

MIT Student Spread Swine Flu to Dental School at Harvard U.

By Michael McGraw-Herdeg
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Last week, an MIT student did something that three decades of snowstorms haven't been able to do: He shut down Harvard.

A student who probably got the swine flu while abroad in Mexico spread the disease to a travel companion and a friend, who from there most likely shared the disease with colleagues at Harvard Dental School.

After a cluster of probable swine flu infections was found at the Harvard Dental School on Friday, May 1, Boston authorities and Harvard closed the school from Friday until Wednesday, May 6. Harvard University's main campus in Cambridge remains open.

Harvard — even parts of Harvard — rarely close. The university has not had a snow day since 1978. The dental school's clinic is also closed and medical students are barred from seeing patients until Thursday.

All Harvard Medical School on-campus student activities and classes were also cancelled from Friday through yesterday. That includes some Harvard-MIT Health Sciences

and Technology classes taught at MIT, so some MIT HST students were affected.

Why cancel classes?

Influenza can cause dangerous complications in the very young or elderly and in people with asthma or pneumonia. The 2008–2009 flu vaccine, given to many at-risk people, probably does not protect against H1N1 swine flu, according to the Center for Disease Control.

Those vulnerable people could be found at a hospital, which may explain why Harvard is keeping possibly-infected medical students away from patients.

No outbreak at MIT

MIT braced to treat the possible swine flu outbreak as it would a tough flu season. Posters went up across campus advertising basic messages: practice good hygiene and avoid sick people. (And if you're sick, avoid healthy people.) MIT Medical has planned to handle an influx of patients and has stocked anti-flu drugs.

No cases of swine flu have been

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New Tech Barber Will Be Evicted From Student Center This Friday

By Robert McQueen
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

The New Tech Barber, located in the basement of the Stratton Student Center, is being evicted this Friday after decades of cutting hair at MIT.

The shop received the eviction notice on Thursday, April 23, due to unpaid rent costs. MIT Real Estate gave it a two-week deadline to vacate the space, which passes this Friday.

Paul Parravano, co-director of the Office of Government and Commu-

nity Relations at MIT, said he could not say much about the eviction but that "MIT has made many efforts to resolve this issue."

Parravano said that George Fichera, owner of the New Tech Barber, had not yet spoken with him about the notice.

This is not the first time the New Tech Barber has faced the threat of eviction. In December 2008, it received its first eviction notice due to unpaid rent costs. The New Tech Bar-

ber was given until New Year's Day to move out, but, according to Fichera, an unnamed, influential member from the MIT community convinced MIT Real Estate to postpone the eviction and give Fichera another chance.

According to Fichera, the New Tech Barber started losing business when the Student Center was renovated in 1988 and a new hair salon for women, Technicuts, joined his barber

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MENG HENG TOUCH—THE TECH

An empty chair at the New Tech Barber in the basement of the Student Center on the afternoon of May 4. The New Tech Barber is scheduled to be evicted this Friday because of unpaid rent.

MIT Seniors Face Tough Job Market; More Plan to Go to Graduate School

By Natasha Plotkin
NEWS EDITOR

MIT seniors are facing bleaker career outlooks than their predecessors as on-campus recruiting is down over 30 percent from last year, fewer graduating students have secured jobs, and more students are applying to graduate school as a backup

option.

Of 220 students who participated in a survey conducted by the Career Development Center last month, almost three quarters said the state of the economy had affected their job search and just over half reported that they had not yet received a job or internship offer. About 10 percent

said that an employer had rescinded an offer.

In the country as a whole, employers are expecting to hire about 22 percent fewer new college graduates this spring than last, according to the National Association of Col-

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UA Senate Approves Student-Written Dining Report and Discusses Blue Ribbon Report

The Undergraduate Association Senate approved the student-written Dining Proposal Committee report on dining at MIT last night in an emergency meeting called to discuss dining.

The Senate also discussed the administration-chartered Blue Ribbon report, but decided to vote on the report after its final version is released next Monday.

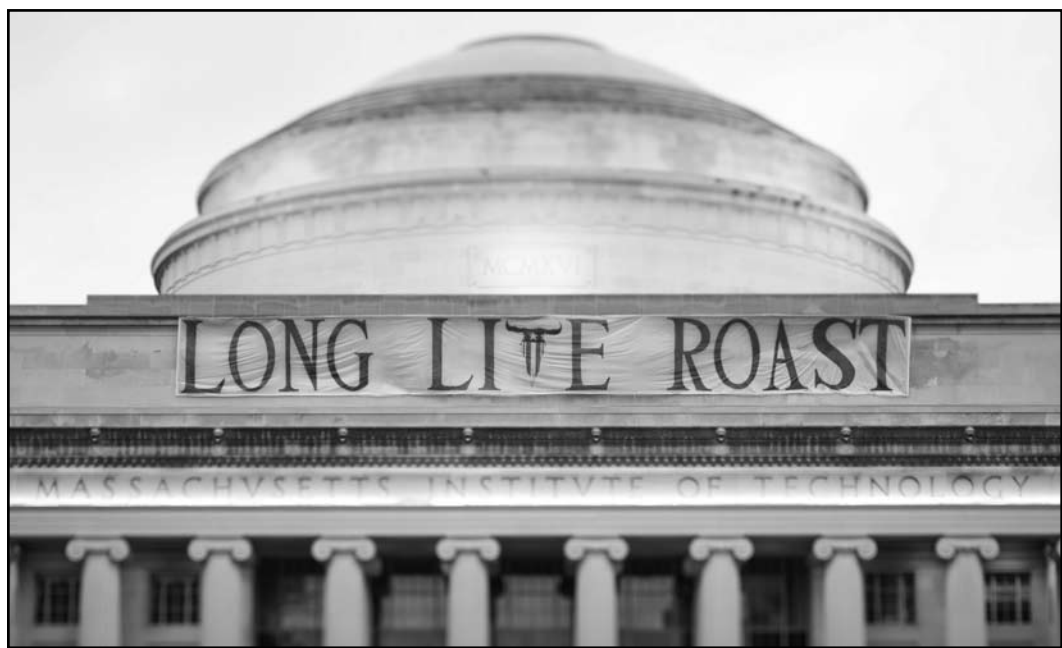
Students at the meeting voiced concerns about the administration-led Blue Ribbon Dining Committee's proposal to increase mandatory dining payments of students living in residences with dining halls from \$300 to \$500. Residents would have to pay \$600 per semester to get a "declining-balance" dining account or pay \$500 to avoid the dining plan altogether.

Donna M. Denoncourt, chair of the Blue Ribbon Committee and associate dean of residential life, and some student members of the committee attended the UA Senate meeting. They reaffirmed their committee's proposal to raise mandatory payments, saying that it was necessary to decrease the dining system's current operating deficit.

Senators questioned the Dining Proposal Committee's proposal to close some dining halls, but representatives of the committee argued that the data in their report supported the recommendation.

According to Michael A. Bennie '10, current vice president of the UA and member of the Blue Ribbon Committee, the Blue Ribbon committee will discuss changes to its report on Thursday. In the days following its meeting, members of the committee will vote on each individual recommendation. A final version of the report will be released on Monday.

—Nick Bushak



ERIC D. SCHMIEDL—THE TECH

Hackers put a large banner reading "LONG LIVE ROAST" across the facade of MIT's Building 10 on the morning of May 1, the first day of the multi-day Steer Roast party at Senior House. Look at page 10 for more pictures of Steer Roast.

In Short

¶ The MIT Community Spring Break, originally scheduled for tomorrow, has been cancelled "in light of ongoing concerns about the H1N1 influenza," wrote Vice President for Institute Affairs Kirk D. Kolenbrandner in a letter to the MIT Community.

¶ Jean Cui '09 won last Thursday and Friday's games of Jeopardy and is scheduled to appear next on May 18.

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The Toons and Chorallaries host a joint spring concert.

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Obama Seeking to Cut Foreign Taxation Havens

By Jackie Calmes and Edmund L. Andrews
THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

President Barack Obama on Monday called for curbing offshore tax havens and corporate tax breaks to collect billions of dollars more from multinational companies and wealthy individuals.

The move would appeal to growing populist anger among taxpayers but is likely to open an epic battle with some major powers in American commerce.

With the proposals Obama outlined at the White House, the president sought to make good on his oft-repeated campaign promise to end tax breaks "for companies that ship jobs overseas."

He estimated the changes would raise \$210 billion over the next decade and help offset tax cuts for middle-income taxpayers as well as a permanent tax credit for companies' research and development costs.

The changes, if enacted, would not take effect until 2011, when administration officials presume the economy will have recovered from the recession. But business groups

were quick to condemn the White House for proposing tax increases amid a global downturn.

"This plan will reduce the ability of U.S. companies to compete in foreign markets, which will not only reduce jobs, but will also cripple economic growth here in the United States. It couldn't come at a worse time," said John J. Castellani, president of the Business Roundtable, a trade association of major businesses.

The proposals would especially hit pharmaceutical, technology, financial and consumer goods companies — among them Goldman Sachs, Microsoft, Pfizer and Procter & Gamble — that have major overseas operations or subsidiaries in tax havens like the Cayman Islands.

They also have some of the mightiest lobbying armies in Washington, as well as influential patrons in Congress. That combination will test Obama's ability to stand up to powerful interests and marshal support among lawmakers at the same time that he is trying to win passage of major health and energy measures.

At issue are tax laws that were originally intended to prevent mul-

tinational corporations from being double-taxed — by the United States and by foreign countries — by allowing companies to defer reporting their foreign income to the Internal Revenue Service and to get tax credits in the United States for foreign taxes paid. Obama's changes would address perceived abuses of those laws.

Economists are divided over whether higher taxes would give corporations incentives to move jobs overseas or impair economic growth at home. In the coming debate, both Obama and the business lobby will claim that their way will save jobs.

The top corporate tax rate is 35 percent, but the Treasury Department estimated that in 2004, the most recent year for which tax data is available, American multinationals paid \$16 billion in taxes on \$700 billion in foreign income — an effective rate of 2.3 percent on foreign profits.

Obama's tax-raising initiative comes after months in which his administration has presided over government bailouts for major financial institutions, auto companies and insurance giants, and polls show growing opposition among Americans.

India's Economy Stalls For Lack of Investment

By Vikas Bajaj and Somini Sengupta

THE NEW YORK TIMES

GURGAON, INDIA

Sumit Sapra is a member of that ambitious, impatient generation of young Indians who rode the crest of the global economy. In five years, he changed jobs three times, quadrupling his salary along the way.

Even when satisfied with his position, he kept his resume posted on job sites, in case better offers came along. And he splurged. In three years, he bought three cars, moving up a notch in luxury each time. For weekend jaunts, he bought a motorcycle.

Sapra's last and best-paying job was at the Indian headquarters of the financial services arm of General Electric, investing western money in Indian energy projects. But last December, foreign money dried up and Sapra, with a prestigious degree, was laid off.

"Earlier it was money chasing a few projects," Sapra, 30, said of the change that seemed to come virtually overnight. "Now it's the other way around."

Not long ago, Indian leaders confidently predicted this country would emerge largely unscathed from the global economic crisis. It is now becoming clear that that view was too optimistic, nowhere more so than in this city south of New Delhi that was once the symbol of India's economic boom.

ACORN Charged in Voter Registration Fraud Case in Nevada

By Steve Friess

THE NEW YORK TIMES

LAS VEGAS

A prominent anti-poverty organization that drew criticism from Republicans during last year's presidential race was charged by Nevada officials Monday with engaging in voter registration fraud.

Two former leaders of the group's Nevada branch were also charged in connection with the submission of thousands of bogus voter registration forms.

The organization, the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, or ACORN, is accused of paying canvassers only if they registered at least 20 voters per shift and providing bonuses of \$5 for registering more than 21.

Under Nevada law, it is illegal to attach incentives to such work, in part because it encourages canvassers to submit fraudulent forms, Secretary of State Ross Miller said.

ACORN submitted 91,002 completed forms in Clark County, which includes Las Vegas, of which 23,186 turned out to be valid new voters who voted in November, according to data provided by Miller's office.

Filene's Basement Seeks Bankruptcy Protection

By Stephanie Rosenbloom and Jack Healy

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Filene's Basement, the century-old retailer known for selling deeply discounted clothes and accessories by the likes of Gucci and Calvin Klein, filed for bankruptcy protection on Monday and said it planned to sell off most of its remaining stores.

Filene's said it had agreed to sell 17 of its 25 stores, including its flagship in Boston, to Crown Acquisitions, a New York real estate firm, for \$22 million. Crown said it planned to run the stores under the Filene's brand.

Sluggish sales at new stores and increased competition from discounters like Century 21 and T.J. Maxx had weakened Filene's position in the market, the company said in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing in Delaware.

Nepal's Premier Resigns After Struggle Over Army Chief

By Tilak Pokharel

THE NEW YORK TIMES

KATMANDU, NEPAL

Plunging Nepal into a fresh political crisis after a decade of war, the prime minister resigned Monday in a power struggle over his dismissal of the army chief.

In a televised address to the nation, the prime minister, Pushpa Kamal Dahal, who goes by the name Prachanda, said that he was stepping down one day after Nepal's president overruled his decision to fire the army chief, Rookmangud Katawal.

"I announce, through this address, my resignation from the Cabinet I have chaired so as to put an end to this difficult situation and create a positive environment for salvaging democracy, nationalism and the peace process that are currently at risk," Prachanda, a former Maoist guerrilla fighter, said in his 13-min-

ute address.

Clusters of people gathered in front of television shops in the capital, Katmandu, to watch the prime minister give his address as a continuing power crisis left many parts of the city without electricity.

Prachanda's party entered into competitive politics after signing a peace deal in 2006, ending a decade-long Maoist rebellion. He became prime minister in August after four months of political wrangling; in May, the nation's elected Constituent Assembly declared the nation a federal republic, ending 239 years of Hindu monarchy.

But despite the Maoists' rise to power, over 19,000 of their former fighters remain restricted to U.N.-monitored barracks under a peace accord.

Prachanda, whose name means "the fierce one" in Nepali, wanted

the guerrillas freed and integrated into Nepal's security forces, as prescribed under a U.N.-brokered peace agreement. But the army chief resisted those efforts and sparred repeatedly with the government.

The disagreement over the army chief fractured the nation's governing coalition on Sunday, and analysts said it raised serious doubts about the government's ability to keep the ex-combatants in their cantonments.

The Communist Party of Nepal, a unified Marxist-Leninist party that holds the second-highest number of seats in the 601-member Constituent Assembly, pulled out of the government on Sunday, accusing the Maoists of acting unilaterally.

The danger now, albeit remote, is that the Maoists may pull out of the government altogether, threatening to immerse the country back in conflict.

WEATHER

All Stuffed Up

By Brian H. Tang
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Seasonal allergy sufferers don't need the visual cue of the blooming flowers and budding leaves to know that everything is coming alive. The recent hot spell is partially to blame for the sudden rise in sneezing and stuffy noses as the near record temperatures have really accelerated the greening of trees and plants. Along with the warmth, days with low humidity and a stiff breeze can really aggravate the suffering as pollen is more easily suspended in the air.

One way to quickly reduce the pollen count is for it to be washed out of the sky, and this week will feature a bombardment of raindrops to scavenge the pollen out of the air. A wet pattern will dominate as minor storms ride up along a stalled frontal boundary draped over us. These will be fast-moving storms, each dropping approximately a 5-10 hour period of light to moderate rain. Although the exact start and end times of these storms are hard to pinpoint, it looks like midday today, early Wednesday morning, and Thursday morning through the afternoon feature the highest chances of rain. So, keep that umbrella close by. At least you'll be able to put away that box of tissues for a few days.

Extended Forecast

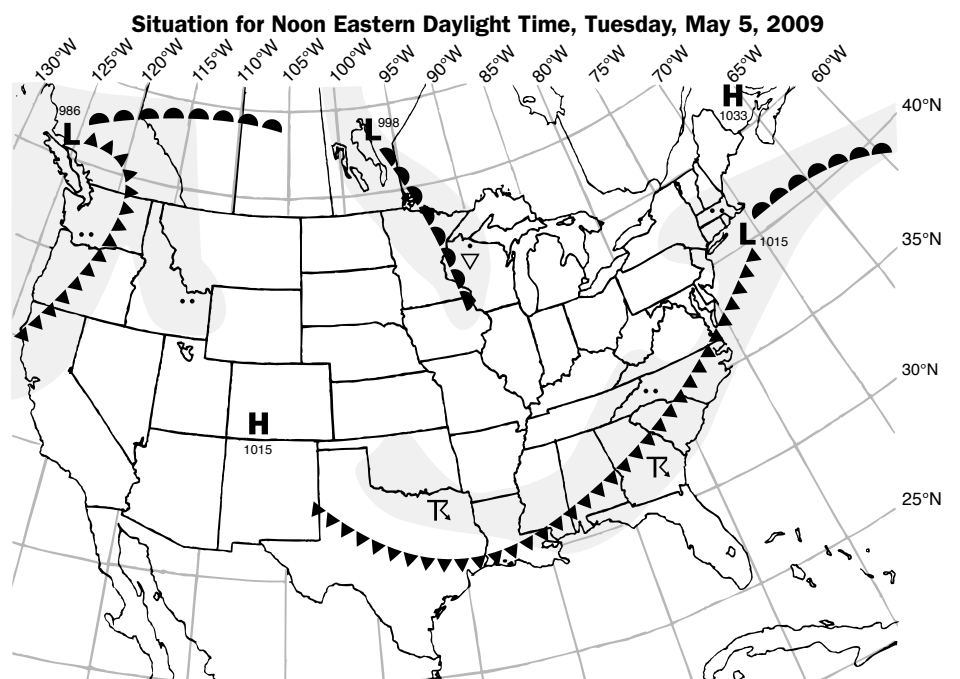
Today: Periods of rain in the morning through the afternoon, then cloudy with drizzle in the evening. Breezy and cool. High 49°F (9°C)

Tonight: Cloudy. Low 47°F (8°C)

Tomorrow: Early morning rain, otherwise cloudy. High 62°F (17°C)

Tomorrow night: Cloudy. Low 51°F (11°C)

Thursday: Periods of rain, ending late and remaining cloudy. High 61°F (16°C)



Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
H High Pressure	--- Trough	Snow:	Fog
L Low Pressure	—•— Warm Front	Shower:	Thunderstorm
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Hamas Says It Has Grounded Its Rockets to Israel

By Taghreed El-Khodary and Ethan Bronner

THE NEW YORK TIMES

DAMASCUS, SYRIA

The leader of the militant Palestinian group Hamas said Monday that its fighters had stopped firing rockets at Israel for now. He also reached out in a limited way to the Obama administration and others in the West, saying the movement was seeking a state only in the areas Israel won in 1967.

"I promise the American administration and the international community that we will be part of the solution, period," the leader, Khaled Meshal, said during a five-hour interview with The New York Times spread over two days in his home office here in the Syrian capital.

Speaking in Arabic in a house heavily guarded by Syrian and Palestinian security agents, Meshal, 53, gave off an air of serene self-confidence, having been re-elected a fourth time to a four-year term as the leader of the Hamas political bureau, the top position in the movement. His conciliation went only so far, however. He repeated that he would

not recognize Israel, saying to fellow Arab leaders, "There is only one enemy in the region, and that is Israel."

But he urged outsiders to ignore the Hamas charter, which calls for the obliteration of Israel through jihad and cites as fact the infamous anti-Semitic forgery, "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion." Meshal did not offer to revoke the charter, but said it was 20 years old, adding, "We are shaped by our experiences."

He explained why he was giving the interview, his first to an American news organization in a year, by saying: "To understand Hamas is to listen to its vision directly. Hamas is delighted when people want to hear from its leaders directly, not about the movement through others."

That also seemed aimed at the Obama administration, which has decided to open a dialogue with Iran and Syria, but not with Hamas until it renounces violence, recognizes Israel and accepts previous Palestinian-Israeli accords.

Regarding President Barack Obama, Meshal said, "His language is different and positive," but he expressed unhappiness about Secretary

of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, saying hers "is a language that reflects the old administration policies."

On the two-state solution sought by the Americans, he said: "We are with a state on the 1967 borders, based on a long-term truce. This includes East Jerusalem, the dismantling of settlements and the right of return of the Palestinian refugees." Asked what "long-term" meant, he said 10 years.

Apart from the time restriction and the refusal to accept Israel's existence, Meshal's terms approximate the Arab League peace plan and what the Palestinian Authority of President Mahmoud Abbas says it is seeking. Israel rejects a full return to the 1967 borders, as well as a Palestinian right of return to Israel itself.

Regarding recognition of Israel, Meshal said the Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Abbas had granted such recognition, but to no avail. "Did that recognition lead to an end of the occupation? It's just a pretext by the United States and Israel to escape dealing with the real issue and to throw the ball into the Arab and Palestinian court."

Mexico Objects to China's Stringent Quarantines

By Marc Lacey and Andrew Jacobs

THE NEW YORK TIMES

MEXICO CITY

Medical experts are calling the new influenza virus A (H1N1), but for many Mexicans it is simply a scarlet A.

From Chile, where sports officials declined to host Mexican soccer teams, to China, where the authorities forced even healthy resident Mexicans and Mexican travelers into quarantine, Mexicans say they have been typecast as disease carriers and subjected to humiliating treatment.

Only one in one million Mexicans is thought to have been infected by the virus, and Mexico is one of 21 countries that have confirmed cases of the disease. But nonstop media coverage of a feared pandemic and the belief that the sometimes fatal virus originated in Mexico — which is disputed by Mexican health experts and officials — have overwhelmed calls by global health authorities to avoid panic while preparing for a broader outbreak.

Scientists have yet to pinpoint the origin of the virus, the earliest cases

of which were found in the southwestern United States and in various parts of Mexico. But according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it contains genes from flu viruses that normally circulate in pigs in Europe and Asia, as well as avian and human genes. Some health experts say it also appears to be less deadly than once feared.

The most aggressive response has come from China and Hong Kong, still gripped by memories of SARS. That virus spread widely in 2003 and killed more than 700 people, partly because of efforts by the Chinese government to suppress news of the disease.

On Saturday, Chinese authorities began confining dozens of seemingly healthy Mexicans to hotels and hospitals, even escorting some from their hotels in the middle of the night for testing, Mexican consular officials said Monday.

Chinese officials said they were seeking to isolate passengers on an aircraft that had at least one infected passenger, but the Mexican government accused China of unfairly quarantining its citizens and acting with-

out regard to accepted public health practices.

Mexican diplomats were also angered by the suspension by four Latin American nations — Argentina, Peru, Ecuador and Cuba — of flights from Mexico in response to the flu outbreak.

In another dispute, Health Minister Jose Angel Cordova of Mexico said he had received an apology from Chile after sports officials there turned down a request to host two Mexican soccer teams' championship games.

China's actions posed the biggest challenge — and elicited the sharpest response. Mexico said it would fly its citizens home from China on a chartered flight on Tuesday, including 70 people being held in quarantine.

Mexico's president, Felipe Calderon, lashed out on Sunday at countries that he said were "acting out of ignorance and disinformation" and taking "repressive, discriminatory measures." He did not name any countries.

The foreign minister, Patricia Espinosa, urged Mexicans to stay away from China and Hong Kong, calling their actions "unjustified."

S&P 500 Erases 2009 Losses As Stocks Jump

By Jack Healy

THE NEW YORK TIMES

NEW YORK

For many investors, breaking even never felt so good.

Following a four-month melodrama of brutal losses and heady gains, a steep plunge in financial markets early in the year was all but erased Monday. The S&P 500 index, which millions of investors use as a benchmark for their portfolios, recovered all of the losses that brought markets to a 12-year low on March 9.

Of course, stock markets are still down 40 percent from their all-time highs, and the run higher could still peter out if rising unemployment leads to new unexpected losses in the banking system.

But each new day of gains in stocks stokes hope that the economy's worst days are waning, analysts said.

"You like to make money instead of lose money," said Thomas H. Forster, a mutual fund manager. "It feels better, huh?"

Stocks surged as investors grew more optimistic that the some of the economy's most troubled sectors may

be mending. There was optimism that the government's stress tests of major banks would calm fears about the health of the financial system. Signs of improvement in the housing market and the construction industry also lifted sentiment that these economic cornerstones may be firming. And fears of a swine-flu pandemic, which last week stoked concerns about an impact to the recession, appeared to ease.

"The fact that we're not going down and not correcting is important," said Richard Sparks, vice president of research at Schaeffer's Investment Research. "It shows the persistence of the rally."

Financial stocks jumped 10 percent, leading the day's gains, as investors clung to a belief that the financial system was in better shape than they had once feared. Regional banks gained ground, and shares of Bank of America, Wells Fargo and U.S. Bancorp rose by double digits. The government's health check of the nation's 19 largest banks, scheduled to be unveiled Thursday, are expected to show that the financial system is broadly sound, even if a handful of banks must

raise billions in new capital as fresh insurance against the recession.

Energy companies and materials producers climbed higher as the prices of oil and copper rose, pushed up by hints of an economic thaw.

The S&P 500 jumped 29.72 points, or 3.4 percent, to close at 907.24 points on Monday. The surge gave the index a 2009 gain of 0.44 percent after a grinding start to the year.

In contrast, the Nasdaq composite index is up 11.8 percent since the beginning of January, buoyed by gains in technology companies. On Monday, the Nasdaq rose 44.36 points, or 2.6 percent, to 1,763.56.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 214.33 points, or 2.6 percent, to 8,426.74. The Dow remains down nearly 4 percent for the year to date.

Some companies have soared in the rollercoaster start to the year. The cell phone provider Sprint Nextel is up 173 percent since Jan. 1. Shares of Ford, the only big American automaker that did not seek a government bailout, are up 158 percent. Whole Foods and Goodyear Tire have more than doubled, although from low levels.

Afghan Leader Enlists Ex-Warlord As a Running Mate

By Abdul Waheed Wafa

THE NEW YORK TIMES

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

President Hamid Karzai named a powerful former warlord as one of his two vice-presidential running mates on Monday, a day of scattered insurgent attacks that left as many as 26 people dead.

The vice-presidential candidate, Muhammad Qasim Fahim, was Karzai's vice president in his early administration, but was pushed aside in 2004 as Karzai tried to move away from traditional power blocs and bring more technocrats into the government. The government in Kabul, however, remains weak and troubled, and Fahim's return appears to be a sign that Karzai is reaching for strong partners with broad support among former mujahedeen parties.

Over the weekend, a strong rival pulled out of the race, removing one of the main obstacles to Karzai's re-election. Gul Agha Shirzai, governor of Nangarhar province, announced his withdrawal on Saturday, saying he had met for four hours with Karzai on Friday night, according to Afghan news reports.

Karzai's second running mate is a current vice president, Muhammad Karim Khalili, officials at the presidential palace said. He is a powerful Shiite leader and also a former mujahedeen commander.

Karzai named his running mates as he officially registered for re-election at the Independent Electoral Commission. The vote is set for Aug. 20.

European Union Will Reach Out to Six Ex-Soviet States

By Stephen Castle

THE NEW YORK TIMES

BRUSSELS

A European Union plan to strengthen its bond with six former Soviet republics, which was once seen as a way to draw countries away from Russia's sphere of influence, now has a more urgent purpose: to stabilize a volatile region.

A summit meeting intended to embrace the six former Soviet republics — Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Ukraine and Moldova — under a plan called the Eastern Partnership is scheduled for Thursday in Prague. The original goal was to present the 27-nation European Union bloc as an alternative to Russia as a regional power center by offering the six nations greater engagement on economic and political issues.

But political instability and deteriorating economies in some of the countries have alarmed Western nations, especially Germany, and have intensified concern that the East-West divide would only deepen if troubled countries fall back into alignment with Russia.

"There are new priorities on the agenda which were not so obvious last year, including the need to stabilize these countries, which are moving from one crisis to another," said Nicu Popescu, a research fellow at the European Council on Foreign Relations. "The focus is less on structural adjustments or institution-building and more on crisis management."

Air of Relief Lingers Over Meeting of Pro-Israel Group

By Neil A. Lewis

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

For the last few days, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the nation's major pro-Israel lobby, has sought to display its political strength, with members expressing relief that the organization is no longer facing legal scrutiny.

Just days ago, the Obama administration said it was seeking the dismissal of charges that two former AIPAC analysts had violated an espionage statute by improperly disseminating national security information. The group's annual conference has always attracted marquee guests, but this year's event included a tone of vindication.

The case against Steven J. Rosen and Keith Weissman had raised what many in the pro-Israel community in the United States regard as an unfair, even toxic question about whether the loyalty of some American Jews to Israel matches or exceeds their loyalty to the United States.

Gary Silow, a Philadelphia-area lawyer and AIPAC member at the convention, said he was deeply troubled by the potential for renewed discussion of what he said was the offensive "dual loyalty" issue. In Silow's view, "the fact that they came after AIPAC was what was really disturbing."

Like many at the convention, Silow said he was relieved at the move for a dismissal.

U.S. Negotiator Signals Flexibility Toward Moscow in Arms Talks

By Ellen Barry

THE NEW YORK TIMES

MOSCOW

The top arms control negotiator for the United States said on Monday that the government was willing to agree to count both nuclear warheads and their delivery vehicles when renegotiating the 1991 Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, or Start — addressing one of Russia's long-standing concerns.

In an interview with the Russian news service Interfax, the negotiator, Assistant Secretary of State Rose Gottemoeller, also said the United States was open to a Russian proposal to use radar based in Azerbaijan or Southern Russia, rather than Eastern Europe, for the proposed missile defense system.

Officials from the administration of President George W. Bush had not followed up on the idea of relocating the radar from Eastern Europe, where Russia fears it would be part of a missile defense system that would be used against it. U.S. officials have contended that the system is meant as a deterrent to Iran.

"I understood from talking to Russian counterparts that the offer is still on the table," Gottemoeller was quoted by Interfax as saying. "I think, personally, that it is an offer that the United States should be willing to explore."

The comments clarified Washington's position ahead of the first full talks on replacing Start, which are scheduled this month in Moscow, and set aside several problematic issues for later.

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Hold Administrators Accountable

The recent decision by the athletic department to eliminate eight sports from the Varsity program at MIT was supposedly made using an objective process:

"In deciding which sports to cut, we made use of a management tool developed in 2003 by a subcommittee of the DAPER Advisory Board comprised of coaches, student athletes, faculty, and administrative staff. The Sport Health and Vitality tool monitors the health of each varsity sport at MIT by tracking such areas as student interest, coaching turnover, availability of appropriate competition, quality and proximity of practice facilities, as well as program costs. In 2004 and 2006, the DAPER Visiting Committee of the MIT Corporation reviewed and endorsed the process, and recently, an independent consultant was employed to review the operational structure of DAPER. It too reinforced the veracity of the Health and Vitality process.

Eliminating sports that do not meet the criteria established by the Sport Health and Vitality process, rather than reducing spending in all sports, not only helps the Department meet its budget mandate, but supports the core value of excellence in all programming. At this time, assuming the economic climate does not worsen significantly, we do not anticipate any further reductions in our varsity sport offerings."

While it is wonderful if a truly objective process was used to make the decisions, I question why the administration has so far refused to make the results of the subcommittee review public. Their release clearly leads the second paragraph quoted above with "Eliminating sports that do not meet the criteria..." which implies that this was how decisions were made. MIT expects open and honest behavior by its

students, but apparently doesn't hold its own administration to the same level of accountability. All but one of the cut sports are Olympic sports, and several of those have had students participate (even medal) in the Olympics or other major international competitions. These sports are cut, yet football, a sport known to cause significant permanent injuries to many participants, which is relatively new to MIT, does not have a history of outstanding success, and is a very expensive sport remains.

There is no reason that the students and alumni of MIT should not have visibility to the decision making process for what is so clearly an important area of so many people's life balance at MIT. Everyone should join together and hold the administration accountable for providing open and honest visibility for how the decisions were made, rather than hiding behind an unverified feel good claim that "we made use of a management tool..."

David A. Schaller '78

Farewell and Thanks From the New Tech Barber Shop

I'm writing this letter in the hope it makes it into the campus newspaper so I can thank all the people that have been coming into the New Tech Barber Shop.

After being on campus for 54 years, counting my fathers time here, the New Tech Barber Shop will have to close its doors because MIT Real Estate has pulled my lease. Since the renovation of the Student Center, it has been very difficult keeping the business going with two shops offering the same services. But the way they set the basement up, New Tech Barber Shop was at a disadvantage from the very

first day.

Before and during the renovation the person in charge kept saying how great it was going to be and everybody that had been in the Student Center were very excited about the whole thing and I was one of them.

Then the person in charge of the renovation and to bring in more businesses into the Student Center asked me if I would mind if another shop catering to women could open up and my business being a barbershop for men. I didn't mind at all. I would cut men's hair and she would cut women's hair, no problem. But after I signed my lease two weeks later I find out that not only that she didn't cut womens hair, but she was a barber just like us no different.

So since that day I have been struggling to keep my business open. We were doing alright until the travel agency and the computer store moved out and then we lost just about everything. We were at the very end of the hallway with nothing around us so nobody came down there. And when I would put a sign at the end of the hall telling people where to go the manager of the building would make us move it. This went on for 3 years and we never got the business back.

I've been here at MIT my whole adult life and don't want to leave, but every time I talk to Real Estate about maybe moving me to make the competition between the two businesses more even they tell me no. Even though they have a vacant spot in the basement they use for storage and I think that if they would have let me move into that spot, more people would know we were there and I wouldn't be going through this right now.

So again thank you very much. It's been nice serving the MIT community.

George Fichera
Owner, New Tech Barber Shop

Cleverer and Cleverer

A Cunning Obama Would Tap Packer and Macfarlane

To Fill NRC Vacancies

Obama on the other hand, given his past ties to the industry, the favorable polling that nuclear receives, and his relatively moderate views on the subject, would probably prefer not to hand the NRC to Harry Reid's sharks. Since both sides couldn't have it their way simultaneously, I eagerly waited to see who would win out in this battle of wills.

Since his inauguration however, Obama has not put forward a name to fill the open spot on

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the commission and hasn't even removed Klein as chairman. Besides leaving my curiosity unsatisfied, Obama's inaction has left quite a few anti-nuclear environmentalists seething as the Republican-tilted commission continues to set rules the anti-nukes do not like, such as the recent reclassification of depleted uranium from Class C to Class A waste.

At first I thought the delay was simply Obama stalling on an unappetizing decision, but now I see the logic; if the president plays

his cards right, he can mollify Reid, avoid upsetting the pro-nuclear contingent in the Senate, and still come away with considerable influence over the NRC.

Here's how: if Obama can wait things out until the second commissioner seat opens up in June, he can put forward two candidates as a package deal: Allison Macfarlane and Daniel Packer.

Macfarlane, a long-time nuclear critic from George Mason University, is not a new name; she's been Reid's handpicked favorite since the NRC vacancy first appeared in 2007. By contrast, Packer is something of a recent discovery. A pro-nuclear Democrat and former CEO of Entergy New Orleans, Packer broke down barriers in the world of nuclear power as the first African-American to manage a nuclear plant in the United States. Packer's close ties to the nuclear industry make him an uncomfortable selection for many anti-nuclear groups, but his deep experience in utility operation would be reassuring to nuclear advocates.

Individually, Packer and Macfarlane are tough sells, but taken together, they form a reasonable compromise. It's hard for Harry Reid to criticize the paired appointment of Macfarlane and Packer when it means that he will have personally selected 40 percent of the commission. Meanwhile, pro-nuclear groups will struggle to justify a filibuster of Macfarlane when they are being handed a man as credentialed as Packer.

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CAMPUS LIFE

Brouhaha Rhythm

A Tourist in the Animal Kingdom

By Michael Lin
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Animals and I, historically speaking, have had a complicated relationship. I like most of them well enough, but I'm not really the sort of person that feels comfortable approaching someone walking their dog on the street, for example. I guess the awkwardness is mutual, since being approached and petted by someone who clearly isn't self-confident doesn't seem to appeal to the animals, either. (A note to the unwillingly single: that applies to humans, as well.)

Obviously, there are exceptions. My girlfriend's family keeps a Jack Russell Terrier, a breed made all the more adorable by older, much better children's television programming.

I attribute the growing friendship between Hatteras and me to a) the fact that both I and his look-alike enjoy splicing ourselves into famous works of literature, and b) the fact that in spite of being a college student and a dog,

we're both lazier than most cats. The ability of this dog to remain in one place for extended periods of time would make Garfield look like a marathon runner and would probably have Jabba the Hutt feeling one-upped.

I've generally been more of dog person than a cat person, myself, in large part due to the pet cat of my childhood friend James. Don't get me wrong, James and I were the best of buddies, but there was a persistent friendly difference between us: he liked to refer to his cat as "Whiskers," and I preferred to call it "Whiskiablo, the Evil Incarnate."

Before the cat owners on campus sic their army on me and prove my point, I would like to state up front that I do think most cats are cute. It's only been my experience that cats are animals around which I can never tell if they're

ignoring me or resenting me. Perhaps they're capable of doing both at the same time, like the people I'm riding uncomfortably close to on the T. I've talked with friends who, in spite of keeping cats as pets, are keenly aware of the circumstances under which the cats will get

angry with them and will cause severe injury and/or property damage. So, a dog person I am and most likely will remain.

If I ever keep a pet in my adult life, I strongly suspect that I'm going to need a lot

of help keeping it alive. I swear, I'm cursed. I've only ever owned fish, and not one has ever survived more than 24 hours under my care, the poor things. My heart goes out to the carnival man who never realized he was sending that goldfish to its doom.

I once brought home a pair of guppies from

day camp. One died almost immediately for causes I still don't understand. For the sake of maintaining positive relations with the animal kingdom, the SPCA, and my own conscience, my parents and I resolved to give the other one away to my friend Bing. Shortly after passing out of my possession, the surviving guppy gave birth to four young. If that doesn't point a vengeful, incorporeal fin towards "curse," I don't know what does.

All things considered, it's probably safest for all parties that I spend most of my time indoors with the spiders and roaches rather than out with the birds and mammals that I would feel most remorse for accidentally infringing upon somehow. "I don't bother them, they don't bother me" is a fairly simple philosophy that works on cats, dogs, and most species of shellfish. Now, if you'll excuse me, I'd appreciate if you'd be vewy, vewy quiet — I'm being hunted by rabbits. Apparently, the small mammal department at PetCo doesn't take kindly to Energizer Bunny impressions. Oops.

If I ever keep a pet in my adult life, I strongly suspect that I'm going to need a lot of help keeping it alive.

Toons and Chorallaries Host a Joint Spring Concert



(counter-clockwise from top right)

Krista L. Speroni '12 of the MIT/Wellesley Toons performs "I'm Yours," by Jason Mraz, at the concert last Friday in 10-250.

The Chorallaries surround soloist Minmin Yen '11 as she sings "Zombie," by the Cranberries.

The Chorallaries invite their alumni on stage to perform one of their oldest and most popular songs, "The Engineer's Drinking Song."

Photography by Yiwen Zhan



Ramblings From Hell

An Open Letter to Dan Bane, Chairman and CEO of Trader Joe's

By S. Campbell Proehl
CAMPUS LIFE COLUMNIST

Dear Mr. Bane:

I am writing to you to discuss my dissatisfaction with one of your products. Recently, my roommate purchased a quart of your "pleasantly tart" nonfat plain frozen yogurt containing "live and active cultures."

I buy all of my groceries at Trader Joe's and was surprised to find this product in my freezer, as I had never once seen it in stores. I inquired as to whether it could possibly be real frozen yogurt, considering I had never once in my life come across true plain frozen yogurt in a grocery store. "Of course it's real," my roommate assured me, "Trader Joe's doesn't sell imitation foods."

In a moment of weakness, I blindly accepted this statement for fact. I dipped a metal spoon into the technicolor carton and immediately noticed the soft, creamy texture that made the yogurt a pleasure to scoop. I became a slave to my first spoonful. It was heavenly — pure, unadulterated nectar of the gods.

Over the course of the next week, I devoured the entire carton. I even used your frozen raspberries to make a tart sauce, which I ever-so-elegantly dribbled over the round alabaster scoops nesting in my ceramic bowl.

I never bothered to check the nutrition facts, assuming that nonfat yogurt contained negligible amounts of sugar, zero grams of fat, and a fair percentage of my daily calcium.

I believed I had found a guilty pleasure without the guilt — a fountain of youth, if you will. I imagined being eighty years old and eating that raspberry yogurt on a rocking chair next to my husband, who, thanks to this fat-free, high-calcium dessert, had aged late and gracefully like Robert Redford.

You can imagine my surprise the day I realized that this dream could never come true. I had just concocted a raspberry treat for a striking young lad waiting patiently in the other room of my apartment, after convincing him of the health benefits and the pure pleasure that could be derived from such a treat.

Upon tasting your nonfat plain yogurt containing live and active cultures, he was relieved that he, too, had finally found the dessert of paradise lost. He was also ecstatic at the idea of having found a dessert that contained no corn syrup, since he is allergic to all products containing corn.

"Goodness, I can't believe it's not ice cream!" he remarked, "I wonder what's in this?"

"It's yogurt," I answered, "Just pure nonfat plain yogurt containing live and active cultures. But let me check just for fun."

After removing the carton from the freezer, I was shocked to find that your product, advertised as real yogurt, contained only one gram of protein, 6 percent of the recommended dose of daily calcium, and 13 grams of sugar. Furthermore, the third ingredient on the list was corn syrup solids. We were appalled.

Not to mention that this lad's health had been compromised.

I was particularly crestfallen, though, when I compared the nutrition facts for this frozen yogurt to those on the back of your single serving nonfat Greek-style yogurt with honey. Here are that product's nutritional highlights, after normalizing for a serving size of equal weight: Protein: 8.96 g, Sugar: 8.32 g, Calcium: 9.6 percent DV. In reality, these numbers are much higher for your Greek Yogurt, considering its serving weighs 1.5 times that

of the frozen yogurt, with a zero percent increase in fat.

How could this be real yogurt if it contains no protein? Is not yogurt derived from milk? The ingredients information on the frozen plain yogurt lists "skim milk" first. If we compare the nutritional values for the skim milk you sell in your stores, a single serving should contain eight grams of protein and 30 percent of my daily calcium. I'm confused. Where did all the protein go?

I am currently contemplating placing the Greek yogurt containers in my freezer to serve as my new frozen treats.

It is disappointing to me that Trader Joe's would be advertising a product as yogurt if it is not entirely yogurt, which I suspect it isn't. On your website you claim, "We strip away all the fancy stuff and focus on the important things like natural ingredients and inspiring flavors."

I doubt that this yogurt is natural. And now, it is no longer inspiring.

It is my hope that you will find some way to rectify this situation.

Sincerely,
S. Campbell Proehl

A copy of this letter was sent this morning to Dan Bane, chairman and CEO of Trader Joe's.

I believed I had found a guilty pleasure without the guilt — a fountain of youth, if you will.



Concert Choir Sings Beethoven And Haydn

The MIT Concert Choir hosted their Spring Concert on May 3 in Kresge Auditorium, where they performed with a professional orchestra.
(counter-clockwise from top left)

Dr. William C. Cutter, conductor of the MIT Concert Choir, takes a bow.

Members of the choir perform "Te Deum for the Empress Marie Therese" by Franz Joseph Haydn.

Martin Frankland G performs a solo during "Mass in C major, Op. 86," by Ludwig van Beethoven.

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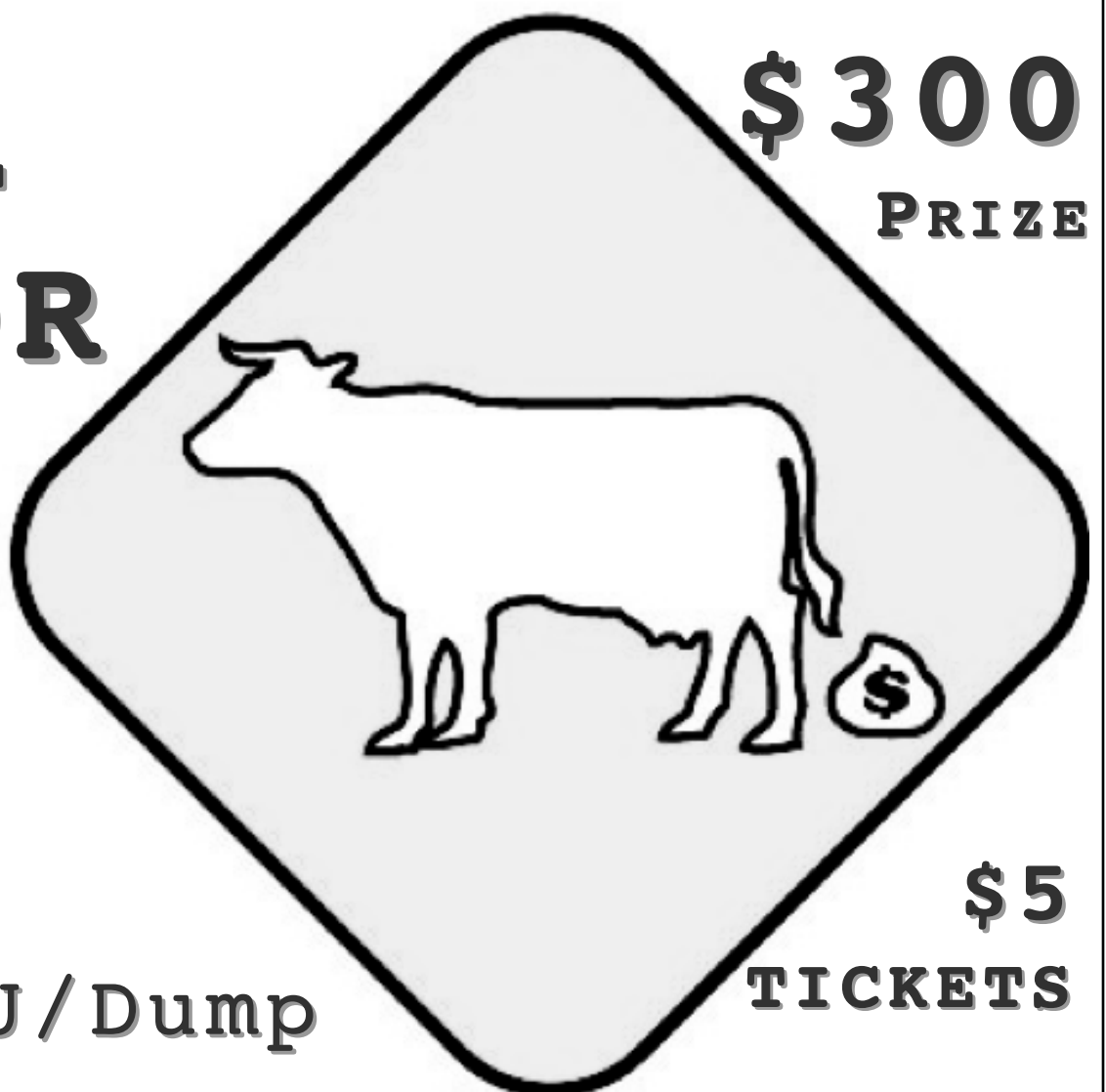
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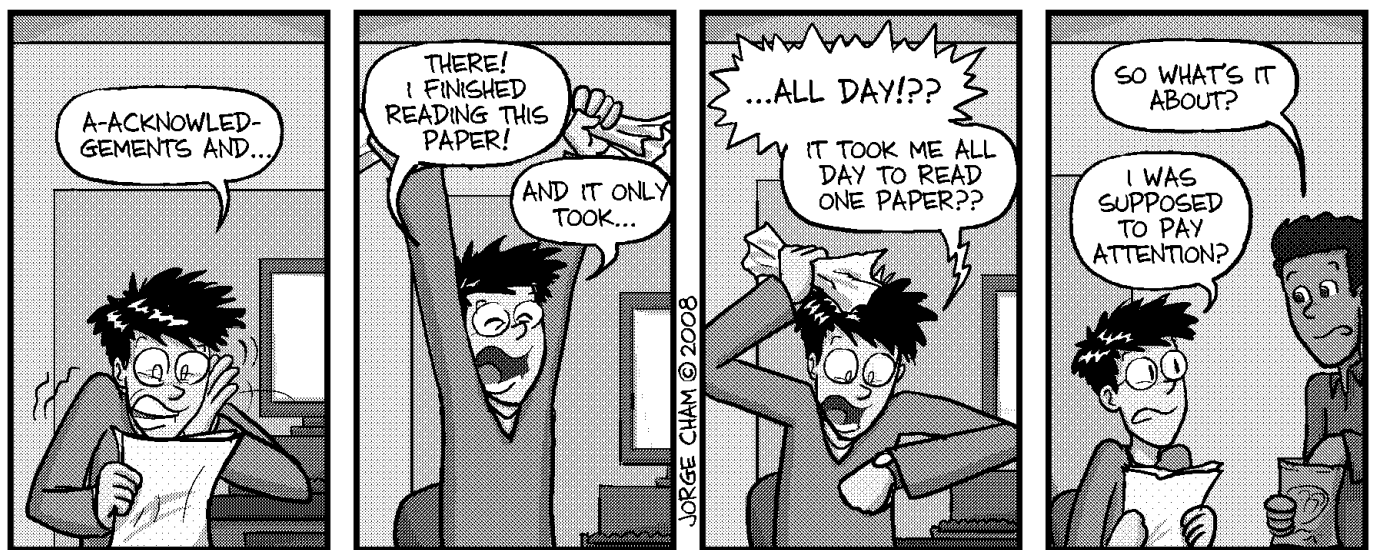
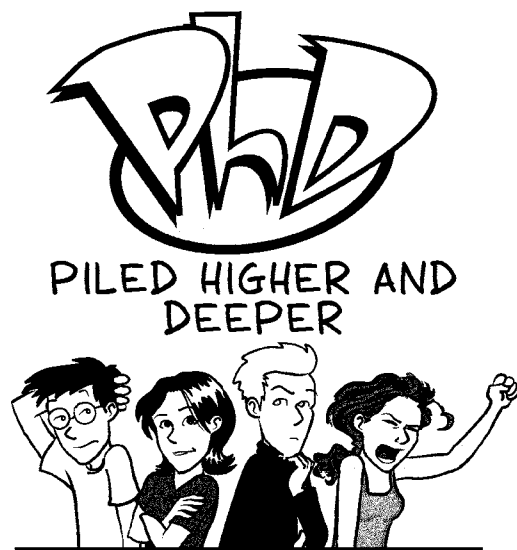
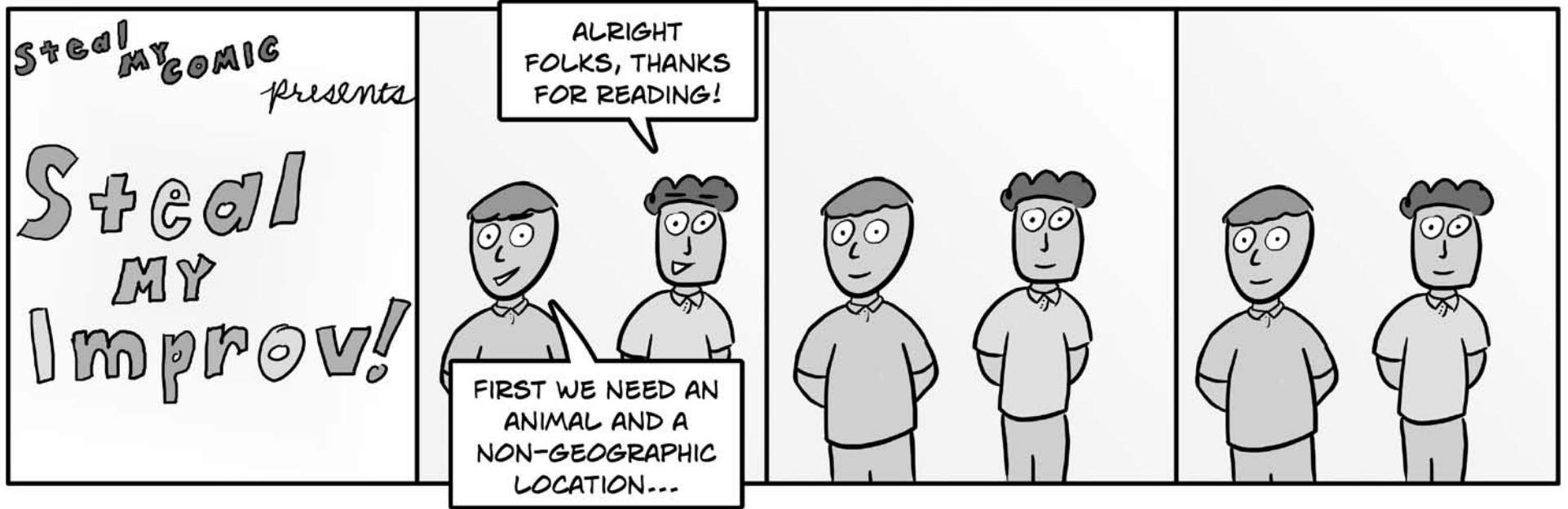
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Crossword Puzzle

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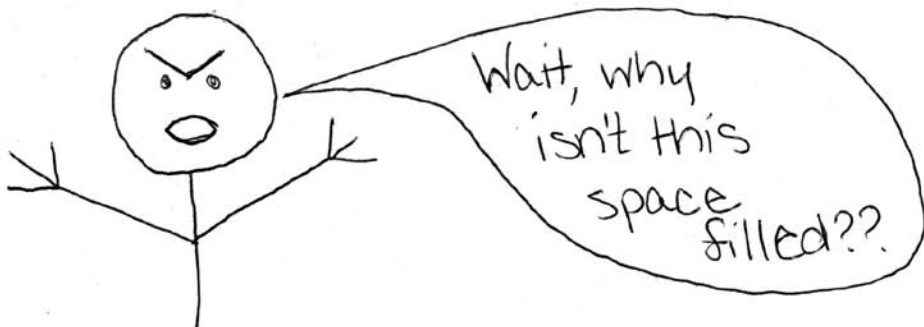
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Roasting Pit, Mud Wrestling, Music Ignite Steer Roast

Senior House's annual Steer Roast took place last weekend starting with the traditional ignition of the steer-roasting pit and mud wrestling followed by a series of concerts.

(counter-clockwise from top left)

Flames emerging from the steer-roasting pit mark the beginning of Steer Roast on May 1.

Henry and Cynthia Jenkins kicked off the mud wrestling with their last match as Senior House housemasters, as Professor Henry Jenkins has decided to accept a position at the University of Southern California.

Erik D. Fogg G mud-wrestles Terral R. Jordan '07 after the ignition of the roast pit.

Zoig-Ma-Noig performs at Senior House.

Psychedelic rock band Major Stars show off their skills on May 2 at Senior House.

Senior House residents, alumni and guests observe a roll of flaming toilet paper descending from the roof to light the steer-roasting pit.

(center)

Electronic band Triangle Forest plays at Senior House.

Photography by Eric D. Schmiedl



Universities Cut Teams as They Trim Their Budgets

By Ken Belson
THE NEW YORK TIMES

After three decades of steady growth in the number of teams and student-athletes, colleges and universities large and small, private and public, east and west, are slashing millions of dollars from their sports budgets.

Colleges have dismissed athletic staff, reduced hours for pools and practice courts, and increased equipment and facility fees. Some have also cut the size of their travel squads, eliminated trips requiring air travel and done away with housing teams in hotels the night before home games.

Institutions facing fat deficits have risked the wrath of students, parents and alumni and cut scholarships and teams. The University of Cincinnati wiped out scholarships for three men's sports: track, cross-country and swimming. Stanford University told its fencing teams to look for other financing.

The University of Massachusetts dropped its ski teams, and Kutztown University in Pennsylvania eliminated its men's soccer and men's swimming teams. On Friday, the University of Washington said it would cut its swimming teams to save as much as \$1.2 million, less than half of the spending that the athletic department needs to reduce.

"We just couldn't make cuts across the board anymore," said Blake James, the athletic director at the University of Maine, explaining why his department cut its men's soccer and women's volleyball programs. "We were bleeding our programs to death."

Even the wealthiest universities are pinched. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology announced it was cutting eight teams — Alpine skiing, competitive pistol, golf, wrestling and men's and women's ice hockey and gymnastics — as a way to trim \$1.5 million from its athletic budget.

Taken together, the cuts could deeply alter the college sports landscape. The gap will widen between the haves with television and sponsorship deals, and the have-nots that rely mostly on alumni and their universities for financing.

"One of the things we have to worry about is competitive equity," said Myles Brand, the president of the NCAA. "If some schools have too small a budget, it could affect their play, and that isn't fair."

Programs that disappear are unlikely to return, particularly in Olympic sports like gymnastics and swimming. That could lead to less diversity on campuses and weaken the country's prowess at international events.

"It may take a couple of years to shake out," said Robert Bowlsby, the director of athletics at Stanford, which cut \$1.8 million from its athletic budget this year and plans to save \$3 million next year and \$4.5 million in 2011. "Once programs go away, they seldom come back. And if they do, they take many years to start again because all the remaining athletes are off campus and the money gets used for something else."

College sports have grown steadily during the past three decades thanks to Title IX, which provided equal opportunity in men's and women's sports. An increase in television and sponsorship dollars and growing pressure from alumni to spend more on athletics have fueled a surge in sports programs, too.

According to NCAA figures, a record 17,682 college teams competed in the 2007-8 academic year, 60 percent more than in 1981-82. During that time, the number of student-athletes grew 78 percent, to a record 412,768.

The number of women's teams has increased drastically, particularly in sports like lacrosse and soccer, thanks partly to growth in the number of youth leagues. The number of men's teams has also risen, though more modestly.

Sports like fencing, gymnastics and wrestling have gradually disappeared on campuses, overshadowed by more prominent baseball, basketball and football teams.

Yet only twice in the past two decades — in 1988-89 and 1997-98 — has there been a net decline in the number of men's and women's athletic programs nationally.

The growth in college athletics has made it harder to cut back during lean times because of resistance from students — especially those with athletic scholarships — their parents, alumni, sponsors and civic boosters.

"There's great pressure on schools to win," said John Cheslock, who teaches at the Center for the Study of Higher Education at the University of Arizona. "If I'm an athletic

director and I drop a sport, I'm going to have everyone who plays the sport angry at me, as well as parents and former athletes and donors."

Though official figures are not yet available, Brand said he expected the number of athletic programs to shrink about 1 percent this year,

The gap will widen between the haves with television and sponsorship deals, and the have-nots that rely mostly on alumni and their universities for financing.

or by about 130 teams.

"We've seen some sports close because of financial reasons in the past, but that was spotty," he said. "This is the worst I've seen it."

He said he did not have a forecast for the 2009-10 academic year.

There are, to be sure, sacred cows. At many universities, football and basketball bring in more money than they spend, because of strong support from alumni, ticket sales and television and sponsorship revenue.

Some programs are so wealthy that they subsidize entire athletic departments. In the 2007-8 season, the Southeastern Conference distributed an average of \$5.3 million in football and basketball television revenue to each of its 12 members. In August, the SEC signed 15-year television contracts with ESPN and CBS that will generate even more money.

Last week, the Arkansas athletic department said it would spend \$1 million to help the university avoid increasing tuition. In December, the athletic department at South Carolina agreed to steer \$1 million of its television revenue back to the university.

"There's no doubt that most if not all our institutions are experiencing budget issues with their state legislatures," said Mike Slive, the commissioner of the SEC. "To the extent that our athletic departments can assist, they've done that."

Because many tickets to SEC football games for the coming season were sold before the downturn, universities may not feel the effect of the recession for another six or eight months, Slive said.

The Ohio Valley Conference, which includes 11 universities in Alabama, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri and Tennessee, is not so fortunate. It reduced the number of teams that play in conference champion-

ship tournaments to six, eliminated media days before the football and basketball seasons (instead conducting news conferences online), and stopped printing media guides.

"We were doing cost containment before cost containment was cool," said Jon A. Steinbrecher, the conference commissioner until last week, when he took over as the head of the Mid-American Conference. "It's not huge dollars, but by the time you eliminate two media days and print media guides, you're talking \$25,000 to \$40,000 in savings."

Teams in the conference are taking buses on longer trips to avoid flying, and staying overnight less often.

At Lehigh, which has 25 varsity sports and competes in the Patriot League, athletes on the volleyball, field hockey and soccer teams will return to campus only a few days before dormitories open, instead of a full week. The change will save the athletic department about \$20,000 in room and board.

Joe Sterrett, Lehigh's athletic director, trimmed \$250,000 from his budget. He said he was also concerned about a potential decline in the number of athletes who attend the university's sports camps, which bring in as much as \$900,000 each summer.

"You have to look for ways to squeeze," he said.

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Swine Flu Shuts Down Harvard Dental School; MIT Is Spared

Swine Flu, from Page 1

confirmed at MIT, but there are two probable cases.

The first is an MIT student who felt ill after returning to Mexico and came to Medical on Thursday, April 23. The student came in before swine flu was an international concern, and he was not tested for the flu. He has since recovered, and testing can no longer confirm now whether he had swine flu, said Howard M. Heller, director of internal medicine at MIT Medical.

The *Boston Herald* was told by Boston's infectious disease bureau that "the illness was traced back to a female third-year dental student believed to have contracted the illness from a friend who doesn't attend the school but recently came back from Mexico," a situation that exactly matches the MIT student.

The MIT student was linked by a chain of infections to the probable Harvard Dental infections, said Louise Rice, director of public health and nursing at the Cambridge Public Health Department.

The second probable case of swine flu at MIT is a former spouse of an MIT employee, student MedLinks were told on Friday night. The person lives off campus and has only one connection to MIT: they receive treatment at MIT Medical. The person tested positive for Influenza A, but results of a test for H1N1 were not yet available.

Flu spreads slowly

The flu has so far killed just one person among 279 cases reported in the United States, according to CDC statistics reported yesterday morning. People who catch the swine flu usually recover, much like people who catch seasonal influenza.

Swine Flu Q&A

¶ **Should I care about swine flu?** If you catch influenza, you will feel sick for several days. If you're very young, old, or have pneumonia or asthma, the flu could cause dangerous complications. The swine flu (influenza A subtype H1N1) has been blamed for more than a hundred deaths in Mexico, numbers that caused worldwide alarm last week. But the confirmed death toll in Mexico is much lower — 25 deaths among 590 laboratory-confirmed cases, according to the World Health Organization. The United States had one death in 286 cases, according to the CDC. The disease "is not stronger than regular seasonal flu," said Homeland Security Secretary Janet A. Napolitano last night.

¶ **What are swine flu's symptoms?** The swine flu has the same symptoms as influenza: coughing, a sore throat, fever, headache, tiredness, and aches. Less common symptoms include diarrhea and vomiting. Fever, cough, and respiratory illness are the primary symptoms, the Centers for Disease Control said in a press briefing.

¶ **I don't want to get sick. What should I do?** Wash your hands. Don't touch your eyes, nose, or mouth when you're out in public; you might touch something which a sick person touched or coughed on.

¶ **I feel sick. What should I do?** Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze. Avoid healthy people. Visit MIT Medical and you may become healthy more quickly.

¶ **Can swine flu be treated?** Yes. Treatment with the antivirals that MIT stocks will shorten the duration of illness by a day or two, said Howard M. Heller, Medical Chief of Internal Medicine.

¶ **Should I visit MIT Medical?** If you feel very sick, especially if you think you might have influenza, you should call Medical for an appointment (617-253-4481). If none are available, you will be directed to MIT Medical's urgent care (open 24 hours a day, free for students). If you are mildly ill, stay at home, the Massachusetts public health department said yesterday.

¶ **I don't feel sick. Should I go to Medical anyway?** No. Try not to hang out around sick people during flu season. MIT Medical's Urgent Care counts as "around sick people."

¶ **Should I go to Mexico?** If your travel is not essential, you shouldn't go, the Centers for Disease Control said on Monday night in an advisory available online at <http://www.cdc.gov/travel/>. If you've recently come back from Mexico and don't feel ill, you're probably fine.

In Mexico last week, more than one hundred deaths were attributed to the flu, prompting health officials across the globe to prepare for the worst. In the U.S., some schools and public parks were closed to try to prevent spread of the disease, which has slowly spread across the country. The World Health Organization said that a global pandemic of the virus was imminent, and its pandemic level remained at 5, the second-highest level, over the weekend.

In the U.S., most people who get the flu feel bad for a few days then recover. In Massachusetts, 34 cases of swine flu were confirmed as of yesterday, 23 of those in Middlesex County. Three of those 23 people had been hospitalized but were discharged as of yesterday, according to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Cambridge has paid close attention to patients entering local hospitals, but there were no confirmed cases of swine flu in the city as of yesterday afternoon, Rice said before the DPH's Monday-night confirmation of 28 more cases.

The surge in confirmations on Monday can be attributed to the state performing tests locally, at the Hinton State Laboratory Institute. Earlier tests were performed by the CDC in Atlanta, where Massachusetts samples competed with many others for priority in the lab.

Even as swine flu furor has

seemed to subside, Boston has seen aggressive responses to the swine flu.

Graduating seniors at Northeastern University's commencement were asked not to shake hands with the official handing out diplomas, the *Boston Globe* reported. Separately, Boston University closed its orthodontic clinic until Friday after a resident at its Goldman School of Dental Medicine was diagnosed with a probable case of swine flu, the *Globe* reported.

At MIT, a much-anticipated visit by the Dalai Lama to Kresge Auditorium last Thursday went on as scheduled, although ticketholders were asked not to come if they felt sick.

An Institute-wide "Spring Break" advertised on Friday was canceled on Saturday evening by Kirk D. Kolenbrander, Vice President for Institute Affairs and Secretary of the Corporation, who sent out both the invitation and the cancellation.

Uncertainty about the state of flu containment on campus made the decision prudent, Kolenbrander said. And it had to be made far in advance, he said. "It's not like we can decide on Tuesday not to do it on Wednesday."

Will the party be rescheduled? Maybe not for the spring, he said. But "maybe we can do something for the community this summer, or in the fall when everyone is back."

Final Election Results

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Community Colleges Challenge Hierarchy with 4-Year Degrees

By Tamar Lewin
THE NEW YORK TIMES

MIAMI

When LaKisha Coleman received her associate's degree at Miami Dade Community College six years ago, her best bet for a bachelor's degree seemed to be at the more expensive Florida International University.

But nowadays, Miami Dade College — the "Community" has been dropped — offers bachelor's degrees in teaching and nursing and public safety management, and will soon add engineering technology, film production and others. Coleman returned to Miami Dade two years ago and is about to graduate with a degree in public safety management.

Coleman now recommends the college to family members. "It's much cheaper, the teachers are good, you can do it in the evening while you work, and everyone's very helpful," she said.

As Coleman discovered, the line between community colleges and

four-year universities is blurring.

Florida leads the way, with 14 community colleges authorized to offer bachelor's degrees, and 12 already doing so. But nationwide, 17 states, including Nevada, Texas and Washington, have allowed community colleges to award associate's and bachelor's degrees, and in some, the community colleges have become four-year institutions. Other states are considering community college baccalaureates.

In most cases, the expanding community colleges argue that they are fulfilling a need, providing four-year degrees to working people who often lack the money or the time to travel to a university. But some of those universities are fighting back, saying the community colleges are involved in "mission creep" that may distract them from their traditional mission and lead to watered-down bachelor's degrees.

Miami Dade's president, Eduardo J. Padron, said the baccalaureate pro-

grams were part of his institution's mission of serving the community.

"We supply the area's nurses and the teachers, and we respond quickly to new work force needs in our community, training people for real jobs," Padron said. "You won't see us starting a B.A. in sociology. We're offering degrees in things the universities don't want to do."

Community-college baccalaureates challenge the educational hierarchy's boundaries between the research mission of universities, the teaching mission of colleges and open admissions for community colleges.

"The old categories that divided the world up between big-picture and applied-skills are out of date and dysfunctional," said Carol Geary Schneider, president of the Association of American Colleges and Universities. "So colleges and universities of all kinds — two-year, four-year, public and private — are feeling their way toward a synthesis."

New Tech Barber Faced Tension And Competition from Technicuts

Barber Eviction, from Page 1

shop in the Student Center basement. Technicuts was given a space closer to the stairwell, while New Tech Barber was located down the hallway.

Fichera said he thought that, due to the way the shops were arranged, people often confused the two barbershops with one another, and many customers go to Technicuts because they see it first. "People didn't even bother to look," said Fichera. "Once

you walk down the stairway — bam, there it is: Technicuts."

He said his low income was not caused by low service quality.

Joyce Merrick, owner of Technicuts and a hairstylist there, described the relationship between her business and New Tech Barber as touchy. Initially, the written agreement between the two installations was that Technicuts would not give military-style haircuts, while New Tech Barber would not be allowed to use color

highlights. According to Merrick, the agreement was short-lived. The shops failed to make a clear distinction between the services that each were offering.

Fichera said that his father worked as a barber on the MIT campus back when the Coop offered the primary hair service for students. According to Fichera, when his father's barber service first opened, his father cut the hair of former MIT President Paul E. Gray '54 when he was a student.

Police Log

The following incidents were reported to the Campus Police between April 1 and April 30. This information is compiled from the Campus Police's crime log. The report does not include alarms, general service calls, or incidents not reported to the dispatcher.

- Feb 2:** Bldg. 56, 9:00 a.m., department receiving annoying phone calls.
- Mar 1:** Bldg. 35, 6:00 p.m., past larceny of a laptop.
- Mar 23:** 64 Bay State Road (Theta Xi), 12:00 noon, electronics stolen.
- Apr 1:** Student Center, 12:00 noon, larceny of a laptop.
- Apr 2:** Bldg. 12, 5:00 p.m., larceny of water cooler.
- Apr 3:** 229 Vassar Street, 9:00 a.m., larceny of identity theft by credit card information. Bldg. E32, 11:00 a.m., wallet stolen and credit cards used.
- Apr 4:** Bldg. W4, 8:30 p.m., theft of bicycle from in front of McCormick Hall. Bldg. W4, 6:15 p.m., suspicious male entered female's room delivering food.
- Apr 5:** Bldg. W4, 3:00 p.m., bicycle stolen from bike rack at McCormick.
- Apr 8:** Bldg. 50, 10:00 a.m., larceny of tools. Broad Institute (414 Main Street), 4:00 p.m., past threats made to security guard at the Broad Institute; person making threats was gone upon police arrival.
- Apr 10:** Bldg. 32 (Child Care office), 8:00 a.m., larceny of cash. Bldg. 1, 10:00 a.m., bicycle was stolen from outside building 1. Building W51, 9:00 p.m., male's laptop stolen from W51 lounge. Student Center, 10:43 p.m., white male acting suspicious. Trespass warning issued.
- Apr 11:** Bldg. W34, 7:30 p.m., larceny of wallet from Zesiger Center Women's Locker Room. 233 Massachusetts Avenue, 11:30 p.m., report of male's stolen cell phone.
- Apr 12:** ADP (351 Massachusetts Avenue), 3:00 p.m., report of male's wallet stolen from Zesiger Center. 526 Beacon St. (Delta Upsilon), 5:20 a.m., larceny of food.
- Apr 13:** Bldg. W34 (120 Vassar Street), 7:40 a.m., backpack and laptop taken from inside track while working out in gym. Bldg. 46 (46 Vassar Street), 3:59 p.m., two individuals acting suspicious around bikes.

- Apr 14:** Trespass warning issued. Bldg 3, 4:20 p.m., report of male's wallet stolen from Zesiger Center.
- Apr 16:** 526 Beacon Street (Delta Upsilon), 3:00 a.m., report of past breaking and entering to Boston fraternity. Consumable property.
- Apr 17:** Bldg. 4, 4:00 p.m., prototype of new wheelchair stolen from lab area. Bldg. 32, 4:15 p.m., larceny of folding chairs.
- Apr 18:** Bldg. W61, 5:34 a.m., report of a female yelling "stop." Arrest of Mark A. Norsworthy '09, 450 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, MA. Placed under arrest for domestic assault and battery. Bldg. NW21, 5:03 p.m., check on rear of tracks, homeless person identified and sent to shelter.
- Apr 20:** Bldg. W85, 11:10 p.m., report of possible domestic violence; responding units spoke with residents of the room. All appeared to be OK. No evidence of domestic violence at that time.
- Apr 21:** 403 Memorial Drive, 2:00 a.m., larceny of laptop and cash. Bldg. 16, 5:00 p.m., report that someone attempted to break into office.
- Apr 22:** Bldg. W71, 1:00 p.m., past larceny of a bicycle. W79 (229 Vassar Street), 3:00 p.m., larceny by false pretences. Craigslist scam.
- Apr 28:** Bldg. W32, 7:45 a.m., ID and \$3 stolen from locker in Zesiger Center. Bldg. NW14, 1:30 p.m., laptop stolen from office area.
- Apr 29:** Longfellow bridge, 8:00 a.m., suspect described as white male, 40s, red t-shirt, jeans, sunglasses, baseball cap pulled knife on victim in the area of Memorial Drive and Longfellow Bridge. Cambridge Police and State Police notified and given description.
- Apr 30:** Random Hall (Bldg. NW61), 12:45 a.m., Female reports being followed by suspicious white male 5'7" light brown hair and pony tail from W20 to area to Random Hall.
- Apr 30:** Bldg. 7, 3:44 p.m., MIT officers off with suspect in a past simple assault which occurred on Massachusetts Avenue., Cambridge Police report.

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Recession Forces Students to Be More Creative in Job Hunts

Job Market, from Page 1

leges and Employers. And, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, unemployment among people with bachelor's degrees has risen to 4.3 percent in March 2009, up from 2 percent a year earlier.

This dimmer reality was evident at the Spring Career Fair held last Tuesday, April 28, in Walker Memorial, which the Career Development Center organized specially in light of the recession. Many attendees were students looking for somewhere to work after graduating in June.

The economic downturn is changing not just the number of opportunities available but also the industries in which students are able to find work. The hardest-hit industries should come as no surprise: Finance and consulting firms, which have historically attracted about a third of MIT graduates, have cut off their hiring more than most. Meanwhile, government offices and companies that draw government contracts are doing better than the norm: health care and energy are growing sectors, said Robert Dolan, a counselor in the Global Education and Career Development Center (GECCD).

Because of the flux in these sectors, students should "put on their wide-angled lenses and look at opportunities across sectors," said Dolan.

Joseph S. Lee '09, a Course XVIII (Mathematics) major, has been targeting jobs in trading, as opposed to other areas of finance.

"[It] is in the finance area but it's better than [investment] banking or hedge funds ... because it's kept its head out of the water," said Lee.

Even in trading, though, Lee has not yet found an offer. He said that mathematics hadn't prepared him

very well for finding work in trading these days since math is not specifically geared toward finance.

"Course XV [(Management)] classes are helping me the most," he said.

If finance doesn't work out, Lee plans to take a year off and apply to graduate school in business or math.

Esteban L. Hufstedler '09, a Course XVI (Aeronautics and Astronautics) major, said that the tough job market had forced him to consider a broader range of Course XVI-related jobs and companies than he originally did not plan to consider.

Hufstedler said he preferred a job in aerodynamics and had applied, unsuccessfully, to some of the best-established aerospace companies, such as Boeing and Aurora.

Hufstedler, who began his search in the fall, said he has started looking at companies in the military industry.

Often, in this economy, the money is where the government is; Hufstedler said he planned to apply to one defense contractor, Raytheon, which is hiring hundreds of workers to fill a large government contract.

Course VIII (Physics) senior Amrita V. Masurkar, who has accepted an offer from Raytheon already, said she also had not ended up in the field she originally targeted. She was originally hoping to work in optics.

Masurkar said she applied to between 30 and 40 companies, mostly small ones, and said she thought the small companies were "having a hard time" and that optics firms "weren't really hiring at the entry level."

Some students have decided not only to look in other fields but to look in other countries.

"More non-U.S. citizens may have to go back to their home countries," Dolan said.

Tips for landing offers

Dolan said that the GECCD has "expanded its outreach to students" this year. He said that, before the recession, an effective first step in a job search was to simply post a resume on CareerBridge, an online system that connects students with employers. Now, he said, many students must "do networking and expand their search strategy in order to increase the odds of being successful."

He said that these days internships can be more valuable in finding employment as some employers

are drawing more exclusively from their previous interns for new staff.

Patricio D. Ramirez Munoz G, co-president of the Science and Engineering Business Club, described some of the effects of the economic downturn on later stages of the job-searching process.

"In the interviewing phase, there are fewer interviews and longer delays to hear back from companies," he said. He said one company had interviewed several students on campus, intending to hire, but ended up not giving any offers since its outlook had worsened after the interviews occurred.

Ramirez Munoz also noted that companies had started placing students on wait lists for positions that might open up in the future.

Companies have become more selective in their hiring, Ramirez Munoz said, more frequently requiring that students have skills specific to their sectors instead of general technical adeptness.

"It's becoming harder to change fields," he said.

Ramirez Munoz suggested that MIT students put more energy into preparing for interviews and work on developing "soft skills" to improve their odds in hunts for jobs in business.

"Students should have really good stories to tell their interviewers and should know their fields really well," he said.

Reasons for optimism

Despite the difficulties some students are facing, many seniors' career searches have not been impacted by the recession and have landed them the jobs they most coveted.

Elizabeth G. Reid, a Masters student in Course VI (Electrical Engineering and Computer Science), said that she would be working at Apple, where she interned during the past two summers, after graduating in June. Reid also said that most of her friends in Course VI had not had trouble finding offers.

Mikey M. Fujihara '09, a Course 18C (Mathematics with Computer Science) major, said he had found his job, software engineering at Referentia Systems, in November without much trouble.

"The company said they were doing pretty well," he said.

And, said Dolan, MIT students are well-suited for the government jobs cropping up this year.

"The government is hiring like crazy and is looking for very technical skill sets coming from this campus," Dolan said.

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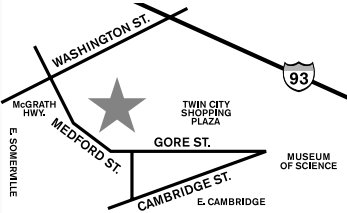
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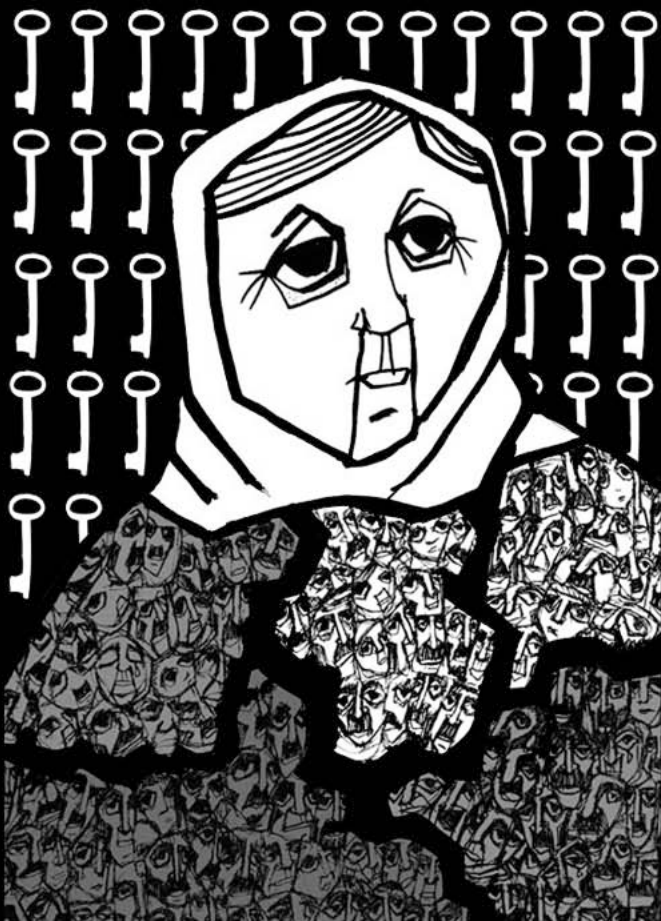
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The Muses held their spring concert entitled "College MUSEical" on May 3 in 10-250.

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Jenna A. Berkowitz '09 performs "Fabulous" from *High School Musical 2*.

Cassandra L. Swanberg '12 closes the Muses' spring concert with "Can't Help Falling in Love."

Phitchaya Phothilimthana '12, accompanying Swanberg, sings "Can't Help Falling in Love."

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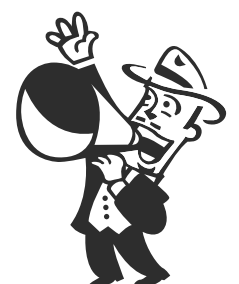


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SPORTS

Women's Track Wins New England Championship; Men Take Second

By Greg McKeever
DAPER STAFF

The MIT men's track and field team picked up a second-straight runner-up finish at the NCAA New England Division III Outdoor Championship over the weekend at Springfield College. Despite winning just two individual events, the Engineers were able to secure a comfortable second-place standing with 108 points, well ahead of third-place Springfield's total of 56. Sophomore Stephen A. Morton '10 eclipsed a 73-year old Institute record with his winning effort in the long jump.

Morton jumped 24'2.25" to better Stanley Johnson's mark of 24'2.00" feet, set in 1936. That distance was good for an automatic qualification into the NCAA Championship and currently stands as the fourth best in the nation. Morton added a strong showing in the triple jump en route to a second-place finish. The junior jumped 48'4.75", just two inches shy of the automatic qualifying standard but currently the sixth-best mark in Division III.

Tech's other event win came in the 3000m Steeplechase, as Richard J. Prevost '11 and Paul D. Welle '11 combined for a dominant one-two sweep. Prevost edged Welle by just 2.25 seconds, crossing the finish line in 9:26.54. Both runners finished more than seven seconds faster than their closest competitor.

The Cardinal and Grey picked up key points in the 10,000-meter run with three top-six performances. Jake J. Ruzevick '09 (32:42.00) led the way with a fourth-place finish. He was immediately followed by Daniel E. Harper '12 (32:47.98) and Jack H. Bourbonnais '10 (33:17.21).

Greg D. Tao '10 and Nathan E. Peterson '12 placed second and third, respectively, in the pole vault, with Tao vaulting 14'9.00". Nathaniel S. Sharpe '09 also earned points in the event with a fifth-place showing. Mitchell J. Kelley '11 was a runner-up in the discus with his toss of 149'00".

Williams College took home the team title with a total of 136.66 points.

The Engineers will be back in action at the NEICAAA Championship next week. The meet, hosted by UMass-Amherst, begins Thursday afternoon and ends Saturday.

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For the first time in program history, the MIT women's track & field team captured the NCAA New England Division III Outdoor Championship at Springfield College over the weekend. The Engineers edged out nine-time defending champions, Williams College, with 152.50 team points. The outdoor title followed up Tech's win at the New England Division III Indoor meet earlier this year.

Sophomore Hazel L. Briner '11 put the Cardinal and Grey ahead early with her first-place finish in the Hephathalon on Friday. Briner claimed the top spot in the 100m hurdles and the shot put and added a pair of second-place efforts in the high jump and the 200-meter dash on her way to a point total of 3972.

The Engineers' championship effort was aided by strong performances in the relay events, picking up two wins and a fourth-place finish. The 4x800m relay squad of Alicia J. Kaestli '12, Jacqueline M. Wentz '10, Adrienne M. Bolger '09, and Andrea E. Bradshaw '09 shattered the meet and Institute records with a time of 9:13.96, more than four seconds better than the previous meet record and nearly nine seconds faster than the previous MIT record-holders. The 4x400m relay also picked up first-place points, as Jamie L. Simmons '12, Portia M. Jones '12, Martha M. Gross '12 and Kirsten H. Aarsvold '11 teamed up to run 3:57.76.

Simmons and Jones were a part of the 4x100 relay that finished fourth, along with Margaret C. Leibovic '10 and Amy R. Magnuson '10.

In addition to her role in the relays, Jones pulled off the 200/400m double, winning the two events with times of 25.69 and 57.24 seconds, respectively. Simmons also helped MIT's cause with third-place finishes in the 400 and the 400m hurdles.

Wentz added a win in the 3000m Steeplechase, finishing in 10:47.46 to narrowly break her own Institute record. Wentz also eclipsed the program standard in the 800m with a time of 2:15.76, good for third overall.

Tech's other event wins came in the pole vault and the 100m hurdles. Emily Hwang '09 bettered her own school record in the vault, clearing 12-7.50 feet to automatically qualify for the NCAA Championship. Hwang currently has the third-best mark in Division III. Magnuson ran 14.39 to clip Elise Johnson of Williams in the hurdles, earning what would prove to be crucial first-place points for the Cardinal and Grey. Magnuson now stands fifth on the NCAA Division III performance list.

The Engineers become the first team to win regional titles at both the indoor and outdoor meets in the same season since Williams pulled off the sweep in 2007.

MIT hopes to build on this historic performance next week at the NEICAAA Championship hosted by UMass-Amherst. The meet begins on Thursday afternoon and runs through Saturday.

Victory at Columbia Clinches ECTC Cup For Sport Taekwondo

By Tara Sarathi
TEAM MEMBER

After a tense season filled with painstakingly close matches and a narrow overall point difference, the

MIT Sport Taekwondo team took first place at the last ECTC (Eastern Collegiate Taekwondo Conference) tournament of the year at

Columbia University on Saturday, April 25th. For the team, coached by head instructor Master Dan Chuang and led by captains Corinna Hui '09 and Christopher J. Han '09, this victory was an accompaniment to a much greater achievement: the title of ECTC champions for the 2008-2009 season. This is the first time the team has taken home the cup since the 2005-2006 season. Hui was also named female MVP for the league, an honor given to a competitor who shows both excellence in competition and leadership.

The team wasted no time in demonstrating their desire for the ECTC cup. Although MIT had the lead in overall standings going into this tournament, rival Cornell University was close at their heels with only a narrow point difference. The result of this tournament would determine overall league outcome — namely, whether or not MIT would take home the cup for the season.

In the forms competition, MIT kept up its outstanding performance by placing in all the belt divisions. In black belt forms, Daniel J. Souza '11 captured silver in the men's division, while Erika Lee '12 placed third in the women's division.

In red belt forms, Christine Lee '09 and Ranbel F. Sun '10 captured the silver and bronze, respectively, while in the men's division Forrest Liao G seized the bronze. For blue belt forms, Andrew K. Sugaya '11 took the bronze.

As for green belt forms, Hsin-Jung "Sophia" Li '11 and Teresa "Ty" Lin '12 delivered outstanding forms to ob-

tain the gold and bronze respectively, while Ryan A. Rosario '12 demonstrated his prowess and captured the gold. In yellow belt forms, Sharon W. Tam '10 seized the silver.

Even after a promising morning of forms, MIT never relented as the sparing competition began. The ECTC cup was within reach, but the same was true for rival team Cornell.

The men's A1 team (Ning Wu G, Han, Liao) muscled their way through a very competitive bracket to take home the gold for the first time since 2006. They defeated Cornell's top two teams to gain a 185-point swing in the overall standings. As for the women, the A1 team (Shammi Quddus '10, Hui, Christine Chin '09) fought hard and valiantly captured the silver, while A2 (Sun, Han Zhu '09, Stephanie Nix '09) seized bronze.

In B team sparring, men's B1 (Wu, Jason Uh '10, Liao) claimed silver, while the women's B teams once again fought courageously and dominated the division by triple placing, with B1 (Quddus, Zhu, Chin) claiming first, B2 (Sun, Nix, Li) grabbing second, and B3 (Christine Hsueh '11, Lee, Lin) capturing third.

Even the C teams exerted their will to win the cup onto their opponents. Both the women's C1 (Hsueh, Lin, Li) and the men's C1 (Rosario, David Y. Wen '10, Ijeoma "EJ" Ermeagwali '12) showed their force by snatching the gold.

At the end of the day, the determination and audacity of the team paid off as MIT walked away from the ring as winners of the tournament and as ECTC champions. The victory rounds out an amazing season, in which the team won both the ECTC cup and the overall national championships in the same year. Even though the season has ended and the many seniors will now move on to other adventures, the team will never forget the journey to what was described as a fairy tale ending, and will only look forward to a brighter future.

Phillips Named NEWMAC Player of the Year; Barlow Selected Coach of the Year

MIT enjoyed unprecedented recognition as the NEWMAC announced its major award winners and all-conference teams for the 2009 baseball season. Senior Thomas M. Phillips '09 slugged his way to Player of the Year honors behind the best offensive season in team history, while Andy Barlow was named Coach of the Year after guiding the Engineers to an appearance in the NEWMAC Championship for the second time in three years.

Phillips has been a monster at the plate all season, and continues to re-write the Institute's record books with each passing game. Finishing the regular season as the NEWMAC leader in batting average, runs batted in, home runs, and total bases, Phillips is on pace to shatter MIT season records for slugging percentage and on-base percentage. He has already established new Institute records for home runs, RBI, and total bases. In addition to Player of the Year accolades, Phillips was also selected to the All-Conference First Team.

The Engineers also placed three players on the All-Conference Second Team in earning four all-league plaudits for the first time since 1998 when MIT was a member of the Constitution Athletic Conference (CAC). Catcher Daniel E. Hyatt '11, and outfielders Steven M. Nunez '09 and David M. Nole '09 were tabbed with postseason honors to complete Tech's contingent. Hyatt is an outstanding defensive catcher who had thrown out 50 percent of all potential base-stealers (12-for-24) prior to the postseason. Nunez is a terrific two-way player who is also a starting pitcher for MIT while Nole ranks second on the team in runs scored, RBI, and stolen bases. After a slow start, Nole has been devastating for the opposition during the last month of play.

—James Kramer, DAPER Staff

Sports Shorts

Solution to Crossword

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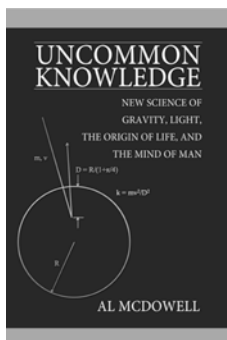
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