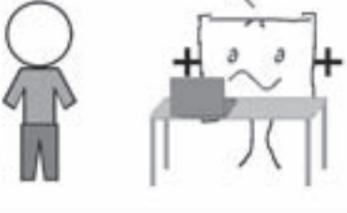
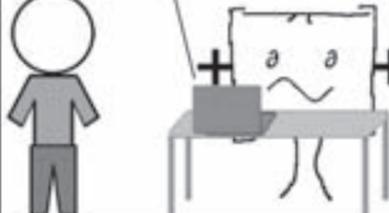
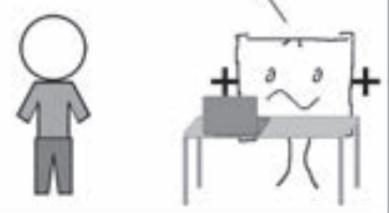
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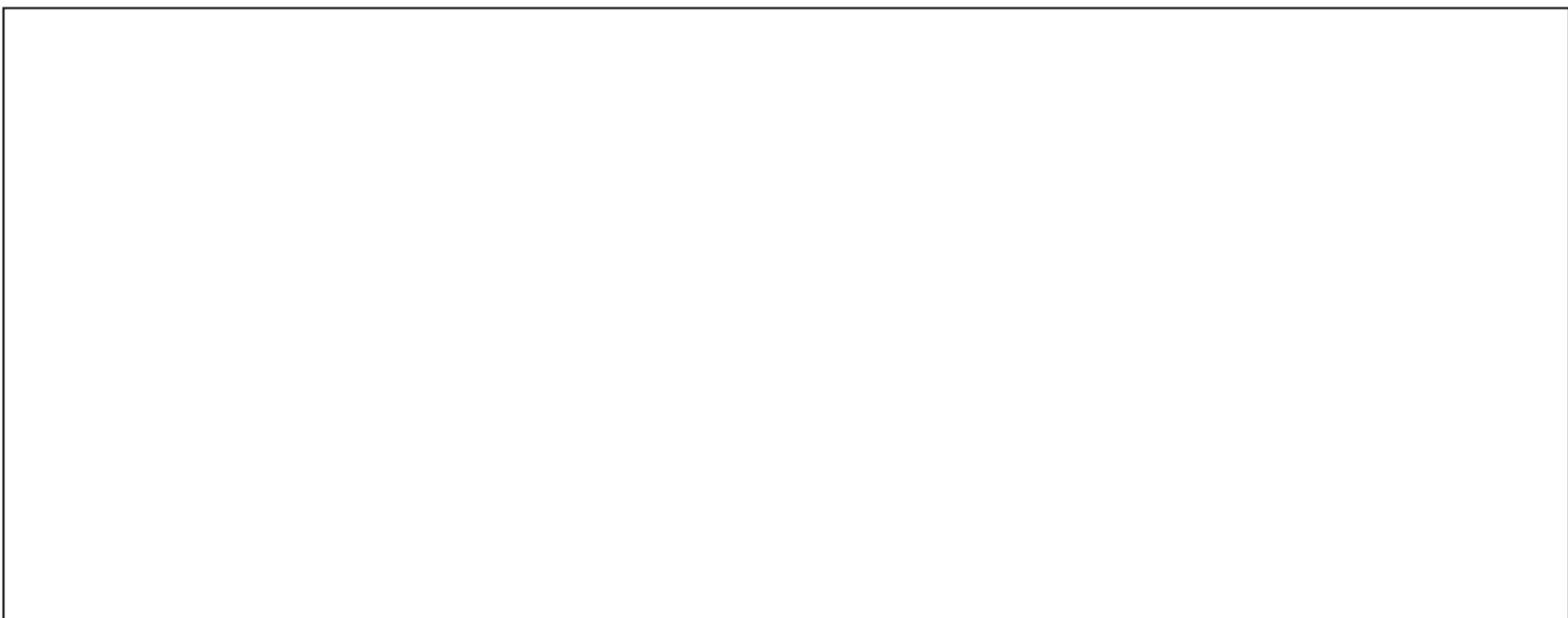
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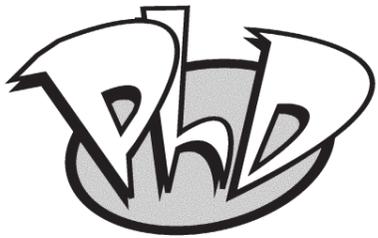
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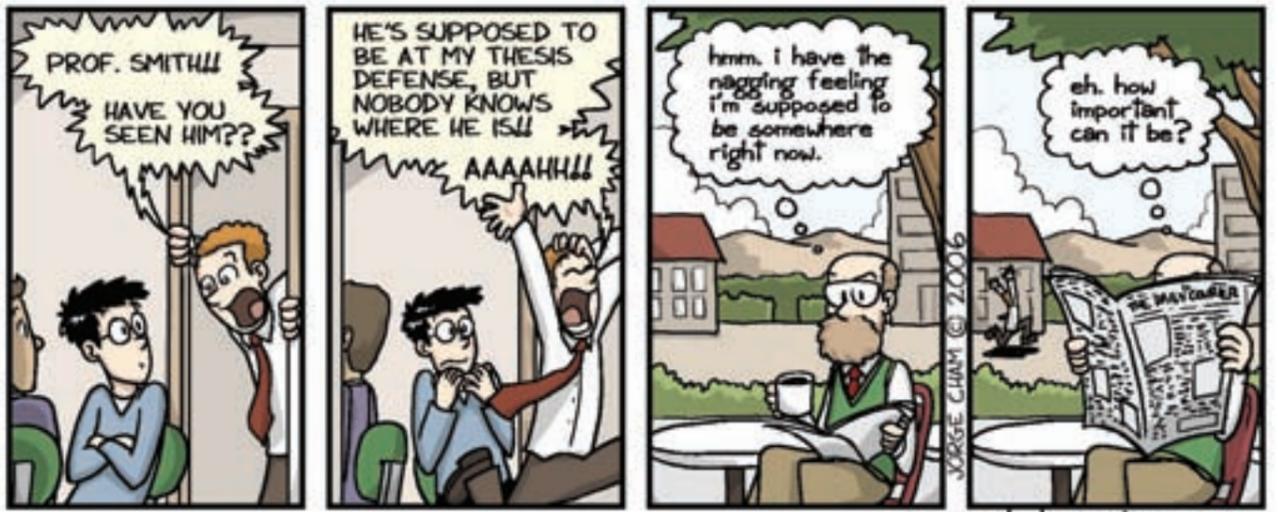
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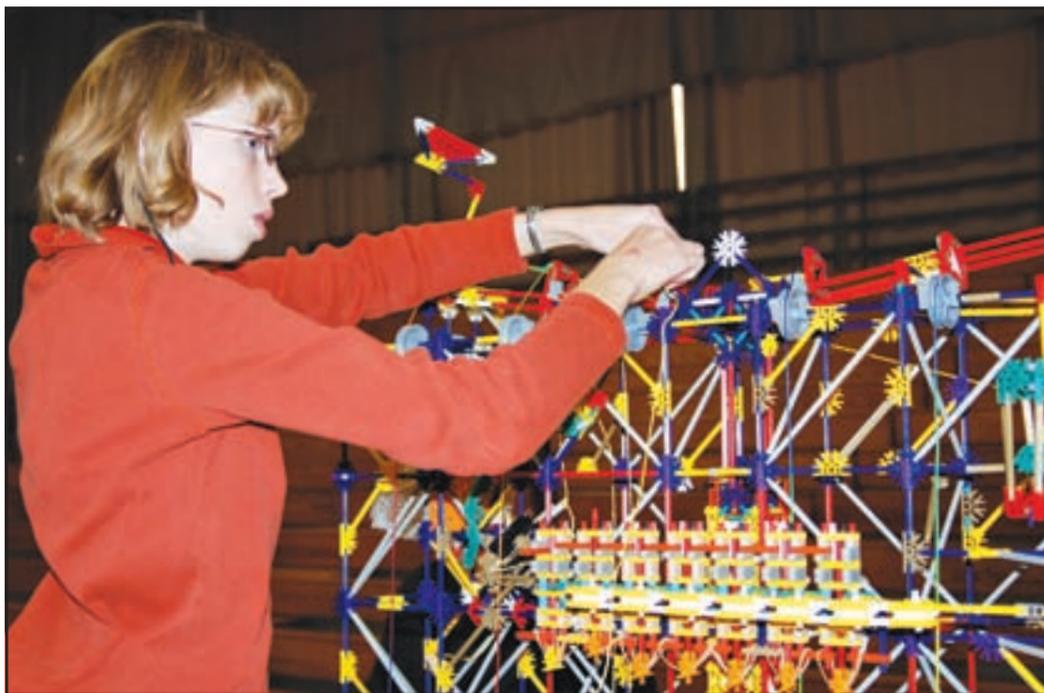


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'08 Council President Discusses Activities, Outings

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UA Q&A 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.

MH: Martin F. Holmes '08, the president of 2008 Class Council, along with UA Vice President Ruth Miller '07 (also a Tech Campus Life columnist), was interviewed this week.

The Tech: For those of us who do not really know how the UA works or is set up, where do the class councils fit in?

Martin Holmes: Within the scope of the UA, I feel like class councils are really the event organizers. ... Class council is a general body that supports everyone in an entire class of MIT, unlike different student groups that gear their events toward specific interests or purposes. We try to unite everybody and have a fun time. We don't really have a political agenda or any type of real structural goals other than simply promoting unity. We feel the best way to do that is to throw events where people will have a lot of fun and just come out and socialize with each other and really get to learn about the rest of the student body.

TT: Describe some of the activities that the 2008 Class Council has done this past semester.

MH: We began kind of slow, just

transitioning into the current class council. We started with two surveys; both were very successful. We had around 400 people respond to each of them. The first was an event survey, gauging student interest in different events we might be doing. The second was a class clothing survey. Both of those surveys had a huge impact on helping us decide what we would be doing this semester and next semester.

This semester, some of the things we've already done were really successful. Faculty dinners were incredibly successful. We had 135 students sign up for those. They were split up into 34 different groups. They went out to dinner with a faculty member. The entire event was co-sponsored with the Office of Undergraduate Advising and Academic Programming. Julie [B.] Norman helped us put on that event, and we were able to really, I feel, improve student-faculty relations and give students a chance to interact closely with their professors in more of a non-academic setting, more of a social setting. We really hope that will help improve overall spirit of the students and help them have a fun time here.

Some of the other things we've done have been a little more low key. We went to a Boston Bruins game against the Toronto Maple Leafs; that was a lot of fun. We did a screening of "Borat" which brought about 150 juniors. We also went to see the circus — Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey — which was decently cool. And we just placed an order for class clothing. We're going to be getting 300 some odd sweatshirts and t-shirts for the class. ...

TT: For the faculty event, how were students and professors paired off?

MH: We had online sign-ups. Students would form their own groups, between three and five students. That group of students would take the initiative, take the necessary steps to invite the faculty member out to dinner. That was probably a good learning experience for the students in terms of organizing everything. Then they would go out to dinner on their own, whenever it was convenient for them and discuss whatever they wanted. We feel it was really up to the students to take the initiative and make it a good experience. Most of the students we've talked to have had an incredibly good time; they learned a lot.

TT: Did the class council pay for it?

MH: The class council paid for all the meals. We subsidized up to \$15 per student and \$25 per faculty member.

TT: What are some future events the 2008 Class Council is planning?

MH: For the rest of this semester, the events that we have left are the dodgeball tournament on Dec. 2 against the senior class. We'll be

going to see the Broadway show "Stomp" on Dec. 14. ... Next semester, we have a lot of things in the works. None of them are really solidified right now. We'll be doing a formal in the spring. We're looking into Blue Man Group and a couple other shows. We're also looking into a ski trip. A lot of class councils have done ski trips in the past, but we're doing a new take on it. We'll be doing a ski trip, hopefully, up to Montreal, to Mount Tremblant, which is one of the best mountains in the east. We'll take probably a busload of students up there and they'll just go skiing. And we'll take another busload of students up to Montreal and just enjoy the culture of the city. We're going to try to combine events there.

Next semester, we'll also be looking into Red Sox tickets. I think that will be incredibly popular. And then, on the side, I've been working with the Office of Government and Community Relations. We're trying to bring in speakers to MIT, and this is something that [President] Susan Hockfield has expressed interest in

Future Events For Class of 2008

- Dodgeball Tournament: Juniors vs. Seniors Dec. 2, 2006
- "Stomp" Dec. 14, 2006
- Montreal, Ski Trip Late Feb. 2007
- Formal Late March 2007
- Red Sox April 2007

SOURCE: MARTIN F. HOLMES '08, 2008 CLASS COUNCIL PRESIDENT

and seems kind of excited about. We're looking into big-name political speakers, technology speakers ... that should be a really fun activity if we can organize that and pull that off.

TT: What was the motivation to have these events?

MH: Our ultimate goal as a class council is to promote unity among the junior class, among that portion of the student body. Our ideas are to throw events that really bring together different portions of campus that normally don't really interact. We

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RICARDO RAMIREZ—THE TECH

The Tech spoke with Martin F. Holmes '08, Class of 2008 President, and Undergraduate Association Vice President Ruth Miller '07 (also a Tech Campus Life columnist) about what the 2008 Class Council has in store for juniors this year.

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Mobile Class Council Meetings New in '06

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throw events that unite East Campus and West Campus and others that unite the Boston [Fraternities, Sororities, and Independent Living Groups] with the MIT dorms. ... We hope it promotes respect and cultural awareness and just a broader awareness of different aspects of MIT in general. Along the way, we have a lot of fun in all of these events.

TT: Do you work with other class councils?

MH: Yes, this year we've worked specifically with Senior Class Council. The movie screening of "Borat" that we did, we split the entire theatre, 150 juniors went and 150 seniors. ... The dodgeball tournament on Dec. 2 will also be a 2007 versus 2008 event, so we've been collaborating pretty closely

with them on that. We feel that some of these events, where we are collaborating with other class councils, go the extra mile in terms of adding to class spirit and unity. Especially when you have competition, like a dodgeball tournament, you're going to have the juniors cheering for the juniors and the seniors cheering for the seniors. It's going to, hopefully, have a big impact on promoting class unity in general.

TT: Describe how this class council is different from the others.

MH: I feel like we've taken a much more active role than a lot of the previous class councils, just in terms of doing events and trying to promote unity, trying to throw events that really appeal to different interests. ...

Another new initiative that 2008 Class Council has started up this semester is doing traveling class council meetings. We buy up a bunch of food, send out e-mails to dorms, and try to attract students to come down and give their feedback and input on some of the events that we've already done, what they liked, what they didn't like, and some of the events that we're planning. It's always good to get some student feedback in terms of helping us decide how many seats to buy for a certain event, how much we should charge, what's fair. Those have been incredibly successful. The first one was at East Campus. We got a ton of feedback there.

We also did Baker [House] and McCormick [Hall], which were both very good. [This week], we'll be at Burton-Conner.

TT: How much money does the class council get? How much do you have to spend on the class?

MH: The junior class council had a budget at the beginning of the semester of \$30,000.

TT: Do all the class councils get the same amount?

MH: No, different class councils get different amounts of money. This is my first year on class council, but from what I've heard, freshmen class council and sophomore class council both get \$25-30,000. ... And then Senior Class Council gets some portion of the revenues from Career Fair, which can be very varying.

Ruth Miller: I'd like to add, though, that the money comes from the Student Life Fee via the Dean for Student Life, not the UA or Finance Board budgets.

"Our ultimate goal as a class council is to promote unity among the junior class."

—Martin F. Holmes '08

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Cultural Houses Will Prepare Response to Committee

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tee. "Over the next few weeks, we will work with committee members to plot a constructive path forward," Zaidan said.

Academic connection emphasized

The report lists three major recommendations, the first of which is for the cultural houses is to formalize the involvement of a faculty advisor and affiliation with an academic program. The language houses — French, Spanish, and German — originally had connections to language faculty and academic programs. Chocolate City, established with a different purpose than the language houses,

has never had an academic or faculty connection, the report states.

The cultural houses must also "contribute to the education and cultural enrichment of community members beyond their house."

The second recommendation was geared toward the Housing Office. The subcommittee believes that a process should be developed where a new theme-based community or cultural house could be allocated space. The final recommendation was for the Residential Scholars Program, designed to engage students in community activities, to be expanded beyond Simmons Hall and possibly include theme-based houses.

According to Forte, many resi-

dents of cultural houses are concerned with the overall negative tone of the report. Forte said that he feels the summaries of the status of the four cultural houses contain omissions and "gloss over what cultural houses currently do," Forte said. "We already do a lot. Now we have to do more?"

He also said that he was concerned about the end-of year report that would need to be submitted by the house government each year, which would include, among other things, information about accomplishments and plans for campus-wide programs. "It sounds like, if we don't do the report or it's not good enough, then our status as a cultural

house could be threatened."

Report's tone raises concern

According to the report, several concerns were raised during the subcommittee's initial discussions. The housing process is stressful for some first-year students, the report reads, and "students are very concerned with how others perceive them; perception is influenced by who chooses to live with them or not."

UA Vice President Ruth Miller '07 said that she is concerned with the tone of this part of the report because she is "concerned that the tone is indicative of larger distrust on the part of the Division for Student Life towards freshmen," and that it seems to insinuate that freshmen are unable to make choices for themselves. "[This report] could bode even more poorly for the housing system at large," Miller said.

According to the cultural housing

report, "international experience" and "global education" were stressed as major goals or themes of both the report of the Task Force on the Undergraduate Educational Commons and the Division for Undergraduate Education. The educational task force report specifically stresses that the "internationalizing missions of the Institute's international houses" should be bolstered and that "ties between these residences and academic units" should be strengthened.

The subcommittee was formed in May 2005 and included housemasters, student representatives from New House, French House, and Dormitory Council, and members of the Housing Strategy Group, was initially asked to submit the final report in May 2006, but additional time was required and the timeline was extended to Oct. 2006.

The report is available at <http://web.mit.edu/institutvte/talk/2006/>.

Fall Recruitment To Test Board Members

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comment further until the elections are finalized.

Elections are always challenging, Massie said. Board positions are hard to hold and a lot of hard work goes into them. Most candidates "are ecstatic about the job" and it becomes difficult in making the final decision.

People from all chapters can apply, described the current president Shannon Nees '07. They rank the positions that they're interested in. Subsequently, interviews, which last about four to six hours, are conducted with delegates from each

chapter present on the panel. After interviewing and discussing, the delegates come up with a final slate which is then taken to each chapter for approval.

Though there are usually only two girls from each sorority on the executive board, this is not a requirement. If there are more than two girls from one chapter on the board, the slate must be approved unanimously, Nees said.

The new board will assume duty in early February, after sorority recruitment ends. One of its first responsibilities will be the transition to fall recruitment next year, Nees said.

UA Passes Resolution, GSC to Vote

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deaths in Sudan result from civil war, not systematic genocide. He endorsed finding a constructive solution to solve the current situation in Sudan, saying that punishment against the government will be ineffective.

Zainabadi said that he "think[s] it [the UA resolution] passed unanimously because multiple people poked holes in the anti-divestment argument."

"I'm really enthusiastic and just so happy ... I think it sends a strong message that this is something that undergraduate students ... feel strongly about and are not divided over ...," Zainabadi said.

Dafalla could not be reached immediately for comment last night.

A decision on the resolution was tabled at last week's Senate meeting. That original resolution did not specifically mention targeted divestment and asked that "MIT take actions to encourage corporate responsibility in Sudan, including divestment from offending companies doing business with the genocidal government of Sudan immediately (no later than December 31, 2006)."

The Graduate Student Council will consider supporting a resolution asking for MIT's divestment from Sudan at a Wednesday, Dec. 6 meeting. As for whether the UA's decision will sway the GSC's eventual decision, Zainabadi said that "I think it [the UA resolution] sets a strong precedent."

The MIT Corporation's Advisory Committee for Shareholder Responsibility is currently considering whether MIT should divest from Sudan or not.

— Benjamin P. Gleitzman and Marie Y. Thibault

Police Log

The following incidents were reported to the MIT or Cambridge Police between Nov. 14 and Nov. 21, 2006. This summary does not include incidents such as false alarms, general service calls, or medical shuttles.

- Nov. 14:** Stata Center (32 Vassar St.), 6:13 p.m., Report of vandalized motor vehicle.
- Nov. 15:** Harvard Bridge (Mass. Ave.), 4:26 p.m., Jeffrey Austin a.k.a. Jeffrey Allston, 50, 27 Highland Ave., Roxbury, arrested on default warrants from failing to appear in court after an incident of bicycle theft at the Green Building, 21 Ames St.
- Nov. 16:** Next House (500 Memorial Dr.), 5:25 p.m., Reporting person states suspicious female in the building; two patrol cars respond for investigation; report filed.
- Nov. 17:** Baker House (362 Memorial Dr.), 3:45 p.m., Apartment broken into through window; laptop stolen.
- Nov. 19:** Media Lab Bldg. (20 Ames St.), 11:39 p.m., Vending machine reported broken into.
- Nov. 21:** East Campus (3 Ames St.), 10:04 a.m., Serious fire reported outside Bldg. 64; Cambridge Fire Department responding.

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Deep in a basement laboratory at the University of Toronto a team of political scientists, software engineers, and computer-hacking activists, or "hactivists," have created the latest, and some say most advanced tool yet in allowing Internet users to circumvent government censorship of the Web.

The program, called psiphon (pronounced "SY-fon"), will be released Dec. 1 in response to growing Internet censorship that is pushing citizens in restrictive countries to pursue more elaborate and sophisticated programs to gain access to Western news sites, blogs, and other censored material.

"The problem is growing exponentially," said Ronald Deibert, director of the University of Toronto's Citizen Lab, which designed psiphon. "What might have started as censorship of pornography and Western news organizations has expanded to include blogging sites, religious sites, health information sites and many others."

Psiphon is downloaded by a person in an uncensored country (psiphon.civisec.org), turning that person's computer into an access point. Someone in a restricted-access country can then log into that computer through an encrypted connection and, using it as a proxy, gain access to censored sites. The program's designers say there is no evidence on the user's computer of having viewed censored material once they erase their Internet history after each use. The software is part of a broader effort to live up to the initial hopes human rights activists had that the Internet would provide unprecedented freedom of expression for those living in restrictive countries.

"Governments have militarized their censorship efforts to an incredible extent so we're trying to

reverse some of that and restore that promise that the Internet once had for unfettered access and communication," Deibert said.

When it opened in 2000, the Citizen Lab, which is one of four institutions in the OpenNet Initiative (opennetinitiative.org), was actively monitoring a handful of countries, mainly China, Iran and Saudi Arabia, that censored the Internet. But citing increased filtering by governments, the lab now monitors more than 40 countries.

The program's designers say existing anti-censorship programs are too complicated for everyday computer users, leave evidence on the user's computer and lack security in part because they have to be advertised publicly, making it easy for censors to detect and block access to them.

"Now you will have potentially thousands, even tens of thousands, of private proxies that are almost impossible for censors to follow one by one," said Qiang Xiao, director of the China Internet Project at the University of California, Berkeley.

Instead of publicly advertising the required login and password information, psiphon is designed to be shared within trusted social circles of friends, family and co-workers. This feature is meant to keep the program away from censors but is also the largest drawback because it limits efforts to get the program to as many people as possible.

The software is also designed to allow users to post on blogs and other Web sites like Wikipedia, which has been a problem for some other anti-censorship programs. By requiring only login information and no installation, psiphon is intended for anyone with basic computer knowledge because psiphon functions much the same as any typical browser.

"So far it's been tech solutions

for tech people," said Dmitri Vitalev, a human rights activist in Russia who has been testing psiphon in countries where the Internet is censored. "We have not had very good tools, so everyone has been eagerly awaiting psiphon."

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SPORTS

Women's Hoops Find Win With Maintained Lead & Quick Scoring

By Mindy Brauer
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SPORTS INFORMATION

A 20-point run during a five-minute span in the second half helped propel MIT to a 73-55 victory over Anna Maria College in a non-conference women's basketball game last Tuesday night.

Christa M. Margossian '07 scored 18 points and grabbed a game-high 20 rebounds, marking the second time this season she totaled 20 boards for the Engineers (2-1).

MIT opened the game with seven unanswered points before a pair of free throws by Juliana Eagles put the Amcats (0-1) on the board 2:18 into the contest. Meghan DePatsy further cut the deficit to three (7-4) almost a minute later, but the Engineers responded with a 15-5 run that ended on Margossian's lay-up with 6:40 on the clock and made the score 22-9.

Despite struggling on the floor, Anna Maria stayed within striking distance on strong free-throw shoot-

ing as it tallied 14 points from the charity stripe, leading to a 33-22 halftime score.

The Amcats found more success early in the second half as they narrowed the margin to six (37-31) at the 14:14 mark. Anna Maria maintained its offensive pressure, trailing 48-40 with 8:52 to go.

A minute later, Michal A. Ruchelsman '07 hit a jumper that sparked the pivotal run that would seal the game in MIT's favor.

Sharon M. Prange '07 posted 15 points and nine rebounds and Clara J. Yuan '09 scored 11 points for the Engineers. Samantha F. O'Keefe '09 contributed 10 points coming off the bench.

Anna Maria's Tina Oliveri led all scorers with 20 points while Meghan DePatsy notched 15 points and 10 rebounds.

Both teams return to action today. MIT will host Wentworth Institute of Technology at 7:00 p.m. while Anna Maria will travel to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy for a 5:30 p.m. start.

Women's Lightweight Ends Fall With Win at Foot of the Charles

Improvement Expected With Returning Members, Winter Training

By Conan Hum, Erqi Liu, and Jessica Lynch
TEAM MEMBERS

The lightweight women's rowing squad wrapped up its fall season by winning the lightweight division at the Foot of the Charles Regatta held Saturday, Nov. 18.

The team, small in numbers to begin with, has been dogged with injuries this fall but has strung together a series of ever improving races starting with Head of the Charles in late October and ending with Saturday's victory.

At the Foot, the lightweights fielded two boats for the Varsity 4+ event and then, without rest, combined the crews and raced in the Varsity 8 event.

In the duel between the Radcliffe and MIT lightweights, the Engineer's A 4+, starting four boat lengths behind Radcliffe, closed the gap over two miles and completed the course in 16:05.1, five seconds ahead of

Radcliffe.

This was enough to place 14th of 40 entries while beating out many of the traditionally faster openweight boats. Rowing in MIT Lightweight A 4+ were Kathleen Yeh '07 as stroke, Katherine L. Madden '08, Katherine R. Hoff '08, and Kathryn M. Schumacher '09 at bow. The boat was coxed by Ainsley K. Braun '10.

In the Varsity 8, the Engineers again started behind the Radcliffe lightweights and gained water on them from the start. MIT passed Radcliffe two-thirds of the way down the course stretch and finished decisively ahead with open water separating the two boats.

"After steering a course out of Radcliffe's wake as we approached Week's bridge, the boat came together and we walked through the Radcliffe boat, gaining a seat with every stroke," co-captain Hoff said.

The Engineers placed ahead of all other lightweight crews and third overall with a time of 15:26.0, behind Northeastern (15:24.8) and

Boston College (15:08.1). The boat was coxed again by Braun and included from stern to bow, Erqi Liu '08, Emily J. Dykgraaf '10, Madden, Kelly Chang '08, Hoff, Schumacher, Yeh, and Tiffany L. Iaconis '08.

As its injured members return, the squad will have a better chance of approaching its full potential and do better than at the Foot, but the team knows that hard training awaits if they want to be in contention for the championship titles in the spring.

"Winter training is critical for building the endurance and power necessary for speed in the spring. Because lightweight women's rowing is becoming increasingly competitive, there are no guarantees and it is imperative that we work harder than all the other top lightweight crews out there," said Madden.

Though the upcoming off-water training will be challenging, the energy derived from this success will help motivate the crew and propel them to an even more successful spring.

Late Salve Regina Goal Put Ends to Tie, Leads to Women's Hockey Defeat

By Mindy Brauer
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SPORTS INFORMATION

Caitlin Campbell's goal with 1:46 remaining in regulation gave Salve Regina University a 5-4 victory over

MIT in Eastern College Athletic Conference East women's ice hockey action last Tuesday night.

Natasha Wurst paced the Seahawks (1-5-0, 1-5-0 ECAC East) with two goals in their first win of the season while Amanda P. Hunter '07 led all scorers with a goal and two assists for the Engineers (1-5-0, 1-4-0 ECAC East).

MIT's Rachel A. Longley '08 scored the game's first goal unassisted with 2:56 left in the first period.

Salve Regina responded with

three unanswered goals in a three-minute span in the second period, taking a 3-1 lead. Jennifer Corcoran started the spree on a power-play goal with Ashley Stoppa and Ashley Rondeau earning the assists. Steffi Carrell then set up Krissy Roche for the Seahawks' first lead 4:10 into the period. Wurst recorded her first goal of the season after connecting on Campbell's pass over two minutes later.

The Engineers regained the lead with three goals of their own during the remainder of the second period. Catherine G. Harding '08 found the back of the net with a power-play goal that was set up by Hunter and Stephanie V. Brenman '08 in the 12th minute.

Tech evened the contest at three

when Hunter and Mary P. Harding '07 found Brenman for the equalizer a minute later. Hunter notched her final point of the night by connecting on Catherine Harding's pass with nine seconds remaining in the period.

An unassisted power-play goal by Wurst 1:23 into the final frame knotted the game at 4-4. The game would remain tied until Aimee Provencher set up Campbell for the game-winner.

In net, Maria N. Prus '10 collected 26 saves for MIT while Tamsin Gosselin made 18 stops for Salve Regina.

Tomorrow, Salve Regina will travel to Trinity College. MIT will make the trip to New England College this Friday.

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