Glass, Bricks, and Angles: The Tech Previews the Stata Center

By Tongyan Lin

The Cambridge-MIT Institute will end in three years, one year later than the original contract had said. However, plans are currently underway to allow the Undergraduate Exchange Program, introduced by CMI, to continue to run after it is no longer funded by the Institute, according to Rachel Simpson of the CMI press office.

The Institute, which was created in 2000, began as a five-year contract funded by the United Kingdom government and private industries.

This summer, the contract was extended for a year to "set up some new projects that are going to launch this fall," Simpson said.

Each year up to 50 MIT juniors from 12 departments spend the year studying at the University of Cambridge, and a similar number of Cambridge juniors spend the year at MIT. The program is currently funded entirely under CMI, to continue to run after it is no longer funded by the United Kingdom.

MIT, said Margaret S. Enders, associate dean for undergraduate education and head of the CMI Undergraduate Exchange Office.

The original intention for CMI was to "set projects up and find ways for them to continue" after the Institute itself had ended, Simpson said.

Exchange programs need funding

The Undergraduate Exchange Program is currently funded entirely by CMI. However, the funding has decreased this year in order to allow CMI to focus on "new initiatives," Enders said.

Enders said plans for fund-raising are being developed at the MIT Resource Development Office. The fund-raising will likely be directed at alumni, Enders said, though it "is too early to tell."

MIT Police Visit FSILGs

Hold "Wellness Checks"

By Brian Keegan

Kimberly G. Chao '04 was surprised to answer the door at Alpha Chi Omega on a school night last fall. When she did, she said, she thought she was about to see two MIT police officers.

However, the officers were not there to address typical concerns such as noise complaints or an unregistered party.

"They asked to speak to the president of the house, handed him a letter saying they were going to do these checks this term," wrote Jake C. Pinato '04, a Phi Kappa Sigma member, in an e-mail about his MIT Police encounter.

The letter was from Lieutenant Daniel Costa of the MIT Police.

"They are looking for every place we can go to improve the campus environment," Costa said.
FBI Agents Begin Interviews Of Bush Officials in CIA Leak

By Christopher Marquis

WASHINGTON

FBI agents have been interviewing Bush administration officials about the discovery of an undercover CIA agent’s identity, government officials said on Thursday.

Some details of the investigation, including the start of the interviews, were first reported earlier this week by Time magazine and on Thursday by The Associated Press. They reported that among those being interviewed by the President Bush’s senior adviser, and Scott McClellan, the White House press secretary.

The inquiry focuses on whether one or more administration officials disclosed the identity of a CIA officer who is married to Joseph C. Wilson IV, a former diplomat who publicly questioned the validity of some of the intelligence information used by the administration to justify the war with Iraq. Wilson’s wife, Valerie Plame, was named in a syndicated column by Robert D. Novak on July 14, eight days after Wilson, in an Op-Ed article in The New York Times, said the administration had twisted intelligence information about Iraq’s possible purchase of uranium from Niger.

Clinton Brokers Deal to Get Low Price AIDS Drugs to Africa

By Stephen Greenhouse

NEW YORK

Former President Bill Clinton announced Thursday that his foundation was in agreement with four generic drug companies to cut the cost of certain AIDS antiretroviral drugs by about a third, and in one case, by half, for distribution in poor countries.

Under the agreement, combinations of three drugs will be provided, instead of the drugs alone, where the Clinton Foundation HIV/AIDS Initiative is trying to establish country-wide health care, treatment and prevention programs.

The goal is to provide the drugs to up to 2 million people by 2008, Clinton said in making the announcement at a news conference at his offices in Harlem. He said his foundation would work with other organizations like the World Health Organization; President George W. Bush’s AIDS initiative; and the Global Fund.

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By Alister畜牧业

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Rumsfeld's Critics Increasingly Coming from Republican Party

By Douglas Jehl and David Firestone
THE NEW YORK TIMES
WASHINGTON

Last Friday, the Republican chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee and his top Democratic colleague sent a private letter to Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld that questioned the propriety of comments made by a top Pentagon general, William G. Boykin.

Rumsfeld not only did not respond, but on Tuesday, after the chairman, Sen. John Warner, R-Va., made the letter public, the defense secretary said he knew nothing about it. "It may be somewhere around the building," Rumsfeld told reporters on Capitol Hill, "butl am not aware of it."

The episode was described this week by senior Republican congressional officials as emblematic of what some have publicly described as the high-handedness and lack of respect shown by Rumsfeld, whose steps and missteps over the past month have drawn increasing criticism in the press.

On issues varying from Boykin — who has likened the war against Islamic militants to a battle against Satan — to Rumsfeld's own views about the war on terrorism, and the gap between Rumsfeld's puffy public appearances and the more ruffly hewn private views that leaked out this week, senior Republicans have joined Democrats in publicly complaining that the Pentagon has left them in the dark and exposed on critical and sensitive political issues.

Warnor, a former Secretary of the Navy who is chairman of the Armed Services Committee is the Pentagon's most powerful congressional overseer, would not comment for this article. But he was described by other senators and senior Republican staff members as being particularly angry. One senior Republican congressional official, who would not speak for the record, said he had concluded that Rumsfeld's approach was doing harm to the White House and that he had become "a millstone around the president's neck."

Despite New Safety Regulations, China Workplace Deaths Are High

By Joseph Kahn
THE NEW YORK TIMES

New work safety rules and beefed-up enforcement have failed to reduce the death toll in China's mines and factories so far this year, and a government official acknowledged that the problem "has not been completely addressed."

Accidents killed 11,449 workers through September, an increase of 9 percent over the corresponding period a year earlier, according to national data released Thursday.

The official tally shows the number of deaths dropping slightly in notorious coal mines, but rising in other types of mines and jumping by 19 percent at factories and construction sites.

The deaths reflect that workplace safety is a relatively low priority for China's government, which puts heavy emphasis on raising production and forbids workers from forming independent unions. Although China's new leaders have promised to overhaul the way they manage the economy to better reflect the needs of workers, top leaders rarely speak about the numbers of casualties in a wide variety of Chinese industries.

They have continued to repress workers who voice concerns about poor labor conditions as potential threats to the Communist Party's hold on power. Since a new work safety law was enacted last year, the State Administration on Work Safety has begun regularly releasing statistics about accident rates. Authorities have also increased penalties for mine owners who allow hazardous conditions to persist.

Overall, however, the agency's power appears to be limited and the propaganda campaign is noticeably improved the country's safety record.

Huang Yi, the chief legal officer of the work safety administration, told a news conference Thursday that the State Council, China's Cabinet, had ordered the agency to improve its procedures and had given it fresh powers of enforcement, but did not provide details.

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Opinion

Clarifying a Candidate's Proposal

To the Editor:

Your October 17 article about the city council candidates focused on "Fast Control, City Government Organization," which I found misleading. My proposal was for a payroll tax on city employees to help support Cambridge's infrastructure. I did not propose a payroll tax on those who earn salaries over $100,000.

While I understand that the paper has space constraints, the article should have addressed my proposal more fairly. I believe that a payroll tax is needed to support the city's infrastructure and services.

I hope the readership will consider my proposal seriously.

Sincerely,

Candidate for Cambridge City Council

Pedro Martinez, Thinking Man

To the Editor:

Yongyi Zhao incorrectly interpreted Pedro Martinez's gesture and body language during Game 3 of the ALCS ("Hey Pedro: Please Shut Up and Grow Up," Oct. 17). Instead of threatening to hit Jorge Posada in the head, what he was saying was: "(points at Posada): "Hey you..." (points at own temple): "Think about it. Why would I walk the bases loaded?"

Baseball is a thinking person's game, and Mr. Martinez clearly has a plan.

Pedro was merely reminding Posada of his focus. Dave Lahr, G
The Story So Far

Andrew C. Thomas

For the first time since May, judging by the comments to the editor we in Opinion have received, debate is raging on this campus. As someone who believes that debate is necessary for a campus to function properly, I couldn't be happier about it. People are expressing opinions and fighting it out over public issues, and this campus seems to have once again found its soul in verbal bravel.

The people, though, are still just as conflicted. As I write, there is a more subtle agreement on college campuses that supérieur to policing freedoms. The basis of this stronger agreement is that our campus, like so many others, is a melting pot of cultures, races, and political ideologies. In order to maintain a high level of comfort within such a diverse group, we have an implicit agreement that we will air our political views in an appropriate manner. Examples of this forum include, but are not restricted to, school publications, club-sponsored lectures, political demonstrations, and personal conversations.

The more important question is: If one is mindful of the diverse political ideologies on campus, how, then, could the Israeli flag be considered offensive? There are myriad valid reasons why someone might take offense to the Israeli flag being hung in a public place here on campus.

I went to sleep Monday night with the history of the images of air strikes burning into my mind. The most widely reported of these missiles strikes left ten dead and approximately 50 injured, with only a few of these casualties civilian and many of them women and children. Meanwhile, the Israeli government has sent mixed messages regarding its administration's remorse. A government general, I'm informed, even upbraided the Israeli military to rethink tactics or to take responsibility for past actions. Furthermore, even in the face of this glaring error, and as the world calls for one side in this conflict to end the cycle of violence, Sharon insists that air strikes will continue.

I have been following the construction of Sharon's "security wall" closely. Perhaps one could drum up something positive to say about the "security wall." For example, the Israeli government insists that the wall will keep suicide bombers from entering Israel. I do not believe that this "security wall" is an effective measure. The very idea of protecting an entire country from the entrance of one dangerous individual by means of a wall is preposterous. Moreover, it is certainly not a step towards peace, and therefore not a meaningful tool for assuring Israeli security in the long-term. Regardless of the wall's effectiveness as a security measure, the United Nations resolved that the wall be a contravention of international law.

On the other hand, things like the security wall, missile strikes, and checkpoints are manifestations of the Israeli government's intrusions into Palestinian economic security, political freedom, and personal safety. One might very well take the opinion that the Israeli government is doing more than establishing homeland security or assuring that it is taken seriously; it is willfully confounding Palestinians to an inferior class based on religion, ethnicity, and geography. I think it is obvious, at this point, the kinds of things that might cause one to take offense at the hanging of Israel's flag.

Because one criticizing Israel should always be fearful of being labeled an anti-Semite or a racist, allow me to explain myself further. First of all, as an Arab, I am a Semite. More substantively, my best friend is Jewish and over the last 11 years in his company, I have developed an understanding and appreciation for the Jewish religion. I simply take issue with Israel's current administration— for many of the same reasons I take issue with much of the current Palestinian leadership.

It may be odd to say at this point, but the hanging of the Israeli flag doesn't mean much to me that much. In fact, it is pretty clear to me that it is not the flag itself, but political ideology, that is the central issue for many of the people who are interested in Goler's case. Nevertheless, it is understandable that someone would associate a flag with a country's political ideology. In light of the current debate, it is important that we are considerate of the opinions of others in our community alongside Goler's pride in Israel.

Nadeem Mazen is a member of the class of 2006.
positive sinking
America's Family-Friendly Column

By Alakhya Patil

"Wherever I see your new e-mail address, I think that it's Sin King, instead of sinking. Are you the Sin King of MIT?"

Love,
not the editor in chief

Hey, I heard that the big deal is or what exactly people want to know about them. My friends are quick to suggest the topic, but fail to at least any specifics one could address. I guess technique is the main suggestion. So why?

I sometimes wonder if people really know what to do the first time they something entirely unhelpful for or something equally unhelpful for.

I'm not quite sure what the big deal is or or something equally unhelpful for.

The idea of a shower is an interesting idea and will be mentioned to the appropriate people. The Dining Committee is looking into getting replacement vending services to provide drinks and food for late-night workers.

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Back Pain?

Boston, MA – According to a recently released back pain relief report, most back pain sufferers have no idea how to eliminate their pain. Some use heat, others ice. From sleeping on the floor, to pillows underneath the legs, back pain relief techniques vary. But thanks to a free report, local back pain sufferers finally know exactly what to do. To get a copy of the free “Back Pain Relief Report”, call toll-free, 1-800-345-9280. (Toll-free, 24 hour recorded message)

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Book signing and refreshments to follow.

This space donated by The Tech
Exploring MIT's $280 Million Project

Stata, From Page 1

The center's ground level, a long, cascading concourse, is called "the mezzanine." The concourse is spacious and designed to be a public area integrated with shops and banks.

"The concourse is designed to be a public space that will be used by people from the community," said President Robert A. Brown. He said that when completed, the center would be the largest building on the campus. The building is 1.5 million square feet and will cost $580 million.

Technology-filled classroom space

I was then led to one of the experimental materials rooms, located adjacent to the main concourse. The rooms will be used for demonstration purposes. The materials rooms are located on the lower level of the building and are filled with materials that are being tested and developed.

The two towers

The two prominent towers are named after two major donors, William H. Gates and Alexander Resnick. As I walked through the research space, I was struck by the height and scale of the building.

As I walked through the center, I was impressed by the size of the building and the amount of space available for research.

The future of MIT

I was told that the building would be completed in 2006 and that it would be the largest building on campus.

Inside Stata

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Police Try to Forge FSILG Relationship

Police, from Page 1

Patrol division and described a new initiative to perform "wellness-checks" with the twenty-six off-campus fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups.

Costa says that this is not anything new: "We are charged with promoting the safety of the MIT community, but too often we don't have faces to go with names," he said.

"We're trying to build a better relationship with these fraternities to solve problems together," Costa said.

Lieutenant Albert F. Pierce Jr. from the Community Policing division sees this new push as "a kind of neighborhood watch to increase the safety of living groups across the river by having a consistent and visible presence."

He said they "want to build rapport with the community by not only having a presence, but being able to assist and collaborate with its members."

Police visit more frequently

Brian T. Nehmer '05 from Tau Epsilon Phi has noticed that MIT Police have been visiting more often.

"They're stopping by all the fraternities more regularly to get to know the people living there ... They ask no questions, just let me know what they're doing and leave," he said in an e-mail.

Costa said each "wellness check" consists of "two MIT police officers arriving in a marked cruiser, presenting themselves at the front entrance to a member of the living group, recording the time, address, and signature of the member or members present, and finally asking if everything is OK before leaving."

Four to five of these checks occur "most nights" and are intended to be evenly distributed throughout the week among the living groups. Moreover, Pierce tries to be consistent in matching patrol officers to houses to establish a rapport.

He was keen to point out that the "wellness checks" are not an attempt to spy or infringe on the privacy of the houses.

Costa believes that since the checks occur during "reasonable hours" of the day and evening shifts, there has been no adverse effect on manpower, budget, or other police resources.

Members express skepticism

Some in the FSILG community are skeptical of the new program's purported genuine intent.

Terry A. Gaige '04 of Chi Phi said, "The officers are rather grumpy about being forced to make the rounds to collect signatures. They come in and brusquely ask for the signature, as soon as they get it, they jump back in their car."

"If the officers had the right attitude, this policy might facilitate communication, but so far it has not done a thing," Gaige aid.

Pinato says though officers have been generally "friendly about it, I didn't see why they actually needed to talk to me."

Chao admits, "I do not feel like it has had an effect on the sisters of AXO as of yet."
CMI Seeking Funds To Extend Exchange

Money is needed for relocation grants to students and support staff, and possibly UROP funds for Cambridge exchange students who come to MIT.

Enders said she could not provide an estimate of the cost needed to run the student exchange independently of CMI.

She said one possible solution to lack of funding would be to distribute the limited grants based on need and have students fund the remainder.

Despite possible funding problems, Enders said that she wants "to make [the exchange] possible for everyone who needs [the money] to go."

However, Enders is not particularly concerned about the matter. "I can't imagine MIT will turn its back if the fund-raising doesn't succeed," she said.

On the contrary, Enders expects the study-abroad programs at MIT to expand, saying that MIT is "committed to expanding international education opportunities."

The first CMI undergraduate exchange occurred during the 2000-2001 academic year, and nine MIT students traveled to Cambridge, Enders said. In 2001-2002, that number rose to 27. During the 2002-2003 year, 47 participated and this year, there are currently 29 students at Cambridge, she said.

CMI promotes collaboration

Mathematics Professor Haynes R. Miller, the math department administrator for the CMI exchange, said that the program has been successful. "It's extremely exciting and stimulating," he said.

As a result of it, the MIT Department of Mathematics has developed a project lab course to debut this spring, based on a class offered at Cambridge called Computer Aided Teaching of All Mathematics.

The course syllabus, based on developing mathematical theorems through experimental lab procedures, has been collaboratively developed with the aid of the CMI program. "CMI has opened a door and let us do this," Miller said.

An information session about the student exchange program for interested underclassmen will be held Nov. 6.
Hey, Rick! Throw it to me! I'm open, I'm open! Throw it to meeee!

"Ker-spray"? My goodness, Rick, I think you just fixed Kit! Umm, maybe I threw it a bit too hard... boy, she's gonna be MAD when she wakes up.

Yeah... furious. But, even so... don't you think we should help her up or something...

Uh... Rick?

Rickxykes@aol.com

prick@mit.edu
By Nutty B

Nutty B is currently a graduate student at MIT. Please e-mail him with whatever questions you would like someone to listen to, and help him have an excuse to procrastinate at 3 a.m. Please send all questions to askNuttyB@yahoo.com.

Dear Nutty B,

This is my response to your column on Oct. 10. I object your view that "those grad students who have been here for ten years and still go to the office everyday to browse the Web should perhaps worry." 

Firstly, it's NONE of your &$%^&! business.

Secondly, there are people hanging around MIT that for long for reasons other than you monolithically upload. Some unfortunately have non-academic personal issues to deal with and it takes ten years to snap out of it. Now to redeem your columnist sin, go and watch "A Beautiful Mind" ten times until you repent of the erroneous notions in your head! Or I'll remember what you said when I still see you on MIT campus ten years from now — I assure you I'll still be here writing my thesis.

— One of them.

Dear One of Them,

Objection overruled! Irrelevant argument.

The key is the word "perhaps." Nutty B argued that if one has been in school doing nothing but browsing the Internet for ten years, then he or she should PERHAPS worry. He never mentioned one should worry if he or she has already spent ten years at MIT.

Also, of course it's Nutty B's &$%^&! business. You see, Nutty B is currently running for Mr. Congeniality and "would excel" in what he hopes for. His cause your force is highly disturbed and he has summoned Master Yoda to give you a proper training in anger management.

Thank you for the suggestion to watch "A Beautiful Mind" ten times. However, I have already watched it 11 times, and I would like to call my imaginary roommate promise you I will stand as a witness.

Although I do not see the relevance of the movie to your question, I see it as an opportunity to watch it another ten times. You are cordially invited to join me for all ten sessions.

Finally, our misunderstanding aside, would you be such a darling and be nice to my kid in ten years when you become his TA here? I promise you I will visit you once a while and to send you a copy of "A Beautiful Mind" when I graduate.

Anyway, I guess you already have too much of my overdose on "Law and Order" from this column. Case closed.

Dear Nutty B,

I am lonely and I want to date! However, I am too shy to ask anyone out in real life. I have heard of online dating. Do you think I should sign up?

— High-Tech Love

Online dating is not really my field of expertise. However, if you do find it very difficult for yourself to meet people in daily life, perhaps the Internet provides another means for you. Just be careful, though.

Choose carefully in what you are looking for and be cautious at first not to give out all your personal information to the other party are always good rules of thumb.

If one of the profiles on whatever online dating site you are browsing does not suit you, someone that catches your attention, it will not hurt to send him/her a line and go from there. Good luck and let us know how it goes.

Ask Nutty B

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**Friday, October 26**

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. | [HRP: Mentor Application Deadline](http://events.mit.edu/index.php?/hrp/mentor-program)

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**Monday, October 29**

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. | [Dinners for Asia](http://events.mit.edu/index.php?/dsfacدورين/asia)

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**December 30**

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. | [MIT Leadership Conference](http://events.mit.edu/index.php?/mitl/mit领导会议)

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MIT Women's V-Ball Third in NE Region

Clayton led the attack with 22 kills, while Caroline D. Jordan '06 and Frances M. Rogoz '07 added 13 and 12 kills, respectively. Austin Zimmerman '06 dished out 49 assists, and Arielle A. Reaysdell '06 added 7 service aces. The defense was anchored by Jacklyn Y. Wang '06 who dug up 18 of the opposition's kill attempts.

The Engineers are currently 20-4 and ranked third in the 70 team New England Region. They will host conference rival Wellesley College on Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 7 p.m. in Rockwell Cage.

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MIT Emile Bustani Middle East Seminar Presents
Professor Nadim Rouhana
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY
TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY

Visiting Associate Professor of International Diplomacy
The Fletcher School
Tufts University

"THE PALESTINIAN RIGHT OF RETURN: REFUGEES AND THE ROADMAP"
**SPORTS**

**Tech Women’s V-Ball Record Goes to 20-4**

By Paul Dill

The women’s varsity volleyball team secured its 11th straight twenty-win season this week with a win at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. The team travelled down to their conference rival knowing they would face a strong Coast Guard squad and a very hostile and loud crowd. The Engineers ate up the great atmosphere and took it right to Coast Guard in the first two games, controlling and winning both games 30-22 and 30-21, respectively. However, with a 20-17 lead in the third game, it was not to be.

**NFL: Where Are the Winners?**

By Brian Chase

There are few certain things in sports other than cheering, which everybody does, and choking, which only the Cubs and Red Sox do regularly. Everything else is as dependable as Boston weather. This is especially true in the NFL, which has more turnover from the top ranks to the bottom each year than just about any other team sport. Consider the two undefeated teams left in the league, the KC Chiefs and Minnesota Vikings, were a combined 14-18 last year, and neither even made the playoffs. Even more interesting are the fates of last year’s Super Bowl teams, the Oakland Raiders and Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Let’s break them down. Shall we?

**Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1-3)**

Last year, the Bucs won the Super Bowl on the back of a vicious defense that was fast and tenacious. It is all too obvious that that defense is on hiatus, dead, or just plain gone. The Bucs have struggled to beat good passing teams, and they let the Indianapolis Colts back from 21 points down in less than five minutes. More than just poor secondary, it has been noted that the Bucs can’t tackle well, and so they sometimes let small plays break into big ones. Vocal defensive lineman Warren Sapp is not having half the year he did last year. In fact, the only lineman really contributing on defense is Simeon Rice. Because their defense cannot provide the constant pressure to make a playoff run. Last year, the Bucs offense, putting more of the burden on the defense was fast and dominant and the next diminutive. Vocal defensive lineman Warren Sapp is not having half the year he did last year. In fact, the only lineman really contributing on defense is Simeon Rice. Because their defense cannot provide the constant pressure to make a playoff run. Last year, the Bucs offense, putting more of the burden on the defense was fast and dominant. But this year, everything seems to have caught up to the Raiders at once. Jerry Porter was injured to start the season, exposing the fact that without him, there is little speed in the receivers. Gunnam is now stationary in the pocket and getting knocked around like a rag doll by pass rushers, because the offensive line can’t stop anybody. Their defense wasn’t great to begin with last year, and like the Bucs offense, putting more pressure on that squad has had dire consequences. Fingers are being pointed, players are surly, and coach Bill Callahan looks like he can’t control. The last ray of light for the Raiders is that Gunnam was injured in last Monday’s game, and backup QB Marques Tannospose looks like he could get the passing game going.

**Oakland Raiders (2-5)**

As mediocre as Tampa Bay has played, they have nothing on the suicidal free-fall of the Oakland Raiders. Last year, the Raiders were the best offensive team in sports, and I don’t mean their trash talking. They had veteran receivers in Tim Brown, Jerry Rice, and Jerry Porter, and quarterback Rich Gunnam was as dangerous running out of the pocket as passing from it. But this year, everything seems to have caught up to the Raiders at once. Jerry Porter was injured to start the season, exposing the fact that without him, there is little speed in the receivers. Gunnam is now stationary in the pocket and getting knocked around like a rag doll by pass rushers, because the offensive line can’t stop anybody. Their defense wasn’t great to begin with last year, and like the Bucs offense, putting more pressure on that squad has had dire consequences. Fingers are being pointed, players are surly, and coach Bill Callahan looks like he can’t control. The last ray of light for the Raiders is that Gunnam was injured in last Monday’s game, and backup QB Marques Tannospose looks like he could get the passing game going.

**UPCOMING HOME EVENTS**

Saturday, Oct. 25
9 a.m., Varsity Women’s Tennis, NEWMAC Tournament
1 p.m., Varsity Women’s Soccer, Clark
1 p.m., Varsity Women’s Field Hockey, Mount Holyoke
2 p.m., Varsity Football, Nichols
Sunday, Oct. 26
11 a.m., Varsity Women’s Tennis, NEWMAC Tournament

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**iCampus Call For Student Proposals**

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Informational meeting: Thursday Oct 30th, 6pm, NEO4-518
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