Re-engineering Team Issues New Services Redesign Plans

By Shang-Lin Chang
MORI EDITOR

In an effort to solicit community feedback, the student services re-engineering team will hold an open house today to present information on the seven processes recommend-
ated for redesign and its new pro-
posed model of student services to the cam-
pus.

The team has examined a range of services that affect student life.

will recommend to the re-engineer-
ing steering committee on Tuesday the seven programs as an area in which the staff, assistance, educational program support, residence and orientation, personal support, provision of sup-
plies and materials, student housing, and support for co-curricular life.

The key ideas proposed by the team last week to reduce work and improve service include a new model of service delivery, a new central database location, and changes to the processes involved in attending to student employment, balancing student accounts, and tracking student awards, the last of which would be done electronically
and with an earlier deadline.

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Litster Takes on Research, Graduate Education

By Orli G. Bashall
STAFF REPORTER

As the concerns of researchers and graduate students become more closely linked in an era of threat-
good federal funding, J. David Lit-
ter PhD 65 began his job as dean for graduate education this week. Lister continues to serve as the vice president and dean for research.

"I would guess that one of the reasons that motivated the president and provost to decide to fill the two jobs [with one person] is that there are big issues coming up that have an impact on graduate education," Lister said.

These issues "are going to be strongly coupled with research funding and are issues with which

the vice president of research" is directly involved, Lister said.

"It makes sense to put them together—to have one person worry-
nying about all of those things," Lister said.

"It is very appropriate in these times when research funding is growing tight to appoint someone whose focus is in gathering funds," Graduate School Council President Barbara J. Souter G said.

"At many schools now we see the dean of the graduate school also the dean of research," Souter said. Lister's strengths and experience in these two areas complement each other very well, she said.

"Lister is a strong advocate of graduate education on a national level," Souter said. His appointment "is likewise great for MIT's reputa-
tion on a national level. Many gradu-
ate students are concerned that MIT retain its good reputation —
these futures depend upon this reputa-
tion."

Lister balances two positions

"This was my first week actually back at MIT and in this position," Lister said. Lister is still in the process of figuring out how things operate in the graduate office and learning about what his new job entails.

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uate education replaces the previous position of dean of the graduate school.

Kendall Sculptures Bring Music, Talk to Strangers

By Eva May
STAFF REPORTER

Local artist Paul Matisse looks like an artist, with his beard, longish hair, and baggy clothes. But his musical sculptures displayed at the Kendall Square MBTA station are nothing short of engineering.

Matisse spoke about the three works at the Kendall T station — Pythagoras, Kepler, and Galileo — last Wednesday at a talk sponsored by the Media Laboratory.

The sculpture-instruments are operated by the passengers waiting for their trains. The music brings together the people, allowing them to make eye contact and exchange a few words, something they otherwise might have been scared to do, Matisse said.

"Everybody can play, but nobody can force their music [style], because their music is coming from the sculpture itself," he said. Matisse won an MIT A'20 commission for the artwork. However, because of the T station reconstruction, the Kendall Band was not installed until 1987.

"I found this very dirty, abandoned station back in 1981," Matisse said. He worried that the sculpture would be covered with black brake dust, and that people would vandalize or climb on his sculpture.

Matisse chose to put the artwork at the station's center. "It had a third rail on one side, a third rail on the other side, and I thought it would be safe."

"Music, Talk to Strangers"

Matisse is scheduled to have another talk on Thursday, August 12. For more information, contact the Media Laboratory at 824-9700.
AOL, Netscape Consider Alliance

WASHINGTON

America Online Inc. and Netscape Communications Corp., maker of the Web browser that is the Internet's widely used gateway, are in talks about a possible alliance, according to company sources. The aim would be to combine forces to fight off competitors, notably software giant Microsoft Corp., which last August launched Internet Explorer 4.0.

Under one scenario, America Online, the country's largest consumer on-line service, would license Netscape's popular software program Netcaster Navigator, and integrate it into the personal computer software used by America Online customers.

In a separate move, America Online chief executive Steve Case is taking a seat on Netscape's board of directors. However, officials are concerned that Netscape customers such as AT&T Corp. and MCI Communications Corp., both of which have large customer bases, will be lost.

Sources at America Online called the talks "preliminary" and described them as just one front in a larger fight for dominance of the Internet services industry.

Yeltsin May Be in Presidential Race

MOSCOW

President Boris N. Yeltsin Monday announced that but he will run for re-election in June, even as a once staunch political ally denounced him and the Chechen rebel who led the latest hostage taking to flee Russia's bungling of events.

On Tuesday, he threatened to take action against Chechen rebels, but now facing political attacks on all fronts, said that he would make a formal announcement next month but that a decision has been made.

"It seems I will stand in the presidential election," he told a group of foreign investors in Moscow. "I realize that if I do agree, there will be an intense, difficult struggle." Yeltsin's comments coincided with another round of angry protests in the northern Caucasian republic of Dagestan, where Chechen fighters seized more than 2,000 hostages Jan. 9.

Rabin Assassin Denies Premeditation

TEL AVIV, ISRAEL

"At the start of his trial on Tuesday, Yitzhak Rabin's assassin admitted he fatally shot the Israeli prime minister following a Tel Aviv ceremony and was not guilty of premeditation in murdering him because he would have been just as happy to paralyze his victim," said Yigal Amir, a 25-year-old Jewish law student, pointing out to the three-judge panel in Tel Aviv District Court that he had aimed his pistol at the prime minister's head, "at the seam of the soul," rather than at the prime minister's head.

"I did not mean to murder Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin," said Amir. "I meant, as a prime minister, to remove him from the road." Amir appeared to be hoping for a manslaughter conviction, which would probably mean the bulk of frigid air confined to the northern Lakes and Plains.

A fast-moving low pressure system will strengthen and deepen as it moves into the plains this weekend, bringing with it warmer temperatures, according to weather forecasters. The system is expected to reach its peak strength by Saturday morning, with temperatures rising into the mid-30s (Celsius) by afternoon.

The next system on our radar will be a clipper-type storm from the Plains approaching by late Friday. Even though a limited amount of moisture is likely to be available, this low should bring a heavy rain or snow showers.

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The biggest surprise of the latest mission was that Jupiter's high southern latitudes were almost entirely made of hydrogen.

Based on previous observations of Jupiter from Earth and from Voyager spacecraft, researchers had expected to find significant quantities of carbon, sulfur, nitrogen and oxygen. They had assumed that Jupiter's high southern latitudes were almost entirely made of hydrogen.

It's possible that some of the sur-
Clinton Pushes Small Government
In His State of the Union Address

By Amy DeVore

WASHINGTON D.C.

Berating generously from Republican themes, President Clinton Tuesday night declared that "era of big government is over" and sought to ease middle-class anxiety with an upbeat vision of a fusion pulling together to ready America for the next century.

With Republicans bruised by weeks of partisan budget battles siting mostly silently in their seats, Clinton used his election-year State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress to point out how many goals he and Republicans share, without dwelling on how strenuously he and Congress have fought over how to achieve them.

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By Douglas Farah

New accusations that President Ernesto Samper knowingly accepted drug money for his campaign plunged Colombia into crisis Tues-

The charges levied Monday against Samper, an elderly man with a coiffure so distinguished that he is often confused with one of the hemisphere's most stable democracies.

Although confirmed, the allegations would mean that not only have the political system and Congress been polluted by drug money, as is wide-

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By H. Ayala

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**WAITING TO EXHALE**


By Audrey Wu

*Staff Review*

For those of us who are undergraduates, it's somewhat early to be actively searching for "The One." Ladies, you know who I mean by The One: He has to be a man with a sense of humor and a sense of purpose; a man who is tender, strong, and confident without being wimpy, rude, or arrogant. He probably isn't on your campus, that's for sure (or if he is, was snatched up by someone else a long time ago). But this hardly means that we aren't keeping our eyes (and hearts) open, hoping to find HIM. And in searching for The One, we also open ourselves up to heartbreaking encounters with several Definitely-Not-The-One.

Waiting to Exhale, the provocative motion picture based on the bestseller by Terry McMillan, is the story of thirty-something women coping with the string of losers they stumble over in their search for decent men. The film has generated considerable interest since its release; Oprah Winfrey recently devoted a show to the Waiting to Exhale "parties" held by women with the same problems.

Despite the almost entirely black cast, women (and a few brave men) of all colors have been flocking to movie theaters in droves to see it. And this should not be surprising given the commercials, which show a classily-dressed Whitney Houston explaining how she's been asking God for years of her life to support her husband and advance his business. In a particularly ugly scene, her husband announces that, after years of treating her like standard office help, he is leaving her and their two children for his white bookkeeper. Robin, played by Lela Rochon, is the dumbest of the four when it comes to men. She continuously ends up in bed with men who are basically the scum of the Earth. The group's fourth, Gloria, played by Loretta Devine, looks to food instead of men for solace, resulting in extra pounds and low self-esteem. In addition, she is having a difficult time letting go of her preconceptions but difficult sex, Tarik, who aspires to spend a year playing the saxophone with an orchestra in Spain. She turns to her intriguing new neighbor, Marvin (Gregory Hines) for comfort. He, fortunately for her, "likes his women with a little meat on their bones."

The film opens with a lot of promise. The heroines are interesting, the men deserve to be shot, and there are several funny scenes (admittedly, the funniest scenes of the movie). In addition, the film makes some rather heroic, well-meaning mother, who, fortunately for her, "likes his women with a little meat on their bones."

The film's weakness, however, lies in its disjointedness and the extreme blindness of the characters. The movie never quite manages to hit home because the four friends somehow encounter almost every kind of man there is (except, thankfully, the weirdo). Every cliched line is said in the movie, from the divorce-takes-time line to the "It's not meant to be"...

After the first 45 minutes of the film, I started wondering why the women were so stupid. I stopped relating to them and started wishing to beat them over the head with a stick. Then suddenly and for no good reason, except that the film was nearing the two-hour mark, the women suddenly got their lives together and rid themselves of the leeches. And although I was happy for them, I was left feeling rather let down and confused. It would have been better if the movie had shown how the women gained the strength to leave those losers behind (I suppose I should read the book for that).

You will enjoy the movie if you are a female in a vengeful, "men suck, I hate them all" sort of mood. If you are male, I would suggest not choosing this film for your first date. Furthermore, unless you want to watch two hours of moral bashing, I wouldn't suggest seeing it at all.

The film feels pretty harmless. Waiting to Exhale, along with the Alligator Morissette CD, a big tub of ice cream, and your best friend's phone number, definitely belongs in your sneezebox of things to turn to when you've been dumped.
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Lobby 7 Computer Pyramid Translates Trans-Atlantically

By Brett Atschul

The pyramid structure that has graced Lobby 7 for the last week went into full operation yesterday. A computer terminal inside was connected to the Modern Art Museum in Lyon, France as part of the Lyon Third International Art Biennale, a modern art exhibition.

Microphones allow the transmission of human speech across the Atlantic Ocean, from Lobby 7 to Lyon. The words are translated by computer and are both displayed on the screen and generated by a voice synthesizer, in either a masculine, feminine or childlike voice, depending on the speaker. This allows real-time communication between people on distant continents.

“This translator works fine for what we’re doing now — just one or two sentences at a time.”

The system makes use of two computers at each end, one for transforming spoken words to written text and one for translating between French and English. The information is sent digitally over the Internet.

Kowalski is directing the project in association with the Center for Advanced Visual Studies and the School of Architecture and Planning. “It’s basically an attempt to help communication,” said Krause.

The computers at MIT are housed within a wood and plastic pyramid that will be sealed when the connection is not operating. The setup in Lyon is less elaborate with just a plain casing for the computer, Krause said.

The hookup will remain in Lobby 7 through next week and will be at various places around the Institute until Feb. 18. Because of the six-hour time difference between here and Lyon, the connection operates only from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each weekday, except Mondays.

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Early Action Acceptance Rate Drops Slightly; Recentered SATs Don’t Affect Admissions

By Christina Chu

STAFF REPORTER

The number of early action acceptances for the Class of 2000 remained about the same as last year, according to Associate Director of Admissions Elizabeth Johnson.

According to Johnson, a total of 511 students, or 29 percent of the applicant pool, were admitted early this year.

This year saw an increase of five percent in the number of early action applicants. The percentage of admitted students decreased from 33 percent, but that is a normal variation, Johnson said.

There was no significant change in the number of admitted underrepresented minorities. The percentage of female students admitted under early action was 39 percent, close to last year’s 40 percent.

Applicants on new scoring scale

In 1995, students admitted under early action had an SAT verbal mean of 722. This year the verbal mean is 732, Johnson said. All scores are out of a possible 800 points.

"This is not due to the fact that the group of admitted students are stronger, or that we have changed our criteria on admissions, but because the SATs have been recentered," Johnson said.

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Institute employee Constance L. Emanuel was mugged around 6:30 a.m. last Wednesday on Wadsworth Street. Emanuel said the mugging took place near Building E40 (location A on the map). Campus Police reports place the incident further along Wadsworth (location B), while the Cambridge Police said it happened close to Main Street (location C). All three locations are on the sidewalk of Wadsworth Street, outside of Campus Police jurisdiction. The unidentified suspect fled with Emanuel's purse.

The CPs responded to the incident even though it was not on campus. In general, the CPs will respond to any incident that takes place in the MIT area and even some in non-MIT areas of Cambridge when the Cambridge Police are busy, Glavin said.

Since the mugging officially took place off campus, it will not be reported in the annual crime statistics, Glavin said.

Emanuel, who used to work earlier hours, has changed her hours. "I'm coming in when it's lighter," she said. "I'm being more careful."

Daniel C. Stevenson contributed to the reporting of this story.

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Jan. 5: Bldg. 14, Charles Gray, of 9 Newtowne Court, Cambridge, arrested for trespassing; Hayden Library, walkman stolen from jacket left unattended, later recovered from person arrested in Bldg. 14.

Jan. 9: Dupont gym, suspicious activity; Student Center, 1) bike stolen, $90, 2) attempted larceny of a table; Bldg. 13, wallet stolen, $109.

Jan. 10: Johnson Athletic Center, indoor track, wallet stolen, $45.

Jan. 11: Westgate, harassment.


Jan. 15: Hayden Library, wallet stolen from unattended coat, $55; Walker Memorial, file cabinet stolen, $150; Eastgate, TCC broken into, unknown if anything taken.

Jan. 16: Bldg. 5, two photos stolen, $700; Johnson, two Doc Edgerton photos stolen, unknown value; Bldg. E18, room broken into, nothing taken; Bldg. E51, computer stolen, $3,910; Bldg. 16, laptop computer stolen, $2,000; Bldg. 14E, harassing mail.

Jan. 17: Wadsworth Street, MIT employee Constance Emmanuel was the victim of an unarmed robbery while walking on Wadsworth towards Memorial Dr. Suspect poked victim in eye with his finger before fleeing in unknown direction with victim’s purse; Bldg. 5, paperweight stolen, $15.

Jan. 18: Johnson, indoor track, wallet stolen, $25; Bldg. E40, wallet stolen, $10; Burton-Conner House, musical instrument, cash, jewelry, stolen, attempt to steal laptop, $2,270.

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Redesign Plans Will Create Efficient Services

Re-engineering, From Page 1

"There is so much overlap in stu-
dent services," said Undergraduate
Association President Carrie R.
Muh '96. "There is no communica-
tion between departments right now,
and that causes a lot of problems.
"Institutions grow to a size
where the old methods of serv-
ing students is less efficient and
less convenient for both the students
and staff," said Stefanie L. Specker '97,
a participant in a Monday meeting
at which the new redesign plans
were discussed. "MIT has reached
this point, and it is good that MIT is
trying to make adjustments."

"Several student services can be
made more convenient simply by
making them into automated func-
tions through the telephone," Speak-
er said. "I think most of the propos-
als will make life much easier."

"Re-engineering is a great idea in
theory," said Nancy H. Chan '96. "In
my engineering effort will come to an
end in two to three years, he said.
The ideas have two major com-
ponents: the new service structure
and the new process changes.
The overall student services re-
design effort will come to an end in
February or March, he said. The
overall student services re-
design effort will come to an end in
time. The basic idea of the redesign
processes is to better meet the needs of
students, staff, and faculty groups to
identify faculty processes since its
appointment in October.

The seven processes were cho-


choices based upon a set of criteria
developed by the team," said team
coordinator Anand Mehta G.
The criteria include importance
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mission, cross-functional interaction,
ease of implementation, cost, and
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the decisions on what needs to be
re-engineered.

"We will make recommendation
on making redesign teams or some
other changes for these seven
processes to better meet the needs
of the community," Mehta said. "We
are not sure what these changes will be
exactly. Those plans will be sure
within two weeks, after receiving
feedback from the steering com-
mittee.

In addition to recommending the
processes to be changed, the assess-
ment opportunity team will also be
recommending some general ideas
to follow in dealing with student
services, Mehta said.

Some of these ideas include ensuring
that student services support MIT's
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The job I do now, so now I'll try to figure out to do something else," he said.

The former Dean of the Graduate School Frank E. Perkins '55 also served half time running the graduate school.

"The scenario we had initially was whether I had enough time to do the job decently. I don't like to take on jobs and screw them up," Litster said. "I don't think that will happen in this case."

"I wouldn't have taken on this job if I thought I couldn't handle it," but it will be difficult and further limit the amount of time spent conducting research, Litster said. Litster also regrets that he will no longer have time to supervise graduate students on his own.

But during the transition period, things "have been very hectic. I have not had the full 50 percent of my time to devote" to the graduate office, Litster said. Litster said that he will be depending upon Isaac M. Colbert, the new senior associate dean for graduate education, to help with much of the administrative work.

Litster does plan to dedicate more time to the his now post at the graduate school by clearing his schedule of other commitments. "I was serving on the re-engineering steering committee, but this will have to go," he said.

Litster sets graduate school goals

"I hope to bring the graduate and undergraduate offices closer together," Litster said. "I have been talking to Rosalind Williams," dean of undergraduate education, about possible ways to reach this goal.

"I would like to pay more attention to postdocs," Litster said. "We have been running workshops where we do skits or scenarios, little things on questions of ethics or research conduct."

"It would be interesting to try some other things in a workshop situation" for other graduate-student scenarios similar to what is done for postdoctoral students, Litster said. Discussing subjects like the authorship of scientific papers would be very beneficial to graduate students, he said.

Although the administrative responsibilities of the job of dean of graduate education are "still part of the office, I hope that the re-engineering team, which is looking at this student services, is going to help make all of that easier," Litster said. It would be nice to have to do less of this administrative work "so that we can spend more time doing other things."

Jeremy Hylton contributed to the reporting of this story.
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But the sculpture is more than something to look at. With so much space between the stations, the sounds of the bells ring out and reverberate to form a melody. Matisse has always been drawn to sounds that are like bells, which inspired him to create a piece with a similar effect. He said, "I was really just delighted," he said. "I didn't feel anything for the music," he continued. "I was still trying to solve each problem as it presented itself." But his continual upkeep is one of paternal love. "I have been going in and fixing it like I would [take care of] my children," Matisse said. "I have a feeling that one day, when he no longer can travel down to the station to make repairs, that people will maintain both the sculpture and the idea that music can still bring strangers together.

Music in the subway is like working on the train's brakes, "it's arriving at these moments when he no longer can travel down to the station," Matisse said. "The hope is, the people will maintain both the sculpture and the idea that music can still bring strangers together."
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SPORTS

After Close Dartmouth Win, Gymnasts Lose Two Meets

By Raymond W. U

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The men’s gymnastics team is off to an exciting season after competing in three close meets. On Jan. 13 the men’s team traveled to Dartmouth. On the first of six Olympic events, floor exercises, MIT started the day with a 30.85-30.40 lead over Dartmouth. Jason Miller ‘97 and team co-captain Rob Cooper ‘07 scored 8.00+ and Hernd Schoner G and team co-captain Andy Lobban ‘97 scored 7.00+.

After the next event, the pommel horse, Dartmouth had a 59.65-56.70 lead, which they increased in the rings. In the vault, the performances by Eric Cowan ‘99 and Bryan Young ‘99 (both 7.5’s) and Schoner, Brian McCrath ‘98, Cooper, and Miller (high 8’s) decreased Dartmouth’s lead to only 0.75.

On the parallel bars, MIT made a spectacular comeback with all 7.00’s, giving them the lead. The Engineers cleaned up at the high bar, finishing the day with a 175.95-172.80 win. The following Tuesday, MIT traveled to Springfield for another competition. The men started out behind, 30.60-32.55. Springfield led throughout the meet, despite strong performances by MIT such as 8’s on the vault, 8.1 by Cooper on floor, and 8.0 by Lobban on high bar. The final score was Springfield 189.15, MIT 171.6.

Lose to S. Conn.

After a long week of competitions and practices, MIT went up against a tough Southern Connecticut in the first home meet last Saturday. Despite MIT’s generally strong performance on the floor exercises, S. Conn. was quickly off to a 35.40-31.83 lead. MIT gained some ground on the pommel horse, and made a comeback during the third event, rings. With Cooper (8.05) and Lobban (8.20) being the only two of both teams who scored 8’s in this event, MIT led 87.55-87.25.

On the vault, S. Conn. threatened to just 8.0 to regain the lead, 121.15-120.00. After the parallel bars, MIT was ahead by less than one point. The last event was the high bar. The all-arounders were very tired, mentally and physically. Both sides gave equally good performances with MIT slightly ahead. The last gymnast of S. Conn. had a score of 8.55, the highest in that event, which finished the meet at 181.05 for S. Conn. to MIT’s 180.80.

Despite S. Conn.’s close victory, MIT’s team had an impressive performance. The team broke 180 in total at all four of the team’s all-arounders scored high — Cooper with a 45.10, Miller 45.35, Robert Spinna ‘99 41.70, and Schoner 43.85.

The next meest is this Saturday at UVM. The next home meet will be on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 4 p.m., in Dupont against CCNY.

By Todd Chamoy

TEAM MEMBERS

The varsity track team entered their meet this past Saturday expecting tough competition. Facing their archival Coast Guard as well as teams from WPI, Colby, and UMass-Dartmouth, MIT took an early lead and coasted to a 95-point victory.

The Engineers dominated in the 1500-meter, where Daniel S. Helgesen ‘97, Joel S. Ford ‘98, Arnold H. Seto ‘96, and Joshua D. Feldman ‘97 finished first, second, third, and fifth, respectively.

MIT swept the top five places in the long jump, led by Ravi V. Sastry ‘98, who also won the 55 high hurdles, placed third in the triple jump and fourth in the high jump.

Leif Seed ‘99 could not compete in the sprinting events due to injury. Although he had only competed in the pole vault in high school, Seed was called upon with less than a day’s notice to pole vault. All Seed formed well but lost to Division II teams Warner Southern and Bethel College. With the pole vault in high school, Seed competed for the Sun- field to the Infinite.

THE TECH

Elinore D. Haberer ‘97 competes in a women’s diving meet against Tufts last Thursday.

Women’s Team Loses 2 in Florida

By Amy MacKay, Maisha Gray, and Victoria Best

The women’s basketball team started off the new year by traveling to sunny Orlando for the Sun- shine Shootout at Warner Southern College. The Lady Engineers performed well but lost to Division II schools Warner Southern and Bethel in the round-robin tournament. They came back strong on the third day to defeat Anderson, the other Division III school.

Victoria Best ‘99 led the Lady Engineers against Warner Southern with 22 points and 4 steals. Other major contributors were Sarah Davis ‘97 and Katie Spayde ‘99 who each scored 13 points and shot 100 percent from the free-throw line.

Jennifer Boyle ‘96 was strong on the boards, ripping down 11 rebounds for MIT. Nicole Gerrish ‘98 also chipped in with 6 rebounds and 3 steals. MIT was in the game early, leading at halftime. 34-33, but the Lady Engi- neers shot poorly in the second half and lost to the home team, 70-61.

MIT had high hopes going into the second game against the Division II team Bethel College. With the scrappy defense and fast break offense that epitomizes the Engi- neers, they took a four point lead at the half, 41-37. Davis led the Engi- neers with 18 points and 4 assists. Amy MacKay ‘97 and Best each added 16 points.

In the second half, the Bethel height advantage proved to be too much for MIT. The Lady Engineers fell short by a final score of 89-75. MIT’s final game was against Anderson University. Anderson could not handle the intense defensive pres- sure of the Lady Engineers, and MIT pulled away at the half. 31-22. Best contributed to the pressure to lead MIT with 5 steals and 24 points.

MIT ended the weekend with a 33-1 record after a 133-125 win against MacKay with 13 points and Davis with 12 points. MIT’s rebounding was outstand- ing in this contest led by Davis with 9, and Boyle, Gerrish, Michelle Fox ‘99, and Spayde each with 7 boards.

MIT tested the game with good free-throw shooting, defeating Anderson 62-46, and securing third place. Best made the all-tournament team for the Engineers.

The next home game is Saturday at 2 p.m.