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MIT and City Collaborate To Provide Free Wireless

By Marie Y. Thiibault

A collaboration with MIT researchers may provide Cambridge with a free, city-wide, wireless internet service as early as late summer. The project will rely on a mesh networking technology that allows individuals to connect to become new access points, projecting the reach of the network beyond its original antenna.

The main goal of the project is to provide internet access to Cambririans who live in public housing, said Cambridge Chief Information Officer Mary P. Hart. Though the resulting infrastructure will have a far wider benefit for city residents.

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“It’s 5:15. Do you know where the ET van is?” asked Fava with coordinating the force’s relocation, said that one conference room will be equipped as a centralized emergency operations center with extensive phone and internet connections. The center will allow personnel from the MIT Police, Environmental Health and Safety, and Facilities to work together to coordinate their response to any emergency.

“IT doesn’t work, we’ll back away from it. It’s an experiment,” said Wic Eric L. Grinnell PhD ’80, the vice president for Information and Technology.

The Weather

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, 28°F (-2°C) with a low of 18°F (-7°C)

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Emergency vehicles line up along Massachusetts Ave. near the intersection of Buildings 1 and 5 at 2:40 a.m. Sunday morning after a student falls through a skylight.

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By Jad Mouawad

OPEC indicated it will leave oil output unchanged for now.

Government complacency, poor planning and derection of duty during the disaster contributed to the deaths of dozens of the frail and sick in New Orleans, and to the suffering of many others who were stranded in area hospitals and nursing homes unable to care for them, Senate investigators said today.

In the second day of Senate hearings on the hurricane response, the focus was on what investigators called perhaps the most outrageous chapter of the storm: the mistreatment of nursing home and hospital patients during the disaster.

"How could such a thing happen?" Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, and chairwoman of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, asked the state of Louisiana, the city of New Orleans and the state association of nursing homes who attended the hearings. "Why were so many left behind?"

The market was a long list of failures that meant there was no coordinated or tested plan in place to evacuate the frail, sick or poor, though studies had warned for years that the decade that an estimated 100,000 New Orleans residents without transportation would need such help in a major hurricane.

By Saul Hansell

After astounding Wall Street with surging profits, Google learned on Tuesday the perils of high expectations. An earnings increase that fell shy of investors' hopes sent its shares plummeting after the close of the market.

Google's stock fell almost 20 percent immediately after the announcement, made after close of regular trading, then recovered somewhat. By evening it was down about 12 percent from Tuesday's close, trading at $347.51. Only three weeks ago, at its high-water mark, the stock reached $475.11. It has risen less than a year and a half since the company made its initial public offering at $85 a share.

Rasha Raithchy, an analyst with Piper Jaffray & Co., attributed Tuesday's decline to "momentum investors" who had been betting that Google would continue to surpass peak revenue estimates. "This is one of the biggest momentum stocks there is," he said. "They said this stock should be growing even faster. And when it doesn't, they just get out."

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By Eric Lipton

Democrats responded with skepticism Tuesday to President Bush's policy agenda, saying he and his fellow Republicans had compiled a record of favoring corporate interests and the affluent when it came to the economy, health care and energy.

In the party's formal response to the president's State of the Union address, Timothy M. Kaine, the newly elected governor of Virginia, accused the administration of choosing "poor choices and bad management" that have had dire consequences for ordinary Americans.

"Families in the Gulf Coast see that as they try to rebuild their lives," said Kaine, who was featured as evidence that Democrats could win elections in conservative states. "Americans who lose their jobs see that as they look to rebuild their careers. And our soldiers in Iraq see that as they try to rebuild a nation."

In their own comments before the address, Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada and Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California, the top Democrats in Congress, said the White House and congressional Republicans had granted special interests too great a role in shaping legislation, including the new Medicare prescription drug plan.

"Because the pharmaceutical industry was at the table when this bill was written," Pelosi said, "seniors are paying the price at the corner pharmacy."

She and Reid also said they had seen signs in Bush's five years in office that he and Republican congressmen were so focused on easing the nation's reliance on foreign energy sources. They said energy legislation adopted by Congress last year was heavily influenced by the oil industry, which is earning record profits.

"We have never had a more oil-oriented administration," Reid said, adding that the administration had given only lip service to alternative energy proposals.

Democrats said that they had proposed a significant mandatory reduction in imports during the energy policy debate only to see the plan rejected by Republicans.

Rep. Edward J. Markey of Massachusetts, a senior Democrat on the energy panel, said, "The president needs to embrace real reforms, not recycle rhetoric on the importance of reducing our dependency on foreign oil."

Given Bush's political struggles and a corruption scandal in Congress, Democrats see an opportunity this year to make gains in the House and the Senate, and perhaps to recapture control of one chamber in the November elections.

They hope to make their assertion that Republicans are too closely aligned with special interests a main political theme, trying to demonstrate how ties between lawmakers and lobbyists can result in legislation counter to the public interest.

The Democratic campaign advertisement created specifically for the State of the Union address by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee sought to tie Bush's past State of the Union proposals on Social Security, health care and energy and industry influence. It asked, "What special interest will the Republican Congress rubber-stamp this time?"

The House campaign organization also put together a Web site tied to the theme of the advertisement, which was shown on the Fox News Channel before the speech.

By Marcella Bombardieri

The Northeastern University trustees said yesterday that they would keep their oil production levels unchanged for the time being, stressing that supplies were secure despite tension over Iran's nuclear program.

Although the United States had been widely anticipated, it still helped ease some of the concern on oil markets, where prices remained short of record levels. The Dow Jones Industrial Average, which was March delivery declined 43 cents, to $67.92 a barrel, after touching an intraday low of $67.35.

"We are actually very, very well supplied," Ali-al-Naimi, the Saudi oil minister, said after the meeting. "Inventories are adequate and the market is showing no sign of a problem with excess supply. We expect that oil supplies will meet daily demand. "So, what else do you want from OPEC?" We have come in and replaced any losses in supplies from anywhere."

OPEC is now producing around 30 million barrels of oil a day, its highest output in more than a quarter-century. Excluding Iraq, the group's formal quota will remain at 28 million barrels a day.

By Cegeon J. Chan

Weather

Today: Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 40°F (5°C).

Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30°F (1°C).

Monday: Cloudy. Highs in the lower 50°F (10°C).

Extended Forecast

The data, according to Boston's weather observations, cloud have been observed every hour since late Friday afternoon. But don't get use to today's sunshine—it's just making a guest appearance today. From this evening, it will be at least partly cloudy, lasting until Sunday and winded with at least two storms. Gloomy enough? At least you can tell your L.A. friends that you never use sunglasses!

As LAF comes to a close, the unsettled weather pattern will remain. Weather systems will continue to gather moisture from the Gulf of Mexico, and "rain" is the long forecast for Friday night into Saturday morning and potentially another stronger storm—midday Sunday lasting until Monday. The narrow window for dry weather appears to be the late Saturday afternoon. Similar to yesterday's low-pressure system, the rain/snow line for both of these weekend storms seem to lie near Boston. Right now, given the storms and the incredibly warm weather and January fundraising, I would not be surprised Boston being in the rain sector for both storms. In any case, soak up those sun rays while you can.
Despise Efforts by Researchers, Maine Salmon Face Extinction

By Alexi Barron

The Times Telegram

On the opening day of the much-anticipated trial of Kenneth L. Lay, the former Enron chief executive, Sony Pictures Entertainment, and Jeffrey K. Skilling, lawyers for the two former Enron executives, Tuesday told a tale of two Enrons, portraying starkly different versions of the company that collapsed in late 2001.

Sony Pictures blazed a path to the summit of the environmental world not in 1996, when it was a Wall Street Journal, but because it was an energy city and the creator of a new industry that bought and sold natural gas, electricity and anything else its ambitious operatives chose to lie about the company's success.

Hueston, who spoke for 90 minutes as an expert witness, said that Wal-Mart doesn't carry to a competitor who does stock the item.

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Brian Walse, a former Enron employee, and a department head, said that police officers expressed anger about the film's scheduled Feb. 9 release in China. "It is a serious problem," said Walse.

Skeftil and assistant prosecutors say current restorative efforts go far enough to satisfy. "Now is the time to feel out ideas and experiment, before you get to that point of no return," said Walse. "We're concerned that Sony's business operations will help determine whether something is wrong with the Denry salmon or with the endangered salmon breeding clusters."

For other seacoast watertways, the East Machias, Machias, Pleasant, Narraguagus, Ducktrap, and Sheepscot rivers and Core Cove.

Wounded ABC Newsman Return

By Mark Landers

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Tellez said, “We're optimistic that in the long term, they will do very, very well.”

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Maine's prime minister, Junichiro Koizumi, visited the Yasukuni Shrine in Tokyo, where 14 Japanese war criminals and 3.5 million people enshrined.

Chinese television networks and television programs are often filled with stories about Japan's occupation of China in the 1930s and 1940s. And many Chinese openly express resentment toward the country that embraces Japanese brands and welcomes Japan's huge economic investment.

According to film industry officials, who briefed on the Chinese government's decision this week, the State Administration of Radio, Film and Television canceled the screening of the Chinese-language wuxia film "Triumph of the Flying Daggers." The film was also banned from screening in Taiwan.

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A doctor who treated both of them in Germany said Tuesday that the two had made "remarkable" progress since being admitted there Monday. The anchor, Bob Woodruff, has been able to move his fingers and speak. The doctor, Lt. Col. Matthew Tellez, the chief surgeon at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

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"When there are no blockages, everybody slacks off, including the patient, and we don't want to do that," said De George Sopko of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. "Such patients almost certainly are reporting.

Rashad Kaldany, who heads the oil, gas, mining and chemicals department for the World Bank and its investment agency. The $470 million project, already three-quarters built, will create 620 jobs and also help to stop the loss of gold, generate $300 million to $700 million for Ghana over the next 20 years.

Women at Extra Risk Than Men For Undetected Coronary Disease

By Denise Grady

The New York Times

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MIT’s Response to Hurricane Katrina Was Half-Hearted

Hector H. Hernandez

"Established for Achievement and Development of Science, its Application to Industry, the Arts, Agriculture and Commerce."
—Lobby 7 Dome, MIT

MIT has a long history of providing leadership and practical solutions when faced with issues of national importance. Individuals like Vannevar Bush EOD ‘36, Karl T. Compton, James R. Killian Jr. 29 and Julius A. Stratton 23 articulated in both writing and speech the perils of their day and proposed scientific solutions to those perils. Reviewing recent events, I found missed opportunities for putting forth such solutions.

I am going to limit myself to one incident: the response to Hurricane Katrina. MIT had an opportunity (some would say obligation) to respond, but the Institute’s limited and belated efforts left me scratching my head in wonder. I could only ask myself who was responsible.

MIT joined many other academic institutions across North America in extending enrollment to qualified students displaced by the hurricane. The Sept. 6, 2005 issue of The Tech included several articles and editorials concerning the disaster. An opinion column by Barun Singh ["Disguised in the Aftermath of Katrina"] presented a grim and moving recapitulation of the downward spiral taken by the New Orleans community in the aftermath of the hurricane. An editorial ["Rebuilding a City"] presented the MIT response in some detail but noted its inadequacy.

The Institute’s response to the crisis to date is a list of interested professors, a set of lectures, a Web site, and fundraisers. This response is abysmal from an organization with the intellectual resources, social conscience, and physical stamina of MIT. Although the lectures were informative and brought academic leaders in relevant fields together to explain the history and development of the disaster, they did not provide the devastated community with a road map to recovery.

MIT’s alumni and professors are recognized leaders in civil and environmental engineering, urban development and community planning, management, politics, and many other crucial areas of expertise that were needed at the time. MIT also has a young army of students who have technological savvy and feel the social responsibility of their knowledge. What a golden opportunity this could have been for the Institute to show its character and strength in the face of adversity.

We want future generations to think this example of our level of involvement in the national community is acceptable. I hope we can find qualified and dedicated leaders who will assure MIT’s important role in setting the standard for engineering and scientific endeavors.

The world needs the leaders at MIT to again take a stand and help forge the future.

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Jan 18 review of laptop backpacks incorrectly described the ratings. On the 1–5 scale, the best rating should have been 5 and the worst, not the other way around.

Corrections

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Author of 'Angela's Ashes' Completes Third Installation of Life Story

By W. Victoria Lee

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Divulges Pedagogical Anecdotes

Being a hit man doesn't allow for many strong in the way of negotiations. It happens to be No- in Mexico City; a contract killer for big corpora- him to lose not only his self-esteem, but also death and the destruction of his kitchen by a rienced many misfortunes, including his son' s struggled for years to be successful, but has to Mexico City to pitch a sales deal. He has unlikely friendship.

Noble (Pierce Brosnan) and upstanding sales- a lonely, oft-drunken hit man named Julian across the film. As the movie progressed, I found myself increasingly invested in the characters, and their journey to self-discovery. The film is a thought-provoking exploration of the complexities of human nature and the consequences of our actions. It is a must-watch for anyone interested in the film noir genre.
**Film Review**

**Spiegelberg's Prayer for Peace**

Aftermath of Munich Olympics: Massacre Offers Universal Message

Munich

Directed by Steven Spielberg

Written by Tom AsAADer and Eric Roth

Starring Eric Bana, Daniel Craig, Geoffrey Rush

Rated R

Now Playing

In a matter of days, the 2006 Winter Olympics will begin in Torino, Italy. With the world watching, athletes from around the globe will gather to compete in events that test their endurance, skill, and determination. Probably no other event on the planet brings together so many citizens from as many countries. Now imagine that our athletes in Torino are taken hostage and murdered by some foreign militant group. Would the United States respond with military force? I believe we all know the answer to that. But Steven Spielberg would have something to say about it.

"Munich" is inspired by the very real events of the 1972 Olympics, when 11 Israeli athletes were killed by Palestinian terrorists. Offering flashbacks to this event, the film mainly focuses on the Israeli squad of five intelligence agents assigned to find and kill the Palestinian terrorists who carried out the attack in Munich. They begin to carry out their assignments obediently, but as each successive killing grows more difficult and costly, the men not only start to question the morality of their actions but also become increasingly burdened by feelings of guilt.

Eric Bana portrays Avner, the leader of the squad, who leaves his wife and unborn child to conduct these operations about Europe. He is a loyal Israeli, a skilled cook, and a devoted father. As his men enjoy a home-cooked meal upon meeting each other, they laugh and tell stories, unaware that their actions of reciprocation will soon cost them their lives or their sanity.

They carry out their first assignment hesitantly and nervously, with shaky hands emblazoned with their moral indecision. They gun down an aging Palestinian near the elevator in his Rome apartment, and the victim’s blood splatters with milk from a broken bottle, marking the agents’ first step down a road from which they cannot turn back. Each step is more taxing as the agents are forced to victimize the innocent as well as their targets, with each drop of blood splattered, the agents become more bloodied.

Though Avner is not even sure that the men he had to kill were directly involved in the attack on Munich, he says he cannot live with refusing his orders. When his team is hunted, and his friends killed, Avner starts to fear his own assassination, irrationally checking his home for enemies in all the ways he killed his own victims. Though Avner eventually gives up the life of an assassin, pretty much admitting young recruits are all too eager to take his place.

Each killing that Avner and his men conduct is followed by some Palestinian retaliation. Letter bombs come after the Rome assassination, for example. Spielberg likens this cycle of violence to a perpetual motion machine, as the basis for the continuing conflict in the Middle East. Calling his film a “prayer for peace,” he seems to want the killers and would-be killers to understand that their actions sustain the bloodshed on both sides. As Spielberg juxtaposes the real-алoud names of the Israeli athletes and the Palestinians targeted, he further suggests that everyone involved is or will be a victim of violence.

Though the wisdom and perfect execution of “Munich” make it an outstanding film even by Spielberg’s standards, it cannot reach the greatness of “Schindler’s List” because of the nature of the content. By advocating peace, Spielberg is obligated to present a crisis with which many in the audience will disagree. With “List,” Spielberg didn’t have to present a message, only an experience, because the immorality of genocide is (almost) universally accepted. And the sad truth of the film is that the response of the audience is self-revealing. The same people who argue that the film is condoning the Palestinian terrorists are the ones who need to understand the film’s message. In other words, they’re those who are most resistant to the film’s message are the ones who need to understand it the most.

The opening title show names the many cities around the world that have hosted the Olympic games before focusing on the city of Munich. Spielberg might intend this to show that the violence at Munich spread as Avner’s team carried out their assignments, but more likely, he means to show that any conflict affects the globe, and that events in the Middle East are as relevant to our country’s future as those within our borders. Spielberg’s final shot is of Avner walking along the water in Brooklyn back to his family, framed by the Manhattan skyline and the World Trade Center.
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Guide to LGC Rush 2006

Four of MIT’s five Independent Living Groups are recruiting new members during a rush period extending from now until February 18. (The fifth, pika, held its rush events last week before this guide was completed.)

**February 1, 2006**
18:00
18:00 — Fenway House — Fenway Open House. Come take a house tour and meet the house residents. Behold the elliptical staircase of victory! (6 p.m.–11 p.m.)

**February 2, 2006**
18:00
18:00 — Fenway House — Fenway Open House. Come take a house tour and meet the house residents. Behold the dumbwaiter elevator of doom! (6 p.m.–11 p.m.)

19:00
19:00 — Epsilon Theta — Fondue and Games Night: It all begins with an assortment of savory, sweet, plus cheesy fondues and an assortment of board games. Just try not to get any chocolate on your Scalable tiles. But extra style points if you can paint with it in Telephone Pictionary.

21:00
21:00 — Epsilon Theta — You are not the pope.

**February 4, 2006**
12:00
12:00 — Fenway House — Fenway Open House. Come take a house tour and meet the house residents. Behold! Something about a donkey and the revolution! (Noon–11 p.m.)

12:30 — Epsilon Theta — Comfort food for lunch: grilled cheese and tomato soup.

13:00
13:30 — Epsilon Theta — Caffeine & Books Tour: Two of the best things about Brookline are its coffee shops and book stores. They’ve all got more character than Barnes and Noble or Starbucks. Caffeinated or decaffeinated, coffee or tea, new or used books — the fix you need is a short walk away.

15:00

18:00
18:00 — Epsilon Theta — Come over for dinner and have barbecued beef tips, veggie turnovers, and apple dumpings.

19:00
19:00 — Epsilon Theta — Ballroom Dance Party: Everyone looks stylish when dancing in a swishy skirt. (Especially guys)! Even if you’ve never danced a step in your life, our resident ballroom dancing aficionados will show you how to cha-cha, swing, tango, or at least fake it pretty well. Swish!

**February 5, 2006**
9:00
9:00 — Student House – SUPER BOWL SUNDAY!!! If you feel like playing a game of football after watching Super Bowl XL, then come over to Student House and we can all enjoy some original American Football. FOOTBALL!!

12:00
12:00 — Fenway House — Fenway Open House. Come take a

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**Epsilon Theta**
259 Saint Paul Street, Brookline
Co-ed, Undergrad & Grad
http://web.mit.edu/ethetans/www/
House phone: (617) 734-9211 or v3-8888
Contact: Thomas Eng (engt@mit.edu)

**Fenway House**
34 The Fenway, Boston
Co-ed, Undergrad & Grad
http://web.mit.edu/fenway/www/
House phone: (617) 437-1043
Contact: Malina Wolf (mivolf@mit.edu)

**pika**
69 Chestnut Street, Cambridge
Co-ed, Undergrad & Grad
http://pika.mit.edu/
House phone: (617) 492-6983
Contact: Margaret Avener (avenerm@mit.edu)

**Student House**
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Co-ed, Undergrad
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House phone: (617) 247-0506
Contact: Jennifer Olejarczyk (haasheo@mit.edu) and Tess Diduch (tdiduch@mit.edu)

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355 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge
All-female, Undergrad
http://wilg.mit.edu/
House phone: (617) 647-0205
Contact: Kristina Chidozie (kchidozi@mit.edu)
February 6, 2006
9:00—Student House-Reg. Day
Muffin Game: Get a free muffin while playing games and talk to some STUDs at booth 8 in the Student Center from 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

12:00—W-L: Lunch

19:00—W-L: Dinner—chicken and veggie wraps.

19:30—student House—open House. Come take a house tour and meet the house residents. Enjoy the washing machine of water conserva-
tionsity!! (6 p.m.–11 p.m.)

19:30—epsilon Theta—improv Night. Be spontaneous! Join us for an assortment of the aleatoric and improvised skits. You’ll be surprised how quickly you can make up something hilarious.

19:00—Student House—free palm reading. Come to Student House for a free palm reading. Understand what your hands have to say. Hope to see you there near Kenmore Square.

February 7, 2006
16:00—Student House—See a piece of history: Student House is one of the first coed college living groups in the nation. Come have a tour at this historic site and piece of MIT culture. Just stop by and ask for a tour, and any STUD will be happy to show you around.

18:00—W-L: Dinner—beef and broccoli.

18:30—Student House—pre-dinner dessert: We will provide you with a chocolate muffin, you add whatever topping you so desire to it. Just ask and you shall receive. There will be FREE dinner at 7:30 p.m.

18:00—student House—open House. Come take a house tour and meet the house residents. Behold the backgam-
mon and some STUDs. This should just LOVE to meet you.

February 10, 2006
16:00—Student House—See a piece of history: Student House is one of the first coed college living groups in the nation. Come have a tour at this historic site and piece of MIT culture. Just stop by and ask for a tour, and any STUD will be happy to show you around.


18:00—Student House—improve your v-ball game: Learn how to improve your volleyball skills in a side a brownstone house. There are no better training grounds than here. Also, brown-
ties before you eat our delicious dinner at 7:30 p.m.

18:00—Fenway House—Fenway Open House. Come take a house tour and meet the house residents. Behold the pool table of freedom! (6 p.m.–11 p.m.)

19:00—Student House—Are you hungry?! Enjoy a wide variety of food and warm dinner made just for you. There are plenty of meat and vegetarian op-
tions, so check it out at Student House.

20:00—W-L: Anna’s Taqueria and board games study break.

21:00—Student House—Soda Pong: If you like soda and ping pong, then play ping pong soda pong. It will be fun and slightly captivating. Come by any time tonight, and we will teach you the fine art of Soda Pong.

21:00—Student House—bike repair: Student House’s Piko STUD will be teaching how to fix bikes and will help you with any bike problems from 6–10 p.m. Come any time.

21:00—W-L: TALN—italian dinner: pizza, pasta, and a room full of STUDs to keep you company. Stop by any time and stay for as long or little as you like, but there will be food!!!

February 12, 2006
10:30—W-L: Breakfast

12.00—Fenway House—Fenway Open House. Come take a house tour and meet the house residents. Behold the bike shed of humanity!! (noon–11 p.m.)

13.00—epsilon Theta—A Cappella: Jam! Have you always wanted to sing a cappella? Join us and our singers of rather varying abilities as we try to come up with a passable rendi-
tion of a song. It could be some-
things by Billy Joel, or Guster, or the Karamari Danacy theme... it’s up to you.

14:00—W-L: Bowling

14:00—Fenway House—Fenway Open House. Open House every Sunday throughout the term. Come display, demonstrate, discuss, and do all kinds of things.

16:00—Student House—See a piece of history: Come have a tour! Any STUD will be happy to show you around.

18:00—W-L: Dinner—baked chicken and tofu.

18:00—Student House—Guitar lessons: focused more towards beginners, but everyone is welcome to learn guitar. There are also lots of STUDs to feed your ears.

21:00—Student House—Juggling lessons: Learn different tricks for juggling objects. Beginners are welcome to participate in the lessons. Check out Student House and juggle out for our events on and off campus.

21:00—epsilon Theta—slumber party: The perfect time to forget about the fire and ponder Life’s mean-
ingful questions. For instance: “What is the sound of one marshmallow tasting?” Lots of games and munchies will also be there.

February 11, 2006
16:00—Student House—See a piece of history: Stop by and ask for a tour! Any STUD will be happy to show you around.

18:00—W-L: Dinner—sweet potato.

18:00—Student House—improve your v-ball game: Learn how to improve your volleyball skills in a side a brownstone house. There are no better training grounds than here. Also, brown-
ties before you eat our delicious dinner at 7:30 p.m.

18:00—Fenway House—Fenway Open House. Come take a house tour and meet the house residents. Behold the skylight to the Chapelle while you dine with a bunch of STUDs. Need I say more?

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19:00—W-L: Dinner—chicken marsala.

19:00—student House—relax with a massage: Come to Student House tonight for some much-needed relaxation. Receive an awesome massage at one of MIT’s co-ed independent living groups.

19:30—student House—Movie Night! “Tommy Boy” is a hilar-
ious comedy that will make you laugh. Relieve any tension with laughter and popcorn at Student House. Pun with the STUDs.

February 14, 2006
16:00—Student House—See a piece of history: Come have a tour at this historic site! Stop by and ask for a tour.

18:00—W-L: Dinner—chicken and mango.

20:00—W-L: Finale desserts. Compliments of the STUDs.

21:00—Student House—Old-
school Game Night! Rekindle your youth with our video games tonight at Student House. Neogeo, NES, Genesis, and some STUDs will be all there. Come by any time starting at 9 p.m.

February 15, 2006
16:00—Student House—The Art of Dave Chapelle. Need I say more? Watch this slideshow of the most entertaining and works of a comedic genius by watching Dave all day. Catch the Chapelle show at Student House any time after 4 p.m. Don’t forget the FREE dinner here at 7:30 p.m.

18:00—W-L: Dinner—meat and cheese study break.

18:00—Fenway House—Fenway Open House. Come take a house tour and meet the house residents. Behold the MMZ at 9 p.m.

19:30—Dave Chapelle Dinner: Watch Dave Chapelle while you dine with a bunch of STUDs. This should

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house tour and meet the house residents. Behold the pit of hopelessness! Check out the legendary epsilon Theta—lunch: For lunch: confederate. Actually, nobody here has a Boston College. Chowder.

13:00—epsilon Theta—Let’s all take a moment to contemplate our mortality.

14:00—Fenway House—Fenway Arts group meeting. Every Sun-
day throughout term. Come to discuss, display, demonstrate, or do all kinds of things.

19:00—epsilon Theta—Mock the Super Bowl Party: A thetan tra-
dition. Most of us have no idea what the teams are or why they keep running into each other and making a ruckus, but we still kick back and enjoy it with a nice cold root beer and an assort-
ment of Super Bowl snacks.
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be more fun than something you think is fun.
20:00
20:00 — WILG — Focus and a movie study break!
February 16, 2006
16:00
16:00 — Student House — Simpsons seasons 1–3: Classic Simpsons before all the hype.
18:00
18:00 — WILG — Dinner: steak and scallop.
18:00 — Student House — Bike Repair: Student House’s Piko STUD will be teaching how to fix your bike and help you with any bike problems from 6–9 p.m. Come any time.
18:00 — Fenway House — Fenway Open House. Come take a house tour and meet the house residents. Behold! Shiny legs! (6 p.m.–11 p.m.)
20:00
20:00 — WILG — Spa Night!
21:00
21:00 — Student House — Relaxing Massages: Since everyone enjoys a little relaxation, come to Student House and just chill with the STUDs. It’s been a long week and you should take a break. Stop by any time!
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19:00 — WILG — Dinner: ribs!
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21:00 — Student House — Vocal percussion lessons: Learn how to make your voice sound like the background beat of your favorite song. This lesson will be taught by a STUD who is also a member of an a cappella group. Stop by any time tonight!
February 19, 2006
10:00
10:00 — Student House — Mentos dinner: We will not be serving Mentos, but we will give you some if you want from the event we held at 4 p.m. today. FREE FOOD and FREE COMPANY of STUDs for YOU!
18:00
18:00 — WILG — Dinner: steak and scallop.
February 20, 2006
20:00
20:00 — WILG — Desserts in the North End.
22:00
22:00 — Fenway House — Cookies and milk. Crunch, crunch, gulp. Every Thursday evening at 10 p.m.
February 21, 2006
16:00
16:00 — Student House — The explosive power of Mentos: You’ve got to see it to believe it, but it’s true. Stop by any time from 4–6 p.m.
16:00 — Student House — Mentos dinner: We will not be serving Mentos, but we will give you some if you want from the event we held at 4 p.m. today. FREE FOOD and FREE COMPANY of STUDs for YOU!
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18:00 — Fenway House — Fenway Open House. Come take a house tour and meet the house residents. Behold the wire-less access points of liberty! (6 p.m.–11 p.m.)
20:00
20:00 — WILG — Spa Night!
February 22, 2006
10:00
10:00 — Student House — See a piece of history: Student House is one of the first co-ed college living groups in the nation. Come for a tour at this historic site and piece of MIT culture.
12:00
12:00 — WILG — PuPu Hot Pot lunch.
12:00 — Fenway House — Fenway Open House. Come take a house tour and meet the house residents. Behold the Spam of the Apocalypse! (noon–11 p.m.)
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Okay skip, I'll admit it. I read "The Da Vinci Code" (I fell prey to the vast conspiracy of book circles and seemingly erudite TV shows (heh-heh, erudite, the mark of the Da Vinci Code)). And what’s more, I liked it, I really liked it. I thought I'd leave the experience none the worse for wear, except for one fatal flaw it made me want to read "Angels and Demons." Dan Brown; how could you? Da Vinci Code is a-sooet (it's not a prequel because it came first).

Several science and engineer friends, don’t be alarmed, this isn’t turning into a literary column. What Angels and Demons did to leaf me scathcing was simply expose me to the scientific ignorance of the general populace — which was staggering. I’m sure that for some of you, this is old news. My yelped headcox, “Well of course, Bill, where have you been? You thought you lived in Florida?” And, all digs at Florida aside (for now), she has a point. While I’m there, I usu-

ally hang out with my family or my high school friends, neither group typical in knowability.

I’m sure you’re not the only one who has led such a sheltered life from scientific ignorance, and that’s where my main point is right here. Consider Robert Langdon, the world famous symbologist and Harvard professor who stars in both books. Here is a man who is, in a matter of hours, is able to figure out centuries-old Illumina-

ti secrets; he can puzzle out the contents of both books. Here is a man who, in a matter of hours, is able to figure out centuries-old Illuminati secrets and, evade assassins left and right. He is buddies with both the Pope and Jesus (well, more or less) and is sure to be ignored enough to molest a scientific sym-

bolist, or something. And yet, he was shocked to learn that matter and energy are two sides of the same coin. His exact words were, I believe, “More energy!”

I responded in shock and derisive yelling, “What! How can you possibly not know that, Robert? You profess at Harvard! Haven’t you ever wondered what E = mc² means?!” That book got me banned from the reading room in my favorite library, but it was worth it.

But as several of you already know, that’s the way it is. People don’t like science and math and they don’t like, well, any literature. They are hundreds, millions, thousands, millions for original Bot-

ticelli and Mona Lisa stuff to do. To keep their heads, there are where the framings of the math-

ematical axioms, the posters of the three laws of motion, the surface area of Newtonian physics on the shoulders of giants! Nowhere, except maybe in our classroom doors.

To be fair, though, sometimes we do part our
to discourage them. Why, for instance, do papers have to be so dull and laden with jargon? My it-

anec, more scientist than I say, it’s to preserve uniformity, make it more digestible for other scientists to understand. She may have a point, but I know

I hate reading those things, and can see why it seems like we’re trying to discourage laymen from getting all up in our grill.

We know that, but it’s just that I don’t think

I care whether others know what we’re doing. I’ll do my job, you do yours. But dam-

MIT, I can’t! Not knowing matter is equivalent to energy (or what CERN stands for, or what supercolliders do) — that’s just sad. It’s also a little scary, if we stay on this path it won’t be long before people start mistrusting us, before society is seen as the elitist keepers of awe-

knowledge.

While the idea of being one of the few who

understand aesthetics, scientific work may be beguiling to us, we have to remember to

out to outsiders it’s all the same, it’s all gibberish. Algebra looks like calculus looks like chemis-

try looks like physics looks like engineering to most people out there; equally incorrigible and

impossible.

So what am I saying? We suck because we keep them out? They suck because they’re so ignorant and afraid? I suck for having read Dan Brown? Well, maybe he’s one’s’s’s’s’s’s’s’s’s’s’s’s’s’s’s’s’s’s’s’s’s’s’

If someone’s ignorance strikes you, maybe you could offer to explain, instead of just the casual

you wouldn’t understand? I hear all the time (jmt.edu). Maybe those of us with literary bents

yourself. I mean you know those are all the things that make us great for our part in the presen-

science, and at least make an attempt to understand. Who knows what might happen?

**Staff Columnist**

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Hello readers, and welcome to the quest for the perfect everyday laptop backpack. In my last feature, I explored the High Sierra brand, which had good quality materials and features, but some poor size considerations. This week, let’s look at the Riptide.

I was first attracted to Samsonite laptop backpack when I saw it featured on both Amazon and Best Buy. I knew that Samsonite makes other good qual-

ity bags (suitcases, briefcase-messengers), and

sleeve was easy enough to get my computer into,

the shoulder strap. However, there is a strap to

by the time I managed to pack my bag, I’d all-

the zipper of the main compartment closed.

My rating scale in the variety of remote options,

The Remote Control

This gadget is a top performer in all areas:

the shoulder straps didn’t strap against my back. It wasn’t too much of a problem, though.

Aside from strange features, the bag looks

pretty nice, black (or another color if you like) with reflective silver accents that add just

enough variety. It features the comforts that I’d

liked in my labmates’ bags, with a really cushy

handle and super-mega-thick padded straps. I don’t know what they put in those straps, but it’s heavy duty almost to the point of making them

feels awkward. This is not the bag for me.

Samsontie “Typhoon”

This bag’s main feature is a removable laptop sleeve with its own little handle. A nice feature, I thought, since when aren’t you carrying your laptop you just take that part out and you’ve
gotten a regular backpack? The only problem is the sleeve is barely fit my 17-inch laptop. It took some effort to zip up, and then when I put the

filled sleeve in the backpack, it was a struggle to

zip the zipper of the main compartment closed. By the time I managed to put my bag in, it’s

ready messed a shuffle to work! And since the sleeve is thin material with thin padding, if your

large laptop. My rating scale in the variety of

Samsontie “Riptide”

This is a well-designed bag overall. It only
comes in a sleek, all-black color, at least on

Google Shopping.

Looking at the variety of remote options,

The crowning glory of this gadget is its

Visually, there are controls for blanking, as

This gadget is a top performer in all areas:

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The Shopaholic Beaver

By Elizabeth Zakrzewski

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Samsontie “Riptide”

This is a well-designed bag overall. It only
comes in a sleek, all-black color, at least on

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This gadget is a top performer in all areas:

the shoulder straps didn’t strap against my back. It wasn’t too much of a problem, though.

Aside from strange features, the bag looks

pretty nice, black (or another color if you like) with reflective silver accents that add just

enough variety. It features the comforts that I’d

liked in my labmates’ bags, with a really cushy

handle and super-mega-thick padded straps. I don’t know what they put in those straps, but it’s heavy duty almost to the point of making them

feels awkward. This is not the bag for me.

Samsontie “Typhoon”

This bag’s main feature is a removable laptop sleeve with its own little handle. A nice feature, I thought, since when aren’t you carrying your laptop you just take that part out and you’ve
gotten a regular backpack? The only problem is the sleeve is barely fit my 17-inch laptop. It took some effort to zip up, and then when I put the

filled sleeve in the backpack, it was a struggle to

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Recruitment Leaders Ready for Big Week

Recruitment, from Page 1

though, “A problem girls run into is not keeping an open mind going into recruitment — they are already set on one place,” Cho said, referring to the current process of recruitment over IAP.

To inform prospective members, Cho said Panhellenic Recruitment Counselors (PRCs), who are disaffiliated sorority members, have been working diligently over the past week to finish their semester-long training. The whole point of sorority recruitment is to get your foot in the door, then you can find out about the sorority,” said PRC Samantha E. Bennett ’06.

Four years ago, Panhel shifted fall recruitment to IAP to allow freshman women time to adjust to MIT life. After having re-evaluated the process this fall, Panhel will revert back to fall in seeking recruits from the Class of 2011.

Solution to Sudoku from page 7

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Morgan Stanley
Rooftop Disciplinary Policy Still Unclear

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A minute later, and the student was taken to MGH shortly thereafter.

Martin F. Holmes ’08, who was walking home through the halls around 5 a.m. that morning, said that he saw five police cars, an ambulence, and three fire vehicles.

The student had landed on the staircase platform underneath the nightlight between the second and third floors of Building 5, Carlson said.

Randolph, who spoke to the stu dent on the phone, said that she was in critical condition at one point, but by yesterday afternoon was able to stand and was “feeling somewhat better.” Randolph predicted that she would be released from MGH into care at the MIT Infirmary sometime next week.

“This was really very close to being a tragedy,” he said. “It was a tragedy, but it could have been much worse.”

Regarding possible disciplinary action for the students, Randolph said that the punishments defined by the current rooftop policy automatically apply to any student found in unauthorized areas of campus. He acknowledged that the physical condition of the student who fell through the skylight would affect what disciplinary actions are appropriate for her.

But some questions remain among administrators and faculty about the specifics of the current policy.

The policy is set by the Office of Student Life, but neither Benedict nor Randolph claimed clear ownership on the topic.

It is unclear whether and to what extent these suggestions were incorporated, as Benedict said the policy in effect was the one suggested by Randolph last November; Resnick said she has since received no response from either administrator.

The committee, which includes five students, suggested revisions intended to prevent students from paying off uncompleted service hours. These revisions were then sent back to Randolph and Benedict last November, Resnick said she has since received no response from either administrator.

We are concerned about these situations for precisely these reasons,” said Randolph when asked about the policy and the changes it has gone through. “My expectation is that there will be wider conversation as a result” of this incident.

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Harvard Expected to Join in on Wireless Cambridge Effort

Wireless, from Page 1

The city's partnership with MIT is a "golden opportunity" to rapidly set up a wireless network, Hart said, and it makes good sense. "At MIT we'd like to do something good for the city," he said.

Keville said that there will be a selected buildings in Cambridge, she said. Keville said that there will be a wireless access point that will be installed. They are constructed from a 40 milliwatt chip and "hacked" to include compute code that enables the mesh technology, he said.

The first round of testing will probably take place in mid-March, Keville said. An antenna will be attached to the top of MIT building NE47, where Keville works, and another antenna will be installed on the top of 831 Massachusetts Avenue in Cambridge, a city-owned building adjacent to Cambridge City Hall. The strength of the signal between the two sites will be tested and the direction of the antennas will be adjusted accordingly, Keville said.

The code, which is publicly available, was written by an MIT research group called Roofnet.

CHRISTINA KANG—THE TECH

Building W89 (301 Vassar St.) is in the final stages of its renovation into the new headquarters of MIT Police. The move, originally scheduled for January, has been set back to mid-February. Police, from Page 1

Central Square last June, Carlson said. The fire endangered MIT's connection to the power grid.

Space at W89 has also been allocated for a booking center, according to Carlson. Currently, persons arrested by the police must be processed, or booked, at the Cambridge Police Department. The booking center in the new location will not be operational immediately after the move, but the capability will be added in the following months, Carlson said.

Kurt Samuelson, senior project manager of construction in the Department of Facilities, said he expects Cambridge officials to issue a certificate of occupancy, officially signifying compliance with all zoning and building regulations, by the end of week.

DiFava emphasized that police service will continue uninterrupted during the move itself, and acknowledged that the logistics of relocation remain an "ongoing issue."

Emergency contact numbers will not change, and the detailed execution of the move is being carefully planned, Carlson said. Operations at the MIT Police's patrol station in the basement of the State Center will be unaffected by the move, he said.

Wireless, from Page 1

provide wireless internet access at no charge last fall when the city council convened the Wireless Technology Committee, said City Councillor Hennietta Davis.

Keville said that MIT is the only university participating during the testing period. Harvard is expected to join in later, he said. Harvard representatives were not present at a Jan. 25 committee meeting.

Grocshow said Cambridge is the first city to partner with its universities toward the goal of becoming wireless.

MIT applies research to help city

Cambridge's partnership is a "golden opportunity" to rapidly set up a wireless network, Hart said, and has some benefits compared to possibilities the city had previously discussed with vendors such as Cisco Systems, Inc.

Davis, who introduced a council resolution in support of the move, said she had originally been motivated to make Cambridge wireless because Comcast, which provides high-speed cable internet to Cambridge, was not responsive to any requests for discounts for lower-income citizens. "Comcast has been unproductive and uncompetitive for citizens," Davis said. White Comcast has no local competitors in the cable internet business, Verizon Online provides DSL access to Cambridge at a range of prices and prices generally lower than that available through Comcast.

Grocshow said that the difference between MIT and Cisco is that MIT's technology is the result of research and experimentation, while Cisco is looking to make a profit. "At MIT we'd like to do something good for the city," Grocshow said, because it "brings good publicity to the city and eventually to us, and it makes good sense." Grocshow said that Cambridge should use MIT's technology because it is something that works right now. At the Jan. 25 meeting, committee members agreed that future partnerships with vendors such as Cisco are possible.

Two other American cities, Philadelphia and San Francisco, have gained attention for their plans to become wireless. Philadelphia is creating its own utility. Hart said, while San Francisco has partnered with Google to become a wireless city.

Traditionally, a wireless network is centralized around one wireless access point, which communicates with a wireless card in any laptop or desktop computer. Hart said. Mesh technology allows individual computers to propagate the network and act as new access points, making it unnecessary for a user to be within range of the original wireless signal, he said.

Cambridge's base wireless network will consist of a number of antennas that will be installed on the roofs of selected buildings in Cambridge, she said.

Keville said that there will be a wireless connection to the antenna to create a wireless access point, and at least one of the other antennas must not be blocked from the MIT antenna by any buildings. Then the signal from MIT's access point will jump to the provost to the host provost, president, and associate provost, but no timeline for decision has yet been established.

Building W89 (301 Vassar St.) is in the final stages of its renovation into the new headquarters of MIT Police. The move, originally scheduled for January, has been set back to mid-February. The construction in front of New House comes to an end on Friday, Jan. 27 with a final touch of fresh pavement.
Class Redesign to Build Bridge Between EE and CS

Course VI, from Page 1

As for C1, students who enroll in it and a 3-credit Scheme class will get credit for 6.001.

Widely respected in the field, 6.001 is an introduction to some of the principal ideas in computer science, and concepts of computer programming, using the Scheme programming language.

C1, on the other hand, has both electrical engineering and computer science, taught using the Python programming language.

Some worry that the trademark rigor of 6.001 may be lost in this transition, but many members of the faculty involved with the new curriculum insist that this will not be the case.

“In the long run, [C1] by itself will not replace 6.001,” said Professor Harold Abelson PhD ’73, a member of the C1 staff, and one of the original creators of 6.001. Concepts that make up 6.001 will be presented both in C1 and again later in the proposed curriculum, he said.

New Course VI structure proposed

In late 2004, in the wake of declining Course VI enrollment, L. Rafael Reif, the department head at the time, and now the provost, created a committee for the purpose of re-evaluating the effectiveness of Course VI’s curriculum.

The goal was “to have the recommended modifications to the Course VI curriculum substantially in place by September 1, 2007,” according to a Course VI announcement on Aug. 25, 2004.

While nothing has been set in stone, a sketch of a curriculum has been drafted, and is being circulated for comment.

The new structure comprises four levels: Students would be introduced to the department with two required “core” classes, C1 and C2.

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Li Yu ’08 (left) and Ross Fu ’07 (not pictured) battle wits in single variable integration during the Integration Bee held last Tuesday, Jan. 24. Taige Hou ’08 was later crowned the Grand Integrator.

OMARI STEPHENS—THE TECH

University of Cambridge lecturer Sanjoy Mahajan explains a wave mechanics demonstration during 8.298, Lies and Damn Lies: The Art of Approximation in Science.

JACLYN HO—THE TECH

Jaclyn J. Ho ’09 and Jennifer H. Kwok ’08 teach students how to make scallion pancakes in a cooking workshop hosted by the Association of Taiwanese Students this past weekend.

OMARI STEPHENS—THE TECH

Alex Rolfe G prepares a pair of speakers to be lowered. The center-channel speakers at the front of 26-100 were recently replaced by the Lecture Series Committee in an effort to improve movie sound quality.
While Roethlisberger hopes to make the plays down the field, he’ll have to rely on running backs Jerome Bettis and Willie Parker. Bettis returns home to Detroit to play in his second Super Bowl, and while he’s given most of the work over to Parker this year, they both continue to provide support to Big Ben, especially late in games after the Steelers take the lead.

Controlling the ball has been Bettis’ strength throughout his career, and it’ll be difficult for Seattle’s defensive line to stop the physical runner who could be playing his final game.

Overall, the teams are eerily alike on paper, using similar playing styles to roll through opposing teams with surprising ease. Both teams faced few challenges in their last outing, dominating early to take quick leads and using ball control to wear out their opponents.

Attribute much of this success to the schemes created by head coaches Holmgren and Cower, who with their long tenures are two of the most respected coaches in the league. I look forward to seeing what they will come up with to try to outwit each other after having had two weeks to prepare. With such evenly matched teams, the eventual winner will be the one that makes the fewest mistakes and is able to impose its will in the passing game. Both quarterbacks are making debut Super Bowl trips, so there’s no guessing how they’ll perform.

Pittsburgh has proven itself strong over the course of the playoffs, but the Steelers have to hit the wall eventually. Though they have already played three of the top teams in the league, Seattle’s got the defense (and offense) to stop them. Hasselbeck has been too good over the past month, even without Al -exander, for the Steelers to win.

My pick: Seattle over Pittsburgh to win Super Bowl XL.
SPORTS

Women's Basketball Wins Over Wellesley
Steal Late in Game Causes Narrow Victory

By Mindy Brauer

A steal by Christa M. Mangum '07 on a inbound pass in MIT's backcourt set up a game-winning layup for Samantha F. O'Keefe '09 with 21 seconds on the clock, lifting the MIT women's basketball team to a 57-56 victory over Wellesley College in New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference action on Tues- day. The Engineers improved to 4-10 overall and 1-5 in conference play, while the Blue dropped to 5-10 and 3-4.

MIT dominated early on, build- ing a 13-point advantage (34-21) by the half. A pair of free throws each from Laura Wolandier and Jeff Adasi along with a layup by Adasi brought the score to 36-30 at the intermission.

Adasi and Orji leading baskets to open the second half, the Engineers went on an eight-point run, gaining 48-32 with 14:47 remaining. Wolandier got back into the game with a 23-7 run during the next 12:26, tying the game at 55 with 22:31 left.

The Blue took its first lead of the game when Kristin Dobert converted the first of two free throws with 1:17 remaining. A defensive battle ensued until O'Keefe's basket off the steal. Wellesley attempted to answer during the final seconds, but a three-pointer by Courtney Pelley was just off the mark.

Kimberly E. Soo Hoo '08 led the Engineers with 15 points and six assists. Cheryl R. Watts '07 added 11 points, while Clara J. Yuan '09 contributed. Karen A. Kinnaman '07 re- corded a game-high nine rebounds and three steals along with seven points. Adasi led all scorers with 18 points on 7-of-15 shooting, and collected nine boards and three steals. Dobert pulled down six rebounds and 16 points, and a game-high 11 rebounds, and Wolandier finished with 11 points and six assists.

MIT Women Defeat Lesley

The MIT women's basketball team put together a 9-2 run over West Chester University to claim a first victory over Lesley University (63-45) in the first meeting between the squads on Thursday night.

The scoring began with a layup from Karen A. Kinnaman '06 four seconds into the game. The teams traded baskets, resulting in a 4-4 tie at 18:12, but a layup by Clara J. Yuan '09 on the ensuing possession sparked a 9-2 run over four minutes and gave Engineers (5-10) the lead for good.

Lesley responded with the defi- cit to two (19-17) on a layup by Lisa Pina with 8:48 left. A pair of free throws by Kimberly E. Soo Hoo '08 and an additional shot from the charity stripe by Christa M. Mangum '07 gave Tests some breathing room.

The Lynx (6-9, 4-5) responded with a pair of buckets from Christine Buchanan, Christina De- Giorgio, and Courtney Luehke helped narrow the margin to 15 in a span of less than five minutes, but it was not enough. MIT outscored the Lynx 7-2 over the final four minutes.

Kinnaman led all scorers with 24 points, shooting 9-of-11 from the floor, hitting both of her three-point attempts, and 4-of-5 from the line. She also finished with a game-high nine rebounds and four steals. Leahs and Vines each scored 12 points for the Lynx.

Yuan contributed 12 points and a pair of game-high three steals, while Margossian had a strong defensive outing, collecting six rebounds and a block.

Buchanan led Lesley's rebound corps with six boards to go along with eight points.

By Shreyes Seshasai

Seahawks Will Win Super Bowl XL

A Steal that led to a turnover by the Seahawks defense, five seconds into the game, will be the turning point of Super Bowl XL. The Baltimore Ravens will face off in Super Bowl XL on Sunday night, completing a playoff season full of ups and downs. Seattle Seattle Seahawks and Pittsburgh Steelers will face off in Super Bowl XL on Sunday night, completing a playoff season full of ups and downs. Seattle Seahawks and Pittsburgh Steelers will face off in Super Bowl XL on Sunday night, completing a playoff season full of ups and downs.

Derek Seshasai, Columnist

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The Seahawks' offense has been one of the top quarterbacks in the league. Their quarterback rating, the best in the NFC this year, has been even better in the playoffs. Much of the credit for Hasselbeck's success should be given to head coach Mike Holmgren, who has been teaching him the ways of the West Coast offense. During the past five years the two have been together, Hasselbeck's confidence has improved significantly, despite early playoff losses in each of the past two seasons. Now with a more confident and potent passing game, Hasselbeck feels comfortable going for the big plays, and his numbers prove it.

Seattle's other weapon on offense is the strong pressure of the Pittsburgh Steelers' defense. Alexander must be a factor of the game complemented by passing. But coach Bill Cowher and offensive coordinator Ken Whisenhunt showed little restraint in their play calling against the Broncos, one reason their offense was able to pick apart one of the top defenses in the league.

Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger stole the show in the AFC Championship game, playing efficient football and making big plays on third downs, especially in the first half. Despite only playing his second year in the league, he already has more playoff experience than many hope to have in their career, and should the Steelers win, he would become the youngest quarterback to win the Super Bowl.