Jim Bredt Wins APO's Concourse Instructor 'Big Screw' Contest

By Elijah Jordan Turner

Last week, Alpha Phi Omega held its annual Big Screw competition. On April 14, James “Jimmie” Bredt ’02 was crowned the winner, having received $699.29 in monetary votes. All the proceeds from the event, which topped $1500, will be given to the Environmental Working Group, a charity chosen by Bredt.

The Big Screw competition was first held in 1967 as a spin-off of APO’s nationwide Unholiest Man on Campus event, whose contestants traditionally consist only of students. The co-ed fraternity wanted to have an event specific to MIT, where the community could nominate and select a faculty member who has contributed the most to making the lives of students miserable. Because faculty members are more well-known across campus than students, the Big Screw event has become an even bigger success than the Unholiest Man of Campus competition, said Big Screw Coordinator Iolanthe K. Chronis ’08.

Furthermore, the name of the contest and its trophy seem to fit the honor’s criteria.

“The honor is given to whoever has screwed over the most students over the past year,” said Alpha Phi Omega president Zev A. Benjamin ’08.

The winner of the annual competition receives a four-foot screwdriver etched with the names of past winners. He or she gets to keep the screwdriver until the following competition is held. This year, a group of students from the Concourse Program created a similarly sized screwdriver. After Bredt was announced as the contest’s winner on Monday, the students exchanged revenge by using the screwdriver to appear to drive the screw into him.

When he received the award, Bredt, who served as a teaching assistant for the Fall 2007 Introduction to Solid State Chemistry (3.091) section for Concourse, explained his path to victory: “It’s very difficult these days to effectively screw students, but 3.091 provided a lot of material.” At this point, Bredt took out the chemistry textbook he used in college and compared it to the current 3.091 textbook, which is a compilation of multiple texts.

Later, he explained students’ and the faculty’s dissatisfaction with the large book, suggesting that it might be replaced next year. As a result, current 3.091 students, due to the unique nature of the book, “may just end up with a boat anchor.” Although he does not know who nominated him for the Big Screw, he firmly believes the nominator came from the freshman class, given they are “just getting used to driving from the freshman house.”

Said Bredt, “I’ll like to thank the little people — the freshman.” Prior to the voting period, APO received nominations from students, self-nominations are not accepted. Afterwards, nominees were, as usual, contacted to see if they were willing to participate in the contest. Some faculty members are open to showing their humorous side, while others are weary of the perception the award might give. There were twelve participants this year, but about twice that many were actually nominated.

All last week APO was stationed in Lobby 10, where passersby could vote for a candidate by dropping money in the appropriate jar. Among the candidates this year was Nik Karl D. Ernst ’89, who stood out this year for his use of humor. He was a solid candidate, but many students thought he needed to show more personality.

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Fire Sprinkler Floods Next; Students Without Insurance May Face Loss

By Valery K. Brobbey

A sprinkler went off in Next House last in the night of Saturday, April 5, flooding portions of one hall.

GSC Launches Off-Campus Housing Web Site

MIT students looking for off-campus housing may find a home thanks to a new Web site called Rent Monkey. The site is a project of the Graduate Student Council’s Housing and Community Affairs committee. Rent Monkey, available online for people with MIT certificates at http://rentmonkey.mit.edu/, shows where current MIT students live on an interactive map, and it allows students to comment on places they have lived in the past. Students can also add housing listings to the map.

The site is meant to complement the Housing Office’s existing off-campus housing site, according to Linda L. Patton, Assistant Director of Off-Campus Housing. The existing site provides access to a database of off-campus apartments for rent to the MIT community. Robert Y. Wang G, co-chair of the HCA committee and Rent Monkey’s developer, said he designed the site because he was frustrated with existing options for off-campus housing. Realtors on Craigslist often use “bait and switch” tactics, he said, in which they post inaccurate listings to lure potential renters into calling them.

Real estate broker’s fees are especially costly for students who only want to inhabit an apartment for the school year, Wang said. Many students think they can save money by using Craigslist, but the high rental market because access is restricted to MIT certificate holders.

Although the site has been launched, many kinks still need to be worked out, Wang said. An e-mail advertising the site will soon be sent out to all students living off campus, he said.

Currently, about 250 students have submitted profiles to the site. People using the Rent Monkey Web site can add their housing profiles and peruse other students’ housing experiences.

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Zimbabwe Court Rejects Release of Election

By Cella W. Dugger

Zimbabwe's High Court on Monday dismissed an opposition demand for the immediate release of the results of a presidential election held 16 days before before an appeal by the country's autocratic leader, Robert Mugabe, trailed badly in the vote and that he may have lost outright.

Although officials initially suggested that the city's wholesale transformation would be complete by the end of 2007. Government directives will force coal-burning power plants to shut down quarries in and around this capital during the summer in an attempt to avoid blackouts. The move, under the judiciary, said an opposition spokesman, Nelson Chamisa. "The court can only release a regime." Zimbabwean election officials said in a state-run newspaper that on Monday, they plan to start a recount of the presidential and parliamentary votes in 26 constituencies. A ruling on an opposition challenge of a recount is expected Tuesday in the same court system that rejected the opposition's case Monday.

Beijing to Stop Construction For Cleaner Olympics

By Andrew Jacobs

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By Ian Fisher
THE NEW YORK TIMES

Silvio Berlusconi, the idiosyncratic billionaire who already dominates much of Italy’s political life, surged back political power in elections Thursday, heading a center-right coalition that again claims him prime minister for a third term.

But with a bad economy and frustration over immigration, Berlusconi, a force to the rest of Europe, is unclear whether Italians voted for Berlusconi out of protest or to end the acrimony, said, as the least bad choice after the nation’s political parties showed no sign of a coalition from the fractious center-left government.

Silvio Berlusconi returns to a singular sort of personal politics with Berlusconi as the unquestioned leading protagonist. Rejecting the sober responsibility of the outgoing prime minister, Romano Prodi, Italians chose in a moment of national self-doubt, a man whom many Western leaders regarded as a crony, his rocky relations with his wife and political partners, his growing vice and ever broader hair — play out very much in public.

Experts say a conference that benefited from “deep satisfaction” at his victory in a brief telephone call to a national television show.

While Berlusconi’s coalition won a convincing majority in both houses of parliament, it was the vote with much help from the Northern League, which advocates a federal system of states and regions that is fiscally, culturally and emotionally remote from the party. The cause Berlusconi’s first term in government in 1994 is a history that center-left leaders made clear in defeat.

“After a seven-year suspension now begins against a majority that will have had a long time to achieve things that are difficult to keep together,” said Walter Veltroni, the former leader of the center-left Democratic Party and the regional, who was best protecting the interests of gun-related bills — focuses on cutting off gun access to convicted gun purchasers.

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Outrage over a threatening e-mail sent by Artem Krasnosolov-bodnov (Kraus) G, in which he called members of the Sloan Les- man, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender community “fucking fags,” is well deserved.

But the MIT community should be more concerned about a systemic prob- lem—the secret and unfair organization of the Committee on Discipline, which in this case seems to have done little to correct Kraus’s behavior. Why would the committee not suspend a management stu- dent whose actions, as Sloan LGBT officer Tom Arnet G said, never to be tolerated in a Fortune 500 company?

Comparing what is known about this case with prior COD actions reveals an inexplicable inconsistency. By concealing information about its rulings, the committee damages the MIT community’s trust. Worse, by denying students effective repre- sentation during trials, the committee violates the intellectual principles enshrined in the bedrock of the Institute.

The committee’s former chair, George J. Apostolakis, will deliver a report on the COD to the faculty at tomorrow’s faculty meeting. We hope that faculty will consider this issue carefully as they review Apostolakis’s report.

The present case seems inconsistent with a prior ruling. In 2000, Alpha Tau Omega resident Burns Schilling ’02 received a three-semester suspension after writing in an e-mail to another student, “You are a faggot. I hate faggots. I wish they would all go up on barb wire fences in Wyoming.”

It is unclear how the circumstances of this case differ from the present. In December 2007, Kraus responded to a party invitation sent by members of the Sloan LGBT Club to many Sloan School of Management students. He wrote in part: “LISTEN TO ME: If you fucking send me something like that once again or contact me in any other way, I swear you won’t be allowed at Sloan for some time because you will spend it at residence secu- rity.” Kraus’s sanction remains unknown, but he continues to attend classes, including one subject taken by a student threatened by his e-mail. Kraus has declined to comment, and COD chair Sheila E. Widnall ’60 categorically refuses to comment on COD cases.

How does Kraus’s case differ from Schilling’s? Did MIT forget about this prior case involving anti-homosexual e-mails? Lacking information, we can only trust that the COD did the right thing by suspending Schilling and not suspending Kraus.

One thing we can trust is that the COD is getting written wrong- representation. At present, students facing a hearing must speak on their own behalf. If the COD is to be an effective judicial body, it should allow students adequate representation.

An advisor may accompany a student to a COD hearing. But the committee’s chair, Widnall, told The Tech in an interview that the advisor may not make a statement. Over the years, as students have sought those who can represent them well, a cur- ious list of restrictions have emerged. Advisors may no longer be family members, attorneys (despite the fact that the committee’s proceedings can be used against a student in court), or members of the media, and they must come from the MIT community.

The current system is inherently unfair; a student’s cha- risma should not affect culpability for his misdeeds. Academic and personal problems may keep an advisor from fulfilling a de- fensive adequate defense. Rhetorically superior students could extract lesser punishments from the COD, whose members are, after all, human. Considerations like these are exactly why real judicial processes allow real representation.

Other modern extraterritorial bodies, such as military courts- martial, have abandoned the anachronistic practice of self-repre- sentation. MIT teaches meritocracy—the best idea should win. Stu- dents should be allowed to find the best possible way to represent their views during a potentially life-changing hearing.

These conditions are so egregious that in 2000, Schilling re- tained an attorney who advised him not to attend his hearing; the COD suspended him in his absence.

We do not doubt that those who sit on the Committee on Discipline work hard to rule fairly, to prudently consider all as- pects of a case, and to carefully consider how their actions affect the MIT community. We do not doubt that COD members do their jobs well, nor are we accusing them of any malfeasance. But good intentions and wisdom cannot fix its broken rules that lead to enigmatic rulings and prevent fair representation.

How can MIT even begin to discuss harassing speech on campus, while its own judicial body is fundamentally flawed?

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Opinion
COD Should Face Tough Questions

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The role of Undergraduate Association President is rigorously powerful. It is neither an insignificant challenge to provide guidance and leadership to the UA committees, support the Senate and the Board of Governors, maintain relationships with other student governments, and develop a rapport with the “powers that be.” It is a daunting task that affects all these things while constantly fighting for the interests of students. And the UA President must do so in a system that, by design, discounts students’ voice. Only candidates with ability, passion, and self-assuredness can accomplish lasting change. We recommend that you vote for the ticket of Noah S. Jessop ’09 and Michael A. Bennie ’10, which is most likely to excel.

Circumstances have conspired this year to present us a-laundry list of goals for the next UA leadership. This strong level of interest means that the UA could potentially be very healthy next year. The competition suggests that many students care about proactively lobbying the MIT administration on important topics. Among these tickets, there are clear differences with respect to their prior experience, their goals and values, their capacity to unify the student body, and the presence to forcefully and confidently represent the best of MIT.

The ticket of Akash A. Chandawarker ’09 and Amandaji Magure ’09 stakes the strength of their campaign on the ticket’s connection to the Board of Governors and the Senate. But this record does not demonstrate novel approaches to reform, which their campaign claims to champion. Change of the Board of Governors is a functional Council of recent memory — but he says a top priority is reforming the Class Council system. Perhaps this ticket’s candidates were unable to make a connection between their values and those of many undergraduates. Contrary to his assertions, the solution for a more cohesive campus community does not lie in radical changes to our residence system or in large grants to parties funded and organized under the auspices of the UA.

While the campaign of Bradley H. Gampel ’09 and Will J. Johnson ’09 certifies a refreshing lighthearted populism, a closer examination unveils a pair of candidates ill-prepared to lead the advocacy-driven campus. The candidates fail to even come with the distinctly feeling that they would be much happier organizing a campus pep rally than tackling the tough issues of campus living, student rights, and curriculum reform, all of which will be prominent in the coming year. Their statements also demonstrate a shocking naivety about the MIT—media relationship, and their first priority in office is “to establish an institute policy that requires signed UA approval before any decision directly affecting students can be made.” They cannot understand that much as we may dream of a day when undergraduates end up on MIT’s organization chart, this is not a policy that the administration would ever seriously consider, nor is it common practice at any of our peer institutions.

The ticket of Justin C. Forte ’09 and Brittany A. Holland-Marcus ’10 is adequately prepared to assume leadership of the UA. They would be fine candidates, but which ticket suffers from the same issue: an outstanding UA administration depends not only on relationships with administrators and a long list of interests and changes; it requires a certain broad understanding, and the spirit to forcefully argue on behalf of student interests. The voice of the student body cannot be muted. Many of the students to whom Forte and Holland-Marcus have admitted themselves are long-established UA policies or initiatives started by the current UA president — nothing extraordinary, a novelty. A powerful voice is likely to be represented by UA candidates: approachability: how well do students understand what their government is doing? As UA Public Relations chairperson, Holland-Marcus is most likely to excel. Holland-Marcus holds the track record of forcefully and confidently representing the best of MIT, while Forte has shown a strong ability to present themselves, their identity means strengthening constituent groups, protecting student choice, and lobbying for a more direct role in shaping the Institute’s future. Jessop and Bennie are unique in their pledges to fight for support of students, to unify the voice of the various undergraduate student governments, and to help people understand what the UA is doing by getting its tickets elected. While the campaign of Forte and Bennie shows a deep and sincere understanding of many of the Institute’s unique communities. They have demonstrated a mature understanding of the significant inherent responsibilities of their position. This candidate pair seems to realize that strengthening campus identity means strengthening constituent groups, protecting student choice, and lobbying for a more direct role in shaping the Institute’s future.

Letters To The Editor

In 2006 Was Honest

In an age where you can learn more about a person from the internet than you can from meeting him or her in person, I am glad that I have not “Googled” myself since my first semester at MIT nearly 6 years ago. I recently left Cambridge to begin graduate school, and I couldn’t help but begin to wonder whether my new friends and colleagues were anawak a cat post at a leak via Google, MySpace, Facebook, and the like. I searched for my name today and unfortunately came upon an article which, to this day, still strikes me with its inaccuracies and implications as to my character. In 2006, during recruitment: “AEPhi’s Return to Jewish Identity Spurred by Arrest of Israeli Member.” I would like to take the opportunity to correct a few things.

The article contains a statement by Liz Koltz which refers to a period seven years ago in which I was sick and away from campus. I am proud of what the Chinese people have achieved so far due to a series of reforms and economic development continuous progress in the future, including the fact that we are facing a serious economic crisis. China also benefits from the improved mutual understanding. Bushing the Beijing Olympics as this cartoon did will do nothing more than celebrate the Olympic spirit and hurting the feelings of Chinese people. If all the human rights arguments as claims for the benefit of the Chinese, this cartoon suggests a lapse in the solution. People want China to change, but when China is changing, are we able to see it and acknowledge it?”

Zhan Guo G

China Cartoon Was Insulting

I am writing here to voice my anger towards the cartoons in last two issues of The Tech.

As the largest newspaper on campus, your voices published through The Tech seems to be an extension of MIT’s official line in the school. A lot of Chinese students studying abroad are aware of this fact and feel very upset about it. My mother, by biasing the truth and propagating the wrong images. The school itself has such a supportive judgment by allowing outstanding faculty and students with critical thinking skills.

Regarding the existence of human rights, I cannot help but ask: why do you think there are so few human rights issues? What is it to study if freedom is not allowed? How come undergraduate students from China and other parts of the world have a comparable to insightful background and knowledge background without the dramatically improved education in China?

The central government system is always a target for western countries and western press. The fact is that in protecting sovereignty, status, utilizing societies, economic development, and improving the well-being of its people, China has done a wonderful job in the eyes of the world. China has made tremendous progress in the future, including the fact that we are facing a serious economic crisis. China also benefits from the improved mutual understanding. Bushing the Beijing Olympics as this cartoon did will do nothing more than celebrate the Olympic spirit and hurting the feelings of Chinese people. If all the human rights arguments as claims for the benefit of the Chinese, this cartoon suggests a lapse in the solution. People want China to change, but when China is changing, are we able to see it and acknowledge it?”

Laura A. Nicholson ’09

Nicholson is an MIT Tech discussions blogger and a former Tech staff writer.

Different Voice on Olympics

Creative license in political cartoons is valued by viewers, but I find the cartoon that was published by The Tech News Office may have violated federal law. My question is this — who saw the issue of The Tech and decided to whip out a razor? My follow-up is — which editor actually thought it was worth publishing this incident (which may be provoca- tor but is certainly not needlessly offensive)? Since Tech is quite Truthful and nothing to its artistic criticism — it was worthy of front page news? And finally — do any of you worry about your comments is a campus-wide joke.

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Policies On Parking

Policies Discourage Alternative Transportation

MIT’s Parking & Transportation Office offers two kinds of parking plans to faculty and staff; however, full-time parkers at MIT have more choices — and system for parking lots on campus than occasional parkers. This policy discourages the use of alternative transportation to MIT. Furthermore, these full-time parkers who would wish to change their status to occasional park- ers are required to pay an annual fee — a penalty for trying to do the right thing.

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Forget all that nonsense about the Ringling Bros. — Campus Preview Weekend is officially the ‘Greatest Show on Earth,’ and I mean that in a very good way. I pulled out of the Infinite Corridor (which I overheard referred to as “the Really Long Corridor”) onto Massachusetts Avenue Thursday afternoon and received something of a shock — MIT campus central looking like the college brochures I received in the mail oh so long ago. The benches in front of the Student Center were filled in spite of the singular aroma of fresh mulch, and Kresge of the Student Center were filled in spite of the lack of reprieve from any of our academic responsibilities. (I’m not bitter — just short on responsibilities. Let me reiterate that: in spite of the lack of reprieve from any of our academic responsibilities.) It’s virtuoso — the Infinite Corridor (which I overheard referred to as “the Really Long Corridor”) onto Massachusetts Avenue Thursday afternoon and received something of a shock — MIT campus central looking like the college brochures I received in the mail oh so long ago. The benches in front of the Student Center were filled in spite of the singular aroma of fresh mulch, and Kresge of the Student Center were filled in spite of the lack of reprieve from any of our academic responsibilities. (I’m not bitter — just short on responsibilities. Let me reiterate that: in spite of the lack of reprieve from any of our academic responsibilities.)

### The Flow of Things

**PROS:**

- At least it’s warm (Fuck you Cambridge)
- Socrates is There
- The Devil Plays a Mean Violin
- Bliss

**CONS:**

- Eternity Damnation
- Socrates will want to ask you questions
- Hell is in Jersey

**Conclusion:**

Trick question! Hell is a migraine.

**FAIL OF THE WEEK**

Kudos to Fox for thinking that New England cared more about the start of a NASCAR race than the final out of a one-run Red Sox vs. Yankees game.
Join us at this year’s EcoExpo on April 23rd, 5–7 pm at Stata’s Student St.

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Campus Preview Weekend drew a record amount of prospective freshmen to MIT’s campus for the annual four-day period.

(Clockwise from right)

(from left) Priscilla W. Army ’10, Amber R. Lin ’11, and Eleanor H. Mallory ’11 dance to the beat of the Pantonic Steel Orchestra outside the Student Center last Friday.

Erik D. Fogg (foreground) ’09 of Senior House surrenders to East Campus during the dorms’ water war on McDermott Court last Friday.

President Susan Hockfield welcomes prospective freshman Robbie McQueen at the Kresge Auditorium before her welcome speech at the start of CPW on Thursday.

Aaron E. Ramirez ’10, the “Foameez Monster,” walks across the 77 Massachusetts Ave. crosswalk on Saturday after the MIT Hobby Shop open house. Foameez are a commercial toy first invented at the Hobby Shop by Kenneth Stone ’72 and Professor Alexander H. Slocum.

Amy Smith ’84 shares her experiences in Kenya with prospective freshman Kenyan Beneah Kombe after Smith’s CPW keynote speech in Kresge Auditorium.
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Applications:
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Big Screw Donations Go to Environmental Research Group EWG

because he has not taught at MIT, nor born in the country, over the past year. Chronis also noted that this year’s event saw more instructors from small classes being nominated. Michael S. Cuthbert, for example, was nominated even though he has only about fifteen students in his class. Ernst came in last place, with only $2.26 donated overall, while Cuthbert was able to secure the fourth-place position with $175.38.

Some of the participants also received donations in unorthodox forms. Michelle D. Mischke, who placed third overall with $181.58, received some of her votes in euros. Bredt received two tokens for the T, although they were not considered to have any value and thus contributed nothing to his total. His victory was instead sealed by a $500 donation, which was placed in Bredt’s jar on Thursday. Even without the large donation, however, Bredt would have still been in second place; David W. Miller ’82 was the only other contestant to top $200, with a grand total of $281.01.

All of the money placed in the jars of contestants will be given to The Environmental Working Group, the charity chosen by Bredt with the help of APO organizers. He was looking to give money to a cause related to chemistry, given his field of expertise, and he was pleased with the work of the environmental watchdog group. He also mentioned that most of its proceeds go directly toward its work.

“Eighty-four percent of the money goes to the organization; not much goes toward advertising,” he said.

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Teaching assistant and researcher James F. Bredt ’82 stands behind his 4-foot aluminum screw trophy after winning Alpha Phi Omega’s annual Big Screw competition.

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Which would you rather have:
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It’s the sort of question Dan Ariely can ponder for hours. A professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s Media Lab, Ariely is part of a newly formed group of faculty that will comprise the Center for Future Banking. Last month, the group received up to $25 million in funding from Bank of America to explore how people make decisions about their money, and how technology can shape and assist in these choices.

Ariely uses the example of retirement savings to illustrate one goal of the program: to help people make rational decisions by understanding their own emotions and irrational impulses and how they make choices.

“Let’s say you’ve come up with a savings goal, and you want to know how much you need to save each month. It’s the sort of thing you would ask yourself, ‘Will I be able to afford a house in 30 years or do I want to travel the world?’” says Ariely.

Ariely, who studies the psychology of economic behavior, is particularly interested in people’s decisions that seem irrational to an outside observer. “If I, sitting in the motor home in the parking lot of the conference, was told that this was a savings goal, and that I needed to save a certain amount of money, I would have no idea why I was choosing to save that amount. I mean, what’s the point?”

But for many people, saving money involves trying to balance competing desires, many of which seem irrational to an outside observer. “If you ask people, ‘Would you rather save one dollar and spend it on something you really need later or spend it on something you want right now?’ it’s a very different question,” says Ariely.

Another, perhaps even more important, question for people is when they’re saving for a goal that is 30 to 40 years in the future. There are so many competing priorities in people’s lives right now that it’s very hard for many people to understand what that extra money would represent when all they want right now is a coffee boost.

“A lot of people are doing this and are not saving enough,” says Ariely. “But it’s hard for many people to understand what they’re doing right now is a caffeine boost.”

It’s clear what you’re giving up now, but unclear what you’re getting in the future,” Ariely says.

To help consumers make those judgments, Ariely envisions building tools such as credit card accounts that would allow users to set spending limits with serious consequences if they spend too much. Cross the line and the system might fire off an angry e-mail to your spouse or donate cash to a political party you oppose. He says he has suggested the idea to other banks for years but received little interest until now.

Executives at Bank of America in Charlotte, N.C., say it’s too soon to know exactly what new products may come out of the center’s work, which they will fund at between $3 million and $5 million a year.

But Anne Finucane, the bank’s head of global marketing and corporate affairs, said staying ahead of technology trends is crucial for the institution, which is the largest retail bank in the world, serving $5 million households as customers.

“The role of technology is critical to us,” she said. “Fifteen years ago it would have been hard to imagine people would pay their bills online or that we would tell 25 percent of our products online.”

The challenge is figuring out what consumers want next. Forecasting the future of banking can be as amorphous as it sounds, and the best it can be is littered with false starts.

For instance, near the elevators at the Media Lab a map marks the locations of the office of the MasterCard Future of Transactions Lab, a venture of a $5.6 million grant the institution received from the big payment network in 2000 to start a research lab.

It was one of a few early initiatives at the Media Lab that would later be shut down in a round of MasterCard budget cutting, however.

Still, the Media Lab remains perhaps MIT’s most famous gonzo experiment, where a student writing visitor draws no stares and faculty have wired up everything from wearable computers to cellphones embedded in floor tiles.

The banking project came about after a Media Lab student had an internship last year in Bank of America’s quantitative analysis group in Charlotte, getting executives there interested in the lab’s work, such as a conference it hosted last year called “h2.0,” for human 2.0. The conference focused on “neural-digital interfaces” such as those that would allow disabled people to move mechanical limbs through electrical impulses from their brains.

Speakers included several faculty from MIT’s Media Lab, including Deb Roy, who develops software for machines to communicate in human-like ways, and Rosalind Picard, who makes sensors that send a message or look for data that respond to human emotions.

Another attendee was Bank of America executive Jeff Carter, who now plans to move from Charlotte to Boston to become the lab’s lead executive for interacting with the center.

In an interview last week, Carter mentioned several “workstreams” the bank hopes the MIT researchers will examine. One issue is what he calls the “cloud of information” financial advice surrounding consumers. A problem for banks, he said, is how to make sense of the problems and opportunities surrounding the growth of mobile devices that keep track of their location, raising many tricky privacy issues.

That’s where the bank could benefit from work like that of Media Lab professor Alex “Sandy” Pentland, a specialist in mobile information systems. In his office in the center of MIT’s campus, he speaks about the chance to create “a new deal on data” in which consumers would gain a much greater understanding of the privacy tradeoffs they make when their devices broadcast their location to computer networks – to get better prices at the supermarket, for example.

“Mobile systems in particular suffer from the danger of false expectatons” among their users, Pentland said.

One unexpected study area is an online game created by a student and Roy, who’s also the banking center’s director. Known as the Restaurant Game, it invites users to control on-screen figures, called avatars, in a restaurant where they play the part of either a waitress or of a patron with $50 to spend on a meal.

While the activity seems banal, the goal is to gather enough data from two-player games to design artificial intelligence software that could take orders from a single player – a remarkably complicated task, Roy says, given the unpredictability of human brains.

work like this could feed into a much broader set of services both for customers and for banks, including Bank of America and any others who can sign up as sponsors. Anything that can improve their customer service would be a competitive advantage, he said, an in an industry whose scale often makes institutions seem impersonal.

“With the last time you needed to call your bank, did you look forward to it? Probably not,” Roy said.
MIT, German Firm Plan Center For Sustainable Energy Research

By Michael Naughton and David Beard

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a German research giant announced Saturday that they would open a sustainable energy research center near the university’s campus that will employ at least 60 people.

The goal of what will be called the MIT-Fraunhofer Center for Sustainable Energy Systems is to be a premier site in the country for rapid development of solar and other energy efficient technologies, said MIT and Fraunhofer officials. The center, which will employ mainly scientists and engineers, was announced by MIT president Susan Hockfield, German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier, and announced during the conference.

"The end goal of all of these projects is to drive the dollar-per-watt down," Nolan Browne MBA ’96, who will be a managing director for the center, said in a telephone interview. "If you can do that, it’s a big win."

Although different-sized solar panels harness different amounts of energy and vary in cost, a panel that can produce about 200 watts which, in the Boston area, would power a 60-watt bulb for about 13 hours — currently costs about $800, Browne said.

Besides solar innovation, the center will have two labs focusing on building efficiency and prototype energy devices. The prototype lab will take advanced materials, such as electronics for the panels or encapsulated gel, and turn them into new or improved devices. The building efficiency lab will work to develop better materials to construct green structures.

"You look at Germany today, and they’re further along than we are in terms of green buildings," said Browne, who is now director of business development in sustainable energy for Fraunhofer’s U.S. headquarters, in Plymouth, Mich. "If we were able to figure out financing and proper design of buildings — so, say, you use more natural light, better ventilation, and better insulation — you’re going to decrease power consumption markedly."

The Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems, whose parent company employs 12,700 scientists and engineers, is the largest research lab in Europe focusing on solar technology, fuel cells, and sustainable building materials, according to its Web site.

Browne said that at the conference that the new center will strengthen the state’s commitment “to making Massachusetts the national leader in clean energy.” Last week Mar- thasburg-based Evergreen Solar Inc. announced plans to double the size of a manufacturing facility being built at the former Fort Devens. The company also said it plans to triple its workforce, to about 1,000.

Along with Browne, MIT professor Tonio Buonassisi and Roland Schnider, a professor in Germany, will lead the center, it was announced during the conference.

MIT officials also said that they do not have a specific site designated for the facility but that it would be close to the campus.

Other solar research facilities are located at Northwestern University and Arizona State University.
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By Karen W. Arenson

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Toy Product Design Tests Toys With Kids

Students from various public schools around Cambridge test 2.00b Toy Product Design’s science-themed toys and gadgets on Monday at the MIT Museum. Photography by Diane Rais.

(top) Brooke A. Jarrett '10 of Team Magenta demonstrates the edible creations made with her group’s “Chem Cookin’” set.

(bottom) John M. Walton '11 of Team Ochre shows a girl his “Cool Pool” set of modified pool balls.

A UFO appears atop one of the Stata Center’s roofs courtesy of MIT hackers on Sunday.

The stoplights and streetlights have periodically been out at the 77 Massachusetts Ave. crosswalk during recent evenings. Shown is an officer directing traffic in lieu of the traffic signal.

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Sprinkler Floods Are Uncommon, According to Housing Director

Next House, from Page 1

to pay for damaged personal property, Collins said.

One of the students whose room was affected was assigned to one of the “couple of rooms set aside for emergency” in New House for the night. Collins said that two students affected now live in temporary rooms in Next House and might live in the temporary rooms until the end of the semester.

Third floor resident Mark J. Yen ’11, who is also a Tech production staffer, said that the “only flooding was in the closet, but not in other parts of the room.” Other residents described worse water damage, which had not been seen, he said. Yen said that he returned from taekwondo practice at the University of Pennsylvania at 3 a.m. and didn’t realize what had happened until people came to his room to clean up later in the morning. Sprinklers rarely go off by accident, Collins said. He said that he recalls only about three different occasions of accidental flooding in the past ten years. Sprinklers last caused property damage in Sept. 2006 at East Campus, when a student tradition involving setting a table on fire with alcohol went awry.

Mead Discusses How Students Can Interact With MIT Corporation

Mead, from Page 1

program and for other major activities at the Institute, according to the Corporation’s web site. The 30 visiting committees meet with the groups they oversee every two years for a one-and-one-half day session. Students can provide input when the visiting committees visit their academic departments.

Students also directly interact with the Corporation through CJAC, which consists of 6 Corporation members, 6 faculty members, and 6 students. All constituents on CJAC voice their concerns in four committees meetings throughout the year, and the chairman of the committee (a Corporation member) reports back to the Corporation once a year. All other Corporation committees submit a written report to the Corporation, but the CJAC has not previously been asked to submit one.

Yesterday, Mead said that “we’re going to institute” written reports to the Corporation from the CJAC as “another way to get students’ concerns more directly” in front of the Corporation. Mead said that Martin F. Holmes ’08, the current UA president, suggested the idea.

Students’ input is already solicited through other channels, said Mead. For example, he pointed out that the Corporation sent a student survey out when the Corporation was choosing the next president of MIT. He said that students were “a key part of that process,” although the final decision was made by the Corporation.

When Mead introduced himself, he pointed out that there is a “bright line” between the responsibilities of the Corporation and the responsibilities of the president. He said that the Corporation is focused on “government” — approving the construction of new buildings, managing the endowment, and approving courses of study, for example. Although the president of MIT reports to Mead, he said that it is the responsibility of the president and her staff to handle the “operational” aspects of MIT.

Referring to students’ concerns about the dining situation and the fact that the Corporation is not responsible for that aspect of MIT, he said that “I’m not really in the dining business, except to eat occasionally.”

Challenges facing MIT

When a student asked Mead about the biggest challenges facing MIT, Mead mentioned a need for MIT to expand its sources of research funding, the possibility of a lower return on investment in the endowment, and a billion dollars of deferred maintenance on the MIT campus.

On the topic of research funding sources, he said that the federal government, a primary source of research funding for MIT, is starting to divide up its funding and give smaller amounts to more research institutions, including state universities, for example.

As a result, Mead predicted that MIT will receive less funding from the federal government, and will have to seek more and more funding from for-profit companies and philanthropic organizations. According to Mead, these organizations are more interested in research that “contributes to the bottom line quickly,” and are less likely to give money to “basic research” without immediately clear profit-making potential.

Mead also brought up the challenge of raising money for maintaining MIT buildings. He pointed out that the main group of buildings, erected in 1916, have only had one major renovation. He said that it is difficult to find donors to pay several million dollars to replace windows, for example.

Regarding recent U.S. Senate inquiries into endowment spending, Mead said that any additional legislative controls would have a negative impact on members of the MIT community. The Senate has considered requiring universities to spend around 5 percent of their endowments a year, and already spends about 5 percent of its endowments.

Mead pointed out that MIT is already spending 5 percent of its endowment, and said that it is difficult to find donors to pay several million dollars to replace windows, for example.

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- Worcester Polytechnic Institute (13-14, 3-6) 3
- MIT (11-11, 4-4) 7

Men’s Weight Crew

Saturday, April 12, 2008
- Donahue Cup
  - MIT Varsity 8 1st of 3

Men’s Lightweight Crew

Saturday, April 12, 2008
- Joy Cup
  - MIT Varsity 8 3rd of 3

Women’s Openweight Crew

Saturday, April 12, 2008
- George Washington Invitational
  - MIT 8th of 8

Women’s Track and Field

Saturday, April 12, 2008
- MIT 224
- Bates College 171
- University of Southern Maine 156
- Colby College 106

**Softball**

Friday, April 11, 2008
- MIT (4-18, 1-10) 0
- Wellesley College (16-5, 1-2) 8
- MIT (4-19, 1-11) 0
- Wellesley (17-5, 8-2) 8

Saturday, April 12, 2008
- Regis College (9-10) 4
- MIT (5-19) 5

Men’s Track and Field

Saturday, April 12, 2008
- MIT 224
- Bates College 171
- University of Southern Maine 156
- Colby College 106

**Women’s Track and Field**

Saturday, April 12, 2008
- MIT 143
- Colby College 139
- Bates College 124

**Women’s Tennis**

Saturday, April 12, 2008
- MIT (11-5, 4-0) 9
- US. Coast Guard Academy (2-8, 0-4) 0

**Men’s Tennis**

Saturday, April 12, 2008
- MIT (11-5, 4-0) 9
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- New York University (7-5) 1
- MIT (13-5) 8

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**The Tech’s Athlete of the Week: Leah A. Bogsted ’08**

Leah A. Bogsted ’08 hit a walk-off double with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning on Saturday to give MIT a 5-4 victory over Regis College. The center field shot scored Keri A. Dixon ’11 for Bogsted’s third RBI of the game. Overall, Bogsted was 3-4 in the game with 3 RBIs.

In addition to her hitting contribution, Bogsted came in as a relief pitcher in the sixth. Over the final two innings, she had four strikeouts, gave up two unearned runs, and was credited for the win.

—Shreyes Sethian, Sports Editor

**SPORTS**

**Women’s Tennis Dominates in First Ever Match Against NYU**

By Karina Pikhart

The women’s tennis team, ranked 23rd in the nation, decisively defeated New York University 8-1 in the first ever meeting between the two teams on Saturday. While the score may seem one-sided, the Lady Engineers still had to fight back from deficits in several of its matches.

With the annual Campus Preview Weekend (accompanied by the usual warm weather and clear skies) serving as a backdrop for the match, the doubles teams took to the courts. At three doubles, Melissa A. Dukan ’11 and Katrina N. Pikhart ’09 pulled off a quick victory, winning 8-2. Meanwhile, the one doubles match started off a bit slow, as Leslie A. Hansen ’10 and Marah N. Hoover ’08 battled a strong opponent with solid serving. By staying aggressive throughout the match, the pair eventually pulled through and played really well together, winning the match with an 8-4 finish.

MIT’s first comeback of the day came at two doubles, where Anais K. McCree ’10 and Yi Wang ’09 battled in a long, close match. Though still on serve, the pair was down a game at each changeover. Down 6-5, they knew that losing the next game would allow NYU to serve for the set. At that point, there was a bit of a transition of nerves. Wang commented, “We were tight at first, but then we became more relaxed and swung out.”

McCree held serve, and then MIT broke NYU’s serve, giving them the lead for the first time in the match, 7-6. Wang held serve once more for MIT to finish off the match 8-6. “We were more aggressive, particularly at the net,” said Wang, explaining how the momentum shifted in the match. Wang and McCree also took advantage of their opponents tightening up and going for too much as the match wore on.

This ended the doubles, with the Engineers leading overall at 3-0. The singles matches featured more excitement and comebacks, as inclement weather forced the match indoors, causing some delay.

At two singles, Hoover quickly finished the first set 6-2, but then fell behind in the second set 4-1. “In the first set, my opponent came out hitting hard, but she missed a lot of shots,” said Hoover. “Then in the second set, she started getting a lot more in. But [Coach] Carol came and talked to me, and we got things worked out.” Working out indeed, as Hoover didn’t drop another game for the rest of her match, Wang said, “I was never behind in the match, but sometimes I got far ahead and then I would loosen up a bit and she would get a few games.”

This happened in her second set, when her initial 5-0 lead turned into 5-2 before she was able to close the match. Her final brought the overall score to 7-6. Jenny C. Dohlman ’11 played in her first match that counted for the team score on Saturday at the sixth singles position. Although she dropped the first set 6-0, she turned things around in the second, fighting a much closer battle to get to 3-3 before losing 4-6.

Playing next to her, McCree also dropped a quick first set 6-1 at five singles. Her second set wasn’t looking too good either, when the score quickly reached 5-1. Refusing to quit, McCree stepped things up, capturing six straight games to win the set 7-5 in a remarkable comeback that was paused by the onset of rain. After waiting a while to get back onto the court, she rode her momentum to a 6-2 win in the final set.

The Engineers will play their final two regular season matches this weekend at Skidmore College on Saturday and Vassar College on Sunday.

Karen K. Shu G throws a pass past a Northeastern defender to Adele D. Phillips G to score the final goal of the match. sMITe, the MIT women’s ultimate team, played a scrimmage against the Northeastern Valkyries this past Sunday evening, which they won 5-3.

Dukan followed her at three singles, falling behind in the first set before coming back for a close 7-5 win. She then claimed victory with a quick 6-1 second set.

Wang followed at four singles with a 6-4, 6-2 win. Reflecting on her match, Wang said, “I was never behind in the match, but sometimes I got far ahead and then I would loosen up a bit and she would get a few games.” This happened in her second set, when her initial 5-0 lead turned into 5-2 before she was able to close the match. Her final brought the overall score to 7-6.

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