Feeling Sick? You’re Not Alone.
Just Skip Classes and Order In

By Maggie Lloyd

Michelle I. Slosberg ’12 first re- 
alyzed she was sick at the T station last Sunday.

“By the time I got to the bottom of the stairs I felt really, really tired. I was coughing, I had a fever, and it just got worse then on out.”

She called MIT Medical, de- 
scribed her symptoms, and was told

“Got a face? Don’t touch it” or

Most students who walk in with flu-like symptoms get the same mes-

The H1N1 Swine Flu virus has been spreading on campus. MIT Medical has been leading a campaign that

tends to involve MIT community members in the plans to fix MIT’s $150 million budget shortfall.

Professor Lawrence E. Suskind ’73 moderated the discussion. At-

tendance was split fairly evenly between students, staff and administra-

tion, and faculty.

Although only three people came to the forum with prepared ques-

The second forum begins Monday at 4 p.m. in 32-155, moder-

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Larger & Smoother Rush
Sees More Frosh Bidded

By Jessica J. Poulan

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New Missile Shield Inverts
Old Cold War Thinking

By Javier C. Hernandez and Serge F. Kovaleski
NEW YORK TIMES

Before there was blood, the high-
technology lab at 10 Amistad St. at
Yale University was a model of effi-
ciency. The mice and rats and rabbits
stayed locked in cages. The technicians
performed the laboratory’s menial but
essential work.

Researchers hunched over the cages
for hours, intent on claiming a break-
through.

The two groups interacted in pro-
fessional if perfunctory ways, but on
Thursday, the authorities charged a technician, Raymond Clark III, with
murder.

6 a.m. Thursday in Room 214 of the
Super 8 Motel in Cromwell, Conn. He
was arrested just after

The chief sought to dispel any
notion that Le, who was about to be
married, had been stalked by Clark or
that Yale itself was unsafe. But
the arrest opened a window into a
peculiar world created by a virus
carried by thousands of animals, driven
by researchers and the technicians who
perform the laboratory’s minimal but
essential work.

The authorities said his DNA
matched crime scene evidence, but
did not corroborate
the chief.

Chief James Lewis of the New
Haven police would not speak about
how they should be treated.

It is a long way from the imperme-
bable wall that Reagan described in
glowing terms in 1983, an announce-
ment that turned into a diplomatic tri-
umph even while it was a technological flop.
Ever since, missile defense has always
been more about international politics
than about new military technol-
ogy.

In the last few years of the Cold
War, it helped nudge the Soviets toward
agreements that sharply reduced nu-
clear arsenals, a process that Obama
hopes torevive at the end of the year.
In the George W. Bush years, it was
about expanding AITD and, under
the cover of building anti-missile
bases to protect against North Kore-
an’s attack, a subtle warning to China
that its power in the Pacific would
not go unchecked.

In the age of Obama, the vision has
descended from the stars to sea level.
A president who was still in college
during Reagan’s famous missile speech
has turned a scaled-back version of the
technology, which would first be
based on ships, to a new mission.
Con-
vincing Israel and the Arab world that
Washington is moving quickly to coun-
ter Iran’s influence, even as it opens
diplomatic relations with Tehran for
the first time in 50 years.

For Obama, it is a step fraught with
some risk. Within hours of his an-
ouncement, charges were flying that
in his first major confrontation with the
Russians, he had backed down, giving
in to Moscow’s opposition to the Bush plan
to place missile defenses in Poland and
the Czech Republic.

“The politics of this was driving him
in the other direction, according to
appearing to back down,” said William
Perry, who served as defense secretary
in the Clinton administration. “But
he went with where the technology is to-
day – and where the threat is today.”

During last year’s presidential campaign, missile defense was risky
territory for Obama. His liberal base
was allergic to the very words. Obama,
eager to show that he was neither a neo-
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China's Economy Is Back, While U.S. Still Ails

By Keith Bradsher

WASHINGTON

Just eight months ago, thousands of Chinese workers rioted at facto-
ries closed by the global downturn.

Now many of those plants have reopened and are again hiring. Some executives are even struggling to find enough workers, in contrast to the December employment slide of 371,000.

The Chinese government says un-
employment is falling, and even the hand-picked leaders of China-
ning on exports to the United States and Europe,counted on more workers in the third quarter. One boss said there was just one worker in his factory.

A powerful suicide bomb that
killed six Italian soldiers here on
Christmas orders.

This mutual dependence is seen as one of the enduring legacies of the economic crisis.

China needs the United States to
support strong growth. And the United States depends on China to buy its goods, and the United States needs China to continue to buy its debt.

Airbus Predicts Solid Plane
Sales Through 2028

By Nicola Clark

PARIS

Two days after the execution of a convicted rapist-murderer was halted when technicians were unable to inject him with lethal drugs, the U.S. death penalty was once again challenged in federal court.

For a federal lawyer challenging the constitutionality of Ohio's lethal injection procedure.

For the inmate, Romell Broom, it is set for Mon-
day, a day before he is again scheduled to be executed. His lawyers say he will file to set aside state and federal protections on Friday to seek a stay or at least postpone his execution.

One of his lawyers, Adela Shank, said the appeals would pres-
sure the state not to execute Broom on Tuesday and would con-
stitute cruel and unusual punishment. They will contend that seven
drug cocktails are used in Ohio.

Shank said she would file a separate appeal on behalf of the inmate, who said he was in emotional trauma of the failed execution attempt, that Ohio's lethal injection system in its current form is critically flawed and that lethal injec-
tion, in general, is cruel and unusual punishment.

Italy Ponders Afghan
Pullout After Deadly Blast

By Richard A. Oppel Jr. and Rachel Donadio

The New York Times

A powerful suicide bomb that killed six Italian soldiers here on Christmas orders.

The company's American rival, Boeing, has had at least 64
orders for planes this year, less than 1 percent of the company's order backlog of
53,000.

Airbus predicted on Thursday that demand for new aircraft
through 2028.

The company, a unit of European Aeronautic Defense & Space,
is the market leader in the commercial jet market.

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predicted that demand for new aircraft through 2028 would increase
by 164 percent since 2005. Proponents of the prediction say that flash orders to favor
large

Some critics say that flash orders favor stock exchanges, the average trader, and are worse for all participants.

The commission was trying to balance
the often competing interests of long-
term investors and short-term traders.

The proposal requires a second vote by the commis-
sion to become binding.

Solid pretend orders can create a manipul-
ated market by allowing only selected par-
ticipants to access information about best available prices for listed securities, she said during a meeting in Washington.

Bar and the local police said in a joint statement: "The death of the five Afghans was a tragedy, and our sympathies go out to their families and friends who will have to live with this nightmare for the rest of their lives."

The company has upended old-fashioned stock trad-
ing. Buyers and sellers no longer meet in person, or haggle on exchange floors and

This has been a devastating year for China's
addressing corporate malfeasance.

Critics say that flash orders hurt ordinary investors and
encourage traders to seek profits on small price changes.

In the second quarter, the Chinese economy grew at a rate of 15 percent.

The U.S. economy shrank at an annual rate of 1 percent in that period.

Two months after China and the U.S. are mixed together as being in the same sit-
uation, and that is totally wrong," said Wang Xiaoyan, a former top economic

China's Finance Minister an-
ounced on Tuesday that China's 1.8
billion in central government spending had already been allocated to specific projects.

The government said its goal in 2009 was to spend $355 billion to boost the economy.

This has been a devastating year for China's
"Flash orders may create a two-tiered
system here – which breezed through
the nation's parole board, the highest level of release in the penal system, with almost no
oversight," said Emily Tonda of the Pennsylvania Prison Society.

Staffers at the parole board have granted parole to about 30 inmates in the past six months.

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Letters To The Editor

Opinion

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As many are aware, MIT commissioned a task force to investigate how spending can be cut in response to last year’s global economic meltdown. In addition to the cuts already made, the Task Force has looked at a wide variety of ways for saving MIT even more money. Some of these ideas are common sense, some are quite clever, but there are one or two that are just plain bad. Not even moderately bad. Awful bad. Dining-system-reform-from-bad-to-worse bad.

First, some of the rumors going around need to be quashed. Many on campus speak in fearful tones of the dreaded online freshman year that the Task Force has proposed. Does the online freshman year appear in the billion-page analysis that I just spent the last hour reading? Yes. But people’s rather hushed tones of discussion leave out a rather important detail. The column right next to it reads, “would radically change MIT culture. Revenue potential $50-$100 million. Not recommended.”

This is the only time that the words “not recommended” appear together in reference to revenue, and it’s with an idea that would save quite a bit of money. Despite the monetary incentives, the Task Force was right to assert that an online freshman year would radically change MIT culture. More accurately, it would irreparably damage MIT culture. However, the report does suggest providing “e-learning” or “learning at a distance” for select undergraduate subjects. This provides a savings of $60 million annually, but doesn’t directly detract from the atmosphere of MIT. If this decreases the number of full-time students, it will directly detract from the atmosphere of MIT. Please don’t stop reading after the following sentence. Shut down the Athena Clusters. These clusters, which get little use, have led to quite a decrease in usage of many electronic systems could save the Institute a presumably huge sum of money. (The amount is not specified.) The Report states that only 57 percent of MIT procurement transactions are processed using efficient payment tools, such as eCat and P-Card, a number the Task Force believes that number can be raised up to 90 percent. That’s quite a few pennies.

How about offering the GRAs as summer classes? Freshmen would have the option to fulfill some requirements early and begin exploring their interests immediately upon arrival. These classes could also be open to non-MIT students, bringing in further income. If you’re still unsure, consider this: With only 20 classrooms, 120 12-credit, 10 week courses could be offered, netting about $5.5 million a summer before adding in housing revenue.

Another cool idea was the prospect of more actively marketing the MIT brand. The first reason I strongly support this idea is because it’s tiring going to vendors in Boston and seeing Harvard, BC, and BU T-shirts while being unable to find a single MIT article of clothing.

Besides just being awesome, this marketing could even result in a very small increase in freshman applications, beyond simply taking in money from sales. And it doesn’t have to be confined to t-shirts; how about stuffed Tim the Beavers, 3-D puzzles of MIT, or the 3D glasses they’d need to read your cover?

I hinted at it in the first paragraph. Did “dining-plan-from-bad-to-worse” give it away? Well, one suggestion of the Task Force is to institute a mandatory dining plan for new students beginning in 2010. The current plan is $300 for half off at the dining halls. The new plan would make it mandatory for residents of dorms with dining halls to pay for a meal plan that costs at least $1,350 a semester. According to the article, “The Tech” published on February 13, 2009, “The minimal plan offers 75 meals (5 per week) and $650 in dining dollars. Freshmen living in other dormitories would have the option of selecting all of the plans available to those in AYCE. [All You Can Eat] residences, plus several declining-balance plans. The cheapest — which costs $995 per semester — offers no dining hall meals and $995 in dining dollars.” There is little doubt in most students’ minds that dining needs to be reformed, but requiring students to pay more for a still unsatisfactory plan is ridiculous.

Unfortunately, it was impossible to cover all the many ideas printed in small type on 14 pages of paper (which I didn’t print to save MIT money), so I encourage everyone to look up the report and further research the ideas presented at: http://idea.mit.edu/system/files/TaskForcePreliminaryReport.pdf. These ideas all have the potential to affect most readers, so be sure to at least skim over it.

Ryan Normandin is a member of the Class of 2013.

OPINION

The Good, the Bad, and the Clever of The MIT Budget Task Force Report

The first Undergraduate Association Executive Meeting for the 2009–2010 academic year was held on Wednesday, September 9. Key issues that the UA will be tackling this fall were outlined. These issues included the Institute-wide Planning Task Force recommendations, communication with students, faculty, administrators, and alumni; and possible dining changes. The Institute-wide Planning Task Force’s preliminary report can be found at http://ua.mit.edu/committees/elect and the UA welcomes your feedback (e-mail ua@mit.edu). Full minutes are available at http://ua.mit.edu/exec.

UA Senate and 2013 Class Council Elections are approaching. Petitions to run for any of these positions are due today at 5:00 p.m., and the late petition deadline is Monday, September 21 at 5:00 p.m. Official campaigning begins Friday, September 18 at 11:59 p.m. Electronic voting will run from Friday, September 25 at 12:01 a.m. to Thursday, October 1 at 11:59 p.m., and paper ballots will be available in Lobby 10 on Friday, October 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Results will be posted on Saturday, October 3. Questions should be sent to ua-elect@mit.edu.

Additionally, the 2011 Class Council Treasurer has resigned. This position will be filled during a special election, and candidates for the 2011 Class Council Treasurer will be required to complete the Fall 2009 Class Council Election kit available at http://ua.mit.edu/files/2009classcouncilkits.pdf. These minutes are available at http://ua.mit.edu/committees/elect. The process includes obtaining 150 signatures from members of the Class of 2011 by Tuesday, September 22 at 5:00 p.m. Voting will run concurrently with UA Senate and 2013 Class Council Elections. If there are any questions regarding this election, e-mail ua-elect@mit.edu or visit http://2013classcouncil.mit.edu.

UA Committees focus on a specific topic — such as educational policy, athletics, and student life — and are looking for new members for the 2009–2010 academic year. Students interested in joining a UA Committee should apply at http://ua.mit.edu/committees.

—Elizabeth Donoh, UA Secretary General
The Daily Blunderbuss

by Ben Peters

Steal My Comic

by Michael Ciuffo

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Help Desk
by Michael Benitez

Doonesbury
by Garry Trudeau

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by Scott Adams
The Tech’s Photographers Share Images from Their Summer Vacations

(cont'd) A guard tower is seen at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo, Japan.

clockwise from top-right
A dominant male lion attacks his son, putting him in his place, at the Kapama Game Reserve in Hoedspruit, South Africa.
The Sydney Opera House, one of the world’s most famous examples of modernist architecture, is seen on an Australian winter evening.
A hot summer evening is seen in Times Square, New York City.
Members of “Equality Now” protest against Proposition 8 during the 39th Annual San Francisco LGBT Pride Parade on June 28. The parade centered around this year’s theme: “In Order to Form a More Perfect Union…”
A sign cautions visitors in front of Old Faithful at Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming.
Carolina Hernandez teaches a student from Bwala Secondary School, Uganda how to use a typing tutor. She is part of a group of high school students from Seattle, WA and Greenwich, CT who came to Uganda for three weeks in June with the Computers for Uganda organization to set up computer labs in primary and secondary schools there.
A rocky shore is seen near Peggy's Point Lighthouse in Nova Scotia, Canada.

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**ARTS**

**MOVIE REVIEW**

‘Taking Woodstock’ Is a Lesson in Film Technique,
American History


**THEATER REVIEW**

Gioia De Cari Searches for Truth
A One-Woman Show Chock-Full of MIT Humor

By Maggie Liu
associate arts editor

**Truth Values:** One Girl’s Romp Through MIT’s Male Maze
Directed by Miriam Eusebio
Written and performed by Gioia De Cari
Central Square Theater, 450 Mass Avenue, Cambridge, MA

Truth Values will have an extended run through September 27

What is truth? This is the question asked by one of Gioia’s professors in a sermon to a group of scholars. This is also the question that Gioia has to ask herself — what is her truth — as she presents to us an autobiographical portrayal of her time at MIT.

The sole performer in this show, Gioia De Cari is an “actress, playwright, classical singer at MIT. To us an autobiographical portrayal of her time herself — what is truth?” This is the question that Gioia has to ask. The question that her professor in a seminar once phrased to her.

Amongst her portraits is the nuclear engineer among her female colleagues. She infuses so much personality into the sketches of the people she meets at MIT that one cannot help but infer her story. She presents to us a MIT tradition and humor. Gioia even manages to elongate jokes.

Elliot holds a musical festival permit for nearby Bethel, NY. When he hears that an upcoming music festival has been denied a permit and cancelled, Elliot offers to hold it in Bethel and offers his parents’ motel up for accommodations. He meets some initial resistance from the townfolk, who are adverse to the idea of a bunch of high-on-drugs hippies partying in their town, but goes ahead with it anyway. Half a million people show up and clog the freeway into the Catskills, in what would become the famed Woodstock Festival.

The focus is on the personal stories surrounding the concert, and the music is simply a backdrop that brings the stories together. The film experiments with technique. In one scene Elliot and others are getting the motel ready for guests and dealing with inspections. The screen is split, and in one half we see Elliot from where the camera is placed in front of him, in the other we see the same scene, but from behind Elliot. The split screen adds another dimension of space and conveys a sense of chaos in the room.

For a non-American director, Ang Lee certainly has mastered this very American story. Taking Woodstock is not a blockbuster hit, by any means. It’s a subtle film about a special time and place in American history and features a large supporting cast. As always, in Ang Lee style, it fuses a little bit of history with culture and a human story.

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Students Split Over The Freshman App’s New Shorter Essays

Essay, from Page 1

teachers.

Some MIT students will miss the long essay. Kelley V. Determan ’13 said she thinks the “long essay is a necessary part of the application,” since “it is the one place for the stu-
dent to really develop a personality, to really get their person and ideas across, without being worried about word count.”

But others are in favor of the short essays for the very reasons that the Admissions Office has decided to use them. “It’s a good thing be-
cause it allows students to express themselves in a more personal, more informal fashion to the admissions committee,” said Eduardo Archilla ’12. “However,” he said, “it could lead to students taking the applica-
tion less seriously.”

For those students who really feel like they cannot fully express themselves through the short es-
says, the optional essay still exists. Schmidt says, “If you feel like there was something you couldn’t express in the other essays, you still have the opportunity to do that.”

The hope of the Admissions Of-

Office is that, using the shorter essays, they will be able to learn more about the student “That’s what we want to do: learn whether they’ll be a good match for MIT. Ultimately, that’s what it’s about.”

Addir Fellows

Community Lecture Series

From Womb to Tomb:
Cultural and Religious Practices of Life Cycle Events among World Religions

Tuesday, September 22, 7:30 pm

W11—Religious Activities Center—Main Dining Room
(corner of Amherst and Mass. Ave.)

Panelists:

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House Passes Bill to Increase Federal Aid For College Students

By Tamar Lewin

The House of Representatives on Thursday passed legislation that expands federal aid to college students while ending federal subsidies to private lenders.

By shifting to direct federal lending, the Obama administration said it would save more than $86 billion over 10 years, which would go into higher Pell grants for low-income students, new investments in community colleges, early-childhood programs and other education efforts.

The vote was 253 to 171. The measure, the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act, now goes to the Senate, where Democratic leaders expect it to pass.

“This legislation provides students and families with the single largest investment in federal student aid ever,” said Representative George Miller, Democrat of California and chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee, who wrote the bill. “Today, the House made a clear choice to stop funneling vital taxpayer dollars through boardrooms and start sending them directly to dorm rooms.”

Under the current program, the government pays subsidies to lenders and guarantees the loans. All colleges would be required to convert to the Federal Direct Loan program by July 1, 2010.

The student-loan legislation would provide $48 billion to increase the maximum annual Pell grant scholarship to $5,550 in 2010 and to $6,900 by 2019, from $3,350 now. Starting in 2011, the amount of the scholarship will be linked to the cost of living, rising along with the Consumer Price Index, plus 1 percent.

Advocates for students were delighted with the passage of the legislation.

“This legislation helps renew the promise of student aid programs for the tens of millions of students who rely on grants, loans and access to community college to achieve a college education,” said Richard Williams, the heigher education associate for U.S. PIRG.

Two-thirds of American students borrow money to pay for their college education, and last fall’s market turmoil made their prospects uncertain.

“The No. 1 reason we entered the whole review of the student loan situation was reliability, to make sure that loans will be available regardless of the credit markets,” said Robert Shireman, the deputy undersecretary of education. “We came very close to a tough situation last year.”

The legislation includes about $10 billion for community colleges, some for work force training programs and some for construction, an unprecedented federal investment in the two-year colleges that enroll about six million students a year. It provides about $8 billion for early-childhood programs, another area that has received little federal aid, and $2.5 billion for historically black colleges and universities.

The legislation also has provisions to strengthen the Perkins Loan program and cut down the number of questions on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or Fafsa, the form that families must complete to apply for financial aid.

Democrats said the student-loan legislation would save enough to finance the new programs and still leave $10 billion to return to the Treasury, while Republicans called the legislation a “massive entitlement spending spree” that would add to the deficit, not reduce it.

“The president’s goal is returning the nation to our No. 1 in the world in adults with college degrees,” Mr. Shireman said. “This legislation is not just about financial aid, but about all the president’s priorities in bolstering the education pipeline.”

The Senate is expected to take up the legislation at the end of the month, amid stepped-up efforts from private lenders to block a change they say will cost thousands of jobs.

Republicans and private lenders alike have characterized the student-loan legislation as an intrusive government takeover that will erode consumer choice — the same arguments raised in opposition to health care reform.

Representative John Kline of Minnesota, the top Republican on the Education and Labor Committee, said in the debate that the student-loan issue bears “an eerily strong resemblance to the health care debate to which the public has grown accustomed.” — and that there was no reason to end the Federal Family Education Loan, started in 1965 and still used by three-quarters of the nation’s colleges and universities.

“Today’s vote was about expanding the size and scope of the federal government through tens of billions of dollars in new entitlement spending and the elimination of choice, competition, and the innovation of the private sector,” Mr. Kline said. “This job-killing legislation is rife with hidden costs that will be passed on to future generations.”
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**Plan for a Kennedy Successor Advances With House Approval**

By Abby Goodnough

After hours of testy debate, the Massachusetts House of Representatives on Thursday approved legislation allowing Gov. Deval Patrick to appoint an interim successor to Sen. Edward M. Kennedy.

The House voted 95-58; the measure goes to the state Senate, which could take up the proposal on Friday. But Republicans have threatened to try to delay a vote, and, through procedural maneuvers, could do so for several days.

Patrick, a Democrat, has said that if both chambers approved the measure, he would appoint a temporary successor to Kennedy within days.

The appointee would serve until a special election on Jan. 19, and could play a crucial role in the fate of the health care bill making its way through Congress.

With the Kennedy seat empty, Democrats in the Senate are not assured the 60 votes necessary to pass the legislation. They could use procedural shortcuts to get the bill passed, but that would cause havoc in the Senate.

The state Senate president, Ther-esa Murray, a Democrat, has re- mained publicly noncommittal on the proposal despite calls from the Obama administration and from Vic- toria Reggie Kennedy, Kennedy’s widow. The state Senate, also heavily Democratic, is said to remain divid- ed on the issue.

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Flu, from Page 1

Education is one of Medical’s most effective weapons against swine flu. Duane Hendrix meets weekly with the MIT Emergency Operations Center. He also speaks to dorms, housemasters, and faculty.

Over the summer, MIT Medical tracked the American College Health Association and swine flu coverage from the southern hemisphere to es- timate the virus’s potential threat this semester. Medical concluded that the H1N1 virus is no more aggres- sive than the seasonal flu.

In fact, students with the H1N1 virus seem to recover relatively sooner than those with the season- al flu. Baker House alone has seen more than 20 cases of Influenza-Like Ill- ness; “and the number is changing every day,” according to Housemaster Guillermo Trotti.

“We are asking students that have flu symptoms to use the indi- vidual bathroom, remain in their rooms, and use masks,” said Trotti.

Many Baker roommates of sick stu- dents have opted to move into other rooms, although this is not required by either the dorms or MIT Medical.

“It’s a balance between respond- ing responsibly without over-alarm- ing the community,” Diamond said. “If we’re not careful, it will spread quickly and everyone will be sick at all once.” For now, Diamond refers to the H1N1 virus as the “flu with a lower-case ‘f.’”

One part of that balance comes with convincing students to get the flu vaccine. This fall. The vaccine for seasonal flu requires one shot and will be available in the follow- ing weeks. MIT Medical obtained 9,000 doses of the seasonal flu vac- cine, 1,000 more than last year.

The H1N1 vaccine is a different story. It requires two shots received four weeks apart. MIT gets its first shipment of a limited number of doses in three weeks, then a cost administrator to government-regulated priority groups first.

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Community Deserves ESPN on MIT Cable

By Russell Spivak

MIT Cable offers MTV, MTV2, MTVU, through no guarantee of actual music with those MTV stations' Tele-futura, Chi-na Central Television, and TV Japan, whether duplicates or foreign channels. MIT shows a desire to appeal to all students. It even offers the NASA channel for those Course 16 NASA dreamers who may watch in awe.

However, one of the gaping flaws in the free MIT Cable is a lack of ESPN. “The Worldwide Leader in Sports” is sorely missed on campus. Almost 20 percent of MIT’s student body participates in least intramural sports teams. The love for athletic competition is clearly evident on campus.

Almost 20 percent of MIT’s household audiences, and took 13 of the top 15 audiences. Marcus A. Parton ’10 remarked, “MIT is not carrying the most popular channel on cable. I know MIT would rather cure cancer than spend money on its students, but this is a little ridiculous.”

MIT needs to re-evaluate its position on ESPN. Regardless of the increased cost of adding the station to MIT Cable, the lack of sports coverage must be corrected, and soon. The Institute needs to take it upon itself to rectify the situation and give its residents some well-deserved access to Sportscenter, Around the Horn, and Pardon the Interruption.

SPORTS

MIT Women’s Soccer Topples UMass Dartmouth 5-0

Emily Kuo ’13 had three assists and two goals in a 5-0 rout of the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth (3-3-0) today at Roberts Field. The loss snapped a two-game winning streak for the Corsairs, who fell extended MIT’s streak to three.

MIT (3-2-0) opened the scoring in just the fifth minute as junior Lauren R. Hersly ’11 fed the ball to Kuo thirty yards from the goal. Kuo’s one-touch pass found junior Edith R. Reshel ’11, who scored her first of the season with a well-placed header.

After five more shots went unfulfilled, the Engineers scored again in the fourteenth minute. Kuo took off on a fast break into the corner and her cross from the endline hit Alkina D. Lussiez ’12, who slipped her shot past UMass Dartmouth’s Tanja Braga.

The Corsairs never retreated and maintained offensive pressure throughout the match. Juniors Allison Carver and Kate Lyn Tanimi tallied three goals each for UMass Dartmouth, but MIT’s Meghan S. Wright ’10 and Liz Theurer ’10 powered the ball through the partial defense of UMass Dartmouth, and in the 65th minute, Kuo caught a break-away pass from Merricka C. Livingstone ’13 and out-maneuvered Warren for her third goal of the season. Less than a minute later, Kuo tallied another goal, his time assisted by senior captain Katie Pruce.

The Engineers have the weekend off and travel to Salem State for their next match on Tuesday, September 22, at 6:00 p.m.

—Paul Blascovich, DAPER Staff

MIT Hosting Inaugural Schuman Regatta

The MIT sailing team hosted the inaugural Antonio A. Schuman ’58 Regatta this past weekend, Schuman, the current President of the MIT Alumni Association, was the first woman to win a varsity letter at the Institute. FTIs and fleets from MIT and Harvard were used among the combined 32 races amid swirling winds of seven to 10 knots along the rainy Charles River on Saturday. The balance of the races for the 12 teams were completed in a double round-robin on Sunday. Competing for the Engineers, who finished in eighth place, were A-Division skipper Jamie K. Curran ’11 and crew Rachel B. Licht ’10 and B-Division leader Katie Gullickand captain Jillian R. Reddy ’11.

Tufts University eeked out a one-point win over Connecticut College, posting a count of 215 to Connecticut’s 216. Rounding out the top five teams were Brown University, Harvard, and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

—Mike Stollars, DAPER Staff

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**Men’s Soccer**

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009
MIT 5
Emerson College 2

Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009
UMass Dartmouth 0
MIT (3-2) 3

Sunday, Sept. 20, 2009
Emmanuel College 2
MIT (6-0) 5

**Women’s Volleyball**

Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009
Clark University 0
MIT (7-1) 3

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009
Emmanuel College 2
MIT (8-0) 5

**Men’s Water Polo**

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009
Brandeis College 12
MIT (9-0) 5

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Friday, September 18, 2009
Women’s Tennis —
ITA Tournament 8 a.m., duPont Courts

Saturday, September 19, 2009
Field Hockey —
MIT Alumnae Game 4:30 p.m., Steinbrenner Stadium

Women’s Water Polo —
MIT Alumnae Game 2 p.m., Steinbrenner Stadium

Monday, September 21, 2009
Men’s Soccer vs.
University of Hartford 4 p.m., Steinbrenner Stadium

Wednesday, September 23, 2009
Women’s Water Polo —
MIT Alumnae Game 2 p.m., Steinbrenner Stadium

Friday, September 25, 2009
Women’s Tennis —
ITA Tournament 8 a.m., duPont Courts