Nominated to lead NSF
Suresh awaits Senate approval

By By Jessica Lin, Staff Reporter

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Unraveling tenure at MIT
Revealing one of the most subtle and misunderstood processes at MIT, and explaining how one professor, despite his popular teaching, lost because of it.

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Usually students miss more lectures than their professors. Between the spring 2010 term, Eric Hudson, popular instructor of 8.02. Electricity & Magnetism, would have given chronic class-skippers the heave-ho. "I think I’ve been gone five of the last seven weeks or something," he said with a light chuckle, seeming aware that this fact was his own: "It’s really been terrible," he said.

Hudson found out this past December that he did not receive tenure. In those weeks away from MIT, he had been in England, Sweden, and the country of Georgia researching for a new post as professor. But since he is required to leave the Department of Physics this July, he won’t receiving tenure at MIT isn’t uncommon, it’s a fact of life. According to The Tech, the annual reporting of Faculty Race and Diversity, which was released this January, from 1991-2004, about 53 percent of all assistant professors were not awarded tenure.

Getting tenure: the mechanics

Students are probably most familiar with the college admissions process. But a tenure review at MIT is quite different—much more drawn out and thorough—through it similarly requires an application, recommendation letters, and a hierarchy of reviewers. Here’s the nitty-gritty: new professors are first hired as Assistants and tenure is awarded as of Assistant Professor, which can be renewed as Associate Professor and then, after seven years, Professor. Only a small percentage of all associate professors are awarded tenure.

With an annual budget of roughly seven billion dollars, the National Science Foundation is a federal governmental agency which serves to promote opportunities for research and education funding in all areas of science and engineering, according to their website.

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A call to triple U.S. spending on energy research

By John M. Broder

WASHINGTON — The United States is badly lagging in basic research on new forms of energy, deeply dilapidated by Congress’s preference for research on dirty fuels and crippling its international competitiveness, a diverse group of business executives warn in a study to be released Thursday.

The study, by the Institute for Business Ethics, which conducted it, and the Center for Responsive Politics, which paid for it, was released at a news conference in the nation’s capital.

Gates and his fellow executives are steering future companies and are moving forward with new approaches to energy research and development.

The executive group, which calls itself the American Energy Innovation Council, will propose a series of policies that would respond to climate change and address energy security.

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Muhammad in a bear costume
Free speech in chains

By Keith Yost

On November 2, 2004, Theo van Gogh, a Dutch filmmaker, was shot and killed by Mohammed Bouyeri as van Gogh rode his bicycle to work. In the open air market where she lived, van Gogh knew that the film, small in the eyes of the Western civilizations, had raised a storm. Bouyeri had repeatedly threatened to kill van Gogh, and had even shot at her. A few months before the attack, van Gogh had told her husband, the letter’s author, of the threat. He had asked her to leave the country, but she had refused. The attack was a shock to the world, and raised questions about freedom of speech and the role of the media in covering sensitive issues.

The film, “Submission,” was a meta-response to a series of events that had taken place in the Netherlands. In 2004, the Danish newspaper Jyllands-Posten published an editorial cartoon depicting the prophet Muhammad. The cartoons were seen as offensive by some Muslims, and led to a debate about freedom of speech and self-censorship.

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Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column and row contains exactly one of each of the numbers 1 through 6. Follow the mathematical operations for each box.
Steal My Comic by Michael Ciuffo

The Universal Analogy

An Inside Job

FoxTrot by Bill Amend
Family and friends of the Class of 2010 filled Killian Court to watch Commencement festivities. A total of 912 undergraduate students and 1443 graduate students received their diplomas on Friday.

The Class of 2010 graduates listen as Raymond S. Stata ’57 gives the keynote speech. Stata, founder of Analog Devices, told students, “As MIT graduates, we are all innovators and entrepreneurs at heart. We search for opportunities to do things better, to make things happen and to change the world.”

Family of graduating seniors watch a live stream of the Commencement exercises in room 2-105. A live video webcast was provided by the MIT Academic Media Production Services.

Graduates of the Class of 2010 display their decorated mortarboards. Other creative designs included a pair of stuffed beavers and a camera.

An alumnus of the Class of 1960 attends Commencement 2010. Commencement also coincided with Reunion week.
Cheap labor costs over technology, innovation

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are these limitations, and how are these limitations affecting China? **Yasheng Huang:** There are both external and internal limitations of the current factory model system. To begin with the external limitations, the country has open commerce and economic instability in Europe and the slow recovery in the United States. In Europe, prices are pushing the value of the Euro down by 14 percent since January 2010 and since the Chinese Yuan is linked to the US dollar, Euro has depreciated against the Chinese currency by 14 percent as well.

"Apparently a factory near Shanghai just went on strike. My prediction is that this will not be an isolated event." This will impact the Chinese exports to Europe. The European market is the largest export destination of the Chinese goods. It is definitely going to have a negative impact on the China's economy. In the United States, although the situation is improving, the unemployment is persistently high and it is likely that the personal savings rate in the United States will rise. This means a less robust consumption culture for these products. So these are the external limitations, but I think, it is probably more interesting to talk about the internal limitation that the model is facing. And, as you said, Foxconn and the Honda plants now are raising salaries. You have agreed to raise the salary of the factory workers, and it seems Foxconn has agreed to even double the wage of its workers.

**7/7:** How recent are these raises? YH:** Very recent. This is a result of the suicides at the Foxconn plant. Now they have raised by raising the salaries, and this is a dramatic increase of the salary level. It’s not going to make the Chinese export model completely ineffective, but because China has a very efficient supply chain — a network of suppliers operating in close proximity with each other—and it will be difficult for the workers to change employers quickly in other countries. But now that this model is in place and in due time, may motivate foreign firms to consider alternative sourcing.

The best-case scenario is that these wage increases occur in a gradual and ordinary fashion rather than as a sudden jolt. You want to avoid a situation in which you will have an MIT approach. **What we don’t have, I have to say, is a program called “China Lab” in which we want to involve our talented engineering student developing new business methods, and we don’t have an MIT approach. What we don’t have, I have to say, is enough resources. We need to raise resources to support these activities more.**

**MIT Sloan Professor Yasheng Huang The talk an exclusive interview regarding the recent Foxconn suicides and the Honda raises in China, what they mean for the Chinese factory model, and how MIT can help China move forward.**

**YH:** Actually, Foxconn and Honda have not raised wages in Guangdong. At least they are better than the average. And there is another thing to say that this calculation is that it’s actually very tricky, because we don’t have very good data on the order of the dollar hour. The thing that is typical in Chinese factories is how are the wages finally rising? Why are the wages finally rising now? **YH:** To answer your question, the export model has been around for the last twenty years, and maybe the situation has intensified since 2001. China has been heading in that direction since the mid-1980s, but they became more export-driven since 2001. There were always complaints about labor standards and labor condition, but I think some of the recent developments in the Chinese economy have intensified some of the wage issues. One is that the older generation of workers typically came directly from doing factory agriculture. **There is a huge deflationary phase since the 1990s, the wage growth was extremely low.** Because in China there’s the real estate boom, or bubbles—my way of putting it is bubbles—which is pulling up prices across the board, eating away at the purchasing power of these people. So even though there is some wages rise, so are the living expenses. There is evidence that China is emerging from a long deflationary period since the late 1990s to an inflation phase in the 1990s. The wage growth was extremely modest or even stagnant at least at but you had falling prices on your side. But this is changing now. So that’s another source of anxiety and worry on the part of these workers.

The third thing, it’s actually related to the first thing, is that the older generation basically traded their factory jobs as a temporary arrangement. So their expectations are, "OK this is two years of hard work, five years of hard work, but at the end of that, you know, I’ve saved enough, I can go back to my home village and build a house, or what-
Suresh offers new perspective
220 research papers, 12 patents, and 5 books

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"I am proud that such experi-
enced and committed individuals
have agreed to take on these impor-
tant roles in my administration. I
look forward to working with them
in the coming months and years," Obama
said.

As director of the National Sci-
cence Foundation, Suresh will over-
see the foundation’s staff and man-
agement, which directs “program
creation and administration, merit
review, planning, budget and day-
to-day operations” according to the
NSF website.

The foundation includes a work-
force of nearly 1700 employees, who
are based primarily at the founda-
tion’s headquarters in Arlington,
Virginia. The staff includes work-
er who review research proposals,
primarily from academic institu-
tions like MIT, which are awarded
through a merit-based process. The
foundation also includes the Office
of the Inspector General, which ex-
amines the NSF’s work and reports
to the National Science Board and
Congress.

"I think Suresh is great, and I
think he’ll be great for the NSF," said
Marc A. Kastner, dean of the MIT
School of Science.

Since July of 2007, Suresh has
served as the dean of the School of
Engineering and has held joint
faculty appointments in four MIT
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Research trumps teaching in awarding tenure

Tenure, from Page 1

sistent Professors. After about five years as adjunct faculty, and two years as a visiting professor, they are promoted to Associate Professor Without Tenure (AWOT) for staying on. About 75 percent of candi-
dates make it past the hurdle, ac-
cording to Gray, while the rest fail the report. Then two years later, AWOT professors "go up for tenure", they

"Somewhere you have to say the community to
think that what you're doing is
important—and there's not a
prescription for that either."

are either promoted to Associate Professor With Tenure, or are given a year's notice to leave MIT (Archi-

tecture, published in the spring. Professors find out in their
decisions in May or June.

What does it take?

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Hudson received the Everett
Moore Baker Memorial Award

for Excellence in Undergraduate

Teach-

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solely on student

nominations.

How to build an international reputation is the tricky part. Win-

ston acknowledges that tenure de-
cisions are based on "short-term basics"—most junior

professors are unable to publish their work in the top three

journals. But the "losses" are partly

made up for by the fact that
two or three "star" students

are often enough to keep

a young professor in the

debate. The same goes for

research, which can be con-

sidered "the right time scale too. Because if you

start doing that... the problem is that we're
didn't do this year, and we're

the REST building, where there's a

lot of space in Building 24, but because of

the competition for space, there is just one

slot available for this year. 75 percent of candi-
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could be a difficult period for a single
department, there are two to

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students.

Dan Roth, the department's assistant dean for admin-

staff, observed that "the first thing that the

nomination is critically important

for tenure; it is in departments' interest

for them to succeed. For one, the

department will have to

pay for the new faculty, and as

long as the candidate

has a job, the department

has a contract."

Hudson's popularity is con-

sidered important for other rea-

sons as well. "The guy I was

seated in the audience, he

was smiling about promise," he

"It's about accomplishment." He

asserts that many professors are

hard to gauge, professors peers at

MIT may not always be able to pro-

cede with a good feeling

about their tenure case, or their

feelings can change over time.

For Hudson, there is a certain

long-term reputation of the institu-
tion. "We are not in a mode
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Hudson leaves mark at MIT

Despite being denied tenure, Hudson pursues academia

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entry to file an appeal—through the head of the department, the Dean, or the Provost—and that there is a process by which appeals are organized, but this appeal process is not known to the press. Second, the Race and Diversity report strongly recommends a diversity faculty at MIT, and this new report echoes that conclusion. “It’s important to understand the number of undergraduates minoritized in engineering or biology to help us to the best,” says Kochan. “I see that as one of the key goals of this report,” says Kochan. “So recruitment for tenured positions, he says, needs more to be pro-active, he says, as well as their search. That also means to handle an increasing diversity in research interests, as more professors engage in international research, things like that. There is a right identification of that the right type of research and others need to find the best.”

Finally, the mentioning that junior professors receive “highly variable” among and within different departments. For instance, some professors who do not have a tenured position also have a committee that advises junior faculty, says Kochan. “There is no one individual as mentors as professors. The report identifies best practices in this area and also recommends that MIT ‘reward the people who are doing a good job and good work’ and that MIT should give them a little more credit for what they are doing—more visibility, more recognition,” says Kochan. If these sound like big issues to people, perhaps it’s because “there is so much more to it,” says Kochan. “This is not a one

A move, a reflection

While Kochan looks forward to revitalizing the tenure process, Hudson looks toward his next step. First, he will finish his book on women and academia. Because Hudson is relocating, the graduate students in his lab have to decide whether to leave with him or to find another mentor. “I’m going to be honest,” says Hudson, “I graduated my first round of gradu-
ate students, and the two students who have entered are our first- and second-year, not too far into their projects. For them, it’s a disappointment but not a huge loss,” says Hudson. At the end of May, Hudson

Hudson will soon be among the most senior professors to pass through MIT for a few wonderful years. All, friends, those professors go on to find positions in academia elsewhere, go into industry, or even change careers. The fact is that MIT faculty who stay at MIT for all the time,” said Gray. There are also non-tenured teaching posi-
tions, which also offer job security, says Gray, and rarely, someone who doesn’t get a tenured appointment takes one of these non-tenured positions. No matter where people go or what they do, some sort of success, perhaps, is necessary motivated despite obstacles. And it’s clear that Hudson is a strong one.

“You are a young and not very old person. I was afraid that what that was my part,” he laughed. “But I have a wife. I have three young kids, so I would go home in the eyebrows and spend some time with them at least sometimes. I’ve suffered because of that. But if it did, so be it—I wouldn’t want to spend my life for another ting tenure. And with teaching it’s the same. Even though he’s leaving, Hud-

Hudson also had value and learned from his years at MIT, doing research in a rich intellectual environment of both faculty and students. On the teaching front, he says, “I would be happy to stay in front of a class, and I’ll never do that again.”

Hudson thus concludes the report and 2012 calendar year, having been staff for the first time the system for the first time, he said, “You know? That is so... happy!” His eyes were bright, and “The fact is that they faculty

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“Every time a student comes in, he says, ‘I just didn’t understand that but then you explained it and now I get it’ You know? That is so... happy!” His eyes were bright, and he beamed. “Every time I get a student from a professor who says that, that just keeps me going for another ten years.”
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Grace Kelly: Style Icon

April 17–September 26, 2010

The real woman is lost in a sea of Chanel, Givenchy, and Balenciaga. Really! It is not in the fashion show, I deeply missed the deep hues and richness of color.

By Kathryn Dere

Assistant Staff Writer

Grace Kelly: Style Icon gives no insight beyond the public image—that, on the surface, seemed like a fairy tale.

Kelly’s impeccable style has become transported into an exhibition nestled in side London’s Victoria and Albert Museum, the museum for decorative arts and design.

Grace Kelly: Style Icon divides Kelly’s style into four distinct stages of her life (which I suspect have more to do with the changing roles than with getting older).

The supposed stages of actresses and princesses predictably carry the most glamour. Kelly’s “Black and White” debut in 1953 (and the white dress of the opera’s opera) was the first to enter design.”

The strength of the exhibition, however, lies in the plainest pieces. Their clean, simple lines tell us more about the princess than the glamorous gowns—these truly represent a woman who unabashedly did her own hair and nails. Flowing gowns represented the most elegant evening, but for everyday she had her white gloves (a remnant of dark-rimmed eyeglasses (Kelly made no mention of multiple pairs of dark-rimmed eyeglasses (Kelly made no mention of multiple pairs). The strength of the exhibition, however, lies in the plainest pieces.

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Another prop utilized in two of the pieces was a framed 18th century dress on rollers. Both dancers and ballerinas appeared behind them—thus the claims to challenging sexual politics and refining sexual identity. These framed dresses did add a dash, a hint of dirt to the pieces leading up to intimate sexual interactions between dancer pairs.

However, unlike the use of coy innuendos, the cuss explicit sexuality contrasted with the usual enjoyable flirtatious demeanor.

The mystery lies behind true style not behind this summer’s burst of floral prints and trendy runway knockoffs in the spirit of anything goes in London, and certainly not in the rather frightening clones of Ab- ercrombie & Fitch that haunt the suburban American shopping mall, but in something that has more to do with comfort than with your grandmother’s matching pumps and purses. We may never know Grace Kelly: A Life, but her story has yet to fully disappear from our minds.

Black & White fades into grey

By Tyna Ro

Irri Kylaan’s White and Black closed for Boston Ballet’s 2009-2010 season. It was a familiar return from its initial run with the Boston Ballet in 2005. With the exception of Kylian in the title role, the players have only been performed in the Netherlands. Although back by popular demand, the only modern and avant-garde style. Black and White is still a unique adaption of Balanchine and other more classic pieces of the Boston Ballet season.

The ballet is comprised of five works.

No More Play, Petite Mort, Sarabande, Fall ing Angels, and Black & White. Tyla Kylaan is credited with the creation of a masterpiece. The works are described as incorporating the ideals of application of ballet and modern into contemporary ballet. The pieces are also said to explore sexual politics and redefine sexual identity.

However, despite a focus on solely these elements and neglect on basic ballet fundamentals, the Thursday night opening performance of Black and White offered, yes, a new modern style, but unfortunately was void of the beauty and masterful technique characteristic of ballet.

Pettie Mort is praised for its innovative usage of smooth or rough in ballet. Set to Mou- zart’s Piano Concertos, men appear and dance with swords in hand. Allowing for some leniency considering we had dancers on stage and not swordsmen, the usage of swords leaves the audience feeling overall distracting. It was a waste of talent to use swords to skillful dancers and fail to make the most of our audience.

The idea may have had more appeal if the creating force cut out the sword usage completely.

The dance portray the very primitive—literally think primitive—journey of man. Kindly, I suggest that the noise may not parallel primitive the state of the dancers.

Falling Angels was a piece for women. Of the five pieces, this one stood out the most—especially the sound and harmony among the women. The ballerinas were no doubt noted for their flexibility. It was wonderful to see their perfectly curved muscles and joints move in such a way to embody togetherness to one another. The choreography seemed to resemble a more lyrical, hip-hop feel.

Finally, Black & White closed the show. A lighthearted piece—served Tyla Kylaan is said to display Kylaan’s sense of humor, think the crew of Monty Python learns the art of ballet. The show ended on a dreamy note with a crowd raising ovation and standing—applause from the audience.

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Are you ready for some football? (No, the other kind)

2010 World Cup set to kick off in South Africa

By Mihai Duduta

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Given these factors, which teams will advance past the group stage? Here are my predictions:

Group A:
- Uruguay and South Africa
- France

Group B:
- England and USA

Group D:
- Germany and Serbia

Group E:
- Netherlands and Cameroon

Group F:
- Italy and Paraguay

Group G:
- Brazil and Portugal

Group H:
- Spain and Switzerland

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