Prof’s Debate Merits of Tasty Pancakes, Yummy Pastries; No One Wins

By Yuri Nanada

Mol biology, a conversation with an intelligent computer, and audience participation all numbered among the tactics used by six MIT professors Wednesday evening at MIT Hill's Sixth Annual Latke vs. Hamentashen Debate.

Titled the "intellectual highlight of the MIT year" by moderator Jeremy Wolfe PhD '81, Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences sensor lecturer, the heated debate pits two Jewish delicacies against one another: the latke, a fried potato pancake often served during Hanukkah, and the hamentashen, a three-sided, fruit-filled cookie traditionally eaten during Purim.

Defending the latke were Peter A. Dourmashkin '76, Department of Physics sensor lecturer, Stephen W. Yan Evrata, Professor of Political Science, and Patrick H. Winston, Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. For the hamentashen were Erik A. Dourmashkin '76, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. As W. Epstein PhD '95, Terascope lecturer, and Hazel Sive, Professor of Biology.

The hamentashen team won the coin toss (actually a ramekin-noodle-package toss) and charitably opted to let the latke team speak first.

Classical latke mechanics

Dourmashkin opened by demonstrating the sinking and floating properties of the potato and latke, which he kept in his shirt pocket. The differences between potato and latke properties were further exemplified by Galileo's breakthrough, where the scientist realized that both fail to ground at the same rate.

Dourmashkin said that the phrase "Your Latke", often misstated and pronounced "Eurika", is attributed falsely to Archimedes. Dourmashkin concluded by explaining the association of pi with latkes — and he added that the universe can only be associated with the square root of three, "an ugly number."

A project-based paradigm for pedagogy from pastries

Epstein spoke first for the hamentashen side with a presentation on "The Latke-Hamentashen, Page 12"

In Short

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The Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, mid 40s°F (8°C)

Tonight: Morning rain, followed by intermittent showers, low 30s°F (1°C)

Staff Reporter

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Back in his hometown, Wells was a running joke among the musical’s scenes, according to Follett. “Follett was a ‘geek’ in the real life sense of the word,” said the reality TV show contestant. “He was a gawky intellectual.” Follett begs to differ.

Follett admitted to having watched "Beauty and the Geek" before, season two to be exact. "When Follett was a contestant on the show." Reactions from his friends and family have been positive, Follett said. In fact, his girlfriend encouraged him to accept an offer to appear on the show.

Follett felt rewarded because he met new people. The show “has opened my mind towards a group of people I would normally never be in contact with,” Follett said.

Asked if he would do it again knowing what he knows now, he said “I probably wouldn’t.” But, he added, “There was a dream of what the experience taught him about people, skimming it would have been a mistake.”

“Being on reality television is a constant exercise in a very cool experience,” Follett said as advice to future “Geeks” out there. “It will be intense. Don’t take it lightly.”

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Senators Vote to Strengthen Product Safety Commission

WASHINGTON

By Stephen Labaton

Responding to a wave of defective toys and other goods, the Senate approved a measure on Thursday that would overhaul the country’s consumer product laws and strengthen the beleaguered agency that oversees the marketplace.

Besides increasing the staff and budget of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the legislation would create a public database of complaints about products and enable state prosecutors to act if they think the federal government is not doing enough to protect consumers.

If the bill became law, it would be the first major consumer product legislation in 18 years, enacted as federal regulators struggle to cope with a wave of defective toys and foreign imports, particularly from countries with few significant safety standards.

The Senate bill, which was supported by consumer groups, was adopted 79-13. It now heads to a conference committee to be reconciled with a more modest measure that was endorsed by the White House and major manufacturers and was unanimously passed in December by the House.

German Authorities Report Problems With Blood Thinner

By Gardner Harris and Walt Bogdanich

WASHINGTON

Concerns about the safety of the blood thinner heparin as it moves to Germany on Thursday after drug authorities there received reports of patients being sickened after getting the drug.

Neither the Food and Drug Administration officials announced that they were asking all companies in the United States that produce heparin to test it with two new procedures.

The complex tests, nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy and capillary electrophoresis, are the only ones that can uncover whether the drug contains a possibly counterfeit ingredient.

Dr. Janet Woodcock, deputy FDA commissioner, said that the agency would post instructions online for how to conduct the tests.

FDA officials said Wednesday that a possibly counterfeit ingredient had been found in certain batches of heparin linked to at least 19 deaths in the United States and more than 70 severe allergic reactions.

Federal officials said they could not yet say that the contaminant, which mimics real heparin, caused the reactions.

GOP Has Edge in Fundraising

By Leslie Wayne

WASHINGTON

For all the success that Democratic presidential candidates have had in raising money — taking in a combined total of more than $500 million in the current race — the Republicans are beating them in one crucial area of fundraising: the money being raised by the parties themselves.

The Democratic National Committee ended 2007 nearly flat broke, with cash of $9.9 million and debts of $5.2 million. Since then it has raised some money, paid down debt and managed to put $3.7 million in its war chest, however, with $23 million that the Republican National Committee has in cash on hand, after having raised $97 million since the beginning of 2007.

After weeks in which the issue was thought to be mostly between a Palestinian or an Israeli Arab, the violence in Gaza has led to unrest in the United Nations and are bound to put further pressure on Prime Minister Condoleezza Rice to keep the peace effort alive.

Stripping. Thursday’s killings drew criticism from Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, who said she would be in touch with her Palestinian counterpart, Mahmoud Abbas of Fatah.

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Democrats Seek Compromise To Seat Disputed Delegates

By John M. Broder

WASHINGTON

With the two Democratic presidential candidates in a deadlocked battle for every delegate, party leaders and the rival campaigns started searching in earnest on Thursday for a way to seat delegations from Florida and Michigan in a big share of their combined 367 delegates.

The fate of those disputed delegates has emerged as a battleground between them that could be as important as their next big primary battle, in Pennsylvania in April. But though both the status of the party and the candidates have all suggested that they have no choice but to find a solution and act quickly, they are open to a round of mutual negotiation, much remains to be settled, including what kind of contests to hold, when to hold them, how to allocate the delegates and, critically, who picks up the multimillion-dollar tab in each state.

“IT’s left up to the Democratic National Committee to make a decision about how to resolve it,” Obama told ABC News on Thursday. “But I certainly want to make sure that we’ve got Michigan and Florida delegates at the convention in some fashion.”

The campaigns are not negotiating with each other, but are talking through surrogates and party leaders about a variety of options.

Aides to Clinton, brimming with confidence after primary victories in Ohio and Texas this week, signaled that they were open to a re-vote under certain conditions. Aides to Obama were a bit warier, sensing that the recent change in the electoral and psychological dynamic could work against him in any new election in those two states, Democrats said.

In the contest in January, Clinton and Obama split Florida by 50 to 33 percent over Obama. In Michigan, where Clinton’s name was not on the ballot, Clinton took 55 percent of the vote while “uncommitted” won 40 percent.

“We haven’t ruled out returning these contests,” said Harold Ickes, a top adviser to Clinton and her chief delegate hunter. “We’ve said we think it should be settled. We believe some configuration could be devised that each party is not happy with but each party is willing to accept.

Even if Florida and Michigan conduct new elections, it is unlikely that other candidate will have enough pledged delegates to win the nomination outright, advisers to both campaigns say. But their relative strength in pledged delegates could affect their ability to attract support from super-delegates.

Gunman Kills Eight in Attack on Famous Seminary in Jerusalem

By Steven Erlanger and Isabel Kershner

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Blasts Kill at Least Fifty Five in Baghdad Shopping District

By Richard A. Oppel Jr. and Mohammed Obaidi

U.S. Park Recreation Fees Rise To Cover firefighting Costs

By Jim Robbins

Reeling from the high cost of fighting wildfires, federal land agencies have imposed new fees and increasing existing ones at recreation sites across the West in an effort to raise tens of millions of dollars.

Additionally, hundreds of marginally profitable campgrounds and other public lands are seeing their federal land agency fees and costs increase as they shift from overlooks to picnic tables, are being considered for removal.

"We know the agencies can't run without the revenue and we can't expect the federal government to make up the difference," David S. Bullister, superintendent of the Bighorn National Forest here in Hamilton. The charge for access to Lake Coeur, a popular boating and fishing lake across the state, jumped from $5 to $15.

In the Forest Service collected $60 million in fees nationwide, nearly double the $32 million in 2000. The Bureau of Land Management, the country's biggest landlord, also doubled its revenues over the same period, to more than $14 million from $7 million. The agency management, the country's biggest landlord, also doubled its revenues over the same period, to more than $14 million from $7 million. The agency's fees, which were $2.5 million in 2000,

Norwegian scientists have found that there has been insufficient public involvement in the changes — as a result of a lack of dollars over the past three years or so — and suggest they reflect a significant shift in federal policy to a market-based approach from one of managing sites for public benefit.

ECB, Britain Hold Rates Steady

By David Jolly

The European Central Bank and the Bank of England left their interest rates unchanged on Thursday, highlighting their differences with the Federal Reserve in the United States.

The European Central Bank left its rate at 4.5 percent and the British central bank stood at 5.25 percent. Both moves had been widely expected.

In contrast to the Fed, Jean-Claude Trichet, the president of the European Central Bank, and Mervyn King, the governor of the Bank of England, appear confident that global growth is still robust and inflationary pressures are enough to justify current policy.

The New York Times

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Credit Crisis Grows as Investors Become More Risk-Averse

By Floyd Norris

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Letters To The Editor

Tech’s Suicide Implications Inappropriate

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Calling for a Technocracy

Being a laissez-faire student activist for all but five years at MIT, I’ve come to notice a disturbing trend from the MIT administration. This statement is not based on things I’ve heard but rather on my decision to mention learning time management. It just doesn’t make sense to me to try to prepare myself for the real world when I plan on having a full-time job with my parents forever.

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Figuring Out Fashion

By Manisha Padi and Ying Yang

A couple days after last week's column came out, we overheard a group of unsusp- ecting critics reading the article on Tech Shuttle and comparing thoughts. We were confronted with overheated questions like, “why would they include drinking a glass of water?” and “what the **** does exfoliating mean?” So, we duly apologize for not explaining ourselves thoroughly and hope to do so this week.

When we called our column Figuring Out Fashion, it was under the broad definition of fashion that is truly applicable to any place, even MIT. Fashion is the art of presenting yourself to the best of your abilities, and we're here to explore not only all the outward aspects of fashion, but also the unexpected side effects that come from being self-aware. From our own experiences, we never knew how self-conscious we could be about our sense of style until we realized that we weren't even fully following the advice we wisely wrote in this column.

There is much more to looking good than clothes, especially since most of us don't have the money, time, or tolerance to wear couture to class every day. Today we will explore the incredibly important question of how to feel good on the inside, which is the only way the outside will ever come together. We ourselves are far from achieving this goal, but we know that when we take care of our bodies and keep our outlooks positive, we look amazing no matter what we wear.

So on to the more important question — what does “exfoliating” mean? And what is an exfoliant? Well, an exfoliant is one of the three main skincare products available for your beautification — cleanser, exfoliant, and moisturizer. So what do all these different exfoliants do?

1. Cleaners do the work of soap. Soap itself is usually good enough for the body, but a gentler and more specialized mixture is more appropriate for the face since soap does dry out skin. Choose this product carefully. There are many types of cleaners out there, including cream, acne-fighting, and foaming. The only way to choose is to stay focused on your own skin type. If your skin gets cracked and chapped in the winter, your skin is probably dry, while if it oozes oil even when you are inactive, it's probably oily. Simple. An easy way to find the best cleanser for your skin type is to head down to Sephora and ask them for some free samples of their most intriguing formulas.

2. Exfoliants are products that have small rough particles in them that are used to rub off dried skin layers and reveal freshener skin below. These are also often marketed as “scrubs.” But it is best to check the consistency before buying. In general, these products aren't very abrasive, and can sometimes be combined with cleansers. These also work great on your body, but since they tend to dry out the skin, it's best not to use them every day. We suggest exfoliat- ing moderately, at least once a week.

3. Moisturizers are absolutely essential. We know from experience how much of a turn off it can be when a good looking, interest- ing person reaches out to shake your hand and their skin is rough, oily, and generally unpleasant. Moisturizers usually make use of fats, like oils and butters, to smooth over the sur- face of the skin. There are some oil-free varieties available for those prone to oily skin. Use moisturizer daily on your body and face and make sure to go out and find the moisturizer that is right for your skin.

As an example, an easy way to tell if your products are too intense for your skin is if you complete a routine and your skin feels tight on your face and has a matte tone to it. This is an indication that you think you're older than you are. Then also, remember that time of year, diet, hydration level (hence the suggestion for drinking water!), and amount of sleep, all have a large impact on skin tone, so keep in touch with yourself.

We hope you've gotten some basic ideas of how to take care of your skin from this week's article, and that you were inspired to be a little more caring about the most important person in your life — you.

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To Ask A TA

Why work so hard… trading time for money. Spending more time at work, than with your family and kids… Life goes by too fast… It's time for you to think… make a wise decision. Why wait until one morning you wake up and kids are gone and you don't even know them… It's happening to most Americans, working two jobs, trying to pay bills.

STOP THE INSANITY… Visit … Work Smart Not Hard (http://eromero.homestead. com) What do you have to lose?????

— Enriqu Rromero

Enrique, I’m touched. You’ve really nailed the consummate dilemma plaguing grad students this year and I think your well reasoned inquiry deserves a thorough answer. Why do we work so hard, spending hour upon hour in lab or staring at a computer screen? Why are we trading time for money, when all of our peers from college have high paying consulting jobs? Life does go too fast.

One day you’re a 1st year, being beloved by visions of grad school, seduced by overly complicated but ever so alluring experiments, and the next day, you wake up and you’re a 4th year without a compelling data story. Perhaps it is time for us to think and make a wise decision. What are we doing here, conducting research and busing ourselves, who never write in out in show up to recitations? We most certainly want to know our kids one day and we want don’t want to say to them, yes Jimmy or Susan, your parents did spend the prime of their lives in lab. But you’re right in raising the alarm. The cautionary tale you describe in your missive may very well befal all us.

I know you want us to stop the insanity. The reasoning on your Web site suggests that we start, “capitalizing on the Home-Based Business craze and the Self-Development boom,” but it's just not that easy for us. We don’t understand any of these real word terms you have bandied about. What’s a Home-Based Business? What’s a Self-Development boom? Is that a conference we can go to? I’m sorry Enrique. I know you’re trying to help us, but you tempt us with a world we simply can’t imagine.

Nonetheless, your case is strong. You simply have to e-mail us all of our personal information and then we can on your way to financial success. It is a sorely tempting proposition. And at the end of it all, you counter by asking us, “What do you have to lose??????”

Well Enrique, I’ll tell you. We have lots to lose. We have lots to lose because we’re adults. You are, there’s this thing called the real world out there. I’ve never experienced it, but what from I’ve been told, it’s inhabited by icky accountants, arrogant managers, and driving exercises! TEAM BUILDING EXERCISES! Attend leadership meetings and team build- ing exercises! TEAM BUILDING EXER- CISES!!!!

Don’t you see? While there may be riches promised on the horizon of the big business craze, there are adults to bully us around, society to conform to, people to impress. It’s filled with so many monsters. It’s hell out there and we’re just not ready to sue the young professional waters of the River Styx. Your appeal to go out there and start a home business is alluring, but we all know the reality that awaits us. If we go out there, it’s no free food, no seminar cookies, no nap time, no lab Frieder, no pizza journal club, no cheap beers and stimulating conversation at the Muddy. If we go out there, we’re doomed. They’ll eat us alive. They’ll make us pay bills, wear ties, act our age, get a 401k, attend leadership meetings and team build- ing exercises! TEAM BUILDING EXER- CISES!!!!

Don’t you see? While there may be riches in that world out there, we just aren’t ready to abandon the paradise we’ve constructed for ourselves. You ever read that book, Lord of the Flies? Well that’s what life is like in grad school. Out there in the real world, there are adults to bully us around, society to keep up with, no restrictions on going to grad school, we’re kings of the island. We make up our own rules and do as we please, with only the scary monsters in the woods (advisors) forcing us into irrational fashions. Society is down the drain. We eat, sleep, and scavenge for food, whilst chasing the never-ending goal of “guaranteed funding.” But other than that, we have an enviable ex- istence: no adults, no rules. Indeed, we have truly found paradise. And No Mean Milton or guide to home business success will ever take that away from us.
Pseudoscience  
by Daniel Klein-Marcuschamer

Figure 28. Spending profile of a $30,000 budget allocation. The t-axis, measured in negative months before expiration date (t<0), shows that average spending (S_{avg}) is nearly constant at t→-∞, but begins to grow exponentially as the expiration date approaches. The above behavior arises from the policymaking theory contending that the importance of a monetary allocation, f, is inversely proportional to the money left untouched at t=0. The present paper shows, contrary to the established framework, that f is inversely proportional to the derivative of S_{avg} evaluated at t=0. This study aims at revising the old model, in which unused resources are interpreted as an error in identifying good recipients, instead of an error in allocating appropriate amounts.

Steal My Comic  
by Michael Ciuffo

"Words, Words, Words"  
by Philip Engel

The Daily Blunderbuss  
by Ben Peters
I'm a fanatical appreciator of absolutely everything Stephen Malkmus has ever created, but such laudatory devotion should not be taken as accepting passivity on my behalf. I like his past efforts in Pavement, the band with which Malkmus attained the status of “Clown Prince of Indie Rock,” seems (analogously, of course) like a silly but sexy teenage girl next door. Malkmus’ literary and sardonic ramblings, consistently combined with the expert slippiness of the rest of the group, shouted, “We don’t give a fuck, and we’re damn good anyway.”

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Of all my stoned digressions, some have mutated into the truth. Malkmus shunts at the start of appropriately buzzy opener “Dragonfly Pie,” on which the guitars seem to impregnate the titular insect. This album’s lyrical content is filled with just those kinds of digressions, and as Malkmus has emphasized in interviews, words just don’t matter as much to him anymore. He’s letting his guitar speak for him now. Lucky for him (and us), his axe is a great instrument. One benefit of age is Malkmus’ increasingly Guitar Hero-worthy ability on his instrument.

Jhumpa Lahiri isn’t the sort of writer who shies away from her heritage. Her writing is replete with details of the Indian-American experience. Lahiri was spilling out of 32-123, Lahiri reinforced the narrative weight that frequently hangs with references to Raj Kapoor and salwar kameez, because she writes about what she knows. But to say that her stories are primarily about an ethnic-American experience seems to severely limit the scope of Lahiri’ s writing. Her stories seem flat or lifeless. It is also because she writes about what she knows. But to say that her stories are primarily about an ethnic-American experience seems to severely limit the scope of Lahiri’ s writing. Her stories relate the experience of being in the first generation of one’s family raised in America to the experience of “raising [one’s own] children in this country.” The narrator of Hell-Heaven is a Bengali woman who is looking back on a period of her life, but more specifically, at her mother in that period. Lahiri has a terrific ability to create a complex and nuanced relationship between the narrator and her mother without saying a lot. She subtly drives a divide between the narrator and her mother without saying much explicitly. She subtly drives a divide between the narrator and her mother without saying much explicitly. She subtly drives a divide between the narrator and her mother without saying much explicitly. She subtly drives a divide between the narrator and her mother without saying much explicitly. She subtly drives a divide between the narrator and her mother without saying much explicitly. She subtly drives a divide between the narrator and her mother without saying much explicitly. She subtly drives a divide between the narrator and her mother without saying much explicitly.
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Wells Remembered As An Outgoing Classmate, An Inspirational Friend

Wells, from Page 1

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Latke-Hamentashen, from Page 1

Hamentashen an ideal model of project-based learning. The traditional learning model, or “firehose” method of learning, ultimately hurts the students’ educational experience, Epstein said, illustrating his point by showing pictures of unfortunate students with latkes. Epstein proposed a “constructivist” method of learning that bases the experience on students’ own interests.

Hamentashen offer students endless dough and filling possibilities, from ascent to tuna, Epstein said — while latkes only let students choose between potato and sweet potato.

He had the audience participate to try to prove his point: half the audience, the hamentashen side, could decorate their paper-plate “hamentashen” with stickers and decide on a unique fold. The latke side was left with plain paper plates.

Politics, psychology, and pancakes

Back on the latke side, Van Evera said, Hamentashen: an ideal model of project-based learning. Epstein connected the hamentashen to “all things bad” such as Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda, and he encouraged the audience to start referring to the cookie as the frendshiah. Van Evera then raised the audience into a mob-like chant of “USA! USA! Latkes, latkes USA!”

Van Evera concluded that latke cooking oil is a matter of national security because it can be used to fry al-Qaeda invaders.

An undesirable mutation

Sive argued the hamentash side from a systems biology approach. Cit- ing Scientist H. A. Men, a researcher based on the Stats Center, Sive argued that to determine what genetic networks build the: taishen (the hamentash’s true scientific name), a mutant screening approach must be taken. The results of a mutant screen indicated: fascinating. She said, as three main phenotypes were observed — too much filling, too many tails, and arrested development, which NIH students named “latke.”

Sive concluded by applying the mut- tant screen results to broader genetic networks, which brought scientists to conclude that wild-type h. taishen is a complex, important life form very similar to the rudimentary latke, whose ge- netic network consists of only a straight line.

The intelligent machine prefers latkes

Winston presented the audience with a computer program that has sup- posedly passed the Turing Test, which tests whether a machine is intelligent by measuring its capability to converse with a human. The following conversa- tion ensued:

Computer: Do you like latke? Winston: I eat them often, how about you?

Computer: Do you like latke? Winston: We run the debate purely for the entertainment. After all, there’s really nothing funnier than listening to your physics professor passionately try to convince you that Gauss’ Law is actually a latke-lovers’ conspiracy.

Winston: “USA! USA! Latkes, latkes USA!”

The debate was organized by Matthew Cons ’08, Benjamin Epstein ’10, and Mishael Hillel ’08. The debate was presented by MIT Hillel, this year’s co-sponsor, and the Tisch Student Union.

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American Universities Create Partnerships in Saudi Arabia

By Tamar Lewin

There are three prominent American universities — the University of Texas at Austin, the University of California, Berkeley, and Stanford University — are starting five-year partnerships, worth $25 million or more, with King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, a graduate-level research university being built in Saudi Arabia.

Under the agreements, the mechanical engineering department at Berkeley, the computer science department at Stanford, and the Institute for Computational Engineering and Sciences at the University of Texas will help pick the faculty and develop the curriculum for the new university, known by the acronym KAUST, which is scheduled to open next year with a $10 billion endowment.

Over the five years, each university will receive a $10 million gift, $10 million for research on the campus, $5 million for research at KAUST, plus administrative costs.

“The agreement will allow us to improve our facilities here in California, and fund a stream of graduate students, without taxing our existing infrastructure,” Albert Pisano, the chairman of Berkeley’s mechanical engineering department, which he said had voted 34-2 to proceed with the agreement. “We’re going to work on projects that are good for the Middle East and for California, like energy sources beyond petroleum, improved water desalination, and solar energy in the desert.”

Despite its enormous oil wealth, Saudi Arabia lacks world-class research universities. In the last few years, as the Persian Gulf nations have begun to worry about the eventual need to convert from an oil-based economy to a knowledge-based economy, they have started offering lavish inducements to American universities to bring their expertise to the region.

Although men and women will be able to mingle freely at the new university, faculty at the American institutions said they were concerned about the possible pitfalls of working in a society where women cannot drive, gay rights do not exist and Israeli faculty involved with this, but to be honest, there’s very little of what Stanford will be doing that will involve travel to Saudi Arabia,” he said. He added that Stanford’s main role would be designing the curriculum and recruiting initial faculty, from around the world. “We believe this university can have a major impact in Saudi Arabia and in the region, and that’s why we’re doing this.”

KAUST has already announced partnerships with the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts, the Institut Francais du Petrole, National University of Singapore, the American University of Cairo and Indian Institute of Technology in Bombay, the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and others.

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The Synchronized Swimming Club took seventh place at the East Collegiate Regional Championships. The club placed fifth overall out of ten teams, respectively. The MIT synchronized swimming team competed in the routine portion of the competition.

Karen L. Chu ’08, Lucia T. Tian ’08, and Anna J. Simon ’10 (clockwise from left) of the MIT synchronized swimming team competed in the 2008 East Zone Regionals held last weekend at Canisius College in Buffalo, New York.

By Anna J. Simon
Co-captain

The University of Connecticut used a late six-goal outburst to overpower MIT and claim a 1-1 victory in the Northeast College Ice Hockey Association Conference A Championship on Sunday afternoon at the Conway Arena in Nashua, N.H. The Engineers’ bid at attaining the conference crown was thwarted for a second straight season, as MIT fell to Bryant University in the title game last year.

By Jeff Lemieux
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The MIT Water Polo team, led by captain Austin WALD C. McHarg ’04 to tie for sixth place in a routine choreographed by Tenley Selin ’10, and Jingyi Fakhraldeen’s program to music by “Tara’s Theme” from “Gone with the Wind” featured a waltz-salchow- toe loop jump sequence, a spiral sequence, and a back spin. Kristina K. Brown ’10 placed 7th in the Pre-Juvenile level out of nine skaters. In the Juvenile ice dance, Brown and Nick R. Ballentine (14 goals, 27 assists) combined, Fakhraldeen did a scratch on the water jump- toe loop combination, a one-foot uptrip spin, and a salchow. It was choreographed by captain Au- xury dance and placed 7th, 9th, and 6th respectively, finishing first in the cage and tallying eight goals on offense.

By Diana Cheng
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Between team members, Chu, Rodriguez-Noyola, Tian, Schwab, Ackley, Eng, and Sim- on edged out Pennsylvania State University’s B Team for 8th place with a score of 66.250, barely falling behind the University of Pennsylva- nia’s score of 67.000.

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Women’s Water Polo Opens Season Undefeated

By Ananese DiConti

Wrestling

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