Freshmen, meet your alumni pals

By Margaret Cunniff

Class Connections program hopes to strengthen ties across class years

On Family Weekend, freshmen, their families, and alumni came together for a meet-and-greet over dessert, the first official Class Connection event. According to Tom Gearty, Director of Communications for the Deans for Student Life, based on reading RSVPs to the first of these events, “The feedback is overwhelmingly positive.” Anna Klein, Communications Manager for the Office of the Dean for Undergraduate Education, said these happenings allow students to interact with administrators in a casual setting and allow deans to come across as more personable.

Colombo, Next House freshman meet on dining

On Sunday, Anders A. Romero ’14, the organizer of the Next House Dining Petition that led to the UAZ’s unanimous bill urging intervention in the dining petition, met with Deans for Student Life Chris Colombo.

According to Romero, at the meeting, “Colombo said that if the students in Next House do not like the dining plan, they should get on the waiting list for another dormitory. Colombo also said there may be changes to house culture as a result of this, though they may be hard to quantify.”

Though his spokesman, Tom Gearty, Colombo questioned Romero’s account of the meeting, saying Romero did not portray the meeting accurately. Gearty said that Colombo did not direct students to join the waitlist, rather that those directions came from students who were present.

Ellen B. McIsaac ’12, Anne M. T. Juan ’12, and Bette M. Colombo were present at the meeting. McIsaac confirmed Romero’s above bullet points.

Romero also claimed that Colombo said that MIT would either go ahead with the new HDNG plan, or stop all house dining altogether. Gearty said that “was not an accurate portrayal of the meeting,” and Juan and McIsaac are members of HDAG. McIsaac is the president of Next House.

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Loan modifications to prevent foreclosure have uneven record

As banks, borrowers and regulators battle over how much faulty documentation by lenders should impede foreclosures, fresh evidence came Monday that the housing market remained very weak.

Only 28,000 defaulting borrowers received permanent loan modifications in September, the Treasury Department said. That was the lowest number since last fall when the program to help struggling homeowners stay in their homes was getting under way.

Home sales continued to fall sharply from 2009 levels and prices dropped to a seven-year low during the month, according to separate reports from the National Association of Realtors and CoreLogic, a housing data company.

The nation of "The Hobbit" in their country, nudging the prime minister, who is concerned about China's telecommunications equipment company made an intriguing offer to a Silicon Valley software engineer. The Chinese company, Huawei Technologies, wanted to get into the booming market for Internet-based computing, and it had just moved its U.S. headquarters here to capture some of the best talent.

In the span of a decade, Huawei has gone from imitating others' products to taking on international rivals with its own innovative computing and communications gear. But Huawei has largely been locked out of the United States — until now.

Sprint Nextel, the nation's third-largest wireless carrier, is preparing to make a decision on buying $3 billion in advanced wireless equipment, and Huawei is considered to be a front-runner for the deal.

Security concerns vex China Telecom's push into U.S.

LOS ANGELES — New Zealand's feisty film workers have taken to the streets this week to try to keep Peter Jackson's production of "The Hobbit" in their country, when the prime minister, who is concerned about the safety of New Zealanders, is due to meet with a visiting contingent of Warner Bros. executives.

Filming had been threatened by a dispute over whether a New Zealand screenwriter worked only on scenes in New Zealand, allowing producers to beguile their producers on their Hollywood films, which they have not been able to do in the past.

As of Tuesday afternoon in Wellington — the New Zealand capital and the center of a growing movie industry sometimes called "Hollywood in the South" — the situation was unsettled. There are concerns that Jackson's furry little film creatures were not going anywhere beyond New Zealand.

At least a half-dozen executives from Warner and its New Line Cinema unit, led by Kevin Tsujihara, a member of Warner's office of the chairman, visited Wellington on Monday for private meetings with key and other government officials. The Warner executives were expected to decide within the week whether the films stay in New Zealand or move elsewhere.

By Mark Lander and Sewell Chan

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration, facing a vexing relationship with China on exchange rates, trade and security issues, is stiffening its approach toward Beijing, seeking allies to confront a new, more assertive power that officials now say has little intention of working with the United States.

In a shift from its ambivalent one-on-one courtship, the administration is trying to line up coalitions — among China's next-door neighbors and far-flung trading partners — to present Chinese leaders with a united front on thorny issues like the currency and their country's territorial claims in the South China Sea.

The advantages and limitations of this new approach were on display during the weekend at a meeting of the world's largest economies in South Korea. The United States won support for a concrete pledge to reduce trade imbalances, a stance that will put more pressure on China to allow its currency to rise in value.

But Germany, Italy and Russia balked at a U.S. proposal to place numerical limits on these imbalances, a step that would have further isolated Beijing. That left the Treasury secretary, Timothy F. Geithner, to make an unseeded stop in China on his way home from South Korea to discuss the deepening tensions over exchange rates with a top Chinese finance official.

Administration officials speak of an alarming loss of trust and confidence between China and the United States over the past two years, forcing them to scale back hopes of working with the Chinese on major challenges like climate change, nuclear proliferation and a new global economic order.

The latest source of tension is reports that China is withholding shipments of rare-earth minerals, which the United States uses to make advanced equipment like guided missiles. Administration officials, clearly worried, said they did not know whether Beijing’s motivation was strategic or economic.

By Byron Fidkows and Alissa J. Rubin

This administration came in with one dominant idea: make China a global partner in facing global challenges," said David Shambaugh, director of the China policy program at George Washington University. "China failed to step up and play that role. Now, they realize they're dealing with an increasingly narrow-minded, self-interested, truculent, hyper-nationalist and powerful country.

To counter what some officials view as a surge of Chinese triumphalism, the United States is reinvigorating cold war alliances with Japan and South Korea and shoring up its presence elsewhere in Asia. This week, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton will visit Vietnam for the second time in four months, to attend an East Asian summit meeting likely to be dominated by the China questions. Next month, President Barack Obama plans to tour four major Asian democracies — Japan, Indonesia, India and South Korea — while bypassing China. Obama has already been to Beijing once, and his visit to Indonesia has long been delayed.

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The northern Midwest

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midwest prepares for strong storm system

By Roman Kovace

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Extended Forecast

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Situation for Noon Eastern Time, Tuesday, October 26, 2010

WEATHER

By David Streitfeld and Binyamin Appelbaum, The New York Times

The northern Midwest is in the direct path of a rapidly strengthening low pressure system. Winds are expected to exceed 50 mph, rain, and thunderstorms will be likely from the Dakota to the Great Lakes.

Unfortunately, quite a lot of poppy family is expected to descend from the unusually high pressure gradient of this storm.

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Few women take top positions in New York governor's campaign

By Michael Barbaro and Elizabeth A. Harris

NEW YORK — Carl Paladino has recruited his wife to hit the campaign trail to argue that his daughter in a new commercial urging voters to “get serious,” the Republican candidate for governor, is the one on the job.

When Michaela Paladino, a former aide to Hillary Rodham Clinton, was introduced to voters as part of her father’s reentry into New York’s top political office, the new campaign staff in the attorney general’s office; Andrew Cuomo, a former aide to Mario Cuomo, the former Republican Senate leader from New York — will find support for their approaches to global warming that he has directed a bipartisan debt-balancing package to Congress for a vote; at a lame-duck Congress will face immensely difficult decisions on the entire transportation sector.

The administration also announced that it will apply to tractor-trailers, manufactured and other vehicles, based on weight and intended use. The new standards were introduced in response to public and legislative advocacy for increased fuel efficiency.

The proposed policy would apply different fuel efficiency standards, based on weight and intended use. For example, over-the-road trailers would be required to achieve a 20 percent reduction in fuel consumption and carbon dioxide emissions by 2018. Heavy-duty pickups and vans would be subject to different standards, with reductions ranging from 8 percent to 23 percent. Individual vehicles that are used to meet the new standards and would contribute to job creation in truck manufacturing and related industries.

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A comprehensive look at the ‘It Gets Better’ campaign

By Judith “Cal” Vasquez and Joubert Glover

As president and vice-president of G+MIT (GLBT at MIT, a student group at MIT devoted to creating a queer-positive environment), we thought it would be important for us to counteract and point out a few concerns to Michael Veldman’s opinion piece published on October 19.

We agree with James M. Long’s criticism of Veldman’s opinion (published October 22), and would like to add a few additional concerns from the perspective of the LGBT community at MIT.

We take issue with the fact that Veldman’s article speaks for a number of members of the LGBT community in a way that isn’t necessarily true. These “It Gets Better” videos are often trying to answer a simple question posed by the campaign — if you could go back to give your teenage self a message, what would it be? For others, it’s an uplifting message, saying that while it may be impossible to imagine a happy life when you’re alone and being harassed, you have the possibility of being happy once you leave the toxic and often homophobic high school environment. Who are we to discredit these individuals’ message because it doesn’t fit into our conceptions of what a depressed person does or does not want to hear? Those who are making the “It Gets Better” videos were them, and it devalues their experiences and their ability to send out a powerful message to criticize it as “hollow...and cruel” because it is not the message that we ourselves would give.

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We further criticize The Tech for choosing to print an overly negative and borderlining on nihilistic opinion piece instead of an article that had the power to make a positive impact. The week before the 19th of October was The Tech’s Coming Out Week, during which LGBT at MIT and G+MIT put on eight events over the course of the week. These had a positive impact and a large turnout, and to not cover these events with a full article, despite being aware of their occurrence, is to ignore an important aspect of MIT’s community. We believe that the message of tolerance at MIT that coverage of Coming Out Week would have presented would have been a much better use of space than Veldman’s criticism.

We are concerned that the most coverage the LGBT community has gotten in an extended period of time was about a campaign that was not directly germane to the LGBT community at MIT. The last broad-scale coverage that the LGBT community received was in 2008, which we determined from searching through The Tech’s archives, reported on homophobic threats the Sloan LGBT student group received through e-mails in 2008. To truly reflect the MIT community as a whole, The Tech’s coverage should also be focused on the positive measures and successes of the LGBT community, such as the recent rise in attendance at LGBT events, the thriving first-year LGBT student group and Coming Out Week.

Judy “Cal” Vasquez ’12 and Stephen Glover ’11 are Vice-President and President of G+MIT, respectively. The videos referenced in this column can be found on the G+MIT website at http://web.mit.edu/gmit/www/. If you would like to participate in MIT’s “It Gets Better” video, e-mail gamin-admin@mit.edu.

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Abortion: A question of values

A fetus may have a right to life, but how does the state fit in?

By Keith Yost

I don’t like writing about social issues. In part, this is because they seem so insignificant. Why should I care about the passage or overturning of Prop 8 (gay marriage ban in California) when that state already offers domestic partnerships that provide all the same rights as marriage? Does it really matter whether a violent criminal spends his entire life behind bars or is put to death? How can the issue of marijuana legalization rate more highly in anyone’s mind when Social Security is in question?

For the most part though, I don’t like writing about social issues for one reason: They make me uncomfortable. Policy questions in economics, technology, or foreign affairs are primarily debates over the nature of an objective reality. These are issues on which empirical evidence has something to say, where value judgments alone are insufficient to guide a responsible policy maker. But social issues are almost entirely questions of values. Conversations about social policy very quickly devolve into intractable differences and eristic arguments — they’re just not deliberative.

If there is a silver cloud to the recession, it is the disappearance of social issues from public discourse. The attention of the nation has been on bailouts, fiscal stimulus, and health care, and as the midterms near, the wedge issues that practically defined the public discourse. The attention of the nation is on bailouts, fiscal stimulus, and health care, and as the midterms near, the wedge issues that practically defined the national political debate are largely out of the spotlight.

When social issues are off the table, the state is to protect the rights of individuals and the property rights of individuals. As a question of morality, I think of life as a fuzzy sort of thing and say that an embryo (or, for that matter, a coma patient) is human life only insofar as it has a chance of reaching cognizant adulthood. Thus, if an embryo only has a 50 percent chance of reaching maturity — and we chose to ignore the significant resources involved with converting an embryo into a mature human being — we should be willing to trade two embryos for a single 21-year-old.

But what are its rights?

The important question is not whether an embryo or fetus is human life. The important question is whether we choose to assign it human rights, and to what degree. After all, we do not automatically grant rights to all forms of human life — most circumstances, abortion is immoral. While pregnancy and birth are not consequential, their burden upon the mother is, in my mind, usually much less than the value of the life it creates. A pregnant utilitarian should feel personally compelled to preserve the human life inside them.

But speaking more practically, should abortion be illegal?

Abortion is generally immoral. But it is not the job of the state to impose morality on its citizens. Granting the state that sort of responsibility is to invite disaster — historically, states are not characterized by their morality, but by their depravity. The job of the state is to protect the rights of individuals, and a fetus’s rights, for at least some period after conception, are less than those of an adult dog, still enjoys a level of protection in society that exceeds that of the animal. I’m inclined to believe that an embryo does indeed have a right to life. However, does an embryo’s right to life trump a mother’s liberty?

Rights are constantly in conflict. There is no cardinal ordering of human rights that is right in all circumstances. The decision to constitutional rights, and placed the decision within such an arbitrary legal framework that were the decision to be revisited today, would almost certainly be struck down. But his balancing act, however arbitrary, exemplified the trade-off between rights. As a pregnancy progresses, the viability of the fetus increases, which strengthens its right to life, and the burden upon the mother of carrying the baby to term decreases, which weakens her claim to liberty.

Blackmun’s formulation of “first two trimesters are abortable, third is not” is a crude tool, but it captures the problem well. Somewhere in those nine months, there is a line to be drawn. Is abortion immoral?

I’m reminded of a series of late night commercials by Childfund International. You’ve probably seen them: an actor (usually Alan Sader) appears with a child from a developing country and says that for less than a dollar a day, you can save the life of a child. As melodramatic as it sounds, Childfund International is actually understating its case. For a dollar a day, it is probably possible to save as many as ten lives. In it for immoral for you or I to not give that dollar, knowing the relative good it can do? Yes.

As a question of morality, I think of abortion in the same way. For 380 calories a day, you can save the life of a child. In most circumstances, abortion is immoral. While pregnancy and birth are not consequential, their burden upon the mother is, in my mind, usually much less than the value of the life it creates. A pregnant utilitarian should feel personally compelled to preserve the human life inside them.

Do you blog?

The Tech’s Opinion section is starting a blog this semester.

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Trying out new ways to talk
Gearty says communication is a priority for the Deans

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participation on faculty committees. Additionally, the administration is planning to meet frequently with diverse student groups and student athletic captains in conjunction with the Undergraduate Association and the Graduate Student Council.

Students can now also get updates about campus events on Twitter at http://www.twitter.com/MITstudents. With over 200 followers already, the series of 3-5 daily tweets allow both graduate and undergraduate students to be informed about on-campus events and Institute announcements. Fry says they try to tweet about events that are of interest to most students, such as the Glass Pumpkin Patch or Beaver Dash.

However, Gearty recognizes that not all students may respond to Twitter. “There is no single channel to get the word out,” Gearty said. “The main focus is for students to be heard and get the information they need.” Gearty notes that e-mail may be the most effective form of communication for graduate students, but not for undergraduates. Gearty acknowledges that the administration has to communicate with students in a variety of ways.

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—Chancellor Phillip L. Clay

One possible method of communication is through student focus groups. In an effort to move forward, administration is looking to student leaders and representatives. “They will be beneficial and advantageous in both relaying and receiving information from the rest of the student body,” Fry said.

In a recent e-mail sent out to all students, Chancellor Phillip L. Clay PhD ’75 notes the process to improve dialogue between students and administration began in 2008, based on input from students and faculty. “There was a general frustration that students did not know what was going on,” Clay said. As a result, Clay along with Dean for Graduate Education Christine Ortiz, Dean for Student Life Chris Colonbo, and Dean for Undergraduate Education Dan Hastings have come together to find ways to keep students "up-to-date and involved in the discussions and initiatives on campus.”

“It was easy to tell that two-way communication was a priority for the Chancellor and Deans,” Gearty said, speaking about his impression upon assuming his position last year.

Klein also points out that some of these initiatives, including the Twitter feed, are part of a larger move to use technology to communicate with students.
The MIT French Studies Program in Foreign Languages and Literatures announces The American Premiere of Darina al-Joundi’s Play Le jour où Nina Simone a cessé de chanter/The Day Nina Simone Stopped Singing (performed in French with English-language supertitles composed by Philippa Wehle)

On Tuesday, October 26 at 7:30 p.m., MIT Media Lab Complex, sixth floor (E14-674); free admission; reception to follow the show

This play is an astonishing account of a young Lebanese woman’s attaining social, intellectual, and sexual freedom amid the violence of civil war in Beirut. It has been hailed by Le Monde as “a story that flows from [al-Joundi] like a surging river” and by L’Humanité as “a song of resistance. . . for all her sisters of Palestine, Algeria, Irak, and Syria.”

A round-table discussion and Q&A about the play, focusing on the topic “Writing and Staging Interculturalism,” will take place at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, October 27, in Room 14E-310 (Humanities Building, 160 Memorial Drive)

This program is made possible by the support of Foreign Languages and Literatures and the French Initiatives Endowment Fund.

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Crew more focused this year

miles, or 5 km. “The challenge is to obtain the best speed and maintain it throughout the race,” Kilbridge said.

This regatta didn’t count towards MIT’s standing in the Eastern Sprints League, which includes the Ivy League schools.

“We didn’t place as highly as we hoped in the Head of the Charles, but my goal for all of the rowers is to be competitive within their league,” Kilbridge said. The four squads each beat a few of the other crews within their league.

Lightweight women’s rower Lizzy Wei ’12 said that the enthusiasm of the spectators increased her squad’s confidence and built up its energy and adrenaline, improving its count stroke rating.

“Every time we passed under a bridge, there would be spectators yelling encouraging words to motivate us,” Wei said.

Wei said that the whole mentality of the team has been more focused this year, which resulted in an improved performance in this year’s race.

Despite graduating five of its top eight rowers last year, the lightweight men’s team, led by new head coach Will H. Oliver, had a stronger finish in this year’s race.

“Having a new coach has been inspirational for us,” coxswain Emily Shao ’11 said. “He pushes us really hard.”

The heavyweight men’s team was an especially young group this year, with four freshmen rowing in the championship eights boat.

Kilbridge said that the young team has “a lot of potential,” but that they also have a long way to go as the rowers are in the early stages of learning how to row at the college level.

MIT also raced second varsity squads Saturday afternoon in the men’s and women’s club eights events. The crew team will compete again this weekend, at the Princeton Chase in New Jersey.

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Harmonix Music Systems' newest rhythm game release today. Gamers eagerly awaiting the release of Polka Band will be tragically disappointed to know that the announcement that they had hoped for is still a long time coming. In the meantime, they'll have to make do with the new Rock Band 3.

Rock Band 3 has a lot of exciting new features attached, not least of which is the new "Pro" gameplay mode, which skips the level of abstraction between sheet music and Rock Band note charts and allows players to play through the music just as it was written. Upgrading a song with a Pro Mode note chart isn't free, but considering the cost of sheet music and other training tools, it doesn't compete that badly — it just means that most players will have to get used to picking and choosing which songs they want to learn most. Although the capability for learning real music via gaming peripherals isn't unique in rhythm games (Seven45 Studio's Power Gig: Rise of the Six-String released last week), combining an inclusive training environment with the size of Harmonic's song library means that we might soon be looking at the death of the "free bliss" beholder and the birth of a lot of cover bands, which is no mean feat. If nothing else, the release of another game that addresses the "it's not fun if it's not a real instrument" detractors is a big step forward for rhythm game legitimacy.

As for the game itself, fans of the Rock Band franchise should have a fairly good idea of what to expect. Harmonix has almost taken the time to make their interaction design more user-friendly. Players can now change difficulty as well as drop in and drop out mid-song, which means no more having to put off a bathroom break in the name of getting to your face-melting vocals.

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By Michael T. Lin
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Harmonix releases Rock Band 3
Keyboard, Pro Mode add new flair to familiar rhythm gameplay

Video Game Report

Well, the results are in and the Pro Mode is a big step forward. The game is advertised as having over two thousand songs available at launch, which includes all of the songs from most released Rock Band games (for an export fee), as well as songs available for purchase from the Rock Band music store, but does not include songs from standalone game The Beatles: Rock Band. There also a few new tweaks to the game, like a party shuffle mode for continuous song flow, a recommendation system that suggests songs based on player-given ratings, and a character customization system that didn't strike me as particularly necessary but has enough depth to drop the custom-chiseled jaw of even the most well-versed of RPG players.

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Regarding the decision to add three-part vocal harmony and keyboard parts to the Rock Band 3 repertoire, Sussman revealed that they had wanted a new instrument and new gameplay for Rock Band 3 from the start of development. The popularity of three-part harmony in The Beatles: Rock Band paved the way for its inclusion in Rock Band 3, and "the keyboard was the obvious choice" for the new instrument. The mechanics with the most profound impact on gameplay were the keyboard and the Pro Mode guitar play, which "expanded the universe of what was acceptable for a Rock Band soundtrack" to include music like "Bohemian Rhapsody," the Doors, and if I were to wager a guess, most of the 80s.

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If you're already familiar with band-based rhythm games, Rock Band 3 will be a welcome release that streamlines most of the minos annoyances with previous games in the series while adding more songs and very compelling gameplay options, provided you can spare the price. Even if you're new to rhythm games, Rock Band 3 just as accessible to newcomers as the other installments of the franchise. Rock Band 3 releases today for the Xbox 360, Playstation 3, Nintendo Wii ($59.99 for the software only), and PC. The keyboard ($79.99, $129.99 bundled w/software), Pro Guitar controller ($49.99, and drum cymbals expansion ($39.99 are also available.

Mark D'Souza
Steal My Comic by Michael Ciuffo

Somewhere on the Search for Meaning by Letitia Li

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**That Constant Refrain**

What, what? What did I do?

Help me! God! Come on!

No. No! No, man. Dude. Don’t steal my BBQ.

**What’s Not To Like**

You want me to call somebody? Wave them over, pal.

No, I don’t want you to call somebody! I want you to help me make this bat-house!

Is that like a crap? It’s like a birdhouse, bud, for bats!

It’s a bat-house.

**Constructive**

SPAMMERS ARE DESTROYING TRADITIONAL CREATIVITY WITH A1. SO I’VE BUILT A NEW SYSTEM. IT ASKS USERS TO GIVE A SEQUENCE OF COMMENTS AS ‘CONSTRUCTIVE’ OR ‘NOT CONSTRUCTIVE’.

THEN IT HITS THEM WITH COMMENTS OF THEIR OWN, WHICH ARE LAYERED BY OTHER USERS.

BUT WHAT WILL YOU DO WHEN SPAMMERS, TRAIN THEIR BOYS TO MAKE AUTOMATIC, CONSTRUCTIVE, AND HELPFUL COMMENTS?

**Crossword Puzzle**

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**ACROSS**

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**More Crossword**

59 Fuzzy fruit 60 Aspiring D.A.’s exam 62 Learny’s drug 63 Paul Anka’s “__ Beso”
Connections, from Page 1

informing alumni of things happening on campus and helping students get a sense of life beyond MIT. "Alumni are always interested in students and what students are doing," said Peter F. Muise, Director of Reunions and Class Programs.

"For students, there is curiosity about what life is like after MIT and what life was like at MIT for alumni," he added.

Members of the class councils from all three classes have met to discuss the future of the program. "We discussed our goals and concrete ideas of how we would proceed," said Jonathan Chien '14, a 2014 Class Council publicity co-chair.

"The program is still in its infancy," Yim said. Chien also said the program is currently "slightly undefined in its goals," but that the Council is learning how to best take advantage of the program as they go.

The Alumni Association plans to continue the Class Connections program for future freshman classes. The program for the 2014s should extend throughout their four years at MIT.

The Association is trying to stay hands-off for now. "A lot of it depends on what the officers in the classes are interested in doing," said Muise. "We're trying to let it grow organically."

Muise notes the current plan is to have campus be the center of the program, but there is interest in expanding beyond campus, possibly through a virtual network or by connecting students with alumni in their hometowns. Chien discussed a possible pen-pal program, which would pair students with alumni based on shared interests.

Frosh meet classes of 1989 and 1964
New program builds ties across years

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MIT Shakespeare takes on King Lear

Cordelia (Allison M. Schneider '13) attempts to convince her father, King Lear, that she really does love him, all the while refusing to flatter him. The MIT Shakespeare Ensemble is currently performing King Lear, with the second run taking place from Oct. 28 through Oct. 30 at 8 p.m. in La Sala de Puerto Rico in the Student Center.

Cornwall (Adam Finelli) gouges out the eyes of the Earl of Gloucester (Joshua J.A. Walker ’12) after arresting him.
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At MITSO opening concert, Chadwick, Haydn and Kalinnikov

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Testing bar code technology with smart phones

By Elizabeth Olson

Sharon Bolton spotted “those funky tags” — known formally as two-dimensional bar codes — when she took her college-age daughter to catch a train at the Rensselaer rail station in Albany, N.Y., last week.

“I looked up and saw those little black-and-white boxes on the lime green wall,” said Bolton, a graphic artist from Saratoga Springs, N.Y., “and right away I knew they were those funky tags where you click and right away I knew they were...”

“I had seen them in magazines. I thought it was a cute, novelty idea,” she said. “I scanned the ad and entered the contest for the iPAD. But, she noted, “I was only the one on the bus who did.”

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104 total incidents.

Females 31 incidents
Males 73 incidents

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56 total incidents.

Females 14 incidents
Males 36 incidents

At the faculty meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 20, outgoing Committee on Discipline Chair Professor Sheila E. Widnall ’60 presented the COD’s statistics for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Widnall noted that the number of expulsions — three — was extremely high, and might even represent a record. There were no expulsions in 2007-2008.

Demographics of Violators

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Widnall also drew special attention to prospective freshmen caught on rooftops during campus previews weekend. Widnall said those freshmen received informal letters in their files when they enrolled at MIT.

Widnall said that the committee was behind on its tabulations, and that these stats should have been presented last term. She also said she would be back before the faculty to present the 2008-2009 statistics. Professor Robert P. Redwine replaces Widnall as chair of the COD.

Widnall did not respond to requests for prior year’s COD statistics.

— John A. Hawkinson

Types of Cases

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The Tech’s predictions for the MLB World Series

After utter failure with pennant picks, the Sports Staff try to redeem themselves...

By The Sports Staff

The 2010 MLB postseason is a draw to a close, but two teams remain. The Texas Rangers, the American League champions, advanced to the World Series by dominating the New York Yankees four out of the six games on the ALCS, winning each by 5 runs, the largest margin of victory in the post-season. On the other hand, the Giants, who defeated the Cincinnati Reds in the NLCS, will take the series in 7. After all, wouldn’t it be great to see a winner-take-all game?

Prediction: Rangers in 7

—Carlos Guerrero

Punch will carry Giants to title

Anything can happen in baseball. On paper, both the Giants and Rangers should be sitting at home right now, watching the powerful Phillies and Yankees play for the championship for the second straight year. The Rangers were supposed to be crushed by a potent New York offense, but ended up ousting the Yankees in 4 of their 6 games and batting over a hundred points higher in the series. Likewise, The Giants’s winny offense was supposed to be no match for that of the Phillies, but led by unlikely hero Cody Ross and Juan Uribe, pushed just enough runs across the plate and headed leads over to their favor.

Picking, however, wins in the post-season. The Rangers have Cliff Lee, who is available to start three games in the series, and Coley Lewis, but the Giants’ trio of Tim Lincecum, Matt Cain, and Jonathan Sanchez can shut down opposing offenses. Nate Fe lip and the rest of the Texas lookouts looked solid against the Yankees, but were never tested in any high-pressure, close game situations, while the Giants’ Brian Wilson saved every playoff win (and got the win in the fourth). The Giants will also have home-field advantage in spacious AT&T Park, thanks to the National League’s win in the All-Star Game, creating an additional challenge for Texas hitters. The Giants will produce enough runs to reach Game 7, which the Rangers won last year. The series is on its way and San Francisco will see its first-ever World Series championship.

Prediction: Giants in 7

—David Zhu

Soccer extends unbeaten streak to 10

Teves scores in 74th minute to give MIT 1-0 win over Clark Univ.

By Mindy Brauer

The MIT men’s soccer team extended its unbeaten streak to 10 following a 1-0 victory over Clark University in a New England Regional Conference session during the final minutes of play, but the MIT defense was impenetrable. Banklin finished the day with three saves en route to his fourth shutout of the season.

Next up for MIT will be its regular-season finale on Saturday, Oct. 30 when it hosts conference rival Wheaton College.

Johnson K. Teves ’14 (11) charges up the midfield during Saturday’s game against Clark University. Teves scored the Engineers’ only goal, leading MIT to a 1-0 win.

By The Sports staff

The beginning foretells the end

This World Series is a matchup of the unexpected. The teams have never been to a World Series, and the Giants have never won a World Series since 1954. Both teams overcame immense odds to get this far, with the Rangers taking down the defending champion Phillies and the Giants preventing what would have been a third straight year in a row for the Phillies. In this series, the winner of game 1 has a huge advan tage. Both teams have stellar bullpens, and Game 1 is slated to feature a matchup between the teams’ best pitchers, with Cliff Lee pitching for the Rangers and Tim Lincecum for the Giants. Garrett and Nick Loomis, a freshman in nuclear science and engineering, who has been racing track for many years. Garrett and Nick Loomis, a freshman in nuclear science and engineering, has been racing track for many years. Garrett too, in the 4-kilometer Pursuit, 800m in the Points Race, and sixth in the Individual Omnium. Laura B. Baskin ’11, an economics student, also managed an impressive 10th place in the Women’s 3-kilometer Pursuit.

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Picking, however, wins in the post-season. The Rangers have Cliff Lee, who is available to start three games in the series, and Coley Lewis, but the Giants’ trio of Tim Lincecum, Matt Cain, and Jonathan Sanchez can shut down opposing offenses. Nate Fe lip and the rest of the Texas lookouts looked solid against the Yankees, but were never tested in any high-pressure, close game situations, while the Giants’ Brian Wilson saved every playoff win (and got the win in the fourth). The Giants will also have home-field advantage in spacious AT&T Park, thanks to the National League’s win in the All-Star Game, creating an additional challenge for Texas hitters. The Giants will produce enough runs to reach Game 7, which the Rangers won last year. The series is on its way and San Francisco will see its first-ever World Series championship.

Prediction: Giants in 7

—David Zhu

Soccer extends unbeaten streak to 10

Teves scores in 74th minute to give MIT 1-0 win over Clark Univ.

By Mindy Brauer

The MIT men’s soccer team extended its unbeaten streak to 10 following a 1-0 victory over Clark University in a New England Regional Conference session during the final minutes of play, but the MIT defense was impenetrable. Banklin finished the day with three saves en route to his fourth shutout of the season.

Next up for MIT will be its regular-season finale on Saturday, Oct. 30 when it hosts conference rival Wheaton College.

Jonathan K. Teves ’14 (11) charges up the midfield during Saturday’s game against Clark University. Teves scored the Engineers’ only goal, leading MIT to a 1-0 win.