Sam Allen looks forward to 2 years as faculty chair
Plans for IAP, undergrad advising review
By Jaya Narain
On July 1, Samuel M. Allen PhD ‘75 succeeded Tom A. Kochan as the chair of the faculty.
Allen, a professor in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering, has been chair-elect since May 2010. He will serve as the chair for two years.
In his new role, Allen heads the Faculty Policy Committee, which oversees and co-ordinates between the 11 faculty standing committees. The standing committees are responsible for formulating policies on various aspects of student and faculty life.
Allen says that as Chair of Faculty, he is in a unique position at the interface between MIT’s senior leadership, faculty, and students. His biggest goal as chair is to use the position to “make sure that communication channels from one level to another are fairly open.”
Allen — who meets regularly with members of the Undergraduate Association — said Allen, it was intended to be an informal exploratory period and so for-credit activities were offered. Since then, for-credit IAP classes, and a policy that allows departments to require that their students take classes offered only during IAP.
For instance, the Faculty Policy Committee is currently working on a review of the Independent Activities Period. When IAP was initially established, said Allen, it was intended to be an informal exploratory period and so for-credit activities were offered. Since then, for-credit IAP classes, and a policy that allows departments to require that their students take classes offered only during IAP.
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Postdocs get an independent voice in new self-government
Postdoctoral Association to replace Advisory Council
By Anne Cai
Postdoctoral researchers at MIT have decided to take matters into their own hands. Postdocs will be represented by the new, autonomous Postdoctoral Association (PDA) instead of the Postdoctoral Advisory Council (PAC), which was organized by the office of the vice president for research. The move gives MIT postdocs an organization more similar to the Undergraduate Association or the Graduate Student Council.
The independent PDA was the result of a year-long effort by members of the PAC, spearheaded by PDA Founding President Paula A. Hill. The PDA aims to support the over 1,100 postdoctoral researchers at MIT, said founding officer Leon M. Bellan.
The PDA is officially formed last month, but the PAC will continue to exist until at least the end of the year.
Since postdocs and faculty agree that the change is a necessary one, since there was previously no ground-up association like the GSC or the UA.
“Have a lot of trust in Paula Hill and the other board members,” wrote PAC member Dr. Anne W. Omma in an email to The Tech. “I think postdocs point to their passive role in the PAC as the main problem with that organization — monthly meetings, generally over lunch, were coordinated by the office of the vice president for research. The new PDA is structured differently, with organizational power held by a board of postdocs.
“The advisory council was a casual group of people that were run out of the office of the Vice President for Research,” said Associate Dean of Science Hazel L. Sive. “It wasn’t really a postdoc-run group.”
And with the PDA in place, policy initiative will come directly from postdocs.
New initiatives
In the few weeks since the official launch of the organization, the PDA has discussed several initiatives.
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Steve Jobs leaves legacy of innovation and leadership
Apple co-founder transformed digital experience
By John Markoff
Steven P. Jobs, the visionary co-founder of Apple who helped usher in the era of personal computers and then led a cultural transformation in the way music, movies, and mobile communications were experienced in the digital age, died Wednesday. He was 56.
The death was announced by Apple, the company Jobs and high school friend Steve Wozniak started in 1976 in a suburban California garage.
A friend of the family said that Jobs died of complications from his long battle with pancreatic cancer, with which he was waged a long and public struggle, remaining the face of the company even as he underwent treatment.
He continued to introduce new products for a global market in his trademark blue jeans even as he grew gaunt and frail.
He underwent surgery in 2004, received a liver transplant in 2009 and took three medical leaves of absence as Apple’s chief executive before stepping down in August and turning over the helm to Timothy D. Cook, the chief operating officer. When he left, he was still engaged in the company’s affairs, negotiating with another Silicon Valley executive only weeks earlier.
By then, having mastered digital technology and capitalized on his intuitive marketing sense, Jobs had largely come to define the personal computer industry and an array of digital consumer and entertainment businesses centered on the Internet. He had also become a rich man, worth an estimated $8.3 billion.
Tributes to Jobs flowed quickly Wednesday evening, in formal statements and in the Steve Jobs, in his characteristic blue jeans and black turtleneck, gives one of his famous keynote addresses.
An impromptu memorial for Steve Jobs has sprung up on his granite tile in Kendall Square’s Entrepreneur Walk of Fame.
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Economy Hardware still empty
Economy Hardware — formerly the value hardware store of choice for many MIT students — still seems to be “spring cleaning,” though it began renovations last December, a store representative said that Economy Hardware plans to reopen its location in Central Square by the end of this month. The store originally hoped to be open this spring.
Some of the space Economy Hardware used to occupy now belongs to Cambridge Community Television (CCTV), which moved into this July.
In January, Larry Friedman, owner of Economy Hardware, told The Tech that the store was not reducing its floor space because of the bankruptcy protection filed earlier in 2010. His business has been in the area for over 60 years, and he was simply looking to streamline it, he said. Friedman did not return several calls to Economy Hardware, Page 9
Anti-tax pledges lose their allure as eyes turn to reform

By Jennifer Steinhauser

WASHINGTON — Rep. Jason Chaffetz of Utah has signed a pledge never to raise taxes. He signed another pledge too, one that made it nearly impossible to vote for a bill to raise the nation’s debt ceiling. But right before that vote over the summer, in a meet-
ing with scores of his Republican colleagues, he stood up and pro-
claimed that he would never sign another pledge. While some pledg-
es, like marriage vows, may always carry weight, strict anti-tax pledges may be losing their sheen.

On Tuesday, Rep. Frank R. Wolf, R-Va., took to the House floor for a rare recitation of anti-tax activist Grover G. Norquist’s and his strictly worded pledge, which has been signed by almost the entire Repub-
lican caucus as well as a few Demo-
crats. A day later, Sen. John Thune of North Dakota suggested that an-
ti-tax pledges ought to be revisited, because they can be interpreted too broadly in closing loopholes or eliminating tax deductions.

“We shouldn’t be bound by something that could be interpret-
ed differently if what we’re try-
ing to accomplish is broad-based tax reform,” he said.

“Those events, and interviews with lawmakers, suggest that anti-
tax pledges are becoming less binding to lawmakers, fundraisers and others because of fears that they ham-
string efforts to revitalize the nation’s tax code — a task viewed as a ne-
cessity on many sides of the aisle and the Rotunda.

“There is pledge fatigue,” said Rep. Thaddeus G. McCotter of Michigan, who signed the Norquist pledge when he first ran for office in 2004 but has since jettisoned his sup-
port. “Many Americans are very cynical about the motives of politi-
cians so they want something hard-
er to be able to believe in a person. But the pledge turns the power over to someone else to interpret wheth-
er you did what was right or wrong and limits your creativity.”

Norquist, who heads the group Americans for Tax Reform, uses his pledge, which began in 1986 with the endorsement of President Ron-
ald Reagan, as a litmus test for can-
didates on taxes. Known as the Tax-
payer Protection Pledge, it makes candidates and incumbents “bind themselves to oppose any and all tax increases.” Hundreds of Repub-
licans have signed it, including all six on the bipartisan congressional deficit reduction committee.

Sen. Jeff Breaux, B-B., also who signed it, said in an interview: “I’ve signed more pledges than I should have over the years. All of us ought to be somewhat reduct-
tant to make these pledges. I think people who have been here longer ought to be more lenient.”

To be sure, the majority of Re-
publican lawmakers are not run-
ing away from Norquist. All the Republican presidential candi-
dates other than Jon M. Huntsman Jr., the former governor of Utah, have gotten on board.

Norquist said that those who raise questions about the pledge often do not understand it.

“The pledge specifically says you can eliminate tax deductions if you bring rates down at same time,” he said. “The people who say that the pledge would get in the way of tax reform, well their point is they want a tax increase.”

Romney rounds up backing among key Republican donors

 Mitt Romney appeared Thursday to be rapidly consolid-
dating support among some of the Republican Party’s most sought-after untapped donors, who have joined Bush ad-
ministration veterans and other stalwarts of the Republican establishment in backing the former Massachusetts governor as the Republican presidential nominee.

Those who have committed to Romney include James B. Lee Jr., the vice chairman of PMorgan Chase, who raised more than $9 million for John McCain in 2008, Paul Tagliabue, a fund founder and conservative philanthropist, and John A. Catsimatidis, the New York businessman and supermarket magnate.

“As all Americans would agree, ‘It’s the economy, stu-
pid,”’ Tagliabue said. “Romney’s business background, business-savvy enough, and has common sense to fix the econ-
yomy.”

All three were among the top supporters of Gov. Chris-
opher J. Christie of New Jersey, whose decision this week to form a presidential bid set off a furious lobbying campaign by Romney and his supporters to lock down Christie’s backers, many of them leading Wall Street figures.

—Nicholas Confessore and Ashley Parker, The New York Times

White House orders new computer security rules

By Eric Schmitt

WASHINGTON — The White House plans to issue an executive order Friday to replace a flawed patching policy and improve security safeguards exposed by the disclo-
sure of hundreds of thousands of classified government documents to WikiLeaks last year.

The order by President Barack Obama encourages a seven-month governmentwide review of policies and procedures involving the han-
dling of classified information.

The directive also establishes a significant new global to the world’s biggest airlines for their greenhouse gas emissions even as interna-
tional steps to curb the issue fail to garner the same kind of support in many countries weakened.

The opinion by the advocate general at the European Court of Justice strongly endorsed the push to include global airlines in its Emissions Trading System. The system already covers other heavy industries and represents Europe’s bold-
est step yet to lead the world in efforts to control climate change.

The directive also dealt a significant blow to the global air-
line industry’s effort to avoid being required, starting Jan. 1, to buy permits to emit carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas. Industry officials had argued that an aviation-specific approach, which would have involved the creation of a separate carbon market, would have been cheaper for airlines and easier to implement.

The Air Transport Association of America, which brought the case to the European Court of Justice, said it would appeal. Its position is that the directive improperly extended the duty to cover all instrumentally controlled airspace, including international flights, and did not require airlines to purchase permits.

“While we are disappointed that the Court has held, we believe that the opinions of the advocate general do not mark the end of the case,” the association said.

But the directive is not a final victory for the airlines, because it permits airlines to meet their obligations by offsetting emissions in projects that reduce emissions elsewhere, or generating funds to support emissions reduction projects.

—Nicholas Confessore, The New York Times

Weather

Extended Forecast

Tonight: Clear. Low 55°F (13°C). Wind SW at 7–10 mph.
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Friday, October 7, 2011
Strong retail sales send stocks higher for first day in four

By Joshua Brustein

Wall Street registered gains for its second straight day on Thursday, following European stocks higher and extending gains in the U.S. in line with a bounce in home mortgage rates. But retail sales fell in October and consumer sentiment showed no sign of reversing a decline, despite a boost in the dollar.

The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index rose 20.44 points, or 1.88 percent, to 1,164.97, and has risen 5.9 percent since Monday. Of the index's 30 component stocks, nine declined and eight rose.

President Barack Obama has scheduled its release for his jobs report, September 1, one of the last key fiscal decisions of Congress's legislative agenda.

Wall Street, which had started the day sharply lower, rallied in the last hour of trading as European stock markets climbed. The 500-stock index was up 5.9 percent from its intraday low.

Obama has also been pushing for a deal that would increase the country's debt ceiling and prevent default. But negotiations between the White House and congressional Democratic and Republican leaders have shown little sign of progress.

Transit officials are preparing to pay back the government, which said Tuesday that the government would not extend funding to run the transit system next fiscal year. In Washington, D.C., officials said they were not yet sure if they would accept the terms of the agreement.

The White House called the agreement a "good deal" for the transit system, and said it would "continue to work with the Congress to make sure that the transit system in Washington, D.C., has the resources it needs to continue to provide service to the public."
Rush is good – but too rushed

By Hal Anil

At the end of our experience, we all ex- perienced the frantic week known as Rush. Many using the Rush week as a means of testing the Rush process, including statistics on the number of men who have received bids and accepted them (309 and 323, respectively, as of two weeks ago). Most men have not, and many of those that have gotten bids very well with their fraternity brothers. A pledge means a commitment that you will uphold the values of your fra- ternity, respect your brothers, and share common values with them for the three following years (not counting your first semester). Unfortunately, not many of the men have not been willing to move into their fraternities until next year. And indeed, the Tea Party’s influence is now steaming us is off a cliff. This trend was clear during the debt ceiling debacle when the Republican field of presidential candidates is inaccurate) language attacking social pro- grammes is steering us is off a cliff. Indeed, the Tea Party’s influence is now steaming us is off a cliff. This trend was clear during the debt ceiling debacle when the Republican field of presidential candidates is inaccurate) language attacking social pro- grammes is steering us is off a cliff. Indeed, the Tea Party’s influence is now steaming us is off a cliff. This trend was clear during the debt ceiling debacle when the Republican field of presidential candidates is inaccurate) language attacking social pro- grammes is steering us is off a cliff. Indeed, the Tea Party’s influence is now steaming us is off a cliff. This trend was clear during the debt ceiling debacle when the Republican field of presidential candidates is inaccurate) language attacking social pro- grammes is steering us is off a cliff. Indeed, the Tea Party’s influence is now steaming us is off a cliff. This trend was clear during the debt ceiling debacle when the Republican field of presidential candidates is inaccurate) language attacking social pro- grammes is steering us is off a cliff. Indeed, the Tea Party’s influence is now steaming us is off a cliff. This trend was clear during the debt ceiling debacle when the Republican field of presidential candidates is inaccurate) language attacking social pro- grammes is steering us is off a cliff. Indeed, the Tea Party’s influence is now steaming us is off a cliff. This trend was clear during the debt ceiling debacle when the Republican field of presidential candidates is inaccurate) language attacking social pro- grammes is steering us is off a cliff. Indeed, the Tea Party’s influence is now steaming us is off a cliff. This trend was clear during the debt ceiling debacle when the Republican field of presidential candidates is inaccurate) language attacking social pro- grammes is steering us is off a cliff. Indeed, the Tea Party’s influence is now steaming us is off a cliff. This trend was clear during the debt ceiling debacle when the Republican field of presidential candidates is inaccurate) language attacking social pro- grammes is steering us is off a cliff. Indeed, the Tea Party’s influence is now steaming us is off a cliff. This trend was clear during the debt ceiling debacle when the Republican field of presidential candidates is inaccurate) language attacking social pro- grammes is steering us is off a cliff. Indeed, the Tea Party’s influence is now steaming us is off a cliff. This trend was clear during the debt ceiling debacle when the Republican field of presidential candidates is inaccurate) language attacking social pro- grammes is steering us is off a cliff. Indeed, the Tea Party’s influence is now steaming us is off a cliff. This trend was clear during the debt ceiling debacle when the Republican field of presidential candidates is inaccurate) language attacking social pro- programm
A state of their own

The US should not veto Palestine’s bid for recognition by the UN Security Council

By Keith Yost
Staff Columnist

Palestine’s bid to become a voting member at the United Nations is nearing its final hour. In the latest tally, it appears that Palestine is close to securing nine votes on the Security Council, with Brazil, China, India, Lebanon, Russia, and South Africa voting yes; Bosnia, Gabon, and Nigeria very likely to vote yes; and Britain, Colombia, France, Germany, and Portugal set to abstain from the vote. Should Palestine reach the nine-vote threshold for entry, the United States will be faced with a choice. Should it abstain, and defer to the Security Council United supermajority, or should it vote no and veto the Palestinian entry?

Although the U.S. has frequently exercised its veto power to the benefit of its Israel ally, to do so again this time would be a grave mistake that goes against the ideals of U.S. foreign policy as well as Israel’s security.

Since the days of Woodrow Wilson, the U.S. has seen self-determination, the right of nations to freely determine their own political status and sovereignty, as a fundamental good in international relations. The case of the Palestinians is no exception — they deserve a state to call their own, just as Israel does. This is hardly a matter of disagreement; the U.S., Israel, and Palestinian leadership have endorsed a two-state solution that has, as its general features, a shared Jerusalem, recognition of Israel by the Palestinian state, and borders based on Israel’s pre-1967 borders, with land swaps to accommodate major Israeli settlements. A Palestinian seat at the U.N. would not undo any of this consensus.

Indeed, there seems to be little of any thing that a Palestinian seat in the General Assembly would undo. The current Israeli government claims that it would derail the peace process, but this is nonsense for two reasons. The first is that the U.N. is not so important a body as that — on the ground, virtually nothing would change between Israel and Palestine. The second is that the peace process has already been derailed, having been knocked off course two years ago by Israel’s current Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu. It is Netanyahu, not the Palestinians, who has been threatening the consensus built by years and years of painstaking negotiation by allowing settlement building on the West Bank to resume, by arguing against a shared Jerusalem, and by suggesting that Israel should receive more than its pre-1967 boundaries in any final outcome.

Negotiations are tricky things, and Abbas, a moderate, is the leader of a people who are not all as moderate as he.

To be fair, the Palestinians should some of the blame for failing to reach a deal before Netanyahu came on the scene. Mahmoud Abbas, the current president of the Palestinian National Authority, would have done himself and his countrymen a favor had he been more decisive and managed to reach an agreement with Netanyahu’s predecessor, Ehud Olmert. But negotiations are tricky things, and Abbas, a moderate, is the leader of a people who are not all as moderate as he.

Rush needs more time

With over 20 fraternities, not enough time to experience them all

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having said “yes.”

With regards to the total number of pledges this year, rush is considered by many to have been a great success. The IPC did a lot of hard work that really showed, such as designing a Rush app for the iPhone and Android operating systems.

The time allotted for Rush is crucial. It would be much better if there was more time for Rush, but that would not be very feasible. First — and most obviously — a longer Rush would overlap more with the beginning of the term, possibly incurring harmful effects on a potential pledge’s academics.

A longer Rush would also be more of a financial burden — more activities means more money. While this may not be a problem for some of the bigger fraternities, it would be particularly taxing on the smaller ones.

It’s quite impossible for anyone to get a proper feel of all 26 fraternities in a few days, let alone get to know all the brothers in such a short amount of time.

But despite the shorter-than-ideal Rush, the general consensus remains that MIT does a much better job with fraternities than Rush and other comparable colleges — men’s Greek involvement at MIT consistently hovers at around 50 percent. Rush is very fast-paced, overly competitive and, for lack of a better term, rushed. It’s important to note that it’s quite impossible for anyone to get a proper feel of all 26 fraternities in a few days, let alone get to know all the brothers in such a short amount of time. Another thing to note is that not only are pledges-to-be forced to decide where they want to live for their subsequent years at MIT in an extremely short amount of time, but they also don’t have the opportunity to properly weigh all their options beforehand.

For those who can handle the system — as the 50 percent statistic seems to show — Rush is a great time to meet lots of new people and potentially find brothers who will be an amazing support group for them for the rest of their lives. For others, however, it may devolve quickly into a period of uncertainty and hastened decision-making. Only waiting will tell if Rush and the amount of time allotted to it will change and improve, but “rushing” Rush cannot be considered the most effective or the most beneficial thing to do.

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Hey Arthur, what are you wearing today?

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I’m more likely to attract female dinosaurs.

Also, it keeps me thermally insulated. Bonus?

BABY, I WOULD CLIMB ANY MOUNTAIN. CROSS ANY VALLEY. JUST TO BE WITH YOU. I WOULD SWIM ANY...

Would you eat this brick?

WHAT?

WOULD YOU EAT THIS BRICK. ALL OF IT.

I WOULD CLIMB ANY MOUNTAIN. AND I -

Lots of guys would. I need someone special. Someone who loves me so much, he... oh... one brick.

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Subliminal

A Webcomic of Romance, Sarcasm, Math, and Language

by Randall Munroe

What hidden arrow? I thought... righthere... look at the... I don’t see it.

All I see is guy paints with hand value mark over a fly ball while an arranged really valuable drill pad. You either need more information or look more closely.

Once you see it, you can’t help seeing it. Enjoy that. Until your body finishes metabolizing the mushrooms.

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Crossword Puzzle

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1 Square after Connecticut Avenue
5 Take a hike!
10 Wax remover
14 Jessica of "Sin City"
15 Israeli seaport
16 Choice in a booth
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68 Witty Bombeck
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70 Equally divided
71 Ginger cookie
72 Gobbled up
73 Doctor’s advice

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3 Construction beam
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5 One who’ll be comin’
6 Bells
7 Teeming (with)
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10 Home shopping channel
11 Small hopper
12 __-bitsy
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29 Prayer starter
30 Tons
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32 Mimicking bird
33 Chick of jazz
34 First-stringers
35 Ease off
36 Piano’s 88
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40 Important periods
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68 Witty Bombeck
69 Light refrain
70 Equally divided
71 Ginger cookie
72 Gobbled up
73 Doctor’s advice

 by Jorge Cham

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**Arts Around Town**

**Staying in Boston this weekend?**

Immerse yourself in (tasteful) art at the Gardner

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**By Angelique Nehmzow**

In celebration of the Red Sox winning the American League in 1912, a distinguished woman attended a performance of the Boston Symphony Orchestra wearing a headband with, “Oh, You Red Sox!” splashed across it and caused quite a stir in the media. This is one of many stories, both true and false, about Isabella Stewart Gardner, or “Mrs. Jack.” She did nothing to deny or affirm these claims about her, and is often quoted as saying, “Don’t spoil a good story by telling the truth.”

‘If I ever have any money of my own, I am going to build a palace and fill it with beautiful things.’

—Isabella Stewart Gardner

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A truly fascinating woman and one of the legends of her time, Gardner was an art collector, a leading patron of music and the arts, and a philanthropist. She loved adventure, and traveled extensively around Europe, the Middle East and Asia, where she acquired many of her art pieces. She was also very sociable, and frequently wrote letters and hosted parties. Her correspondents and guests included renowned authors, artists, and musicians such as Henry James and John Singer Sargent.

While Gardner was still a girl, she wrote in a letter to a friend that, “If I ever have any money of my own, I am going to build a palace and fill it with beautiful things.” Fortunately, she was able to realize this dream when she opened Fenway Court in 1903, now known as the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.

Gardner devoted herself to the creation of this museum. As her favorite city was Venice, the building was designed in the style of a Venetian palace. It contains a remarkable and incredibly diverse collection. All the artwork — and in this museum you soon realize that everything is a work of art — is arranged tastefully and with great care. In some cases, Gardner spent months on end perfecting the arrangement of objects within a room. She wanted to display her treasures in a very personal way, and one that would kindle a love of art in others.

Objects in the collection range from musical instruments to fabrics, sketches, tiles, sculptures and furniture. They originate from different eras — such as the Middle Ages and the Renaissance — and from different regions, like Japan, Turkey, or Mexico. Some of the works are by such masterful artists as Botticelli, Titian, Vermeer, Rembrandt, Degas, and Matisse.

The artwork — and in this museum you soon realize that everything is a work of art — is arranged tastefully and with great care.

The result is an ever-interesting viewing experience. Visitors can lift a cloth to admire the incredible intricacies of a silver candle-holder, and they can marvel at the spine of which looks as though it was made from the hide of a dragon. They can also relax in the courtyard, where there are Japanese lanterns, lush vegetation, and Greek statues.

This museum inspires an appreciation of art and is a joy to explore. It reflects Gardner’s personality and passion for life, and does justice to her vision for a place to enjoy art in all its forms.

**An Elephant Never Forgets**

These photographs were taken at the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus training center, where baby elephants are pulled from their mothers, tied down with ropes, gouged with bullhooks, and shocked with electric prods.

This is the beginning of an elephant’s life in the circus—a life of chains, beatings, fear, and intimidation. Please don’t go to the circus.

For more info and to see behind-the-scenes footage, please visit peta2.com.

**Solution to Suduko**

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Steve Jobs, from Page 1
Flow of social networks, with President Barack Obama, technology industry leaders, and legions of Apple fans weighing in.

“Steve clearly had a flair for getting to work with Steve, it’s been an insanely great honor,” said Bill Gates, the Microsoft co-founder. “I will miss Steve immensely.”

A Twitter user named Matt Galligan wrote “RIP Steve Jobs. You were a man and a world of technology and made it beautiful.”

Eight years after founding Apple, Jobs led the team that designed the Macintosh com- puter, a breakthrough in making personal computers easier to use. After a 12-year separa- tion from the company, prompted by a bit- ter falling-out with his chief executive, John Sculley, he returned in 1997 to oversee the creation of one innovative digital device after another — the iPod, the iPhone, and the iPad. These transformed not only product catego- ries like music players and cellphones but also entire industries, like music and mobile communications.

During his years outside Apple, he bought a tiny computer graphics spinoff from direc- tor George Lucas and built a team of comput- er scientists, artists, and animators that be- came Pixar Animation Studios. Starting with “Toy Story” in 1995, Pixar produced a string of hit movies, won several Academy Awards for artistic and technological excellence, and made animation the centerpiece of a television program that broadcasted a mainstream art form enjoyed by chil- dren and adults worldwide.

Jobs was always an engineer. He learned not only the software necessary to build a computer but also had to design the circuitry to integrate the hardware he selected himself. He considered himself a technology leader, choosing the best people possible, encouraging and prodding them, and making the final call on product design.

“He was the most passionate leader one could hope for, a motivating force without parallel,” wrote Steven Levy, the author of the 1996 book “Insanely Great,” which chronicles the creation of the Mac. “Tom Sawyer could have picked up tricks from Steve Jobs.”

Jobs was the ultimate arbiter of Apple products, and his standards were exacting. Over the course of a year he tossed out two products, and his standards were exacting. “As a fledgling association rep- resenting the postdoctoral popu- lation at MIT, the PDA will have to get the word out regarding its exist- ence and goals. Its current repor- ters are the 2009-2010 officers, several postdocs who volunteered or were elected by their peers to help shape the Apple brand,” said Jobs’ genius lay in his ability to simplify com- plex, highly-engineered products, “to strip away the excess layers of business, design, and innovation until the simple, elegant reality remained.”

Steven Paul Jobs was born in San Fran- cisco on Feb. 24, 1955. He was given to the first 50 attendees! Sive said the event would be the technical half and Jobs the mar- keting half of the original Apple I Computer. Starting out in the Jobs family garage in Los Altos, they moved the company to a small of- fice in Cupertino shortly thereafter.

In April 1977, Jobs and Wozniak intro- duced the Apple II at the West Coast Computer Fair in San Francisco. It created a sensation. Faced with a gaggle of small and large com- petitors in the emerging computer market, Apple, led by its new CEO,Jobs, was out a way to straddle the business and consumer mar- kets by building a computer that could be customized for specific applications. Sales skyrocketed, from $2 million in 1977 to $1 billion in 1981, the year the company went public. By 1983 Apple was in the Fortune 500. No company had ever joined the list so quickly.

In 1980 Jobs had lured Sculley to Apple to be its chief executive. A former Pepsi-Cola chief executive, Sculley was impressed by Jobs’ pitch. “Do you want to spend the rest of your life selling sugared water, or do you want a chance to change the world?”

In the wake of some disappointing sales, the two men became estranged and a power struggle ensued, and Jobs lost control of the Lisa project. He left Apple in 1985.

Postdocs will have groups more similar to UA or GSC

PDA, from Page 1
Some being considered include “integrating postdocs into the MIT Alumni network, and lowering costs for activities and events.”

If he had a motto, it may have come from his biological parents, Joanne Canine Schieble and Abdulfattah “Jef” Jefri, a graduate student from Syria who became a political science professor. He was adopted by Paul and Clara Jobs.

Jobs’ wife, Laurene Powell, survives him, as do his three children with Powell, his daughters Lisa Brennan- Jobs, from a relationship with Chrissann Bren- nan, and his sisters, novelist Mona Simpson and Patti Jobs.

In 1975, he and Wozniak, then working as an engineer at HP, began attending meetings of the Homebrew Computer Club, a group that met at the Stanford Linear Acceler- ator Center in Menlo Park, Calif. Personal computing had been pioneered at laboratories and corporations in the 1970s, Jobs saw that computing was becoming per- sonal — that it could do more than crunch numbers and solve scientific and business problems — and that it could even be a force for social and economic change. He was offering not just products but a digital lifestyle.

“Jobs met Mike McKeena, a Silicon Valley market- ing executive to whom Jobs turned in the late 1970s to help shape the Apple brand,” said Jobs’ genius lay in his ability to simplify com- plex, highly-engineered products, “to strip away the excess layers of business, design, and innovation until the simple, elegant reality remained.”

Finally, Jobs had a rare but curable form of pancreatic cancer, the disease that had killed his father. “I have always wished that for myself, “ he said in his commencement address at Stanford in 2005, ends with the admonition to “Stay Hungry. Stay Foolish.”

As a registered voter, Jobs made a point of participating in elections, and he was a Democrat. He also gave money to Democratic candidates and causes, including Mother Teresa, the Ceo:

Steve Jobs, co-founder of Apple Inc., died Wednesday of complications from cancer, the company said. Jobs had been in poor health for some years, and his death came after a long battle against pancreatic cancer.

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**Allen to tackle IAP, undergrad advising**

As chair of faculty, Allen is also responsible for administrative tasks such as fielding complaints from students who feel that their professors are violating term regulations.

Beyond students, Allen said that he is asking his faculty colleagues to inform him about their views so that he can try to incorporate their "broad spectrum" of perspectives into policy discussions. He said that he wanted to make sure that he was focusing on issues that were of importance to many people, rather than "things that concern me a lot but may not be of much interest to anyone else."

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**D’Amelio trial set for Tuesday**

Former MIT police officer Joseph D’Amelio is going to trial next Tuesday in Suffolk Superior Court for trafficking prescription painkillers.

D’Amelio was arrested in uniform in March 2009 when Boston Police caught him dealing OxyContin and Roxicodone pills — both of which contain oxycodone — in East Boston. At his arraignment, D’Amelio was charged with trafficking more than 100 grams of oxycodone, a Class A substance — an offense which carries a sentence between 10 and 20 years in state prison. He was released late that month on a bail of $75,000, reduced from $500,000, and placed on house arrest with electronic monitoring.

D’Amelio’s trial has been scheduled twice previously — Sept. 28, 2010 and Aug. 30, 2011, but both were cancelled. Since the 2010 date, there have been three conferences for status review, the latest on Sept. 21 of this year.

Jake Wark, press secretary at the Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office, said the long pre-trial timeframe is not unusual. In Massachusetts, trial schedules are handled according to the complexity of the case as deemed by the judge of the arraignment. Because high level narcotics were involved in this case, both the prosecutors and defendants were given ample time to prepare the best case possible, he said.

—Adisa Kruayatidee

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EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 10/12
COME OUT AGAIN IN LOBBY 10
With a life-size closet for people to "come out" for the first or nth time. Educating and making the public aware of what it's like to come out, this booth will help LGBTQ people share their experiences with their peers. Free and open to everyone.

10am-4pm in Lobby 10

THURSDAY 10/13
COMING OUT IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR
An aspiring-collaborative event that will ask students to discuss and learn about the intersections of race, sexual orientation, and gender identity/expression. Come see what it's like for people to come out in minority communities. Food will be provided. Free and open to everyone.

7pm in Room 4-163

FRIDAY 10/14
COMING OUT STORYTELLING
Whether you want to share your story or hear about others', come to this sure-to-be heartwarming event to add to the discussion and lend a listening ear to your peers. Dinner provided. Free and open to everyone.

6pm in the Rainbow Lounge 50-005

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Right in the middle of Gaytober, you're invited to the GAYEST party ever. FREE admission. Open to all MIT students. In Senior Haus basement. Live music from bands TBA. Also, we will have a professional gay impersonator (Lady Gaga?!) performing. More info at tinyurl.com/outatmit

9pm - 1am Senior Haus Basement
Sailing takes 8th at Danmark Trophy

By Mindy Braun

The nationally-ranked No. 11 MIT coed sailing team captured eighth place out of 20 squads at the Danmark Trophy while its entries finished in fourth and fifth place at the Charles River Invitational this past weekend. In addition, team member Hanna M. Vincent ‘13 secured 10th place at the New England Women’s Singlehanded Championship.

Hosted by the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, the two-day Danmark Trophy featured fluctuating wind conditions that resulted in the completion of 13 rounds of action. The B Division boat comprised of junior skipper Andrew Z. Sommer ‘13 and senior crew Stephanie A. Tong ‘12 clinched third place behind the strength of 11 top 10 performances, including a victory in the fourth round. Eamon M. Glascott ‘12 and Kelder M. Pehr ‘13 collaborated for 14th place in the A Division as they cracked the top 10 on five occasions.

Hobart and William Smith Colleges won the event while Tufts, Yale, Connecticut College, and Wisconsin rounded out the top five.

The wind was less favorable for the Charles River Invitational as it yielded only five races on Sunday. MIT’s entries, the “Engineers” and the “Beavers” placed fourth and fifth, respectively, out of 15 teams. For the Engineers, senior Javier E. Ramos ‘12 and sophomore Leo Zhou ‘14 used a trio of fifth-place performances to rank sixth in the B Division. Senior Ned T. Ferrerster ’12 and sophomore Koran Ge ‘14 finished in the top 10 in all five rounds, including a third-place performance in their last outing, to clinch seventh in the A Division.

The Beavers’ A Division boat of freshmen Nicholas W. Paggi ‘15 and Samantha C. Albright ‘15 generated four top 10 placements en route to a sixth-place finish as the pair was fourth and second in the first two rounds. Fellow classmates Zachary H. Dracht ‘15 and Sara E. Falcone ‘15 opened the day by placing 10th and then alternated sixth- and eighth-place rankings to finish seventh in the B Division.

Vermont took top honors with 31 points, followed by Boston University (34), Bowdoin College (61), the Engineers (70), and the Beavers (74).

Vincent was MIT’s lone representative at the New England Women’s Singlehanded Championship hosted by Yale University. Despite inconsistent wind on the Long Island Sound, she registered six top 10 performances to place 10th out of 15 competitors. Vincent kicked off the weekend by ranking seventh in the first two rounds, sixth in the next rotation, and fifth in the fourth race. She tacked on another sixth-place finish before capturing fourth in the 11th outing of the regatta.

On Saturday, the Cardinal and Gray were slated to host the Professor George Warren Smith Trophy, but post wind conditions resulted in the cancellation of the event.

This weekend, the team will host its Alumni Race, the Brass Rat/Sir Ian McFarlane Regatta.

MIT wins against Babson

Babson College

Beavers fall to Volleyball, MIT improves to 17-5

By Paul Dill

In a NEWMAC women’s volleyball match on Tuesday night, host MIT defeated Babson College 25-18, 25-19, 25-13. With the win, the Engineers improved to 17-5 on the year and 3-2 in conference while the Babson Beavers dipped to 11-7 overall and 2-3 in the NEWMAC.

Kristine A. Bunker ‘14 racked up nine blocks to go along with five kills for MIT. Kathy E. Schulte ’12 posted seven kills and five blocks while fellow classmate, Cecily L. Looijen-Roche ‘12 added seven kills and three blocks. Rachel A. Hunt ’14 bolstered the attack with five kills as Nicole C. Gagnier ‘15 tallied 26 assists and three blocks. Katie K. Spielhauer ’13 paced the defense with 13 digs while Tatiana Berger ‘14 contributed five digs. Natasha H. Jensen ’12 earned three aces as sophomore Sharon S. Hao registered four digs and two aces.

Babson went up 3-2 in the opening set, but a pair of kills from Schulte and a block with Bunker put the Engineers ahead for good. Babson stayed alive at 24-18; however, a strike from Gagnier ended the game.

In the second set, MIT quickly created a 5-1 lead which Babson gradually trimmed to 9-7. The Engineers countered with an 8-1 run that was followed by a 3-2 apart from the visitors. The hosts rattled off four consecutive points for a 24-15 advantage. Babson replied with kill from Hunt, and collaboration from both on a block which resulted in a timeout by Babson. After the break, both sides exchanged points until the Cardinal and Gray generated a 6-1 run for set point. A serving error and block kept the visitors alive at 24-18, however, a strike from Gagnier ended the game.

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