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Only 1/7 Freshmen Request Transfers

By Kevin R. Lang
NEWS AND FEATURES DIRECTOR

Of the 981 members of the Class of 2006, 751 of whom were eligible to move to another dormitory, 140 requested a housing change in the Orientation Adjustment Lottery, and only 84 of those students were able to move.

East Campus led all dormitories with 35 freshman requests for transfer into the dorm. East Campus was followed by MacGregor House with 20 and New House with 19. The usual favorite Baker House only received seven requests, the third lowest of all dormitories. Next House received no requests.

This year, 74 percent of freshmen received their first choice dorm, a number slightly above average for the algorithm. However, only around 50 percent of freshmen who placed a top-pick dorm as their first choice were able to get in, while low-pick dormitories usually accommodated

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Necco Workers Strike Over Health Care Costs

By Jennifer DeBoer
STAFF REPORTER

New England Confectionery Co. machinists, on strike since Monday, Aug. 19 started their picket shift outside the 254 Massachusetts Ave. factory at six o'clock Thursday morning.

"They [the Necco administration] make their own rules," worker Tim Stevarcor said.

According to Stevarcor, changes in health care costs for machinists precipitated a call to the local union for approval to leave work starting Aug. 19.

Ongoing negotiations displeasing

One of the changes the strikers were protesting was the reduction of time-and-a-half overtime hourly pay to straight time. Since state law requires overtime pay after forty hours per week, the company wanted to change the workdays to four ten-hour days, depriving workers of opportunities for extra pay for weekend or after-hours work.

This suggestion was on the table until two days ago, when head



AARON D. MIHALIK—THE TECH

Jim Peluso (left) and Bob Wolusky talk to a worker as he exits the Necco parking lot.

striker Kevin Brennan was able to procure former work-day conditions at a ten cent hourly wage loss.

"They give us one thing and

take away another," employee Steve Quigley said.

Doug Silver, out on worker's compensation for weeks, has felt

the brunt of the company's already implemented changes. According to

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MIT Hires Mental Health, Campus Life Directors

By Brian Loux
NEWS EDITOR

Dr. Alan E. Siegel will be the next chief of mental health, and Maryanne Kirkbride the first clinical director for campus life, MIT

announced on Wednesday.

"I very much look forward to working with them," said Larry G. Benedict, the dean for student life. "They are very student-oriented, positive, and upbeat in their atti-

tudes."

The Mental Health Task Force had recommended the addition of a clinical director for campus life in its report last November, and MIT Medical had simultaneously been discussing a similar new position.

Kirkbride and Siegel accepted their appointments over the summer, but had asked MIT to hold off on public announcements until closer to the fall term.

"I think that this was the best time to make the announcement, because this was the time when people were coming back to campus, so people could hear about it," said Professor Ellen T. Harris, chair of the search committee for

the mental health chief.

Siegel will replace Dr. Peter Reich, who announced in June 2000 that he would step down this term as mental health chief but remain at MIT Medical.

Siegel beats out 200 applicants

A search committee including psychiatrists, nurse practitioners, deans, housemasters, and graduate students began the selection process for the new mental health chief. The committee also included an associate dean for counseling, appearing to signal a desire to bring together MIT's counseling

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MIT Prepares for Anniversary of Sept. 11

By Kevin R. Lang
NEWS AND FEATURES DIRECTOR

MIT has announced a full schedule of events leading up to the one-year anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, including talks

by New York City firefighters and an all-day vigil.

MIT established a Sept. 11 Anniversary Committee, with more than 30 faculty, staff, and students, to coordinate remembrance events. Kirk

D. Kolenbrander, special assistant to the president and chancellor, is heading up the committee.

"Over the course of the summer,

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DANIEL BERSAK—THE TECH

The Reflecting Wall, erected as a memorial after last year's Sept. 11 attacks, will be retired during the anniversary memorial service this year.

MIT Finishes Three Lawsuits, Initiates One During Summer

By Keith J. Winstein
NEWS EDITOR

Over the summer, MIT, Harvard University, the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research, and Ariad Pharmaceutical Inc. sued Eli Lilly and Co., alleging that the company's drugs to treat osteoporosis and an infection condition known as severe sepsis infringe a newly-issued patent.

Meanwhile, three other MIT-initiated lawsuits, against Dolby Laboratories Inc., American Superconductor Corp., and Time Inc. concluded. MIT and Dolby lawyers reached a last-minute settlement at the trial in their five-year lawsuit, after jurors had reached a decision but before the verdict was read from

the bench.

Patent said to cover NF-κB

MIT, Harvard, and the Whitehead are the owners of U.S. Patent No. 6,410,516, "Nuclear factors associated with transcriptional regulation," for an invention by a group led by Institute Professor Phillip A. Sharp, former MIT Professor and current California Institute of Technology President David Baltimore '61, and Harvard Professor Thomas Maniatis.

MIT, Harvard, and the Whitehead received the patent on June 25 of this year. The three groups and their exclusive licensee Ariad filed the

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This is the last of *The Tech's* daily publications for this year. *The Tech* returns to its Tuesday-Friday schedule beginning Friday, Sept. 6.



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WORLD & NATION

Palestinian Economy Crippled

LOS ANGELES TIMES

JERUSALEM

A U.N. report released Thursday paints a bleak picture of the economic destruction that has resulted from the lattice of checkpoints, encirclement of cities, roadblocks, incursions, and destroyed buildings and supply networks under the military lock-down over the past several months.

The numbers tell part of the story. Unemployment for East Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza rose sharply between the first and second quarter, to 50 percent from 36 percent, the United Nations reports, as the military tightened restrictions on travel and trade.

For the first time in memory, the jobless rate in the West Bank — 63.3 percent on curfew days — is higher than the Gaza Strip's 50 percent, following the encirclement of Ramallah, Hebron and other major West Bank trading centers.

Bush Tops Fundraising Records

THE WASHINGTON POST

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

It was another million-dollar day for the hundred-million-dollar president.

President Bush came here to keynote a fundraiser that the White House said will generate \$600,000 for the re-election of Sen. Tim Hutchinson (R-Ark.), and for the Arkansas Republican Party.

Thursday morning, Bush helped to raise \$500,000 in Oklahoma City for Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.), and for the gubernatorial bid of former Republican congressman Steve Largent. In addition to the \$1,000 per person chicken-and-beans lunch for Largent and Inhofe and a \$500 per person dinner for Hutchinson, Inhofe and Hutchinson were treated to rides aboard Air Force One.

The pair of events Thursday were the 47th and 48th fundraisers of the year for Bush and brought the total amount he has raised for GOP candidates this year to about \$115 million. That amount shatters all presidential fundraising records, even that of Bill Clinton, the previous fundraising champion.

Bush had long ago passed the \$35 million fundraising level Clinton reached during 1994, the first midterm elections of his presidency. And by raising another \$9 million during his August vacation, during which he was based on his ranch in Texas, Bush has exceeded the \$105 million Clinton raised in 2000 — and that took Clinton 203 events, according to a CBS News tally.

Historic Shipwreck Located

SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON POST

BOSTON

Marine scientists announced Thursday they had found the paddle steamship Portland, known as the "Titanic of New England," which sank in a wintry gale 104 years ago with 190 people on board.

Researchers had spent decades looking for the 281-foot vessel. Sonar images and digital video from remotely operated vehicles confirmed the find this week. The ship was found in the Gerry E. Studds Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, an area the size of Rhode Island between Cape Ann and Cape Cod.

"This discovery closes the chapter on one of the greatest maritime disasters in New England," said Benjamin Cowie-Haskell, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's primary investigator of the Portland expedition.

Researchers Thursday excitedly described the first sonar image rolling out of a computer printer.

"It was literally like an apparition coming off the sea floor," said Craig MacDonald, the sanctuary's superintendent. "Everybody got goose bumps."

The tale of the Portland is well known to many New Englanders. A majestic ship with gold trim and velvet carpets, it left Boston's India Wharf for an overnight voyage to Portland, Me., as scheduled after Thanksgiving on Nov. 26, 1898.

Hijackers Chose WTC in '99, German Prosecutors Charge

By Peter Finn

THE WASHINGTON POST

BERLIN

One of the Sept. 11 hijackers boasted a year and half before the attacks that the World Trade Center would be hit and "there will be thousands of dead," Germany's chief prosecutor said Thursday, providing one of the most detailed public reconstructions of terror planning that took place in Germany.

The hijackers began to coalesce as a cell in Hamburg in 1996 and by October 1999 had committed themselves to striking the United States and killing large numbers of people, said the prosecutor, Kay Nehm. Members traveled to Afghanistan in 1999 and 2000 to receive training and specific instruction about the attacks.

The boast about the attack offers a rare glimpse into the timing of the secret planning and selection of targets. It would constitute a rare breach of security among the tight-

knit conspirators.

Cell member Marwan Al-Shehhi, who investigators believe piloted the second airliner that struck the trade center, had a conversation in April or May 2000 with a female librarian in which he mentioned the trade center as a target, Nehm said.

"There will be thousands of dead," Al-Shehhi, originally from the United Arab Emirates, told the librarian, according to Nehm. "You will all think of me." The librarian later came forward as a witness, according to the federal prosecutor's office, which declined to identify her or say when she provided the information.

The Hamburg cell, recruited into al-Qaida by a German of Syrian origin, Mohammed Haydar Zammar, slowly united around Egyptian citizen Mohammed Atta starting in 1996, Nehm said. Atta was a natural choice for leadership because of his organizational skills and because he was slightly older and had been in Germany longer than the others,

Nehm said.

"At the latest in October 1999, the members of the group decided ... to actively participate in jihad through terrorist attacks on America to kill a large number of people," Nehm said.

"All of the members of this cell shared the same religious convictions, an Islamic lifestyle, a feeling of being out of place in unfamiliar cultural surroundings. At the center of this stood the hatred of the world Jewry and the United States," he said.

In November 1999, Atta, Al-Shehhi, and Ziad Samir Jarrah, a Lebanese citizen who piloted the plane that crashed in Pennsylvania, traveled to an al-Qaida camp near Kandahar, Afghanistan, where he lived in a guest house run by the country's Taliban movement, Nehm said.

They were accompanied by Ramzi Binalshibh, a native of Yemen, who is now being sought on an international arrest warrant issued by German authorities.

Bush Skirts Iraq War Question, But VP Again Makes Argument

By Paul Richter and James Gerstenzang

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

President Bush on Thursday skirted the intensifying debate over U.S. intentions toward Iraq, but allowed his vice president to again make the case for military action against Saddam Hussein.

At a fund-raiser in Oklahoma City, Bush declared: "We should not allow the world's worst leaders to develop the world's worst weapons." But he mentioned neither Iraq nor its president by name, seeking instead to suggest that he continues to carefully weigh his options.

"I got a lot of tools at my disposal, and I'm a patient man," Bush said.

Speaking in San Antonio, Vice President Dick Cheney repeated almost word for word the arguments for swift military action that he first made Monday to the Veterans of Foreign Wars convention.

On Thursday, he told Korean

War veterans that Hussein has gathered chemical and biological weapons and may acquire a nuclear bomb "very soon."

"Armed with an arsenal of these weapons, sitting atop 10 percent of the world's oil, Saddam Hussein could then be expected to seek domination of the entire Middle East, to take control of the world's energy supply, and to directly threaten America's friends," he said.

Hussein also would "subject the United States, and any other nation, to the threat of nuclear blackmail," Cheney said.

The contrast in these messages underscores the White House's division of labor on the issue.

Cheney is spelling out the rationale for war in an effort to influence the intensifying debate over the wisdom of an attack. Bush, saying less and steering clear of most details, can deflect criticism from abroad by saying that he has not yet chosen a course.

Bush's remarks came in a fund-

raising and get-out-the-vote trip conducted after four days out of the public eye at his ranch near Crawford, Texas.

Bush said the U.S. efforts in the Middle East since Sept. 11 could have positive effects.

"I understand that history gives us an opportunity to make the world more peaceful. See, out of the evil done to America is going to come some incredible good," Bush said.

He continued: "And you need to tell your little ones that part of that good is a more peaceful world, that there's going to be some steep hills to climb between now and then. But by being tough and strong, patient, smart and wise about using our assets and all the tools at our disposal, that we can make the world more peaceful for generations to come," he said.

Cheney also contended that U.S. action in the Middle East could create a new stability in the region, but he gave greater stress to the dangers that the Bush administration says are now posed by Hussein's regime.

WEATHER

Summer's End?

By Nikki Prive

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

The approach of Labor Day heralds the traditional end of the summer season and the start of a new school year. This week has seen an end to the hot, summery weather of the previous week, but don't let a little rain fool you; summer doesn't let go quite that easily. As the surface trough which brought much-needed rain along the East Coast moves off to sea today, the cool, soaking rain that started on Thursday will slowly taper off by this evening.

A developing high to the north will bring more sun and increasing temperatures for the holiday weekend. Temperatures will remain seasonal through Labor Day, but warm and humid conditions are expected to return by midweek. The extended outlook for early September is for above average temperatures and below average precipitation.

Extended Forecast

Today: Rain tapering to drizzle in the afternoon, high near 70°F (21°C).

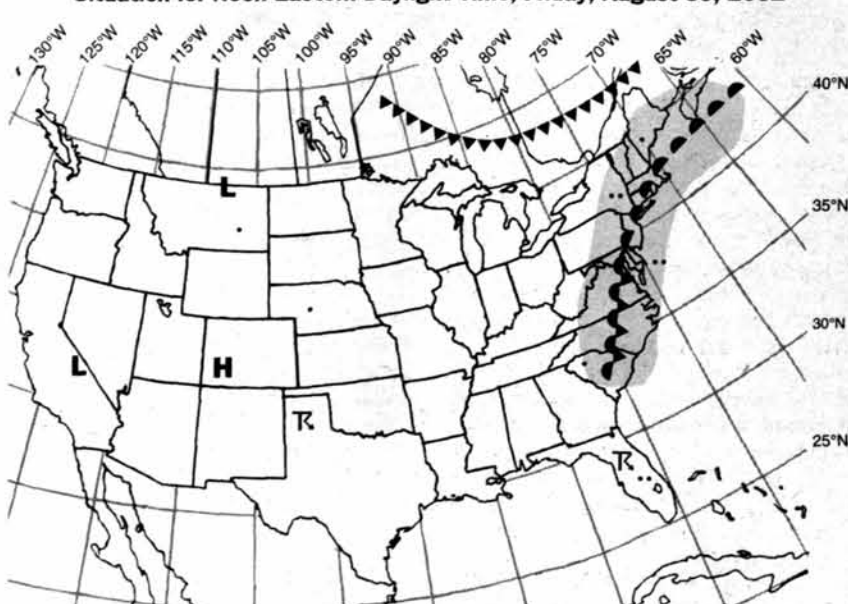
Tonight: Cloudy with chance of continued drizzle. Lows in the upper 50s F (15°C).

Saturday: Partly sunny, highs in the upper 60s F (20°C). Overnight lows in the upper 50s F (15°C).

Sunday: Partly cloudy, highs in the lower 70s F (22°C).

Monday: Partly cloudy, a little warmer with highs in the mid 70s F (24°C).

Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Friday, August 30, 2002



Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
H High Pressure	--- Trough	☁ Showers	☁ Fog
L Low Pressure	— Warm Front	☁ Light	⚡ Thunderstorm
S Hurricane	▲▲▲ Cold Front	☁ Moderate	∞ Haze
	— Stationary Front	☁ Heavy	☁

Compiled by MIT Meteorology Staff and The Tech

Iraqi VP Says U.N. Inspections Pointless, U.S. Already Decided

By Colum Lynch and Walter Pincus
THE WASHINGTON POST

UNITED NATIONS

As European allies urged the Bush administration Thursday to seek U.N. approval for any military action against Iraq, senior U.S. and Iraqi officials appeared to be converging on a key point of contention: the resumption of U.N. weapons inspections.

Iraqi Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan told reporters in Syria that the United States has already made up its mind to launch a military strike against his country, rendering the debate over whether inspectors should return to Iraq meaningless.

"The U.S. administration ... says day and night that the issue is not related to whether the inspectors return or not, it has to do with changing the regime by force," Ramadan said. "This [inspectors] is an issue on which we shouldn't waste our time."

Vice President Dick Cheney reiterated that a new round of U.N. weapons inspections was unlikely to provide sufficient guarantees that

Iraq has foresworn its attempts to rebuild its nuclear, chemical and biological weapons programs.

"Many have suggested that the problem can be dealt with simply by returning inspectors to Iraq," Cheney told Korean war veterans in San Antonio, Tex. "But we must remember that inspections are not an end in themselves. The objective has to be disarmament."

The remarks by the U.S. and Iraqi vice presidents came amid growing recognition at the United Nations and elsewhere that U.N. weapons inspections alone will not achieve either Baghdad's goal of seeing an end to U.N. sanctions or the Bush administration's stated commitment to overthrowing Saddam's government. They also underscored how a six-month-long effort by U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan SM '72 to persuade Iraq to permit unfettered inspections has effectively stalled amid increasing war talk in Washington.

Iraq has not permitted U.N. inspectors to return since they left

ahead of a U.S.-led bombing campaign in late 1998 that was intended to force Baghdad to comply with the demands of the inspections teams.

The tough tone of Cheney's remarks this week alarmed European governments about the administration's Iraq policy. France, Germany, Belgium, Sweden and others warned Thursday that a unilateral U.S. military strike would be a violation of international norms.

French President Jacques Chirac said the prospect of a U.S. war against Iraq is "worrying" and would be "contrary to the respect of law and the authority of the Security Council." But Chirac hinted that France might be willing to consider a U.N.-approved attack against Iraq if it "persists in refusing the unconditional return of inspectors. The Security Council will have to decide which measures to take."

Chirac's comments reflected a growing resignation in Europe that the United States intends to proceed with its plans to launch a military campaign against Iraq.

Zubaida, Senior Al-Qaida Member, Said to Provide 'Good' Information

By Walter Pincus
THE WASHINGTON POST

Abu Zubaida, a senior al-Qaida operations officer who was captured in Pakistan in March, is continuing to give "good" information to U.S. interrogators "from time to time," a senior administration official said Thursday.

Zubaida initially identified Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, 37, a Kuwaiti who is reported to be in Afghanistan, as a key logistics planner in the Sept. 11 attacks and later provided leads that led to the arrest of Jose Padilla, the U.S. citizen arrested in Chicago in May on charges that he was preparing to detonate a radioactive bomb in the United States.

At least two other associates of Osama bin Laden, the al-Qaida leader, at Zubaida's level in the al-Qaida organization have been captured, the official said, but neither has provided useful information to date. The official refused to identify the two other captives.

While information provided by Zubaida, 31, who is being questioned by U.S. authorities at an undisclosed location, has proved "valuable," the official said, it has been supplemented by information gained from computer discs seized

during the March 28 raid of two al-Qaida safehouses by FBI and Pakistani agents in the town of Faisalabad in northwest Pakistan.

Al-Qaida kept detailed computer records on its members as well as some records on the thousands of recruits who went through its training camps in Afghanistan. Since stealing through embezzlement of funds is considered a crime in the Muslim world, records on the payments of funds were detailed, according to sources familiar with the records.

At a 90-minute lunch with *Washington Post* reporters and editors in June, FBI Director Robert Mueller said he was sending out special teams of agents to various parts of the United States to track suspected terrorists roughly every two weeks. Mueller would not specify how many possible terrorists the agency was tracking, but said the bureau has been "pushed, really pushed" to keep up with them. And he acknowledged that agents have no choice but to monitor the suspects around the clock when they could not be detained for immigration or other violations.

Mueller said, "And what do we do for the next five years? Do we surveil them? Some action has to be taken."

Wednesday's arrests in Michigan

and Oregon of six individuals alleged to have aided or been associated with terrorist plots appear to reflect the beginning of a crackdown, according to law enforcement sources.

The up-and-down nature of Zubaida's interrogation was referred to in a declaration by Michael Mobbs, a Defense Department adviser, that was released Tuesday as part of a Justice Department filing in the case of Padilla, who is being held as an enemy combatant in South Carolina.

Zubaida provided the initial rudimentary information that the Chicago-born Padilla and an unidentified non-American associate had met during the fall of 2001 in Afghanistan. Padilla, who turned to Islam during a jail term in Florida and in 1998 moved to Egypt, offered to conduct terrorist operations inside the United States, according to U.S. officials.

Zubaida did not believe the information he provided his interrogators would lead to Padilla, but U.S. authorities obtained confirmation of the story and more information from Padilla's associate, who also had been captured, the senior official said. Thereafter, Zubaida attempted to recant the information but by then it had been corroborated by other sources, the official said.

Death Penalty Opponents Heartened As Justices Question Teen Executions

By David G. Savage
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Thanks in part to recent Supreme Court rulings, optimism has surged through the ranks of the anti-capital punishment movement this year.

In June, the Supreme Court voted to end executions of mentally retarded killers, saying that both the nation and the world had come to view the practice as cruel and unusual punishment. The 6-3 majority pointed to a wave of state laws exempting retarded persons from the ultimate punishment.

Hours before Toronto Patterson, the Dallas man convicted for shooting three of his relatives when he was 17, was put to death by lethal injection, Justice John Paul Stevens, the author of the court's opinion on the mentally retarded, said he and his colleagues should consider a similar ban for juvenile murderers.

"Given the apparent consensus that exists among the States and in the international community against

the execution of a capital sentence imposed on a juvenile offender, I think it would be appropriate to revisit the issue at the earliest opportunity," Stevens wrote.

Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen G. Breyer issued a short statement saying they agreed with Stevens.

It takes the votes of four justices to hear a case, and five to make a majority. In late September, when the justices meet to consider appeals that arrived during the summer recess, they will have before them several cases from Death Row inmates who were juveniles at the time of their crime.

"It's just a matter of time," said Richard Dieter, executive director of the Death Penalty Information Center in Washington. "The missing element is a few more states to abolish it on their own. And that should be enough to get one or two more justices to weigh in."

Supporters of capital punishment say the current system allows juries

to consider the issue on a case-by-case basis.

"Some 17-year-olds are just as mature as a 25-year old," said Dudley Sharp of Justice For All, a pro-death penalty group based in Houston. "The jury should look at the individual situation and make the decision," he said.

In all death penalty cases, the defense lawyer can point to the murderer's youth as a reason for mercy.

"States have a right to decide how they are going to punish cold-blooded killers," said Michael Rushford, president of the Criminal Justice Legal Foundation in Sacramento, Calif.

In all, 38 states authorize the death penalty, and 22 of them allow it to be imposed on those who commit murder while under age 18. But such death sentences are rare.

Nationwide, about 3,700 convicted murderers are condemned to death. Among these, 80 were under 18 when they committed their crimes, about 2 percent of the total.

Refugee Influx Poses New Health Risks, Afghan Officials Say

LOS ANGELES TIMES

KABUL

Health officials here warned Thursday that the rising tide of returning refugees poses significant health risks for a country already suffering one of the highest rates of infant and maternal mortality in the world.

The influx of Afghans returning from Pakistan, Iran and other countries has severely burdened a health system already taxed by war, drought and food shortages, said Dr. Abdullah Fahim, spokesman for the Health Ministry.

Since March, an estimated 1.5 million Afghans have returned in what refugee officials have characterized as one of the fastest repatriations on record, and three times the rate of initial estimates. About one-third, or 500,000, have come to Kabul, swelling the capital's population by about 25 percent.

Cholera is a special concern in urban areas where there are shortages of pure drinking water and proper sanitary systems. Although isolated cases have been reported in recent weeks, Fahim said there has been "no massive outbreak." Nevertheless, some hospitals have taken to isolating patients with severe diarrhea in order to prevent a wider epidemic, he said.

The United Nations, in cooperation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta and the Health Ministry, is updating the infant and maternal mortality survey. Fahim expects it will show that rates have risen since 1997 because restrictions imposed by the strict Islamic Taliban regime put women at greater risk.

Economic Health of Blacks Up, But Still Trailing Average

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

Although both the income and wealth of black households have been increasing, they still trail well behind American households as a whole, a new study shows.

While black household wealth grew 321 percent between 1989 and 1998, the median net wealth of a black household was only \$15,500, compared with \$71,700 for all American households, according to an analysis of the most recent Federal Reserve data on household finances. The study, conducted by the Consumer Federation of America, defined "net wealth" as assets minus debts.

The new study found that lower-income households are less likely to save, tend to overspend their income and have a shorter financial "planning horizon."

Just over half as many black households had net wealth of at least \$100,000, as compared with all American households, while almost twice as many black households had net wealth of less than \$10,000.

"We are trying to communicate to middle America, to working-class America, that they can build wealth as well," said Brobeck. "But one has to be patient, one has to be smart, one has to be disciplined."

"Over time, it is realistic to expect most low- and moderate-income families to build six-figure wealth. That is very realistic."

The Consumer Federation based its study on an analysis of 1998 Federal Reserve System data on the consumer finances of 4,000 households conducted by Catherine Montalto of Ohio State University.

Skakel Gets 20 Years to Life

LOS ANGELES TIMES

NEW YORK

A Connecticut judge sentenced Michael Skakel to 20 years to life in prison on Thursday for murdering his 15-year-old neighbor in 1975, rejecting a rambling, emotional claim of innocence by Skakel and a handwritten plea for leniency from his aunt, Ethel Kennedy.

Skakel, 41, was convicted in June of fatally bludgeoning and stabbing Martha Moxley with a golf club in their elite Greenwich neighborhood. Skakel also was 15 at the time of the slaying, which confounded police for decades and prompted claims that the Kennedy clan's influence had thwarted investigators.

"I would love to be able to say I did the crime so that the Moxley family could have peace," he said in State Superior Court in Norwalk, Conn., taking the stand for the first time. "But to do that would be a lie." He said he prays for the Moxleys every night.

Judge John F. Kavanewsky had to follow sentencing guidelines in effect at the time of the killing. Skakel faced a minimum sentence of 10 years and a maximum of 25 years to life. By choosing the 20-year sentence, Kavanewsky ensured that Skakel would have to serve at least 11 1/2 years before becoming eligible for parole.

Prosecutors charged that the Skakels' stature and connection to the Kennedys had prevented a thorough investigation in 1975 and continued to influence proceedings.

Bertelsmann Disputes Napster Deal

LOS ANGELES TIMES

SAN FRANCISCO

An attorney for Bertelsmann told a bankruptcy judge Thursday that the German publishing giant might walk away from its plan to buy the technology of Napster Inc. if a dispute over the deal isn't resolved by next week.

Under former Chief Executive Thomas Middelhoff, Bertelsmann agreed to pay \$9 million to Napster creditors if a deal were consummated by Tuesday.

Record labels and songwriters filed their opposition to the transaction this month, saying that Bertelsmann exercised improper control over Napster when the bargain was struck.

Bankruptcy Judge Peter Walsh was to hear the objections Thursday afternoon but rescheduled the hearing for Friday.

During the scheduling debate, he asked a Bertelsmann lawyer if the company would agree to honor the offer past the Tuesday deadline if he couldn't rule before then. The attorney said Bertelsmann would not, according to Dow Jones.

OPINION



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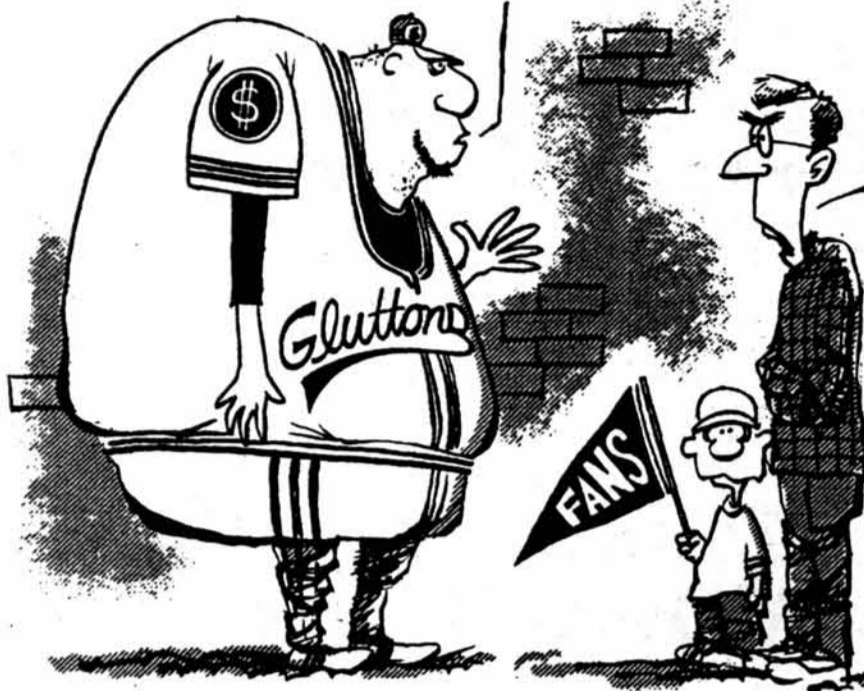
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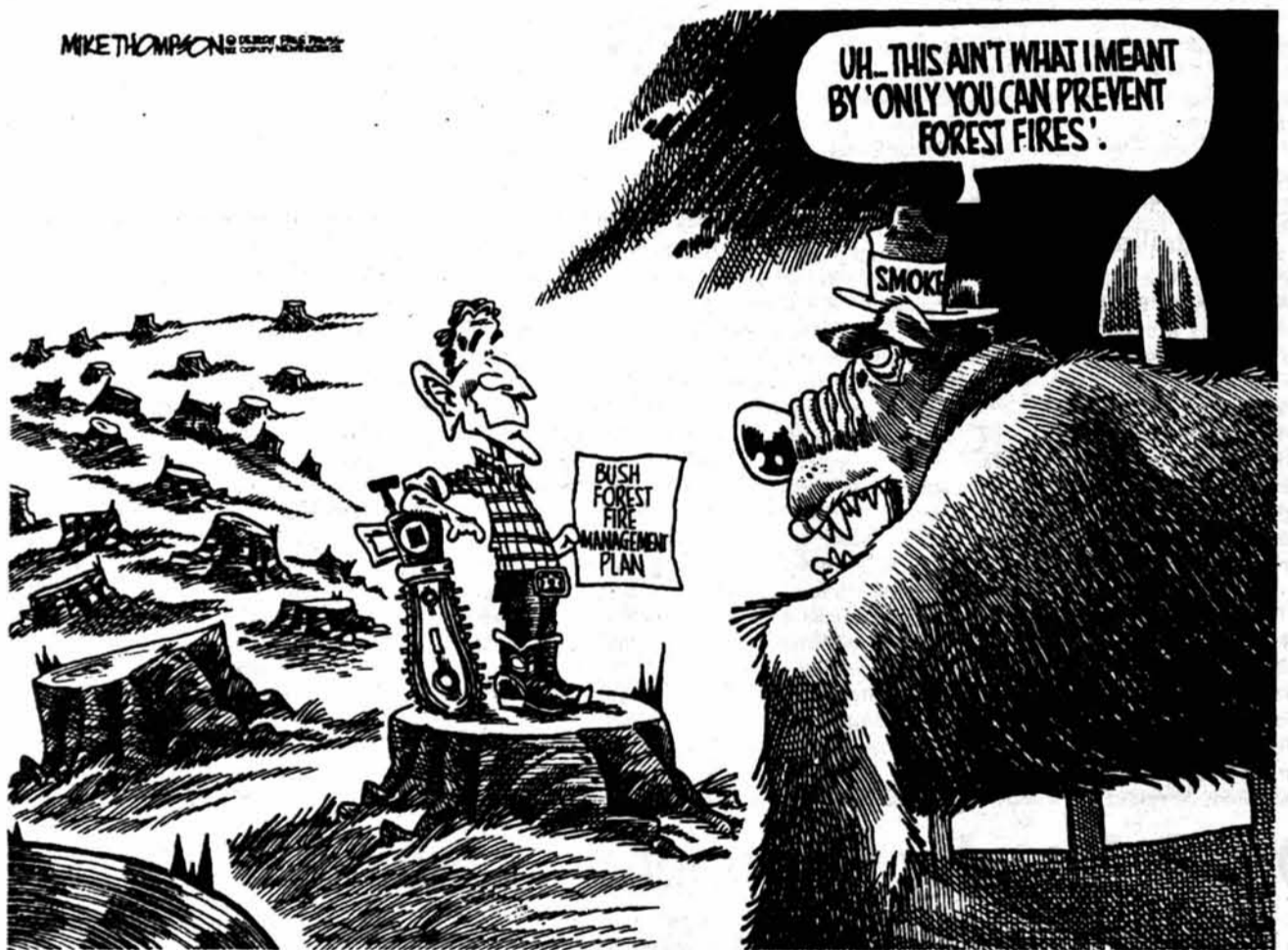
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Not Like it Used to Be

Guest Column
Jordan Rubin

Upon arriving at MIT, the Class of 2002 was welcomed by upperclassmen with greetings such as, "Welcome to MIT. It's a shame you couldn't have seen this place just a couple years ago. This school used to be fun." As we left campus last spring, we could see the classes behind us gearing up to issue this same refrain to next year's freshmen.

MIT is a different type of school from just about any other college or university around. At the Institute, it's more difficult to get a good seat at a robotics competition than at a varsity football game. Students entering MIT know that their college experience will differ from that of their high school peers. But there was something particularly peculiar about entering MIT in the fall of 1998 — not just that MIT is a place unlike any other school, but that our experience at the Institute would be unlike that of previous MIT students — and I am sure that there is a similar peculiarity for this year's freshmen.

Entering in 1998, the class of 2002 was the first class to arrive at MIT after the death of Scott S. Krueger '01. In response to Krueger's death, caused by overdrinking at a fraternity initiation event, the school administration, as well as the municipal governments of Boston and Cambridge, initiated policies that would change the way we live as MIT students. Thus, during our freshman year, we were repeatedly reminded that the parties now suck and that the school was no longer fun.

During my four years at MIT, the school was in a period of transition. The first issue of *The Tech* that my class saw during Orientation carried the lead story, "All Freshmen to

Live in Dormitories Starting in 2001." (Due to a delay in the construction of Simmons Hall, rush was kept on life support for one more year.) Another collapsed pillar of the MIT first-year experience was the elimination of Pass/No Record grading in the second semester of the freshman year. Because of these changes, this year's freshman will hear a chorus of "it sucks for you" from upperclassmen.

If you are reading this and you are a freshman, let me tell you this: it's not as bad as you are being told. You will still get to enjoy (or despise) the MIT experience. Your experience

IHTFP means (and be sure they give you multiple answers). There has been a time in everyone's experience at MIT where the institute was not paradise. If you do not find every minute you spend on campus to be enjoyable, don't worry. The Institute has not gone down the toilet; there is nothing wrong with you. These moments are to be expected. You might have to try harder than your high school classmates on your problem sets; you might have to try harder to find something you want to do between work on problem sets.

It is true that you won't have Rush in the same way that past classes did. And you're going to have to worry about grades in the spring. There's not much that you can do to change these facts. But these changes do not ruin the MIT experience.

During my freshman year, the school was abuzz with alcohol paranoia. Even the lame parties were shut down early. There wasn't much we could do to change this fact. Repeatedly hearing that we were so unlucky to have

arrived at MIT in 1998 wasn't much fun, but we ended up finding our way through MIT.

Working with the administration, the IFC and DormCon were able to craft an improved alcohol policy. We learned how to adapt our social gatherings so they would be neither lame nor shut down. Though you might not bring back rush or second term P/NR, you can find a way to have a good time. Your life at MIT is up to you. Four years from now, MIT might be a different place once again — one that you helped to create.

Jordan Rubin is an alumnus from the Class of 2002, and served as Chairman of The Tech from February 2002 to April 2002.

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will not be the same as mine, just as my MIT experience was not the same as a pre-Krueger MIT alum. But that doesn't really matter. You're going to have to take 8.01 and 18.02 and 8 HASS classes ... and you might not enjoy them all. You'll learn the language that exists only at MIT so you can decode statements like "I have 14.01 at 10:30 in 6-120" and still not know where to find the Eastman Building. You'll find that walking across the Mass Ave Bridge in the winter will be windy and cold.

Find one of the upperclassmen who is trying to tell you that MIT was infinitely better just a couple years ago. Ask him/her what

Hoop Dreams Snobbish Athletics at MIT

Phillip Burrows

There is something absurd about the notion of a pickup volleyball game. Maybe it's the sand, maybe it's necessity of numerous people, maybe it's all those hours of Superspike Volleyball, but impromptu volleyball seems as likely as a poor person doing well on the SATs. What better place to find in, then, than in the East Campus courtyard?

Somehow — while the weather is welcoming, at least — you can pass by the sandbox at East Campus and, without fail, find people having a ball during volley, often with a group waiting to take the not-field once the game ends. You can't fault people for getting exercise, but nevertheless it might be worth noting that the basketball hoop across the street in Senior Haus gets significantly less use than the contiguous tire swing. Did we all miss the collective memo? Anybody could see that it should be the other way around, right?

Of course this is not a fair comparison. East Campus's volleyball net is visible to many passersby, while the Senior Haus hoop is blocked from view unless one actually walks into the courtyard, which in and of itself is a sub-par place to play. Nor are there

any other volleyball nets in the zip code, while someone who seriously wants to "hoop it up" (as the kids say nowadays) need only venture up Broadway for public and not-so-public-but-still-accessible facilities. Then again, MIT may boast two sets of tennis courts and an in-dome arena that receive significant use; if people didn't

have to walk, they wouldn't.

Unless there is simply less of a collective interest in basketball, which would not be surprising considering the sports that do enjoy support. Tennis is, after all, an elitist activity, slightly below golf but above baseball in terms of class association, despite the massive differences in their respective income barriers. Although more of a skill than a sport, sailing deserves a mention because nothing connotes "snob" like an outing on a boat, and the Pavilion along the Charles is open every day.

Crew, like sailing only hard, is the school's best varsity team, which just screams "wannabe Ivy." Swimming, which

is necessary both to graduate and to engage in the previous two activities (in case you accidentally use the Sodium Boat), is simply unheard of in parts of the country where clean water is scarce and public facilities are dangerous. Finally, Ultimate Frisbee. Nothing more need be said on that.

Yes, there are basketball courts on West Campus, and they are used, but there's also a hockey rink, and hockey always negates the existence of basketball. In all seriousness, we can agree that there are lots of things to use on West Campus, but even there we can see a tilt towards the same old sports. Take a glance at the new Zesiger Center and you will see pools dominating its structure. Sure, there is space for basketball, but there are also squash courts, lest the campus' normal-sport proportion rise too high.

MIT could be congratulated for bringing within our grasp recreations once unfathomable to many of us. All you need is a milk crate, a telephone pole and some rock given away during the Activities Midway to

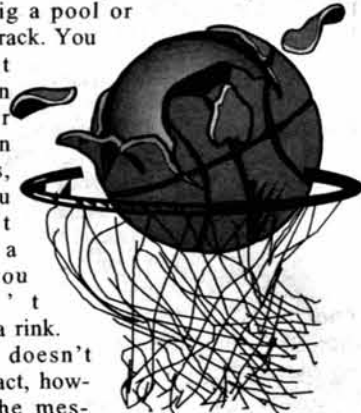
start a little twenty-one, but you can't dig a pool or pave a track. You can't fashion your own weights, you can't build a boat, you can't import a rink. That doesn't counteract, however, the message hoops send through their absence.

Recall what you thought of those high schools that had handball courts but no hoops, volleyball teams but no American football program. Either they were dirt poor or a bunch of wusses. Well, guess what? MIT has lots of money, and the athletics department — which can complain about the JV cuts of a few years back all it wants — proudly proclaims its plethora of varsity squads. Are we all a bunch of wusses or what?

If you haven't seen it already, there is a (very slippery) court above Walker. Nobody refers to it as a court, however. 50-340, as it is best known, is used mostly for test-taking purposes, giving us the amusingly nerdy image of desks by the dozens above the hardwood. There has long been a worry that opening up the

court would result in an influx of non-MIT characters, exponentially increasing Police Log's "suspicious person" entries, people presumably not attracted by tennis and who are able (in theory) to be blocked from DuPont or Johnson.

Yep, sounds like we're a bunch of wusses.



Final Words of Advice

Ask for Help, Meet People, and Get Involved

Gretchen K. Aleks

On the final day of Orientation, it's appropriate to leave freshmen with some words of advice to make it through their first year at MIT.

Don't be afraid to ask for help. With the exception of a couple pre-meds, I've met very few overly competitive people at the Institute. Most of your classmates are willing to answer a question about a problem set, explain a hazy concept from a class, or just to talk when you start wondering why you came to this place and whether you should request a transfer application to your second choice university.

Not only are your classmates and upperclassmen available to help you, but there's also a wealth of Institute resources at your disposal. Each of you has an adviser who can give you academic guidance, but you also have an associate advisor who is more than happy to help you sort out any problems you encounter during your first year. Finally, if it's academic help you need, go to your recitation instructor or go to the course tutors. Some of them are fairly intimidating, but in the event that you are afraid of asking for help, it's time to switch TAs.

Find a good studying library. Don't confuse this with a good reading library. Quality studying libraries include Rotch, Dewey, and the

It might not be high on your priority list, but committing an hour a week to a social service project is good for the community, and good for you. It will give you a sense of accomplishment come the end of term when all you have to show for your hard work is a couple Ps on a transcript.

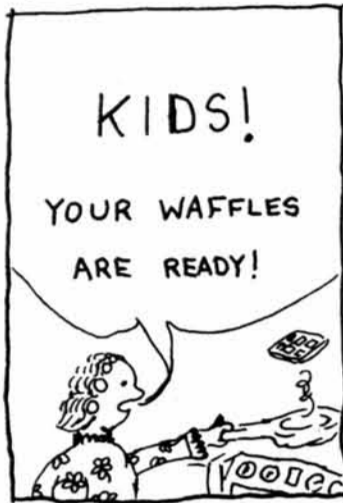
Humanities library. On the other hand, Barker is the ultimate reading library. A good studying hideout obviously comes in handy for those of you who have found yourselves living in quads this term and have no idea how you're going to get any work done when there are people coming and going at all hours of the day. It might also come in handy come mid-September when the first 8.01 exam rolls around and certain upperclassmen on your hall have a mind to shower you.

Meet all sorts of new people. By "meet new people" I don't meet PlayFair-style by any stretch of the imagination. Although I'm sure playing carnival games with your classmates is a nice way to circulate your name in preparation for that upcoming class rep election, and it might even be a means of reverting to the good old days when bicycles had three wheels, the chances of forming a lasting friendship this way are slim to none.

Alternative ways are by getting involved in student activities. As you'll witness first-hand later this evening, there are hundreds of student groups vying for your time and interest. Try to get involved with several in your first term; just because a student group offers you free food and free road trips does not mean its something you'll want to stick with. Your "pass/no-record" term is the optimal time to try to find your place at the Institute, and if you don't use your first term to explore, you'll miss out on a valuable opportunity.

Try to include a community service activity among your extracurriculars. There are many community service organizations on campus: Arctan, Best Buddies, and Habitat for Humanity, to name a few. Additionally, the political science department can help you find an awesome community service placement ranging from tutoring high school students to working in a battered women's shelter to visiting homebound elderly people. It might not be high on your priority list, but committing an hour a week to a social service project is good for the community, and good for you. It will give you a sense of accomplishment come the end of term when all you have to show for your hard work is a couple Ps on a transcript.

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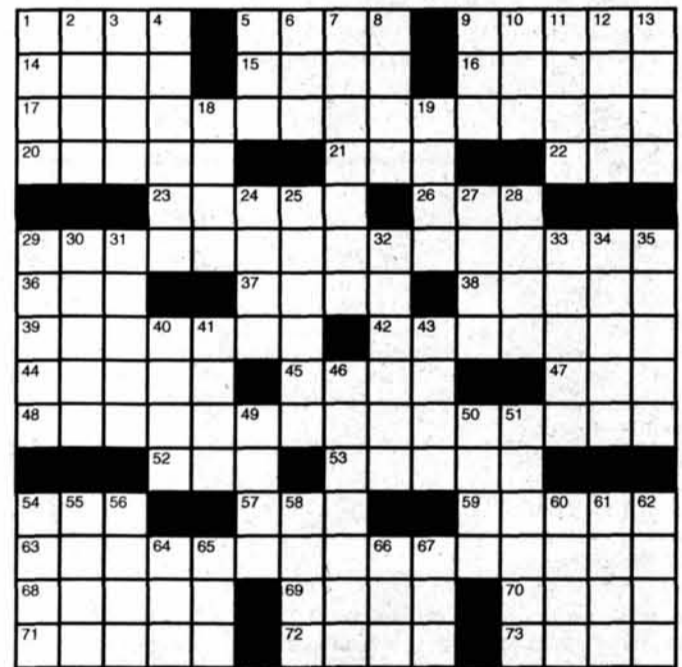
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Crossword Puzzle

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Enunciation problem | 1 Clark's love |
| 5 Whisker | 2 Dope or skinny |
| 9 Fashion | 3 Wound cover |
| 14 At some prior time | 4 Lapwings |
| 15 Press for | 5 Buzz |
| 16 Don | 6 Parseghian of |
| 17 Start of a quip | 7 Fire starter |
| 20 1924 Ferber novel | 8 Deer head? |
| 21 Actress Claire | 9 Healthy retreat |
| 22 "___ Miniver" | 10 Embrace |
| 23 Count on | 11 Molecule part |
| 26 Trifle (with) | 12 Impoverished |
| 29 Part 2 of quip | 13 Ceases |
| 36 Harvest goddess | 18 Fiend |
| 37 Younger Saarinen | 19 Glut |
| 38 Bargain model: pref. | 24 Island guitars, briefly |
| 39 Like a liberated woman? | 25 Takes care of |
| 42 Elevated region | 27 Hersher of baseball |
| 44 Ring-shaped roll | 28 Org. founded in 1858 |
| 45 Vocal inflection | 29 College of the Southwest city |
| | 30 Ms. Winfrey |
| | 31 Employment |
| | 32 Spring unexpectedly |
| | 33 1953 John Wayne movie |
| | 34 Provide with a trait |
| | 35 Sensory organs |
| | 40 Spartan queen |
| | 41 Wallach and Whitney |
| | 43 Banana wrapper? |
| | 46 Satellite, e.g. |
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| | 51 Misleading attractions |
| | 54 Little snakes |
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| | 56 Olin or Horne |
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Events Calendar

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Friday, August 30

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Physical Education Lottery. PE Course registration period. MIT athletic card Required for registration. Students register thru Websis. Non-students come to PE Office (W32-125). Please note that the lottery closes at 1 p.m. sharp on 9/4/02, no exceptions. free. Room: W32-125. Sponsor: Physical Education.

9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Course Catalogue Distribution. Anyone with an MIT ID can come by Room 8-119 and pick up a copy of the 2002-2003 course catalogue. free. Room: 8-119. Sponsor: Reference Publications Office.

10:00 a.m. - Admissions Information Session. Admissions Office Information Session gathers at the Admissions Reception Center (10-100). Enter MIT at the main entrance, Lobby 7, 77 Massachusetts Ave (domed building with tall pillars). Proceed down the center corridor to Room 10-100 on the right. free. Room: Admissions Reception Center, Building 10, Room 10-100. Sponsor: Information Center.

10:45 a.m. - Campus Tour. Student Led Campus Tours are approximately 90 minutes long and provide a general overview of the main campus. Please note that campus tours do not visit laboratories, living groups or buildings under construction. Groups over 15 people need to make special reservations. Campus tours start at the conclusion of the Admissions Informations Session. The Campus Tour begins in Lobby 7 (Main Entrance Lobby at 77 Massachusetts Ave). free. Room: Lobby 7 (Main Entrance Lobby at 77 Massachusetts Ave). Sponsor: Information Center.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Word 2002 Demo. See Office XP's upgraded features to Word 2002. Learn how the user interface has changed and how the addition of Task Panes and Smart Tags impacts the user's experience of word processing. New features such as non-contiguous selection, an expanded Clipboard, a new drawing layer, a new Media Gallery enhancing clip-art collection and organization, changes to Mail Merge and document collaboration, and handwriting and voice recognition features will be demon-

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strated. Room: N42 Demo. Sponsor: Information Systems.

12:10 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - GABLES Lunch. GABLES is the M.I.T. gblt staff & faculty group. The lunch is an opportunity for us to gather in a social environment to meet and greet one another. It is also a venue for us to talk about issues of interest to the MIT and larger communities. Our colleagues from the wider community are invited to join us. free. Room: Various. Sponsor: GABLES.

2:00 p.m. - Admissions Information Session.

2:45 p.m. - Campus Tour.

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Free Summer Lessons. Curious about dancing? Interested in joining the team? Just want to give things a try? Come to our free summer lessons! We are offering a free series of beginner lessons this summer which will introduce a variety of ballroom dances including Swing, Cha Cha, Waltz, Tango and more! Beginners are very welcome. No Partner Required. Light refreshments also provided. Check out our Web page at <http://ballroom.mit.edu/> for the lesson schedule. free. Room: Lobby 13. Sponsor: MIT Ballroom Dance Team.

8:00 p.m. - Assassins. Stephen Sondheim musical. Call to check performance times and ticket prices. \$9, \$8 MIT community /other students/seniors, \$6 MIT/Wellesley students, \$3 new MIT students; group rates available in advance. Room: Kresge Little Theater. Sponsor: Musical Theatre Guild, MIT.

8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - MIMEmtype Orientation Show. Leave behind your preconceptions about bad street performers trapped in invisible boxes, and come see what mime is really all about!. free. Room: Kresge Rehearsal Room A. Sponsor: MIMEmtype.

8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. - MIT Anime Club Orientation Showing. Come one, come all! Whether you're just curious or a hardcore fan, we've got the best animation for you. Showing: *Hoshi no Koe*, *Slayers Premium*, *Azumanga Daioh Movie*, *Macross Plus: The Movie*. There will be intermissions with memberships, giveaways, library check-outs, and free food/drink for new members/new students. free. Room: 3-270. Sponsor: Anime Club, MIT.

Recovery Workers To Speak at Memorial Services

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we heard from quite a number of different people who were interested in participating in different ways," Kolenbrander said. The committee worked to bring together interested parties, with an emphasis on involving students and faculty.

"The emphasis was really on creating an open environment for people to contribute events," Kolenbrander said, referring specifically to forums sponsored by Science, Technology, and Society and the Center for International Studies, along with the Sunday, Sept. 8 events.

"Both exist because somebody said, 'I'd like to make this happen,'" he said.

Reflecting Wall to be retired

After standing for nearly a year, the "Reflecting Wall" near the MIT Chapel will be retired as a focus of a memorial ceremony on Sept. 11 at 5:00 p.m. on Kresge Oval.

"We will mark the end of its service," Kolenbrander said. "We want to be very sensitive to how we end its service."

The Reflecting Wall was erected shortly after the Sept. 11 attacks as a memorial site. It was designed to replicate the exterior wall of the World Trade Center, and its flag has always flown at half mast.

The Kresge Oval ceremony is being sponsored by the Office of the Chancellor and the Office of the President, as an "all-community campus gathering" for students, faculty and staff.

In addition, the MIT Chapel will be hosting an all-day "Vigil for Remembrance, Peace, and Healing," beginning at 9:00 a.m. and concluding in time for the gathering on Kresge Oval.

MIT pays tribute to volunteers

The first remembrance events begin on Sept. 8, with a tribute to

local residents and members of the MIT community who helped raise relief funds, collected donations, and traveled to New York to assist with cleanup and recovery efforts.

"It came about mainly because there were just so many people that had done amazing things to help out," said Gayle C. Willman, a faculty liaison in Academic Media Production Services. "MIT people spent a lot of time at ground zero."

Speakers at the event will include representatives from the Fire Department of New York and other recovery workers, and the New York sanitation worker who sang "God Bless America" every morning at the World Trade Center recovery site will perform as well.

The event will be held in Room 10-250 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Before the tribute event, children ages 7-12 will have the opportunity to hear New York firefighter Bobby Barrett to speak about his work at the World Trade Center site, and about being a firefighter.

Registration for the children's program is available in the MIT Activities Committee office in Walker Memorial.

Memorials come in many forms

Kolenbrander said that one of the committee's goals was to provide members of the MIT community with a variety of ways to remember Sept. 11.

"We wanted to provide opportunities for personal and shared reflection, with the knowledge that that might take many different forums," Kolenbrander said. "People are going to want to remember Sept. 11 in very different ways."

The first of two faculty discussions held on Sept. 9, "MIT's Responsibility in a Dangerous World," is sponsored by the STS and will take place from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Killian Hall. The second, spon-

sored by CIS, will be held in Killian Hall from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., and is entitled, "Responses to Sept. 11: The U.S., Europe, and the Middle East." Participants will include Professors of Political Science Stephen W. van Evera and Suzanne Berger.

Other events scheduled for Sept. 11 include an exhibit in the MIT Museum, entitled "Museums Celebrate America's Freedoms: Joining Communities in a Day of Remem-

brance" from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; an "open art studio for personal expression" in Lobby 10, and a seminar sponsored by the Security Studies Program and CIS. The seminar, entitled "9/11: The War on Terror a Year Later," features speakers Nazli Choucri, associate director of the Technology and Development Program; Owen Cote; Harvey Sapolsky; and van Evera.

In addition, two lectures will be

held on campus discussing different religious perspectives. "Cities and Resurrection: Jerusalem and Us," and a panel on Muslim reactions to the Sept. 11 attacks will both be held that day.

Off campus, "Vigil of Light" gatherings will be held at Magazine Beach and the Weeks Footbridge from 7:45 to 8:30 p.m.

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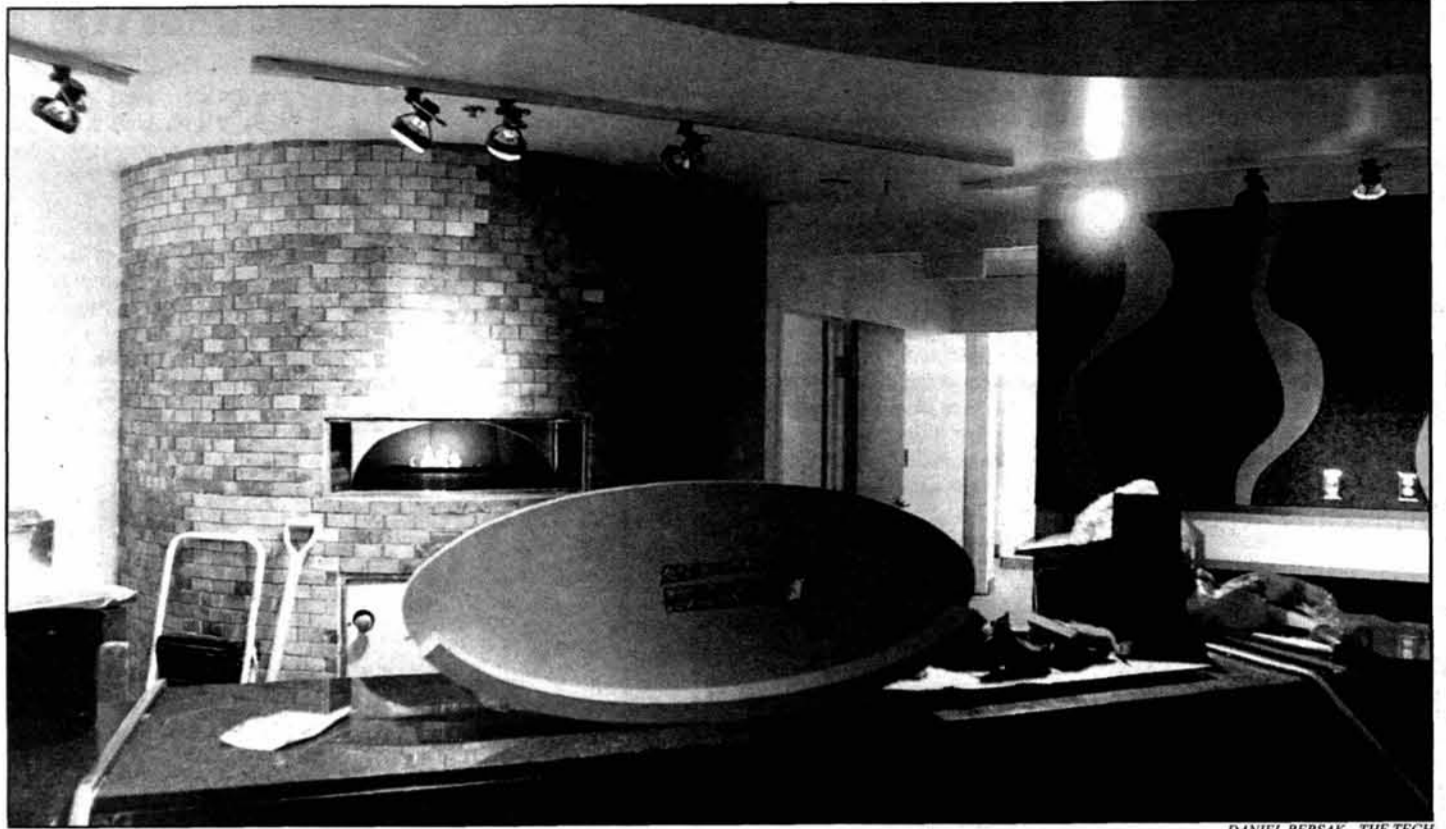
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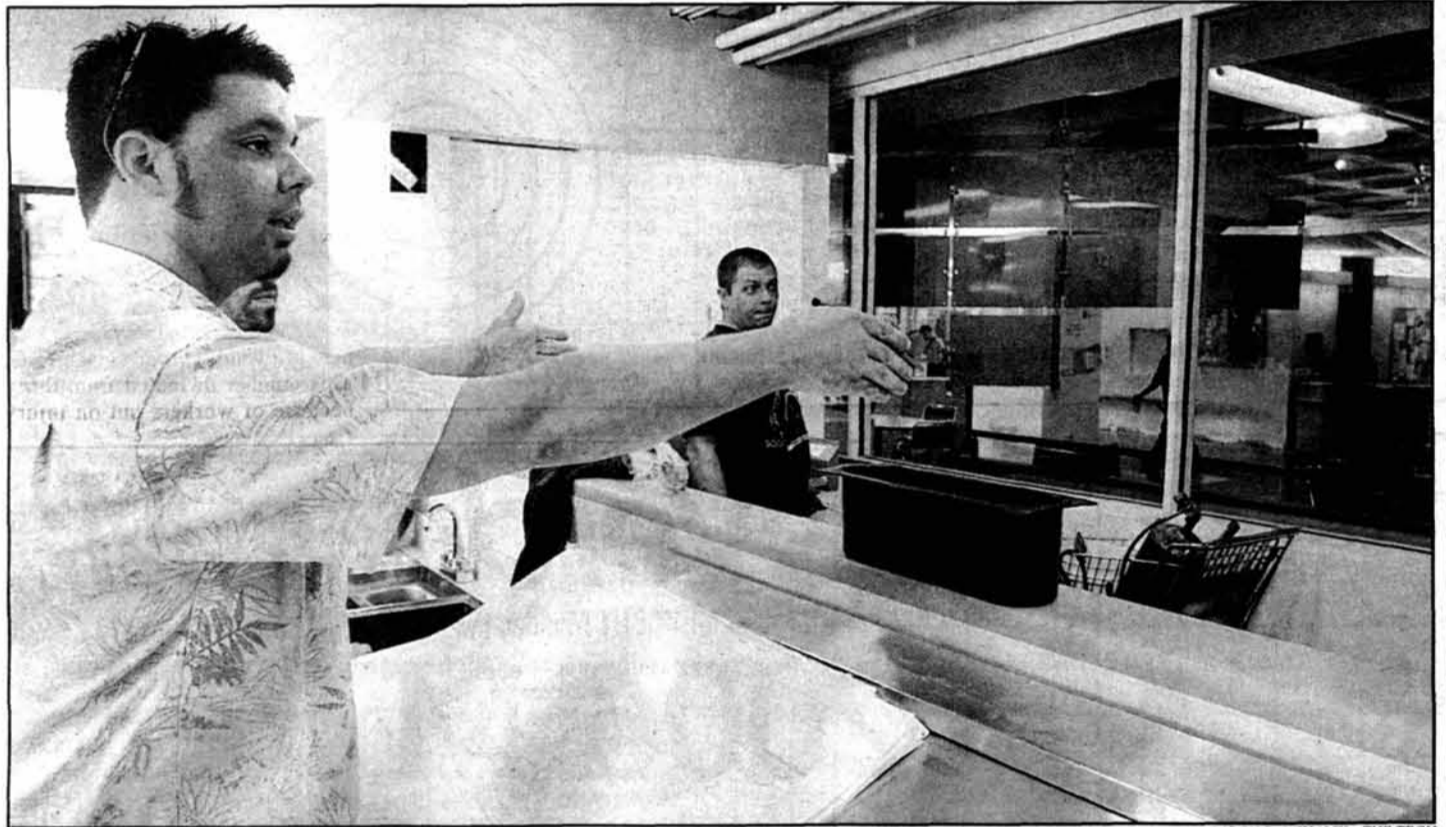


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A fire in the brick oven of Alpine Bagels is a welcome sight. The dining facility, located in the Student Center in the space formerly occupied by Courses, is scheduled to open on the first day of classes.



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James Murray, one of the owners of Arrow St. Crepes, looks over the renovations to the former Toscanini's store. Arrow St. Crepes is slated to open late in September.



MICHELLE POVINELLI—THE TECH

A girl gets her face painted during the GSC Graduate Family Welcome Lunch yesterday.

Striking Machinists Cost Necco Revenue

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Quigley, Silver has accumulated significant hospital fees from his wife's brain cancer treatment and his own injury. He is faced with the thirty day limit to worker's compensation, which has already passed, Quigley said.

Production continues

Necco limits the striking workers to three locations around the factory: one at the corner of Landsdowne and Mass Ave, one at a service entrance on Landsdowne Street, and one at the parking lot entrance on Albany Street. The company is required to have a police detail at each spot, costing Necco fifty dollars an hour per officer. Necco press representative Lori Zimbalatti would not comment on the amount of money the company loses in production income caused by the machinists' absence.

"I'm not going to discuss any specifics, but we're hopeful that we will reach a compromise soon," Zimbalatti said.

The company has continued production by using supervisors to run machines. According to Stevarcor, the company had been operating illegally until they had to receive a representative from the Department of Public Safety who visits the plant accompanied by a state trooper.

"The number of workers varies with the time of year, so now, since we're gearing up for the Christmas/Valentine's Day season, it's almost five hundred," Zimbalatti said.

Of these five hundred, approximately twenty-two are machinists. This number dwindled from thirty because of workers out on injury

compensation or those who have transferred to the company's Haverland location, Quigley said.

Machinists demand same benefits

The machinists, however, are among the workers who are employed year-round. The seasonal work force consists mainly of those in the Bakery, Confectionary, and Tobacco workers' union.

The BCT signed its renegotiated contract with management earlier this year.

According to Quigley, the company uses the machinists' higher wages as an excuse not to extend the same health care benefits to them.

"Negotiations are ongoing, but Necco will not give any specifics at this point," Zimbalatti said.

"Why they don't extend the benefits they already give to four hundred other workers to just twenty more — that's a good question," Stevarcor said.

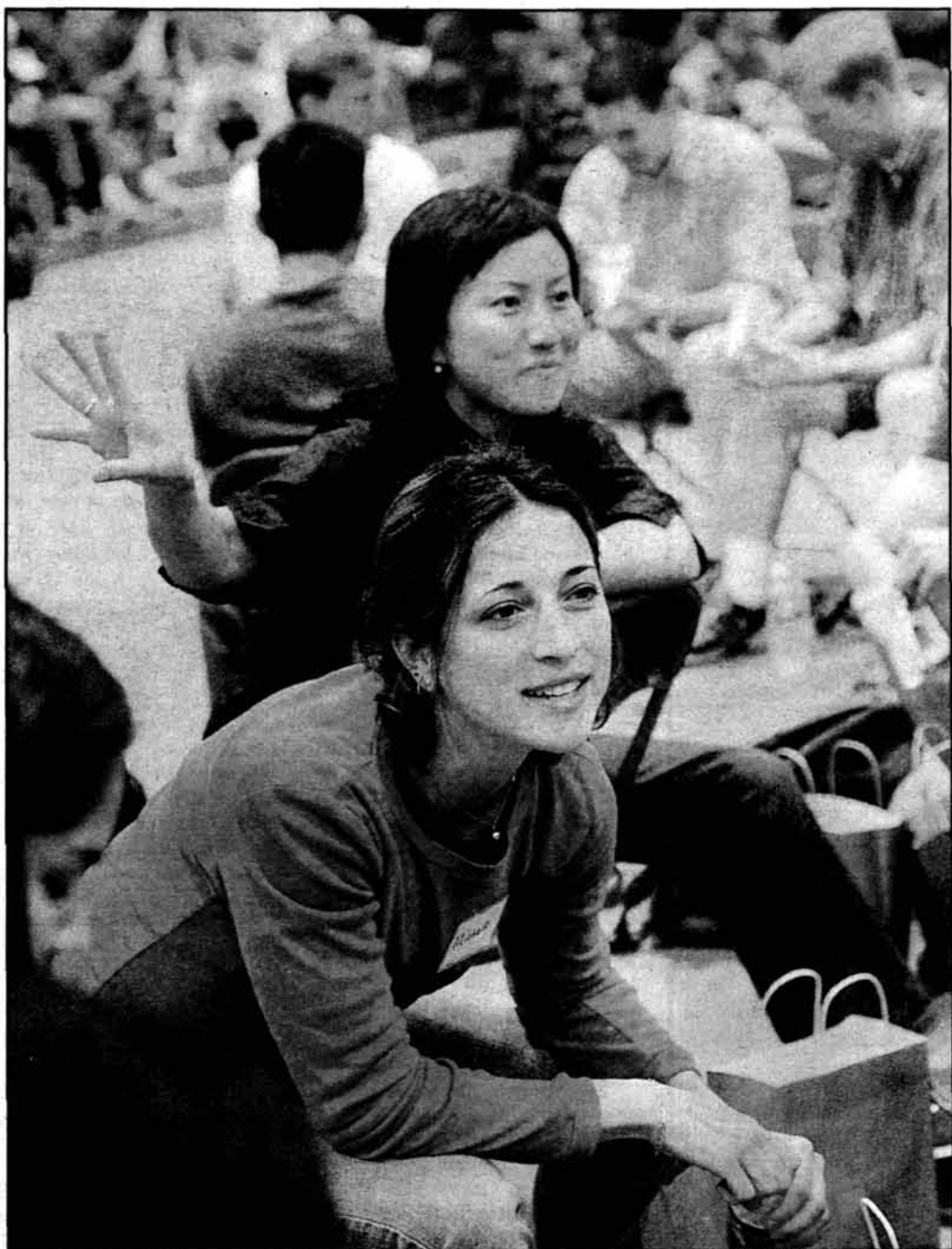
"At this point we're just anxious for a settlement," Zimbalatti said.

Community gives quiet support

According to Quigley, most of the support for the strikers comes from their local union chapter, though "a few girls from MIT" have helped to carry sandwich signs and frequent honks from passersby indicate general goodwill towards the cause of the machinists.

"We haven't received any [complaint] calls," Zimbalatti said of community feelings towards the strikers. "The last strike [at Necco] was in 1962. I can't say much except that we are very anxious to see things resolved."

"We're going to stick this thing out for as long as it takes," Quigley said.



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Hirees Will Interact More with Students

Mental Health, from Page 1

and mental health organizations.

Siegel was chosen from a pool of approximately 200 applicants. Finalists met with much of the MIT Medical staff.

"We were looking for one who was an excellent clinician ... and had a very strong reputation for who can run a mental health program and can work well with people," Harris said. "[We weren't looking for] someone who came with all hospital experience. We wanted somebody who was a team player and could manage change and lead our team forward."

Both search committees said they sought an individual who would create and manage change. "There have already been changes to MIT Medical as a result of the task force. There will also be changes based on the task force and internal review," Harris said. "With the increase in staff, we wanted them to be able to deal with that."

Siegel was chosen for the position on July 17 and will begin work Sept 1. He could not be reached for comment.

Kirkbride to work with students

The clinical director for campus life is expected to serve as a liaison and advocate for the student community.

"We wanted someone who could not only act as a liaison between the students and our staff, but also the community at large," said Lauren Gray, chair of the search committee for the position.

The director will not work directly with the student life office, but "will maintain a close collaborative relationship with it," Gray said.

"The basic point is to be a liaison between MIT Medical and important stakeholders on campus," Kirkbride said. Aside from the student community, she will work with other offices such as the chaplain's office and MIT Athletics Department. "I hope to be able to weave a web of services for the community," she said.

The director will oversee the health education division of MIT Medical, which includes the MedLINK program. The fledgling student ambulance service is also expected to be under her jurisdiction.

"She comes with the interest and enthusiasm in dealing with young adults and is interested in de-stigmatizing the needs of mental health," Kettyle said.

"We are still working on fully defining the role," Kirkbride said. "The success for the first year is that students and staff understand the title and that we all have a stable and strong relationship," Kirkbride said.

Kirkbride already in role

Kirkbride began work on Aug. 26 and has attended many Orientation events with the freshmen class. "I attended convocation and was very impressed with [Undergraduate Administration President] Josiah Seale. I also attended Katie Koestner's talk and was very moved by that ... the week has been very invigorating," she said.

"I'm very interested in working with students and student leaders," she said, adding that she wanted to become familiar with each living group by the end of the school year.

"From my experience in residential therapy, I think it's important to see how people live, and I encourage people to contact me," she said.

Kirkbride has worked in Cambridge-area hospitals for years and was director of public health at the Codman Square Health Center in Dorchester, Mass. since 1994.

Stronger community role for Reich

Along with the two new members, Reich will also begin to take a larger role in the office of the dean for student life.

Benedict, the dean, estimated that 25 percent of Reich's time would be spent working with his office. "I expect him to be involved in training and educational efforts with me and my staff, work with [Assistant Dean] Katie O'Dair and the GRTs, advise Dean [Robert M.] Randolph and the deans on call," Benedict said. "He will be acting as an internal consultant."

Reich's work will include researching what the medical department needs to accomplish in the future.

Reich and Siegel will also see individual patients.

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MIT, Dolby Settle Lawsuit During Jury Deliberations

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infringement lawsuit that same day, seeking damages from Lilly's allegedly infringing sale of Evista, a drug to combat osteoporosis, and Xigris, intended for patients with sepsis, or bacterial infection, leading to organ failure.

Referring to a DNA-binding protein factor studied by the research team, Ariad wrote in a press release that "Lilly scientists disclose that Evista inhibits NF-κB activity," and "have demonstrated that Xigris inhibits NF-κB activity."

Thus, the plaintiffs argue, Lilly has already admitted that its products infringe the patent, which Ariad says covers "methods of treating human disease by regulating NF-κB cell signaling activity."

Lilly, however, disputes that the patent can cover all uses of the protein, arguing in a court filing that "Before Plaintiffs ever discovered NF-κB or its role in intracellular signaling, Lilly's own patents fully described" the inventions behind its drugs, and furthermore that the patent cannot validly be as broad as the plaintiffs claim.

"Evista and Xigris are merely two drugs in a long parade of prior art medicines, agents and activities that impact the NF-κB pathway in the manner claimed by Plaintiffs," Lilly wrote. "Thus, if Evista and Xigris infringe, as Plaintiffs argue, then Plaintiffs' asserted claims are infringed by every U.S. citizen taking an aspirin, enjoying a glass of red wine, or adding a little spice to life with a clove of garlic!"

MIT will have little involvement

As is common in patent-infringement lawsuits initiated with MIT licensees, MIT will not be closely involved in the cases.

"When we exclusively license a patent to a company, the company

really has the majority of the commercial interest in the technology," said Karin K. Rivard, the technology licensing office's in-house counsel.

But the patent-holder's participation is necessary to initiate an infringement lawsuit, so "if a company in its business judgment wants to pursue an infringer, ... as a matter of course in our exclusive licensing agreements, MIT agrees up front that if it's legally necessary, MIT will agree to become a plaintiff in litigation," she said.

MIT, Dolby settle at last minute

At the end of April, MIT dramatically settled its five-year lawsuit against Dolby Laboratories Inc. minutes before the jury was to present the verdict it had already reached.

The 1997 lawsuit had concerned an agreement between MIT and Dolby to share profits if either's technology were selected as part of the Federal Communications Commission's then-upcoming standard for digital television in the United States.

Dolby's technology was selected, partly on the basis of a crucial MIT vote cast for Dolby over MIT's own technology. MIT alleged that Dolby breached the agreement by failing to pay MIT in response. Dolby countered that the FCC had taken too long to make a final decision, and thus the contract had expired.

After more than five years of litigation, 150 court filings, and a six-day trial before eight jurors in Boston in April, the lawsuit was settled at nearly the last minute, after the jury had already finished deliberating.

"The jury got their instructions from the judge and they departed" to deliberate at 11:15 a.m., said Robert Sullivan, a Boston attorney who represented MIT in the case. "The judge [called] the lawyers to the sidebar, and said, 'I think you should be talking settlement.'"

"We said, 'Okay.' ... At about

12:25 we had agreed upon a settlement. The jury had told the judge, or the clerk, that they had a verdict coming back. Neither side wanted to know what the verdict was, because we had a settlement," he said.

Both Dolby and MIT declined to comment on the case, although Rivard said the agreement involved "a flat fee paid out over ten years."

"There was reluctance on the part of Dolby to settle" before the end of the trial, Rivard said.

MIT settles Tech Review lawsuit

April also saw MIT settle its trademark-infringement lawsuit against the Time Inc. unit of AOL Time Warner Inc.

MIT had alleged that Time's magazine *Fortune/CNET Technology Review* infringed MIT's trademark on its own magazine *Technology Review*, while Time had countered that "technology review" is a generic term that MIT had already allowed other magazines, such as *Computer Technology Review*, to use and trademark.

Lawyers for MIT and Time were reluctant to discuss the case, citing a confidentiality agreement that both sides described as very restrictive. Jason Kravitz, a Boston attorney who represented MIT in the case, suggested that the magazine's change of name to *Fortune/CNET Tech Review*, a change that occurred in the middle of the case, may have been part of the settlement.

MIT officially loses case, but wins

In a procedurally-confusing case, MIT officially lost a patent-conflict lawsuit against the American Superconductor Corp. on May 31, but the effect of the loss was that MIT's U.S. Patent No. 5,189,009, "Preparation of superconducting oxides and oxide-metal composites," which had been thrown out in 2001 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, was reinstated.

The case essentially involved American Superconductor and MIT jointly trying to overturn a ruling by the patent office's Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. The board had ruled that a patent application assigned to American Superconductor was obvious in light of an MIT-owned patent licensed to the company, and threw out the MIT-owned patent as a result.

Under federal law, the patent office may not grant patents on inventions that are considered "obvious."

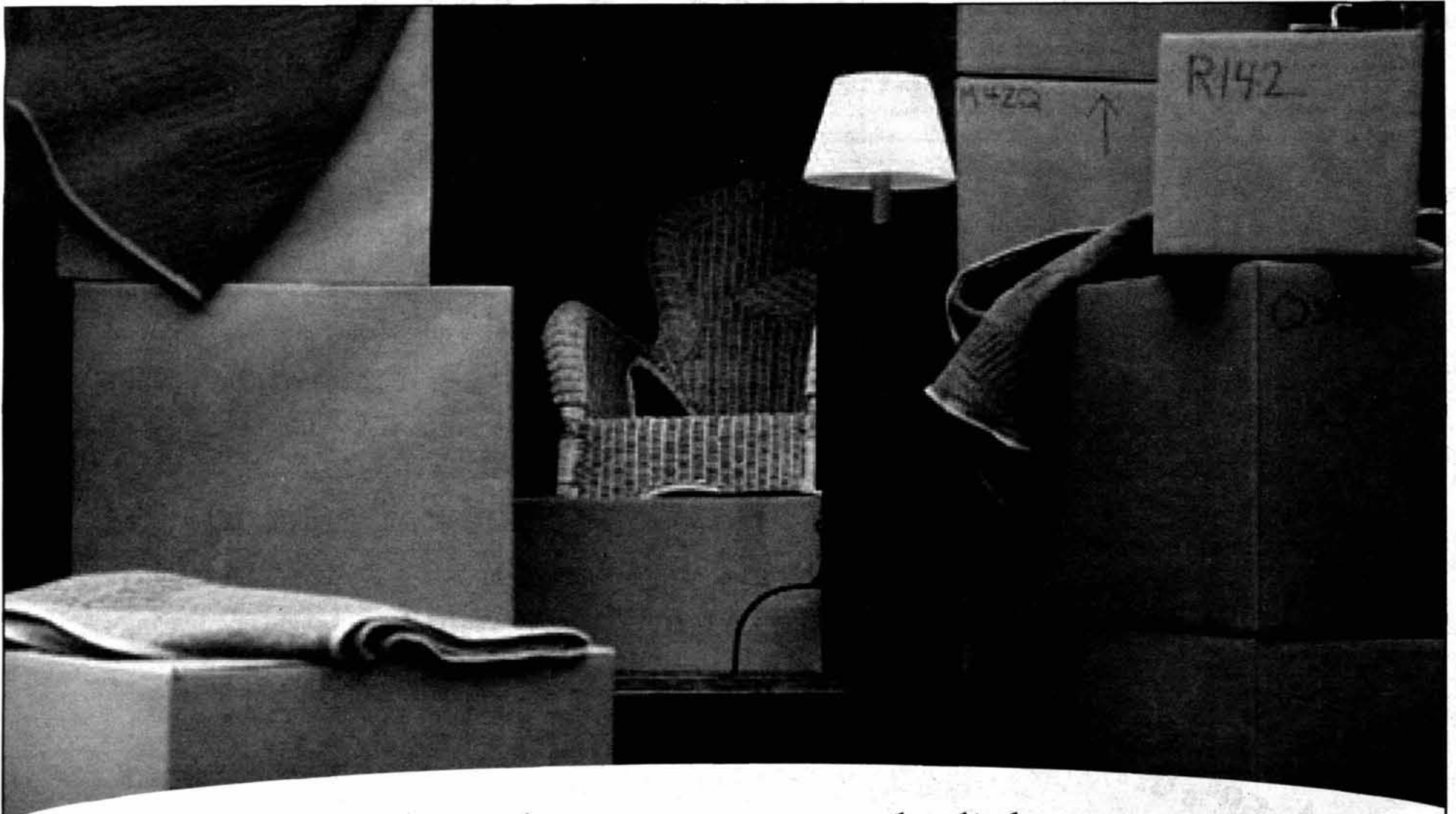
Senior Judge Edward F. Harrington of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts ruled against the board, finding that the patent application was not obvious in light of the MIT patent, and reinstated the MIT patent.

The case was also peculiar in that normally, a finding that an application is obvious in light of another patent will result in the obvious application, not the patent, being discarded. In this case, a complicated series of application re-filings created the abnormal situation in the patent law.



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Dormcon, Admins Have Different Messages for Frosh

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all of their first choices.

Freshmen were able to stay in their Orientation assignment either by indicating so in the lottery, or by doing nothing, a first in the history of the housing lottery. Only 80 percent of the freshmen class turned out to respond to the lottery.

This year marks a first because all transfers were third choice preference or higher, though only 60 percent of those requesting transfers were allowed to move.

Vallay please with lottery results

Denise A. Vallay, assistant director of undergraduate, summer, and guest housing assignments, said she was pleased that 61 percent of the students used the online lottery simply to indicate that they would not be moving.

"We shut down the lottery at 5:00 p.m. on [Aug. 27], got the results, and started working with the algorithm until 5:30 in the morning," Vallay said.

Despite the low participation, Vallay said she thought an adjustment lottery was an important feature of residence selection. "I think it's an important thing to have now," Vallay said.

She thought many lottery participants were students making a second attempt to get their first choice for housing, rather than students trying to get out of a given dormitory which they did not like. "I don't think all of them are people who were really unhappy in their housing assignments," she said.

Last year, MIT held a "mini-lottery" for freshmen who were unhappy with their place of residence two weeks into the semester. Vallay said approximately 80 students asked to move at that time, but few could be accommodated.

"There's a big difference between being here for three days for rush and being here for two weeks," Vallay said.

Housing office seeking feedback

With both summer housing selection and the adjustment lottery,

the housing office surveyed students to see what tools and information they were using to select residences.

"This is the first year that we're running it like this," Vallay said. "We would really like to see how all these years of planning ... have played out, and was it effective — did it work?"

Vallay said that committees have already been established to work with the survey data.

Some student leaders, however, already have feedback for the administration.

Tyler J. Bronder '03, vice president of the Dormitory Council and president of MacGregor House, said he was disappointed with MIT's handling of the residence selection process.

"We don't want to draw conclusions off of this year," Bronder said. "The information wasn't presented properly at all ... we couldn't communicate with the freshmen until [they] got on campus."

"They simply didn't get the message of dorm selection out," Bronder said. He thought that the administration did not put enough focus on encouraging students to visit different dormitories and explore moving out of their summer selection. "We certainly weren't happy with what happened this year," he said.

"It's Dormcon's firm belief that residence selection is the basis of our whole system," Bronder said. "Having a dedicated dorm rush period during the Orientation time frame is important."

Only Simmons Hall and McCormick Hall allowed freshmen to squat their rooms; all other residences held in-house rush Wednesday night.

"I think we really have to get the message across, and that involves Dormcon and the administration sitting down and getting a single message out about how residence selection works," Bronder said. "There's no way to get the true feel of the residence system — of the dormitories — without actually visiting them."

No crowding in dormitories so far
As of yesterday, there were no

known crowded rooms in the dormitory system.

"There's really no crowding," Vallay said, noting that some buildings had extra rooms that would be filled by students on the off-campus waiting list.

MacGregor House, a favorite target for crowded rooms in the past because of its many lounges, is uncrowded this year. "We are totally uncrowded," Bronder said.

Improvements already in sight

Although the Residential Life Office is still reviewing the results of this year's lottery, Vallay said she could already foresee changes for next year.

"There was no stapling in the adjustment lottery," Vallay said. "That should have been made clearer to students."

In addition, Vallay said that students were confused about how to request a room for medical reasons, with many students simply using their questionnaire rather than a special housing request with doctor's notes.

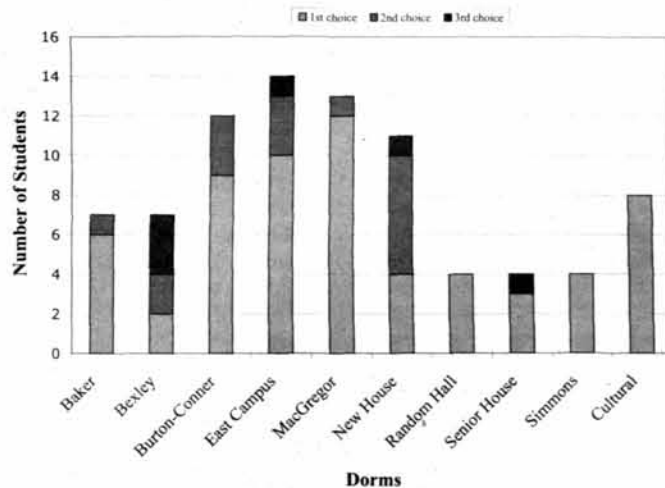
However, Vallay said that having Information Systems run the lottery helped avoid some of the software problems of the past.

"We had I/S redesign the lottery, and it worked really well," Vallay said. "It was great to be able to have them run it and also to have the assistance and technical guidance from Tony Gray, who was a huge help in running the lottery program."

Participation in Residence Hall Adjustment Lottery

	Number of Freshmen	Percent of Eligible Freshmen
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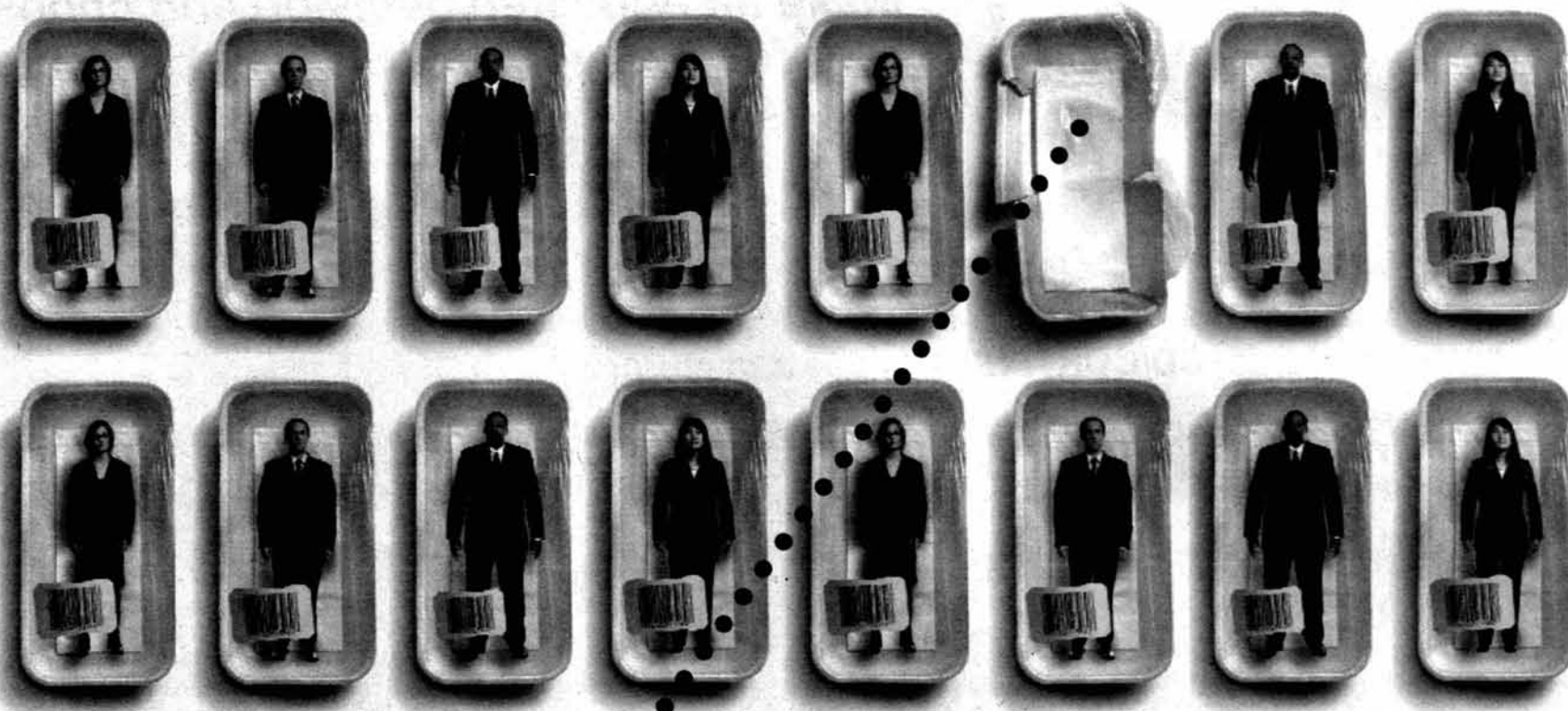
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