Community Welcomes President Hockfield

By Jeffrey Chang

It wasn’t her birthday, but President Susan Hockfield recently responded to questions from The Tech’s news department in an e-mail. The questions and Hockfield’s responses follow.

TT: What significance do you attach to being the first woman named president of MIT?
Hockfield: We often feel that change comes too slowly, but the last few decades have been a time of rapid change that have brought increasing opportunities for people from all sectors of our society. To some, the election of a woman, and a life scientist, as president of MIT will seem a natural progression; to others, it will seem a remarkable departure from past traditions. Viewed from any perspective, it is an enormous honor to be the first woman, and the first life scientist, to have been chosen to serve as MIT’s president.

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President Susan Hockfield converses with members of the MIT community at her welcome reception in the Student Center on Monday, Dec. 6.
Congress Reaches Consensus For Passing Intelligence Bill

By Philip Shenon

Congressional leaders said they reached final agreement Monday allowing passage of a bill to overhaul the nation’s intelligence community and enact the major recommendations of the independent Sept. 11 commission, including creation of the job of national intelligence director to force the CIA and other government spy agencies to share intelligence about national security threats.

The agreement ended a weeks-long stalemate over the bill, which had been endorsed by President Bush and the commission that investigated the Sept. 11 attacks but opposed by a group of Republican lawmakers close to the Pentagon who insisted that the bill would dangerously dilute the authority of the Defense Department over intelligence needed on the battlefield.

The Republicans, led by Rep. Duncan Hunter of California, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said they were satisfied by a last-minute revision of the bill to include a sentence requiring that the new national intelligence director operate under guidelines that do not “intrude” on the statutory responsibilities of the Defense Department.

Congressional officials said final House and Senate votes would probably occur Tuesday or Wednesday, allowing Bush to sign the bill into law this week, setting in motion the largest overhaul of the nation’s system for gathering and sharing intelligence since the creation of the CIA in 1947.

The bill would also create a National Counterterrorism Center to coordinate terrorism intelligence from throughout the government, as well as establish an independent civil liberties board to review the government’s privacy policies.

Prominent civil liberties advocates have opposed the overall bill, saying that it grants broad new surveillance and anti-immigration powers to law enforcement agencies that endanger constitutional protections.

The bill’s supporters described the last-minute revisions, which were worked out with the White House during weekend negotiations directly overseen by Vice President Dick Cheney and his staff, as minor. They said they would not undermine the powers of the national intelligence director, who is described in the bill as the president’s chief intelligence adviser and who would take authority away from both the CIA and the Pentagon.

“I think we need intelligence reform,” Hunter said at a news conference Monday with Sen. John Warner, R-Va., the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, who also announced his endorsement of the revised bill after expressing reservations in the past few days.

“My obligation is to the defense sector in this bill, the military aspect of this bill, and the men and women who wear the uniform of the United States,” said Hunter, who was able to block a final House vote on the otherwise popular intelligence bill last month. “We have received a satisfactory provisions that protects them, and so I will vote for the bill.”

In a joint statement, the bill’s chief Senate authors, Susan Collins, R-Maine, and Joseph I. Lieberman, D-Conn., said they welcomed the agreement and said the bill “creates a more coordinated intelligence community with one person in charge, to help make Americans safer and better serve the president, the military, Congress and other agencies that rely on national intelligence.”

U.S. Consulate in Saudi Arabia Raided, Al-Qaida Tie Suspected

By Neil MacFarquhar

Five attackers thought to be linked to al-Qaeda staged a brazen daytime raid on the U.S. Consulate in this kingdom’s most cosmopolitan city on Monday, storming through the sprawling compound’s fortified gate and starting a three-hour gunbattle that left five local consulate employees and four of the attackers dead.

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By Michael McGraw-Herdeg

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By Warren E. Leary

DEFENSE

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Monday that he expected American troops to withdraw from Iraq within four years, but he cautioned that any final decision hinged on the progress that Iraq's civilian government and security forces make by then.

Asked by reporters traveling with him whether U.S. forces would be out of Iraq by the end of his term, Rumsfeld paused to ask whether that meant a second four-year term.

When told yes, he then said: “I would certainly expect that to be the case and hope that to be the case.”

Rumsfeld quickly noted that President Bush has repeatedly said American forces would stay as long as needed in Iraq. But Rumsfeld’s answer offered intriguing clues into his thinking on two crucial subjects: the duration of American troops in Iraq and how long he will stay in his job.

The Defense Department last week announced it would increase the number of American troops in Iraq to 150,000 from 138,000 by early next month, to help provide security for the Iraqi elections on Jan. 30 and to keep pressure on the insurgency.

Pentagon officials said this is only a temporary increase, through next March. But many American military officers and senior Iraqi ministry officials have forecast that the United States would have to keep a sizable troop presence in Iraq for years to come to battle a resident and deadly insurgency, and to help prevent the country from spiraling into civil war.

President Bush last week asked Rumsfeld to stay on as a defense secretary in his next administration, a request Rumsfeld confirmed Monday that he had “enthusiastically” accepted.

But Rumsfeld said he and the president did not discuss how long he would remain, and the secretary declined to go into the subject with reporters.

NASA: Shuttle Expected to Meet New Safety Rules, Fly This Spring

By Eric Schmitt

WASHINGTON

Although still more work needs to be done, NASA officials said Monday that they were close to meeting all safety requirements for getting space shuttles flying again by spring.

“We’re looking forward to return to flight,” said William Parsons, the shuttle program manager, said at a news conference. “We think we’ve turned a corner.”

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration released its third major revision of its return-to-flight plan on Monday, saying the 286-page document detailed how the agency was addressing 15 requirements mandated by the board investigating the loss of the shuttle Columbia before shuttles could be launched again. Five of the requirements have been satisfied, the report said, and managers added that the agency was close to meeting the remaining 10.

“We are well on our way to return-to-flight,” said John Casper, planning manager of the shuttle program. A year ago, he said, NASA had not complied with any of the investigators’ recommendations or an additional 14 that the agency had imposed upon itself before flights could resume. Now the agency has resolved a third of the investigators’ requirements and half of its own, he said.

“We have a good plan, an excellent plan, in place,” Casper said of efforts to launch the shuttle Discovery by May or June.

The three remaining shuttles have been grounded since the Columbia was destroyed upon re-entry from space on Feb. 1, 2003, killing its seven-member crew. The accident review board concluded that the disaster had been caused by debris from the main fuel tank. The debris damaged the shuttle’s wing on takeoff, compromising the thermal protection system and causing the craft to bum up in the atmosphere.

Parsons said that more work was needed on methods to repair the heat protection system but that the first flights would carry the best corrections available to be tested.

High school students in Hong Kong, Finland and South Korea do best in mathematics among those in 40 surveyed countries while students in the United States finished in the bottom half, according to a new, international comparison of mathematical skills shown by 15-year-olds.

The United States was also cited as having the poorest outcomes per dollar spent on education. It ranked 28th of 40 countries on math and 18th on reading.

The study, released Monday by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, a group based in Paris representing 30 nations, used tests given to students in 2003 and was intended to assess relative performance and to try to determine reasons for it.

“The gap between the best and worst performing countries has widened,” said Andreas Schleicher, the official who directed the study and wrote the report.

The study compared student performance in 29 of the 30 countries in the organization, which includes all major industrialized nations, and in 11 other countries that chose to participate. Due to insufficient participation in the study, figures for Britain were not reported.
Unless we’re missing something, MIT’s latest announcement in response to Professor Postol’s rather serious allegations about missile defense testing is far from acceptable. Professor Postol has made serious, direct claims about scientific research funded by MIT’s Lincoln Labs, specifically about the performance on one infrared sensor. The response of all parties has been to obfuscate, evade, and spin their way out of the charges. No one has answered the simple issues he’s raised.

Every Postol directly challenges on the grounds of freely published, unclassified scientific evidence, he convinces his audience. We’re not masters of the whole case — but if the professor’s simple arguments are correct they appear to be sufficient and unqualified evid- ence already exists to prove his case. Of course, a scientist familiar with the paper will say that “we have data that prove your point wrong.” But such unfettered proclamations can only prove it, and it is only a matter of time and Postol’s refusal to be silent, then, before the game comes crashing down on them, not on us.

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Harvard, however, has lots of money, and may be a more natural ally in the Cambridge political ethos. They may be able to pay for everything; it probably doesn’t hurt to ask, as the City Council well knows. But in the face of a national realization that nearly all government budget cuts are high enough that they demand new taxes, or spending cuts, the City of Cambridge shouldn’t be granted a free pass by using Harvard and MIT as ATMs.

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The lack of efficient and intelligent investigation on the part of a committee in charge of overseeing a $14.6 billion project should at the very least rattle our faith in the system of accountability imposed on companies in charge of massive building projects.

Context Crucial to Religious Interpretation

Ahmed E. Ismail

Ken Nesmith's column ("Reading the Whole Bible," Dec. 3) was (as always) a thought-provoking one. However, his assertion that "Muslims pick and choose passages from the Koran to follow, often ignoring ones that directly order physical domination or destruction of non-Muslims" deserves further analysis.

The most frequently cited of the verses being referred to is verse 9.5, which translates roughly as follows:

9.5 "So when the sacred months have passed away, then slay the idolaters wherever you find them, and take them captives and beseech them and let them in wait for them in every ambush, then if they repent and keep up prayer and pay the poor-rate, leave their way free to them, surely Allah is Forgiving, Merciful.

This verse unprovocably calls for violence. Yet, historically, we also see that the three hundred years between the expansion of the Islamic empire and the start of the Crusades, when the Muslims had achieved political and physical domination over the Holy Land, was a period of relative peace and coexistence among followers of all three Abrahamic faiths. If Muslims are supposed to be free from liability to the idolaters, as this verse obviously commands, the verse was therefore not a wholesale massacre of Jews and Christians during the eighth through 10th centuries.

The explanation for this apparent contradiction is context. The verse does not exist in isolation, but is part of a larger injunction. To see this, look at the four verses before it and the verse after it; in other words, start at verse 9.1.

9.1 "[This is a declaration of] immunity by Allah and His Apostle towards those of the idolaters with whom you made an agreement.

9.2 "So go about in the land for four months and know that you cannot weaken Allah and that Allah will bring disgrace to those who disbelieve.

9.3 "And an announcement from Allah and His Apostle to the people on the day of the greater pilgrimage that Allah and His Apostle are free from liability to the idolaters therefore if you repeat, it will be better for you, and if you turn back, then know that you will not weaken Allah, and announce painful punishment to those who disbelieve."

9.4 "Except those of the idolaters with whom you made an agreement, then they have not failed you in anything and have not backed up any one against you, so fulfill their agreement to the end of their term, surely Allah loves those who are careful (of their duty)."

9.5 "So when the sacred months have passed away, then slay the idolaters wherever you find them, and take them captives and beseech them and let them in wait for them in every ambush, then if they repent and keep up prayer and pay the poor-rate, leave their way free to them, surely Allah is Forgiving, Merciful.

9.6 "And if one of the idolaters seek protection from you, grant him protection till he hears the word of Allah, then make him attain his place of safety, this is because they are a people who do not know.

The "contract" being referred to was a peace treaty signed with various local tribes, which was broken when those tribes attacked the fledgling Muslim community. What we find from this is that the problematic verse was revealed in response to a specific issue, and therefore cannot be construed as a general call to arms against non-Muslims. We even see that in this specific case, people who chose not to break the treaty were not to be attacked, and mercy was to be shown to those who surrendered.

I subscribe to Mr. Nesmith's view that adherents should not attempt to cherry-pick in matters of faith. However, I also believe that it is wrong to demand that people justify their faith on a line-by-line basis, which is what Mr. Nesmith appears to imply in his column. The issue of context is central to the role of faith in modern times. Understanding that our faith, whatever it may be, must evolve to encompass the situations we deal with every day forces us to determine what are the essential teachings of the various faiths, and how to incorporate those core principles into our lives.

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Trio

Actually, Rick...I'm kinda glad you showed up here tonight. We haven't really spoken since that silly argument we had a few weeks ago...

I'm so tired of fighting all the time...it's not good for us, y'know? So, for 2005 why don't we make a New Year's resolution together? No more fighting! How about it?

That sounds GREAT, chica! You and me, buddies once again! Just like when we were little kids! You've got a deal! HA, HA, HA!

Less than a month to get stuff like THAT out of my system? It's just not enough time!!!
KRT Crossword
Solution, page 18

ACROSS
1 Concrete
6 Avid
10 Tatted material
14 Los or Bakr
15 Puzzle cube inventor Rubik
17 "Skittle Players" painter
18 Big help
19 Steiger and Stewart
23 Science class
24 Electron tube parts
25 Glossy paint
29 Dillon of "Drugstore Cowboy"
31 Verdi opera
32 Book after Joel
34 Ruhr industrial city
39 Anthony Burgess novel, with "A"
42 Wesbaden's state
43 Short race
44 Scott Joplin works
45 Duplicate
47 Acapulco buddies
49 Whitener
53 Dryly humorous
54 Lillian Hellman play, with "The"
61 Oriental nanny
62 Sight in Barcelona
63 Beatings
64 Book of the neck
65 Beach toy
66 Grow dark, perhaps
67 God of war
68 Of sound mind
69 Wear away

DOWN
1 Window part
2 Not taken in by
3 Stead
4 Roman road
5 Hang loosely
6 Shub
7 God of love
8 Baseball's Slaughter
9 Dating adjective
10 Key
11 For off to hear
12 Core group
13 Double sonatas
20 Golfers' shouts
21 Bishopric
22 True up
23 Fish entree
24 Flatfoot
29 Part 2 of quip
30 Sprinkle
31 Dutch commune
32 Encourages in wrongdoing
33 Gaelic tongue
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Solved Crossword
Solution, page 13

ACROSS
1 "...the night before..."
5 Coarse file
9 Confuse
14 Oldsters' grp.
15 Villainous
16 Had the nerve
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41 Ignited
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43 Collided and rebounded
44 Excess
45 # of Kubrick's movie?
46 Long. long time
47 AAA suggestion
48 __ polloi
49 Music genre
50 Male offspring

Bonus Crossword
Solution, page 13

ACROSS
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5 Coarse file
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‘Twelve’ Ought To Do It, Don’t You Think?

By Nival H. Gabrielson

Ocean’s Twelve
Directed by Steven Soderbergh
Written by George Nolfi
Produced by Jerry Weintraub
Starring George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Andy Garcia, Don Cheadle, Bernie Mac, and Julia Roberts
Warner Bros. Pictures
Rated PG-13
Opens Friday, December 3, 2004

O
cear’s “Twelve” fulfilled so many of my holiday wishes. I’ve been wonder-
ning since 2001, when the eleven most charming men in the world swindled
the ruthless casino owner Terry Benedict (Andy Garcia), if Benedict would ever return
to exact his revenge. There was nothing more
buds, a scene that forms the basis for the very
charming theme to the end of the concert.
Indeed, Arcangelo Corelli’s “Concerto grosso Op. 6 No. 8,” also known as
the “Christmas Concerto” was an inspired
insert to the program and also promoted the much
younger Chamber Orchestra (founded only a
few years ago), which never seems to make
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mitre of “Partita for orchestra,”
and had a very pleasant and enjoy-
able touch to it. The themes for the courante
and gigue are paired off a number of
years later and used later in the movement
and hence, they were especially
clicking in pairs (two percussionists playing
the heavy orchestral tuttis was particularly
exquisite sonority of soloists emerging from
the baroque ensemble seemed shaky and surprised by
not sound truly convincing, often because
the ensemble seemed shaky and surprised by the
turns of the piece. This was a like a
version of Ravel one hears when playing an
ancient record on a barely functional
turntable.

Debussey’s “La mer” fared better, be-
because the strength of Debussey’s music
is not precision (like Ravel’s), but mostly
the color and the nuances. The highly
descriptive interplay of winds and waves
which lies at the heart of the piece, came out very
musical and picturesque, the windings of the
music following closely the agi-
ment of sound dominated by a very elaborate
percussion rumbling effect. Here the instru-
mentation choices are very imaginative, yet
appropriate for the intense atmosphere
intended.

Finally, the last movement (Courante-
Gigue) takes the merging idea very literally.
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beautifully integrated, as the capricious
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The slow movement that follows (Aria-
Sarabande) starts with a singing and sighing
motif which is slowly darkened, re-orches-
trated and eventually amplified into an explo-
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The first movement (Prelude-
Fantasia) starts off declamatory, as an introduction (prelude), yet, very
soon, the main idea is taken over by the
strings section, becoming meditative and
winding, typical for a fantasy. The energy of the
opening comes back as a steady pulse,
emerging with the winding fantasy idea
and eliciting a recapitulation of the
opening statement, this time subdued.

The second movement (Rondo-Capric-
io) develops the idea of duets, which is
in fact another way of expressing the bipolar
approach of the piece. The capricious
episodes that alternate with a elaborate
rondo subject often feature groups of instru-
ments in pairs (two percussionists playing
together, two solo violins, two flutes and
two oboes, a solo trumpet quartet). The
exquisite sonority of soloists emerging from
the heavy orchestral tutti was particularly
striking and enjoyable; this was also due to
very convincing performances.

For those with a weakness for heart
flirts, a love of the modern Rat Pack, or any
taste in movies at all, Ocean’s Twelve — to
steal a term from the script itself — really
is Smuggler’s Paradise.

MIT Symphony Orchestra members Madeleine Baverstam, Brian M. Kardon ’08, and Clare E.
Davis ’06 perform at the Winter Concert last Friday in Kresge Auditorium.

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Chorallaries

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54-100
Dec. 4; 8:30 p.m.

I'd never seen a Chorallaries concert before, so I went into their concert hoping that the Chorallaries would sing in tune and knowing that they would perform "The Engineer's Drinking Song." Happily, they met my expectations.

The concert was opened by "The Method," a folkie all-male a capella group. They were obviously a group with an extensive knowledge of music and, for the most part, they put that knowledge to good use. Their moments featured rather complex jazz vocal arrangements and effective uses of improvisation. The majority of the songs they performed were jazz-y. For their finale, they mixed it up slightly by singing "Pride (the

The Chorallaries pose for the end of "Times Like These" by Foo Fighters. The song was the first of two encore performances. The concert took place in 54-100 on Saturday night.

name of Lovey") by U2. Though modern rock is usually not the best genre to arrange in a capella setting, their performance of "Pride" was acceptable, and with some struggle the lead singer was able to hit all the notes Bonnie Raitt

This leads me to another disappointing aspect of The Method's performance. I found that although the background harmonies were consistently very tight and nearly flawless, the lead vocalist often failed to capitalize on this. No, they never out of tune, but they didn’t make an effort to shine. Overall, though, The Method were an enjoyable experience and fitting introduction to the Chorallaries.

The Chorallaries began with The Puddle of Mudd hit "Drift & Disc," which is another modern rock song. The same complaint (mind you, it's just about the only complaint I had with The Chorallaries) holds true here too, especially in their performance of "Broken" by Norther with Amy Lee of Evanescence. The female lead in this song often failed to compete with the male lead in terms of sheer volume. Of course, it’s a rather difficult song to sing, because the two leads are trying to harmonize with each other while singing radically different pitches several times during the song. However, I did like the more or less faithful adaptation of the music into the vocal arrangement, especially the strings section near the end.

A lead who gave a strong vocal performance was Pratikha Nardovida '06, who sang Alicia Keys' "If I Ain't Got You." I was amazed at how well she was able to stand out.

Between every few songs, the Chorallaries would break up the musical tension with a running skit about the history of nerdals. There were a few funny moments here, including the ancient Egyptian engineer who attempted to hit on Cleopatra with a pick-up line along the lines of "I think I'm imaginary. I sure have 'i's for you." Another was the engineer of King Arthur who used butter from a cow to reduce the friction of the chains in his drawbridge, which is how he came up with the coefficient "moo." The highlight of the show was when the Chorallaries succumbed to years of chanting, and sang "Africa" by Toto. The introduction was rather clever, containing tribal rhythms and animal noises. Once again, the background vocals were excellent, but by the time lead singer Andrew Harlan '07 took off his concert shirt to reveal an unbuttoned Leopard print concert shirt to reveal an unbuttoned Leopard print
CONCERT REVIEW

**Turn Rock Stars Next Big Thing**

**Tegan and Sara Deliver a Fresh Sound**

By Brian Stephenson

Tegan and Sara
Middle East Club
Nov. 10, 10:30 p.m.

For those of you who are tired of formulaic pop songs but find it hard to get into alternative rock with no musical "hook" to keep you interested, you may be pleasantly surprised by the up-and-coming Canadian group, Tegan and Sara. The group is headed by twin sisters, Tegan and Sara Quin, who play guitar and provide vocals. Despite being twins, the sisters have very different, but complementary, singing styles and vocal ranges. Sara's voice is much higher than Tegan's — so much higher that unfortunately it didn't come across very well on the sound system at the Middle East. Some of her high vocals sounded squally, in stark contrast to the CD.

The sisters are backed up by Ted Gowans on guitar and keyboard, Rob Chursinoff on drums and the tambourine, and Chris Cauldron on bass. The group has toured with bands such as Ben Folds, Neil Young, and The Pretenders, among others, and are currently promoting their new CD, "So Jealous."

Tegan and Sara kicked the night off with two lively songs that, while keeping a lot of pop rhythms, still didn't shy away from pop music, didn't shy away from catchy tunes. My favorite was "I Hear Noises," which combined a great rock beat, catchy melody, and funky improvisations. They followed these songs with the slower "Not Tonight," from their 2002 CD, "If It Was You." Unfortunately, by the end of the song, chatting among concertgoers at the back of the room was almost as loud as the group's vocals.

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**BOOK REVIEW**

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**Tom Wolfe On Sex and Status in Elite Academia**

By Ken Neumeth

**Fondest Wishes for the Happy Endings of the Social Career**

Written by Tom Wolfe

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In "I Am Charlotte Simmons," Wolfe takes on the world of undergraduate life at an elite university. He resumes all of his favorite old habits. We get any and all crowds flicked to animal gatherings. We get profane, crude, and imaginary rap lyrics that, set off in italics, appear silly (Yo, you take my six pack, suck 'em like a popsicle) until you expect real rap lyrics to the harsh treatment of writing them down. We hear ragtag success stories, the smoke words, and then reading Wolfe's version of what resulted. The sounds like a repetition that frequently becomes mockery. Each few chapters feature a few new vocabulary words (gurneaux, choots, motzly) that reappear in conspicuous proximity until falling back out of use.

Give Wolfe credit for his hard work. Wolfe's generally very weak scene is changed to blend in with undergrads as he toured college campuses around the country, so as to make spot-on satire of campus exist-ence. The school he creates, Dupont, is a Frankenstein of the best, the best athletes, the best academics (besting Harvard, Yale, and Princeton), the most wealthy, and so forth.

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Establishing risk of serious harm
For doctors to commit a person to a mental hospital against his or her will, they must demonstrate "that the failure to hospitalize would create a likelihood of serious harm by reason of mental illness," according to Massachusetts general law.

Both Alex and Shirley, however, signed a paper agreeing to voluntarily commit themselves; the consequences for refusing can be serious.

Given that in both cases, MIT administrators or doctors had documented evidence of a risk of serious harm, they or the doctors at McLean could have pursued an involuntary commitment, which would be valid for a period of six months.

The student's status at MIT is also not guaranteed. MIT's Director of Mental Health Alan E. Siegel has noted that "there are many cases where an involuntary commitment, which would be valid for a period of six months, could have been pursued."
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Students Found Environment at McLean ‘Stressful’

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she had decided to have her committed, an emergency medical technician or police officer came to the room and escorted her directly to the ambulance, which took her to the hospital.

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Solution to Bonus Crossword

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ISRAEL IS THE CANARY IN THE MINE

The war between Arabs and Jews is not the cause of the war on terror, as apologists for Muslim radicals claim; it is the war on terror.

Twenty-five years ago, there were two non-Islamic democracies in the Middle East: Israel and Lebanon. This was too much for Islamic radicals, Syrian irredentists and Palestinians who joined forces to destroy Lebanon and make it a base for terror.

The goal of the post-Oslo Intifada is not to establish a Palestinian state alongside a Jewish state. Its goal is an Islamic umma extending "from the Jordan to the sea." That is why Oslo was rejected by Arafat even though Barak and Clinton offered him an independent state on virtually all of the land Palestinians claimed in the West Bank of the Jordan and Gaza. That is why the very birth of Israel is referred to by all the present Palestinian leadership as the "Naqba" – the "catastrophe." To Islamic radicals at war with the West, the very creation of Israel is a catastrophe.

American apologists for Arab aggression are also apologists for Islamic aggression. In their eyes, Arab terror in the Middle East has a "root cause" in the policies of Israel, whom terrorists refer to as the "Little Satan." For apologists of the Islamic terror of 9/11 and the Zarqawi terrorist in Iraq, jihad is not a self-generating creed but has a "root cause" in the policies of the "Great Satan," which is us.

Peace in the Middle East and peace in the war with al-Qaeda and Zarqawi will come only when the terrorists surrender or are defeated, and when Arab governments cease their incitement of hatred against Israel and the United States.

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added that spring recruitment is but one of the ways fraternities are adapting to attract more members. With IFC-facilitated spring recruitment and a more centralized approach, Fabyanske hopes to recruit more members.

While a majority of the houses will participate in spring recruitment, some fraternities such as Phi Delta Theta and Phi Kappa Theta, who both received over ten pledges each in the fall, will not recruit new members.

Participating fraternities will be generally more laid back than during fall recruitment. “We feel that there is not enough buzz around campus to go full scale during the spring,” explained Kappa Sigma Rush Chair Minu P. Ranka ’05 in an e-mail.

“Response to spring recruitment
Some non-affiliated freshmen express great interest in spring recruitment. “I was disappointed I couldn’t find a fraternity I really wanted to join during rush, but I’m hoping spring recruitment will give me an opportunity to pledge now that I have a better understanding of Greek life at MIT,” said James T. Albrecht ’08.

Others are more hesitant about spring recruitment. Brandon T. Yoshimoto ’08 said that he doesn’t think he will look into joining a fraternity because it “looks like it takes up a lot of time” and said that he still has the stereotypical image of fraternities.

In response to the stereotypical fraternity image many students have, Schiller said that “the frat stereotype that we’re just a bunch of party animals really doesn’t fit MIT at all. We’re more academic than people imagine.”

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MIT Professors Study Innovation

By Robert Weisman

Innovation has become an all-purpose tonic; the default prescription for every pain associated with the refashioning American economy. Whatever the problem — slower growth, global competition, fewer well-paying jobs — innovating, we are told, is the solution.

Now a pair of MIT professors has dissected the practice of innovating and found it to be generally misunderstood. In "Innovation: The Missing Dimension," published by Harvard University Press in October, Richard K. Lester and Michael J. Piore argue that much of the innovation effort in American business goes into solving problems but relatively little into identifying possibilities and opportunities in the marketplace.

"We are in danger of learning the wrong lessons about innovation," Lester and Piore warn in the book. "As a result, we risk neglecting those capabilities that are the real well-springs of creativity in the US economy — the capacity to integrate across organizational, intellectual, and cultural boundaries, the capacity to experiment, and the habits of thought that allow us to make sense of radically ambiguous situations and move forward in the face of uncertainty."

While innovation is typically seen as a single process, Lester and Piore break it into two parts: problem solving and interpretation. Companies focus constantly on the former, which tends to be a rational step-by-step process. If they talk about the latter at all, it is under the guise of "listening to the customer," a less well-defined discipline.

Much of the book is devoted to case studies of product development in fields ranging from cell-phones to medical equipment to bluejeans. Successful innovators "created spaces where they could have open-ended conversations" about technology and markets, Lester, who directs MIT's Industrial Performance Center, said in an interview.

One of their chief strengths was the ability to interpret a situation. "We compare the interpretive manager to the host of a cocktail party," Lester said. "She decides who to invite, she brings people together, she begins conversations, and she tries to keep the conversations going. That is radically different from what the problem-solving manager does, which is often to get a product out the door."

A more sophisticated understanding of how conversations, and their role in innovation, could be a boon for Boston, a world center of technology, research, and expertise of all stripes. "When companies come here, they're locating in an environment that is intellectually rich and full of people who are asking questions," noted Mitchell Adams, executive director of the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative.

The collaborative runs the Massachusetts Nanotechnology Institute, devoted to bringing together people from science, business, finance, and academia who are interested in the field. "There is no club or bar you can go to talk about nanotechnology," Adams said.

In the past, much of the conversation about technologies and their possibilities took place at corporate research centers, such as Bell Labs and Xerox PARC, that pioneered new technology and sparked the innovation that drove the great economic expansion of the 1990s. But corporations increasingly have been reining in basic research and concentrating on applied research. As a result, more of the responsibility for innovation has shifted to research-oriented universities like Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Smart companies seek to plug into campus technology dialogues by taking part in collaborative research projects, said Lester, who agrees the Boston area should be able to capitalize on the trend.

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“...so much excitement...” and a very warm welcome, Hockfield said of the afternoon’s festivities in the Student Center. After talking with students, Hockfield said she found most exciting was the enthusiasm that many showed for MIT’s mission, and she was very impressed by the extraordinary commitment that students show.

She said that she will continue her process of learning about MIT, and “wants MIT to be stronger than it’s ever been.”

Hockfield has also met with the Student Activities Board, which will present her with students’ positions and opinions about important issues on campus in several lunches this winter and spring.

Music groups welcome Hockfield

Music from the jazz band was interspersed with performances by several of MIT’s a capella groups. The Muses, an all-female group, were the first to sing, and opened with the short but well-known Beatles song "Hey Jude." Afterwards, the group had a chance to talk to Hockfield.

“We said we were excited that she was MIT’s first female president,” said Marjorie Frances W. Weld ’05. “She said it’s an honor to be the first.” Hockfield also said that it was interesting how it wouldn’t be that much of a change at other universities, but for some reason it’s different at MIT, Weld said.

MIT’s Resonance also had a chance to speak with Hockfield after their performance. “She was very interested about all the a capella groups at MIT,” said Resonance President Stephen S. Lee ’05. She mentioned that Yale has sixteen a capella groups, and said she was looking forward to hearing the different types of music from MIT’s groups. When Hockfield learned that graduate students were also welcome in the group, she jokingly replied, “What an innovation to have grad students involved in campus activities!” said Lee.

The all-male group the Logarithms sang last, performing songs such as Modest Mouse’s “Float On.” Later, they surprised Hockfield by surrounding her and singing with her with an impromptu performance of “Babyface.” “Hockfield said she had heard a lot of a capella singing, and hoped to hear more, but from a farther distance away,” said Logarithms President Douglas H. Frazier ’06.

Hockfield is replacing Charles M. Vest, who held the position for the past fourteen years. When Vest assumed the presidency in 1990, hackers welcomed him to MIT by holding the door to his office behind a fake bulletin board.

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Bill Thilly, '67, Professor of Genetic Toxicology and Biological Engineering

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UA Bill Supports Simmons Hall

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Swimming, Diving Teams Set Records in Double Win

By Yong-yi Zhu

Not So Much Perfection, Please

By Yang-yi Zhu

Has this been a successful college football season?

1979, when Alabama, Brigham Young University, Nebraska, and Ohio State were all undefeated, have five division I-A schools done that well in the same year? Congrats to Auburn, Boise State, Ohio State, University of Southern California and Utah for being so perfect.

However, all that perfection gets people wondering who should play for the national title. Are there two undefeated teams this season that clearly stand above the other three? Not really. There are three teams that stand out, but the BCS does not account for those teams.

In the past, although there have been ten tie games, the end results were not so uncomfortable. When Florida State, and not Miami, played Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl in 2000, a split national championship would have had Oklahoma not come to the rescue and beat Florida. But Oklahoma prevailed.

When Nebraska, and not Colorado, played Miami for the Rose Bowl in 2001, again a split champion was unimportant. But the Buckeyes whooped over the Huskers and again, chaos was spared.

And last year, even though Louisiana State University and USC did split the title, many felt that there were three good teams and both of those teams were very close to the crown.

However, this year, we will not have two champions. Whoever wins the Orange Bowl will be the National Champion. But, assuming they win the Sugar Bowl, will be championship number two. And when that happens, Auburn, the SEC and their fans will not be pleased at all.

So maybe those perfect teams weren’t such a blessing overall. It is true that this season we saw great football games all over the country. From Northwestern beating Ohio State for the first time in 53 years, to North Carolina beating Miami on a last second field goal, to Sylvester Croom’s big win against Grambling.

But this season was not all roses. There were several major sour notes, the biggest of which was the firing of Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham.

Notre Dame felt that losses are losses and they didn’t want to deal with losing anymore.

Unfortunately, they didn’t realize that there is no real quick fix at the NCAA level. True, TY Willingham had not brought in enough speed at the skill positions as schools like Miami have done time after time. True, Willingham has not repeated the success that he had in his first season. True, Willingham has lost to USC by 53 points in each of his three years — at least he’s consistent.

But Willingham hasn’t even had one of his recruiting classes go through the program yet. He’s been at Notre Dame for three years, and there is no easy way to turn a program around in that short period of time, especially if Willingham is trying to install his own system at the university.

Notre Dame seems to no longer be about integrity and honor, but has wholeheartedly adopted the philosophy of winning. Who could imagine that Our Lady would do something so tasteless and completely outrageous as this? But in the end, it was all those close games that led to the eventual demise of Willingham.

The last challenge of a socially conscious society?

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By Victoria K. Anderson

The MIT Men’s and Women’s Swimming and Diving teams came home from Maine on Saturday with a pair of victories over Colby College. The women were victorious 195-92 while the men snuck past Colby in a close 137-139.

The women’s victory was led by a 1-2-3 sweep of the one and three meter diving events. Doris M. Holbrook ’08 led the effort on both boards, including a pool record and her second NCAA Division III Qualifying Score of the season on the one meter. Jaryn E. Finch ’05 was second on the three meter and third on the one meter, while Ashley R. Rothenberg ’05 was second on the one meter and third on the three meter.

Holbrook’s record-breaking performance was echoed by fellow teammate Katherine C. Thornton ’07, who broke the pool record in the 1,000 yard free on route to her victory over the field. The Beavers were also helped out immensely by the double individual victories from Julianna K. Edwards ’06 and Jennifer A. La O ’05. Edwards won the 100 back and the 100 fly, taking the latter over Colby’s Laura Miller, who took second in the event at the NCAA Division III Championships last season. While Edwards cleaned up in the sprint arena, La O joined with Thornton to demonstrate the team’s depth in the longer distance events by taking the 200 back and 400 IM.

The men were also in record-setting mode on Saturday, with Craig Edwards ’07 leading the way with two pool records in the 100 and 200 back. The 100 back also gave Edwards his first NCAA Provisional Qualifying Time in the season, with Mattthes Fuzellier ’05 right behind to provisionally qualify.

Joseph P. Carlucci ’05 set a pool record in an exhibition 50 breast, while the 400 free relay team of Josiah B. Yoon ’06, Edwards, Grady A. Snyder ’08 and Jonathan S. Varsanik ’05 also set a new pool record by nearly five seconds.

During the record-setting meet, the men boasted three double event winners in addition to Edwards, who swept the backstroke events. Mark Y. Liao ’06 took first in the 500 and 1000 free while Snyder won the 100 and 200 free. Finally, Nicholas O. Sidelnik ’05 demonstrated versatility by winning the 400 IM and the 200 fly.

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200 Medley Relay

1 MIT-A (Craig Edwards ’07, Kuo, Varela, Sidelnik ’05) 1:38.58

1 MIT-B (Nicholas O. Sidelnik ’05, Jeffrey B. Gilbert ’05, Ashley R. Rothenberg ’05, Grady A. Snyder ’08) 1:44.82

1 MIT-C (David D. Lohrey ’05, Boris E. Revzin ’08, Michael D. Dimitriou ’06) 1:48.64

400 Free Relay

1 MIT-A (Jennifer J. DeBoer ’05, Larsson, Holbrook, Thornton) 3:48.15

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