

MIT CLUB OF SOUTH TEXAS



February 2006

<http://alumweb.mit.edu/clubs/s-texas>



Call for Mentors – Spring Branch ISD “SpringBoard” Mentor Program Club of South Texas Seeks Interested Alumni

We invite the entire MIT Alumni Club membership to take advantage of this opportunity to make a significant impact in a child's life. Come learn more about the SpringBoard Mentor program on **February 22, 2006** at a brief information session. Following this information session, on **March 1, 2006** we will hold the first training sessions which provide the strategies and logistical information you need to get started as a mentor. If you cannot make one or both of these events, don't be deterred! We'll arrange for you to receive training and materials to get you started. Details for both events are on the Club's website:

<http://alumweb.mit.edu/clubs/s-texas>

For more information, please contact Anthony Thomas

March Happy Hour Thursday, March 2, 2006 6:30pm

Ginger Man

5607 Morningside Dr

Houston, TX 77005-3218

<http://maps.citysearch.com/location/9841687?>

(713) 526-2770

We return to the famous Ginger Man pub in the Rice village area as our next happy hour venue. Continuing our recent trend of joint events, we have also invited Houston area University of Chicago, Harvard, and Yale alumni. Hope to see you there!

-Stacey Nakamura stexaswebmaster@alum.mit.edu

-Tarik Ward stexasvpyoung1@alum.mit.edu

March Dining Club - Sunday Brunch Sunday, March 5, 2006 11am

Mi Luna

2441 University Blvd

Houston, TX 77005

<http://maps.citysearch.com/location/9840827?>

(713) 520-5025

\$22.00 per person, payable in advance via [SmarTrans™](#)
Price includes buffet, tax and tip.

RSVP deadline is 11pm CST, February 28th, via

[SmarTrans™](#)

<https://alum.mit.edu/smarTrans/user/Register.dyn?eventID=5188&groupID=151>

Our next dining club event is actually Sunday brunch! We have made arrangements for a group meal at Mi Luna in the Rice village area. The Sunday brunch buffet at Mi Luna includes a wide selection of tapas, an omelet station, and bottomless mimosas, champagne, and sangria. **Space is limited, so RSVP quickly!**

- Yong Chen

UHCL School of Science and Computer Engineering Presents:

Sylvester James Gates Jr. '77

John S. Toll Professor of Physics

University of Maryland

“Lords of the Ring”

Tuesday, March 7, 2006

6pm University of Houston – Clear Lake

RSVP by March 2 to UHCL at rsvp@uhcl.edu

For more details, see the UHCL flyer posted on our website:

http://alumweb.mit.edu/clubs/s-texas/doc/Prof_Gates_UHCL_Event.pdf

Did you know that we only understand about five percent of the universe? The last decade in physics has led to a dizzying array of new ideas: supersymmetry, extra dimensions, dark matter, dark energy, matter-antimatter asymmetry, cosmic microwave background and an accelerating universe among others. What are these things? How does humanity learn more about them? The LHC (Large Hadron Collider), an accelerator ring in Geneva, Switzerland, is near completion. The ring will help scientists replicate conditions that occurred a fraction of a second after the big bang, giving us a glimpse into the origins of force and matter in our universe. We invite you to join this “fellowship of the ring” with renowned mathematics and physics scholar Sylvester James Gates Jr.

Sylvester James Gates Jr. received Bachelor of Science degrees in Mathematics and Physics and his Ph.D. in Physics at MIT. His doctoral studies in elementary particle physics and quantum field theory evolved into research on supersymmetry. Gates has since authored or co-authored more than 120 research papers published in scientific journals, co-authored a book, “Superspace, or One Thousand and One Lessons in Supersymmetry,” and contributed numerous articles to other publications. His research in mathematical and theoretical physics of supersymmetric particles, fields and

strings, covers topics such as the physics of quarks, leptons, gravity, super and heterotic strings and unified field theories of the type first envisioned by Albert Einstein.

Many thanks to **David Garrison '97**, Faculty Chair and Assistant Professor of Physics, UHCL, for providing us a heads-up on this event!

11th Annual MIT Night at Aeros Hockey: Houston Aeros vs Peoria Rivermen

Saturday, April 1, 2006 7:35pm

RSVP by March 26

(11pm CST, March 26 if RSVP'ing via [SmarTrans™](https://alum.mit.edu/smarTrans/user/Register.dyn?eventID=5187&groupID=151))

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The MIT Club returns to the Toyota Center ice 7:35 pm **Saturday, April 1** to cheer the playoff-bound Aeros as they battle the Peoria Rivermen (no jokes please!). As this announcement goes out, the Aeros lead the West Division and are second in the League. With the AHL's top two scorers (Kirby Law and Eric Westrum) and number one rookie (Patrick O'Sullivan – aka Paddy O) the Aeros will take on former NHL All Star goalie Patrick Lalime.

We've got a block of great Club-Level seats close to the glass in center ice – same as last year. Great hockey action plus it's PUCK NIGHT! Free commemorative pucks if you are one of the first 3000 fans at the game. Seats are limited so reserve early! Only \$24.00 per ticket for 2006 members and guests, \$28 (the box office price) for non-members. Add a \$1.00 handling charge per order. Reserved VIP parking is \$5.00 per car. RSVP via SmarTrans™ or by the coupon on page 3.
- *Dave Johnston*

2006 Leadership in Education (LEAP) Competition for Teachers

The MIT Club of South Texas through its Leadership in Education Program (LEAP) has an ongoing interest in encouraging students interested in science and mathematics and in helping to elevate the level of technical literacy in our community. We would like to recognize key science and math teachers who are making a difference and to support their ongoing commitment to educating our youth in science and technology.

We invite science and math teachers from the Greater Houston/South Texas Area to apply for the 2006 MIT Leadership in Education Award (LEAP).

The winner of this award will attend the 2006 MIT Science and Engineering Program for Teachers, June 25-July 1, **at our expense**.

This program brings educators to the MIT campus for one week of intense study with MIT faculty and scientists who work at the leading edge of research. This program is described more fully in the accompanying brochure. We will select a winner based on enthusiasm as an educator, credibility among peers, ability to stimulate students in science and technology, and interest in making a difference in our community. This is the thirteenth year we have supported teachers from South Texas to attend this unique program.

Applicants must be teaching full-time, fifth-grade level or higher; must speak and read English; and must hold an advanced degree or be working toward one. Science-department heads and district coordinators are also welcome to apply. Each application should be accompanied by (1) a completed application form for the MIT summer program (available in the accompanying brochure) and (2) a letter of recommendation from someone who can speak to the selection criteria noted above.

In order to be considered for a scholarship and travel expenses for the MIT summer program, applications should be sent to Ed Rinehart, 13722 Ashley Run, Houston, TX 77077-1511, to be received by **March 4, 2006**.

The 2006 LEAP application can be found on our website at: <http://alumweb.mit.edu/clubs/s-texas/LEAP2006Application.pdf>
- *Ed Rinehart*

2005-2006 Board of Directors

The MIT Club of South Texas is proud to announce the 2005-2006 Board of Directors:

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Anyone interested is welcome at the monthly board meetings, generally held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. For more information, please contact Dave Johnston

Upcoming Events:

1 March: Mentor Training

2 March: Happy Hour

4 March: LEAP Nominations Due

5 March: Dining Club Brunch

7 March: Prof. Gates Presentation

1 April: Houston Aeros Hockey

Houston Aeros Hockey @ Toyota Center

Saturday, April 1, 2006 7:35pm

RSVP by March 26

	_____ @ \$24.00 / person (2006 dues-paid club members & guests)
	_____ @ \$28.00 / person (non-members)
	\$5.00 Optional Discount Advance Parking (per order)
\$1.00	Handling Fee
	Amount Enclosed

NOTE: You will receive your tickets in the mail. If you respond late, we may ask you to meet us for ticket pickup.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Please make check payable to **MIT Club of South Texas**, and return to:

David Johnston
522 Kickerillo Drive
Houston, TX 77079-7415

Sign up now for 2006 Membership !

Please sign me up as a **Member** of the **MIT Club of South Texas** for Calendar Year **2006**:

Name: _____ Class & Course: _____
 Home: _____ Work: _____

 Phone: (____) ____ - _____ Phone: (____) ____ - _____

Preferred Announcement Service – In addition to our regular monthly Newsletter, Please specify your preferred contact method for **special members-only events** and **event reminders**. (Your use of Email helps the Club control operating costs – Your Email address will be held confidential):

E-mail : _____ US Postal Service
 FAX: (____) ____ - _____ Please circle preferred fax receive times: Day Evening Overnight No Preference

Benefactor, \$200+ Sustaining, \$100+ Patron, \$50+ Regular, \$25 Recent Grad ('01-'06), \$5
 Parent (per household), \$25
 Extra Contribution to Leadership In Education: \$_____

Please make check payable to **MIT Club of South Texas** and return to:

Ramón San Pedro
8503 Stone Village Lane
Houston, TX 77040

Paying for BOTH your 2004 Dues AND Aeros Tickets?
Please send both coupons to Dave Johnston

Dues Paid Members for 2006 (as of February 2, 2006)

The MIT Club of South Texas expresses its thanks for your continued support of the Club !

Benefactor

Dorflinger, Glen
 Hussain, S. Anwer
 Israel, Sharon
 Walker III, Edward
 Westby, Tim
 Williams, Curtis

Sustaining

Ackerley, Robert
 Cisar, Alan
 Cisar, Marilyn Taggi
 Flowers, Daniel
 Grossweiler, Phillip
 Kuhnen, Carl
 Murdoch, Stephen
 Tervalon, Albert
 Turner, R. Gregory

Patron

Bair, R. Stanley
 Baker, Marvin
 Chan, Eric
 Closmann, Phil
 Demirdoven, Nurettin
 Eakin, Bert
 Filak, George
 Gabel, Morris
 Johnston, David
 Homsy, Charles

Kashiwagi, Brian
 Nakamura, Stacey
 Quintana, Mauricio
 San Pedro, Ramon

Regular

Adewuya, Adenike
 Asch, Annette LeClair
 Athaide, Christopher
 Altrichter, Diane
 Baker, Lawrence
 Belt, Barbara
 Blickwede, Don
 Bobbitt, John
 Brady, Tim
 Brito, Jamie
 Burson, John
 Cambon, Mike
 Chamitoff, Greg
 Chan, Jennifer
 Chilton, Robert
 Corwin, John
 Cutler, Scott
 Denard, Sam
 Farah, Ali M
 Goldsmith, Andrew
 Harnsberger, Don
 Heger, Wendy
 Hsu, Jean
 Idleburg, Carol

Jarchow, Craig
 Jester III, Lewis
 Kowalishin, Roberta
 Koch, Stephen
 Lantner, Gary
 Lantner, Janet
 Little, Willard
 Liu, Roy
 Liu, Yvonne
 Mkandawire, Suzie
 Moore, Samuel
 Myers, Jeff
 Nelson, Jocelyn
 Norvik, Johan
 Patten, Richard
 Peaceman, Donald
 Policastro, Peter
 Price, Cordelia
 Schweizer, Richard
 Sena, Arcangelo
 Smith, Michael
 Srinivasan, Sundry
 Starkschall, George
 Stover, Roger
 Szara, Mark
 Tang, Sunny
 Thaller, David
 Tesciuba, Michele
 Torres-MacDonald, MaryAlice
 Triebes, Carl

Tubman, Kenneth
 Vallejo, Ramon
 Vargas, Herman
 Victorio, Tom
 Vrolijk, Peter
 Wagner, Jeanette
 Wang, Dean
 White, R. Winslow
 Zarcaro, John

Recent Graduates

Fantozzi, Esme
 Fox, Matthew
 Hiers, Todd
 Jackson, Benjamin
 Jorgensen, James
 Kane, Jonathan
 Laguna-Aponte, David
 Liu, Song
 Maguire, Karla
 Riddick, Dwan
 Thomas, Anthony
 Ward, Tarik

Parents - Regular

Browne, Hamilton & Bobbie
 Herder, Charlie
 Ray, Doug and Jana
 Dang, Truong and Loan

Questionnaire – Please Complete And Return With Any Coupon

	Challenges of Meeting World Bank Standards During Upstream Oil and Gas Construction	Toast To IAP
I Attended	[]	[]
If you attended, rate event from 5 (very satisfied) to 1	5 4 3 2 1	5 4 3 2 1
I Did Not Attend	[]	[]
If you did not attend, please indicate reason:	[]	[]
Event did not interest me	[]	[]
Interested but had previous commitment	[]	[]
Did not know about event	[]	[]
Did not find out about event in time	[]	[]
Other (please state below)		

I prefer to receive Club information (circle all that apply): Email Newsletter Postcard Website

Other comments (also please include any ideas for future Club events and/or if you are interested in volunteering to help plan and manage events):