Schrock Takes Over As Head Of OME

Karl Reid
By Laura Nicholson

Karl W. Reid ‘84 recently took office as the new director of the Office of Minority Education, a position now endowed with influence beyond the Institute’s undergraduates. Appointed by Chancellor Phillip L. Clay ’75 and Dean of Undergraduate Education Robert P. Redwine, Reid said he intends to analyze current patterns in minority populations at MIT to develop new diversity programs involving graduate students as well as undergraduates.

Reid, previously director of the Minority Introduction to Engineering and Science Program (MITES), replaces interim OME director Kim R. Beaman. Reid also now holds the positions of assistant to the chancellor and associate dean for undergraduate education.

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Schrock, who has been at MIT for 30 years, was the first to synthesize an efficient metal-compound catalyst for metathesis, work he did while at the Institute.

The announcement makes Schrock the fourth MIT science professor to win a Nobel Prize since 2001. Schrock said the call from the Nobel Committee at 5:30 a.m. was a surprise. “You don’t expect these things. Winning the Nobel Prize is a privilege and not a right,” he said.

When Schrock called his 92-year-old mother to tell her the news, “She said, ‘You won a what?’” because “she’s a little hard of hearing. Then I physically shaking after hearing the news. “I called my son in California and woke him up and then called my other son in Florida and woke him up to let them know that their father had won,” she said.

The Tech will not publish on Tuesday, Oct. 11 — Student Holiday Monday, Oct. 10 — Columbus Day Tuesday, Oct. 11 — Student Holiday

Elephants in town for the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey’s “The Greatest Show on Earth” parade down Massachusetts Avenue past Building 7 on the way to the Bank of America Center. The elephants make this voyage from the train station annually.

By Angeline Wang

MIT’s Solar Electric Vehicle Team finished the 2005 World Solar Challenge in sixth place out of 22 teams despite racing with a damaged car. The MIT team covered 1,800 miles in 40 hours. The bimodal competition began on Sept. 25 in Darwin, Australia and concluded Oct. 11. Regular publication will resume on Friday, Oct. 14.

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The theme of the night was infinity, transcribed as “Welcome, welcome.” The traditional welcome speech, literally infinite number of times. The theme of the night was infinity, transcribed as “Welcome, welcome.”

Professor Richard R. Schrock shares an anecdote about his early experiences with chemistry sets. This past Wednesday, Oct. 5, Schrock gave a lecture on the research that led to his 2005 Nobel Prize in Chemistry. Schrock discussed his prize-winning research at a press conference held Tuesday morning and a packed Nobel lecture in 10-250 that

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Donald Harleman

Donald R. F. Harleman, a renowned civil engineer whose love for the ocean and expertise in water quality and waste treatment benefited urban harbors throughout the world, died of cancer on Sept. 28 on Nantucket, Mass. He was 82.

A memorial service for Harleman will be held at the MIT Chapel on Nov. 3 at 1 p.m. Harleman was an engineer, scientist and educator, recognized nationally and internationally, whose research and innovations were directed toward improving water quality and making wastewater treatment available and affordable to all.

He was a global leader in advancing the case for technologies like chemically enhanced primary treatment (CEPT) as an alternative to expensive biologically based systems commonly used in the United States.

Harleman advocated strongly for implementing CEPT technology as part of the Boston Harbor cleanup. Although it was not adopted in Boston, CEPT became the wastewater treatment technology of choice in a number of developing countries, thanks to his efforts.

Harleman, a native of Palmerton, Pa., was a longtime resident of Nantucket and a seasoned sailor. A specialist in hydraulics, he came
Bali Bomb Suspects Are Said To Have No Prior Link to Terrorism

By Raymond Bonner

Indonesia’s counterterrorism forces say the suspected suicide bombers who carried out the attack in Bali last Saturday appear to have been a small group with no prior criminal record or link to a larger terrorist organization like Jemaah Islamiyah, giving the case echoes of the London subway bombings in July.

A senior Indonesian counterterrorism official said in an interview on Thursday that he had not been aware of any previous involvement in terrorist acts that would have brought them to the attention of the authorities.

A former senior member of Jamaah Islamiyah, the radical Islamic organization here, who has defected and is helping the government, said he did know some of the men, the official said. The heads of the presumed bombers were severed in the blast, and pictures of them have appeared on television and in the newspapers here. The official spoke on condition that he not be identified, because he is not the authorizing spokesman for his agency.

The Bali attack, which killed 19 people, most of them Indonesians, in separate explosions at three restaurants, seems indicative of the way in which terrorism is shifting, terrorism experts say.

Rove Summoned to Testify

In CIA Leak Case

By David Johnston

WASHINGTON

The chief executive in the CIA leak case has summoned Karl Rove, the senior White House adviser, to return next week to testify to a federal grand jury in a step that could mean charges will be filed, lawyers on the case said Thursday.

The prosecutor, Patrick J. Fitzgerald, has held discussions in recent days with both Career Prosecutor Fitzgerald and an anti-terrorism official who is considering whether to charge them by angry conservatives at a meeting earlier this week.

Republicans said that White House officials had not anticipated the intensity of the criticism and that conservative groups felt they had not been given adequate warning that Miers was the president’s pick.

“There might have been more comfort with her if she’d been discussed earlier,” said Grover G. Norquist, an influential conservative. He spoke to reporters in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building shortly after Bush addressed a gathering of conservatives at a tribute to William P. Buckley Jr. on the 50th anniversary of the founding of his magazine, National Review.

As Miers continued her meetings with senators on Capitol Hill, the administration stepped up its campaign to try to win her confirmation. The White House official in charge of reaching out to conservatives, Tom Goegele, organized a conference call on Thursday afternoon to more than 500 conservatives, many of them dubious about the president’s selection, who listened to endorsements of Miers from some of the president’s closest allies on the right.

Among those entitling Miers’ conservative credentials were Ken Mehlman, the chairman of the Republican National Committee; James C. Dobson, an evangelical conservative and the founder of the group Focus on the Family; Charles W. Colson, the founder and chairman of Prison Fellowship Ministries; Richard Land of the Southern Baptist Convention; Jay Sekulow of the evangelical American Center for Law and Justice; and Leonard A. Leo of the Federalist Society.

Colson urged conservatives to pull together because, he said, “it doesn’t matter if she walked across the Potomac,” the Democrats would still “demand their pound of flesh.”

Dobson, acknowledging the deep divisions among social conservatives, said he believed the president had been a consistent opponent of abortion. “This is his personal belief and philosophy and I think probably theology, and I appreciate that,” he said. “I believe he has appointed a woman who is consistent with that.”

As his daily press briefing, Scott McLellan, the White House press secretary, announced that Dan R. Coats, a former Republican senator from Indiana and the former U.S. ambassador to Germany, would serve as a “public advocate” for Miers and accompany her on her meetings with senators, much as former Sen. Fred Thompson did for Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. Republicans said Coats was chosen in part because he has strong ties to both parties.

Terror Threat to Transit System

Leads New York to Up Security

By William K. Rashbaun

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By Thom Shanke

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Today's Tech brings two changes in our Fun section: the introduction of the puzzle Sudoku and the return of the comic Dilbert.

Sudoku, a fun logic puzzle, has debuted in recent months in many newspapers worldwide to rave reviews. Its immense popularity has led to the publication of numerous Sudoku puzzle books, some presented by the into- nable Will Shortz, crossword editor for The New York Times. To solve a Sudoku puzzle, a player must correctly fill in the squares of a nine by nine grid such that each row, each column, and each of the nine three-by-three subgrids contain the numbers one through nine. We hope you'll enjoy this new challenge!

Today's issue also marks the return of Dilbert, missing in these pages since Sept. 16 because we failed to immediately renew our expired contract. We're happy to once again carry this icon of the working world drawn by Scott Adams. Finally, we would like to encourage further feedback from our readers on any aspect of the paper. Letters for publication can be sent to letters@tech.mit.edu; feedback regarding news cover- age should be sent to news@tech.mit.edu, which reaches our news editors. Other comments may be directed to The Tech's Executive Board at generale@tech.mit.edu.

Kelley Rivoire
Editor in Chief
The Art and Tradition of Indian Classical Dance

MIT Natya Conveys Religion, Philosophy, and Mythology in Kresge Little Performance

By W. Victoria Lee

October 7, 2005

The art world today is dominated by western or westernized art forms. When someone mentions a dance recital, ballet or tap immediately comes to mind. While contemporary choreography can be paired with music from various world cultures, the traditional dances of different cultures still have limited exposure outside their own spheres. Fortunately at MIT, where cultural diversity is emphasized, traditional performing arts of different cultures are never overlooked. We have had Snergrese drumming, Chinese lion dancing, Argentine tangoing, among others. Most recently, we had Natyanjali, an evening of Indian classical dance performances in Kresge Little Theater.

Natyanjali is an annual dance performance organized by MIT Natya. Formed in 1999, the group has been active on campus, putting on numerous shows and presentations. MIT Natya’s first event of the academic year, Natyanjali 2005, again proved the group’s exquisite performance and dedication to increasing awareness of Indian classical dance on campus.

Natyanjali is one of the world’s oldest dance traditions. Embodiment religion, philosophy, and mythology, the classical dances of India offer otherwise beauty and a spiritual, and sometimes humorous, experience for the audience. Among the seven distinct dance styles, there were exhibited in this year’s Natyanjali. Nine pieces were performed by eight dancers — each piece with its own mood and theme, each performer with his style.

A slower paced and reverential piece, “Maadalurum,” performed by Namrata Verma ‘08, kicked off the recital, suitably setting the informative tone for an auspicious beginning. The rhythm and melody became livelier as the show continued. Swarmita Kusum ‘08 delivered a fertile piece dedicated to the elephant-headed Hindu deity Ganesh that had intricate footwork alternating between fast and slow steps. Kusum’s singing and her red costume further enhanced the celebratory mood of the piece.

Before the intermission, the audience was treated with the only part of the evening “Darthaswaranam,” performed by Shashank M. Sundaresan ’08 and Priyanka M. Sundaresan ‘06. As the only male dancers, Shashank Sundaresan brought to stage a dynamic performance with his sister. The synchronization of the two dancers was almost perfect, and each move was exquisitely executed.

The performance following the intermission increasingly focused on the facial expressions, and abhinaya, of the dancers. In “Adhvaram Solunar,” Krishika Sodhanan brought the story of a jealous heroine to life with her vivid facial portrayal of contempt, taunting, and playfulness. Harini Rajaraman ‘07 elegantly executed a graceful dance of the peacock in praise of Lord Shannahuta. Most notable were her hand gestures that mimicked the silhouettes of a peacock and her step sequences that opened the peats of her costume like a bird displaying its gorgeous feathers. Priyanka Sundaresan made her second appearance in a solo dance depicting Lord Shiva, who dances lifting her left foot. The piecerequired the dancer to hold numerous positions with the left foot lifted, and Sundaresan accomplished the balancing acts with graceful ease.

The most memorable part of the performance was the bells worn by all dancers. With their bare feet beating along with the music against the stage, the rhythm and melody became more tactile to the audience. Accompanied by their colorful costumes and adornments, the dancers themselves against the black background were moving works of art. Although the music featured singing in the Indian languages and could not be easily understood, the mood of each piece was successfully conveyed through the dancers’ movements. The unusual melody brought a breath of fresh air to minds so accustomed to the modern tone.

While the performance was nearly flawless, the venue left something to be desired. The space and audio limitations posed by the Kresge Little Theater failed to enhance the visual and aural quality of an already exquisite performance. While the audience sitting close to the stage had a clear view, the broader gesture of the dance sequence could be better experienced from a greater distance. Most of all, the spiritual quality of the music was lost in the small venue because almost no reverberation could occur. Nonetheless, MIT Natya put on a wonderful show that not only entertained but also educated the public about Indian classical dance. Although their next show has not been announced, it is eagerly anticipated by all who had the pleasure of experiencing this year’s Natyanjali.

More information about MIT Natya can be obtained from their Web site (http://web.mit.edu/natya/www/index.html).
The concert was not a total loss, though, one is immediately impressed by his clarity and emotional maturity, and it will earn the approval of the public, especially the audience that attended the BSO and guest organist Simon Preston’s performance of the Symphony No. 3, the “Symphony Overture” by Saint-Saëns. Upon hearing this splendid symphony, many people think back to their childhood, their most prominent memory sounds are of squally swing sets, their dog barking, or their little sister screaming. Mine is the organ playing. My mother was an organist, and at least twice a week my brother and I would listen to her practice at the congregational church in the old part of town, coloring in the pews while Mom’s playing shook the entire building. The BSO and guest organist Simon Preston captured the essence of the power of the organ in this splendid symphony.

The orchestra at Symphony Hall in Boston is beautiful. It features a range of voices—a characteristic of any good organ. Preston’s performance was exquisite, never drowning out the orchestra (as I’m sure it could have, but always playing very musically. Indeed, a couple of places where the orchestra was only marginally together, the Saint-Saëns was enjoyable to hear. Highlights included wonderful solos from the oboes, bassoons, and the English horn, as well as a powerful conclusion to the final movement that made the entire hall shake.

In spite of the rocky start, I am still looking forward to next year’s season from the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Levine has raised the bar on programming this year, including many large-scale works, so I feel Boston listeners should be exposed. I only hope that Levine also raises his expectations for performance quality, not just the difficulty of the repertoire.

By Jacqueline O’Connor

October 7, 2005

THE TECH ARTS
1950s America was defined by the middle class values of “Leave it to Beaver,” “Lassie,” and the comedy-without-cares “I Love Lucy.” But under that thin veneer, the Cold War reigned. The seeds of the civil rights movement were planted with 1954’s Brown v. Board of Education, and James Baldwin and Ralph Ellison’s literary and intellectual contributions. The average American felt the need to conform, scared of what might result if he didn’t. From this insecurity emerged Senator Joseph McCarthy.

McCarthy’s fire and brimstone style and unversus-the-Communists mentality took advantage of American uncertainty, allowing him to garner political power. One reporter, Edward R. Murrow of CBS, decided to uncover the senator’s lies and smear tactics. Murrow took an inestimable risk in rising up from the fear that crippled America in the public eye of the time. “Good Night, and Good Luck” presents Murrow as an example of journalistic responsibility from a distinct and separate past to highlight the strength in shouldering the burden of being virtuous.

The film is about Murrow’s (David Strathairn) attempt to take down Senator McCarthy on his show “See It Now,” in the spring of 1953. Murrow’s best friend and ally is legendary producer Fred Friendly (George Clooney), while another row’s best friend and ally is legendary producer Steven Soderbergh, giving us a few awesome tracking shots in the studio. In the few environments the film inhabits, Clooney consistently portrays Murrow’s isolation. In a defining shot, Murrow types the end of a closing monologue against McCarthy in silence, and the camera moves back, showing no one remaining in the room but a sleeping Friendly. Clooney also maintains an awareness of 50s culture and the separation between the past and present by filming old footage. The scribes don’t take advantage of audience expectation, and the movie isn’t as enjoyable as it could have been.

But the film doesn’t build tension well and trails off soon after the battle with McCarthy. The setup and ensuing let-down could have been intensified by stressing the country’s fear of McCarthy instead, the senator is presented only in old footage. The scribes don’t take advantage of audience expectation, and the movie isn’t as enjoyable as it could have been.

In this decade, the problem doesn’t lie with the people as much as with the fear-mongering they’re fed from news networks. The goodness and questionable quality of current national news networks contrasts with the work done by Murrow presented in this film. At 93 minutes, “Good Night and Good Luck” represents a quick break from the onslaught of violent images and biased reporting, providing a model for the highest level in TV broadcasting.
‘Two’ Not Worth the Money of Admission

Sports Betting Movie Leaves Out Too Much Substance

By Yong-Yi Zhu

Directed by D.J. Caruso
Written by Dan Gilroy
Starring Matthew McConaughey, Al Pacino, and Toni Morrison (Reese Ruaas)
Rated R
Open Today

O n the surface, “Two for the Money” may seem like a high stakes sports gambling and how one man lost everything but managed to get it all back again. The movie focuses on Brandon Lang (Matthew McConaughey) and the successes of his weekly football picks. But looking deeper, the film is really about the growth of a relationship between Lang, Walter Abrams (Al Pacino), and Toni Morrison (Reese Ruaas). Therein lies the problem with the film — there is no character development in a movie that absolutely requires it. Everything about the movie seems underdeveloped; each facet evoke our sympathy. 

Lang, a successful quarterback in college, severely damages his knee and now must survive by making sporadic trips to Las Vegas over a 1-900 number. Abrams, who runs a large sports betting service, invites Lang to join his business. Abrams then introduces Lang to his wife Morrow and the relationship among Lang, Walter Abrams (Al Pacino), and Toni Morrison (Reese Ruaas) is a moment during the film when you wonder what he’s missing. The generally artificial atmosphere, child rape, and bodily fluids (and sol...)

The movie also reveals Morrow’s dark past as a junkie and victim of child abuse. Yet the movie never tells us how she left that life. Does all that past affect her now? To what degree? You may ask yourself these questions as you watch the climactic showdown at the theatre.

The same mystery surrounds Abrams. He was amoral, wannabe, he preys on golfer’s gambling addictions. How does he live with this haunting past in his current profession? And who does he see himself doing with a family? Everything about Abrams is nebulosity. Al Pacino always manages to be cast in the same role. He wants to develop a protégé and mentor someone into his mold (see “The Devil’s Advocate.” “The Reptile.” "Any Given Sunday,” etc.). Sure, Pacino’s good at this type role, but he may be too comfortable in the role. He pulls off great acting without ever alerting the audience there’s much content behind the character. We know, for example, that he wants to make Lang his successor, and we believe in his judgment wholeheartedly. Yet we never really understand him or see what he sees. Everyone sees this talent and why he has so much faith in it. McConaughey also fits well into the character. His personality is less subtle; after all, he is a young, enterprising, and blithely prone to emotional flares. McConaughey’s natural talent at being a nice guy is perfect for Brandon Lang, innocent, fun-loving, good-natured. In short, his performance is a joy to watch.

Despite good acting, the movie is still superficial. Perhaps we are only intended to catch a glimpse into the characters’ lives without fully understanding their thoughts and actions. This lack of development leaves the audience feeling cheated and empty, which makes the movie nice to look at but not so wonderful to think about.

The greatest golf movie ever played easily falls short of the greatest golf movie ever. In the film’s opening sequence, a Bandschool Bentley is seen careening down a countryside road. A Bentley? Yes, but because too many things are happening, that sequence is not the beginning of a story, but a moment in a story. Later battles Vardon for the 1913 US Open. Vardon (Stephen Dillane) has a different problem. As a child, he was forced out of his native Ireland by the English. He was there. The men building the course also tried to cure him of playing the sport. Years later, even after winning five British Open tournaments to become one of the most cèle...
Trio
by Emezie Okorafor

See? I know you'd like him. He was a gentleman, wasn't he?

Okay, I admit it. He was a very nice guy. Weird but nice. I had a good time yesterday.

So when Rick gets here later on, are you going to tell him about your blind date last night? I would LOVE to see the look of jealousy on his spiky-headed face...

Oh, come on, Angie, that's so childish. Make Rick jealous by gloating about my date? No prudent, rational person like me would ever do something like that.

In other words, you want ME to do it for you.

Right. I have a reputation to uphold, after all...

Deviants from the Norm
by A.K. Turza

Holy crap, it's harder than I thought. These Harvard students are everywhere.

That pillar over there. We need to get up there somehow.

Ino Mino.

Oof. How did you - Ninja, remember?

Moons of Uranus
by Juan Pablo Mendieta

OY! If you were a
Differential Equation,
Verse be an Ordinary
Differential Equation.

Oh snap! Oh snap!

Yeah! Yeah!

I'm sorry. I should not have
said that. I crossed the line.

I have feelings. You know.

Schleminkel

mnm...
Turtle Sandwich!

You won't get away with this!

More Cowbell
by Jia Lou

Bad Idea No. 101: Going to Anna's before getting shipwrecked.

So hungry... Do you smell butter?
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Reid Looks to Gather Information About MIT Diversity

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expanded into one of Institute-wide influence on the basis of recommendations from a review committee chaired by Chancellor Phillip L. Clay PhD '75. “The faculty committee who looked at the OME felt that it should have influence over diversity issues beyond just undergraduate education,” Reid said. The director of OME originally reported directly to the dean of undergraduate education; now, Reid will report directly to Clay.

As director of the OME, Reid intends to take inventory of existing diversity programs at the Institute. “I need to figure out what’s been effective and why,” he said, and he will extend this analysis beyond MIT.

The committee that reviewed the OME “did not get into operational issues but did encourage MIT to look at how other schools address similar challenges. That will now happen,” Clay said.

The office will study diversity patterns and try to explain what aspects of educational programs have led MIT to have a smaller percentage underrepresented minorities as graduate students than as undergraduates.

From this information, Reid said he will look to create programs to address diversity issues. “My role will be to work with offices that are directly in the trenches dealing with these issues. So rather than reproduc ing their work, I think we could do a better job leveraging their efforts.”

Although the MIT faculty have put forth an initiative to increase the number of underrepresented minority faculty members and graduate students, Clay said that the OME review would be unrelated.

“The change to create some of the lessons we’ve learned in MITES about creating community, building confidence, and connecting with the institution that will increase the chance that more students of color will pursue graduate studies and seek faculty positions,” Reid said.

“As a student, the more diverse your interactions, the more satisfaction you get out of college,” Reid said.

Reid left his previous position as executive director of special programs in the School of Engineering and the MITES program to assume his new role: Thomas L. Magnani, dean of the School of Engineering, will lead a search for a new MITES director. Reid said he will be involved in the search and will also remain as an advisor for the special programs in the School of Engineering programs he previously oversaw.

Nobel Awarded for Research in Metathesis Reactions

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afternoon.

In his lecture, Schrock first acknowledged his family, colleagues, and students, giving his wife special acknowledgement. “She got me when my stock was real cheap … I was not an obvious Nobel candidate,” Schrock said.

The new laureate said that he first became interested in chemistry at age eight when his older brother gave him a chemistry set. Schrock recalled the explosions associated with his childhood experiments involving nitroglycerine and sodium. “You could move atoms. You could be God. That really turned me on,” he said.

In metathesis reactions, special organometallic catalysts are used to allow atoms to switch places and form new compounds. When carried out under the correct conditions with appropriate catalysts, metathesis reactions are fast and environmentally friendly, making them ideal processes for the chemical industry.

Although scientists knew of these metathesis reactions and could carry them out by the 1950s, “what they were, was not well known,” Schrock said.

In 1971, Chauvin proposed a mechanism, and from that seminal work, Schrock experimented with catalysts while working at Du Pont. After studying metals such as tantalum, molybdenum, and tungsten for potential roles in metathesis, he succeeded in developing a stable molybdenum-based catalyst in 1990. Grubbs later improved upon Schrock’s work by coming up with an even faster and more effective ruthenium-based catalyst.

Metathesis processes can be used to break down readily available cyclic carbon molecules with double bonds to produce polymer chains with a variety of uses. Schrock said that the metathesis reaction has been important to the advancement of the polymer field.

At the end of his Nobel lecture, Schrock said that he had no idea that the initial results of the “basic research” he did at Du Pont would eventually lead to the Nobel Prize. “At the time, I was just happy to have a job and a wife who loved me,” he said.

Schrock concluded his lecture by emphasizing the need for basic research, now underfunded “thanks to lower taxes and the war in Iraq.” He ended with a message: “Mr. Bush, don’t do this. Let us do our job.”

Schrock earned his bachelor’s degree in 1967 from the University of California at Riverside and his PhD degree from Harvard University in 1971. After one year as a National Science Foundation postdoctoral fellow at Cambridge University and three at Du Pont, he joined MIT in 1975.

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Harleman Was Devoted Teacher
Harleman, from Page 1


A devoted teacher, Harleman supervised more than 50 graduate students and championed women in engineering; at the same time, he brought his expertise and enthusiasm to the next generation through leadership at the Institute. He served as head of the Water Resources and Environmental Engineering Division from 1972 to 1983 and as director of the Ralph Parsons Laboratory from 1973 to 1983.

Under Harleman’s leadership, the Parsons Laboratory evolved from a premier center of hydraulic research to global leadership on water resources and the water environment. Students from all over the world benefited from the mentorship of Harleman and his wife, Martha. His legacy continues. The Parsons Laboratory remains in the forefront of research and education in the water environment.

Harleman served on advisory boards for the cleanup of Boston Harbor and Massachusetts Bay, Chesapeake Bay in Maryland, and Holden and Hong Kong harbors.

Outside the United States, Harleman worked with advisory groups in Australia, Brazil, China, India and Mexico and the developing world to manage or clean up effluent from megacities. Since 1995, he had been an advisor to the Italian government agency, Consorzio Venezia Nuova, charged with protecting Venice against storm tide flooding.

According to his son Robert, Harleman’s two favorite places were Venice and Nantucket. His love of open water extended to a love of sailing. He was a man of many passions, including opera, gardening, Italian food and good political discussions. Above all, he loved his wife, his children and his grandchildren, his son said.

Harleman married the former Martha Harvis in 1950. He received the BS degree from Pennsylvania State University in 1943 and the SM and ScD degrees from MIT in 1947 and 1950, respectively.

He was a member of the National Academy of Engineering and an honorary member of the Boston Society for Civil Engineers. In 2000, MIT established the Harleman Professorship to support a faculty member whose service within and outside the Institute extends the example set by Harleman.

Harleman is survived by his wife, a son, Robert I.H. Harleman of Wilton, Conn.; two daughters, Kathleen Harleman Krieger of New Canaan, Conn.; and six grandchildren.

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taking the college route, the pay for a
high-school education has not fallen through the floor
so far, although at least 10 percent of the

Salary Gap Between High School And College Education Narrows

By Louis Uchitelle

The New York Times

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For the last two) are other options,
zwgc

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Eagle is another good zephyr client. It is a tty-
class with an easy-to-use interface.

Zephyr, which is a
client that
owners can use to chat
or subscribe to the
class. To ask us a question, send e-mail to
sipb@mit.edu

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Leave the class, AND remove yourself from your zephyr subscriptions

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 Anyone who
knows the name of a zephyr class can subscribe to
them and send messages there — there are no
ways to ban, kick, or block people from zephyr
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A very nice thing about
zephyr is that you can use
"*" wildcards in
the class name. For instance,

assumes the
The MIT Department
of Physics Department's key to the day is the
pilcrows.

The pilcrow, often referred to
as the "paragraph mark," is used to indicate the start
of a new paragraph when enumeration is intended. Where you might use a "bullet point," we use pilcrows.

The third place University of Michi
can not demand too much of our time, we voted
unanimously to keep the team in the game.

considering the severe dam
age that our car sustained a mere
21 hours before the race started, I
think we did incredibly well," Pos
taccoff said. "Most everyone doubted the
cooperating in the race, much less beat cars that had as
twice as much power. I guess we proved them
wrong." The MIT team still holds for
the record of being the first
car finishing time in the race, said
team leader Peter K. Augenblick.

The sev't team members
returned earlier this week, making
plans for the 2007 race already.
"But in order to streamline testing
and debugging, we will install the
new electronics on [Tesla] for
testing."

Other team members included
Adrian R. Nakas '07, and James M. Harvey '05.

We'll accept
the John Hoover Spirit of the Race Award,
Augenblick said.

The following incidents were reported to the Cambridge and/or
MIT Police between Sept. 26 and Oct. 3. This summary does not in
clude incidents such as suspicious activity, false alarms, or general serv
ices.

Sept 27: 600 Technology Square, 2:30 a.m., robbery of conve
cence store, two unidentified males held
attendant at gunpoint.

Sept 30: Eastgate (61 Wadsworth St.), 5 p.m., old reported
missing, wearing red plaid shirt and grey corduroy pants.

Sept 26: Pat/l's computer lab (40-646), a
gy, or in hardcopy form at the
SIPB's Inessential zephyr, at

One important fact is that zephyr classes are only as priv
ate as their name. Anyone who knows the name of a zephyr
class can subscribe to them and send messages there — there are
no ways to ban, kick, or block people from zephyr
classes.

As a zephyr client, you can type
"*" wildcards in
the class name. For instance,

Two important things
you should be aware of when using
zephyr are permissions and
subscriptions.

When you're trying to see if a class is in use, as mentioned
above, there are no ways to ban, kick, or block people from zephyr
classes.

"*" wildcards in
the class name. For instance,

You may need to check
your zephyr profile
information, in the
directory in the file

Finally, we
mention is that a zephyr
class can be subscribed
without seeing any other instances, type:

To ask us a question, send e-mail to
sipb@mit.edu

Third, linewrap your zephyrs. Long messages that don't
fit in a single column
are cut off.

First, subscribe to the class (or instance) before
zephyring. Then, the only time you want to do
is if you're trying to see if a class is in use, as mentioned
above.

Secondly, instances should be short and limited to al
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First, zephyr logs. Long messages that
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clients that deliberately don't wrap lines, including zwgc.

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zephyr, you can type

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but the second
"*" wildcards in
the class name. For instance,

Process of Penguin Defecation, Nigerian Spam Earn Ig Nobels
Creator of Patented ‘Neuticles’ for Bereaved Dogs Honored

Ig Nobel, from Page 1

from the finest and most infinitely cheap materials. Prizes were given out by actual Nobel laureates to the Ig Nobel recipients.

This year’s Ig Nobels included Gauri Nanda G, inventor of Clocky, an alarm clock that runs away and hides, forcing its owner out of bed. While taking an industrial designing class at MIT, Nanda came with the idea of Clocky in “an effort to develop a technol- ogy into something that we all go through — waking up in the morning.”

Also a winner was John Mainstone from University of Queensland in Aus- tralia, who was recognized for being the guardian and the conductor of an experiment rated by the 2002 Guine- less Book of World Records as the longest experiment. Started in 1927 by Thomas Parrnell and still ongoing, the famous Pitch Drop Experiment monitors a glob of congealed black tar that has been dripping through a funnel at a rate of about one drop ev- ery 10 years. Mainstone said he had been forced to keep the news secret, even from his wife, until one day be- fore the announcement.

After 35 years of hard work, the 42-year-old Yoshio Nakamats was rewarded for taking pictures of his meals for analysis. In his research, he discovered 55 important ele- ments for a long life of as many as 144 years, which he calls the Dr. Nakamats’ Yimmu Cere- bren 55.

Other win- ners included Claire Kind of Great Britain, who took Peace Prize honors for electrically monitoring the brain activ- ity of a locust watching scenes from “Star Wars,” and Edward Cusser of the University of Minnesota, Minne- apolis, who realized “every 10 year old boy’s dream,” an experiment to determine whether people can swim faster in syrup or water. Cusser’s experiment lasted 48 hours and em- ployed 20 willing students as test subjects, though in the end he con- cluded that there was no difference.

James Watson received an award in Agricultural History for his aca- demic study of “The significance of Mr. Richard Buckley’s Exploding trousers.” Gregg A. Miller of Oak Grove, Missouri in Medicine won for inventing Neuticles, artificial replacement testicles for dogs that come in three sizes and degrees of firmness. It took “two years to get the balls rolling” for a patent for the invention, he said.

In literature, the internet entre- preneurs of Nigeria were recognized for creating a series of short but hold stories distributed via e-mail. A long list of people received the reward in Biology for being dedicated to smell- ing and documenting the odors pro- duced by 131 species of depressed frogs.

The award for fluid dynamics was given to Victor Benno Meyer-Ro- chow for his use of basic principles of physics to calculate the pressure that builds up inside a penguin when it dives — described in his pa- per, “Pressure Produced when Pen- guins Poo — Calculations on Avian Defecation.”

The 10 prize-winners will present their work in 10-250 at 1 p.m. this Saturday, providing further opportu- nity for a good laugh and profound thinking.

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Bet on the Chargers
On Sunday as AFC’s Best Teams Face Off

By Yong-yi Zhu

A preview of this week’s NFL action:

Game of the Week:
Steelers at Chargers
The Chargers beat up on the Patriots last week, torching the New England defense for 41 points. The Steelers almost beat the Patriots the week before, losing on a botched clock operation. Can we say AFC Championship showdown? I give the advantage to the Chargers, especially since they’re playing in San Diego where the weather can be too warm for the Steelers’ black jerseys.

Upset Special:
Redskins at Broncos
The Broncos are being given a full touchdown in this game, perhaps because of the bettors’ lack of trust of the Skins. The Redskins will win this game outright, especially with their tough defense. They stopped RB Shawn Alexander last week, so there’s no reason to worry about Broncos RB Mike Anderson. Their offense has been just enough every game. This one will be close, but Joe Gibbs will be 4-0 when it’s all said and done.

The Rundown:

Ravens at Lions: In the last two games, Lions RB Kevin Jones has rushed for 60 yards combined, which might explain the lack of effectiveness of QB Joey Harrington. Ravens MLB Ray Lewis can take advantage knowing all he has to worry about is killing the quarterback. The Ravens will beat the Lions by a field goal.

Dolphins at Bills: Did you know the Miami Dolphins are in first in the AFC East? Who says they need Ricky Williams? No? RB Toney Spikes for the Bills means Ronnie Brown will look even better this weekend. The Dolphins will take another game on their way to a playoff run.

Patriots at Falcons: The Patriots suffered their first loss since gas prices became unreasonable. (Those days are long gone.) Their nightmare of a first-half schedule continues facing Mike Vick, whom they should be able to handle easily. Besides, who knows how injured Vick really is?

Seahawks at Rams: This will be a hotly-contested game because both teams are coming off losses. But this week, the Seahawks will go back to their bread and butter in RB Shawn Alexander after being just stopped by the Skins last Sunday. The Rams won’t manage to stop him or to out-pass the Seahawks.

Titans at Texans: I smell major mediocrity in this game; what else can you say about two teams with one win between them? David Carr will win this one simply because the Titans have no real defense to stop any sort of passing attack.

Panthers at Cardinals: Panthers QB Jake Delhomme played decently in the win over Green Bay last week. The Cardinals also played decently in their win over the 49ers. But Carolina is a playoff contender, San Francisco was not. The Carolina Inconsistencies will not have a hard time beating the Cardinals by at least a touchdown.

Eagles at Cowboys: How pathetic is it to lose to the Raiders, especially having almost lost to the 49ers the week before? In Julius Jones I no longer trust. The Eagles, on the other hand, proved that an injured McNabb is still McNabb. The Eagles will win this game big as they assert complete dominance over the NFC East.

Bengals at Jaguars: How can bettors still bill Jacksonville as the favorite after their ineffective performance against the Broncos last week? Carson Palmer will torch up the Jag defense and continue his potential MVP campaign.

Saints at Packers: The Packers have slowly gone from playoff hopefuls to 0-5 losers. Lambeau Field has turned into Lambeau Flogging-ground. The Alamo City Saints will add to Brett Favre’s woes as they beat the Cheeseheads with a solid air attack.

Buccaneers at Jets: Bucs RB Cadillac Williams will continue his campaign beating up on the offensively-challenged Jets. The Bucs will be 5-0 when this game is done.

Bears at Browns: The Bears actually have a chance to make the playoffs with the NFC North looking rather pathetic. They need to win and beat the Browns this week, totally shutting down the Cleveland offense.

Colts at 49ers: Butt whooping – no real need to say any more. The Colts will win by three touchdowns.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Friday, Oct. 7, 2005
Varsity Women’s Soccer vs. Smith College
4 p.m., Steinbrenner Stadium

Saturday, Oct. 8, 2005
Varsity Sailing — Metro Series Five
9 a.m., Charles River

Sunday, Oct. 9, 2005
Varsity Sailing — Metro Series Five
9 a.m., Charles River

Women’s Tennis Team Soundly Defeats Wheaton College 9-0

The MIT women’s tennis team defeated Wheaton College 9-0 this past Tuesday, Oct. 4. (right) Mariam N. Hoover ’08 hits a backhand across the court towards her opponent. (below) Jusleen M. Karve ’08 eyes the ball as she winds up for a backhand.

Sports

Photography by Ray C. Ho

Women’s Tennis Team

Cristina F. Stefanescu ’07, left, brings the ball upfield during the women’s field hockey 9-1 victory over Regis College on Tuesday, Oct. 4 at the Jack Berry Field. The victory gave the team a 9-2 record this season, one of the best starts in the history of the program.