Administrators in SLP Leave MIT

By Jenny Zhang

Several administrators from Student Life Programs have left MIT over the past three months, primarily to take new jobs.

Among those who left are Steven J. Tyrell, former associate dean for student discipline; Carol Orme-Johnson, assistant dean for student discipline; Katie O’Dair, assistant dean for residential life programs; and Ricky A. Gresh, administrator for residential programs.

Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedict said that turnover is typical for residential programs.

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Benedict said many of the positions have already been filled by promotions within MIT, and the replacement for Tyrell should be announced within the next week.

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Payment In Lieu Of Taxes Deal Close To Completion

By Marie V. Thibault and Beckett W. Sterner

After almost a year and a half of intermittent negotiations, the written Payment In Lieu Of Taxes agreement is nearing finalization, said Vice-President John R. Curry. Sarah E. Gallop, co-director of the MIT Office of Government and Community Relations, said the draft agreement will be finalized in the very near future, and she said she is “anxious” for it to be finalized.

Curry declined to comment on what the agreement would include, although the agreement would likely increase MIT’s payments to Cambridge.

Cambridge City Councillor Timothy J. Toomey Jr. said he had requested as part of the Council’s instructions that City Manager Robert W. Healy negotiate for more money as well as “getting MIT involved with the public schools.”

The Payment In Lieu Of Taxes agreement began in 1926 as MIT’s “voluntary gift” to Cambridge. Gallop said as a non-profit organization, MIT is exempt from property taxes.

The original impetus for a written PILOT agreement came from MIT’s purchase of Technology Square in 2003.

Initially, this purchase threatened relations with Cambridge because the agreement would be replaced by an ocean engineering track within Course II. The graduate programs in ocean engineering would remain, but would be administered by Course II, Magnanti said.

Low Enrollment Main Factor

Magnanti cited decreasing undergraduate enrollment in Course XIII as the primary reason for the merger. Mary A. Mullahay, an administrative assistant for Course XIII, said 17 undergraduate students and 128 graduate students are enrolled in Course XIII.

Professor Rohan Abeyaratne, department head for Course B, said that enrollment in Course XIII has dwindled and may continue to do so.

Fewer Frosh Requested Housing Reassignments

By Jeffrey Chang

The percentage of freshmen requesting a move in the housing adjustment lottery was the lowest estimated distribution in 2002, the first year that freshmen were allowed to enter a summer housing lottery followed by an adjustment lottery during orientation. Of the 1,084 members of the Class of 2008, 140 requested a move, or about one in eight freshmen. One in five freshmen requested a move in last year’s adjustment lottery, up from one in seven in 2002.

Over 75 percent of the freshmen requesting a move were able to change dormitories, or 107 of the 140.

Last year, 200 students entered the adjustment lottery. Only 110, or 55 percent, were able to move.

New House, Senior House, and Random Hall had the largest percentages of assigned freshmen requesting a move.
Army jailing in Iraq, acting at the CIA’s request, kept dozens of detainees at Abu Ghraib prison and other detainment facilities off official rosters to hide them from Red Cross inspectors, two senior Army generals said Thursday. The totals are far more than had been previously reported.

An Army inquiry completed last month found eight documented cases of so-called “ghost detainees,” but two of the investigating generals said in testimony before two congressional committees and interviews Thursday that depositions from military personnel who served at the prison indicated that the real total was many times higher.

“The number is in the dozens, to perhaps up to 100,” Gen. Paul J. Kern, the senior officer who oversaw the Army inquiry, told the Senate Armed Services Committee. Another investigator, Maj. Gen. George R. Fay, put the figure at “two dozen or so.” But both officers said they could not give a precise number because no records were kept on most of the CIA detainees.

The disclosure added to ques-
tions about the CIA’s practices in Iraq, including why the agency took custody of certain Iraqi prisoners, what interrogation techniques it used, and what became of the ghost detainees, including whether they were ever returned to military cus-
tody. To date, two cases have been made public in which prisoners in CIA custody were removed from Iraq for several months and held in detention centers outside the coun-
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Survey Shows 11.2 Percent Rise In Cost of Providing Health Care

By Milt Freudenheim

The trend of providing health care to workers has increased 11.2 percent this year, according to the results of an authoritative national survey reported Thursday.

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The annual survey of 3,000 companies, conducted for January and May by the Kaiser Family Foundation and Health Research and Educational Trust, is considered a reliable indicator of health care costs paid by companies and their workers.

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Florida, Jamaica Await Arrival
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The Transportation Security Administration has agreed to provide $1.5 million to some 15,000 airline passengers who claim that items in their personal luggage were stolen or damaged in the last 18 months, the agency will announce next week.

After Siege, Russia Begins
To Reorganize Security Services

Byline: By Seth Mydans

The Kremlin reorganized its local security services on Thursday in the region where hundreds of people were killed last week in a school hostage saga. The move was ordered after the security forces failed to avert the threat of terrorism and also to prevent further damaging the samples and to develop a plan for opening the capsule while causing the least harm.

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For Stolen or Damaged Checked Bags

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DuPont Agrees To Settle West Virginia Pollution Lawsuit

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The announcement of a lawsuit in which West Virginia residents accused the company of having contaminated local water supplies with a toxic ingredient used in making Teflon products.

The settlement, which is subject to approval from a circuit court judge, would include cash payments and other expenditures valued at $85 million as well as about $22.6 million in legal fees and as much as $235 million for a medical monitoring program if an independent panel agrees to provide six water districts in the Parkersburg area with toxic ingredient used in making Teflon products.

The settlement grew out of a 2001 lawsuit against DuPont filed on behalf of people living in and near Parkersburg, W. Va., by DuPont has been making Teflon for 50 years. They charged the company with illegally discharging a deadly and hazardous chemical into the water supplies with a toxic ingredient used in making Teflon products.

The company responded to the lawsuit by saying neither PFOA nor Teflon posed any health risks to human beings. DuPont has agreed to provide six water districts in the Parkersburg area with water-treatment equipment to reduce the amount of PFOA to levels prescribed by the water districts. Additionally, the company has agreed to create a panel that will study any potential link between PFOA and human health.
Can't Ignore W idening Poverty Gap

Mr. Baldasaro’s recent commentary from Sept. 1 ["What is Poverty?"] on the definition of poverty is as amusing as it is appalling. In a thoroughly condescending tone, he summons the anachronism of a Middletown middle class to explain how well off the poor are today in the United States of America. It may be helpful for Mr. Baldasaro in reviewing his conclusions to consider some numbers from the Federal government. In 2003, the U.S. Census Bureau estimated that 12.5 percent of the U.S. population was considered impoverished, earning below $8,980 for a single person or $18,400 for a family of four. In addition, in 2002, the Economic Research Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture estimated that 11.1 percent of the U.S. was “food insecure,” almost a third of which was “with hunger.” With numbers like those above, I hope that in the year 2000 people will marvel at the high levels of poverty we live with in the U.S. and especially in other countries. Whether you’re a peanut farmer in the early Republic, a peasant in the Middle Ages, or an impoverished laborer in South Boston in 2004, hunger is hunger.

I am fortunate not to be in poverty, and I would never pretend to know what it is like to live in poverty. However, I do believe social services are necessary and that a discussion about division of wealth is healthy. Social services such as Welfare, Medicaid, and reduced-price school lunches exist because we have compassion for those who are not as well-off as ourselves, whether by birth or by misfortune. Similarly, the recent calls for universal health care in the U.S. stem less from entitlement than from a desire to help those who are not so fortunate.

We pride ourselves in the U.S. for balancing fulfillment of personal desires with magnanimity. We cannot achieve that balance without discussing the gap between “rich” and “poor” and proper distribution of wealth.

Scott Bradley G

Humanities for Engineers

I think it’s great that Ruth Miller in her [Friday, September 3] article “Surprise! MIT has Humanities” encourages students to take more classes in the Humanities and to major in these fields, and she should be complimented. For all its Science and Engineering prowess, I think MIT could use some diversity and strength in the Liberal Arts. Unfortunately, none of the fields (with the exception of Linguistics) that Ms. Miller listed are considered humanities. Only at a school like MIT could Social Science fields like Economics, Political Science, and Urban Studies be dubbed “Humanities,” as if these fields are the only conceivably opinionable if a student feels that Science and Engineering are not for him or her. I was shocked that Ms. Miller neglected to mention ANY major in Course 21 (real Humanities fields) Literature, Foreign Languages, Writing, History etc. While Ms. Miller may think herself a “Bona Fide Humanities major” (and I suspect she truly appreciates these subjects), Course 17 ain’t gonna cut it… except maybe to a Statistics and to major in these fields, and she should be complimented. For all its Science and Engineering prowess, I think MIT could use some diversity and strength in the Liberal Arts. Unfortunately, none of the fields (with the exception of Linguistics) that Ms. Miller listed are considered humanities. Only at a school like MIT could Social Science fields like Economics, Political Science, and Urban Studies be dubbed “Humanities,” as if these fields are the only conceivable opinionable if a student feels that Science and Engineering are not for him or her. I was shocked that Ms. Miller neglected to mention ANY major in Course 21 (real Humanities fields) Literature, Foreign Languages, Writing, History etc. While Ms. Miller may think herself a “Bona Fide Humanities major” (and I suspect she truly appreciates these subjects), Course 17 ain’t gonna cut it… except maybe to a Physics major.

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by James Biggs
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E-mail join@the-tech.mit.edu
By Jiao Wang

The results from several recent Advanced Standing examinations and the Freshman Essay Evaluation have been reported, with pass rates varying widely among departments.

Of approximately 200 students who took the Advanced Standing Chemistry exam, 12 percent were able to receive credit for Principles of Chemical Science (5.111).

Twenty-five out of 59 students who took the Calculus (18.01) advanced standing exam received credit, and 42 out of 64 students who took the Calculus (18.02) advanced standing exam received credit.

Kathleen M. Long of the Biology Education Office said that that of the 15 students who took the Biology Advanced Standing Examination, 3 passed.

The percentage of students who received credit for Physics I (8.01) and Physics II (8.02) through advanced standing examinations is FEE, Page 11.

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dropped significantly. This year, 32 percent of students who took the 8.01 advanced standing exam received credit, compared with 59 percent in 2003 and 24 percent in 2002. Sixty-one percent of students who took the 8.02 advanced standing exam received credit this year, compared with 70 percent last year and 39 percent in 2002.

Brian E. Canavan, academic administrator for the physics department, said the cut-off score for the physics advanced standing exam varies from year to year because a different group of faculty writes the exam every year.

As a result of their performance on the Freshman Essay Evaluation, approximately 72 percent of the 900 freshmen who took the FEE will be allowed to take Communication Intensive subject within the Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (CI-H), compared with 74 percent last year.

About five percent of the freshmen who took the FEE must take Expository Writing for Bilingual Students (21F.222) as their first CI subject, while 23 percent must take a CI Humanities Writing (CI-HW) class as their first CI subject. Students who received a score of 5 on either of the Advanced Placement Language and Composition or AP Literature and Composition exams did not have to take the FEE and can also take any CI-H class.

FEE an “educational experience”

Leslie C. Perelman, director of writing across the curriculum, said the FEE, which is often a student’s first encounter with MIT academics, is “not a test, but an educational experience.” He does not believe that the FEE should be a “pass” or “fail” exam, but rather a way to place incoming students in the appropriate introductory HASS classes.

He said his department is reconsidering whether or not it will accept the AP examinations as an automatic exemption. Perelman said AP composition examinations force students to write quick and impromptu essays on a variety of subjects without really thinking in depth about the topic. Instead, he would like all students to take the FEE, which he believes allows for the development of intelligent arguments in response to complex issues and is a good approximation of what writing at MIT is like.

The structure of the FEE is based upon the philosophy of Paul Deitrich, who developed the Educational Testing Service’s current method for evaluating writing ability. Deitrich believes that the composition of two essays of different types at different times gives a reliable demonstration of the test-taker’s knowledge in a particular field of writing. In this respect, the FEE consists of an expository essay and a narrative essay.

One of the greatest difficulties that the department faces when choosing a FEE topic is dealing fairly MIT’s extreme diverse population. According to Perelman, the department must choose an article that gives “equal access to all people.” Many good articles about popular American pastimes have been ruled out in the past due to their cultural bias.

Most of the articles selected are about education, science, or technology since most students at MIT will move on to become scientists and engineers. Past sources include Atlantic Monthly, Harper’s and New York Times.

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Less than ten percent of the freshmen at Baker House and MacGregor House requested a dormitory change in the lottery.

“There was a larger variety of preferences this year ... there was no particular building” that was favored largely over others, said Denise A. Vallay, assistant director for undergraduate housing. “I think this speaks to how well rush went,” she said.

Most freshmen get first choice

The majority, 58 percent, of the students in the lottery received their first choice, 24 percent got their second choice, 16 percent were assigned to their third choice dormitories, and the remaining two percent were assigned to their fourth choice dormitories.

Of the 33 students whose requests to move were unsuccessful, 32 of them had only selected one other dormitory in their preferences list, said Vallay.

Filling in all four preference slots in the lottery, Vallay said, lets the housing office know that the person is extremely anxious to leave his or her dormitory.

All of the students with three or more choices in the lottery were able to move, she said.

Students that were unable to move can still fill out a change request on the undergraduate housing Web site, http://web.mit.edu/housing/undergrad/application.html, and be added to the waiting list. Changes will be made as rooms free up during the year.

Vallay said that overcrowding remains in seven of the eleven residences: Baker House, Burton-Conner, East Campus, MacGregor, McCormick, New House, and Next House. East Campus and McCormick are the most crowded dormitories, while MacGregor is the least crowded, she said.

About 60 rooms across campus are housing an extra student, though the crowding should go down over the year as some students move off campus, Vallay said.
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n times like these, when pop culture freely explores the emotional difficulties of an adolescent Superman, the notion that even our greatest idols have problems is no longer controversial. Back in the day (1971), the greatest impact of Jesus Christ Superstar was exactly that Jesus was as much human as god, and that meant he could sing angst-ridden rock just as well as anybody else. The MTG production lacks this punch through little fault of its own, and though it reaches for something new, the show’s success derives more from a few well done scenes rather than the musical as a whole:

The obvious controversy of the production, of course, is that Jesus, played by Wellesley student Allison Linker ’05, is a girl. But because the script remained unchanged, even to the versus she, the choice seemed driven far more by singing range than reinvention, excepting the hard-to-miss differences (Mary Magdalene, who knew?) Linker did an excellent job of singing, hitting Jesus’s difficult entrances right on target, although at times she was overwhelmed by the orchestra and ensemble and also does not seem to have done enough smoking in her life to scream like a real punk rocker.

In general, Linker and Director Peter G. Chambers G seem to have connected with Jesus’s plight. Chambers did everything right here, capturing Herod’s decadence with a liberal mix of fishnet, disco lighting and kitsch, culminating in a Broadway sign flashing out “HEROD” in time with the music. He also kept the dancing simple and good, eliminating onstage disasters (“what next?” looks of confusion.

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TT: Someone once said you can categorize people into two categories - those who cry and those who clump.

Benedic: Folding or clumping? I suppose I fold. I've never changed. Does that give you great insight into my personality?

TT: I think you're actually never going to lose those who cry, nor those who clump. Really?

Benedic: (Pause) That's the last thing you want to hear, isn't it?

TT: That's the last thing you want associated with you. Serial murder and child pornography?

Benedic: Star Wars. Absolutely. I thought the first Star Wars movie was just... I just thought it was absolutely phenomenal. This day it holds up well, the technology at the time was revolutionary when I first went to see it, never seen anything like it in my life. It was fabulous. I've probably seen it 25 times since, at least.

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By Akshay Patil

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actual year without consulting Webasis. It’s pathetic what this stuff does to you. I’m still placing myself at risk of getting sucked into a world of quality programming and not doing some sort of access control system, but it’s because they trust you to make the proper decisions about these things. It may be tempting to partake at a young age, but for your own sake, please only use it for medicinal purposes like treating serious diseases like consumeritis. It may sound harsh, but you’ll thank me someday.

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Faculty, Students Disagree About Merger Benefits

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shrink. He added that Course XIII has been unable to add new faculty positions and has been difficult to maintain.

Magnanti also expressed concerns about the core areas in ocean engineering, some of which have only one or two faculty members. Combining the departments, he said, will increase collaboration leading to “more flexibility and less fragility” in the ocean engineering program.

Magnanti stated that this merger would not necessarily lead to a similar trend of consolidation in other departments with low undergraduate enrollment.

Course II Best Match

Although initial committees considered merging Course XIII with Course I or Course XVI, Course II was chosen as the best match, said Magnanti, citing intellectual similarities between the two disciplines in structures, controls, fluids and robotics. Ahearyaratne noted that the course requirements in the two departments are similar, with both emphasizing fluid mechanics and structures.

Changes in programs ahead

Under the conditions of the recommendation, the undergraduate degree in ocean engineering would be dissolved into a track in Course II, said Ahearyaratne.

This change would go into effect with the undergraduate class following adoption of the recommendation, Magnanti said.

The graduate programs would not change, though on paper they would operate under Course II, said Magnanti.

The collaboration between Course XIII and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute would continue under the merger, Magnanti said. He hopes “that the merger will lead to an even stronger Woods Hole Program.”

Students wanted more input

Magnanti said a forum was held by the Graduate Student Counsel last spring in which he spoke with Course XIII students. He also said that the initial committee met with undergraduate students.

Both undergraduate and graduate students in Course XIII, however, expressed concern that their opinions have not been adequately solicited.

“They haven’t really told us anything,” said Ted Truscott G, the treasurer of 133EAS, the student group in Course XIII. Many students feel they were not informed properly, he added.

Truscott said that applicants to the department also have not been informed adequately. In the spring of 2003, he was told about the possibility of a consolidation of Course XIII by the faculty at another university he considered attending, but was not informed by MIT.

Michael Jordan Stanway ’06, a Course XIII student, agreed, saying that until now, there had not been much chance for input beyond the OCC-led forum, though he said his professors had kept him “in the loop” about the possibility of the merger.

Magnanti said that beyond the forum, all other communication was “loop” about the possibility of the merger.

Magnanti said that the responsibility of Course XIII, Acting Department Head of Course XIII Professor Henrik Schmidt declined to comment about the merger, stating that the current situation is “very delicate” as negotiations are ongoing.

Earlier this week, an e-mail was sent to the entire department on behalf of Schmidt informing students of a possible merger, and requesting feedback to satisfy the procedural requirement that student opinions were sought.

Biological Engineering Professor Steven R. Tannenbaum SB ’58, chair of a committee created to review the recommendation, will evaluate this student feedback.

According to the e-mail, “the goal is to contact everyone who might be affected by such a merger to request feedback on it.”

Truscott said that the e-mail requesting input seems to indicate merely an interest in assuring that procedures were followed correctly, rather than looking for the opinions of students regarding the merger itself.

Undergraduate students oppose opinions about the consequences if the merger proceeds.

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Over 200 Frosh Crowded

MIT is currently short 70 beds in undergraduate housing, resulting in the most crowded and uncomfortable dorms that has ever been seen since before Simmons Hall opened in 2002.

The number, over 200 people could be affected by crowding since each "crowd" or student dormitory capacity is roomed within a house with other students. For example, each of the missing spots are accommodated by a double being taken in people to be crowded.

This year’s graduating is largely the result of a high yield for last year’s admitted class, said Denise A. Vallay, assistant director for undergraduate housing. It is hard to get exactly the right number of students for the vacant housing spots, Vallay said, since the size of the incoming freshmen class depends not only on the number of admitted students, but also on the number that matriculate. —Kathryn Lin

Bhuvan Singh’s Death Ruled a Suicide

The death of Bhuvan Singh G has been ruled a suicide, said Emily LaGrassa, spokesperson for the Middlesex District Attorney’s office. Singh was found dead in a storage room near his Building 13 lab and office on Monday.

Seth Horowitz, press officer for the Middlesex District Attorney, said that Singh was bore in May that Singh died from asphyxiation.

The Boston Herald reported that Singh suffocated himself with a yard-waste trash bag.

MIT Grad Crowned Miss Massachusetts

Erika Eibet ’04 became MIT’s first Miss Massachusetts on June 26. Eibet, who had been winning the pageant, which Eibet said she had initially decided to avoid the story in television and being encouraged by a friend. She said she is now preparing for the Miss America pageant, which will take place in Atlantic City on Sept. 18.

Eibet is a computer science and minor in music at MIT. She also participated in the MIT DanceGroup and the varsity co-ed pistol team.

—Beckett Sterner

Stata Dining Opens, MIT Talking With Anna’s for A/W

The Forbes Family Cafe, the new dining facility in the Stata Center, began full operation yesterday, serving hot entrees and pasta in addition to the cafe-style foods that have been offered since July.

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Employee Alleges Harassment, Sues MIT

An employee at MIT’s Lincoln Laboratories, Mark A. Peterson, has filed a lawsuit alleging that he has been subjected to harassment and discrimination because he is a Christian.

Peterson says that he was harassed by his coworkers and several superiors over a period of about two years, during which he was being subjected to harassment and discrimination because he is a Christian.

Many of the officers present was D’Amello, who allegedly “attempted to intimidate Aimee by denying her the fact that he had arrest” her before.” According to the e-mail, D’Amello then allegedly said “I should arrest you again. Aimee responded by asking whether this was a threat designed to intimidate her and then expressed her view of police officers who make such threats.”

—Wassim S. Daher

Aimee Smith Arrested Again, Files Complaint

Aimee Smith ’02 was arrested on the afternoon of Wednesday, Aug. 25, outside the Kendall Station police station on Boston University. She was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest, according to the Kendall Station police log. This is her second arrest in three months by D’Amello.

Smith has a case complaint with MIT,” she said. As for D’Amello, he has been “placed on administrative duty,” and an “independent, third-party investigator” has been brought in to study the situation, said Ann E. Jones, director of the MIT News Office.

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Thirsty Ear to Reopen With Changes

The Thirsty Ear pub will reopen in fall under the administration of the Campus Dining office and the Ashdown House Executive Committee, administrators announced this summer.

The man ”to come the every-day operation,” said Director of Campus Dining Richard D. Berlin. Instead, the pub will be open to the public. The logo has been changed and the menu is being updated.

—Jennifer Krishnan

Late-Night Food Truck Opens on Mass. Ave.

A nighttime food truck, Marty’s B’Mobile Meals, now serves food on Massachusetts Avenue, in front of Building 7, four nights a week.

Marty’s B’Mobile menu includes a variety of sandwich, burger, hamburgers, and salads.

—Weslyn S. Daher

Potential Buyer for Talbot House Found

MIT has found a potential buyer for the Talbot House, Campus Activities Complex Director Philip W. Waltz said.

“There is an agreement under which —Kathryn Lin

Grad Arrested for Arson in Baker

Baker House was evacuated early Saturday morning after a fire ignited on the roof. Arson in Baker House.

—Tongyan Lin

Course 20 No Longer Option

When the last graduate student remaining in Course XX, Biological Applied Sciences, dropped out of contact, the final year, the last vestige of the historic department finally disappeared.

Formally disbanded in 1988, the department has had neither faculty nor an undergraduate curriculum since then, said Peter C. Dedon, professor of biological engineering.

The last graduate student in the department was Bruce Woodson, said Dafna G. Gubare, assistant director of educational services for biological engineering. She said that MIT has been unable to replace him, that he had not graduated but simply disappeared.

—Beckett Sterner

Mullainathan to Leave for Harvard

Economics Professor Sendhil Mullainathan will be leaving MIT this year to accept an appointment at Harvard.

Mullainathan said that the primary reason for his decision was “having more access to the students and the opportunity to write which has a stronger emphasis on behavioral psychology than MIT’s program does.”

—Beckett Sterner

Most Frosh Receive First Housing Choices

Nearly 95 percent of freshmen received their first or second choice dormitories in the full housing lottery held over the summer, said D’Amelio. A Valley assistant director of undergraduate services.

Of the students who entered the lottery in early July, 70.2 percent received their first choice dormitories and 24.6 percent received their second choice dormitories. Only 41 freshmen (3.8 percent of the class) were placed in their third choice dormitories, six percent of their fourth choice dormitories, and 0.3 percent in his or her fifth choice dormitory.

—Marissia Vieg

Networks, Athena Clusters Upped

The summer has seen several changes to residence life on campus and in the computing environment.

The school is looking to add on to the popular director of Housing. “We brought wireless service to first floor common areas and lounges.” said

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Since beginning the negotiations, Curry said that MIT has continued its prior pattern of payments of approximately one million dollars increasing with inflation at about two to three percent a year.

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NFC Prospects: Good Teams Hard to Find

By Brian Chase

This is the second part of The Tech’s predictions for the NFL season, this time focusing on the NFC – the Conference that contains the teams with the most Super Bowl wins. This is the place where the NFC will be decided, so we can assure you that we have pulled out all the stops to select the best candidates for each division.

NFC East:

The NFC East is a tale of two teams: the Dallas Cowboys, who are the team to watch in the West, and the New York Giants, who are the team to watch in the East. The Giants are the team to watch in the East because they have a very good defense, and they are not afraid to use it. They have a very good quarterback in Eli Manning, and they have a very good running back in Brandon Jacobs. The Cowboys are the team to watch in the West because they have a very good quarterback in Tony Romo, and they have a very good running back in DeMarco Murray. They are both teams that are very good, and they are both teams that are very hard to beat.

NFC West:

The NFC West is a tale of two teams: the Arizona Cardinals, who are the team to watch in the West, and the Seattle Seahawks, who are the team to watch in the East. The Cardinals are the team to watch in the West because they have a very good quarterback in Kurt Warner, and they have a very good running back in Edgerrin James. The Seahawks are the team to watch in the East because they have a very good quarterback in Matt Hasselbeck, and they have a very good running back in Marshawn Lynch. They are both teams that are very good, and they are both teams that are very hard to beat.

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Red Sox Start Strong But Just Barely Beat Rangers

By Yong-yi Zhu

The Red Sox’s ten-game win streak is over, but another game Sunday potentially means the start of another. The Red Sox got a good start that Sunday as they beat up on the Texas Rangers, 6–5 in front of a crowd of 34,652 at Fenway Park.

The game was somewhat of a scare to the Sox as Texas got 4 runs in the top of the ninth to get within one run. But Kevin Mench finally flew out to end the game and give the Red Sox their 81st win of the season.

The game featured great pitching by Curt Schilling. He retired the first ten batters of the game, but a 3–2 pitch to Michael Young in the fourth inning promptly ended the perfect game, no-hitter and shutout all in an instant. Young deposited that pitch over the Green Monster for his 17th home run of the year. He would later hit his 18th in the ninth inning to straightaway center field. Schilling would finish with ten strikeouts.

In the ninth, just when it looked like the Red Sox had the game all sealed up, Young drove in the two runs to bring Keith Foulke into the game for the Sox.

After Foulke retired Hank Blalock, the Rangers began their own run of hits from Mark Teixeira, Alfonso Soriano and Dave Delucci, driving in two runs. But finally, Kevin Mench lined out to Mark Bellhorn to end the Ranger threat.

The Boston Red Sox defeated the Texas Rangers 6–5 last Sunday to stay two games behind the Yankees in the AL East.