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when cambridge freezes over...

Winter: Short days. Cold nights. Groundhogs. Anti-Valentine's Day parties. Blizzards. Fighting over the tv lounges. The start of the Spring semester. Did I mention cold nights? Thank goodness for the new Tech Shuttle.

Well, the S-P newsletter won't keep you warm, but it will tell you where to find some fellow warm-blooded friends. For example, our GSC rep, Margrét Bjarnadóttir tells us about trivia contests at the R&D pub, and J. P. Kurpiewski, co-captain of the S-P IM Hockey team shares news on the team.

Inside the issue, there's also a photo spread by Anita Villanueva and Vinay Mahajan on how they spent their winter vacation (and played in the snow).

The newsletter staff is always looking for writers, reviewers, columnists, artists, and photographers. Let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions for the next newsletter. 

RECYCLE THIS

(and beat Harvard and Yale)

news

gsc presents: news shorts

by Margrét Bjarnadóttir, S-P GSC Rep

proportional representation off the table

As reported in last newsletter, the Graduate Student Council was going to vote on proportional representation for graduate dorms in its January meeting. Currently, each dorm has one representative regardless of the number of students living there. This is different from academic departments, that have proportional representation. At the January meeting, the officers presented a new proposal, with no mention of proportional representation, which passed. Therefore, S-P will therefore continue to have the same number of representatives as any other dorm. For more information contact the s-p rep: sp-gsc-rep@mit.edu

the GSC supports the proposal of MIT Office of LBGT Services

In the January meeting, the GSC (Graduate Student Council) agreed to “Endorse the proposal put forth by the LBGT Issues Group to create an Office of LBGT



The MIT campus, after the blizzard (photo by Anita Villanueva).

Services within the Office for Student Life, staffed by a new Assistant Dean for LBGT Services to institutionalize MIT’s commitment “to creating an environment in which every individual can work, study, and live without being harassed.” For more information, please see the GSC website: <http://web.mit.edu/gsc/www> or contact the s-p rep: sp-gsc-rep@mit.edu.

do you like trivia?

Join a team from S-P for a game of quizbowl!

Where? New Stata Center R&D Pub

When? Every Thursday at 4.30 pm, starting February 24

What? Quizbowl is a trivia game opposing two teams of four people with questions covering various fields of knowledge (science, arts, history, literature, etc.), with some silly features (a charade) and a local touch (an MIT/Boston category).

This is the third quizbowl tournament in two years, and the first Institute-wide contest.

If you are interested in joining a S-P team contact the GSC rep: sp-gsc-rep@mit.edu.



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features

Calendar (February 1st - February 28th)

time	date
	wednesday, february 2
8 pm - 9 pm 9 pm - 10 pm	Salsa Night Dance Lesson S-P Coffee Hour and Open Dance
	saturday, february 5 thru sunday, february 6
TBD	MIT Indoor Climbing Competition at Walker Memorial (S-P Outing Committee)
	sunday, february 6
6:30 pm	Superbowl Night and Snacks, S-P Multipurpose Room
	wednesday, february 16
5 pm - 8 pm	Research in Progress, seminar series cocktail party, Stata Center
	thursday, february 17
TBD	The Little Prince, Schubert Theater, sign up by February 4th
	thursday, february 24
TBD	Cats the Musical, The Wang Theater, sign up by February 4th
	thursday, february 24
4:30 pm	Trivia, R&D Pub, Stata Center

Also: check online at http://s-p.mit.edu/about_sp/oguide2004/calendar.php for events and activities.

features

letting it snow all over campus



IN RAIN OR SNOW? After the blizzard, the snow almost covers the mailboxes. Photo by Anita Villanueva. ▽

FROM BEHIND THE LOOKING GLASS Sples residents stayed inside and stayed warm during the January blizzard. Photo by Anita Villanueva. ▽



TRAILBLAZERS Even after the plows came through, the snow continued to pile. Photo by Anita Villanueva. △



features

an MIT winter wonderland



A NEW HOME The always resourceful MIT students use the abundant snow to create a new structure on campus. Photo by Vinay Mahajan. △

FRANKENSNOW A student mixes some skis and a bike together to create a kinder, gentler snow vehicle. Photo by Vinay Mahajan. ▷



WAIST HIGH MIT student Vinay Mahajan shows us how deep the snow is in front of the MIT dome. Photo by Ananya Roy. ▽



*research in progress

interdisciplinary dialogues for the MIT community

kickoff party:

February 16

5-8 pm

Stata Lobby

first seminar:

“emergent design in architecture and biology”

February 24

7-9 pm

Stata

sports

the sidney-pacific IM hockey team

photo provided by J.P. Kurpiewski, S-P Brunch Vice Chair

The Sidney-Pacific IM hockey team is pictured below. The photos are from January 18, after the IM hockey team beat their opponents 5-0. The season record for the team thus far is 3-3, and they will play their last few games during the spring term.

The team members in the photo are (from left to right):

TOP ROW: Tim Vanderpoel, Ali Motamedi,

Drew Desautels, a ringer, Naveen Verma, Dave Quinn (co-captain), Eric Soller, Jim Berry

BOTTOM ROW: Brian Mihok, Daniel Finchelstein, J.P. Kurpiewski (co-captain, goalie), Tim Johnson.

NOT PICTURED: Jenny Yang, Jeff Lieb, Chi Guan, Bruce Pan, Dave Lahr, Oliver Toupet, Brian Selden, Devon Manz, Jim Cuseo, and a few alternates.

