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Discusses

By Sandra M. Chung

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Tragedy not cause of recession

By Brian Louk

An MIT student crosses Memorial Drive on her way to Pierce boathouse. The Metropolitan District Commission is currently installing a new traffic light to make crossing the street safer for pedestrians.

MIT students create a mock refugee camp on the steps of the Student Center and erect a tent city on Killian Court to protest the United States-led bombing in Afghanistan. The protest, held at noon yesterday, was simultaneously conducted at several schools around the country.

MIT Funds Project For Crosswalk Safety After Student Injury

By Richa Maheshwari

El-Sayed Discusses Islam, Terrorism

By Richard Maheshwara

Shaker El-Sayed, secretary general of the Muslim American Society, recently came to MIT to discuss his beliefs about the allegations that Islamic values are consistent with terrorist activities.

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MIT Students Protest Bombings

By E. Z. Berry

The project began in early October, and is presently scheduled for completion by New Year’s Eve.

We are trying to get the majori-

The last half of the 1990’s was a period of “remarkable sustained growth for a country like the U.S.,” Solow said. From 1995 to 2000, productivity rose rapidly, 3.9 percent per year, because most of the growth for a country like the U.S.,” Solow said. From 1995 to 2000, productivity rose rapidly, 3.9 percent per year, because most of the growth.
Poll Shows Americans Pessimistic About Economy

More Americans have grown pessimistic about the U.S. economy in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, but most express confidence in their own finances and the nation's long-term economic health, according to a Los Angeles Times Poll.

The poll found that 73 percent of Americans believe the nation is in a recession — a 22-point jump from mid-September. And those who think the downturn will be deep and long nearly doubled over the past three months.

Even so, an overwhelming majority of Americans surveyed say their own finances are secure and that they expect to have at least the same amount of money to spend next year.

Public sentiment will have an enormous bearing on how quickly and strongly the economy recovers over the next year, given that consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of the nation's economic activity.

Likewise, 71 percent think the terrorist attacks will do no lasting damage to the nation's economy. And three-quarters believe the stock market will do well over the next year.

Grand Jury Subpoenas Condit Papers in Missing Intern Case

Rep. Gary A. Condit, who has long denied any role in the disappearance of former government intern Chandra Levy, disclosed Thursday that a District of Columbia Superior Court grand jury has subpoenaed an undetermined number of documents in his possession.

The subpoena, coming after months ofApparently in the case, suggests that officials may be focusing anew on the truthfulness of statements made by Condit or his staff members, legal ana

ysts said.

Neither Condit nor his attorney, Abbe D. Lowell, would describe what materials were subpoenaed, but Lowell termed the move "not "necessary" and added that Condit would "provides the information law enforcement seeks.

Lowell said that the Ceres, Calif., congressman had been inter

viewed four times by District of Columbia police detectives and FBI agents, most recently in late July, and that he provided "documents such as phone records and his schedule" for the period before and after May 1, when Levy disappeared.

Yahoo Announces Plan To Turn Business Around

Yahoo Inc. Chairman and Chief Executive Terry Semel unveiled his long-awaited strategy Thursday to turn around the struggling Internet bellwether, outlining a plan that will trim the company's staff by 9 percent and boost its now-young sales force with a new group of hardened veterans.

Semel unveiled his strategy in a daylong meeting with analysts at Yahoo's Sunnyvale, Calif., headquarters. It was a coming out party of sorts for the longtime Hollywood studio chief, who joined the venerable Silicon Valley company seven months ago with the mandate of turning around a stock that had dropped 20 points in 12 months.

Semel emphasized that despite the current advertising slump, ad revenue should continue to grow, because "the more it rains, the more revenue we get over the next three years, even as the company collects more fees for online services and from community sites.

"This is a company that does — and always will — believe in advertising revenue," he said. "There's nothing wrong with ad revenue. It's supported many traditional media companies over the decades."
By John Riley

May Soon Locate Taliban Leaders

General says that military forces "are tightening the noose. It’s a matter of time."

U.S. warplanes pounded Taliban lines around Kandahar Thursday as a Taliban envoy in Pakistan sought U.N. intervention to help arrange a bloodless surrender for the besieged enclave in northern Afghanistan. At the other end of the country, in the southern city of Kandahar, Taliban defenders held out another day against Pashin tribal guerrillas aided by U.S. special forces and resupplied by U.S. helicopters.

The battles at Kandahar and Kandahar represented the last two stands in major cities by the battered Taliban militia, whose five-year rule over Afghanistan has melted away.

The Washington Post

By Rajiv Chandrasekaran

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Taliban Prepares for Surrender

As U.S. Bombardment Goes on

General Says that Military Forces May Soon Locate Taliban Leaders

By John Riley

American bombers pummeled isolated Taliban garrisons from local Pashin warlords across the south, and that leaders of both the Taliban and al-Qaida were killed in airstrikes on buildings near Kabul and Kandahar earlier this week.

Despite the successes, Franks and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld both said it was premature to conclude that the Taliban are finished as an effective fighting force, and they warned that bin Laden and others allegedly responsible for the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States may elude their pursuers.

Afghanistan, Rumsfeld said, has long and porous borders. "It’s not possible to detect everything electronically at all times," he said. "I think we’ll find him either there or in some other country, but one has to be realistic."

Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar was apparently undaunted by the cascade of bad news. In a defiant interview broadcast on the U.S.-backed Northern Alliance radio network, he said his forces’ retreat was part of a strategy to destroy America. "If God’s help is with us, this will happen within a short time - keep in mind this prediction," Omar said. "The real matter is the extinction of America, and God willing, it will fall to the ground."

Forty days into the U.S. campaign, however, signs of Taliban resistance appeared to be realistic.

General Tommy Franks, the commander of U.S. forces in the Afghan war, said: "We are tightening the noose. It’s a matter of time."

Franks, appearing at his second Pentagon briefing since the war began Oct. 7, said U.S. commandos are working to advise and resupply the Pashin opposition groups and designate targets for airstrikes for U.S. warplanes around both the embattled cities. But he also made it clear special operations teams around Kandahar are performing missions well beyond the liaison and targeting tasks carried out earlier in the war.

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Building a Pyramid, 2by2?

Kevin R. Langer

I was away from MIT last year, studying at Cambridge, United Kingdom. As I was studying, rowing, partying, and traveling, I still had to find the time to do my homework. I was impressed by MIT. I enjoyed the relative lack of problem sets, tests, and papers, but I didn't want to give up the world-class education that MIT is known for. I decided to try writing for one of the newspapers over winter break. As I started to write for The Tech, I was given the opportunity to sit down with the respectable of Cambridge's two student papers, evidenced by the fact that the other, Varsity, required everyone to wear a suit. I wrote a few stories, but I just couldn't find the right themes. I was eventually quoted quite frankly, Cambridge is boring compared to MIT. And frankly, that's not such a bad thing. I am so glad that I didn't do anything sensational stories coming from all over campus. It seemed like every week some 17-year-old from Oklahoma was getting drunk at a frat party. The Boston Globe, even some few interesting stories coming from MIT's hard-core drinking culture. We lost friends, sometimes for a week even though this was happening to our fellow students, it was fascinating stuff. Everyone knows that undergraduates college students get drunk. Getting caught making it interesting.

Often, the news was simply horrible. Pat, far too many students had taken their own lives in the weeks before I first arrived in Cambridge. A year later, I was told that my buddy had taken his life down from me. Every time we lost another friend, another classmate, another lab partner, another student, I think, is a wake-up call. There's no way of returning. It is still new to me.

In 1996, $250 million of Albanian payments were less and less perceived, even as MIT's administrators grew more and more concerned.

I still am not sure whether they really offered through. In 1996, $250 million of Albanian payment. By law, it is for- nothing more than a pyramid scheme; here's hoping that MIT stays aware of the pyramid that has attracted many bright, excitable college students. While searching 2by2 on the Internet, I found complaints from students at universities as prestigious as Princeton and MIT. In the hopes that I would be next to join, people who hadn't taken the time to even read the $500 I was promised a year later, I decided to stop. I was not aware that really make these healthy? If Victoria's Secret have no intention of showing their customers that "many women think. Why women buy underwear is part of a number of factors. This is true. But my point is that 2by2 is an utter ripoff, and I'll pass.

Across the river from MIT, the most famous pyramid scheme is 2by2. A $50 investment of only a few hundred dollars? It was a second aspect to the program, one which inspired its 2by2. Participants told me to stop; I warned people against it, others thinly dis-

The Victoria Secret models flash across our television screens and pose in catalogs that women

women's wants and needs because they are a size zero. They are a real tribute to Victoria's Secret that their models are well fed and could probably do much more push-ups than half the guys they hire. I think the fad is ending. Despite the fact that advertising is pushing, more power to them. 2by2 is a pyramid scheme, and pyramid schemes are very dangerous. This is true. But my point is that 2by2 is an utter ripoff, and I'll pass.

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To catch them!

...Now, I know Salem
has no interest
in technology...

Dude, what's up?

DOUBLE? Just
add up the
American numbers!

AAAH!

Stop it!!

What if he's
doing it?

I should've
known better!

What was
I thinking?

Shelf the
package?

Look! If there's something there,
shelves or computer code, in his
'profession', can't you...

And now everyone can
find you easy... just smooth
yourself!

You know, they
are those
pictures.

'Hey, you've
seen good
American work?'
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Friday, November 16


12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - First Year Graduate Orientation. Please visit our website for more information. Room: 3-461. Sponsor: Office of Graduate Studies.

2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Mechanical Engineering Seminar: "Resonant holography." Free. Room: 3-133. Sponsor: ME Series Seminar.

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Models of Random Regular Graphs. Refreshments will be served at 3:30 PM in Room 2-349. Free. Room: 2-330. Sponsor: Combinatorics Seminar. Department of Mathematics.

8:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - International Potlatch. We will have a potluck with international food from various parts of the globe. followed by some fun games. Free. Room: Acknowled Weid Dining Room. Sponsor: Graduate Christian Fellowship.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Fuzon Going Easy with Exercise workshop. The Fuzon Going easy is an easy and effective way to release stress and improve physical and mental health. Millions of people in over 40 countries practice these 5 sets of gentle movements. Free. Room: 1-242. Sponsor: Fuzon Daily Club.


7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Film Series (or The Last That Loved A Sales, $7 MIT community, seniors, other students; $5 MIT/Wellesley students). Room: Sala de Puerto Rico. Sponsor: Gilbert and Sullivan Players, MIT.

9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Library checkouts. Free. Room: E16-120. Sponsor: Anime Club, MIT.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Ballroom Dancing Workshops. $5 MIT/Wellesley students. Room: Sala de Puerto Rico. Sponsor: Gilbert and Sullivan Players, MIT.

2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Critical Problems in the History of East Asian Science. Dibner Institute Fall Conference - Nov. 16 & 17. Free. Room: 3-461. Sponsor: Dilbert Institute.

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Interactive session on Kathak, Kuchipudi, and Manipuri. Includes brief history and demonstration. Wear comfortable clothing to participate. No previous dance experience needed. Come dressed comfortably. Free. Room: Student Center, W20-491. Sponsor: Natya.

Roadkill Buffet. $5 MIT/Wellesley students. Room: Building 36, First Floor. Sponsor: Assassins' Guild, MIT.

8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - Ballroom Dancing Workshops. Beginner ballet/dance steps will be taught. There will also be a new focus on developing techniques as well. Open to everyone. No experiences necessary. No partners required. Visit our website for registrations. Room: Visit our website for venue. Sponsor: Ballroom Dance Club.

Saturday, November 17

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - Critical Problems in the History of Eastern Science. Dilbert Institute Fall Conference - Two Days. Free. Room: E16-120. Sponsor: Dilbert Institute.

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Ah My Goddess Special Screening #1a. In anticipation of the release-being released in the Goodness Movie, we are presenting the original 5 OVAs of Ah My Goddess. We will start at 2pm; you are encouraged to come a little early and play a little anime -to- parody. Ah My Goddess is an anime classic that no fan should miss. Free. Room: 3-461. Sponsor: Anime Club, MIT.

6:30 p.m. - Squash in Rowland Center. Free. Room: Rowland Life Center. Sponsor: Department of Athletics.

8:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Film Series (or The Last That Loved A Sales, $7 MIT community, seniors, other students; $5 MIT/Wellesley students). Room: Sala de Puerto Rico. Sponsor: Gilbert and Sullivan Players, MIT.

8:00 p.m. -SONIS, Bayu Keypo, visit; Marcus Thompson, violin; Michael Reynolds, cello; David Deveau, piano. Dolanpaa’s Sonderwerk for String Trio, Op. 10; Santtu;Pääkö Quatuor in B Major, Op. 41; Haydn’s Piano Trio in G Major, Gypsy. Free. Room: Kresge Auditorium. Sponsor: Music and Theater Arts Section.


Sunday, November 18

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2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. - Navya Dance Workshop Series. Session II: Kathak, Kuchipudi. Manipuri Interactive dance workshop to learn about the classical dance forms of India. No dance experience needed. Come dressed comfortably. Free. Room: Student Center, W20-491. Sponsor: Natya.


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Traffic Light Project Will Finish by Jan.

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Michael Delany, Superintendent on the job at Webster Engineering, said, "We've been doing the work done, especially the traffic light, before the end of the year." However, it may drift into next year. The landscaping of the area, for example, will most likely be done in the spring, he said.

In addition to the installation of the traffic light, there will be a completely concrete inlay walkway across Memorial Drive instead of the painted crosswalk that is there now. The contractors will install new drainage catch basins and relocate the electric lights and poles in the construction area.

"We're also going to realign the intersection," said Delany. "Right now all four streets are not exactly perpendicular to each other. When we are done they will all line up, which will make the intersection safer."

The construction that has limited Memorial Drive to only one lane of traffic has had a minimal effect on traffic congestion, but it has made cars slow down significantly. "There really aren't too many problems here," said Delany. "There is a much worse situation over on Wadsworth street across the river where we are doing a similar project."

Students pleased with new light

"They are supposed to yield to pedestrians, but they are very disrespectful," said Ines Sherifi '04. "They don't stop for anyone!" said Ponda. "I've tried to walk across, and they have no respect for pedestrians."

Mixed feelings accompany the new traffic light, as many students wonder why it took so long for the school to recognize that this was a problem for students. "How could there have been no traffic light before?" asked Sherifi. "Did they expect us to walk from Next House to Mass. Avenue and then back to the boathouse?"

"It's a good idea but I think the light should have been closer to main campus," said Ramaswamy. "I think most people cross to get to the boathouse."

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involved in the sit-in outside the Student Center, which began at noon and lasted for an hour.

"A lot of people were coordinat-
ing this," said Basu. "There was a large group of students and almost 100 schools that participated, which shows that a lot of people share this opinion."

Other schools that staged similar demonstrations on Thursday included Harvard University, Boston College, Dartmouth, Princeton, and Stanford.

Protesters want end to bombings
The demonstrators demanded a complete halt of the bombings, which have not only damaged International Red Cross facilities, but have also interfered with groups such as Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders) and the World Food Program.

Protesters demand end to bombings

The protest was to demand an immediate end to the bombing of Afghanistan and a legitimate con-
certed humanitarian effort to pro-
vide food and services to the refugees that were displaced," said Brie C. Smith G.

Students also called for a rec-
ognition of the suffering that the refugees and internally displaced persons must suffer, especially through the upcoming winter.

"About 7 million people will probably starve to death by the end of winter. Given that the U.S. bombing is the only thing that has displaced them, their safety is also our responsibility," Basu said.

To effectively aid the refugees, demonstrators called for an increase of aid through ground-based food and medicine delivery.

"It is very clear that the so-called aid being brought there is of negligible value," said Basu. "[The food drops] are mainly a propaganda tool."

Many of the protesters believe that a halt in bombing would greatly improve the humanitarian effort in Afghanistan.

"The system for distribution is in place and several organizations are on the ground in border coun-
tries and have people trained to dis-
tribute food, but they are being pre-
vented by the bombing," said Smith. "If the United States stopped bombing, the situation would increase almost infinitely."

According to Basu, cluster bombs dropped by the United States are the same color as the food pack-
ages, and many Afghans are walk-
ing into heavily mined areas to get the aid packets. "You'd think that a giant superpower would have money to buy a different color bag in two weeks, but that hasn't hap-
pened," he said.

Onlookers react positively
Several faculty members approached the demonstrators and expressed positive reactions to the students' views. Reaction to the demonstration was positive, and many people stopped throughout the day to observe the demonstra-
tion by reading the flyers and signs.

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tragedy hadn’t occurred, the country would still be in a recession now, Solow said. Had it happened in the midst of an economic boom, he said, “it would have been not a bad deal economically. An economy the size of the U.S. has lost $1 billion worth of capital and barely noticed it at all.”

However, “that attack came at a moment when the U.S. economy was teetering on the edge of recession,” Solow said. “It did more than destroy capital … it changed the underlying probabilities … and created a large, fundamental uncertainty about the future.” He said the current recession will be somewhat longer and deeper than it would have been had the September 11 events never occurred.

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MSA Week Focuses On Religion, Culture

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is acceptable with certain rules and limitations," he said.

When questioned about Islamic fundamentalists, El-Sayed said
the prophet himself warned his disciples of extremism and overzealousness.

"The prophet said that some
nights he sleeps, other nights he
prays. Some days he fasts, and
other days he does not. No one is
encouraged to be more prophetic
than the prophet," El-Sayed said.

Some of the talk's attendees felt
that El-Sayed attempted to avoid
thoroughly addressing Islamic fun-
damentalism. "It seems like he
came with a very prepared speech
... he did not really answer the
question of fundamentalism," said
Beverley F. Martis '02, who attend-
ed the talk.

Approximately 50 people lis-
tened to El-Sayed's talk in 4-237.
According to Fadilah A. Khan '02,
co-chair for the Islamic Awareness
Week committee, only half of the
attendees were Muslim.

Speech part of Islamic week

This speech was part of Islamic
Awareness Week, an annual event
sponsored by the MSA. This year's
awareness week was an important
event in light of the tragedies of
September 11, and it was designed
to correct some of the misconcep-
tions that many Americans have
about the Islam religion.

The executive board of the Mus-
lim Students Association thought it
was especially important to increase
the community awareness of Islam
by making this year's Islamic
Awareness Week more eventful
than ever before, Khan said.

"The board was overwhelmed by
the quantity of supportive e-mails
from members of the MIT commu-
nity following the incident," said
Basil Y. Al-Naffouri '02, a member
of the MSA.

MSA supports Muslims

The MSA set up a booth in lobby
10 this past week to provide information about Muslims to the
MIT community. They handed out
free copies of the Qur'an, the holy
book of Islam, and pamphlets with
information about Islam avail-
able at the booth.

MSA also played a multimedia
presentation each day that empha-
sized the multi-cultural aspects
of the Islamic religion. The long
slide show reviewed the different
countries and cultures that Muslims
live in.

Despite the rise of hate crimes
and racial profiling that some skeptics
say have resulted from Ameri-
can's war on terrorism, many Muslims at MIT feel that the
community has not alienated them
because of their religion.

"I didn't hear of anything hap-
pening to Muslim students at MIT," said Khan. "I think we're surround-
ed by so many different people any-
way that people are pretty open to
the cultures."

MSA prepares for Ramadan

The MSA is currently preparing
for Ramadan, a major Islamic holi-
day that lasts from November 16 to
December 14. They are arranging a
series of iftars, community dinners
that celebrate the breaking of the
fast at sunset for Muslim students.
The entire MIT community is wel-
to these dinners, which will
review fundamental Islamic values
and beliefs.

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Construction Update

STANFORD STREET: Nothing has been completed.
Shoshone Holland will continue to November 16. This
work will take place between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. The work
will be scheduled to finish before dark.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: The City of Palo Alto will
continue to allow the portion of Stanford Ave. from Page 9 to
Page 9. The section of Old Palo Alto Street will
be closed to regular traffic from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday
through Friday from November 12 to November 10.

HULL STREET THROUGH: The street will be
removed, and a new piece of
Hull Street will be
available to the public.

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### Ballroom Dance Team Excels At Annual Brown Competition

By Yanfeng Lin

Members of the MIT Ballroom Dance Team rocketed their way through Brown University’s Seventeenth Annual Ballroom Competition on November 11th.

There are four styles of competitive Ballroom in the United States: Rhythm, Latin, Smooth, and Standard. In most collegiate competitions, there are five levels: Newcomer, Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Open.

In some events MIT dancers made four of seven finalists, so the honors were many.

#### Successes in Rhythm

At the Gold level, Tuan Q. Phan ’02 and Aurora C. Schmidt ’03 were second in Cha-Cha, third in Rumba and third in Swing. Eric D. Nielsen G and Margaret A. Wong ’02 were fifth in both the Rumba and Cha-Cha, and sixth in Swing.

In the Open category, MIT had William Lituplo ’00 and Michelle Goldhaber take third.

#### Sparks Fly in Latin

In Newcomer Latin, Cheng Su G and Ekaterina V. Lesnaia G placed second and Bradley Morrison G and Irina Medvedev G placed third in Rumba.

Philip Hsu ’87 and Maricore Santiago took fifth in the Silver Rumba, while Lituplo and Goldhaber took seventh in Cha-Cha/Rumba and sixth in Rumba/Swing.

In Open Latin, the last event of the competition, MIT was represented in the final by Filip Iliievski ’03 and Rita Kranner. Iliievski and Kranner took home fourth place.

#### Highlights of Smooth

MIT had a splendid showing by the Newcomer dancers. Luca Dona G and Lesnaia placed first in Waltz, fourth in Tango and third in Foxtrot.


Overall, MIT dancers took ten of the eighteen finalist spots—including all the first places—in the Newcomer Smooth category. MIT also gathered a fifth place spot in Bronze Tango.

Victor Mark Knobel ’00 and Schmidt won all honors, and took home first places in all three Silver dances (Waltz, Tango and Foxtrot). Hsu and Santiago took fifth in Silver Waltz and sixth in Silver Foxtrot.

In Gold, Nielsen and Goldhaber won the Tango, and took second and third for the Waltz and Foxtrot respectively.

In Open, Mark Herberg ’99 and Jessica Ahlers landed fourth place.

A sweep in Standard

There is no doubt that Standard is where the strength of MIT’s Ballroom Team lies. In Newcomer Waltz, of 81 couples competing, MIT had Su and Lesnaia leading the pack with first place. Morrison and Medvedev were hot on their heels in second place, and making it an almost all-MIT final. MIT had Rahmandad and Fallahi in third, and Man Seo Kye ’03 and Jamie Y. Mak ’03 in sixth place.

In Bronze, Sola Grantham ’98 and Megow were fifth in Waltz and fourth in Quickstep.

Silver Standard, like Smooth, was completely swept by Knobel and Schmidt, who won all three events in the level. Waltz, Tango, Quickstep. Hsu and Santiago placed fifth in Waltz, while Jacques Olivier G and Carrie Soung interpreted placed fifth in the Tango. Gold Standard saw Nielsen and Goldhaber bagging both fifth spots: Waltz/Quickstep, Tango/Foxtrot.

In Open standard, the honors go to the four MIT couples who made the final. Boris Berdinkin ’98 and Sofia Rashkovskaya G led by capturing second place amidst the fiery competition. Iliievski and Elizabeth Drow ’92 captured the fifth, while Thomas Nagett ’99 and Reena Friedman took the sixth, Phan and Ika Setyanani the seventh place.

Katsivar and Mamousova

Despite the many personal successes, the climax of the day’s competition for all was certainly a special show by Eugene Katsivar and Marina Mamousova. They are the reigning U.S. Amateur Latin Champions, and are ranked seventh in the highly competitive world of Latin DanceSport. Needless to say, they stunned the audience with their exquisite rumba, their spectacular samba and cha-cha, and ended by bringing down the roof with their impossibly fast and yet playful jive.

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**Volleyball Loses, Ends Season**

By Paul Dill

The women’s volleyball team ended its season this past weekend with a loss in the postseason Eastern College Athletic Conference North Championship Tournament. With Kelly A. Martens ‘03 injured, the Engineers could not put together one final run, and fell to Brandeis University, which they had beaten earlier in the season. The Engineers finished with a 29-9 record (the best since 1994), and a sixth straight postseason bid. The engineering team first place finishes at the Gordin College Tournament, the Amherst College Tournament, the Bates College Tournament, and the ECAC Tournament. The team finished second at the Franklin & Marshall College Tournament, and fourth at the Hall of Fame Tournament.

The Engineers spent a good part of the season ranked either number one or two in the New England Region out of 64 teams, and were also ranked as high as number 20 in the nation out of 395 teams.

There were also many honors garnered by individual team members. Kelly A. Martens ’03 made two all-tournament teams, and earned one tournament most valuable player. She also was named NEWMAC Conference Player of the Week, to the NEWMAC All-Conference Team, the AVCA All-Region Team, the NEWVA All-New England Second Team, and GTE CoSIDA All-District Academic All-American First Team. MIT Team MVP, and joined the MIT 1000 Kill Club.

Christina Almodovar ’02 earned spots on all three all-tournament teams, and was named most valuable player at one tournament. She was also NEWMAC Conference Player of the Week, the NEWMAC All-Conference Team, NEWVA All-New England Second Team, and joined the MIT 1000 Dig Club.

Barbara J. Schultze ’02 made the ECUSI All-Tournament Team and was named MIT Defensive Player of the Year. Schultze broke team records for career digs, career aces, career games played, and single season digs.

Amy W. Mok ’02 joined the MIT 1000 Dig Club, and tied a NCAA record for consecutive points served in a game (19). Nydia M. Habibi ’02 joined the New England All-Conference Tournament. Partia N. Chhabbi ’02 joined the MIT 1000 Dig Club.

Linda M. Yu ’02 received the MIT Coach’s Award. Candace Jantzen-Maron ’03 earned MIT’s Most Improved Player Award.

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Veronica A. Andrews ’05 kicks to the finish line of the NCAA Division III New England Championships at Westfield State College. Despite a strong race, which clocked 18:40 over the 5-kilometer course, the women’s cross country team finished 16th, falling short of its goal of a top 10 spot.

**UPCOMING HOME EVENTS**

**Friday, November 16**
Squash vs. Stanford: 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday November 17**
Squash vs. Bowdoin College: 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 20**
Women’s Swimming vs. Wellesley: 6:00 p.m.
Women’s Basketball vs. Regis College: 7:00 p.m.

**Cross Country to Attend DIII Finals**

By Roger F. Crosby

• The MIT men’s cross country team has qualified for the NCAA Division III Championship, which will be held this coming weekend at Augustana College in Rock Island, IL.

• The Engineers placed third in the New England Division III Qualifier to earn the trip to the championship. Sean Nolan ’03 led the way for the Engineers with a fourth place finish. Teammate Daniel R. Feldman ’02 placed sixth. The last two New England Women’s and Men’s Athletic Conference All-Conference teams have been chosen for the Fall seasons and MIT placed two players on each of the two teams.

• In men’s soccer forward/midfielder Nicholas R. Nestle ’04 and defender Rory E. Foster ’04 were selected to the team. The pair helped lead MIT to the Conference championship game for the first time ever where the Engineers dropped the game by a 1-0 count to Wheaton College. The team’s 10-7-1 record is the best in the sport since the 1995 team had an identical record.

• MIT was represented on the Women’s volleyball All-Conference team by middle hitter Kelly A. Martens ‘03 and setter Christina Almodovar ‘02. Martens was the NEWMAC leader in hitting percentage, while Almodovar was second in the Conference in assists.

• The team lost to Springfield College in the semifinals of the NEWMAC Championship Tournament, but qualified as the second seed in the Eastern College Athletic Conference Division III North Women’s Volleyball Championship held this past weekend at top seeded Springfield. MIT lost to Brandeis University in its first-round match. Martens and Almodovar were also recently named to the New England Women’s Volleyball Association second-team All-New England teams that have recently been announced. Defensive back Brian D. Hoying ‘03 was a first-team selection. On offense, tight end Keith V. Battocchi ‘02 was a second team pick, while Robert R. Owlesy ‘02 earned honorable mention status at wide receiver.

• The Engineers’ soccer team defeated WPI in the first round of the ECAC Division III New England tournament last week, but was unable to beat top seeded Keene (NH) State College in the semifinals. The Engineers dropped a 3-0 decision to the Bears.

• Former MIT Baseball coach Fran O’Brien, currently head coach at The College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, will be honored by the Collegiate Baseball New England Association with the organization’s Sportsmanship Award at the CBNE Annual Dinner on November 18 at the Chateau restaurant in Waltham. The award recognizes a college player or coach that exemplifies the true spirit of sportsmanship.

• Mark L. Strauss ‘02 leads a Connecticut College runner through the second mile of the NCAA Division III New England Championship. Boosted by Strauss’ return from surgery, the men’s cross country team qualified for Nationals on Saturday, finishing third overall. The team led to Augustana College in Illinois this week to compete against the top runners in the country.

**Chapman Excels at IHSAA Event**

By Jenny Lee

The MIT Equestrians headed out to Holly Hill Show Stable in Hanover, MA last Saturday to compete in an Intercollegiate Horse Show Association show hosted by Boston University.

Four members of the team braved the cold weather to participate in this event.

Kenneth A. Luke ’04 rode in the first class of the day. She drew a 15.5 hand grey gelding named Alvin in the random horse lottery, and placed fourth in the open fences division against ten other riders.

Kathryn A. Luke ’04 rode in the second class of the day. She drew a 14.2 hand bay pony named Applause for the alumni over fences division. She gave a great performance, marred only by her failure to pick up the correct lead after one of the jumps. Chapman placed second.

The flat phase of the competition took place in the afternoon. Riders walked, trotted, and cantered their mounts on command around the ring while being judged on their form.

Jenny Lee ’02 competed in the second of the open jumping classes on Illando, a 16.2 hand chestnut gelding. Although she rode well over the rest of the fences, flawed approaches to her first two jumps took her out of the ribbons in the large class of twelve competitors.

Hillary S. Chapman G drew a 14.2 hand bay pony named Applause for the alumni over fences division. She gave a great performance, marred only by her failure to pick up the correct lead after one of the jumps. Chapman placed second.

The flat phase of the competition took place in the afternoon. Riders walked, trotted, and cantered their mounts on command around the ring while being judged on their form.

Lake rode a large, 17.2 hand bay gelding named Zesty in the highly competitive open flat class category.

Liz de Quaento, a 16.1 hand bay gelding for her open flat class, and placed fourth.

In the alternate flat division, Chapman rode Sherman, a 15.3 hand roan gelding, and placed third.

Ida Ortiz ’04 drew a 16.1 hand grey gelding named Waldo for her alternate flat class, and placed fourth.

The team continues to train with coach Kate Alderfer-Candela at Veritti Farms in preparation for competitions on November 17 and 18, hosted by Tufts University and Endicott College respectively.