By Apoorva Murarka

The Class of 2007 Senior Gift, an international study abroad fund, was presented yesterday evening at the Senior Gift Kickoff, which was held in the Fall for the first time. The fund will cover any cost incidental to studying abroad such as travel expenses, accommodations, and food. Sophomores, juniors and seniors will be eligible for this fund.

"It was not very difficult reaching a decision on this gift, as it is in tune with the Institute goals and has an international perspective to it," said Sharhina Hussain ’07, the solicitation coordinator for the Senior Gift Committee. According to Chambers, a committee of diverse student groups was formed to decide on the gift. Senior Gift is a giving program involving se- niors and it is supported by the MIT Alumni Association.

"We looked at the Institute priorities that are not being met and thought about a particular legacy we would like to see our own, and by answering these questions we arrived at a gift," Chambers said.

Earlier this year, seniors were polled in a survey asking for ideas. The survey focused on the types of gift the senior class would like to give and not on a particular gift.

"It is difficult to make coherent sense of a survey in which particular gift options are included," Chambers said.

"Make Your Mark" is this year’s Senior Gift Campaign theme. "We’re here for four years and MIT has certainly changed you. What are you going to do to change MIT?" commented Chambers, de- scribing the gift.

Senior Gift giving usually begins in the spring. This year’s early kickoff-date was planned primarily to raise the participation level.

"Really, this makes it easier on the gift itself...the less hectic the solicitation is, the easier it is to raise the funds," said Chambers.

The Senior Gift Campaign aims for a participation level of 55 percent of the senior class, 4 percent above the Class of 2006 participation level. According to Chambers, it is not necessary to donate to the class gift.

Seniors have the option of donating to any student group, the Under- graduate Research Opportunities Pro- gram, Institute Unrestricted Funds, as well as many other designations. This participation level will be tabulated for MIT’s annual reporting.

Sexual Health Educator Joins MIT Medical Team

By Manisha Padi

"My favorite was when this guy pulled down his pants at a cocktail party and was like ‘What is this?’,” laughed Dhila Kumar, a new sexual health educator at MIT.

Kumar, who received her undergraduate degree in sociology in 1999 from Wesleyan University, and her Masters in Public Health from Harvard University in 2005, has previously worked for the Planned Parenthood League of Mass-achusetts and most recently at the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center.

"I worked with incarcerated kids, in the past," Kumar said. "With boys, we had to work on what language was appropriate and what was the right way to view women, but many of them were wonderful people.

Kumar is not entirely a stranger to the MIT community, before she was hired here, she worked with MIT on some programs as a representative of BARCC.

"She has helped in training stu- dents for violence prevention programs," said Maryanne Kiekbiel, the Clinical Director of Campus Life. “She also worked with a Gender Equity partner- ner concerning the Violence Against Women Act grant that MIT received from the Department of Justice.”

The $200,000 grant, received in August 2005, is intended to raise awareness about sexual assault and interpersonal violence, and will figure prominently in Kumar’s work at MIT.

“I’ll be working primarily in two fields. Kumar said ‘I’ll be offering resources and information to students with questions about sexual health and relationships, relating to dating issues, contraception, and sexually transmitted diseases. However, I’ll also be dealing with prevention and advice regarding sexual assault and relationship violence.’ I’m particularly excited about using the VAWA grant to expand programs to raise awareness about what sexual assault is, how to prevent it from happening, and to promote resources.

Sexual assault is a crime that is disproportionately underreported, both at MIT and other universities. According to Kumar, one in four women and one in seven men are assaulted at some point in their lives, and college is a particularly dangerous time. Up to 90 percent of college age victims

MIT’s new sexual health educator, Diya D. Kumar. In her office in Medical’s Health Promotion and Wellness department, Kumar has previous experience working for the Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts and the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center.

In Short

The MIT Generator: Students Walk- ing the Talk on Energy and the Envi- ronment will be held tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Stata Center (Rm. 32-141). Spon- sored by Sustainability@MIT and other campus groups, student involvement in energy conservation and environmental issues will be discussed. For more information visit http://sustainability.mit.edu.

The Coop Board of Directors is ac- cepting applications from MIT students for four board member positions. Can- didates must be freshmen next school year. Applications should be sub- mitted to the Coop by Wednesday, Nov. 29. Go to http://www.thecoop.com or call 617-495-3055.

Allison Powell at (617) 495-2025 for more information.

The Revs Music Library 10th Anni- versary Celebration will be held today from 2-4 p.m. in 146-109. Live music and refreshments will be provided.

MIT Campus Dining will offer two dining alternatives for students this week. The survey will be taken at Pritchett dining from 6-8 p.m. and the other will be Thursday; Nov. 16 from 5-8 p.m. at McCormick Hall.

Send news information and tips to news@thespectrum.mit.edu.
Sri Lanka Accused
On Child Soldiers
By Shimmi Senanayake
TRENTON TIMES

A U.N. official accused Sri Lanka security forces on Monday of helping to abduct children to serve as soldiers against Tamil separatists.

Allan Rock, a special adviser to the United Nations on children and armed conflict, said the troops had rounded up children for a paramilitary force known as the Karana Group and had ignored pleas for help from parents who said their children — some as young as 13 — had been taken by the group.

“Unfortunately both direct and indirect evidence of security forces’ complicity and participation,” Rock said after a 10-day mission in the war-affected North and East. The Karana Group broke away from the Tamil Tigers in March 2003 and has been fighting the Tigers in eastern Sri Lanka. Interna-
tional monitors here to monitor a non-shattered 2002 cease-fire have accused the government of being allied with the group, a charge the military has denied. The cease-fire was supposed to end in 2002 but the Tigers and the government have continued to fight.

Finance an Effort
To Help Rival Software Mesh
By Victoria Shannon
TRENTON TIMES

Microsoft plans to unveil a technology industry Alliance on Tuesday to make software from competing companies and partners work better together, company executives said.

Bob Muglia, the Microsoft senior vice president who has led the company’s so-called interoperability efforts for the last year, will announce details of the alliance in Barcelona, Spain, at an event for Eu-
ropian software developers. The Alliance is Microsoft’s latest effort to move from being a company that insists on the advantages of its own products to one that can adapt when customers use other companies’ goods.

Eleven days ago, for instance, Microsoft dealt with a Novell, a longtime rival, to ensure that Novell’s version of the Linux operating system will operate with Windows in corporate data centers.

Analysts saw the partnership as a concession by Microsoft that it’s just not normal!

By Tim Welch
STAFF WRITER

The heat wave continuing the deluge in the Pacific Northwest and offering platitude like “Welcome to Portland,” I offer this: the average annual rainfall in Portland, Ore. is about 36 inches per year (statisticians for Boston give 44.5 inches), which means that the warm November rain that has fallen there to the tune of almost 8 inches so far this month is over 6 inches above normal. Almost 10% of the average annual rainfall fell in 24 hours (Nov. 6 and 7)! This is not traditional Northwest climate — but the Northeast has received some anomalous of its own. While nighttime temperatures have yet to break the low 50s, daily temperatures have been above 65° F twice this month, and the mean monthly temperature is 2 degrees Fahrenheit above normal.

We will continue to see some moderate cool weather over the next few days, with some possible heavy rainfall in some locations — perhaps even some flooding if the rain lands in certain locations.

Extended Forecast


Tonight: Cloudy. Low 49°F (9°C).


Tomorrow night: Rain late, light winds. Low 50°F (10°C).

Thursday: More clouds, perhaps rain. High 63°F (17°C).

Blair Cautiously Signals Shift
In Policy Toward Middle East
By Alan Cowell
TRENTON TIMES

Confronted by likely changes in American policy on the war in Iraq, Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain said Monday that the “nature of the battle” had changed and that West-
ern strategy in the Middle East must “evolve,” possibly to include a “new partnership” with Iran.

Iran has a choice, Blair said, of “evolving the nature of its strategy” and added: “Its purpose is now plain: to provoke civil war. The violence is not therefore an accident or the result of faulty planning. It is a deliberate strategy.” It is the direct result of out-
side extremists teaming up with internal extremities.”

Blair said the Western strategy should change. “Just as the situation is evolving, so our strategy should evolve to meet it,” he said.

He urged a major political, eco-
nomic and military strengthening of the Iraq government but went on to say that a “whole Middle East strat-
ey” was needed. “Just as it is, in signif-
icant part, forces outside Iraq that are trying to create mayhem inside Iraq, so we have to have a strategy that pins them back, not only in Iraq but outside it too.”

“There is a fundamental misun-
derstanding that this is about chang-
ing policy on Syria and Iran,” he continued. “First, those two countries do not at all share identical interests. But in any event that is not where we start.

Blair called a settlement between Israel and the Palestinians “the core” of the broader effort for peace, fol-

lowed by a renewed effort to resolve differences over Lebanon.

He said, in criticizing Iran’s lead-

ership, that “They help the most ex-

treme elements of Hamas in Palestine, Hezbollah in Lebanon, Shia militia in Iraq,” and he repeated a call he made in July for Western powers to “offer Iran a clear strategic choice” to help Middle East peace efforts, withdraw support for “terrorism in Lebanon or Iraq” and abide by international nu-
clear obligations.

In advance of his speech, Brit-

ish newspapers and official leaks of the address had suggested that Blair would seek a new compact with both Syria and Iran as potential interlocu-
tors for Middle East peace.

It’s Just Not Normal!

By Tim Welch
STAFF WRITER

The November/December weather systems reaching the Pacific Northwest will bring continued wet weather through the end of the month. Expect some strong storms, particularly on Monday and Wednesday.
South Korea Won’t Join US in Intercepting Ships From North

By Norimitsu Onishi

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

South Korea said Monday that it would not join a U.S.-led effort to intercept North Korean ships suspected of carrying unconventional weapons or related cargo, raising fresh doubts about Washington’s drive to punish the North for its nuclear test last month.

The South Korean government of President Roh Moo-hyun has come under increasing pressure from the political opposition and its Ameri- canoe way to join the campaign since the test.

The effort to punish North Korea has become a part of the Prolifera- tion Security Initiative, a three-year-old, American-led program to coor- dinate and develop procedures for intercepting smugglers of unconven- tional weapons around the world.

But even as Washington sought to build unity ahead of a meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation in Hanoi this week, and the possible resumption of six-nation talks over the North’s nuclear program early next month, Seoul made it clear that it was hewing to its policy of avoid- ing confrontations with the North.

South Korea has supported, but not joined, the security program, fearing that inspecting North Ko- rean ships by force could lead to a military confrontation.

“South Korea has declared that it has a special status of of- ficially supporting the goals and principles of the Proliferation Se- curity Initiative, while not formally joining it in consideration of special circumstances on the Korean Pen- insula,” Park In-kook, the deputy foreign minister, said at a news con- ference.

A loose coalition of countries that have joined, including Australia and Japan, and have carried out naval ex- ercises to practice for interdictions, and a few countries have already boarded ships to and from North Korea in ports throughout Asia.

But the legality of intercepting ships in international waters re- mains unclear, even under a U.N. Security Council resolution passed after the North’s test.

The resolution calls upon countries, though it does not require them, to inspect cargo in and out of North Korea.

Palestinian Gov’t Makes Progress In Talks, Selects Tentative Leaders

By Ian Fisher

Jerusalem

Palestinian negotiators said Monday that they were penciling in the names of leaders of the Islamic University in Gaza City. They met over the weekend and again last week to decide among the candidates for top jobs to lead a new government.

They have dragged on since the summer.

The aid was cut off after Hamas took over the Gaza Strip, cutting relations with the outside world, all three candidates for top jobs have studied in the United States and Europe to resume aid and other financing.

“We do not want to give the agenda to our people piece by piece,” Haniya, who has declared his intention to re- sign soon, told reporters in Gaza City on Monday. “We want to give them an entire program all at once.”

Haniya has said that he believes that it will be two or three weeks be- fore a final deal is reached. But the names being put forward have leaked out, and in a possible sign of Palestin- ian’s desire to press their case with the outside world, all three candidates for top jobs have studied in the United States.

The planners of a unity govern- ment have said that it would be made up of people without direct ties to any faction.

Alzheimer’s Risk

Fish Oil Linked to Lower Alzheimer’s Risk

By Nicholas Bakalar

A substance found in fish oil may be associated with a significantly reduced risk of developing Alzheimer’s and other dementias, research- ers reported Monday.

The scientists found that people with the highest blood levels of an omega-3 fatty acid called docosahexaenoic acid, or DHA, were about half as likely to develop dementia as those with lower levels.

The substance is one of several omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids found in fatty fish and, in small amounts, in some meats. It is also sold in fish oil or DHA supplements. The researchers looked for a reduced risk associated with seven other omega-3 fatty acids, but only DHA had any effect.

The study, in the November issue of The Archives of Neurology, was based on data from The Framingham Heart Study, which followed 899 initially healthy participants, with a median age of 76, for an average of more than nine years.

The scientists assessed DHA and fish intake using a questionnaire and obtained complete dietary data on more than half the subjects. They took blood samples from all the participants to determine serum levels of fatty acids.

A Humble Clue to the Scrolls

By John Noble Wilford

Archaeologists, it seems, will dig anything, even latrines. Some- times this uncovers the stuff of scholarly evidence.

Over a hill, a discreet distance from and out of sight of the ruins of Qumran, near the Dead Sea, a broad patch of soil appeared to be dis- colored. Two archaeological sleuths had reasons to suspect this might have been Qumran’s toilet. Soil samples yielded the desiccated eggs of human intestinal parasites.

The researchers said this could well be evidence supporting the controversial view that Qumran was occupied by an atheistic Jewish sect, the Essenes, and that they probably wrote the Dead Sea scrolls and hid them in nearby caves. The discovery of the scrolls, beginning in 1947, was a sensation, with the promise of yielding insights into Judaism and early Christianity.

The new findings were announced Monday by Dr. James D. Tabor, a biblical historian at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and Joe E. Zias, a paleopathologist in Israel. In an interview, Tabor said the link between the latrine and the Essenes was intriguing, but not firm.

Not enough organic material has been recovered for scientific dating tests. Qumran has been in ruins since A.D. 70.

Two of the scrolls refer to a requirement that latrines be “northwest of the city” and “not visible from the city.” The Qumran latrine, some 1,000 yards away, seemed to comply.
Opinion

A Cool Responsibility

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Many of us come to MIT with visions of making the world a better place — but then the pressure of graduate studies, post-docs, and exams become the focus of life instead, inducing us to never consider our own actions. But it’s not too late to follow your dreams. Shouldn’t we all have the time to work on something that is bigger than ourselves and bigger than that part of the world that we think of as securing our ﬁnancial future?

As a country we have a responsibility to make the world a better place by reducing our emissions through alternative energy, energy conservation, and the elimination of the inefﬁcient uses of our energy. Students returning to campus, faculty, graduate students, and members of the administration already working to have MIT at the cutting edge of green technologies.

In addition to focusing on the campus to switch campus transport fuel to bio-diesel, building energy use audits, and the Energy Initiative. But to effectively combat global warming we need a broader change in perspectives and priorities. One way to get involved in these efforts is by joining a project or starting your own at the MIT Generator event tonight.

Global warming could cost the world up to 20 percent of its GDP, yet it would only cost one percent of the world’s GDP to stabilize carbon dioxide levels and reduce the threat of climate change. This prediction comes from Sir Nicholas Stern, former chief economist for the World Bank and government economic advisor in the United Kingdom. Why will global warming cost the world so much, and why should we at MIT care? Global warming is one of the most signiﬁcant issues of our time: a crucial social, climatological, making dry places dry and desert-arid areas even drier, and drenched with such droughts, dustbowl, and hurricanes, and floods. A 2003 Pentagon report on the national security threat posed by global warming found that “the US will ﬁnd itself in a world where Europe will be struggling internally, large numbers of refugee will be washing up on its shores, and Asia will be in serious crisis over food and water.”

A multi-year drought in the major rice-growing countries of India, which are the world’s predominant rice producer, could lead to a food shortage of 300 million people by 2020. One estimate suggests this proportion not only causes famine and death in the affected country, but quickly spreads to the entire region. According to the same 2003 Pentagon report, American policy would be “strengthen borders around the country to hold back unwanted storms coming from the Caribbean islands, Mexico, and South America.” Engineering solutions will have to be shored up through “externally alternative resources, such as nuclear, renewables, and hydrogen.” Whatever we decided to do, it could have a dramatic toll on the U.S. economy.

I take another perspective. Bangladesh contains 150 million people within its borders, almost half of the U.S. population. It covers 150,000 square kilometers, 1.5 percent of the land that constitutes American soil. Most of Bangladesh’s citizens crowd along the tiny coastal. If global warming continues unabated, rising ocean levels will cause the coast of Bangladesh to be inundated. More than 15 million people will be forced out of their homes and lands — where there’s no easy place for them to go. This is a crisis of immense proportion. The potential effects in Bangladesh are just a sample of many similar events that could be triggered worldwide by a rise in sea level, inevitable if global warming continues.

Third world countries around the world will be affected by global warming, but as we go through the event Katrina demonstrate the threat capable of killing millions of our fellow human kind. We will face the reality in the world’s most vulnerable places: droughts, and hurricanes as other countries. We at MIT are not so far away from flooding our

Marss Ave. Destruction

Not only is this construction zone unsightly, it disrupts vital services to the community and transportation. Please urge your student, staff, and faculty pouring out of Building each noon must queue haphazardly in sand pits for the mere few spaces which the roadblocks allow. Many people ﬁnding their way up to 77 Mass Ave., else they must step over chunks of concrete and pylons in order to reach the Student Center.

Additionally, MIT Parking and Transportation has been forced to re-route parts of brick to their class on each day, which is to us a huge inconvenience.

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The Oct. 17 article “MIT Endowment Increases to $8.4 Billion” makes inaccurate comparisons of some of the ratios return and increased government endowment. The rate of return (not the increase, as stated in the article) on in- vestmental income from June 30, 2006 was 23 percent. The endowment increased by 14.4 percent over the previous year’s endowment. The previ- ous sical year’s return was 17.6 percent, with a 14.4 percent increase over fiscal year 2004.

The numbers provided, in the article for FY 2006 regarding Yale (22.9 per- cent) and Harvard (16.7 percent) are also rate of return. The rates of return, resources, it is imperative that we respond to a threat capable of killing millions of our fellow students come spring. Let’s hope we won’t have to ﬁnd out.

Gary M. Sivian

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**Hail to the Queen**

The Globe-trotting English

By Matt Zedler

Have you traveled outside of your home country in the past six months? Is a passport the equivalent of a birth certificate for you, something that is unheard of to be without? Does taking a weekend trip to another country, even if it is just to travel by rail, still be a thing for you? I asked myself these questions on a recent trip to Europe and answered them affirmatively.

As an American living in the UK, I was ready to take advantage of the close proxim- ity of England to the continent, and I soon realized that trips off the British Isles, mostly by airplane, were a common occurrence for most Cambridge students. The success of low-cost, no-frills carriers, the relative cost of travel, and the location of the UK all seemed to explain this phenomenon.

While the British Isles is still relatively com- mon around Europe, the recent emergence of budget airlines such as RyanAir and easyJet have revolutionized travel by making flights cheaper than almost any other mode of trans- port. Every week, it seems there is a new spe- cial on the Internet where flights to Prague, Stockholm, Rome, or a myriad of other loca- tions are available for the cost of exactly zero GBP (pounds). When one reads the small print and adds in the requisite taxes, this price jumps to about 20 GBP (40 dollars) for a round-trip flight, still a ridiculously low fare when one considers the typical cost of travel- ing in the United States. How do these carriers succeed in bringing the prices down so low? No meals are served on the flights (though you can bring your own food), the seats are assigned, and the airports flown to are some of the smaller ones near the larger cities. While this can sometimes cause some difficulty (e.g., flying to Frankfurt only to discover that the RyanAir airport is an hour away from the city), with a bus ride costing nearly 20 euros (more than 20 dollars), most of the tourist locations have built-in transportation and accommodation to serve the influx of budget tourists. In the UK, we are starting to see budget airlines such as JetBlue, AirTrain, and Southwest, but they are all still rather costly, a somewhat obvi- ous result of the longer distances involved.

RyanAir and EasyJet may explain the increase in the number of English traveling to the Euro- pean continent, but what about travel to the rest of the world? The English fly all over the world, to almost every continent but Antarctica. The economic reasons for this diaspora are obvious — everywhere in the world is cheaper than the UK. Even though flying to Sri Lanka or Botswa- na may be rather costly, actually holidaying in Sri Lanka is not without the current exchange rates that make living in London expensive even for Americans. Transport within the UK is also expensive, with petrol (gasoline) prices the highest in the world. The price of petrol is 1.2 GBP per liter, or about 40 cents per mile. A bus from East Anglia (where Cambridge is lo- cated) to Scotland can be more expensive than a flight from Rome booked a few weeks in advance. The English seemed to have discovered that the best way to live is to earn money in the UK and spend it somewhere — anywhere — else.

The third reason for travel I quickly discov- ered while living on the small island of the UK is the weather. The weather is a notorious force in English life, something that is often talked about and more often felt. It rains quite frequently, especially around the winter holidays season. While the UK summer can be one of the best around, the island’s location near the Arctic Circle can make grey winters nearly unbearable. Spend- ing the holidays on a warm beach in Spain or in South Asia carries much greater appeal than a grey, wet Christmas in Manchester or London. A final reason is especially relevant for those transitioning from secondary school to univer- sity (something like high school to college). The “gap year,” a British invention during which secondary school graduates take a year off of school to “experience” life through work, travel, or volunteering, is becoming increas- ingly popular among the middle class, even in the US. Most students I met tend to spend half the year working to earn extra money, and then spend it on their travels during the latter half of the gap year. These students tend to travel to either Asia or America, trying to get as different an experience as possible. Although I did not visit all those places or former colonies one has read about in the history books? While the actual positive influence of such an experience on the youth is debatable, it does give even more English folks a chance to travel and spread out from their small island.

Whatever the reasons, it is clear that the English travel abroad more frequently than their American counterparts and at an earlier age. People in the United States tend to travel within their country rather than outside of it, mainly because of location, size, and cost of foreign travel. The impact of this penchant for traveling has yet to be determined, especially in terms of environmental effects. In addition, there seems to be a correlation between increased travel and a desire to stay informed about world affairs.

But stay tuned for more on the relation be- tween global awareness and the English in two weeks.
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How do you register an event?
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69% of undergraduates at MIT report that if they were to hold a dorm party, they would most likely register it as an event.

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Bottom line: Registering an event protects both students and the MIT community.

Check out web.mit.edu/cdsa for more information!
Nathan Pfaff ’07, Sarah Miles ’10, and Emily Houston ’10 (left to right) aim to win in the small bore event at the Rifle competition against Navy this past Saturday.

New Dorm Named Ashdown House

The name of Ashdown House has been passed on to the new graduate dormitory that was previously referred to as NW35.

Several of the new building’s rooms will be named for rooms in W1, or the current Ashdown House. In addition, the Thirty Ear pub, which is now located in the current Ashdown’s basement, will move into the new Ashdown.

The announcement was made by President Susan Hockfield at last Wednesday’s groundbreaking for the new dormitory after the MIT Corporation voted to approve the name. Members of the graduate student community had hoped to bring Ashdown’s name to the new dormitory. In late October, Karen A. Nilsson, Associate Dean and Director of Housing, said that she, along with Ashdown’s housemasters, Ann and Terry P. Orlando, and a number of graduate students had decided upon the change, but were hoping to hold the announcement for the groundbreaking. Groundbreaking is the “first official exciting step when doing a new building,” Nilsson said, explaining the postponement.

The name of the Hulsizer Room and Crafts Lounge will move to the new grad dormitory and a music room will take the name of popular past housemasters, Beth and the late Vernon M. Ingram.

Members of the audience applauded upon hearing Hockfield announce the dormitory’s new name. Several other people spoke at the ceremony, including Sian A. Kleindienst G, chair of the Ashdown House Executive Committee, Chancellor Phillip L. Clay, and Dean of Graduate Student Isaac M. Colbert. In his speech, Graduate Student Council President Eric G. Weese G said that “If MIT were to preserve and strengthen the system of shared governance that we enjoy here, this would help to ensure that future projects turn out just as well.”

At the reception following the groundbreaking, students could be seen wearing shirts that said “Ashdown House — The Tradition Continues.”

Terry Orlando said that both he and Ann are thrilled with the new dormitory. Their living space will be somewhat larger, he said, because they will need room to accommodate more students for their housemaster dinners, since there will be more residents living in the new dormitory. There will be space for 550 occupants in the new Ashdown, compared to the 360 beds available in the current Ashdown.

Nilsson said that a Web site will soon be set up for the new Ashdown.

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A number of other people were also present at the ceremony.

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Nicholas R. LaBounty ’09 strategizes on how to get past his Daniel Webster College opponent during last Wednesday’s game. The Engineers dominated the Eagles, winning the game 7-2.
Cambridge-MIT Exchange (CME) Information Session

Thursday, November 16, 4 p.m.
Mezzanine Lounge, Student Center

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Seniors who donate $50 or more will become members of the “5.0 Club” and their names will be printed in the MIT Annual Report, along with all other Institute donors,” Chambers said. Seniors will also receive a free T-shirt upon donating.

“$50 is certainly an extraordinary gift,” Chambers added.

Senior Gift has an alumnus challenger every year to encourage seniors to participate. This year’s challenger is Martin Tang GM ’72, president of the Alumni Association. Tang will donate $5,000 for every increase of 10 percent in the senior class participation level above 25 percent. Unfortunately, Tang lives in Hong Kong and was unable to attend the kickoff.

The Senior Gift Campaign is being marketed via a “comprehensive advertising effort,” Chambers said. Posters have been placed all around campus and postcards were sent to every senior to encourage participation in the campaign. However, word of mouth is the most important and effective method for spreading awareness about the Gift among seniors, according to Chambers.

The Senior Gift Committee worked with a budget of a few thousand dollars which was provided by the MIT Alumni Association, Chambers said.

Seniors can donate until the end of the school year at the Senior Gift Web site or to any Senior Gift Committee member. Booths will also be set up in Lobby 10 later in the term and during the spring semester. More information can be found at http://web.mit.edu/senior-gift.
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Julie Banda, the educator specializing in fitness and nutrition, agreed, saying that either due to natural inclinations or social pressures, women tend to go into “helping” fields like teaching, social work, or nursing. “In my opinion, women tend to derive satisfaction from improving the lives of others in a qualitative manner, while men tend to do it more quantitatively,” she said. “Many men I know in the public health field decided to go into the statistical or clinical side of things, as opposed to doing the actual counseling.”

“Of these jobs also don’t pay very well,” added Kumar. “Though it’s personally rewarding, many non-profits that do this kind of work can barely afford printer paper, and jobs like this one are rare. [The pay disparity] tends to reaffirm traditional social structure by saying the man is the breadwinner, while the woman can do more work that relates to helping others since it’s more acceptable to earn less money.”

Kumar also knows there are barriers that discourage minorities from entering such fields because of cultural mores.

Though my Indian parents are liberal enough to embrace my career, many of their friends are shocked when they hear that my job is basically talking about sex. They would be more accepting of traditional careers like medicine and law.

Despite these discrepancies, there’s no reason to believe that women are more qualified to do “helping” jobs than men, or that men are more qualified to do mathematically jobs than women, since the hiring criteria for a new educator relates much more to the personality and the qualifications of each individual, said Banda.

“We look for good listeners,” said Barry. “We need people who listen not only to the students, but also to the pulse of MIT to get a good feel for what the community wants. Of course, they also need to be highly educated and not easily fazed by tough situations.”

Kumar can certainly handle intensity due to her background, where she worked with girls who had been sexually abused as young children, and with incarcerated adolescent men who do not see their children.

“It’s easy to burn out in this field if you give too much of yourself to it,” she said. “I try to separate my personal life from work, and when I go home, I focus on spending time with family and friends.”

So far Kumar has been embraced by her new colleagues. “Divya is great for this job because she can easily apply her knowledge to each person she works with,” said Banda. Kumar can be reached at kumar@med.mit.edu.
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The week-long charity fundraiser “Ugliest huMan On Campus,” or UMOC, was sponsored by the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity.
This week’s committee is the Public
Relations Committee. The Tech talked
to PR Chair Jizi Dai ’08.

**Roh D.** Describe the Public Relations Committee. What does the committee do?

**Jizi Dai.** One of our main jobs is really to facilitate communication be-
tween the UA and the students. For in-
stance, we’re holding this event called
Dorm Storm. Maybe you’ve seen posters around.

**Roh D.** Tell us a little bit more about Dorm Storm.

**Jizi Dai.** Dorm Storm is a different, kind of new event that we’re putting on this year. It symbolizes the united UA. All of the UA – all of the commit-
tees and the Senate – are going to have
representatives at each of [the Dorm Storms]. We’re there to basically an-
swer any questions students may have about the UA and take suggestions from the students about what the UA can do for them. So there will be lots of free food, of course. But there will also be survey questions that the PR com-
mittee has compiled from all the com-
mittees and Senate as well. It will be
input, in fact, on the Student Advisory Committee [on the Recom-
mandations of the Task Force of the Undergraduate Educational Com-
mittee] and the changes in the [General Institute Requirements], or campus
space planning. Things like that. It’s really a great opportunity for the stu-
dents to tell the UA what they would like to see, and then for the UA to act on it and fulfill student wishes and give the students what they want.

One of the different things about
this year is the united UA. In the past, it’s been more of individual commit-
tees working on their own, but this year, the UA has come together and all the commit-
tees are hosting this large event to gather interest. The other thing that is different is that we are also reaching out to the [Fraternity, Sorority, and Independent Living Groups]. Since the dormitories are on campus, it’s a little bit easier to reach out to them. But the FSILGs haven’t had much in-
pact as to what the UA does. We’re visit-
ing FSILGs on Thursday.

**Roh D.** I remember last year, individual committees from each commit-
tee and the Senate would be there. We’ll be there to answer questions students might have, to re-
explain what we’re there for them, that we can do a lot for them. One of the problems the UA has had is that we haven’t been able to communicate very effectively with students. Even though we’ve done a lot in the past, the students don’t really know what was done and they don’t really know how to contact us so that we can re-
represent their voice. This will be the first in a series of events that is meant to get the students input and encour-
age student participation in what the UA does.

**Jizi Dai.** Other things that the Public Relations Committee is putting together are UA newsletters. Those will be coming out probably [this week]. The newsletter will have upcoming events, up-
dates on what the committees are doing and what they’ve accomplished in the past. Keep the students up to date on what is going on.

We’re also going to launch a new and updated Undergraduate Associa-
tion Web site, and the Web site will include forums [in which students can discuss issues. It will also contain events, descriptions of committees just a very technologically-advanced site that can allow better communica-
tion between the UA and the students. We also help other committees with their event planning, publicizing events and surveys, for instance.

**Roh D.** Do you have a timeline for when this Web site might be launched?

**Jizi Dai.** We’ve already seen the pretty finalized drafts. I would imagine soon, I don’t have the exact time. But when it does, we will definitely let everyone know.

**Roh D.** How often will the PR Com-
mittee have Dorm Storms?

**Jizi Dai.** We’re going to hold Dorm Storms annually. That’s for sure. But we also want to hold UA-wide style
breaks. At the end of the semester, for instance, the Public Relations Com-
mittee will collaborate with the class coun-
tils who traditionally hold study breaks. We’ll collaborate with them to hold a UA-wide study break. There will be a lot of giving out food, but we’ll probably also have some short surveys that will allow us to gauge our success or failure at communicating with the students. We’ll also have more events in the spring term, which will also hopefully facilitate communication.

**Roh D.** Can you elaborate on the other
events the PR Committee will have?

**Jizi Dai.** Basically, the PR Committee would like to hold events throughout the year to be in touch with the stu-
dents. Dorm Storm is our kick off, where we visit dorms and FSILGs. We’ll also have an end of the term UA holiday cheer study break. That will be a kind of “Good luck on finals” kind of thing, and “How has the UA been doing this term?” And second semes-
ter we’ll also have something called Undergraduate Appreciation Week. It will be a week where we will have various events during the day with free giveaways. It will also be another event where we can gather input from students, see how the UA is doing and what students would like the UA to do for them.

**Roh D.** Do you have any model – either from the past or from another group – that you’re working from?

**Jizi Dai.** Not really. We’ve been pretty creative and we’ve come up with some new ideas. But, of course, giving out food has always been around.

**Roh D.** November seems late in the year. Do you have plans to have Dorm Storms earlier next year?

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**Roh D.** We have committee meetings in October, so it has taken us a while to put together the events. We expect to have Dorm Storms early in the fall [in the future]. Since this committee is very new in its direction, we have had to basically start from scratch.

**Roh D.** Is there anything else you would like to add?

**Jizi Dai.** The thing that I really want to say is that I know that the UA might not have seemed very efficient in the past. It might have seemed like the UA wasn’t doing anything for the students. What I really want students to know is that we are there for them, and that if they have any kind of suggestion, any kind of comment, they can contact us through e-mail or other means – through the Web site — and we will take their input very seriously.

The goal this year of the PR Com-
mittee and the UA in general is to reach out to more students. And to really get the students as involved as possible. This is our university, it is our campus, it is our student life. The more the students can get involved with the UA, the more the communica-
tion there is, the better we can serve the students. But communication goes both ways, so we’re doing our part to reach out to students and hopefully students can do their part to also reach out to the UA.
Estate Donates $120 Million to Fund Cancer Research

By Liz Kowalczyk

The estate of a wealthy New York businessman who died in 1992 is donating $120 million of his real estate fortune to six cancer research organizations, including Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston. The six recipients will get $20 million each this year and millions more in future years.

The Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research, which was established by shipping tycoon Daniel K. Ludwig, planned to announce the gift Tuesday.

Board members of the nonprofit foundation said they have asked the six institutions to abide by several stipulations: to collaborate on research projects, and study how cancer spreads throughout the body. Ninety percent of cancer patients die from metastasis, instead of the original tumor. They also urge the researchers to choose high-risk projects that might not win traditional government funding.

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The Ludwig Institute also is giving the institutions a 15 percent ownership share in two large Manhattan office buildings, which they can sell after 2011, with the hospitals and universities keeping their profit.

Executives at Ludwig Institute said they do not know the dollar value of the buildings, but expect the profit, along with this year’s donation, to provide an endowment large enough to generate $2 million for each institution per year indefinitely.

Ludwig “felt cancer was one of the great unmet challenges and he was a man who never shirked from unmet challenges,” said the institute’s board chairman, Dr. Lloyd Old, a renowned cancer researcher at Sloan-Kettering.

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In recent years, researchers have begun to understand more about the biological and genetic underpinnings of metastasis, increasing hopes that they will discover drugs to stop the deadly process. This makes the timing of the Ludwig gift particularly fortuitous, said Robert Weinberg, a biology professor at MIT and one of the researchers who will benefit from the grant.

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MIT Forces Fifth Game After Losing First 2 in Final

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The Engineers answered with a 7-1 run of their own, powered by a Rogoz kill from the left side, a Buchanan ace, and unforced errors by McCormack and Rastowkhil. A Coast Guard time-out temporarily stopped MIT's momentum with a play that perfectly set up McCormack for the kill from midcourt. But Rogoz responded immediately with a kill of her own and launched another MIT run that pushed the lead to 21-14. In the run, and throughout the match, much of MIT's success was in its consistency. Buchanan and the rest of the defense dug the ball for setter Morris who gets it in May, Rogoz or Rowe. As a group, MIT seemed to make fewer mistakes than their opponents, which kept the pressure on the Bears. The flip side of that is that when Coast Guard could avoid mistakes, they were unstoppable. And they were on for the rest of the game one, reeling off 10 of 11 points to take a 22-22 lead over the Engineers using a perfect combinations of tips when the MIT blockers were aggressive and full swings when the defenders smash up to counter the tips. The Engineers tightened up their play to bring it to a 26-26 tie, but a Jung tip ended the game 28-30. After a few Coast Guard points, the Engineers tightened up their defense a little bit. It's just something we're going to have to overcome. We've overcome it in the past.
By Caroline Huang

Fans Pack Rockwell to See Volleyball Make Sweet 16

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Quick Opening Round Win

By Caroline Huang

In Otherwise Strong Performance

Red Zone Turnovers Cost Football In Otherwise Strong Performance

By Ryan Lanphere

New England regional tournament with a three-game sweep of Bridge- water State College. They enjoyed a welcome sense of déjà vu — Tech also won its first game of the 2005 regionals against the Bears in a three-game sweep.

In addition, MIT beat Bridgewater earlier this year in a non-confer-
ence match. That match featured powerful hitting by Boston E. Cle-
land '10, but she was unavailable for the NCAA s due to a leg injury.

Instead, the Engineers received dominating performances by team-
mates Frances M. Rogoz '07, Alexandra T. Connelly and Frances M. Rogoz '07, Alexandra T. Connelly. The Gulls converted the score to 25-24.

In a critical play with the score at 25-26, Mancuso made the last second to avoid Amherst block that over the net and was heading out of bounds. MTT finished the game 30-27 on a Rogoz kill.

The second game was once again close through the early stages until MTT took a slim five point advan-
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