First campus-wide Hunger Week ends

Banerjee delivers keynote address on nutrition deficiency

By Naina Mehta

Last Thursday evening, Professor Abhijit V. Banerjee, co-founder of the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, delivered a keynote speech for Hunger Week on nutrition deficiency in developing countries.

Throughout the course of his speech, Banerjee revealed dramatic statistics on nutritional deficiency in countries like India, Indonesia, and Bangladesh — 40 percent of children in India, in terms of nutritional requirements, are two standard deviations below where they should be. He recalled an incident in Bangladesh — 48 percent of children were nutrition deficient in the country.

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Fifty participate in 12-hour fast; over $900 raised by MFWH

By Jessica Sandoval

For 12 hours, an estimated 50 participants fasted an empty stomach during the MIT Fight Against World Hunger (MFWH) club’s first campus-wide hunger strike. The fast ended successfully, and the MFWH-sponsored Hunger Week held the week following World Hunger Day on Oct. 16, to promote awareness of global food deprivation and malnutrition.

Approximately 100 individuals advertised the fast by wearing shirts that read, “Are you hungry?” though many said they did not participate in the full-day strike due to medical or athletic reasons. Throughout the week, Hunger, Page 11

Saferide con-artist?

MIT Police issued an informational bulletin via email yesterday warning the MIT community of an unauthorized 18-passenger bus that had been charging students $5 for transportation during overnight hours.

According to the bulletin, MIT Police stopped the bus on Sunday just before 3 a.m. on Amherst Alley near McCormick Hall, but MIT Police urges the community to report any reappearance of the vehicle. The bulletin also noted that if Saferide shuttles are marked “MIT Parking and Transportation,” and drivers were an MIT Parking and Transportation uniform.

Operations Manager of Parking and Transportation Larry Bruni had no additional information as of Monday afternoon. He said he’s never heard of an incident like this before in his time at MIT.

Harvard had a similar incident earlier this year. According to a Jan. 24, 2011 article in The Harvard Crimson, an unmarked van driver charged students $5 for transportation and claimed to work for a private charter company unaffiliated with Harvard.

—Maggie Lloyd

Suicide off Harvard Bridge last Thursday

Last Thursday, Oct. 20, Massachusetts State Police recovered the body of a woman from the Charles River after a witness reported seeing the woman jump off the Harvard Bridge into the river. The witness reported the jump around 6:20 a.m., and the body was recovered by police divers around 8 a.m.

According to a press release from Daniel F Conley, Suffolk County district attorney, the woman was not carrying any identification. Authorities identified her as a 21-year old Dorchester resident after the State Police released photographs of her jewelry.

Officials shut down the Harvard Bridge after the woman was seen jumping into the river. The body was recovered within a few days. The body was recovered, but delays from closure resulted in the State Police releasing photographs of her jewelry.

—Derek Chang

Campus dining brunch hours were changed to 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday. Previous hours were 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MIT’s Fall Festival, featuring comedian John Oliver (The Daily Show), is this Friday in Kresge Auditorium at 8 p.m. Purchase tickets at http://web.mit.edu/fall.

Sign up for senior portraits with Technique, the MIT yearbook, this week. You can schedule an appointment online today at http://photoincurrence.com.

MIT’s Solar Electric Vehicle Team placed 16 of 27 in the VehiKEL Solar Challenge.

Send news information and tips to news@tech.mit.edu.

—Maggie Lloyd

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Cameron faces internal revolt over European policy

By Sarah Lyall

LONDON — After being be- trayed by President Nicolas Sarkozy of France at a rancorous European summit meeting over the weekend, Prime Minister David Cam- eron on Monday faced an all-out rebellion from members of his own party over whether Britain should even be part of the Euro- pean Union.

Defying orders from the gov- ernment, legislator after legislator from Cameron’s Conservatives voted in Parliament to falter against his European policy, say- ing he had done nothing to stop the EU from siphoning money, sovereignty and authority from Britain.

At issue was a motion calling for a referendum on whether Brit- ain should withdraw from or re- nounce its relationship with the European Union.

The government opposed the motion, saying that it had de- cided not to consult its own voters until 2015. But dozens of euroskeptics turned out to protest in Parliament, giving the impression that the government was in a crisis.

“I will fight back,” Cameron said on Sunday that despite hundreds of billions of dollars in support from foreign powers and rights groups — includ- ing some that had supported the rebellion against Gadhafi — had prompted the decision to investigate how the Libyan leader wound up dead with a bullet to the head.

—Adam Nossiter and Rick Gladstone, The New York Times

Kenyan offensive is not welcome, Somalia’s president says

By Josh Kron

NAIROBI, Kenya — Somalia’s president Monday criticized Ke- nyan military offensive into his na- tion as “desperate action” and “reckless,” rais- ing questions about how bilateral the military action is.

“There are things we see as inappro- priate,” President Sheikh Sharif Sheik Ahmed said during a tour of a Mogadishu neighborhood, “such as Kenyan troops crossing the border into Somalia.”

Kenya sent hundreds of sold- iers, tanks and aircraft, into Somalia this month to fight al- Shabab, ruthless Islamists who control parts of the country. The Kenyan government has reported the operation is to support Somalia’s government, which has been battling al-Shabab with limited success for years, saying that it plans to stay in Somalia un- til the threat of the insurgents has been “reduced.”

Al-Shabab has threatened to retaliate against Kenya for the of- fensive, much as it struck Uganda last year for sending peacekeepers to Somalia. Two separate grenades went off in Kenya’s capital, Nairobi, on Monday — killing one person and wounding well more than a dozen — though officials were not yet prepared to blame al-Shabab.

Kenya and Somalia signed a joint communiqué on Oct. 18 call- ing for “decisive action” against al-Shabab, who have pledged alle- giance to al-Qaeda, cut off food aid and detained a famine this year in Somalia and killed many civilians in bomb- ings and other attacks in Nairobi.

But Sharif’s comments Monday suggested that the two countries might not agree on the Kenyan incursion.

A Kenyan government spokes- man and military spokesman did not return calls Monday. A Somali government spokesman, echoing Sharif’s sentiments, said while So- malia welcomed assistance from Kenya, the Somali government’s territorial sovereignty must be ensured.

Already, the battle against al-Shabab is widening, with the Kenyan military on Sunday an- nouncing that a French naval ship had bombarded a city to the south of Mogadishu, a major seaport and stronghold of al-Shabab.

A French official in Paris on Monday denied the statement, but he said France would be sending its own combat and logistical support to help Kenya in its operation.

“France will start either this noon or tomorrow,” said Thi-erry Burkhard, a French military spokesman.

On Sunday, the U.S. ambassador to Kenya, Scott Gration, indicated that the United States might also help in the operation.

Weather

SEQUENCE OF LOW PRESSURES TO AFFECT REGION

RED: First syste

MAGenta: High pressure through ahead of the next sys-

BROWN: Strongest system of the week

WHITE: Potential rain showers

YELLOW: Precipitation is possible

GREEN: Low pressure through

DARK GREEN: Precipitation is possible

()  LOW PRESSURE SYSTEMS

()  HIGH PRESSURE SYSTEMS

()  WEATHER FRONTS

()  TROUGHS

()  PREEPTITATION SYMBOLS

Situation for Noon Eastern Time, Tuesday, October 25, 2011

Extended Forecast


Tomorrow: Cloudy with a chance of showers. High 54°F (12°C). Low 47°F (8°C). West winds at 5-10 mph.


Nuclear talks with North Korea begin in Geneva

By Nick Cumming-Bruce and Ryma Ghazal

WASHINGTON — U.S. law enforcement officials are still uncomfortable with the United States’ contacts with its former adversary, North Korea, and partly over Mexican skies.

Banks are flooded with cash they are trying to discourage some depositors from parking that cash with them. With fewer attractive lending and investment options and socking it away in bank accounts, where it does little to improve the economy.

ISLAMISTS HEAD TO TRIUMPH

The Islamic Republicans' few months of predominance in the Arab world, where Islamists' few months of predominance, have been characterized by a number of significant events, including the Islamic Republic of Iran’s elections, the Islamic Republic of Iran’s operations in the Gulf region, and the Islamic Republic of Iran’s role in the Arab world. While the Islamic Republicans have been able to achieve some success in their efforts to gain support, they have also faced significant challenges. These challenges include the Islamic Republic of Iran’s ongoing conflict with the United States, the Islamic Republic of Iran’s ties with the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and the Islamic Republic of Iran’s support for Islamic revolutionary groups in the Middle East.

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With 70 days remaining until the Iowa caucuses, former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney is the heavy favorite to become the Republican presidential nominee. Leading in the polls and viewed by many within the party as the sole remaining credible candidate. It is unsurprising that Romney is being given a 70 percent chance of taking the nomination by Intrare, a leading prediction market.

With the issue of who will face President Obama next November slowly becoming settled, attention is now turning to the question of whether or not Romney is likely to win. Both the polls and precesses markets have a clear favorite. Minus the coin flip. Independent nationwide polls by Rasmussen Reports, the Associated Press, Public Policy Polling, NBC News/ Wall Street Journal, ABC News/Washington Post, Pew Research, Fox News, CNN, Gallup/USA Today, and McClatchy/ Marist all have the two candidates with in three points of one another. Only the two major polling groups in the past month have found a lead under 50 percent for either candidate are TIME (+4 for Obama) and Quinipiac (0-4 for Romney).

As the general election for the White House moves into the fase of much more attention, so too are the Class 1 U.S. Senate seats up for reelection in 2012. Republicans need a net swing of four seats to secure the upper cham ber. But not in three points for either candidate are 2-1 odds to accomplish such a feat. Twelve of the thirty-three races look to be competitive next year, with ten of those seats held by the minority party. Below is a brief summary of the races to watch.

**Democratic Gain**

N/A

**Likely Democratic**

Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla. — Nelson’s approval ratings are terrible, but polls have him leading the GOP names being floated to oppose him. Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio — Brown faces a weak field and has good numbers in a state that is purple, not red.

**Lean Democratic**

Sen. Mark Udall, D-Colo. — Udall is a slight favorite. He has a comfortable lead, despite the deep conservatism of his electorate. Republicans don’t have a better chance of flipping Manchin than beating him.

**Toss-up**

Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M. — Bingaman is re-running, and the likely race between Heather Wilson and Rep. Martin Heinrich may be the most tilted.*

Sen. Dean Heller, R-Nev. — Heller, serving the remainder of Jon Ensign’s term, is in a dead heat against likely con- temporary Shelley Berkley, D-Nev.

Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va. — Webb is stepping down, which will likely lead to a clash of candidates between Tim Kaine and Allen Green in one of the most centrist states in the nation. Recent polling from Quinnipiac, Rasmussen, and the Rich mond Times — Dispatch put this one at a statistical dead heat.

Sen. Hoh Kohl D-Wis. — Kohl is stepping down, and Republicans are likely to run their heaviest hitters, former state governor Tommy Thompson. Demo crats will have a hard time cleaning up unless they can get Russ Feingold to run.

**Likely Republican**

Sen. Ben Nelson, D-Neb. — Likely will be flipped as long as it remains a Democrat. With Ben Nelson, Ben polls behind his likely opponent — either Nebraska Attorney General Jon Bruning or Ne braska Treasurer Don Stenberg — by sizable margins.

Sen. Brown, R-Mass. — Brown has high voter approval ratings, but is going to square off against liberal Darling Elizabeth Warren in a very blue state. Recent polls put him up 9-5 points in a head-to-head against Warren.

**Likely Republican**

Sen. Konrad, D-N.D. — Konrad is now polling in the low 40s. It is unclear if North Dakota is now too close to be flipped. It’s 378 days until Election Day, and this is The State of the Race.
Dilbert by Scott Adams

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Crossword Puzzle II

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ACROSS
1 Cheese town in the province of Noord-Holland
5 Cooper's tool
9 Like some potatoes
15 Powerful 19th century Virginia family
16 Positive terminal, at times
17 "Imagination at work" company
20 N.Y. summer setting
21 Sale condition
22 Deceived
23 Stranded motorist's aid
25 Cambodian money
26 Fried-dough carnival treat
30 General on a Chinese menu
33 Fiesta Bowl site
34 Work units
35 Group including flower children's children, briefly
36 Pants fabric
37 Big conflict
38 Actress Blakely
39 Je f _, Parisian's "I love you"
40 Bouquet holder
41 Drambuie ingredient
42 Govt. ID issuer
43 Doors #1 hit covered by José Feliciano
45 Innermost part
46 Grant and Vanderbilt
47 Spotted cat
48 City SW of Bogotá
50 Exceptional
51 Opening for dynamic
52 Subway alternative
53 Pakistani tongue
54 Surfboard fin
55 "The Prime of Miss Jean Broke" author
56 Way to go: Abbr.
57 How the weasel goes?
58 Cream of the crop
59 Doughnut shapes
60 Merne _, England
61 Begat
62 School founded in 1440
63 Ad, or word that can follow the end of 17, 26, 43, or 55-Across
64 Large game fish
65 Mount McKinley's state
66 Sub station?
67 Puzzle center?
68 Subj. taught bilingually
69 More risqué
70 Spy's briefing contents, briefly
71 Firewood order
72 Correct, perhaps
73 Empire State Building style
74 "Silent Spring" author
75 Inventor Howe
76 Singer James et al.
77 Explorer aided by Sacagawea
78 Dogma-rejecting spiritual genre
79 Junk
80 Artistic merit
81 Came menacingly into view
82 Large game fish
83 1950s-'60s Yankee Boyer
84 Laudatory poems
85 Mideast bigwig
86 Scream
87 How the weasel goes?

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1 Slight advantage
2 Stowe novel
3 Quaker Oats trademark
4 Marseille Mrs.
5 Chef...
6 Subway alternative
7 "Furthermore, your apparent lack of interest is performing at the level to which...
8 Let me get this straight. You're part of a movement that is vocal and frustrated but doesn't have clear goals. Demands of a plan of action.
9 Well, I'm off to occupy Wall Street.
10 And you want to join another one? Grad school is my backup occupation.
11 You want me to turn off my book?
12 Oh, you'd like that.
13 Yeah, just like Hitler.
14 Oh, OK. Too bad.
15 You're gonna shock my gentile, huh. The gentile region.
16 I think we might start there, yeah.

by Jerry Holkins
and Mike Krahulik

The Line

by Jorge Cham

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Piled Higher and Deeper

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Life at MIT

Guttag joined the MIT faculty in 1978, serving as associate department head for computer science from 1993 to 1998 and department head of EECS — the largest department at MIT — from 1999 to 2004.

‘Being department head was challenging. In the beginning, parts of it were like going back to grad school, in that I realized how little electrical engineering I knew, and so I spent a fair amount of time trying to educate myself about EE,’ Guttag said. “That turned out, I enjoyed it a lot. I got a much better appreciation of how interesting some of the research that the EE side was doing that I had not appreciated before.”

As department head, the favorite part of his job was hiring and mentoring young faculty members. He found hiring “bright young PhDs” and watching them succeed very gratifying.

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Indeed, the once-English major is not afraid to explore new subjects. “One of the reasons I moved my research into medicine, which is for me a relatively new area, was the feeling that we could have a real impact. It isn’t how many papers I can get published in which journals, it’s how much impact I can have. And I should say when I say ‘my research,’ I really mean my graduate student’s research. For the most part the actual research is theirs, not mine. They do the hard work. They’re the creative ones, they’re the technically adept ones. I kind of hold on, try to keep up with them.”

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Institute Double Take

By Meng Heng Touch

The walls of Lobby 10 have been the location for several war memorials on campus. The inscriptions on the walls include all known names of MIT alumni who were killed in World Wars I and II, the Vietnam War, and the Korean War. This picture, taken at an angle, makes the list seem endless on the Infinite Corridor, reflecting its name.

The World War II memorial, shown in this photo, is on the western half of the north wall of Lobby 10. It was inscribed in 1952, and originally had 245 names. At the time, the memorial cost $7,000, equivalent to $88,727.54 today, using the CPI (consumer price index) as an index. It was funded by the class of 1921.

Joanna Kao contributed reporting to this story.

LAVERDE’S PRICE INDEX

LaVerde’s Price Index (LPI) is The Tech’s way of measuring the price changes at LaVerde’s. We add together the prices of 23 specific, diverse products that we feel are typical purchases for members of the MIT community, and we plot how that total price changes monthly. Each month, we will also compare the LPI to the Northeast region Consumer Price Index (CPI) as a measure of fairness.

The CPI has been scaled so that the starting point in July is the same as the cumulative price of the 23 select items from LaVerde’s. The CPI for October has not been released yet.

compiled by Sam Trabucco

EVENTS OCT. 25 – OCT. 31

TUESDAY

(6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.) Life in the Universe: Are We Alone? — MIT Museum

(7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.) Talk by famous climber Steve Arsenault — W20-461

(8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.) The Greg Hopkins & Jeff Galindo Group jazz concert — 14W-111

WEDNESDAY

(2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.) Maximizing MIT Resources to Gain “Real World” Experience — GECOL panel event — 24-115

(3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.) Exploring the Majors Fair — Kresge Lobby

THURSDAY

(8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) Legatum Convergence, annual forum on entrepreneurship in emerging markets — E14, 6th floor

(5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.) MIT Communication Forum: Surveillance and Citizenship — E15-070

(7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.) Film Screening of No Way Out But One — E14-070

FRIDAY

(7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.) LSC shows Super 8 — 26-100

(7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.) Nightmarket — Asian cultural festival — Lobdell

(8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.) MIT Shakespeare Ensemble presents Macbeth — La Sala

SATURDAY

(7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.) LSC shows Your Highness — 26-100

(7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.) Faust — silent film with live music — 14W-111

SUNDAY

(12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.) Salsa/Rueda Dance Workshop — W20-407

(7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.) “Sound Waves” concert hosted by Anton Tanonov — W-15

MONDAY

(4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.) Ending the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill: How Science Made a Difference

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Oracle to purchase cloud-based software firm

$1.43 billion deal for RightNow Technologies will expand Oracle’s cloud footprint

By Evelyn M. Rusli

Oracle announced plans Monday to acquire RightNow Technologies, a provider of Web-based customer service software, for $1.43 billion, in a move that will expand the technology giant’s footprint in the cloud.

The acquisition, Oracle’s largest since its $7.4 billion takeover of Sun Microsystems in 2010, is part of a larger push by the company to build out its so-called cloud-based software services, which are available remotely via the Web.

Historically, the enterprise market has been dominated by installed software, which typically involves large up-front fees and recurring service expenses. But in recent years, more companies, large and small, have started to migrate to the Web to manage their businesses and customer relationships at a potentially lower cost. Adam Holt, an analyst with Morgan Stanley, predicted that corporations will increase their use of cloud-based services by at least 50 percent or more every year, for the next three years.

The shift has prompted many of the established technology players, including Oracle and Microsoft, to build or buy their own cloud offerings.

“This is the first time Oracle has made an acquisition of a bona fide software-as-a-service cloud company,” said Steven Ashley, an analyst at Robert W. Baird. “It raises the prospect that others, like SAP, will be more active.”

As competition intensifies, analysts say the sector could see more deal-making. Already, prices are rising. On Monday, Workday, another cloud-based software service, raised $85 million, a deal that valued the company at nearly $2 billion, according to a person close to the company.

The acquisition of RightNow may also signal that Oracle’s appetite for acquisitions is strengthening once again.

Earlier this year, Oracle’s chief, Larry Ellison, said he was restraining his checkbook and focusing on organic growth because assets were “wildly overpriced.” While the company has made several acquisitions this year, it has focused on smaller, privately held companies, mostly in the under $1 billion range.

Then last week, the company purchased E tenda Technologies, a business intelligence software company that also offers products to help online retailers improve customer service. Although the size of that deal was not officially disclosed, Oracle paid up to $1.1 billion, according to The Boston Globe, which cited documents and people with knowledge of the deal. Under the terms of the latest deal, Oracle will pay $43 per share for RightNow, nearly 20 percent above Friday’s closing price.

“Oracle is moving aggressively to offer customers a full range of cloud solutions including sales force automation, human resources, talent management, social networking, databases and Java as part of the Oracle Public Cloud,” Thomas Kurian, Oracle’s executive vice president of development, said in a statement on Monday.

The cloud is becoming increasingly important in Oracle’s lineup. Earlier this month, Ellison unveiled what the company called the Oracle Public Cloud, a broad platform for enterprise services, marking the company’s first, formal entry into the market.

“We left it to have to move to a new generation, the next generation of technology,” Ellison said at the product launch.

In addition to focusing on customer service via the Web, RightNow’s technologies also provide social media management, application development and search. If adapted to work with its existing software products, Oracle would be able to provide more robust solutions for companies, including offerings for databases, personnel and sales. It also puts Oracle in more direct competition with Salesforce.com, one of the leaders in cloud-based sales management software.

“If you look at what Oracle has done organically as well as through acquisition, it’s building out a complete suite for customer experience management,” said Holt of Morgan Stanley. “It’s a dynamic and rapidly growing space, there’s no clear leader, and Oracle is uniquely positioned to take advantage of this market.”

Quantic Hardy contributed reporting.

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MIT Fighting World Hunger holds Hunger Week

Raised proceeds from event to go to Pine Street Inn, Doctors without Borders

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MITWH raised over $900 through their T-shirt and raffle ticket sales and various donations. These funds will be divided between Pine Street Inn, a local homeless shelter, and Doctors without Borders.

Overall, the hunger-awareness week was seen as a success by MFWH Vice President Laura R. Stilwell '14 because students were responsive to the cause. “I was surprised how fast it caught on. For example, within the first few days, all of our 100 T-shirts had been sold,” said Stilwell.

Due to the high prevalence of malnourishment in both global and local communities, MFWH wanted to raise overall campus awareness, according to Stilwell. The primary goal of the hunger strike, specifically, was that MFWH wanted people to realize how hard living with hunger is. “In America, we are given this illusion of plenty, and that is definitely not the case,” Stilwell said.

According to MFWH posters around campus, about one in seven people suffer from chronic hunger. This equates to roughly 925 million people worldwide who live with empty stomachs or malnutrition, 98 percent of whom live in developing nations, according to The Hunger Project, a global non-profit organization that seeks to end world hunger. According to a 2010 report on hunger by Project Bread, a Massachusetts organization that seeks to eliminate hunger, nearly 660,000 Massachusetts residents are at risk or are affected by hunger.

For Hunger Week, MFWH scheduled talks by guest lecturers and collaborated with hunger outreach organizations, such as Challah for Hunger on campus and Doctors Without Borders. Part of the funds raised by Challah for Hunger through their challah sales were given to MFWL, and Doctors without Borders will receive funds from MFWH to support a malnutrition-focused project in Southern Africa.

Stilwell said that MFWH hopes to continue Hunger Week as an annual tradition and expand its campus activities. In an effort to raise awareness of malnutrition, MFWH is planning on hosting a hunger banquet — where attendees are designated into a “social class” and served meals associated with their class level — in the spring in collaboration with the Harvard Hunger Initiative. Until then, MFWH will be rooting itself in efforts to fight local and global hunger. MFWH can be contacted via email at mfwh_exec@mit.edu.

Members of the MIT Fighting World Hunger club raise awareness of global hunger and malnourishment issues in Lobby 10 last week. The club-sponsored Hunger Week ended with a strenuous twelve hour fast in which around 50 people participated.
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Banerjee: Tech may be solution to nutrition deficiency

Cites Indonesian iron-fortified fish sauce as example of such technology

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From a trip to a village in Morocco, when he asked a villager what the latter would buy if he was given money, the villager said, "Buy food." And if he was given a little more money? Again, the villager said, "Buy food." Yet when Banerjee walked into his house, there was a flat screen television, a parabolic antenna, and a DVD player.

"He was not posturing, but he said that television is more important than food. For him, his life was very boring — he lived in a village, he did not have much work, there were only a few people, so not much scope for entertainment," explained Banerjee.

If people do not see themselves as starving, then they will not eat extra food, Banerjee said. Instead, they will sell it. "They are people after all; they naturally have their own judgments. And this is what economists usually miss," he said.

"People are underweight; food is one way to not be underweight. But what has been observed is that as people are becoming rich, they are spending less on obtaining essential calories. Money is going to fund entertainment of all sorts," he elaborated. He added that he thought it unrealistic to believe that people would be psychologically rational with regards to something as fundamental as food.

According to Banerjee, the primary barrier to solving nutrition deficiency problems is people’s mindsets. For example, said Banerjee, iron pills are inexpensive or free in many countries — but it is difficult to convince people that these pills are good for their health, and ensure that they take the supplements.

"What’s the cost of taking an iron pill everyday? Nothing. What costed a lot was making sure they took it everyday," said Banerjee.

In Indonesia, as a substitute to iron pills, fish sauce is fortified with iron. Though this is more expensive than simply taking a pill, it ensures that people get their necessary dose of iron.

Banerjee cited this fish sauce approach as a simple solution to a far-reaching problem.

"Getting people to understand the importance of nutrition is a long-term fight, it is not a trivial fight. I am usually not the one who advocates technology as the solution. But here I think that technology will be very close to solving all these nutrition deficiency problems," he concluded.

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Amgen to pay $780 million to settle suits on its sales
World’s largest biotechnology company accused of illegal sales and marketing tactics

By Andrew Pollack
The New York Times

Amgen said Monday that it had set aside $780 million to settle various federal and state investigations and whistle-blower lawsuits accusing it of illegal sales and marketing tactics.

Amgen said it had reached an agreement in principle to settle criminal and civil investigations that had been under way for several years by the U.S. attorney offices in Brooklyn and Seattle.

The company said a settlement, which it expected to be concluded in three to four months, would also resolve state Medicaid investigations and 10 whistle-blower lawsuits. It is not clear if the company will plead guilty to any criminal charges.

Most of the whistle-blower lawsuits remain under seal, but Amgen has said in regulatory filings that the lawsuits “allege that Amgen engaged in a wide variety of illegal marketing practices.”

The federal investigations, according to Amgen, seem to involve marketing, pricing and dosing of its anemia drugs, Aranesp and Epogen, and its dissemination of information about clinical trials on the safety and efficacy of those drugs.

Numerous current and former executives have received civil and grand jury subpoenas, the company has said.

One whistle-blower lawsuit that was unsealed accuses the company of overfilling vials of Aranesp, essentially providing doctors with free amounts of the drug to give patients and then charge to Medicare, Medicaid or private insurers.

The lawsuits accused Amgen of overfilling vials of Aranesp, in part to make the doctor money by overfilling and billing for it.

The lawsuit was filed by Kassie Westmoreland, a former Amgen sales representative and Aranesp product manager. The federal government declined to join the lawsuit, but several states did join, including New York and California.

Westmoreland would be entitled to part of any settlement under whistle-blower statutes. In the past, Amgen has said the accusations were without merit.

During depositions in the case, five former Amgen executives invoked the Fifth Amendment against self-incrimination, according to court documents.

That case was scheduled to go to trial in the U.S. District Court in Boston on Oct. 17, but the trial was then called off, apparently because a settlement was near.

“Two are very encouraged by the agreement in principle and will comment further at the appropriate time,” lawyers for Westmoreland said.

Amgen, the world’s largest biotechnology company, revealed the agreement in its earnings announcement for the third quarter. It said the charge for the settlement reduced its third-quarter earnings per share by 77 cents after taxes.

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**Soccer wins 2-0 vs. Coast Guard**

Women’s Soccer raises record to 10-3-2 for the year

By Mindy Brauer

Alison M. Park ’12 notched a goal and an assist in MIT’s 2-0 victory over the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in a NEWMAC women’s soccer game on Saturday afternoon. The win lifted the Engineers’ ledger to 10-3-2 for the year, marking their third straight 10-win campaign and fifth during the last six years. In addition, MIT raised its conference record to 5-1-2, which resulted in fourth-year head coach Martin Desmarais becoming the program’s all-time leader in league victories.

MIT wasted little time applying pressure on the Bears’ defense as it totaled 5 shots, 3 on goal, and 2 corner kicks during the first 15 minutes. The Bears nearly capitalized on a miscue by the Engineers’ defense in the 14th minute. Goalie Meghan S. Wright ’13 quickly swooped in to thwart the scoring threat.

Early in the second stanza, Stephanie D. Cooke ’13 sent a 25-yard strike to the inside the top of the box but couldn’t hold on to it. Players from both sides attempted to gain possession; however, it deflected off a defender towards the sideline. Park then sent a low 15-yard blast to the near post to put MIT on the board. Coast Guard almost had the equalizer late in the frame during a scramble just inside the top of the box. Wright came off her line to scoop up the ball but couldn’t hold on to it. Players from both sides attempted to gain possession, however, Wright pounced on the bouncing ball to end the threat.

MIT dominated nearly the entire game, scoring the first 15 minutes. Goalie Meghan S. Wright ’13 kept a clean sheet. The Engineers won 2-0, bringing their overall record to 10-3-2.

**UPCOMING HOME EVENTS**

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MIT Swimming and Diving starts season

The MIT Swimming and Diving teams opened their season this past weekend by hosting the Charles Butterman Relays.

Whitman College and Bentley College also competed but the Engineers swept the competition, winning every event.

MIT’s Stasey Vishnevetsky ’13 set an Institute record in the 100 individual medley, and was a part of five other relays on the women’s team. For the men, Brendan T. Dwyer ‘13 also set a school record in the same event. Each team set six event records.

The Engineers next swim in their Alumni Meet, hosted next Saturday in the E- Center pool.

—David Zhu, Sports Editor

Engineers come up short at NEWMAC finals

Welllesley defeated MIT in the championship match of the NEWMAC Women’s Tennis Tournament in Babson Park, Massachusetts. All doubles matches were closely contested with Wellesley winning the No. 1 and No. 3 doubles matches (9-7 and 8-4, respectively) and the Engineers’ Stasey Vishnevetsky ‘12 and Manuel Maria ’14 claiming the No. 2 doubles match (8-6). With a 2-1 lead going into the six singles matches, Wellesley only needed three more wins to win the championship by taking the best-of-nine match. Although the Engineers had strong scores and were in good positions to win three of the six singles matches, the fourth three to finish all went to Wellesley, as they secured their victory. This season-closing victory improved Wellesley’s overall record to 10-1 and dropped MIT’s overall record to 7-3.

—Nidharshan Anandasivam, Sports staff

Football loses with a final score of 36-13

Salve Regina boat The Engineers 36-13 in a Conference game last Saturday. MIT opened the game well, scoring the first touchdown, with a 15-play, 80-yard drive. However, the Engineers did not continue to hold the lead, being held to only 187 yards total in the game and allowing a 29-point straight run from Salve Regina. Quarterback John C. Wenzel ’14 was part of both touchdowns scored by MIT, passing the first to Bradford L. Goldsberry ’15 for 16 yards and running the second 4 yards. Wenzel was the leading passer, passing 76 yards and Goldsberry was the leading receiver, receiving a total of 41 yards.

Justin R. Wallace ’13 rushed for 80 yards strong. The Engineers’ youth continue to show promise as this season tests their abilities.

—Shri Ganesham

Men’s Soccer beats Clark University

The MIT Men’s Soccer team held-on to defeat Clark University 1-0 this past Saturday. Zachary E. Kabelac ’15 scored the game’s only goal in the 35th minute. It was his third game-winning goal and seventh total this season. Credit for the assist went to both Benjamin A. Lewis ’13 and Nicholas A. Diamantoni ’15.

MIT dominated nearly the entire game, with the Clark offense only managing seven shots and two shots on goal the entire game. MIT, on the other hand, had plenty of opportunities with 22 shots and 13 shots on goal. The team improved to 7-6-2 (3-3) on the season, and has one more conference game against Wheaton College before the NEWMAC tournament.

—Carlos Cuoces, Sports staff