Hockfield Names Sr. Advisor To Replace Willmore

By Marissa Vogt

Senior Advisor to the President Kirk D. Kolbenbrander has been appointed to Vice President for Institute affairs, and nominated to replace Kathryn A. Willmore as secretary of the MIT Corporation, President Susan Hockfield announced Tuesday.

Kolbenbrander said that as VP for Institute affairs he will maintain a number of his current tasks as senior advisor to the president, including managing chief of staff functions and giving policy advice.

According to Tech Talk, Hockfield also announced on Tuesday the creation of a VP for external relations position, which has not been filled yet. Hockfield did not respond to requests for comment.

The secretary of the Corporation is responsible for coordinating communication between the administration and MIT's trustees. Willmore stressed the importance of the secretary's role in communicating to the trustees the concerns of the students. "It's very important to have people who understand the MIT community very well," she said.

Willmore said that she was "one of many people that the President consulted" while searching for her replacement. Willmore said she was impressed with Kolbenbrander's experience relating to both MIT faculty and student service for the first offense and 20 hours for the second, and automatically pay a $250 fine on the third. The policy was suggested by Interfraternity Council President Issac J. Tetzliff '07 and ICC Risk Manager Jonathan A. Birnbaum '08, also a member of DG, also declined to comment.

The Weather

Today: Mostly cloudy, 32°F (-1°C)

Tonight: Cloudy, 20°F (-7°C)

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Construction of New Grad Dorm Planned

By Marie Y. Tribbaut

MIT's construction plans for the coming year, presented during the annual town goon meeting on Feb 7, include the creation of a new graduate dormitory. The plans drew comment from Cambriangrins urging for more open green space on the MIT campus, which Chief Facilities Officer William J. Anderson Jr. assured would be considered during the construction process.

Anderson announced at the meeting of the Cambridge Planning Board that plans call for dorm to be located next to the Sidney-Pacific graduate dormitory, and also near other graduate student residences such as Edgerton House and Building NW30 (Warehouse). This will create a "genuine graduate student district," he said. Green space would come in the form of perhaps a quadrangle or courtyard, Anderson said.

The cost of the 400 to 500 bed dorm, to be designed by Boston-based architects William Rawn and Associates, is not yet known. Predictions for completion time are imprecise, but the earliest possible opening date is fall 2008, Anderson said. MIT will apply for building permits later this year, and completion date will become clearer within the next six months, he said. The dormitory will displace a parking lot and the MIT recycling center. It is not yet known where the center will be moved.

Last year, then-Vice President John R. Curry announced that a dormitory was in the plans, but said that an undergraduate dorm was more likely. Anderson said there is potential for an undergraduate dorm in future plans.

At the meeting, he also gave updates on MIT's other construction projects. A new research building for the Broad Institute, which is a partnershipt between MIT, Harvard, and the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research, is slated to open very soon, with personnel moving in this month, Anderson said. The building is located next to the Whitehead Institute and across the street from Building 68.

Several projects in the works

Construction on the Physics, Department of Material Sciences and Engineering, Spectroscopy, and Infrastructure project is expected to be completed by the end of the year later than the original goal of Dec. 2006. Construction adjacent to Sloan School facilities on the far east side of campus will restart, since the project was put on hold after MIT's construction plans for the dormitory were revealed.

MIT Medical Begins Response to Recommendations

By Rosa Cao

Three months after the MIT Task Force on Medical Care for the MIT Community submitted its final report, an internal working group convened by the office of the Executive Vice President with representatives from the Medical Department, Office of Finance, and the Benefits and Human Resources Department is reviewing the 42 specific recommendations listed in the report, delegating groups of issues to each of the departments and assigning timelines for their implementation.

MIT Medical Head William M. Kettlely said that the new student premium for next academic year, due to be announced by the end of the month, are expected to stay the same, both for the MIT basic plan, which is included in tuition, and for the Student Extended Insurance Plan, which is partially subsidized by MIT's departments for graduate students with research and teaching assistantships. Student premiums for family coverage are also expected to stay the same or fall slightly. Family premiums for the SEIP have gone down significantly in the past two years, after a drastic increase three years ago.

Task force chair Paul Sokow wrote in an e-mail that the Task Force would be briefed on MIT's response to the report on March 7th. Kettlely wrote in the Jan/Feb issue of the faculty newsletter that the report should be "in time to have a significant impact on the generation of the next year's premiums."
Suicide Bomber Kills 23 at Shiite Procession in Pakistan
By Steven Lee Myers
WASHINGTON
A suicide bomber killed 23 people taking part in a Shiite religious procession in Pakistan on Thursday, according to Interior Department officials.

Seven of the victims were women and girls, and another was a baby, the officials said. The bodies of 11 others were immediately identifiable, and the others were being identified in nearby hospitals.

More than 50 people were injured, and 24 were treated at the scene, the officials said. Some of the injured were in critical condition, the officials said.

A senior police official said intelligence agents had been monitoring the potential for violence in the city of Quetta, where the attack took place.

The blast occurred while a group of Shiites was gathered for religious observances in front of a government building.

The official said the bomber had entered the area with a backpack.

Bush Offers New Information on '02 Qaeda Plot to Hit LA

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Former Guantanamo Prisoners Say They Saw Detainee Abuse

By Carleton Gall
THE NEW YORK TIMES
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Seven Afghans have been released from American detention in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and were freed in Kabul on Thursday, where they spoke to reporters, contending that they had witnessed abuse and desecration of the Quran.

The prisoners, ranging in age from about 30 to about 50, come from the southern and eastern provinces of Helmand, Uruzgan, Khost and Paktika. All had been detained for three or more years, following the American intervention in Afghanistan in late 2001. Dressed in white T-shirts and jeans, the prisoners looked pale but otherwise healthy.

The men said they were aware of a widespread hunger strike among prisoners but that they had not taken part. One said he had joined in a protest against desecration of the Quran by prison guards.

The chief of the Afghan government's commission for reconciliation, Sebahatullah Mojadidi, greeted the prisoners and told them they were free to return to civilian life. He contended that some had committed no crime and that others who might have been guilty of wrongdoing had been detained longer than they should have been.

The former Taliban ambassador to Pakistan, Abdel Salaam Zaeef, who was himself detained in Guantanamo for four years and released last year, also greeted the prisoners and said it should be the government's priority to secure the release of the remaining 97 Afghans in Guantanamo.

"They are mostly innocent and were not related to the Taliban and al-Qaida," Zaeef contended. "There is no court there, no law and no charges."

Reporters were allowed to question the men. Shabrat Khan, 36, from Khost, said he had been held for three and a half years. "The behavior of the Americans was not good in the beginning," he said. "They insulted the holy Quran and all of us. Prisoners started a demonstration and they used a kind of gas to make us calm down."

Another prisoner from Uruzgan province, Khudaidar, a laborer who uses only one name, said his American guards would withhold medicines at times, and would sometimes serve bad food as a form of punishment.

Khan Zaman, 45, from the eastern province of Khost, who said he spent four years and three months in custody, said he knew about the current hunger strike but had not taken part. He said that Afghan prisoners were not participating in the hunger strike.

Panel Advises Risk Warning On Stimulants

By Gardiner Harris
THE NEW YORK TIMES
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Sweeping statistics on insurgent violence in Iraq that were declassified for a Senate hearing on Wednesday appear to portray a rebellion whose ability to mount attacks has been going down, according to a study presented by an American government official.

The curve traced out by the figures between June 2005 and December 2005 shows a number of fluctuations, including several large spikes in insurgent activity over all, as more Iraqis are trained and put into the field, the number of attacks in December 2005 shows a number of fluctuations, including several large spikes in insurgent activity.

Christoff's chart shows that the number of attacks in December, nearly 2,500, was almost 250 percent higher than the number in March 2004. But the trend line began even before March 2004, when the number of attacks was already nearly double what it had been in July or August 2003. Christoff's paper cites a senior U.S. military officer saying that "attack levels ebbed and flowed as the various insurgent groups — almost all of which are an intrinsic part of Iraq's population — re-armed and at- tack again."

Attacks against Iraqi security forces have grown faster than the overall count. By December 2005 they had grown by more than 500 percent since March 2004. Of course, as more Iraqis are trained and put into the field, more of them are targets.

The committee's action was entirely unexpected. The Food and Drug Administration had convened the panel to help it determine how to research possible heart risks of the drugs. The agency had not asked it to address the drugs' labels at this time, and agency officials seemed taken aback by the vote, saying they would not act on the committee's recommendations anytime soon. "We don't think anything different needs to be done right now," Dr. Thomas LaSpisa, director of the FDA's division of psychiatry products, said at a hastily arranged news conference after the meeting. "We think the labeling right now is adequate."

The committee voted unanimously to recommend patient guides, and it voted 8-7 to suggest that stimulant labels carry the most serious of the FDA's drug-risk warnings — a "black box.

"I must say that I have grave concerns about the use of these drugs and grave concerns about the harm they may cause," said Dr. Steven Nissen, a cardiologist at the Cleveland Clinic who is a member of the panel.

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Degas to Picasso Exhibit Features a Wide Range of Fascinating Pieces

The diversity of the art in this exhibit makes it one of the finest the MFA has shown in recent years. It boasts legendary artists such as Pablo Picasso, Marc Chagall, and Dali, while showing work from a variety of lesser-known yet still important artists of the period such as photographers Man Ray and Joaquin Sorolla, and painter Erich Ferdinand Ludwig Kirchner. Unlike the art in other exhibits, which tend to focus on one style, each of those 280 pieces is drastically different from the ones around it, creating a refreshing and fun experience for the visitor. The exhibit opens in particular show the breadth of this exhibit. While there are many more, these stand out as particularly interesting pieces that deserved highlighting.

The first is Pablo Picasso’s “The Bull Lifting Weights” (1945-1946). At the entrance to the exhibit in the Lower Rotunda at the museum, the bull shows the creation and drawing of the progress of the artist’s center of interest and the bull is truly fascinating and profound. It is interesting to see the whole of the exhibit, which is truly fascinating and profound.

Beyond the Lower Rotunda, the Torf Gallery hosts an example of classic impressionism—“Lighthouse Walk at Biarritz” by Joaquin Sorolla y Bastida—1906 painting that shows the perfect grace and fluidity artists of the time master. In this magnificent seascape, a girl wearing a bright red jacket is accompanied by four elegant women in white dresses. The small party walks along a grassy beach, the blue sky, and the ocean.

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YEAR IN REVIEW – FILM

Serious Films Raise Political and Social Issues

By Kevin Der

February 10, 2006

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toward highly charged political and so-
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Ralph Fiennes and Rachel Weisz excel in
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rican countries. Weisz plays Tessa Quayle, an
activist who’s murdered early on in the film.
Fiennes, as her husband, discovers that Tessa
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and reaps the career benefits that come along
with it. He gives up being a good man, how-
ever, when he begins an affair with his brother-
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is at his best when he simply lets his charac-
ters sit around talking, as his dialogue is like a
microscope for the minds. For Wilton, the
growing tension between himself, his wife, and
Nola becomes unbearable, and seems only re-
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2. King Kong

Following “Lord of the Rings,” Peter Jack-
son again demonstrates his expertise in coming
action and intelligent use of visual effects, but
the true gem here is the sensual (albeit platon-
ici) relationship between Kong and Ann Daur-
row (Naomi Watts), whom Kong initially takes
hostage on the fabled Skull Island. It’s Ann’s
beauty (and affinity for dance and juggling)
that attracts Kong, and eventually leads him to fall in love with her. As her faithful compan-
ion, he selflessly defends her against all dan-
gers, and even when captured by profit-seeking
industrialists, his heart still beats for her
in a very human way though his beastial side
emerges when he’s separated from her. Jackson
captures this intimacy with beautiful shots of
Ann sitting in Kong’s palm as they overlook an ocean sunset, or when they dance together on
ice at Central Park.

1. Munich

Speilberg’s mastery of cinema comes through
in this film about the 1972 Munich Olympics, during which eleven Israeli athletes were
killed by Palestinian terrorists. He focus-
es on the hit squad of Israeli intelligence agents
who retaliated by killing Palestinians suppos-
edly responsible for planning Munich. Spiel-
berg conveys two ideas the film — he human-
izes the Israeli agents as well as their victims,
and he shows how each assignment further strips away that humanity. He also advocates peace by showing that violence is only destruc-
tive, as each killing by the agents results in ad-
ditional bloodshed. As Dr. King once said, “He
who lives by the sword dies by the sword.”
From a career perspective, a lot of people would say — “K-19” has a very serious theme. 

Sometimes serious themes presented in the form of a film often co-opt the issue and they provide a sort of neat package that can be resolved in two hours and the movie’s over. Harrison Ford, who tracks down and apprehends computer hackers in suits protect the bank’s digital vaults from network intruders. When his family is kidnapped and held hostage in its West Coast office, not in the world of real life.

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Question: What is the status of “Indiana Jones 4?”

Q: Which actor is the only person to be listed and, I like to listen to what others are saying. But when it comes down to it, I’m much more likely to be blamed if we fail. It’s a fact of life that actors become brands, and I feel the responsibility to those people who come to the theater and have enjoyed my other films to give them one that will

INTERVIEW

Harrison Ford Discusses Spielberg, Music, and the Role of College Critics

By Kevin Der

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Willmore is stepping down after 40 years at MIT. Before becoming secretary of the Corporation in 1994, she had served as director of public relations services in 1986 and executive assistant to then-President Paul E. Gray, according to Tech Talk.

Kolenbrander said that his experience coordinating Leadershape, a six-day IAP conference for 80 MIT students and staff, and serving as interim dean for student life will help him address student concerns in his new role. “The corporation itself is deeply interested in making sure the resources are there for MIT students to excel,” Kolenbrander said.

“I’m grateful for the opportunity,” and honored to follow Willmore in the role of secretary, he said.

Kolenbrander called the recent turnover in the administration “an opportunity for MIT to enjoy the input of new ideas,” but said that as someone who has served on both the faculty and senior administration, he brings to the job “a sense of history.”

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Willmore said that Hockfield informed the executive committee of the Corporation that Kolenbrander was her choice for secretary and then the committee, which includes the chairman of the corporation, president, and treasurer, passed the nomination to the full corporation.

Kolenbrander said the full corporation’s vote on his nomination will probably happen at the next meeting on March 3.
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Avakian described another potential fix for redistributing plan costs for different demographic groups. “It’s been a long-standing interest that many employers have had at MIT, creating a category for insurance premium paying of ‘employee + 1.’” Such a plan would provide insurance for one employee and a partner or dependent, and would have less expensive premiums than the traditional family plan. It could also create problems for MIT’s self-insurance model because “when MIT is paying all the bills, if you charge one part of the population less, then you shift cost somewhere else, logically to the families,” Avakian said. One way to offset higher family premiums could be to couple the introduction of the new plan with a version of “salary bending,” where employees with higher salaries would pay more for the same insurance plan, as the task force report notes, wage-related premiums are controversial and “would benefit from additional analysis and consultation with the MIT community.”

Kettyle emphasized the importance of “low-hanging fruit” that were already in process while the task force was working, and have already been implemented.

MIT offers a diverse array of health plans; different demographic subgroups within MIT subscribe preferentially to different plans. The report called for “improved risk pooling and adjustments for demographic differences across health insurance plans” as consistent with the recommendations of the Strategic Review of Benefits committee, “to be implemented as soon as possible.” These changes would deal exclusively with employee health plans and would not affect student premiums.

MIT is “self-insured”; that is, it calculates the insurance premiums for each plan separately, based on the cost of the providing care to each group of subscribers over the past year and the projected cost for the upcoming year.

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When you just consider the numbers Federer already has racked up, it's hard to imagine how far he can go before he retires. He's the first player since Sampras (12 years ago) to win three consecutive Grand Slam titles. But unlike the American, Federer can play and win on clay, and later this year at the French Open, he will try to complete the career Grand Slam, becoming the first man to do so since Agassi in 1999.

Federer first made his mark in the tennis world in 2001 when he ended Sampras's four year winning streak at Wimbledon. Later that year, he single-handedly defeated the U.S. in Davis Cup play, contributing to all 3 of Switzerland's points in a 3-2 victory.

These past two years, Federer has only lost 10 matches, winning 24 tournaments on every type of surface and holding a 10-1 record over American Andy Roddick.

In the years preceding Federer's dominance, no other player had taken control of the men's game. He will be the favorite in every tournament, and it's clear that the older guard of players, like Agassi and Lleyton Hewitt, have ceded the honor to him. Unless a young gun like Nadal or Richard Gasquet steps up to present a true challenge, look for Federer to continue to hoist trophies for years to come.
In Last Home Game, Seniors Carry Men's Hoops to Tight Win

By Albert Ni

In their final MIT home game, seniors Michael W. D'Auria, Daniel F. Kaman, Phillip P. Murray and Gary R. Atkins wanted nothing more than to lead Tech to victory. All four played, and Tech relied on a solid all-around game to secure a 73-67 victory over Lesley University (9-22, 4-15 NEWMAC) overall in what has been an excellent senior season.

In a game that was close from wire to wire, Tech was able to come up with huge shots and stops when needed. Murray generated offensively consistent throughout the game, leading Tech with a career high 23 points while making 8 of 10 free throws.

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Tech remained unfazed, even as Lesley closed the gap and tied the game at 58 with less than 5 minutes to play. A key component of the Engineers' strength was junior D'Moore, playing in his first game in over a month. Moors found success in the missing possessions as MIT's defense managed to contain Brittan. Down 3 with 30 seconds to play, Lesley had one final opportunity to tie the game, but couldn't convert. Five free throws later, the Tech seniors walked off the court, triumphing in their final home game.

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Despite this, getting the title wasn't easy. Federer faced several challenges in the second week, including going five sets against Tommy Haas in the fourth round. In the finals, he was down a set and a break to Baghdatis, before rallying to win in four sets. What distinguishes Federer is his toughness, his fighting spirit, and his ability to outlast his opponents and take control, even when he's not at his best. In the end, he claimed his seventh Grand Slam title at age 24, matching all-time record holder Pete Sampras when he was the same age, and retained his undefeated record in Grand Slam finals.

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- Varsity Men's Ice Hockey vs. Trinity College 9 p.m., Rockwell Cage
- Varsity Women's Ice Hockey vs. Trinity College 5 p.m., MIT Ice Rink
- Varsity Track and Field Invitational 7 p.m., Rockwell Cage
- Varsity Men's Basketball vs. Wesleyan University 7 p.m., Rockwell Cage
- Varsity Men's Wrestling vs. Boston University 7 p.m., Rockwell Cage

Wildcats
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