Self-Help Amount May Change
Hockfield Will Consider Aid Proposals at Corporation Meeting

By Marissa Vogt

MIT Corporation at its next Thursday’s meeting.

Senior Advisor to the President Kirk D. Kolenbrander said he expects that Hockfield will be ready to make a decision following the meeting. Hockfield was unavailable for comment.

All of the proposals currently under consideration would lower the amount of self-help, said Director of Financial Aid Daniel Barkowitz.

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Power to be Provided by Tang Hall Connection

By Jenny Zhang

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Media Lab Director Moss Shares His Plans
By Mei-Hsin Cheng

It’s relatively crowded in 26-100, and you start flipping through your backpack for notebooks. As the professor begins to go over triple integrals, a loud, embarrassing ring tone fills the room. Dumb — you forgot to shut off your cell phone again. Now you have to have one that knew when not to ring?

A “smart” cell phone that knows when to silence itself is one of the many plans in store for the Media Laboratory, which recently came under the direction of Frank Moss Ph.D. ’77.

Moss replaces Nicholas Negro-pronti’s ‘86, a co-founder of the Media Lab, who according to the Boston Globe stepped down to devote more of his time to One Laptop per Child, a nonprofit group working to distribute computers to developing nations.

The tech sat down for an interview with Moss, and he described his plans to reach out more to the other parts of campus and pursue innovations in three main areas: health care, education, and technology.

Currently, society is in what Moss calls “the digital lifestyle,” in which the presence of technology is pervasive in communication, entertainment, and commerce. Moss said the media lab will help society move on to the next phase of technology, the “digital society” in which even more people have access to computers, and health care and education become increasingly self-managed.

In the health care area, the media lab seeks to improve the quality of life for the aging population. Moss said that his group not only have the elderly live more healthy lives, but that they can actually cool, they’re cool here for the MIT community to play with. These monitors are part of a pilot installation called Teamspot, a new technology developed at Stanford University and brought to MIT through Information Systems and Technology’s Residential Technology Initiative, which tests different experiments involving technology support for students in residence halls.

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Teamspot Technology Now Appearing Across Campus
By Hannah Holeh

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Pedestrian Hit By Saferide Sunday

A Saferide van hit a pedestrian, Marcos Bizuela, on Sunday evening at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Albany Street. Bizuela, who is not listed in the MIT directory, had a broken left humerus and was taken to Massachusetts General Hospital, said MIT Police Chief John DiFava. According to an MIT Police report, the driver of the bus stated that he did not see the pedestrian in time to avoid the collision. DiFava said Wednesday that MIT Police arrived at the scene. Cambridge Police had already responded. The Cambridge Police office declined to give information about the accident outside of the police report, which was not available yesterday afternoon.

GSC President Slaby Resigns

In an e-mail sent to Graduate Student Council representatives on Tuesday, GSC president Emilie F. Slaby G announced her resignation, citing academic reasons. Slaby did not respond to calls requesting comment yesterday afternoon and evening.

According to the GSC Web site, the next election for officers will take place on April 5. It is unclear whether a new president will be elected to serve for the next two months. According to the GSC Constitution and Bylaws, available at [http://web.mit.edu/gsc/www/about/constitution/], the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in the President’s absence.

—Jenny Zhang, Marissa Vogt
Moscow Market Roof Collapses Under Snow, Killing 56
By Andrew E. Kramer

A roof laden with snow collapsed over a vegetable market in one district of Moscow early Thursday, killing at least 56 people, mostly young men from Central Asia and the Caucasus who worked as laborers to produce the food.

The roof came down on the Basmanny Market, one of the Moscow arena’s largest, around 5:20 a.m., before it opened for retail sales but while some wholesale buyers from restaurants and grocery stores were inside, survivors said.

“Glass was falling and people ducked under their stalls,” said an herb-merchant from Uzbekistan who was inside when the roof fell in. “The lights went out and I heard people yelling, ‘Help!’”

The Russian name for Uzbekistan, said he was groped in the dark toward an exit and later helped a woman escape from a car partly crushed by a block of concrete.

By nightfall, about 500 rescue workers were swarming over the pile of rubble in search for trapped survivors.

Officials at the emergency management agency said late Thursday that at least 56 had been killed and 32 injured. President Vladimir V. Putin appeared on television and urged a thorough investigation. “Rescuers are doing all they can to help survivors,” he added.

New Hope Seen for Global Trade Agreement
By Katrina Bennhold and Andrew United Press

The conditions are in place for resolving in the first half of this year the most contentious issues in negotiations for a world trade agreement, paving the way for a final accord before the end of 2006, a world trade official said Thursday.

In his most optimistic assessment yet, Pascal Lamy, director general of the World Trade Organization, said in an interview that negotiators in talks now were so close that a deal must be struck before elections in the second half of the year in critical member countries, including the United States, Brazil and Mexico.

Also pressing the agenda is President Bush’s waning fast-track trade negotiating authority, which is set to expire in July 2007. Lamy, who visited Washington last week, said his talks with members of the finance and agricultural committees in both houses of Congress had made clear that those powers would not be extended.

Israeli Troops Kill Five in Nablus

AP

In what might be a punitive attack against Palestinians in the West Bank city of Nablus, the Israeli military and Palestinian medical workers said.

Israeli troops have been pursuing militants in the Balata Refugee Camp, on the edge of Nablus, for several days, and the fighting has been some of the heaviest in recent weeks.

The Israeli soldiers killed three wanted members of AI Aqua Mar- tyrs Brigades in a shooting exchange with the gunmen, who were holed up in a house, Palestinian witnesses and medical workers said.

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Iraqi Violence Straining U.S. Political and Military Plans
By Steven R. Weisman and Robert F. Worth

THE NEW YORK TIMES

The violence in Iraq following the bombing of a Shiite mosque this week has abruptly thrust the Bush administration on the defensive, and there were signs on Thursday that American officials recognized new perils to their plans to withdraw Iraqi troops this year. The American enter- prise in Iraq seemed beleaguered on two fronts, political and military.

Senior administration officials in Washington and Baghdad said the next few weeks would test American and Iraqi resolve, as the U.S. mili- tary, despite pressure to intervene and facing angry accusations that they were held by while Israeli troops in revenge killings, holds back to see if quellings can be achieved by them. An unusual daytime curfew in Nablus, this week, would be primarily charged with that even in less severe disaster.

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Under Proposal, Disaster Duties Shared With Homeland Security
By Eric Lipton

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Acknowledging the multitude of Hurricane Katrina failures, the Bush administration advocated on Thurs- day giving federal agencies from the Pentagon to the Department of Justice in Baghdad, where they could require the White House to play a larger coordinating role in disaster response playbook.

If adopted through both legis- lation and executive order, the recommendations would reverse some of the steps taken after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks to central- ize responsibility for responding to natural disasters or terrorist attacks at the newly created Department of Homeland Security. The Justice Department could require the White House to play a larger coordinating role in disaster response playbook.

Frances Fragos Townsend, Presi- dent Bush’s domestic security ad- viser, said that enlisting help from federal agencies made sense.

“Their is a list of expertise resi- dent in the federal government, said Townsend said at a White House briefing, where she released the report she and her staff had pre- pared. But some critics worry that dif- fusing responsibilities among agen- cies could leave no one clearly in charge and not produce results.

“This may simply be rearrang- ing the deck chairs on the Titanic,” said Michael Greenberger, a law professor and domestic security expert at the University of Mary- land.

The Homeland Security Depart- ment and its Federal Emergency Management Agency will continue to be the lead federal player in disas- ter response efforts, according to the blueprint proposed by Townsend.

But the Pentagon may take over the commanding role during ca- strophes “of extraordinary nature” and may decide to “take what the next 48 hours will bring before deciding on whether a more visible American presence might be needed — in effect, sending American forces back into areas that they had turned over to the Iraqis. A senior official said there was no thought given now to changing the “trajectory” of pulling American forces back and eventually withdraw- ing part of them this year. The Justice Department, which had asked the Pentagon to the Department of Commerce, said that enlisting help from the Pentagon to the Department of Commerce, would change course. They said the Israelis were pressing Israeli leaders not to go forward with political nego- tiations without Israeli participation.

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Administration Trying to Calm
Congress After Port Deal Clash
By David S. Cloud
and David E. Sanger
WASHINGTON
The Bush administration signaled a change in strategy on Thursday, taking a
way to deal at least, by delaying, a Dubai United Arab Emir-
Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates Sheikh Zayed told
House to assuage angry Republicans and
The United Arab Emirates have been
threatening to block the deal.

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In his article “A Better Way to Tax” (The Tech, Feb. 21) Justin Wong advocates a tax plan that would spell disaster for the United States. Mr. Wong suggests eliminating all current Federal taxes and replacing them with a single national sales tax. The main problems with this plan is that such a tax would be regressive — the poor would pay a higher percentage of their income than the rich. Several of the benefits Mr. Wong describes also simply would not occur if such a tax were implemented.

Presently, the rich pay a higher percentage of their income in taxes than the poor. This has been necessary to support a Federal budget of the size that we currently have without placing an insurmountable burden on the most disadvantaged Americans. While some people make the incentive-based argument in favor of a flat tax (e.g. one where everyone pays the same fraction of his or her income), surely we can agree that a regressive tax (one where the poor pay a higher percentage of their incomes) is a bad idea.

But Mr. Wong’s “fair tax” would create just such a tax. The poor spend a higher percentage of their income on consumption, so they would pay a higher percentage of their income in taxes, as well. Mr. Wong asserts that the current progressive tax structure is actually responsible for the rich-poor gap by penalizing people for upward mobility as it is: making more money would help them stop being poor!

The poor have an incentive for upward mobility as it is: making more money would help them stop being poor! earning more, and his regressive tax would fix that problem. I don’t know where to begin regarding this argument other than to say that it’s patently ridiculous. The poor have an incentive for upward mobility as it is: making more money would help them stop being poor! We don’t need to hit them with an extra-heavy tax burden to make that even more true.

A number of Mr. Wong’s other claims are false, as well. He says that as taxes levied at each stage of production and transportation are removed in favor of a sales tax, prices of goods will fall. This cannot be the case. If the sales tax is to keep the Federal budget at its current level, it must be equal the sum of all current taxes. This includes the ones levied during production and transportation of goods to their final consumers, income taxes, corporate taxes, capital gains taxes, estate taxes, and all other taxes. When I buy a bag of bread, the price I actually pay is paid up by some taxes. If this sales tax is to make up for those and my income taxes, too, it must be greater in magnitude than just the taxes I pay for the bread today.

Mr. Wong also claims that the sales tax will save us all on the amount of tax we pay. Unless he’s trying to sneak through a massive budget cut, that can’t be true: if everyone is saving on taxes under Mr. Wong’s system, tax revenue must decrease.

These, and other flat tax plans, are based on fuzzy math and incorrect assumptions that would leave us bankrupt and devastate poor members of our society.

Jeff Cohen is a member of the class of 2006.
"Smile!"

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THEATER REVIEW

Vaginas Proclaim Happiness, Sorrow
Annual V-Day Show Provokes Reflection and Laughter

By Natania Antar

STAFF WRITER

The Vagina Monologues
February 16–18

Directed by Albrecht Oppenheimer, Betsy Eames, Nat Tsang

My vagina was happy to be in 10–250 on Thursday night, and I’ll explain why. MIT’s 2006 production of the Vagina Monologues opened there on Thursday, Feb. 16, to a giant audience. I would have been very surprised if it weren’t packed, considering the volumes of e-mail the group sent out about the event. My vagina was a bit angry for a while, as the show started nearly half an hour late, but it busied itself admiring the red curtains attached skillfully to the front blackboards, which transformed the lecture hall.

The show began to pick up speed with “The Flood,” an interview with an older lady sporting a Southern accent played very cutely by Kavita Kolthi ’07. Next was “The Vagina Workshop,” the gem of the first act. Katrine Sivertsen ’08 had the audience nearly rolling on the floor laughing as she described in a nuanced British accent how she got back into touch with her vagina at a workshop for that sort of thing. Both actresses pulled off their accents well, so that despite the somewhat homogenous cast, the audience was reminded of the diversity of women. Later on, accents briefly donned by less experienced actresses were a bit distracting.

After “Vagina Happy Fact” (in which a cardboard cutout of Kate Winslet ‘06 delivered the news that the vagina has twice the number of nerves that the penis does) the show took a more serious turn. With “Because He Liked to Look at It” (well done by Jocelyn Rodal ‘06), the mood became darker, and the audience was made aware of ongoing violence against women.

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If you missed it this year, I encourage you to go next year. It’s a fun show that also makes you think, and it’s for a good cause. How could you love?

THEATER REVIEW

Confessions of a Mix Fit
Expressive Cast Shows the Joy of Performing Classic Musical

By Elizabeth Zakowski

STAFF WRITER

Les Misérables
Broadway in Boston
The Opera House
Feb. 9–18, 2006


I will admit: I have been a raging fan of “Les Misé- rables” since the age of ten, and Friday night marked my seventh viewing of the live show. However, I never saw seeing the musical performed, and this Boston tour is no exception. After “Vagina Happy Fact” (in which a cardboard cutout of Kate Winslet ‘06 delivered the news that the vagina has twice the number of nerves that the penis does) the show took a more serious turn. With “Because He Liked to Look at It” (well done by Jocelyn Rodal ‘06), the mood became darker, and the audience was made aware of ongoing violence against women.

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The performance opened with the dramatic overture played by a 15-member orchestra of local musicians, which, to my delight, fea- tured real strings and brass much better than synthesized or- chestra.

The main characters, the fugitive Valjean and Police Inspector Javert, were performed expertly by Randal Keith and Robert Hunt. Keith had played the Valjean on Broadway and showed a consistent mastery of the role that was most noticeable in the soaring second act’s heart-rending ballad “Bring Him Home,” which he sang with as much passion as Colin Wilkison, the original Lon- don Valjean. This was my first time seeing Hunt, and he is one of few actors who really dig into the part of the compassionate slave to law and order that is Javert. His domi- nance of the stage, the sense of the stage, and the fact that he came on full force during his bal- lad “Stars.”

In fact, with few exceptions, the entire cast fully took posses- sion of its roles, making some un- traditional choices that added new life to a show that’s been around long enough to risk getting stale.

After “Vagina Happy Fact” (in which a cardboard cutout of Kate Winslet ‘06 delivered the news that the vagina has twice the number of nerves that the penis does) the show took a more serious turn. With “Because He Liked to Look at It” (well done by Jocelyn Rodal ‘06), the mood became darker, and the audience was made aware of ongoing violence against women.

There was a mix of the show, with a piece done by three women that illustrated the spectrum of experiences during their first menstruation (“I was 12. My Mother Slapped Me”). The next piece described the abuse, rape, color, culture, age, and mass murder of women. I wasn’t hugely thrilled with “The Memory of Her Face” because it referred to the Iraq war — though the piece made a valid point, its politically charged nature was distracting. In “My Vagina Was My Village” Mary-Irene Lang ’08 dealt with the highly graphic and disturbing subject of protracted gang rapes in a war zone with amazing depth and skill. The monologue still haunts me, as it should.

After “Village,” the show took a slightly lighter turn, although it still contained a piece about the plight of the “comfort women” taken by Japanese soldiers during World War II. One monologue, about the reclaiming of a certain pornographic word to describe female genitalia, was not particularly effective. It concluded with the actress trying to get the audience to shout out the word, but perversely, I only heard male voices participating in jest.

The show closed with “The Woman Who Loved To Make Vaginas Happy,” an account by a female sex-worker who does business only with other women plying with gusto and hilarity by Laura Macbrides. This piece featured the entire cast on stage illustrating the varied sounds women can make before having orgasms, and the audience was nearly unbearable. The final monologue, featur- ing Amy S. Brzezinski-G as playwright Eve describing the awe of witnessing her granddaughter’s birth, brought a poignantly close to the show.

This was the fifth annual show, part of the college campaign for V-Day, an international day to stop violence against women. The Boston Area Rape Crisis Center and The Boston Chapter of the Polaris Project were the recipients of the proceeds from this year’s performances.

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Henrietta's Breakfast
Food Not Worth the Price
Menu Lacks Consistency in Quality

By Chen Zhao, Erica Koval, Ji Gu, Yongjoo Lim, and Sally Dwyer

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A fresh new, five-pajama-clad MIT student tradition began a tradition of starting off their weekend mornings with coffee, eggs, waffles, and friendly conversation. Two years later, after consuming more plates of chocolate chip pancakes than we can count, we've decided to share our experiences with the rest of the MIT community by reviewing a few places that offer their patrons hearty breakfasts.

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On the other hand, the meat and eggs meals were more satisfying. Ling had the one egg combo, which was appeased with applewood smoked bacon, to-
tees, and cranberry walnut bread. The potatoes were cooked with a good blend of crispy outside and soft inside, though they were slightly under-salted, they provided a perfect balance for the slightly over-salted bacon. Jia had the hot smoked salmon, tomatoes, onion, chive cream cheese and toast (substituted for the bagel) for $5.50. The bagel was delicious, but the other parts of the meal were quite appe-
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Crispy bacon, poached eggs with hollandaise sauce, and cranberry walnut bread with a side of fresh-baked scone were an interesting combination. The scone was okay, but still good, and though Sally discovered too late to order eggs, they were pre-
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palate dish was served with fresh cranberries and a dash of white sugar. The sauce was a little sweet, but still good. The sauce was well-balanced, and the meal was quite satisfying. Henrietta's Table is known for its fresh, homemade jellies and bars of fragrant soaps. A cute stuffed imitation line the small market that shines through the large glass windows that are perfectly transparent in the entrance, and many more different candles and baskets that can be found in the rest of the store. A statue of Henrietta greets you at the entrance, and many more different candles and baskets that can be found in the rest of the store. A statue of Henrietta greets you at the entrance, and many more different candles and baskets that can be found in the rest of the store.

By Parme Pal

The Old Law

Dramashop Holds True

Off-kilter Comedy is Well-acted and Visually Elegant

Based on a play from the 1960s, Dramashop’s production of “The Old Law” explores what happens to a fic-
titious society when one of their cream dinners is overcooked. They try to come up with a solution, but the problem is that all men over the age of 80 and all women over the age of 60 are due to be put to death. What follows is a flamboyant, chaotic round of murder and mayhem, where the entire town is turned upside down. One son hides his father, while another rushes his to the local hospital. The remaining farmers begin to think of how to put the town to rest. The play was somewhat confusing at times, but still good. The acting was well-balanced, and the sets were quite impressive. Despite the confusion, the audience was left feeling satisfied. The Old Law is a film that'll see the second-run theaters for years to come. (Parama Pal)

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Trio

by Emezie Okorafor

Hey, Ayane! We need to talk about this “gift” of yours...

B-Chan...oh, I see your t-shirt finally arrived!

God... my eyes...

I ordered one for myself, too! Now we can match! Cute, huh?

MMPH! Here, try yours on! There you go...

Sniff, sniff...did I leave something in the oven? It smells like something’s burning...

Oh, that’s just my flesh. No worries.

Moons of Uranus

by Juan Pablo Mendieta

Hey, this is so awesome. My friend keeps coming down to get food, but he doesn’t know I moved out of house #2! He keeps bangin’ on some random guy’s door! HaHa!

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Career Week to Begin Monday
For Freshmen and Sophomores
Networking With Faculty, Resume Workshops on Week’s Agenda

By Benjamin Gleitzman

On Monday the MIT Careers Office will present the first annual Freshman-Sophomore Career Week, exposing "opportunities inside and outside of MIT to help students in their career exploration," according to the Careers Office Web site.

“We want to bring career issues on the radar of younger students,” said Shonol Malik, assistant director of the MIT Careers Office, who called underclassmen “the pulse of the Institute.”

FSCW, extending from February 27th to March 4th, will feature career exploration, networking events, resume workshops, and a keynote address from Niel Robertson ’96, CTO and co-founder of the software company Newmerica. The career week will also allow undergraduates to "practice talking to employers and not feel pushed out by juniors and seniors," said Heather Bruskin, freshman/alumni summer internship program director.

Robertson, the week’s keynote speaker, sold his software company for $280 million after graduating from MIT.

“Two things sparked my interest in technology: my best friend’s Commodore 64 and a book from my father about the MIT Media Lab,” said Robertson.

FSCW will also focus on networking with faculty, especially in regard to Undergraduate Research Opportunities Programs. Robertson established the Meryl and Stewart Robertson UROP Fund through a donation in 2000 encouraging "communication in presentations," a skill that Robertson said he struggled with as a student.

“I discovered my first UROP out of poverty,” said Robertson, who proposed his own UROP “I worked 75 percent because I had it and 25 percent so I could live in Boston for the summer. MIT is cognizant of the reality of the world they’re sending their students into, where preparation will get you your first job and experience will get you the second and third. Robertson admits that many of his successes stemmed from luck as well as preparation. According to Robertson, students need to “take a look around and take advantage of opportunities.”

Located in 12-170, The Careers Office provides “walk-in hours, resume critiquing, and self assessment tools so students are never without a source of support,” said Bruskin.

“More information about the Careers Office, a schedule for the Freshman-Sophomore Career Week, and undergraduate advising can be found online at http://web.mit.edu/careers/.”

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Revised GRE Release Delayed Until Fall ’07

By Tamar Lewis

The Educational Testing Service, the maker of the Graduate Record Exam, is delaying its rollout of a revamped test until the fall of 2007. The revised exam was supposed to go into effect in October.

The overhaul is to be the biggest in the test’s history. Although the exam will still include sections on verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning and analytical writing, every section is being revised, and the test lengthened to about four hours, from two and a half hours.

E.T.S. began field-testing the new exam last October, and the reason for the delay, officials say, is not any problem with the new version, but rather with setting up enough Internet-based test centers to provide access to test-takers.

“The test is ready,” said Mari Pearlman, the testing service’s senior vice president for higher education, “but what we’ve discovered as we roll out our Internet-based network is that any bottleneck in the system is perceived as very serious, which is understandable since this is a life-altering experience for students taking the tests.”

Toefl is the commonly used name for the Test of English as a Foreign Language, also administered by the testing service. A new version of Toefl was introduced this year at Internet-based test centers around the globe. These centers are usually college-computer laboratories, which are taken over on test days with special security measures.

“Establishing the Internet-based tests centers has taken longer than we have anticipated,” said Tom Enesi, a spokesman for E.T.S., which is introducing the new English test on a gradual basis, country by country, over the next six months. “Until we have the network in place, we will run both paper tests and computer-based ones. We had access problems in November and December in part in Italy, France and Germany. We’re sort of learning with the Toefl what we need for the G.R.E.”

In 2002, an uncounted number of students in China, Taiwan and Korea raised their verbal scores by logging on to Web sites in those countries and memorizing questions and answers posted by previous test takers. Later that year, two Columbia University undergraduates were arrested for using high-tech transmitters to send out test questions.

After the overhaul, every student taking a particular test, quite a particular day will get the same questions, and those questions will not be reused.

The revamped exam will also change the verbal reasoning section so that it will consist of two 40-minute sections rather than one 30-minute section, and will place less emphasis on vocabulary and more on higher cognitive skills. The quantitative reasoning section will grow from one 45-minute section to two 40-minute sections, with fewer geometry questions and more on interpreting tables and graphs.

And the analytical writing section, which had a 45-minute essay and a 30-minute essay, will now have two 30-minute essays.

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Kolenbrander said that the protocol for financial aid changes involves the president considering the proposal “in the context of institutional needs” by balancing the benefits against other interests for the budget.

For the 2004–2005 school year, 56 percent of undergraduates received a grant from MIT as part of their financial aid packages. According to Barkowitz, everyone who receives a grant as part of their financial aid package from MIT would be affected by changes to self-help amounts.

Barkowitz said that total financial aid awarded to undergraduates was $80 million for the 2004–2005 academic year, the most recent for which official statistics are available. The number includes loans, outside scholarships, MIT grants, and federal work study. The money coming from MIT, including grants, loans, and work study, amounted to $55.3 million, with about $25 million in grants alone. Barkowitz said it is likely that even more aid was awarded for the current academic year.

Redwine said that the motivation for reducing the amount of self-help is to produce a financial aid package that will encourage students “to come to MIT and succeed.” MIT competes for students with Harvard, Princeton, and Yale, all of which “tend to have lower self-help levels,” he said. Dean of Admissions Marilee Jones could not be reached for comment.

MIT has a higher percentage than its competitors of students who are the first in their family to go to college, Redwine said, and though this is something “we should be proud of,” it also means that for some students, the financial burden of tuition is especially heavy.
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Smart Limbs Among Plans for Media Lab

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styles, but also be able to lead moreproductive lives.

For education, he said he hopes to implement a project called the “Brain Gain” in which people are raised immersed in the digital world, so that creativity and innovation come “from the bottom up.”

Machines with “common sense” would possess the ability to assess situations and put the power of a supercomputer into everyday technology. A cell phone with a “common sense chip” would “know” to silence itself in certain settings, such as movie theaters and lecture halls. It could also provide advice, for example suggesting that the owner to pick up her phone if an elderly person calls during an unusual time. This could be expanded to the creation of sociable robots that would be able to work as part of society not only as functioning workers, but as “partners.”

Other projects that the media lab seeks to produce in the long run are more sensitive and “smart” artificial limbs, even cheaper laptops, and cell phones with the capabilities of laptops. Moss was previously an entrepreneur of software and computer industries for 25 years. He said his experience in industry will allow him to fully understand sponsors’ needs. Moss said he is impressed by the “creativity and inventiveness of MIT students.” According to the Media Lab Web site, Moss obtained his bachelor of science degree in aerospace and mechanical sciences from Princeton, and master’s and PhD degrees from MIT.

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Teamspot Showcases Common Screen And Quick File Transfers

simultaneously and drive that computer, each using his own mouse and keyboard.

This technology was created to facilitate group projects and team collaboration. Users can put files on the common computer and send files to others who are also connected.

The idea is "to have a place where you can work on a common screen with quick file transfer, but still have your private space on your own computer," said Phillip D. Long, senior strategist in Academic Computing.

ResTech is an IS&T supported proposal to try different experiments involving technology support for students in resident halls. He mentioned that the price of the Teamspots would decrease significantly once a larger market is defined, but declined to comment on the current price.

The limitation to this technology is that the Teamspot computer must have the necessary software to open the user’s file, a compatibility issue the group is working on, said Long. Teamspot is currently compatible with both Windows and Macs, and the user only needs to download a plug-in for a browser. Long said the ResTech group is advocating for Linux compatibility.

Since the technology is useful for tasks such as executive presentations, the original model for Teamspot was targeted at business schools. "We think it might have more widespread applicability than the [Stanford] group originally thought," not only useful for collaboration in residence halls, but also in classrooms, Long said.

Teamspot originates from a Stanford University research project called Room, headed by Terry Winograd. The project evolved into a collection of different activities and software tools to facilitate efficient face-to-face collaboration.

One branch of that work, which later became Teamspot, focused on how to easily move among different computers that wanted to share information.

The group searched for a way to quickly share the keystrokes and mouse-clicks between computers, essentially sharing the control of one computer.

Several graduate students in the Stanford research group saw a potential for this technology in the market, and created a company called Tidebreak. This technology was brought to MIT through Long, who made Teamspot a part of the ResTech Initiative. Other projects include a Wiki server, still in a pilot phase, created especially for the Dormitory Council.
Summers’ Resignation Divides The Harvard Campus

By Patrick O. Healy and Alan Finder

Officials at Harvard University faced a divided campus yesterday along with fear that a search for a new president could put in limbo ambitious plans for an expansive new campus in Boston, an overhaul of undergraduate studies and a fund-raising campaign for $5 billion or more.

One day after Lawrence H. Summers announced he was resigning as president in a standoff with the prestigious Faculty of Arts and Sciences, the campus seemed torn apart. Professors who had hoped for his ouster expressed relief. Yet supporters, including students, saw only lost opportunities, and some were moving to hold campus rallies or publish opinion articles in support of Dr. Summers.

Sticking in, too, was that a new, unpleasant chapter had been added to the 370-year history of Harvard, a university that takes its history very seriously.

Dr. Summers had been widely seen as a president who would serve 10, maybe 20, years and usher in new science buildings, a permanent science complex and campuses for the arts and professional school campus ambitions — like the new science, arts complex and campuses for the arts and sciences complex and a temporary museum space in Boston, across the Charles River from the Cambridge, Mass., campus.

Alan J. Stone, a university spokesman, said yesterday that the Boston campus has significant momentum and that he does not believe it will be slowed. “It allows for university growth, it will help the regional economy, it has the support thus far of business and political leaders, and it has excited donors,” Mr. Stone said.

But bigger decisions on housing, science buildings, a permanent arts complex and campuses for the Graduate School of Education and School of Public Health have yet to be made.

Dr. Summers had also been expected to lead a $5 billion fund-raising campaign that is in the planning stages.

And Harvard’s largest school, the Faculty of Arts and Sciences — which led the rebellion against Dr. Summers — may be without a permanent dean this summer, officials said, because Dr. Summers is not expected to pick a successor to the current dean, William C. Kirby. Dean Kirby announced his resignation last month under pressure from Dr. Summers, setting off a chain of events that led to the president’s resignation.

The revision of the undergraduate curriculum, initiated three years ago by Dr. Summers, was delayed last year by the uproar over his remarks that intrinsic aptitude could help explain why fewer women than men reached the highest ranks of science and math in universities. Dr. Summers, an economist, had sought a major revision that he hoped would set a standard in American education. But many professors have dismissed the proposal as it has evolved as modest, at best.

In place of the core curriculum now required, Harvard would require undergraduates to take three courses in each of three broad areas: arts and humanities, the study of societies, and science and technology. The plan would also push back by a semester — to the middle of sophomore year — the date by which students must declare a major.

Dr. Kirby, who will remain as dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences through June 30, still intends to seek approval of the curriculum this semester, said a spokesman, Robert Mitchell. The faculty council decided yesterday that it, too, would like to proceed, Mr. Mitchell said.

But some professors question whether, with a lame-duck president and a lame-duck dean, the faculty will approve the plan. “With the dean leaving, who is going to force agreement?” said Peter K. Bol, a professor of East Asian languages and civilizations.

If uncertainty defined the mood among some on campus, others argued about why Dr. Summers had resigned. Some of his critics insisted that the school’s governing corporative, concerned by its endowment support among faculty, pushed him out, despite his assertion that the decision was his own. Other professors said a small faculty cabal had undermined him.

Critics and supporters of Dr. Summers said the polarization on campus would probably recede. “I think the repair will be virtually instantaneous,” said Peter T. Ellison, a professor of anthropology and former dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, who has been sharply critical of Dr. Summers. “I think the problem has been essentially President Summers himself.”

An exhibit featuring submissions for the Office of the Arts’ annual origami contest opened on Thursday, Feb. 23, in the Weisner Student Art Gallery of the Student Center.

(Above) “Flying Stag Beetle” was one of several origami submissions on display by Jason S. Ku ’09.

(Left) Grace Y. Kim G looks at a display case containing “Naagad,” winner of the award for Best Original Model.

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The Boston Secession performs live music as accompaniment to a rare classic of French cinema. A mesmerizing melting of 1950’s high fashion and surrealism, Cocteau’s realization of Orpheus’ journey to the underworld is no loga-draped affair. Rather, Cocteau’s Orpheus pits a dreamy, alienated LeftBank poet, Orpheus, against the wiles of the dark tempertess of Death — whose turned-out entourage includes a mostly-dead chauffeur against the wiles of the dark temptress of Death — whose turned-out entourage includes a mostly-dead chauffeur with a heart of gold, and a classic Rolls Royce whose radio spontaneously declares surrealists non-sequiturs.

The Boston Secession underscores the dream-like qualities of the film with its own gorgeous and hypnotic performance of live music including excerpts from Fauré’s “Laudate Dominum,” Stravinsky, Bach, Handel and more.

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Sports Shorts

By James D. Kramer DIRECTOR OF SPORTS INFORMATION

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Swimming and Diving Takes NEWMAC Second Place

On Sunday, earning two more national cut times and setting two additional Institute records while securing second place in the team standings. National power Springfield College won an unprecedented sixth consecutive team crown 220 points ahead of MIT, and Wellesley College finished 140 points behind the Engineers for third.

Orji set championship meet records en route to a first-place finish in both the 31-pound weight throw (629.25) and the shot put (571.00). Orji is currently ranked first in the nation for the shot put and fourth in the weight throw.

Men’s basketball wins 82-71

Mike W. D’Auria ’06 scored an eight-foot one-handed runner with 2.1 seconds left in regulation to lift MIT past Springfield College, 62-61, in men’s basketball last Saturday.

Freshman standout Julia C. Zimmerman has paced the MIT attack and is currently ranked first in the nation in the all-around and balance beam.

Women’s gymnastics beats RI

Women’s gymnastics overcame an injury-depleted lineup to sweep the season series with Rhode Island College over the weekend. Last weekend, the Engineers posted a team total of 142.525 points, the highest Division III score in the nation. MIT’s average meet total of 178.787 ranks third across the country, while four members of Tech’s gymnastics unit are ranked nationally. Freshman standout Julia C. Zimmerman has paced the MIT attack and is currently ranked first in the nation in the all-around and balance beam.

Wrestler Cutting takes 5th place

MIT Men’s wrestling captain Alex C. Cutting ’07 closed out the season with three wins, and took fifth place in the 174-pound weight class at the New England College Conference Wrestling Association (NECCWA) Championship hosted by Wesleyan University.

Cutting was the bright light for MIT, scoring a 7-2 decision over Norwicth University’s Steve Ceilano before pinning Jeremy Stuart of Wesleyan at 5:10.

Cutting finally bowed out to third place finisher Jerome Owens of John- son & Wales, however he managed to finish fifth by defeating Jim Durkin of Western New England College 9-5.

Women’s gymnastics beats RI

Women’s gymnastics overcame an injury-depleted lineup to sweep the season series with Rhode Island College over the weekend. Last weekend, the Engineers posted a team total of 142.525 points, the highest Division III score in the nation. MIT’s average meet total of 178.787 ranks third across the country, while four members of Tech’s gymnastics unit are ranked nationally. Freshman standout Julia C. Zimmerman has paced the MIT attack and is currently ranked first in the nation in the all-around and balance beam.

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Soumare’s Five Blocks Send Men’s Hoops to Semi’s

By Albert Ni

Hamidou Soumare ’08 showed that defense still matters in MIT’s 49-40 victory over Babson College in the first round of the NEW-MAC Men’s Basketball Tournament. In a game where offense on both sides looked listless at times, Soumare put the nails in Babson’s shooting coffin with a remarkable five blocks in the last six minutes of the game.

Neither team managed to get going offensively at any point in the game. A combination of good defense, turnovers, and missed opportunities from both sides kept the score low. After the first ten minutes of the game, the score was tied at 10, and neither team had scored for several minutes. As both sides continued to miss almost all of their rare open looks, Tech struggled to get good looks against a team they had already beaten handily twice this year.

Tech (19-7) clung to a 22-20 lead at halftime. When the second half rolled around, both teams decided to step it up—defensively. With the officials permitting plenty of contact at the perimeter, Tech struggled to get good looks against a team they had already beaten handily twice this year.

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Perhaps the most fitting description of the game to this point would be “struggle,” and what was possibly the largest home crowd of the year for the Engineers seemed unable to get into the game vocally. By the 6:30 mark, Tech had barely pulled ahead again 35-31. It was then that the Hamidou Soumare show hit the air, literally.

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Statistics:
- Tech: 49, 40, 22-20, 20-18, 15, 4, 4, 15
- Babson: 33, 31, 15, 10, 1, 2

Coach Larry Anderson goes over plays with the team during a time-out in the second period.

MIT Fencing Wins Combined Title, Men Take Second Straight Crown

By Suki Dorfman

Freshman Igor Kopylov Wins Individual Gold in Sabre Event

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This Sunday, Wellesley hosted fifteen fencing teams for the largest ever New England Fencing Championship. The men’s saber squad of Kopylov, captain William T. Walsh ’06, and Brian J. Quattrochi ’06 placed second overall, aided by Walsh’s finish at the top of the “B’s” with a 10-2 record.

Epeeist Trevor T. Chang ’07 had the top record of “A” epeeists, 10-2, in the team rounds and earned a silver medal as an individual. Chang, Mike N. Bergovoy ’06, and Matt L. Gethers ’09 combined for third place in epee squad.

Women’s fencing took second place among the fifteen teams in a heartbreaking loss to Boston College. The MIT women had been the New England champions for seven consecutive years prior to Sunday.

At the beginning of the individual rounds, Shauna Jin ’06 oversaw the gold and silver medalsists from Tufts, the Zeizis sisters, to force a three-way barrage for first place. Fellow saber wielders Lynn H. Wang ’06 and Yahsia “Joyce” Chen ’08 finished third among the “B’s” and “C’s” respectively to achieve a second place rank for the squad.

Epeeist Joanna W. Tong ’08 was the only undefeated MIT fencer on Sunday, winning all 14 of her bouts in the C pool. With Mika A. Tomszak ’06 and Leslie Yu ’06, the women’s epeeists finished fourth.

Next weekend the men and women will travel to University of Pennsylvannia for the Intercollegiate Fencing Association Championships, one of the oldest competitions in collegiate sports.

Statistics:
- MIT: 2nd, 2nd, 3rd
- Brandeis: 1st, 3rd, 4th

Team Assistant Coach David Templeton on the court.

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