CPW kicks off as prefrosh explore MIT

By Marie Y. Thibault
class of 2007

Students clustered around the Student Center Thursday afternoon, listening to loud music and dancing to the beat of percussion instruments played by the Carriers Office, said Elizabeth A. Reed, director of the Careers Office, said she feels there is a general sense among employers, students, and observers that the job market is beginning to pick up again after several lean years of recruiting.

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Slaby Elected New GSC President

By Jenny Zhang

New officers of the Graduate Student Council were elected Wednesday at a four-and-a-half-hour meeting. The 2005–2006 GSC officers are Emily Slaby, president, Sylvia Brunin, vice-president, Andrew “Zoz” G. Brooks, secretary, and Oreoluwa A. Adeyemi, treasurer.

Only GSC representatives, committee chairs, and officers vote in the elections, current GSC President Barun Singh wrote in an e-mail.

The newly-elected officers take office on May 4 after the general council meeting, said Singh. In the meantime, the current officers will train the future officers, he said.

Slaby aims to expand grad housing

Slaby said she would like to work to increase graduate student housing on campus to 50 percent. Currently, there are 2,221 beds.

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Tornado Season Begins

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The government projected Thursday that gas prices would surge even higher in coming weeks and remain high through the summer, underscoring both the economic impact of the sharp rise in energy costs and the growing political risks for President Bush.

The Energy Department’s Energy Information Administration said it expected average gasoline prices to hit a peak of $2.35 a gallon in May and to average $2.28 a gallon from April through September. Last week’s average price across the nation was $2.22 a gallon.

With crude oil prices having touched record highs in the last several weeks, the White House is setting itself as actively immersed in addressing the problem. It is using the runup in oil and gasoline prices to turn up the pressure on Congress to pass Bush’s long-stalled energy bill, which the administration says would encourage more domestic exploration and production, support alternative energy sources, and improve conservation.

CIA Chief Orders ‘Curveball’ Review

By Robert Pear

The Bush administration has told states they cannot steer Medicare beneficiaries to any specific prescription drug plan, even if state officials find that such sinistre plans would provide the best deals for elderly people with low incomes.

States such as Connecticut, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania have wrestled with programs to help elderly people with drug costs. In some cases, the state coverage is superior to what Medicare offers. Federal law wants to continue those programs to supplement the Medicare drug benefit that becomes available in January.

A federal advisory commission said recently that states should be allowed to enroll low-income Medicare beneficiaries in “one or more preferred prescription drug plans.” This would help ensure “continuity of care,” it said.

Drug Regulators Warn Many Painkillers Could Be Harmful

By Gardner Harris

Federal drug regulators issued sweeping warnings on Thursday that most popular painkillers could hurt the heart, stomach and skin, and they persuaded Pfizer to withdraw its once-hot-selling pain pill, Bextra.

Tough warnings about heart risks will soon dominate the labels for prescription painkillers like Celebrex, Mobico, Naprosyn, Motrin, Voltaren and more than a dozen other similar drugs, the Food and Drug Administration announced. Even the labels of popular over-the-counter pills like Advil and Aleve will have to cite risks to heart, skin and the agency said.

Few studies have examined the long-term health effects of most of these medicines, so regulators are groping a bit in the dark. Studies done on Bextra and Celebrex, both from Pfizer, and Vioxx, made by Merck, strongly suggest that they increase the risks of heart attacks and strokes. With those studies in mind and suggestions that older pills may act similarly, Food and Drug Administration officials said that they could not rule out the notion that all of the drugs in the class known as nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory cause similar problems.

We think these risks apply to all of these drugs,” said Dr. Steven Galson, acting director of the FDA’s center for drugs. “There may be some differences, but our conclusion is that we don’t have enough data to sort out the relative risks.”

Still, Galson emphasized that popular over-the-counter pain pills are safe if taken briefly and in low doses, and patients should not sud- denly stop taking these medicines because of the FDA’s announce- ment. Several experts said that naproxen, the medicine found in Naprosyn and Aleve, is probably the safest among the nonsteroidal pain pills.

Neither Tylenol nor aspirin are affected by the new warnings, although those medicines are not problem-free. In high doses, aspirin can hurt the stomach and Tylenol can damage the liver. Aspirin, though, protects the heart.

The latest warnings will complicate prescribing decisions for arthritis patients and other patients in chronic pain. There are hints in the research that the pain pills that are easiest on the stomach can be toughest on the heart, and vice versa. Aspirin, for instance, protects the heart but can irritate the stom- ach. Naproxen may be mildly pro- tective to the heart but seems espe- cially harsh on the stomach. Vioxx proved easiest on the stomach but likely has the most toxic effects on the heart. All, in rare cases, cause bleeding and strokes.

Doctors must now ask about a patient’s heart and stomach risks. Those with cardiovascular prob- lems could get one kind of pill, and those with a history of ulcers may get another. And some drugs have uniquely beneficial effects in some patients, and those patients may throw caution to the wind for their favored drug. The difficulties may be particularly acute for the elderly, who are often at risk for stomach and heart problems.

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Iraqi President Appoints Shiite Leader as New Prime Minister

By Robert F. Worth

The Shi'ite leader Ibrahim al-Jaafari was appointed Iraq's new prime minister on Thursday, crystallizing the leadership of the first elected government here in decades and ending more than two months of divisive negotiations.

Al-Jaafari, a doctor and the leader of one of Iraq's major Shi'ite religious parties, was named by the new president, Jalal Talabani, shortly after Talabani was sworn into office with his hand on a Quran. Hours earlier, Ayad Allawi, who has been the prime minister in Iraq's interim government, submitted his letter of resignation, opening the way for the new government to take power. Allawi will remain head of a caretaker government, however, until a full Cabinet is chosen.

Al-Jaafari, 58, had long been expected to be named prime minister — the most powerful post in the new government. Still, the announcement brought a palpable sense of finality and relief among Iraq's leading political groups, which had spent weeks locked in bitter talks on power-sharing and other issues that tied the patience of many Iraqis who voted their lives to vote on Jan. 30.

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U.S. Offers States More Flexibility In Satisfying No Child Left Behind

By Sam Dillon

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“The supposed initiative offers less than meets the eye,” said Richard Blumenthal, the Connecticut attorney general. “Nothing in all of today’s verbiage corrects the key legal lapse: by the law’s clear terms, no mandate means no mandate, if it’s unfunded. Our determination to sue continues.”

The principles of No Child Left Behind will be eligible for new tools to help you meet the law’s goals.”

Although President Bush promoted the law during his re-election campaign as one of his major accomplishments, more than 30 states — including many Republican strongholds — have raised objections to it. Some argue that the federal government is not adequately financing its requirements, which include a broad expansion of standardized testing. Others object to federal intrusion into an area long considered the domain of the states.

It was unclear whether Spellings’ proposals went far enough to assuage state officials’ concerns, though several state superintendents expressed approval, as did both national teachers unions and several members of Congress.

But Connecticut officials, who announced earlier this week that they would use the federal government for forcing the state to conduct more testing without providing the money to pay for it, were not impressed.

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The deals described Wednesday supplement the outline of hypocrisy disclosed by AIG last week. On March 30, the company conceded that it had wrongly accounted for a number of deals, including those with the two offshore insurers, disclosing that the “known errors and changes in accounting estimates” could eliminate $1.7 billion from its net worth, or roughly two percent.

The British government said late Thursday that the country’s last major volume car producer, MG Rover, was nearing bankruptcy after the collapse of takeover negotiations with the Shanghai Automotive Industry Corp. of China.

The announcement seemed to sound a final knell for a homegrown car industry that once produced brands from the lowly Austin and Morris to the top-end Jaguar, Bentley and Rolls-Royce. Rover itself was once an emblem of middle-class reliability while MG produced generations of two-seater sports convertibles.

The reported collapse of MG Rover could cost an estimated 6,000 jobs at the Longbridge plant in the British Midlands and a further 18,000 jobs in component supply businesses in surrounding areas.

MG Rover’s negotiations with Shanghai Automotive were seen as its last hope. The ailing company has never made a profit since it was sold by BMW for a token 10 pounds (nearly $19) in 2000 to local managers after the German automaker racked up huge losses trying to turn the British company around.

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The Benefits of American Dictatorship

Nick Baldasaro

Few Americans are aware of the difference between a democracy and a republic these days. Time was, 200, even 100 years back that even schoolchildren knew that America is a republic, just as they say in the Pied Piper. The grandaddy of all political writers, Machiavelli, put it best in his Discourses why exactly a republic is so preferable to all other governments: “For if in one and the same state there was dictatorship, aristocracy and democracy each would keep watch over the other.” In other words, dictatorship stabilizes democracy, and we call the result a republic.

The failure of democracy is well documented, with the example of the collapse of Athens and the subsequent death sentence of Socrates. In our own time, dictators are alive and well in the West — we call them presidents and we are glad to have them. Our dictator in America is completely within his legal power to pardon criminals convicted by juries, to control military strategy, and to thwart up to 66 percent of the legislature at a whim. Whether Bush, Clinton, or Jeff Smisek by accident or design have made use of their powers and in doing so have brought great stability to the Republic, as part of our innovative and unappreciated system of checks and balances. Dictators and then restraining them with law has made nation one of the most stable republics in history, and states that possess dictators and then restraining them with law have had great stability to the Republic. Though we have our faults, there is no comparing the American Republic with the depraved dictatorships of most of the Third World and former Soviet Republics. As for democracies — there are none. And any American who considers themselves a progressive might be appalled at the high levels of paternalism in “liberal” Europe’s nations, on matters ranging from education to healthcare. We remain the best of what decent, motivated people can achieve: part tyrant and part philosopher.

In light of these realities, political positions that at first inspection seem wise turn out to be neutral or outright foolish. The first example of such foolishness is the myth of the mandate, or the idea that a president should have some arbitrary percentage of the public’s support (50+60+73.5%) to push agendas or to act in their capacity as dictator. The larry thinking here is that we are a democracy, and that all laws must have majority support all the time. What silliness. If this was our goal, we’d scrap the Senate and presidency and give House representatives a one month term. Instead, we reasonably agree that if you don’t like the dictator’s ideas, vote for a new Congress in two years and thwart his designs. This is as radical a right- or left wing agenda in this nation — it will not survive to birth.

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Simmons News Release

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Oh, stop whining. You fought well. We should spar sometime...

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Run, little children

And over here is our resident cartoonist, Bloux. Say hi to the class of 2009, Bloux.

Housing choice is a thing of the past, we’ve got 2 suicides in the last year, you’ll never go into Boston, all the money goes to some 80’s dude, no attractive or sociable, no job is guaranteed, and $40,000 is a lot of fucking money.

Ok, kids, we’re going to go see a UROP now. Want that to be fun?

Medicare is in the red! Global Warming is real! Jesus was black!

One Screw Loose

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by Jennifer López

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1 Festive occasions
6 Variety of salmon
10 Dress line
14 Besieged site of
1836
15 October stone
16 Operatic showstoper
17 Gadabout
18 Nota __ (note well)
19 Angelic feature
20 Start of Emerson quote
23 Mata
24 Banned apple spray
25 Vincibles
29 Copper coin
31 Sort
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36 Old-time interjection
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Splatform
by James Biggs

Star wide receiver Buck Crossling's career cut short by that one damn mosquito.
Beginning April 11th, Roads Corporation will remove Zelkova trees as part of Mass Highway’s reconstruction project. The Zelkovas are damaged from trucks, road salt and years of inadequate sun light. Pin Oak trees will be planted after new sidewalks are installed next fall. This information provided by the MIT Department of Facilities. Updates can be found at web.mit.edu/evolving

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This space donated by The Tech.
MIT students enjoy the first warm and sunny day this year as signs of spring flowers break through the ground.

(left) Bo Feng ’07 (left) and Daipan Lee ’07 play football on Kresge Oval.

(below left) Esther Yu ’07 reaches out to catch a frisbee on Kresge Oval.

(below) Lissa B. Riley ’08 lies on a blanket outside on Briggs Field across from MacGregor as she studies under the sun.

(right) A crocus blossoms outside Baker House, showing one of the first signs that Spring has finally arrived.

Photography by Christina Kang

MIT Community Takes Advantage of Spring Weather

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Find information about:
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See for yourself

Go to http://web.mit.edu/medical/student/index.html and check out the “Student Quick Links.”

Brought to you by the Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC)
Meet Eric von Hippel, MIT Professor of Management of Innovation and Head of the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Group at the MIT Sloan School, and learn about his newest book, Democratizing Innovation (The MIT Press, 2005).

The book examines the emergence and benefits of user-centered innovations. Von Hippel will explain why users find it profitable to develop products for themselves, why it often pays to make these innovations free for the use of all, and why manufacturers should seek out innovations developed by users.

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Are you a prefrosh? Are you hosting a prefrosh? Are you in a student group? Come to the

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Companie, Careers Office Plan for 2006 Recruiting

summer at Lehman Brothers work-
ing as a summer analyst in their inter-
ship program. While he submitted almost 20 resumes to other
banking and financial firms on Mon-
tsy InterViewWork and received three interviews, Lehman Brothers
offered him a full-time offer as a
driver, which he accepted in Sep-
tember.

It was a hassle last spring try-
ing to get an internship. You had to
submit lots of resumes and inter-
view wherever and whenever the
companies wanted. Seeing my
view wherever and whenever the
career opportunities participating, Reed said.

The Careers Office will hold an
Fair with Caltech and Colum-
bias from April 11 to 22. Current-
ly, there are 95 employers with
over 150 internship and full-time
opportunities participating, Reed said.

12th Annual Career Fair

The Careers Office will hold an
career fair on Thursday, April 14
(9:30-3:30 pm) in the Tourtellot
Hall to attract prospective interns and employ-
ers. The fair will be open to the pub-
lic and will include employers from
MIT, the Harvard Business School, and
other regional universities.

The fair will feature an array of
employers from various industries,
including finance, technology,
consulting, and government. It will
provide an opportunity for students
to network with recruiters and learn
about career opportunities.

Top Employers of 2004 MIT Graduates

McKinsey 24
Microsoft 18
MIT 14
Oracle Corp 14
Goldman Sachs 13
IBM 13
Boston Consulting 11
Northrup Grumman 11
Bain & Co 10
USA 10
Lehman Brothers 9
Intel 8
Boeing 7
Diaper Labs 7
JP Morgan 7
Raytheon 7
Deutsche Bank 6
Harvard 6
U.S. Navy 6

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2004 MIT Careers Office Annual Salary Survey

Degree Low Average High No. of Reports Low Average High No. of Reports

Master's $20,000 $71,587 $200,000 47 $35,000 $73,661 $130,000 77

Doctorate $28,900 $71,089 $110,000 23 $41,000 $84,096 $130,000 51

Results from Salary Survey

SOURCE: MIT CARRIES OFFICE ANNUAL SALARY SURVEY

Source: 2004 MIT Careers Office Annual Salary Survey

Big Screw Totals as of Thursday

Candidate Representing Charity Thursday Total Total to Date

Isaac L. Chuang 90 8.13 American Cancer Society $28.77 $96.61
Michael D. Ernst 89 6.70 St. Mark Community Education Program $7.36 $65.75
Annmarie A. Chandrakasan 6.11 American Cancer $18.00 $55.44
Professor Alan T. Gram 8.13/2A United Union of Concerned Scientists $13.72 $55.40
Professor Krishna Rajagopal 8.05/8.06 United Wandering NE Home for Little $3.76 $49.74

Write-in candidates (includes votes for unofficial candidates, and general unspecified donations):

Professor Charles E. Leiserson 6.046 TBD $4.26 $4.26
Professor Harry L. Tuller 3.022/3.024 TBD $4.86 $12.19
Professor Shankar Raman '86 Course 21L Doctors Without $0.00 $21.25
Nilsson Society

Professor Krishna Rajagopal 18.01/2A St. Mark Community $18.00 $55.44
Professor Alar Toomre '57 18.01/2A United Way $13.72 $55.40
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The Institute Screw Contest, sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega, is an annual contest in which members of the
MIT community cast one-cent votes for the faculty or staff member who has screwed them over the most. Voting
ends today at 5 p.m. in Lobby 10. The awards ceremony is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 11, at 5 p.m.

Total monies collected Thursday: $476.52
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and its new officers

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Buddhist Monks pray during the opening ceremony of The Vajrasattva Sand Mandala, under construction in Simmons Hall, on April 2. Millions of colored sand grains are painstakingly laid out to form an image of the enlightened mind and the ideal world. Public viewing of the Sand Mandala will continue in Simmons until Saturday, April 9.

Visit Air Force ROTC at MIT’s Campus Preview, Apr 8-9!!!

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Prefrosh had a chance to meet each other and form friendships Thursday evening with the CPW Student Welcome and Prefrosh Icebreaker in Rockwell Cage.

This morning, President Susan Hockfield is delivering the President’s Welcome, followed by the Faculty Keynote Lecture, given by Dava J. Newman, professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

Among the other events held this weekend are: the making and eating of chocolate truffles at Random Hall, barbecues at East Campus and Burton Conner House, dinners and parties at fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups, the Mr. and Miss MIT contest, and the ZBT Battle of the Bands.

Prefrosh enjoy Campus Preview Weekend Activities

Prefrosh arrive at the Institute on Thursday, April 7, for Campus Preview Weekend, and take part in the many activities around campus. Clockwise from top left:

Laura C. Martini ’08 (left), Benjamin W. Charrow ’08, and Caroline E. Ruben ’08 use liquid nitrogen to make ice cream for the MIT Festival in Johnson Athletic Center.

Ash C. Dyer ’06 welcomes the prospective students and checks in their luggage for temporary storage.

Tyson C. McNulty ’08 sings and plays air guitar with the MIT Logarhythms at the Welcoming Ceremony.

Prospective students lounge in La Sala de Puerto Rico after checking in, while waiting to be escorted to their hosts’ residences.

Benjamin S. Lu ’07 entertains a gathering crowd with his contact juggling performance at the MIT Festival.

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Many Prospective Students Stay in FSILGs for CPW

FSILGs recruit during CPW

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New GSC Officers Plan To Study Housing, Fees

By Kelley Rivoire and Kathy Lin

on campus for graduate students, of which 1,814 are for singles and 407 are for married students or students with partners, said Michael R. Folkert G, co-chair of the GSC Housing and Community Affairs Committee. There are 6,184 graduate students enrolled this year, according to the "MIT Facts 2005" Web site.

The GSC will also examine numerous expenses paid by graduate students, such as the student life fee, to see if they are reasonable, she said. There are funding issues that need to be looked at with "renewed intensity," she said.

The GSC will draw on the strength of its three previous years of administration and the ties it has forged with MIT administrators, she said. Slaby plans to work on "connections with other groups on campus," she said.

Having served on the Student Advisory Board to the president, Slaby said she has found President Susan Hockfield to be "open and receptive."

Bruni said he would bring to the GSC his abilities to network with people, plan events, and generally strengthen public relations. He plans to improve communication with GSC representatives of departments and dormitories, he said.

Brooks’s goals include increasing student representation on committees so that decisions involving issues such as family housing and student life fees are representative of graduate student opinions.

Adeyemi said that as treasurer, there would be a lot of work to do, and he "plans to take that seriously." It is "very important that we always come together and have one voice," he said.

Election unusually competitive

This year, every position was contested, and more candidates ran than usual, Singh said. Last year, three of the four positions were uncontested before the election meeting. This year, only one was. Although Bruni was the only candidate for vice president before the election meeting, he still had competition because those not elected to one position can run for another.

Singh said that being GSC president "has been a fabulous opportunity," a "huge learning experience," and "an honor." He said he is not sure how much he will be involved with the GSC next year, but he "will be around."

GSC, from Page 1

Harvard Prof. Caught Stealing Farm Manure

By Kelley Rivoire and Kathy Lin

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Cardinals Have the Best Lineup, But Yankees Will Win the Series

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don’t see any weaknesses in the rotation.
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Power? They’ve got it. After all, they don’t call Wood “Kid K” for nothing.
Experience? They’ve got that too. Well, sort of. The pitchers have been to the playoffs. But more importantly, they have the best pitching coach a team could ever want in Greg Maddux.

If only Chicago had the offense that St. Louis does, the Cubs would be a shoe-in for the World Series.
The Yankees have the best lineup in baseball…

Fiction
This fiction would have been a fact had the Yankees gotten Carlos Beltran and a completely healthy Jason Giambi. Instead, the St. Louis Cardinals have the best lineup in baseball. With Albert Pujols, Jim Edmonds, Scott Rolen, Larry Walker, and Reggie Sanders, the Cards were tough enough to beat, but now that they’ve added speed at the top of the order direct - NO middlemen!
BY JESSICA LEE

Basketball players walking down the hall brushed elbows with men in white tie and tails last weekend, as the annual MIT Open Ballroom Dance Competition convened in Rockwell Cage on April 2–3. The largest collegiate ballroom competition in the Northeast, the MIT competition was a resounding success, as well as a testament to the group's hard work and prowess. Online registration and calculation of judges' marks were both done using programs written by MIT team members, and videos of all the final events were posted online less than 24 hours after the end of the competition. Audio/visual efforts were even turned the gym into a stage for a world-class performance by Victor Fung '07 and Annika Mikkelsen—international champions in Standard.

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Some fact and fiction going into baseball and football.

MIT Blows Its Opponents Away in Ballroom Dance Competition

By Yong-yi Zhu ‘05 Baseball

Fact and Fiction

By Jamie Fleischfresser

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Sports

Baseball Team Beats Wentworth Leopards, Brings Record to 8–5

By Caitlin L. Murray

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MIT's performance was consistantly solid in both Standard and Smooth. Four of the top six couples came from MIT in the Advanced Smooth Waltz-Tango and Viennese Waltz events. In Beginner Internation Foxtrot, MIT claimed five of the top six places: Shi-Yuan Liu and Jessica L. Hunt ’06 in first, Dmitry Ahzani Aham and Yan Zhao in third, and Adel Ahzani G and Brittan N. Montgomery ’06 in fourth.

The team also used the competition as a chance to defy conventions. Saturday's Fun Dance, a "Reverse-Ball/Same-Sex Samba" sponsored by team member Ron Hoffmann for the promotion of non-traditional role dancing, was followed by the serious competition in Advanced Rhythm in which an all-male couple placed second.

Sunday's Fun Dance was a "Rookie-Yet-Veteran" tone in which each couple was a brand-new dancer, the other member an experienced one. In fact, during the rest of the weekend, MIT's rookie couples could actually be found competing — and winning — at remarkably advanced levels. Particularly impressive were rookies Shlomo M. Meziyan G and Olga S. Shemyuk '08, who placed in both Intermediate and Smooth. Taking second in Advanced Smooth Waltz—at couples who had been dancing for years. Rookie Liu and Hunt made a most spectacular showing by taking first place in seven of the eight dances they entered in Standard and Latin. In Intermediate Salsa, they took second. For many, the MIT Open was the final event of the academic year, the culmination of hundreds of hours of practice. However, Dance sport continues year-round, and winning — and winning — at remarkab

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MIT Women’s Water Polo Club Dominates at N. Atlantic Div. League Competition

By Katlin M. Murray

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Women’s Water Polo Club

MIT’s Women’s Water Polo club crushed the competition this weekend at a key tournament at the North Atlantic Division League. Starting off the weekend strong, the Varsity Engineers took Bowdoin College with a 14–3 win, followed by beating Bates College with a score of 13–5, and finished the day with a quick 9–1 victory against the University of Vermont. Leading the team in points scored on Saturday was Jeanie Ward-Waller G with 11 goals.

Mens’s Volleyball Finishes Season With Win

On Saturday, the Men’s Volleyball Team ended its regular season with a win over Johnson & Wales University. The Engineers finished with a record of 23–6 overall and 15–3 in conference play. This weekend, the Engineers defeated the Rams 20–10. The Wentworth put MIT at a conference-leading 2–0 and 8–5 overall.

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