Armed Thief Wakes Next House Student

By Brian Loux

A Next House resident was the victim of an armed burglary on Sunday, when a middle-aged man armed with a knife entered an unlocked room to steal from a sleeping student. The incident took place in early afternoon.

The man had stolen cash from the room at about 3:30 p.m., but the resident awoke and proceeded to give chase, said Goodwin V. Chen '04, a friend who was familiar with the victim's account of the incident.

The victim, who requested anonymity, was able to grab the thief's maroon MIT varsity jacket, Chen said, but the man escaped and ran outside Next House, where he drew a large knife and continued to run from the student, who apparently continued to chase after him.

Near Tang Hall, the man, holding the knife, paused and proposed to the exchange and the thief with him, Chen said. The student agreed to the exchange and the thief then ran away, Chen said.

Jacket worn to fit in, police think

In a widely-distributed e-mail, Shapiro said that this was the victim's graduate resident tutor in the dormitory, along with a black and blond hair.

6 inches tall, with a medium build in his forties, approximately 5 feet and 1 inch tall, with a medium build and blond hair.

The thief wore the maroon MIT varsity jacket that police believe was used to blend in as he moved through the building, wearing black baseball cap, white pants, and the black and white sneakers, Millman wrote. The victim's report with the MIT police was not immediately available because of the Veteran's Day holiday.

Residents express loss of security

Residents of the wing and the dormitory were visibly upset about the incident.

This was a crime against the community," said Yufei Wang '04. "We have all been robbed of our trust," he said, adding that he was considering the idea of branding himself in the coming days.

Others have voiced similar concerns. "We should not have to fear armed robbery in our dorm. That's just ridiculous," said Elizabeth L. Greenwood '05 in an e-mail to the house.

While many residents were shocked by the incident, Millman said he was not exceptionally surprised. "About once a year, someone who really doesn't belong here will find his way into the dorm," he said.

Some blame lax door policy

Though it is still unclear how the perpetrater entered Next House, much of the blame from residents has been pointed at the dormitory's lax door policy.

"The Next House desk workers are generally very lax door policy. "The Next House dormitory's security was pointed at the dormitory's door policy," said Greenwood.

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Chris Vu Advances In Idol Auditions

By Jennifer L. Wong

"Christopher D. Vu '04 is one step closer to realizing his dream of music superstardom, having advanced to the second round of auditions for Fox's American Idol talent show.

A San Jose, Calif. native, Vu is a tenor in the Logarithms, MIT's all-male a cappella group.

Hopeful "idol" begins journey

Vu originally traveled to New York City to audition for American Idol on Oct. 24. Because of the size of the crowd, he was unable to audition before the judges.

Vu then flew to Austin, Texas, for a Nov. 6 audition. It was in Austin that he beat out the competition to qualify for the second round of auditions in Los Angeles, Calif., said fellow member of the Logarithms.

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Mark A. Sellmyer '04, a fellow member of the Logs, called Vu "an amazing performer."

"The Logs love Chris," he said. "Not only is he one of the most talented a cappella singers in the nation, but I believe he can make it his own."

Infermous computer cracker Kevin Mitnick signs copies of his new book, The Art of Deception, after his lecture last Wednesday at Quantum Books. Mitnick has become a popular security consultant after having served a prison sentence for breaking into numerous corporations’ computers in the early ‘90s.

New U.S. Senator is MIT Graduate

By Kevin R. Lang

If things get a little slow in Congress next year, perhaps John E. Sununu '87, New Hampshire’s new junior senator, could lead Trent Lott, Hillary Clinton, Ted Kennedy, and John McCain in a bipartisan chorus of “The Engineers’ Drinking Song.”

Sununu defeated three-term New Hampshire Governor Jeanne Shaheen, a Democrat, 51-47 percent for the U.S. Senate seat in last week’s elections, replacing incumbent Senato Bob Smith, whom Sununu beat in the Republican primary.

Sununu is currently the U.S. representative from New Hampshire’s first district.

MIT education fits in politics

How does an MIT education fit in with the political science majors and lawyers on Capitol Hill? “I think it was very helpful to have a technical background and an engineering background,” Sununu said, particularly when dealing with environmental and technological issues.

“It’s been an asset for me in the Senate.”

Sununu earned his SB and SM degrees in Course II (Mechanical Engineering) in 1987, completing his master’s thesis, entitled “Wear in check valves due to flow-induced motion,” with Professor Emeritus Peter Griffith. He lived in the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, which was disbanded in 1999 after repeated violations.

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Strauss, Former Student At MIT, Admits to Fraud

By Marissa Vogt

Former MIT student Mark L. Strauss '02 has pleaded guilty to one charge of mail fraud in federal district court in Boston.

Strauss, a former member of the Zeta Psi fraternity, was arrested in March, when police seized between $30,000 and $40,000 worth of computer-related equipment from his room. Some of the items, which included computers, furniture, and lab equipment, were stolen from the Department of Chemistry over an 18-month period.

After selling the stolen items online, Strauss would then send them to buyers using the U.S. Postal Service.

Sentencing set for January

Strauss will appear again before Chief Judge William G. Young in January 2003 for sentencing.

“The judge, at the time of the plea, said that the defendant, under the guidelines, might be looking at six to twelve months, but that’s not determinative because there are still issues to be resolved,” said Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeanne M. Kempski.

Neither Strauss nor his attorney, Jeffrey D. Denier, could be reached for comment.

Stolen items were sold on eBay

Strauss was charged with engaging in a scheme to “obtain mail property, and means of false pretenses and fraud by stealing, on divers occasions, computer equipment, and other items from laboratories and offices at MIT and then selling them at auction on eBay.”

According to the charges, Strauss had been selling the stolen items on eBay. Strauss would then “utilize the U.S. mails and other interstate mail delivery carriers to deliver the stolen goods,” prosecutors charged. The items were stolen between January 2001 and
Nonpartisan Barkley Preserves Democratic Control of Senate

By Janet Hook and Faye Fiore

Dean Barkley, the third-party activist appointed interim senator from Minnesota, said Monday he will not side with either party during his short stay in office, allowing Democrats to keep control of the Senate during the lame-duck session — at least for now.

That means Democrat Tom Daschle of South Dakota will remain Senate majority leader another week or so — giving his party a last gasp of power and visibility into a lame-duck session, which begins Tuesday.

Barkley's decision ends a bizarre interlude in which the leadership of the Senate could have been changed single-handedly by a man who, until his Nov. 4 appointment by Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura, was a little-known former carwash operator who appointed me is an independent, and I believe the best way to serve the Minnesota people is to remain independent,” Barkley said in a statement Monday. “Rather than adhere to the partisan

Bush Uses Veterans Day Ceremonies to Warn Iraq

By Robert E. Pierre

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Iraq Denounces U.N. Demands But Expected to Accept Terms

By David Lamb

LOS ANGELES TIMES

Iraq is taking steps to make a clean break from the world of Saddam Hussein and the current executive of W.T. Corp. file bankruptcy in the United States and Britain. By the resolution of the scandal point in which the company’s creditors: Five major creditors, which effectively own WorldCom as long as it is in bankruptcy, sit on the search committee that targeted Capellas for chief executive. Sources say some creditors favored finding an executive from outside the telecommunications industry to send a signal that the nation’s second-longest distance company is taking steps to make a clean break with its tainted past.

Brad Burns, a WorldCom spokesman, declined to comment Monday morning. Hewlett-Packard issued a statement saying that Capellas is leaving the company to pursue other opportunities. “We’ve reached a natural transition point. Michael made a commitment to see our integration targets,” said Carly Fiorina, HP chairman and chief executive, in the statement.

“I am proud to have been associated with this company and believe that HP is redefining the information technology landscape,” Capellas said as part of the same statement.

Another Suspect Detained In Bali Bombing

THE WASHINGTON POST

Indonesian police Monday detained a man they suspect of storing weapons and explosives for Amrozi, the chief suspect in the Oct. 12 bombing of two Bali nightclubs.

After questioning Komarudin, a friend of Amrozi and a forest ranger in this East Java village, police here recovered two explosive devices in the forest about three miles away, deputy national police spokesman Edward Antonian said. Local bomb squad officers were on their way to analyze the devices, police said.

The police are making rapid advances in their investigation following the arrest last Tuesday of Amrozi and raids over the weekend at properties in Tenggulun, a village in the Lamongan district, and in Bali. Amrozi and Komarudin, like most Indonesians, use one name.

On Sunday night, police detained another villager, Tafsir, 38, who said they drove Amrozi in his Mitsubishi L-300 van to Bali before the two nearly simultaneous explosions, which killed almost 200 people, most of them foreign tourists. Police have traced the largest explosion, at the Sari Club, to the van owned by Amrozi.

New Surveillance System To Aid Counter-Terrorism Efforts

A new Pentagon research office has started designing a global computer surveillance system to give U.S. counter-terrorism officials access to personal government and commercial databases around the world.

The Information Awareness Office, run by former national security adviser John Poindexter, aims to develop new technologies to sift through “ultra-large” data warehouses and networked computers in search of threatening patterns among everyday transactions, such as credit card purchases and travel reservations, according to interviews and documents.

Authorities already have access to a wealth of information about individual terrorists, but they typically have to obtain court approval in the United States or make laborious diplomatic and intelligence efforts overseas. The system proposed by Poindexter and funded by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) at about $200 million a year, would be able to sweep up and analyze data in a much more systematic way. It would provide a more detailed look at data than the super-secret National Security Agency now has, Poindexter said.

“How are we going to find terrorists and pre-empt them, except by following their trail,” said Poindexter, who brought the idea to the Pentagon after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and now is beginning to award contracts to high-technology vendors.

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**By Scott Adams**

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**GAME REVIEW**

**Mario Party 4: A Light Snack for Heavy Gamers**

By Chad Sargent

Mario Party 4 is a Nintendo for the Pizza Party 4 game, where you can find a board game, a huge syringe of strategy. After everyone rolls, it would be great if they could play together. The graphics for Mario Party 4 follow the game's central theme: a simple but engaging design. Some character models are less detailed than their Super Smash Brothers Melee counterparts, but they don't detract from the game. The board also has a job to do, although the polygons of the water waves can be counted. Meanwhile, the lamp's genie has a very poor voice, which might be a problem when your opponent has a total of 15. It's a shame, but the voice of Duck Hunt's Daisy sounds unenthused. In the end, Mario Party 4 still rewards good gamers, but novices can play, too, and have a fair chance of winning. While hard-core fans won't enjoy having a pinball machine suddenly dropping them into last place, they can simply join the next game. They can think of Mario Party 4 as the appetizer for the main course.

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**CONCERT REVIEW**

**Gypsy Themes Galore**

Boston Trio Excerpts in Brahms, Haydn, Sheng

By Dinu Albeanu

In their Saturday night performance, the Boston Trio, de voted to repre sentative Haydn's Trio No. 39 in G major opened the way to an exotic piece by Béla Bartók, daughter of the Izu Quartet in G minor, Op. 25. The G Major Trio, often subtitled "Gypsy," is not your typical Haydn piece. The distinct personalities of the three performers gave the Andante great balance. Muresanu's calm approach resonates with the wilder piano works and the inexorably agitated cello echoes. A very lyrical piano theme, subsequently reinforced by the suave violin, filled the Poco Adagio. The folk music sequence in the final movement, Presto, attacked with fire by Eldridge's cello and alternate with the discrete, yet lightly flowing, tones of the piano and the violin, resulted in an excel lent dynamic contrast which underscored Haydn's classical will. Overall, the rendi tion of Haydn's Trio prizes the audience for a colorful and simple, pace and charming.

Chinese-American composer Bright Sheng's Four Movements for Piano Trio followed the Haydn Trio. Written in 1990, the work consisted of a climactic peak for the concert. Through its chromatic harmonies and a faultless intonation by the ensemble, this piece suc ceded in transcending auditory bound aries and in painting for the audience a tumultuous piece. The violin and the cello, masterfully handled by Musurenas and Eldridge, per fectly mimicked the characteristic glissando of Erhu and Zhong-Hu, tradition al Chinese two-stringed instruments of the Huqin family. A soft, eerie Buddhist temple atmosphere emerged from Park Eldridge's bell-like piano chords, close ly followed by expressive glissandos on high-pitched strings. Through the fast, agitated pace of the string players' pizzicatos, doubled by a precise playing from the piano, the sec ond movement plunged the audience into a turbulent crescendo of fire and passion. A minimal ist approach brought the syncopated developments of the arioso to the resonant Horowitz like rapid string jumps forced a firm piano gallop that collapsed into the third movement into a hopeless falling roll.

The fourth movement nicely wrapped up all of the concert's material into a pliable beginning, yet metamorphosing the audience into a multi-dimensional mosaic. The piece ended with a mysterious fantasy to suggest a never ending journey towards the absolute, the piece gracefully faded away.

The concert concluded with the Brahms G Major Piano Quartet, which featured MIT faculty member Marcus A. Thompson on violin. The longest of the three pieces, it at times was not quite as convincing as the previous two. The first movement featured precise piano playing and a good dynamic range, but the ensemble's sonority took a while to reach the gist of Brahms' music splendidly.

The Interno displayed repeated notes on the cello while the other strings, subtly hinted a melodic line. The contrasting trio came out flowing and elo dent, winning first note marked the opening of the intensely lyrical Andante con moto. The movement picked up momentum, however, due to Thompson's smooth violin playing and delivered a typical fiery Brahmsian episode in the march-like middle section.

Finally, the playing of Bono alla Zingarese made up for the previous inconsistencies. The movement received a splendid rendition full of nerve, passion and dedication. Park Eldridge's exquis ite technique played perfectly with the strings' rapid and synchronized accompaniment reminiscent of gypsy folk music. Overall, the Boston Trio gave a wonderful performance, warming a cool November evening and making the audi ence with beautiful memories.
**EVENT REVIEW**

**WWE RAW: Can You Dig It… Sucka?**

By Brian Louis

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**RAW: Why the Suck?**

By Scott Silver

*Directed by Curtis Hanson*  
*Based on a story by Eminem, Kim Beazley, Brittany Murphy*  
*Rated R*

Rapper Movie

**8 Miles Away From an Oscar**

Do not know why all these magazines are rating 8 Mile as one of the greatest cine- ma works they've seen this year. They want to appeal to a younger demo- graphic, there are countless better ways to go about it than hyping a youth cultural icon out of his element.

In any event, the movie showed new insight into Eminem's persona as a car- ing, father-like figure and a tolerant individ- ual. Obviously these people haven’t heard *The Eminem Show* or seen the last Grammy awards, where fans have been aware of these traits for months. Others have said that the movie truly gives the audience insights into Eminem's life. I let me rephrase that — people who are far away from the inner-city as a person they've never been there. The movie is as much about the struggles of inner-city life as Bill Clinton's campaign. It's a huge sacrifice made to make it in Hollywood and suf- fering the lows of not making it without lo- sing their heart. Eminem's tense moment implied in the movie.

If anything, this movie should have been made years ago. The same topics that you've heard in his lyrics about the inner-city and the pain and longing to go away, the inner-city, all sorts of issues, the pain to make it in Hollywood and the lows of not making it without losing is a great film. Eminem's tense moment implied in the movie.

The rap duels are great; they make the movie. But why not just grab the movie if you're going to do Eminem? We've derived from its back ground and con- densed into a 45-seconds-per-person rhyming masterpiece. I couldn't help but notice how the contests felt a lot like the “walk-off” scene in *Terminator 2*. Crockett is certainly entertaining and funny as hell, but for most part they can be treated as a slap in the face to all other rappers who have tried to accomplish.

I'll admit that Eminem and the rest of the cast are decent actors at times. The dialogue feels very natural when Rapper Movie is driving around the inner-city with his girlfriend and his friends. If these scenes were left alone and not used as an argument that either that way that either the movie would have worked.

On a loose level, the movie can be a metaphor for trying to escape the inner city. But this, like many of the other messages, becomes so clouded by the music and Elton John's music that not even a trove of talented actors and audiences can't see it from pointlessness.
Residents Debate Desk Policies

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House without question.”

"Others were not as harsh on the workers. "I blame no one," Chen said. "This stuff was bound to happen sooner or later.”

President aims for reform

"I have been pretty disappointed in desk policy for a while," said Next House President Vikram Maheshri ’03. "Tightening desk up is a big issue," he said. "I aim to do whatever I can to improve long term security. "[House President Vikram Maheshri ’03: “I’d like to see groups who are representative of a particular minority recognized by desk workers. Those who lack cards and are not members of MIT facilities, dining, or construction will have to fill out a log. Delivery people will rely on the intercom system in the dorm.”

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Next House to tighten security

Presently, Next House management staff is seeking ways to improve long term security. "House manager Julie Milts, desk co-captain Peter A. Jameson ’04, and I are working to find the best way possible to monitor who comes in and keep the social aspect of the dorms," said desk co-captain Hindus C. Palacios ’04. "Right now, it’s just a matter of making sure that only people who have MIT cards come in.”

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Sununu Seeks More Funding for Science Foundation

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...a high, good year." Alessi declared. "I saw him on TV during one of the debates with Shaheen, and I gave him a call and he called me back a few days later."

Alessi joked about considering Sununu a possible future Senator while he was a student. "You've gotta be kidding me!" Alessi laughed. "He was a fun-loving guy. He always got along well with everyone on the team," Alessi said. "A little bit mischievous at times, but all in good fun."

In fact, he said that Sununu would frequently talk politics with alumni while on spring training trips to Florida and California. "He was interested in politics even as an undergrad," Alessi said.

Sununu said he was not involved in MIT student government while he was here, but that he remained politically active back home in New Hampshire. Sununu's father, John H. Sununu '61, was governor of New Hampshire during his son's time at MIT, after which he was White House chief of staff for President George H.W. Bush.

"I'm sure he'll serve the citizens of New Hampshire very well," Alessi said.

Prof. meets Sununu in Congress

Professor Gilbert Strang taught Sununu in Mathematical Methods for Engineers I (18.085), but he did not know him well as a student. They crossed paths years later when Strang was president of the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics and Sununu was on the House appropriations committee. "Gill comes down every year and we work on NSF funding," Sununu said. "It's always great to see Gill come by." He said he was not enough funding of basic research in areas such as applied math and other "fundamental areas of inquiry."

In addition to his ties to MIT through the lacrosse team and his interest in research funding, Sununu has been an active supporter of the MIT Washington Summer Internship Program. Rodney Jonace '03, who is majoring in Course XXII (Nuclear Engineering), worked in Sununu's office over the summer. Jonace worked on a joint project between MIT, the federal government, and corporate partners to implement hydroelectric generators for rebuilding Afghanistan's infrastructure.

Sununu first elected in 1996

Sununu grew up in Salem, N.H., as one of eight children. After his education at MIT, he earned an MBA from Harvard Business School. He was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1996.

Sununu has voted as a solid conservative in the House, voting against the Shays-Meehan campaign finance bill, against background checks at gun shows, and in favor of banning a late-term procedure that opponents call partial-birth abortion.

In Congress, he has served on the House appropriations committee and as vice chairman of the budget committee.

With the GOP in control of both houses of Congress and the White House, Sununu said he hopes to make substantial progress on some legislative initiatives that have stalled recently. "Some of the first legislative priorities will be to make the tax cuts permanent, the Department of Homeland Security, and the prescription drug benefit," Sununu said. He said he also supports Social Security reform and allowing people to invest their own retirement funds.

In addition, Sununu said he wants to "strengthen funding for the National Science Foundation" and encourage the use of scientific principles in establishing policy.
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Fencers Place In Top Spots Across Board

In men’s foil, new squad members Sam H. Kendig ’05, David Lee ’06, and Luis Loja ’05 all performed well. Squad leader Vincent Chen ’05 brought home a seventh place medal, with third-year member Douglas J. Quattrochi ’04 finishing 10th. This was a great improvement for Chen and Quattrochi, who were both eliminated at last year’s Big One.

In saber, men’s team captain Anthony P. Reinen ’03 repeated his previous year’s performance, going undefeated in pools and finishing fifth overall. Returning teammates Jason M. Levine ’03 and Michael P. Pihulic ’04 took seventh and twelfth place respectively.

Women boast six of top 15
MIT’s women foilists dominated, with Christine A. Yee ’03 finishing in fifth place, Gemma L. Mendel ’06 in fourth, and Suki Dorfman ’05 taking first place. Dorfman’s amazing performance marked her second consecutive year as the Big One’s women’s foil champion. Dianne L. Christoforo ’05 and Cassie Huang ’06 fenced well but were eliminated early in the direct elimination rounds.

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Mirroring the strong performance by men’s epee, the women’s epee squad dominated the competition, with all seven fencers finishing in the top 30. Freshman Lucy R. Mendel ’06 came in second place after an intense bout against the champion from Brown. Mika A. Tomczak ’06 also performed well, bringing home a fourth place medal for MIT, and Rim Lau ’03 and Lele Yu ’06 placed tenth and sixteenth respectively. In addition, Sarah E. Kolitz ’03, Crystal Shih ’04, and Michelle Naderman ’03 all had high finishes.

MIT’s first team competition will be at home on Nov. 16.

Petjisto, Ren Lead Men Past West Point, NYU

Petjisto, from Page 16 to warmed up as the day progressed, defeating West Point with a 13–5 performance by Petjisto and NYU with a 7–0 shutout by Ren. The two-man team continued to advance past Yale B1 before they were stopped in the finals to finish in second place.

The overall first place win was a major milestone for the Sport Taekwondo Club, as one of the newer clubs in the INCTL. This tournament marks the beginning of a successful season for the Sport Taekwondo Club.
Taekwondo Takes Top Honors

By Christina S. Park

The MIT Sport Taekwondo Club at secured first-place honors overall at the first official Ivy/Northeast Collegiate Taekwondo League (INCTL) tournament of the fall semester, hosted by New York University on Oct. 2.

With over 10 schools in attendance, the tournament kicked off the new season with electronic scoring and matted rings. The day began with forms competition, where each student performed a choreographed set of techniques to be judged on merits such as grace, balance, power, and agility. The newest members of the Sport Taekwondo Club, Michael A. Faerber G and Delphine Dean G, placed second and third, respectively, in the men’s and women’s white/yellow belt divisions. Joshua R. Neubert ’03 caught the momentum, placing third in the men’s blue belt division, and George C. Whistfield ’03 followed with a strong performance, placing third in the men’s red belt division.

Continuing their streak from last year, Margaret H. Cho ’04 and Baochi T. Nguyen G placed first and third, respectively, in the women’s red belt division. Cho and Nguyen have medaled at every tournament they have attended with the Sport Taekwondo Club.

Women sparriors take third

After a brief break, sparring began with the advanced (A) divisions. The women’s A1 team (Nguyen, Alice S. Chau ’04, and Cho) received a bye in the first round, then faced Cornell A2 in the finals. Despite forfeiting the lightweight medalist, but the team advanced, as Adelphi lacked a light and heavyweight, leaving the team in third place.

Sinn, Osuji lead men to second

The men’s A1 team (Richard Sinn ’06, Chinedum Osuji G, and Whistfield) was the strongest in the men’s blue belt division, leaving the team in third place.

In the semi-final match, MIT shut West Point A1, with Sinn (5-0) and Osuji victorious (7-0.) Sinn defeated Cornell’s middleweight in the finals, but the Alt-Star heavyweight was too experienced for alternate Whistfield, and the men’s A team finished in second place.

Color belts earn honors

Picking up the momentum from the black belts, the men’s and women’s color belt teams advanced the medal count as well. The women’s B1 team (Nguyen, Karolina Corin ’03, and Cho) came away with third place, having defeated NYU B2 and NYU B1 before losing to Temple University in the semi-finals. Nguyen withdrew because of an injury, and Corin and Cho both lost their matches.

The men’s B2 team (Bobby Ren ’05 and Antti Petajisto G) finished the day successfully for the team, advancing through the brackets until the finals against UPenn. Despite the fact that they had lost earlier in the beginning divisions, Ren and Petajisto clawed their way back to close the gap, but came up just short, 30-28.

MIT fencers win at-large bid

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