Class of 2012 senior survey
Seniors reflect on MIT years and future plans

By Anne Cai

As the Class of 2012 finished their last semester as undergraduates, MIT administered to all seniors the online Senior Survey, asking them to reflect on their experience at MIT and their plans for the future. MIT conducts a senior survey once every two years. Of the 1046 seniors this year, 72.8 percent responded to the survey (“answered at least one question”). According to the survey, 38 percent expressed being “very satisfied” with their overall undergraduate education, with 49.7 percent “generally satisfied”; 2.6 percent “generally dissatisfied”, and only 0.1 percent “very dissatisfied”.

Student perceptions of faculty availability, instruction, and support opinions were mostly overwhelmingly favorable, with 56.5 percent being “very satisfied” and an additional 35.5 percent being “generally satisfied”. With 56.5 percent being “very satisfied” with their overall undergraduate education, with 49.7 percent “generally satisfied”, and only 0.1 percent “very dissatisfied”.

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Selecting Reif for president
Students, faculty, Corp. all support internal choice

By John A. Hawkinson

How hard was it to select L. Rafael Reif as MIT’s 17th president? By all accounts, everyone wanted Reif. On May 16, the day Reif was announced president, The Tech conducted a swath of interviews with people in the selection process. This article summarizes them and recounts the events of the search.

Susan J. Hockfield announced her resignation on Thursday, Feb 17, 2012. By March 8, MIT Corporation member James A. Champy ’63 had been selected to chair the search committee, and the committee was assembled. By April 26, the committee had decided on Reif, and the Corporation’s executive committee heard their recommendation on May 3. Finally, the full corporation voted on the morning of May 16, and the selection was announced to the world.

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World health agency declares diesel fumes cause lung cancer

By Jessica Silver-Greenberg and Ben Protess

WASHINGTON — The World Bank on Tuesday warned that fears about the eurozone had reduced investors’ tolerance for risk, and it urged poorer economies to protect themselves by reducing their debts.

The report concluded that “renewed market nervousness” about the euro area had caused the price of risk to spike upwards globally. The bank largely maintained the dreary economic forecasts it made in January, when it significantly cut its growth expectations and warned of a shock “similar in magnitude to the Lehman crisis” as a worst-case scenario. It now expects global output to increase 2.5 percent in 2012 and 3 percent in 2013. In January, it forecast that global output would grow 1.8 percent in 2012 and 2.7 percent next year.

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Heavier weapons push Syrian crisis toward civil war

By Mark Landler and Neil MacFarquhar

WASHINGTON — With evidence that powerful new weapons are being used by both the Syrian government and its opponents, the bloody uprising in Syria has thrust the region into an increasingly difficult position as the US is mired in a drawn-out conflict that is mutating into a full-fledged civil war.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Tuesday that the United States was prepared to provide arms to Syrian rebels in response to reports that the army had driven out militants linked to al-Qaida from two of their strongholds in southern Yemen, which includes a region that has become a focal point of the continuing war in Yemen.

The taking of the southern cities of Taiz and Zinjibar by government troops represented an important victory for Yemen's new president, Abdu Rabu Mansour Hadi, who has ratcheted up the fight against the militants since he took office in February.

But the militants still control large parts of southern Yemen, and it is unclear how long government forces will be able to retain the two cities.

While the government has made claims of military success against the militants in the past that have not held up, the new claims are corroborated by area residents and the militants themselves.

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The table “selected other university president’s 2000 compensation” that accompanied last Friday’s article about top salaries at MIT incorrectly listed the compensation for President Hood’s 2010 paid and total compensation as $1,260,427 and $1,316,463, respectively.

Because of an editing error, an article about faculty involvement in the MIT 2010 process transposed the first initial and middle names of MIT’s President-elect. He is L. Rafael Reif, not Rafael Reif.

Also on Friday, an article about the Residential Life Area Director (RLAD) developments misquoted UA president Joni D. Craighead as saying, “it doesn’t make sense for either the UA or DormCon to say ‘this is the boilerplate for all solutions on campus’.” Craighead actually said, “it doesn’t make sense for the UA or DormCon to say ‘this is the boilerplate solution for all students on campus’.” Craighead’s quote referencing the anonymous email leak — “but he probably improved some other night weeks in the future.” At the end of the day, things are moving in the right direction” — was ambiguous. “Things moving in the right direction” followed comments on the successful meetings with administration, thus, it referenced how the UA and DormCon were able to overcome the leak in discussions, not that the leak was the proper thing to do.

An article about the 2012 Commencement incorrectly stated that 80.5 percent of the senior class donated to the Senior Gift. The actual percentage was 80.4. The same article also stated that Lois Champy M.A.R. ’71 pledged $30,000 to the Institute because the seniors met the 80 percent goal. In addition, Champy donated $20,000 to the sailing fleet renewal for the occasion of the class and $20,000 to the sailing fleet renewal for the occasion of the class. The same article quoted Elizabeth M. Albany ’12 saying that students “took over the Student Center with blankets and pillows” and that they “took over the student center like a bunch of pajama-wearing hobos.”

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EXHIBIT REVIEW

Everest, everlasting?

Photography exhibition at the MIT Museum highlights climate change in the Himalayas

By Roberto Perez-Franco

Two days after the charter incorporated MIT was signed in April 1861, Confederate forces attacked a military installation in South Carolina. It was the first in a series of battles that would last four bloody years and decide the fate of a nation. Shiloh, Antietam, Vicksburg, Bull Run and Gettysburg are now the stuff of history, names to which this day evoke deep wounds — physical, psychological, moral — in the very fabric of American society that are still open. But there was a time when citizens on all sides of the war followed these names for hours, some beauty and whisky.

BOOK REVIEW

The art of war, in charcoal and watercolor

Civil War Sketchbook brings us a splendid collection of original sketches from the front lines of the battlefield

By Roberto Perez-Franco

Today, it is almost impossible to imagine the difficulties that the journalists and graphical reporters back then had to overcome to bring the citizenry fresh news from the front lines of the Civil War. There was a time when the shock and awe of war was not broadcast in real time to the world, and the sending of this new information meant actually standing in the line of fire. Capturing that instant was as critical and precise as a snapshot; a moment imperiled more than the click of a button, and sending that image back to the editors took more than an attachment in an email. As a tribute to the courageous and talented reporters and their lives to capture these images in charcoal and watercolor, Harry Katz and Vincent Virga assembled the Civil War Sketchbook. Drawings from the Battlefront. This collection of over 250 drawings and illustrations, many of them recently uncovered or published for the first time, touch upon all the major battles of what is arguably the most important event in American history in the 19th century. The book features the works of renowned artists such as the Waad brothers, Thomas Nast and the master himself, Winslow Homer.

The Specials managed to find, in that darkest hour, some beauty and truth to be rescued.

Although war is endless horror, the Specials' ability to capture images so full of action through such rudimentary means, how they achieved it is beyond my understanding. Photographic memory, patient recollection and a pinch of imagination that all have played a role in capturing a scene glimpsed just for a few seconds, or — as in Lamley's sketch of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln — a second, or a single fraction of a second. The other is that there is an inextricable connection in the minds of war, despite being quintessentially 19th-century American. It is impossible to look at Lamley's sketch of a falling soldier (p.79) without feeling in it the same pathos of violent death frozen in time. The artist's famous drawing is a lasting testimony to the horror of war, and a moment of shared humanity. It is a work of love — and so it is a work of art.
Dressed to Impress!
The class of 2012 goes out in a style that only MIT could fully appreciate

1. Graduates suffer in the hot sun. The ceremonies were held under clear skies and narrowly missed rain in the afternoon.
2. Faculty members take their seats along the podium.
3. The graduates line up inside the Johnson Athletic Center.
4. Graduates sit outside the Z Center prior to lining up.
5. Flowers are sold outside of Lobby 7 to friends and family of the graduates.
6. R. Gregory Turner '74, president of the MIT Alumni Association, leads the procession and holds the ceremonial mace.
7. Faculty members, adorned with red hats and gowns, assemble under a tent in front of Kresge.
8. Spectators cool off from the hot day by grabbing free bottled water at booths located at both sides of Killian Court.
9. A six-piece brass ensemble plays as the graduates march to Killian Court.
10. Family members look on as the graduates pass by the Z Center.
11. Jessica A. Artiles '12 and fellow graduates march along Amherst Street.
12. Alumni are applauded and take a seat along Killian Court. Red coats are given to alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago.

The graduating seniors decorated their mortar boards and gowns with many amusing objects.

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To the Left:
Senior statistics, Page 1

However, the main outlier re-
garding academic experience was about ‘academic advising before declaring a major’ where 32.2 per-
cent were generally satisfied, 14.5 percent were very dissatisfied, and only 4.1 percent were very satisfied.

The senior survey results also indicated that students who helped develop skills like thinking critically, understanding, and using quantitative reasoning, creating original ideas and solutions, and ability to learn on their own. On more qualitative skills, however, they said development in writing, leadership skills, resolving interpersonal conflicts, developing self-es-
teez and self-confidence, solving current problems in historical/ cultural/philosophical perspectives much lower. Most noticeably, 48.5 percent of respondents reported that since entering MIT, they have undergone very little or no im-
provement in reading or speaking foreign languages, which can likely be attributed to MIT’s lack of a for-
egn language requirement.

Another 74.6 percent agreed that they have found a balance between academics and extracurriculars.

On matters of campus services and facilities—such as athletic fa-
cilities, library resources, counseling and health services, housing, security, and laboratories—the Class of 2012 responded largely positively. But 50.1 percent were dissatisfied with the ‘administrativa-
 tion’s responsiveness to student concerns’, and 68.9 percent were dissatisfied with MIT’s food ser-
ices. Responses to extracurricular opportunities, intellectual excitement, social environment, and oth-
er aspects of campus life were also all generally positive—with the ex-
ication that 35.9 percent were ‘dissatisfied’ or ‘very dissatisfied’ with student government.

Survey reveals senior statistics
Many going into engineering, CS, consulting finance

22.8 percent reported they spent no time on physical fitness in the fall term of senior year.

The MIT Global Education & Career Development (GEDC) is conducting a separate survey that has now been open for three weeks. According to a Associate Director of MIT Career services Deborah L. Livernos, the results as of last Wednesday (at which point 50 per-
cent of seniors had responded) indi-
cated that 52 percent of the class of 2012 will be working, and 38 percent will be attending graduate school. Additionally, 4 percent are entering in another educational program (such as a second bach-
 elor’s degree or a post-baccalaureate premedical program), 1 percent are on distinguished fellowships, and 4 percent reported ‘other’ which included traveling, postponing their employment decisions, or be-
ning otherwise undecided. Of the 52 percent going to work, 82 percent had accepted an offer at the time of their response. The GEDC survey will remain open until end of August.
Selecting Reif, Vest offers advice to president-elect L. Rafael Reif

"Best presidency in the world" Wednesday, June 13, 2012 The Tech

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**Take a hike** by Norma Steinberg

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66 Finished
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70 Temperaments
71 Small green veggies
72 Went too fast
73 Mental faculty

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A webcomic of romance, sarcasm, math, and language
by Randall Munroe

[1067] Pressures

SO... WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?
HANDLING PATENT APPLICATIONS.
YEP, BUT... BESIDES THAT.
THAT'S ABOUT IT.
YOU'RE NOT LIKE, THINKING
ABOUT ANY COOL STUFF?
JUST CURIOUS.

FOR THE LAST HUNDRED YEARS,
SMUG PATENT CLERKS HAVE BEEN
UNDER SOME WEIRD PRESSURES.
Heat and Thunder face off in 2012 NBA Finals

Both teams bounce back from difficult seasons; who will take the championship?

By Nidharshan Anandasivam
SPORTS STAFF

The 2012 NBA Finals features the two valiant number two seeds: the Miami Heat from the East and the Oklahoma City Thunder from the West. Both teams have had to battle back in the previously rounds in order to arrive here at this point. The Heat trailied 2-1 in the Eastern Conference Semifinals against the Indiana Pacers before winning three in a row to wrap up the series. They were also down 3-2 in the Eastern Conference Finals against the Boston Celtics before winning two straight to thrust themselves into their second straight NBA Finals.

The Thunder, after crossing through the first two rounds of the 2012 Playoffs, trailed 2-0 against the top-seeded San Antonio Spurs. While many thought this deficit was too much to rally back from, especially considering the Spurs were sporting a 20-game winning streak at the time, the Thunder won four in a row to clinch a Finals berth.

The Thunder franchise, which began in 2003, has improved its performance significantly from its initial 22-56 regular season record in 2008 after moving from Seattle. After finishing 58-32 during the 2009-2010 turnaround season, the Thunder made it all the way to the Western Conference Finals during the 2010-2011 season, losing to the eventual champions, the Dallas Mavericks. Their rapid success could probably be attributed to their phenomenal personnel aspirations and working from home, despite being a career luxury that many loved the experience of working company. While I love my mom and I wasn’t. In fact, I was sort of said that you could grow into it. Being at MIT was like wearing a shirt that you parents bought you when you were 12 and that you would grow into it.

Whichever squad can figure out how to play efficient basketball will find themselves the victors.

draft picks over the years, including Kevin Durant (UT), Russell Westbrook (UCLA), and James Harden (Arizona State), who now form the backbone of the team’s offense. The Heat trailed 2-1 in the Eastern Conference Finals against the Boston Celtics before winning three in a row to wrap up the series. They were also down 3-2 in the Eastern Conference Finals against the Boston Celtics before winning two straight to thrust themselves into their second straight NBA Finals.

By Stan Gill
SPORTS STAFF

If there’s one thing everyone seems to get excited about at the end of the semester, it’s about going away. Although no one likes moving, whether to go home or travel to some foreign land for an internship, the vast majority of people are ecstatic about getting out and away. I wasn’t. In fact, I was sort of dreading it.

Last summer I was at home, working for my mom’s new company. While I love my mom and I loved the experience of working in that environment, I discovered that working from home, despite being a career luxury that many people aspire to have, is not something that I enjoy. Why? I still had to live by my parents’ rules and still had to deal with my siblings. I love my high school friends, but I didn’t get to have the fun experience of meeting new people everywhere I went like I did at MIT. Seeing MIT taught me more than I was expecting about myself, my make my own commitments, and really discover the real me.

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Going back home is hard and leaving home is hard, but I’m glad I did. If I hadn’t left my first home two years ago, I would never have discovered what I now know to be my second home.