

Underclassmen Give In Alumni Campaign

By Apoorva Murarka

A total of 460 gifts from freshmen, sophomores, and juniors were collected during the Underclassmen Giving Campaign last week. Fifteen percent of the underclassmen donated during the UGC, totalling about \$2,500. Donations ranged from \$1 to \$40 with the average donation being just over \$5.

The UGC, a pilot program started by the MIT Alumni Association, was designed to help develop a sense of philanthropy among the underclassmen at MIT, as seniors are already contributing to the senior gift, according to UGC and Senior Gift Advisor Rosheen B. Kavanagh, fund officer for the Alumni Association. UGC will run for another week in the spring, from February 26 to March 2.

UGC's goal is to achieve a combined 20 percent participation from the underclassmen for the two campaign weeks, 10 percent for each week. "UGC's aim is to hit a certain

level of participation from the student body rather than raising a particular amount of funds," Kavanagh said.

"I think it is a great concept but I don't think that going to the undergraduate body is the right way to raise funds because we do not have much money ... I mean, we are starved students," said Irina Shklyar, the Undergraduate Association McCormick Hall senator. "As a senator, I did not hear anyone from my constituency complain to me, but I have heard complaints in general."

At the end of last week, 15 percent of the underclassmen had already contributed. Freshmen, 20 percent of whom had given to the UGC, also formed the largest percentage of the donors among the underclassmen.

"The participation levels are pretty fantastic for a week considering that last year, Senior Gift had to run from March through June to get

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MICHAEL MCGRAW-HERDEG—THE TECH

Playwright Suzan-Lori Parks reads lines from her "The American Play" in 10-250 last night. Parks, who received a MacArthur "genius grant" fellowship in 2001 and won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 2002, spent her evening at MIT alternately musing on her childhood, discussing the process of writing, reading and singing from her plays, and giving advice to her audience. "Language is a physical act," she said. "It's not something that happens from the neck up. It's not cerebral."

Grads Enter Finance, Consulting

Survey Shows 33 percent of '06 Graduates Accepted Jobs in These Sectors

By Joyce Kwan

More MIT graduates, including those who majored in science and engineering, are accepting jobs in the financial and consulting sectors. Thirty-three percent of 2006 graduates — undergraduate and graduate students included — entered either the financial or consulting industries, according to the 2006 Graduating Student Survey conducted by the Careers Office. This is an increase from 19 percent of graduates in 2004.

Of the top 10 employers that hired the most MIT graduates, seven were finance or consulting firms, and at least a few students in nearly

every course entered the financial or consulting industry. (For more details, see the table and graph on page 11.)

The 2006 survey received 1,550 responses, or 74 percent of the graduating class.

Jobs in the financial and consulting industries are appealing because they provide both intellectual challenges and opportunities to work on real-world problems, said John B. Nonnamaker, associate director of the Careers Office.

"You know exactly where you'll be in five years," said David H. Friend '07, a physics and electrical engineering double major who has

accepted a consulting job for Bain & Company. "[A job in finance or consulting] gives more developmental security."

Friend is one example of science and engineering majors at MIT pursuing careers in the world of finance and consulting. The general consensus among students and recruiters is that as disparate as the fields seem, both require strong analysis and quantitative problem-solving skills.

"Science and engineering students take up very quickly because they have quantitative skills," said

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MIT to Collaborate With Singapore on Game Lab

By Angeline Wang

NEWS EDITOR

MIT and the Singapore Media Development Authority are currently in the contractual phase of establishing the Singapore-MIT International Game Lab, a collaboration that will work toward furthering digital game research and developing academic programs in game technology.

William C. Uricchio, a professor of Comparative Media Studies and one of the primary investigators of SMIGL, describes the price tag of this initiative as "very significant." "I think it's fair to describe it as the single largest investment in a non-military sector university gaming environment," he said. Uricchio declined to give a specific amount because contractual negotiations are still taking place.

The contractual phase should

be complete by January, Uricchio said. It will be followed by a five-year initial research and training period. During that time, the project will be centered at MIT, as the program grows in Singapore. Most undergraduate involvement will also take place at MIT through the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program.

This new project is one of many that involve MIT-Singapore collaboration. Other projects include the Singapore-MIT Alliance and SMA for Research and Technology, a project that is currently being developed. According to Uricchio, Singapore's new National Research Foundation was exploring ways to intensify collaboration with MIT. A series of mutually beneficial propos-

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Revised GRE Longer, More Difficult; Begins in Oct. '07

By Swetha Kambhampati

A newly revised and perhaps longer version of the Graduate Record Examination test, which is needed for admission into most graduate schools, will be administered starting in Oct. 2007. Other major planned revisions to the GRE are a rescaling of the exam scoring scales, a change in the method of test administration, and an alteration in exam content.

A Career Office survey with a response rate of 77 percent shows that 48 percent of students from the undergraduate class of 2006 went on to graduate or professional school. About 2,000 students enter MIT's graduate programs each year, according to the Admissions Office

Web site. Most of these students take the GRE.

The Educational Testing Service, which announced the Oct. 2007 exam launch date in Feb. 2006, is still experimenting with test questions and will not release the exact content changes until Feb. 2007.

Parallel to these changes are revisions of the Medical College Admission Test and Law School Admission Test.

The new GRE exam will no longer be a two-and-a-half hour long

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WILLIAM YEE—THE TECH

Kathryn A. Pesce '10 protects the ball while under pressure from a Babson College defender. After two overtimes, the Engineers ended the regular season with a 1-1 tie against Babson at home, bringing their record to 10-6-1. The MIT women's soccer team will host Babson College again tomorrow evening at 1:00 p.m. for MIT's quarterfinal-round match in the NEWMAC Championship Tournament.



Daylight-saving time ends on Sunday. At 2 a.m., set your clock back to 1 a.m.

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New graduate dormitory groundbreaking to be held in November.

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¶ The Fiercely Fall Festival, which features Margaret Cho and the Mythbusters among other events, begins today. See <http://web.mit.edu/fall/> for more details.

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WORLD & NATION

Iraq Leader Faults U.S. Timetable Plans

By Sabrina Tavernise

THE NEW YORK TIMES

BAGHDAD, IRAQ

Prime Minister Nouri Kamal al-Maliki put himself at odds on Wednesday with the American government that backs him, distancing himself from the American notion of a timetable for stabilizing Iraq and criticizing an American-backed raid on a Shiite militia enclave.

Speaking in Baghdad just hours before President Bush held a news conference in Washington, al-Maliki tailored his remarks to a domestic audience, reassuring the millions of Shiites who form his power base that he would not bend to pressure by the American government over how to conduct internal Iraqi affairs.

His comments stood in stark contrast to the message given on Tuesday by the top two U.S. officials in Iraq, Gen. George W. Casey Jr. and Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad, who said the timetable for political measures had been accepted by the Iraqi government.

The remarks pointed to a widening schism between the Shiite-led Iraqi government and the Americans who support it.

As the violence here increases and midterm elections in the United States approach, al-Maliki has come under pressure from the Bush administration to step up efforts to control the violence.

Bush, Signing Bill For Border Fence, Urges Wider Overhaul

By David Stout

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

President Bush signed into law on Thursday a bill providing for construction of 700 miles of added fencing along the Southwestern border, calling the legislation "an important step toward immigration reform."

The new law is what most House Republicans wanted. But it is not what Senate Republicans or Bush originally envisioned, and at the signing, in the Roosevelt Room of the White House, the president repeated his call for a far more extensive revamping of immigration law.

A broader measure, approved by the Senate last spring, would have not only enhanced border security but also provided for a guest worker program and the possibility of eventual citizenship for many illegal immigrants already in the country.

But that bill was successfully resisted by House Republicans, who feared a voter backlash against anything that smacked of "amnesty" for illegal immigrants. Those lawmakers portrayed the Senate bill as embracing just that, no matter what the measure's backers, including Bush, said to the contrary.

Afghan Orders Investigation Into Bombing by NATO

By Abdul Waheed Wafa

THE NEW YORK TIMES

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

President Hamid Karzai on Thursday issued a presidential decree directing a team of tribal elders and Afghan officials to investigate a NATO bombing Tuesday night in southern Afghanistan that local officials said killed dozens of civilians.

Khalid Pashtoon, an Afghan member of Parliament from the area of the attack, said that villagers told him more than 50 civilians died during the NATO airstrike in the Panjwai district of Kandahar province. A spokesman for the country's Interior Ministry said that 40 civilians were killed.

If even the lower number proves correct, Tuesday's attack would be the largest civilian death toll in an airstrike since the U.S.-led invasion of Afghanistan in 2001.

Karzai also said in a statement about the attack that it would be discussed on Monday at a meeting of the Policy Action Group, where Karzai and his ministers meet with NATO military commanders and foreign diplomats.

IRS to Delay Collecting Back Taxes From Katrina Victims

By David Cay Johnston

THE NEW YORK TIMES

The commissioner of Internal Revenue ordered his agency to delay collecting back taxes from Hurricane Katrina victims until after the Nov. 7 elections and the holiday season, saying he did so in part to avoid negative publicity.

The commissioner, Mark W. Everson, who has close ties to the White House, said in an interview that postponing collections until after the midterm elections, along with postponing notices to people who failed to file tax returns, was a routine effort to avoid casting his agency in a bad light.

"We are very sensitive to political perceptions," Everson said, adding that he regularly discussed with his senior staff when to take actions and make announcements in light of whether they would annoy a powerful member of Congress or get lost in the flow of news.

The tax agency has broad discretion to change filing deadlines in the case of disasters and has traditionally eased off tax collections before the

December holidays.

But four former IRS commissioners, who served under presidents of both parties, said that doing so because of an election was improper and indefensible.

Everson issued the order to delay enforcement during an Oct. 10 telephone conference call with some of the career civil servants working on tax enforcement in the areas that were devastated by the hurricane.

"We just spoke to the commissioner on the enforcement issue in the gulf," wrote Beth Tucker, the IRS executive in charge of dealing with Hurricane Katrina victims, in an e-mail message to her team obtained by The New York Times. "He prefers that we do not resume any enforcement actions until after Dec. 31 due to the upcoming elections, holiday season, etc."

Former Commissioner Jerome Kurtz, who served under President Jimmy Carter, responded, "Never, never, never," when asked if he would have considered delaying broad-based enforcement actions, like

sending notices, because of any election, national or local. "Oh my God, that is unthinkable," Kurtz said.

On the other hand, Mark E. Matthews, the IRS deputy director of services and enforcement, who participated in the conference call with Everson, said that "the reference to elections was in a litany of things we were running through here" and that "I did not read it as being politicized." Matthews noted that he is a Democrat who worked in the Clinton administration.

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina — during which hundreds of thousands of people lost their homes, incomes and tax records — the IRS delayed the filing deadline for 2005 taxes to Oct. 16, 2006, for those living in the counties most affected by the storm. Normally, those taxpayers who did not file returns or pay their taxes by that extended deadline would begin receiving notices and, eventually, collection demands from the IRS. Everson's order delayed those collection efforts until early next year.

Bush Uses Gay Marriage Ruling To Energize Conservative Voters

By Sheryl Gay Stolberg

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

The divisive debate over gay marriage, which played a prominent role in 2004 campaigns but this year largely faded from view, erupted anew on Thursday as President Bush and Republicans across the country tried to use a court ruling in New Jersey to rally dispirited conservatives to the polls.

Wednesday's ruling, in which the New Jersey Supreme Court decided that gay couples are entitled to the same legal rights and financial benefits as heterosexual couples, had immediate ripple effects, especially in Senate races in some of the eight states where voters are considering constitutional amendments to ban gay marriage.

Bush put a spotlight on the issue while campaigning in Iowa, which does not have a proposal on the ballot. With the Republican House candidate, Jeff Lamberti, by his side,

Bush — who has not been talking about gay marriage in recent weeks — took pains to insert a reference into his standard stump speech warning that Democrats would raise taxes and make America less safe.

"Yesterday in New Jersey, we had another activist court issue a ruling that raises doubts about the institution of marriage," Bush said at a luncheon at the Iowa State Fairgrounds that raised \$400,000 for Lamberti.

The president drew applause when he reiterated his long-held stance that marriage was "a union between a man and a woman," adding, "I believe it's a sacred institution that is critical to the health of our society and the well-being of families, and it must be defended."

The ruling in New Jersey energized conservatives at a time when Republican strategists say that turning out the base could make the difference between winning and losing on Nov. 7. With many independent analysts predicting Republicans will lose

the House and possibly the Senate, Bush's political team is counting on the party's sophisticated voter turnout machinery to hold Democratic advances enough that Republicans can at least maintain control.

"It's a game of margins," said Charles Black, a Republican strategist who consults frequently with Karl Rove, the chief White House political strategist. "You've got about 20 House races and probably half a dozen Senate races that are either dead even or very, very close. So if it motivates voters in one or two to go vote, it could make a difference."

Democrats predicted Thursday that the gay marriage debate would not dramatically alter the national conversation during an election that has been dominated by the war in Iraq and corruption and scandal in Washington. But around the country, Republicans quickly embraced the New Jersey ruling as a reason for voters either to send them or to return them to Capitol Hill.

WEATHER

Stormy Saturday

Angela Zalucha
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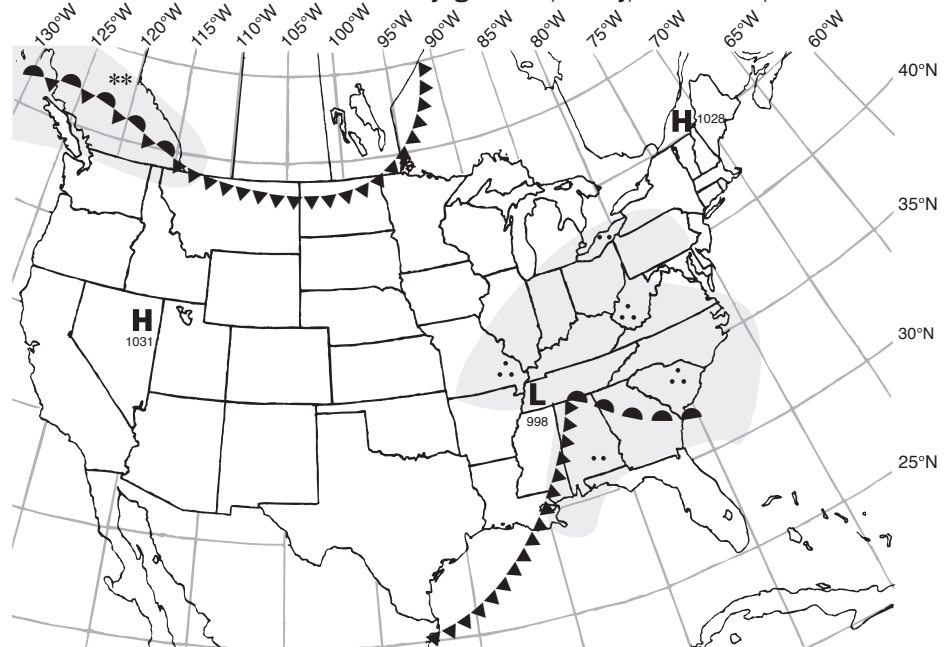
If you're going to any Halloween parties Saturday night, plan to dress up as a scuba diver. The same low pressure system that brought heavy snow to Colorado and threatened the World Series in Saint Louis will make its way eastward through the Ohio valley today and northward along the Appalachians tomorrow. Associated with this system are heavy rains, but since it is moving quickly, rainfall amounts will not be excessive (one to two inches at most). By the time the low pressure center reaches us, the pressure could drop to as low as 29.15 inches (987 mb) in a matter of several hours, which implies very strong winds. Expect extremely blustery conditions Saturday and Sunday.

Meanwhile, high temperatures through Monday will generally be in the lower to middle 50s°F, while lows will be in the lower to middle 40s°F. Looking ahead to Halloween night, the weather will be fair with evening temperatures around 50°F.

Extended Forecast

- Today:** Clear early, then clouds increasing during the day. High 51°F (11°C).
- Tonight:** Cloudy. Low 46°F (8°C).
- Tomorrow:** Rain, heavy at times. Very windy with gusts to 50 mph. High 51°F (11°C).
- Tomorrow night:** Partly cloudy and very windy. Low 44°F (7°C).
- Sunday:** Partly sunny and very windy. High 56°F (13°C).
- Sunday night:** Partly cloudy and windy. Low 42°F (6°C).
- Monday:** Partly sunny and windy. High 56°F (13°C).

Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Friday, October 27, 2006



Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
H High Pressure	- - - Trough	Snow *	Fog
L Low Pressure	— Warm Front	Light Rain ∇	Thunderstorm
§ Hurricane	▲▲ Cold Front	Moderate Rain *	Haze
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U.S. Military to Review How It Informs Iraqi Officials of Raids

By Christine Hauser
THE NEW YORK TIMES

The way American officials inform the Iraqi government about raids by coalition forces will be reviewed, a spokesman for the U.S. military command in Iraq said Thursday, after the country's prime minister criticized an American-backed operation against a Shiite militia enclave.

The American military also said in a statement that one sailor and four Marines were killed by enemy fire in Anbar province. The American spokesman, Maj. Gen. William B. Caldwell IV, said Thursday during a news conference televised live from Baghdad that American forces were using an "aggressive offensive approach" in the city of Ramadi in Anbar province.

Cooperation between American and Iraqi forces can be a sensitive balancing act, and it has political overtones for the prime minister, Nuri Kamal al-Maliki. Maliki complained on Wednesday that the Iraqi government should have been informed about the raid into a Shiite enclave in the Sadr City neighborhood of Baghdad, and should have a role in such operations.

His remarks indicated that Maliki finds himself having to navigate between the frustrated Shiites who form his political base and the American government that wields power in Iraq.

American authorities have an interest in showing that Iraqi officials and forces are taking a lead in running the political and military affairs of the country. The Bush administration says that it intends to train Iraqi forces sufficiently for them to take over security and allow the eventual withdrawal of American troops. But American forces have kept control in some areas in part because they do not believe that the Iraqi forces are up to the job yet.

On the protocol of apprising Iraqi officials of military operations, Caldwell said that this was an issue of "tremendous sensitivity." Each day, he said, American and Iraqi forces are conducting raids all over the country.

He said the raid into Sadr City early on Wednesday was conducted by Iraqi forces and backed by "coalition advisers." It was aimed at two targets.

One was approved in advance by the government of Iraq. But at one point during the operation, the troops involved received information about

the possible location of an American soldier of Iraqi descent who has been missing since Monday. Based on that information, Iraqi forces involved in the raid entered a mosque to search. They found nothing.

The prime minister was apparently not notified of this element of the raid, Caldwell said.

"U.S. coalition forces and the government of Iraq security element will go back and review our procedures to understand why the prime minister, as he states, had not been personally notified," he said.

"It's their country — it's a sovereign nation," Caldwell said. "Our protocol is such that, if we feel it's of a real sensitive nature, something that you would notify a senior person about, then we are going to notify them."

In the raid on Wednesday, Iraqi forces and American advisers entered the far northern tip of the Sadr City district, an area dominated by a Shiite guerilla leader known as Abu Dera, and came under fire. Air support was called in, and American aircraft fired high-caliber guns at militiamen, a military official said. Three people were detained.

Nicaragua Passes Strict Abortion Ban

By Marc Lacey

THE NEW YORK TIMES

MEXICO CITY

Nicaragua's legislature banned all abortions on Thursday, eliminating exceptions for rape and when the life of the mother is in danger.

The measure, expected to be approved by President Enrique Bolanos, was voted in 52-0, with nine abstentions and 29 not showing up to vote.

Nicaragua joins El Salvador and Chile as the only countries in the Western hemisphere to ban abortion without exception. But across Latin America, abortion is outlawed except in rare circumstances. It is readily available only in Cuba and a few English-speaking Caribbean countries.

The ban in Nicaragua comes two weeks before a hotly contested presidential election on Nov. 5, and opponents of the law say it was introduced now because no one dared oppose it in the political climate.

"The presidential election is so polarized that the church saw this as an opportunity to force this issue now," Dr. Mirma Cunningham, a former minister of health and member of the National Assembly, said in a telephone interview.

The measure was supported by Daniel Ortega, the front runner in the presidential race. He favored the right to an abortion during his presidency in the 1980s but has since embraced the Catholic Church and spoken out strongly against abortion.

Shell Could Face Criminal Charges in Russia

By Andrew E. Kramer

THE NEW YORK TIMES

MOSCOW

A Russian official threatened criminal prosecutions against employees of Royal Dutch Shell, ratcheting up pressure on the company's \$22 billion oil and gas project on Sakhalin Island on Wednesday.

The remarks suggested a further unraveling of the relationship between Western energy companies and the Russian government, which is intent on gaining control of the energy sector.

Shell and two Japanese partners were accused of violating Russian environmental law at their Sakhalin 2 project. The project consists of two offshore platforms, a pipeline, the world's largest liquefied natural gas plant and an oil terminal. A Russian state company, Gazprom, wants a 25 percent share. Mitsui and Mitsubishi, of Japan, are minority owners.

"The breaches at Sakhalin 2 fall under five articles of the criminal code," Yuri Trutnev, the minister of natural resources, said after touring a pipeline on Wednesday, in remarks shown on Russian television news. "This falls under criminal law and we think it's necessary to apply it. All the relevant documents should be sent to the prosecutor general within two weeks."

Lower-ranked Russian officials had threatened criminal charges earlier this month. The statement by Trutnev, however, carried more force and suggested an escalation because he is a member of the Cabinet.

U.S. Home Sales Gain as Builders Reduce Prices

By Jeremy W. Peters

THE NEW YORK TIMES

U.S. home builders, struggling to keep ahead in a weakening market, cut prices and offered a variety of other discounts in September to help sell their newly constructed houses, the latest government and industry statistics show.

The Commerce Department reported Thursday that the median price of a new home plunged 9.7 percent last month, compared with September 2005, falling to \$217,100, the biggest such drop since December 1970.

Statistics from the National Association of Home Builders showed a similar slide. Builders reported cutting prices in September by 5 percent, according to the association's most recent data.

Just two months ago, prices of new homes were still on the rise. At least to some extent, the lower prices achieved the developers' goal: The backlog of unsold new homes on the market fell in September for the second consecutive month, while the number sold, adjusted for normal seasonal variations, rose by 5.3 percent from the previous month.

But economists and industry experts noted that the reported numbers provide a somewhat distorted picture of market reality.

African Leaders Offered \$5 Million Performance Prize

By Alan Cowell

THE NEW YORK TIMES

LONDON

After the Nobels, the Pulitzers and the Oscars, why not a prize for African presidents?

Not just any presidents, of course.

At a news conference in London on Thursday, Mo Ibrahim, a 60-year-old Sudanese-born billionaire who made his money in the cellphone business, announced that he is offering \$5 million in prize money, to be spread out over 10 years, for the sub-Saharan African president who on leaving office has demonstrated the greatest commitment to democracy and good governance.

"We must face the reality," Ibrahim said, referring to Africa's leadership record. "Everything starts by admitting the truth: We failed. I'm not proud at all. I'm ashamed. We really need to resolve the problem, and the problem, in our view, is bad leadership and bad governance."

The first such prize, the Mo Ibrahim Award for Achievement in African Leadership, may be given as soon as next year by his Mo Ibrahim Foundation. Additional prizes may be offered in subsequent years if worthy candidates are found.

It is possible, though, board members say, that there might be a shortage of contestants to compete for that moment of quivering tension when the master of ceremonies says: "And the winner is —."

Chinese Anti-Corruption Inquiry Aimed at Top Leaders Intensifies

By Joseph Kahn

THE NEW YORK TIMES

BEIJING

A widening Chinese anti-corruption investigation is taking aim at Beijing's party leaders, a sign that President Hu Jintao intends to continue removing officials he considers insufficiently loyal, people told about the leadership's planning said.

Some 300 Communist Party investigators have been examining property deals and procurement practices in the capital city since at least late September and have uncovered suspicious dealings that implicate top Chinese leaders, the people said. None of the people interviewed would allow their names to be used, fearing official retribution for speaking about a continuing investigation into an area of extreme sensitivity for the Chinese leadership.

Among those seen as likely targets of the inquiry are Jia Qinglin, a member of the nine-member Politburo Standing Committee and a former party secretary of Beijing, as well as the current Beijing party secretary, Liu Qi, who is a regular member of the Politburo.

If the investigation results in the

removal of one or both of the men, it would make the housecleaning the most sweeping since the shake-up after the 1989 protests.

In September, security forces detained Chen Liangyu, the party chief of Shanghai and another Politburo member. They also removed numerous Shanghai officials from office and arrested or sidelined leaders in Tianjin, Fujian and Hunan, among other places. Nearly all of those implicated to date are viewed as loyalists to China's former top leader, Jiang Zemin, or as having resisted the policies of Hu, the party boss since 2002.

As such, the crackdown serves two purposes, the people told about the leadership's goals say. Hu and Zeng Qinghong, the vice president and the day-to-day coordinator of Communist Party affairs, have sought to warn underlings that they intend to punish corruption, widely seen as a worsening problem within the ruling party, even at the highest levels.

But the two leaders have also signaled that only those they consider political allies will have the power to resist probes into their financial affairs. That message seems designed

to shore up support as the leadership prepares to undergo its five-yearly political transition with the convening of the 17th Party Congress next fall.

The party leaders of Beijing and Shanghai, responsible for areas that control great wealth and enjoy broad autonomy, have traditionally served on the ruling Politburo. No major investigations of their activities are likely to be initiated without the approval of the top-most leaders.

Hu has recently worked hand-in-hand with Zeng, the fifth-ranking leader, who is also viewed as one of Hu's possible rivals, to consolidate power. Though China's one-party system concentrates authority in the hands of Hu, he must also navigate personal, regional and institutional allegiances that can make it difficult to implement decisions made in Zhongnanhai, the leadership compound.

Party officials said that although the investigation has mainly been directed at people considered part of Jiang's ruling circle, Jiang has been consulted about the need to control corruption. They added, however, that he no longer had the power to resist even if he chose to.

Bristol-Myers Squibb Still Plagued By Loss of Sales From the Product Plavix

By Stephanie Saul

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Bristol-Myers Squibb said Thursday that it lost up to \$600 million in sales of its top-selling product, Plavix, because of a Canadian rival during the third quarter, accounting for part of a 65 percent decline in earnings.

The missteps by Bristol-Myers earlier this year in negotiating a proposed patent settlement enabled the Canadian company, Apotex, to flood the market in August with a cheaper generic version of Plavix, a blood thinner.

Bristol-Myers also disclosed Thursday that one of the federal investigations into its handling of the Plavix matter, a review by Christopher J. Christie, the U.S. attorney in Newark, N.J., had expanded to an examination of whether Bristol-Myers violated securities laws.

The Plavix debacle largely accounted for the company's overall lower sales for the quarter of \$4.15 billion, down from \$4.76 billion a year earlier. It was also partly responsible for sharply lower earnings of \$338 million, or 17 cents a share,

compared with \$964 million, or 49 cents a share in the third quarter last year.

The 2005 earnings had included a significant one-time gain from the sale of the company's consumer medicines business.

The lower sales and revenues by Bristol came during an earnings season in which drug companies were generally posting improved results. GlaxoSmithKline said Thursday that its earnings for the quarter were up 15 percent.

Despite the bad news for Bristol, the company gave a slightly brighter outlook for the year than it had issued in late summer, just after the generic Plavix flooded pharmacy shelves.

The company Thursday raised its earnings projections to at least 97 cents a share this year, rather than the 95 cents it had previously predicted. That is partly because some orders for Plavix are still coming in.

And yet, during a telephone conference with investment analysts on Thursday, Andrew Bonfield, Bristol's chief financial officer, said that there was enough generic Plavix in sup-

ply chains to last into early next year and possibly into the second quarter of 2007. That means Bristol-Myers could still be dealing with the inexpensive competition when a trial starts in Manhattan on Jan. 22 to decide whether its Plavix patent is valid.

The outcome of that trial would determine whether Apotex has the right to ship additional supplies of the generic product. Currently, between 70 percent and 75 percent of the prescriptions for Plavix are being filled by the generic supplies that Apotex shipped to the United States before Bristol-Myers obtained an injunction to block further shipments.

The company's fumbled plan to settle its dispute led to the generic firm's shipments and the dismissal of Bristol-Myers chief executive, Peter R. Dolan, in September. The company is now led by an interim chief, the former Guidant chairman James M. Cornelius.

Cornelius, speaking about the company's future during a conference call with analysts, played down continuing speculation that Bristol-Myers was a takeover candidate.

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THEATER REVIEW

*This 'Bee' Gets an A**Very Nice Show, No Matter How You Spell It*

By Bill Andrews

CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

*The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee
The Wilbur Theatre
Through Dec. 31, 2006*

For some reason, when I saw “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee” (“Spelling Bee”) I was reminded of nothing more than the show, “You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown.” This is somewhat odd, since I’ve never seen it. Still, I’d always believed it to be a show ostensibly for kids, with adults playing the famous children (and beagle) of the Peanuts comic strip, which turns out to be a meaningful and deep show about philosophy, and, ultimately, life itself. I don’t know if that’s the case or not, but that’s just what “Bee” is: it’s a show that fulfilled all my expectations and then some.

To begin, yes: it’s a whole musical about a spelling bee. And in case you doubt how a whole show is about a spelling bee, any of us who have actually taken part in a bee can tell you, there’s more than enough drama and suspense going on to fill any show. The story focuses on six children (played amazingly convincingly by actors in their 20s) competing in the bee, the winner of which goes on to the national competition in DC and riches and glory. To make things even more interesting (and hilarious) audience members can participate in a drawing before the show to take part in the festivities; the winners then go on stage and add to the fun themselves. This worked surprisingly

well, not just to add competitors and work in some early drama (kicking people out of the bee without losing a cast member), but also to establish the mood of the show. It was just plain hilarious seeing the hapless audience members, up there trying to learn the dance that the cast is doing around them, and smiling sheepishly as everyone around them sings harmoniously. You really get the sense of a competition where the kids are nervous and not as poised as regular adults might be.

Indeed, the whole show was pretty humorous. First of all, the six spellers are interesting and quirky as only pre-adolescents can be. William Barfee (pronounced Bar-FAY, “there’s an accent aigu”) is the typical socially awkward and obnoxious nerd we know so well around here; Marcy Park is the overachieving Asian girl who famously “speaks six languages,” also perhaps a familiar personality at MIT. Leaf Coneybear, Olive Ostrovsky, Chip Tolentino, and the diminutive Logainne Schwartzandgrubenierre are the other spellers, each with his or her own hopes, desires, and backgrounds. Mitch Mahoney, the Comfort Counselor (fulfilling his community service requirement), Vice Principal Panch, and Rona Lisa Peretti round out the cast as the adults in the room, who bring a sense of the real world to the performance. Though not an expansive cast, it’s very impressive how efficiently the cast was used (having some spellers change mannerisms and a scarf to become another’s parent, for example) and how full the performance seemed. This is a show where the whole ensemble takes center



JOAN MARCUS

(Left to right) Sara Inbar, Aaron J. Albano, Jared Gertner, Greta Lee (on floor), Stanley Bahorek, and Jenni Barber play contestants in “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.”

stage, and without such a strong cast it just couldn’t work. Luckily, these nine actors mesh perfectly, recreating the crazy dynamic kids have with each other, and accurately portraying relationships with authority figures and family.

But the cast is only half the funny. As I mentioned, having clueless “civilians” up on stage with the professionals was great, and the words themselves, when used in a sentence as per the speller’s request, elicited the most laughter of all. Honestly, how can “kinkajou” and “Xanadu” not be funny just by themselves? For most of the show, I was laughing like I was at a comedy club.

However, what makes Spelling Bee truly impressive is how smoothly it segues from goofy songs about erections (the cause of someone’s loss) and magic feet, to songs about feeling

burned out, unloved, and (of course) about losing. There can only be one winner, regardless of what we and they want, and the end was surprisingly bittersweet. It’s still a happy ending, of course, but it’s a real-life happy ending, one tempered with all those lousy adult problems, and not so many magic feet.

In the end, it was a great show that reminds us what it is to be a child and an adult, a winner and a loser. Not too many shows could pull that off, while being amazingly funny at the same time. Plus, now I know how to spell “syzygy.” That’s something even Snoopy can’t offer.

A limited number of \$25 lottery tickets are offered at every performance: see <http://www.spellingbeethemusical.com/boston/lottery.htm> for details.

CONCERT REVIEW

*MITSO Shows Promise in Season Opener**Players Demonstrate Boldness With Hanson’s ‘Symphony No. 2’*

By Bogdan Fedeles

STAFF WRITER

*MITSO Fall Concert
Kresge Auditorium
Friday, Oct. 20, 2006, 8 p.m.*

A large crowd of classical music enthusiasts gathered last Friday in MIT’s Kresge auditorium to give a warm welcome at the season opening concert of the MIT Symphony Orchestra. This concert was also special since it was the first under the leadership of conductor Paul M. Biss, professor of music at the Indiana University School of Music, who will be conducting MITSO this academic year. Although a large audience attended, including many outside MIT, there was an unexpected scarcity of faculty from our own music department.

Given that the program featured composers who revel in big orchestral sonorities (Wagner, Hanson, Dvorak), the concert consisted mainly of loud music that animated and satisfied the audience. However, the concert fell a little short on the expressive side, with several of the

passages sounding rough and hectic at times. Nevertheless, the energy and exuberance of the players, the hard work of the conductor, and the ebullience of the music combined to produce a solid performance of a challenging program.

The concert opened with Wagner’s Prelude from the opera “The Mastersingers of Nuremberg,” a staple of the orchestral repertoire. This well-known piece is often chosen by many orchestras as a season opener, given its majestic fanfare and grand orchestral sound. To say this is a loud piece is an understatement. All the instruments play almost all the time and more than half of the score is marked *fortissimo* (as loud as possible). The few more lyrical and softer secondary themes appear only briefly and are very soon blasted by the whole orchestra in an all-encompassing counterpoint, which despite its imaginative inner workings, is just overpowering. Evidently, performing such a piece well is quite a challenge, but MITSO rose to it and delivered a very solid performance. Most of Wagner’s loud music is technically difficult and quite exhausting for

the performers — yet MITSO showed a remarkable aplomb and performed this demanding piece effortlessly. Furthermore, the brilliant sonority of the effervescent ending was particularly enjoyable.

The surprise of the concert was Howard Hanson’s “Symphony No. 2, Op. 30 ‘Romantic,’” a lesser known work written for the 50th anniversary of the Boston Symphony Orchestra in 1930. However, its claim to fame came in 1979 when the second movement was incorporated into the soundtrack of the famous sci-fi thriller, *Alien*. Hanson’s soothing music provided a stark contrast and welcome relief to the intensely violent drama of the movie. Perhaps this is the reason why “Symphony No. 2” is Hanson’s best known and most frequently played work. Another reason might be that while Hanson was a prominent American composer, this piece pays tribute to Hanson’s Scandinavian heritage, very often resembling the symphonic music of Jean Sibelius — the Finnish composer and one of the 20th century’s great masters of the form.

From the very beginning, Hanson’s “Sym-

phony” sounds complicated with multiple tempo changes; it’s quite a demanding piece for any orchestra. The melodious themes and expansive sonorities require careful balancing between various sections of the orchestra. MITSO’s take on the piece was very bold with a youthful attitude that carried most of the piece. The slow movement, *Andante conerezza*, was truly remarkable, with the sweet meandering melody flowing easily from the strings to the winds, while the brass boldly yet softly shaped the harmonic color. The brass, however, did not fare as well in the finale, where they seemed a little overwhelmed by the increasingly loud and fast passage of the work. Nevertheless, the last movement featured a number of very delightful episodes reminiscent of film music, which were played very well with both intensity and expressiveness.

After the intermission, Dvorak’s “Symphony No. 8” completed the program. One of Dvorak’s most exuberant works, the Eighth Symphony was completed very quickly in 1889 in a span of only a few short months in 1889, and is heavily imbued with Czech folk song inspiration. The initial simplicity of the themes is deceptive as they are extensively developed later. The romantic character of the piece is accentuated by the freer use of form, especially in the last movement. MITSO certainly had a good time performing this piece, delivering a homogenous and lively rendition, plagued only occasionally by shaky loud moments or hesitant phrase beginnings. In those moments, it seemed that despite conductor Biss’ ample and intent conducting motions, the connection between the orchestra and its conductor was somewhat weak, but fortunately only very briefly. Luckily, the sparkling moments in this piece were numerous. Given Dvorak’s democratic orchestrating style, almost every section and instrument in the orchestra has one or two moments of glory. Particularly notable were the cello section, which carried tune after tune with elegance and sensitivity; the flutes with a sparkling solo tune in the first movement; the mighty trumpets and the whole brass section who worked very hard through the whole concert. The whole strings section also shined with its vibrant yet transparent sound that sustained most of the music, led by concertmaster Albert J. Chow ’08, who aptly delivered a very convincing solo in the midst of the bittersweet *Adagio*.

Friday’s concert was a success, but most importantly a good start to the academic year. As the orchestra and its new conductor become more accustomed to each other, we can only expect bigger and better (hopefully not louder) performances in the near future.



YALU WU—THE TECH

Conductor Paul M. Biss pacifies the violas during the MIT Symphony Orchestra concert last Friday evening in Kresge. Biss is the interim conductor for MITSO while the Music and Theater Arts department searches for a new music director to replace Dante Anzolini.

CONCERT REVIEW

Built to Spill at Avalon

Indie Rock Grows Up, but the Sound Stays Predictable

By Sarah Dupuis

Built to Spill
Avalon
Monday, Oct. 2, 2006

Listening to a Built to Spill album is like tasting a culinary masterpiece. A basic texture sustains the entire dish, while subtle undertones of spices and seasonings pepper and flesh out its flavor. The tongue is not always capable of picking out these seasonings. Likewise, a Built to Spill album is woven with lackadaisical guitar echoes, and although they sound exciting, it's difficult if not impossible to tell where they're produced from. The remedy? For the former, one could watch a master chef in the kitchen. For the latter, one need only catch Built to Spill on their latest tour.

Veterans of the guitar-driven indie rock genre, Built to Spill (headed by distinctive Idahoan Doug

Martsch) have been playing their tunes for a long time — almost fourteen years — and their live shows reflect it. In concert, Martsch and bandmates appeared stage-weary; more than a few bald heads graced the Avalon stage, in contrast to the crowd, which had a median age of about twenty. Built to Spill have always been indie kid favorites, and the audience energy was high, but the band just didn't look as into the music as one might expect from what the tremendous sounds suggested.

After setting up the stage, the band nonchalantly dove into "Going Against Your Mind," the nine-minute single off their sixth and latest studio release, "You in Reverse" (2006). This latest album, although more adventurous and jam-based than past releases, has been met with mixed reviews. While newer songs demonstrate that the band is artistically maturing, "You in Reverse" lacks those catchy guitar riffs that defined

Built to Spill's old and beloved sound. This is not to say that "You in Reverse" is a bad album; it's interesting, but certainly not memorable, which could explain why Built to Spill has been ducking in and out of the studio on dates off from the tour.

Although this tour is intended to promote the new album, the band's set included crowd-pleasing old singles off past records: "There's Nothing Wrong with Love" (1994), "Perfect from Now On" (1997), and "Keep It Like a Secret" (1999). Set highlights included "Big Dipper," which elicited delight from the crowd — Martsch even cracked a smile. A down-tempo cover of an old reggae protest song by The Gladiators graced the set halfway through the concert. The debut of a new song, a ballad-like pop tune, revealed a more decorative guitar style atypical of Built to Spill. The band members finally seemed to enjoy themselves by the encore, a twenty-minute rendition of "Randy Describes Eternity" off of "Perfect From Now On," in which they allowed themselves to experiment with feedback and strange noises and all of the wonderful things they should have used throughout the set.

Martsch, now fully bearded, played most of the show with eyes closed, and seemed more like

a tree than a singer until the cave of his mouth appeared when he sang. The guitarists played off each other as energetically as on studio recordings, but the high-intensity motion one might expect for such great guitar riffs simply did not happen, and the band remained motionless for most of the show. What's more, the old guitar solos strayed only rarely from the recordings. Perhaps the band was playing to familiarity; the audience sang along to most songs, and many even mimicked the guitar solos. Regardless of the band's intent, there was a lack of energy through most of the performance.

While inertia kept the band still, a small projector hooked up to a mini-laptop kept the show visually stimulating. The visual show displayed the work of Mike Scheer, Built to Spill's album artist, including an eerily restored Lassie picture book. The band also played video footage defending ecological activism and, shortly thereafter, a video of a cat pulling itself all around a rug by way of a circle of chairs. The fans were entranced, and the band seemed to get a kick out of the audience's reaction. Perhaps Built to Spill will be able to tap into that momentary excitement as they continue their tour through November.

CD REVIEW

'The Information' Fails to Deliver

Beck's Latest Treads Water, Lacks Creativity

By Andrew Lee

STAFF WRITER
Beck
The Information
Interscope, 2006

If fortune had been kind, last year's *Guero* would've been Beck's much-awaited return to the type of junk-alternative that brought him massive success in the mid-'90s. Instead, the re-teaming of Beck and the Dust Brothers did not result in the unmitigated fan-service many would have hoped for. It wasn't so long ago that fans were anticipating the next *Odelay*, but now after the release of *Guero*'s follow-up, *The Information*, we'd settle for something on par with *Sea Change*.

At the outset, it's hard to point to places where *The Information* missteps because Beck's mistakes are those of omission. His faults this time are the continuation (and hopefully completion) of an arc of imaginative decline that reared its head most significantly in *Guero*'s "E-

Pro." Beck's awareness of "Devil's Haircut" as his career's apex is all-too palpable as "E-Pro" rides a chugging grunge-inflected guitar lick for a seemingly interminable three and a half minutes. The signature riff itself was enjoyable, and the Beastie Boys "What'cha Want" sample was a nice touch, but its endless repetition without variation was just irritating enough to waylay the message Beck likely intended to give: I'm Beck and I'm back.

What Beck didn't realize was that the rules for him have changed since he made 2002's *Sea Change*. Nigel Godrich's haunting orchestrations in this album dovetailed almost seamlessly with the despondent lyrics, giving the listener an impression of a perpetually setting sun. After the release of an acoustic set of serene and disarming personal breakup songs, Beck's decision to make *Guero* a throwback album at a time when his tendencies as a songwriter were moving in another direction was still disarming, but ultimately unsatisfying.

If *Guero* is an echo of the album that *Odelay* was, then one would have to describe *The*

Information as a shadow of an echo of *Odelay*. If you'd like to know exactly how such an idea would manifest itself, just look to "Motorcade." With parts of its vocal melody noticeably cribbed from "Devil's Haircut," "Motorcade" consists of a boring acoustic guitar loop that is indifferently hounded by a swarm of thumb pianos. *The Information*'s best track, "I Think I'm in Love," while charming in its outspoken uncertainty, is also undercut by repetition and the fact that its bass-line is a facsimile of the guitar lick from the Beatles' "Day Tripper." Unlike *Guero*, which had the excellent singles "Girl" and "Que Onda Guero," there's very little on *The Information* to provide argument against Beck being past his prime.

Much of the rest of *The Information* is populated by tracks that contain passable but uninventive beats and hooks filling verses, while the choruses provide small bursts of melodic energy. This wouldn't be so frustrating if near their end, the songs made some other point than "Help, I'm surrounded by Nigel Godrich's spacey blips!" By writing lyrics in a once-endearing, but now obso-

lete vernacular (as Eli Cash would say), and neglecting to culminate his songs in some satisfying fashion, Beck forces Godrich to do the heavy lifting to make the album interesting. Godrich's atmospheric are appealing enough that there's no reason to believe he wouldn't be up to such a task, but he's well-known in the community for having the mettle to bluntly challenge his musicians (including Paul McCartney) to perform to higher standards than they're used to. Where and how Godrich lost his signature boldness in working with Beck on this album is an unaddressed issue that needs to be resolved if he's to maintain his status as a top-tier producer.

While *Odelay* and *Guero* were produced by the Dust Brothers, Beck has also frequently worked with Nigel Godrich on previous albums, such as *Sea Change* and *Mutations*. This cross-referencing of albums by way of their shared producers makes it somewhat easier to keep track of Beck's catalogue, but it also indicates his uncertainty about what future direction he wants to take. He has not had the same producer for consecutive albums in about a decade, and *The Information* was Nigel Godrich's chance to establish himself as Beck's go-to collaborative partner the way he's done with Radiohead. With two premier creative talents at the helm, it's a disappointment that the combination of their efforts is so mediocre.

CD REVIEW

Devics Shine With Sad Songs on 'Push the Heart'

Melancholic Orchestrations and Haunting Harmonies Fill Up Band's Latest Release

By Sarah Dupuis

Devics
"Push the Heart"
Filter U.S., 2006

Airy, gentle, and calculated, L.A. pop band Devics' new release, "Push the Heart," is as tiered, decorated, and clean as a white wedding cake. Fronted by the glistening vocals of Sara Lov and supplemented by multi-instrumentalist Dustin O'Halloran, the duo delivers a woebegone collection of tunes that are less than lyrically profound, but musically heartbreaking with every note.

Lov, the lyrical and vocal half of Devics, has a warm tone; and the chilling harmonies present throughout the record give "Push the Heart" an unsettling sound reminiscent of

Belgian group Melon Galia. Lov's voice is never forced, and as pure as a pitch-perfect wind instrument. Her gentle intonation is complemented well by O'Halloran's musical arrangements, which center around layered piano and guitar melodies, but also feature mellotron, moog, glockenspiel, synthesizer, Marxophone, and accordion, to name a few. This is the kind of disc that needs several listens in order to catch all the subtle entrances and exits orchestrated by O'Halloran. Although each note is expertly fitted to the surrounding music, the various musical phrases placed throughout the record are anything but repetitious, and seem to appear spontaneously.

The album opens with the melancholy and slow-paced "Lie to Me," an eerie tune that starts with the slow strumming of gui-

tars, a piano part that seems to trickle as the notes descend, and the gorgeous purity of Lov's voice. "Let me believe in something," pleads Lov towards the end of the track, and instantly the listener wants to believe right along with her. The next track, "Secret Message To You," tells the romantic story of a small wooden boat constructed out of wood, glue, magazine paper and an eraser. Lov's desperation is obvious throughout the CD, although not always articulated clearly — "I'm not saying this is good or bad; I'm not saying that I want to go," she sings on "Salty Seas," a song which sounds vaguely like an older Cat Power tune. The pace, if not the mood, picks up after "Song for a Sleeping Girl," with vocals fronted by the unimpressive but effective O'Halloran. The album then moves into the rolling "Distant

Radio," the best chance at a pop single on the despondently toned record. Even the jazzy song "Moments" makes Lov sound on the verge of tears.

The true highlight of "Push the Heart" is "Just One Breath." With chord changes reminiscent of "OK Computer"-era Radiohead adding power to Lov's vocals, and punchier drums than the rest of the record, "Just One Breath" stands out as the most rocking sad song Devics has released this go-around. The juxtaposition of such an atypical sound makes "Just One Breath" exciting, but it could easily stand on its own as a great indie rock song. Despite Devics' comfort with gorgeous instrumentation and slow-paced sad songs, one can only hope they continue to develop their indie rock sound on subsequent albums.



The Boston University Dear Abbeys perform in Concert for a Cure, a multiple sclerosis research benefit concert held last Friday, Oct. 20. The concert also featured performances by the MIT Chorallaries, the MIT Dance Troupe, MIT Roadkill Buffet, the BU Treblemakers, and the Wellesley Tupelos.

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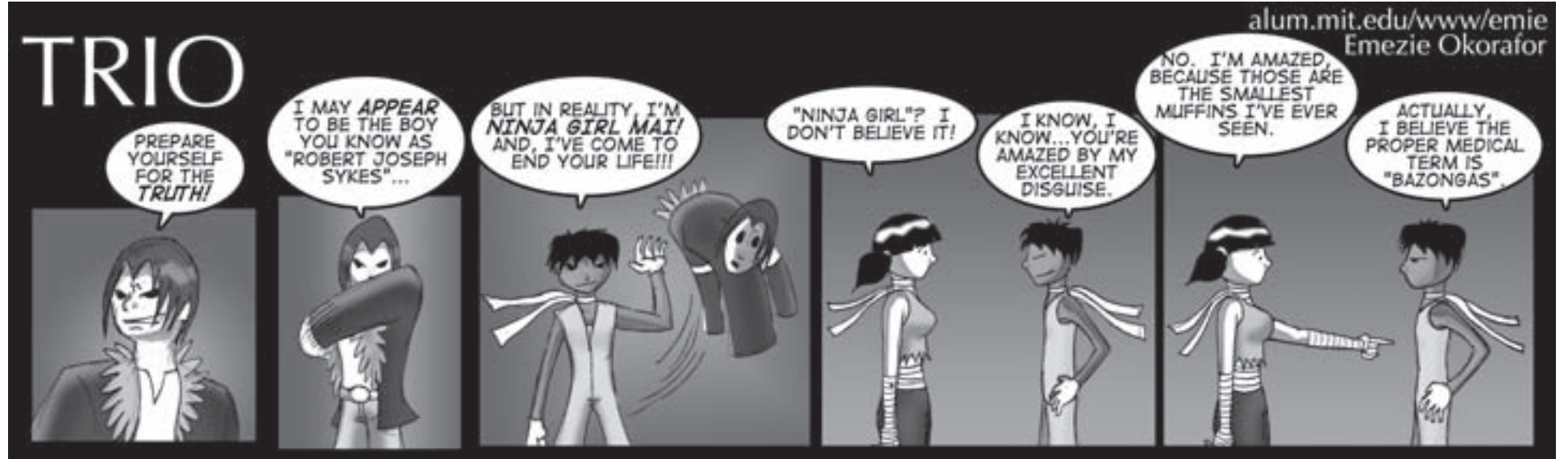
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GRAD HOROSCOPE OUTLOOK FOR THE NEW YEAR

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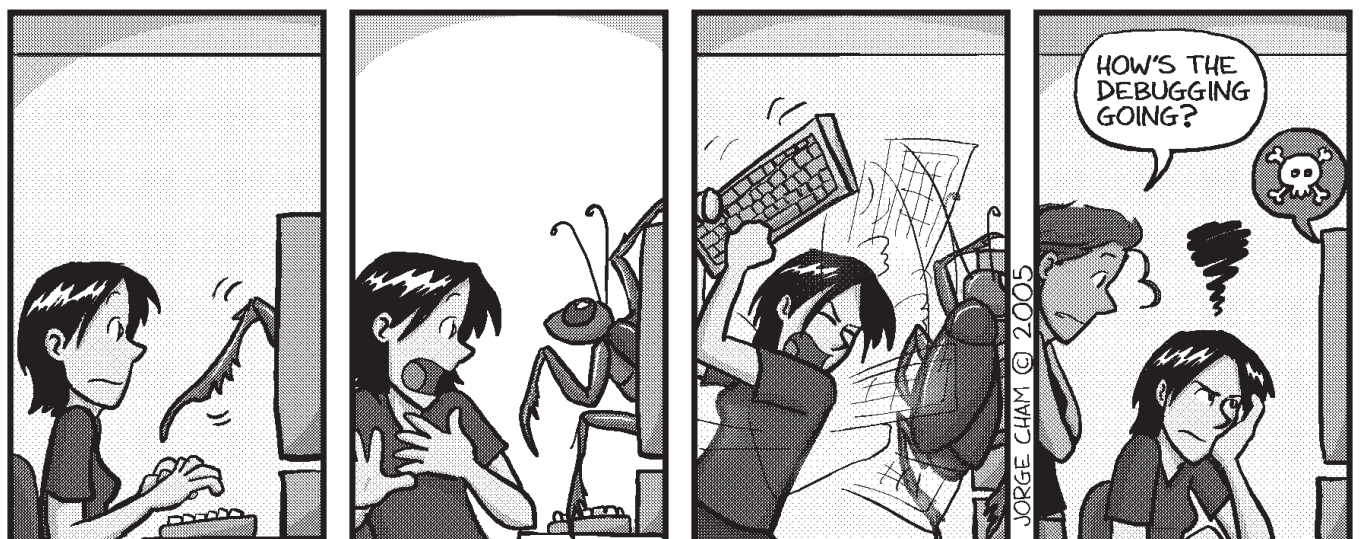


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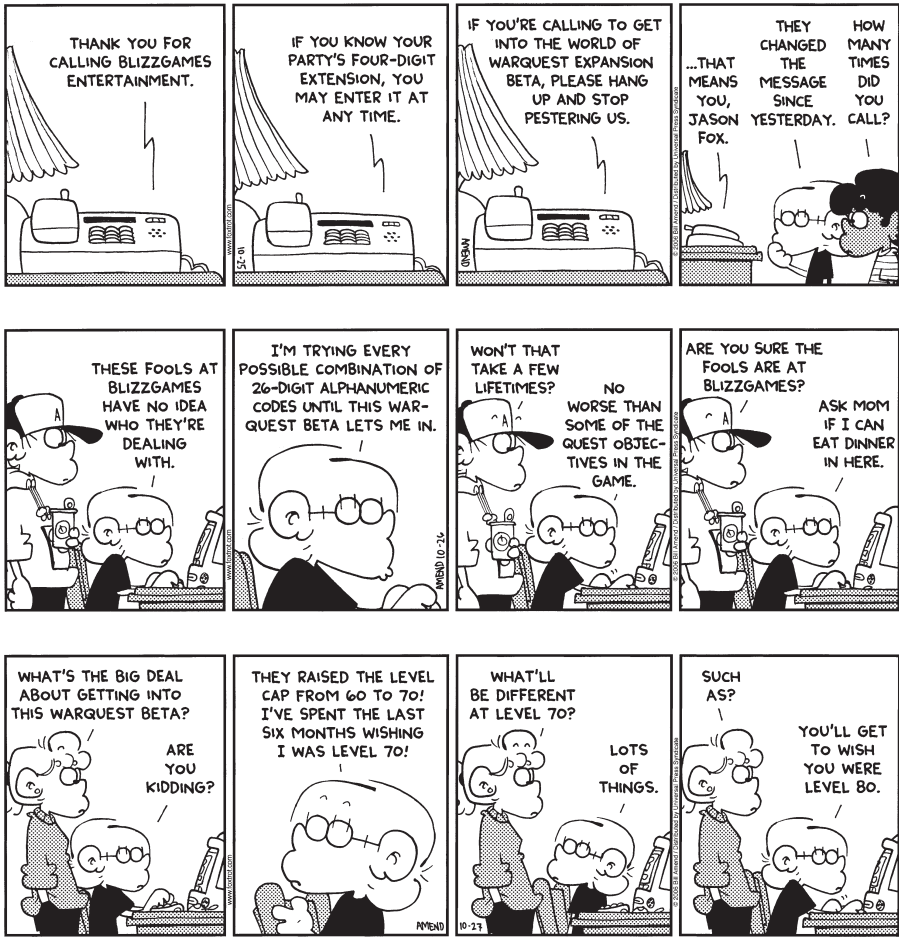


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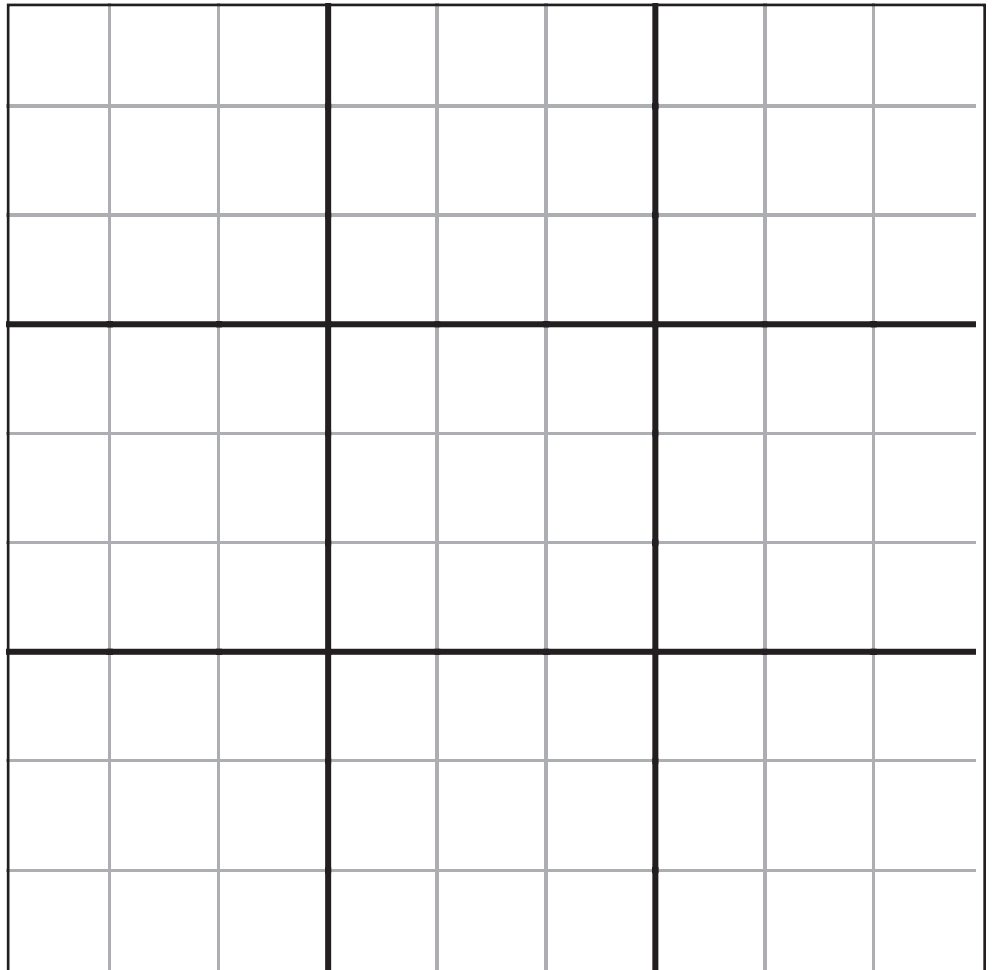
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M14N (160 Memorial Dr.), 4:10 p.m., Complaint about male subject in M14N music library arguing with employees; cars dispatched; arrested Anthony Smith, 900 Washington St., Brooklyn, NY; suspect transported to Cambridge Police.
W84 (550 Memorial Dr.), 10:24 p.m., Report of a suspicious person in W84 on tenth floor; cars dispatched; arrested Russel Fig, 94 Adams St., Waltham, MA. for outstanding warrant; suspect transported to Cambridge Police.
- Oct. 15:** W61 (450 Memorial Dr.), 3:10 a.m., Report of person wandering halls and stairwell yelling on the third and fourth floors; checked by MIT Police and Housing; all quiet in the area.
ATO (405 Memorial Dr.), 4:09 a.m., Report of a large group of individuals arguing outside of DKE or ATO; MIT Police report no activity in area.
M54 (21 Rear Ames St.), 5:21 p.m., Arrested Brian P. Keogh, 240 Albany St., for default warrant after routine check and inquiry; transported to Cambridge Police.
- Oct. 16:** 15 Lansdowne St., 8:02 p.m., MIT Police transported a student to Boston Police to file a report regarding a past assault at a Boston night club.
- Oct. 19:** Riverside Lot, 12:07 p.m., Malicious damage to a vehicle.
W59 (201 Vassar St.), 2:16 p.m., Caller reports damage from Oct. 14, 2:00 p.m., to motorvehicle.
- Oct. 20:** TC (528 Beacon St.), 6:44 p.m., MIT Police investigate noise complaint.
PDT (97 Bay State Rd.), 11:54 p.m., Report of loud music disturbing residents.
- Oct. 21:** W35 (100 Vassar St.), 10:25 p.m., Report of past harassment at the W35 pool.
- Oct. 22:** TC (528 Beacon St.), 1:15 a.m., Call to request a unit to meet with Boston Police regarding fraternity problem.
E52 (50 Memorial Dr.), 1:51 a.m., Intrusion; three subjects found in area; summons issued.
- Oct. 24:** Lot 14 (25 Vassar St.), 5:38 p.m., Hit and run reported; vehicle was struck while parked in the East Lot.

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Joanna B. Moody, a recruiter for JP Morgan Chase & Company. "We're always looking for a diverse class," she continued. Science and engineering majors are regarded as highly as majors in more immediately relevant fields, Moody added.

"Any quantitative major is going to be helpful in the financial world," said Scott F. McDermott '79, a managing director at Goldman Sachs who received both his SB and PhD in physics from MIT. "The physics curriculum tends to develop an intuition for problem solving. Any MIT curriculum does." Along those lines, Nonnamaker said, "[MIT] students are highly desired."

Christine L. Nee '07, a chemical engineering major and the president of the MIT Science and Engineering Business Club, mentioned that in addition to the immediate gratification that jobs on Wall Street offer, such jobs also exude an aura of glamour. Already offered a position by Morgan Stanley, Nee said that acquiring experience in finance would empower her with more dimensions were she to join research companies later in her career.

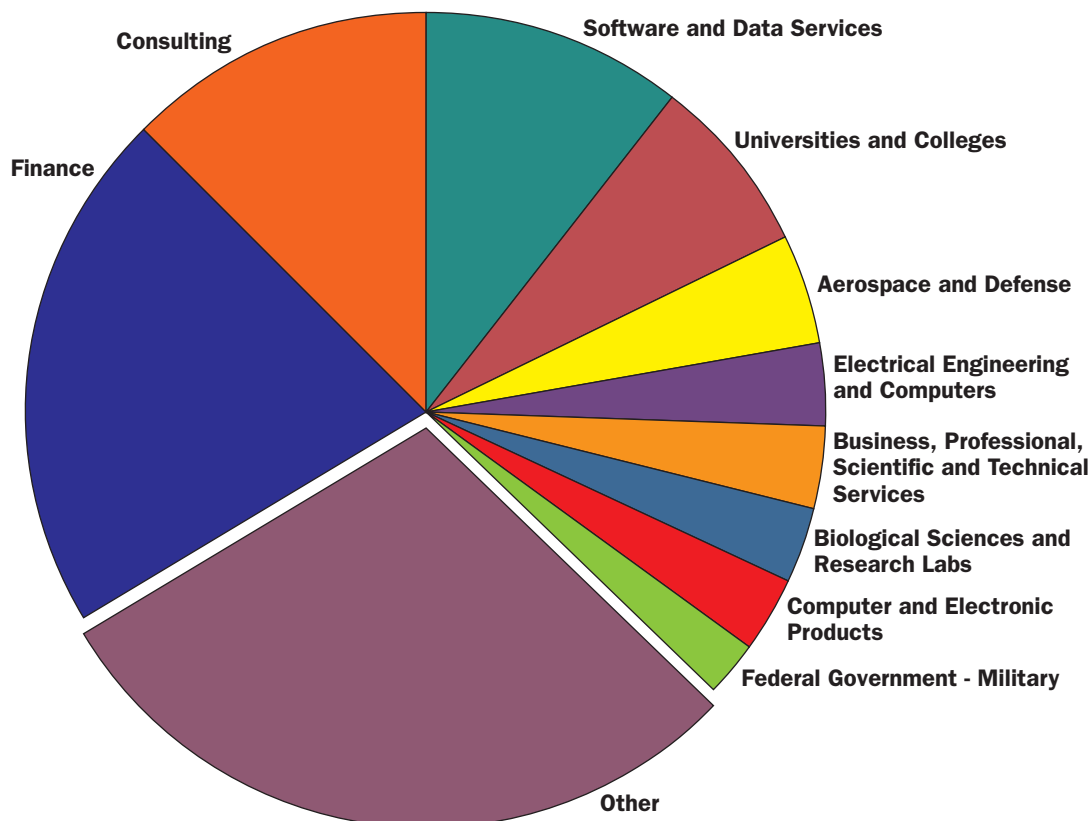
Also according to the 2006 Graduating Survey, the top destinations in the United States for working graduates were Massachusetts, New York, and California, with the United Kingdom and Japan topping international destinations. "Job content" and "creative and challenging work" were listed as the top two factors contributing to students accepting their job offers.

Of the undergraduate students who responded to the 2006 survey, 68 percent responded "yes" to a question asking whether they accepted jobs related to their majors, while 26 percent responded "no," and 6 percent responded "don't know."

Data specific to gender has not been compiled. "Anecdotally, there has been no gender preference," Nonnamaker said.

Both Friend and Nee cited peers as an influencing factor in their decisions to enter their fields of interest.

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Goldman Sachs	13	Raytheon	14	Microsoft	14
IBM	13	Bain & Company	12	Morgan Stanley	13
Boston Consulting Group	11	Goldman Sachs	12	Lehman Brothers	13
Northrop Gruman	11	Morgan Stanley	11	Bain & Company	13
Bain & Company	10	General Electric	11	JP Morgan	12
United States Air Force	10	Susquehanna	8	Google	12
Lehman Brothers	9	Lehman Brothers	8	IBM	11
Intel	8	IBM	7	Intel	8
Boeing	7	UBS	7	Oracle	8
Draper Labs	7	Oracle	6	Boeing	8
JP Morgan	7	Citigroup	6	Credit Suisse	8
Raytheon	7	Boeing	6	Booz Allen	7
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NW35 Groundbreaking To Be Held in November

The groundbreaking for construction of the new graduate student dormitory, currently called NW35, will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 3:30 p.m. When the dormitory opens in summer 2008, first preference for rooms will be given to residents of Ashdown House (W1), a graduate dormitory that will subsequently be converted into undergraduate housing.

News Brief

Giving Ashdown residents first choice in the move to NW35 will leave "plenty of room" for other students, said Karen A. Nilsson, associate dean and director of housing. NW35 will have 550 beds while Ashdown has 360 beds. Some Ashdown residents will not be looking to move into NW35 for various reasons, including graduation or moves off-campus or to other dormitories. The details of the move have not been completely worked out, Nilsson said.

Ashdown Housemaster Terry P. Orlando said that giving Ashdown students first preference is "very appropriate." Ann Orlando, also an Ashdown housemaster, said that she and Terry plan to be housemasters of the new dormitory.

Earlier this month, Ashdown residents expressed their hope that NW35 be renamed Ashdown. In addition, they requested that some of the rooms in NW35 be given the names of Ashdown rooms. A decision on the naming has not been announced.

The ceremonious first shovel of dirt will be turned at the site of construction in the Pacific St. parking lot on Albany St. directly across from another grad dormitory, The Warehouse (NW30). A reception in the multi-purpose room of Sidney-Pacific graduate residence will immediately follow the groundbreaking.

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Gaming Partnership Mutually Beneficial

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als were submitted, and "we've been collaborating ever since," he said.

The Singapore Media Development Authority expects about 300 "of our best talents from the industry and academia" to become involved in SMIGL. MDA's Michael Yap said to the MIT News Office. The MDA also believes that the collaboration will improve Singapore's competitive advantage in education and tourism.

The benefits of the partnership for MIT includes increasing the level of MIT's game research, adding "a significant international dimension to our thinking about games," and increasing collaboration between CMS and the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department, Uricchio said. Working with Singapore will also allow MIT researchers to think about games from an Asian perspective and consider cultural specificity.

SMIGL will have offices in Singapore and at MIT that will oversee the projects activities. Henry Jenkins III, also a CMS professor, is the other primary investigator.

Nicholas R. Hunter '06, who is currently a producer for Electronic Arts, a video game company, was brought into the SMIGL program when he was an undergraduate as a student consultant.

"My goal then (and now) is to make sure that SMIGL provides opportunities to the students involved to get to do work that will help prepare them to enter into the games industry," Hunter said.

According to Hunter, this project is something that has been considered for a long time. "However, it's hard to get projects going without a common cause. The chance to cooperate with Singapore served as a catalyst for multiple departments at MIT to come together."

The project, which draws from earlier conferences and research efforts, officially got off the ground during the spring. Many trips to Singapore were made to find the right partners for the project and to develop relationships with the Singaporean government, industry, and academia, Hunter said.

"This is a broad collaboration across industry and academia," Uricchio said. "Singapore seems to have embraced the concept of the network more insightfully than any country that I know of. They partner with top universities from around the world both by sending students out, and by welcoming institutions to set up shop in Singapore."

Uricchio said that gaming was looked at specifically because of the untapped economic and creative potential. Gaming is one industry that

is experiencing huge growth, Uricchio, in comparison to the publishing, film, and music industries that are either stable or shrinking.

"We see a lot of potential at looking at games as a medium instead of just as entertainment," Uricchio said, citing education as a specific platform where games could be useful.

"With games, you can model things in physics and you can't really show with a video or with photographs," he said. "With an interactive platform, you can have people experience certain aspects of physics that they wouldn't be able to otherwise."

Uricchio describes SMIGL as very different compared to past MIT-Singapore collaborations, as it is based in the humanities, arts, and social sciences, as well as in engineering and computer science subjects. The other major MIT partnerships with Singapore center around engineering.

"It's something that we're all very excited about," Hunter said. "It seems only appropriate that the birthplace of 'SpaceWar' has another major research effort into games." 'SpaceWar,' developed in the 1960s, was one of the first computer games.

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51 percent participation from the seniors," Kavanagh commented. During the week, booths for each class collected donations in Lobby 10. People donated on the spot in cash or using TechCASH and credit cards. "Campaigning is basically done in the hallway in Lobby 10 as it allows us to reach different groups of people, so hopefully we can talk to people we could not talk to in the fall," Kavanagh said.

The funds collected during UGC will go toward the Public Service Center expedition grants to pay for MIT students to go abroad to do public service. Disaster relief trips to Pakistan and the D-Lab program have been funded by these expedition grants, Kavanagh said.

"We are not just looking for donations but we also want people to understand the importance of philanthropy and the PSC," Kavanagh said. "PSC is a great organization on campus that students don't have awareness of and we hope that we were able to inform them about it."

Overall, the results of the first week of UGC were very favorable, Kavanagh said. "It was a pilot program and even if it was a small donation it was more than what we had expected — within a week in fall, we had 15 percent participation from the underclassmen and that is fantastic," he said. "I will definitely look at it as a success and hopefully we will have another 15 percent participation level in spring."

According to Senior Gift Chairman Dwight M. Chambers '07, UGC will not be marketed before the spring as it is a much smaller program than the Senior Gift. The Senior Gift will kick off on Nov. 8, Chambers said, the first time that it will begin in the fall.

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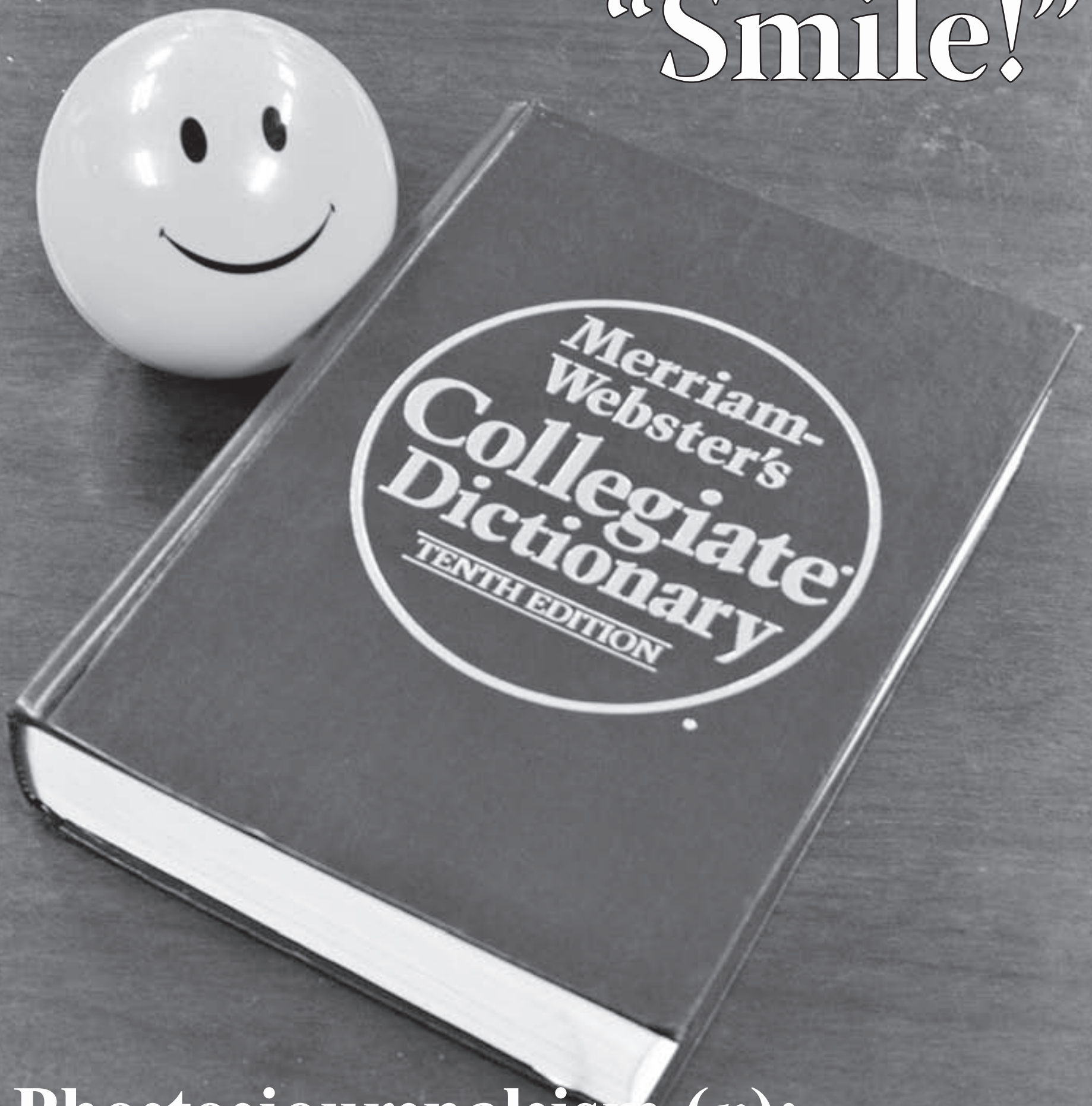
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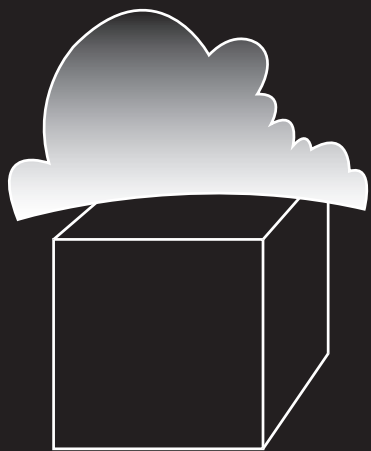


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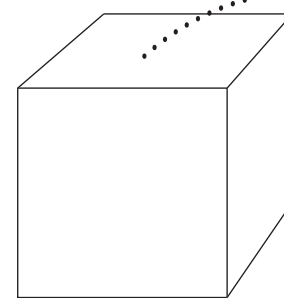


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MCAT, LSAT Undergo Changes

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test; it will instead be four hours long, according to the *Princeton Review* Web site. The scoring scales of the Verbal and Quantitative sections will be rescaled from 200–800 to an expected range of 130–170, with a predicted mean of 150, said Dawn Piacentino, a board member of the ETS GRE. According to the ETS Web site, the ETS will offer the new GRE on approximately 30 fixed testing dates annually, instead of offering daily testing throughout the year.

One of the biggest changes taking place is in the method of administration. The current GRE is a computer-adaptive test, meaning that the test tailors the examination difficulty to the performance of the examinee on difficult questions. The score of an examinee is based on how many hard questions he or she gets right. The format will be changed to a computer-based linear exam, in which every examinee will be given the same set of questions, Piacentino said.

The primary reason for this change is security related. “A few years ago we had to discontinue computer-adaptive testing in certain countries due to leakage of questions,” Piacentino said. “We are changing the test from continuous to fixed because of the potential risk of questions being exposed.”

Isaac M. Colbert, the MIT dean for graduate students, noted that the new test format is “more realistic” as it allows for “skipping, omitting, and coming back to difficult questions.”

ETS will also revise the content of the three sections — Analytical Writing (soon to be Critical Thinking and Analytical Writing), Verbal, and Quantitative — in an effort to emphasize verbal reasoning, context evaluation, comprehension, quantitative reasoning, data interpretation, and real-life scenarios, while reducing the amount of rote memorization and computation required, Piacentino said.

Piacentino also said that antonyms, analogies, and single-word questions will be eliminated and a

variety of novel question-types will be featured, such as identifying the sentence described by a question in a given passage, in lieu of more traditional multiple choice questions.

The Analytical Writing section will feature more focused prompts requiring more original responses, in order to reduce the reliance on a generalized writing formula.

“There was a need to revise the GRE Math portion,” Colbert said. “Some of the arcane language had to be taken out and the number of items that are less relevant today such as geometry needed to be limited.”

According to Piacentino, this revision will mark one of the largest changes in the history of the GRE examination.

“The changes in the new test will increase the validity of the testing,” Piacentino said. “The new test will be better at predicting the critical thinking level of the examinee and consequently the performance of the examinee in graduate school by testing more of the skills students will use in graduate school.”

Colbert said that he believes the new verbal and writing sections offer a “more realistic way of testing a student’s language skills” and a better way of “assessing a student’s writing skills.”

Paul Kanarek, the founder of the Princeton Review in California, said that “the test is very unfriendly to students. Not only is the test more strenuous and long, students cannot jot down notes nor do their work right next to the question they’re working on in a booklet.”

The Princeton Review plans to “design a course that will cover the old and new GRE material so that people can choose to take either one,” said Kanarek.

The new preparatory course material will come out next August, according to Kanarek, and class enrollments are expected to double or even triple over the next three to six months.

“Students are rushing to classes before it changes. Imagine that MIT tomorrow announces that the physics curriculum will be made twice as hard. This is exactly what the

ETS has done to the GRE.” Kanarek also said that “the Princeton Review perspective is that these changes to the GRE flat-out suck!”

Colbert said he encourages MIT students to “take a closer look at the array of resources provided.” He mentioned that students should carefully study the resources presented in the ETS website and become familiar with the layout of the test, the content structure, and the time parameters. He reiterated that “practice makes a huge difference.”

In January 2007, the MCAT will make a transition in format, converting from a paper format to a computer-based test, along with reducing the number of questions and testing time, to allow for additional test dates, faster scoring, and a more controlled testing environment.

The LSAT will also introduce changes in June 2007, altering the comparative reading portion of its four-part Reading Comprehension section. Also, the Writing section will give all test-takers a decision prompt, as opposed to randomly assigning either a decision or argument prompt.

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Kalk's biggest contribution can't be quantified; he switched over to

cornerback in the second half and shut down Salve's leading receiver Antonio Guzzo to just one second-half reception.

This Sunday the Engineers will welcome first year NEFC member, the Plymouth State University Panthers (2-3, 2-5), to Steinbrenner Stadium. Sunday's kickoff is set for noon.

With victories over UMass Dartmouth and Western New England College, the Panthers should be a tough match-up for MIT, who will try to maintain the momentum from their victory over Salve Regina when they face Plymouth State.

Tufts Tamed by MIT in Championship Match

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finished with 17 kills, 10 digs, and three blocks. Rowe anchored the Engineers' blocking corps with seven stops, adding 13 kills as well. Morris notched her second double-double of the tournament with 44 assists and 12 digs. Zhong led the back row with 14 digs while Hunting and Buchanan each contributed 11.

May and Stephenson were forces

to be reckoned with in the championship match versus Tufts. The duo each recorded five blocks with May tallying 16 kills (.375 hitting percentage) and Stephenson posting 10 kills (.438). Rogoz contributed 12 kills for the second consecutive match, and Rowe totaled four blocks and a team-high three aces. Buchanan led MIT with 11 digs, followed by 10 from Hunting. Morris registered 39 assists for the Engineers.

Engineer Defense Shows Strength in Last Minutes

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momentum during the next 10 minutes as they extended their lead to 3-1. Ayuso initiated a fastbreak and then set up Amanda P. Hunter '07 for what proved to be the game-winning goal.

Wheaton quickly cut its deficit in half when Ardito knocked in the rebound of Dimick's shot with 7:14 remaining in regulation.

MIT's defense was relentless during the final minutes as it thwarted any scoring opportunities for the Lyons. In net, Alexa C. Herman '08 collected eight saves for MIT while Mary Catherine Boll made five stops for Wheaton.

Both squads will compete in the NEWMAC Championship Tournament quarterfinal round on Saturday, Oct. 28 at 1:00 p.m. with pairings and locations to be determined.

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SPORTS

Lightweight Crew Sails to Eighth Place in Head of the Charles Race

By Kate Madden
TEAM MEMBER

The MIT lightweight women's crew team rowed an impressive race Sunday during the 42nd Head of the Charles regatta on the Charles River. Racing in the lightweight women's 8+ event (each boat has eight rowers plus a coxswain) against both club and collegiate crews, MIT finished eighth overall and fourth among collegiate teams.

The Engineers started behind second-ranked Georgetown University and gained water on them through the entire three-mile course. Completing the course in an MIT lightweight women's record of 17:47.05, the crew edged out Georgetown by 6.8 seconds.

Finishing third among collegiate

crews, just 6.3 seconds ahead of MIT, was cross-town rival Radcliffe; first place finisher Princeton University and the University of Wisconsin, right behind, rounded out the top three collegiate teams.

"It was a great Head of the Charles to end on," said co-captain Kathleen Yeh '07. "Beating the second best team in the country was amazing, especially given all the hard work we've been putting in." The team practices six days a week, often in early morning hours, with many team members putting in additional time running, erging, or lifting.

"Beating Georgetown, and being so close to Radcliffe, proves that MIT crews can be competitive in the toughest league in the country. After this, and IRAs, people are taking

MIT lightweights more seriously," said Erqi Liu '08. The crew finished seventh last spring at the IRA (Intercollegiate Rowing Association) National Championships and hopes to improve upon that result in 2007.

Six members of the seventh-place crew from that race were in the line-up on Sunday. The Head of the Charles boat included, from stroke to bow: Liu, Katherine L. Madden '08, Katherine R. Hoff '08, Jessica A. Lynch '08, Emily J. Dykgraaf '10, Kathryn M. Schumacher '09, Yeh, and Tiffany L. Iaconis '08. The boat was coxed by Ainsley K. Braun '10.

This weekend, the Engineers head to New Jersey to face Georgetown, Radcliffe, and Princeton again at the three-mile Princeton Chase.

MIT Routs Seahawks After Slow Beginning

By Ryan Lanphere
STAFF WRITER

After a slow first half on Saturday, the football Engineers (1-4, 2-5) dominated the rest of the game scoring 34 second-half points en route to their second victory of the season over the Seahawks of Salve Regina University (0-5, 1-6) by a score of 40-25.

With the temperatures in the high 30s and low 40s in Newport, R.I., the Engineers offense was on fire, scoring a season-high 40 points on six touchdowns.

The Engineers were pushed back on their heels early when Salve Regina scored on the first play of its first possession of the game. The score came just 2:27 into the game on a 52-yard shovel pass from Seahawks quarterback Robert Hagle to running back Louy Marroquin. Marroquin took the shovel pass right up the middle virtually untouched for the game's first score.

Not to be out done, the Engineers put together one of the most impressive drives of their season on their very next possession. The Engineers' first scoring drive of the game totaled 10 plays and 42 yards eating up 6:52 of the first quarter clock. The longest play of the drive was a 26-yard reception by wide receiver and captain Marcus R. Carson '07 from MIT quarterback Richard A. Mancuso '09.

At the end of the drive, facing a fourth and goal at the Seahawks two-yard line, Mancuso hit tight-end Christopher W. Ruggiero '07 on a quick seam pass for the touchdown. The Engineers failed to convert the extra point making the score 7-6 in favor of Salve Regina.

The Seahawks scored once more in the first half on a one-yard Hagle pass to receiver Antonio Guzzo. Guzzo led all Salve receivers with six catches for 75 yards and his second quarter touchdown.

Salve Regina came out strong to start the second half much as they did in the first, scoring on their opening drive to push ahead 19-6.

Just when it looked like the Seahawks were starting to pull away, the Engineers emphatically clipped their wings, scoring 27 unanswered points

to take a 33-19 lead.

Building off their first-half scoring drive, Mancuso engineered MIT's second seven-minute drive of the day. This time the drive covered 73 yards in 13 plays and ate up just over seven minutes. Most of the hard work in that drive was done on the ground by the Engineer's running back trio of Thomas C. Scotton '08, Robert C. Utz '09, and DeRon M. Brown '10. The trio diligently chipped away at Seahawk territory, and the drive was finished off on a two-yard touchdown run by Brown.

Clock management was one of the biggest factors in the Engineers' victory. This was made possible by MIT's running back trio who combined for 163 yards on 39 carries. Scotton led the group with 93 yards on 17 carries while Utz was the primary finisher scoring twice inside the four-yard line.

The excellent running effort combined with only one turnover allowed the Engineers to dominate time of possession by almost 10 minutes 34:46 to 25:14. Not only did this wear down the Seahawk defense, but it also kept the Engineers' own defensive unit well rested as they watched Mancuso and company go to work.

After a four-yard TD run by Utz to make the score 20-19 in favor of the Engineers, MIT went to the air via wide receiver Kevin T. Vogelsang '09 who capped off the next two of the last three MIT scoring drives with touchdown receptions of his own. The first was a 23-yard Mancuso pass to Vogelsang on a fade route.

The second score came on MIT's last scoring drive in the form of another 23-yard Mancuso to Vogelsang hook-up. This time, with a defender in his face, Vogelsang made an athletic grab over the defensive back for the score. Vogelsang led all MIT receivers with six catches for 129 yards and two touchdowns, all of which earned him a spot on the NEFC offensive weekly honor roll.

Mancuso finished with 219 yards in the air on 13 completions in 31

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Volleyball Wins All Games For Crown

By Mindy Brauer

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SPORTS INFORMATION

The MIT women's volleyball team did not drop a game in four matches as it captured its first Hall of Fame Tournament crown in four years this past weekend.

The Engineers blanked Mount Holyoke College (30-18, 30-21, 30-22) and Brandeis University (30-24, 30-20, 30-28) in pool play on Friday, then defeated Amherst College (37-35, 30-22, 30-12) and Tufts University (30-19, 30-22, 30-24) on Saturday to claim the championship.

Amanda J. Morris '08 represented

MIT on the All-Tournament Team, averaging 38.5 assists/match and 8.75 digs/match, while Alexandra T. May '10 received her first tournament MVP award, averaging 13.75 kills/match.

Against Mount Holyoke, Briana Stephenson '07 powered the Engineers' (28-4, 6-2 in NEWMAC) offense with 11 kills, a .389 hitting percentage, and four blocks. Kathering C. Rowe '10 added four blocks to go along with nine kills. Carrie C. Buchanan '08 totaled a team-high eight digs as Rose Zhong '08 chipped in seven of her own. Morris distributed

34 assists against the host Lyons.

Rowe recorded an efficient hitting performance against Brandeis as she totaled 11 kills on 16 attempts with one error (.625). May paced MIT with 14 kills and Frances M. Rogoz '07 added eight. The Engineers amassed eight aces with Lindsay E. Hunting '09 and Zhong both serving three and Morris recording two. Morris led Tech's defense with 13 digs and ran the offense with 37 assists.

In Saturday's semifinal with Amherst, May had a solid outing as she

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Defense Key to Field Hockey Win Over Wheaton

By Mindy Brauer

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SPORTS INFORMATION

Strong defensive play down the stretch helped MIT field hockey seal its 3-2 win over Wheaton College in a New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference field hockey game on Tuesday night. With the win, the Engineers improved to 6-10 on the year and 3-5 in conference play while the Lyons fell to 13-6 overall and 5-3 in the NEWMAC.

Wheaton controlled the ball for

the majority of the first half as MIT did not manage a shot on goal until halfway through the frame. The Engineers quickly followed up on their first attempt by converting their second shot to take a 1-0 lead.

Coming off a side hit, Annamaria E. Ayuso '07 collected the ball and found Lauren L. McCarthy '08 who sent her shot to the far post. Tech maintained its slim 1-0 advantage through the intermission.

The Lyons capitalized on their

eighth penalty corner of the game for the equalizer in the 43rd minute. After receiving the ball from Alisa Ardito, Sara Dimick made several touches and then sent it to Alex Block for the goal.

Wheaton continued to attack, but Cristina Stefanescu put MIT ahead 2-1 with an unassisted goal at the 51:39 mark.

The Engineers maintained their

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UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

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Women's Volleyball Shuts Down Babson

By Mindy Brauer

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SPORTS INFORMATION

Playing in the final regular season home match of their college careers, co-captains Frances M. Rogoz '07 and Briana J. Stephenson '07 powered MIT women's volleyball to a 30-14, 30-17, 30-27 win over Babson College on Tuesday.

Stephenson recorded a career-high 18 kills with three errors on 32 swings (.469 hitting percentage) while Rogoz posted 11 kills on 30-

errorless attempts (.367 hitting percentage).

Stephenson and Katherine C. Rowe '10 each had four blocks for the Engineers (28-4, 6-2 NEWMAC). Carrie C. Buchanan '08 paced Tech's defense with 13 digs while Lindsay E. Hunting '09 and Alexandra T. May '10 each collected two aces. Amanda J. Morris '08 and Catherine Melnikow '10 shared setting responsibilities and dished out 25 and 13 assists respectively.

Shanna Glassner paced the Babson Beavers (7-16, 1-7 NEWMAC) with seven kills, followed by six apiece from Carlen Palau and Caitlin O'Neill. Ryan DePaoli scooped a match-high 17 digs and Mandi Blackmer distributed 14 assists.

Next up for MIT will be a tri-match featuring a NEWMAC match against Mount Holyoke College and a non-conference meeting against Westfield State College on Saturday, Oct. 28.



Carrie C. Buchanan '08 and Frances M. Rogoz '07 back up Alexandra T. May '10 as she returns the ball to the Babson College Beavers during the MIT women's volleyball team match this past Tuesday, Oct. 24.

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