MOHSEN MOSTAFAVI, dean of the Graduate School of Design since January 2008, will conclude his service on June 30. During his tenure, the school's faculty expanded significantly; to accommodate it and new teaching technologies, work is under way to plan an expansion of Gund Hall. Mostafavi helped create the undergraduate architectural-studies curriculum, and joint master's degrees with the public-health and engineering and applied sciences schools. President Lawrence S. Bacow and Provost Alan Garber will direct the search for a successor. Read more at harvardmag.com/mostafavi-18.

Computer and Data Science

MIT has unveiled a $1-billion program to expand and reflag its work in computer science and artificial intelligence, to be known as the Stephen A. Schwarzman College of Computing. Schwarzman, M.B.A. '72, gave a $350-million naming gift, and MIT has raised $300 million more; the initiative is meant to address research and teaching on computer science and AI institute-wide, and to incorporate work on the ethical and social dimensions of adapting these technologies (see “Artificial Intelligence and Ethics,” page 44)....Berkeley has unveiled a campuswide Division of Data Science and Information, designed to engage faculty members and students from all fields in computational and data-driven research and learning....Boston University has filed a letter of intent seeking regulatory approval to build a 350,000-square-foot, 19-story tower to house data-sciences faculty, including its departments of mathematics, statistics, and computer science....Yale's department of statistics and data science (DS2), founded two years ago, reported that student concentrators have doubled; new courses like an undergraduate introduction to data science, YData, will debut in 2019; and faculty expansion is proceeding apace.

Labor Relations

In October, the University and the Harvard Union of Clerical and Technical Workers (HUCTW) reached a tentative three-year contract agreement after seven months of negotiations; the union's 5,100 members were preparing to vote on it as this issue went to the printer. Under the contract, members who have been employed for at least one year will receive an average salary increase of 3.8 percent on December 5. In the second and third years of the contract, the average member with at least one year of service will receive raises of 3.5 percent. The new contract also includes changes to the University's policies governing the use of contingent workers, a contentious issue for the union. According to an HUCTW analysis, Harvard’s reliance on contingent workers—including temps, independent contractors, and less-than-half-time workers—has grown substantially in the last few years, often exceeding what is allowed by the current contract. The new contract aims to more closely monitor and strictly limit the use of such workers.

Ed-Tech Nexus

As part of Amazon's much-ballyhooed announcement of its second headquarters sites, in Long Island City, New York, and Crystal City, Virginia, significant investments are being made in related high-tech higher education. With $250 million in seed funding from the state, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University announced a plan to build a billion-dollar Tech Innovation Campus in Alexandria, two miles from the Amazon site. The million-square-foot complex aims to enroll 750 master's-degree students and hundreds of doctoral candidates and postdocs. George Mason University, in Fairfax, said it would triple its computer-sciences enrollment (to 10,000 undergraduates and 5,000 graduate students) during the next five years, in part by creating a new school of computing and adding a 400,000-square-foot Institute for Digital Innovation to its campus, again with significant state help. In New York, Amazon is close to LaGuardia Community College, and just across the river from the Cornell Tech campus, on Roosevelt Island.

On Other Campuses

Michael R. Bloomberg, M.B.A. '66, LL.D. '14, former New York mayor and founder of the eponymous financial-information and media firm, has given $1.8 billion—the largest higher-education donation in U.S. history—to his alma mater, Johns Hopkins, making undergraduate admissions need-
blind. His previous benefactions led to the naming of the public-health school there. At Harvard, he is memorialized at the Business School’s Baker Library/Bloomberg Center. Yale’s Swensen professor of economics, Steven Berry, is the inaugural faculty director of the Tobin Center for Economic Policy, an interdisciplinary entity aimed at articulating data-driven economic and social-science policies that can be applied to alleviate problems in society; it is funded with more than $60 million in recent gifts.

In October, three months before the conclusion of a capital campaign, the University of Michigan announced that it was the first public institution to raise $5 billion in a fund drive.

Jin Kyu Park

Theodore Roosevelt. Seniors Brittany N. Ellis and Jin Kyu Park were awarded Rhodes Scholarships—the latter, the first DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) designee to be so honored. Twenty-one of the 32 recipients were women. Duke, Princeton, and Yale each had three scholarship winners this year.

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