After 10 years, Clay bows out

Next Chancellor to be chosen by end of spring semester

By Maggie Lloyd
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Chancellor Philip L. Clay Ph.D.'75 will step down from his role as Chancellor, President Susan Hockfield announced on Wednesday in an e-mail to the MIT community. Clay, a professor in the Department of Urban Studies and Planning, has been the Chancellor since 2001. He plans to go on a one-year sabbatical, and then resume his professorship.

The decision to step down as Chancellor has been in the back of Clay’s mind for a while now; six months ago, he started discussions of this transition with Hockfield.

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Oracle strikes $1b deal for Cambridge firm

Big discount software maker Oracle Corp. will pay $1 billion to acquire Art Technology Group (ATG) Inc. of Cambridge, a major producer of software used by retailers to online power lines. The acquisition of ATG, a 5 percent premium over the company's closing share price on Monday, when the deal was revealed.

It is the latest in a wave of acquisitions in which little-known, but valuable Massachusetts companies are bought by out-of-state giants looking to boost their diverse mobile phone service.

"This has been a source of great start-ups," said Gene Alvarez, an e-commerce analyst for Gartner Inc. in Stamford, Conn. Oracle and other companies look to Boston, Cambridge and the Route 128 area for specialized technology firms that can let them quickly expand their product lines, he said.

ATG provides e-commerce software to about 1,000 customers, including big firms like AT&T Inc. and retailers such as Best Buy Inc. and J.C. Penney Co. Oracle was attracted by e-commerce technology that allows shoppers to buy goods via desktop computers, mobile devices, telephone call centers, and even traditional brick-and-mortar retailers.

Founded in 1991 by two graduates of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, ATG began as a designer of Internet centers, and even traditional brick-and-mortar retailers.

Most major automakers report gains for October

DETROIT — October was the best month for new vehicle sales in two years, outside of the brief period in 2009 when the auto industry was in free fall. In addition, General Motors surpassed expectations but still lost market share in the third quarter after a public stock offering.

GM said Wednesday that its sales rose 4.2 percent last month from a year ago, compared with a gain of 13.4 percent for the industry overall. Its market share fell to 19.3 percent from 21 percent in October 2009, according to Autodata, a firm that tracks industry sales.

In contrast, the Ford Motor Co. said its sales were up 19.3 percent, and Chrysler reported a 37 percent increase.

Toyota was the only one of the Big Three to report a decline, as its sales fell 4.4 percent. In contrast, several smaller companies, including Chrysler, Infiniti and Subaru, saw record sales, with each posting an increase of at least 25 percent.


Support from independents fuels GOP gains, say exit polls

Democrats lost significant support Tuesday among nearly all demographic groups in a midterm election that was a referendum on President Barack Obama and a Democratic-controlled Congress in a stubbornly weak economy.

Independent voters, who in 2006 mostly voted for Democrats, overwhelmingly supported Republicans to help end Republicans' 12-year majorities in the House and Senate in a stubbornly weak economy.

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Fed sets data plan out using $600 billion to spur economy

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve, getting ahead of the battles that will dominate national poli-
tics over the next two years, moved Wednesday to jolt the economy into recovery with a bold but risky plan to pump $600 billion into the bank-
ing system.

A day earlier, Republicans swept to a majority in the House on an anti-deficit platform, virtually guarantee-
ing that they would clash with the Obama administration over the best way to narrow a fragile recov-
er.

The action was the second in a year that the Fed had ventured into new territory as it struggles to push down long-term interest rates to encourage borrowing and eco-
nomic growth. In a statement, the Fed said it was acting because the recovery was "disappointingly slow," and it left the door open to even more purchases of government securities next year.

The Fed is an independent body, with its policy decisions separated from the political pressures of the day. But it acted with a clear understand-
ing that the United States, like many other Western countries, seems to have taken off the table many of the options governments traditionally use to give their economies a kick, particularly deficit spending.

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Bomb from Greece found at German leader's office

By Michael Slackman and Niki Katsionis

BERLIN — A package bomb ad-
ressed to the German chancellor and shipped from Greece was found in her office's mailroom Tues-
day, even as Athens was shaken by a second day of latent bombs aimed at foreign embassies.

According to one person who was injured, and only lightly, most of the devices were neutralized, the wave of bombs unscrambled European officials already scrambling to secure the continent's air-cargo system after two explosive devices were inter-
cepted on routes from Greece to the United States on Friday.

Anxiety spilled over in Athens Tuesday as officials destroyed one suspicious package at the air-
port's cargo terminal and were busy inspecting a second. In all, Greek officials dealt with nine confirmed

bombs — four Monday and five Tuesday — including one addressed to the French president, Nicolas Sarkozy, as well as the embassies of Germany, Switzerland, Belgium, the Netherlands, Bulgaria, Chile, Mexico and Russia.

In Germany, officials said that the bomb addressed to Chancellor Angel Merkel was found at the chancellery, the seat of the federal government, about 4 p.m., but that it had been moved outside by robot and demolished with a water can-
non. The interior minister, Thomas de Maiziere, said it had been sent by air from Greece two days earlier and that it appeared in design and construction similar to a device that exploded outside the Swiss Embassy in Athens.

At that embassy Tuesday, staff members thought the package looked suspicious and hurried doors, where it exploded without harm.

A package addressed to Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi was opened by bomb experts at an air-
port in Bologna, Italy, The Associated Press reported. The package sparked a small flame, but no one was in-
jured that way.

Greek officials said they had changed two young men, who were arrested Monday, with committing terrorist acts. At least one of them was suspected of being tied to radical leftist organizations, and a govern-
ment spokesman, Giorgos Petalotis, said the goal was apparently to dis-
rupt the peace and order of Greek society in advance of local elections scheduled for Sunday. But he spoke before the device was found in Ger-
many, clouding the issue of motive.

German officials were just beginning to organize in trying to read the vulnerability of their nation's air-cargo system when they were alerted to the device in the mailroom of the chancellery.

WEATHER

By Allison A. Wing

In Tuesday's paper, staff me-
teorologist Vince Agard alluded to the possibility of a similar system today, and it did in fact de-
velop and move up the East Coast affecting our weather at the end of the week. As anyone who experi-
enced the system south of us well knows, our weather front pushing the high temperatures near 68°F while the rain should taper off by lunchtime.

As the low pressure system weakens and moves out of the area, we can attest this forecast did in-
deep come to fruition. Today's weather will continue to be influenced by this storm system, causing the vulnerability of their nation's air-cargo system when they were alerted to the device in the mailroom of the chancellery.

Extended Forecast

Today: mostly cloudy with rain, mostly before lunchtime. High 58°F (14°C). W wind 8-10 mph.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy with chance of rain. Low 41°F (5°C). NW wind 8-10 mph.


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Situation for Noon Eastern Time, Friday, November 5, 2010
Jerry Bock, Fiddler on the Roof, composer, dies at 81
By Bob Berkvist

Jerry Bock, who wrote his first musical in public school and went on to compose the scores for some of Broadway's most successful shows, was found dead Friday, November 5, 2010. The Broadway composer, who had been writing music for nearly 60 years, died at a Mount Kisco hospital in New York, according to his daughter. He was 81.

Bock, who was born in Russia and grew up in the Bronx, was best known for composing the scores for the musicals "Fiorello!" and "She Loves Me," which ran for nearly two years on Broadway. He also wrote the scores for "Mame," "1776," and "Fiorello!," which earned him six Tonys and a few weeks. But it paid a significant price. He spent three months in jail for an "uncontained" engine failure

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WASHINGTON — Annual CT scans of current and former heavy smokers reduced their risk of death from lung cancer by 20 percent, a government financed study has found. Even more surprising, the scans seem to reduce the risks of death from other causes as well, suggesting that the scans could be catching other illnesses.

The study attempts to evaluate the role of CT scans that could potentially save thousands of lives annually, at a cost of $60 per scan. Lung cancer deaths have declined 25 percent from this year, more than the declines from colorectal, breast, prostate and colorectal cancers combined. Most patients discover their disease too late for curative treatment, and 85 percent die from it.

To date, no screening method has proved effective at reducing more deaths from the disease. For years, researchers have experimented with screening during the 1970s that showed chest X-rays, while they helped catch cancers at an earlier stage, had no effect on overall death rates. Since then, researchers have suggested CT scans — which use computerized X-rays to provide threedimensional views — could detect lung cancers at even an earlier stage.

Cancer doctors and others predicted that the study's results would soon lead to widespread use of CT scans, in particular for older smokers, who have a 1 in 2 lifetime chance of contracting lung cancer.

Gardiner Harris, The New York Times

Facebook offers local deals for mobile users

Facebook introduced a feature Wednesday that will allow retailers and other merchants to offer coupons and special deals through its mobile site. The move, which comes amid increased competition in the market for mobile searches and advertising.

The Facebook's location feature, will see a yellow icon indicating that a redeemable deal or coupon is available nearby. They can then use the application to “check in” at the store, and show the coupon to the clerk in order to claim the deal.

One of Facebook's first partnerships involving the new Deals feature is with the Gap. The company suffered a campaign offering a free pair of jeans to the first 10,000 users who check into their location.

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Facebook also plans to work with nearly two dozen major chains like H&M, 24-Hour Fitness and McDonald’s for special offers. But eventually all merchants and small businesses with a Facebook Places page will be able to offer deals.

“We're enabling merchants to push deals out to their existing customers and hopefully attract new customers,” said Tim Kendall, deputy general counsel and a member of Facebook’s leadership team.

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The resignation last week of UA representative to the House Dinning Group underlines its shortcomings. HDGM members have repeatedly defended the current form of dining plan by pointing input to student voting throughout the process, with the students under the impression that HDGM often has the lowest supporters (see this issue’s letter to the editor, “Misinformation of student HDGM members” by three house presidencies).

In the opinion of ‘13, the recent de- afilitee of HDGM, said, “the adminis- tration is not going through student voic- es to appear as if they care about student opinion.” Her views mirror what we have been saying ever since for the past several months, and The Tech noted in a previous editorial: HDGM was always working from a pre- conceived list of available revisions to the dining plan and did not consider all options equally.

The planning chain of MIT in re- cent past has been toward a larger din- ing plan — this is because the only way to make a revenue-neutral dining system is to have the scale of participation be on par with the scale of the facilities. That leaves you two options — grow the customer base, or cut the facilities. The latter has never been seen as a reasonable option by HDGM, which dining chair will offer to close their dining hall, or whose students they would propose some sort of fare that McCormick, Baker, and Masses give that it is the one and only? This leaves you growing the customer base — which in dining systems is conveniently done by requiring students to purchase a set number of meals per term. If you charge them (and thus pay your ven- dor) regardless of whether people eat there, you no longer have to win peo- ple’s business — you merely need to prevent them from rioting.

We reject HDGM’s argument that it adequately considered student opinion on by responding to questions and concerns that the students had. The functioning process: HDGM never asked students to vote on the new form of HDGM, but instead relied on emotional and political discourse of the Point/Counter - point section of Tuesday’s issue. While we do believe that Keith Yost’s argument was reasonable, we do not believe that HDGM is the newspaper. Electronic submissions written by individuals and represent the opinion of the author, not necessarily that of the newspaper. Unsigned letters will not necessarily become property of The Tech and will not be printed or published in any other format or medium now known or later that becomes known. The Tech makes no commitment to publish all the letters received.

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A good answer

Voting ‘no’ on Question 3 was the right choice for Massachusetts

By Andy Liang

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The Tech
A fundamental right for women

The US government has an obligation to protect reproductive freedoms

By Colin McSwiggen

For as long as the United States government has existed, it has been a critical moral obligation. We are talking, of course, about our nation’s failure to protect the right of every woman to receive an affordable abortion on demand.

 Abortions in the United States are technically legal, but in practice they can be very difficult to come by. Many women cannot afford the cost of a safe abortion, and even for those who can, a devastating shortage of qualified abortion providers means that they often have to travel long distances in order to reach a clinic. Once they do get to a clinic, they are frequently met with threats of violence from right-wing extremists or stymied by state regulations deliberately designed to make it as hard as possible for them to receive the care they need. The United States is very far indeed from providing universal access to abortion services, and the results of this oversight are nothing short of tragic.

 If someone’s government’s failure to provide abortions constitutes deprived indifference to human life. This is a dicely ethical point and it bears explanation. Laws and social mores do nothing to decrease the demand for abortions: a 2007 study by the Guttmacher Institute and the World Health Organization found that in places where abortions are banned or access to legal abortions is otherwise restricted, there is no decrease in the per capita number of abortions that are actually performed. The difference is that where women do not have access to legal abortions, they are forced to seek unsafe illegal abortions that are generally performed without proper medical skill or proper medical standards. According to the same WHO study, each year, unsafe abortions are directly responsible for the deaths of 70,000 women worldwide, a figure that is likely an underestimate, as maternal mortality is widely under-reported. Given the fact that the same number of women will seek abortions regardless of laws or policies, governments around the world are knowingly allowing these 70,000 women to die each year by failing to provide adequate abortion services. This is an outrage, and it’s only the beginning.

 Inequality of the sexes is impossible without free access to abortions. Unwanted pregnancies inevitably occur, and when they do, it is women who bear almost all of the consequences. A woman’s body is forced to remain pregnant against her will to face huge obstacles to success in her education and work, in the form of damage to her physical and mental health, stigmatization within society, and the sheer drain of time and energy involved in bearing a fetus to term. In this way, any lack of access to abortion services heavily disadvantages women and thus becomes a mechanism of sexist oppression.

 Inadequate abortion services also promote class inequality. Rates of unintended pregnancy are much higher among lower-income women, who are also least likely to be able to afford an abortion. Since Medicaid coverage of abortions is restricted to exceptional cases like the Hyde Amendment, poor women with unwanted pregnancies are often faced with a terrifying choice. Either they can seek an unqualified abortion and risk their health and safety, or they can carry and give birth to the baby, which is a huge financial strain before one even considers the fact that many women lose their jobs as a result of being pregnant. There is no way around the conclusion that the cost of abortion puts an unfair burden on the poor. This is why it is so important that abortions be not only openly available, but also free of charge for those who cannot afford to pay. The government has a duty to ensure that no financial premium is placed on our reproductive freedom. And what of the children of unwanted pregnancies? Many are born to single mothers or families that are scarcely able to support them. Many others are victims of abuse or neglect. Anti-choice agitators promote adoption as an alternative to abortion, but our social services system is overloaded and riddled with problems of its own, and foster care can be a miserable experience. We do not mean to callously suggest that these children would have been better off if they had never been born. What we do mean to say is that if every woman had a choice about whether to allow each embryo to develop into a child, we would have better social services and happier families. For all of our sakes, the right to that choice should be guaranteed at the federal level.

 The United States has an unmet obligation to provide its citizens with access to safe and affordable abortions on demand. We are a long way from this goal: We need more abortion providers, fewer regulations, and a lot of social change. The state of affairs in the rest of the world is even more dire. Most countries in Central and South America and Africa, for instance, have a blanket ban on abortion, and the situation seems to be improving. The US has made remarkable progress in its abortion policies in the span of the last few decades, and we can only hope that this progress continues here and elsewhere. We look forward to a world in which every woman is guaranteed her right to an abortion whenever she wants, for any reason.

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of winning the jackpot in a lottery. If we’re assuming a hundred million voters, Yoos’s article essentially agrees with this. But the fact that something has approximately the same likelihood as winning the lottery is not a sufficient reason to dismiss it. The reason that the lottery is effectively a tax on the mathematically illiterate is because the expected value of playing the lottery (that is, the total winnings times the chance of winning them) is smaller than the cost of a lottery ticket.

Keith Yoos’s information about the non-importance of voting, and suggestion that his fellow students sit this election out: “Mr. Yoos, 11/2” are a great public service, but pitched to the wrong audience. It is relatively straight forward for young, generally healthy students to make it to the polls or to get absentee ballots. Instead, he should take this information to those for whom voting is truly a burden. For example, many senior citizens find it hard to get to the polls. And our captains of industry, CEOs, bankers and Wall Street wizards have much busier lives than the average student. They are the ones to whom Mr. Yoos should deliver his message. Since it doesn’t matter, perhaps students could offer to do all of the voting, sparing the rest of us from this “trivial exercise.”

Until then, did Mr. Yoos at least take his own advice?

Eric Hudson

Senior Lecturer, Department of Physics

Don’t vote targets wrong audience

We could not disagree more to the characterization of our representa- tion on the House Dining Advisory Group (HDAG), as it was described in last Friday’s article (“UA represents to HDAG Quietly in frustra- tion,” October 29, 2010). This view does not accurately represent the role of students on the HDAG. Contrary to what the recent US Dining Chairs said we had a very active role on the commit- tee. Several of us spoke more than some of the Housemembers, and we felt that our questions, concerns, and comments were taken seriously throughout. The UA’s opin- ions were also considered. Last spring, we dedicated one entire meeting to a presen- tation by the person who was UA Dining Chair at that time.

We told a Tech reporter that this was our view in several interviews last week. It is unfortunate that The Tech chose to dedi- cate almost the entire article to the opinion of one frustrated student who served on the committee for a few weeks. Having served on the HDAG since last March, we can assure the campus community that student voices were heard.

Christina Johnson ’11, Simmons president
Ellen McLean ’12, McCormick president

Hannah Rice ’11, Next House president

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Clay will return to MIT after one year

Will take a sabbatical to recharge

Clay, from Page 1

he’ll spend his extra free time. “I’m thinking about that now. I don’t have definite plans.”

The mid-semester announcement allows time for a search for a new Chancellor and for Clay’s replacement to transition into the new role, which oversees graduate and undergraduate education, student life, student services, Institute international partnerships, and Institute initiatives.

In her e-mail, Hockfield invited members of the MIT community to submit suggestions for a new Chancellor to her office, 3-208, or to the e-mail address chancellorsearch@mit.edu. She hopes to find a new Chancellor “before the end of the spring semester.”

Clay, who is not involved in the search for his successor, said this invitation for suggestions ensures that “nothing is missed.” A similar community-wide suggestion process was used last spring, while the Institute looked for a replacement for former Dean of Graduate Education Steven R. Lerman ’72, who left MIT last spring to become provost of George Washington University. Clay said he received 30–40 e-mails “with very specific suggestions” for a replacement for Lerman.

Looking back on ten years

Reflecting on his past ten years as Chancellor, “my job has been to empower others,” Clay said. One of the things he is most proud of is the student body: “We have a student body better by all means, more diverse by all means, and more broadly excellent by all means.” He says the opportunity to work with alumni and friends and to see their generosity has also been a highlight.

As Chancellor, he has also enjoyed working with students who have “great ideas, great energy, and great passion.” He cites students’ work in transporting AIDS cocktails to countries lacking clear roads and refrigeration and providing OCW to countries without electricity and internet as two such energetic initiatives.

Looking to the future, Clay sees an “escalating need of financial aid.” The Campaign for Students, an Institute initiative that has so far raised $500 million to support student life, scholarship, fellowship, and education, has been “so important” in MIT’s commitment to meeting students’ financial aid, according to Clay. Now that the Campaign has concluded, he said that the Institute will need to find new ways to remain true to its commitment.

Clay has been an MIT faculty member since 1975, when he received his Ph.D. in City Planning from MIT.

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Wall Street. The two word phrase has been the bane of Main Street for the last two years. We have vilified bankers due to the likes of Bernie Madoff, Citigroup's default, and in general slurred and publicly denigrated those who have been tainted with the four word acronym TARP. Unfortunately, Oliver Stone's Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps does nothing to dispel the negative public sentiments associated with the street. The sequel to the famed 1987 film about greed and deception, it has all the bells and whistles but ultimately falls short of its full potential. The film was set to address the recent financial calamity and really delve beyond the surface greed but ultimately, shies away from the mess that got Wall Street to its current downfall.

For some bizarre reason, working in finance, especially on the famed street of New York has become mystically glamourized. Stakes are high, pressure is immense and the trading floor is comparable to a jungle with alpha males running around bellowing at each other, aggressively grabbing for each other's cordial collateral. At least, this is the side of Wall Street that media and pop culture has us believe. Through some inside trading, suspicious Federal Reserve authorities, Michael Douglas as Wall Street's biggest and slightly more family-oriented Gordon Gekko, and you've got Wall Street II: Money Never Sleeps.

Gekko (Michael Douglas) tests his new protege Jake Moore (Shia LaBeouf) in this sequel to the 1987 film Wall Street. The three word phrase has been used as the first major studio release of the year, and while it is entertaining, it ultimately leaves some to be desired - there is anticlimax and a lack of suspense to the drama. As mentioned before, the film also never quite fully tackles the heart of the recent financial crisis: risk. It lurks throughout the movie, nodded to in passing but never quite fully addressed.

Instead, he squirms around various themes of greed, thrill of wealth and chase of the "game," resulting in a formulaic drama thriller. The financial crisis is no simple thing. I did not expect a blockbuster movie to be technically accurate, but the lack of substance undermines the story. Moore does try his best with subtle references to the actual events (Moore's mother is a casual real estate agent who winds up with burdened by debt) but fails to address the heart of the crisis. Furthermore, it adds no value to the name Wall Street beyond reiterating the existing stereotypes.
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**Somewhere on the Search for Meaning…** by Letitia Li

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### About the Speakers

**Barry Posen** is Ford International Professor of Political Science at MIT and director of the MIT Security Studies Program. He is an expert on U.S. national security policy and a signatory on the recent Afghanistan Report.


**Simon Johnson**, from Sloan, is an expert on the financial sector and economic crises. He is the co-author of 13 Bankers: The Wall Street Takeover and The Next Financial Meltdown, a bestselling assessment of the dangers now posed by the US financial sector.
**Crossword Puzzle**

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**Map of Online Communities**

**About This Map**

Communities rise and fall, and total membership numbers are meaningless in 2010, because this map’s current size and shape reflect the times this was designed over the spring and summer of 2010.

**Forum**

xkcd by Randall Munroe

Online Communities 2

Best trivia I learned while working on this: ‘Man, Farmville is so huge! Do you realize it’s the second-biggest browser-based social networking farming game in the world?’
By Jeff Zeleny
THE NEW YORK TIMES

Republicans captured control of the House of Representatives on Tuesday and expanded their voice in the Senate, riding a powerful wave of voter discontent as they dealt a set- back to President Barack Obama two years after his triumphal victory.

A Republican resurgence, propelled by deep economic worries and a forceful opposition to the Democratic agenda of health care and government spending, delivered commanding defeats to Democrats from the northeast to the south and across the Midwest. The tide swept aside dozens of Democratic lawmakers regardless of their seniority or their voting records, upending the balance of power for the second half of Obama’s term.

But Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada, the Democratic leader, narrowly preserved his seat and his party hung onto control by winning hard-fought contests in California, Delaware, Connecticut and West Virginia. Republicans picked up at least six Democratic seats, including the one formerly held by Obama, and the party will welcome Marco Rubio of Florida and Rand Paul of Kentucky to its ranks, two candidates who were initially shunned by the establishment but beloved by the Tea Party movement.

“The American people’s voice was heard at the ballot box,” said John Boehner of Ohio, who is positioned to become the next speaker of the House. “We have real work to do and this is not the time for celebration.”

The president, who watched the election returns with a small set of advisors at the White House, called Boehner shortly after midnight, congratulated him shortly after midnight, congratulating him and to talk about the way forward as Washing- ton prepares for divided government.

Republicans won at least 52 seats, not including Western states where ballot measures were still being counted, which surpassed the 52 seats the party won in the House in 1994.

In the House, Republicans found victories in most corners of the coun- try, including five seats in Pennsyl- vania, five in Ohio, at least three in Florida, Illinois and Virginia and two in Georgia. Democrats bemoaned for the prospect of historic defeats, more than the 39 seats the Republi- cans needed to win control. Republi- cans reached their majority by tak- ing seats in states such as Pennsylvania before late results flowed in from further West.

As election results rolled in, Republicans picked up victories shortly after polls closed in states across the South, East and the Mid- west. In Pennsylvania, Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other party leaders made urgent appeals through television commercials that there still was time for voters in other states to cast their ballots.

But with most Democratic quar- ters were gloom, with few early signs of optimism in House or Senate. Only a few Democratic candidates said they were not likely to say they opposed in their state legislatures and the congress- 

national delegation. In Massachusetts, Gov. Deval Patrick won a second term.

GOP gains House control as voters reject Dems’ agenda

The White House said Obama would hold a news conference Wednesday to address the governing challenges that await the new Congress.

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“He will still be able to urge the movement that is one to go forward over the next couple of years is going to depend on folks who keep a watchful eye. Obama said in an interview with Chicago radio- station WGCI, in which he made a serious challenge from Carly Fiorina, a Republican.

But Democrats conceded that the election brought 26 governors’ seats, although the Republicans were expected to pick up seats in the state legislature and the congress-ional delegation.

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Hackers invaded the Hyatt hotel on west campus this week for part of the Linux Plumbers Conference, an annual gathering of Linux kernel and infrastructure developers. Linus Torvalds, the creator of the open-source Linux operating system, is in town for the conference, which has been held in Portland, Oregon for the past two years. This year, the conference is at the Hyatt the west end of campus after several MIT alumni on the planning committee pushed for the conference to be held in Cambridge.

Undergraduate Giving Campaign hopes to outdo itself again this year

Though MIT lags its peers in student giving, UGC has big plans

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expedition grants, which allow students to travel during IAP or the summer to start community service projects in areas of need. Ben S. Bradley, who manages the PSC expedition grants, said “the point of expedition grants is to give stu-
dents a chance to go somewhere they’ve never been before where they know there’s a problem facing a community but they don’t neces-
sarily know what the solution is.” Students propose ideas and apply for these grants, and the PSC gives up to $1,000 to each student. The PSC is looking to have sustain-
able community service projects all over the world. The Associate Director of Student Philanthropy Programs Rosheen B. Kavanagh, said, “MIT students have these amazing ideas based on research they’ve done at MIT and they want to put it to practical use in a region where there needs to be improve-
ments.”

Last year, the UGC raised $7,960, which was matched by the alumni challenger Donald E. Shobrys ’75. This money was used to send 14 students abroad, whose community service proj-
ects took them to countries rang-
ing from Tanzania to the Kumaon Himalayas region during IAP and the summer. Some of the projects last year involved the creation of educational labs, the development of sustainable agriculture, and the stabilization of sanitation systems. Bradley said this year “they plan to send around the same number of students abroad to carry out com-
munity service projects.”

Since its first round in 2006, the campaign has seen significant growth in the participation of un-
derclassmen. Last year they had a record-breaking percentage of participation, which was only half a percent below this year’s 37.48 percent of all the underclassmen. Kavanagh attributes this to the “volunteer effort reaching out to their friends and telling them what they’re trying to raise money for.” Typically, the participation of the classes has followed a trend of freshmen in the lead, followed by the sophomores and the juniors. This year was the first time the juniors had surpassed the sopho-
mores, and Kavanagh explains this difference with the PSC’s close collaboration with the 2012 class council, which allowed UGC vol-
unteers to set up booths at a Class of 2012 study break.

According to Kavanagh, The overall increase in participation over the years has been a result of efforts to increase the UGC volun-
teer effort. The more eager volun-
teers at the booths try to catch the attention of students or friends, and the more compelling their explanation of the purpose of the campaign, the more likely students are to donate. As Kavanagh put it, “the volunteers who are most successful are the people who are able to explain how great the Public Ser-
vice Center is and what good use this money is ... If people stop and they talk to us and they understand what the campaign’s about, most people want to donate.”

In the past, they’ve also found that working closely with the class councils of each class has helped to boost participation quite a bit. For example, last week the presi-
dent of each class sent out an email encouraging their class to donate to the UGC.

For the spring, the PSC has a few plans in mind to further increase student participation. Kavanagh expressed their hope to further di-
versify the campaign. They hope to expand the volunteer effort, extend their presence beyond Lobby 10, publicize the experiences of those students who received expedition grants, and to increase awareness of the purpose of the campaign.
For hopefuls, being Victoria’s Secret model is a dream

By Guy Trebay

This is how an angel earns her wings. First, she is born, as if Petronius or Plutarch might have described it, in a spot somewhere in the southern Brazil where an awful lot of folks with whom we name-nations birthed up over the centuries, or, well, Sachsenkunthau.

Then the angel grows up. Next, the angel is discovered, most likely in a mall.

The angel, at this point, does not realize she is an angel, because the process of becoming one is, quite frankly, her whole life. It requires time and guidance and support and miracles and, OK, occasionally a sleazy boyfriend, as well as a decision at some point by Steven Meisel, or by some other size-making fashion photographer, to choose a woman from among the millions of hopefuls who, gladly sign away their freedom for a chance to appear in front of his lens.

Although it is doubtless the dream of untold numbers of hopefuls to be discovered at a Victoria’s Secret open call some day — that beauty so rare, that they rise above the ranks of ordinary flesh-and-blood humans and appear as dazzling supermodels in underwear and striper heels — the truth is that those destined to be in the casted role of a Victoria’s Secret angel are not drawn from the general population. There is no democracy in angel land.

“We cast 30 models, but 10 times that many are sent to us by the agencies to be considered,” Edward Razek, the chief marketing officer for the Limited Brands, the parent company of the lingerie powerhouse, said last week before a casting session for this year’s Victoria’s Secret show, which will be televised Nov. 30 to 11 million people in 185 countries. It will be taped before a more modest crowd in New York on Nov. 11.

“And 100 times that many would want to,” Razek said. “That’s why I hate castings, because I’m basically a self-made man and I hate that scene.”

As it happens, “no” is seldom heard at a Victoria’s Secret casting, at least not within earshot of the hopefuls. The agents are there to find the samples those who will best make the transformation to the status of mythic lingerie seraphim. Few are chosen, and fewer still are chosen to be posted today, are expected to be more, the company’s October results, a year-over-year increase. What is more, the company’s October results, is led by the Victoria’s Secret division, which itself posted a 13 percent year-over-year increase. What is more, the company’s October results, is led by the Victoria’s Secret division, which itself posted a 13 percent year-over-year increase. What is more, the company’s October results, is led by the Victoria’s Secret division, which itself posted a 13 percent year-over-year increase.

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“This all looks straightforward, but it’s not,” said Neophitou-Apostolou, the editor and stylist. “It’s not just women of a certain shape or size who can do this, although we might think so. And it’s not such an obvious proposition,” to choose from among so many seemingly flawless female specimens those who will best make the transformation to the status of mythic lingerie seraphim. Few are called, said Neophitou-Apostolou, the editor and stylist. “Maybe it’s not even that much.”

“With the smile, the hallway, the walk, the girls get ready two minutes, two minutes, to make an impression,” said Razek, who has worked with the secretaries of state since the early 1980s and who is not at all unusual and whose enigmatic shock of blond hair closely matched the salt and pepper Becks in his custom-made socks. “It’s not even that much.”

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“The girls actually dream about it,” said Mitro, referring to the wearing of feathers.

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Lunch and hot breakfast to be offered at new dining dorm

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three hours for dinner, but each house may set its own hours. Students participating in the dining plan may choose to eat at any dining hall.

According to Gearty, The Request for Proposal Committee is currently in the process of finalizing the RFP document that will be sent out to prospective contractors. This document discuses staffing, service hours, service standards, food quality, and other parameters a bidding vendor will need to understand," according to the "Next Step“ fact sheet.

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Women's soccer beats Wellesley on PK shootout
MIT wins 3-1 on penalties after 110 scoreless minutes, will play Babson Saturday

The women's soccer team celebrates after defeating Wellesley College 3-1 during Tuesday’s NEWMAC quarterfinals game. The Engineers won 3-1 in a penalty shootout.

By David Zhu
SPORTS EDITOR

The MIT women’s soccer team faced the Wellesley Blue in the first round of NEWMAC championships on Tuesday afternoon in Steinbrenner Stadium. After playing to a 0-0 tie after regulation and two overtimes, the third-seeded Engineers won the penalty shootout 3-1 to earn their 11th win and a trip to the conference semifinals.

Chances for both teams were few in the first half, but had opportunities late in the game to break the deadlock. In the 77th minute, Alexa D. Lussiez ’12 beat two defenders on the left sideline, but her pass to Emily Kao ’13 in the center was intercepted and cleared. In the 86th minute, Lussiez once again got past the Wellesley backfield, she advanced the ball into the 18-yard box, but it was kicked out by a defender from behind.

On the ensuing corner, Andrea V. Park ’13 sent a ball in front of the goal which co-captain Lauren R. Hemley ’11 got a deflect but could not direct into the net. The Wellesley forwards also threatened with runs in the closing minutes of the game, but the MIT defense, led by goalkeeper Meghan S. Wright ’13, stopped each attack. Wright finished with five saves in the match.

After 90 minutes of scoreless play, the fans in the bleachers were anxious for the match. Wright finished with five saves in the match. The Wellesley Blue took control and closed out the frame with a 21-5 run. MIT countered by scoring seven of the last nine points to capture the set.

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Volleyball sweeps WPI to advance
Engineers will face Springfield in NEWMAC Semifinals

By Paul Dill
Assistant Coach

With a 25-15, 25-8, 25-23 victory over WPI in NEWMAC Championship Tournament quarterfinal match on Tuesday, the MIT women’s volleyball team clinched a spot in the semifinal round for the 13th straight season. No. 4-seeded MIT improved to 21-13 on the year and will face host and top seed Springfield College on Saturday, Nov. 6 at 1:00 p.m. No. 5 WPI closed its season with a final record of 22-9.

In the opening set, WPI used an error, a kill, and a block to go ahead 6-5. The host Engineers responded with an 8-1 spurt which secured their lead for good. The visitors stayed within striking distance and at one point cut the lead to five (18-13), but MIT countered by scoring seven of the last nine points to capture the set.

WPI trailed, 4-3, in the second set before MIT took control and closed out the frame with a 21-5 run. The early stages of the third set were closely played until MIT used a 6-1 spurt which extended its advantage to 15-8. WPI closely chipped away at the deficit and eventually narrowed the gap to 23-21. A strike by Rachel A. Hunt ’14 set up match point, but WPI stayed alive in the off a block. It would not be enough as a hit by Anna C. “Kate” Kelly ’12 from the back row secured the win for MIT.

Sharon S. Hao ’14 compiled 11 assists, five digs, four aces, and three blocks for MIT. Kelly E. Schulte ’12 and Tatiana Berger ’14 each had five kills while Jenny Li ’11 added four kills and three blocks. Kristine A. Bunker ’14 racked up seven blocks and three aces.

The next shot by Amanda Young hit the crossbar and bounced back out, sealing the win for MIT. As the Engineers celebrated on the field, the engineers in the bleachers celebrated the conclusion of the two-and-a-half hour match, eager to return to their heated rooms and their problem sets.

MIT next plays on Saturday afternoon in Springfield, MA against Babson College, whom they lost to last weekend 3-0. The winner will advance to the NEWMAC Tournament finals.

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