President Susan J. Hockfield announces resignation

MIT to start new fundraising campaign, ‘best to begin this chapter with new leadership’

By Jessica J. Pourian

Susan J. Hockfield, MIT’s 16th president, announced yesterday morning her decision to step down from the presidency after seven years.

“The Institute is now moving forward on a new set of ambitious goals, and I have concluded that the powerful momentum we have built makes this an opportune moment for a leadership transition,” she wrote in a campuswide email sent at 9 a.m. sharp.

Hockfield, who assumed the presidency in December of 2004, succeeded Charles M. Vest, who was president from 1990 to 2004. Hockfield had previously served as a professor of neuroscience and provost of Yale University. She is the first woman, and the first life scientist, to serve as an MIT president.

In her email, titled “Looking to the future,” the president cited MIT’s new international partnerships, the MITx initiative, the MIT 2030 vision, and an increased undergraduate class size — among others — as examples of important ongoing efforts.

She also references MIT’s fiscal performance through the financial crisis — MIT raised nearly $3 billion during her presidency, according to the MIT News Office, but also saw steep budget cuts.

While staying on to continue to see these goals come to fruition “remains a priority,” Hockfield wrote that the necessary fundraising to support these ambitions will “require the full focus and sustained attention of the Institute’s president over many years.” As part of the MIT 2030 framework, for instance, the Institute hopes to raise $750 million — and that’s just one component of MIT’s complex future.

“I have concluded that it would be best for the Institute to begin this next chapter with new leadership, she added.

In an interview with The Tech yesterday afternoon, Hockfield said that the Institute is preparing to begin a new capital campaign to finance its next major period of growth, which she expects could take about eight years. In such campaigns, MIT raises money to support big institutional objectives, including (but not limited to) new construction and renovation, scholarships and fellowships, research and student life.

The last of these “comprehensive” campaigns ended in 2005 and MIT raised $2.5 billion, some of which was used to finance the construction of the Stata Center and the Brain and Cognitive Sciences Resignation, Page 7

A short history of Hockfield and her influence on MIT

The efforts of the MIT president since her arrival

By Jessica J. Pourian

During her seven years as president, Susan J. Hockfield oversaw an aggressive expansion of MIT’s global footprint. Her years as president have been marked by outward-facing. During her tenures, she skillfully advanced MIT’s long-term interests by engaging in partnerships overseas and by securing a variety of donations for the David H. Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research and Fundraising.

MIT’s global footprint

Obama came to MIT in 2009 for his address on energy, and was the first-ever sitting president to be given a tour of a lab at MIT. abroad, Hockfield forged relations with Russia and China. In October 2011, MIT struck a partnership with the Russian Skolkovo Foundation, which en-compassed a three-year contract to develop a model for graduate education and research in science and technology. Hockfield said in a press release from the MIT News Office last fall, in China, Hockfield helped establish the China Scholarship Council Graduate Fellowship Program and a collaboration between MIT and the Shanghai Jiao Tong University. The fellowship program, which opened in September, is open to MIT graduate students who are also Chinese citizens. Each year, five masters students and five doctoral students are selected by the Chinese Scholarship Council and be given funding to get their degrees.

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ERC releases plan for global initiative

Many visions of the future were presented during MITx150 concern the Institute itself and nearby Kendall Square — but MIT’s Environmental Research Council (ERC), had larger goals in mind. Global-sized goals.

In December, the ERC released an implementation plan for the establishment of a Global Environment Initiative (GIE), whose challenge is “to integrate the full range of environmental strengths in ... research to better understand the global environment and manage our role in it.”

The GIE, complementary to MIT’s Energy initiative (MITEd), was largely inspired by how successful MIT- TEI has been in formalizing energy research over the past five years. Although many MIT researchers currently focus their work on global sustainability, there is need to organize these efforts. The GIE aims to foster interdisciplinary collaboration and communication that will lead to more rapid innovation, termed by the report as “building strength on strength.”

The GEI created an initial research agenda addresses six key areas: climate, oceans, water, ecological resilience, contamination mitigation, and sustainable societies. By assigning headers to a limited number of research priorities, the GIE will concentrate the currently “scattered” research endeavors. At the ERC’s December forum, Dana Entekhab, ERC chair and professor of chemical engineering, compared current environmental research to a “large, trial-and-error” method; ultimately, the goal is to create a well-defined, “rational” method of sustainable human development.

One of the initiative’s first concrete steps will be to raise funding for graduate and postdoctoral fellowships, enabling cross-disciplinary projects that would otherwise have limited internal support.

As for Institute-wide engagement, the GIE hopes to host multiple educational workshops and symposia, and launch a new undergraduate minor in global studies.

Adapted from a report released yesterday, the five-percent MIT student discount promotion at Shaw’s is over. The marketing department did not respond to multiple attempts to contact about why the discount was discontinued.

IN SHORT

MIT-EMS released reports of a particularly strong stomach virus going around Boston and Cambridge. Be sure to wash your hands and get sleep to keep yourself well.

Balloons will be on campus today and Tuesday starting at 20°, Friday, Feb. 24 to take brass fire orders for the Class of 2014. Orders can be placed in Lobby 10 from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

There is no school on Monday, Feb. 20. Classes on Tuesday will follow a Monday timeline of classes.

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Colleges statewide see record applicants

By Mary Carmichael
THE BOSTON GLOBE

Dozens of local colleges and universities are seeing record numbers of freshmen applicants this year, including Northeastern University, Boston University, Boston College, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and three campuses of the University of Massachusetts.

“The reasons for this are probably different at the institutions and,” said Mark Campbell, vice president for enrollment at Berklee College of Music, which had a 14 percent jump in applicants during last year’s record numbers. But they probably include increasing interest from foreign students and a possible jump in the number of schools to which individual American students apply.

Northwest, which said it believed it drew more applicants last year than any other private university in the country, is expected to announce Thursday that it broke its own record this year: 44,744 students applied for 2,800 spots in its incoming freshman class.

Jane Brown, Northeastern’s vice president for enrollment management, attributed the surge partly to the school’s co-op model, which alternates semesters of study with relevant employment.

“It takes it back to what the students and families — in particular, families — see as a clear return on investment,” she said.

The University of Massachusetts Lowell had a 20 percent jump this year. UMass Boston is up 13.1 percent. At UMass Dartmouth, freshmen applications are stable, but transfers are up 20 percent.

At UMass Amherst, applications have been increasing steadily since 2004, breaking the record this year at 34,200 so far, said Kevin Keli, director of admissions.

“It’s good news for us, it gives us a rich and deep pool of students to select from,” Keli said. On the other hand, he added with a laugh, “it’s a lot of reading to do.”

BU received 43,457 applications, a 5.3 percent increase over last year. That included a 20 percent increase in early decision applicants and a 19 percent increase in international students, trends that appeared at other schools as well.

At BC, the numbers looked similar, with a 3.3 percent increase to 34,050 applicants, the most in the school’s history.

Even though MIT saw only a one percent increase, its smallest in seven years, it, too, broke its own record. Stewart Schmill ’86, dean of admissions, said the leveling off was welcome and possibly due to efforts to continue recruiting to the extremely qualified.

Amherst College also saw a one percent increase, albeit record-breaking, jump. Tom Parker, who oversees admissions at Grinnell College, said his staff was feeling overwhelmed.

“You hire somebody new to read all these applications in the spring, and then in the fall they can’t sit there and twiddle their thumbs, so they go out and recruit like the rest of us,” Parker said. “Nature that generates even more applications. It’s a crazy year.”

Three local women’s colleges — Smith, Wellesley, and Mount Holyoke — reported record numbers this year. Smith was so pleased with its turnout that its admissions office invited the entire campus in for cake.

Camps agree to early election in Maldives

MUMBAI, India — Brutal factions in the Maldives agreed Thursday to an early election to resolve the political crisis there, after Indian officials intervened.

The country has been in turmoil since Feb. 7, when Mohamed Nasheed, the country’s first democratically elected president, stepped down in disputed circumstances.

No formal power-sharing agreement was signed Thursday by representatives of Nasheed and the current president, Mohammad Waheed Hassan, said that the voting could take place in a few months, rather than later this year as scheduled, which would have caused the constitution to make the early election possible.

If the agreement holds — Nasheed did not affirm the deal Thursday — it could defuse tensions in the Maldives, a country of 1,200 islands in the Indian Ocean that is best known for its luxurious beach resorts.

Nasheed, a charismatic figure who became a leading voice on global climate change, has said that his departure from office was effective a coup by security forces. By contrast, Hassan and other political leaders who adopted Nasheed’s resignation were voluntary, prompted by street protests against him.

—Vijay Raghj, The New Times

Chrysler withdraws energy department loan application

DETROIT — Chrysler said Thursday that it had dropped its longstanding request for $3.5 billion in federal energy loans after the Obama administration proposed tight restrictions on further aid to the company.

The withdrawal of Chrysler’s application was not unexpected. The company’s chief executive, Sergio Marchionne, said last month that he was losing hope that the money would become available.

But the decision may reflect a greater degree of political scrutiny of federal financial assistance to the auto industry during an election year. Last winter, General Motors withdrew its application for a $14 billion in low-interest loans from the federal government because it did not need the money.

Chrysler had considered the loans — intended to assist in the development of more fuel-efficient vehicles — to be an integral part of its operating budget.

—Bill Vinick, The New Times

Egypt uses Israeli treaty as bargaining chip

CAIRO — The Islamist party that leads the new Egyptian Parliament is threatening to restore the 1979 peace treaty with Israel if the United States cuts off aid to the country over a crackdown on U.S.-backed nonprofit groups here.

The part is considered a linchpin of regional stability, and the statements, from at least two senior leaders of the party, the political arm of the Muslim Brotherhood, represent the first time that Egyptians have explicitly raised it during an escalating standoff over the crackdown.

The Egyptian foreign minister and congressional leaders have already warned Egypt that the United States could cut off its aid to the country, which in the most recent budget came to $1.3 billion in military supplies and about $250 million in other subsidies, including some money directed to the nonprofit groups under investigation. At least two senators have introduced legislation that could curtail the aid, and the Brotherhood released its state-ments Thursday as the House Foreign Affairs Committee held a hearing on the matter.

But some leaders of the Brotherhood have said that they would respect the U.S.-brokered 1979 treaty, and the seriousness of their new threat is hard to assess. Many analysts, as well as some Egyptians, believe that the Brotherhood is just bragging and that it has cited internal domestic reasons to respect the treaty, mainly because it ensures peaceful borders at a time when Egypt can ill afford the cost of tensions that could push Cairo into; a brink of conflict.

But at the same time, Egyptians have long considered U.S. aid as a kind of payment for preserving the peace despite the popular resentment of Israel over its policies toward the Palestinians, widely seen here as a violation of the treaty.

In the clearest of multiple Brotherhood statements on the subject, Essam el-Erian, who is chairman of Parliament’s foreign affairs com-mittee, told reporters that the aid was “one of the commitments of the parties that signed the peace agreement, and so there is no room for one side it gives the right of review to the parties.”

“We will be harmed,” he added, “so it is our right to review the issue.”

The crisis was set off by a criminal investigation into the foreign financing of nonprofit groups, the issue began last spring under the military rule before it was taken up by the ouster of President Hosni Mubarak.

The council kept on the books severe restrictions on the operations and financing of nonprofit groups that made almost all the independent advocacy or rights groups operating in Egypt technically illegal.
Seven arrested in Olympus accounting cover-up

By Hiroko Tabuchi

OSAKA, Japan — The Japanese authorities arrested seven central figures in the huge accounting scandal at Olympus — including the camera-maker’s former chairman and executive vice president — on Thursday as part of investigations into a decade-long cover-up that has prompted concern over what critics say is lax corporate governance at Japanese companies.

Tetsuhi Kikukawa, a former chairman and president of Olympus, was arrested in Tokyo along with two other former executives on suspicion of having falsified financial statements, Tokyo prosecutors said. Two former investment bankers suspected of helping to set up the cover-up, and two of their associates, were also arrested.

Olympus said that it was aware of the gravity of the situation and was cooperating fully with the authorities.

A panel of experts hired by Olympus to investigate the cover-up has accused the former executives of masking investment losses racked up in Japan’s bubble economy over a period of at least 13 years. Those losses were eventually accounted for in transactions disguised as merger fees paid to overseas investment banks.

The irregular accounting came to light in October when Olympus fired Michael C. Woodford, who was its president and chief executive.

At the time, Kikukawa attributed the dismissal to Woodford’s aggressive Western management style. But Woodford, a Briton, said he had been fired for questioning a series of payouts made by the company between 2006 and 2008, and he provided what he said was evidence to the news media. Kikukawa subsequently resigned from the company.

Woodford then began a bid to return to Olympus, whose share price has collapsed since the scandal broke, to lead a turnaround. But he abandoned that bid in December after the company’s biggest domestic shareholders sided against him in a move that some foreign investors have said confirms their worst fears of corporate Japan’s resistance to outsiders and to change.

Cameron details arguments against Scottish independence

By John F. Burns and Alan Cowell

LONDON — Arguing that the centuries-old “ties that bind” Britain together were under threat from Scottish separatism, Prime Minister David Cameron traveled to Edinburgh on Thursday to meet with First Minister Alex Salmond in what was seen here as the first sparring bout of a longer battle over an independence referendum.

But the meeting suggested just how drawn out the dispute could be, with the two leaders casting the results of the talks in starkly different terms.

Salmond said the talks had “moved on quite substantially,” and that the men had narrowed the areas of disagreement. The Associated Press reported. But Cameron said that “on the issue of independence, separating Scotland, leaving the United Kingdom, I am afraid there wasn’t much progress.”

The meeting came after months of maneuvering, with Salmond saying he had been unable to get Cameron to agree to talk. In the end, Cameron coupled the meeting with a speech in Edinburgh in which he reached out directly to the Scottish people, lacing his pragmatic arguments on the financial and military advantages of the union with emotional appeals.

“I am 100 percent clear that I will fight with everything I have to keep our United Kingdom together,” Cameron said. “To me, this is not some issue of policy or strategy or calculation — it matters head, heart and soul. Our shared home is under threat, and everyone who cares about it needs to speak out”

Would-be plane bomber is sentenced to life in prison

DETROIT — The Nigerian man who tried to blow up a Detroit-bound airliner with explosives concealed in his underwear on Christmas Day in 2009 was sentenced Thursday to life in prison on by a federal judge who said his crime and subsequent lack of remorse demanded the maximum possible punishment.

The man, Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, who pleaded guilty in October and admitted to working on behalf of al-Qaeda, shouted, “Allahu akbar,” or “God is great,” five times during the sentencing hearing. He asserted that Muslims were “proud to kill in the name of God, and that is what God told us to do in the Quran.”

Five people on the flight, including a flight attendant who helped put out a midair fire that Abdulmutallab started with his explosives, spoke during the hearing about the nightmares and fear they had experienced since the episode.

Judge Nancy G. Edmunds of U.S. District Court ordered Abdulmutallab to serve the maximum sentence of four consecutive life sentences, plus an additional 50 years, on the charges, which included conspiracy to commit an act of terrorism and attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction. Edmunds denied a motion by Abdulmutallab, who represented himself during much of the case, with the assistance of a standby lawyer, to declare life imprisonment as cruel and unusual punishment because his act did not kill or seriously injure anyone.


Santorum leads in Ohio and gains across US

With the primary in Ohio three weeks away, Rick Santorum is now leading there, according to the newest Quinnipiac University poll.

Santorum has the support of 36 percent of likely Republican primary voters, trailed by Mitt Romney, with 29 percent. Newt Gingrich follows at 20 percent, and Ron Paul has nine percent.

In Ohio, Santorum’s backing comes from key groups of Republican voters, including white evangelical Christians, Tea Party supporters and conservatives. He is backed by four in ten voters from each of those groups.

Romney has the support of about a quarter of conservatives and evangelicals, but only one in five Tea Party supporters. Romney derives much of his support from moderates, voters over 65 and people with higher incomes.

After 150 years, MIT is heading in the wrong direction with affirmative action

The policy for hiring women and underrepresented minorities hurts MIT’s mission of being merit-based institution

By Brandon Birscoe

A key question brought up at the recent MIT Diversity Summit and the MKL is: how can MIT find the right balance of excellence with diversity? It has been repeatedly mentioned that the quality of the staff and faculty alike perceive tension within the Institute between the frequent appeals for increased diversity, and the cultural work and meritocracy that make MIT what it is. The admission process has already received heavy criticism in the 2010 Report on the Initiative for Faculty Race and Diversity. One of the final statements and recommendations was that: “While almost everyone at MIT would like the Institute to be an institution of merit and inclusion, it will be difficult to reach this ideal if race or ethnicity are ignored and presumed irrelevant.”

For the good of the Institute, I feel compelled to address this — while almost everyone at MIT would like the Institute to be an institution of merit and inclusion, it will be difficult to reach this ideal if race or ethnicity are ignored and presumed irrelevant.

This agenda actively pursued across the Institute, the stated goals of which were to statistically increase the number of women and underrepresented minorities in the student body. There is evidence to try to increase nationwide participation, and sometimes the same STEM fields that are well-intentioned, but eroding not only the meritocracy at MIT, but the quality of experience for everyone at MIT. No one at MIT would like the Institute to be an institution of merit and inclusion, it will be difficult to reach this ideal if race or ethnicity are ignored and presumed irrelevant.

To anyone who claims that MIT’s affirmative action policies force only outreach recruiting but do not provide preference in admissions, faculty hiring, or positions of authority, then please explain the following: last spring, a glowing announcement was made by the interim dean of the School of Engineering that starting this fall, the first ever female-led research group was formed. The hypothesis is that these same females, minority students, and faculty experience here.

It will be difficult to reach this ideal if race, ethnicity, and gender continue to play such a big role in the social engineering agenda of the administration of MIT.

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Woman belongs rather than on individual merit, " then how is MIT not being discriminating and hypocritical?"

The policy for hiring women and underrepresented minorities hurts MIT’s mission of being merit-based institution. This question received heavy emphasis that these policies are harmful, and that it is not advantageous to individuals, nor does it benefit the administration of MIT. We can not achieve our goals, whether it be diversity, inclusion, or excellence, if we are forced to work contrary to what we believe is best. I believe that everyone at MIT would like the Institute to be an institution of merit and inclusion, it will be difficult to reach this ideal if race or ethnicity are ignored and presumed irrelevant.

For the good of the Institute, MIT needs to stop obsessing over gender and race, and start focusing on what makes everyone at MIT unique — their intellectual ability, their quality of work, and merit go by the wayside. Additionally, on their list, then the culture of fairness and meritocracy at MIT is being disrupted. Unofficially, affirmative action is being accomplished by giving preference in admissions and hiring. To anyone who wants to argue about the latter claim, I think the statistics are presented earlier. The Institute report on the administration of MIT goes beyond the media hype, and the statements of the administration that the only purpose of these policies, arguments and assumptions will never go away, nor can they.

Reverse discrimination at MIT goes beyond admissions and hiring

I concur with the woman who observed that the Institute’s agenda has pushed for more women and minorities in positions of leadership, in order to ensure that more women are hired. However, one cannot dispute whether or not there is any discrimination to be overcome, is crazy, “ was one of the quotes in the report. Therefore, even if affirmative action regulations at MIT are supposed to have a woman, but there is no guarantee that she will not be returned. Letters, columns, and cartoons may also be sent by email to news@tech.mit.edu. The easiest way to reach any member of our staff. If you are unsure of who to contact, send mail to general@tech.mit.edu, and it will be directed to the appropriate person. You can reach the Tech online, at http://tech.mit.edu. We also have press releases, articles, and information about The Tech in the public domain. To receive our free online newsletter, subscribe to the Tech editor should be sent to letters@tech.mit.edu. The Tech can be found on the World Wide Web at http://tech.mit.edu.

By any measure, affirmative action hiring at MIT is not producing diversity in any systemic way, and the reports of diversity policies might be giving preferential treatment. The 2011 report on women staff statistics not only showed a lack of diversity, but also revealed that it is a diversity policies diversity policies might be giving preferential treatment. The 2011 report on women staff statistics not only showed a lack of diversity, but also revealed that it is a reverse discrimination at MIT goes beyond admissions and hiring.

Reversing the direction that the Institute is going in, and offended by MIT’s policies of preferential treatment and “crazy, “ was one of the quotes in the report. Reverse discrimination at MIT goes beyond admissions and hiring. If MIT accepts that, then it certainly be a great institution for another Elizabeth Hockfield, and the Institute simply part of what we work on here, it simply part of what we work on here, it simply part of what we work on here.

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Dear Uncle, there's madness afoot

The Tech sits down with director Anna Kohler for all the juicy details on Dramashop's new production of Murakami's

By Daniel Parker

Last week, The Tech sat down with Anna Kohler, assistant professor of Drama and Theater Arts Department, who is directing Murakami's Dramashop's most recent production, 1Q84. The second reference, to Marcel Proust's concept that if a gun is present, it must be fired.

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The character Elena switches into the role of her twin sister Sonya from the play Uncle Vanya. The doubling effect was interesting in the parts where the doubles are performing the same scene, but at different times and with totally different emotion and inflections, did you plan that? Did the actors come to you with different ideas? For example, in one scene, Vanya is saying that the other is speaking almost at a whisper. The doubling effect was interesting because the character was generally the same thing, as…

TT: It's interesting that the idea of setting it in asylum with all the medications sprang up naturally, because it's an unnatural idea to impose on a Chinook play. But it also leaves their roles in the novel in a similar way. To me, only Kafka on the Shore is a more original version of Uncle Vanya. I got an opportunity to work with on stage in a company called the Wooster Group. He had adapted his translation of Three Sisters [another Chekhov play] according to this mental asylum: The MIT student actors are actually performing the same scene in any way, ‘he always gets rocks instead of pebbles. When I went through the audition process, it was important to see who would actually resonate with who else in the cast.

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I was very specific about which translation TT: [As the professor, who's sixty-five?] TT: (in a Russian accent) it's like a Surround-O-Rama. That's why during the welcome, I want ordelites who walk up to the stage to stand around the room, walking up the stairs, in their white stockin- tently, you cannot tell a story that you can really be in, as an audience member. I wanted to create something that was almost as much a part of the audience as of the performers. The one thinks you can only ever be the most appropriate for us, because it was extremely flexible, as far as language is concerned — very hands-on, no hallelujah theater. Which is what we needed to bring to our understanding, bring it closer to us.

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Ballet review
Quite simply, sublime
Boston Ballet opens 2012 with a captivating program featuring works by three different choreographers

By Angelique Nehmzow and Grace Young

Curious and curiouser ...

Opening this season at the Boston Ballet is Simply Sublime, an ensemble of three short and sweet ballets. The three ballets are distinct, but complement each other nicely to create a surreal and otherworldly sense.

The first act is Michel Fokine’s Les Sylphides, a traditional romantic ballet that is historically important because it was the first ballet without a narrative (unlike Swan Lake, The Nutcracker, and other famous ballets). For this ballet, the curtains rise to reveal a young male poet surrounded by a constellation of sylphs, with a ruined building and a dark forest in the background. Each dancer, an ethereal spirit of the air, wears petite wings attached to the small of her back, and is dressed in a puff of chiffon and a white leotard.

To the glorious music of Chopin, three of the ghostly sylphs dance solo. Many of their moves are almost painfully beautiful, as one leg transitions on and off pointe, and the other leg poises gracefully in the air. The other sixteen sylphs dance in clusters while the enchanted poet wanders through a maze of their fluffy skirts and graceful, swirling arms. Exquisite as porcelain dolls, they dance with a gracious stiffness or hold poses with statuesque stillness.

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As the curtains lower, they close on this enchanting dollhouse world, with its strange and alluring fairies. In stark contrast, when they rise again, they expose four couples, whose shadows extend over a solid white backdrop.

Christopher Wheeldon’s Polyphonia is a series of duets performed under dramatic lighting and to the rhythmic, sharp music of György Ligeti. The dancers wear simple royal-purple leotards, which emphasize their athleticism and bring to mind the studio where they spend long, hard hours practicing.

The third and final act, George Balanchine’s Symphony in Three Movements, brings the evening to its climax. Stravinsky’s music plays triumphantly as the troupe of dancers prance and twirl energetically in a diagonal across the stage. The deep azure backlighting, which colors the white leotards powder blue, and the men wearing tight T-shirts and pants, are reminiscent of a beach scene from the 1920s. There is a playful, whimsical atmosphere, which is reinforced by the women skipping, jumping, and sporting girlish ponytails.

Whilst each ballet is emotionally moving and thought-provoking on its own, the combination of the three takes the audience on an exciting and bewitching journey. The pieces balance and enhance one another, and maintain a carefully calculated tension throughout. Their order and execution deftly achieve the transition from the haunting and classical to the captivating and modern.

Simply Sublime is, quite simply, sublime.

Balanchine’s energetic Symphony in Three Movements rounds off Boston Ballet’s Simply Sublime. The whimsical piece brought the ballet to a sweet conclusion.

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Hockfield resigns following successes

Will stay on until new president is appointed by executive committee

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complex (Building 66). Some of that money also went to the endowment and graduate student support. 

“I never imagined I would do any more than 10 years,” Hockfield explained. “Eight years is a long time to top of the seven I already served. I don’t imagine I can do another eight years.”

But Hockfield says she is not leaving the president’s office because of a desire for fundraising. “I love fundraising for MIT,” she said. “I have been excited by it, inspired by it... It is one of the most exciting things that I’ve ever done.”

Stopping now makes sense, she said, because “a transition in the middle of an eight year campaign is very difficult. We have enormous momentum now.”

Looking back

Fundraising and related efforts were central to the Hockfield presidency. Over the past seven years, MIT collected $3 billion in donations — more than under any other president, according to the News Office.

The president credited her success to MIT’s appeal as a problem-solving place, the vanguard of world-changing technological innovation. “We had some good years and some tough years. That’s part of it. Part of it is that this is MIT’s time. People have seen how much MIT helps in addressing the world’s problems.”

Enhanced national and global visibility was also key to fundraising, she added. One of her goals as president was “to get MIT’s story out,” and, indeed, Hockfield has extended MIT’s reach globally with several new international partnerships and nationally via increased political engagement in Washington. President Barack Obama, for instance, appointed Hockfield to co-chair his Advanced Manufacturing Partnership, an effort to make the United States more globally competitive in the manufacturing realm.

“Once people understand MIT’s mission, they are more likely to give,” she said. “I came to MIT so they understood the beauty of these institutions... It’s a privilege to be in this role and I hope my successor enjoys it as much as I have. Hockfield plans on taking a sabbatical after her successor is appointed. She plans on continuing as a faculty member in the Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, but her precise role is still unclear. “I don’t know exactly what life after the presidency will hold,” she said, but “I am, by nature, an enthusiast for what MIT does and I’m really very much looking forward to being a part of the community as yet to be defined.”

The nature of the capital campaign that Hockfield successor will oversee is also not clear. “The framing and design of the capital campaign is on the table,” said Ruiz. “Momentum has been built, need has been identified.”

Since MIT is in the process of determining the contours of that campaign — incorporating input from the Academic Council and the Corporation, according to Ruiz — Hockfield saw now as a good time for a transition.

The president expressed deep fondness for MIT, and especially its students. “I remember when I first understood the GBG,” she told The Tech. “I remember stopping and thinking, ‘Wow!’ When you decide to come to MIT you know that you are signing up for a more demanding environment than if you had gone to one of the other great schools you were admitted to... I have optimism for our future, because of young people who decide to take the harder role... My message out to the students is thank you for being so willing to take on the hard problems at MIT and beyond.”

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THEN'S OUR COUCH NOW, GOOD BUDDY.

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By David W. Cromer

[1017] Backward in Time

WHEN I HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM, I GET THROUGH IT WITH A THREE-HOUR LECTURE, A FURNITURE DONATION OR A LONG-TIME PRAYER, SING IN FEBRUARY. I USE THE FORMULA TO CONVERT THE PRESENT TO THE PAST (or vice versa).

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WHEN THE DOG IS ON THE ODDS, IT TURNS FART. IF ANYTHING, I'M AWARE (AND AS I'M PROGRESSIVE, I LOVE HOME AND FAR-FLUNG BACKDANCES.)

IT MIGHT SOUND THROUGH THE FART YEARS, THEN QUICKLY ACCELERATE. IT TAKES THE FORMULA SO THE TIME SPENT ON EACH POST OF THE YEAR IS DIRECTLY PROPORTIONAL TO HOW WELL I KNOW IT. THIS YEAR I'M HAVING UN Commons WITH EACH EXIT OF PROGRESS, GIVING ME A SATISFYING SENSE OF PROGRESSION.

KCD

CALCULATING THE "T" DIFFERENCE:

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[UPPERCUT]

By Steve Sullivan

Unnatural Selection
Meisel/Tonn/Wang

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The Tim by Timothy Yang

Sudoku
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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.

Techdoku
Solution, page 11

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22+ 3x 2
15x 9x 2
40x 72x
3 80x
12x 15x
8x
2
3 11x
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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.
Hockfield's many milestones  
A legacy of successful fundraising and innovation

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sion to the Institute).  
Hockfield has also made a point of engaging MIT in the national conversation about science and other current events. One of Hock-
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• providing information to the public  
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In December of last year, Hockfield had MIT host a meeting for the MIT Energy Initiative (MITEI), a campuswide program that looked to increase MIT's global footprint by:

Today, MIT is leading the way in sustainable energy. We have made tremendous progress in student-life amenities such as dining, housing, and transportation. In addition to a $750 million bond sale, MIT hopes to raise another $750 million through donations to finance MIT 2030.

Dining proved to be a controversial topic throughout Hockfield's tenure. MIT's expansive dining room has been a point of contention for the student body. In December 2008, the student-run MIT Daily announced plans to cut back on dining services. Students countered the proposals with a petition, which was ultimately rejected.

Hockfield will continue to serve as president until her successor is appointed.

Looking to the future: Susan Hockfield's resignation letter

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*The Army Lab provides the intern's salary, which typically ranges from $2280/month to $2864/month depending on class year. Under certain circumstances the ISN can provide the intern with a supplement of up to $1500 to defray costs of local accommodations and travel.

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Suffolk Downs proposal may deter casino rivals

By Mark Arsenault
THE BOSTON GLOBE

The widespread perception that the Suffolk Downs casino proposal, with its strong political backers, has a lock on development rights for Eastern Massachusetts may be discouraging some casino companies from competing in what is expected to be the state’s most lucrative gambling market, specialists say.

Only one developer, Steve Wynn of Las Vegas, has stepped forward to compete with Suffolk Downs for the single license available in the eastern part of the state. That pales in comparison to the frenzy for all five sites in western Massachusetts, a smaller market that has drawn significantly more interest from casino companies.

“At this point, most people [in the industry] believe that Suffolk Downs has it locked up,” said Roger Gros, publisher of Global Gaming Business, a trade magazine that covers casino gambling. “That’s pretty much the opinion right now, that they’ve got it.”

The head of the state’s gambling commission is adamant that the process will be open and fair, and that any assumptions about Suffolk Downs are completely unfounded.

But the sense of inevitability has been enough to give pause to casino companies. “That’s pretty much the conventional wisdom,” said Gros. “He dances to his own tune, that’s for sure.”

Although several landowners in the eastern region are publicly marketing their sites for casinos, no other gambling company has joined Wynn in public competition against Suffolk Downs.

The southeastern region also lacks competition at the moment, said by design. State law delays bidding on a casino license in the southeast until at least August to give the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe time to make progress toward winning federal approval for a tribal casino in that region. The deference to the tribe is being challenged in federal court.

The perception that Suffolk Downs is a lock in Greater Boston is longstanding, predating the legalization of casino gambling in Massachusetts.

Two days before Governor Deval Patrick signed the legislation last November, the Las Vegas Review-Journal, a close observer of the casino industry, wrote that Suffolk Downs “is all but assured the license for the lucrative Boston market” due to support from key Massachusetts politicians and the Bay State ties of Caesars chief executive Gary Loveman PhD ’89.

Loveman lives in Wellesley, holds a doctorate from MIT, and is a former Harvard Business School professor.

“Wynn always goes against [conventional wisdom], so I wasn’t surprised to see him jump in with Kraft,” said Gros. “He dances to his own tune, that’s for sure.”

New UA Council appointed, meeting soon

The UA Council, the UA’s main ruling body that replaced the Senate, has been almost completely filled, with the off-campus representa- tive yet to be determined. The Council includes representation for every dorm, the Interfraternal Council (IFC), the Panhellenic Association (Panhel), the Living Group Council (LGC), and off-campus residents, each selected in a way determined by their constituents. The Council will have its first meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Senate Chambers, W20-400, according to UA Vice President Amanda C. David ’13. The meeting will be open, and food will be served.

“The members of the council are as follows:

Dorms
• Brian Laque ’12, Baker House
• Jaidle “Miff” Mangani ’13, Barton Conner House
• Robert M. Johnson ’13, East Campus President
• Ryan T. Normandin ’13, former MagGregor House senator
• Sungmin “Regina” Cho ’14, Maseeh Hall President
• Elise A. Stone ’13, McCormick Hall

Off-campus
• Benjamin I. Shahba ’14, New House
• Alex C. Lai ’13, Next House President
• Alexander M. Westbrook ’13, former Random House senator
• Katy I. Grew ’13, Senior House
• Eli H. Ross ’13, Simmons Hall
• Thomas A. Anderson ’13, IFC president, Zeta Psi
• Keli M. Smith ’13, Kappa Sigma
• Alexander T. Kiefer ’12, Zeta Psi
• Douglas O. Sanchez ’14, Theta Delta Chi

Panhel
• Denzil Sikka ’13, Panhel President, Alpha Phi
• Christine S. Lai ’13, Alpha Chi Omega
• Lauran M. Allen ’13, Kappa Alpha Theta
• Alexander W. Dehnert ’12, Epilon Theta

LGC
• Edward J. Delehanty ’12, Alpha Phi Omega

IFC
• Elise A. Stave ’13, McCormick Hall

Nora H. Mallory ’12 and Jeffry Disko ’10 perform in the MIT Dramashop’s production of “My Uncle,” based on the play “Uncle Vanya” by Anton Chekhov. In addition to performing last weekend, MIT Dramashop will show the play this upcoming Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8 p.m. in Walker Memorial. — Bruno R. F. Faviero

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The Tech
Nationally ranked volleyball wins Invitational
Men's Volleyball team beats Emerson, Stevenson, and York on Sunday

By Paul Dill

Nationally-ranked No. 5 MIT defeated No. 9 Rivier College, 25-16, 25-19, 25-22, en route to winning the championship of the Z-Center Volleyball Invitational on Sunday afternoon. The Engineers also swept Emerson College (25-12, 25-12, 25-19), Stevens University (25-22, 25-20, 25-13), and York College (NY) (25-19, 25-23, 25-17) to capture their second consecutive title and their eighth overall in the eight-year history of the tournament. Kenneth M. Siebert ‘14 was selected to the all-tournament team while David R. Thomas ‘12 earned Tournament MVP honors for the second year in a row, becoming the first player to accomplish this feat.

Matthew P. Hohenberger ‘13 powered MIT with 10 kills and a .750 hitting percentage in the opener with Emerson on Saturday. Bradley L. Gross ‘15 registered six kills and four digs as classmate Alexander C. Klein ‘15 added five kills and four blocks. Thomas, junior Patrick J. Vatterott and freshman Christopher T. Omahan each posted four kills while Thomas and Vatterott contributed three and two blocks, respectively. Andrew A. Busse ‘15 generated four blocks in one set as Jeremy J. Velazquez ‘12 collected eight digs. Daniel C. Singler ‘12 bolstered the defense with four digs while Siebert earned two aces. Sophomores Ivan P. Wang and Paul M. Syta both distributed 17 assists as Wang totaled six digs.

Against Stevens, Hohenberger notched 11 kills, four blocks, and an ace while Siebert had 10 kills, a .435 hitting performance, and six digs. Klein returned to form with 14 kills and 47 assists, two blocks, and an ace as Thomas rounded out the attack with seven kills. Syta tallied 14 assists, nine digs, and two blocks while Vatterott finished with six kills, four digs, and two blocks. Velazquez amassed a team-high 13 digs as Singler chipped in four of his own.

Graduate-student Malcolm Bean led a balanced attack versus York with nine kills and a .471 hitting percentage to go along with two blocks and an ace. Gross recorded six kills, a .417 hitting performance, four digs, and two blocks as Klein totaled seven kills, a .400 hitting percentage, and four blocks. Wang and Thomas both earned three aces while Wang dishouted 20 assists, followed by 10 from Syta. Velazquez led the way with nine digs as Omahan contributed four.

In the finale with Rivier, Siert helped pace the Engineers with 15 kills, a .448 hitting performance, and three blocks. Hohenberger posted 14 kills and a .458 hitting effort while Klein had seven kills on nine errorless attempts in addition to three blocks. Syta compiled 36 assists, four digs, three blocks, three aces, and an ace as Vatterott registered three blocks. Thomas led the defense with eight digs fol-


SPORTS SHORT

Harvard beats MIT at Bean Pot Tournament on Tuesday

On Tuesday night at Harvard, the MIT’s Women’s Fencing team entered the Bean Pot Tournament against Brandeis, Harvard, and Boston College. The team arrived with a promising record of 12-19, straight off a 2-5 record from the Eric Sollee Invitation where MIT crushed Hunter College, 23-4, and Haverford College, 17-12. Through the rest of the season, however, Harvard has boasted a 25-12 record against the Engineers, which means that this match was time to retaliate.

For those who do not know about fencing, the sport has three main events, each with a different weapon: the foil, the épée, and the sabre. The épée is the only fencing weapon that has a whole body guard and it is heavier and stiffer than both the foil and the sabre. Out of the three matches against Harvard, MIT performed the best in épée, battling Harvard to end the match 5-4. Crimson. The saber and foil matches were more competitive with Harvard edging out MIT 7-2 and 9-0, respectively.

Overall, Harvard took the tournament at 21-4 against MIT. The Engineers will compete at the New England Championship at Vassar College on Feb. 25 at 8:30 a.m.

—Katie Bodner, Sports Staff