An elephant walk down Mass. Ave.

By Anne Cai and Niki Castle

The MIT-Greater China Strategy Working Group has released a report setting forth guidelines and recommendations for the future of MIT’s relationships with mainland China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. The Working Group was chaired by Victor Zou, Professor of ECEC and Director of CSAIL.

MIT has raised funding for a new chair in study of Chinese culture, as well as provided the Global Seed Fund in conjunction with MITI to send students abroad. However, for any of this to effectively occur, knowledge of Chinese language and culture is a necessity.

“Language in particular is the basis,” said Associate Provost Philip S. Khoury. “We’re working on making our Chinese program more powerful and providing four full years of the language, so our students can’t afford the time to go take Chinese language courses at Harvard.”

The group was formed in 2007 by Khoury. However, MIT has had a long history with Greater China. MIT’s relationship with China dates back to 1876, when the Chinese government sent students to MIT. The relationship has continued for over a century as students and professors have spent time learning and working in both countries.

“The working group recommendations didn’t create something entirely new, we’re accelerating what that was,” Khoury said. MIT has taken many actions to further its connection with Greater China and increase mutual awareness. “We think that there’s a certain lack of awareness on both sides,” Zue said. “One of the big things we’ve done so far is to consolidate all of MIT’s China-related activities. We’ve created a portal to highlight everything that we’ve done so far and make it easier to access on our website.” Through more easily accessible resources like this, people of the MIT community are encouraged to learn different perspectives of China. Additionally, the Working Group has established the MIT-China Forum, bringing in prominent people to speak to the MIT community four times a year. Last Thursday, Charles Zhu PhD ’93 spoke on campus in an event open to the public. Zhu is the founder, Chairman, and current CEO of Sohu.com, and former speakers in the MIT-China Forum also include Zhou Weihong, then the Chinese Ambassador to the United States.

These individuals are a sample of the prominent people MIT hopes to engage in the liaison with Greater China. In addition to making language resources available to those who want them, studying culture is an essential part of the working group’s goal. MIT’s collaboration with Greater China also extends to companies such as Quantia Computar. Quantia’s chairman and CEO Barry Lam, electrical engineer and entrepreneur, expresses personal

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**Europe to propose a ban on cloning farm animals**

BRUSSELS — European Union regulators are preparing to propose rules on cloned livestock that would be stronger than those in the United States with regard to actual clones. But the rules would seek to avoid trade tensions by allowing imports of food products from the offspring of clones as well as imports of semen and embryos from clones for breeding.

The European Commission’s report, which is expected Tuesday, will recommend a ban on the cloning of farm animals — except for cloning for medical reasons, which is already allowed in the European Union — and the food produced from the offspring of clones as well as imports of semen and embryos from clones for cloning. The rules would seek to avoid trade tensions by allowing imports of food products from the offspring of clones as well as imports of semen and embryos from clones for cloning.

Animal welfare advocates contend that cloning leads to suffering, including difficult births. They also say that cloned animals can face health problems later.


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**U.S. uses attacks to nudge Taliban toward a deal, break stalemate**

By Alexei Barrionuevo

SAN JOSE MINE, Chile — Most of the 33 rescued miners were still in a hospital about an hour away Thursday. But while they fervently, they may return to lives filled with gifts, rich offers to tell their stories and opportunities to see the world.

Leonardo Farkas, a Chilean businessman, has already written checks of 5 million pesos, or about $10,400, to each of the miners.

“The idea is that they shouldn’t be stressed while looking for new jobs,” said Rodrigo Mundaca, a spokesman for Farkas.

Workers at the state mining company Codetal said they would ship in about $800. While a relatively high-paying profession here, a successful miner in Chile usually cannot expect more than about $2,000 a month in salary.

Beyond the money, a range of other promised gifts have flooded in. A Greek mining company, ELMIN Hellenic Mining Enterprises, has offered a free one-week vacation to Greece for each miner and a companion, so that they could “enjoy our sun and sea” after their long ordeal.

“Was it our employees’ idea, as they work under similar conditions to the Chilenos and immediately felt solidarity with them,” said the company’s managing director, Lyberis Polychronopoulos.

Family members of the rescued miners said they had also been invited by two European soccer teams, Manchester United and Real Madrid, to visit their stadiums in Britain and Spain. Real Madrid had already sent 33 jerseys — signed by players and with the words “Have strength, miners,” printed on them — to the miners while they were trapped below. One of the miners, Franklin Lobos, once played professionally.

They are other goodies, like the latest-generation iPhone Touch models that Apple says it has sent to each miner. And of course, five miners get to keep the Oakley sunglasses they wore while leaving the mine to protect their light-deprived eyes, among other gifts.

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By Doyle Fikia

KABUL, Afghanistan — Air strikes on Taliban insurgents have risen sharply here over the past four months, according to a coordinated effort by U.S. commanders to bleed the insurgency and pressure its leaders to negotiate an end to the war.

U.S. pilots pounded the Taliban with 2,100 bombs or missiles from August through September, 700 in September alone, Air Force officers here said Thursday. That is an increase of nearly 50 percent over the same period last year, records show.

The stepped-up air campaign is part of what is appears to be an intensifying U.S. effort, orchestrated by Gen. David H. Petraeus, to break the military stalemate here as pressure intensifies at home to bring the nine-year-old war to an end. In recent weeks, Petraeus has increased U.S. forces to nudge the Taliban toward a deal, break the military stalemate.

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**Rescued miners showered with gifts, vacation offers**

**For the Tea Party, influence beyond mere numbers**

Enough Tea Party-supported candidates are running strongly in competitive and Republican-leaning congressional races that the movement stands a good chance of establishing a sizable caucus to turn heads in the House and the Senate, according to a New York Times analysis.

With a little more than a month to go before the Election Day, thirty-three Tea Party-backed candidates are in tossup races or running in House districts that are solidly or leaning Republican, and that is the best performance of winning Senate seats in.

While the numbers are relatively small, they could exert outsized influence on Republican leaders to carry out promises to significantly cut spending and taxes, to repeal health care legislation and financial regulations passed this year, according to Secrecy and the Federal Reserve in favor of personal savings accounts. Still, the bulk of the Tea Party candidates are running in districts that are solidly Democratic, meaning that most Tea Party efforts — no matter how energetic — are likely to register as basically a protest vote.

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**Weather Today: Sunny, cloudy to windy, high 56 °F [13°C]. Northwest winds at 15-25 mph, gusting up to 40 mph. Sunday: Sunny, highs near 60 °F [16°C].**

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**Situation for noon Eastern time, Friday, October 15, 2010**

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**Situation for midnight**

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**Warm Front**

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**Situation for day, Friday, October 15, 2010**

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**Situation for noon tomorrow**

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Administration seeks stay of ruling that halted ‘Don’t Ask’

By Charlie Savage

WASHINGTON — Saying it will appeal a ruling striking down the law that bans gay men and lesbians from serving openly in the U.S. military, the Obama administration Thursday asked the federal judge who issued the ruling for an emergency stay of her decision.

In a 48-page court filing, Clifford L. Stanley, the under secretary of defense for personnel and readiness, argued that the military, particularly in wartime, should not be required to “suddenly and immediately restructure a major personnel policy that has been in place for years.”

Stanley said the injunction would disrupt efforts to prepare for a more orderly repeal of the policy.

Stanley’s declaration was the centerpiece of a set of administration filings before Judge Virginia A. Phillips of U.S. District Court. Last month, she declared the “don’t ask, don’t tell” law to be unconstitutional, and earlier this week she issued an injunction requiring the military to stop enforcing it immediately.

The Log Cabin Republicans, the group that brought the lawsuit against the policy, vowed to fight the administration’s appeal of Phillips’ ruling before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and the request for an emergency stay of the injunction.

“We are not surprised by the government’s action, as it repeats the broken promises and empty words from President Obama assuring to end ‘don’t ask, don’t tell’ while at the same time directing his Justice Department to defend this unconstitutional policy,” said Dan Woods, a lawyer representing the group. “Now that the government has filed a request for a stay, we will oppose it vigorously because brave, patriotic gays and lesbians are serving in our armed forces to fight for all of our constitutional rights while the government is denying them theirs.”

Obama campaigned against the “don’t ask, don’t tell” law and has asked Congress to repeal it, but his efforts have been criticized as being too slow and insufficient by supporters of equal rights for gay men and lesbians.

U.S. trade deficit widens as gap with China reaches record

The U.S. trade deficit widened in August, with the politically sensitive imbalance with China reaching its highest mark on record, according to government figures released Thursday.

The trade deficit grew to $46.3 billion, up from a revised $42.6 billion in July, and exceeding forecasts for a gap of around $44 billion. The deficit with China accounted for $28 billion of the August shortfall, up from $25.9 billion the month before.

The widening gap with China comes amid rising concerns in Washington about China’s trade dominance and its effects on the global economic recovery. The Obama administration and some lawmakers, hoping to temper Chinese exports by making them more expensive, are pressing China to allow its currency to appreciate more quickly.

But they questioned how “local” a $405 billion company with 2 million employees — more than the populations of Alaska, Wyoming and Vermont combined — could be.

Given that Wal-Mart is the world’s largest grocer, with one of the biggest food supply chains, any change it makes will have wide implications. Wal-Mart said that it expected to meet the goals by the end of 2015.

In the United States, Wal-Mart plans to double the percentage of locally grown produce it sells to 9 percent. Wal-Mart defines local produce as that grown and sold in the same state.

Still, the program is far less ambitious than in some other countries — in Canada, for instance, Wal-Mart expects to buy 30 percent of its produce locally by the end of 2011, and, when local produce is available, increase that to 100 percent.

—Stephanie Clifford, The New York Times

Targeting of ‘closed’ professions alarms some Greek workers

By Suzanne Daley

ATHENS, Greece — Antonios Avgerinos, 59, a retired army pharmacist, always wanted his own pharmacy. But Greek law also limits just about everything else about pharmacists: They must be at least 820 feet apart and have a likely market of no fewer than 1,500 residents. To break into the business, an aspiring pharmacist generally has to buy a license from a retiring one. That often costs upward of $400,000.

“It is an absurd system,” Avgerinos said recently. “But it has been that way my whole life.”

Maybe not for much longer.

As the government of Prime Minister George Papandreou struggles to get the nation’s financial house in order — reducing the size of its civil service, chasing after tax evaders and overhauling its pension system — it has also begun to tackle a much less talked about problem: the cozy system of “closed professions” that has existed here for decades, costing the economy billions of dollars a year.

These efforts have prompted almost weekly strikes in the past few months from interest groups firmly opposed to breaking down the barriers to entry in lucrative professions, like doctors and lawyers. But experts say that much is at stake: Greece’s ability to service its tremendous debt to other European countries and avoid default rests on the government’s ability to inject more competition and dynamism into its sclerotic economy.

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It is time to resolve this injustice

By Keith Yost

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It gets better
Campaign for gay teenagers bridges a generational gap

By Larry Galvin

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From Joe Janis, to Anne Hathaway, to Jason Derulo, celebrities all over are collaborating to build up the “It Gets Better Campaign.” The campaign consists of PSA-style messages on Youtube telling gay teens that suicide is not worth contemplating when life will get better. Other celebrities like Ellen DeGeneres got up close and personal. “We can’t let intolerance and ignorance take another kid’s life. And I want anyone who feels different and alone to know that I know how you feel. And there is help out there.” She released that statement on her show. Other celebrities shared their stories of having been bullied when young. These messages are powerful. They have not only the potential to save teens’ lives but to ignite an entire generation gap.

Teenagers everywhere are now aware of how cognizant the older generations are of their struggles. These videos help adults communci effectively to gay teens. For too long, have adults been kept away from approaching gay teens to counsel them because of the stigma that adults can instill — homosexualizing the into the teens’ minds, or make the teens choose between being like many high school and middle school counselors choose to avert the topics on sexuality. The Professional School of Counseling has released multiple studies reporting that homonormativity is prevalent among school counselors.

The “It Gets Better” campaign helps undo this. Adults are finally reaching out to gay teens. But it gets better. Teens are reciprocating by making their own “It Gets Better” videos to reach out to their peers.

The Rainbow Lounge, MIT’s counseling center for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender, queer students, is making a “It Gets Better” video. Come add your thoughts. What do you have to say?

Evanescent evidence — where’s the beef?
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Based on the undoubtedly dramatized non-fiction book by Ben Mezrich, The Accidental Billionaires, the film revolves around Zuckerberg, the entrepreneur who created Facebook during his undergraduate years at Harvard in early 2004, and the two separate lawsuits that soon surrounded him regarding the controversial management structure inherited from the company. Periodically played by Jesse Eisenberg (Zombieland), the Social Network's Zuckerberg is a winning combination of brilliance and social awkwardness that translates into a quality of performance that is infectious. We see this immediately in the memorable opening scene between Zuckerberg and his ill-at-ease ex-girlfriend, Erica Albright (a deliciously biting Rooney Mara, who is called upon to play the nameless character in his soon-to-be-ex-girlfriend, a round-turnedin-the-Girl with a Dragon Tail, in which he effortlessly carries about four conversation threads at once, oblivious to his decreasing disgust at her self-absorption in his life). [I'm sure none of us at MIT can relate because here at the 'tute, brilliance and social awkwardness rarely exist hand in hand. As for doucheyness, let's just say that Zuckerberg's status at B.U., where Albright attends college, sound remarkably like jobs at Harvard often heard from the mouths of MIT students. But I digress.]

As comedic as it is intensely serious, the movie, directed by David Fincher (The Curious Case of Benjamin Button, Se7en) and adapted from Mezrich's book by Aaron Sorkin, triumphs with its witty script, impeccably acting, and breathtaking shots of Boston — shots that will delight any student who has ever fallen in love with views of Harvard Square, the Charles River, and other familial landscapes. The pulsing soundtrack draws you in, whether it's accompanying a drunken Zuckerberg hacking Harvard's web system in his dorm room or glamorous girls line up for an exclusive Final Club party or a neck-and-neck crew race down the Charles.

Andrew Garfield, Joseph Mazzello, Jesse Eisenberg and Patrick Maple gaze into the future of everyone's social lives.

The spot-on acting seals the deal, with impressive performances from Andrew Garfield (as Facebook's original CFO, Eduardo Saverin) who plays the best friend heartwarmingly, and from Justin Timberlake (as charming but not-to-be-trusted Sean Parker, founder of Napster). The two hours fly by incredibly fast, leaving you wanting more.

For Facebook lovers merely looking for tidbits on how our favorite procrastination tool developed, the movie doesn't disappoint there, either — we see how the infamous "relationship status" field came to be — the "wall" and photo tagging get men a long time as well. But for those who have somehow eluded the addiction or are looking for more than Facebook trivia, the movie provides not only a great cinematic experience but an extremely resonating story as well, and one that will undoubtedly inspire future entrepreneurs. This is the movie of our generation — go watch it.

**FILM REVIEW**

The birth of Facebook

The Social Network might be the best movie of the year

By Joanne Shih

In the week and a half it has been since the release of The Social Network, I have heard about the movie to everyone I know. I hope that I have not yet become something too familiar about the movie itself. It is best seen with friends and family, or in an exceptional, or, of course, the expectation to be entertained by a movie about one of the defining developments of our generation. Most people who have not seen it refer to it as "the Facebook movie" and are indeed about Facebook (which, let's be honest, provides a good enough reason to go see it), it is above anything else, an excellent film, already dubbed "the best movie of the year" by numerous critics.

The birth of Facebook... or perhaps more accurately the thing that Facebook is, is a thing we have been living through for nearly a decade, and that is just 1.0, the original. Facebook is the reason we are now living in a world where the constant stream of our friends' states, posts, and activities are always within arms reach. Facebook has changed the way that we communicate and interact, and it has done so without anyone really noticing. It has become a part of our daily lives, whether we like it or not.

The movie is a story of two men, Mark Zuckerberg and Eduardo Saverin, who created Facebook together during their time as college students. The story is told from Zuckerberg's perspective, and it is clear that he is passionate about his creation and is willing to do whatever it takes to see it succeed. Saverin, on the other hand, is more of a passive observer, content to let Zuckerberg run the show.

As with any good movie, the story is not without its flaws. The characters are somewhat one-dimensional, and the plot is sometimes predictable. However, these issues are offset by the excellent performances of the cast and the overall production quality of the film. The movie is a celebration of the power of technology and the human spirit, and it is a reminder of the importance of perseverance in the face of adversity.

In conclusion, The Social Network is a must-see film for anyone interested in technology, social media, or entrepreneurship. It is a story of success and failure, of dreams and reality, and it is a story that continues to shape our world today.
FILM REVIEW

The boy who doesn’t get the girl

It’s Kind of a Funny Story is a sentimental comedy about teen angst

★★★☆☆

It’s Kind of a Funny Story

Directed by Anna Boden, Ryan Fleck

Starring Keir Gilchrist, Emma Roberts, Zach Galifianakis

Rated PG-13, now playing

By Stephanie Bian

Maybe you didn’t get the girl, and just can’t move on. Or the project you poured your soul into didn’t go as well as you had hoped. All the deadlines and pressures are winding up that knot of anxiety in the pit of your stomach, and you just can’t find any release. As MIT students, we’ve all been there. But what happens when it all becomes too much?

Based on Ned Vizzini’s novel by the same name, It’s Kind of a Funny Story explores the answer to this question by following the experiences of Craig (Keir Gilchrist), a clinically depressed 16-year-old who checks himself into a psychiatric ward (Zoë Kravitz).

The course of the plot is clear from the beginning—depressed teen spends time in a mental institution, where other patients show him how petty his problems are and the value of his life. Craig also predictably meets a girl, another patient named Noelle (Emma Roberts), who understands his problems and with whom he can connect.

Unsurprisingly enough, by the end of the movie Craig leaves the hospital with a girlfriend, new and repaired friendships, and a brighter outlook on life. However, the story only skims the surface of issues at hand, the details behind the scars on Noelle’s face and wrists are omitted, and status of Craig’s good friend and fellow patient, Bobby (Zach Galifianakis), is never revisited once they both leave the hospital.

Despite its predictability and shallow treatment of serious issues, though, the film does a good job of remaining light and entertaining. Between Craig’s unfortunatenly timed stress vomiting, and the colorful characters of the psychiatric ward, there are plenty of laughs to be had. So, if you’re looking for insight on exactly how to escape the depression that has snuck into your life, or a fresh take on the adolescent romcom format, this film might not be for you. But if you’d like to watch a light, sentimental comedy about the troubles of adolescence, consider It’s Kind of a Funny Story.
Crossword Puzzle

Solution, page 15

ACROSS
1 Stamp pad
6 Best or Ferber
10 Writer Kerouac
14 Nile capital
15 Caspian feeder
16 Race in "The Time Machine"
17 User interface navigation technique
20 V x CCXI
21 Leopold's co-defendant
22 Deftness
23 Base on balls
24 Nature watchdog grp.
26 Abbott/Haney board game
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31 Ammonia compound
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I THINK MY CONTROLS CLASS IS MESSING WITH MY VIEW OF THE WORLD.
More Things Than Are Dreamt Of

A couple guys didn’t show up for last night’s game, so we tried Gawala War.

How was it?

Well, let’s run down the party roster.

Now, do you think you’ll be able to start?

Why would I ever do that?

How did your meeting with Prof. Quimby go?

Good...

I think we think I’m ready to graduate.

What’s more?

Well, what he said was that perhaps I’m ready to start thinking about planning out the work that might eventually form the basis of research that could possibly lead to a Ph.D. topic.

Dude, you are so not ready.

He left me from impossible to implausible.

Mike, I know I don’t say this enough, but...

I really appreciate the work that you do.

You do?

Oh, absolutely.

I just wish you’d do more of it.

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.

Easy Sudoku

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FIND OUT WHAT ALL THE NOISE IS ABOUT

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Her reporting has appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle, The Boston Globe, The Christian Science Monitor, The National, FRONTLINE/World, Truthdig, and Salon. At MIT, she will discuss her latest book Peace Meas; signed copies may be purchased at the event.

By Susan Diesenhouse

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Not so long ago, the campus of the Mas-
sachusetts Institute of Technology was a hodgepodge of bunker-like academic buildings, converted World War II-era factories, parking lots and even an occasional Quon-
set hut. But a 10-year development plan, nearly complete at a cost of $1.4 billion, has set a new mood — one with 10 buildings designed by avant-garde architects like Frank Gehry, Steven Holl and Fumihiko Maki, as well as a revamped streetscape.

The transformation was made possible by donations, portfolio investments and other financing sources like tax-exempt bonds — as well as profits from MIT’s commer-
cial real estate activities, many in its own Kendall Square/East Cam-
bridge neighborhood. The univer-
sity owns about 6 million square feet of commercial real estate in the neighborhood, in addition to the 11 million square feet that make up its 160-acre campus.

The president of MIT, Susan Hockfield, said, “The physical cam-
pus was not keeping pace with the leading-edge research of our scientis-
tists and engineers.”

The university’s property invest-
ment, and off it campus, has in turn drawn other developers and tenants from around the world. That has helped lift East Cambridge out of its postindustrial doldrums, turning it into a submarket with global cachet. Just this year, Mi-
crosoft, Google and Safra-Safraeit leased all these space here. A few years ago, Novartis moved its global re-
search headquarters from Basel, Switzerland, to a building owned by MIT next to the campus in Kendall Square.

“MIT is instrumental in the suc-
cess of Kendall Square as a com-
mercial real estate market,” said
G. Noelidy, a director of PPR, a CoStar Group company. Since 2003, Noelidy said, 24 percent of the commercial space leased in the metropolitan area has been in Cambridge, although it has only 14 percent of the inventory, and 75 percent of those leases have had a submarket address, he said. Much of the growth has come in the biotechnology sector, which barely existed 20 years ago, he said.

The timing of MIT’s develop-
ment, fortunate, with most of the
financing and plans in place well before the economic slowdown.

A difficult job for MIT and
universities to do development now, when buildings development there was a crunch, and if they’re public institu-
tions, state budget problems,” said
Randall Shearin, the editor of Stu-
dent Housing Business magazine.

At a time when few major de-
velopments have opened on or off
camuses, the corner of Main and Vassar Sts in Kendall Square is a showcase of new academic build-
ings intended to promote innova-
tive research and learning.

“Main and Vassar is one of the most powerful interdisciplinary
intersections on the planet,” said
Theresa M. Stone, the institute’s ex-
ecutive vice president and treasur-
er. “Therefore, leading edge compa-
nies want to locate here. We do the
research. They develop the drugs.”

The corner of the newest buildings on

campus, the David H. Koch Institute for Invasive Cancer Research, designed by the architectural firm
Ellenwedge, engineers and life sci-
cence researchers will collaborate in the search for breakthroughs in cancer treatment. Next to it is per-
haps the most recognizable symbol of the new MIT, Gehry’s Stata Cen-
ter, which opened in 2004. It brings together students and researchers immersed in artificial intelligence, linguistics, electrical engineering
and computer science. (MIT used Gehry and the builder in 2007, after leaks and cracks required repairs. The lawsuit was settled in March.)

By allowing greater collabora-
tion, these additions are changing how teaching and learning are car-
ried out at the institute. At the Koch Center, for example, engineers are using nanoparticles as homing de-
vices to deliver doses of therapies or chemotherapy.

The university’s new look also beliefs its neighbors, said Peter Bekarian, a senior vice president of Jones Lang LaSalle, a real estate company.

“When MIT enhances its cam-
pus, it enhances its reputation as a real estate market,” he said. Bekar-
ian said Cambridge is recovering from the recession faster than other areas in the region, including down-
town Boston, in large part because of activity in Kendall Square. This year the Kendall Square/ East Cambridge market saw a net absorption of 120,000 square feet in the neighborhood’s 12 million square-foot office and lab market. To equal that, downtown Boston, a 46 million-square-foot market, would have had to absorb 600,000 square feet leased, tenants vacat-
ed a million square feet more than they leased, said Rick Cleveland, the managing director for research services at Cushman & Wakefield. Kendall Square vacancy rate is 13 percent. But in the six premier dis-

tance to rivers, it is just

4 percent, and landlords are push-
ing gross asking rents into the $50-a-

square foot range, about the same as prime space in downtown Boston. About 3 percent of East Cambridge’s highest-quality lab space is vacant, and gross rents are about $75, said Mark Winters, an executive director of Cushman & Wakefield.

The institute’s commercial prop-
erty activity here is run by a 16-person team that reports to the president of the MIT Investment Management Company, which oversees the university’s $83.8 bil-

lion endowment. Profits flow into the endowment, often as unrestrict-
ed funds, and are used for general operations, including on-campus construction. And when MIT sells a property, it is sold on a long-term ground lease. “We never give up land,” Stone said.

About 10 percent to 12 percent of the endowment is invested in real

estate, and about half of it is near

camuses.

The institute has already started its 21st century makeover, which may call for a $1 billion investment in the new Kendall Square/ Kendall Square projects have been authorized yet, Stone said. The university may develop an additional $1 billion in commercial space off campus, said Steven C. Marsh, managing director of real estate for the MIT Investment Man-
agement Company. As an academic institution, MIT differs from its commercial real es-
te counterparts because it can invest with a 10- to 20-year strat-
ey rather than having to generate short-term returns. On the other hand, when opportunity knocks, MIT can answer as nimblly as some of its private competitors.

This year, for example, the in-
stitution said it had received a grant
that had been courted by other Cambridge landlords “very, very hard,” Wint-
ers said. Last month, Sanofi-Aven-
tis agreed to lease nearly 110,000 square feet in Kendall Square, for a

new, an MIT building.

As MIT completes the plan for this decade, March is already work-
ing on one for the next 10 years.

MIT has won city approval for a new 410,000-square-foot build-

tain at 610 Main Street and is considering how to enliven the area around the Kendall Square subway stop.
Students concerned about new dining plan cost
Committee to meet Monday as multi-month process to select dining vendors begins

Dining unrest, from Page 1

Concerns over costs
Concerns about the cost were also expressed during the emergen-
cyte meeting. "I don’t want to move out of the dorm because I cannot afford the new dining," Veronica L. Barrera ’13, a Simmons resident, said.

"I don’t want to move out of the dorm because I cannot afford the new dining." Veronica L. Barrera ’13 SIMMONS RESIDENT

Baker Dining Committee Chair Cameron S. McAlpine ’13 explained that the new dining plan costs more because part of its aim is to elimi-
nate the deficit that the dining sys-
tem has faced for the past several
years. The dining deficit is estimat-
ed at over $500,000.

"But financial aid will be adjust-
ed to the dining plan," McAlpine said.

Katherine J. Silvestre ’14 from McCormick was especially con-
cerned about the plan because she is a vegan. She said that it is not fair to require all residents in dining dorms to pay for the expensive all-
you-care-to-eat plan.

"Go to any market and you’ll know that meats and seafood cost significantly more," Silvestre said. "It is not fair for people like me to pay the same price."

The new plan will also affect residents from outside the dining dorms, according to Tim Jenks ’13, a fraternity senator. He is concerned freshmen may not be willing to skip meals provided by the plans.

"Fresmen living in dining dorms are less likely to eat at the house because the house dining is more expensive," Jenks said.

As a solution to strong opposi-
tion to the new dining plan, the senators of the dining dorms pro-
posed UA S.E.L. 1, the "Bill to
Reform HDAG Dining Proposal and Process in Light of Overwhelm-
ing Student Opposition," citing is-
issues with the process leading up to the dining plan proposed by the

HDAG.

The UA noticed that minutes from last semester’s HDAG meet-
ings were no longer available online as of Wednesday night, but Tom Gearty, spokesman for the Division of Student Life (DSL), said this was purely an accident.

"We’ll get them back," Gearty said. "They weren’t removed for any malicious reasons, it was sim-
ply an oversight."

Sarah N. Bindman ’13, Sim-
mons’ dining chair and a member of the HDAG, also took issue with the allegations that there was a lack of transparency. "HDAG did everything in its power to include students," she said. "I can say that it is actually quite frustrating how so many students can complain but not bother to show up to a house dining meeting to raise their con-
cerns or ask questions."

Romero said he heard the din-
ing plan would be finalized in early-
to-mid October, but his petition, which had been two to three weeks in the making, coincidently was submitted while the UA senators from the dorms with dining halls rushed to gain student input on the new plan.

"We’re in a big rush, and we need all the support we can get." Alex C. Wang ’14 BAKER SENATOR

"The committee will be evaluat-
ing the price versus quality trade off of each vendor," Plasmeier said. "As part of our work, we are planning on traveling to other schools to inspect actual output quality of the various contractors."

While the new UA bill states "the release of the Request for Proposals (RFP) is imminent," Gearty said the process is far from complete.

"The RFP Evaluation Commit-
tee will not be choosing a contrac-
tor on Monday," Gearty said. "We are at the very beginning of the RFP process, which will take months."

Gearty went on to say the commit-
tee is only finalizing the RFP docu-
ment, which will then be offered to vendors that invited to submit bids for review.

Still, several UA senators felt the need to reach out to their dorms this week before the document is finalized. "We’re in a big rush, and we need all the support we can get before students are forced to use this new dining plan," said Alex C. Wang ’14, UA Senator for Baker House and member of the UA Com-
mittee on Dining. "We want to stop this plan."

If the UA is to stop the RFP before the plan is finalized, they recognize that "they’ll need to offer another so-

cion that can be implemented in

RFP deadline drove last-
minute discussions
The UA has rushed to gather student opinion on dining was primar-
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"The committee will be evaluat-
ing the price versus quality trade off of each vendor," Plasmeier said. "As part of our work, we are planning on traveling to other schools to inspect actual output quality of the various contractors."

While the new UA bill states “the release of the Request for Proposals (RFP) is imminent,” Gearty said the process is far from complete.

"The RFP Evaluation Commit-
tee will not be choosing a contrac-
tor on Monday,” Gearty said. “We are at the very beginning of the RFP process, which will take months.”

Gearty went on to say the commit-
tee is only finalizing the RFP docu-
ment, which will then be offered to vendors that invited to submit bids for review.

Still, several UA senators felt the need to reach out to their dorms this week before the document is finalized. “We’re in a big rush, and we need all the support we can get before students are forced to use this new dining plan,” said Alex C. Wang ’14, UA Senator for Baker House and member of the UA Com-
mittee on Dining. “We want to stop this plan.”

If the UA is to stop the RFP before the plan is finalized, they recognize that “they’ll need to offer another so-

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interest in the area of Chinese art and culture and endowed a chair on Chinese culture. He has personally taught a class last November on the beauty of Chinese calligraphy and will soon teach yet another on the beauty of Chinese painting.

Such collaboration is not intended to be limited or narrow.

“I must emphasize that we are not looking for an exclusive relationship with any particular university,” Khoury said. “We want this all to be a collaborative effort and to interact with as many top universities as we can, as well as working with people outside of academia.”

A non-comprehensive list of current collaborators in Greater China include Tsinghua University, Peking University, Hong Kong University for Science and Technology, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Fudan University, Chinese University of Hong Kong, and National Taiwan University.

MIT has signed an agreement to work with Shanghai Jiao Tong University in science education and technology, as well as recently a tripartite agreement with Tsinghua University and Cambridge University to collaborate on low-carbon energy research, according to Khoury.

As for the recommendations of the official report regarding students and education, “We want as many of our young students in meaningful, interesting, challenging experiences abroad, and not to go abroad just to go abroad. Our goal is to have at least 50 percent of MIT students to intern or do service abroad sometime in their four years here.”

“We plan to host three executive seminars for three years, which is a plan supported by Shanghai Jiao Tong University,” Khoury said. These executive seminars will educate and train government officials and people in industry.

However, among all the collaborative efforts, MIT still keeps its devotion to its students front and center.

“MIT’s first obligation is to its students, and we must not stretch ourselves too thin. The purpose of this exchange is not to teach China’s students, but rather to teach their faculty to be better faculty, in essence continuing a trickle-down effect,” Khoury said.

MIT continues to encourage international students for a diverse student body, just as nearly 40% of MIT’s faculty are not originally from the United States.

“We want the best of the global talent, and it just so happens that a large amount of that is concentrated in Greater China. We want a flow of people from these countries to facilitate the collaboration, so we can identify global challenges and work together to address these challenges effectively,” Khoury said. “MIT has no intention of behaving like an imperial power. This is a two-way street — actually, more than two-way. This collaboration requires mutual respect.”

To encourage mutual respect, it all comes full circle back to the future expansion of MIT’s curriculum, opportunities, and resources in Chinese language and culture, encompassed in the vision put forth by the MIT-Greater China Working Group.

“It was a bunch of very dedicated people working from all five schools of MIT,” Zue said. “We’re very happy with the outcome, and now our job is done, and it’s time for the execution of our recommendations.”
Some worry they cannot afford to stay in their dorms because of mandatory dining’s costs.

New plan could cause exodus from dining dorms

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Getting student opinions

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― We know it’s a pain to keep filling out surveys,‖ Wang said.

UA President Vrajesh Modi ’11 said he and Vice President Sacramento Wynn ’11 have only initiated one survey this semester. “Any other surveys that are taking place have not been sponsored by us-admin,” said Wang.

“What is being asked for,” Modi added, “is the outreach efforts of individual students. It is, after all, their responsibility to represent their constituents.”

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The men, Derrick Donchak and Brandon Piekarsky, were found guilty of violating the civil rights of Luis Ramirez, an illegal immigrant, when they and a group of football players beat him in Shamansdauh, Pa., in July 2008. He died shortly after from head injuries.

Donchak, 20, sobbed as the verdict was read in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, in Scranton, and Piekarsky, 18, put his head in his hands, according to The Associated Press. The men face sentences of up to life in prison.

Donchak faces up to 20 years more on an obstruction of justice charge and five years on a conspiracy charge. They are to be sentenced Jan. 24.

The men were acquitted of the most serious charges in a state trial last year, a verdict that angered Hispanic advocacy groups and drew criticism from Gov. Edward G. Rendell. The Justice Department later indicted the men on the hate crime charge. They are to be sentenced Jan. 24.

The verdict sends an important message that hate crimes are not to be tolerated,” said Clarissa Martinez, director of immigration at the National Council of La Raza, a Latino civil rights organization. “In this case, justice has been made. A lawyer for Piekarsky, James Swetz, said by telephone that the two men would appeal. He said the Fair Housing Act required not only a finding of racial or ethnic bias, but also that it relate directly to preventing the victim from living where he chooses. It was intended to prevent threatening situations like the placing of burning crosses on black people’s lawns in the past.

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Stem cell appeal brief filed

The U.S. government filed its appellant’s brief before the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia yesterday in the stem cell case, Sherley v. Sebelius.

The government is appealing the preliminary injunction issued by the District Court in August that stopped federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. That injunction has been temporarily suspended by the Appeals Court while the appeal goes forth.

The government’s brief largely reiterated arguments previously presented — that the appropriations act wording does not prohibit the work, and that the balance of harms does not favor the preliminary injunction.

The next step at the Appeals Court will be the brief by adult stem cell researchers James L. Sherley and Theresa A. Deisher; that is due on Oct. 28. The government will reply on Nov. 4, and the court will decide at some point thereafter.

While the appeal takes place, the main case is going forward in district court. Both sides have moved for summary judgement because they believe the case can be resolved based on undisputed facts. Yesterday Sherley and Deisher filed their reply in support of summary judgement, and the government’s reply is due on Oct. 28.

— John A. Hawkinson

Solution to Crossword

From page 8

Sunny X. Long—The Tech

Casandra N. Ceri ’13 advances the ball down the field in the first half of the women’s soccer game against Wheaton College on Oct. 9. The Engineers defeated Wheaton 3-1.
The Tech's MLB Championship Series picks

Tech staff unanimous: Phillies will win

The Giants' pitching will try to keep them off balance, but it just isn't able to do enough against the Phillies' starters.


—Tyler Cao

Phillies are the experienced team

The young, upstart Giants had an incredible season and just defeated Bobby Cox's Atlanta Braves. But, experience will trump momentum in the NLCS — the Phils are the one that truly has the edge.

I have faith that Tim Lincecum will be able to shut the Phils down at least one of his starts, and either Matt Cain or newcomer Madison Bumgarner, the youngest Giant to ever throw a playoff game, will steal a game from the Phils. However, the experience of Shane Victorino, Ryan Howard, and the rest of the Phillies will carry them to the World Series.


—Russel Sprinkel

Giants have weak offense

This series features two of the better rotatations in baseball, and Game 1 will be a must-watch for every baseball fan. Roy Halladay, who threw a no-hitter in his postseason debut last week, faces Tim Lincecum, who tossed his own two-hit, 14-strikeout complete-game shutout in the Division Series. The winner of this series opens up a second dominating performance over Lincecum, but that will be their only victory.

The Giants' weak offense is completely outclassed by that of the Phillies; the Phils needed help from the Braves' defense to squeak into the Championship Series, and will continue to struggle to produce runs. San Francisco's bullpen is superior, but won't be able to hold leads if their offense can't score enough runs to take the lead in the first place. Philadelphia will cruise into the World Series and continue to build its dynasty.

Prediction: Phillies in 5.

—David Zhu

Phillies are on fire

The Phillies, who won the World Series in 2008, are going into this series on fire. They have won 16 out of their last 20 games, including a sweep of the Cincinnati Reds in the Division Series. Phillies pitchers Roy Halladay and Cole Hamels both shut out the Reds in their respective games with Halladay even throwing a no-hitter. The Giants will be a must-watch for every baseball fan. They are running into a Phillies team that was their only victory. The Giants' pitching will try to keep them off balance, but it just isn't able to do enough against the Phillies' starters.


—Yifan Cao

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UPCOMING HOME EVENTS
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Women's volleyball vs Bates College

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16
Women's volleyball vs UMass-Boston
Women's soccer vs Mount Holyoke College
Women's volleyball vs Lebanon Valley College

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22
Rifle vs. Vermont, Mass. Maritime, Wentworth
Men's volleyball vs SUNY-Atlanta
Women's volleyball vs UMass-Boston

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29
Women's volleyball vs University of New England

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Women's volleyball vs Lafayette College

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