Block meal plan for IAP
Maseeh will stay open
Bruno B. F. Faviero

This Independent Activities Period (IAP), MIT will be offering an optional “block meal plan” to students to fill the gap between the regular meal plan offered each semester. Options include 20-, 30-, 40-, and 50-meal plans that cost $242, $342, $428, and $486, respectively, and the meals can be used in any combination of branch- 

yches and diners. Breakfast will be served from 7:00 a.m. to 1:30 a.m., and dinner from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be 52 meals served from Jan. 9 through Feb. 3, seven days a week, in Mascheh’s Howard Dining 


Hall, which will be the only dining hall open dur- 


ing IAP. Carry-out and sick meals (both of which have to be ordered in advance) will still be offered, though there will be no Kosher meals or to-go boxes, accord- 


ing to Campus Dining. Students can still swipe in only once per meal period.

Howard was chosen to be the only dining hall open “to narrow operations to keep costs down,” said Assis- 


tant Director for Campus Dining Michael Myers. “The times and options were chosen based on stu- 


dents’ IAP schedules, a survey by the Undergraduate Association, and the thought that a single branch pe- 


riod offers both lunch and breakfast options, allowing students to get a change to get a good solid breakfast,” said Myers. He also said that providing “good service at the lowest possible price” is a priority for Campus Dining.

Some students find the plan convenient, and oth- 


er see it as unnecessary and expensive.

Jeremy B. Platon 15 and Samuel G. Cannon 15, two Maseeh residents, said they were getting the plan because of the convenience of the dining hall. “I used food,” said Cannon, “and the meal plan is very conve- 


nient for me.”

Vladimir P. Points 15, a Baker resident, said, “The amount of dollars per meal is extremely high. Right now on the meal plan … it costs me about $12 per meal — I could get really good food with $12 per meal.”

“Even if I get cereal for breakfast and treat myself to a nice fancy ice cream afterward, I might still be saving money,” added Angela Q. Zhang 15.

Alan A. Dian-Romero’15, an East Campus fresh- 


man, had a simple reason for not choosing the meal plan. “It’s cheaper to buy your own groceries, “ he said.

Khan represents MIT mission
How are commencement speakers selected?

By Ethan A. Solomon

Salman A. Khan ’98 — founder of the Khan Acad- 


emy and MIT’s 146th com- 


mencement keynote speaker — has found a new popu- 


larity at his alma mater. The Tech’s Tuesday article on Khan’s selection as com- 


mencement keynote speaker had been shared on Facebook 452 times as of yesterday even- 


ning. But where did the idea to select Khan, the youngest commencement speaker in at least 30 years, come from?

There are two major stag- 


es in the speaker selection process. First, a group of students and faculty from the Com- 


mencement Committee form a subcommittee that creates a list of 10–20 poten- 


tial commencement speakers, unranked. Next, the list is given to President Susan Hockfield, who makes the final call. Hockfield may pick someone who does not ap- 


pear on the subcommittee’s shortlist. The subcommittee is charged with finding speaker candidates who “resonate with MIT’s mission and mes- 


sage,” said Nathaniel S. Fox ’12, senior class president and Commencement Com- 


mittee member. Candidates cannot be “just entertainers,” said Fox, unless they make other notable or significant contributions to society. Entertain- 


ers are often suggest- 


ed by students, he added, who want “big brand names.”

President Hockfield is “ultimately the driving fac- 


tor” in speaker selection, Fox said.

IN SHORT
End of term evaluations are available online at http://web.mit.edu/subject- 

atevaluation. They close on December 16 at noon. Don’t forget to give feedback!

James Sherey’s appeal in his last- 


suit to stop stem cell research has had a date set for oral argument. It will be March 23 in Washington, DC.

Michael W. Howard ’86 has been named as MIT’s new vice president for 


finance. He has 20 years of experience in finance. He began as VP on Decem- 


ber 5.

Adel F. Sarekin SM ’75, Tec ’82, pro- 


fessor emeritus in chemical engineer- 


ing, passed away on December 4. He was 74.

Harold Somers Mckiey self ’06, died on December 3. He was 90. Mckiey was a professor and a former chair of the MIT faculty. Due to Mckiey’s wish- 


esthers, there will be no memorial service or 


calling hours.

Will Nightline be replaced?
New service in works

By Derek Chang

Up until the spring of 2010, distressed stu- 


dents had a place to call for peer support from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. every night of the term. The anon- 


ymous callers spoke to Nightline, a student-run and student-staffed peer-to-peer counseling, 


information, and support service that was originally advised by Student Support Services (SSS). Nightline closed last year when the group stopped service to examine their impact on campus. After a year of evaluation, it has been determined that Nightline will not reopen and will instead be replaced by another peer sup- 


port service.

According to a press release from Nightline last September, Nightline closed due to the large amount of non-MIT callers and lack of staff. The group shut down the service to exam- 


ine if their advising office should switch from 95, if Nightline was still an effective service, and if a new type of support group should be established.

Living Pink guide sheds light on LGBT views
By Stephanie Holden

At some point before arriv- 


ing on campus, every incom- 


ging freshman wonders what his or her dormitory life is go- 


ing to be like. Will I get along with my roommates? Will I like the people on my floor? What is the atmosphere of my dorm? Will I feel welcome?

The Living Pink guide is a resource designed to help students and their families to answer these questions. The guide, found at franciscan- 


mit.edu, is based on a survey distributed to MIT students in spring 2011. The questions asked of the living groups fo- 


cused on issues pertaining to welcoming lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgender, and queer individuals.

Cori D. Hernandez ’14 and Jenna G. Caldwell ’12 were re- 


ponsible for revising the sur- 


vey, which was last conducted in 2005.

Their main goals were to increase response rates and to gather a variety of perspec- 


tives and personal stories by increasing anonymity for participants.

The culture in MIT living groups is more constant than in other places, but people are always changing. There are completely different groups of people, and the information [from the last survey] didn’t match up with our knowledge of the groups,” said Caldwell.

The Living Pink survey was
Putin accusses Clinton of instigating protests

MOSCOW — Prime Minister Vladimir Putin on Thursday accused Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton of inciting unrest in Russia, as he grappled with the prospect of large-scale protests following his electoral defeat.

In a personal accusation, Putin said Clinton had sent a "signal" to "some actors in our country" after Sunday's parliamentary elections, which have been condemned as fraudulent by Western observers. Anger over the elections prompted a demonstration in which thousands chanted "Putin out!" Putin said the demonstration, which has deeply unnerved the Kremlin. Speaking to political allies as he announced the formation of his presidential campaign, he said that millions of Russians who have "tempted me" to keep his name out of "foreign money" was being used to influence Russian politics, and that Clinton herself had spurred protesters to action.

Putin's assertion that Clinton had prejudged Sunday's vote seemed unfounded. Her first remarks were made Monday, after a scattering protest which was released by monitors from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. — David M. Halberstam and Ellen Barry, The New York Times

Iran shows US drone on TV and lodges a protest

Seizing on its capture of a downed CIA stealth drone as an intelligence and propaganda windfall, Iran displayed the first images of what is described as the captive aircraft on state television Thursday and lodged an official diplomatic protest over the incursion.

The 2.5-minute video clip of the remote-controlled surveillance aircraft was the first visual proof to emerge that Iran had possessed a downed drone since January, when it launched a military parade to mark the downing of a U.S. aircraft. U.S. officials have since confirmed that controllers of the aircraft, based in neighboring Afghani stan, had lost control of it.

The drone shown on Iran television appeared to be in good condition, although a visual inspection of the images appeared to reveal a taped fracture on part of the wing. Broadcast of the footage coincided with Iran's announce ment Tuesday of what it termed a new weapon: Iran's downing of the Iranian airspace by the spy drone. Because Iran and the United States have no direct diplomatic relations, Iran made its complaint by summoning the ambassador from Switzerland, which manages U.S. interests in Iran.


Muslim brotherhood quits Egyptian constitutional panel

CAIRO — The Muslim Brotherhood, the Islamist group whose supporters are widely expected to take over from the newly elected Parliament, said Monday that its leader would not participate in a constitutional assembly that he called the violation of democratic principles. The group's political party is leading in parliamentary elections, which have been condemned as fraudulent by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

"It is a signal to ‘some actors in our country’ that the newly elected Parliament would not represent the country," Essam el-Erian, the group's leader, said in a broadcast speech. "It is an indication that it will not be a democratic body at all and will not represent the wishes of any quarter of society." El-Erian said the group's political party would hold a meeting Tuesday to discuss its position on the constitutional assembly.

"I and my entire leadership and all members of the group will not participate in the constitutional assembly," he said. "It’s not the will of the people."


2 dead in shooting on Virginia Tech campus

By Sabrina Tavernise and J. David Goodman

WASHINGTON — Two people, including a police officer, died after a shooting Thursday afternoon on the campus of Virginia Tech, where the scene of a 2007 massacre in which 33 people were killed, remained也不例外 trouble.

Two people, including a police officer, were dead after a shooting Thursday afternoon on the campus of Virginia Tech, the scene of a 2007 massacre in which 33 people were killed, officials said.

The shooting took place around noon, a university spokesman said, after a campus police officer made what was described as a routine traffic stop in a parking lot near McCalmans Hall, a gym and sports building. During the stop, the officer was shot and killed, said the spokesman, Mark Ovcazkis, director of news and information.

The gunman was not the person involved in the traffic stop, officials said in a news conference.

After several hours, the university announced about 4:30 p.m. that there was "no longer an active shooter on campus."

In an earlier, the day, witnesses reported seeing the gunman running toward a different parking lot, called the Cage, near Duck Pond Drive. At that parking lot, a man was found, also dead. It was un clear whether he had been shot. Officials would not comment on whether the second person found dead was the man who shot the police officer. Police did not identify the officer but said he was a four year veteran of the Virginia Tech Police Department.

"The second is an unknown male subject who was found deceased in a parking lot near the Duck Pond," the university said in a statement. A "weapon has been recovered at the location of the second individual. Reports of any additional shots being fired or any additional victims are unfounded."

An image posted online by a reporter from The Roanoke Times, Lenore Graham, showed a corr oded-off area and white sheet covering a body in the middle of a narrow road.

Ed Falco, the director of creative writing at Virginia Tech, was one of 12 professors locked in his office at Shanks Hall on Thursday afternoon.

Falco, who was off campus during the 2007 shooting, said he had been at home Thursday when he received an alert on the campus mes sage system. He said that because previous alerts had been prompted by backtracking trucks and other false alarms that he decided to come to school for an appointment.

"I figured this would be the same thing and came to campus any way," he said. "I'm fine, but along with everyone else, this brings back a lot of bad memories and bad associations. That this is actually happening is unbelievable."

Falco said there is a state trooper par ked outside the building and the police have made sure every one inside is fine.

A bulletin described the sus pect, traveling on foot in the direc tion of a recreational sports build ing: "white male, gray sweatpants, gray hat w/neon green brim, ma roon hoodie and backpack."

Earlier in the day, a student publication, The Collegiate Times, reported that witnesses saw an armed man matching the suspect's description. The Virginia State Police have been asked to take the lead in the case, Ovcazkis said.

Central bank lowers rates but dashes hopes

By Steven Erlanger and Jack Ewing

BRUSSELS — A move by Europe's central bank to bolster the region's faltering currency union was overshadowed by worries that political leaders will not act boldly enough to contain the region's debt crisis at a two-day summit meeting that began Thursday.

The optimism of recent weeks swung decidedly back to pessimism, with stocks falling and the cost of borrowing for several major European countries rising sharply.

In Frankfurt, the European Central Bank lowered interest rates for the second time in a little more than a month, signaling that it wants to help slowing economies. But bank dikes dashed hopes that this might rump up its bond-buying program to ease the sovereign debt crisis, as many have urged it to do to relieve immense market pressure on countries like Italy.

Late Thursday, European leaders here were circulating the draft of a new "fiscal compact" for the currency union, including tighter controls on public finances. The agreement sought arguments about whether a permanent bailout fund, set to begin operation as early as July, should function as a licensed banker.

Leaders were also discussing whether a permanent bailout fund, set to begin operation as early as July, should function as a licensed banker.

Earliest in the day in Wash ington, President Barack Obama voiced frustration that Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany and other European leaders were focus ing on the wrong problem by negoti ating long-term changes to the euro treaty, rather than reas suring the markets and staving off a recession by taking bold short term action.

"If we see Europe tank, that obviously could have a big impact on our ability to generate the jobs that we need here in the United States," Obama told reporters in Washington.

"Europe is wealthy enough that there's no reason why they can't do it," he said. "If they must the political will, they have the capacity to settle markets down, make sure that they are act ing responsibly, and that govern men ts lend each other the finance their debt."

Adding to the anxiety, Euro pean regulators said Thursday that many of the region's biggest banks, including the German ats Deutsche Bank and Com merzbank, needed to raise more money as reserves against poten ti al losses.

Friday, December 9, 2011
Clinton warns against restricting internet access

By Steven Lee Myers and Heather Timmons

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, seeking to allay concerns by leaders unnged countries and private businesses about efforts to fight increasing efforts to restrict access to the Internet by repressive governments, said that the Web is a democratic force.

Opening a two-day conference on digital freedom here sponsored by Google and the Dutch government, Ms. Clinton, who has been pushing proposals to increase Internet access in developing counties, said that the Internet has opened up new possibilities for people, especially for women from developing countries.

"When ideas are blocked, information censored, conversations sti-le and people constrained in their choices, the Internet is diminished for all of us," Clinton said. She added: "If you have a computer, I see you. You have a phone, I see you. If you have a laptop, I see you. You have a tablet, I see you. You have a smartphone, I see you. I see you. I see you. I see you."
Letters to the Editor

SCEP does not make policy

By Kristian Fenessy

At long last, MIT finally has a new dining plan. As all of you should know, unless you’ve lived under a rock all semester, MIT has revamped the old dining allowance/old meal plan protocol, so we now get to have a carafe instead of a carafe for wine prices negor

chosen from a limited selection. We now just get to eat all carafes! It’s a shining beacon in the midst of the darkness that is

vicious time crunches and cavernous problem sets just kidding.

The new dining plan, in layman’s terms, sucks. Want to hear why? Sit back and take a seat, because I’ve got a mouthful for you. Pun intended.

Let’s break down the prices. We used to have the option of paying a flat rate of $300 at the start of the semester for the privilege of eating 50 percent less in dining. This was a bit annoying to some students, and it also caused a $600,000 loss to the university per year — seems like a pretty motivating factor for change. These new meal plans today pay a large sum of money in the beginning of the semester and, in return, we receive a set number of meals per week. Maseeh freshmen must cough up $4500 on tuition and housing to get 19 meals a week. It’s a pretty tight nut.

But hey, that’s just the Maseeh freshmen, right? Juniors and seniors in other dining halls must only pay $2500!

But $2500 for 200 meals, under the junior/senior 7 ANY plan, results in a cost of $12.50 per meal. That’s about three times what those of us during the old plan ate on the dining plan can purchase break- fasts for $7.50 and lunches for $11.00. This is hardly a panacea for the student who wants to eat at the Company Store.

And for somebody not on the din-

ing plan, eating an even distribution of breakfasts, lunches, and dinners would have one paying $10.67 per meal, since dinners individually cost $13.50. All this information can be found on MIT Din-

ing’s Meal Plan website — some calcula-

tion required. In the administration’s defense, however, it’s quite a challenge to provide a service, keep the vendor happy, keep the clientele happy, and stay in the black.

Another major complaint I hear from students in dining halls is that the end of the semester, you are still not able to use all your meals. The remain-

der of their meals for the week goes en-

trusted to waste. They don’t roll over to the

next week, and you don’t get money back

for the meals not used. It is no longer any solace for those who lived in Baker, McCormick, Next, and Simmons but want to cook. Even fraternities, so-

rieties, and independent living groups are being forced to participate; the terms of Pi Beta Phi’s new house on Dorm Row forced in sulphuric acid. I do have to

express my opinion, the new dining plan is nothing more than a financial and culinary death trap. But feel free to disagree with me; this is just my two cents. It’s your $4500.
Fun Fun Fun Fun

Friday, December 9, 2011

The Tech 5

Arthursaurus REX
by Ramya Swamy

Sudoku
Solution, page 11

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

Techdoku
Solution, page 11

10x
3x
6x
24x

3x
32x
60x
15x

10
6
5
8+ 30x
12x
6+

MIT ONLINE SUBJECT EVALUATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Evaluate subjects and teachers through Friday, December 16 at noon:
web.mit.edu/subjectevaluation

View past evaluation results:
web.mit.edu/subjectevaluation/results.html

ALL FEEDBACK IS READ AND VALUED... especially your written comments!

Crossword Puzzle
Solution, page 12

ACROSS
1  Subtle info
5  Gamers
10  Cyberspace place
14  Grunted denial
15  White heron
16  Small
17  God of discord
18  Xenophobic fear
20  Short synopsis
22  Comment in the margin
23  Hotsey-
25  Acacia tree
26  Sure thing
29  Acrophobic fear
33  For two, in music
34  Tennessee's streetcar
36  Drivers’ org.
37  Heron's cousin
39  Primary color
40  Invitation replies
42  Rib
43  Put the whammy on
46  "QB VII" author

9  Lead balloon
10  "Illness as Metaphor” writer
11  Creative spark
12  Civil wrong
13  Gaelic tongue
19  More viscous
21  Male swan
24  Aft areas
26  Defensive stats
27  “With blood the trees were all ___” (Bierce)
28  King of Egypt, 1922-36
29  Cab Calloway catch phrase
30  Le ___ France
31  Tropical ungulate
32  Smart-alecky
35  Form query
36  Drivers’ org.
37  Heron’s cousin
39  Primary color
40  Invitation replies
42  Rib
43  Put the whammy on
46  “QB VII” author

DOWN
1  Wahine’s dance
2  Flapjack chain
3  Microwave?
4  Triskaideka-phobic fear
5  Shot down
6  Self-image
7  Display
8  Part of a hammerhead
47  Arachnophobic fear
48  Chicken coop
49  Clue dir.
52  Fossil resin
53  Isolation
57  Addictive drug
61  Agoraphobic fear
63  Joyless
66  Fisherman’s chum
69  See ya!

10x
3x
60x
15x

1  Wahine’s dance
2  Flapjack chain
3  Microwave?
4  Triskaideka-phobic fear
5  Shot down
6  Self-image
7  Display
8  Part of a hammerhead
47  Arachnophobic fear
48  Chicken coop
49  Clue dir.
52  Fossil resin
53  Isolation
57  Addictive drug
61  Agoraphobic fear
63  Joyless
66  Fisherman’s chum
69  See ya!

ACROSS
1  Subtle info
5  Gamers
10  Cyberspace place
14  Grunted denial
15  White heron
16  Small
17  God of discord
18  Xenophobic fear
20  Short synopsis
22  Comment in the margin
23  Hotsey-
25  Acacia tree
26  Sure thing
29  Acrophobic fear
33  For two, in music
34  Tennessee’s streetcar
36  Drivers’ org.
37  Heron’s cousin
39  Primary color
40  Invitation replies
42  Rib
43  Put the whammy on
46  "QB VII" author

9  Lead balloon
10  "Illness as Metaphor” writer
11  Creative spark
12  Civil wrong
13  Gaelic tongue
19  More viscous
21  Male swan
24  Aft areas
26  Defensive stats
27  “With blood the trees were all ___” (Bierce)
28  King of Egypt, 1922-36
29  Cab Calloway catch phrase
30  Le ___ France
31  Tropical ungulate
32  Smart-alecky
35  Form query
36  Drivers’ org.
37  Heron’s cousin
39  Primary color
40  Invitation replies
42  Rib
43  Put the whammy on
46  “QB VII” author

DOWN
1  Wahine’s dance
2  Flapjack chain
3  Microwave?
4  Triskaideka-phobic fear
5  Shot down
6  Self-image
7  Display
8  Part of a hammerhead
47  Arachnophobic fear
48  Chicken coop
49  Clue dir.
52  Fossil resin
53  Isolation
57  Addictive drug
61  Agoraphobic fear
63  Joyless
66  Fisherman’s chum
69  See ya!

10x
3x
60x
15x

1  Wahine’s dance
2  Flapjack chain
3  Microwave?
4  Triskaideka-phobic fear
5  Shot down
6  Self-image
7  Display
8  Part of a hammerhead
47  Arachnophobic fear
48  Chicken coop
49  Clue dir.
52  Fossil resin
53  Isolation
57  Addictive drug
61  Agoraphobic fear
63  Joyless
66  Fisherman’s chum
69  See ya!

MIT ONLINE SUBJECT EVALUATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Evaluate subjects and teachers through Friday, December 16 at noon:
web.mit.edu/subjectevaluation

View past evaluation results:
web.mit.edu/subjectevaluation/results.html

ALL FEEDBACK IS READ AND VALUED... especially your written comments!
Help Desk by Michael Benitez

SERIOUSLY, I'M DONE. I DON'T WANT TO DO ANYTHING. I'VE PUT THE WALL THIS TERM. OR THE FLOOR.

FOR ME IT'S BEEN MORE OF A CARNIVAL THING. I FIND MYSELF PUTTING OFF WORK MUCH MORE OFTEN THE LONGER I'M HERE. YOU JUST SORT OF FALL INTO THE RUT.

Willingness to do work

WOOHOO! (\_/)
(•_•)

I WONDER HOW MUCH WORK YOU PROCRUSTINATED TO MAKE THAT CHART?

NOT A LOT...

TONIGHT LET'S MAKE MY EROTIC FICTION AN EROTIC... REALITY

by Ryan North

Tim Yang

Antonio Tony and Amelia, my erotic fiction characters, go to sleep after having some erotic fiction. While they sleep, Antonio dreams he's chatting Amelia up! Sheesh! Give her a rest, Antonio!

But then they wake up and discover they both dreamed the same chats up!

This was how it began. Soon the whole world discovers that dreams have become consistent across everyone - as near as we can tell, even our dogs are entering the same shared dreamspace. Communication becomes free, as long as both of you are sleeping, and the world changes, literally overnight.

And since communication is free, spammers are soon running around yelling about their bone pills!

Sleep becomes a hellish 8 hours, per night, of inescapable advertisement. But since it's dreams, we can kill all the spammers we want without consequence!

Then they wake up saying 'Man I suck bad' or whatever it is spammers say when they look in the mirror at 3 in the morning.

Then the spammers weaponize too, and suddenly it's an worldwide all-out war for our dreams, where the only limit is our imagination.

Yes! Yes! Let's make this happen!

Please Santa make my erotic fiction real.
2012
6.370
BATTLECODE
MIT PROGRAMMING COMPETITION

//THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN PRIZES
//NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED
//IMPRESS COMPANY REPS
//WIN ETERNAL GLORY

JANUARY 2012
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN
BATTLECODE/MIT.EDU
**MOVIE REVIEW**

**Tricked by the trailer?**

Immortals provides nice action, but despite the hype, fails to please.

By Philipp M. Diesinger

The plot of Immortals is a simple one. Hyperion, the king of Crete (Mickey Rourke), has declared war upon the gods because they did not help to save his family. He is on a raid across the countryside, the only weapons that will allow him to unleash the Titans from their eternal prison upon the gods to take revenge for his family. Hyperion attacks several holy places, among them the hometown of Theseus (Henry Cavill), to find an oracle priestess (Freida Pinto) who has the power to guide him to the bow. When attacking Theseus' village, Hyperion kills Theseus' mother. Theseus is not helpless, however. He has been taught and raised by an old man, who has the power to guide him to the bow. In the action that follows, Theseus tries to protect the oracle and the bow from Hyperion, but he fails, thus allowing the Titans to become unleashed and to initiate the “War of the Gods.”

Just as Zack Snyder’s Sucker Punch did, Singh’s movie provides an excellent trailer with plenty of great action sequences and suggests a good story. But very much like Sucker Punch, the actual movie falls far below its raised expectations and vastly disappoints. The linear storyline makes the movie that much more boring. Greek mythology, though rich in excellent stories, contributes little to the film besides acting as a template for the costume and set designers. Besides this, Immortals also provides a completely ridiculous sex scene between the main characters, which does not seem to fit into the storyline at all. This scene in the middle of the movie triggered many instant fits of disapproval and regret from the audience.

Similar also Louis Leterrier’s Greek mythology-based Clash of the Titans, Immortals provides a few nice action sequences, which have been used to craft the uninteresting and sell the movie. But overall, both films’ biggest flaw is that the implication of this apparent pattern is frightening to some extent, and if it continues will damage the action movie genre. What we more of are movies with great action sequences and captivating storylines: the last two James Bond films, Casino Royale and Quantum of Solace, and Zack Snyder’s previous 300 and Hit/Run, for example. Action sequences can be understood as a simple jarring, well-choreographed sequences similar to a ballet or musical, as Marc Forster (Quantum of Solace) once put it, but they are not sufficient to make a good movie.

**MOVIE REVIEW**

**Grace versus nature**

Teresa Malick explores the importance of reflection in the coming-of-age tale The Tree of Life.

By Pattie Szwatowicz

“The Palm d’Or-winning film The Tree of Life is an experimental collage of the internal struggles of a man, Jack O’Brien (Sean Penn). The movie reveals the story of his childhood in the 1950s as the young Jack (Hunter McCracken) grows up to see the world and its inhabitants and the present-day Jack tries to remember one of his brothers who has passed away. Nothing else about the family is revealed beyond Jack’s childhood, which is shaped by the juxtaposition of the concepts of nature and grace represented by his father Mr. O’Brien (Brad Pitt) and mother Mrs. O’Brien (Jessica Chastain).”

“Grace doesn’t try to please itself. Accepts being slighted, forgotten, disliked — Nature only wants to please itself. potatoes. The earth gives it too — to have its own way. It finds reasons to be unhappy when all the world is shining around it.”

The movie opens with the voice of Mrs. O’Brien, a source of kindness and delight for her children, reminding her children to love everyone and see the wonders in everything. One of Jack’s brothers asks him why — we see that from the way he picks up leaves and smells them, paints and plays the guitar, and avoids conflicts. The two characters are portrayed as saintly, innocent, graceful, and — presumably — fragile.

“Your mother is too good. It takes force to get abroad in this world.”

Loving his children no less than his wife, Mr. O’Brien is a strict, authoritarian patriarch. He teaches his sons to fight and disciplines them, punishing them if they speak without permission or close the door too loudly. He is a man in control of his family, his career in engineering, his music, his garden, his own life. But once his career faces instability, we find out that Mr. O’Brien is also vulnerable.

**Distinctive cinematography is used to narrate with different voices — whether childhood perception or modern-day anxiety.**

“Grace versus nature: whether childhood perception or modern-day anxiety, wonders of natural creation or man-made structures. Simple moments like one in which Jack paddingTop his hand in his pockets to mimic his father’s reveal so much intrigue — in this case, a sign of Jack’s admiration for his father despite fear and contempt, and a child’s attempt to define his way. The casting is successful. We see Sean Penn’s face in the young, slender Hunter McCracken.”

“The world has gone to dogs. People greedy. Keep getting worse.”

Jack, taking after his father, is now an architect, a figure that seeks to control. He creates not only objects but also his own destiny. The way of nature continues to prevail in him throughout his adulthood, and so he continues to suffer the way he did as a child. His cynicism and the torn-up sense of being stem from the inability to see the world and live like his mother. As a result, Jack, figuratively, or physically in the figurative world as rendered in the film, tries to find his brother to resolve the balance between the way of nature and the way of grace. Everything seems to fall into place once he finds his mother, brother, and younger self at the end of the film.

The Tree of Life approaches the movie-audience relationship in quite a novel way. It does not feed us a series of tangible information, but it communicates implicitly and minimally to leave room for thinking or reflecting. Namely, if you do not feel like extracting or synthesizing meaning out of everything by yourself, then the movie will be slow and unsettling in its intensity. The same goes with Grace.

Perhaps The Tree of Life does not tell you enough of a story to be called a movie. It does not answer any questions but instead raises them. The characters are constantly in the process of self-revelation, and the film, in itself, is a template for the costume and set designers. Perhaps this is why the film is not the sum of what it shows or tells, but that is Gesztal effect, that greater meaning, which cannot be tracked in what you hear or see without contemplation. The Tree of Life is not to be watched or consumed at the conscious level but to be thoughtfully and passionately felt, related, and understood.
### RANDOM NEURONAL FIRINGS

#### 16 shots of coffee

Fill your cup with these facts

As MIT students, who’s a better friend than coffee? When the aroma of freshly brewed coffee from Bosworth’s Café in Lobby 7 stimulates my olfactory neurons, I often get the urge to know more about coffee’s origin. Here are 16 fun facts about coffee:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Number</th>
<th>Fact</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>As the legend goes, European shepherds first noticed the effects of coffee when their goats became hyperactive (aka started dancing) after eating coffee beans.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Originally, African tribes used to eat coffee berries (Yes, they are actual berries containing two coffee beans) with fats. Think about it — fats with coffee beans — basically an energy bomb.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Coffee is the second most-sold commodity on Earth. Guess which one is the first? (Hint: Ever liked greasy food? Or wondered why the Middle East is so rich?)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>George Washington invented “instant coffee.” Read the next sentence before doubting me. A Belgian man living in Guatemala by the name of George Washington invented it in 1906.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>How caffeine works: You get drowsy when adenosine (a nitrogen base attached to a five-carbon sugar) binds to adenosine receptors in your brain. When caffeine gets in your system, it competes with adenosine to bind to the receptors, frequently binding before the adenosine. The pituitary gland recognizes the extra adenosine in bloodstream and senses an imbalance. In response, it produces adrenaline (the hormone for the fight-or-flight response) and bumps up the amount of dopamine (the “happiness chemical”), giving you a “caffeine-high.”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Both the American Revolution and the French Revolution were born in coffeehouses. The American Revolution grew from roots planted in the Green Dragon Public House in the Lloyd’s District of London. In July 1789, Camille Desmoulins, a French journalist and politician, jumped onto a table at the Palais Royal Café and motivated the mob to rebel against the French aristocracy. Two days later, the Bastille fell, marking the uprising of the French Revolution. It makes sense that king of England in 1675, Charles II, forbade his subjects to congregate at any place where coffee was sold.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>At the end of sixteenth century, Istanbul alone had around 500 cafés. Turkish bridegrooms were once required to make a promise during their wedding ceremonies to always provide their new wives with coffee. If they failed to do so, it was grounds for divorce.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>A shout-out for the espresso lovers out there! A shot of espresso has just as much caffeine as a normal cup of coffee. Also, the word “espresso” comes from the Latin word for press. It is named so because the beverage is brewed by forcing a small amount of boiling water under pressure through finely ground coffee.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>The first American coffee trader was from Boston. By the name of Dorothy Jones, she was granted the license to sell coffee in 1670.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>Beethoven was so particular about his coffee that he always counted 60 beans each cup when he prepared his brew.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>Though Hawaii is the only coffee-producing state in the U.S., Americans are the No. 1 consumer in the global coffee market. But Norway is No. 1 in amount of coffee consumed per person.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>Brazil released coffee-scented postage stamps in 2001. The scent was supposed to last for three to five days. For a country that has tried to use coffee for other things, like plastic production, stamps seem quite normal.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td>Scientists have discovered more than 800 aromatic — in the sense of odors, not chemicals — compounds in coffee.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14</td>
<td>A coffee tree lives for 60 to 70 years and can grow 30 feet tall. But they are pruned to a 10-foot height for the convenience of coffee-berry collectors.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>Athletes beware! Caffeine is on the International Olympic Committee list of prohibited substances. Athletes who test positive for more than 12 micrograms of caffeine per milliliter of urine may be banned from the Olympic Games. This level may be reached after drinking about five cups of coffee.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16</td>
<td>Decaffeinated coffee sales are at their highest in January of each year, partially due to New Year’s resolutions.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
New student peer support group on the horizon

Demand for peer support evident on latest MIT Enrolled Student Survey from February

After Nightline closed, Isabella S. Lubin ’12 and Tzipora R. Wagner ’12 — former Nightline staffers interested in re-establishing peer support at MIT — in addition to other students who have since graduated, continued to meet with the goal of doing a peer support needs assessment, calling themselves Peer2Peer. In February of 2011, Peer2Peer — with the UAAP and MIT Institutional Research — included questions about peer support, as well as a link to a longer peer-support survey, on the MIT Enrolled Student Survey. This survey is run in the spring semester every four years to poll student opinions about their experience at MIT. All undergraduates are eligible to answer.

Survey data indicated that MIT students wanted peer-to-peer support. Peer2Peer also held focus groups, gathering input about the need for peer support at MIT. But it was determined that Nightline was not effective at providing the kind of support necessary, and it was decided to keep the program closed.

Alan E. Siegel, chief of Mental Health Services at MIT, noted that Nightline was getting few calls from MIT students, but many calls from outside people looking for support. “We didn’t feel Nightline captured the essence of peer-to-peer support,” he noted.

Lubin and Wagner, James D. Chansky — an MIT Mental Health social worker — and Maryanne Kirkbride, clinical director for campus life, have been working to develop the new peer-to-peer model.

“We’re in very early stages, and hope to have a program ready by next term,” said Lubin, who also noted that there would be plans for staff training and recruitment at that time.

Siegel noted that they have been looking at existing models in other universities as inspiration for a new MIT model.

“We’re in very early stages, and hope to have a program ready by next term,” said Lubin, who also noted that there would be plans for staff training and recruitment at that time.

Siegel noted that they have been looking at existing models in other universities as inspiration for a new MIT model.

“Results from the survey in February have indicated that students are more likely to reach out to peers before reaching out to professional services,” Wagner noted. “We are working to lower the barrier to contact, so that our services can be widely utilized. The service isn’t just meant to be used in times of crisis, but also for everyday issues, like problems with friends or peer-related stress.”

While MIT Mental Health does not provide a formal peer-to-peer service, “we’ve been making an effort to have our staff make sure that people in the living groups are aware of the services we offer,” Siegel said. “We have worked a lot with GRTs, housemasters, administrative offices, and faculty on different ways of talking about how to be helpful to students when they are under distress.”

However, Siegel added that many students felt that MIT Mental Health should not directly become part of the dorm experience, so Mental Health has been working indirectly.

Siegel also noted that MIT Mental Health would sometimes get calls from students about their friends. These students would ask what they could do to help.

“There is a good informal peer-to-peer support network at MIT due to the collaborative interactions here,” said Siegel. “The GRTs and RAs certainly help contribute to the system, and I feel the culture encourages support.”

“The services at MIT Mental Health are great and underutilized,” Lubin said. “But often we feel that students should reach out to peers as a first step.”

“The services at MIT Mental Health are great and underutilized.”

Students won’t always need to go to a doctor or psychologist first,” Wagner added, “but they may still need to go to someone.

MIT Mental Health has had a 70 percent increase in walk-ins this past November — higher than any other month in the last three years — and the number of walk-ins per day was double the average per month since 2008, said Siegel. He credits the increase in students urging their friends to go to medical, and the efforts of GRTs, housemasters, and the faculty.

Students looking for support are encouraged to reach out to a friend or speak with their GRTs or house team. MIT Mental Health has walk-in hours from 2 to 4 p.m. every weekday, and appointments can be made by calling (617) 253-2916.

We are working to lower the barrier to contact, so that our services can be widely utilized. — Tzipora R. Wagner ’12 Peer2Peer Member

Alan E. Siegel, chief of Mental Health Services at MIT, noted that Nightline was getting few calls from MIT students, but many calls from outside people looking for support. “We didn’t feel Nightline captured the essence of peer-to-peer support,” he noted.

Lubin and Wagner, James D. Chansky — an MIT Mental Health social worker — and Maryanne Kirkbride, clinical director for campus life, have been working to develop the new peer-to-peer model.

“We’re in very early stages, and hope to have a program ready by next term,” said Lubin, who also noted that there would be plans for staff training and recruitment at that time.

Siegel noted that they have been looking at existing models in other universities as inspiration for a new MIT model.

“We’re in very early stages, and hope to have a program ready by next term,” said Lubin, who also noted that there would be plans for staff training and recruitment at that time.

Siegel noted that they have been looking at existing models in other universities as inspiration for a new MIT model.

“Results from the survey in February have indicated that students are more likely to reach out to peers before reaching out to professional services,” Wagner noted. “We are working to lower the barrier to contact, so that our services can be widely utilized. The service isn’t just meant to be used in times of crisis, but also for everyday issues, like problems with friends or peer-related stress.”

While MIT Mental Health does not provide a formal peer-to-peer service, “we’ve been making an effort to have our staff make sure that people in the living groups are aware of the services we offer,” Siegel said. “We have worked a lot with GRTs, housemasters, administrative offices, and faculty on different ways of talking about how to be helpful to students when they are under distress.”

However, Siegel added that many students felt that MIT Mental Health should not directly become part of the dorm experience, so Mental Health has been working indirectly.

Siegel also noted that MIT Mental Health would sometimes get calls from students about their friends. These students would ask what they could do to help.

“There is a good informal peer-to-peer support network at MIT due to the collaborative interactions here,” said Siegel. “The GRTs and RAs certainly help contribute to the system, and I feel the culture encourages support.”

The services at MIT Mental Health are great and underutilized.”

Students won’t always need to go to a doctor or psychologist first,” Wagner added, “but they may still need to go to someone.

MIT Mental Health has had a 70 percent increase in walk-ins this past November — higher than any other month in the last three years — and the number of walk-ins per day was double the average per month since 2008, said Siegel. He credits the increase in students urging their friends to go to medical, and the efforts of GRTs, housemasters, and the faculty.

Students looking for support are encouraged to reach out to a friend or speak with their GRTs or house team. MIT Mental Health has walk-in hours from 2 to 4 p.m. every weekday, and appointments can be made by calling (617) 253-2916.
Living Pink survey highlights LGBTQ issues at MIT

Campus-wide survey revived, indicates successes and areas for future improvement

Living Pink, from Page 1

started in the early 2000s with the intention of being an annual publication. But the survey was not as successful as it was hoped. According to Caldwell, the survey required MIT certificates from students who wished to participate. This requirement decreased participants' feeling of anonymity, which resulted in fewer responses from undergraduates. The survey was also not widely advertised and did not garner significant participation from a number of living groups. Hernandez said that the previous creators did not make the results easily accessible to MIT students, which further decreased the its popularity.

Caldwell and Hernandez were pleased with this year's response rate. Approximately 1,300 people responded—more than twice the number of subjects in the 2005 survey. That's about 30 percent of the undergraduate population, Hernandez said. "It's not ideal, but it's better [than previous years]," he said.

Hernandez, with the help of Abigail Francis, head of LGBT@MIT, was able to share the results of the Living Pink Guide with housemasters, GRTs, and RAs when they went through training in the summer. House teams could use the information they learned to make the atmosphere of each living group as friendly as possible. Of the 76 percent of students who did not fill out the survey, "I definitely think that was them choosing not to," Hernandez said.

The survey team looked to reach out to people in different ways, he added. Living Pink used dorm lists, club members, friends, the Dormitory Council, the Interfraternity Council, the Panhellenic Association, ILGs, and the Department of Residential Life. "Every time that we sent out the link, new responses came in," Hernandez said.

"The results for the sororities were phenomenal," said Hernandez. "The response rates for sororities was much higher than the campus wide average. They had great participation rates, they were very friendly.

Delta Kappa Epsilon (DKE) was the only living group that had no responses to the survey, although a few other groups had only one or two people respond. Hernandez and Caldwell said they were not surprised, since these living groups tended to be smaller and possibly received less encouragement to fill out the survey.

The president of DKE said in an email, "I know firsthand DKE is an accepting group, and I hope that our lack of participation in the survey isn't misinterpreted as hostility towards the LGBT community. When I received the survey I forwarded it to our house list, and apparently didn't emphasize how important it was, and I don't know if the emails I send to the house list, it got ignored due to laziness. I can assure you that we plan on participating when the survey comes out again."

Cooperation from various interest groups at MIT was vital for the distribution of the survey. "We had a lot of help from administrators," Caldwell said. "They were tremendously helpful, and it was gratifying because we weren't just working on our own. It's nice to know that administrators cared about these questions and making sure these places were safe for LGBTQ students."

Hernandez also appreciated the publicity that the Living Pink survey received from the MIT News Office in early November. "I think that for the most part, it was accurate, but they did leave out the negatives," said Hernandez. While the survey seems to show that, as a whole, MIT living groups are welcoming to LGBT students, not all the comments were friendly, Hernandez said.

"One of the most troubling things I saw was people's lack of understanding of language use," he said. "When a lot of people use [derogatory language] as a joke and one person is hurt by it, it's troubling that they can't stand up and say something about it."

"Readers of the survey results have to keep in mind that these are opinions that may not necessarily reflect what incoming students' experiences would be in that dorm," Caldwell said. "There have been questions sometimes conflicting information from different students—one student would comment on how welcoming the community was and another student would describe a situation where they felt uncomfortable.

The Living Pink survey will continue to be relevant to the MIT community. Henry J Humphreys, dean of residential life and dining, plans to meet with other deans and directors to go over the details of the survey and discuss the possibility of its impact on the MIT community.

"I guess I have this curious interest of knowing where we're doing well, why are we doing well? Where we're not doing well, how can we improve that? Humphreys said.

There have also been questions about the future location of the Rainbow Lounge, a central meeting place for LGBT groups at MIT. The Rainbow Lounge is currently in the basement of Walker Memorial, but after potential renovations at Walker the lounge may be moved. Humphreys is not sure what will happen yet, but he acknowledges that there is a lot of restructuring that must take place.
Students tend to suggest entertainers for keynote
Speaker subcommittee looks for someone who embodies MIT spirit and mission

Khan, from Page 1

said. In an interview with The Tech last year, Chancellor Eric Grimson PhD '80 noted that “Hockfield takes the list seriously and gives all input great consideration,” and said that the final selection is often someone who appeared on the shortlist.

Grimson said that the shortlist sent to the president this year had about 10–15 suggestions and that the “bulk” of it came from input from students.

Student representatives are asked to solicit feedback from their constituencies to help prepare the shortlist. This year, Fox and Graduate Student Council President Alex J.

Evan G represented the undergraduate senior class and graduate students, respectively. In September, Fox distributed a survey via email to the senior class to gather ideas for the commencement day speaker.

Fox said that some popular suggestions from the survey included Stephen Colbert, Jon Stewart, Larry Page, Eric Schmidt, and Steve Jobs, but could not comment on whether those suggestions made it to the shortlist. "A lot of respondents were interested in Khan, he added, but declined to comment on whether Khan made it to the shortlist.

"The past few years there's been this dissatisfaction with the lack of famous speakers," said Fox, but added that he was pleased with this year's pick.

"Sal's story of leaving his lucrative job in finance behind in pursuit of a greater calling is also inspiring," said Fox in a statement to the MIT News Office. "Many of us often talk about that crazy dream of ours, that one thing we'd love to do if money didn't matter. Sal is a man who not only left money to pursue his dream, but has succeeded in creating something truly remarkable: a free world-class education to anyone with a basic Internet connection."

The Undergraduate Association President has participated in the speaker selection meeting for at least the past two years, but was absent from this year's process. Current UA President Allan J. Raymond '13 says he does not recall being informed of a meeting.

"To give them the benefit of the doubt, it was just a technical slip-up," Miramonti said. "At the end of the day, I'm happy with the selection that was made."

Executive Officer for Commencement Gayle M. Gallagher and Grimson, the Commencement Committee chair, declined to comment on whether that has a bearing on Miramonti's participation.

Noting that students often request “entertainers” and “brand names,” Fox suggested that MIT consider Harvard College's scheme for graduation — hold a “class day” before commencement and invite a “brand name” speaker. At commencement, invite a speaker who meets MIT's traditional criteria.

MIT, unlike other colleges, does not provide monetary compensation to commencement speakers, though it does pay expenses and provides a small gift.

Pike disbands after unsuccessful colonization

This past summer, MIT's Pi Kappa Alpha (Pike) colony disbanded in a mutual agreement between the colony and the national organization.

The colony originally started in the spring of 2010, in what began as a slow process because members were scattered across many dorms on campus, said former Pike President Eric A. Del Castillo '13. Sigma Alpha Epsilon, another new fraternity on campus (founded in 1892, then closed in 1998 before re-opening this year), succeeded where Pike failed partially because SAE had the advantage of having members concentrated in Bexley Hall, said Castillo. There was also little progress in organizing the potential fraternity during the summer, which came upon the group very quickly, said Castillo.

Pike was unsuccessful in its first Rush attempt this fall due to a lack of available members and funds. Only five brothers were on campus during rush, and the colony only had a $500 budget. It was difficult to compete with the other frats that spent “thousands or tens of thousands of dollars,” said Castillo. “With such an established Greek life it's hard to jump into it,” he added.

Though Pike did recruit seven more members in the spring and brought its total to 25, the colony had to disband. “Their members could not support the funds necessary to pay their national organization, who did not want to pursue the colonization, said Castillo.

Even though there is no longer a Pike on campus, Castillo said that they are all “still good friends,” and that Pike still exists as a social group.

---

File Edit Options Buffers Tools Im-Python Python Help

import new_skills

def learn MarketableJobSkills():
    return linux, OSX, javascript, applescript, perl, python

if you.interest == True:
    print "E-mail join@tech.mit.edu"

---

print "E-mail join@tech.mit.edu"

if you.interest == True:
    return linux, OSX, javascript, applescript, perl, python

def learnMarketableJobSkills():
    import new_skills

---

Solution to Crossword

---

---
Novartis project approved

Toshiko Mori to design 22 Windsor Street building

By John A. Hawkinson

On Wednesday evening, Novartis announced Toshiko Mori as the second architect for its extended Cambridge campus and received approval to proceed with excavation contingent upon careful review of the public access to its courtyard.

Novartis presented its case to the Cambridge Planning Board, as part of a required zoning review stemming from a special zoning district approved for Novartis earlier this year. The new campus is on the site of the former Analog Devices building, which was finally demolished this week.

Toshiko Mori will design 22 Windsor Street, on the corner of State and Windsor Streets. She joins Maya Lin, who is designing 181 Massachusetts Avenue, on the corners of Mass. Ave, Albany Street, and Osborne Street. Lin designed the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington DC.

The campus includes those two new buildings, as well as the existing 211 Mass Ave building (MIT Building N42), whose exterior will not change. Smart Street, which separates N42 from the Analog Devices lot, will be removed.

In a two-hour session before the planning board, Lin and Mori presented their vision for the site. The board heard from Cambridge’s Community Development Department and one member of the public, and discussed its concerns with the project.

Lin’s building features a “porous stone screen” of local granite that will “glow at night,” Lin said. The building is not transparent, Lin said, but instead is translucent with fritted glass.

There will be first-floor retail all along Windsor and Albany.

Mori described 22 Windsor’s main aspect as a south facade with a sequence of five “mini-atriums” with balconies. The south facade is the most transparent, Mori said, with the east and west facades being translucent.

The buildings are connected by a bridge on the 6th floor.

The board unanimously approved the excavation permit, according to Jeff Lockwood, spokesman for the Novartis Institute for Biomedical Research. Lockwood said he hopes to begin construction very early next year.

Much of the board’s questioning focused on the large green courtyard between the three buildings. Novartis proposed saying, “The centerpiece of the campus is a publicly accessible open space that will serve as a pedestrian connection between Kendall and Central Squares during business hours while also being integral and vital to the design of the complex. This urban scaled courtyard will also be an inspiration to the scientists working in the spaces around it.”

The current Novartis campus, on the west side of Mass Ave, has a public-access courtyard, but, as the board noted, it is not inviting. Its steel gates are closed outside of business hours, and it does not appear to draw visitors. The board also discussed the failure of the University Park project (on Sidney Street, to the north and west of Novartis and Star Market) to produce open space that is effectively used by the public.

Cambridge attorney James Rafferty, representing Novartis, noted that the project team was still working out how to deal with restricting access to the courtyard, and that the project was not expected to open until February 2015. “Is it a park? Is it a big corporate front yard?” asked William Tibbs, a member of the board. “The idea of it having limited control with the kind of openness that you’re showing here is mind-boggling to me,” he said.

The board also expressed concern about pedestrian traffic crossing Mass Ave mid-block between the two campuses, because the campuses on both sides of Mass Ave have main entrances in the middle of the block, quite some distance from the nearest pedestrian crossing.

The Tech, December 9, 2011

Teaching Excellence

Call for Nominations

James A. and Ruth Levitan Award for Excellence in Teaching

Do you have a favorite SHASS professor, instructor, or TA? Would you like to help your terrific teacher get the recognition s/he deserves for all the hard work in the classroom? Then you should nominate him/her for the James A. and Ruth Levitan Award for Excellence in Teaching! It is quick and easy to do. Simply send an email nomination by Friday, December 16, 2011 to: shass-teaching-award@mit.edu. All non-visiting instructors in undergraduate and graduate SHASS subjects are eligible, including faculty, lecturers, and TAs.

Nominations should include the following information

• Your name
• Your email
• Name of your favorite instructor
• Subject(s) taken with that instructor
• Why you are nominating this instructor

Please consider and comment on

• Teaching effectiveness
• Approachability
• Responsiveness to students’ progress
• Impact

Nominate by
Friday, December 16, 2011

great ideas change the world
SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES, ARTS, & SOCIAL SCIENCES

shass.mit.edu/levitan
IN 2011, Shen Yun enchanted royals in London, performed for packed houses across Asia, and received standing ovations at Lincoln Center in New York. Now, in 2012, Shen Yun will embark on yet another world tour with its all-new show.

“A visually dazzling tour of 5,000 years of Chinese history and culture.”
— San Francisco Chronicle

“Truly nourishes and lifts the spirit...”
— Stephen L. Norris, co-founder of The Carlyle Group

“Authentically traditional elegance.”
— NYTheater.com

“Superb! Every performance was stunning.”
— WNYC

LIMITED ENGAGEMENT
TICKETS ON SALE NOW

www.ShenYun2012.com

800.954.4606

Shen Yun, from Page 11

be done to determine where the lounge will be in the future. Hernandez has several changes in mind should he ever do the Living Pink guide again. Most importantly, he said, he would reword one question which was particularly confusing. To make sure the survey was completely clear, he would ask a small sample of students to take it before distributing it to all of MIT.

Hernandez hopes that, in the future, he can get the Living Pink survey endorsed by one of MIT’s top administrators — Dean Chris Colombo, Chancellor Eric Grimson PhD ’80, or President Susan J. Hockfield — in the hopes that it would reach more students.

The detailed results from this year’s survey can be found online at http://livingpink.mit.edu/.
MIT IAP 2012
POKERBOTS
sponsored by Jump Trading

Over $35,000 in prizes
Pre-Reg on WebSIS

pokerbots.mit.edu
Squash wins 3 out of 5 matches at home invite

Engineers beat BU, BC, and NYU; now 4-6

The MIT squash team hosted an invitational in conjunction with Wellesley College at the Z-Center squash courts over the weekend. The Engineers squared off against four local rivals, Boston University, northeastern University, Boston College, and Harvard University, as well as visiting New York University, and came away with a 3-2 ledger over the three days of competition. Tech defeated Boston University, 9-0, Boston College, 6-3, and New York University, 8-1, while falling the fifth-ranked Harvard, 9-4, and northeastern, 7-2.

Freshman Sung Won "Steve" Cho was outstanding for the Cardinal and Gray, winning four of his five matches at the No. 3 position. The freshman earned a tough, five-set victory over josh ko of Boston College, battling back to win 7-11, 12-8, 11-6, 11-4, 11-9. He also picked up straight-set wins over Mike Weg of northeastern (11-5, 11-6, 11-4) and Zeke Hinchberg of NYU (11-3, 11-1, 11-4). West D. Hubbard ’14 got off to a fast start, winning his first three matches of the weekend before falling to his opponents from Harvard and NYU.

Against BU, Hubbard got things started with a convincing 11-3, 11-6, 11-6 win at the top spot. Peter G. Riley ’15, David W. Bian ’15 and Laura M. Wacker ’13 also won in straight sets against their respective opponents during the 9-0 victory for Tech.

Hubbard and Cho picked up the only points for MIT in Friday’s dual match against northeastern. Hubbard/frown, 11-4, 11-6, 11-7, in the first position while Cho was at 11-9, 11-6, 11-8 winner at No. 3.

The Engineers dominated the top of the ladder during Saturday’s 6-3 win over Boston College, emerging victorious in five of the top six positions, with Hubbard, Cho, Riley, Bian and sophomore Abhinijan Mira ‘14 picking up wins.

After dropping a 9-0 decision to Harvard on Saturday afternoon, the Cardinal and Gray recovered to cap the weekend with an 8-4 victory over NYU on Sunday. Connor Kirschbaum ’13 was particularly dominant, surrendering just two points in a three-set win (11-3, 11-2, 11-8).

MIT will travel to Amherst College next Saturday, Dec. 10 for its final match of the season before taking off for final exams and winter break. The Engineers and Lord Jeffs will meet at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS
Saturday, December 10
Women’s Basketball vs. Mount Holyoke
2:00 p.m., Rockwell Cage

Field Hockey honored
Silva, Klauber, McShane earn N.E. awards

By Greg McKeever

Following a banner season, in which she led her team to the national quar- terfinals and its second NEWMAC tour- nament championship in three years, MIT head coach Cheryl Silva was named the New England East regional Coach of the Year by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) on Wednesday. Silva, who received similar accolades in 2009, helped the Engineers win a program re- cord 19 games, including a pair in the NCAA Division III tournament, to advance to any game of the final four.

Silva’s squad compiled a 19-4 re- cord overall, including a 6-2 mark in NEWMAC play, to earn a share of the conference’s regular season crown. The Cardinal and Gray secured its second NEWMAC tournament title in three years in dramatic fashion, with a 2-1 come-from-behind, overtime win over Mount Holyoke in the finals. Silva was tabbed as NEWMAC Coach of the Year following the championship.

For the first time in program his- tory, Tech hosted an NCAA tournament game, defeating Husson University, 7-0, in the opening round. The Engineers then downed Denison University, 4-1, in round two before falling to reigning na- tional champion, Bowdoin College.

MIT was among the national statis- tical leaders in a number of categories, finishing in Division III in scoring at 4.24 goals per game and sixth in goal differential (+2.99 per game). Kameron L. Klauber ’12 led the county in assists per game and was eighth nationally in points.

Klauber was tabbed as the Regional and NEWMAC Player of the Year and was a first team All-America honorable. Molly E. McShane ’13 was tabbed to the third team All-America and four of Silva’s athletes received an Academic All-Con- ference distinction.

Men’s Basketball stays undefeated
with 90-47 win over UMass Boston

“Shaq-and-Kobe” combo of Hollingsworth, Karraker dominate

By Shri Ganeshram
SPORTS STAFF

Last Tuesday, the MIT’s Men’s Basketball team snagged an easy (90-47) victory over UMass Bos- ton. The Engineers’ James D. Kar- raker ‘12 led the team to victory with nine 3-pointers, set- ting a new Institute re- cord. MIT still holds the best record in the nation (9-0) and has moved up in ranking from ninth to seventh.

In the first 13 minutes of play against UMass Boston, MIT dem- onstrated their ability to play championship level basketball, knocking down their shots, in- cluding five 3-pointers from Karraker, and dominating the Beacons’ young offense with a five-man defensive game and ex- cellent transition defense. From that point on, MIT cruised, slowly increasing their lead as the game moved on. After establishing such a lead, MIT used the advantage as an opportunity for their bench players to see time on the floor for a combined 71 min- utes. The bench contributed a to- tal of 19 rebounds, 18 points, and nine assists.

The Beacons were unable to hold the powerful “Shaq-and- Kobe” combination of Noel Hollingsworth ’12 and Karraker, who combined for 47 points, Kar- raker taking and making solely 3-point shots (nine of 15 from be- yond the arc) and Hollingsworth primarily hitting from close range or in the paint. The rest of the team supported the strategy, setting picks and moving around the op- position so that one of these two players could be open. William E. Hendie ’12 had quite a strong, all performance, scoring 13 points while also delivering five assists, two steals, and two blocks. Mitchell H. Kates ‘13 had a good game as a point guard, most notably for his five assists and four steals.

MIT has maintained a solid performance in every game this season thus far. William F. Dick- son ’14 says that the success the team had thus far is a result of the team’s “family atmosphere and the attitude that everyone brings to practice every day.” It’s hard to argue that the Engineers aren’t a family, seeing how they shared the ball against UMass Boston Tues- day night. MIT dished out 32 field goals made, an incredibly high assist-to-goal ratio.

The Engineers haven’t lost a game yet and are playing ball consistently well, averaging a 53.8 field goal percentage, 42.9 3-point percentage, 41.7 rebounds per game, and 19.4 assists per game.

One can only wonder how far this MIT team will go. Andrew M. Ack- er ‘15 says the team’s eyes are on the prize — the “team’s goal for the season is a national championship”. We have already won league championships and received na- tional tournament bids. Those are secondary goals to winning the whole thing.

MIT will next be playing at home against Wheelock College on Dec. 14 at 7 p.m.