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President Hockfield and Federal Reserve Chairman Bernanke to Address Graduates

By Marie Y. Thibault

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President Susan Hockfield addresses the Class of 2006 at “Breakfast with the Professors” yesterday. The featured speaker is President Hockfield and Federal Reserve Chairman Bernanke. The level of security during the exercises to be the same as it has been for MIT commencement ceremonies since September 11, 2001. John B. Nonnamaker, assistant director of the careers office, said that he did not know the exact percentage of students continuing on to graduate school or going into employment. However, he said that “anecdotally, we have been hearing from students saying they are getting more offers” from employers. As the economy has improved in recent years, the percentage of students going on to pursue graduate school has decreased, according to data from previous years. Nonnamaker said last year 47 percent of students went on to graduate school; 49 percent went to work, and the remaining 13 percent earning a second bachelors degree, taking time off, or traveling the world. The Hacker said he is unsure how many people on campus were running his script, but “it was sent to all the dorm lists on campus and spread to several frats as well.”

The infamous script was written in Flash ActionScript, and according to The Hacker, was “realistic pretty simple” and only took him 15 minutes to write. When run, the script reproduced the submit action on the Doonesbury online poll, but prevent ed the Web site cookie from being placed on the individual’s machine. This cookie is what usually prevents “botting,” and required previous coding experience to install.

Renovations to the reading room on the fifth floor of the Student Center began on Monday with the removal of trace amounts of asbestos in the ceiling. Actual construction of the new 24-hour reading room should begin next week and will be completed “absolutely no later than September 1,” said Director of Campus Activities Complex Phillip J. Walsh. The asbestos was in a thin layer of paint primer on the ceiling, which was removed while the room was sealed off, according to Undergraduate Association President Andrew T. Lukmann.

By Anna Lena Leung

Criminal charges have been filed against an MIT senior following the assault of Robert M. Randolph, senior associate dean for student life, on May 4. Albert W. Leung ’06 was arrested last month on charges including assault by means of a dangerous weapon according to John DiFava, director of security and campus police services. According to the MIT Police report, Leung used pepper spray as a weapon at 70 Pacific Street in Cambridge on the evening of May 24. Leung’s name has recently been re moved from the degree list, according to Assistant Registrar Daniel T. Engels

By Benjamin P. Glatzmann

Twenty-one assaults were reported on campus in 2004. In each of the four previous years, 21 on-campus assaults were also reported, according to the Safety, Security, and Crime Prevention Handbook published by the MIT Police.
Study Sees Increase in Illegal Hispanic Workers in New Orleans
By Leslie Eaton

A popular class of drugs for high blood pressure, ACE inhibitors, may cause birth defects if taken during the first three months of pregnancy, researchers are reporting. Pregnant women and those who are planning to become pregnant should avoid the drugs, the researchers and officials of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration said.

ACE inhibitors have long been known to cause birth defects if taken later in pregnancy, but until now were considered safe if taken in the first trimester.

The new information comes from a study of the medical records of 29,507 infants, being published Thursday in The New England Journal of Medicine by researchers from Vanderbilt University and Boston University. The study found 209 infants who had been exposed to the drugs in the first trimester, 18 of whom had birth defects, in half, the heart was affected.

The rate of defects among infants exposed to the drugs was 2.7 times that of infants who were not. Infants whose mothers had taken other blood pressure medicines had no increased risk.

Gambling Scandals Have World Cup On Guard
By Jere Longman

The disruption of a suspected terrorism cell that was believed to be plotting to take hostages, use truck bombs and even cut off the prime minister of Canada and how Canada is fighting terrorism after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Despite suggestions by officials in the United States that Canada is lax when it comes to immigration and anti-terrorism laws, Canadian law enforcement agencies enjoy broad surveillance powers.

Indeed, surveillance appeared to have been crucial to the investigation of 17 men, including five minors, accused of plotting a series of attacks against government targets.

The police intercepted communications and tracked the suspects for months, according to The Globe and Mail, a major newspaper.

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation on Wednesday that one of the men had enrolled in a flight training program. Reuters reported.

Until December 2001, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, the agency that became the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service, was permitted to conduct electronic surveillance of Canadians, including wiretaps, intercepting mail and covert searches, after obtaining a warrant from a judge. But a new anti-terrorism law enacted at that time also allowed a secretive, civilian agency of the Canadian military, the Canadian Security Establishment, to intercept Canadians' private communications on top of its traditional eavesdropping.

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One American government official, who has been a senior foreign service officer, said that the United States hastily left in Somalia, according to several people with knowledge of the report.

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Terror Arrests Reach Peak of Canadian Surveillance Powers
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Democrats Criticize Handling Of Computer Data Theft Case

By David Stout	THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

Democrats on Wednesday ac-
cused the Bush administration of in-
competence in managing the recent loss of computer data from the Department of Defense, saying the agency had
voluntarily far more active-duty military
people than had originally thought.

The admission, as bad or worse than anything I’ve seen in six years in public life,” said Sen.
Leahy, D-Vt., said, “At some point, the administration has got to stop saying that the public is going to believe
politics, but we’ll actually appoint somebody who knows how to make the government work.”

Leahy appeared at a news con-
ference with Sen. Integrity Murray of Washington and Jack Reed of Rhode Island, the latest defenders of the latest data breach in the debate-by-election, in which information on as many as 11.1 million military personnel on active
duty, 430,000 members of the Na-
tional Guard and 645,000 members of the Reserves may have been com-
promised.

The Department of Veterans Af-
fairs originally said that the data
involved 26.5 million veterans dis-
service. Later it said that a relatively small number of active-duty people might have been
involved in the 26.5 million. And
finally, the agency disclosed on Tuesday that the actual number of active-duty people, Guardsmen and reservists involved may be well over 100 million.

Murray, a member of the Com-
mitee on Veterans’ Affairs, said the
troubles within the agency threat-
ened to undermine faith in it.

“Can you believe being a young
woman with a couple of children, your spouse is overseas in Iraq, and now you find out that your address
has been stolen and your personal safety at risk?” she said.

A Veterans Department spokes-
man, Matt Burns, said Wednesday that the agency would continue to re-
lease information on the data breach
“as additional details are learned.”

A laptop computer and external
hard drive containing the data were
stolen on May 3 at a baguqal at the suburban Maryland home of a de-
partment data analyst. Some depart-
ment officials learned of the theft
almost immediately, but Jim Nichol-
son, the secretary of veterans affairs,
was not notified until May 16.

Because of the time lag, the FBI
did not learn of the incident until
about two weeks after the burglary,
which was under investigation by the
police in Montgomery County.

The data includes names, birth
dates and Social Security numbers.

Although there has been no indica-
tion that the information has been mis-
used, credit card fraud and identity theft

By Carl Hulse	THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

As expected, the Senate on Wednesday rejected a proposed constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage, rebuffing both President Bush and the social con-
servative movement.

After two days of sometimes-emo-
tional debate, the Senate voted 48-
48 to shut off debate on a call to bring
amendment to the floor. The total fell well short of the 60 votes needed to overcome the procedural obstacle; let alone the 67 needed to ap-
prove a constitutional amendment.

The Senate actually faced two
issues for the year in the Senate, though the House is expected to con-
sider its own version this summer.

Democratic critics of the pro-
posal had argued that Bush had
advanced it to rally conservative vot-
ers, even though lawmakers knew it
would be defeated. They said it was tantamount to writing discrimination into the Constitution.

Opponents also said that mar-
riage should remain regulated by the
states, dismissing assertions that

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Investigators Say Arizona Pitcher Admitted To Steroids Use

By Jack Curry	THE NEW YORK TIMES

GLendale, Ariz., for six hours on Tuesday. Mark Leslies, an agent with the In-

By Jennifer Steinhauser	THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger began his election campaign on Wednesday by racing through the state, bowing out of budgets and bond issues and expressing confidence that he would defeat the newly minted Democratic contender, Phil Angelides, the state treasurer.

Angelides beat Steve Westly, the state controller and a former ofl
executive, on Tuesday with 48 percent of the vote in the primary. In their
trace, the two spent the better part of their budgets on television
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Opinion

MIT Faculty Statement on the Visualizing Cultures Web Site

As faculty members of MIT, we endorse in the strongest terms the scholarly value of the Visualizing Cultures project directed by Professor Johnather Dore and Shigeru Miyagawa. This prize-winning web site was created by two of the world’s leading scholars. By going to visualizingcultures.mit.edu, readers of this letter can see for themselves how, by bringing together textual explanation with thousands of images, the web site explores in detail the development of Japan’s relationship to Western powers and China since the mid-nineteenth century. It also evokes broader questions about the cultures of imperialism, and nationalism. Many of the subjects it analyzes are painful to recall, but since the authors are professional scholars of the highest calibre, the site in its entirety enlightens everyone who examines it carefully about the deepest questions of social and historical change. Because it brings advanced technology together with humanistic research, it is a jewel of the MIT curriculum and the Open Course Ware project it makes available to the entire world.

A small group of individuals took one image on this site out of context and broadcast it across the Internet. By doing so, they fomented an email campaign directed against MIT’s educational mission that quickly exploded into a global incident. The strongest terms the scholarly value of the web site was described and strongly condemned the project. We call on all interested parties to carefully consider the deepest questions of social and historical change and therefore urge that it be permanently shut down or substantively revised. In fact, the site describes and strongly condemns the racist propaganda that supported Japanese militarism.

The challenge to this project threatens the core values of MIT’s educational and research mission. We commend the eloquent statement from President Susan Hockfield in support of the project. We call on all interested parties to join with us to ensure that the Visualizing Cultures web site will remain in its entirety and be protected against any future attacks. We also express our strong sympathy to Professors Dore and Miyagawa for the ordeal they have suffered and, on MIT’s behalf, state that the site remains in its entirety and will be protected against any future attacks. We also express our strong sympathy to Professors Dore and Miyagawa for the ordeal they have suffered and, on MIT’s behalf, state that the site remains in its entirety and will be protected against any future attacks.

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A Look Back at Eight Years at MIT

Kevin R. Lang

The Infinite Corridor looked decidedly... the other day. Countless times since I first ar-
ived in the fall of ’98 have I walked the Inf-
inite, but last week for the first time I thought it
rather short after all. This realization was surely
fostered by my recent tendency toward reminis-
cence and reflection; I am graduating today, for
the third and final time — I may be struck down
from on high if I return for an MBA. Since turn-
ing in the final, acid-free copies of my Ph.D. the-
sis I have had plenty of time to look back on my
eight years here.

MIT was changing fast before I arrived; a
year prior, the Institute’s about-face on its atti-
tude toward alcohol had changed the campus
culture. No more Work Hard, Party Harder. Al-
mast the moment I arrived for Rush, the hous-
ing system was thrown into turmoil that is only
now settling down. Nearly every administrator
from my early years here is long gone. The Sta-
ta Center, Simmons Hall (city home for four years
as a GRT), the Z Centre, the new BCS building
(whatever it is called — who can keep track of its
names), the Warehouse, Sidney-Pacific
—all these were conceived and built in my time
here. I thought as an undergrad, “It will be really
time to be young, a time of limitless possibility,
job offers with obscene signing bonuses, and
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son to those beyond the campus.

My first two years here were such a remark-
ble time of hope and optimism. America was
peace, terrorism was something that happened
five years ago, let alone twenty-five years ago.

I still remember the wonderful feeling I last had at the start
of my time here. I knew my time here is through because all
sentences that begin with, “Back when I was an

that same wonderful feeling I last had at the start
of the millennium.

I know my time here is through because all
time to be.” I always hated That Guy when I was an
undergrad, and I really don’t want to become
That Guy any more than I already have. Some

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Trio by Emezie Okorafor

Congratulations, seniors! After all that hard work, you finally made it!

Have a good summer everybody! Don't do anything I wouldn't do... 'cause it's probably a waste of time.

Umm...do I know you? Go away.

A few parting words of wisdom from the TRIO

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Yong-Yi Zhu
By Bill Andrews

“Did you know that many of us here at MIT are considered nerds? It’s shocking, I know, but true. The thing is, though, it might be. Whenever I pass by EC or Random Hall, for instance, much as I love those dorms (and you folks inside them) I am reminded of my nerdic heritage. Even just walking down the Infinite Corridor, I see (or smell) an obvious nerd walking by and think, “boy, they’re in the right place.”

But never am I so forcefully reminded of our inherent nerdity as during conversation. I suppose you might think I’m ahead of the game, that the people with whom I converse can’t be too nerdly because of the very fact that they’re out somewhere, and talking to me. But you forget not only that I myself am a nerd and we all know nerds aren’t scared to talk to each other, but also that being surrounded by nerds all day increases any nerd’s confidence, making conversations that much more likely in all cases. But it can’t make them interesting.

I’ll be honest. This entire column is based on a conversation I overheard near the student center recently. Two guys were hanging out, perhaps comparing notes on their respective smelly engineers, of course; there are a few non-nerdy people I can think of (gimmit-ed, and I have had nothing but the most positive interactions with them), but surely, I myself like to think I know my way around an interesting conversation, that I can keep my friends entertained and informed, without making them feel bored or lectured.

I suppose you might think that I am a little padded” moments too.

I’m sure I’ve gone on and on, refusing to let a bad conversation die, unknowingly prolonging the torture my victim feels. I bet I’ve even shown off a little — a perniciously damaging sort of “I’m-just-like-you” arrogance. I’m not denying that in moments, discussing the death of my orphaned-wide-owmed-differently-abled puppy, or something, at a once lively party. I’ve probably caused an awkward silence or two with a weird comment that was much funnier inside my head (as you well know, dear reader. Like I say, we all do this, not just because we’re human, but also because we’re nerds.

Of course, to be perfectly frank (if somewhat immodest), I don’t really have bad conversations all that often. It helps that I’m somewhat artistically inclined of course, but it also helps to know what to look for. And I do look out, because much as I enjoy being a nerd/MIT student, I don’t think the bad-conversation directive is worth preserving. It perpetuates a negative stereotype that, while biased, is in fact, still delusional to the nerd nation. That is the image people (non-nerdy people) have of us already, and we don’t need to add to it.

But, if we as a people are able to overcome this conversation deficiency of ours, it could be the first step on a glorious path. Imagine: today nerds start talking casually and being interesting, tomorrow we might start overcoming other obstacles (general awkwardness, bad hygiene) and perhaps run for political office, and the day after tomorrow won’t be like The Day After Tomorrow (because nerds wouldn’t let us), but also, that being surrounded by nerds throughout the day increases any nerd’s confidence, making conversations that much more likely in all cases.

But other top schools still manage a high percentage of participants in their senior gift. At Harvard and Stanford, for example, the country CalTech brings together about 55% of last year, only 27.5% MIT students contributed to their class gift. We need to be aware of you, especially if you are sitting in the middle of your gift committee, and the incomparable Rosheen Kavanagh, for showing MIT and the world what this school means to us. We need to keep them up to date on the goings on here at MIT.

As our seniors prepare to say goodbye, I must thank MIT for giving me an opportunity to do something about it. She got together a friend of mine once told me (who I’m sure was not a bad conversation) “pizza is like sex, even if it’s bad, it’s pretty good.”"
CLASSICAL REVIEW

Bidding Farewell to Dante Anzolini

MITSO's Heartfelt Version of Mahler's Seventh Symphony Marks a True Maestro's Departure

By Tony Hwang

MIT Symphony Orchestra
Dante Anzolini, director
May 17, 2006, 8 p.m.
Kresge Auditorium

MITSO concerts typically have a somewhat decent showing, but on Wednesday, May 17, Kresge Auditorium seemed almost full. The audience was aware that this evening's event held great significance: it was the final concert of Maestro Dante Anzolini, conduct split one of his signature pieces, Mahler's *Symphony No. 7* in E minor (*Mahler's Last Night*), not to be missed.

The members of the orchestra, knowing that their delivery should be a fitting farewell to their beloved conductor, seemed to have more spirit and drive overall. They began the first movement, "Langsam — Adagio," with a powerful demonstration from the winds and brass, while the strings provided a satisfyingly light and low foundation. This movement progressed into a virtuoso of beautiful singing melodies from the strings that contrasted with bright fanfares from the brass. Perhaps the most eye-catching moment was when their sound often drowned out other sections, but no one could deny their stamina in the context of such a tiring piece to perform as Mahler.

The second movement, "Nachtmusik— Allegro Moderato," was characterized by interesting switches between major and minor even within a melody of phrase. As stated by its title, "Night Music," this movement explores the isolated section of melody in the bass helped to create tension even within the midst of the orchestra, created the desired sense of urgency. Anzolini fed off of this positive energy from his musicians, dancing animatedly on the podium.

The orchestra ran on pure adrenaline, sprinting in the final stretch to the conclusion. The finale was met with great applause, while no one could doubt their stamina in the context of such a tiring piece to perform as Mahler.

Anzolini has been a great asset to MITSO and the Institute's musical development. He has always been willing to sacrifice his time and energies for the betterment of MIT's musicians although he recognizes that they are often too busy to put in the kind of effort that is found in conservatory students. As a former concertmaster of MITSO, I can vouch for his fantastic technique and presence on stage (dramatic interludes: quotes from interviews and overheard conversations at work, roommates, relationship tips, and "budget recipes," ways to eat on a dime. Short and sweet, these quick interludes break up the book nicely and help transition between each engaging story.

A lesser but still important benefit of reading this book was the boost my ego got from not going to a liberal arts school. My love for engineering has saved me from the misery that is living as an aspiring writer. Many of the authors in this compilation have creative writing degrees, and while I applaud their art and respect their talent, I'm glad I chose a more practical and industrially applicable career. For, tauntingly, each of these stories is extremely well written. The writing style is light and fresh, and it made me hope that after this book they'll land something big. —though of course, some of them are already quite successful.

"Before the Mortgage" is a must read for every graduate. It even features an MIT alumni, Jessica Nordell, and her story about finding inspiration in life. Highly entertaining and extremely insightful, this book has helped me move into this period in my life with a little more grace and levity.
BOOK REVIEW

**The Glass Castle**

By Jillian Berry

The Glass Castle
Written by Jeannette Walls
Published by Scribner

Jillian Berry

In 1987, a seventeen-year-old Jeannette Walls and her four siblings, who were stuck in the poverty of rural Virginia, decided to run away. Their parents had never explained to them how they ended up in such a poor situation, but they knew that they had to leave. Jeannette narrates her own thoughts as she recounts her life, and the reader is able to see the world through her eyes. As she grows older, she learns how to escape her parents’ poverty and make a life for herself. The book is a memoir of a childhood filled with hardship and struggles, but also one of survival and resilience.

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June 9, 2006

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We were pleased to recognize the following 5.0 Club members for their contributions of $50 or more:

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We met our challenge, exceeded our goal, and earned our challenger's $20,000. We are the best class ever.

A special thank you to Scott Marks ’88 whose Senior Gift challenge inspired us all.

Hill and the administration, Bloody Spares, Ryan Seacrest, the entertainment industry, the army, immigrants, terrorists, and gay stereotypes. (Alice Macdonald)

Ice Age: The Meltdown

This sequel where “Ice Age,” the first film, left off; the animals have found a warmer paradise and discovered that the ice age is coming to an end. More appealing to a younger audience.

Keeping Up with the Steins

The movie is filled with creative humor, and it accomplishes one goal with ease: entertainment. (Hannah Dharmona)

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The MIT Mass Beta Chapter of Tau Beta Pi would like to congratulate the Class of 2006 for a job well done.

We wish you the best in your future endeavors.
Other Schools Also Tried to Hack Doonesbury Poll

Doonesbury, from Page 1

According to the Doonesbury feedback page, the Doonesbury Town Hall awarded Cornell the Doonesbury Straw Poll Congeniality Award.

When asked about the validity of the rumor that Alex Doonesbury was going to take a year off to follow a band around before starting at MIT, Stanford commented, “It depends on whether she can find a band worth following. She was devastated when Phish broke up. Also, her creator would be the first to point out that he doesn’t even know what his characters are doing next week, much less next September.”

According to Alex Doonesbury’s online cast biography, she is a “seriously competent hacker.” In creating her own successful Alex-cam Web site, she runs myVultures.com, which obtains “intellectual assets of failed dotcoms.” She seems to be a typical programmer who fights with her father over file-sharing.

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Solution to Bonus Crossword

Solution to Happy Crossword

Renovations For Food Vendors to Begin in July

Renovations to add a Subway in Lobdell Food Court and a Dunkin’ Donuts on the first floor of the Student Center are scheduled to begin in July and will be completed late August, according to Richard D. Berlin, director of campus dining. The three vendors currently in the food court will stay open for the duration of the renovations, while Alpine will be closed.

In an e-mail to undergraduates in May, UA Dining Committee Chair Sisi Zhu ’08 also announced the opening of Pacific St. Cafe at Sidney-Pacific and a possible Au Bon Pain kiosk at the Zaugg Center. Other vendors are being considered for the remaining space in Lobdell. “Thai food has been the primary suggestion, but recent feedback suggests that perhaps something else may be desirable,” Berlin said.

Angeline Wang

Jenny Zhang
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Investigation Clears Officials of Delaying Missile Fraud Study

By Marcella Bombardieri

An internal MIT review has found university officials largely blameless for a three- to four-year delay in examining allegations of research fraud at Lincoln Laboratory.

The investigation into the possible fraud in a missile defense study began two months ago, five years after the allegations were raised by Theodore Postol, a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Postol has criticized MIT for dragging its feet, but university officials have said they were hamstrung by the US government’s refusal to allow them access to the necessary materials. Postol argued that a team that included MIT scientists could not have acted in good faith when they used what he said was flawed data to deem “basically sound” the results from a 1997 test of an infrared missile sensor.

A panel of four MIT professors began looking into the delays in the fall.

The committee affirmed MIT’s assertions that the US Defense Department was responsible for most of the delay. After an initial MIT inquiry concluded in 2002 that a more detailed investigation was warranted, the government refused to allow MIT to investigate and classified some of MIT’s documents related to the case. MIT and Defense Department officials finally worked out a compromise, announced in March, under which the Pentagon will investigate and share its conclusions with MIT. Postol, however, believes MIT should do its own independent investigation.

The panel also found that Postol contributed to delays and complications by failing to offer a clear and detailed explanation of his charges at the outset, adding to his allegations over time. The absence of a clear, concise and consistent definition of the allegation complicated the conduct of the inquiry, the panel said. They faulted Postol further for revealing confidential information to the media and others.

The panel recommended a few small changes to MIT investigative procedures. They identified a few minor factors that slowed the university’s initial inquiry, including a period of uncertainty about whether MIT’s research misconduct policy applied to the situation, given that the work was done for the government, not for MIT. But the panel did not find that MIT made any significant mistakes.

Postol disputed the panel’s findings on May 19.

Study Area Will Offer New Lounge, Lockers

Reading Room, from Page 1

VP, who said the UA has been gathering student input and involved with the project since 2001.

The architectural plans by Signer Harris Architects were finalized in late April with a final review by the CAC Advisory Board, Walsh said. The approved budget total for the project is slightly below $1.2 million.

Walsh said the renovations will essentially divide the reading room space into three different study environments: a lounge, individual study area, and group study area. The furnished lounge will be located near the entrance, and will include ID-activated lockers. The policy for use of the lockers as temporary storage, especially for people who live off the main campus, has yet to be finalized. Lukmann said.

An acoustically-sealed partition will divide the big room into two sections. The majority of the space will still be reserved for individual study, furnished with tables that can be converted into desks with carrels. An example desk has been sitting in the reading room for the past few months for students to preview and provide feedback.

The new group study space will include seven work rooms along the walls, surrounding a lounge. In an open session about a year ago, the CAC and a group of MIT staff “solicited student input on working in groups and brought together people who have experience with group study spaces” to get a sense of what a group study area should be like, Walsh said.

Lukmann noted the technology to be incorporated, including LCD panels for presentations and electronic whiteboards that allow recording and downloading of what is written.

New lighting fixtures and retractable shades will also make their debut once the renovations are complete.

“My hope is that the room will be a much brighter space than it has been in the past,” Lukmann said.

Lukmann also said that an Athena printer, and possibly a scanner, would be included.

One of the biggest challenges is the ventilation and heat in the group study area, as the large space is being divided into work rooms. Accounting walls that do not quite reach the ceiling will solve this problem, Walsh said.

The reading room was constructed in 1965 as a resource library, and has been equipped with its original furnishings until last week when they were removed in preparation for construction.

Ceremonies to open both the reading room and the new lounge replacing the Cashier’s Office in the Infinite Corridor will be held in late August, Walsh said.

Congratulations!
‘PicoCricket Kit’ Provides a High-Tech Spin on Crafts

By Michel Marriott

June 9, 2006

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The PicoCricket Kits, he said, “are quick to dive in and experiment.”

“I do think young people are very imaginative run wild,” Resnick said.

Along with simple projects and let their imaginations run wild, Resnick said, dates from the 1980s, acquired by Innovation First, led to Mindstorms.

Motors and sensors are plugged into the computer, transmits the commands on the C language used by professional programmers.

“Putting kids in control is what’s putting us on the average high school students, they are a lot smarter,” Carter said. “They want to be a part of that. Learning robotic technology skills gives them a big advantage in unlocking their future possibilities.”

Solution to Sudoku

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Police Log

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MIT Athletics Unveils New Logos Featuring Beavers

The Department of Athletics, Physical Education, and Recreation (DAPER) has three new logos, which are part of a plan to create an MIT brand. The primary logo features a sleek black red-eyed beaver zooming off toward the left, undoubtedly the starting point for a new brand.

“The brand will continue to appear in all of the places where athletics brands usually appear at other colleges and universities,” Royer said. “It will be on varsity and club sport uniforms, venues on the courts, flags and walls, DAPER publications, clothing.”

In developing the new brand, DAPER wanted to create an MIT athletics identity, “one which encompasses the hopes and aspirations and identities of so many stake holders, both past and present,” according to Stephen D. Immerman, senior assistant dean of student life.

After years of conceptual work, production first began in March 2004. The brand was developed by SME Inc. Branding of New York, which relied on information-gathering and focus groups consisting of students, faculty, staff, and alumni to identify what characteristics the MIT community considered important.

“I think they really did a great job of incorporating as many of our opinions as possible in the final design,” said one focus group participant, Leah A. Bogsted ’08 of the varsity women’s softball team. “I think every student athlete at MIT will find some part of the new logo that they like and can identify with.”

Head coaches of the various varsity teams also contributed their opinions, up until the design was finalized this January.

Kevin M. Kelley ’09 of the varsity men’s crew team, for one, feels that the beaver doesn’t even look like a beaver. “One of my teammates described it as a swimming rat with a beaver’s tail,” Kelley said.

Rajat Bhalla ’08 of the varsity men’s tennis team expressed the opposing opinion. “I’m a fan,” Bhalla said. “I think this beaver reflects MIT well with its intensity.”

One other topic of debate is the decision to focus the brand around the beaver. “We’re actually the MIT Engineers, not the MIT Beavers,” said Praveen Pamidimukkala ’08 of the varsity men’s volleyball team.

MIT Cycling member Mark B. Cote ’07 also noted that the use of the beaver tends to cause confusion because most MIT sports teams are a part of the same conference as the Babson College Beavers.

“Overall, I think the logo looks cool,” Cote said, “but it doesn’t define DAPER as clearly as I would have hoped.”

Yet another difference of opinion arises from debate on the allocation of funds.

“Who are we spending money on this?” Kelley said. “I’d have no problem putting the haven over thousands of dollars we spent to better use. We need to focus on getting taken seriously as athletics, not in ‘branding’ MIT athletics.”

Bogsted feels differently. “I’m glad that MIT decided to invest the money into designing the logo,” she said. “I hope that this logo will promote unity and pride throughout DAPER and help to increase fan attendance and student support of the many varsity teams.”

Immerman, despite the objections, sees the project as hugely successful. “I was impressed and gratified by the care, respect, and completely dedication that the DAPER leadership gave to this project. I was equally impressed by the intelligent, passionate, and insightful feedback that the involved students invested in the process.”

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