MIT, city spar over Simplex land

By Beza Mescheri

MIT will not choose a developer for the Simplex property until February 1, rather than late as originally planned, according to Walter L. Milne, special assistant to the President of Urban Relations.

The Institute has not yet selected developers to submit to the Institute prospective real-estate development proposals, according to Walter L. Milne.

Cambridge officials and city councilmen continue to disagree with MIT over the use of the twenty-acre site, which the Institute purchased in 1970 from the wires, cables, and piping, and surrounding streets.

MIT said it would like to see broad faculty support for its plans to develop the site.

Several Cambridge groups, however, are worried MIT might decide office buildings will provide the greatest return on its original investment in the property, which cost MIT approximately $750,000 per acre in 1970.

The Simplex Steering Committee, a group of Cambridge residents from the residential areas near the Simplex site, want the site to have predominantly low-rise, moderate income housing, retail light industry, small stores, and perhaps some park space, according to William Cavellini, the group's spokesman.

"We are looking for a diversity of jobs, for the uneducated as well as the very educated," Cavel- lin said. "If MIT builds only office buildings, the former will most likely be excluded."

Development of the Simplex site will bring residents into Cambridge, he continued, and housing must be built to accommodate the influx of people. "The city is crowded as it is," Cavellini said, "and adding more jobs without more housing would only aggra- vate the problem."

The site is currently zoned only for industrial and office buildings.

The committee wants to prevent "the most adverse effect of the new plan" from happening, according to the committee's spokesman.

The MIT student site is located just north of the Institute of Nuclear Sciences and south of Massachusetts Avenue.

Harvard reviews sex policies

By John J. Ying

Following a Harvard freshman's accusation that a visiting professor gave her a low grade in a class but spring because she refused sexual advances from his visiting professor, Derek Walcott, from Boston University.

The freshman claimed she unfairly received a C in a poetry class after refusing sexual advances from his visiting professor.

Last month, the Administrative Board, Harvard College's disciplinary committee, changed her grade from a C to a pass, report- edly the first time Harvard has changed a letter grade to a pass.

"The CEP proposal is a major step toward a Pass/No Credit system (i.e., having only 'P' grades permanently recorded on the external transcript) in the particular freshman class, with which we were concerned during performance evaluations," according to last week's CEP statement.

The CEP proposal is a small change from current prac- tice, and there is no reason to dis- tempt it."

"It is not justifiable to the CEP that this performance information is summarized in an internal grade at the end of a year in which other forms of more detailed evaluation have been given," the committee statement continued.

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Harvard faculty to debate CEP plan Wed.

By Tony Zamparuti

The faculty will discuss at its monthly meeting tomorrow a motion to endorse the Faculty Committee on Educational Policy's (CEP) recommendations to change freshman year pass/no credit, which include instituting a formal system of hidden grades for the second semester.

The CEP plan would take effect immediately upon faculty approval.

The committee proposal, re- leased in September, would re- lease freshman evaluation forms at the end of the spring term with hidden grades returned to in- structors to the Registrar. The Undergraduate Academic Support Office (USAO) has already carried out part of the CEP plan, changing fall term evaluation forms to include a set of "check- boxes" for instructors to evaluate freshman performance.

An instructor would be re- quired, under the proposed plan, to complete written evaluations of any freshmen earning a grade of D or F in the spring term.

Both the Undergraduate Association General Assembly (GA) and the Student Committee on Educational Policy (SCEP) voted to oppose the CEP plan. The GA proposed the check-box system extend to the spring term, rather than the hidden grade, and recommended changing the effect next fall, rather than imme- diately upon passage.

"The CEP feels that MIT's action is an assault on Pass/No Credit system, and that Pass/No Credit will be the end of a year in which other forms of more detailed evaluation have been given," the committee statement continued.

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Shuttle launch: perfect

By Richard C. Waters and Barry S. Newman

PE CANYERAL, Florida: The space shuttle Columbia left earth's crystal-clear blue Thursday morning, treating viewers to a spectacular if a perfect takeoff and an instant cosmonaut at the age of the solid rocket boost- ers, the mission is considered to be "a new beginning for man in space, an information highway career, and the feasibility of fixing satellites in space."

The mission specialists were to spend about three hours outside Columbia, seeing their new two- piece space suits, several prototypes of new suits developed for use in space, and the feasibility of fixing satellite components while in space. The spacewalk, or extrave- hicular activity (EVA), would have been the American space program's first since a 1974 ex- cursion from Skylab.

A case of motion sickness earlier threatened his EVA, but Lan- dro's skills were improved NASA reported.

Columbia's fifth voyage into space marks its first operational mission: the shuttle carried two private communications satellites aloft and launched both success- fully. The first, a digital communica- tion satellite owned by Satellite Business Systems Inc., was ejected from Columbia's cargo bay Thursday afternoon and the second, owned by Telesat Can- ada, was launched Friday after- noon.

Landro and Allen launched the satellites, set in rotation by mo- tor within the cargo bay, by re- leasing a spring to eject each sat- ellite from its housing. A rocket attached to each satellite fired about 45 minutes after ejection to raise the satellites' low alti- tude orbit to its final geosynchro- nous orbit.

Flight commander Vance Brand, veteran of the joint So- viet-American Apollo-Soyuz mis- sion, and pilot Robert Overmyer join Lienor and Allen to form the largest crew — four astronauts — in space in a single spacecraft.

Inside the shuttle were two full-sized workstations for the NASA astronauts: the aft cargo bay, which houses the communication satellite, and the payload bay, which houses the second satellite.
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Editorial

Faculty considers pass/fail tomorrow

The faculty is scheduled to act this Wednesday on the Committee on Educational Policy's proposal to restrict the freshman year pass/fail system. At last month's meeting, the faculty suspended discussion of the CEP proposal, and a committee reviewed its plan. Although the CEP has reaffirmed its original proposal, they have not managed to marshal any more convincing arguments that dictate adopting their proposals. The proposed revisions to pass/fail have remained out of the public eye for the past month while the CEP reviewed its plan, yet students and faculty members should not forget the importance of this issue. It will probably be the most significant educational question to be decided at MIT this past four years.

Pass/fail was originally implemented to decrease pressure during a student's first year at MIT and to provide more meaningful feedback to entering students. The current CEP proposal indicates that two laudable goals are being sacrificed in the interests of efficiency. Abandoning these two goals at this time, as the CEP has proposed, does a disservice to all freshmen and to the entire MIT community as well.

A memorandum the CEP circulated on November 10 outlines "several educational benefits" they claim will result from adoption of their recommendations. The CEP asserts, "By proposing students with an unofficial report of their internal grades at the end of spring term, 100 percent reporting to students and advising of some evaluation information in all subjects will be achieved." Yet if the objective of the proposed pass/fail changes is to ensure that evaluations are indeed made, there are several ways to achieve this goal without the destruction of the positive aspects of freshman pass/fail system. As Professor Robert J. Hutchins noted at last month's faculty meeting, "The faculty has failed in the primary form of evaluation. I think it is ridiculous to invent an internal grade sheet just because the faculty can not fill out the forms." The CEP could achieve its primary objective by requiring all instructors to complete evaluation forms, in the same way that it now ensures professors submit grades for upper-classmen. It seems illogical to continue to complicate part of the evaluation process by making completion of forms a requirement in each course, with some penalty levied upon those students who fail to comply.

In its discussion on pass/fail, the CEP endorses the current pass/fail system, the faculty and CEP should focus on one central problem of undergraduate life at the Institute: the inadequate advising system. The CEP should study the advising system and determine what modifications are needed to improve the quality of the educational experience for MIT undergraduates. The CEP should attempt to improve freshman advising at MIT without abandoning the pass/fail system. It would be advantageous to permit freshmen without reversals to have an old-fashioned, arbitrary system of formalized freshman year grades. Rather than reducing the amount of information officially conveyed to freshmen to a single grade, the CEP should encourage use of a pass/fail evaluation for the freshman year by encouraging thoughtful completion of substantive narrative evaluation forms and general personal contact between students, instructors, and advisors. The CEP should design a means to ensure that all faculty members and freshmen actually complete the forms.

The CEP has tried to contend that its proposal represents only a slight modification of current practice applied during the freshman year. It has failed to substantiate this claim. The current proposal would dictate, for the first time since pass/fail was adopted, that each faculty member submit a grade to spring for each freshman taking his course. This represents a significant departure from existing policy.

The CEP also contends that the newly compiled formal grades will only be used for evaluation purposes by the student and his advisor, and will not be abused either inside or outside of MIT. Yet over the past year, the CEP has not demonstrated an ability to prevent misuse of freshman grades. It has reformed the "hidden grades" in the Graduate College, yet Deans and Departmental advisors still enroll in their upper level courses. If the pass/fail system is radically altered in the future, as the CEP proposes to do, only increase the possibility that pass/fail system will need to prepare careful plans for its operation and use.

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Editorials

Shuttle project was mishandled

A shuttle bus is a worthwhile addition that would benefit MIT and its students, especially once winter is underway. Unfortunately, the MIT Shuttle Bus Project has been a fiasco. Since it has had fundamental problems, the decision to suspend service last Wednesday is not surprising: few students rode the bus, and the volume of ticket sales did not come close to paying for its operating costs.

The past month's minuscule attempt to placate the shuttle bus' organizers, since few students wanted to ride the bus. Nevertheless, the project's organizers cannot blame the weather, or other intangibles, for their failures; most of the blame for its failure rests with the organizers alone. The shuttle project was poorly managed and overly-ambitious. It lacked a well-advertised route and schedule. For several weeks empty buses shuttled around campus and across the bridge, racking up an impressive operating debt someone will have to pay. Although the project's organizers made improvements in the shuttle's operation, these changes were too few and came too late. The bus has left little behind, except thousands of dollars of debt as a reminder of its short existence.

At its meeting tonight, The Undergraduate Association (UA) Finance Board will consider the future of the shuttle bus. The organizers of the MIT Shuttle Bus Project hope the Finance Board will agree once again to assume liability for the shuttle and thus allow it to continue operating. The Finance Board's first order of business will be to deal with the project's large debt--its first two weeks of operation cost nearly $4000, and up to $3500 in bus tickets may yet be refunded. The Finance Board should have oversee the Shuttle Bus Project's operation much more closely; in retrospect, the Finance Board's decision in September to approve the shuttle project has only resulted in additional debt applied upon an already strained UA budget. The mismanaged shuttle bus episode should teach student leaders some valuable lessons about the effort and commitment needed to start such a large, experimental venture. Before another attempt is made at a campus shuttle, the organizers and the backers of the project will need to prepare careful plans for its operation and use.

UAP's leadership determines GA's role

The General Assembly is, despite popular cynicism, an institution important to MIT's undergraduates: its positions on issues ranging from the future of freshman pass/no credit grading to modifications in this year's academic calendar have influenced the faculty decision-making process. The General Assembly, as the representative body of MIT's undergraduate population, should play a decisive role in both the student community and broader Institute community. As the result of the vote of the over 100 members of the Undergraduate Association, the General Assembly attended Thursday's meeting: less than two-thirds of the 251 required to meet quorum and conduct business.

Undergraduate Association President Kenneth Segel '83 and Floor Leader Shiva Ayyadurai '84 must bear a strong measure of responsibility for the General Assembly's pathetic showing last week. With the catalyst provided by the Visiting Committee on Student Affairs discussions last week and as various members of the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs continue deliberation on alternative structures for student activities, it is vital that the GA demonstrate it is a viable component of student government at MIT. In the past, effective UAP's have found it important to mobilize the GA as a way of implementing positive changes on campus. It is up to Segel, in tandem with Ayyadurai, to ensure that the GA fulfills its role as the primary body for articulating representative student views on important campus issues, and to not abandon this important decision-making body.
New era in architecture?

Recent articles in some of America's leading periodicals have suggested that a new era in urban architecture is upon us. With the completion of major design competitions in Houston, New York, Portland, Louisville, and Chicago, architects and architectural critics alike are asserting the public that the urban decay that has been variously attributed to federal urban renewal programs, improperly designed and executed tax structures, and incoherent zoning regulations has ended. Mayors, corporate chairmen, city planning commissions, and local citizens and business leaders are being told by the doyens of the contemporary American architectural community that the worst excesses of the International Style a la Americain (the glass box, the reaches to greater heights as an end in itself) have been curbed by heartfelt desire to create a more humane commercial and residential environment in major urban centers and to execute the wishes of their clients. It is hard to understand how America's architects can believe what they are saying. Not one of the major designs completed in the past six months (Holl's 82-story Southwest Bancorporation office tower in Houston, the Philip Johnson and Eero Saarinen's Hyatt Auditorium fame) have been systematically ostracized, ignored, and mocked by the holders of this faith. By gentlemen like Walter Gropius, Johnson, and M.P. Pei, it is a waste of people and money. As was the case in the fields of physics, history, and music, any sort of an attempt at creating a new tradition of Western architecture or sculpting a perfect city of man was stifled by the insistence on the part of American architectural wise men.

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Harvard looks at sex policy

(Continued from page 5) "admonishing" Walcott and stating he would be "reluctant" to invite Walcott back to join the fac-
ulty.

Members of the Faculty Coun-
sel disagree on several issues con-
cerning the policy for forming a policy. Unresolved questions on the policy include whether to sharply
curtail the contact between students and faculty, how to deal with the publicity from the cases, and how much information stu-

tents should be told about the investigation of their cases.

If a student does not want explicit de-
tails about such an investigation, be or she could then reveal the information to the press. "Then's a tightrope to walk between the privacy of the individuals in-
volved and full communications among all parties," said William T. Evertzeg, Assistant Professor of Forensics and a member of the Council.

David Layzer, Professor of As-
tropysics and a member of the
Council, said Council members
were very concerned about how
the publicity might affect the fu-
ture career of a professor. "I think
everyone felt worried about
branching an individual for all ti-
more."

In trying to develop a harass-
ment policy, the Faculty Coun-
sel met with three members of the
Radcliffe Union of Students
(246) last Thursday and re-
quessed the group provide a form-
atical policy recommendation to
the Council's next meeting, Novem-
ber 24.

The Radcliffe Union, which re-
presents the female undergradu-
ates of Harvard University, lob-
ted extensively this term for
comprehensive guidelines on sexual ha-
rassment. It will offer its own
policy recommendation to the
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Listings

Student activities administrative
offices, academic departments,
and other groups - both on and
off the MIT campus - can list
meetings, activities, and other an-
nouncements in The Tech's "Not-
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Notes, The Tech, room W20-
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Notes, The Tech, PO Box 29,
MIT Branch, Cambridge, MA
02139.

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Announcements

Since November 19 is Drop
Date, the Registrar's Office would
like to remind students that cor-
rection cards will not be accepted
without all of the necessary sig-
natures. You are urged to obtain
all signatures before dead-
lines to avoid having to petition the
CAP for approval to make a
late change. If your advisor is un-
available, contact your under-
graduate office or department headquarters. Freshmen should
go to the Undergraduate Ad-
missions Office, room 7-
103.

1. Austin Kelly III Competi-
tion is for academic scholarship in
(now open). The award is two
percent of the best scholarly or critical
papers in courses in any of the follow-
ing fields: Biology, Economics, Lit-
terary Studies, History, Musicology, An-
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described, except previous winners.
Students must be at least 4000
words long (14 standard typed
papers) Papers may be written ex-
presly for the contest, or papers
from classes may be submitted.
Either as they stand or in revised
and expanded form. Students are
encouraged to consult with facul-
ty. The deadline is April 29.

Lectures

"A juniper and the politics of
Hanna," a lecture in Spanish by
Lydia Igbouc. Spanish Asso-
ciation and author, will be given Tues-
day, November 16, 8:15 pm
in room 4-350. Open to the public.
Sponsored by MIT Foreign Lan-
guages and Literatures. For more
information, call v-3771.

Joseph Ellichrude, Director of
Washington Office for Latin
America, will lecture Tuesday,
November 16, in Coolidge Hall,
3372 Cambridge St., Cambridge.
Seminar room 2, Harvard Uni-
vity as part of the CLAS-
CSA Latin America lunch semi-
nar series. The lecture entitled
"Latin America: Change or Crisis?", is sponsored by the Pan
American Society of New
England.

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In Corporate Flight Destroying
American Industry: Professors
Harry Blonstone and Bennett
Harrison, co-authors of "The Dehumidity
ation of America," speak at Cam-
bridge Forum, 3 Church Street,
Harvard Square Tuesday, No-
ember 17, 7pm. Free.

Tony Smith, Yale University pro-
fessor of political science, author
of "The Patent of Imperialism,
the U.S., Great Britain, and the
Late Industrializing World Since
1791," will speak Wednesday,
November 17, 12:09-1:00 noon.
Reserve a seat.

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Steve Reich
master of minimalism

In the mid 1960s, budding composer Steve Reich began synthesizing tape loops and prerecorded voices. In an attempt to avoid the esoteric associations with identical looped material, he learned from Karlheinz Stockhausen and La Monte Young how to use tape loops to create continuous music. Reich explained: “I was making music with words... Eventually you cannot believe that these sounds are being made by words. The voice is extremely complicated because it mixes pitch and noise at the same time. But I got disenchanted with traditional instruments, I felt like a mad scientist. I started to transfer this process to composed music with traditional instruments.”

Reich's fascination with phase shifts became apparent in the four movements of ”Piano Phase”, composed in 1967. During the six years following his initial discovery, Reich created a new array of sounds not normally perceived in human speech. The first of these pieces, It's Gonna Rain, was regarded as a landmark work by the fledgling school of minimalist composition.

Music for 18 Musicians is based on the superposition of two 16 1/2-minute, rhythmic pulses played over the rhythm of the human breath and voice. When these pulses are reversed, a new rhythm results. Reich explained: “I was making music with words... Eventually you cannot believe that these sounds are being made by words. The voice is extremely complicated because it mixes pitch and noise at the same time. But I got disenchanted with traditional instruments, I felt like a mad scientist. I started to transfer this process to composed music with traditional instruments.”

Reich continued to explore, adding wind and string instruments to his palette. Music for a Large Ensemble is a logical (albeit slightly disappointing) extension of 18 Musicians, while Drumming scales the ideas down to chamber music proportions. (Occasionally the division of the micro-periods gives way to the development of larger structures, and the Don Juan's Lament has an effective realization of the “Drome” for solo voice, accompanied by percussion.)

Steve Reich has never entered into a third compositional period, spurred by his studies in the cantillation of Hebrew scriptures. Drums is his first true vocal work, with a text taken from the Psalms. It also made him a figure...
Creating imaginative individual environments that would be centered about the desirability of new architectural schools and firms, has for such buildings to be successful, they will have to take on a more delicate and whimsy-like shape than has been the case in the past. But these achievements are likely to be no avail, if there is no movement made to improve the eye-level conditions of the urban resident (tax rates, infrastructure, zoning restrictions or the lack thereof, and unemployment). But we can be certain that, given no attempt to break out unfruitful and brutal intellectual practices, those who must live among the architectural debris of the past will be condemned to repeat it.

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Failure of nerve?

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There has been a failure of nerve in many areas of American public affairs, but few are as breathtakingly pernicious as that which has occurred in our urban landscapes. The debate, to the extent that there is one within architectural schools and firms, has centered about the desirability of a horizontal, as opposed to a vertical, city landscape. Few thinkers (Lewis Mumford is one notable exception) have been able to justify in aesthetic terms the sort of environment that would be created by low-level buildings, although this is precisely the style feared by the words placed in my mouth by Burt Kaliski. Contrary to the article concerning the General Assembly (GA) quarrel, I did not say that I "wanted to shut down the GA because they shut down the shuttle." Having worked as a GA Floor leader for a term, I know the importance of this group. The article continued by stating that Ken Segel denied my statement. Of course he did, he knew I didn’t say it. If your reporter had read the GA agenda or at least corroborated the statement with me you would have been able to print the truth.

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To the Editor:
In the otherwise interesting report in The Tech of November 12, on my November 9th LSE lecture on the 1982 elections a mistake was made which makes me blush. My comment that the 1982 election was a “last gasp” was directed solely to the Massachusetts Republican party. To my practiced eye the Republican party outside Massachusetts and nationally is very much alive and kicking.

Louis Menand III

Editor’s note: The Tech apologizes for our error. We regret any misunderstanding our mistake may have caused.

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**sports**

**Blazing guns on Briggs Field**

Many dormitory residents, particularly those from the wasteland habitat, have had many occasions to note that rainwater tends to collect on the fields used for intermural games. Those same people have probably also observed that a variety of waterfowl tend to frequent the area.

As a resident of MacGregor House, I, too, have witnessed this phenomenon. I was quite amazed, however, when I came across four students trying to set up some kind of frame at the edge of the water. When I queried the builders as to the nature of their endeavor, assuming someone teaching one of the many engineering courses on campus had conceived of a new project, I was amazed to learn that the four were erecting a duck blind.

I was informed by the group’s leader, Ima Hunter ’83, that MIT has a new collegiate sporting team—the varsity duck hunting team. That’s right,” Hunter continued. “Practices are being held out here on Briggs Pond every day at 7 am.”

Anyone is welcome to join the team, as no prior experience with shotguns is required. Explains Hunter, “We don’t worry too much about stray shots hitting people. Even the freshmen have learned to punt their nine o’clock clays by now.”

The shooters also are not yet plagued by a diminishing supply of targets. According to team captain Buck Shot ’84, “If we run out of ducks, we let the beginners go for the sea gulls, and we have the more advanced people try to get the pigeons, which are harder to hit because of their size.”

The team’s practice sessions also have a benefit for the rest of the MIT community. Manager Weldon Flyer ’84 notes, “The people from the Dining Service are more than happy to come out after we’ve done and collect the carcasses. They told us something about adding meat to someone’s diet.”

Reliable sources, however, report that the squad may be short-lived. It seems that, although no people have been injured yet, a housemaster couple is missing their canary which escaped through an open door. While Campus Police are still working on the case, several witnesses reported seeing yellow feathers floating on one of the puddles after practice.

**Men’s cross-country in finals**

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At last year’s championships, the harvesters captured thirteenth place, running through four inches of Wisconsin snow to do so. Both Wellesley and Neveu participated in that contest. Engineer coach Hailston Taylor hopes to improve on that finish, as the team’s workouts have been geared towards peaking for this race.

**Vball in NCAA, EIAW**

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Athletes, the Engineers were originally going to turn down the EIAW bid because of the conflict. Albany, however, proposed the schedule change to allow participation in both tournaments. This will be the first time MIT has ever hosted an NCAA regional championship game. The contest will be held in Durpont at 7:30pm.

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Two teams capture NCAA bids

Volleyball to participate in two tournaments

By Martin Dickau

The women’s volleyball team will host Albany State Friday night in the opening round of the NCAA Division III championships, then travel to Rhode Island to compete in the Eastern Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (EAIAW) Northeast Division III championships Saturday.

MIT, with a 27-4 record, has the second best winning percentage of any Division III team in New England and only four losses, however, were against Eastern Connecticut, seeded eighth in the NCAA tournament, and 12th-seeded Mount Holyoke. Albany is seeded 14th.

The winner of the match will go on to face fifth-seeded Western Maryland December 4 at a site to be announced.

Ironically, MIT is seeded third of eight in the EAIAW championships, while Albany State is fourth. EConn is seeded second, and Rhode Island College, which MIT already beat once on the season, gets the third seed. EConn has never received an NCAA bid, is seeded first.

The teams in the EAIAW tournament will be placed into two groups of four. The groups will play round-robin, with the winners of each pool meeting in the final.

If MIT and Albany State were to meet in the final, the Engineers would be seeded third in the NCAA tournament.

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The women’s volleyball team, shown here against Smith, will host the NCAA Division III Championships this Friday.

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