EECS considers 6-M major

Course 6 variant would focus on medical devices

By Tushar Kamath
STAFF REPORTER

This year’s new 6.502 survey course is a first foray into what is proposed to be the new 6-M (“6-Medical”) major within Course 6 (Electrical Engineering and Computer Science). 6.02 (intro to EECS II) is a required lab class for Course 6 majors, but was not taught this spring. In its place appeared 6.502, intro to EECS II from a Medical Technology Perspective, which will also be the only 6.02 option next Spring. The new 6-M major has gained popularity as a concept among students currently enrolled in 6.802, though the class has also garnered criticism from enrolled students about how the class is taught — because the class is in its first iteration, there are still many kinks to iron out.

According to Course 6 Department Head Anantha P. Chandrakasan, the idea of a 6-M major came about as a way to make coursework reflect current research. Chandrakasan says that much of the research in Course 6 deals with medical applications of some sort. Professor Jacob K. White added that approximately 35 percent of the EECS faculty researches medical devices and its applications, and that there are “a lot of people from hospitals who are excited about collaborating with us.” He stated that the intent of 6.502 is to introduce undergraduates to a field of research and better connect students to current faculty research.

Curriculum description

The potential new 6-M major may also add newer courses, while still maintain-

Obama nominates Moniz

Energy Initiative head to be next secretary of energy

By Leon Lin
ASSOCIATE REPORTER

On Monday, President Obama nominated MIT’s Ernest J. Moniz as the next secretary of energy. He will replace Steven Chu, who announced last month that he would resign. Only in the past decade have scientists occupied the position. If confirmed by the Senate, Moniz, a physicist, would continue that pattern.

“Energetic and dedicated”

Obama said at the nomination ceremony. Moniz, a physics professor, has been the director of the MIT Energy Initiative since its formation under President Hockfield in 2006. But Moniz also knows his way around Washington, having served as Undersecretary of Energy from 1997 to 2001 under President Clinton.

Observers have noted Moniz’s pragmatic approach when it comes to the interplay between energy, the economy, and the environment. Moniz has advocated a carbon trading system, and has proposed a cap and trade system. He is known as a pragmatic and moderate in his approach when it comes to the interplay between energy, the economy, and the environment.

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RingComm disappointed by alcohol discovered at 2015 Premiere

By isabella c. wei
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

As hundreds of excited sophomores poured out of Kresge Auditorium after Ring Premiere on February 15, some left without enjoying the entire event. Instead, they had been in the bathroom vomiting. According to Ring Committee (RingComm) Chair Matthew T. Abel ’15, “The cleaning staff found alcohol containers in Kresge Auditorium. Additionally, vomit was found in the lobby and in the ladies’ restroom.” The Ring Committee said they were unaware of alcohol being brought onto the grounds, and did not take precautions. “We didn’t consider that people would bring alcohol into Kresge,” said Abel.

Joel Pettigrew, program Coordinator for student activities and event management, who works closely with class counselors and RingComm, expressed understanding that students would want to have fun at the event. Pettigrew and Leah Flynn, assistant director for student leadership and engagement from the Student Activities Office (SAO), said they “reflected on the culture of the event” after the incident. They emphasized that they are most concerned with keeping the tradition of Ring Premiere, and that there are “a lot of people from hospitals who are excited about collaborating with us.” He stated that the intent of 6.502 is to introduce undergraduates to a field of research and better connect students to current faculty research.

“Moving forward, the SAO will be working with RingComm and the Student Activity Office have already met to discuss the situation. They focused on what future committees could do to ensure a “safe and respectful environment” for future premiers, according to Pettigrew. Abel said, “Moving forward, the SAO will be working with Ring Committees to appropriately staff and monitor future Ring Premiers.”

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Mother Nature has come as a savior to the United States. This is the reason he and his family are planning to stay put for the rest of the year. If the weather continues to improve, they will consider moving to Colorado next spring.

The New York Times

The U.S. government has begun an investigation into claims that the city of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, routinely botched sexual assault and harassment complaints and mistreated victims — the latest in a series of similar allegations against colleges and universities.

In January, a group that includes current and former students and a former administrator filed a detailed complaint with the Education Department's Office of Civil Rights. The complainants said they were interviewed by the authors who said hundreds of victims, many of whom had previously reported and were not taken seriously.

The university's chancellor, Holden Thorp, said he received a letter Wednesday informing him that the civil rights office had opened an investigation.

Neither the authors of the complaint nor federal officials have made any public comment, but the university's attorneys say they have not seen the complaint.

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By Roman Kowoh

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The agreement, which draws on ideas pioneered in Denmark, a country with one of the world's most flexible labor markets, would probably not have been possible a generation ago, or even under Hollande's predecessor, Nicolas Sarkozy. But several years of crisis and economic stagnation have led to an acknowledgement across most of the political spectrum that relatively high labor costs are making it harder for French workers to compete when jobs can be outsourced to low-wage countries. Those concerns have been magnified by a recent debate against French workers by an U.S. fire service executive, Maurice "Tip" O'Neill, who said he fears guns on campus would increase the rate of effective suicides by college students.

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BANGKOK — A proposal to ban international trade in polar bear parts was rejected Thursday at a major conference on wildlife trade, highlighting the difficulties of reaching a global consensus on protecting many of the world's endangered species.

The question of whether to upgrade the protected status of polar bears was a leading subject of debate by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, or CITES, which is meeting here in Bangkok.

Officials include plans to extend protection to three species of sharks, manta rays and freshwater sawfish, and to various species of turtles.

The polar bear proposal was put forward by the United States but opposed by Canada, Greenland, and Norway, all of which have polar bears in their waters. A compromise offered by the European Union, which would regulate the trade with export quotas and a tagging system rather than banning it entirely, was not included in the final convention.

By Stephen Winakor

The New York Times

Groups push to allow college students to be armed

By Meagan Paut

DAYTON, Ohio — Joe Smith believes the 9mm handgun he carries is the reason he is family and his high school.

Last month, a man threatened to kill Smith, his wife and their child in a mall parking lot. The man said he had a gun, so Smith, 24, fired his .45-caliber and immediately his aggressor fled.

But Smith is not allowed to carry that gun when he attends classes at Ohio State University, where he is president of Buckeyes for Concealed Carry on Campus. And he feels Ohio’s ban on guns on college campuses puts him and others at risk, especially in situations such as his mall encounter. "Whoever has the firearms wins the struggle for power," he said. "Thank God he didn’t have a firearm and I did!"

College campuses across the country have been at the center of the debate over where people should have the legal right to carry concealed weapons since a student at Virginia Tech University shot and killed 32 people and injured 17 others in 2007. Just more than a year after the shooting, a gunman at Northern Illinois University killed five people in a lecture hall. And last April, a former student of a small religious college in California killed seven lives.

Now, talks are beginning again with a renewed sense of urgency after the Dec. 14 tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut that claimed the lives of 20 first-graders and adults and the July 20 shooting at the Aurora Century 16 Cinema in Colorado that killed 12 people.

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Bin Laden son-in-law is held by US on North Korea as it warns of attack

By Rick Gladstone and David Sanger

The U.N. Security Council approved new sanctions on Thursday against North Korea for its underground nuclear test last month, in a unanimous vote that came just hours after the Security Council announced for the first time to launch a pre-emergency meeting to discuss North Korea's nuclear test.

The vote came just weeks after the United States and South Korea. The North Korean leadership, which is currently under an arms embargo, was not invited to the council. "The council is not the appropriate forum to make threats against a specific country," a U.S. official said on condition of anonymity. "We presented the evidence the allies were preparing for this historic action against a pre-emergency strike on North Korea.

"The toughest sanctions impose North Korean banking, travel and trade and were in place in a 5-1 vote that reflected the country's increasing sanctions on security. China, the North's long-time benefactor, helped the U.S. draft the resolution in which

some outside experts called a sign of Beijing's growing annoyance with the United States. The exact nature of their detention was sketchy on Thursday, but officials said that he was originally detained in Turkey several weeks ago.

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North Korea. "We need wisdom, persistence, perseverance." But it is unclear if China would be willing to go beyond the scope of the sanctions, cutting off fuel shipments and commercial trade that have in the past helped to keep the impoverished country functioning. The U.S. and the Security Council's fourth against the reclusive government.

Kenya race is challenge for US ties

By Jeffrey Gettleman

NAIROBI, Kenya—He has been charged with heinous crimes, accused of using a vast fortune to bash journalists and even slaugh-

ter women and children. His running mate also faces charges of corruption, and his son's death endured.

But when the ballot counting began Tuesday, Uhuru Kenyatta, the son of Kenya's first president, who was the subject of debate among

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The Tech has informed me, that in his most recent newspaper article, Tea Dorminy raises an excellent basic question about MIT's mission: What is it as the content in an MIT course? The Tech has also asked me to respond: I'm delighted to do so. When I heard MIT's EdX and then edX, we were very clear with ourselves that courses could be delivered in any way we desired: courses on edX are in fact as rigorous as the on-campus courses, and are generating as much excitement in the same faculty. I believe that this commitment makes edX unique. Furthermore, we welcome those who are interested in gun violence, left me jolted in disbelief. The author claimed that if you have guns, then they would not have panicked when warned of the presence of a gunman on campus. Unfounded war would hardly make all of us feel safer. The privileged state. I can attest that while the presentation of content and interactive problem solving may vary because of the medium, the rigor does not, and the questions we asked students to solve using online tools were comparable to those we ask on our on-campus students. And let me also echo Anant's enthusiasm for OCW: MIT is committed to it.

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A gun for every student is not the answer

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by Billie Truitt
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RestauRant Review

Puritanical about food
Modern American cuisine in Inman Square

By Edwina Portocarrero

Puritan and Co. excites me. It is not in Harvard Sq., and it is not in Central Sq. It is not in the Back Bay or the South End. It is surrounded by Portuguese fish shops and Brazilian salons in up-and-coming Inman Square. This brand new enterprise by chef Will Gilson (formerly of the Garden at the Cellar), is spacious, but also warm, unpretentiously elegant, and oozing with New England charm. It’s a bustling space, where seating is almost guaranteed, and the kitchen is happy to serve you at 10 p.m. — much appreciated by someone living the graduate student life, for whom dinner is whenever work is finished, or the belly can’t wait any longer.

Puritan is versatile: it provides the right environment regardless of the occasion. Its staff members operate like magicians, facilitating a seamless experience. Choose the intimacy of the tucked-away raw bar for catching up with a friend while watching craftsmen at work on desserts; get a table for two when on a date, to be amid the comfort of strangers; sit at the bar while munching on charcuterie and talking work; or get a larger corner table while dining with friends. The devil is in the details, and Puritan seems to know what a difference good lighting and proper acoustics make. Conversations flow and everyone and everything looks delightful.

But let’s talk food! And drink. The menu looks so good, it makes you plan your next visit before you’ve even decided what to order. I love good butter when I get it, and the complimentary potato bread came with just that. In lieu of the oysters (they had run out), we got little raw scallops, teeny-tiny jewels topped with fresh — and I mean fresh — horseradish. While the crude scallops are nice little bites, the baked scallop stole my heart. It was like eating a beautiful microcosmos, as amusing to the mouth as it was to the eye. Colors, flavors, and textures were not only perfectly balanced, but quite unexpected. Pair it with a glass of Sancerre, and you are in for a great evening.

It was a fish night for my dining partner and me, and we opted for the two choices they had. In came a perfectly crusted, butter-seared bass, over a bed of potato and lemon puree and a ragout of heirloom beans, drizzled with a delicious citrus nage, and accompanied by perfect, bite-sized vegetables. The nage could have been a bit warmer, if only because it was spooned out of the plate until not a drop was left. The co-bia, a fish I had never even heard of before, let alone eaten, turned out to be a meaty white fish similar to swordfish, and it was clean and simple.

My heart skipped a beat when I saw Pavlova on their dessert menu. Crisp, light, and soft: sweetness balanced by a dollop of coconut ice cream and grapefruit and orange citrus. Crumbled shortcake on top made for a delightful texture mélange.

Puritan & Co.
1166 Cambridge Street,
Inman Square, Cambridge
Hours: Sunday – Thursday 5:30 p.m. – 11 p.m., Friday – Saturday 5:30 p.m. – 12 a.m.

Design Biennial Boston

1. The Design Biennial Boston is a competition that aims to highlight talented designers in architecture, interior design, landscape architecture, and urban design, who are emerging as leaders in Greater Boston’s design community. The winners of this year’s Biennial are: Kiel Moe, Brandon Clifford (Belluschi Lecturer at MIT) of Matter Design, Wilson Martin and Eden Dutchier of GroundView, and Ana Miljacki (Assistant Professor of Architecture at MIT) and Lee Moreau of Project_. Previous work and a site-specific installation by the winners are on display at the BSA Space until May 15th 2013.


3. “Rorschach” by Ana Miljacki and Lee Moreau of Project_.

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CONCERT REVIEW

Contemporary classical celebrity

A performance by violinist Hilary Hahn

By Priyanka Chatterjee

Seventeen years ago, my grandmother presented me with my first violin, and introduced me to the world of classical music. That same year, at the age of sixteen, violinist prodigy Hilary Hahn made her debut recording.

Over time, as I have trained to be a violinist, I have followed Hahn’s maturation as one of the most popular modern-day violinists, through her online audio recordings and performance videos. It was a dream come true to go last Friday to the New England Conservatory’s Jordan Hall to finally experience her virtuosic performance of her own playing.

Two-time Grammy winner and world famous, Hilary Hahn is the Beyoncé of classical music today. With God-given talent and a commitment to technical mastery, she never leaves the stage before having made the entire audience fall in love with her.

This performance, part of the Celebrity Series of Boston, was no exception. Hahn was accompanied by the brilliant pianist, Cory Smythe. Hahn played an exquisite 1864 Pagani–style violin, and her performance was, to my semi-trained ear, flawless.

Hahn’s presence, too, was one to awe. She was elegantly dressed in a long flowing cross-backed black gown, and her brunette curly hair was fashionably made up in an up-do. A touch of bright carnation lipstick completed the look. She entered the stage with an aura of royalty, and performed with almost otherworldly tranquility.

Even after one piece that never went below a triple forte or a tempo of 160 beats per minute, she still seemed perfectly calm and undisturbed.

One unique attribute of Hahn is her dedication to contemporary pieces. During this concert, she performed a selection from her famous modern anthology In 27 Pieces: The Hilary Hahn Encores, which included works by some of the most prolific composers of today — Anton García Abril, Corelli, and J.S. Bach. Hahn’s almost impossible-to-imitate rendition of Bach’s Partita No. 2 blew my expectations of the piece completely out of the water. At one point during the piece I could not see that she was playing anything at all — her bow and fingers were a blur. It was not until the end of the piece that I realized that I was holding my breath the entire time.

Hahn performed twelve pieces in total, sustaining a level of skill and passion that captivated the audience. The concert lasted almost three hours. She was able to color each piece differently, giving the composers, modern or classic, their due. I highly recommend anyone who is musically inclined to go see her perform. Her demonstration of the limits of musical mastery was undoubtedly the highlight of my week.

The pieces ranged from the graceful, smooth, and rhythmic, to the dissonant and jarring, and the emotion behind the notes was oftentimes overwhelming.

Yet a performance would not be quite complete without pieces from some of the greatest composers of all time. Hahn performed three classic pieces by Fauré, Corelli, and J.S. Bach. Hahn’s almost impossible-to-imitate rendition of Bach’s Partita No. 2 blew my expectations of the piece completely out of the water. At one point during the piece I could not see that she was playing anything at all — her bow and fingers were a blur. It was not until the end of the piece that I realized that I was holding my breath the entire time.

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World-renowned violinist Hilary Hahn performed in Boston last week. The concert was part of the Celebrity Series of Boston and took place at the New England Conservatory of Music.

FOOD REVIEW

Best vegan bites

A look at vegan options on campus

By Alex McCarthy

Momogoose Food Truck

If only this truck parked in front of Building 2, instead of behind MIT Medical, I would eat at Momogoose every day. I usually order a tofu and rice/noodle entree, which comes in a variety of flavors, including Korean BBQ, Japanese stir-fry, and a daily special. The staff members are friendly, and the food is usually served super fast. The only downside is that they only take cash, so it’s best to plan ahead (although I forgot cash one time, and the staff was kind enough to let me pay them later). And if I’m in a terrible rush, I just grab a PB&J sandwich or bagels with peanut butter and banana, which are vegan. My personal favorite is the “Chickpea Fritter,” with tahini, coleslaw, and hummus. The also serve their famous rosemary fries, among a number of other vegetarian/vegan sandwiches. The staff members are friendly, and they have a number of vegan-friendly options that I haven’t tried but would love to try.

Momogoose Food Truck

Probably the tastiest vegan food you can buy without stepping off campus, the Clover Food truck is a great lunch option. Located on the street behind MIT Medical, Clover serves a variety of delicious pita sandwiches. The staff is extremely friendly, and they have a number of vegan-friendly options that I haven’t tried but would love to try.

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Steam Café

Steam Café is a surprisingly little known venue, nestled on the fourth floor of Building 7. This is my most frequented lunch haunt — it’s a conveniently-located and low-cost place to get a hot meal. The vegan fare usually consists of some combination of a starch such as brown rice, roasted potatoes, or lo mein, served alongside some sort of vegetable stir-fry or soup. I’ll admit it is not the most exciting or flavorful venue, but for $4 I can grab a quick and decent lunch between classes.

In a pinch

If you’re in a rush and just want something to fill your stomach before a four-hour lab class, there are a few options. Café Four, Steam Café, LaVerde’s, and Tata’s Foreshore Café all stock a variety of pre-packaged vegan meals, including veggie sushi (sporadically), PB&J sandwiches, or bagels with peanut butter. And if I’m in a terrible rush, I just grab a fruit juice and down it on my way to lab.
A WEBcomic of ROMANCE, SARCASM, MATH, AND LANGUAGE
by Randall Munroe
This year's 6.S02 students will primarily work on a robot to identify basic principles of coding and electrical engineering. The MRI, according to White, is probably the most extreme example of how EECS has changed the medical world. Understanding such an imaging device requires a deep understanding of algorithms and signals, among other EECS fundamentals. White hopes that 6.02 will help change the landscape of medicine. "Why does the MRI cost so much more than an iPhone," said White. "It's not because the MRI is much more technologically complicated, but rather because we just don't train students to work with an MRI."

6.02 student response

While a number of students find 6.02 to be a unique and interesting approach, some have taken issue with the bugs in the class. Vivek A. Chakradhar '16 believes heavily in the concept of 6.02, but less so in how the class is structured. "Many of our lecturers in class are extremely qualified and I'm pretty happy with what I'm learning so far," he said. Another freshman in 6.02, Kassavetis A. Gopinathan also sees the potential of Course 6.02. "I think that medicine is going to change rapidly in the next 10 or 20 years. If you're going to be a doctor, having this kind of knowledge would be really important, based off of today's direction of medicine."
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MIT cycling team on top after first race weekend
Berlin and Wymbs win their individual time trial races at the Rutgers Season Opener

By Sarah Weir
SPORTS EDITOR

This past weekend, MIT Cycling opened its Eastern Collegiate Cycling Conference (ECCC) season in New Jersey at the Rutgers Frozen-Toed Season Opener. In just two days of racing, the team has already shown great promise for the season to come. 21 MIT cyclists competed in an individual time trial (ITT), a criterium, and a circuit race over the weekend and drove MIT to the top of the Team Omnium standing with 206 points.

In Rutgers time trial, riders raced individually in an attempt to score the fastest time over a two-mile course. Shaena R. Berlin ’13 (a tech meteorologist) won the women’s A ITT with a time of 5:08.06, beating out 15 other competitors. Katherine A. Wymbs ’14 also won her field, competing against 23 other riders in the women’s C race.

On the men’s side, Zachary Ward Ulissi G earned sixth place and Joseph Paul Near G finished eighth in the men’s A race. Benjamin M. Woolston G was second in the men’s B race, finishing in a time of 4:49.57, and Matthew R. Redmond ’13 was second in the men’s D race.

The criterium requires speed, strategy, and expert bike-handling skills. Riders must be good at cornering, as the race requires them to go around a short course as many times as they can in a certain period of time. Some highlights of this race for MIT were Scott A. Burdick G finishing in third place in the men’s C race, and Katie F. Maass G finishing fourth in the women’s Intro field.

Sunday was another exciting day for the MIT cycling team, with riders competing in seven categories throughout the day. David Neal Pira Koppstein G finished first in the 13.5-mile men’s C race. In the women’s C race, Georgia K. Lagoudas G finished fourth after riding for 11.7 miles against 18 competitors.

Overall, it was a promising first weekend for the MIT cycling team. The team will travel to New York this weekend for a criterium and circuit race hosted by Columbia University and Stevens Institute of Technology.

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SPorts SHort
Women’s Ultimate to host tournament this Sunday

This Sunday, MIT Women’s Ultimate Frisbee is hosting the MIT Invite on Bar- ry, with five of the six Metro Boston Conference teams. Teams from Tufts, Northeasterns, Harvard, Boston College, and MIT will face off in a round-robin format. Although the Metro Boston Conferences Tournament, the first official tournament in the college series, is over five weeks away, this weekend’s outcome should serve as a preview for the season to come.
—Lisa Liu

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Friday, March 8
Men’s Lacrosse vs. Norwich University 4 p.m. Roberts Field

Saturday, March 9
Men’s Tennis vs. Baruch College 1 p.m. J.B. Carr Tennis Bubble

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