Four Bexleyites on 2014 class council
‘No freshman left behind’ is slogan

By Deborah Chen

Four of the seven new officers in the freshman class council hail from Bexley this year, the UA announced on Saturday.

Daesun Yim and Candace E. Yim, who worked with a start-up company, are the new UA president and vice president, respectively. Also from Bexley are Anika Gupta, the secretary, and Chen and Gupta relied on name recognition and friend networks to win votes because we were all friends and supported each other," Gupta said.

"It doesn’t necessarily define us. We’re all different and make up different cross-sections at MIT," Gupta said. "Despite the majority of Bexley residents on the class council, the newly elected officers believe they can adequately represent the entire campus.

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Short of repeal, Republicans will chip away at health care

By Robert Pear
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — Republicans are serious. Hopped up of picking up substantial numbers of seats in the congressional elections, they are de- veloping plans to try to repeal or roll back President Barack Obama’s new health care law.

This goal, although not fleshed out in a detailed legislative proposal, is more than a million dollar campaign. That conclusion emerged from interviews with a range of Republicans, including House and Senate leaders and senators, who said they were determined to chip away at the law if they could not dismantle it.

House Republicans are expected to include specifics in an election agenda they intend to issue Thurs- day. Although they face tremendous political and practical hurdles to undoing a law whose provisions are quickly going into effect, they are lay- ing the groundwork for fighting.

For starters, Republicans say they will try to withhold money that fed- eral officials need to administer and enforce the law. They know that even if they managed to pass a wholesale repeal, Obama would veto it.

“They’ll get not one dime from us,” the House Republican leader, John A. Boehner of Ohio, told The Cincinnati Enquirer recently. “Not a dime. There is no fixing this.”

Republicans also intend to go af- ter specific provisions. Sen. Orrin G. Hatch of Utah, a senior Republican on the Finance Committee, has in- troduced a bill that would eliminate a line of the new law, a require- ment for many employers to offer insurance to employees or pay a penalty. Many Republicans also want to repeal the law’s requirement for most Americans to obtain health insurance.

Alternatively, Republicans say, they will try to prevent aggressive enforcement of the requirements by limiting money available to the In- ternal Revenue Service, which would collect the tax penalties.

Republicans say they will also try to scale back the expansion of Med- icaid if states continue to object to the costs of adding millions of people to the rolls of the program for low-in- come people.

In addition, Republican law- makers may try to undo some calls in Medicare, the program for older Americans. Many want to restore money to Medicare’s managed care program and clip the wings of a new agency empowered to recommend changes in Medicare. Recommendations from the agency, the Inde- pendent Payment Advisory Board, could go into effect automatically unless blocked by subsequent legislative action.

Rep. Michael C. Burgess, B-Texas, a physician, acknowledged that re- peal of the law alone becomes more dif- ficult with each passing week, as various provisions take effect and are woven into “the fabric of American life.”

Michael A. Needham, chief exec- utive of Heritage Action for America, who is leading a campaign for repeal, said, “There will be technical chal- lenges in unwinding the legislation.”

Many Republican candidates for Congress have expressed their desire to repeal the health care law. Their win is an election issue, and more — a commitment they mean to pursue, regardless of the election results.

As news organizations go silent, a Mexican paper speaks out

By Randy C. Archibald
The New York Times

MEXICO CITY — It was at turns defiant and deferential, part plea and part plaint, a message as much to the drug gangs as to Ciudad Juarez, the bloodiest city in Mexico’s drug battles, as to the authorities and their perceived helplessness.

“We want to explain to you what you are facing,” the front-page editorial in El Diario in Ciudad Juarez asked the authorities of organized crime. “What are we supposed to publish or not publish, so we know what to abide by. You are at this time the de facto authorities in this city because the legal authorities have not been able to stop our colleagues from falling.”

In Mexico’s drug wars, it is hard to pinpoint new lows as the atroci- ties and frustrations mount. But Ciudad Juarez belongs in its own category, with thousands killed each year, the exodus of tens of thousands of residents, the spectacle of the big- gest national holiday last week ob- served in a square virtually devoid of anybody but the police and soldiers, and the ever-present fear of random violence.

The question now is whether anyone there dare to continue documenting the turmoil in Ciu- dad Juarez, a smuggling crossroads that was once El Paso, Texas, that is battled over by at least two major drug cartels.

El Diario’s open letter to the city’s drug lords and the authorities it believes have failed to protect the public ran Sunday, the day after the funeral of Luis Alberto Sanchez, a photography intern at the paper who was shot dead while leaving shopping mall after lunch. A car drove up, and there was a barrage of bullets. Sanchez, shot in the head, died instantly while another intern, who was wounded, stumbled and dragged himself to safety in the mall and to recuperating.

All along the border, news orga- nizations have silenced themselves out of fear and intimidation from drug trafficking organizations, but the border is an election issue, and more — a commitment they mean to pursue, regardless of the election results.

Weather

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Beaver fever

I love the new found attitude of the football team — it’s a tough sport that should be taken seriously if you’re going to compete on an NCAA level. MIT has many successful sports teams, and why should football be any different? I’d like to see our team try out some strategies that other programs use to improve your team. There are excellent football players around the country (who can also handle the Academics at MIT) — kudos to Coach Martinovich for trying to bring those types of players here. The class of 2014 is a clear case in point. Freshmen like #4 Derek Vaughn, #12 John Wenzel, and #13 Matthew Peterson are already making their presence felt. Individual battles on the field and ultimately the games themselves are won in the weight room. And that’s what Coach Martinovich is for — he’s the coaching staff is emphasizing it. I love this team and want to see everyone go home or away. And as we improve, so hopefully will the student body’s support for our team. Let’s support our team! I think everyone should get high on Beaver Fever!”

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Or, how I learned to stop worrying and love tax cuts

By Keith Yost

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production and the number of workers gained in capital generation. There might be
efficiency losses in the transition — not all economic resources are fungible across the
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Unfortunately, we do not live in an ideal
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If our politicians are not responsible
enough to execute the first-best solution,
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consist primarily of the second best solu-
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$210 billion in tax cuts have not been issued.
It is also better to direct funds towards pro-
ductive outlets, yet the stimulus was full of
pork barrel spending that in bigger times had
been dismissed as wasteful and not serving
the public welfare.

If our politicians are not responsible
enough to execute the first-best solution,
then the next round of stimulus will perforce
consist primarily of the second best solu-
tion: tax cuts. Though some of their effect is
lost through savings, tax cuts can be imple-
mented quickly and have the added bonus of
reducing deadweight loss. Already the
discussion in Washington has turned to this
alternative, spurred on no doubt by the com-
ing expiration of the so-called Bush tax cuts.

Currently, Democrats and Republicans
are locked in a difficult struggle over the
composition of tax relief. Democrats would like to cut taxes where the boost in aggregate
demand will be highest (lower class income
taxes), and Republicans would like to cut
taxes where the removal of deadweight loss
will be highest (capital gains, upper class income taxes). This is a worthy debate. But
both sides are missing the bigger picture.
Regardless of composition, the Bush tax cuts are simply not large enough. The
demand gap that we face should compel us
not merely to extend them, but to double or
triple them for a period of two years.

Is this politically feasible? That depends
If Democrats truly believe we must stimu-
late, and are not, as some would claim, using
the crisis as justification for wasteful spend-
ing and class warfare, and if Republicans
really do buy into their own delusion that it is possible to
achieve all of one's goals without paying the full
cost. And even more so than it was in Iraq, the United States can ill

Fifteen minutes of being near someone famous
Boston Film Festival brings filmmakers and filmgoer together

By Michael T. Lin
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to watch the movie one row in front of and 6–8 places down in the section, meaning that we saw the movie that evening. I also got the autograph of the aforementioned executive producer, Aaron Eckhart, because that was surely not to be repeated — yes, if I had encountered a weird phenomenon like him out there — when a friend IMed me to tell me he had finger-hanged a lady the prior night and she, too, was raving the red waves. Ladies, we can all breathe a sigh of relief. More than one guy out there is willing to give you an alternative to BF- and-anal week. I suggest you find all one and befriend him. I mean, it's sort of awkward to bring up the shedding of my ureter lining with a dude over a glass of sangria, right?

And there I laid the next day wondering why I had spent all my months and weekends on the thought that was surely not to be repeated — yes, even after experiencing it first hand, I refused to believe that there'd be more guys like him out there — when a friend IMed me to tell me he had finger-hanged a lady the prior night and she, too, was raving the red waves. Ladies, we can all breathe a sigh of relief. More than one guy out there is willing to give you an alternative to BF- and-anal week. I suggest you find all one and befriend him. I mean, it's sort of awkward to bring up the shedding of my ureter lining with a dude over a glass of sangria, right?

Be careful...
Stem cells, from Page 1

Congressional appropriations rider that prohibits damage to human embryos

The DOJ disputes Sherley and Deisher's arguments about the legis- lative history of the rider, the cited the Dickie-Wicker Amendment. And

They further note that the 1996 memo that Sherley and Deisher cited as evidence of inconsis- tent behavior on the part of the NIH was not about stem cells at all, but instead "involved protection of human genetic diagnostic research, which is research done directly on human embryos to detect genetic abnor-

malties. The research discussed in the 1996 letter would thus not be eligible for funding under the 2009 NIH guidelines," the brief said.

The DOJ also responded to the contention that the preliminary in- juction - blocking federal funding of human emb-

ryonic stem cell research thus threatened on- going potential life-saving research and undermines the time system of peer-reviewed research," the university said in a statement yesterday.

The university stated that it "believes it is important that the scientific community be permitted to move forward with embryonic stem cell research, and that it is in the best interest of patients and all those who would benefit from improved healthcare." And at the same time as the Univer-

sity of California trumpets being "the first research institution in the world outside the family's apart-

ment in their middle-class neigh-

borhood of Kabul.

KABUL, Afghanistan — Six-

year-old Mehtan Rafat is like

many girls her age. She likes to

be the center of attention. She is of-

ten frustrated when things do not go her way. Like her three other sisters, she is eager to discover the world outside the family's apart-

ment in their middle-class neigh-

borhood of Kabul.

But when their mother, Anita

Rafat, a member of parliament, dresses the children for school in the morning, there is one impor-

tant difference. Mehtan's sisters put on black dresses and head scarves, tied tightly over their ponytails. For Mehtan, it's green pants, a white shirt and a necklace, then a pat from her mother over her spiky, short black hair. After that, her daughter is out the door — as an Afghan boy.

There is no statistics about how many Afghan girls masquerade as boys. But when asked, Afghans of several generations can often tell a story of a female relative, friend, neighbor or co-worker who grew up disguised as a boy. To those who know, these children are often re-

ferred to as neither "daughter" nor "son" in conversation, but as "ba-

cha posh," which literally means "dressed up as a boy" in Dari.

Through dozens of interviews conducted over several months, where many people wanted to re-

main anonymous or to use only first names for fear of exposing their families, it was possible to trace a practice that has remained mostly obscured to outsiders. Yet it cuts across class, education, ethnicity and geography, and it has endured even through Afghanistan's many wars and governments.

Afghan families have many rea-

sons for pretending their girls are boys, including economic need, social pressure to have sons and, in some cases, a superstition that doing so can lead to the birth of a girl. Lacking a son, the parents decide to make one up, usually by changing the hair of a daughter and dressing her in typical Afghan man's clothing. There are no spe-

cific legal or religious proscriptions against the practice. In most cases, a return to womanhood takes place when the child enters puberty. The parents almost always make that decision.

In a land where sons are more highly valued, since only they can inherit the father's wealth and pass down a name, families without boys are the objects of pity and contempt. Even a made-up son increases the family's standing, at least for a few years. A bacha posh can also more easily receive an education, work outside the home, even escort her sisters in public, allowing freedoms that are unheard of for girls in a so-

ciety that strictly segregates men and women.

But for some, the change can be disorienting as well as liberating, standing the women in a limbo between the sexes. "I know it's very hard for you to believe why one mother is doing these things to their youngest daughter," Rafat said in sometimes imperfect English, during one of many interviews over several weeks. "I don't want to say that, but some things are happening in Afghan-

stans that are really not imaginable for you as a Western people."

Pressure to have a boy

From that fatal day she first became a mother — Feb. 7, 1999 — Rafat knew she had failed, she said, but she was too exhausted to speak, on shivering the cold floor of the family's small house in Badghis province.

She had just given birth — twice, actually — to Mehtan's older sisters, Benal-

sha and Beheshta. The first twin had been born after almost 72 hours of labor, one month permanently. The girl weighed only 2.6 pounds and was not breathing at first. Her sister arrived 10 minutes later. She too, was unconscious.

When her mother-in-law be-

gan to cry, Rafat knew it was not from fear whether her infant grand-

daughters would survive. The old woman was disappointed. "Why," she cried, according to Rafat, "are we getting more girls in the family?"

Rafat had grown up in Kabul, where she was a top student, speak-

ing six languages and nurturing high-flying dreams of becoming a doctor. But once her father forced her to become the second wife of her first cousin, she had to submit to being an illiterate farmer's wife, in a rural home without running water and electricity, where the mother-in-law ruled, and where she was expected to help care for the cows, sheep and chickens.

Conflicts with her mother-in-

law began immediately, as the new Rafat insisted on better hygiene and more contact with the men in the house. She also asked her Afghans girls, Page 17
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Ben Thompson ’13 (left) and another protester explain why they are protesting Pfc. Bradley Manning’s imprisonment and impending court martial to a group of freshmen. Thompson and about 15 others were demonstrating outside of 77 Mass Ave from about noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Manning has been imprisoned since May on charges that he leaked classified government information to the website Wikileaks.

Amie J. Guo ’14 browses the selection at Kappa Alpha Theta’s semi-annual Charity Denim Designer Jean sale on Friday in Kresge Oval. Proceeds from the sale went to Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), a group of community volunteers appointed to speak for abused and neglected children in court.

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Somewhere in the Search for Meaning by Letitia Li

Crossword Puzzle I

Solution, page 16

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2 Ltr. carriers
10 Ocean extract
11 George or T.S.
15 Spiffy
16 Tennis great Nastase
17 Old-time typescript
duplicate
19 “Sweater Girl” Turner
20 Six-pointers
21 WBA stats
22 “Hamlet” Oscar winner
24 Precious stone
25 Cut back
26 Fabled city of gold
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Solution, page 16

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Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column, row, and 3 by 3 grid contains exactly one of each of the digits 1 through 9.

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**Crossword Puzzle II**

Solution, page 16

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By Catherine Rampell

The New York Times

The U.S. economy has lost more jobs than it has added since the re-
cov ery began more than a year ago. Yes, you read that correctly.
The downturn officially ended, and the recovery officially began, in June 2009, according to an an-
nouncement Monday by the official arbiter of economic turning points.

The 2007–9 recession was not only the longest post-World War II recession but also the deepest, in terms of job losses and output declines.

Since that point, total output — the amount of goods and services pro-
duced by the United States — has increased, as have many other mea-
 sures of economic activity.

But nonfarm payrolls are still down 235,000 from their level at the recession’s official end 15 months ago, and the slow growth in recent months means that the unemployed still have a long slog ahead.

“We started from a deep hole,” said James Poterba, an economics professor at Northwestern University and a committee member.

“The declaration of the recession’s end confirms what many sus-
pected: The 2007–9 recession was not only the longest post-World War II recession but also the deepest, in terms of both job losses and at least one measure of output declines.

The announcement also implies that any contraction that might lie ahead would be a separate and distinct recession, and one that the Obama administration could not claim to have inherited. While economists generally say such a double-dip recession seems un-
 likely, new monthly estimates of gross domestic product, released by two committee members, show that output shrank in May and June, the most recent months for which data are available. Output and other fac-
tors would have to shrink for a longer period of time before another contraction might be declared.

Even without a full-blown dou-
 ble dip in the economy, the recov-
 ery thus far has been so anemic that the job picture seems likely to stagn-
 ate, and perhaps even get worse, in the near future.

Many forecasts estimate that output needs to grow over the long run by about 2.5 percent to keep the unemployment rate, now at 9.6 percent, constant. The econo-
my grew at an annual rate of just 1.6 percent in the second quarter of this year, and private forecasts indicate growth will not be much better in the third quarter. (The Business Cycle Dating Committee itself does not engage in forecast-
 ing.)

“The amount of unemployment we’ve already got and the slowness of recovery lead to predictions that we could have 9-plus percent un-
employment even through the next presidential election,” said Robert J. Gordon, an economics professor at Northwestern University and a committee member.

“What’s really unique about this recession is the amount of unem-
ployment in combination with the slowness of the recovery,” he said.

“That’s just not happened before. We had a sharp recession followed by a sharp recovery in the 1980s. And in ’90 and ’91 we had slow re-
coveries, but those recessions were shallow recessions, so the slowness didn’t matter much.”

All three of these most recent recessions were known as jobless recessions because employment growth significantly lagged output growth. In this recovery, the job market bottomed six months after economic output bottomed. That is still not nearly as much of a lag as experienced after the 2001 reces-
sion, when it took the job market 19 months to turn around after output improved.

“This new pattern of jobless recoveries has led to some com-
 plains that employment should play a more prominent role in dat-
ing business cycles and to criticism that a jobless recovery is not truly a recovery at all. Business Cycle Dat-
ing Committee members have been reluctant to change their criteria too dras-
tically, though, because they want to maintain consistency in the official chronology of contractions and expansions.

While all three recent recoveries have been weak for employment, the job market has to cover the most ground from the latest recession.

From December 2007 to June 2009, the U.S. economy lost more than 5 percent of its nonfarm pay-
roll jobs, the largest decline since World War II. And through Decem-
ber 2009, the month that employ-
ment hit bottom, the nation had lost more than 6 percent of its jobs.

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The unemployment rate, which comes from a different survey, peaked in October at 10.1 percent. The postwar high was in 1982, at 10.8 percent. But the composition of the work force was very different in the 1980s — it was younger, and younger people tend to have higher unemployment rates — and so if adjusted for age, unemployment this time around actually looks much worse.

The broadest measure of unem-
ployment, including people who are reluctantly working part time when they wish to be working full time and those who have given up looking for work altogether, also was at its highest level since World War II.

There is some debate, though, about whether this recession was the worst in terms of output.

Adjusted for inflation, output contracted more than in any other postwar period, according to Robert E. Hall, a Stanford economics pro-
fessor and committee chairman.

But some economists say that a better measure would be the gap between where output is and where it could have been if growth had been uninterrupted.

“It’s definitely not as deep as 1981–82 when measured relative to the economy’s potential growth rate,” Gordon said.

Besides employment, nearly every indicator that the committee considers simultaneously reached a low point in June 2009, which made that month a relatively easy selec-
tion as the official turning point, Gordon said. The committee previ-
ously met in April but had decided that the data were inconclusive.

In its statement Monday affirm-
ing the recession’s end, the bureau took care to note that the recession, by definition, meant only the pe-
riod until the economy reached its low point — not a return to its previ-
ous vigor.

“In declaring the recession over, we’re not at all saying the unem-
ployment rate, or anything else, has returned to normal,” said James H. Stock, an economics professor at Harvard and a member of the busi-
ness cycle committee.

“We clearly still have a long ways to go.”
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Afghan girls favored over girls
Families face societal pressure to have sons

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mother-in-law to stop bearing her husband's first wife with her walking stick. When Rafaat finally snapped the stick in protest, the older woman demanded that her son, Ezatullah, control his new wife.

He did so with a wooden stick or a metal wire.

“On the body, on the face,” she recalled, “I had so much to stop. I asked him to stop. Sometimes I didn’t.”

Soon, she was pregnant. The family treated her slightly better as she grew bigger.

“They were hoping for a son this time,” she explained.

Ezatullah Rafaat’s first wife had given birth to two daughters, one of whom had died as an infant, and she could no longer conceive. Azita Rafaat delivered two daughters, double the disappointment.

Azita Rafaat faced constant pressure to try again and, she did, through two more pregnancies, when she could have two more daughters — Mehran, now 9, and finally Mehran, the 6-year-old.

Asked if she ever considered leaving her husband, she reacted with complete surprise.

“I thought of dying,” she said. “But I never thought of divorce. If I had separated from my husband, I would have lost my children, and they would have had no rights. I am not one to quit.”

Today, she is in a position of power, at least on paper. She is one of 68 women in Afghanistan’s 249-member parliament, representing Badghis province. Her husband is unemployed and spends most of his time at home.

“He is my house husband,” she joked. By persuading him to move away from her mother-in-law and by offering to contribute to the family income, she laid the groundwork for her political life. Three years into their marriage, after the fall of the Taliban in 2002, she began volunteering as a health worker for various nongovernmental organizations.

Today she makes $2,000 a month as a member of parliament.

As a politician, she works to improve women’s rights and the rule of law. She ran for re-election Saturday and, based on a preliminary vote count, is optimistic about securing another term. But she could run only with her husband’s explicit permission, and the second time around, he was not easily persuaded.

He wanted to try again for a son. It would be difficult to combine pregnancy and another child with her work, she said — and she knew she might have another girl in any case. But the pressure to have a son extended beyond her husband. It was the only subject her constituents talked about when they came to the house, she said.

“When you don’t have a son in Afghanistan,” she explained, “it’s like a big missing in your life. Like you lost the most important part of your life. Everybody feels sad for you.”

As a politician, she is also expected to be a good wife and a mother; instead she looked like a failed woman to her constituents. The gossip spread back to her province, and her husband was also questioned and embarrassed, she said.

In an attempt to preserve her job and placate her husband, as well as sending off the threat of his getting a third wife, she proposed to her husband that they make their youngest daughter look like a son.

“People came into our home feeling pity for us that we don’t have a son,” she recalled. “And the girls — we can’t send them outside. And if we changed Mehran to a boy we would get more space and freedom in society for her. And we can send her outside for shopping and to help the father.”

No Hesitation

Together, they spoke to their youngest daughter, she said. They made it an alluring proposition: “Do you want to look like a boy and dress like a boy, and do more fun things like boys do, like bicycling, soccer, and cricket? And would you like to be like your father?” Mehran did not hesitate to say yes.

That afternoon, her father took her to the barbershop, where her hair was cut short. They continued to the bazaar, where she got new clothing. Her first outfit was “something like a cowboy dress,” Rafaat said.

She even got a new name — originally called Manoush, her name was tweaked to the more boyish-sounding Mehran.

Mehran’s return to school — in a pair of pants and without her pigtails — went by without much reaction by her fellow students. She still napped in the afternoons with the girls and changed into her sleepwear in a separate room from the boys. Some of her classmates still called her Manoush, while others called her Mehran. But she would always introduce herself as a boy to newcomers.

Today, the family’s relatives and colleagues all know Mehran’s real gender, but the appearance of a son before guests and acquaintances is just enough to keep the family functioning, Rafaat said. At least for now.

Mehran’s father said he felt closer to his three other children and thought of her as a son.

“I am very happy,” he said. “When people now ask me, I say yes and they see that I have a son. So people are quiet, and I am quiet.”

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**History**

The Celtics were the dominant force in the NBA for much of the late twentieth century. With legendary center Bill Russell leading the way, the Celtics captured 11 titles within a 13-year span beginning in 1959. In the late 1970s and 1980s, the likes of Larry Bird, Kevin McHale, and Robert Parish led the Celtics to five titles as the team battled the Lakers, year-in and year-out for basketball supremacy. As the roster turned over in the early 90s, the Celtics lost their stars to retirement and entered a period of decline, bottoming out with a 15-67 season in 1996-97.

They burst back into the Boston sports consciousness with a string of playoff appearances in the early half of the 00’s, but many of the Celtics’ investments in young talent did not pan out on the time scale expected by management. Two deals in the summer of 2004 changed everything. The Celtics coughed up a top draft pick and space-capturing Ray Allen and a second-round draft pick Glen “Big Baby” Davis. With Paul Pierce and Ray Allen on board and Rajon Rondo in the way of established talent, the Celtics seemed well-positioned to make a run to the playoffs for a few years but could not have been considered true championship contenders on par with the Lakers and the Spurs. A strange season was when Danny Ainge exchanged many of the players in the front court “projects” that Celtics had on their hands for Kevin Garnett, a perennial all-star for a mediocre Minnesota Timberwolves team. Entering the 2007-08 season, the “Big Three” helped to expedite the development of talented point guard Rajon Rondo as the Celtics rolled through the regular season. After conquering the Eastern Conference in the playoffs, they downed their old rival, the Los Angeles Lakers, in six games in the NBA finals, capping a remarkable turnaround from the mediocrity of the previous season.

**Upcoming season**

The “core” of the Celtics has aged but remains largely the same. Most commentators now refer to it as the “Big Four” of the Celtics, counting the multitalented, lightning-fast Rajon Rondo as part of the group. The key was Rondo in the way of the nucleus to the rest of the Celtics’伟大复兴. The last two seasons have been marked by excellent individual performances, most notably in the second round of the Eastern Conference playoffs in 2009 while Kevin Garnett was out with a knee injury. For the 2010-11 season, they struggled at times in the regular season and even the short playoff series, losing in the quarterfinals. After knocking off teams headed by Dwyanne Wade (Heat), LeBron James (Cavaliers), and Kobe Bryant (Lakers), the Celtics fell one game short of an eighteenth NBA title at the hands of the Los Angeles Lakers.

A healthy Celtics team will go far in 2010-11; the bench appears to be in good shape with recent acquisitions like free agent signee Shaquille O’Neal, free agent signee Jermaine O’Neal, and acquisition Nate Robinson, who came up big in the playoffs while backing up Rondo. Pierce re-committed to the Celtics this past offseason with a four-year deal, and Allen signed a two-year extension as well. The twenty-four year-old Rondo will continue to assume greater responsibility on this team, but the rest of the Celtics should be just as hungry as ever for another NBA title.

**Get to know the team**

The Celtics share the TD Garden (North Station stop on the Green Line) with the Bruins, playing forty-one home games a year in the arena. One of the hottest tickets in town, there are balcony seats that go for $40.00, but those seats will go quickly (individual game tickets went on sale this past Friday). The best-cheap seats start at $59.50 (“Promenade” section) and can be as expensive as $238.00 for lodge seats. You can catch the Celtics on TV as well at Comcast SportsNet New England, they are also featured frequently on national television (ABC). They face off against the stacked Miami Heat on October 26 in Boston, the game will be the Heat debut for stars LeBron James and Chris Bosh and is one of the most anticipated regular season match ups in recent history.

**Urban gymnastics is concrete + chutzpah**

**Parkour and free-running athletes bring it at City Hall Plaza on Friday**

By Joanna Kao

Twenty of the world’s best free-runners and parkour athletes gathered for the Red Bull Art of Motion competition held at City Hall Plaza in downtown Boston on Friday.

People argue a way of traveling from one point to another using surrounding objects to increase efficiency. Free running is essentially acrobatics integrating the city landscape.

The event combined various disciplines of athleticism and art using free running, parkour, martial arts, and gymnastics. Athletes were judged on their creativity, fluidity, technical difficulty, and execution.

The judges of the event were definitely no-mongers to parkour and free running. One of five judges was Bryan Doyle, the first champion of the Red Bull Art of Motion event. The event was Travis Wong, the co-host of MTV’s Ultimate Parkour Challenge.

Even though the event was competition, the athletes were incredibly supportive of one another, making them seem more like a fan exhibition rather than a competition. Athletes cheered each other during the competition and gave each other tips during the practice sessions earlier in the day.

During the practice time, they worked on individual tricks and then worked on stringing together several tricks to create a routine. Yoann Leroux, the only French competitor, prepared himself for a difficult trick that he later pulled off in the preliminary round by meditating. Patrick Bryan, an athlete from Minnesota, accidentally created a new trick after falling while practicing ten minutes before the competition began. He decided to use after another competitor said that it looked tough to do and spent the next few minutes integrating it into a string of tricks he had prepared.

MIT students had a presence in the crowd — Joseph K. Lane ’11 attended the event along with Allen S. Yin ’11, Nathaniel Jay T. Salazar ’11, Jennifer P. O’Donnell ’11, and Karim H. Aarsvold ’11, after finding out about the event through Facebook. "None of us had seen parkour live and wanted to see what an actual competition would be like. Plus, it was a good chance to get [out] and do something different in Boston,” Lane said.

Lane stayed for the entire competition and got to see part of the practice session earlier in the day. “I was cool to see that people came from all over the world to compete,” Lane said. "All of the tricks were really impressive. Plus they were really creative. One of the tricks I was most surprised by was when Pafis and were a cat’s tail on his pants, that was h0c,” Lane said.

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Yoann Leroux meditates on the top of a forklift during the practice session in anticipation of throwing a difficult and dangerous backflip in the preliminary competition. He also spent nearly eighteen minutes placing sandpaper on various portions of the top of the lift.

Leroux completed an extremely dangerous backflip on a forklift arm over two stories in the air.

Leroux was one of eight athletes featured in MTV’s Ultimate Parkour Challenge. This short-lived season brought a considerably large posse of extraordinary vocal friends. (or perhaps just several extraordinarily vocal friends).

The competition began with a preliminary round with all twenty athletes. Competitors got 90 seconds to use the course to impress the judges with their tricks. Highlights from the preliminary round included an impressive series of flips by Germany’s Jason Paul, a smooth-for-his-age series of tricks made by 15-year-old John Reynolds, and an amazing chip precision on fork trick made by Leroux.

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SPORTS SHORTS

Field Hockey dominates Clark

Behind career days from Alexandra A. Wright ’11 and Katie Kauffman ’12, the MIT field hockey team won its NEWMAC opener over Clark University, 8-2, on Sunday afternoon. Wright tallied a career best four goals while Kauffman set a new program record with five assists to help the Engineers move to 6-1 on the season.

Wright, a defender, converted a penalty corner pass from Kauffman just 5:11 into the game for first career goal. Jessica M. Oleinik ’11 knocked home a bouncing rebound just over five minutes later to increase the lead.

Wright and Kameron L. Klauber ’12 found the back of the net within 30 seconds of each other just a few minutes later and Klauber added another goal in the 16th minute. Wright added her third and fourth goals in the second half and Molly E. McShane ’13 scored for the first time this season. Kauffman assisted all four of Wright’s goals and had five total on the day.

The Engineers will be back in action on Wednesday, hosting Nichols College in a rematch of the teams’ 2010 NCAA Tournament opening round contest. The game begins at 6:00 p.m. on Jack Barry Field.

—Greg McKeever, DAPER Staff

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Tuesday, September 21
Women’s Soccer vs. Lesley University
4 p.m., Steinbrenner Stadium

Wednesday, September 22
Men’s Soccer vs. Brandeis University
4 p.m., Steinbrenner Stadium
Field Hockey vs. Nichols College
6 p.m., Jack Barry Field

Yoann Leroux executes a backflip precision on a 15-foot-high forklift. He has said that he has done the same trick at heights twice as high.

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