MIT: In the beginning...

Above right: Students and alumni at play. Top right, the varsity football team of 1892. Below, an alumnus promenades with a beaver on the beach at Nantasket, during a celebration of the arrival of the Institute in Cambridge.

Above left: MIT’s first presidents. Leftmost column, top to bottom: founder and first president William Barton Rogers, governing 1861 to 1870, and, returning after illness, 1878 to 1880; John Daniel Runkle, 1870-78; Francis Amasa Walker, 1880-97. Right column, top to bottom: John De Witt, 1897-1916; Charles M. Yost, 1916-30; Ross Florey, 1930-55.

Below: One of W. Welles Bosworth’s depictions of his plans for the Institute in Cambridge. Many of his larger designs are ethereal depictions of ghostly edifices that seemingly float upon a misty reality. Chauncey D. Little, 1893-1905.

Photographs from “Retroslpect: MIT 1861-1916,” placed on display yesterday in the lobby of the Hayden gallery.