**Faculty suggest presidential picks**

**Latest FNL tackles MIT 2030, presidential search process**

By Ethan A. Solomon

This week, faculty again took to the pages of their Newsletter to chime in on key Institute developments, including the selection of the next president, MIT 2030, and MITx. The March/April newsletter’s editorial page also featured faculty thoughts on the presidential search process, in addition to 10 suggestions for specific people who could replace President Susan Hockfield. Members of the newsletter’s editorial board were quoted asking for a president “who pays attention to the people at all levels of this campus” and “who is a scientist or an engineer; not an administrator.” Another asked for “someone who will do something to restore the collegiality that used to distinguish the way we run this campus,” and another asked for a president “who is a scientist or an engineer; not an administrator.” Another asked for “someone who will do something to restore the collegiality that used to distinguish the way we run this campus.”

**Planning board review of MIT 2030**

By John A. Hawkins

MIT will present a new round of its ideas for the future of Kendall Square and the MIT campus east of Ames St. at Tuesday evening’s public meeting of the Cambridge Planning Board. The meeting is at 7 p.m. on May 1, 2012 at the City Hall Annex at 344 Broadway. According to the meeting agenda, the Board will consider a zoning petition from Foster City regarding the block north of Random Hall at 7:20 p.m., followed by a discussion of zoning growing out of city’s Kendall-to-Central (K2C2) initiative, and then an “MIT Zoning Petition Proposal update.”

MIT had originally proposed a change to zoning in the Kendall area and the area of campus east of Ames St. in April 2011. The proposal would have enabled implementation of part of MIT’s plan for additional academic buildings and future business development, dubbed “MIT 2030.”

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**Kaiser withdraws as chief of NIGMS**

By Stan Gill

Kaiser would have assumed the position on April 30. NIGMS has a $2 billion budget that supports researchers at other institutions, but does not have its own. Kaiser would have been an MIT faculty member since 1991 and taught 7.05 (Genetics) from 1992 to 2011. The article The Tech ran about Kaiser’s acceptance in October can be found at http://tech.mit.edu/V11/i46/Kaiser.html.

--- Stan Gill

**IN SHORT**

The Red Line will be replaced with shuttle bus service between Kendall and Broadway Saturday and Sunday. A few extra minutes when going downtown this weekend! Buses will stop at all stations except Downtown Crossing. Riders must walk from Park Street to transfer to the Orange line.

The Spring Weekend showing of Up on Kresge Lawn has been postponed due to an unfavorable weather forecast.

Nominations for the Student Leader Awards close today at 5 p.m.*Nominate individuals or student organizations for a chance to win an SLA prize!* Additional information can be found at https://web.mit.edu/www/sla/awards

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China pledges loans in bid to double its trade with Europe

WARSAW, Poland — Prime Minister Wen Jiabao said Thursday that China wanted to double its trade with the countries of Central and Eastern Europe to $100 billion a year by 2015, and he named Goldman Sachs as a potential partner in an investment program.

Mr. Wen made the announcement at a gathering in Warsaw that brought together business and political leaders of countries stretching from the Baltics to the Balkans that are eager to do business with Beijing.

Still, some biotechnology industry executives and scientists wonder if the Chinese are making first-stage investments in the region.

China and other countries.

The National Bioeconomy Blueprint, as the plan is called, discusses a variety of measures to spur research and development of medical treatments, crops, biofuels and biological manufacturing processes that would replace harsher industrial practices.

In comparison to this win-
ter’s record warmth, the sea-
sonal temperatures in the Cam-
bridge area this weekend might feel quite cool. Cold and wet air behind a departing low pressure system will give rise to breezy, mostly cloudy skies with highs in the low 50’s F and lows dropping almost to freezing.

On this day last year, a re-
cord outbreak of 365 tornadoes struck in the southern United States. These included two EF-5’s, the largest and most destructive category of torn-
ado, which devastated cities in Alabama and killed over 300 people. Today, while severe thunderstorms are expected in parts of the Midwest and South, the tornado threat remains low.

**Extended Forecast**

**Today** Partially cloudy with a high near 59°F (15°C). Windy, gusty, and breezy winds were above 20 mph and gusts up to 40 mph. Expect overcast skies.

**Tonight** Cloudy, with mostly cloudy skies. Low around 34°F (1°C).

**Tomorrow** Sunny, with a high near 60°F (16°C) and low near 43°F (1°C). Winds around 15 mph.

**Monday** Sunny and warmer. High in the low-to-mid 60’s F.

**By Robert Pear**

WASHINGTON — Defying a veto threat from President Barack Obama, the House on Thursday passed a bill that encourages intelligen-
tific businesses and agencies to share information about threats to computer systems, including att-
acks on U.S. websites by hackers in China and other countries.

The vote was 248-86, as 42 Democrats joined 206 Republicans in backing the bill. The 206 were cast by 140 Democrats and 28 Republicans, including a number who described as the measure a potential threat to privacy and civil liberties.

Under the bill, the federal gov-
ernment can share classified infor-
mation with private companies to help them protect their computer networks. Companies, in turn, could voluntarily share information about cyberattacks with the government and would generally be protected against lawsuits for doing so if they acted in good faith.

The White House opposed the

In the past day the country has seen a mix of clear and breezy conditions. Low near 34°F (1°C). W winds around 15 mph.

**By Peter Lattman**

Federal prosecutors in California are said to be investigating whether an investment banker at Goldman Sachs solicited infor-
mation about health care deals to the Galileo Group, the default hedge fund that was run by Rajat Rajaratnam.

A criminal investigation of an un-
known Goldman linked to the case emerged last week during a partial hearing in the case of Rajat K. Gupta, a former Goldman director accused of telling Rajaratnam about the bank’s private boardroom discussions.

The investigation of the Goldman banker, now identified as Matthew E. Korenberg, also underscores the breadth of the government’s crack-
don against illegal stock trading on Wall Street. Korenberg, 37, joined Gold-
man in 1999 and is based in San Francisco. On Thursday, his lawyer, John C. Haston, a partner at Bell & Manella and a former lead Enron prosecutor, said that client had done nothing wrong.

Michael Duvally, a Goldman spokesman, said Korenberg remains actively employed by the firm. "We are in complete disaccord with these allegations for more than two years, investigated them, and fully cooper-
ated with federal authorities in the matter," Duvally said.

Korenberg was named a man-
aging director at Goldman in 2009 and is at least the fourth person at the bank touched by the govern-
ment’s insider trading inquiry.

The government is also investigat-
ing the relationship between Galileo and David Loeb, a founder of both, and Henry King, a technology stock analyst at the bank.

The government possesses se-
crretly recorded telephone conver-
sations of a Goldman executive discussing confidential information about Intel and Apple with Rajarat-
nam that have yet to be played in court, according to trial testimony last month.

Gupta, 63, the former global head of the consulting firm McKinsey & Co., was a member of Goldman’s board before linking to the government.

"There is no government surveil-
ance, none, not any in this bill."
Liberian ex-leader convicted in Sierra Leone war atrocities

By Marliise Simons

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Charles G. Taylor, the former president of Liberia and once a powerful warlord, was convicted by an international court Thursday of war crimes, including murder, rape, slavery and the use of child soldiers. The court found Taylor guilty of crimes against humanity for his role in Sierra Leone’s civil war, the longest-running conflict of the 20th century, from 1991 to 2002.

Taylor was also found guilty of war crimes in Sierra Leone by the Special Court for Sierra Leone, a United Nations tribunal. He is the first head of state to be convicted by an international court since the Nuremberg trials after World War II.

He is the one who started this,” said Osman Turay, a former general in the Sierra Leone Army, who was part of Taylor’s army. “I do not think the world will ever forgive him.”

By thiom Shanker

WASHINGTON — The United States and Japan have reached agreement on removing the Marines leaving the island are to be sent to Guam, a U.S. territory in the western Pacific Ocean, and a move the Marine Corps Air Station Futenma from its current site — an agreement on removing the Marines was made possible by separating those negotiations from the devastation was motivated by ideology, but for a quest for power and money — ”pure avarice,” in the words of David M. Crane, the U.S. prosecutor who indicted him in 2003. Rebels supplied Taylor with a continuous supply of diamonds, often in exchange for arms and ammunition, the court found, allowing him to send what prosecutors said amounted to hundreds of millions of dollars to offshore companies.

Obama administration’s new focus on Asia, allows the Defense Department to set up ground forces for rotating deployments elsewhere across the Pacific region, the officials said.

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Running the world with eyes wide open

Jesper Olsen, a 40-year-old from Denmark, runs the equivalent of a marathon most days. He eschews iPods and is on his 25th pair of running shoes as he strings the long runs together in his second run around the world. Call him a real-life Forrest Gump and he playfully rolls his eyes.

The 40,000-kilometers-on-foot journey, which he bills as World Run II, began in July 2008 in Nordkapp, Norway. Olsen aims to finish in Newfoundland in July.

If Olsen succeeds, he will complete what is believed to be the world’s longest run, beating out his first world run by more than 14,000 kilometers, though records for such ordeals are hardly reliable.

His quest is taking him from the top of the globe and back, traversing four continents and myriad terrains, temperatures and cultures. He paused in New York this week to run the St. Transcendence Six Day Race.

Olsen’s voyage is a sequel to one he completed in 2005, believed to be the first fully documented run around the world, which mostly traveled east to west. Almost immediately upon completing that journey, he began planning his current adventure, with a more north-to-south route.

The global treks have produced some of the ordinary aches and pains known to long-distance runners. But Olsen’s second trek has also included episodes of dysentery, malaria, and dehydration. Olsen and his accompanying drivers have experienced extreme desert heat, the chill of high altitudes, robbery and the loss of three shipments of running shoes in the Argentine postal system.

—Mary Pilson, The New York Times

Testifying, Murdoch cites ‘cover-up’ in hacking

LONDON — Rupert Murdoch criticized many different people for different things in a morning of scathing and often blunt testimony before a judicial panel here on Thursday. But in the most explosive criticism of all, he unexpectedly accused at least one former employee of presiding over a “cover-up” of phone hacking and other dubious practices at the News of the World tabloid.

“I do blame one or two people,” he said, adding that he did not want to name them because “for all I know they may be arrested,” and then proceeded to make it fairly obvious who he meant, anyway. One was the now-defunct newspaper’s longtime chief lawyer, Tom Crone, the other appeared to be Colin Myler, its final editor.

Murdoch said that as the newspaper’s proprietor, he bore ultimate responsibility for the hacking scandal that spurred him to shut News of the World down last summer. But he said he had been “shielded” from the truth by his obfuscating employees.

—Sarah Lyall, The New York Times

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US agrees to reduce size of force on Okinawa

By Thom Shanker

WASHINGTON — The United States and Japan have reached agreement on a long-simmering dispute that calls for the U.S. military to reduce the number of Marines on Okinawa. About 5,000 of the Marines leaving the island are to be sent to Guam, a U.S. territory in the western Pacific Ocean, and a smaller number to Hawaii.

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But with U.S. efforts to increase troop rotations and Navy ship visits throughout the region — including a new plan for Marines to rotate through a base in Australia — the overall U.S. presence in the Asia-Pacific region will not decrease, and may grow in various regions at different times, officials said.

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GUEST COLUMN
2012 - 2018 = 1960
How the GOP campaign could not have been better scripted

By A.J. Edelman

“We’ve just been kicked in the groin.”

It was Christmas day, 1959, for the Nixon campaign. It might as well have been the darkest winter of our generation. The President of the United States had been impeached and removed from office by the House of Representatives. The Senate had not only convicted the President, but had voted to remove the President from office in the Senate conviction vote. The President was now a private citizen. Nixon


The headline for an opinion article published on Tuesday incorrectly states the number of people in Russia. The number is actually 141,033,486, not 1,234,571.
The new Russians: emerging and educated?

The Russian middle class’s love of liberal democratic values is too superficial to lead to change

By Florence Gallez

The United States and its supporters have hardly been able to contain their excitement at the winds of democratic change that they perceive as blowing into the Arab world and other regions following recent anti-government uprisings. But this often has led to misperception and inflation of the actual number and honorable motives of the protesters. The Western media’s assessment of the recent street protests in Russia is no exception. The misjudgment and embellishment of the popular opposition and reac-
tory forces in Russian society by the West is in fact not confined to their size, but also their quality — or one could say, the “spirit” behind them.

This has been most apparent in the American and European media’s descriptions of the emerging middle class, in which they also claim to see signs of true demo-
cratic efforts and evolution. While this has undoubtedly been the case, it does not hurt to question the rather short-lived acts of re-
belligency. The talking heads who frequent the streets attest to, or the lack of direction and organization of the political opposition, or the real motives and long-term goals and passions of the now more socially mobile segments of society.

Often described by optimistic Western commentators as “richer, more vocal (as here above), technology-savvy, and more educated and intellectually enlightened” than the rest of Russian society and their former repressed selves under Soviet rule, it is important to note that these qualifiers as-
sign to this “new class” miss the point on several counts.

The Economist, for example, reports, “A poll by the Levada Centre found a wide range of ages, incomes and political prefer-
ences among the protesters; they are not just young, well-off middle class. What they have in common is their level of education: 76% were graduates.” This omits the fact that even in Soviet times, Russia had one of the most highly literate and educated societies in the world. The present level of education of today’s protesters, seen in that larger con-
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The media has also focused on how this younger and more mobile generation has been acting as a “catalyst” for discontent now felt across the country. Again, while this is true in some extent, I do recall see-
ing the early steps of this nascent “cre-
ative class” — as it is sometimes called, as a journalist in the early 2000s and as late as 2008, and speaking from my perceptions and for those years, this emerging middle class seemed, perhaps understandably, to be more interested in tasting the sweet ambrosia of the Western life (with frequent travels and holidays, brand-name clothes, cars, and cosmetics, dining, and night-
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cratic values.

In fact, the latter have never really been a unifying factor or ideal national goal fre-
vently pursued in the whole country at any given time in post-Soviet Russia — perhaps not surprisingly, given the size and cultural diversity of the country. This is not to say that democracy only suits certain cultures — ob-
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While being precisely the people with the most concrete means and public exposure to send some powerful messages about liberal ideals, many (although obviously not all) are now styling themselves supporting Putin’s admin-
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GOP from Page 4

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tween Romney and one of the most effective campaign managers of our generation, Obama. Ad-
ditionally, voters have been exposed to the positions of not only Romney and the other GOP candidates, but the number of VP candi-
dates as well, including Chris Christie and Paul Ryan, both fiscal conservatives who have taken bold steps to try and jump-start the economic recovery. Contrast this with the coverage of Obama’s accomplishments as of late, namely a historic 414-0 defeat of budget deficits, unprecedented levels of tax cuts, and a six-year high in U.S. employment. Romney has never really been the most adept public speaker, and is likely to be more interested in tasting the sweet ambrosia of the Western life (with frequent travels and holidays, brand-name clothes, cars, and cosmetics, dining, and night-
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**Dinosaur Comics**

The Day T-Rex’s Mind Broke:

T-Rex: What if I told you we were 100 years in the future? I would say you’re crazy, because where are the hovercars??

Okay What If I Created Hovercars:

Please do! But it’s still not the future, dude!

The future isn’t just hovercars: it’s medical advances, spaceships, sex robots, regular robots too! I guess — and the list goes on! Okay but what if I changed the world like that and promised it’s exactly how things will be 100 years from now.

Again: awesome, but the stars move over time too, right? I could in THEORY not be partying with robots long enough to notice that.

But What If I Went Ahead and Futurized Every Single Atom in the Universe:

That’s - Insane!

If God alters the physical universe so that it’s exactly how it’d be 100 years from now - is it still today? Are we suddenly... in the future??...Whoa. Maybe? I mean, I want to say no, but there’s no way for us to detect a difference. Whoa.

What the hell is time then??

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**Sudoku**

Solution, page 11

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7 3 9

1 3 6 9

6 4

9 5 1 3

2 3 7

6 8 4

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

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**Techdoku**

Solution, page 12

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16× 6+ 2− 30× 6 24×

6 30× 16x 6 2

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Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column and row contains exactly one of each of the numbers 1-6. Follow the mathematical operations for each box.
Convention Review
Comic fans, unite!
Artists, readers, and cosplayers mingle at Boston Comic Con

By Steve Sullivan

A far cry from the choked hallways and extravagant TV and movie premieres of the San Diego Comic-Con, Boston Comic Con is a true convention for comic books, their creators, and their fans. It’s somewhere where fans can have great interactions with their favorite artists as well as meet new ones, and take part in events that were truly about the joy of comic books.

“Because so many of us work on comics alone, it’s important for us to get together with other creators and meet the people reading them,” said Cliff Chiang, the current artist for Wonder Woman.

Fans of all types thronged into Hynes Convention Center last Saturday and Sunday to celebrate comic books by attending art panels, comedy performances, a film festival, and gaming tournaments.

Boston Comic-Con is also special because of the large number of independent and local artists and creators that attend the event. Walking further through the exhibition hall, we saw local artists like Sean Kasper of LuvCroft Comix around selling art and taking commissions that were a little more reason-ably priced than those of the big names. Indie comics like David Peterson’s Mouse Guard were also on display, providing a welcome reminder that DC and Marvel don’t have a monopoly on telling stories through art.

Cosplayers were present in full force all over the convention, wearing costumes of comic book characters from Batman to Swamp Thing by no means as characters from other mediums like Mr. T, Link, and Sinestro. Local students formed a panel in the main hall by a giant inflatable Stay-Puft Marshmallow Man. Everyone was happy to stop and pose for pictures with us by themselves, and other cosplayers frequently jumped in for group shots. We found the Mr. T cosplayer to be one of the most imaginative in how he posed with fans. He arm wrestled my friend for one picture and let me deliver a face-shattering punch in the other.

A chat with the creators

The artists in the exhibition hall were happy to chat and give autographs. Industry professionals like Tim Sale, who penciled and inked stories like Batman The Long Hal- loses and Spiderman Blue, were on hand throughout the hall drawing commissions and selling some of their work.

By far, the most popular table at the show was that of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles co-creator Kevin Eastman. We waited in line for about two hours to meet the very personable artist and writer, who gave a free personal sketch for every fan. Eastman was happy to talk about comics in general and also the upcoming Ninja Turtles movie, which has aroused some fans by changing the turtles’ origin to arriving from outer space.

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Joe Sinnott, whose art credentials at Mar- vel Comics are comparable to the narrative contributions of writer Stan Lee, remarked on his work on over 200 issues of early Fan- tastic Four comics: “I never read one of em’,” he said flatly. “I just didn’t have the time… How I turned out all the work I did I’ll never know.”

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“These were plenty of adventures to be had at the show. Realizing I needed something autobiographed by artist Joe Sinnott that he cre- ated, I journeyed into the comic merchant booths to locate some classic Fantastic Fourissuesof the ‘60s and ‘70s. We went through the same routine to get signatures from Wol- verine co-creator Herb Trimpe, who reacted with disgust to the title of the comic I asked him to sign, What if Wolverine Had Killed the Hulk.

“You'd like that would ever happen,” grunted Trimpe, who introduced Wolverine as an antagonist in issue #80 of The Incredible Hulk. He never anticipated the character be- coming one of Marvel Comics’ most popular superheroes.
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**MOVIE REVIEW**

In the Family is delicate and slow-brewing

By Carolyn Zhang

An admirable debut from writer-director-actor Patrick Wang '98, In the Family exudes the same timelessness of its subject matter. Any lover’s love with a topical twist. The gay, Southern-born, Asian-American Joe Williams (Wang) lives in a small town in Tennessee with his partner, the school teacher Cody Hines (Trevor St. John), and Cody’s 6-year-old biological son Chip (the talented young actor Alex Winters). They are an unassuming, loving one, which just happens to have two male parents instead of the traditional mother-father dyad. This is a movie that doesn’t dumb it down as the one of the film’s most memorable aspects. This is a movie that doesn’t dumb it down for the audience — everyone already knows that this is a unique situation is colored by societal biases.

Rather than focus on any political or social message, Wang simply lets the story unfold.

The film’s first act takes time to carefully introduce the protagonists, their dynamics, and their world. The story of a normal and loving one, which just happens to have two male parents instead of the traditional male and female. After Cody dies in a car accident, Joey discovers that local legal custody of Chip and makes the call to enlisting a new family. Following a series of arguments and misunderstandings, Wang simply eats the story of a father and a son unfolded through each of the main characters through the lens of an Asian-American family. The narrative is strengthened through the slow pacing, which sometimes drags uncomfortably. While much of the extra time is needed to let the audience fully appreciate Joey’s world, storytelling is often strengthened by brevity — just look at the first 11 minutes of Life. Thankfully, viewers aren’t forced into a series of exaggeratedly emotional scenes through in everything from the dialogue to the energetic and fully fleshed-out characters.

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Akamai CEO departs
By Michael B. Farrell

Paul Sagan, chief executive of Akamai Technologies Inc., the giant Internet infrastructure company in Cambridge, said Wednesday that he would leave his post by the end of 2013, as the company adapts to the increasing use of mobile devices to surf the Internet.

In an interview, Sagan said he announced his departure now so that Akamai would not "have to rush" to find a new chief executive. "My primary goal is that we can have an even more successful third CEO," Sagan said, adding that the transition would bring "fresh ideas and change" to the company.


The challenge facing the company as it changes leadership will be to fend off competitors entering the Web content delivery business, and continuing to build its mobile technology, said Jim Davis, senior analyst at Tier 1 Research in San Francisco. A new chief executive will also need to grow Akamai’s online security business, he added, which the company launched this year to help clients fend off cyber attacks.

Sagan has surrounded himself with an experienced management team that will leave the company in good hands as he moves on, Davis said. Sagan’s departure “doesn’t come as a big surprise,” he said.

Solution to Sudoku from page 7

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Updates in faculty newsletter

Discussion on MIT 2030, MITx, presidential search

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University in St. Louis and former MIT provost and Course 5 department head.

Jacks and Reif told The Tech that they were “flattered” and “honored” to be named among such good company, but did not offer comment on their possible interest in the presidency.

“I am flattered to be on the list but I have already been President/Chancellor of two great universities and that is enough,” Birgeneau said through a spokesperson. Aside from MIT’s academic campus and that is enough, “Birgeneau said but I have already been President/Chancellor of two great universities and that is enough, “Birgeneau said through a spokesperson. Aside from

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MIT 2030: The response

In the November/December newsletter, faculty issued a coor- dinated statement to the administra- tion: “Someone who will help broaden our view and expand our commitment to ensuring that engagement occurs around specific changes and ques- tions that are important to the Insti- tute,” they added.

The Working Group on the Fu- ture of Teaching and Learning Spaces at MIT, chaired by mechani- cal engineering professor John G. Boisson II, has convened to plan for academic needs, accord- ing to Ruiz and Schmid’s column. The administration is also working to engage faculty through regularly scheduled faculty and dean meet- ings, they said.

“The editorial in the February 10 issue of The Tech urges students to take an active interest in 2030, and we echo that sentiment,” they wrote, adding that the Chancellor and student deans would help “cre- ate opportunities” for students to get involved.

The full March/April faculty newsletter can be accessed online at http://mit.edu.fn/.
The Tech Friday, April 27, 2012
Tuesday May 1st
7:00-8:00
5-217

Wonder what ASME is?
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Harvard student’s death ruled suicide

Wendy Chang, 22, remembered as a warm and engaging woman

By Travis Andersen
The Boston Globe, April 24, 2012

The state medical examiner’s office has ruled that the Harvard College senior found dead in her room Saturday morning committed suicide.

Terrel Harris, a spokesman for the state agency that oversees the medical examiner, said in an email that the cause of death for Wendy Chang, 22, of Irvine, Calif., has been ruled asphyxia by hanging.

Chang wrote for The Harvard Crimson student newspaper and worked as a designer for the Harvard Advocate, a college literary journal.

In a statement, college spokesman Jeff Neal said Chang’s death was a tragedy for the entire campus.

“The safety, wellbeing and health of our students — including their mental health — are critically important to us,” Neal said. “Harvard has a comprehensive system in place to support student mental health and we have reached out to students repeatedly to let them know that services are available to them, particularly after the loss of any member of our community.”

Evelyn M. Hammonds SM ’80, dean of the college, told students last week that Chang was an English major who had just completed an honors thesis on Edith Wharton.

She was also a member of the Crimson Key Society — a student group that organizes trips to the nation’s capital — and a member of the ASME District A Conference planning committee.

In a message to students today, she reminded them that mental health counselors are available on campus.

“As with any tragic loss within our community, everyone may be affected, including close friends, teammates, colleagues and even those who didn’t get the chance to know Wendy,” Hammonds wrote.

Friends remembered Chang last week as a warm and engaging woman who combined academic excellence with a love for painting and cooking, the Crimson reported.

Her death is the latest in a string of tragedies involving students in the Boston-area during the academic year.

Two MIT undergraduates took their own lives in the fall, and a Suffolk University senior died last week after apparently jumping from a campus building.

Earlier this month, a Boston University graduate student died in an apparent suicide after ingesting a toxic chemical in her South End apartment. 
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Nine triathletes compete at Nationals in Ala. Smith places 99th out of 397 as Landry leads men’s team to best-ever 40th place finish

By Shauna Berlin

This past weekend, five men and four women from the MIT Triathlon Club competed at the USA Triathlon Collegiate National Championships in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Members raced against 1,200 graduate and undergraduate triathletes from over 100 schools across the nation in an Olympic-distance triathlon, which consists of a 1,500-meter swim followed by a 25-mile bike and a 6.2-mile run. The entire event takes between two and three hours to complete, with the fastest elite males finishing in just under two hours.

The MIT men’s team posted its strongest finish ever, coming in 40th out of 74 scoring teams of all size divisions and program sponsorship levels. This placing resulted from strong performances from every MIT man who raced, of whom the top four counted toward the final score. Breon Landry ’14 posted the team’s fastest time, coming in at 2:13:05 and 129th out of 1,200 overall, finishing off with a blazing 37:37 run split. Matthew J. Talpe ’13 won the pole vault in a jump off 12’1.5” and took third in discus. The Engineers will be competing in the New England Women’s and Men’s Athletic Conference championship at Smith College this weekend in his fourth consecutive Collegiate Nationals. Next up came Michael J. Frankovich ’14, with a fast 1:04.8 bike time handed over by weekends competing in cycling road races. Samuel M. Nicaisse ’13 crossed the line next in 2:26 with solid times in every leg. Rounding out the men’s team, Adam T. Jones ’14 finished strong after having raced in the Boston Marathon just days earlier.

Unfortunately, due to a bike mechanical failure, only three MIT women completed the triathlon, leaving them without a valid scoring team. However, those three individuals posted very good results. Ariadne G. Smith G, a former MIT varsity swimmer, finished 99th out of 397 women in 2:14:33 with solid performances in every leg. Shauna R. Berlin ’12 came in three minutes later, placing in the top 10 percent out of females in the bike leg. Finally, Caroline S. Lowenthal G completed the race even after running the Boston Marathon earlier in the week. As a new fun event this year, four team members also competed in a draft-legal mixed-team sprint relay a few hours after the Olympic race. In this relay, each team member swam 250 yards, biked 3.5 miles, and ran one mile. The team consisted of two males and two females, including Edrie B. Ortega G along with Lowenthal, Frankovich, and Nicaisse.

Track and field dominates at weekend invitational

Men and women’s teams will travel to Smith College for NEWMAC championships

Katherine A. Wyms ’14 leaps in the women’s pole vault at MIT’s non-scoring Spring Invitational this past Saturday afternoon. The Engineers will be competing in the New England Women’s and Men’s Athletic Conference championship at Smith College this weekend in the pole vault with Nathan P. Peterson ’12, Yida Gao ’13, and Colin P. Hong ’15 taking second, third, and fourth in the event. In the triple jump, Jackson O. Wirkus ’13 won the event with a jump of 51’7.5”, followed by teammate Sheldon N. Trotman ’13 who took second. This weekend, both teams will travel to Smith College for the NEWMAC championships to defend their titles.