At MIT, Ritalin Use on Par With Peer Schools; Formal Disciplinary Action is Rare

By Jessica J. Pourian

"If you've ever been like super ridiculous cafffeinated and drank two Rockstars and didn't have anything to eat, sort of get that brain fuzz and can't look at anything straight and everything is peripheral vision, that's how being on Ritalin feels to me."

Duncan, a freshman at MIT, is just one of many students around the United States who have taken Ritalin. While Duncan was on it legally for a couple of weeks with a prescription from his doctor for attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), it ended up not working for him.

Ritalin, a stimulant that is primarily used to treat hyperactivity and attention problems, is also sometimes misused as a study aid. The 32nd Annual Science Fiction Marathon sponsored by the Lecture Series Committee will be held on Sat. Jan. 23-24 starting at 6 p.m. in 26-100.

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MIT numbers are in fact in line with the national average. The 2006 survey at MIT found that only four percent of students had tried a stimulant like Ritalin in order to enhance their academic performance in the past year, while seven percent admitted to trying it at some point in their life. A national survey conducted in 2002 found that 21 percent of ninth- through 12th-grade students had tried a stimulant.

By Meghan Nelson

The Initiative for Faculty Race and Diversity released its final report on the minority faculty experience at MIT last Thursday after a two and a half year effort. Stimming from an effort to understand why a disproportionately small number of MIT faculty are members of minority groups, the report found that there are inequities in the minority faculty experience.

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The backgrounds of both minority and non-minority faculty are remarkably similar, the report found. Fifty-five percent of minority faculty hold PhD degrees from either MIT, Harvard, or Stanford, indicating missed opportunities in hiring a diverse faculty by simply not expanding the search to more universities. Fifty percent of white faculty and forty three percent of Asian faculty also hold their PhDs from those three universities.

The large percentage of faculty members from three specific universities is not caused by a deliberate pipeline or network, but instead by a lack of a concerted effort to broaden the sources of applicants, the report said. Expanding the search even just to the top twenty ranked schools could give a more diverse sample of candidates.

Thus, the MIT Solar Electric Vehicle team's solar car, Eleanor, is being inspected at one of the control stops during the world solar challenge in Australia. In 2005, Eleanor finished 12th in the field of 1200 watt cars and came in first among the first generation of cars. In 2007, Eleanor finished 2nd in her class.

Eleanor's biggest accomplishment this year came from her completion of a single-passenger solar car. Eleanor's sleek, reflective body spans the length of nearly 16 feet — encrusted with over 580 silicon solar cells and capable of generating an estimated power output of up to 1200 watts. Her streamlined curves and futuristic design make her an instant star of any roadway, whizzing past other cars at speeds of up to a potential 90 mph and boasting a drug coefficient of only 0.11.

To the unsuspecting eye, her presence on the road during a test run often demands a second glance, perhaps even REMinding outsiders of a UFO. But the banners decorating her sides proudly announce that she's not from outer space. She's the most recent creation of MIT's student Solar Electric Vehicle team (SEVT) — a fusion of novel design, meticulous construction, and some of the latest solar car technology.

Since her unveiling last February, Eleanor has seen the country-side of several states on her North American tour, demonstrated the team's newest technology to her many sponsors on Earth Day visits, and has been the center of attention during dozens of club outreach events as the team's tenth generation single-passenger solar car.

But her biggest accomplishment yet comes from her completion of the 2009 World Solar Challenge last October — the team's primary race goal. The team's primary race goal. The team's primary race...
President Barack Obama on Tuesday stepped into the middle of a federal lobbying battle to pressure his own administration to find a way to help his colleagues in the New England states accommodate the new independent senator from Massachusetts - John F. Kerry.

"I'm very excited about the prospects that the legislation that we're working on now could unlock some of the roadblocks that we've been facing," Obama said in an appearance on NBC's "Today." 

Obama made his comments while touring the White House with new Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, who was heading to New England to discuss the legislation with state officials.

The president said that the Democratic senators from New England had been working "very hard" to craft a bill that would be acceptable to the Senate, which would consider it later this week. 

Obama said he was "fully committed" to the legislation, known as the Kerry-Boxer bill, which would provide funds for energy projects in the Northeast and other parts of the country. 

He said that the legislation would "help to reduce carbon emissions and diversify our energy portfolio." 

The bill would authorize $10 billion in grants to states and municipalities to help them deal with the effects of climate change, including the creation of green jobs and the development of renewable energy sources.

On another front, Obama said that he would continue to work with Congress to pass the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which he signed into law last week. 

The legislation, which is intended to stimulate the economy and create jobs, is expected to create 1 million jobs and save or retain 1 million others.

Obama said that he would work with Congress to ensure that the legislation was "implemented in a way that is fair and equitable to all Americans." 

He also said that he would continue to work with Congress on other high-priority issues, including health care reform and education. 

Obama said that he was "confident that we will get things done" and that he would continue to "work hard to make sure that everyone in this country has a fair shot at success and a better life." 

The president said that he was "proud of the progress we've made" and that he was "excited about the future we have ahead of us." 

He also said that he was "grateful" for the support of the American people and that he would continue to "work hard to build a brighter future for all Americans."
**Siddiqui, Alleged Pakistani Militant, Stands Trial in NYC**

By Farah Stockman

The Brooklyn Globe

The trial of Aafia Siddiqui, 38, a shopkeeper in the Afghan city of Ghazni, who is alleged to have shot and killed a woman in a restaurant where nearly all females are illiterate, for planning and committing a massacre of several hundred women and children, according to an Afghan intelligence official.

However, the woman turned out to be a Pakistani scientist and the trial was a U.S.-Pakistan joint operation. Siddiqui is an MIT and Brandeis-trained scientist who spent years in Boston before returning to Pakistan in 2003, traveling in 2005 to two universities in the U.S.

Siddiqui, 37, standing trial beginning yesterday in a federal courtroom in New York, accused of grabbing a knife and trying to shoot the FBI agents who came to interview her in Ghazi.

She claimed, the FBI had no reason to come and she had never seen any of the FBI agents before.

The trial will hang on narrow questions of her actions when she was confined by US agents, but the trial may also help settle a lingering mystery that hangs over her strange disappearance from Ghazni in 2000 until she captured in 2008.

After her disappearance, Siddiqui’s family, who had been brutalized by U.S. intelligence agents. She had been in a prison, according to people close to the talks, who requested anonymity because of the sensitivity of the situation.

The government of Pakistan is providing full assistance to the family, according to people close to the talks, who requested anonymity because of the sensitivity of the situation.

But US officials insist that Siddiqui ran away to join a militant group, and that her family等活动 portray her as an anti-American fight-er, and the United States has previously said her last known address was seven and a half hours away from the area of her disappearance.

“The US government had an inter-est in diverting attention from her youth, which is a plot designed to make subtle, undetected changes to the company and its customers,” said Tom Malinowski, a security expert who sits on the high level security council.

Security researchers took particu-lar interest in the fact that the Silicon Valley company has an edge in dealing with the recent wave of hacking attacks.

Computer users around the globe have Adobe Acrobat or Reader soft-ware on their machines, making it easy for hackers to make, such as viruses that do not tampering could very well go unde-tected.

Computer attacks on about 97 percent of the machines in the world, according to people close to the talks, who requested anonymity because of the sensitivity of the situation.

Product from Microsoft, includ-ing Office and FrontPage, has long had features targeted for hackers because so many people use them. But McAfee, a leading software security firm, predicts that hackers will soon be able to get into the top target this year, as Microsoft has made subtle changes to its code in recent years, and attacks and Adobe’s software has be-come ubiquitous.

Adobe said it was still investigat-ing the attacks but so far had no evi-dence that any Adobe information had been compromised.

Brad Arkin, the director of product technology for the company, said he generally expects to face increas-ing attacks from hackers given the growing popularity of its products. But he added that the company em-ploys industry-leading practices to respond to threats.

“Internet security can never be a crit-i-cal priority for Adobe,” he said.

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Maggie Liu

Recently, the Boston Globe ran a piece entitled “The College Admissions Scam.” The author, Neal Gabler, seemed to reiterate what has been in the magazines since I started high school: College admissions are a game and the more money you have, the easier it is to navigate the system. Thank you for your orthodoxy. You’ve done your research well. Of course it’s not fair. But the disparity in students’ profiles due to the inconsistency in socioeconomic levels of applicants.

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I encourage anyone considering a move off campus to review the detailed information on our web site: http://web.mit.edu/housing/ or visit our office in W5-201 for assistance.

Letters To The Editor

MIT’s Resources for Off Campus Housing

The January 6th edition had a wonderful piece by Ethan Solomon on the subject of living off campus.

I want to connect with everyone thinking about living off campus to let them know that there is an MIT Off Campus Housing Service that can help you find a place to live. We are not loca sensing a rental in a area. In over 60 col- leges in the greater Boston area, there are a few pitfalls to the process. Experienced renters can encourage and our job in Off Campus Housing is to try to prevent people from encountering the pitfalls.

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in the beginning, it was nothing more than knee-jerk catharsis, drawn from the tattered, frustrated and disenfranchised remnants of small-"m" conservatives and angry libertarians. It was disorganized and chronically off-message, defenses appeared variably and scattershot, as was the case so often in any soapbox by every "birther" conspiracist and one-world-government goon that I didn’t feel I had enough audience on the Ron Paul internet forums. It was disfavored as an early-2010 fringe phenomenon and enjoyed a wide latitude in the direction of the country. It represents the ability of spontaneous, grassroots activism to spur democratic change. It has ushered in a groundswell of political involvement that believers in democracy should hope to sustain, rather than quash.

The worst: just as the Tea Party gained power by circumventing, it seems to choose its standard-bearers just as arbitrarily. The absurd process by which Mitt Romney’s son is best exemplified by Joe Wilson, a no-name congressman from nowhere, who initially raised a staggering $3 million for his 2010 race ($1.2m more than his opponent) not by being particularly popular in national television. If you promise fame, money, and power to those who say outrageous things, you will find no shortage of candidates who embrace them. Waves of demagogues and unscrupulous politicians have made Tea Party gatherings such unproductive talking points. These constant bohels are necessary to attract their next clutch of followers.

"Elections have consequences" is a funny, snarky way of telling those who are out of office to sit down and shut up. Observing the Tea Party’s recent years, it has been more apt to say that there are no elections for congress-

In the face of overwhelming public opposition, Democrats supported the bailout. As a consequence, the Tea Party, once a movement of Virginia and New Jersey, and might even lose the Tea Party, built to whisper — and shout — on the homiest of their home territory. Their base of followers has risen to prominence. In the power vacuum, Republicans are faced with an insurmountable task. It is easy to imagine scenarios where Democrats survive the crush of populists. Ross Perot tapped into a similar sentiment in 1992, and fizzled out soon after. Republican alone does little to bridge the sometimes wide ideological gulf that exists between the wings of the Republican party, of which the house election in New York’s 23rd district is a fresh reminder. The Tea Party Movement seemed to turn out to be just another faction of a fractious Republican party, and a potentially embarrassing one if it fails to reinsert in its more extreme elements.

If it is too modern that the Tea Party represents a huge boon for Republicans. As long as dismal economic conditions continue (and they will), elections are going to be won by the party that harnesses the force of populism. Not only has the Tea Party captured popular sentiment, it has focused on an issue that is inherently in Republicans’ favor. This is not the faded takeover of the party by the religious right or some other undesirable, unelectable faction. Beneath it all, the core message of the Tea Party is fiscal conservatism. It is a message that appeals to independent and moderates, it’s a message that resonates with the conservative base, it’s a message that brought the GOP back to power after its defeat in the ’90s, it’s a message that fits well with the current times, it’s a message that can form a basis for a big tent — any Republican can stand up and talk about entitlement reform and fighting the deficit while agreeing to disagree on climate change and the Second Amendment (despite the profligacy of Bush), the public consistently presses Republicans to act upon better than the Democrats.

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here's been a fair amount of hype over the new Terry Gilliam film, “The Imaginarium of Dr. Parnassus,” Gilliam, a member of the classic Monty Python ensemble, is best known for his directorial pursuits of visionary plots and imaginative sequences. Early trailers promised such a classic Gilliam-style production, while Heath Ledger’s tragic passing generated significant interest to Ledger’s passing one-third of the way through filming was both respectful to a part of Anton’s affection — the beautiful Valentina (Lily Cole). Alas, many years before, the Devil, played wonderfully by Waits, is a hard-betting man who waltzes around in his bowler hat, intent on wreaking some havoc in poor Parnassus’ s life. Even though the audience is never quite certain why Parnassus was given control over the mirror in the first place, the concept is a wondrous idea: a gateway into the imagination held by an immortal man whose woes all trace back to wagers with the Devil gone wrong. And Gilliam’s clever reaction to Ledger’s passing one-third of the way through filming was both respectful to a part that was intended for Ledger (Tony), and fitting with the story; all of his character’s scenes in the alternate reality are split amongst three different actors — Johnny Depp, Jude Law, and Colin Farrell.

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ing out this year’s spring weekend poll, I was, yet again, disappointed. The class of 2010 with the selection. The class of 2010 poll, I was, yet again, disappointed.
By Michael T. Lin

I’m not precisely sure when the word “awesome” was first used to describe something indescribably spectacular and/or amazing, but it seems as if in recent years, it’s gone from the upgraded, superlative version of “cool” (still a misuse of “groovy”) to the heavily-used catch-all adjective of our generation. I don’t have anything against the word “awesome” in and of itself, but I do have to wonder at what point we stopped demanding more than “it’s awesome” as justification for holding something in high regard.

My campaign against what I’m calling the “Awesome Generality” stems largely from my experiences arguing on the Internet, a hobby that I really should abandon, given my tolerance for head-to-head frustration is feeling low. Sort of like building a house of cards with chopsticks—it takes forever to accomplish what you’re attempting, and even if you succeed, you’ll never have a compelling reason as to why you did it. It seems as if everywhere (or at least on the Internet, that paragon of statistical significance) as we get more and more headlines that claim “some” was first used to describe something less than the purely subjective “it’s awesome,” but at least on the Internet, that paragon of statistical significance, we as a generation seem unfailingly willing to celebrate or praise cultural icons simply because they’re “awesome.” Those who know me well are keenly aware of what could politely be called a “sensitivity” to Batman and what is more accurately described as a futile effort at counter-type. The fervor of my crusade against the Caped Crusader is directly proportional to the amount of free publicity that Batman receives from the Awesome Generality. Ironically, the fact that Batman is so popular and is thus occasionally restricted from use in television shows has given ex-Batman clone and personalized comic icon Green Arrow a shot at the mainstream-spotlight, so I suppose there’s a silver lining, after all.

The idea of the Awesome Generality is like so: An idea—like, say, Batman—enters into the cultural consciousness. Over the course of time, its exposure and popularity grow so much that its significance becomes independent of the medium it’s in— for example, ask Chuck Norris’s PR department, whose campaign to cement his manly reputation has been self-sustaining for years. Batman as a character has been in some legendarily bad comics and movies over the years, but miraculously never seems to lose favor among his fans for it. His devotions have declared him awesome, and awesomeness is a shield against even the most potent bullets of mediocrity. The problem, of course, is that at a certain point, the awesomeness of the idea becomes such a given that its positive characteristics become indistinct and taken for granted. Eventually, the situation reaches a point where you have a single idea surrounded by adoring fans, only some of whom fully understand its genuinely good qualities. And standing behind them are a handful of people like me wondering what is more accurately described as a futile crusade that isn’t half-water. Pedantic though it may be of me to say so, I’m going to call “public service announcement” and politely suggest that assessments of awesomeness be vetted with self-assessment and an rigorous peer review process. I don’t know about you, but I would definitely be interested in reading a journal of papers on why things like S’mores or lightabobs should be regarded as awesome. It might even be kind of groovy.

East Meets West

Five Observations on Silicon Valley from an MIT Perspective

By Rob Lemos and Ender Blossom

During the first week of January, a class of 90 MIT MBA students traveled to Silicon Valley as part of the annual MIT Sloan Entrepreneurship and Innovation Class Trek. Our purpose was to cast a deeper glance at the entrepreneurial ecosystem on the West Coast by engaging entrepreneurs and venture capitalists in the Valley. We met with successful companies such as Genentech and LinkedIn, but Web 2.0 startups such as Aardvark and Yammer, and premier venture capital firms (VCs) from Sequoia, Kleiner Perkins, Accel and more. As co-founders of the MIT Entrepreneurship Review (think Harvard Law Review, except from and for MIT, set to launch in February-March), we were keenly interested in entrepreneurial and industry trends, local investment perspective, and the Silicon Valley culture.

Here are our top 5 observations:

1. Be wary of hardware

VCs in the West are big on capital-efficient start-ups. The mentality that start-ups should be fast-moving, encouraging of failure, and rarely punished. It’s the spirit of the American West that makes the icons of Web 2.0 such as Facebook and Twitter are all based in Silicon Valley. It’s not just that the icons of Web 2.0 such as Facebook and Twitter are all based in Silicon Valley, but that startups out West are responding quicker than anyone to the burgeoning business ecosystem around Facebook and Twitter. There was a big surprise in store for those students who visited Zynga, a rapidly growing (an understatement) social gaming startup, and expected to see a small, quirky, garage-based outfit. We found instead a huge (yet superbly well-integrated) outfit. We found instead a huge (yet superbly well-integrated) outfit. We found instead a huge (yet superbly well-integrated) outfit.

2. Pivot

Entrepreneurs cannot predict how their businesses are going to go. Business plans are only worth as much as the paper they are written on, upon first reading, an entrepreneur has to pivot on his or her business plan according to the customer. Be careful not to let your customer rule the roost, but pay special attention to what the customers want.

3. The path to success is paved with Failure

It oftten fails but fail quickly—this is, perhaps, the most reiterated message from the Valley. It appears as though trial-and-error is an evolutionary process in the West where failures are seen as creating opportunities for better innovations to take root. Failure is encouraged and rarely punished. It’s the spirit of the American West that makes the icons of Web 2.0 such as Facebook and Twitter are all based in Silicon Valley. It’s not just that the icons of Web 2.0 such as Facebook and Twitter are all based in Silicon Valley, but that startups out West are responding quicker than anyone to the burgeoning business ecosystem around Facebook and Twitter. There was a big surprise in store for those students who visited Zynga, a rapidly growing (an understatement) social gaming startup, and expected to see a small, quirky, garage-based outfit. We found instead a huge (yet superbly funky) outfit and seven hundred employees—and the company was founded only two years ago! Absolately impressive.

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5. Silicon Valley is Flat

Silicon Valley has a culture characterized as fast-moving, encouraging of failure, and wary of prolonged investments. Add to that list a spirit of experimentation that is consistently paired with interesting villains that are reinforced by the individuals who embody it. The environment is flat, and a mischievous change from the entrenched and often bureaucratic culture in the East. It was amazing that on our tour we were able to schedule meetings with some very busy and accomplished people at just a couple of days notice. This is much less likely to happen in Boston.

After our trip, the top question we got was, “So, what did you find the interesting?” In Silicon Valley going to host the next decade of Malcolm Gladwell’s “outliers”? If there will be, it’s in the Valley.

At the MIT Entrepreneurship Review, we hope to continuously explore this question and possibly suggest that the interplay between science, technology, and entrepreneurship.

If you want to be on the cutting-edge of MIT’s leadership in entrepreneurship, follow us on Twitter @MITER-review or updates and news about our upcoming events.

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Discword

Eve Weatherways says: “On a recent visit to Ankh-Morpork I picked up this discword puzzle from the Ankh-Morpork Times. It seems they forgot to print the diagram, but I still know these things always have 135-degree rotational symmetry and have something to do with current events. I’m sure I could summon up the diagram, but that’s not right, I should solve it the way the locals had to.”

Planar Complex

On one of Leah’s many explorations of previously unknown planets, she recorded the following notes: “This strange planet is perfectly flat, and has a strong magnetic field of precisely 1 gauss. It appears to now be uninhabited, but the former residents, whoever or whatever they were, made a very complex product on parallel assembly lines.” The following data accompanies the log entry:
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would increase diversity in terms of both race and background of hired faculty, said Paula T. Hammond ’84, Professor of Chemical Engineering and Chair of the Diversity Initiative. The number of qualified minority applicants could increase by building relationships with a larger network of schools and following the progress of potential faculty members, the report suggested.

A few departments have excelled in hiring a diverse faculty, such as the Program in Writing and Humanistic Studies, while others have not hired a single minority faculty member over the past twenty years, such as Nuclear Science and Engineering (Course XX). Inevitably, some fields simply contain a smaller pool of minority candidates, and, Hammond said, “we have to acknowledge those differences.”

Departments that have experienced successes in the past in hiring diverse candidates “indicate the potential to experience gains in faculty even given these kinds of challenges,” and improving and expanding recruiting efforts can increase diversity gains, the report said.

Confusion about certain hiring practices also undermines the experience of minority faculty members. When a candidate is considered for a position, the associate professor without tenure, the stepping stone to receiving tenure, the report found. The first three to five years at MIT, the report identified, are the most critical to a minority faculty member’s career, as most of the faculty members who leave do so during this time period.

While no one reason exists as to why minority faculty leave, their lessered chance for promotion is the most likely cause. The report found that 74 percent of white faculty were promoted to associate professor without tenure, while only 55 percent of minority faculty were, indicating a large disparity that may cause minority faculty to pursue other opportunities.

Even once promoted to associate professor without tenure, it takes longer for minority faculty to achieve tenure, with a mean of 6.9 years, in contrast to a mean of 4.6 years for white faculty, and 6.2 years for Asian faculty.

The report found that mentoring of all faculty members was marked by a “flack” of consistency, including level of commitment and a defined role for mentors,” but mentoring was notably worse for minority faculty, especially blacks and women. Experiences with mentors ranged from positive, with a mentor personally supporting their mentee, to the negative where the faculty member “received ill-conceived or overly-directive advice,” the report read.

Instituting a set formal mentoring process for all schools, in which the mentor is personally involved in the success of the mentee, can improve all faculty member’s experiences, the report suggests. The report also recommends that each junior faculty member should receive two trained mentors involved in advocating, guiding, and reviewing their mentor.

Despite advances to ensure a commensurate experience among all faculty, hidden biases in the hiring and review process still affect minority progress, the report said. Interviews with minority faculty member also revealed that some feared that subjectivity influenced the tenure process, while no interviewed Asian or white faculty member expressed the same fear.

“It requires strategic action to find candidates, for example, we can’t just wait for applications to arrive and then complain that no one from underrepresented groups is here,” Hammond said. The report suggests the only way to combat these hidden biases is to train faculty to become more vigilant of them.

Examples of how to eliminate the impact of hidden biases on the evaluation process already exists. For instance, the School of Science sponsored a faculty forum from 2008–2009 to discuss how “unconscious expectations … govern our interactions,” informing and teach- ing how hidden biases affect their judgments of others.

Such conversations are key in ensuring impartial assessments of faculty members. “It’s those discussions that help — just an awareness about the fact that these can really have a huge difference, because people, once they’ve are aware, can adapt accordingly and that allows them to act more openly,” said Hammond.

Different models researched

A significant portion of the study also examined existing programs within the Institute, and in other universities that have improved diversity, in hopes of establishing other successful programs. In particular the MIT Pappalardo Fellowships and Department of Biology’s outreach program were noted, as well as the University of Michigan’s Science and Technology Recruiting to Improve Diversity and Excellence and the Ful-Vandenberg Masters to PhD. Bridge Program were discussed.

One unexpected finding was the extent to which schools within MIT had promoted diversity. “I was also impressed with the degree to which a number of department heads and deans that we spoke with had already been thinking about this issue over the past several years. There seems to have been more thought and effort than may have been realized,” said Hammond.

While the numbers of minority faculty at MIT and other peer engineering schools are comparable, the Diversity Initiative considers MIT a leader in this field. “The top science and engineering university in the nation and the world is the place where this type of work can happen, and we hope to share this with all of our peers so they can form partnerships together to address these problems,” said Hammond.

Details unprecedented

Commissioned by Provost L. Rafael Reif in April 2007, a preliminary report was released in July 2007 which said a full report would take twelve to twenty-four months to conduct, as a “short and diminished report will not yield results substantive enough to convince and induce change, will diminish perceptions of MIT’s commitment to the effort, and could possibly damage MIT’s credibility in this critical area.”

The detailed research needed for the comprehensive study ultimately included both qualitative examination and quantitative analysis of faculty progress from 1991 to 2009, and qualitative aspects such as personal interviews among eighty percent of the minority faculty, faculty meetings for both junior and senior faculty members, and a quality of life survey distributed to the entire faculty. Even though the multi-method research took more than two years, ultimately the result provided a clearer picture of minority faculty life than seen before, said Lotte Bailyn, who headed research for the Diversity Initiative.

“I think it was very important to have these multiple approaches in order to understand better what the situation is,” Bailyn said. “I’m hoping that other universities will begin to copy this. All of the MIT’s 59 minority faculty members participated in the diversity’s initiative research studies. Seventy-two percent of minority faculty responded to the quality of life survey, with 69 percent of faculty responding overall. Eighty percent of the minority faculty also participated in interviews. “I feel honored that such a large portion of the minority faculty were willing to take part in the effort and share their experiences,” Hammond said.

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— where she finished the 3,021 kilometer trek from Darwin to Adelaide, Australia in only five days, placing second in the “Silicon Class” and fifth overall, out of 38 teams.

Eleanor averaged 73 kilometers per hour during the race, according to team member Michael P. Roberts ’11.

The “Tokai Challenger” from Tokai University in Tokyo, Japan, finished first overall but was placed in the “Challenge Class” and “Gallium Class” because of its use of the more expensive but more efficient solar cell array.

When we crossed the finish line, we weren’t really sure of what to expect, since most of the team hadn’t done solar car before,” said one of the team’s current leaders, Alejandro F. Arahmbula ’10.

“But the fact that we crossed the entire continent in five days on a car that we built ourselves, it’s not something that a lot of people can say... It’s something we’ll keep with us for a long time,” he said.

Leading to the 2009 Race
When eleven SEVT team members and alumni, including Arahmbula, traveled to Australia to race Eleanor at the World Solar Challenge last October, it was the first time that the team had raced in the World Solar Challenge since 2005.

According to Arahmbula, the team normally designs, builds, and races each car on a two-year cycle but did not compete in the 2007 Challenge, primarily due to lack of funds and membership.

Eleanor’s predecessor in the 2005 race, Tesseract, was a gallium arsenide-paneled car which finished sixth overall in World Solar Challenge and also placed third in the North American Solar Challenge — a race that the current SEVT will not compete in. Instead, the team will spend more time on the design of the next car.

Despite this brief lull in activity, however, MIT’s solar car team was able to raise the roughly $300,000 necessary to construct Eleanor.

Raising funds is entirely member initiated. “All team members help organize funding,” said member Kelly Ran ’12.

Another feature that sets the car apart is its custom made power trackers — designed by Robert Pilawa ’06 — which monitors and regulates optimum power outputs and is better tailored to Eleanor than those available commercially.

The purpose of the power trackers is to “ensure that solar cells are putting out the most power at a certain given time” says team member George J. Hanel ’12.

Unlike with the group’s previous cars, Eleanor’s design featured panels rather than cells mounted on her chassis. Her aerodynamic top and solar array are suspended on sawhorses (rear).

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Racing Down Under
In stark contrast to the busy streets of Massachusetts Avenue, where curious onlookers point their cell phone cameras at the car during the occasional test run, Eleanor faced large stretches of open road and the scorching heat of the outback.

“The temperature in the car around noon was at 110°F, but the drivers all had a camel pack of water to sip throughout the day,” said Roberts, one of the team’s drivers.

For three of the five days of the race, MIT’s team led the roughly 20 cars in its class, but was passed by the University of New South Wales on the fourth day.

“It was really tough enough to be first in our class for four days, then be passed in last day, simply because of a slightly better car — knowing that we were doing almost our complete best,” said Arahmbula.

But the team will now be “ready to come back in two years and be competitive with the top-tier teams,” he said.

To attend the race, held from October 24–31, members had to mass around two weeks of class, but expressed that the skills that they earned in exchange were well worth it. “Almost every team member has something to say about how the experience has gone beyond just the academics,” said Arahmbula.

“Every student that doesn’t do an extracurricular here is missing out on a hell of a lot,” he said.

Eleanor’s Namesake
Eleanor only recently returned from Australia via boat roughly two weeks ago, and team members say that they’re already beginning plans for the team’s next car for the 2011 Challenge.

In designing the next car, the team says that they will likely explore the use of higher quality but more expensive gallium arsenide solar cells as well as modified body shape and steering control.

Although the upcoming car currently remains officially unnamed, Roberts recalls that Eleanor’s name comes from the most elusive car in the movie “Goose in 60 Seconds” — a little-known fact to the public.

Hanel, however, points out that the name “Malina Mahana,” a reference to Sesame Street song and a name he posed for the future car in an outreach event, is one of his favorite current contenders for the next car.

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Achiving Meritocracy a Struggle, Race Report Says

By Meghan Nelson

Two colleagues admonished him once for drinking beer at his first faculty meeting, mistaking an energy drink for alcohol, he tells the interviewers. Another participant confesses he deliberately places books and other objects in his office to unavoidable reminders of the potential for mistreatment as custodians.

“That’s what it’s like being black, day to day,” said TT, as an anonymous minority faculty member, as part of a series of interviews conducted by the Initiative for Faculty Race and Diversity to examine the experience of minority faculty.

These episodes serve as shocking remnants of the potential for misunderstanding and the ignorance surounding race, as documented in the Diversity Initiative’s recently-released report.

At an institution where only six percent of faculty members are minorities, such incidents shed light on the minority faculty experience, one where subtle racial judgments sometimes marginalize and isolate minority faculty members.

Inequities do exist in the experiences of minority versus non-minority faculty members, which contribute to a sometimes negative climate, the report concluded. Even with recent efforts to increase levels of diversity among hiring, the overall environment at MIT is one where minority faculty are not always well treated or appreciated.

The report focused specifically on the recruitment, mentoring, and promotion to tenure of minority faculty, examining the academic environment and culture that exists at MIT. Drawing upon the research and successes in departments at MIT and other universities, the report also includes several recommendations to promote diversity.

Some findings are encouraging and attest to MIT’s commitment to diversity. For example, no salary disparities exist among similarly-qualified faculty members; non-tenured minority faculty express more satisfaction with their lives than non-tenured non-minority faculty; and the numbers of diverse faculty are increasing after a 2004 faculty resolution to double the percentage of minority faculty within a decade.

Still, surveyed tenured minority faculty expressed more dissatisfaction than their white or Asian tenured peers, the report said. Some minorities expressed concern that they experienced exclusion in terms of resources and mentoring which the tenure process did not adequately credit them for, and others were concerned about being labeled the “token minority.”

Regardless of whatever subtle level of racial bias exists on campus however, ultimately open discourse on race and active inclusion by all will improve and avail the community.

Meritocracy at center

What role diversity has, and should have, at an institution which values merit and ability above all else overshadowed the findings of the report. Green MIT’s scientific base and relentless push for objectivity, some faculty, minority and non-minority alike, express as irrelevant to achievement, according to the report.

“Ideally, in a meritocracy, people should be blind to race and gender. Why does that matter? All that matters is how good you are by some measure,” said one minority faculty in one of the report’s interviews.

But resting comfortably on the idea that MIT is a meritocracy ignores the immediate fact that disparity still exists. “Although the meritocracy concept presents an appropriate ideal, tension is created by the presumption that true meritocracy is already achieved at MIT” the report said.

Hidden biases, subjectivity, and assumptions can still plague how minority faculty members are evaluated. “It is not possible to proclaim a fully meritocratic process when our society presents innate biases to which all can be susceptible on some level,” said the report.

“The idea of meritocracy is something that everyone at MIT embraces. There’s not a problem with the concept, the issue is that when we execute it we can’t guarantee that we have actually included everyone in the pool,” said Paula T. Hammond ’84, chair of the Diversity Initiative.

Excellence and diversity

Whether including race as a factor for jobs causes less-qualified applicants to be chosen is an issue that has long-plagued the nation, and it is also a concern at MIT. While most non-minority faculty supported statements that diversity is good for the community, the report also found “that the anticipation from some members of the community that the intentional inclusion or recruitment of a minority faculty member might, in some cases, represent a lowering of standards one that can yield negative experiences for minority faculty even before their career has begun.”

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Underrepresented minorities hired from 1991–2009, by department. (Dial hires are counted at 50 percent in each department.)

Minority Hires by Department, 1991–2009

Discord Hint: In the original version of this 2010 Mystery Hunt puzzle, participants were expected to independently produce this grid. From here, the puzzle functions similarly to a traditional crossword puzzle.
sometimes students come to MIT, said that Kristine A. Girard ‘86, the Chief Assistant dean of the Community Development and Substance Abuse Center said that students at MIT are “very bright and high functioning” and that people who use Ritalin are “typically not Recurring users.”

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Trends of Ritalin abuse

Unlike Duncan, others may use Ritalin just as an experimental drug. Since it is so readily available on college campuses through other students and dormitories, many students think “it’s available and I know I’m going to have a late night, maybe I should consider using this because I’ve heard it might help,” Trujillo said.

According to Trujillo, Ritalin abuse is more widespread in the northeast and men are twice as likely to women as to take it. The most common users of Ritalin are Caucasian and Hispanic, with a much higher usage rate than those of Asian/Pacific Islander or African American descent. These stimulants are most popular with students who have a B- average, “students who feel like they need an edge” he said.

When students were “younger and weren't causing a disturbance, they were overlooked because the work wasn’t so demanding, and they didn’t have to pay attention fully to perform well grade-wise” Girard said.

Once they get to MIT they often “find that it actually is hard to stay at the top of the class” and may “not be able to take information in during lecture,” she said.

MIT Ritalin Misuse Rates on Par With Other Colleges

A new survey about drug, alcohol and stimulant use at MIT has just conducted by the American College of Healthcare Physicians, a student found abusing cognitive-enhancing drugs, like Nootropil, which he used off label to make you think better, help you concentrate. Duncan said, “they sort of helped my concentration” he said.

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Ritalin use is “not typically in the top three concerns” at Medical she said though did do a number of students come in with a legitimate prescription from ADHD, saying it might be one of the top health issues students may have.

Experiences on campus

Asked whether or not they think Ritalin abuse is prevalent at MIT, students said no. “I don’t think many people at MIT do it without a prescription” Nargiss Mouatta ’13 said, adding that she had never heard of anyone taking it. However, students do try to get in a hold of the drugs. Sometimes students “look online and come in with a story” in order to get it, Girard said. “Doctors are pretty good at reading people,” she said, and can “get the sense they want a prescription.” “We know there’s borrowing,” she said.

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“S^3 collaborates very closely with [MIT Medical] Mental Health for students who identify as having drug problems,” Randall said. “S^3 will work with each student on a ‘case by case basis,’ reaching out to each student in a different way. Then write movie reviews for The Tech.

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Selected 2010 Mystery Hunt Puzzles — Credits

100% Reliable by Mark Halpin
Planar Complex by Joseph Devincentis
Discword Solution by Joseph Devincentis and Craig Kasper

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Something to feel good about.

100% Reliable Solution
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MIT Track and Field Routes Opponents In First Meet of Season

By Greg McKeever

In its season opening meet, the MIT Men’s and Women’s Track & Field teams took on Bates and Colby Saturday afternoon. The teams picked up where they left off last season, winning 10 of 12 events to outlast Bates, 166-127. Colby took third with 97 points. Portia M. Jones ’12 helped lead the way with three individual wins while Jacqueline M. Wenta ’10 added two event victories. Wenta gave the Cardinal and Gray first-place points in both the 800m, with a time of 2:22.75, and the mile, finishing in 5:15.61. Other event wins came from Jamie L. Simmons ’12 in the 600m (1:38.67), Brooke C. Johnson ’13 at 3000m (10:18.92) and Alina E. Gatowski ’11 in the mile. Paul D. Wolfe ’11 ran 3000-meters in 8:52.47 to best Richard J. Prevost ’11. Gilian S. Amunorawiw 11 was the top finisher in the 5000m, with his time of 15:38.83.

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Women’s Swimming & Diving

Saturday, January 16, 2010
Colby College

MIT

Women’s Basketball

Wednesday, January 13, 2010
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

MIT

Saturday, January 16, 2010
Clark University

MIT

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Bates College, Colby College

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Women’s Skiing

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Wednesday, January 13, 2010
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Monday, January 17, 2010
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Sports

Ski Team Sets Personal Records at Weekend Slaloms

By Alexis Dale

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