ing can be blended together during a single class meeting.

- **Provostial point person.** To coordinate and enhance such efforts, University provost Alan M. Garber has created a vice-provostship for advances in learning and named Carswell professor of East Asian languages and civilizations Peter K. Bol to the post. Bol has used technological tools extensively in his research and teaching, and leads University efforts in geographical information systems. His online course, SW12x, “China” (taught with William C. Kirby, Chang professor of China studies and Spangler Family professor of business administration), debuts in October, and is being offered simultaneously in the College and through the Extension School.

Some faculty members were disquieted when edX debuted in the spring of 2012 without announced faculty leadership or an advisory committee (which has since evolved). As vice provost, Bol brings a senior professor’s perspective to oversight of both HarvardX and HILT, which will report to him, as University and individual schools’ policies and investments evolve.

- **Online curricula.** To date, most courses offered by faculty members from Harvard, MIT, and edX partner institutions (as well as those on the for-profit Coursera and Udacity platforms) have been one-off efforts—a concern for professors who envision students learning their way through a planned curriculum. In September, MIT faculty members began to address that deficiency, introducing the XSeries of sequential courses and shorter modules—in the foundations of computer science, and supply chain and logistics management—meant to give students progressive learning opportunities equaling two to four residential courses and culminating in certificates of content mastery.

- **edX ambitions.** edX itself leased larger quarters in Kendall Square, pointing toward a staff of 90 to 100, according to news accounts, by the time the organization moves, in January. Sepa-

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### Yesterday’s News

*From the pages of the Harvard Alumni Bulletin and Harvard Magazine*

1913 Capping a 9-0 football season—with Harvard scoring a total 215 points to their opponents’ 21—the Crimson achieves its first victory (15-5) over the Elis in the 10-year-old Harvard Stadium.

1943 A *Bulletin* editorial laments that “Too many boys...are coming to Harvard and other American colleges...woefully unprepared in speaking and writing.” English, and praises English A’s remedial courses for their important wartime role.

1958 Plans are complete for an extension of Leverett House, which has given Mather Hall [renamed Old Quincy, and now Stone Hall] to Quincy House. For the first time, the University will build high: two 12-story glass-and-limestone towers will house 280 students.

After a letter in the *Crimson* reports that some landlords registered with the Harvard Housing Office refuse to rent to blacks, the office draws up a pledge of nondiscrimination that all landlords using its services must sign.

1973 The Yale Band, playing at halftime during Yale’s game against Cornell, forms an H on the field to honor the victims of President Richard Nixon’s “Saturday night massacre”—Archibald Cox ’34, LL.B. ’37; Elliot Richardson ’41, LL.B. ’44, and William Ruckelshaus, LL.B. ’60.

1988 The University’s Association of Black Faculty and Administrators calls for an affirmative-action plan to ensure that black, Hispanic, and Native Americans comprise 10 percent of Harvard faculties by 1990, the centennial of the College graduation year of W.E.B. Du Bois, who later became Harvard’s first black Ph.D. recipient.

Three faculty members spend three weeks in Russia trying unsuccessfully to visit the Soviet space program’s computing center. Astronomer Fred Whipple remarks that the Russian rocketry program is definitely military, and being pushed at an enormous pace. Allen Hynek, associate director of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, comments: “The United States may be losing the race for scientific supremacy because Americans are more interested in prosperity than posterity.”

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