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Chain Acquires Hotel@MIT From Institute

MIT Will Still Own Land; HEI Looks 'Forward to Building on the Hotel's Past Success'

By Arkajit Dey
STAFF REPORTER

The Hotel@MIT is being sold for an undisclosed price by the partnership of MIT and Forest City Enterprises to HEI Cambridge LLC, an affiliate of HEI Hotels & Resorts. The sale is expected to close by Dec. 5.

"MIT was a partner in the development of the hotel," said Pamela Dumas Serfes of the MIT News Office. "The partnership decided that this was the proper time to sell the hotel to realize a return on its investment."

Although "MIT does not have control of the hotel," it will continue to own the land underneath the hotel and collect rent on the property, Serfes said.

"The adjacent Star Market and parking garage are not included in the transaction," according to a Nov 7 press release issued by Forest City, a national real estate company. MIT owns the space occupied by Star Market and the parking garage.

"We are confident that HEI will uphold the quality and high-tech standards at Hotel@MIT that academics, students, businesspeople, travelers and the biotech community have come to expect since its inception in 1998," Michael Farley, senior vice president of asset management at Forest City, said in the press release.



RAMYA SANKAR

The Hotel@MIT (pictured), located on Sidney St. in Cambridge, is being sold by MIT and real estate company Forest City. The sale is expected to close in early December.

The Hotel@MIT "is our first property in the Boston/Cambridge Market, which has extraordinarily high barriers to new competition," said Steve Men-

dell, HEI's executive vice president of acquisitions and development, in the press release. "With its close proximity to MIT, the hotel is one of the city's

premier hospitality assets and we look forward to building on the hotel's past

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MIT Alumnus Thain Chosen to Lead Merrill Lynch

By Jenny Anderson
and Landon Thomas Jr.
THE NEW YORK TIMES

NEW YORK

John A. Thain '77 won plaudits as Wall Street's Mr. Fix-It by revitalizing the embattled New York Stock Exchange. Now, he faces what could be a more formidable challenge: turning around Merrill Lynch, the once-proud Wall Street firm battered by losses from the mortgage

debacle. Wednesday, Mr. Thain, who had risen to co-president of Goldman Sachs but left for the stock exchange, was named chairman and chief executive of Merrill, where he will compete against his former colleagues. Repairing the reputation of Merrill, one of the biggest casualties of the recent turmoil in the financial markets, will test the financial and political mettle of Mr. Thain, 52.

Merrill's former chief executive, E. Stanley O'Neal, was forced to resign two weeks ago after announcing an \$8.4 billion write-down and approaching a rival bank to discuss a merger.

Although Mr. Thain's name was on a short list of candidates from the start, his hiring still took Wall Street by surprise. Many top-level executives had expected that the job would be offered to Laurence D. Fink, the

founder of BlackRock, a large investment firm partly owned by Merrill.

But according to people briefed on Merrill's decision, Mr. Thain was selected, not just because of his success at the exchange but also because of his understanding of risk management systems at Goldman, which has largely avoided the problems plaguing its rivals.

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Top Five Salaries Paid by MIT From 2005-2006

Name	Title	Compensation	Percent Change
Allan S. Bufferd '59	Treasurer	\$1,555,672 *	88.7
Susan Hockfield	President	\$753,124 **	21.0
Gabriel R. Bitran PhD '75	Deputy Dean, Sloan School	\$686,600	27.8
Donald R. Lessard	Professor, Sloan School	\$606,145	2.0
Charles M. Vest	Professor; Former President	\$479,143	-29.6

SOURCE: MIT IRS 990 FORM

Salaries include compensation and benefits for fiscal year 2006, the most recent available. The percent change is from the previous fiscal year. For an extended list, see page 10.

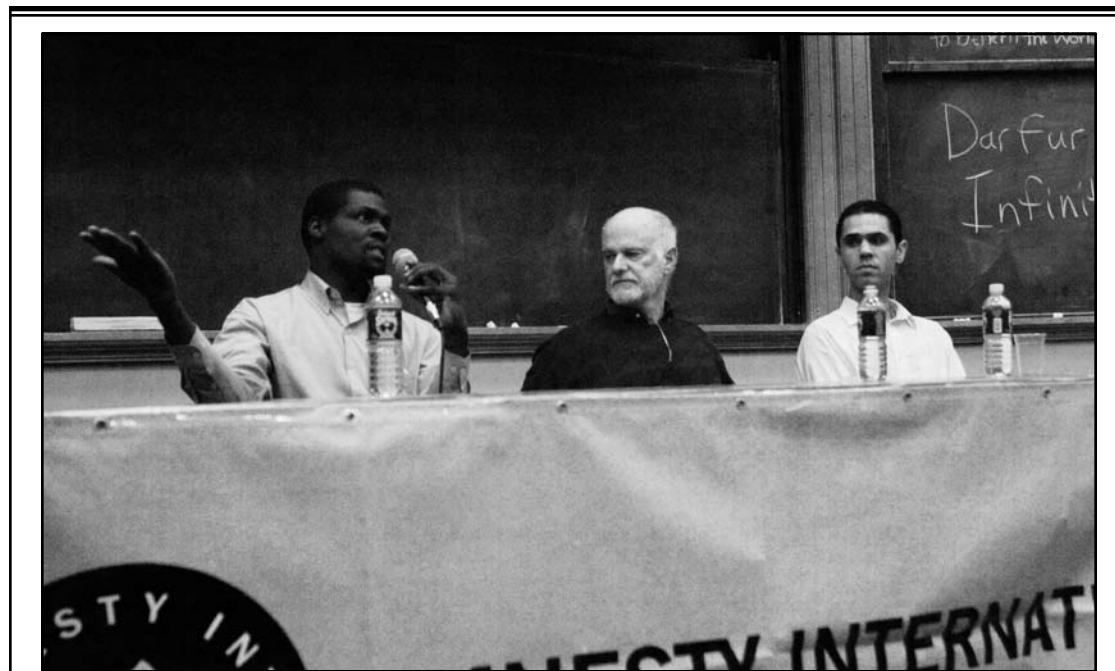
* Includes \$687,054 of incentive compensation earned in FY 2006 and paid in FY 2007 without deferral because of Bufferd's retirement on May 15, 2006

** Includes \$100,000 of deferred compensation

In Short

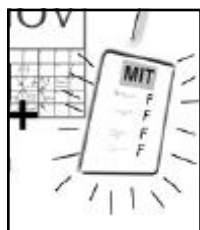
¶ President Susan Hockfield is in India today to foster collaboration between MIT and India. Her week-long trip designates her as the first sitting MIT president to go to India.

¶ A memorial service for former biology professor Eugene Bell will be held at noon on Monday, Nov. 19 in the MIT Chapel. Bell passed away on June 22.



MARTHA ANGELA WILCOX

The screening of the Darfur documentary film "The Devil Came on Horseback" was followed by a panel discussion featuring (left to right) Nasredeeen Abdulbari, human rights scholar from the University of Khartoum; Charlie Clements, president and CEO of Unitarian Universalist Service Committee; and event organizer Kayvan Zainabadi G.



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WORLD & NATION

Bush Announces Five Nominees For Top Justice Posts

By Philip Shenon

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

President Bush announced Thursday he was nominating a federal judge and former prosecutor from Chicago as the No. 2 official in the Justice Department.

He also said he had selected nominees for four other senior posts left vacant in the wake of turmoil at the department under Alberto R. Gonzales, who stepped down in August as attorney general.

The announcements came a day after Attorney General Michael B. Mukasey was sworn in to replace Gonzales.

Justice Department officials said the White House had selected the nominees for deputy attorney general, associate attorney general and the others jobs, but the announcement was delayed until Mukasey, a retired federal judge from New York, had a chance to review and approve the list.

In a statement, Mukasey said the judge nominated as deputy attorney general, Mark Filip, 41, of U.S. District Court in Chicago, and the four other nominees, were "exceptionally well qualified" and he called on the Senate to move quickly to confirm the appointments.

Bonds Indicted for Perjury in Steroids Case

By Duff Wilson and Michael S. Schmidt

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Barry Bonds, baseball's career home run leader, was indicted Thursday on five felony charges four for perjury and one for obstruction of justice — for testifying before a federal grand jury in 2003 that he never used anabolic steroids or human growth hormone.

Filed exactly 100 days after Bonds passed Hank Aaron to become baseball's career home run leader, the indictment capped a four-year federal investigation into steroid use by elite athletes. Bonds has long been considered the primary target of the investigation. Seven others have pleaded guilty in the case, most recently former Olympic sprinter Marion Jones.

The indictment contends the government can prove that a positive steroid blood test result from 2000 seized in a 2003 raid of Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative belonged to Bonds. If true, this is the first direct evidence that Bonds took steroids. Bonds' lawyer, Michael Rains, said his client is innocent and termed the charges "ridiculous." He said the government made no effort to negotiate a plea deal with Bonds, 43, and that he first learned of the indictment when he was called by a reporter.

Iraqi Premier Wants Trial of Two Shiites in Killings

By Michael R. Gordon

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

Prime Minister Nouri Kamal al-Maliki of Iraq has approved the trial of two Shiite former officials who are accused of killing and kidnapping hundreds of Sunnis, according to U.S. advisers to the Iraqi judicial system.

The case, which could come to trial as early as this month, would mark the first time that such high-ranking Shiites would be tried for sectarian crimes.

An Iraqi judge ruled last month that there was sufficient evidence to try the two former officials, who held senior positions in the Health Ministry. But there had been concern that the ministry might try to block the case by invoking a section of the Iraqi criminal law that proscribes the prosecution of officials who are executing their official duties.

The approval to hold a trial was provided in a memo issued earlier this week by the acting health minister. al-Maliki has formally endorsed the decision, U.S. officials said.

Senate Panel Drops Immunity From Bush Wiretapping Act

By James Risen

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

Reflecting the deep divisions within Congress over granting legal immunity to telephone companies for cooperating with the Bush administration's program of wiretapping without warrants, the Senate Judiciary Committee approved a new domestic surveillance law on Thursday that sidestepped the issue.

By a 10-9 vote, the committee approved an overhaul of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act that dropped a key provision for immunity for telecommunications companies that another committee had already approved. The Senate leadership will have to decide how to deal with the immunity question on the Senate floor.

On Thursday night the House voted 227-189, generally along party lines, to approve its own version of the FISA bill, which also does not include immunity. But the administration has made clear that Bush will veto any bill that does not include what it considers necessary tools for government eavesdropping, including the retroactive immunity for phone carriers that took part in the National

Security Agency's wiretapping program after the Sept. 11 attacks.

Since the NSA program was disclosed nearly two years ago, the major telephone companies have been sued by civil liberties groups and others, who argue that the companies violated the privacy rights of millions of Americans.

After lobbying by the telecommunications industry and the White House, the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence agreed to the legal protection last month. Under a complicated legislative process, the Intelligence Committee's bill had to be considered by the Judiciary Committee before it could go to the floor of the Senate for a vote.

Because the two committees could not agree, Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada, the majority leader, will determine which proposals will be considered by the full Senate, according to a spokeswoman for the Judiciary Committee.

"The full Senate will yet need to resolve the immunity issue," Sen. Patrick J. Leahy, the Vermont Democrat who is chairman of the Judiciary Committee, said in a statement after the committee vote.

Even as Leahy sent the bill to the

full Senate without dealing with the immunity issue, there were efforts by leading Democrats and Republicans to strike a compromise.

Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, the ranking Republican on the panel, is pushing a plan that would substitute the federal government as the defendant in the lawsuits against the telecommunications companies. That would mean that the government, not the companies, would pay damages in successful lawsuits.

Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., said in an interview after Thursday's vote that he would support a compromise along the lines of the Specter proposal.

Whitehouse was one of two Democrats who voted against an amendment proposed by Sen. Russ Feingold, a Wisconsin Democrat, that would have banned immunity for the companies. "I think there is a good solution somewhere in the middle," Whitehouse said.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a California Democrat who also opposed Feingold's measure, pleaded with Leahy to defer the immunity issue because she wants more time to consider several compromise proposals.

Fatah Leader Calls for Ouster Of Hamas From Power in Gaza

By Taghreed El-Khodary and Isabel Kershner

THE NEW YORK TIMES

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP

Three days after Hamas policemen shot and killed at least seven civilians at a rally in Gaza, leading a number of Gazans to express shock and anger at Hamas, Mahmoud Abbas, the Palestinian Authority president and the leader of the rival faction Fatah, called for the ouster of Hamas from power in Gaza.

"We must topple this gang that took control of the Gaza Strip by force and that is exploiting the suffering and tragedies of our people," Abbas said in a televised speech on Thursday, delivered from his office in the West Bank city of Ramallah to observe the anniversary of the symbolic November 1988 declaration of a Palestinian state.

Hamas seized control of the Gaza Strip in June after routing Fatah forces in a brief but bloody factional war.

Abbas subsequently fired the Hamas-dominated unity government, in which Fatah had participated, and appointed a caretaker government of moderates in the West Bank. Its authority is not recognized by Hamas.

Abbas has called on Hamas to "reverse the effects of its coup" in Gaza before any national dialogue can resume, but this was the first time he had called for its overthrow.

In Gaza, Ismail Haniya, the Hamas leader, responded with a conciliatory speech. He expressed sorrow for the bereaved families, said an investigative committee would be formed and said he had asked for the scores of Fatah members arrested after Monday's rally to be released.

Hamas "is not a bunch of gangs" or "a group that is thirsty for blood," Haniya said. But many here were having second thoughts about life under Hamas' rule.

Um Ahmed Awouli, 43, a fully veiled mother of five, described herself as a political independent but said she had voted for Hamas in the January 2006 parliamentary elections, which it won.

"Hamas is wrong," Awouli said. "Why did they shoot toward the crowd?"

"My son could have been killed," she added, referring to the rally, which marked the third anniversary of the death of Yasser Arafat, Fatah's founder and the longtime Palestinian leader. "We voted for Hamas, but now we are angry."

Some witnesses say that Fatah partly provoked the violence. Soma Abu Aisha, 40, a Fatah supporter who was at the rally, said that what first angered the police was the removal of a Hamas flag from the top of a mosque minaret and its replacement with four Fatah flags.

WEATHER

Hail to the Victors

By Mike Yee

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

Following several clear days with relatively warm temperatures, a low pressure system has brought overcast skies to New England. Today, expect cooler weather as a cold front sweeps through our area. Gusty winds and scattered showers contribute to the chilling effect, although the latter should taper off as the afternoon progresses.

Heading into the weekend, a weak Alberta clipper could bring wind and rain to the Boston area. Clippers are low pressure systems which originate in central Canada and descend rapidly upon the Midwest and New England regions. Most common in the winter months, the storms are accompanied by strong winds and moderate levels of rain or snowfall. Though it will pass well to our south, tomorrow's clipper may still cause local precipitation.

Saturday also marks the annual college football game between the University of Michigan and Ohio State University. Tomorrow's contest will be the 104th meeting between the two schools. As conference champion, the victor will earn a Rose Bowl berth.

Extended forecast

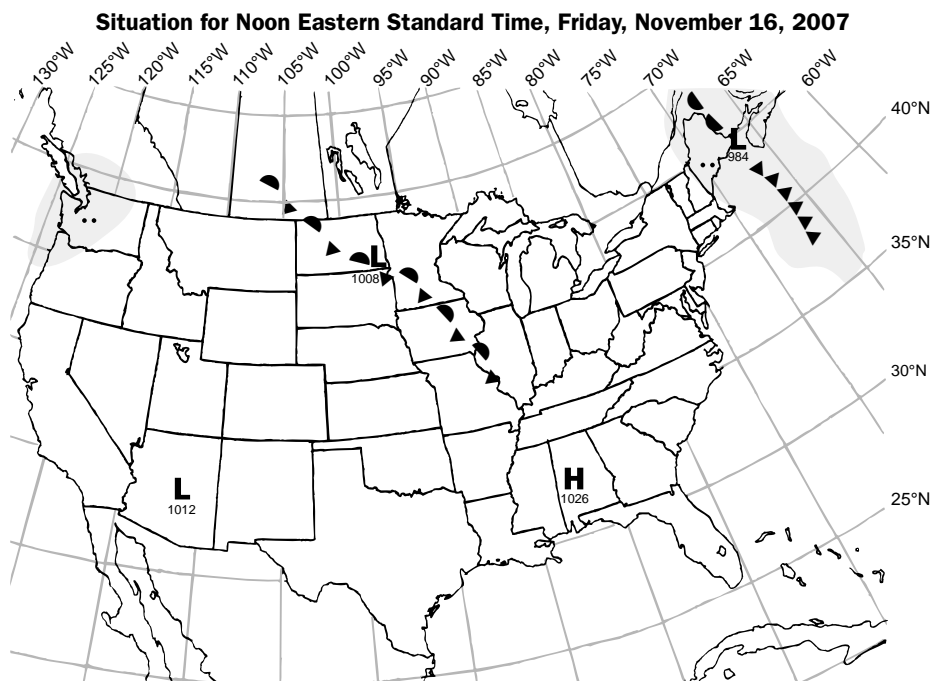
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Tomorrow night: Cold, possible showers. Low 32°F (0°C).

Sunday: Chilly, chance precipitation. High 39°F (4°C).



Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
H High Pressure	- - - Trough	Snow *	Fog
L Low Pressure	— Warm Front	Rain ∇	Thunderstorm
§ Hurricane	▲ Cold Front	Light *	Haze
	▲ Stationary Front	Moderate **	
		Heavy ***	

Compiled by MIT Meteorology Staff and The Tech

Ruling Jolts Even Saudis: 200 Lashes for Female Rape Victim

By Rasheed Abou-Alsamh
THE NEW YORK TIMES

JIDDAH, SAUDI ARABIA

A Saudi court on Tuesday more than doubled the number of lashes that a female rape victim was sentenced to last year after her lawyer appealed the original sentence. The decision, which many lawyers found shocking even by Saudi standards of justice, has provoked a rare public debate about the treatment of women here.

The victim's lawyer, Abdulrahman al-Lahem, a well-known human rights activist, drew the court's ire because of his strong public criticism of the handling of the case. He has called his client's conviction unjust and said the sentences of the seven men who raped her were too lenient.

He is also known for his past defense of critics of the monarchy.

The victim's name has not been released. She was raped about 18 months ago in Qatif, a city in the Eastern province, and has become known in the Saudi media as "the Qatif girl." She was 19 years old at the time of the assault.

Her case has been widely debated since the court sentenced her to 90 lashes a year ago for being in the same

car as an unrelated man, even after it ruled that she had subsequently been raped. For a woman to be in seclusion with a man who is not her husband or a relative is a crime in Saudi Arabia, whose legal code is based on a strict Wahhabi interpretation of Islamic law.

Adding to the charged political nature of the case, the victim is a member of the kingdom's Shiite Muslim minority.

Lahem's license to practice law has been suspended and he is facing a hearing before a Ministry of Justice disciplinary committee on Dec. 5 in Riyadh for appearing regularly on television and talking about the case.

Judges of the Qatif General Court have accused him of trying to tarnish the court's image by talking to the media.

The young woman's offense was in meeting a former boyfriend, whom she had asked to return pictures he had of her because she was about to marry another man. The couple was sitting in a car when a group of seven men kidnapped them and raped them both, lawyers in the case told Arab News, a Saudi newspaper.

The woman and the former boyfriend were originally sentenced to

90 lashes each for being together in private, while the attackers received sentences ranging from 10 months to five years in prison, and 80 to 1,000 lashes each.

Lahem appealed the attackers' sentences, saying that they were too lenient and that the treatment of the victim was too harsh. In its new decision issued Tuesday, the court increased the victim's sentence to 200 lashes and six months in jail. It also increased the sentences of her attackers to prison terms of two to nine years.

The woman remains free for the time being and has not yet been lashed.

Lashing is a common sentence under the Saudi penal code, applied for crimes ranging from homosexuality and drinking alcohol to theft and adultery. Usually, lashes are meted out in increments because offenders could not survive hundreds of lashes at once. The administrator of the punishment is supposed to hold a Quran under his arm so he cannot swing the whip too fiercely; lashes are not supposed to leave permanent scars. The sentence is frequently delivered in public, often at the entrance to a jail.

Commercial Airlines Given Priority In Military Airspace to Cut Delays

By Matthew L. Wald
THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

A week before the peak Thanksgiving travel period, the White House got involved at an unusually detailed level with air traffic, as President Bush announced Thursday that airlines will be able to make fuller use of military airspace to relieve congestion and cut delays.

As part of a plan "to bring order to America's skies," Bush said that an agreement between the Federal Aviation Administration and the Defense Department will allow commercial airlines to plan in advance to route flights through areas off the Atlantic coast where the Air National Guard and the Air Force conduct exercises. Normally, the FAA asks the Pentagon for use of offshore airspace on a day-by-day or even hour-by-hour basis.

The experiment will start Wednesday and run through the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

If the experiment works then, it could be used again at the end of the year, said Mary E. Peters, the secretary of transportation. She compared the routes to highway shoulders that

are opened for traffic during rush hour.

Depending on weather and traffic conditions, the change could be of particular benefit to travelers using airports in the New York City area, where bottlenecks set off delays that cascade across the country.

Peters also said that the FAA would suspend nonessential construction and maintenance during the Thanksgiving and Christmas periods to minimize disruption.

The White House is considering a variety of steps aimed at cutting delays, or at least getting a better handle on them, but these would take months or years to put in place.

For example, Transportation Department statistics might be changed to reflect delays involving planes that push back from the gate on time but then sit on the tarmac. In addition, flights that are canceled might be figured into the delay statistics.

The White House is considering whether to penalize airlines for an "unfair and deceptive" practice if they publish schedules that airplanes miss by more than 15 minutes more than 70 percent of the time.

The administration will also push forward with a proposal announced earlier to double the compensation for passengers who have reserved seats but are "bumped" from flights that are oversold.

In the wake of several widely publicized cases in which passengers sat for hours in planes whose takeoffs were delayed, the administration is considering whether to require that the airlines adopt legally binding plans to guarantee food, water, bathrooms and medical attention.

The airlines reacted with support to the president's statement.

"We share the administration's frustrations and applaud the efforts of President Bush, the Department of Transportation and the Department of Defense for the numerous operational steps they are taking to improve air service and reduce delays," said James C. May, the president of the Air Transport Association, the airlines' trade group.

Bush's announcement was also applauded by Sen. Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y., who had called for opening up the military airspace. He said the change should be made permanent.

Despite Emergency Rule Instituted by Musharraf, Pakistan Militants Gain

By Jane Perlez
and Ismail Khan
THE NEW YORK TIMES

PESHAWAR, PAKISTAN

Gen. Pervez Musharraf, the Pakistani president, said he instituted emergency rule for the extra powers it would give him to push back the militants who have carved out a mini-state in Pakistan's tribal areas.

But in the last several days, the militants have extended their reach, capturing more territory in Pakistan's settled areas and chasing away frightened policemen, local government officials said.

As inconspicuous as it might be in a nation of 160 million people, the takeover of the small Alpuri district headquarters this week was considered a particular embarrassment for Musharraf. It showed how the militants could still thumb their noses at the Pakistani army.

In fact, local officials and Western diplomats said, there is little evidence that the 12-day-old emergency decree has increased the government's leverage in fighting the militants, or that Musharraf has used the decree to

take any extraordinary steps to combat them.

Instead, it has proved more of a distraction, they said, forcing Musharraf to concentrate on his own political survival, even as the army starts its first offensive operation since the Nov. 3 decree.

The success of the militants in Swat has caused new concern in Washington about the ability and the will of Pakistani forces to fight the militants who are now training their sights directly on Pakistan's government, not only on the NATO and U.S. forces across the border in Afghanistan, Western officials said.

After several weeks of heavy clashes, the militants largely control Swat, the mountainous region that is the scenic jewel of Pakistan, and are pushing into Shangla, to the east. All of these sites lie deeper inside Pakistan than the tribal areas, on the Afghan border, where al-Qaida, the Taliban and assorted foreign and local militants have expanded a stronghold in recent years.

In Alpuri, the administrative headquarters of Shangla, a crowd of militants easily took over the police sta-

tion, despite the emergency decree, Mayor Ibad Khan said. "They came straight to the police station, it was empty," he said in a telephone interview. The district police officer had run away. "I am still searching for him," Khan said. Asked why the police station was empty, he said, "I am asking myself the same question."

The shelling of militant positions in several subdistricts of Swat, and in neighboring Shangla in the last several days, was the first significant action by the Pakistani army in the area, Western defense officials said.

One Western diplomat said that a government military briefing Thursday in Islamabad was designed to convince foreign countries of the feasibility of the government offensive. Instead, the official said, the presentation only underscored the Pakistan army's lack of counterinsurgency skills as it tries to battle about 400 well-supplied and well-trained militants in the region.

In the past, the government has relied on paramilitary forces, the Frontier Corps and the constabulary to control Swat, which is part of North-West Frontier Province.

Betting the Estate On Inhaled Insulin

By Andrew Pollack

THE NEW YORK TIMES

LOS ANGELES

Pfizer, the world's biggest drug company, flopped miserably with a seemingly can't-miss idea. But Alfred E. Mann is so certain he can succeed that he is betting nearly \$1 billion of his own money on the effort.

Pfizer's failure was a form of insulin that people with diabetes could inhale rather than inject. But last month, after selling only \$12 million worth of inhaled insulin in the first nine months of the year, Pfizer said it would take a \$2.8 billion charge and abandon the product.

But Mann, the 82-year-old chief executive and controlling shareholder of MannKind Corp., is not deterred. He says his company's inhalable insulin is a way to avoid needles and is medically superior to Pfizer's product and to injected insulin.

If he is right, he could help change the way diabetes is treated.

"I believe this is one of the most valuable products in history in the drug industry, and I'm willing to back it up with my estate," Mann said at his 23,000-square-foot mansion overlooking the San Fernando Valley. The interview took place on a Saturday evening, which Mann said was the only chance in his seven-day work schedule.

Despite Mann's remarkable entrepreneurial career — he has founded more than a dozen aerospace and medical device companies — there are people who wonder whether he has so much invested in this latest effort, both financially and emotionally, that he cannot see any odds against him.

Justices Move Again To Delay Execution

By Kirk Semple

THE NEW YORK TIMES

MIAMI

The Supreme Court on Thursday blocked the execution of a Florida inmate, less than five hours before he was scheduled to die by lethal injection for killing an 11-year-old boy.

It was the fifth time in two months that the court has issued or upheld a stay of execution, strongly signaling once again that it intends to block all executions by lethal injection until it rules on the central issue in a case from Kentucky: whether the three-drug "cocktail" commonly used to execute prisoners is so likely to produce needless pain and suffering as to be unconstitutional.

The Supreme Court's ruling capped a two-day series of seesawing court rulings in the Florida case.

On Wednesday, a federal judge in Orlando ordered a stay of the execution of the inmate, Mark D. Schwab, who had been scheduled to die at 6 p.m. Thursday for the rape and murder of his victim in 1991. The judge cited the pending lethal injection case before the Supreme Court as a reason for delaying the execution.

But that stay was vacated Thursday morning by the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which said in a written opinion that the evidence in the case did not prove that Florida's lethal injection methods "pose an unnecessary risk of pain."

Gap Campaigns Against Child Labor in India

By Amelia Gentleman

THE NEW YORK TIMES

NEW DELHI, INDIA

Gap has begun an effort to rebuild its reputation after a damaging child-labor scandal in India, announcing a package of measures on Thursday intended to tighten its commitment to eradicating the exploitation of children in the manufacture of its goods.

Embarrassed by reports that some GapKids clothes had been hand-embroidered by child workers in Delhi, Gap said it would refine its procedures to ensure that items made in textile workshops in India are not being produced by children.

It also announced a grant of \$200,000 to improve working conditions here and said it would be holding an international conference next year to come up with solutions for issues related to child labor.

The statement from the company came after an internal investigation by a British newspaper, The Observer, which printed pictures in October of children making clothes for Gap in a sweatshop. The newspaper reported that children, some as young as 10, were working up to 16 hours a day to embroider clothes, some of them bearing Gap labels and bar codes.

British Bank's Debt Complicates Its Sale

By Julia Werdigier

THE NEW YORK TIMES

LONDON

Two months after Northern Rock was put up for sale to fix Britain's largest victim of the subprime crisis, the mortgage lender is still causing headaches.

Potential bidders, who include Richard Branson of the Virgin Group, are scheduled to submit takeover proposals on Friday but potential problems with a Northern Rock purchase are likely to give any buyer an upper hand in negotiations.

Northern Rock owes the Bank of England about 23 billion pounds (\$47 billion), and the bill is growing as customers continue to withdraw money, analysts said. Any buyer would need to have access to that amount of money, a difficult task given the tight credit markets.

What is more, according to a leaked document put together by the investment banks in charge of finding a buyer, one possible solution involves refinancing the loan, but it would also mean that Northern Rock would still owe about 6 billion pounds by 2010.

"The longer it goes on without a formal offer, the more people will think that there is no real value involved," said Colin Morton, a fund manager at Rensburg Fund Management in Britain.

Investors have already abandoned Northern Rock. The shares have not traded above 3 pounds since they dropped 55 percent in two days in September after Northern Rock ran into trouble when the credit markets, on which its business model strongly depends, closed.

At stake is not only London's reputation as a financial center, already shaken by the earlier run on Northern Rock's branches; the failure to find a solution for the bank can also have political repercussions.

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Letters To The Editor

UA Has Made SafeRide Improvements

Mr. Aditya Kohli '09 criticizes the Undergraduate Association ("A Safe, Simple Solution for SafeRide," Nov. 13, 2007) for making "no visible progress" on SafeRide issues. He ignores critical successes that we have achieved in partnership with Larry Brutti of the Parking and Transportation Office. Last spring, when funding for the Boston Daytime SafeRide was withdrawn, the UA led a student effort that included the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Association, and individual fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups. Through our initiative, we secured \$40,000 to provide for the continual operation of this service. Without UA leadership, the very service that Mr. Kohli criticizes would not exist, and over 700 FSILG residents would have no convenient method of transportation to campus.

The UA is aware that old buses, improper scheduling, and poor tracking are important issues. Fortunately, they have already been addressed or are currently being addressed. The delay in launching the four new SafeRide buses resulted from state transportation inspec-

tions, not from assembly difficulties. Today, any student who waits outside the Student Center at night can easily identify the large new shuttles, sometimes called "SafeRide on Steroids." They represent vast improvements over the small temporary buses that were rented as an interim solution.

Scheduling is a legitimate issue. The UA has little ability to enforce scheduling but has worked with the Panhel SafeRide Committee to recommend new solutions. Boston Daytime SafeRide does not run on a consistent schedule, but rather, makes a continual loop. If it were to stop at the Student Center to wait for a scheduled departure time, as we have recommended, several of the timeliness issues would be addressed.

Mr. Kohli also cites ShuttleTrack's poor reliability, which is a serious problem. That said, it is being quickly addressed. Several years ago, the permanent SafeRide shuttles had functioning GPS units to track their location. Early this fall, PTO was temporarily forced to use small rental shuttles that were not equipped with GPS, making them impossible to track. PTO expects to install permanent GPS units in the new SafeRide shuttles shortly.

Mr. Kohli's criticism of the biodiesel initiative might be valid if it were impeding SafeRide improvements. The reality is that they

are operating in conjunction. The commitment to convert SafeRide shuttles to use environmentally-friendly fuel should be viewed not only as an important endeavor unto itself, but also as an initiative that synergizes with the Institute's growing emphasis on sustainability. The UA recently passed a bill to provide the nationally recognized Biodiesel@MIT student group with \$1,250 towards the remaining \$12,500 that is needed to install the biodiesel processor.

Mr. Kohli further criticizes the UA for "recently pushing for the development of a new 'bridge shuttle.'" He goes on to say that the UA has made no visible progress on this issue, while simultaneously suggesting that the UA should not focus on it. It should be noted that we have not entertained this idea for several months. During our election campaign last spring, we floated the idea of a bridge shuttle, but dropped it in the face of logistical hurdles.

There are many critical concerns about SafeRide that remain to be addressed, and we met with Larry Brutti last Tuesday to discuss them. We appreciate Mr. Kohli elevating the importance of SafeRide and assure him that we are working to make enduring improvements to it.

Martin F. Holmes '08 and Ali S. Wyne '08
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CONCERT REVIEW

No Complaints at Menomena, Illinois

A Critic's Worst Nightmare

By Sarah Dupuis

ARTS EDITOR

*Menomena with Illinois
Paradise Rock Club
Friday, Nov. 9, 2007*

It is so so so hard for me to write a live review of a band I really love. Generally I won't request press passes for my absolute favorites so I can actually enjoy the music without scrutinizing its presentational flaws or departures from album orchestrations. Well, friends, I guess I botched this one, because last weekend, on a PR company's dime, I saw two fantastic bands play in Boston. And because they were so fantastic, I followed them to New York the following night.

I had an unbelievable time at both shows. They were probably the best live sets I've seen all year. So why have I been unable to formulate my thoughts coherently until now, 7:36 a.m. on the morning of my deadline, after struggling to write all night? I took copious notes, so what's keeping me back from typing up all the thoughts and connections I dreamed up on my memo pad?

Well, all critics have axe-envy; that is, we secretly want to front our favorite rock bands. Some reviewers may come across as cool,

collected, and passive individuals who judiciously apply criticism to areas where it's required. Wrong. Writers are vampires. We want to cut musicians down to validate our careers behind desks (as opposed to on stages). We want to inflate our egos by putting ourselves above the musicians we so slavishly worship, even if only for one periodical. Only after all of this bloodsucking can we put on an air of hipness. And herein lies my epigraph-ile dysfunction: will I seem completely and totally lame if I tell you I have no real complaints with Menomena's and Illinois' performances at Paradise Rock Club last Friday?

I'd seen Menomena twice before last weekend. The first time I saw them was at Bowery Ballroom on saxophonist/bassist/guitarist/vocalist Justin Harris' birthday, and the other time was at the South Street Seaport, which boasted one of the largest audiences I've seen. Both times they seemed to either suffer from or be blessed by lack of a constant tempo throughout songs. Drummer/vocalist Danny Seim increased or slowed the speed depending upon his interpretations of the moment,

and this made for uniquely dynamic renditions. Songs could wind up twice as slow as on the album or end up faster than I believed possible.

Everything seemed to go Seim's way on Friday, however. The set consisted largely of tracks from this year's *Friend and Foe* (though they never seem to want to play one of my favorites, "Air Aid") and Seim navigated each number with incredible force and consistency. Though

I'd loved Menomena shows in the past, I'd never seen them so absolutely tight before, and the trio soaked the audience's energy right up. "Where've you been all our lives, Boston? We've been here a number of times

and it's never been that good," remarked Harris halfway through the show, visibly sweating.

Highlights included "The Pelican," during which Seim stumbled around on stage singing into a nonexistent microphone as though possessed by some higher musical force — for all I know, he was. "Wet and Rusting" also sounded great in a live setting; it had a little bit of a harder edge than on the CD but was just as haunting. And I can't leave out keyboard-

ist/guitarist/vocalist Brent Knopf's use of an EBow on *I Am the Fun Blame Monster!* track "Strongest Man in the World."

Openers Illinois captured the audience just as well as the act they supported and sounded almost nothing like *What the Hell Do I Know?*, which I (positively) reviewed a few weeks ago. Many of the songs they played were new and will come out with their new CD set for February release.

Illinois was joined by Harris on sax for two numbers, the first of which featured a heavy kick drum on the downbeat and banjo as aggressive as a drunken brawler. They also used him on EP track "Nose Bleed"; the sax gave the song a more eclectic and funky feel than the dirty crawl of the recorded version. The performance of "Bad Day" was a real ear-opener. I was able to hear the quasi-rap song's words for the first time ever, and I've got to tell you, Illinois front-man Chris Archibald is a pretty funny lyricist. He was just as funny when he painted "MENOMENA" on his chest and came out during their encore with a mask made of styrofoam tied to his face.

Menomena and Illinois will continue to tour for the next week. They'll split up and end in Portland and Philly — their hometowns, respectively — before getting into studios to record new albums.

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MUSEUM REVIEW

MIT Alum Loans Art Collection to MFA

Wornick '60 Encourages Exploration

By Marie Thibault

STAFF WRITER

*Shy Boy, She Devil, and Isis: The Art of Conceptual Craft, Selections from the Wornick Collection**Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
Sept. 11, 2007 – Jan. 6, 2008*

Ronald C. Wornick SM '60 describes the artwork he has collected as "good friends you welcome into your living conditions." Good friend probably isn't the first thought that comes to mind when viewers behold "She Devil," a ceramic figure of a large-headed, winged, horned, and tailed creature. But take a closer look. The artistry behind this "She Devil" is unlike any I've seen before. Yarn is curled around the upper-half of the ceramic being while the lower half is streaked with paint. It's a crazy invention, created by Michael Lucero, and I think I need to spend some time staring at it before I decide what to think about it.

That's how Ron discovers the artwork that he loves. He says that his wife, Anita, knows a great piece of art the moment she sees it. He, on the other hand, has to walk around a piece a few times and "explore it."

It looks like he's done a bit of exploring, since the Wornicks have built an extensive collection admired by many. Now, over one hundred pieces are on display at the Museum of Fine Arts for others to explore. "Shy Boy, She Devil, and Isis: The Art of Conceptual Craft, Selections from the Wornick Collection" runs through Jan. 6, 2008.

Ron explains that the work of craftsmen has traditionally been found at craft shows as "decorative arts." Recently, however, craftwork has started to have deeper meaning beyond decoration. "In the last 20 years ... Mrs. Wornick and I believe something more profound has happened. ... It now became a question of what you had to say as an artist ..."

Each piece tells a story, Ron says. It seems that the allure of the artwork is in trying to unravel or guess at that story. There is "Sea Drift," which is a sculpture of a woman's upper half. Her expression is anxious and her torso contains a hollow cavity filled with waves and an empty boat. There are dotted constellations scattered over the rest of her torso. This reveals our hidden anxiety, rollicking emotions, and loneliness as we look for our way in life.

A story isn't the only thing that makes works in this collection worthwhile. "Chase Table," by Judy Kensley McKie, is a gorgeous piece of furniture in itself, reminding viewers of conceptual craft's roots in decoration. The glass top sits atop two bronze goat-like figures, each holding the other's tail in its mouth. There's something fun, childlike, and approachable about the table — it probably wouldn't be out of place in your own house.

Ron, who is originally from Malden, Mass.,



"She Devil," by Michael Lucero, is one of the title pieces in "Shy Boy, She Devil, and Isis: The Art of Conceptual Craft, Selections from the Wornick Collection." The collection is on display at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston until Jan. 6, 2008.

earned a masters in nutrition and food science from MIT. According to the MFA's biography of the Wornicks, Ron worked for the United Fruit Company after graduating from MIT. He later turned a division of the company into "the largest supplier of military rations in the world."

Ron describes himself as "a third-rate artist," but it seems he has a first-rate eye for the stuff. His interest in the fine arts started during childhood, when "music was my life." He took art classes as an undergraduate, though he jokes that the art teachers tried to discourage him because they thought he was talentless. Even though his career "turned out to be far away from creative art," he says that art became

part of his life with Anita.

Living in Boston stimulated Ron's interest in the fine arts, since he was surrounded by museums, theaters, and the symphony orchestra. Though he says MIT did not directly affect his love for art, "I'd be back in Boston delivering newspapers ... if it were not for MIT."

Wornick offered this tidbit of advice for students who want to understand art: "If you want to know about art, you go to where the art is. ... It's all about looking."

This exhibit succeeds in expanding my taste in artwork because I'm still looking at "She Devil" and I think I've made up my mind. I can't really divine its meaning, but its impish look is endearing. I like it.

DVD REVIEW

Movies You May Have Missed

Action Rules in 'Transformers'

Editor's Note:

As MIT students, we here at The Tech know how difficult (and expensive) it can be to make it to movie theaters to see the latest releases. So we have started this new column, "Movies You May Have Missed," to review movies that have come out on DVD within the last month. While we will still have more traditional film reviews, we want to provide you with as many tools as possible to survive this place. Below is the first in what we hope will be a regular column. If you have recommendations for future columns, e-mail arts@tech.mit.edu.

— Jillian A. Berry

By Kevin Wang

STAFF WRITER

Transformers

Directed by Michael Bay

Written by Roberto Orci and Alex Kurtzman

Starring: Shia LaBeouf, Megan Fox, and Jon Voight

Rated PG-13

Transformers" is awesome like winning the lottery while having a threesome, on a roller coaster, on your birthday. Which also happens to be a snow day. It's amazing like dipping a deep fried candy bar in a jar full of peanut butter. Make sure you wear protection, kids, because this movie will blow you away.

The term "greatest movie ever" gets thrown around a lot these days, but I think that it's safe to say that we have found it.

The course of humanity has always been guided by great women and men doing great things, even when others called them crazy. A caveman named Grug dared to play with fire. The Wright brothers dared to fly. The producers of "Transformers" dared to combine cars with fighting robots. It's that sort of revolutionary thinking that has created the wonder of human culture as we know it.

"Transformers" begins with a helicopter metamorphosing into a massive, killer robot, firing a missile-launching scorpion out of its chest, and then pummeling the living crap out of an army base. If that doesn't turn you on more than late night Cinemax, you might as well stop watching right there, because the majesty that is "Transformers" is clearly wast-

'Transformers' Movie Full Of Action, Fighting Robots

Transformers, from Page 5

ed. And then you can sterilize yourself, for the benefit of future generations.

"Transformers" tells the confusing tale of a race of aliens visiting earth, and overall the plot is more convoluted than the Massachusetts State laws concerning statutory rape (trust me). There's something about a magical cube, a war on some other planet, some old dude's glasses, and all sorts of other extraneous garbage. Essentially, Sam Witwicky (played by Shia LaBeouf) and his quasi-girlfriend Mikaela Banes (Megan Fox) team up with giant transforming robots and the U.S. army to fight other, meaner, angrier robots, and nobody cares as long as they blow each other up. Let's be honest: watching "Transformers" for the plot is like watching "Sleepless in Seattle" for the ninja warfare. "Transformers" is a film built for one purpose — eye-candy — and it delivers more than a Dominoes guy making his rounds using an F-16.

The producers of "Transformers" know their targeted demographic (18-30, male, plays too much Xbox), and they latch on to it as if they're a horde of blood-sucking lampreys. Combining cars and fighting robots in one place is like filling your room with an endless supply of beer and cheeseburgers: what more could you ever hope for out of life? In addition, the CGI graphics in the film are, in a word, beautiful. In ten words, they're the most unbelievable spectacles I've ever witnessed in my life, but beautiful

also suffices. The extended combat sequences (complete with slow-motion over-dramatic insanity) make "Saving Private Ryan" look like an episode of "Teletubbies." Fittingly, it all ends in a missile barrage from good old Uncle Sam. If the Star-Spangled Banner were a movie, it would be called "Transformers."

And of course, this is completely ignoring the significant contributions of Megan Fox (I can think of at least two right off the bat). Megan Fox is so hot that I'm honestly surprised (and disappointed) that her clothes are not totally obliterated in a blast of flames. She's so hot that she can probably scramble eggs just by being within five miles of them, while they're still inside the chickens.

Despite the obvious magnificence of the film, however, the world is always filled with nay-sayers. One might say that "Transformers" lacks many of the qualities that define a cinematic classic — a classic such as, say, "Citizen Kane." You might propose that "Transformers" would benefit from such minor details as good acting, coherent dialogue, and a plot that makes more sense than a coked out third grader's English essay. I challenge you, however, to honestly tell me how many times in "Citizen Kane" a gigantic robot roller-blades through the side of a bus. How many times a taxi is cut in half with a side-spinning helicopter rotor. How many times a massive robot bitch-slaps the hell out of a fighter jet. That's right, none. Absolutely zero. And that is exactly what makes "Transformers" the greatest movie ever.

CONCERT LISTINGS

November Concerts

Some great (and cheap) concerts coming to you in the Boston area this November. Special interest shows are noted with stars. Send listing suggestions for this month and the future to arts@tech.mit.edu.

Saturday, Nov. 17, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

MIT Resonance
10-250, Free

MIT a cappella group Resonance is holding its annual winter concert with music (obviously), skits, and fun. On campus and free — what could be easier?

Wednesday, Nov. 21

Malajube *
The Middle East (Upstairs), 18+, \$9

Quebecois and francophone pop rockers infectiously play out in support of their catchy 2006 album *Trompe-l'oeil*. Those sticking around for Thanksgiving break should make it out to this show for a night of guaranteed fun.

Saturday, Nov. 24

Dinosaur Jr. *
Paradise Rock Club, 18+, \$20

Though they now ally more with the first half of their name than the last, who can resist the unbeatable combo of J Mascis and Lou Barlow together again, playing as though they can stand one another?

Sunday, Nov. 25

Sondre Lerche (with Dan Wilson)
Paradise Rock Club, 18+, \$16.50

Some prefer this Norwegian musician's rock numbers to his acoustic tunes, but, like it or not, Lerche's playing unplugged.

Thursday, Nov. 29

Dragons of Zynth (with Holy Fuck) *
The Middle East (Upstairs), 18+, \$9adv/\$10dos

Check out *The Tech's* (glowing) review of DOZ at <http://www-tech.mit.edu/V127/N33/cdreviews.html>. Electro-pop openers Holy Fuck may have a NSFW title, but their dark disco tracks are delectable.

— Sarah Dupuis and Jillian A. Berry

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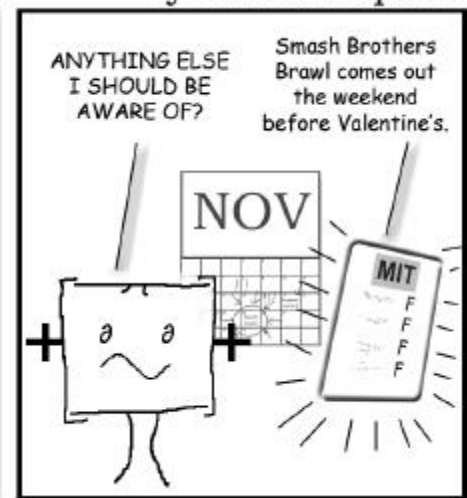
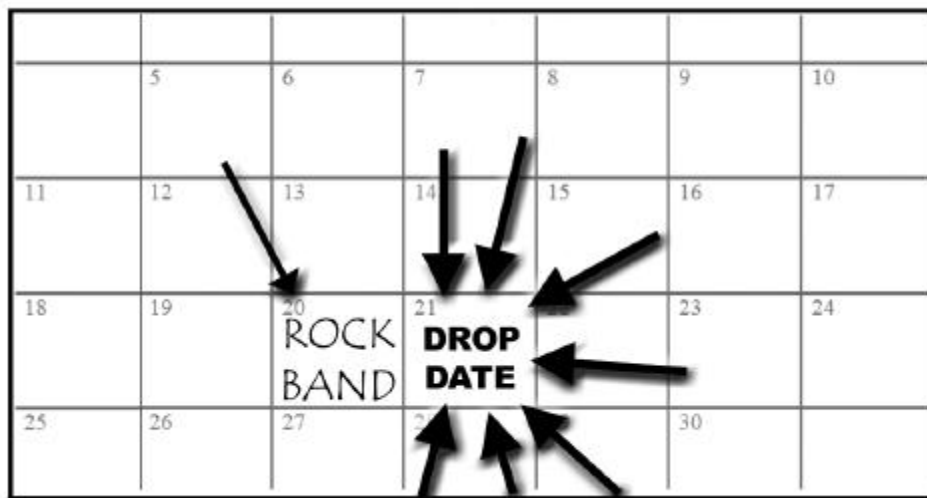
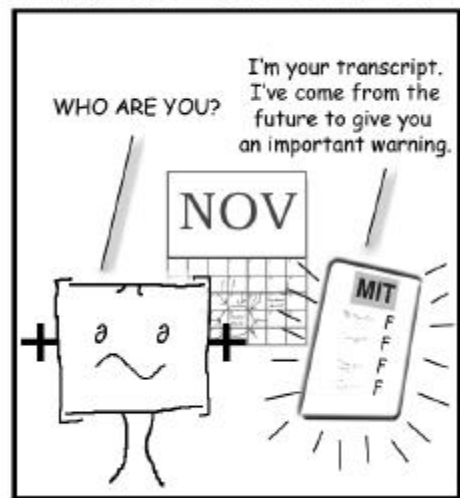


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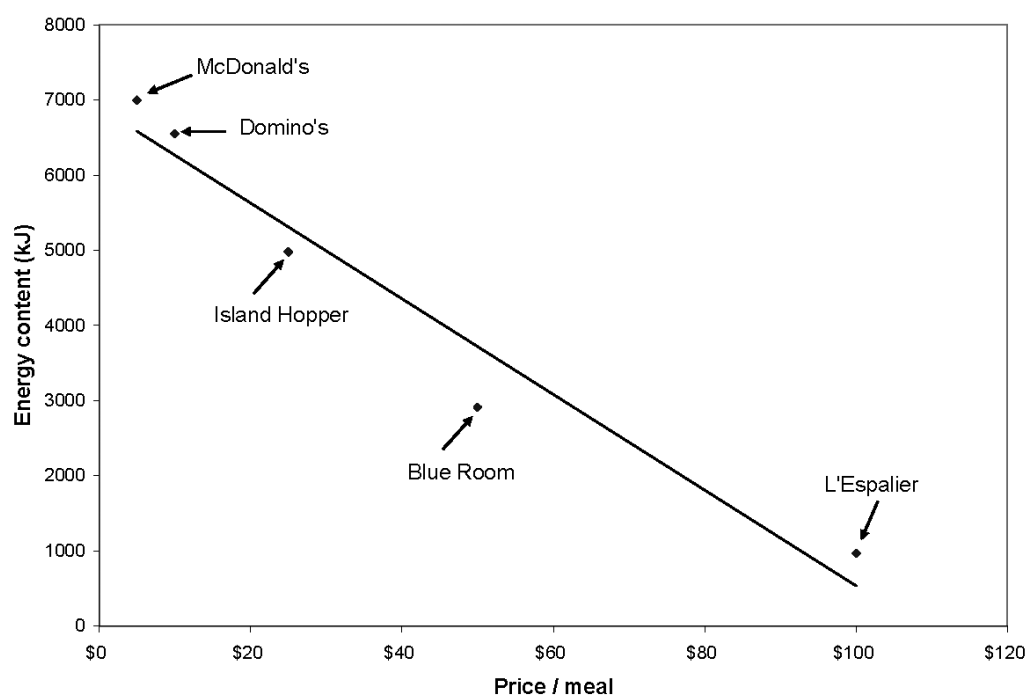


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Mad Science

by Scott Berdahl

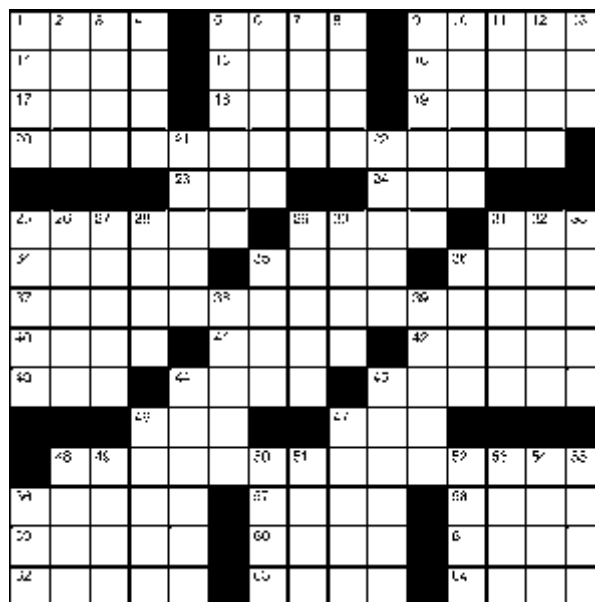


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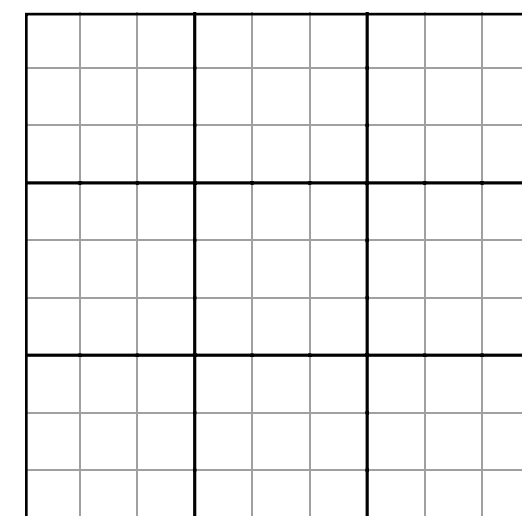
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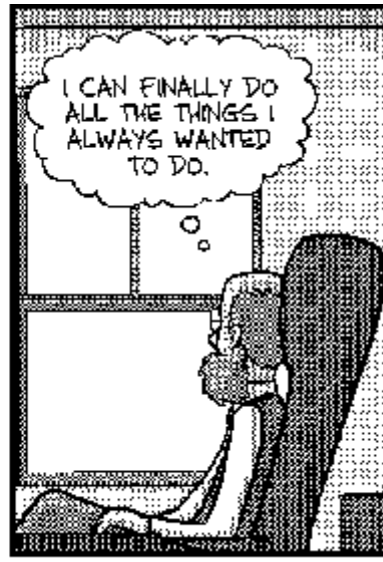
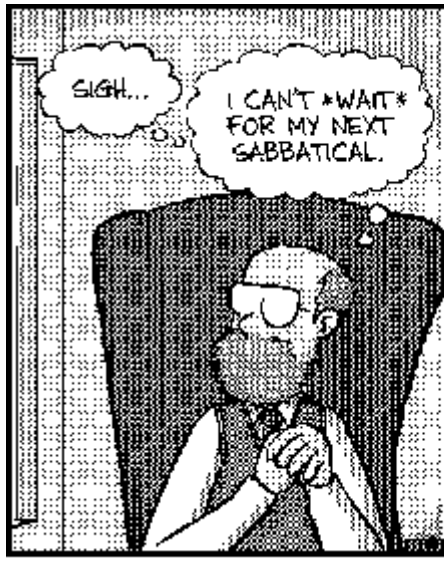
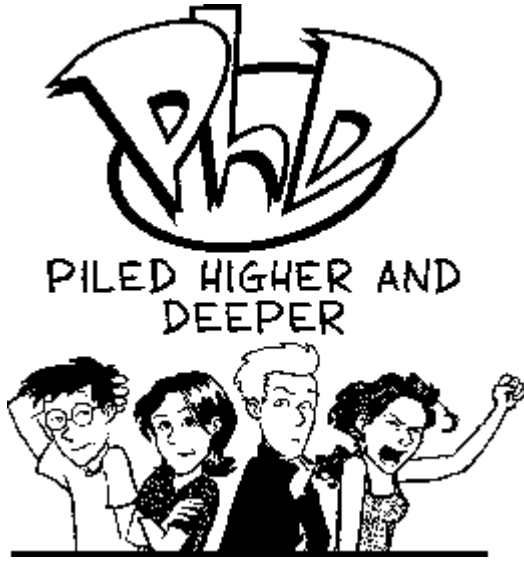
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Merrill Has Not Seen Bottom, Thain Says

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Merrill directors personally wooed Mr. Thain at his home in Rye, N.Y. At 5 p.m. Sunday, Ann N. Reese, a Merrill director who lives nearby, stopped by his house for a cup of English tea.

For two hours, she and Alberto Cribiore, the firm's interim nonexecutive chairman, encouraged Mr. Thain to join the firm. Mr. Thain had also met with members of a search committee seeking to fill the top job at Citigroup, whose chief executive, Charles O. Prince III, resigned in the wake of multibillion-dollar write-downs related to subprime mortgages.

Fixing Merrill's problems will take some time, Mr. Thain said Wednesday, because the issues troubling the overall mortgage market are likely to continue for another 6 to 12 months. "We have not seen the bottom," he said.

Mr. Thain went to the NYSE in 2004 and is widely credited with modernizing and expanding the 215-year-old exchange. He stepped into turmoil there, including a scandal over the \$187.5 million pay package of Richard A. Grasso, the former chairman, and a federal investigation into trading practices.

Slightly more than a year after he arrived, he executed a deal to merge with Archipelago, an all-electronic platform, converting the nonprofit institution into a public one. He then took on the Deutsche Börse to win Euronext, a pan-European exchange, which ultimately merged with the New York Exchange.

"The exchange was in flux and he resuscitated the place with the acquisition of Archipelago and the merger with Euronext," said John R. Jakobson, a former member and a current shareholder. "It was on life support then, and it's in first-rate condition today."

The exchange went public in March 2006 at \$67 a share; it closed Wednesday at \$86.74.

While Mr. Thain boasts an impressive résumé, he is known more as an analytical technocrat. While he was not popular on the exchange's floor, analysts say he was respected. For example, the Archipelago deal was criticized when announced, but he ultimately got traders to vote for it.

"He's articulate and can consensus-build," Richard H. Repetto, an analyst at Sandler O'Neill, said. "He had to deal with members as they saw their jobs become extinct."

Mr. Thain started his career at Goldman as an investment banker and went on to work in mortgage securities, ultimately running the desk in the late 1980s.

In 1994 he was promoted to chief financial officer and head of operations, technology and finance. In 2003, he became co-president and co-chief operating officer with John Thornton. He was considered a candidate to run Goldman Sachs after Henry M. Paulson Jr., now the Treasury secretary.

But Mr. Thornton left Goldman and Lloyd C. Blankfein, then the head of the firm's powerful fixed-income group, was on the ascent. Mr. Thain, when he was contacted by John S. Reed, opted for the chance to run the exchange. (Mr. Blankfein now runs Goldman.)

Mr. Thain now faces a formidable task at Merrill. Under Mr. O'Neal, the bank aggressively entered into new and riskier businesses, including underwriting collateralized debt obligations, originating subprime loans and expanding its proprietary trading operations.

Mr. O'Neal also reached out to G. Kennedy Thompson, the chief executive of Wachovia to explore a merger, an approach that might have been acceptable if the board had not been reeling from the magnitude of the loss. After the merger approach became known, Mr. O'Neal was forced to resign.

Although Merrill did not disclose what Mr. Thain would be paid, it is expected to be more than what Mr.

O'Neal received. Mr. O'Neal earned \$70 million in the last five years, and took home an additional \$161.5 million in stock he had deferred and in retirement benefits.

Mr. Thain took a pay cut to go to the exchange in early 2004: he made more than \$20 million at Goldman in 2003 but agreed to a starting salary and bonus of \$4 million at the exchange. He will leave with \$820,000 of deferred compensation, \$3.6 million in restricted stock, and options on top of the \$14.9 million he made at the exchange, according to Equilar and James F. Reda & Associates.

Some challenges that Mr. Thain will face will seem familiar: rebuilding risk management and continuing to build the investment bank. But managing a huge brokerage business — Merrill's is the largest in the United States — will be new. And he will have to learn that portion of the business at a time when the subprime mortgage crisis continues to cause Wall Street to reel.

When asked if he was nervous about joining a company whose board oversaw the mess it is in, he said: "It was a very important question for me to understand, and I got comfortable with their answer."

Perhaps most important, he will have to focus on Merrill's culture, one that has been through iterations of "Mother Merrill" — the happy, back-slapping but bloated days of

the past and the highly political, aggressive reign of Mr. O'Neal.

The decision to pick Mr. Thain came as a surprise to many. While the search committee, led by Mr. Cribiore, made it clear to Mr. Fink that he was a top, if not leading candidate, the board, from the outset saw Mr. Thain as the best choice, people briefed on the board's deliberations said. While that decision had much to do with Mr. Thain's mix of risk experience at Goldman and his time at the exchange, it was also influenced by a sense that the board wanted to keep Mr. Fink at BlackRock.

Merrill has a 49 percent stake in the firm, and BlackRock under Mr. Fink has presided over a sharp revival in the performance of Merrill's equity funds, which BlackRock now manages.

Mr. Fink has an outgoing, garrulous personality and a network of personal relationships that reaches into virtually every corner of Wall Street. And as the board's courtship of him continued, he talked freely about the pros of leading Merrill compared with the cons of leaving BlackRock. At a BlackRock board meeting last week, Mr. Fink told directors that the Merrill search committee had expressed an interest in him and while he was intrigued about the possibility, the thought of leaving BlackRock, was giving him pause.

But, while the logic of his coming to Merrill might have looked good on paper, no board likes to be pushed into picking a chief executive. And the public presumption that Mr. Fink would simply be offered the job rubbed directors the wrong way, according to a person briefed on the board's deliberations.

"None of the media speculation weighed into the board's decision-making," a Merrill spokesman, Jason Wright, said.

Despite a week of intense discussions, Mr. Fink had little sense that the board's top choice was Mr. Thain, according to people briefed on the talks. And when the news broke early Wednesday afternoon that Mr. Thain had taken the job, Mr. Fink was as surprised as anyone, having not received a call ahead of time, people who were briefed on the talks said.

Mr. Fink declined to comment.

Merrill directors voted unanimously Wednesday morning to offer Mr. Thain the job. While he does not start until Dec. 3, he came over to meet members of the operating committee and even stopped by an event on the 33rd floor with private clients last night.

Mr. Thain will now compete against Goldman Sachs, his alma mater, and a firm he praises. "I love Goldman Sachs and I love the people, but I think Merrill will be a great competitor."

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Entrepreneurs Involve Consumers in Product Design, Construction

By John Biggs
THE NEW YORK TIMES

At a time when most electronic gadgets come out of huge factories in Asia, Limor Fried '03 works on a different scale.

Fried, a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology who lives in New York, builds homemade electronics kits and sells them online. "The idea is that people will learn a little about electronics by assembling the kits and, in the end, have a handmade good that is also useful," Fried said.

Using open-source software, cheap components, and fabrication tools that were once available only in large machine shops, people like Fried are finding their own niches in the high-tech marketplace. Many

are using the Web to share information and sell their wares. And several startup companies are now catering to people with the urge to tinker.

Fried, who runs a hardware design business from her apartment, also laser-etches customized designs into iPods and laptops for about \$30 each. From her Web site, www.adafruit.com, she sells plans and kits for electronic devices. They include kits for a universal remote control (\$19.50) — to turn off any television in your vicinity — and a set of lights for bicycle spokes that spell out words and draw symbols as you ride (\$37.50).

Fried uses the tools of industrial rapid prototyping, including lasers and pre-made electronic circuitry. But new services are also making such tools available to creative people who

could not otherwise afford them.

Computer-based prototyping services give people the chance to design cases and enclosures out of materials like metal and plastic and have them made in a far-off factory for a few dollars. One service that started this summer is Ponoko (www.ponoko.com), and it slightly changes the manufacturing equation.

Ponoko, a company based in New Zealand, allows customers to upload designs for flat shapes that can then be snapped together like Ikea furniture. Making a prototype can be as simple as cutting shapes out of cardboard. Users then create a digital version and send it to Ponoko, which cuts the pattern out in metal or wood with a laser.

Users can sell their plans or fin-

ished products through the Ponoko site. The company's founders, David Ten Have and Derek Elley, are planning to open fabrication stations around the world, starting in the United States.

The partners say they are doing something akin to teleportation.

"This means products will be shipped not in solid state, but as design files — meaning manufacture can happen as close to the point of consumption as possible," Elley said. "The future is one where people will be buying and selling product design files — and consumers will be able to control the manufacturing process direct from their PC."

The site has various products for sale, including coffee tables and a small iPhone stand. But customers

have made things as esoteric as watch cases and a bicycle headlamp. The items start around \$30 for plans and materials, although for now, all shipping costs are calculated from New Zealand, making them a bit expensive.

Another start-up aimed at a hands-on crowd is Chumby Industries, makers of the Chumby, a small device that looks like a bulky digital photo frame. It uses open-source software to display news, e-mail messages, photos and video. It connects to the Internet wirelessly and allows you to create "feeds" from various information sources.

In contrast to other media players and similar devices, the Chumby's internal schematics and source code — the programs that make it work — are completely open and available on www.chumby.com. This means a dedicated programmer or hardware wrangler could make it do almost anything. The device will be available online for about \$180 later this year.

Phil Torrone, senior editor of Make Magazine, said he did not remember a time when he was not tearing apart electronics. But he said there had been a rise in the popularity of hardware hacking recently, thanks to cheap PCs and components.

"I used to go to swap meets where people were seeing how far they could transmit with their ham radios," he said, recalling meetings where arts and crafts melded with technology to produce homemade radios, custom computers and odd robots. He calls the slow advance of do-it-yourself electronics the "democratization of tech," leading to a world where anyone can run a radio station or build a computer.

Resources like Torrone's magazine and its Web site, www.makezine.com, give people the initial impetus to build things. Some then make the leap to selling things.

Etsy (www.etsy.com) is a popular e-commerce site for people to sell their wares. Alongside more traditional items, it offers a scattering of tech-oriented accessories, including handmade iPod cases and charms for cell phones like those favored by Japanese schoolgirls.

Karrie Weaver, a geologist by day, knitted an iPod case out of audio tape (she posted the instructions on her Web site, www.girlontherocks.com/knit). All that knitting and sewing is a far cry from the soldering and millwork going on in other corners of the Internet.

Take the "steampunk" movement, for example. This odd subculture envisions a past populated with high-tech products clad in Victorian-era finery — like crossing the Terry Gilliam movie "Brazil" with H.G. Wells. One prominent proponent of the scene, Richard R. Nagy, also known as Datamancer (www.datamancer.net), builds and sells steampunk keyboards online.

Nagy buys computer keyboards and strips them completely. He then replaces the individual keys with keys from old typewriters and computing machinery. Finally, he replaces the sides of the keyboard with milled metal and gears. The product doesn't come cheap. Most of Nagy's keyboards cost \$900 to \$1,500. His latest creation, the Baron of Cyprus — a copper-clad keyboard with hand-etched keys — sold for \$4,800 on eBay last week.

None of these projects are likely to make a dent in the profits of Samsung or Sony, but that is not the point. Fried said a more do-it-yourself approach to technology has its own ecological and personal benefits.

"There is a glut of technologies, and most of them do not fit our needs very well," she said. "They are also very closed and proprietary, which is basically a great recipe for 'buy it and toss it.'"

"Open hardware brings with it the ability to customize and repair what you have and gives it a higher personal value and usability," Fried added. "Stuff with higher personal value and usability is less likely to just be thrown out as soon as you're done with it, and is also profoundly more fun and fulfilling."

Top Salaries Paid by MIT From 2005–2006

Name	Title	Compensation	Percent Change
Allan S. Bufferd '59	Treasurer	\$1,555,672 *	88.7
Susan Hockfield	President	\$753,124 **	21.0
Gabriel R. Bitran PhD '75	Deputy Dean, Sloan School	\$686,600	27.8
Donald R. Lessard	Professor, Sloan School	\$606,145	2.0
Charles M. Vest	Professor; Former President	\$479,143	-29.6
L. Rafael Reif	Provost	\$472,030	N/A
Sherwin Greenblatt	Executive Vice President	\$416,015	N/A
Steven C. Marsh	Managing Director of Real Estate, MIT Investment Management Company	\$400,695	N/A
Philip Rotner	Managing Director of Private Equity, MITIMCo	\$398,157	N/A
Daniel T. Steele	Managing Director of Private Equity, MITIMCo	\$391,382	N/A
Joel Moses PhD '67	Institute Professor	\$388,597	N/A
John M. Deutch '61	Institute Professor	\$355,340	N/A
Phillip L. Clay PhD '75	Chancellor	\$317,967	17.8
Kathryn A. Willmore	Vice President and Secretary of the Corporation	\$284,769	18.1
Dana G. Mead PhD '67	Chairman of the Corporation	\$280,557	23.4
Paul E. Gray '54	Former President	\$147,065	N/A
John R. Curry	Prior Executive Vice President	\$90,125	-80.4
Robert A. Brown	Prior Provost	\$74,541 ***	-84.4
Seth Alexander	President, MITIMCo	\$74,646 ****	N/A
Howard W. Johnson	Former President; Former Chairman of the Corporation	\$41,787	N/A

SOURCE: MIT IRS 990 FORM

Salaries include compensation and benefits for fiscal year 2006, the most recent available. The percent change is from the previous fiscal year. The salaries include those of MIT executive officers, the top five highest-paid employees, and other officers listed in the IRS 990 form for FY 2006.

* Includes \$687,054 of incentive compensation earned in FY 2006 and paid in FY 2007 without deferral because of Bufferd's retirement on May 15, 2006

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- Oct. 12:** West Garage Annex, 7:41 a.m., Breaking and entering into motor vehicle.
- Oct. 15:** Kappa Sigma (47 Memorial Dr.), 1:38 p.m., Breaking and entering, no force; Larceny of laptop computer.
- Oct. 16:** M66 (25 Ames St.), 3:47 p.m., Suspicious activity reported.
W59 (201 Vassar St.), 9:03 a.m., Hit and run; Reporting person states a government vehicle sustained damage while in lot.
- Oct. 17:** W20 (84 Mass. Ave.), 7:25 p.m., Breaking and entering; Area broken into and cash stolen.
- Oct. 18:** M68 (31 Ames St.), 4:30 p.m., Credit card stolen and used fraudulently.
- Oct. 19:** E2 (70 Amherst St.), 8:44 a.m., Report of past breaking and entering at Senior House.
W35 (100 Vassar St.), 7:46 p.m., Reporting person indicates his wallet was stolen from locker; claims credit card was used fraudulently.
- Oct. 20:** Albany St. and Mass. Ave., 4:39 p.m., Breaking and entering into motor vehicle; GPS stolen from 1996 Toyota.
E15 (20 Ames St.), 7:47 p.m., Disturbance; Leonardo A. Bonanni, of 167 Erie St., Cambridge, Mass., arrested for assault and battery on a police officer, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and possession of a class D substance.
- Oct. 23:** W71 (500 Memorial Dr.), 6:35 a.m., Assault and battery with a deadly weapon; Assault with knife reported, suspect arrested by Cambridge Police.
W4 (320 Memorial Dr.), 5:45 p.m., Hit and run; reporting person states moving vehicle struck her vehicle and left the area.
- Oct. 24:** W20 (84 Mass. Ave.), 7:21 p.m., Breaking and entering; Reporting person states office was broken into and contents of drawer were stolen.
- Oct. 25:** W20 (84 Mass. Ave.), 12:55 p.m., Suspicious activity reported at student center bike rack; Officers arrest John Hames of 6 Grant Rd., Malden, Mass. for larceny of bicycle.
- Oct. 26:** E52 (50 Memorial Dr.), 5:40 p.m., Attempted larceny of a consumable product.
- Oct. 27:** M10 (122 Memorial Dr.), 1:05 p.m., Police respond to reported malicious destruction of property in Barker Library.
- Oct. 28:** 158 Mass. Ave., 2:08 p.m., Breaking and entering into motor vehicle; GPS stolen.
- Oct. 30:** Main Lot, 4:06 p.m., Hit and run with property damage; parked vehicle was struck.
Vassar St., 9:26 p.m., Assault; Report of past simple assault.
- Oct. 31:** East Lot (25 Vassar St.), 5:37 p.m., Hit and run to parked motor vehicle.
- Nov. 5:** N49 (600 Tech Square, 1st. Fl.), 10:33 a.m., Fraud by check; victim of internet fraud.
M4 (182 Rear Memorial Dr.), 1:23 p.m., Breaking and entering with no force; Projector stolen.
- Nov. 6:** M36 (70 Vassar St., Lobby), 1:44 p.m., Malicious destruction; broken skylight.
M32 (32 Vassar St.), 5:18 p.m., Malicious destruction; damage to a door.
E2 (70 Amherst St.), 11:30 p.m., Ongoing harassment between persons known to each other.

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A spokesperson from Mendell’s office said additional information regarding the sale would not be released until Dec. 5, the expected date for the close of the sale.

Jeff Linton, vice president of corporate communication at Forest City, said the two parties had reached a mutual agreement not to disclose additional information before the sale was finalized.

Jones Lang LaSalle Hotels, a leading hotel investment services

firm, brokered the sale. The firm could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Located on 20 Sidney Street, Hotel@MIT is a part of University Park, the culmination of a land development project led by MIT, Forest City, and the City of Cambridge in the 1980s. The park integrates research facilities with residential units, also housing a conference center and retail stores. A total of 10 research and office buildings of biotechnology companies, such as Alkermes, Novartis, and Millennium Pharmaceuticals, are located in the park.

The 210-room Hotel@MIT is known for its high-tech interior — its lobby features several robots from the MIT Artificial Intelligence Laboratory. According to an MIT Web site, “Hotel@MIT is our preferred hotel vendor, combining hospitality with technology and award winning architecture.” The site also advises campus visitors “to ask for the discounted MIT rate.”

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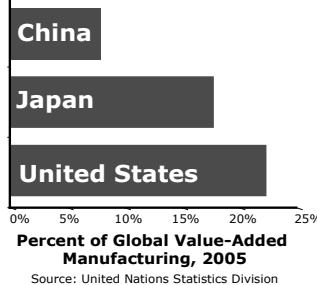
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OLPC Hits Financial Setbacks

By Hiawatha Bray
THE BOSTON GLOBE

The dream of a laptop computer cheap enough to distribute to millions of poor children is finally coming true — but not quite in the way its backers imagined.

The nonprofit One Laptop Per Child Foundation of Cambridge, founded by Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor Nicholas Negroponte '66, is struggling to lower the actual cost and increase the sales of its highly-touted "\$100 laptop." But two major electronics companies — Intel Corp. and Asus Computer International of Taiwan — have complicated the foundation's job by introducing rival laptops that seek to deliver cheap computing to low-income youngsters, and make money, too.

Asus has begun to ring up sizable sales for its new mini-laptop, the Eee PC. The machine is being sold for \$399 in the United States, but also will be sold for as little as \$199 to school systems here and abroad. "Our idea is to provide computing access to children," said Donald Leung, Asus product manager, "and to sustain our own company's need, which is profit."

Meanwhile, Libya and Nigeria have purchased nearly 170,000 of Intel's Classmate PC mini-laptops, priced at \$200 to \$300. This year, Negroponte denounced Intel, saying it is distributing the Classmate below cost in a bid to undercut the One Laptop Per Child device. But Intel has stated it will make money in the long run as the machines create new markets in developing countries. "We're not coming at this only as a philanthropic approach," said Jeff Galinovsky, senior product line manager for the Classmate. "We're in it for business reasons."

Negroponte launched his program in 2005. Millions of his laptops were to be purchased by governments of developing countries, which in turn

would give the machines to schoolchildren. The laptops cost almost \$200 to make, but Negroponte said that with millions on order, manufacturing costs would plummet, driving the cost to \$100 or even less.

But, so far, only Uruguay has signed onto the plan, and for just 100,000 laptops — a mere fraction of the 3 million machines the foundation had hoped foreign governments would order.

Walter Bender, the foundation's president for software and content, said the slow pace of orders won't keep it from achieving its goals. "We already have enough sales to bring the cost down," Bender said. "The more sales we get, the more the costs will come down. There's plenty of business out there for everybody."

But last month, the foundation began appealing to individuals and charities, as well as governments, to begin buying machines. For \$400, people can buy a laptop for themselves and have the foundation donate another unit to a poor child. Foundations and charities are being urged to buy hundreds or thousands of the machines for giveaways in developing countries.

"Having to require governments to buy in great bulk to achieve these economies of scale just hasn't worked out," said J.P. Gownder, an analyst at Forrester Research in Cambridge.

The foundation has rejected the idea of selling its laptops as a retail product in affluent nations. But Asus executives believed there was a sizable market in rich countries for cheap, basic laptops.

"They're selling like hotcakes," Leung said. "We don't have enough in stock to fulfill everybody's demand at the moment." Leung said that Asus is already making a small profit from sales of the Eee PC, and soon will release a \$500 model with a larger screen, as well as two cheaper versions, selling for \$349 and \$299.

Early U.S. adopters say they're

pleased with the machines. "I love how light and compact it is - plus it's just cute," said Katherine Shaw, a 38-year-old freelance writer in Pittsburgh. Roy Kron, 45, communications director for the Louisiana Sea Grant College Program in Baton Rouge, complained about the Eee's cramped keyboard and deficiencies in its built-in word-processing software. But he's still glad he bought one. "It's small and compact," Kron said. "That's something that always has been an attraction for me."

Asus is in talks with governments about selling the machines in bulk for free distribution to schoolchildren. A company executive said last month that a deal already had been reached with one government, but Leung provided no details. Last week, the city of Fresno, Calif., said it would buy 1,000 of the laptops for use in its schools.

Intel doesn't plan a retail version of the Classmate. Like One Laptop Per Child, it's counting on governments and charitable organizations to purchase the machines. But Intel's Classmate is just part of the company's "World Ahead" program, a strategy to increase the use of computer technology in developing countries.

For example, Intel's Rural Connectivity Platform project is working on ways to extend the range of WiFi wireless networking from a few hundred feet to a dozen or more miles. Such a WiFi system could deliver cheap Internet access to remote villages, and make it easy to put the Classmate laptops online. It would also give everyone in the village an incentive to buy more computers, most of them loaded with Intel chips.

Bender said he welcomes any effort to provide computers to poor children. "The fact that industry is starting to take interest in this space and make inroads in this space is exactly aligned with this mission. The more people in this space, the better."

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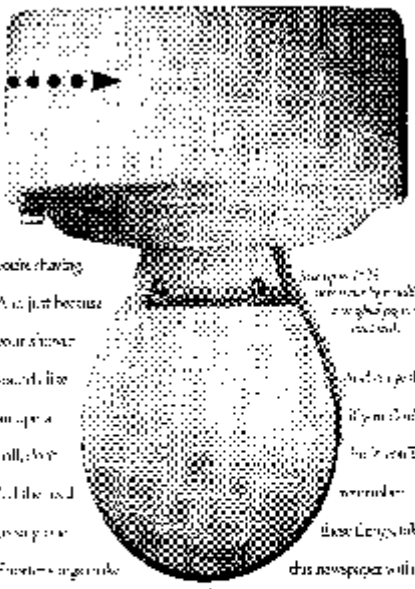
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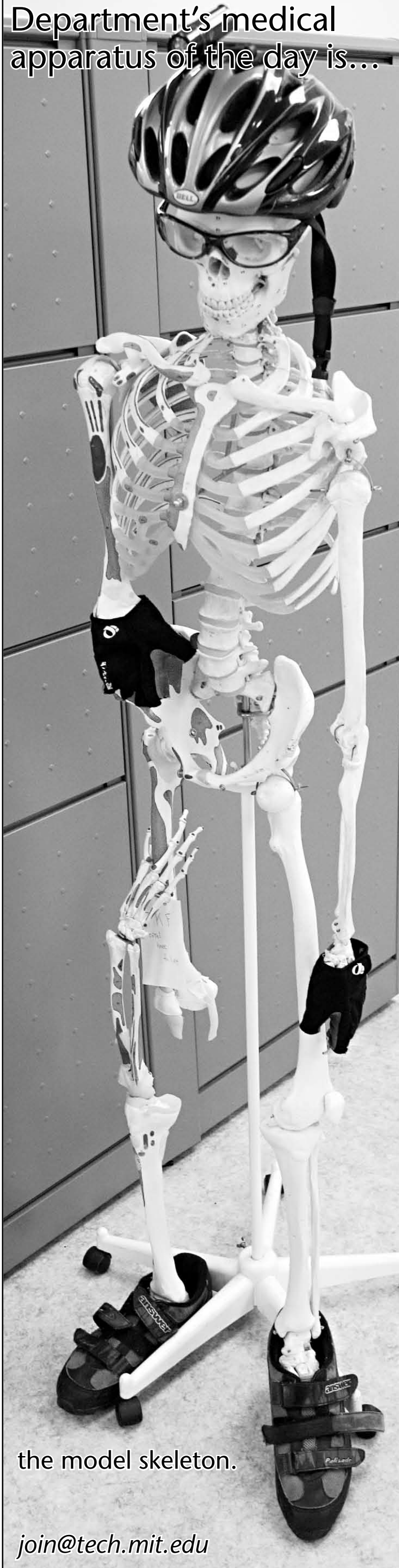
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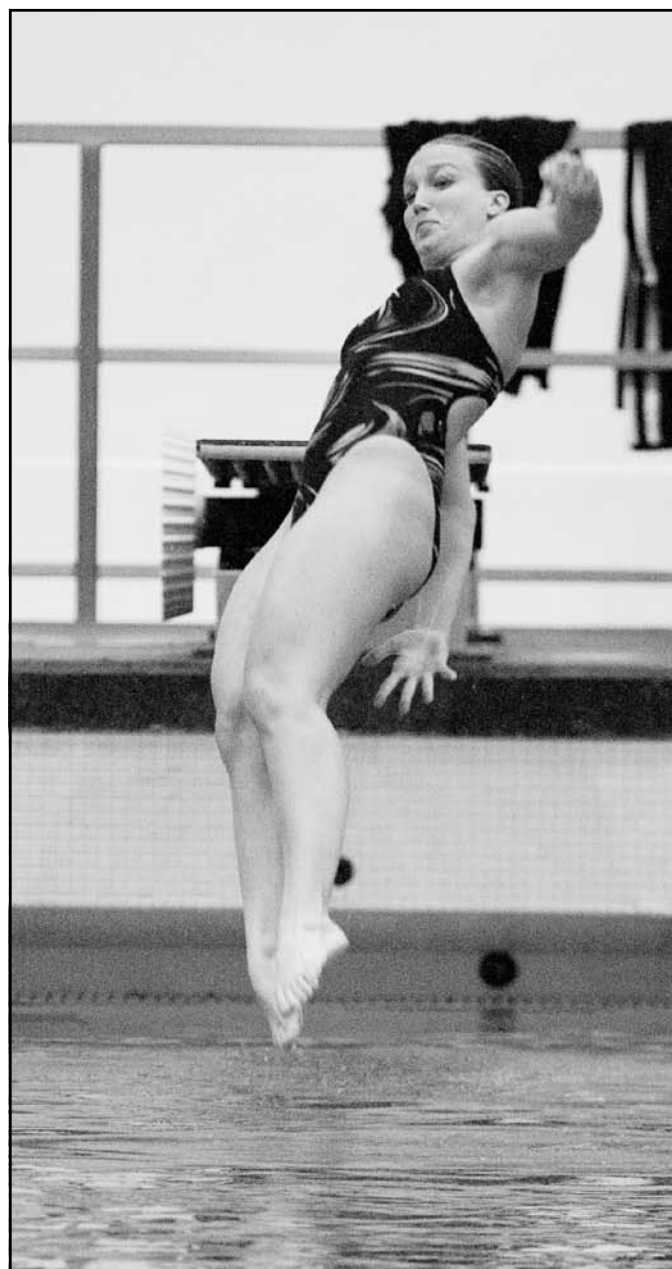
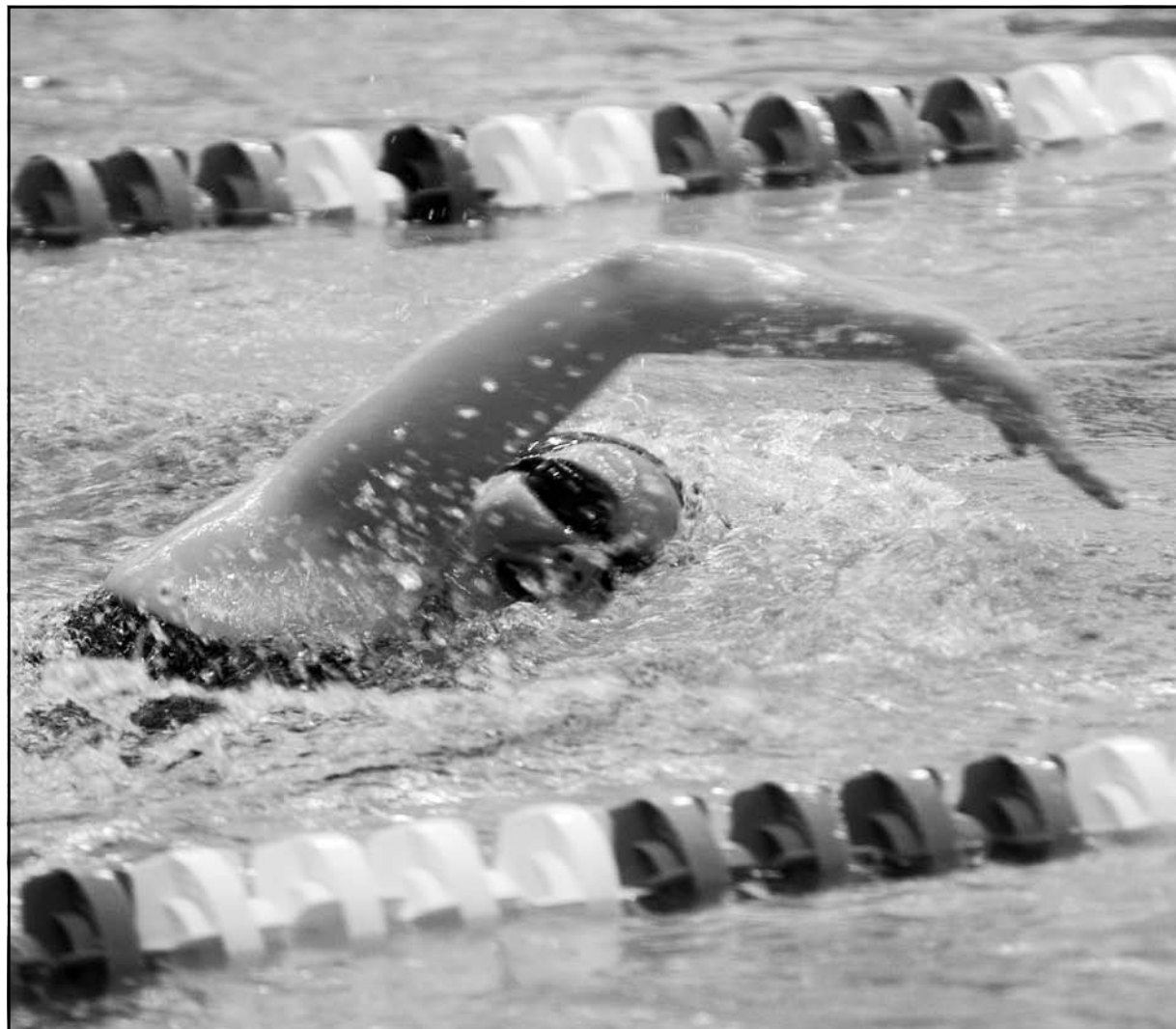
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Women's Swimming, Diving Defeats Wellesley College



(clockwise from above)

Rachel E. Price '10 competes in the 500-yard freestyle event in a meet against Wellesley College on Wednesday, Nov. 14 at the Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center. Price finished fourth in the event, helping to bring MIT to a 1-0 record in the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference.

Doria M. Holbrook '08 lands a dive in the 1-meter diving event in a meet against Wellesley. Holbrook took the top score in the event, helping drive MIT to a 179-118 victory.

Jennifer A. Chao '09 swims in the 100-yard butterfly event. Chao finished in first place, her fourth first-place finish of the night.

Jennifer A. Chao '09 competes in the 100-yard backstroke event. Chao took first place in the event.

Ariadne G. Smith '08 competes in the 100-yard breaststroke event. Smith place fourth in the event.

Photography by Brian Hemond



SPORTS

Wrestling Places Ninth at RWU Tournament

With every MIT wrestler winning at least one match, the Engineers came through with one of their best opening day outings of the last decade at the annual Roger Williams University Tournament last weekend. The Cardinal and Gray finished ninth out of 11 teams with a score of 55, beating out Norwich University (54) and Worcester Polytechnic Institute (35.5).

Individually, "this was our best performance in seven years [in this tourney]," said Wrestling Head Coach Thomas E. Layte. "Every guy won at least one match."

Returning from a strong rookie campaign in which he was named to the Pilgrim League All-Star Team, Joseph B. Silverman '10 finished fourth in the tournament in the "toughest" weight class of 184 pounds, Layte said. The coach also lauded Glenn J. Geesman '09, who won his first career tournament at 285 pounds, with Sean D. Jameson '10 placing second by default.

Travis C. Samuel '08, meanwhile, picked up his first win of the season. "Travis is a four-year wrestler who has made great improvements each year," Layte said.

Also contributing were Kenzan Tanabe '11 and Grant M. Kadokura '11, who won their first ever college matches.

Bridgewater State College and Rhode Island College shared the title with a score of 139. They were followed by University of Southern Maine (131.5), Johnson and Wales University (125.5), and host RWU (115). MIT was nine points below eighth place finisher Western New England College.

—Mike Stoller, DAPER Staff

Sailors Finish 11th At Atlantic Coast Championships

The MIT sailors recovered from a 14th-place slot on Saturday to finish 11th overall

at the Co-ed Atlantic Coast Championships last weekend. Tech's remarkable effort on Sunday enabled the Engineers to close another fall season on a high note at Eckerd College.

With sunny skies beaming down on the 18 entries, the Cardinal and Gray took to the perfect second day conditions, with winds starting light and building to a steady east-to-northeast breeze of 8-12 knots.

A-team skipper John M. "Jack" Field '08 and crew Julie C. Arsenault '08 fiercely dug MIT out of a hole by finishing second, ninth, and seventh in rounds 10, 11, and 12, respectively. Overall, five rounds were raced on Sunday, with MIT's top duo finishing 10th and 11th in the other two.

The A team's second best ranking was a fifth-place mark in the third round when Field teamed with Elizabeth A. Hass '10 on Saturday. But the Engineers couldn't crack the top 10 in the other seven first-day jousts.

Hass, meanwhile, made her mark as crew in the B circuit, teaming with strong skipper Brooks L. Reed '09 to finish with two crucial top-five placements during Sunday's late rounds. While the lower group didn't fare as well on Saturday, Reed and Karlen E. Ruleman '09 finished at the top of the board in the third race.

Boston College won the title with a score of 180.

MIT sailing will resume competition in the Sharpe Trophy on March 1, 2008 in Providence, R.I.

—Mike Stoller, DAPER Staff

Women's Cross Country Secures Highest Finish Ever at NCAA Regional

Saturday's NCAA Division III New England Regional Cross Country Championship yielded mixed results for the MIT program. After a season filled with some of the best performances in team history and a constant presence in the national rankings, the Engineers missed becoming the first squad in Institute history to qualify for the national meet. Despite the less-than-ideal finish, MIT easily set a school record for

the best result in the New England Regional with a seventh place finish out of 47 teams.

The women were not at their best entering Saturday's meet as injuries and fatigue hampered the Engineers' ability to build on the early-season success. MIT's scoring delta of 1:13 was its worst of the season.

Elizabeth M. Finn '09, who has come on strong in the last half of the campaign, became the fourth runner in program history to qualify individually for the NCAA Championships. Finn split 22:22 over the 6,000-meter course to finish 20th overall out of 344 finishers. Her team-leading performance topped her 22nd-place finish in 2005 and served as the highest finish by an MIT harrier at the meet since 1998.

Unfortunately for the rest of the team, the final results were not as strong. Maria J. Monks '10, who established herself as MIT's clear No. 1 all season, missed qualifying for NCAAs for the second consecutive year after falling back to 38th place. Monks finished with a time of 22:45, although the second-year runner was among the top six after the first mile.

Kathryn A. Gordon '11 turned in the seventh-best performance by a rookie after crossing the line 54th with a time of 23:07. Jennifer A. Doyle '09 (81st) and Adrienne M. Bolger '09 (89th) capped MIT's scoring as the Engineers bested their previous best finish of 11th place at the 1994 NCAA New England Regionals.

—James Kramer, DAPER Staff

Men's Cross Country Team Falls Just Short of National Berth at NCAA Regional

MIT men's cross country fell decisively short in its bid to capture its first NCAA Division III New England Regional Championship, finishing sixth out of 47 teams in a fast-paced 8000-meter circuit on Saturday. The Engineers managed an impressive team delta of 32 seconds between No. 1-5 but missed qualifying for nationals as a team by 13 total points.

MIT, which extended its streak of top

seven finishes at the NCAA Regional to nine years, started out well with seven runners in the top 25 midway through the race. A combination of challenges, including hamstring cramps endured by speedster Jeremiah R. "Yermie" Cohen '09 and an unfortunate series of knock-downs against Jacob J. Ruzevick '09, knocked MIT from its strong position early in the race.

Joseph D. Roy-Mayhew '08, who worked his way toward the top group by the four-mile mark, enjoyed the best race of the day for the Engineers and finished 18th overall with a time of 25:15. Ruzevick closed just back in 20th at 25:18.

Trevor B. Rundell '09 finished 34th overall after crossing the line in 25:34, while Hemagiri Arumugum '10 (43rd) and Cohen (48th) rounded out the MIT scoring.

—James Kramer, DAPER Staff

Crew Novices Tackle Belly of the Carnegie

Crews from all four MIT squads traveled to Princeton, N.J. to race in the Belly of the Carnegie, a freshman-only regatta, for the first time on Sunday.

The men's lightweight novices placed 16th out of 25 teams, and the men's heavyweight novices placed 11th out of 22 teams.

Unlike the men's competitions that hold weight class-specific races, the women's race pits openweights and lightweights against each other in the same event.

Women's openweight finished 11th of 24 teams. The novice lightweight women finished 17th of 24, edging the only other lightweight crew in the field, from Georgetown University, by 2.2 seconds.

"I think we accomplished what we came down here to do," said Aaron Benson, novice coach for women's openweight crew. "We lost to some fast crews, but we were in the top half of a field filled with Sprints schools that have strong rowing traditions. Now we just get to have fun finishing the fall season on our home course next weekend at the Foot of the Charles."

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Squash vs. Northwestern 7 p.m., Zesiger Center

Saturday, Nov. 17, 2007

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Women's Lightweight Crew, Foot of the Charles 9 a.m., Charles River
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