All-Sorority ’13 Council Elected

By Meghan Nelson

The Undergraduate Association released the results, but not the individual vote tallies, of its fall Senate and 2013 Class Council elections on Saturday. A little over a quarter of un- 
degradates voted. Danielle A. Class and Amanda C. David were elected President and Vice President, respec-
tively, of an all-female, all-sorority Class of 2013 Council. In a special 
election, Seung C. Lee was elected Class of 2011 treasurer.

The eight-member Class of 2013 Council is composed solely of wom-
en, all of whom belong to either Kap- 
pa Alpha Theta or Sigma Kappa.

Five Class Council members are sisters in Kappa Alpha Theta: Dan- 
elle A. Class, president; Nancy Z. Chen co-social chair; Jamie K. Kang and Veronica L. Barrera, co-publicity 
chairs; and Claire A. Frigo, treasurer.

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gulate the relationships between advertisers and publishers and endorsers were deemed adequate. Then came the age of blogging and social media.

On Monday, the FTC said it would revise rules on endorsements and testimonials in advertising that had been in place since 1980. The new regulations are aimed at the extent, the shifting new-media world and how advertisers are using bloggers and social media sites like Facebook and Twitter to pitch their wares.

The FTC said that beginning Dec. 1, bloggers who review products must disclose any connection with advertisers, including, in most cases, the receipt of free products. Advertisers who do not pay in any way by advertisers, as occurs frequently.

The rules also take aim at celebrities, who will now need to disclose any ties to companies, should they promote products on a talk show or on Twitter. A second major change was to eliminate the ability of advertisers to gloss about results that differ from what is typical.

For Those Who Die in Moscow, Searching for an Afterlife Dwelling
By Michael Schwirtz

Aleksei Orlov’s grandfather was buried in Moscow’s Danilovskoe Cemetery in 1946. His grandmother was laid to rest there four decades later, on what was supposed to be her fiftieth birthday.

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Why Identical Twins Have Nonidentical Fingerprint
By C. Clabonne Ray

Q. Why do identical twins have different fingerprints? Why do we have fingerprints to begin with?

A. The answerable questions to both questions are related to the minute differences in the mechanical forces each developing fetus experiences in the uterus as its cells proliferate.

Researchers have found that identical twins have a very high correlation of loops, whirls and ridges, but a review study last year in Circulation Research examining how complex structures like the circulatory system develop says that “the detailed ‘minutiae’ — where skin ridges meet, end or bifurcate — are different between identical twins.” Even twins that develop from one zygote occupy different positions in the womb, and the variations are enough to make a difference.

At the crucial stage of development, the study explains, ridges are thought to form as compressive stresses develop in the dermal cell layer of the skin. Orlov said the recent decision by the bankruptcy court, and the subsequent..."
Algae May Have Made a Speedy Rebound After Deadly Strike

**By Nicholas Wade**

**The New York Times**

When the Dalai Lama landed on Monday, he set off on a characteristically hectic, weekend-long schedule including lectures, seminars, an awards ceremony and meetings with senior State Department officials and the House speaker, Nancy Pelosi. But one appointment not on the calendar of the Dalai Lama, the Tibetan spiritual leader, was committed to meeting him, but without the™

In June, the White House informed the Dalai Lama that President Barack Obama was committed to meeting him, but without the™

First Doses of Swine Flu Vaccine Reach Anxious Nation

**By Anronima Hartcollsis**

**The New York Times**

The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine and the Nobel Prize in Economics were awarded this morning, with economists sharing the latter award.

One of the Nobel laureates is the 74-year-old Canadian economist Amartya Sen, who has been a vocal critic of China's policies.

Sen, who has been a fierce critic of China's policies, won the Nobel Prize in Economics for his work on poverty and development.

He is the second Indian to win the Nobel Prize in Economics, after Abhijit Banerjee, who won in 2019.

Sen has been a vocal critic of China's policies, particularly its treatment of Tibet and the Uighurs.

He has also been critical of China's economic policies, saying they have failed to deliver on their promise of lifting millions out of poverty.

Sen has been a strong advocate for India's right to self-determination and has been an outspoken critic of China's policies in the region.

The Nobel Prize in Economics was awarded to the Swedish economist Bengt Holmstrom and the American economist Oliver Hart.

Holmstrom is known for his work on contract theory and his contributions to the understanding of the role of contracts in a firm.

Hart is known for his work on the role of legal institutions in economic governance and his contributions to the understanding of the role of institutions in the economy.

The Nobel Prize in Economics is the last of the four Nobel Prizes to be announced this year.

The other three awards were announced earlier this month.

The Nobel Prize in Physics went to three Americans: Takaaki Kajita, Barry Barish and Kip Thorne.

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry was awarded to John Goodenough, Stanley Whittingham and Akira Yoshino.

The Nobel Prize in Literature was awarded to Louise Glück.

The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons.

The World Food Prize was awarded to the World Food Programme.

The Kyoto Prize in Basic Sciences was awarded to the American mathematician Terence Tao.

The Kyoto Prize in Advanced Technologies was awarded to the American computer scientist Peter Norvig.

The Kyoto Prize in Future Sciences was awarded to the American astrophysicist Brian May.

The Kyoto Prize in Human Sciences was awarded to the American sociologist Robert Putnam.

The Kyoto Prize in Literature was awarded to the American novelist Joyce Carol Oates.

The Kyoto Prize in Arts was awarded to the Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama.

The Kyoto Prize in Business was awarded to the Japanese businessman Masayoshi Son.

The Kyoto Prize in Global Leadership was awarded to the American businessman Jack Ma.

The Kyoto Prize in Cultural Achievement was awarded to the American artist Chuck Close.

The Kyoto Prize in Environment was awarded to the American environmentalist Jane Goodall.

The Kyoto Prize in Health Sciences was awarded to the American virologist Anthony Fauci.

The Kyoto Prize in Information Science was awarded to the American computer scientist John McCarthy.

The Kyoto Prize in Life Sciences was awarded to the American geneticist Craig Venter.

The Kyoto Prize in Materials Science was awarded to the American chemist Robert F. Curl Jr.

The Kyoto Prize in Nanoscience was awarded to the American physicist William D. Luedtke.

The Kyoto Prize in Optics was awarded to the American physicist John C. Mather.

The Kyoto Prize in Space Science was awarded to the American astronaut Buzz Aldrin.

The Kyoto Prize in Sustainable Development was awarded to the American businesswoman Melinda Gates.

The Kyoto Prize in Technology was awarded to the American engineer Jack Dangermond.

The Kyoto Prize in World Peace was awarded to the American diplomat Madeleine Albright.

The Kyoto Prize in World Culture was awarded to the American author Philip Pullman.

The Kyoto Prize in World Science was awarded to the American physicist Richard P. Feynman.

The Kyoto Prize in World Technology was awarded to the American inventor Thomas Edison.

The Kyoto Prize in World Thinking was awarded to the American philosopher John Rawls.

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by Michael Ciuffo

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Solution, tips, and computer program at http://www.sudoku.com

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Crossword Puzzle

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Sivakami Sambasivam ‘11 tests out a wheelchair designed in MIT’s Mobility Lab as lab member Danielle B. Whited ‘11 looks on during the annual International Development Fair in Lobby 13 on Friday.
Boston-area band Mission of Burma, founded in 1979, played after several opening acts at the East Campus courtyard on Sunday afternoon. Their new album “The Sound The Speed The Light,” which comes out today, is the band’s third in the 2000s after a twenty-year hiatus that began in 1983.

(clockwise from top right)

Mission of Burma played old favorites and songs from their new album. The event was sponsored by WMBR 88.1 FM and Newbury Comics.

Bassist Clint Conley performs.

A WMBR representative said organizers handed out about 800 wristbands to attendees.

Alyse Lamb of New Haven-based band Eula plays. Eula, which labels itself “post-punk-pre-historic-medium-gauge-indie-rock,” was an opening act for Mission of Burma.
Administration Seeks Feedback on Cuts

Budget Cuts, from Page 1

transfer students carefully would make it possible to increase enrollment while keeping overhead the same.

The original plan for the Task Force was to cut $150 million from the budget over three years. That target has recently been amended to $120 million, over two years. $38 million worth of cuts have already been made.

Senator for off-campus students Austen W. McRae ’11 asked if the revised targets meant that the Institute might undo some of the cuts it has made. Chancellor Clay acknowledged that this was possible in theory, but seemed skeptical. He said that cuts already made would be reversed only if the reasons behind the cuts had changed.

Adam Bockelie ’11 asked the administrators how much student input the Task Force would actually incorporate into the final report. Dean Terreryman assured the audience that the Task Force would try to include as much feedback as possible — as long as the suggestions were reasonable.

Alexandra M. Jordan ’11 asked if the final budget targets for different departments around MIT would be made public at the end of the process. Clay said that, although the overall budget target would be made public, the detailed ones would not since some of them have confidential implications, like layoffs, and some of them should not be available in MIT’s competitors.

Even though the can showed a price of $1, the tea was being sold at Next Dining for $1.20.

Despite the numerous complaints about dining, Perez said he thinks that all the issues were “trivial.” The combination of new staff and new meals led to a change that made students unhappy. Perez said that after the meeting and Berlin’s e-mail, the improvement in quality and efficiency within Next Dining was noticeable.

Perez said that Liu’s meal was so small in part because Liu refused the rice and salad that came with the tea. Perez added that, according to Bon Appetit, the cashier was new and did not yet know the prices of all the meals.

Perez attributes the complaints in part to the staff changes made over the summer. Both the grill master and stir fry cook were replaced at Next Dining, and the new cooks could not do their jobs exactly like the previous cooks. Perez said that the residents who eat at Next Dining get to know the cooks after a while, and when staffing changes, students tend to complain because both quality and portion sizes change as well.

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Dining Issues Were ‘Trivial’

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Expect Phillies over the Rockies, St. Louis Cardinals over Dodgers

Playoffs, from Page 12
every single season.

Prediction: Red Sox in 3

Philadelphia Phillies (93-69, NL East Winner) vs Colorado Rockies (92-69, NL Wild Card)

The Phillies held a firm lead practically all year, and the Mets decided to ruin the excitement in the NL East by choking in July instead of September. The Rockies are in the playoffs on another September run. Despite being over 15 games behind the Dodgers in June, the Rockies heated up late in the season. Entering the final weekend in regular-season play, the Rockies had a chance to win the division with a sweep of the Dodgers, but failed to do so and settled for the wild card. The Phillies’ hopes of repeating as World Series champions will depend on their bullpen, which has had trouble this year (especially Halladay, who leads the NL with 11 blown saves). The Rockies will once again look to channel their post-season “Rocktober” mojo and repeat their 2007 run to the World Series.

Prediction: Phillies in 4

Los Angeles Dodgers (94-67, NL West Winner) vs St. Louis Cardinals (91-71, NL Central Winner)

Although Manny Ramirez was suspended for 50 games at the beginning of the season for taking fertility drugs, the rest of the Dodgers’ lineup stepped up. Matt Kemp and James Loney provided the RBIs, Andre Ethier provided the walkoff hits, and Juan Pierre even made himself useful replacing Manny. The Dodgers were the best team in baseball for much of the summer, and despite losing seven of their last ten games, enter the playoffs with the best record in the National League. The Cardinals started slowly, dealing with injuries and at one point having 13 rooks on their roster. Despite this, the Cardinals returned to form and were one of the first teams to secure a playoff berth. The Cardinals have not only two NL MVP candidates in Albert Pujols and Matt Holliday, but also two of the NL’s best starters in Chris Carpenter and Adam Wainwright, who should be able to get wins for St. Louis in the series.

Prediction: Cardinals in 5

Field Hockey
Saturday, October 3, 2009
Springfield College
MIT (9-2-1)

Men’s Soccer
Saturday, October 3, 2009
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
MIT (6-4-1)

Women’s Soccer
Saturday, October 3, 2009
Springfield College
MIT (5-3-1)

Men’s Tennis
Saturday, October 3, 2009
Tufts University
MIT (1-0)

Women’s Tennis
Friday, October 2, 2009
Tufts University
MIT (1-2)

Women’s Volleyball
Friday, October 2, 2009
Bridgewater State University
MIT (11-4)

Saturday, October 3, 2009
Hiram College
MIT (11-4)

Union College
MIT (16-4)

Men’s Water Polo
Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009
Quono College
MIT (12-10)

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It’s Time for the MLB Playoffs. Here’s What Fans Should Expect.

By David Zhu

It’s October once again, the time of year for the MLB playoffs. When the 2009 season started out, the standings seemed to all be reversed, with the Blue Jays, Royals, and Mariners all leading their respective divisions at some point in April and May. As the season went on, however, everything returned to normal. Sure, we saw our share of interesting headlines, from Manny being suspended (and his excuses) to Zach Greinke’s otherworldly dominance, but this year, there was no dramatic September collapse by the New York Mets and no failure to make the playoffs by the highest-paid team in baseball. Instead, the only close division finish will be that of the American League Central, where the Twins and Tigers tied and will face one another in a one-game playoff.

Now, let’s talk about the playoffs. Here’s what’s what:

**American League Playoffs**

- **Division Series**
  - AL East: New York Yankees vs. Minnesota Twins (96-67, AL Central Winner) vs. Detroit Tigers/Minnesota Twins (97-65, AL Wild Card)
  - AL West: Los Angeles Angels (96-65, AL West Winner) vs. Boston Red Sox (95-66, AL East Winner)

- **Wild Card Game**
  - Monday, October 5, 2009
  - Los Angeles Angels vs. Boston Red Sox

- **American League Championship Series**
  - Tuesday, October 6, 2009
  - AL Central, where the Twins win and Tigers will be played Tuesday night at the Metrodome to determine the last postseason berth. The Twins have the best offense in baseball and a better pitching staff than either Minnesota, Los Angeles, or Detroit, and should be able to advance without too much difficulty.

**Western Division Prediction:** Yankees in 4

**American League Wild Card Prediction:** Angels in 4

**Eastern Division Prediction:** Yankees in 4

**Eastern Division Wild Card Prediction:** Angels in 4

**ALCS Prediction:** Yankees in 4

**Wild Card Prediction:** Angels in 4

**Regular Season Recap:**

- The Angels continued their run of dominance in the AL West, winning the division for the fifth time in the past six years with the biggest lead in baseball. The Red Sox are back in the playoffs again as the Wild Card winners, but will be playing the Angels, who have the best record in baseball.

- The Angels have the best record and home-field advantage, but have lost to Boston in the playoffs seemingly forever. In each of the last six meetings with the Sox, the Angels have been swept. What makes this year different? The Angels have the best offense in baseball and a better pitching staff than either Minnesota, Los Angeles, or Detroit. One team will be going to the World Series out of the American League, and it will be the Angels.

**World Series Prediction:** Angels in 5

**Upcoming Home Events**

- Tuesday, October 6, 2009
  - Field Hockey vs. Babson College 6 p.m., Jack Barry Field
  - Women’s Volleyball vs. Wheaton College 7 p.m., Rockwell Cage

- Wednesday, October 7, 2009
  - Men’s Tennis vs. Bentley University 4 p.m., duPont Courts
  - Men’s Soccer vs. Rhode Island College 7 p.m., Steinbrenner Stadium

- Thursday, October 8, 2009
  - Women’s Volleyball vs. Rivier College 8 p.m., Rockwell Cage