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The MIT Skydiving Club completes an eight-way round, the first of three formations built on a jump from 13,500 feet over Pepperell, MA. The jump set a new record for an all-MIT skydive. Clockwise from bottom are Steve Dyer, Tupper Hyde G, Meredith McKenzie '93, Greg Galperin G, Carl de Marcken G, Olaf Bleck '89, Dean Cerrato G, and Jim Rees '89.



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ting on appropriate titles. "For example, we knew that we needed to talk about several international organizations and the legal system, but eventually, instead of focusing just on international legal aspects, we decided to name the section 'Structures for Stability,'" Yoo said.

Yoo, a political science student, got involved in the colloquium, because she thought "more of these student-run seminars should go on. It was a great idea."

"We got advice from various faculty and people in the community about what we should discuss and who we should have speak," Crystal said. "I got in touch with students from different schools and they got in touch with their faculty."

Selecting speakers took time

"The part that we probably worked hardest at was trying to decide who we wanted to speak. That part took a lot of discussion, then trying to get those speakers to come. Then, once we got answers from them, we had to decide again who we wanted to come," Yoo said. She wrote many letters to academics, businessmen, and people in the military and the government, asking them to come and speak.

Many MIT faculty members were included in the collection of speakers. One of them was Kenneth A. Oye, director of the Center for International Studies. Oye moderated the "Weapons Proliferation and

Arms Trade" forum, held at MIT. "It was an interesting consortium. I thought that it was an exceptional group of questions coming from the audience, on a very diverse set of topics," he said. He initially agreed to speak at the forum because he was glad to see "this kind of initiative taken by students on contemporary issues."

Other MIT faculty involved in the colloquium were Stephen W. Van Evera, assistant professor of political science, Kosta Tsipis, director of the Program in Science and Technology for International Security, and Barry R. Posen and George W. Rathjens, both professors of political science, defense, and arms control studies.

Crystal said she was pleased with the results of the MIT forum. "I think everybody got something different out of it," she said. She believed that the discussion format suited both those who knew about arms trading and weapons proliferation, as well as those who didn't. "It was interesting. I'm trying to absorb it; some of it went over my head, I think," Crystal said.

The Harvard and MIT forums have already taken place. Tufts will host "The New World Order: Structures for Stability" on October 8. UMass-Boston will hold "The Economic and Political Realities of Converting to a Peacetime Economy" on October 13, and Boston University sponsors "How Much is Enough? Future Directions for Defense" on October 15.

New College Democrats Chapter Forms at MIT

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Monday, Goodman said. Today is the last day to register to vote in the November election in Massachusetts, she said.

"I'm pretty happy about [the registration drive]. It was a good thing to have," Goodman said. For many of the students that come from other states, it is too late to get absentee ballots, she said. This gives students a chance to vote by registering in Cambridge.

Long term plans for the College Democrats include bringing in speakers to cover political topics and working with the Harvard Democrat's Club, Goodman said. Goodman also said that as a political science major, she is often aware of activities going on, but with the club "speakers and activities can be accessible to a wider variety of people," including students in other majors.

Emily R. Prenner '93 said that the club might look into sponsoring a debate.

Prenner, Karen Kaplan '93, Goodman, and May are starting the club. According to Prenner, who is the club's temporary president, the club is awaiting official recognition by the Association of Student Activities.

Some club members have attended or participated in campaign-related activities around Boston and on campus, including Clinton's Sept. 25 speech at Faneuil Hall and President George Bush's appearance at a fundraising dinner last Friday.

MIT involved in nationwide event

On September 18, Clinton, Gore, Hillary Clinton, and Tipper Gore

took part in National Student Mobilization Day, "the official kick-off [of] national campus registration drives," according to the Clinton campaign. Each of them spoke at a different university campus; Tipper Gore was at Boston University.

MIT joined in the festivities by holding a small rally outside the Student Center just after noon. Andrei M. G. Saunders '92 and Walter E. Babiec '94 spoke at the rally.

"Our role is to kick-off the campus activities for Bill Clinton — to get students informed and aware of the issues," Babiec said.

"I think it was successful, even though there weren't tons of people. We were visible," said Clinton S. Bench '94. At least 20 students came, he said.

"I feel strongly about the success of organizations like these. Over the last 12 years with Reagan, then Bush in power, a lot of young people have lost the sense of what democracy is about," Bench said.

MIT rally organizers attributed the low turnout to the late time at which they found out about the NSMD. They did not have much time to publicize the event.

Saunders said he heard that the NSMD events at BU and Harvard were successful.

In his speech, Saunders "tried to stress that Bill Clinton and Al Gore are really in support of stronger education programs in this country."

"I think that although MIT is demanding time-wise, people should take the time to stop and think about the issues," he said. What goes on in Washington, D.C. affects students' lives, and we should think about that, he added.

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