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MIT plans expansion of University Park

By Margaret Cunniff
STAFF REPORTER

MIT will work with Forest City Boston to build a new building at 298-334 Massachusetts Avenue, in the area just north of Random Hall, expanding research and retail opportunities along the block. Construction could start as soon as a year from now.

Additionally, MIT is looking to further develop Kendall Square by bringing in more retail and research space opportunities in the next five to twelve years, and has launched a major rezoning effort and political campaign to do so.

The new MIT/Forest City build-

ing will be a five-story, approximately 240,000 square foot building. The ground floor will be used for retail facilities, while upper stories will be dedicated to research and office space, said Peter Calkins, Executive Vice President of Forest City Boston.

The building will extend along Mass Ave. from the former Cambridgeport Saloon through the All Asia restaurant. It will extend a block down Blanche Street, from Mass Ave. to Green Street, and then approximately halfway down Green Street. Random Hall, which extends from 282 to 290 Mass Ave, will not be affected by the development.

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IMAGE: GOOGLE; ILLUSTRATION: JOANNA KAO, JOHN A. HAWKINSON

MIT plans to develop its real estate at 298-334 Mass Ave. A five-story, 240,000 square foot facility will replace buildings just north of Random Hall.

Sadoway toasts to 16 years of teaching 3.091



SAM RANGE—THE TECH

Materials Science Professor Donald R. Sadoway removes the foil on a bottle of Champagne Wednesday in his final lecture for 3.091, the solid-state chemistry GIR class he has taught for 16 years. Following a lecture on eutectic properties of mixtures, Sadoway explained the chemistry of Champagne production and demonstrated the proper serving of the beverage.

The Cheney Room: MIT's hidden gem

By Maggie Lloyd
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

On any given day, the Margaret Cheney Room, a lounge designated exclusively for female students at MIT, is peacefully quiet. In this hidden campus gem, flyers are plastered on the walls, with topics ranging from UROPs to body image. Posters proclaim Martha Stewart-esque guidelines:

"Exercise every day." "Learn to Prioritize." "Avoid people who are complainers or who stress you out." "Relax." Beds, puzzles, a piano, showers — the room has everything for the exhausted female student to relax.

"I always see a lot of surprised faces when a student is seeing the room for the first

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IN SHORT

Evaluate your classes! Student evaluations are due on December 13 at 9 a.m. Take a study break and head over to <http://web.mit.edu/subjectevaluation/>

If you downloaded MIT Student MATLAB before August 16, 2010, you will need to switch to the new MATLAB license before December 20, 2010. The new license will allow access to MATLAB without an MITnet or VPN connection. More information is available at <http://ist.mit.edu/news/studentmatlab>

This Tuesday will be the last day of the produce market before winter break.

Get a ride to the airport. MIT Facilities will be offering a shuttle to Logan airport on December 15-18 for \$10. Reserve your spot at <http://web.mit.edu/facilities/transportation/shuttles/airport.html>

Electronic W-2 forms will be available to the MIT community starting in January in an effort to reduce paper waste, improve access, and eliminate printing and mailing delays. To switch from paper to electronic forms, visit http://web.mit.edu/sapwebs/PS1/money_home.shtml before January 15.

Timothy R. Jenks '13, the UA Vice Speaker, has resigned, saying that he does not have time for it. He will continue on as a Senator.

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Anna Tang acquitted in stabbing Wellesley student found not responsible due to bipolar disorder

By John A. Hawkinson
NEWS EDITOR

Anna L. Tang was deemed not criminally responsible for the attempted murder of Wolfe B. Styke.

Judge Bruce R. Henry ruled Wednesday that the prosecution had failed to prove that Tang had a substantial capacity to conform her conduct to the requirements of the law.

Tang, who has struggled with

mental illness since childhood, stabbed Wolfe B. Styke '11 in the early morning hours of October 23, 2007 in Styke's Next House dormitory room. Tang was a Wellesley College junior at the time.

The verdict came on the 7th day of trial — a long and slow trial with a "mountain of evidence — 48-49 exhibits," noted defense attorney Robert A. George.

There was never any question of whether Tang stabbed Styke. The

question was whether her mental illness — bipolar disorder with psychotic features — prevented her from stopping herself.

"I'm glad," said Tang's mother after the trial. "I'm happy that it is over."

But it is not over for Tang.

After the verdict, the judge had to decide what happens to Tang in the short term. Judge Henry

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JOHN A. HAWKINSON—THE TECH

Anna L. Tang was found not guilty by reason of insanity by Middlesex Superior Court judge Bruce R. Henry. The judge ordered her to undergo a psychiatric evaluation.

CAC, Walker groups to talk Student groups worried over Walker changes

By Stan Gill
STAFF REPORTER

This morning, several design and construction firms will be taking a tour of Walker Memorial to evaluate the building's potential to support MIT's Music and Theater Arts programs. Although Campus Activities Complex Director Phillip J. Walsh has said "no decisions have been made and cannot be adequately addressed until the

feasibility and assessment reviews are conducted" in regards to the project, the action of the Facilities department in hiring these architects and contractors comes as an alarm to several student groups housed in Walker.

About one-third of Walker's space is permanently occupied by organizations. Several of these groups, such as the WMBR, the Black Student Union,

Walker worries, Page 8

20 attend dining protest SayNo organizes sit-in at Corp. meeting

By Natasha Plotkin
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

For the first week in what seems like all semester, few public words have been spoken about dining. No new petitions have been sent out, no Undergraduate Association resolutions have been passed, and no new tweaks to the plan have been made. It's been a week since the last din-

ing protest. Perhaps students have finally accepted the administration's word that it is committed to moving ahead with the most recent version of the plan, perhaps they're even mostly satisfied with it, or maybe they're just busy studying for finals.

We may come to better know how the student body

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Why is it that politicians didn't mind so much when Julian exposed Afghan informants, but leaking diplomatic gossip steps over the line? **OPN, p. 5**

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

“Bad Boys” calendar is appropriate

I write this in response to Melissa B. Yan '14's letter proposing a boycott of the Bad Boys of Boston Calendar.

As a freshman, Ms. Yan may be unaware that the Bad Boys of Boston calendar is hardly without precedent. The Women of the East Side calendar, a calendar featuring the sexy side of East Campus, Bexley, Senior Haus and Random Hall's female residents, has had three issues (full disclosure: I am a model in the last two), and I daresay they have been a resounding success. In addition, a few years ago, the women of the west side of campus created a similar calendar. None of these four calendars have caused any of the problems Ms. Yan anticipates for the Bad Boys.

Ms. Yan worries about “bad press” for MIT. Neither women's calendar has caused any sort of media scandal; there is no reason to think that the press will jump on a similar calendar for men. Even if it does, who cares? College students using sex appeal to raise money for charity is nothing new. So long as all the models are over 18 and sign releases — and I assure you, they are and they do — there is nothing illegal or immoral in consenting adults reveling in their own sexuality. Further, it is important to note that both the Bad Boys and Women of the East Side are careful to make it clear they are in no way endorsed by or officially affiliated with MIT. The calendar models simply just so happen to all be MIT students.

There is nothing wrong with voluntarily using one's natural talents and looks (and hard work to build those lovely, sculpted muscles) to raise money for charity.

Another concern of Ms. Yan's is that prefrish might see the calendar and be scared off. The solution is simple: don't want to look at pictures of gorgeous geeks? Don't buy a calendar.

Finally, Ms. Yan seems to think that there's something wrong with selling sexy calendars for charity. Firstly, if the Dream a Dream foundation has a problem with this, I'm sure they can return the money and the Bad Boys will happily find another cause just as worthy that will accept their donation. I can't speak for how the Dream a Dream foundation feels about sexy calendars, but I can certainly say that the Big Jimmy Scholarship has been very

happy to receive the proceeds from the Women of the East Side Calendars. In no small part due to our help, the scholarship now has over \$100,000 towards its endowment, and is already helping students with their tuition. There is nothing wrong with voluntarily using one's natural talents and looks (and hard work to build those lovely, sculpted muscles) to raise money for charity.

In short: ladies and gentlemen of MIT, please, enjoy your sexy naked nerdflesh without guilt. The Bad Boys of Boston calendar comes with my highest recommendation. Naked men with razor-sharp minds not your thing? The East Campus desk is still selling copies of the past few Women of the East Side calendars, featuring women well-endowed in both brains and beauty posed for your visual enjoyment.

Caroline Figgatt '11

Computational biology needs depth, not just breadth

We were incredibly excited to read in *The Tech* a few weeks ago that MIT is planning to create an official plan for undergraduate computational biology education. Having graduated from MIT last spring and spent three years in UROPs (with one of us continuing as an MENG) in the Berger Computation and Biology Group, we appreciate the need for increased guidance for undergraduates who are interested in computational biology. When we first came to MIT, we remember many people wondering why we, as math and computer science majors, were taking biology classes and attending biology-related talks. We often felt unsure of which classes to take and how to best prepare ourselves for careers in interdisciplinary research, and without the guidance that we were fortunate to receive from faculty and graduate students, we may not have found our way. The enthusiasm that both Professor Grimson and Professor Kaiser expressed about guiding undergraduates interested in computational biology was wonderful to hear.

However, we are concerned that this new major may not be the best way to prepare students for interdisciplinary research because it does not require students to explore any one field in depth. At group meetings, talks, and conferences, some of the most creative ideas we have heard come from researchers who bring an in-depth knowledge of math, computer science, or biology. Many of the most important advances in this field, such as the algorithms for assembling sequence reads during the Human Genome Project, would not have been possible if there had not been researchers involved who had substantial experience in algorithms,

machine learning, or biochemistry. While a broad understanding of the related fields is clearly necessary in order to approach these problems, it seems to us that in order to make a meaningful contribution to the field, depth is extremely important as well and should not be overlooked, even on the undergraduate level.

When we were undergraduates, we asked many graduate students, post-docs, and professors for advice, and almost everyone said the same thing: develop an in-depth knowledge of math, computer science, or biology, and gain a solid foundation in the other two areas. Based on our few years of research in the field, we would give the same advice to incoming undergrads. We think that the computational biology major should require students to pick the side of the field that most interests them and gain an in-depth education in that area, along with some additional foundational classes in the other areas.

For example, students who are more interested in the quantitative side should be required to take probability (18.440/6.041) — the course that we have thus far found the most useful in our research — and statistics (18.443), an additional algorithms or AI-related class (18.433, 6.034, or 6.867), and a couple of proof-based classes. It is clearly also important that these students be required to take several foundational biology classes, but their focus should be to gain a solid background in math and/

In order to make a meaningful contribution to the field, depth of coursework should not be overlooked.

or computer science that will enable them to develop novel computational methods in this field. As students coming from the quantitative side, we are not sure what additional biology classes would make sense for students coming from that side, but we have gotten the impression from peers that there are additional classes that would be useful. Another possible path is to follow mechanical engineering's model with the 2A major, allowing students to major in 6 or 18 with a concentration in 7 or 20, or vice versa.

We are thrilled that the MIT EECS and Biology Departments plan to incorporate a computational biology program into undergraduate education. We hope that faculty, students, and alumni will work together to find a way to create a computational biology major or concentration within other majors that enables students to both gain a deep knowledge base in one area and a foundation in the others that they need for innovative research in this field.

Irene M. Kaplow '10 and Michael K. Yu '10

CORRECTIONS

An article published on Tuesday, December 7, about the 2.009 final presentations incorrectly stated the projected cost of the Blue Team's egg washer was \$100,000 per unit. Their initial legal and patent costs are expected to be \$100,000, but their projected production costs are between \$600 and \$1,000 per unit.

An article running on Friday, December 3, gave wrong information about the minimum sentence Anna L. Tang might receive were she convicted. (Tang was judged not guilty on Wednesday.) Tang did not face a minimum of ten years in prison — there was no mandatory minimum for the charges she faced.

A headline from Tuesday, December 3, erroneously stated that Tang has multiple lawyers. She has only one lawyer.

That same article misspelled the given name of the prosecutor. She is Assistant District Attorney Suzanne M. Kontz, not Susanne. The same mistake was also made in a web-only article about the trial that was published on June 16.

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POINT/COUNTERPOINT

The future for Democrats: Run to the center?

Being liberal doesn't work — to remain relevant, Democrats must revise their agenda

By Keith Yost
STAFF COLUMNIST

There's an interesting fairy tale that Democrats (and Mr. Veldman) have been telling themselves for more than a decade. "If we were simply better at getting out our message, we'd win more elections." This is an incredibly facile analysis — it is akin to saying that the U.S. Army would win more wars if its soldiers shot more enemies and got shot less themselves. Even if it had the power to explain why Democrats win in some years and lose in others (which it doesn't), it's less than worthless as a form of strategic advice. The "voters are stupid, why else wouldn't they vote for us" meme has been rampant on the left for quite some time — if it really had insights to offer, surely these lessons would have been capitalized upon by now.

There's an even more interesting fairy tale that Democrats are telling themselves in the immediate aftermath of the 2010 elections. "If only we'd been more liberal" the line goes, "we wouldn't have lost the midterms so badly." According to this logic, if Democrats had stayed true, not only would their base have come out in droves, but there would have been a better chance of repairing the economy, and thus a better chance of averting all those unhappy unemployed people from voting Republican.

It's not surprising that many on the left are making these verdicts. They are, after all, highly convenient to the partisan purists that survived the election; such a diagnosis gives them the intellectual cover to support unpopular policies and still claim they are responsible party leaders. But whatever succor it may provide to the Nancy Pelosis of the world, the idea that Democrats can stay the course on their left-wing agenda and see success in the next election cycle is nothing short of a complete abjuration of reality.

Firstly, the base did not stay home. Of those who voted in 2008 but did not vote in 2010 (the 'droppers'), 40 percent consider themselves independent, while those who consider themselves liberal and conservative poll at 32 percent each. Thirty-nine percent said the Democrats "tried to have government do too much," and those who said Obama was more liberal than them outnumbered those who said he was more conservative by three to two. This is not a picture of a depressed Democratic base — this is a picture of the country's political center.

Of those who voted for Democrats in 2008, but changed their minds in 2010 (the 'switchers'), the large majority are conservative or moderate, with only 11 percent calling themselves liberal. By sizable majorities, they believe the government is too large and are concerned about the deficit. These are not the angry jobless — they're right-leaning independents and moderate conservatives.

Secondly, the electorate is moving to the right. Looking at elections in the U.S. House, 42 percent of 2010 voters consider themselves conservative, compared with 32 percent just four years ago. The trend is reflected in the non-voting public as well — today, Gal-

lup polls indicate that 42 percent of the country consider themselves conservative, 35 percent moderate, and only 20 percent liberal. What's more, the GOP is winning an ever-higher percentage of the conservative vote — this cycle, they led Democrats among conservatives by 71 points, up 19 from two years ago and up 10 from the wave election of 1994. If Democrats capture only 10-15 percent of the vote from a 42 percent chunk of the electorate, they'll continue to lose elections.

Lastly, Republicans won a considerable number of governor's mansions and state legislatures in 2010, which means that next year's post-census redistricting will hand the GOP a golden opportunity to redraw the lines in their favor. Though the Republican lead in this area is not crushing (for every six districts they get to redraw, the Democrats will get roughly five), there are two reasons to think it will be decisive: this is the first time in fifty years that Republicans have had a dominant hand in redistricting — Democrats holding the pen will likely only have the chance to perpetuate an existing gerrymander, while Republicans will get to flip the status quo. Furthermore, Democrats are more susceptible to gerrymandering; their concentration in urban areas makes them easy to shunt into massively Democratic electoral ghettos without having to create the ridiculously contoured districts that betray partisan meddling.

After their loss in 2008, Republicans looked into their political soul and found the Tea Party. It is hard to characterize their transformation as a turn toward moderation; if anything, the Tea Partiers seem more extreme than previous iterations of Republican ideology. But even if the GOP's swing was not explicitly toward the center, it did result in an offering that appealed more to moderates and independents than before. Stripped from the platform were the deadweight of social conservatism and foreign policy neoconservatism. Whether these planks were thrown away or merely brushed under the rug remains to be seen, but the practical effect was to remove the party's biggest handicaps and make a fresh bid for the nation's swing votes.

In the face of an increasingly conservative voting public and the loss of their structural political advantages, Democrats very desperately need to reclaim the political center. Like Republicans, perhaps they will look into their souls and return with a product that remains true to a core portion of their ideology, yet offers something fresh and competitive. But unlike Republicans, Democrats will not have the political landscape on their side if they choose to make such a gamble.

There is a safer road back to relevance. To bring the droppers back to the polls, Democrats need to offer something that was not present during the 2010 election: truly moderate candidates. And to claw back the switchers, Democrats need to convince them that they too can be serious about fighting deficits.

Whatever path Democrats choose, one thing should be made clear to them: they lost. And if they don't change something, they will lose again.

Who is out of touch, you say? Republicans regularly and unashamedly disregard the wishes of the American people

By Mike Veldman
STAFF COLUMNIST

Penn Jillette once observed that the Republican Party was essentially the "party of fear" and the Democratic Party the "party of hate." During the Bush era (when he made the remarks) these designations hit the nail on the head. Republicans used the awful specters of Islamic terrorism, the Radical Gay Agenda, abortion and — gasp! — taxes to bully voters into thinking there was only one way they would make it through the next decade with their churches, families, money, or guns safe. Democrats, conversely, used George Bush as a symbol for everything that was wrong with Republicans. He, and by extension the Republican Party, wasn't just incompetent, he was greedy and racist and ever eager to encroach on our rights — he took from the poor to give to the rich, he turned a cold shoulder to the victims of Katrina, and he routinely disregarded the constraints of the Constitution.

I think the time has come to rebrand the Democratic and Republican Parties for the Obama era as the parties of Impotence and Obscurantism, respectively. It is these behaviors working in tandem with established historical trends — not shifts in the actual political leanings of most voters — that I believe are responsible for the numbers Mr. Yost cites.

For one, it has been well-documented that parties tend to do better in midterms when the opposing party controls the executive branch. The record for most losses in the House goes to Republican Warren Harding, whose party lost 77 seats in 1922, and in the Senate to Truman in 1946 (D) and Eisenhower in 1958 (R), whose parties each lost 12 seats. By comparison, the Democrats lost 63 seats in the House and 6 in the Senate in 2010. This pattern extends back decades, has only rare, minor exceptions, and can on its own account for a large part of the Democratic loss. For Yost to attribute the midterm results to tectonic shifts in public opinion is a tad premature.

That is not to say that the Democratic losses in the House were not significant — to the contrary, they were the most substantial losses in either party in 70 years. But this has more to do with the parties themselves and not the political opinions most often associated with them. It essentially comes down to semantics. Over the past several years, conservative commentators have managed to turn the word "liberal" into a pejorative; "liberal" is now a subset of political stances that can be dismissed out of hand as too extreme. Using the word "conservative" as an insult simply does not carry the same weight. Conservative is acceptable. Liberal is radical.

The thing is, most Democratic policies coincide quite nicely with American public opinion. For example, so-called "Obamacare" was portrayed by conservatives/Republicans as a socialist, grandmother-euthanizing, government takeover. But when the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act are considered individually and without the "Obamacare" label, public support for them is conclusively positive. People like that health insurance companies can no longer drop you when you get sick or deny coverage to those with pre-existing conditions, that offspring can stay on a parent's plan until the age of 26, and that the hole in Medicare Part D has been covered, among other things. (A personal favorite of mine is the provision that establishes a 10-percent tax on indoor tanning services that use ultraviolet lights. Sorry, Snookie.)

Other Democrat-backed proposals that also happen to agree with a majority of Americans include the extension of unemployment benefits, a bill that would have given health care to 9/11 rescue-workers who suffer from complications due to their efforts, an end to the Bush tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans (but keeping them for everyone else), and the establishment of civil unions. Republicans are overwhelmingly opposed to these proposals (the rescue worker bill was killed in July — don't ask me how the allegedly more patriotic party finagled out of a yea-vote for American heroes) and yet it is the Democrats who are considered out of sync with Americans. The most recent case in point is the vote on extending unemployment benefits. While two million Americans were struggling to survive sans paycheck, as John Kerry put it, Republicans essentially "held hostage" the extension of unemployment insurance until Democrats agreed to extend the Bush tax cuts for the wealthy; in the meantime, we struggle with a crushing deficit. It is the Republican demonization of Democratic legislation — and the inability of Democrats to respond effectively — that makes it seem like the Democratic Party is on the wrong side of public opinion.

And despite the resounding Republican victory in the House, Americans are in general less happy about it than in other years. According to Pew Research Center, in 2006, 60 percent of Americans were happy about the Democratic victory while only 24 percent were unhappy; this year, only 48 percent reported being happy about the Republican victory, with 34 percent unhappy. Even more telling is that similar numbers of people disapprove (37 percent) and approve (41 percent) of this Republican Congress's agenda, a dismal showing compared to the 1994 Republican victory (28 percent and 52 percent) and the 2006 Democratic victory (21 percent and 50 percent). What this means is not that Americans are moving further to the right, but that they are becoming increasingly disappointed in both parties, and have settled for the Republicans this time around. Indeed, a full 76 percent of respondents said they expected continued or worsening partisanship in Washington.

Finally, Yost's assertion that liberalism is losing relevance as conservatism gains traction is patently absurd when placed in the context of the past couple of decades. It is a well-known fact that self-described liberals compose a smaller portion of the U.S. population than conservatives; this has been true for years. (As I said before, I personally think this is because of the connotations each word carries, i.e. conservatives have linked themselves with "family values" and "fiscal responsibility" despite the fact that their behavior is inconsistent with these platitudes, and liberals have been labeled as "radical" or "socialist," to name the more mild appellations.)

But according to Gallup, percentages of liberals and conservatives have remained more or less static for the past 18 years, with a few percentage point increase in the portion of liberals. While it is true that percentages of conservatives have increased slightly over the past two years, this fits nicely into a pattern of a slight peak in liberalism and a slight dip in conservatism towards the end of the perhaps traumatizing Bush administration and into Obama's inauguration. To infer from this that there is significance — indeed, the start of a fundamental demographic shift — to the marginal increases in conservatism is nothing more than statistically irresponsible extrapolation.

UA UPDATE AND ANSWERS

At last week's Exec meeting, there was a short discussion on dining at Simmons, but not many residents showed up to express their opinions. It transitioned into a discussion on FinBoard reforms. Changes have been made to split the Spring allocation period into two periods, and there was further discussion on changes to policy and funding, as well as the creation of a committee to revise FinBoard policies over IAP.

Much happened at Monday's Senate meeting as well! It began with a thorough discussion on the enrollment increase and how it will affect academics and student life at

MIT. Following the approval of UA budgets, class council budgets, and FinBoard allocations, multiple bills were passed. These include bills to fund MEETERS, fund an IAP class to learn massaging, fund publicity to improve the cross-campus nature of "Bad Ideas" Weekend, extend the operation of the Committee on Athena Printing, task CSL with effectively receiving feedback on Saferide drivers, release Minutes for 42 UAS 8, fund a lighting board of \$10,000 for theater student groups, utilize the Fresh Fund for December and IAP allocations, and create the Finboard Policy Ad-Hoc Committee.

We would like to note some important members who will be leaving us next semester. David Chang, Chair of

SCEP, will be resigning to study abroad in France, and Krishna Esteva, Chair of Sustainability, will be resigning for personal reasons. In addition, Tim Jenks, the Vice Speaker of the Senate, will be resigning due to time constraints, but he will continue to participate as a senator of fraternities. The UA thanks them for all their hard work!

In addition, the UA ran another midnight study break on Wednesday! We hope to continue to gather useful feedback. Feel free to email ua@mit.edu with questions, comments, concerns, or suggestions!

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Tang still faces commitment

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decided he should use his discretion under the law to require Tang undergo a mental evaluation. That evaluation will take 20–50 days, and will take place at the Solomon Carter Fuller Mental Health Center in Boston.

“This verdict does not change the fact that this defendant carried out an extremely vicious and cruel act of violence that resulted in serious injuries to an unarmed college student who was asleep at the time of the attack,” Middlesex District Attorney Gerry T. Leone said in a statement.

“We are thankful to the court for their thoughtful deliberation and consideration in this matter, and the resulting commitment of the defendant to a hospital for evaluation. We remain hopeful that at the upcoming commitment hearing, Ms. Tang will receive the mental health treatment necessary to minimize the likelihood of her committing such a violent offense again, including a safety plan and compulsion to engage in whatever treatment and medications that might be deemed warranted,” Leone said.

The prosecution’s case was hurt the most by the testimony and written reports of Dr. Alison Fife, who evaluated Tang on behalf of the court. Fife changed her opinion midway through the trial — in June

— which necessitated halting the trial for five months as the defense regrouped.

“Dr. Fife’s two different opinions and her testimony regarding them leave me with more questions than they resolve,” Judge Henry said as he gave his verdict from the bench.

Henry said that he very much relied on the testimony of Wolfe Styke, the victim, as well as the testimony of Dr. Michael J. Mufson, Tang’s treating psychopharmacologist.

Tang is definitely in better shape now than she was in October of 2007. At the time she was on Celexa, being treated for depression — but her doctors now believe that she was bipolar. Treating bipolar illness with drugs intended for depression can be very problematic.

“It makes the lows lower and the highs higher,” Mufson said.

Under Mufson’s care, Tang has instead been on Seroquel, an antipsychotic drug intended for bipolar illness. In and around the courtroom, she appears to be normal. The testimony of her doctors is that Seroquel has solved her problems.

George noted in his closing argument that Seroquel is the same drug used by rap musician Eminem, who credits it with saving his life.

There is currently no date for Tang’s commitment hearing — it will take place sometime after her mental health evaluation is complete, probably in January.

The defense had tried to convince the judge to let Tang remain under her current house arrest conditions while her mother was in the country visiting, through December 11, but the court instead ordered that Tang undergo evaluation immediately.

The prosecution noted that the availability of a bed at the Fuller Center was particularly fortuitous and rare, and there was no guarantee that bed would be available at a later date, and instead Tang might have to go to a much less convenient facility for evaluation, such as one in Bridgewater, Mass. or Taunton, Mass.

During the penultimate day of trial, the prosecution’s witnesses including two Cambridge Police Officers, who described Styke’s wounds in detail.

The officers also showed off the “powerful mini crossbow” that Tang had ordered through Amazon prior to the stabbing. The crossbow did not arrive before Tang left Wellesley on the night of October 22. She stabbed Styke in the early morning hours of October 23.

With the exception of Dr. Fife, the testimony of all witnesses in the trial seemed to be well-accepted. While the prosecution successfully challenged some of the testimony of Eric L. Brown, the psychologist who supervised Tang’s treatment, there was little to dispute in the testimony of other witnesses.

GSC talks Walker

Walker worries, from Page 1

the MIT Radio Society, the Graduate Student Council, and the Muddy Charles Pub hold historic ties to the building.

“There are folks that have been in that building for many years so the orientation of what they do and how they do it is very fixed in that location,” Walsh said.

The administration is meeting with these groups first as part of their evaluation in making a decision. However, Walsh states that “Because it is not feasible to meet with each and every group individually, a general community meeting is being planned for late IAP/beginning of the second term when all groups in Walker can participate.” This puts communication with groups several months behind the November timeframe that the Association of Student Activities had announced.

Several student groups have expressed concern about the situation. Reasonably so, the act of the administration hiring the contractors and architects could be taken a sign that the administration is moving forward with the plans before completely consulting the groups

involved. This prompted the Graduate Student Council to call an emergency meeting this afternoon (at 3 p.m.) to discuss the situation with the other occupants of Walker.

The purpose of this GSC meeting is to be the first of several to discuss the potential implications of the Walker project and the student groups’ initial reactions. The GSC had their meeting with administrators this past week. On behalf of the GSC, GSC Vice President Gleb M. Akselrod declined to comment on the issue and GSC President Ulric J. Ferner could not be reached.

According to the ASA chair, Rebecca Krentz-Wee ’12, a few members of the ASA met with administrators on Wednesday. “We didn’t receive any particularly new news,” Krentz-Wee said. The ASA is continuing to be in contact with administrators for updates on the situation.

As of now, the fate of student groups in Walker remains uncertain. Krentz-Wee previously said that she will “continue to push for space until they take it away.”

Walsh said that CAC would be building a web site to describe and provide regular updates on the planning process.

Docks honor 75th, will double in size

Pavilion to be bigger, safer

By Leo Zhou
STAFF WRITER

Changes are coming to the MIT Sailing Pavilion next year for its 75th anniversary: the pavilion will more than double in size, some boats will be gone, and new boats will come. The costliest of these changes is the \$1.6 million dock renewal project planned by the MIT Nautical Association (MITNA) for the pavilion.

Thomas E. Rose G, vice-commodore of MITNA, said that \$0.7 million has already been raised, and construction may start early next year with current projections. According to Francis E. Charles Jr, the Sailing Master at the pavilion, the project is estimated to be completed in September 2011. They plan to install new floating docks that will increase the area that the pavilion currently occupies on the water from 11,170 square feet to 24,837 square feet.

Despite the significant expansion of the dock, Charles said that there is no official plan to increase the number of vessels.

Then why the new docks? Charles said that they want to put more boats out on the dock rather than in storage for increased access to an increasing number of sailors. Given the approximately 1,300 active sailing users since this July, the largest the pavilion has ever seen, Charles said that the pavilion currently serves about 20 percent of MIT students.

In addition, the new floating docks will help address the safety concerns associated with the currently fixed docks, according to Charles. After their time on the water ends, sailors are required to lean

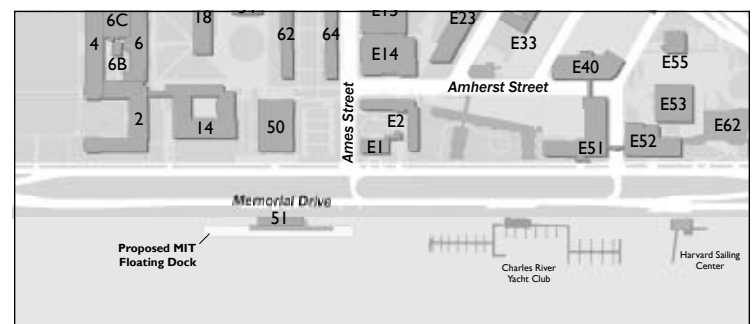
over the edge of the dock to pull up vessels and drag them up onto the deck. Charles said the elevation of the currently fixed dock is unnecessarily high, and hauling vessels can be especially dangerous when the water is low. Also, such hauling movements can cause damage to the bottom of the boats, which can be costly to repair.

Charles said the pavilion had to get permits from 23 different departments, since its location isn’t owned by MIT. However, the expansion plan didn’t meet much opposition from the Cambridge community.

“We had various groups that came and supported our expansion of our docks, because we do so much for the community outside of MIT,” Charles said, giving examples of services such as hosting junior championships and Massachusetts Special Olympics.

Another upcoming change for the sailing club is its plan to sell the 37-foot sloop known as *Nevermore*, which was donated about three years ago. Charles explained that they are selling it because money is needed to renovate the existing boats as part of their next project. Though there is no officially planned expansion of the number of vessels, new boats are being purchased to replace some of the existing ones. For instance, a new fleet of Fire Fly boats, which was primarily used in the UK, is coming in.

Nevermore was used for the blue-water sailing program at the pavilion, in which large groups of people can go sailing in Boston Harbor and the Atlantic Ocean. Rose said that MITNA is looking for a donor for a new large yacht in order to continue the program.



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Major improvements are planned for the MIT Sailing Pavilion, located on the Charles River across from Walker Memorial.

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MIT plans include changes to Kendall Sq.

Land development, from Page 1

Existing buildings will be demolished, including Thailand Cafe, All Asia, J.N. Philips Auto Glass, and MIT building NW62 (the Volvo Garage).

Construction could begin as early as a year from now, said Calkins, depending on identification of a major user. A minor change in zoning will be required before construction can begin. Costs are unclear at this point, though it is likely to be upwards of \$100 million. The project is primarily dependant on the actions of Forest City — they will be responsible for design, marketing, leasing, construction, and other concerns. Calkins said MIT has been “taking a very passive role.” MIT and Forest City are joint partners in the development, said Calkins. “We’ll both contribute the land we control into the partnership”, with costs being split on a fifty-fifty basis.

MIT has worked with Forest City before on the University Park development, which includes a public park, housing, and retail spaces, such as Shaw’s supermarket on Sidney Street, the Asgard Irish Pub, and the Le Meridien Hotel (formerly the University Park Hotel@MIT).

The new building is meant as an extension to University Park, though it will not change the current public access to University Park. Currently, University Park connects to Mass Ave with one building and a small park located near the firehouse at 408 Mass Ave.

The lots along Mass Ave that will hold the future building are some of several pieces of real estate owned by MIT and managed by the MIT Investment Management Company (MITIMCo) at this time. MITIMCo serves to support the Institute financially by investing capital in various ventures, including stocks, bonds, and real estate. Real estate investments fall into two categories — investments globally and investments in Cambridge.

While MIT and Forest City are building, Novartis is also planning a new development, slated to begin construction sometime in 2011. Novartis will be building a \$600 million complex across the street from the current Novartis campus, including the lot on the corner of Mass Ave and Albany Street and the former Analog Devices building, approximately one block south of the new Forest City development.

Kendall

In addition to the development along Mass Ave, MIT is planning on developing Kendall Square further in the next five to twelve years. MIT President Susan J. Hockfield sees Kendall as becoming a center for community in Cambridge as well as a hub of life sciences research, says Sarah E. Gallop, the Co-Director of the Office of Government and Community Relations.

This project is the personal vision of President Hockfield, Gallop said.

MIT has held over 100 presentations to the Cambridge and MIT communities about their plans for Kendall Square, including meetings with the Undergraduate Association, a meeting with residents of East Campus this week, open meetings to the community, and meetings with city councillors and other government officials.

Stephen C. Marsh, Managing Director of Real Estate for MITIMCo articulates the project’s vision as one of enhancing the retail space to “really activate the street edge.” Marsh notes that a lot of the existing retail in Kendall, such as MIT Press, involves going up steps from street level, and says that really hurts retail.

“There are really amazing companies doing really amazing things” in Kendall Square, Marsh said, but from looking at the street level, “you have no idea.” MIT wants to change that.

“Kendall Square is underserving and is not a recognized place, other than in name only. The initiative here is to create a ‘place,’” Marsh said.

Marsh also hopes the project will further connect MIT and the Kendall T Stop, a connection that is particularly difficult right now.

According to Gallop, there may be as much as one million square feet of development in Kendall, with 100,000 square feet of retail space being created. The development will require extensive rezoning of the current properties.

MIT intends to file for zoning changes with the city sometime this winter, Marsh

said.

The goal of the project is to bring more retail into the area as a way of engaging the public, while also expanding research facilities in the area. Emphasis will be placed on street level development and areas that will allow public congregation. Development will focus on the area around the T stop and south of Main Street.

MIT stresses that the artists renderings of Kendall Square are merely preliminary visions, and they are likely to change in the future, and should not be construed as definite plans.

But can MIT do retail right?

On October 19, Cambridge City Councilman Kenneth E. Reeves publicly criticized MIT’s management of their properties in Cambridge in an open letter to Hockfield published in *The Tech*. Reeves questioned the effectiveness of Marsh, and was particularly upset by two factors: a presentation given to him by MIT’s consultant working on the Kendall project, and a lack of communication about the Forest City joint project.

On the day prior to the letter, the Cambridge City Council passed an order directing the city to “identify a well qualified consultant to assist with determining the desired future course of overall development in Kendall Square and Central Square. It is particularly important that the City immediately think through the overall impact of a significant MIT project in Kendall Square and Central Square.”

As a result of the order, City Manager Robert W. Healy and Mayor David P. Maher met with Hockfield, according to Gallop. “We are all still in agreement that this is a good idea,” she said.

Reeves cited MIT’s lack of success with retail in the past, especially the management of MIT’s property at 450 Mass Ave, the Central Square Theatre. The theatre has been there since 2008, but the retail space on the first story has remained vacant the entire time. Reeves claimed that this vacancy was due to unreasonable rents charged by MIT, and the empty storefronts have “contributed to the general sense of decline in Central Square. Rather than making a contribution to its revitalization it has conveyed a sense of failure.”

According to Gallop, three letters of intent have now been signed to rent retail space in Central Square. Two of the letters concern the space below the Central Square Theater, with the third located elsewhere in Central Square.

According to Marsh, the vacancy at the lots was largely due to the recession and problems presented by the footprint of the building. Marsh said the rent asked for at the 450 Mass Ave property is “very much market-oriented.”

Gallop said that President Hockfield is committed to doing “whatever expertise and resources” are necessary to do this right.

“When MIT builds, we often build because we have a donor,” Gallop said. This case is different, she said: “We’re not building because we have a tenant. We’re building because we want to create a sense of place on the first floor.”

Gallop said MIT is continuing to gain experience with retail, but notes that Reeves’ criticisms are a valid way of looking at things. “Councillor Reeves knows that we respect him. He knows that we’re going to follow a process that makes good sense. We’ve known him for a long time and he knows we respect him. And we’re going to work with him. He knows that.”

According to Gallop, Hockfield has invited city leadership to her home next week Wednesday to preview MIT150 activities and facilitate communication between the city and MIT. Over 40 people will be there, including the Institute’s senior leadership.

MIT is attempting to facilitate more communication between Cambridge and MIT throughout the development process. Marsh sees these developments as being beneficial to Cambridge as a whole, not MIT in isolation. MIT started investing in Cambridge in the 1960’s in order to help bolster development of the community surrounding MIT. Much of the land surrounding MIT was highly industrial, and concerns over urban blight led MIT to invest in the area as a way to help the local economy and improve the standing of the area. Early projects undertaken include the development of Technology Square and University Park.

John A. Haukinson contributed to the reporting of this article.



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The numbered buildings on the map indicate areas that could be developed as part of MIT’s plan to revitalize Kendall Square within the next five to twelve years.



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A present-day view of Kendall Square looking down Main Street towards Boston. MIT recognizes that the retail space in Kendall Square today doesn’t engage passers-by.



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An artist’s rendition of Kendall Square, looking east towards Boston, in the springtime after development. The plans are not definite and are certain to change in the future.



A view of the Kendall Inbound T stop as it exists today. There is little connection to the rest of campus, and visitors come out of the stop and say, “Where’s MIT?”



An artist’s rendition of what Kendall could look like in the wintertime. A large screen might exist in the background and there might be dances. Or not — these are preliminary conceptions, and are certain to change.

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Taking a new legal direction: Genes are not patentable

A judge's controversial ruling spurs debate

By Jingyun Fan
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The legality of patents on genes is in jeopardy after a judge ruled that genes were ineligible for patents because they involved "laws of nature." Twenty percent of the human genome is currently patented.

The debate over gene patents has been brought to the fore by the court case *American Molecular Pathology, et. al. v. US Patent and Trademark Office* case (commonly referred to as the Myriad case) over BRCA1 and BRCA2, two genes that are linked to breast and ovarian cancer. Myriad Genetics, Inc. holds an exclusive license for BRCA1 and BRCA2, but in March of this year, Judge Robert W. Sweet of the United States District Court in Manhattan, invalidated seven patents covering the two genes.

Critics have also worried that the court ruling could hurt licensing practices by universities. However, others support the ruling because they believe gene patents harm academic research and patient access to technologies. The validity of these arguments is the topic of current debate.

Fiona E. Murray, an associate professor at Sloan with a background in chemistry who has been active in the intellectual property policy debate, said in an e-mail that the court ruling is likely to have little, if any, impact on academics.

"In general, academics are not impacted in their ability to do research — there are a variety of cases and examples that suggest that firms don't sue academics for infringing," Murray said. "On the other hand, academic patents could be impact-

ed — a high fraction of gene patents have been filed by academia." Murray suggests that the ruling will have more implications in clinical settings, where activities have been limited by the patents.

The legislative front

There has also been debate about gene patents within the Department of Health and Human Services. In April of 2010, the HHS Secretary's Advisory Committee on Genetics, Health and Society wrote a report on the implications of gene patent policy for Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. In the report, the committee made a number of recommendations, including one to create exemptions for infringement liability.

The report found that gene patents and licenses have a negative effect on patient access to tests as well as the quality of existing tests. The report also found that gene patents did not result in faster test development. In fact, because not much development is needed to get to a final product, multiple laboratories usually developed tests before patents were granted so that the patent merely serves to narrow the market of already-developed competition. Because government funding is usually used for basic genetics research, the incentives provided by patent rights for private investment in basic genetics research is insignificant and unimportant.

The American Association of Universities, a lobbying group in Washington D.C. that represents the interests of universities, has been in favor of allowing gene patents on the legislative front. In a letter written in May

to the NIH, (which is part of HHS), the AAU argued that the advisory committee has not found adequate evidence on the negative or positive impacts of gene patents on patient access. The AAU also argued that the increased regulations in licensing recommended by the committee do not allow for the flexibility that universities need to sign a deal with an industry partner. MIT is a member of the AAU.

Activity in the courts

The patents for BRCA1 and BRCA2 allow Myriad Genetics, Inc. to be the exclusive vendor for a test that looks for mutations in these two genes to determine risk for breast and ovarian cancer. According to the *New York Times*, the plaintiffs, which include the American Civil Liberties Union, say that the patents kept prices high (at more than \$3,000 per test) and prevented women from getting a confirmatory test from another laboratory.

On June 16, Myriad and the University of Utah Research Foundation, who are defendants in the Myriad case, filed for an appeal in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

On October 29, the Department of Justice commented on Judge Sweet's ruling by filing an *amicus* (friend of the court) brief saying that the mere isolation of a gene should not be patentable. The DOJ labeled their brief "in support of neither party." However, because the brief still allowed for the patentability of manipulated DNA, it was not in full agreement with

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CJAC talks dining

SayNo protest, from Page 1

feels about the current version of the new dining plan in weeks ahead. In their last dining-related e-mail to the student body on December 1, UA President Vrajesh Modi and Vice President Sammi Wyman told undergraduates that the UA was "working on a data-driven analysis of the arguments for and against the plan to understand better the benefits and consequences of the proposal."

While it remains to be seen if and when new opposition or support for the most recent dining plan will emerge, it is clear that at least some fraction of students still adamantly disagrees with it. Just last Friday morning, a group of about 20 students, mostly from dining hall dorms, organized a protest at the Media Lab lobby, where members of the MIT Corporation were gathering for their quarterly meeting that day.

The students handed out printed copies of the online SayNo petition against dining to about 20 members of the corporation who entered the Media Lab between 8 and 8:30 a.m. Some corporation members both picked up the petition and stopped to chat with the protesters for a few minutes, while others simply ignored the group or took a petition and told students they were in too much of a rush to get to the meeting to speak.

The petition, which has collected 1,838 online signatures, including 1,570 current undergraduates,

and 568 residents of dining hall dorms, argues that the new dining plan is too expensive, will disrupt living group culture, and was created without adequate concern for student opinion. Keone Hon '11, the main organizer of the protest, also wrote and created the website for the SayNo petition.

Secretary of the MIT Corporation Kirk D. Kolenbrander said that members of the corporation who spoke with the students at the Media Lab, "appreciated hearing the thoughts of the students. I was pleased that a mechanism existed where our students felt they could share their thoughts in that fashion."

Kolenbrander described the Corporation Joint Advisory Committee (CJAC) as "the formal mechanism the Corporation has to be in communication with the students." Kolenbrander said that CJAC had discussed dining. Compared with the SayNo protesters, the UA has taken a more reserved, yet still un-supportive, stance on the issue. In their December 1 e-mail, Wyman and Modi wrote that the UA was "unable to support the amended proposed dining plan in its current form because it is unclear to us that the majority of the affected students support it." Meanwhile, there have been at least 64 emails, copied to *The Tech*, from students, parents, and alumni to Dean Colombo expressing their disapproval of the plan.

John A. Hawkinson contributed reporting to this story.

Harvard Corp. to nearly double size

By John A. Hawkinson

NEWS EDITOR (SUMMARY FROM WIRES)

On Monday, Harvard announced a doubling of the size of its board of directors, "the President and Fellows of Harvard College," from seven to thirteen.

By contrast, the MIT Corporation has 74 active members.

The Harvard Corporation, which is 374 years old, will also add term limits for its members — previously, members could serve indefinitely.

The Harvard and MIT Corporations are not quite directly analogous, though. Harvard also has a Board of Overseers, which has 30 members. Together, President and Fellows of Harvard College and the Board of Overseers will be 47 members, which is still dwarfed by MIT's 74.

Secretary of the MIT Corporation Kirk D. Kolenbrander said that the structure of the MIT Corporation is "widely envied" by other universities.

In contrast, Harvard has come under fire in recent years for shortcomings in its financial oversight, and has been criticized for its governance.

"The Corporation has not functioned optimally with its small size," said Phyllis Keller, a former Harvard dean. "This is a very sensible change and definitely a step forward."

MIT is very proud of its corporate governance system, along with its 31 visiting committees. These committees represent a range of groups at MIT, including each academic department, as well as the Dean for Student Life and the Department of Athletics, Physical Education, and Recreation (DAPER).

The typical size for a governing board of a private research university is about 35 members, and most universities have term limits, according to Richard Chait, a professor at Harvard's Graduate School of Education and a national expert on higher education governance.

Harvard "has had some setbacks that quite properly prompted the Corporation to be a little more self-reflective," said Chait, who advised the university's governance review committee. "Harvard, like many institutions, recognized that the world is a little more complex these days for research universities than would have been the case a century or two ago."

The changes come after a year-long review of the Harvard Corporation, which has been criticized by some faculty and alumni for its secrecy and because its concentrated power is wielded by a select group whose members, chosen among themselves, have served for unlimited terms.

"In the past, some people could hang on for a very long time," said Morton Keller. "There have been a few cases of people on the board who just don't really pull their oar. Now they are trying to make the Corporation a more effective body."

Kolenbrander said that MIT was not aware of significant criticism of its governance process, though the MIT Corporation is always looking for ways to improve.

In an op-ed published in the *Boston Globe* last December, professors Fred Abernathy and Harry Lewis urged some Harvard Corporation members to resign, calling the board a "dangerous anachronism" that "failed its most basic fiduciary and moral responsibilities."

"It is too small, too closed, and too secretive to be intensely self-critical, as any responsible board must be," the professors wrote.

Lewis praised Harvard for taking a thorough look at its governance and making the necessary changes to modernize.

"It's a very dramatic change for a structure that's been around for more than 300 years," said Lewis, former dean of Harvard College. "I think they are very much to be congratulated."

Much of this article is derived from a Boston Globe article by Tracy Jan.

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SAFO sees welcome end of the semester efficiency, thanks eRFPs

By John A. Hawkinson
NEWS EDITOR

The Student Activities Finance Office reports that their new electronic system of student group reimbursements is working well, and they are not backlogged at the end of term for the first time in several years.

In the new system, which becomes mandatory on January 1, requires students to scan receipts and then submit PDF copies of those receipts electronically through a website. In addition, the original paper receipts must be submitted as a backup, at least for the next calendar year. Reimbursements in the new regime will be paid by direct deposit or checks will be mailed — students will no longer pick up checks in person in W20-549.

Some students have reported delays in the system, but “that is not the reality,” according to Kerri A. Mills, Assistant Director for Student Activities Finance. The office has been processing both traditional paper vouchers and new electronic Requests For Payment (RFPs) “within two business days of when they are received,” she said in an e-mail.

Mills noted several reasons why students might perceive delays in the electronic RFP process:

- SAFO will not process electronic RFPs until they receive the original paper receipts. Sometimes student group treasurers have not sent the paper receipts in a timely fashion.
- If the submitter “reopens” an electronic RFP to inspect it after it is sent, it will return to their inbox, and no longer be awaiting processing by SAO until it is re-sent to them.

• Students who want to check the progress of an RFP should use the “Find RFPs” function in SAPweb, <http://web.mit.edu/sapweb>.

Mills was unable, with the short notice given by *The Tech*, to provide statistics on the number of reimbursements processed so far during the term, or the average backlog, or the breakdown between electronic and paper requests.

Electronic system brings policy changes

With the new year’s requirement for electronic reimbursements, there are changes to the business rules that have been put into effect at the same time.

Most notably, descriptions associated with food purposes (for student events) must be much more detailed, in keeping with reimbursement practices in effect for purchases by all MIT units. The reimbursement description must include the date of the event and its location, the number of attendees, and the breakdown between students, staff, alumni, and others.

The new system also substantially lowers the dollar threshold for which a purchase order is required to pay an outside vendor (as distinct from reimbursements for costs incurred by students). Previously a purchase order was only required if the dollar amount was \$5,000. Now purchase orders are required for payments over \$500.

Requests for reimbursements for the UA Finance Board (Finboard) must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Sunday night. Non-Finboard reimbursements have no global deadline — they are at the discretion of the individual groups and their treasurers.

‘Control group’ in NYC homeless study denied aid

Study seeks to find if Homebase program helps

By Cara Buckley
THE NEW YORK TIMES

NEW YORK — It has long been the standard practice in medical testing: Give drug treatment to one group while another, the control group, goes without.

Now, New York City is applying the same methodology to assess one of its programs to prevent homelessness. Half of the test subjects — people who are behind on rent and in danger of being evicted — are being denied assistance for two years, with researchers tracking them to see if they end up homeless.

The city’s Department of Homeless Services said the study was necessary to determine whether the \$23 million program, called Homebase, helped the people for whom it was intended.

Homebase, begun in 2004, offers job training, counseling services and emergency money to help people stay in their homes.

But some public officials and legal aid groups have denounced the study as unethical and cruel, and have called on the city to stop the study and to grant help to all the test subjects who had been denied assistance.

“They should immediately stop this experiment,” said the Manhattan borough president, Scott M. Stringer. “The city shouldn’t be making guinea pigs out of its most vulnerable.”

As controversial as the experiment has become, New York City is among a number of governments, philanthropies and research groups

turning to so-called randomized controlled trials to evaluate social welfare programs.

The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development recently started an 18-month study in 10 cities and counties to track up to 3,000 families who land in homeless shelters. Families will be randomly assigned to programs that put them in homes, give them housing subsidies or keep them in shelters. The goal, a HUD spokesman, Brian Sullivan, said, is to find out which approach most effectively ushered people into permanent homes.

Such trials, while not new, are becoming especially popular in developing countries. In India, for example, researchers using a controlled trial found that installing cameras in classrooms reduced teacher absenteeism at rural schools. Children given deworming treatment in Kenya ended up having better attendance at school and growing taller.

“It’s a very effective way to find out what works and what doesn’t,” said Esther Duflo, an economist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology who has advanced the testing of social programs in the third world. “Everybody, every country, has a limited budget and wants to find out what programs are effective.”

The New York study involves monitoring 400 households that sought Homebase help between June and August. Two hundred were given the program’s services, and 200 were not. Those denied help by Homebase were given the

names of other agencies from which they could seek assistance. People denied assistance were directed to HRA Job Centers, Housing Court Answers and the Legal Aid Society, among other agencies.

Advocates for the homeless said they were puzzled about why the trial was necessary, since the city proclaimed the Homebase program as “highly successful” in the September 2010 Mayor’s Management Report, saying that more than 90 percent of families that received help from Homebase did not end up in homeless shelters. One critic of the trial, Councilwoman Annabel Palma, is holding a General Welfare Committee hearing about the program Thursday.

“I don’t think homeless people in our time, or in any time, should be treated like lab rats,” Palma said.

But Seth Diamond, commissioner of the Homeless Services Department, said that just because 90 percent of the families helped by Homebase stayed out of shelters did not mean it was Homebase that kept families in their homes. People who knew to seek out Homebase might be resourceful to begin with, he said, and especially adept at patching together housing help. The department, Diamond added, had to cut \$20 million from its budget in November, and federal stimulus money for Homebase will end in July 2012.

“This is about putting emotions aside,” he said. “When you’re making decisions about millions of dollars and thousands of people’s lives, you have to do this on data, and that is what this about.”

Solution to Crossword

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Solution to Hard Sudoku

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Gaggle cops 131st Tech Managing Board elections

By Wild Turkey
SPECIAL TO THE TECH

'Twas the fifth of December and all through the chambers,
The place was filled high with Board Tech members.

Who should we choose, they wanted to know,
To be the next kids in charge of this show?
The paper runs smoothly from day to day,
Who has the good qualities to keep it that way?

The battles were strong,
The hours were long,
And some very tough calls were made.

But at the end of the day,
We all walked away,
Thinking all we had done was not wrong.

Joseph "You didn't almost kill me" Maurer '12 took a valiant stand,
And the board saw fit to make him the Chairman.

Ethan "What's News?" Solomon '12 also came from opinion,
And as Editor in Chief completed their dominion.

Connor "Squash" Kirschbaum '13 through secret pacts became Managing Editor,
The man loves his Purell, and is a hardcore redditor.

Greg "Doesn't embezzle on Saturdays" Steinbrecher '12,
found some time away from setting the books to cook,
And was reelected to Business Manager,
Despite all the Shikshas he had took.

"It's a whale spout, not a whale tail" said Aislyn Schalck '13,
As she tried to convince the Board with her talk,

That it wasn't as though she hated Production,
But felt she could do more with broader action,
So with many deliberations and over an hour,
The sophomore gained Executive Editor power.

Pearle "Supercute fox" Lipinski '12 was peppered with questions,
About her classes, her history, her dedication,
But despite all the interrogations the board could muster,
Was elected by all to News and Features Director.

The rhymes have been terrible,
I hear you all cry,
But they're about to get worse,
Despite how I try.

Elijah "I'm the Muslim one, not the Jewish one" Jordan Turner '11 and Rob "Lightning" McQueen '12,
Reclaimed their roles as two News Editors and to that they were keen.
And welcomed on Jessica "Is not dead" Pourian '13 and Jingyun "Cho Chang" Fan '13,
With the knowledge that the old generation left with a plan.

Ana "Yu Pu" Lyons '12 had taken a break,
But her love of the paper she just could not shake,
So with many ideas and a few good teachers,
She came back to edit the Features.

With the elections of Sarah "You should elect me because I like pie" Ritter '14 and Judy "Discipline, not abuse" Hsiang '12 came a curious theme,
Why is Production run by the rugby team?

Thanks to Ryan "Check out the videos of me eating" Normandin '13 and Nina "Come merge with me" Sinatra '12, Opinion isn't toast,
But let's see how well they can handle Keith "it's all my fault" Yost.

David "Incumbent" Zhu '12 faced no competition,
But will have more help thanks to Shelley "my

department!" Ackerman '13,
As they cooperatively handle the issues on Sports,
From the pool to the track to the awesome squash courts.

Maggie "Lo-res" Liu '12 also welcomed a co-editor,
Hoping Kathryn "Museum" Dere '13 would make the Arts section more betterer.

Next up was Sam "Cooperate with my department" Range '13,
With camera at his side,
And Jessica "I'm gonna fail" Liu '13,
Who will continue to run the Photo department with pride.

And for Campus Life there was a curious change,
When Joanna "Loves prod" Kao '13 chose to take up the reins
And chose to hold up the department with stamina,
Though she lacks the muscles to hold up a camera.

Moya "Likes ads more than people" Chin '13 pledged to remain behind the BIZ office door,
She took Advertising Manager,
And committed herself to more Writing giant notes to Steinbrecher.

Operations Manager was the next spot on the table,
And Jennifer "Taekwondo Master" Fong '13 was readily available,
Though it left us all with the curious thought,
That Asian girls liked our Business department a lot.

Quentin "Sudo touch" Smith G, With one more semester,
Continued his reign as Technology Director.

Steve "I'm free!" Howland '11 and Jeff "When can Ethan start?" Guo '11,
Became Contributing Editors, though they were not alone.
Natasha "Go blog yourself" Plotkin '11 and David "Doesn't live here" Templeton '08,

With Maggie "I'm super fast" Lloyd '12 and Michael "Just cause" Lin '11,
Made a total of six members in the somewhat ill-defined position.

Satwik "My hobby is collecting degrees" Seshasai G and Vibin "009 consumed my soul" Kundukulam '11,
and Brian "just call me" Hemond G, and Sherry "3 day processing" Yan '11,
Took up the Senior Editor blanket
And promised to do more than just show up for banquet.

Last but not least, the Advisory Board,
The mailing list junkies, the unstoppable hoard.

Two new members were added to the ranks:
Austin "Carrot dot carrot" Chu '08 and Karen "Ms. Education" Arenson '70,
methinks.

And those who returned, well they are below,
But if you want decent rhymes you'd be best not to go.

Paul "No longer the oldest" Schindler '74 and V. Michael "Awesome website" Bove '83, Barry S. "Still in journalism" Surman '84 and Robert E. "Don't get sued" Malchman '85, Deborah A. "Design expert" Levinson '91 and Jonathan E.D. "J!" Richmond PhD '91, and the LA Times expertise of Karen "Not the test" Kaplan '93, Saul "Typography" Blumenthal '98 and Frank "Not in journalism" Dabek '00, Eric J. "Businessman" Cholan-keril '02 and Dan "Photojournalism master" Bersak '02, Jordan "Across the pond" Rubin '02 and Nathan "Still writing" Collins SM '03, Keith "I'm coming back!" Winstein '03 and Akshay R. "Smooth" Patil '04, Tiffany "Actually showed up for her election" Dohzen '06 and Beckett "Diplomat" Sterner '06, Marissa Vogt '06 and Michael McGraw-Herdeg '08 are two pandas in a pod, Zachary "Lives adjacent to a bar" Ozer '07 and Ricardo "as Drunk as Zach" Ramirez '09, Omari "Vault his Pole" Stephens '08 and Andrew "Drinks Coke, Works at Pepsi" Lukmann '07, Marie Thibault '08 and Angeline Wang '09 gave their lives as past pre-med EICs, so did Nick "G&T" Semenkovich '09, but not B.D. "Grey Beard" Colen.

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Gene patents nixed

Myriad case, from Page 14

Sweet's ruling. The appeals court will need to find a balance between the strong stance against gene patents, represented by the lower court's decision, and a weaker stance that still allows for some types of gene patents, as advocated by the DOJ.

This Wednesday, the Universities Allied for Essential Medicines (UAEM), a national student organization that promotes access to essential medicines has also filed an amicus brief in the Myriad case. It also has a chapter on the MIT campus. UAEM's brief supports Sweet's ruling. It argues that the patents increase the costs of research and treatment for genetic diseases.

In the case of genes, not much further research and development is needed to develop technologies. "One reason that [gene patents] are especially onerous" said Karolina Maciag, a medical student in the Harvard-MIT Health Science and Technology program and serving on the executive committee of MIT's chapter of UAEM, "is that unlike many

other academic technologies that are really early stage, if a disease is linked to a gene, that is basically a technology out of the box. You can develop a diagnostic test the next day."

As is typical of the technology licensing pathway, research linking BRCA1 and BRCA2 to cancer was done in labs at the University of Utah using federal funds from the NIH, and so the university became a patent holder. Utah's technology transfer office, which is in charge of brokering deals, granted an exclusive license to Myriad. Myriad can then sue infringers to prevent them from using that research.

MIT and its affiliated Broad Institute and Whitehead Institute all conduct research for which gene patents could be filed. Jack H. Turner, the Associate Director of MIT's Technology Licensing Office, has said that the TLO does not have an opinion on the Myriad case. The TLO also takes care of licensing for the Broad Institute. Carla DeMaria, from the Whitehead Institute's technology licensing office, was also unavailable to comment on the case.

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One student found her home in lounge, literally

Cheney Room, from Page 1

time; they cannot believe the space exists and often say they wish they had heard about it sooner," said Alicia E. Erwin, Assistant Director of Student Activities.

A place to "just be"

Established in 1882, the Cheney Room continues to welcome MIT women to its space in Building 10 more than a century later. There is no "typical" student found in the Cheney room. Some say they come every day. Some take a nap. Some take a shower. Some say they definitely wouldn't take a shower here. Except during popular events such as the lunches for freshmen women during the semester and for all female undergraduates during finals week, the room is rarely loud or crowded. One or two women can be found there in the morning, late at night, on the weekend, or even over Thanksgiving break, as if students take turns watching over the adored space.

Erwin is perhaps one of the Cheney room's biggest fans: "I love that this room exists at MIT!"

"My hope is that all of the students that use the space find it inviting and comfortable, and that they want to keep coming back to make use of it," she added.

She's not the only one with these sentiments. "We at Community Wellness at MIT Medical work hard to ensure all of our community gets the opportunity to recharge. The Cheney Room is the perfect space for that," said Kate McCarthy, Program Director for Violence Prevention & Response.

When asked about their use of the room, students tended to request not to be named. They argue that the room is a private space, and that their anonymity should be respected.

According to Erwin, "I think the students who use the space see it as a safe place where they can escape for a few moments or even a couple of hours."

Undergraduate women are not the only users of the Cheney Room — the space also has a loyal following among graduate students. Blanche Staton, Senior Associate Dean for Graduate Education, helps to organize monthly lunches for the Graduate Women's Group there. These lunches have been going on for 13 years.

"The Cheney Room has provided a warm, welcoming space, a place where there is no question about belonging for the graduate women who go there, because it is theirs. It

is a place where they can relax and unwind, and just 'be,'" Staton said.

About 50 graduate students take advantage of the lunches and, more importantly (according to Staton), take the time to interact with other Institute women.

"They share interests, information, ideas, experiences and concerns. There is always a delightful buzz in the room, and the space offers a natural and safe forum for the expression of sensitive issues and questions," she said.

Along with providing students an area to unwind, the room hosts events for a variety of organizations, including the Society for Women in Mathematics and Student Support Services.

Other colleges' women's centers welcome men, too

Other colleges in the area host their own women's centers. Boston University's Women's Resource Center is one of the nation's few student-run women's centers. It offers one main room with a smaller conference room for students to relax, hold meetings, do homework, or otherwise pass the time. Both men and women are allowed in the center, but Kaitlyn Clericuzio, a BU student, says it is a "non-judgmental space" where students can feel free to "openly talk about sexuality and pretty much anything."

According to the center's website, it is "for women and people that care about women."

The BU center also offers a library with gender studies books that students can check out. The current BU center was opened in October 2008, after students lobbied to "create their own space," Clericuzio says.

Harvard, too, has its own center: the Harvard College Women's Center opened in September 2006. But Harvard has had a variety of such centers since 1971 and is also open to men and women, according to its website (<http://hcwc.fas.harvard.edu>).

For years, students have asked why a similar space does not exist exclusively for men. Some give the Title IX argument — referring to a federal statute on equal gender treatment — saying that both genders should have access to the same types of facilities. On the other hand, the room is also not available to professors and postdocs — it's intended to be a comfortable place for students to relax.

According to MIT's McCarthy, having a space designated for women only is critical. "The Cheney Room has a special significance to

me. Although many universities have dedicated women's centers, the Cheney Room offers MIT women a small but significant part of a women's center. A women's-only space sends a message to any survivor of sexual violence that MIT takes this issue seriously and that we understand the importance of a safe and secure place for women to have access to on campus," she said.

A room as old as MIT's Cambridge campus

The Cheney Room's namesake, Margaret Swan Cheney, class of 1882, was a student of the first woman to graduate from MIT, Ellen Swallow Richards, class of 1873. According to a 2005 article in *Technology Review*, back when the MIT campus was in Boston, Richards, along with a group of women, lobbied for a private lounge area exclusively for women. After Cheney died in 1882, the room was named in her memory. Cheney's family donated \$500 for the room's establishment that year.

When MIT moved to Cambridge

in 1916, the MIT Women's Association raised \$8,000 to move the Cheney room along with the Institute. The room was established in building 10, serving all of MIT's women — who constituted only 1 percent of the student population at the time.

Today, the room is managed by the Student Activities Office (SAO) and the Campus Activities Complex, and continues to see changes. A card access reader used to enter the room was recently installed, and new emergency buttons connect students directly to MIT Police. Mattresses were removed from the study room's beds because the space was not "zoned by Cambridge to have bed facilities," according to Erwin.

Security is a high priority for the space, and students are advised to use the facilities in moderation. Last spring, a student cross-registered with MIT and Harvard set up camp in the room for about a month, using it as her sole living space. Erwin made an attempt to identify resources or contacts for the woman. "Unfortunately, these conversations

were a bit more of a challenge and we brought in the MIT Police for support and guidance," Erwin said.

The student re-connected with her family and eventually moved out. Erwin says the long-term inhabitant obtained the code using correct procedures for the Cheney room by contacting the SAO.

"This is another reason why we moved forward with installing the card access reader — with this the system will automatically stop someone's access once their MIT ID is no longer valid," Erwin said. Right now, a female student with the room's code or with an MIT ID registered with the SAO may access the room. The former code punch system is planned to be phased out before the end of next semester.

On Monday and Tuesday, the Student Activities Office will be hosting its biannual women's finals week lunches in the rooms. Women in the MIT community interested in gaining access to the Cheney room are encouraged to email Erwin (aerwin@mit.edu) or stop by the SAO (W20-549).

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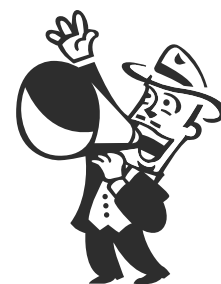
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DAVID CHEN—THE TECH

Members of the Asian Dance Team rehearse a traditional dance for their upcoming performance. The show will take place on Saturday at 6 p.m. in Kresge auditorium.



DAVID CHEN—THE TECH

Annie Y. Kwon '11, Alvin S. Chen '11, and Jessie S. Jeon G perform a set of pieces by Felix Mendelssohn as part of the MIT Chamber Music Society on Wednesday night.

Drug-trafficking cop, Joe D'Amelio trial set for March

Former MIT Campus Police officer Joseph D'Amelio, arrested for drug trafficking in March 2009, remains at liberty after posting bail. His trial is scheduled for March 22, 2011, though these dates routinely slip.

D'Amelio was charged after receiving a package containing hundreds of prescription painkillers, OxyContin and Roxicodone tablets, at an auto shop in East Boston on Saturday March 13, 2009. He was later released on \$75,000 bail and put under house arrest with electronic monitoring. He was also required to attend drug rehabilitation.

This past Monday, D'Amelio's lawyer, Roger Witkin, asked permission from the court for D'Amelio to travel internationally for two weeks, which the Court granted. According to Witkin, D'Amelio wishes to visit his father at home, a request that has been granted in the past.

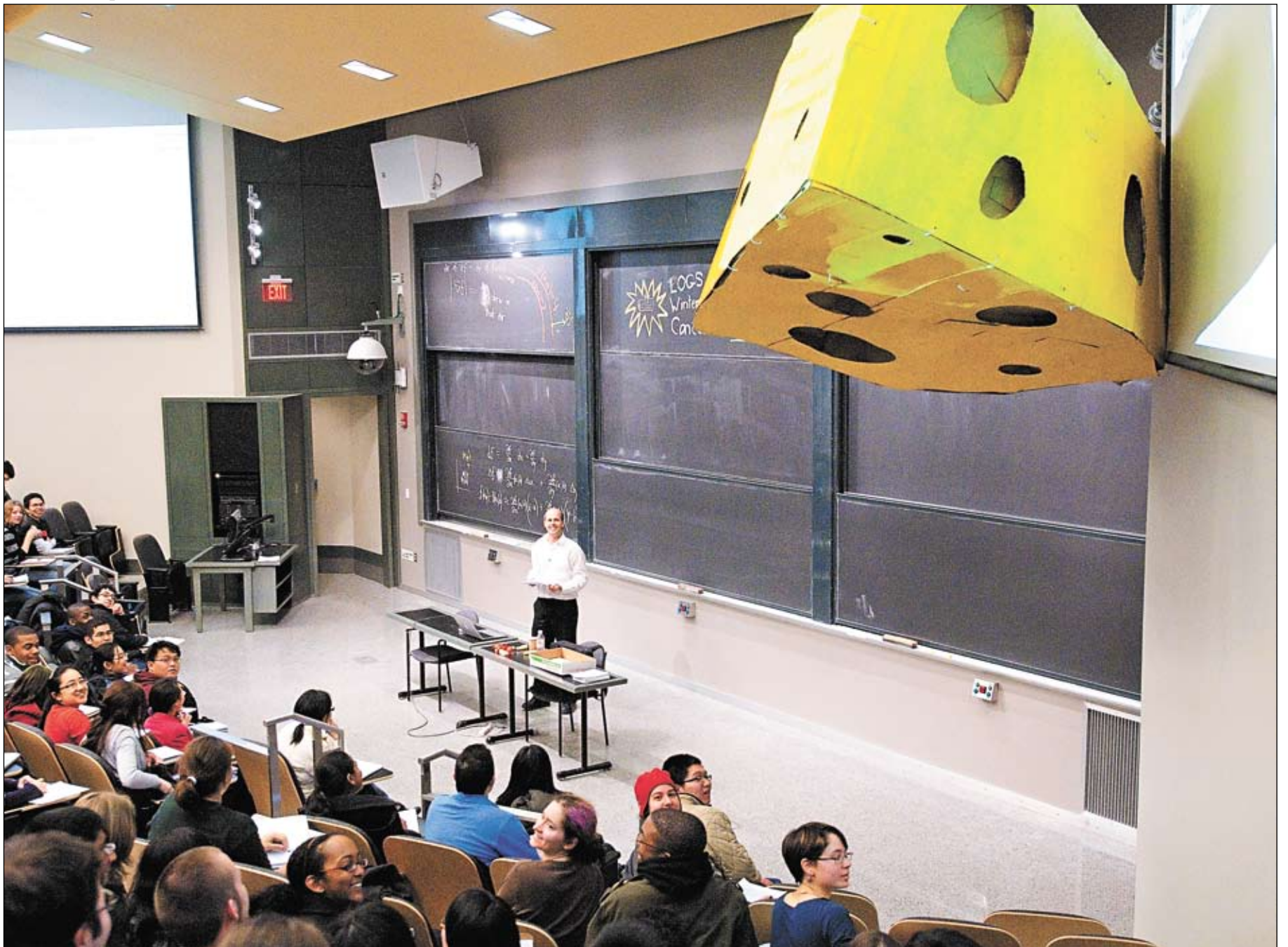
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18.02 says "cheese!"



DAVID CHEN—THE TECH

Mysterious hackers managed to hang a very large cheese in 10-250 on Thursday morning, just in time for the final session of 18.02. The cheese is a reference to the fact that the class always says "cheese!" when Professor Bjorn Poonen makes a mistake in lecture.

Fencing dominates Ivies

Engineers bout Brown, Yale, Cornell at invite

By Craig Kaufman
DAPER STAFF

The MIT men's and women's fencing teams competed at the Brandeis Invitational last weekend. The women went 4-1, and now have nine match wins on the season, while the men went 1-4 to get their fourth match win.

The women's team got strong performances from its sabre and epee teams, scoring victories over Brown, Cornell, Haverford, and Yale, and dropping their only match to a very strong St. John's University.

In the first round, the Engineers began their sweep of the Ivy League teams with a 15-12 victory over Brown University. They were unable to handle the St. John's Red Storm, falling 19-8 to St. John's, but bounced back to defeat Cornell by a slim 14-13 margin. MIT went on to handle Haverford and Yale to finish the meet with a 4-1 record.

The Engineers performed best in sabre, where they had a final record of 34-11. Molly A. Kozminsky '12 swept her opponents in the four victories for MIT en route to going 13-2 at the meet. Robin S. Shin '12 equaled her mark, while Anna-beth Gellman '13 and Elena A. Tatarchenko '11 added seven victories between them.

The epee team earned 7-2 match victories over Haverford

and Yale, while competing to a 26-19 mark over the competition. Kirsten S. Hessler '12 and senior Kristin D. Kuhn '11 each posted 10-5 records for Tech and Sophie M. Monahan '11 won four of her eight bouts.

Jenna G. Caldwell '11 led the Engineers foil squad with seven bout victories, two each against Haverford and Cornell. Julia A. Hopkins '12 won four bouts and Julia G. Kimmerly '13 added one.

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The men's team, despite some struggles, left the Invitational with one win in four matches, beating Haverford in the fifth round of competition. Jackson T. Crane '13 and Joseph F. Rafidi '14 led the way for the epee team, who had 18 bout victories over the weekend.

The Engineers began the competition falling at the hands of Brown University by a 17-10 score and then losing to St. John's 18-9. After a few rounds off, however, they were able to get by Haverford 16-11 for

their first victory of the meet. MIT closed their weekend with a 20-7 defeat to the Yale Bulldogs.

The Epee fencers for MIT went 18-18 through the meet, led by impressive performances by Crane and Rafidi. Each fencer emerged from the weekend with a 9-3 record, with Rafidi sweeping all three bouts against Haverford and Crane going 3-0 against Brown and Yale. The epee team won three of their matches, all by scores of 5-4, falling only to St. John's by a 6-3 margin.

Foil picked up 15 bouts over the weekend, thanks to Benjamin N. Nield '12 and Daniel S. Levine '12. Nield won six bouts, including a sweep of his St. John's opponents, while Levine added six of his own. Richard C. LaGrandier '11 won three bouts as well.

The sabre team was key to MIT's victory over Haverford, winning six of nine points. Maximilian L. Brand '11, Vinayak Ramesh '12, and Isaac P. Businger '11 each won two bouts in the Haverford match, with Brand leading the way for sabre overall with four bouts won.

The Engineers fencers now have a month and a half break, as they will wait until after the holiday break before taking to the strips again. Tech next competes on January 22 at Brown University, who will host the second Northeast Fencing Conference meet of the year.



Nicholas A. Davis '14 goes for the lay-up against two UMass-Boston defenders on Tuesday night. MIT won 92-68, improving its record to 7-1.

Basketball keeps up their winning streak

Engineers now 7-1 for the season

By Alex Samson
TEAM REPRESENTATIVE

The MIT men's basketball squad, ranked 21st in the nation (out of over 400 teams), extended their winning streak to six games with a 92-68 win over UMass-Boston Tuesday night in Rockwell Cage.

The Engineers jumped out to an early 15-2 lead within the first five minutes of play thanks to a hot start by Eric S. Zuk '11, who nailed the second of his pair of free throws, found James D. "Jamie" Karraker '12 for a three next time down the court, then stole the ball for a lay-in on the following possession. The remainder of the first half saw high and balanced production from a number of Engineers, as they shot 57 percent from the field during the first 20 minutes and leading their opponents 40-15 at one point.

The second half was all Nicholas A. Davis '14. The freshman scored 23 of his 29 points in the second frame, going 12-for-13 from

the field, including a pair of threes, acrobatic lay-ins, and a thunderous put-back dunk on top of a Beacon defender that got Rockwell roaring. "It was great to see Nick show what he's capable of doing," said Head Coach Larry Anderson after the game. "I've been extremely impressed with our guys' work ethic so far this season, and hope we continue to get more focused and more prepared as the season continues."

All-American Noel Hollingsworth '12 poured in 16 points in 17 minutes, as he continues to work back into the lineup after recovering from injury. Last season's Northeastern US Rookie of the Year, Mitchell Kates '13, dished out 5 assists in the win while Will Tashman '12, who earned Conference Player of the Week honors, brought down a game-high 11 rebounds. Billy Bender '12 also continued his blistering 53 percent shooting from beyond the arc, nailing a pair of threes along with two assists in the win.

The Engineers improve their record to 7-1 and will visit Salem State College on Thursday night and Lesley University Saturday.

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UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Friday, December 10

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Saturday, December 11

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Sunday, December 12

Squash — Alumni Match TBD, Z-Center Courts

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