Bomb squad called 'Suspicous materials' found in New House were harmless

By Ethan A. Solomon

The Cambridge Police Bomb Unit and MIT police responded early Tuesday morning to a report of "suspicious materials" — which looked similar to pipe bombs — in New House. Police evacuated New House and Next House, and cordoned off Amherst Alley near MacGregor. Six and a half hours later, MIT announced that the materials posed no threat to campus safety, and that the area was safe to re-enter.

At around 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, private contractors working on renovations reported "suspicious materials" in a common area on the third floor of New House (German House). According to Cambridge Police spokesman Dan Riviello, contractors realized that they did not bring those materials into the building with them, so they called the police. The materials contained the "appearance and characteristics of a pipe bomb," according to a statement on MIT's emergency information website.

By 2 p.m., investigators had concluded that the suspicious objects were actually "a collection of harmless materials."

In an email to The Tech, Riviello said that the "suspicious materials" were "metal tubes, one solid, one containing ball bearings, and a granular material." The tubes were near a "group of liquids," which were later found to be cleaning chemicals.

The tubes, said Riviello, "resembled ball bearings that would be used in pipe bombs," adding that pipe bombs often contain small objects, like ball bearings, that inflict more damage in an explosion.

No one was injured and the building was not occupied by students this summer, but nine people — QUIF — who have apartments in the building — were evacuated when Cambridge police arrived on the scene at 7:40 a.m. Next House, which is also not currently occupied by undergraduates, was evacuated at around 2 p.m.

Before the harmless nature of the tubes had been ascertained, the atmosphere on West Campus was tense.

"It looked at first blush like it was pretty serious," said John DiFava, MIT's director of facilities and security.

Cambridge's bomb squad and fire department extricated high-pressure water cannons to "disrupt" the materials, in case they were dangerous. A water cannon can disable potential explosives without risking setting them off.

MIT150: Explosive success

MIT150, Number 28

Sunday, November 9, 2003

By Joanna Kao

The MIT150 celebrations ended with a lantern beach at Toast to Tech last Saturday. The event, open to the entire MIT community and guests, included champagne bars with champagne, a live band, dance floor, and ice sculptures for the Tech reunions. Doors to the festivities opened at 9 p.m. though the official start of the event was 9:30 p.m. There were multiple bars with champagne, a live band, dance floor, and ice sculptures for the Tech reunions. Doors to the festivities opened at 9 p.m. though the official start of the event was 9:30 p.m. There were multiple bars with champagne, a live band, dance floor, and ice sculptures for MIT150, Page 9

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By Rebecca Han

On June 5 Peter A. Diamond PhD '53 announced that he would withdraw his nomination to the Federal Reserve Board of Governors. Senate Republicans had repeatedly blocked President Barack Obama's nomination of Diamond, an MIT professor of economics and the 2010 Nobel Prize winner. Diamond explained his decision and delivered an indictment to partisan politics in his June 6 New York Times opinion column "When a Nobel Prize Isn't Enough," Obama first named Diamond as a candidate to fill one of three long-standing vacancies on the Federal Reserve Board in April 2010. The Senate rejected Diamond's nomination for the first time in Au- gust 2000. According to a Reuters article from Aug. 5, 2010, hostil- ity toward Diamond first appeared when the Senate rejected his nomination on the nominees. Senator Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) led the opposition, saying Diamond lacked monetary expertise.

Peter Diamond withdraws 3rd Fed nomination

MIT prof. writes op-ed after Republicans repeatedly block appointment

IN SHORT

Boston Pride Week events this Sat- urday will include a parade and festival. The parade will traverse South End, Back Bay, Beacon Hill, and City Hall Plaza, and last from noon to 4 p.m. The festi- vity will run from noon to 6 p.m at City Hall Plaza. For more events, visit http:// www.bostonpride.org/prideweek/.

Free screenings of The Tale of Des- perves presented by LCS and spon- sored by Fitchboard take place today and Saturday at 8 p.m in 26-100.

Neotropic has erected a two-story cur- tain in the parking lot where their new building will be built, just south of N24. Drifting rows are being performed be- hind the curtain to evaluate soil condi- tions that have not started, yet has regulatory approval been granted.

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Faculty want flexibility

Better use of technology will enhance undergraduate educa- tion, a collaborative living com- munity for MIT faculty will soon become a reality, and interdisci- plinary research is an increas- ingly popular focus, said the

Israel Ruiz nominated for EVP and MIT Treasurer

MIT Vice President for Finance Israel Ruiz SM '01 has been selected to succeed Theresa Silbert '88 as executive vice president and treasurer of MIT. The nomi- nation, made by President Susan J. Hockfield and the Executive Committee of the MIT Corporation, will be confirmed by MIT's full MIT Corporation at an annual meeting on Oct. 14. Ruiz has held his current position managing the In- stitute's finances since 2007. He was co-chair of the Institute-wide Planning Task Force with Associate Provost Martin A. Schmidt PhD '88 the Task Force responded to the 2008 financial crisis and also produced long- term budget solutions to cut costs.

In 2010, Ruiz worked with a group that began the Digital MIT program, which streamlined many financial tasks with online and digital services. He also played a large role in the recent $750 million bond sale to finance the MIT2030 initiatives.


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$1 billion in aid pledged to Libyan rebels

By Steven Lee Myers

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tes — the nations intervening in Libya pledged as much as $1 billion in aid to the anti-government forces on Thursday as senior officials met in Tripoli, including a new round of discussions on a possible transition to a post-Gadhafi government.

In Washington, the finger-pointing over how and when the American troop withdrawals should come home in July, when he meets next month in Rome with Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, the US Army top general said that the troop withdrawals should be “modest.” (Gates kept it up Thursday as he shot back.)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, WOMEN, AND MIT

I am a third-year graduate student in computer science. I am writing to voice my concern. I found Keith Voss’s April 29 column “It’s good to be king” and the associated counterpoint, Michael Veldman’s “Intelligence variability is not gender-dependent,” to raise further the question of the role of affirmative action in MIT. I applaud The Tech for bringing this difficult issue and want to provide insight into a side of the argument that has been neglected.

Both Voss and Veldman raise the question of the justice of affirmative action with- out discussing the biases that the affirmative action is meant to counteract. The slight edge policy is made to make women not overlooked in hiring and admissions decisions. And studies show (if all the) the implicit biases women face. For instance, psychology research shows that a resume with a woman’s name (in addition to the number of times that she “almost” achieves the prizes) awards twice the achievements to receive the same promotion status as a resume with a male name. (There have been similar studies with other microaggressions, such as race, gender identity, and so on. There are many other factors – attribution of credit as influenced by gender bias, age that comes from men more likely to have mentors who will promote their careers, etc. — that tend to give men a much larger implicit boost.

Further, controlled experiments have shown that the conclusion that existing mechanisms put in place to counteract bias may be too limited. For instance, Yiwei Sun shows that the excellent point that if practices such as binge hiring are in place to counteract bias against women, this can lead to misunderstandings that increases gender bias.

I encourage and challenge The Tech to do further research into the affirmative action and counteracting bias against women in ways that address the problems closer to the core.

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Music around town

For your impulsive temporal lobe, live music going on all summer

By Natthida Wiwatwicha

Students staying on campus this summer should be happy that MIT is next to the lively city of Boston, Mass. and not Ithaca, N.Y. Here are some moderate-size, lower-cost venues that you should visit while you are still immune to p-sets.

Paradise Rock Club has a nice venue right by Boston University off the Green Line. The ‘Dise also has a very decent listing throughout the school year.

Brighton Music Hall is the younger sibling of The ‘Dise. Tickets can be purchased online in advance or an hour before the show at the venue — just in case you decide to go to a show at the last minute.

The Royale Boston is an epic nightclub that also boasts a concert venue. They have a decent listing of bands, like Yeasayer, from the Bowery Presents. Sadly however, tickets get sold out very quickly.

Cafe 939 is a coffee shop right by Berklee College of Music, run by the students of the school. It features Berklee artists and student performances and competitions, which are all free. Local bands and sneaky bigger names, like Zoe Keating, also make appearances.

The Middle East is right down Mass Ave, if you haven't noticed. This Central Square restaurant and concert hall generally has multiple events each night and occasional free events for both 21+ and 18+ categories.

The following is a nice little selection of shows to keep you occupied (and only semi-broke) for the summer. Ticket prices for these shows start from $10 and never hit $30. Full listings and purchase details are available online. Expand your aural horizons and get your endorphins running both weeknights and weekends this summer.

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June 11 Infected Mushroom
Paradise Rock Club
Psytrance act from Israel. Try “Bust A Move” and “Dancing with Kadafi.”

June 12 Cults
Brighton Music Hall
This twee-pop duo from NYC popped up from nowhere and released their first album in May. Very addictive: try “Go Outside” and “Abducted.”

June 13 Architecture in Helsinki
Paradise Rock Club
Amusingly colorful sound and videos.

June 19 People Under the Stairs
Paradise Rock Club
Alternative hip-hop featuring in NYC Governor’s Ball this summer.

June 21 Pomplamoose
Cafe 939
A couple turned indie musical duo from San Francisco. Listen to the Angry Birds theme cover.

June 23 Mishka / The Beautiful Girls
Brighton Music Hall
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July 8 Gang Gang Dance
Brighton Music Hall
An epitome of experimental awesomeness from Manhattan. Try “Adult Goth” and “MindKilla.”

July 12 100 Monkeys
Brighton Music Hall
“I will kill you in your sleep, so you better try, try and keep awake,” sung in the most adorable manner.

August 11 The Naked And Famous
Brighton Music Hall
Try “Young Blood.”

August 17 KMFDM
The Royale Boston
Quoting the leader of this German group: “industrial-alternative-electronic-cross-over-rock and danceability.”

September 8 Two Door Cinema Club
The Royale Boston
This northern Irish alternative rock/elec-pop band debuted an award-winning album in 2010. Try “Cigarettes in the Theatre,” “Something Good Can Work,” and “What You Know.”

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MIT150 concludes with Toast to Tech

Around 7,000 people spend the evening in Killian Court

A 1000-pound cake of MIT was served to the hungry crowd. The 24-foot long, 4.5-feet high cake depicted various parts of campus — from the new Sloan Building and Stata to Simmons Hall and Kresge — and was completely edible, except for the structural components of the Green Building. The cake was cut with a saber by no other than Hockfield herself. The saber “was a suggestion of Robert Plautinis, general manager of the MIT Faculty Club, who managed the evening’s catering,” said Gayle Gallagher, senior director of Institute events and MIT150. “The idea was to cut the cake with something of substance given the magnitude of the cake ... and with a bit of drama.”

The cake was accompanied by 1000 blue cupcakes representing the Charles River. The cake was made by Montilio’s of Boston and took two bakers and six decorators five days to construct. In addition, the side of the Prudential Center facing MIT lit up with lights from the 32nd to 49th floors spelling out “MIT 150” in honor of the event. According to http://alum.mit.edu/86 windows were used to spell “MIT” and 99 windows spelled out “150.” It took more than three hours for over 20 people to create the message on Sunday evening.

The water main break that took out the campus water supply on Saturday night did not affect the celebrations, said Gallagher. “We had a command center in effect that evening so the appropriate campus personnel were constantly monitoring the situation and providing updates to us, which was very helpful,” Gallagher explained. “Facilities did a great job by putting signages and hand sanitizers in restrooms quite soon after the incident occurred.”

The live band and dance floor kept the celebratory feeling alive throughout the night. “I’ve gotta say that the dance floor was the most memorable part of the evening,” said Haqing Wang ’13, an MIT Student Ambassador who volunteered at the event. “Watching members of the MIT community, whether it’s 66, 96, 196 or 666, have fun and let loose was really amazing.”

Alumni and friends dance to music by Boston City Rhythm during the Toast to Tech event on Saturday.
Schmidt & Schmidt* by Meisel/Gaviño/Wang


Sudoku Solution, page 12

5 4 1 2
1 9 2 3 5 1
2 7 6 5 1
3 2 4
9 4 7 8 2
8 2 6 7

Techdoku Solution, page 12

192x 16x 3
2 6 10x
4 288x
12x 90x 6x
2 10x
1 30x 4

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

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A WEB COMIC OF ROMANCE, SARCASM, MATH, AND LANGUAGE

by Randall Munroe

Every age, T.J. said to me, isn’t the clueless person I was the years ago, but now I don’t want to get any older.

Crossword Puzzle

Solution, page 12

ACROSS
1 “Overhead” engine parts
5 Shoe undersides
10 __ the try: ornament to excess
14 Doing the job
15 Between, quantitatively
16 There oughta be one, so it’s said
17 “Keep out” sign
19 Turn on a pivot
20 Jungian feminine principle
21 Coll. major for a future concert artist
23 Anger
24 Pay for everyone’s dinner
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32 Peter, Paul or Mary
33 Not shut, in verse
34 German river
36 Like a cold, damp day
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42 No-food protest
47 Snazzy entrance
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51 Pie slice edges, geometrically
52 One of Caesar’s assassins
54 Witchy woman
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65 Computer feature that ends each of the five longest across answers

DOWN
1 Musical finale
2 Soon, to a bard
3 Short skirt
4 Defeat decisively
5 Sault __ Marie
6 Possess
7 On, as a lamp
8 Like churches, vis-à-vis most taxes
9 Rooster’s gait
10 Tank filler
11 Unable to read
12 First lady before Michelle
13 Dork
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Faculty newsletter, from Page 12

Looking back and ahead
Faculty examines success of past programs

MIT housing community takes

First-Year Focus confirms

Technology and unique educational opportunities

Faculty want flexibility, guidance

Water main break left MIT dry

Stanford loses patent case

Solution to Sudoku

Solution to Techdoku

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The first disruption occurred at around 7:50 a.m., a second around 11:30 a.m. and a third at 12:40 p.m. Before the second disruption, media in the West Wing were asked to move further away from New House, to the lever in front of Tang Hall, and Next House was evacuated. It took over an hour after the last disruption before the all-clear.

“MIT is grateful to the responding media and public safety agencies for investigating and ensuring the safety of the campus. The Institute also thanks the community for their cooperation,” said the response.

Two hazardous materials decontamination tents were also set up in the Westgate parking lot, though it was not used.

During the heat of the crisis, rumors swirled among media and bystanders on the scene. Some outlet published unconfirmed reports that pipe bombs were discovered in various places on campus. These reports were corrected throughout the course of the day. Byemounts told The Tech they had heard of a chemical spill inside the building, also incorrect. The response by Cambridge and MIT police was a multi-person, multi-hour operation, but Riviello says there were “limited additional costs associated with the response” because PD personnel were all regularly scheduled employees working the day shift during the scare. DiFava says MIT will not be billed for the operation’s costs.

Because of changes in IRS regulations last year, the reporting basis for this data switched from fiscal-year to calendar-year. As a result, calendar year 2008’s 12-month period overlaps by 6 months with fiscal year 2008’s data.

Some employees in this range heeding requests to stay clear of the institute also thanks the community for investigating and ensuring the last disruption before the all-clear. Tang Hall, and Next House was evacuated from 1:30 a.m., and a third at 12:40 p.m.

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The class of 2011 was MIT’s 145th graduating class, which coincides with MIT’s 150th year. The discrepancy was caused because the Civil War delayed the start of classes.

On June 3, 983 undergraduates and 1,471 graduate students received their degrees.

Professor Alex H. Slocum ’82 was just as excited as the graduates.

Anshul Bhagi ’11 and Ulric J. Ferner G lead the graduates in the tradition of turning their brass rats around, so that the beaver faces outward.

President Susan J. Hockfield prepares to give her charge to the graduates.

Some students displayed symbols representing their major on their mortarboards.
Ubellacker ’13 swims to win
Earns spot on Academic All-America program

By Craig Kaufman
DAPER STAFF

Wyatt L. Ubellacker ’13 was named to the third team of CO-SIDAs Academic All-America program. As a swim- mer, Wyatt earned a spot on the all-league team — the most competitive team that includes stu- dent athletes who compete in a variety of sports, including swimming and diving, men’s volleyball, tennis, lacrosse, field hockey, and fencing. He was named to the First Team All-Dist- rict, which includes all New Eng- land states, New York, and several Canadian provinces.

Ubellacker was also named NEWMAC men’s swimming Ath- lete of the Year this season. At the NCAA Nationals, Wy- att set an MIT record with seven All-America honors, given to the top eight finishers in each event. The sophomore’s best finish was in the 100-meter butterfly, where he took third overall, set- ting a new MIT and NEWMAC record with a time of 48.24 sec- onds. Ubellacker also earned All-America honors in the 50 free with a fifth place finish and the 100 free with an eighth place showing, as well as in four of the relays. In addition, he raced in the 400 free relay and placed second overall — the best result for an MIT relay and only the second time MIT men’s swimming has had a runner-up showing — and the 200 free relay, which placed fourth at Nationals. As a sophomore, he owns five MIT swimming records and this season was named both NEW- MAC Athlete of the Week and CollegeSwimming.com National Swimmer of the Week. At the conference championship meet, Ubellacker was first team All- Conference in five events, helping MIT to its third straight NEWMAC crown.

Wyatt is the second straight MIT swimmer to earn Academic All-America recognition, follow- ing Jeffrey Y. Zhou ’10, who was named to the first team last year.

Men’s track and field team captures 11th straight title
Competes in NCAA Division III National Championships, takes second place in New England

By Greg McKeever
DAPER STAFF

The MIT men’s and women’s track teams competed at the NCAA Division III National Championships in Delaware, Ohio two weekends ago. The men’s team, which captured first place in the straight conference title and finished second in New England, had three representatives: Kenneth R. Cooper ’13, Paul D. Welle ’11, and Vladimir Sobes ’11. Cooper was the first competitor for MIT in the hammer throw. Mother nature was not cooperative, however, as a lightning delay postponed the meet during Cooper’s flight. After returning to action, Cooper fouled on two of his attempts, and his third was not enough to qualify for the final. He finished in 15th place with a throw of 176-60 feet. Welle was next up, running in the 110-meter hurdles. Welle came into the meet as the 16th seed in the event, finished in 18th place with a time of 13.38 seconds, missing out on All- America honors by just under 11 seconds.

Sobes finished for the team on his third attempt. Sobes’ All-American showing from last year’s championship: after fouls on two of his attempts, Sobes fi- nally came up with a 13.08 foot effort, good enough for 11th place. The women’s team, seeking to add to their most successful year in program history, earned a fourth-place finish, their third straight top-four finish at national- als. The Cardinal and Gray col- lected 14 All-America nods and finished with 45 team points. They also won the Deib Veracruzer National Program of the Year award, given to the team that registers the best combined finishes at the NECVA Cross Country and Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

Portia M. Jones ’12 led the way for Tech, landing on the All- America podium four times and accounting for 11.5 points for the team during the championship. Jones was the national runner- up in the 100-meter hurdles after running the fastest time in the qualifying heats. Amy R. Magnu- son G joined Jones on the awards stand, taking fourth place in the event with time of 14.64. Jones also finished third in the 200 meters with a time of 24.91, just five-hundredths of a second behind second place. The junior competed in the 100-meter dash as well, but was unable to qualify for the final after running a 12.45 in the preliminary rounds. Jamie L. Simmons ’12 earned All-America honors in the 400 in- termediate hurdles for the second year in a row. Simmons’ time of 1:00.65 was good for fourth overall. Simmons was also entered in the 4x400, but did not advance to the final. Tech picked up two more All- America nods in the pole vault, as Karin E. Fisher ’11 and Lauren R. Kunz ’13 placed third and fourth, respectively. Fisher was one of just three vaulters in the country to clear 13 feet, as her final vault of 13.30 feet was enough to place third. Kunz went over the bar at 12.75 feet to pick up five points for the Engineers. Hazel L. Briner ‘12 missed out on the All- America level, placing in a tie for 10th.

MIT also had strong entries in the two relay events, particularly its 4x400 group, which came into the meet with the second-fastest time in Division III. After beat- ing the top squad from Wartburg in the prelims, Jones, Simmons, Jacqueline A. Brew ’14, and Mar- tha M. Gross ’12 were unable to improve their time in the finals, settling for third place with a time of 3:45.83.

The 4x100 relay was able to signifi- cantly improve its standing, as the group wound up in fifth place after coming into the meet as the 16th seed overall. Brew, Gross, and Simmons completed the first three legs before handing off to Jones, who brought the team home in 47.12 seconds. Also competing for the Cardi- nal and Gray in a pair of distance events was Anna M. Holt-Gosselin ’11. The senior was 19th in the 5000 (18:22.66) and took 18th in the 10,000 kilometers.

MIT combined this week’s fourth-place finish with third- place results during the cross country and indoor seasons.

SPORTS SHORT

McAndrew inducted into NECVA Hall of Fame

Robert M. McAndrew ’05 became the first player in the history of the men’s vol- leyball program to be inducted into the North East Collegiate Volleyball Asso- ciation (NECVA) Hall of Fame. Although he only played dur- ing his junior and senior years at MIT, he earned NECVA New England Division Co- Player of the Year accolades and led the Engineers to their first of seven straight NECVA Championship Tournament appearances. McAndrew graduated as MIT’s all-time leader in kills (968), kills per set in a season (4.95), block assists in a season (809), total blocks in a season (135), and career blocks per set (1.29). He continues to hold the records for career kills per set (4.91), kills in a match and five-set match (86), total blocks in a match and five-set match (13), and total blocks in a five-set match (12). *Mindy Brown, DAPER Staff

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Lightning appeared in the sky over Boston during the tornado and thunderstorm last week.

Dormitory transfer requests from the April 2011 lottery. The lottery gives students the opportunity to switch their dorms in the fall. These numbers do not reflect actual transfers, merely requests to move. Numbers on the far left indicate the net flux of requests from that particular dorm. Arrows within the box signify how many students wanted to move in or out of the dorm. Bexley Hall had the highest positive flux of 30 with 34 students requesting to move in and only 4 moving out. Random Hall was the only dormitory that did not have a single resident request to move. Next House was the least popular dorm, with a net flux of -40, with 43 students requesting to leave and only 3 students wanting to move in. Students reassigned in the transfer lottery must accept their new assignment. For more information on changing your housing assignment, check http://housing.mit.edu/undergraduate/change_your_assignment

April 2011 dorm transfer lottery requests

+30 Bexley Hall
+21 Burton Conner
+16 East Campus
+10 Random Hall
+9 Maseeh Hall
+6 MacGregor House
+1 Baker House
+0 Senior House
-8 New House
-9 McCormick Hall
-15 Simmons Hall
-40 Next House

Obama must fill two spots

Diamond will continue being a professor at MIT

Diamond, from Page 1

policy experience: "I do not believe the cur- rent environment of uncertainty would benefit from monetary policy decisions made by board members who are learning on the job," he was quoted as saying by Reuters.

Despite Diamond’s renomination by Obama on Sept. 13, 2010, the Senate Banking Committee adjourned at the end of the year without approving the Nobel Laureate. The White House renominated Diamond for the third time in January 2011, but once again, the nomination was not approved. In this most re- cent failed vote, all Republicans on the Banking Committee voted against Diamond.

A June 6 Bloomberg article quoted Shelby saying before the May committee vote that Dia- mond was “an old-fashioned, big government Keynesian” and that he “supported bailing out the big banks during the crisis.” When it came time for the committee to vote in May, Repub- lican Senator Mike Johanns of Nebraska, who had initially supported Diamond, felt that he could “no longer support a nominee so vocally in favor of more spending, more stimulus, and more quantitative easing.”

Furthermore, the Club for Growth, a non- profit organization that supports small gov- ernment and low taxes, issued a statement op- posing Diamond’s nomination and urging all Senators to vote “no” on his confirmation.

According to the Bloomberg article, Shelby issued a statement on June 5 calling for Obama to “nominate someone capable of garnering bipartisan support in the Senate … it would be my hope that the President will not seek to pack the Fed with those who will use the institution to finance his profligate spending and agenda.”

Bloomberg quoted Senate Banking Commit- tee Chairman Tim Johnson (D-S.D.) as saying that “with nearly 14 million Americans unem- ployed, it is disappointing Republicans would rather play politics than help bring the Federal Reserve to full strength.” Johnson further added that “there was no reasonable justification for blocking” the confirmation. A June 6 Market- Watch article reported that this sentiment was echoed by FAO Economics chief economist Robert Brusca, who called that blocked nomina- tion a victory of politics over intellect.

“The easy answer is to point to shortcom- ings in our confirmation process and to par- tisan polarization in Washington,” wrote Dia- mond in his opinion column, reflecting on the rational beyond opposition to his nomination. "The more troubling answer, though, points to a fundamental misunderstanding: a failure to recognize that analysis of unemployment is crucial to conducting monetary policy.”

After Shelby objected that Diamond’s work focuses on the labor market and pensions, Diamond explained in his column that “under- standing the labor market — and the process by which workers and jobs come together and separate — is critical to devising an effective monetary policy.”

Diamond referred to his Nobel acceptance speech, in which he concluded that structural unemployment — mismatches between the skills of workers and the needs of companies — is not the driving force behind high unem- ployment in times of slow economic recovery. Though Diamond says the Fed is not well-suited to address structural unemployment, the fact that today’s unemployment is actually more related to the business cycle and decreased de- mand means that the Fed can alleviate unem- ployment without causing undue inflation.

Jonathan H. Gruber ’87, another MIT profes- sor of economics, also commented on the crucial relation between unemployment and monetary policy: “Basically, they’re incredibly closely relat- ed,” he said. "The Fed’s job is a balance of manag- ing unemployment and managing inflation.”

That the Senate would “say someone who won a Nobel Prize on unemployment is not qualified … is insane,” said Gruber. “Certainly, managing monetary policy is a complicated process, not academia,” he acknowledged. “But that is why the Fed needs the smartest person who can learn those issues best, and the most honest person who can do the right thing — and Peter Diamond is that person.”

“(The Republicans) object to Peter because Obama nominated him … they’re just playing politics,” Gruber said.

Diamond’s withdrawal leaves the White House with two vacancies on the Board of Gov- ernors to fill, a potentially difficult task. Market- Watch reported that “Shelby signaled that Pres- ident Barack Obama should not expect smooth sailing for any of his nominees.”

“I had hoped to bring some of my own ex- pertise and experience to the Fed,” wrote Dia- mond. “Now I hope someone else can.”