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Bioengineering Gift, Nobelists in Chemistry

On October 7, **Hansjörg Wyss**, M.B.A. '65, gave Harvard $125 million for bioengineering research and professorships. The next day, **Martin Chalfie** '69, Ph.D. '77, and **Roger Y. Tsien** '72 were named two of three recipients of the Nobel Prize in chemistry. For more on both stories, see harvardmagazine.com/web/-breaking-news.

Genomics Gains

The **Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT**, a joint venture established in 2003 to apply human genomics to biomedical research by fostering collaborations among the two universities' scientists and those from affiliated hospitals and the institute itself (www.broad.mit.edu; see "Genomics Joint Venture," September-October 2003, page 75), has received $400 million in endowment funding from founding supporters **Eli** and **Edythe Broad**. They earlier gave two $100-million gifts, with like support from the universities, for 10 years of operating funding. The endowment will transform the Broad Institute into a permanent, separate nonprofit organization. Separately, the institute was one of nine institutions to receive a grant from the National Institutes of Health—in the Broad's case, $86 million during the next six years—to identify small molecules that can probe cellular proteins and signals critical to life processes. Broad-affiliated scientists have been leaders in this field (see "The Chemical Biologists," March-April 2005, page 40).

Endowment Encore

Senator **Charles Grassley** (R-Iowa) has continued to stump for higher payouts from private universities' endowments (see "Endowments—Under a Tax?" July-August, page 65). With Representative **Peter Welch** (D-Vermont), he convened a congressional discussion on September 8 about "Maximizing the Use of Endowment Funds and Making Higher Education More Affordable." As the title suggests, the legislators focused on tuition and financial aid. Representatives of academia spoke in turn of their institutions' broader missions. Princeton president **Shirley Tilghman**, appearing also as vice chair of the Association of American Universities, emphasized that "endowments are not 'rainy day' funds or 'piggy banks' being saved for another day; the income that is earned through investments is the 'working capital' that we use every day to support our programs of education and research, and importantly to provide substantial amounts of student aid." In discussion, she said of the growth of knowledge, "When Princeton made the commitment to create a genomics institute, we did not turn around and cancel the department of classics." Welch may propose legislation mandating a rate of endowment payouts (such as that governing grantmaking foundations), and Grassley made clear that he will continue to monitor and speak out on the issue. Harvard was not an official participant in the discussion.

SIGNIFICANT WORKS from three collections—Fogg, Sackler, and Busch-Reisinger—come together for the first time in the Harvard Art Museum exhibit *Re-View*, at the Sackler. Although prompted by construction and renovation at the Fogg's 32 Quincy Street site (top), curators have found opportunity in juxtapositions of art from distant cultural traditions. The influence of Classical works on representations of the human body can be seen in later Western paintings in the fourth-floor gallery: here, ancient Greek and Classical Revival depictions of the hunt share space with a hickory bow of native Nipmuc or Wampanoag origin.

Nota Bene

Interim engineer. Franklin professor of applied physics **Frans Spaepen** has been appointed interim dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, during the search for a permanent successor to **Venkatesh Narayanamurti**, who stepped down in September (see "The Liberal Art of Engineering," September-October, page 59). Spaepen, Ph.D. '75, was elected to the National Academy of Engineering earlier this year.

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MacArthur fellows. Five Harvard affiliates have been awarded $500,000 MacArthur Fellowships: **Wafaa El-Sadr**, M.P.A. '96, an AIDS specialist at Columbia's Mailman School of Public Health; **Susan Mango** '83, a developmental biologist at the University of Utah who has been appointed professor of molecular