of a larger course. And faculty members are clearly discussing shorter for-credit options that might take advantage of the extended January break, or opportunities for separating and mixing and matching labs from the courses with which they are now associated.

Any such formats would require faculty review and approval—but the discussion is clearly under way at Harvard, and much more comprehensively at MIT, whose president commissioned a report in which faculty advocated “unbundling of education” and achieving “greater modularity in the MIT undergraduate curriculum, from a top-down approach that decomposes existing courses into modules to a bottom-up approach that re-engineries a curriculum by identifying the core concepts and associated modules that underlie them or build upon them,” with the aim of “providing greater flexibility for students to customize their degree programs.” These issues are explored fully at http://harvardmagazine.com/credit-14.

Gender-neutral Housing
Almost in passing, the amendments to the language in the Handbook for Students—which were adopted routinely at the May 6 FAS meeting—turn the pilot program on gender-neutral housing (initiated at the request of transgender students) into a regular possibility, subject to a review procedure. Thus, “Rising sophomore, juniors, and seniors may request to form mixed-gender rooming groups.” All occupants must voluntarily agree to the arrangement, and requests are “addressed and managed on a case-by-case basis, taking into account all circumstances, including space constraints.”

University People

Scholars at the Summit
The National Academy of Sciences has elected 11 professors to membership. From Harvard Medical School come: Bruce P. Bean, Winthrop professor of neurobiology; Emery N. Brown, Zapol professor of anesthesia; Timothy J. Mitchison, Sabbagh professor of systems biology; Vamsi K. Mootha, professor of systems biology and of medicine; and Martin R. Pollak, professor of medicine. New members from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences include: Daniel Eisenstein, professor of astronomy; Drew Fudenberg, Abbe professor of economics; Lawrence F. Katz, Allison professor of economics; Jeff W. Lichtman, Knowles professor of molecular and cellular biology and Ramon y Cajal professor of arts and sciences; Andrew W. Murray, Smith professor of molecular genetics; and Subir Sachdev, professor of physics. To learn more about their work, and about the 11 alumni from other institutions who were also elected, visit http://harvardmagazine.com/nas-14.

Classroom Champions
The Faculty of Arts and Sciences conferred Harvard College Professorships (its highest honor for distinguished undergraduate teaching and advising, consisting of a five-year title plus incremental research funding) on five faculty members: Mahzarin Banaji, Cabot professor of social ethics (a psychologist); David Cutler, Eckstein professor of applied economics; Hopi Hoekstra, professor of organismic and evolutionary biology and molecular and cellular biology; Melissa McCormick, professor of Japanese art and culture; and Greg Morrisett, Cutting professor of computer science. For background information on each, and details on other teaching and advising honors, see http://harvardmag.com/faculty-14.

Pulitzer Portrait
Megan Marshall ’77, RI ’07, was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for biography, for Margaret Fuller: A New American Life. Among the finalists for this year’s prizes were: Bernbaum professor of literature Leo Damrosch (biogra-

phy, for Jonathan Swift: His Life and His World); Rebecca Davis O’Brien ’06 (local reporting, for coverage of heroin in the northern New Jersey suburbs; O’Brien was one of this magazine’s Ledecky Undergraduate Fellows in the 2003-2004 academic year); and John Adams ’69, A.M. ’72, D.Mus. ’12 (music, for The Gospel According to the Other Mary).

Radcliffe’s Roster
Eleven faculty affiliates are among the Radcliffe Institute’s 50 fellows for the 2014-2015 academic year: Ann Blair, Lea professor of history; Matthew B. Boyle, professor of philosophy; Noam D. Elkies, professor of mathematics; Nancy E. Hill, professor of education; Lakshminarayanan Mahadevan, England de Valpine professor of applied mathematics, of organismic and evolutionary biology, and of physics (the subject of the magazine’s March-April 2008 cover story, “The Physics of the Familiar”); Erez Manela, professor of history; Alexander Rehding, Peabody professor of music (whose work on rethinking the humanities curriculum is featured in “Toward Cultural Citizenship,” May-June, page 35); Kathryn A. Sikkink, Ryan Family professor of human-rights policy; Carol S. Steiker, Friendly professor of law;
Capital-Campaign Compendium

THE SCHOOLS of business, dental medicine, divinity, and government announced their capital-campaign priorities and ambitions this spring. With their targets included, some $4.6 billion of the $6.5-billion Harvard Campaign’s aggregate goal has been detailed.

• Harvard Divinity School launched its $50-million effort “To Illuminate, Engage, and Serve” on April 4. Dean David N. Hempton emphasized new professorships

Felix Warneken, associate professor of psychology; and Bruce Western, professor of sociology and Guggenheim professor of criminal justice (profiled in the magazine’s March-April 2013 cover story, “The Prison Problem”).

Campus Services Czar
Meredith Weenick ’90, M.B.A. ’02, has been appointed Harvard’s vice president for campus services, effective July 14. Following a variety of experiences within Boston’s municipal government, she became the city’s chief financial officer in 2010. At the University, she will oversee facilities and property management, residential and commercial real estate, dining, engineering and utilities, transportation and parking, international student services, environmental health and safety, emergency management, and the Common Spaces program. Weenick will report to executive vice president Katie Lapp. (Harvard Magazine Inc. reports to campus services for financial and budgeting purposes.)

Parliamentary Professor
Gardiner professor of oceanic history and affairs Sugata Bose, an historian of India and grand-nephew of Subhas Chandra Bose, the Indian nationalist, was voted into India’s parliament from Jadavpur, in the city of Kolkata, during that nation’s watershed election in May. The New York Times, which reported on his campaign, indicated he would take a public-service leave.

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