Neighbourhood ‘Galileo’ Production Shows His Greatness and Defects

By Louise Kennedy

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The Life of Galileo


Galileo, the astronomer and scientist, was perhaps the most important person of his time, and with his telescope he was able to prove that the earth was not the center of the universe. He was also a great writer, and his works continue to be read today. His life was filled with many accomplishments, but also many challenges.

Police called MIT Facilities to ask for help removing the hemisphere, to avoid a flood of concerned phone calls to the Cambridge Police. MIT police were pretty sure that the hemisphere was just a student prank. It looked like something out of a Wile E. Coyote cartoon, after all. But as police considered how to remove the “bomb,” no one from Burton Third was on site to explain that it was completely harmless and contained no pyrotechnics, or to help take it down.

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Pronunciation Trips Up Amazon's Kindle

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By Tim Arango

The New York Times

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Bank of America was told it would have to come up with $34.9 billion. Wells Fargo will have to find $15.7 billion. And Citigroup must produce another $5.5 billion, on top of the $45 billion that it had already planned to acquire by letting the Treasury become its biggest single shareholder.

Regulators and bank executives alike predicted that most of the institutions would be able to build up the necessary capital from private sources — either by selling off assets or by converting shares of preferred stock into ordinary stock.

But if the Kindle, which not only displays the news but also speaks it with a computerized voice, is ever to be the savior of print media, it needs it by hopeful newspaper and book executives who believe it has the potential to do for newspapers and books what the iPod did for music.

By Edmund L. Andrews

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The weather will remain very springlike. According to the National Weather Service, New England, the record high of 95 degrees will be safely out of reach. In fact, it will warm up to the mid 70s on Saturday afternoon.

The long-awaited results of the "stress tests," a central part of the Obama administration's plan to restore the financial industry to health, set off an3 incremental rise that major institutions for more capital, which they must raise by November.

The verdict was far more upbeat than many in the industry had feared when the tests were first announced in February. And the banks that came up short will have to raise much less than some analysts had expected as recently as a few days ago.

The stress tests were aimed at estimating how much each bank would lose if the economic downside proved even deeper than currently expected. But regulators gave the banks a break by letting them bolster their capital with unusually strong first-quarter profits and also by letting the banks predict modest profits even if the economy again turns down.

Despite an almost tangible sense of relief among the banks and investors, the report card is unlikely to silence an intense debate over whether the Treasury Department and the Federal Reserve let the banks off too easy and gloss over their real problems.

Under the worst-case situation an unemployment rate of 10.3 percent next year, an economic contraction of 3.3 percent this year and a 22 percent further decline in housing prices — the losses by the 19 banks could total $600 billion this year and next, or 9.1 percent of the banks' total loans, regulators concluded. That rate of loss would be higher than any since 1929, including the losses during the Great Depression.

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**Baseball Star Ramirez Is Sport's Latest Drug Failure**

By Michael S. Schmidt

May 8, 2009

By Bill Vlasic

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Pozzie was now left at one of the best hitters in baseball his- torically with a 50-game suspension.

Nearly 30 major league players have been suspended for using perform- ance-enhancing drugs since the government began its bail-out of Chrysler with the goal of qualifying for bankruptcy filing.

"If there was ever a time to shake up the section has had some troubling consequences," said the governor of California, "in the wake of major league baseball use of performance-enhancing drugs, it is now -- the issues of student deaths remains a contentious one here."

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Despite Holder's gesture of reassurance last month, recalled by some lawyers, "it is very, very helpful for us," the governor said, "because, as you know, we have a financial crisis in California. But I want to reassure you all today in California and across America, we will not be short of money when it comes to fighting this fire." More than 9,000 elementary and high school students were evacu- ated from schools because it had been botched by prosecutors, Attorney General Attorney General.

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**Elite Unit's Problems Test Pose for Attorney General**

By Charlie Savage

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Depleted uranium has always been Class A.

Although the Commission’s finding was that large amounts of depleted uranium can be safely disposed of as Class A, depending on the characteristics of the disposal site.

Mr. Yost appears to suggest that the NRC is motivated by politics.

Rather, the Commissioners — be they Republican or Democrat in the voting booth come November — are motivated by a common goal of ensuring the safe use of nuclear power and radioactive materials for the benefit of society.

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The nth Annual Chomsky Rant in Bad Taste; Are We Moving Forward?
Stephen Fried

Contrary to all expectations, the main speaker at this year's Palestine Awareness Week (PAW) was Noam Chomsky. The purpose of this observation, however, is not to criti- cize Chomsky's rhetorical methods, which he exhibited at the Faculty Center, Vol. 128, Issue 65) or to contest the misleading remarks he makes (Mau- sie, Vol. 128, Issue 64). Rather, this is with the organizers who continue to give Chomsky the stage and to provide him with message — and in time and time yet again.

Chomsky also spoke this January about the war in Iraq and the United States' focus on the wider publicized events during the four years of the war at MIT. He tried to bring the problem to the present one. The problem with Chomsky is not that his views are "extreme" or "critical," the problem is that he is always on "that side" where he is not invited or his equivalents. Even more, the official film that was screened at this event, Occupation 101, is literally the same one that was screened for last year's PAW on April 1, 2008.

In a letter that appeared in the May 7, 2007 issue of The Harvard Crimson, activists stated that, "The main reason for the participation of high-stakes actors is being educated, why are we being inundated with Chomsky and his equivalents? The answer to all other discourse — on arguably the most complex political situation in current world af-

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Florencie Galle
"Let’s rewrite the end of the song. And it’s good, it's goin' better now. Cause I'm fixin' to tear you out of your eyes. Feels like the first time. Give me one good reason why we’re all so on fire. It’s a beautiful land. In the 70s, Nepal was counted

"Memories hit hard," said my mother when she traveled to Nepal in May 2008 for the first time. "This is a beautiful land. We were able to come to an accord when it comes to Iran, Turkey and Iran do not have the nuclear arsenals, were called after Obama and Medvedev agreed in London to create a replace-

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The sticky points surround the deployment of a missile defense system in Central Europe to which Obama has re-committed.

Tears and Tragedy in the World’s Youngest Republic

Ram Rijal

Situated at the heart of South Asia, amidst tall mountains of the world, Nepal is a beautiful land. In the 70s, Nepal was counted one of the world’s poorest destinations. As a toddler I still remember saying in my nursery school: "Guests are gods." We used to sing and danced at the shear joy of freedom and the celebration of life. I did not want to inquire further. I feared that I would be persecuted. I knew that the residents who would opt-out of the house dining system. The Senate passed a resolution in mid-June to support the Dining Proposal Committee (DPC) had been published last week.

Stephen Fried is a member of the Class of 2009.
Clinton is expected to attend, will hopefully cease. From Page 5
Russia Confounds Western Pundits by Failing to Collapse

The Tech

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Deception: Ex-Nepali PM Lies to UN Monitors

Since August 2008. We were friends to you man. Let me reveal Prachanda to you. I consider this man to be a power hungry, self-centered villain. Until yesterday, I used to regard him with respect, although I could hardly forget the pains inflicted upon my family and me. Towards the end of the civil war, Prachanda assumed power, he made a promise to protect the nation and our national identity. He promised to the Nepalese people that he would create a society that would eliminate poverty, illiteracy, and suffering. The third poorest country in the world waited for a long time for this opportunity. We crave for a leader who can fulfill our dreams to the best.

But for Prachanda, building power and prosperity was nothing but a way to hord money for his party and establish communist supremacy in the nascent democracy. If you ask me, his declaration of the gold stock video released today by the Image Channel broadcasting network following the resignation of the premier this week is but the culmination of this deceptive rule. The video footage, dating back to January 2009, shows a video conference between some Maoists prior to the general elections in Nepal.

In the video, Prachanda speaks to his cadre and leaders and seems to have been brief by Russian officials into believing that the Peoples' Liberation Army will reduce Nepal armies and with the help of Russian guided missiles for the upcoming election. He said Maoists will never use this election to revamp the PLA combatants, we will capture the army.

What if classes eliminated problem sets, and based your entire grade on the final exam? Share your opinion with the community.
MOVIE REVIEW
A Real-Life Comic Book

Frank Miller’s ‘The Spirit’ Now on DVD

By Danbee Kim

The Spirit
Written and Directed by Frank Miller
Now Available on DVD

T he Spirit is a moving comic book — every shot is a tiny masterpiece, full of details and meaning. Even just a glance at any graphic novel a drool-worthy piece of art. And that is The Spirit’s greatest flaw: Frank Miller has brought too much life into the screen that it would take multiple viewings — of the movie, the web, and the real-life digital tra- ditions — to digest it all. Not only is the average audience member unacclimated to interpreting on多层次 meaning, he is also incapable of consuming a single frame the way a single frame can mean something other than what it is. The Spirit cannot handle such overload of detail — the picture you see is constantly moving, and you just don’t have the time to pore over every corner of every picture.

ALBUM REVIEW
Kutiman, Girl Talk

Thru-You: The Mother of All Mash-ups

By Charles Lin

G irl Talk had it all wrong. Why mash up the familiar when there’s a whole in- ternet of tubes to sample. Every beat, every riff, every note. Somewhere on the tubes, it’s there, waiting. Want a reggae gitar riff in A-minor? Want siren sounds, bass grooves, or perhaps some suburban freestyling? Just search.

This is the genius of Thru-You, a mash-up al- bum made entirely of sampled YouTube clips by the TAl lv composer and musician, Kutiman. Now You are in the band. You are playing lead on the title track. Your bedroom headbox- ing and backbeat drumming lay down a groove. You just don’t know it yet. But with a little help from Kutiman’s mad skills in mixing and coaxing, your homemade clips come together to form an arresting and vivid composition. It’s found it in its highest form.

The Spirit’s latest film. But for what it lacks in its dark, subtle humor — the two mediums to meld into something even richer, more powerful, and more concise. For a graphic novel reader (or in Miller’s case, graphic novel writer) such an idea is the perfect wet dream. For the average movie- goer expecting another hardcore action film full of epic muscular men, it’s a severe disap- pointment.

Watch the DVD, if only to watch the spe- cial features. The behind-the-scenes docu- mentaries are not only entertaining and in- formative — they’ll make you like the movie if you didn’t already, and if you did, they’ll make you appreciate it. Only here is it appar- ent how much attention to detail was poured into this film. The special features open the door to examining the deeper layers of the film and encourage multiple viewings of the main feature.

The DVD cover and art are unfortu- nately misleading. By choosing a look that is completely different from the title text and a title font very similar to that of 300, audiences are led to expect a plot and storytelling style strongly reflecting Miller’s previous hardcore action films — a major marketing mistake.
Steal My Comic
by Michael Ciuffo

2005
WHERE DID YOU MEET YOUR GIRLFRIEND?
ON THE INTERNET
WHAT? HOW DID YOU KNOW SHE WASN'T SOME CREEP?

2015
WHERE DID YOU MEET YOUR GIRLFRIEND?
AT THE GROCERY STORE
WHAT? HOW DID YOU KNOW SHE WASN'T SOME CREEP?

The Help Desk
by Michael Benitez

Pseudoscience
by Daniel Klein-Marcuschamer

Figure 57. The graph shows the precision of the metrics used to measure different quantities. A value of 1 indicates that commonly-used metrics allow different people to reach the same conclusion about the measured quantity, whereas lower values indicate that different people reach different conclusions. For example, a temperature of 100 °F implies unbearable heat for most observers, whereas an influenza threat level of 5 causes panic in some but not others. The very low value of the penultimate entry has allowed the media to exploit the associated metrics for attracting large audiences. Being a week short of defending his thesis, the author prefers not to comment on the last entry. (Post a comment at http://pseudocomic.blogspot.com)
The Daily Blunderbuss
by Ben Peters

Lex Luthor defeat me?
Pah...When pigs fly...

He's dead! What happened?
Swine...

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Dilbert®
by Scott Adams

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Puzzles by Pappocom

Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column, row, and 3 by 3 grid contains exactly one of each of the digits 1 through 9.
Solution on page 11.
The Tech May 8, 2009

Dance Troupe
‘In The Spotlight’

Dance Troupe performed at a dress rehearsal for their spring show, “In The Spotlight,” on Wednesday evening in Kresge auditorium. The show will run in Kresge Auditorium May 7–10.

(clockwise from top left)

Corey J. Kubber ’11 confronts Tarikh C. Campbell ’09 in a piece by Adlai Grayson ’08.

Rachel N. Peterson ’09 dances to choreography by Adlai R. Grayson ’08.

Nimisha Kashyap, Rachel N. Peterson ’09, Sonia Tapryal, and Kaitlin Walsh perform a Bollywood piece choreographed by Nimisha Kashyap.

Pierre-Guy F. Douyon ’12 takes center stage in a popping piece performed by guest group Imobilare choreographed by Yang Zhang, Mason Tang ’10, and Raymond Y. Cheng ’09.

Emily C. Suter ’11 performs in a contemporary piece choreographed by Danyi Wu ’11 and Casey K. Hua ’11.

Photography by William Yee.
The recycled newspapers prominently featured coverage of the arrest of former MIT Police officer Joseph D’Amelio, who had been arrested the Saturday before for drug trafficking in East Boston. D’Amelio remains under house arrest.

Keegan’s relationship with students has been rocky. He was the arresting officer in two prominent cases involving hacking: the October 2006 arrest of three students who set off an alarm at the E52 Faculty Club and the June 2008 arrest of a student in the basement of NW16. In both cases, the charges against the students were subsequently dropped.

Lori Berenson, Former MIT Student, In Prison Bears Peruvian Child

Berenson was a student in the anthropology and archaeology section of the humanities department when she withdrew from MIT as a sophomore in 1988. Berenson first became interested in human rights activism during a UROP in anthropology, according to her parents. Berenson went to Peru as a freelance journalist for Third World Harvest and The New York Times.

She was arrested in 1995 and sentenced in 1996 by a Peruvian military court to life in prison for high treason and terrorist activity. A new trial in the civilian courts in 2001 saw her sentence reduced to 20 years for collaboration with the Tupac Amaru in their plans to attack the Peruvian congress in 1994 by renting a house and buying computer and communications parts for the rebels.

Berenson continues to maintain her innocence. Berenson’s parents — Mark and Rhoda, college professors in New York City — say they are thrilled at the prospect of a grandchild, according to her parents. Berenson was a student in the anthropology and archaeology section of the humanities department when she withdrew from MIT as a sophomore in 1988. Berenson first became interested in human rights activism during a UROP in anthropology, according to her parents. Berenson went to Peru as a freelance journalist for Third World Harvest and The New York Times.

In 2004 they upheld the civilian courts’ ruling. The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights was Berenson’s last chance at an appeal after her sentencing in the civilian courts, but in 2004 they upheld the civilian courts’ ruling.

The Sloan (Course 15) Course Bidding System (Sloanbid)

First time logging in? Use your MIT ID as both your log in and password. Follow instructions on the site to change your password or retrieve lost passwords. Once logged in, make sure and check that your information (i.e. program of study and graduation date) is correct.

Institute-wide bidding for Sloan (Course 15) subjects:
Opens 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 12
Closes 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 19

Waitlist Round for closed Sloan (Course 15) subjects:
Opens 9:00 a.m., Monday, July 13
Closes 5:00 p.m., Monday, July 27

Section Swap Round for changing sections of pre-enrolled Sloan (Course 15) subjects:
Opens 9:00 a.m., Thursday, July 30
Close 5:00 p.m., Thursday, August 6

Please contact Scott Alessandro, salessan@mit.edu, if you have questions regarding Sloan (Course 15) Course Bidding.

Successful bids will appear on your Registration Form on September 8 and will be posted on the bidding website as of July 13 -- write down your password to check results!

An unlocked gun could be the death of your family.
Please lock up your gun.

The Sloan (Course 15) Course Bidding System (Sloanbid) Bidding Dates for Fall, 2009 Courses

https://sloanbid.mit.edu

Open 24 hours
May 14 - May 22
DTYD Kresge Bomb

Produced Confusion, Bad Communication

Bombscape, from Page 1

bomb’s marking, “DTYD,” was a party registered to the Bombers that evening, and called the Bombers themselves? Students should take responsibility for their hacks, DiFava said. “How far are we supposed to go?”

The day of the hack, MIT dean Barbara Baker told the Bombers that MIT would get a bill and the Bombers would pay it. Rumors have started that it could reach tens of thousands of dollars, a number which “hacking czar” David M. Conner said didn’t sound unreasonable for a multi-hour many-person effort.

But if any bill comes, it will be as part of MIT’s annual Payment in Lieu of Taxes, a payment renegotiated in part based on the value of City of Cambridge services rendered to the largely tax-exempt university.

No decision has yet been reached about how much, if anything, MIT will be billed for the bomb squad action.

“We was definitely a hack … a misunderstood one,” said Roe Smith.

Next time … advance warning? The bomb squad might not have gotten called in if the MIT Police had known ahead of time about a possible public “bomb,” DiFava said.

DiFava didn’t say he wanted students to run all hacks by him. But they should take responsibility for their actions and for their hacks, he said.

Students should feel comfortable talking with trusted police officers about ideas that involve public displays which could be misinterpreted, he said.

“Students need to realize that there are people in the police department that they can trust,” DiFava said. He said he could be one such person. “Chief, here’s an idea that we have…”

“We’re here as a resource,” he added.

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Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy of the United States of America

Tuesday, May 12, 2009
4:00 pm
Huntington Hall
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Karl Taylor Compton Lecture
The Energy Problem and the Interplay Between Basic and Applied Research

May 8, 2009
4:00 pm
Building 10, Room 250

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’Bomb’ Timeline

¶ Circa 1 a.m.: Tech photographer Eric D. Schmiedl ’09 tells MIT Police sergeant Gerald F. Doyle that there’s a bomb-shaped object on Kresge Oval.

¶ Just before 4 a.m.: Doyle spots the object and asks for MIT Police officer Jeffrey S. Williams to meet him on the lawn.

¶ 4 a.m.: Doyle calls for MIT Grounds Services to come and help remove the hack. They do not respond (few people are on-shift this early).

¶ 5 a.m.: MIT calls the Cambridge Fire Department to ensure that the “bomb” is not a dangerous device. The deputy fire chief is sent to the scene.

¶ 11:30 a.m.: Fire department representatives arrive.

¶ 4:45 a.m.: Cambridge Bomb Squad head Stephen Ahern, a lieutenant with the Cambridge Police, arrives on the scene.

¶ Circa 6:10 a.m.: The bomb squad sends a robot to inspect the “bomb”.

¶ 6:38 a.m.: A technician wearing a protective suit approaches the “bomb” and investigates it.

¶ 6:45 a.m.: A technician wearing a protective suit approaches the “bomb” and investigates it.

¶ 6:49 a.m.: A technician wearing a protective suit approaches the “bomb” and investigates it.

¶ 6:50 a.m.: The bomb squad sends a robot to inspect the “bomb”.

¶ 6:55 a.m.: A technician wearing a protective suit approaches the “bomb” and investigates it.

¶ 7 a.m.: Cambridge Police arrive.

¶ 7:20 a.m.: Cambridge Bomb Squad head Stephen Ahern, a lieutenant with the Cambridge Police, arrives on the scene.

¶ Circa 7 a.m.: A technician wearing a protective suit approaches the “bomb” and investigates it.

¶ 7:15 a.m.: Cambridge Police arrive.

¶ 12:30 a.m.: A small explosive charge is detonated near the block.

¶ 8–8:30 a.m.: Numerous attempts are made to remove the block from the ground. Finally a fire truck is driven up onto the patio in front of Kresge Auditorium, a chain is attached to the block, and a winch is used to lift the block out of the ground.

¶ 9:49 a.m.: The area around Kresge is reopened.

¶ 6:47 p.m.: Burton Third issues an e-mailed apology for the events of Friday morning, see http://tech.mit.edu/N22/N22/bombapology/barton.html.

Solution to Crossword

Across
1. Key to power and wealth
2. A long period of time
3. Feb 2009
4. As long as
5. A binary number
6. Designated by
7. The smallest unit of length
8. The time between the full moon and the next full moon
9. The sound of a long, steady beat
10. The amount of water in the ocean
11. The amount of water in the ocean
12. A unit of time
13. A unit of time

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“Produced Confusion, Bad Communication”

By James DiFava

Circulating staff reports that they received a series of e-mails from one student...
Police Review Panel Has Tight Scope: Police Policies

By John A. Hawkinson

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May 8, 2009

The Tech sat down with Professor Robert J. Silbey last week to talk about the Campus Police review panel. Silbey is chairing the panel (see membership below) formed in the aftermath of the arrest of then-MIT Police Officer Joseph D’Amelio on drug trafficking charges.

Silbey said the review panel is narrowly focused on the policies and procedures of the MIT Police, and not on particular incidents, review of particular events, and not on hacking.

Those polices and procedures, which Silbey described as a 3" stack of paper, are “almost entirely about how the police chain of command operates, what training is required, how the evaluations are done, what disciplinary procedures there are, and other administrative issues of that kind,” Silbey said.

The panel is evaluating those policies and procedures in accordance with its charter, which is to determine whether those policies, along with “governance and disciplinary systems,” are those “needed to promote police practice at the highest level.”

Because of the committee’s narrow breadth of focus, student input was not deemed critical to the committee, Silbey said. The committee is not actively soliciting student input, nor does a student sit on the committee.

The panel’s work is scheduled to be completed by the end of this month. Its written report will be submitted to Executive Vice President Theresa M. Stone SM ’76 and President Susan J. Hockfield. The report will probably be confidential, Silbey said, but a public summary may be made available.

One open question is the public status of the MIT Police’s Policies and Procedures. Sources have told The Tech that those policies are confidential, unlike those of other police departments such as Cambridge Police Department and the Mass. State Police.

Silbey said the panel was not aware of the public status of those policies, but that transparency of those policies might be something the panel would examine.

Review Panel Members

Costantino “Chris” Colombo
Dean for Student Life

Peter A. Diamond
Institute Professor

Deborah L. Fisher
Institute Auditor

Robert C. Haas
Cambridge Police Commissioner

Dana G. Mead PhD ’67
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Robert J. Silbey (chair)
Professor and former Dean of Science

Blanche Staton
Senior Associate Dean for Graduate Students

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6-120
Joint A Cappella Concert

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**Brecht Presents Galileo Galilei, Embattled Renaissance Scientist**

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Monday, May 11 at 2pm
in Room 32-123

Frank Dabek ’00,
Former Editor-in-Chief of The Tech
will be the Special Guest Lecturer in 6.033: Computer Systems Engineering

Sarah C. Proehl ’09 (also a Tech campus life columnist) wins first place in the Robert A. Boit Writing Prize for Poetry for her work “Fourteen Months.” The award, presented by William Corbett, director of Student Writing Activities, is one of the Ilona Karmel Writing Prizes. This year, the program gathered the largest number of submissions to date.

Chancellor Philip L. Clay PhD ’75 presents a $2,500 prize to Aquaport at the awards ceremony for the 2009 MIT IDEAS Competition on Monday evening in 32-123. The Aquaport team developed an affordable water transportation device for women in rural Ghana.

Pablo Betle ’11, Edward Grinnel ’11, Arielle Fischer ’11, and Elvine Pineda ’11 placed 2nd, 1st, 3rd, and 4th, respectively, in this year’s 2.007 competition. The 2.007 game, “Sweepin’ the Nation,” consists of three main tasks — robots could crush soda cans, place crushed or pre-crushed soda cans in a “storage slot,” and stack bales of “trash” to obtain points. Robots start out in the starting box on their side of the field and can traverse to their opponent’s side via a rotating passage pipe.

Students received a large tote containing different materials — metals, plastics, wheels, etc.— to construct their robots. Students had the option of building two robots, one for mainly scoring and one robot to bother the opponents; however, some students chose to build one large robot. Students also had the option of having one or two drivers to control the many mechanisms of their robot.

Matches consisted of an autonomous period, a 10 second period where robots were operated by just their sensors, followed by a 50-second operator-controlled period. Strategies of students varied, with some robots taking advantage of the autonomous period to position themselves and others just staying put in their starting box. Designs of robots to perform the various tasks also varied, and many robots in the final matches were only able to perform one or two of the possible ways to score.

The top four contestants of the contest can attend an international design competition in Tokyo, Japan this summer.

Times are tough. But for some they’re tougher than others.

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Baseball Surges Past Fitchburg, Wins 5-4

By James Kramer

Daniel E. Hyatt ’11 followed up a run-scoring double by Thomas M. Phillips ’09 in the eighth with an RBI single to right, as MIT completed a four-run rally on route to a 5-4 victory against Fitchburg State College. The victory capped a sensational season for the Engineers, who set a program record with 25 wins.

Trailing 4-1 in the bottom of the seventh, Creed J. Mangrum ’12 doubled his third hit of the afternoon to lead off the frame and set the stage for the late comeback. With one out, Brian P. Doyle ’11 dropped a single to shallow right field as Mangrum raced around to score. Hyatt followed with what the Engineers believe is the second-most important hit in program history, a three-run lead-off home run to give the Engineers a three-run lead.

Mike Scaramellino shouldered the loss for Fitchburg, which fell to 18-17 on the year. Shortstop John Phelan ’12 delivered run-scoring hits to give the Falcons a three-run lead.

Trailing 4-1 in the bottom of the first before adding another run in the top of the first to take a 5-1 lead in the second, the Engineers completed the four-run rally with five hits scored off of Fitchburg State pitcher John Phelan. In the inning, Hyatt scored on Bryan A. Macomber ’12 line drive single off the leg of Fitchburg pitcher Perry Russo.

The Engineers received outstanding contributions from their bullpen to seal the damage by escaping the stanza with none.

In the top of the first before adding another run in the second stanza, Fitchburg struck first with two runs in the top of the first to add a three-run advantage. Phillips set the tone with a lead-off single to right, followed by Hyatt’s three-run home run to give the Engineers a three-run lead.

Phillips closed with 344 putouts, Hyatt a league-best 48 honors, and finishing the year with a total of 124 awards.

Women’s Lacrosse Receives NEWMAC All-Conference Honors

The MIT women’s lacrosse team capped off its record-breaking campaign with a trio of NEWMAC All-Conference selections. Casey M. Flynn ’10 and Stephanie V. Brennan ’09 represented MIT on the First Team while Samantha F. O’Keefe ’09 was voted to the Second Team.

Flynn collected her third straight All-Conference award and second First-Team pick after pacing the Engineers with 52 goals, 22 assists, and 74 points. Brennan earned her first league accolade by leading MIT in draw controls (46), while compiling 19 goals, three assists, 22 points, and 16 caused turnovers. O’Keefe capped her career with her second-straight honor as she tallied 41 goals, three assists, 44 points, 31 draw controls, 24 groundballs, and 16 caused turnovers.

Women’s Openweight Crew

Saturday, May 2, 2009

Branapet Regatta

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NEWMAC Announces 2009 Spring Academic All-Conference Teams

The New England Women’s and Men’s Athletic Conference recently announced the 2009 NEWMAC Spring Academic All-Conference Team. Once again, MIT received supreme, collecting a league-best 48 honors, and finishing the year with a total of 124 awards.

The NEWMAC Academic All-Conference Team was selected from the NEWMAC student-athletes. The group was selected from those who had earned a cumulative GPA of 3.5/4.0 scale or 4.35/5.0 scale after the 2008 fall semester, achieved a second-year academic status at his or her institution, and been a member of a varsity team for the entire season.

Women’s Lacrosse Coach of the Year

The MIT women’s lacrosse team capped off its remarkable season with a slew of awards from the Pilgrim Lacrosse League. For the eighth time in his career, Walter Alessi was tabbed for Coach of the Year accolades after guiding the Engineers to their first playoff appearance since 2001.

Sports

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

None

SCOREBOARD

Baseball

Sunday, May 3, 2009

MIT (24-14)

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Suffolk University (19-8)

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Monday, May 4, 2009

MIT (25-14)

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Fitchburg State College (18-17)

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Men’s Heavyweight Crew

Saturday, May 2, 2009

Schneer Cup

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Women’s Openweight Crew

Saturday, May 2, 2009

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