By Laura Nicholson

Sororities Set a Record

For the first time ever, all of the women offered bids during sorority recruitment accepted, marking the end of a banner year for the MIT Panhellenic Association.

This year’s recruitment period also set highs in number of women registering (240), according to Stephanie H. Cho ’06, Panhel vice president of operations. Indochine Restaurant on 69 First Street had a kitchen fire.

Many people crowd the food trucks behind Bildy, 68 at lunchtime. Goosebeary’s, a popular pan-Asian food truck normally parked with these, temporarily stopped doing business after its base of operations Indochine Restaurant on 69 First Street had a kitchen fire.

By Curt Fischer

Jasper Lin Conquers Robocraft And Wins Prizes, Job Prospects

Jasper S. Lin G, winner of this year’s IAP Robocraft programming competition, didn’t even have a chance to set down his prizes — $5,000 and a free iPod — before the Google re-cruiter began to surround him.

The result is that contestants are “solving the problems that we solve,” said Matt Flint, senior engineer at lead sponsor BAE Systems, which develops communications systems between unmanned military vehicles.

“Sponsor companies are very receptive,” said Adam V. Donovan ’07, a director of this year’s event. “They see finalists as the best of the best.”

This year’s tournament was themed “King of the hill”: teams programmed their robots to find and defend a set number of hills scattered over the game map, all the while expanding their armies to fend off their opponent’s attacks.

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Israel to Cooperate With Palestinian Authority

By Steven Erlanger

The New York Times

Israel will continue to cooperate with the Palestinian Authority and its interim government so long as Hamas is not represented, the acting prime minister, Ehud Olmert, said Monday. He said Israel would maintain diplomatic relations with the Palestinian president, Mahmoud Abbas, known as Abu Mazen, whose posi-
tion was not directly affected by the new government in the legislative elections late last month.

"I have no interest in harming Palestinian Authority chairman Abu Mazen, as long as he doesn't cooperate with Hamas and as long as the Palestinian government isn't led by Hamas," Olmert told an Israeli-European conference in Tel Aviv.

"As long as it doesn't contain a Hamas government, we will speak and cooperate" with the Palestinian Authority "with the intention of strengthening those who acknowledge the right of Israel to live without terror and within safe borders," Olmert said.

As Palestinian president, Abbas oversees the security services as command in chief. But when Yasser Arafat was alive, the United States pressed for the creation of a new post of prime minister and a cabinet, both approved by the legislature.

Recipient of Face Transplant Speaks to Reporters in France

By Anahre Bernard and Craig S. Smith

The New York Times

Recipient of Face Transplant

In the French town of Amiens, France, where a plastic surgeon performed the world's first face transplant last year, the patient spoke of the ordeal for the first time Monday — the thin scar surrounding the transplant was barely visible at a distance.

"At one point during the press conference, she drank water from a plastic cup.

Toshiba Buying British Maker of Reactors

By Heather Timmons

The New York Times

Making a big bet on the future of nuclear power, Toshiba of Japan agreed on Monday to buy Westinghouse Electric, the atomic energy division of British Nuclear Fuels, for $5.4 billion.

The purchase gives the time the amount analysts estimated in July, because of competition for the unit. Toshiba outbid global giants like Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and General Electric.

Nuclear power is increasingly seen as an alternative to energy sources like coal and oil, as energy demand increases around the world. Toshiba's chief executive, speaking at a news conference in London, estimated that demand for nuclear power would grow 50 percent by 2020.

Bush Proposes $2.77 Trillion Budget Focused on Defense

By David E. Sanger

The New York Times

President Bush proposed a $2.77 trillion budget on Monday calling for increased spending on defense and homeland security and substantial cutbacks in domestic programs as disparate as education, farm subsidies and the national parks. The budget bears all the hallmarks of the Bush presidency, making clear that his overriding priorities are national security and making permanent the tax cuts passed by Congress in recent years.

But it is unclear how much ap-

petite Congress will have in a criti-
cal midterm election year for fur-
ther spending cuts, including a new formula Bush is proposing to limit the growth in Medicare spending, at a savings of $35 billion over the next five years. And Democrats said Bush's emphasis on tax cuts had cre-
at what in their view was a false choice between addressing the bud-
get deficit and maintaining necessary social programs.

The budget will pose particularly

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ing the size and role of the federal government and the political reality that votes to cut programs that touch the lives of millions of people could make them especially vulnerable to Democratic attacks in the Fall.

The budget is checkbook with proposals that could give Republi-
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While presidential budgets amount to an opening offer in a year-

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eral budget would run a surplus in excess of $3.6 trillion between 2002 and 2011. Now, after tax cuts, a terror attack, a recession and a war in Iraq that has proven far more expensive than the administration projected, the budget office projects deficits for the five years starting Oct. 1 totaling more than $2.2 trillion.

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tion.

— Tax incentives to encourage people to save more to cover their own medical costs and a mechanism intended to prod Congress to hold down the growth of costs in Medi-
care.

Anger Over Cartoons Mocking Muhammad Leads to Violence

By Carlotta Gall

The New York Times

Muslim anger over Danish car-
toons that satirized the prophet Mu-
hammad continued to swirl across

Asia and the Middle East on Mon-

day, triggering new violence. Muslim leaders have repeatedly called for a stop to the cartoon, saying it is an insult to their religion.

The dispute, which between the West and the Muslim world, has proven far more expensive than the administration projected, the budget office projects deficits for the five years starting Oct. 1 totaling more than $2.2 trillion.

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Experts Worry About Side Effects of Sleep Aid Prescriptions

Panicked by a surge of consumer advertising that promises safe slu- lled by a surge of consumer ad- vertising that promises safe slum- ber with minimal side effects. They are taking sleeping pills like never before, fueled by frenetic work days that do not go gently into a great night's sleep, and lulled by a surge of consumer ad- vertising that promises safe slumber with minimal side effects.

About 42 million sleeping pill prescriptions were filled last year, according to the research company IMS Health, up nearly 60 percent since 2000.

But some experts worry that the drugs are being overprescribed without sufficient regard to known, if rare, side effects or the implica- tions of long-term use. And they fear doctors may be ignoring other conditions, like depression, that might be the cause of sleepless- ness.

Although the newer drugs are not believed to carry the same risk of dependence as older ones like barbiturates, some researchers have reported what is called the "next day" effect, a continued sleepiness hours after awakening from a drug- induced slumber.

Fully 10 percent of Americans report that they regularly struggle to get to sleep or to stay asleep throughout the night. And more and more are turning to a new genera- tion of sleep aids like Ambien, the bestseller, and its newest competi- tor, Lunesta. Experts acknowledge that insomnia has become a cultural benchmark — the side effect of an overdose, overworked society.

"Clearly, there's a significant increase in people who report insom- nia and, from my perspective, that is the result of our modern day lifestye," said Dr. Gregg Jacobs, a psychologist and assistant profes- sor of psychiatry at Harvard. Or at least that is an impression on which drug makers are clearly trying to capitalize, he said.

And that concerns him and some other researchers who warn that de- spite their advertised safety, the new generation of sleep aids can some- times cause strange side effects.
MIT Bandwidth Not Unlimited

Regarding the article “MIT and City Collaborate to Provide Free Wireless” published in the Feb. 1 issue, I can confirm the report that MIT is working very actively with the City of Cambridge to help our community become the first city in the country using low-cost mesh network technology (developed at MIT and starting to be available commercially) to provide ubiquitous wireless to its citizens and visitors. This is a great example of a cooperative effort between MIT and our city’s government to further a community goal.

I must, however, also comment on one quote in the article from an MIT researcher regarding MIT’s Internet access. Although the capacity of our Internet connection may seem “ridiculously high” to one researcher, when you add up the needs of thousands of researchers, faculty, and students, many of whom have increasing needs to communicate with and send gigabytes of data in real-time to colleagues around the world, I can assure you that we are constantly striving to balance costs and demands for increasing capacity. After complex negotiations with multiple vendors, MIT still spends millions per year to maintain Internet connectivity (who ever said the Internet was free?), and demand keeps increasing. So rather than “ridiculously high,” capacity, I would rather say that we have “increasingly high” demands for capacity. But at least one thing is ridiculously high here at MIT, and that is the incredible quality of the research that we turn out using that capacity. And that’s terrific.

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by Emezie Okorafor

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Team members suggested this low-scoring strategy that left them in last after the seeding rounds gave them a big advantage in the finals, because everyone counted them out. This year’s competition marked the introduction of a “perpetual prize,” an oversized aluminum LEGO block that will be inscribed with the names of each year’s winners. The LEGO was named “The Glashan Block” after organizer Ross N. Glashan ’06, who redesigned the 10-plus-year-old control boards for this year’s teams. “It kind of came here to do 6.270, so it’s kind of cool to leave something like that behind,” Glashan said.

During one of the intermissions, teams were also presented with staff awards, such as “Most Likely to Survive a Drop Test,” and “Most Likely to Catch on Fire.” Team “Oscar the Grouch” was awarded “Most Interesting Use of Baseplate” for melting the plastic LEGO baseplate and molding it into a fan to blow on the balls. Google representative David P. Ziegler ’04, a former 6.270 organizer, awarded the team members with laptop cases. “This is exactly the kind of crazy stuff we think is awesome,” he said.

Ziegler also presented teams “Noron” and “Phat Puffer” with lava lamps. “Noron” had programmed a neural net for their robot. “This year [the competition] was a lot simpler than previous years, and so I think you got more wild strategies, so you get a much more exciting competition,” Glashan said.

As usual, the competition featured placebos, robots designed by 6.270 staff “to be cute, and to be the other robot when we have an odd number of teams,” said organizer Julia M. Dennet ’08. One of the placebo bots, created by David C. Wang ’06, an organizer of last year’s contest, drew a smiley face on a sheet of paper during the 6th-second match.

Web sites created by the teams to document their month-long design process can be found at http://web.mit.edu/6.270/Teams/.
A transformer overload in Building W91, which houses servers and systems including the MIT Data Warehouse, led to an emergency shutdown of some computers last Thursday night.

Most of the affected systems were restored with rerouted power Friday morning, according to a press release from Information Systems & Technology. Research systems were rebooted starting at 6 a.m. Friday, while administrative systems including SAP, the MIT Student Information System, and Admissions were rebooted mid-morning, according to the press release.

SAP is used for MIT’s financial accounting, and MIT HIS for student registration and academic records, financial services, academic departments, housing, and medical.

The IBM Blue Gene supercomputer, MIT’s most powerful computer, remained offline until yesterday per a request by the researchers. The Blue Gene is used to perform calculations for theoretical physics simulations.

According to the press release, the problem was discovered when IS&T personnel found an overheated transformer. Computers relying on the transformer underwent emergency shutdown. During the recovery process, as computers were being re-booted, one Data Warehouse computer experienced disk failure, so all 60 GB had to be restored.

—Kelley Rivoire, Jenny Zhang
restricted campus phones helped lead to IS&T's re-examination of costs. Last fall, two Random Hall students, Anders H. Kaseorg '08 and Timothy G. Abbott '07, created an automated system to transfer incoming calls to campus phone numbers.

Undergraduate Association Senator Andrew P. Spann '07 mentioned the system to IS&T, which reproduced it in December. The IS&T system enabled external callers to dial (617) 324-5996 and then enter a campus extension.

Dolan said she invites feedback on dormitory telephone issues via e-mail to dorm-phone@mit.edu.

Students’ Feedback Led to Latest Change
Students Automated Phone Call Transfers
Burger-Shaped Robot Tops Field in Maslab Contest

By Mei-Hsin Cheng

The final contest for the Maslab robotics competition, which took place Friday, featured robots constructed with materials as strange as paintbrushes and mouse pads.

In front of an audience of 400, 55 participants forming 15 teams battled it out in the intensive Mobile Autonomous System Laboratory robotics competition, the culmination of a month of hard work.

In what the Maslab program director Finale P. Doshi called one of their most challenging competitions to date, this year’s teams built autonomous robots designed to pick up red balls and put them in yellow tubes on an unknown playing field.

The burger-shaped “Hamburgler,” created by Doris Lin ’07, Hao Zhou ’07, and Jeffrey D. Moore ’07, emerged victorious by putting the most balls into the tubes over a five-minute period.

An engineering award was also presented to the team that took the most risks in its robot design. Members Jayant S. Krishnamurthy ’08, Jonathan M. Grimm ’07, and Sean M. Torres ’07 won with their tri-wheel robot, “Uncertain Orientation.” While most robots had only two wheels, “Uncertain Orientation’s” third wheel allowed it to slide in all directions. The added maneuverability kept the robot from getting stuck on the playing field, Grimm said.

The task was especially difficult this year, Grimm said, because teams could score extra by putting a special green ball into a power goal.

Each robot was equipped with a web camera for recognizing the field, but some had special features such as the ability to map out the playing field and to determine the shortest path between two points, according to the Maslab Web site at http://scripts.mit.edu/~andersk/maslab2006/web/Maine_Page. Others were equipped with mouse pads and paintbrushes that helped pick up the balls, Doshi said.

In Maslab, teams of three or four students spend the month-long Independent Activities Period programming robots that must perform a series of tasks and explore an unknown playing field.

Unlike its better-known robotics competition counterpart, 6.270, Maslab is far more difficult because contestants do not know the exact layout of the contest field. While 6.270 has been running since 1987, Maslab was created only six years ago.

Because of the difficulty of the tasks, Doshi said that teams were encouraged to work together and to record their progress online. Team journals can be found at http://maslab.csail.mit.edu/2006/.

Participants averaged eight hours a day of robot work, though some teams spent over 900 hours, Doshi said. Although many of the participants were Course 6 majors, other majors included 2, 8, 9, 16, 18, 21M, and 22.

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For First Time, All Sororities Have Houses

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Boston this year.

The six-day recruitment process kicked off on Wednesday with an information night, Panhel President Nikki A. Pfarr ’06 said. Sororities members socialized with prospective members at a series of parties the rest of the week, with the number of party invitations each person could accept decreasing with each day, thus helping to narrow down choices.

The prospective members were allowed to attend a maximum of two parties on Sunday night and then ranked the sororities that had most recently given them invitations, Pfarr said. The process completed with Bid Day yesterday.

Two changes were implemented in recruitment policy beginning this year. Women are now able to decline a bid by designating “regret with interest” allowing them to participate in informal recruitment, Cho said. In previous years, women who did not accept a bid after ranking their preferences could not participate in recruitment for one calendar year.

In another change, recruiters were no longer discouraged from spending much time with prospective members outside of recruitment events. The previous policy tended to confuse the participants because it made the sisters appear insincere, so this year, recruiters were encouraged to have friendly contact but avoid discussing recruitment outside official events. Pfarr said this new policy worked much better.

Ming Leong ’09 said the best part of the week was the parties, because she got to know the sisters. Both Leong and Stella Schieffer ‘09 said that by Saturday, they had chosen the sorority they wanted to join.

Panhel Recruitment will be moved back to the original period between fall orientation and registration day for 2007. For the past four years, it has been held during the Independent Activities Period as a test trial.

Cho noted several disadvantages to IAP recruitment, including conflicts with internships, final exams, and twice-a-day athletic practices.

Pfarr said that IAP recruitment resulted in the loss of a term of membership dues, which would have provided a financial buffer.

The sororities are not struggling financially, Cho said.

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Goosebeary’s Out of Commission

Patrons of the food trucks behind Building 68 may have noticed that the popular Goosebeary’s has been missing in action for the past two weeks, as has fellow truck Indochine, usually parked in front of Technology Square on Main Street.

In the absence of Goosebeary’s usual long but fast-moving line, the remaining three trucks in the area appeared to be doing a slightly brisker business than usual on Monday. A fire on the morning of Jan 21 put the kitchen of the East Cambridge restaurant Indochine (formerly named Poppa & Goose) out of commission, and with it the operating base of the two trucks.

“Goosebeary’s truck was an innocent bystander,” said restaurant manager Tony Vo. “It’s really a separate business — they just use this as a base to cook.” Employees of the restaurant, which is offered on both trucks, work together to prepare food for the kitchen area of the restaurant and caused limited damage, said Vo, who estimates the repairs will cost $60,000 and take about three weeks once a permit has been obtained.

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event of Robocraft was a double-elimination tournament among the eight teams lucky enough to survive Thursday’s qualifying tournament. The pitched battles quickly narrowed the field. 50billion, a team composed of Michal Wexler ’08, Eitan Z. Reich ’07, and Adam Lerer ’09, finished fourth and collected $1500. In third place and collecting $2000 was Jaime Quiñones ’07. Though eventual champion Lin was sent to the losers’ bracket by an early loss to Behrens, he rallied to win that bracket and face Behrens again in the final.

Lin bested Behrens in this second match by forcing a final tie-breaker in which his army took an early lead, entrenching itself in positions on the final map’s hills. Behrens’ force mounted a late assault to take the majority of the hills, but Lin was able to hang on long enough to claim victory. The crowd in 10-250 cheered and gasped as the tide turned in the battle. “It was the loudest I’ve ever heard 10-250,” said Donovan.

Strategies varied from team to team. Lin, who competed as a team of one, said he focused on spending energy as quickly as possible. He programmed fighter robots in his army to ferry energy to the peripheral units, allowing his forces on the hills to remain strong. By contrast, some other teams’ strategies focused on building roving squadrons of fighters, which attacked hills and the home bases of the opponents.

Thursday’s qualifying tournament and Saturday’s finals capped an intense month of coding for the participants. Even though the game’s software and specifications were not released until the beginning of IAP, runner-up Behrens said that he began planning strategy and implementing basic code in September. The final programs of the 132-team field comprised 355,000 lines of code, which would represent about 74 man-years of development time, said Matthew M. Papi ’07, a director of this year’s tournament.

Aaron B. Iba ’05, co-director of the 2004 and 2005 events and a member of the 2003 winning team, returned this year as a recruiter from Google. “I wouldn’t miss this competition no matter what,” Iba said.

Directors Donovan, Papi and Yang Yang ’07 began to work on this year’s competition over a year ago. In addition to updating game objectives and mechanics, the developers also reworked the game’s core engine and developed new graphics and sound effects. This year also saw the introduction of classroom sessions designed to teach the strategic principles and Java programming techniques needed to succeed in the game.

What makes all the work worth it? “Sitting back in the rows and taking it all in, listening to all the teams cheer,” Papi said.
Pinkett: Entrepreneurship Isn’t Always a Solo Endeavor

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to him during Independent Activities Period. Here are some excerpts from our conversation:

The Tech: What advice would you give to students who are thinking about entrepreneurship? Rundell Pinckett: My advice would be to try to create a winning team. Historically, when we think about entrepreneurship, we think about the sole entrepreneur, Bill Gates or Michael Dell or Steve Jobs, but my experience with entrepreneurship is that it takes a team to be successful. Rather than think about what you can do as an individual, think about who you can work with to pool your collective strengths and your collective resources to build a strong team and pursue an opportunity together.

What advice would you give to MIT students in particular? RP: I would say, take full ad- vantage of all that MIT has to offer such as the business plan competition, the Sloan School of Management, and various clubs that are organized around specific courses or specific disciplines. There is a tremendous amount to explore. If a student is interested in pursuing an entrepreneurial venture, I would strongly encourage them to look at those resources and take full advan- tage of them. My advice was to come to MIT again hypothetically as a student, would there be anything that you would do differently the second time around?

If I had spent even more time establishing new student relationships and strengthening those re- lationships. It is tough to do because obviously MIT is very demanding and time-consuming, but I think relation- ships are very important. It is easy to assume that you have to work full-time and get to know people, because the relationships that I did establish have been very fru- strating at times, but the one thing that I would do differently is to spend more time establishing new student relationships.

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Yuan, Soo Hoo, Kinnaman Together Score 46 in Women’s Basketball Win

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ing leader Suzy Ward thanks to some excellent post-fouling by MIT’s Christa Margossian ‘07 and Samantha O’Keefe ‘09.

But Caitlin Boulier picked up the slack for Babson and hit four three pointers en route to matching Yuan’s 18. MIT had no answer for Boulier, who at a mobile 6’0” could dribble around post defenders and shoot over guards.

MIT held onto a 35-29 lead at halftime that quickly evaporated when Babson went on a 9-2 run, including a Boulier three, to take a 38-37 lead.

The second half was an intense struggle, with both sides playing tight defense and giving points begrudg- ingly.

Babson’s points came on the interior, especially after Margossian fouled out with 6:25 remaining. On MIT’s side, Yuan, Soo Hoo, and Karren A. Kinnaman ’06 led an entirely outside attack, combining for 46 of their team’s points.

The win improves MIT’s record to 6-11, 2-6 NEWMAC, as Babson drops to 10-8, 4-4. While not impres- sive at first glance, the team only had 3 wins at this time last year.

Soo Hoo cites a new coaching staff, the addition of Yuan and the performance of the bench. “Several times this season we’ve had big scor- ing runs that were sparked by non-starters. That doesn’t happen often for a lot of other teams, but we have talent and competitiveness all the way down the roster.”

Men’s Hoops Narrowly Loses to WPI

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MIT fans and coaches wanted a charge called on the play, but that is very difficult late in a close basketball game because referees try to let players decide the game without interfer- ence.

Coleman’s shot was the first field goal for WPI since the 7 minute mark. Worcester’s only offense during that span came from the free throw line, where they were brilliant: 85 percent as a team, including 9-9 from star guard Ryan Cain.

With Coleman and Cain struggling in the first half, WPI got a huge boost off the bench from Ryan Borque, a 6’10” post player for whom MIT had no answer. Borque went 5-6 from the field, including two emotional dunks.

MIT really missed sophomores Hamidou Soumare and William D. Mroz; without the depth they usu- ally provide, MIT only had 5 players score, and could not effectively guard the post.
MIT Men’s Volleyball

Dispatches Endicott in Three Sets

By Mindy Bauer

February 10, 2006

The MIT men’s volleyball team won in three sets 25-10, 25-21, 25-16, against regionally ranked No. 12 Endicott College (5-3, 2-1 in NECC). New England Conference action on Thursday night, March 2 at the Engineers improved to 6-2 overall and 4-0 in conference play.

The first game was tightly played as it featured six ties and three lead changes. With a slim lead of 17-16, MIT went on a five-point run, helping it gain momentum to close out the game 30-22.

Rothschild maintained a five-point advantage during the majority of the second game. The Engineers’ margin eventually grew to seven (21-14), but the Gulls went on to score six of the next seven points. Following that out, Tech pushed its lead to 26-20.

Mistakes, Penalty Calls Cost Seattle Super Bowl

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predictably staunch Steelers defense, but unfortunately they ended up beating themselves, committing penalties at crucial times and nullifying most of the plays that could have easily changed the outcome of the game.

Despite controlling the ball for most of the first half and repeatedly getting into Steelers’ territory, Seattle managed only those three points during that period. On each of the first three drives, the Seahawks were able to gain momentum, but were then quickly stopped by three offensive holding calls and a questionable offensive pass interference call that cost them a touchdown. While Pittsburgh failed to make even one first down in the first quarter, Seattle could have built up a 7-0, or even 1-0 lead if it were not for its many errors.

Instead, the Seahawks stayed within reach, finally found their groove, and took the lead on their last possession of the half, coming up with the big play. Facing 3rd and 6 from the 30 in Steelers territory, engineers quarterback Ben Ro, eliashberg made his best play of the game, scrambling left and launching a pass to wide receiver Hines Ward, who caught the ball near the goal line. Rothschild then took the ball in for a score on 3rd and goal, barely crossing the goal line for a successful but correct call.

In their efforts on this drive, the second year 23-year-old, who surpassed Tom Brady as the youngest quarterback to win a Super Bowl, had a terrible game. During halftime, Steelers coach Bill Cowher admitted that the Seahawks were able to get into the end zone, getting all 18 of his yards.

But despite that one mistake, the game, the Seahawks turned it around to cut the deficit to one (10-9). But over the next few serves, the Engineers continued Endicott, resulting in a 16-11 lead. A pair of four-point scoring runs by Tech put the game out of reach.

MIT’s statistical leaders were Prewen: Panidimukkala ‘08, who totaled a match-high 17 kills, Ryan G. Dean ‘09, who equaled his season-high mark of 16 and added a team-high two assists, and Jordan X. Wan ‘06 who finished the night with 42 assists.

Senior Eric Hunter posted a double-double for Endicott with 23 assists and 10 blocks. Clay Ostrander tallied 12 kills for the Gulls and a block while one teammate, a tech player, put up a match-high 12 kills.

In the fourth quarter, the outcome was not for the penalties.

Barbara L. Peng ’07 scored two goals, including one short-hander, to lead the MIT women’s hockey team to a 5-2 win over Salve Regina University (13-11-4) on Saturday. With their first victory of the season, the Engineers improved to 1-11-0 overall and 1-4-0 in conference play.

The opening period was a defensive battle, with both sides struggling to score. MIT eventually broke through when Peng connected on a pass from Rachel L. Longley ’08 at 18:59. Less than a minute later, Salve Regina answered with its own first goal.

The Engineers took the lead for a good 35 seconds into the second period when Catherine G. Harding ’09 found Mary P. Harding ’07 for a power-play score. Harding and Sara E. John ‘09 then set up Amanda P. Hunter ’07 to make the game 3-1 at 7:54 mark. Just over a minute later, Aimee Prouvencher scored a goal for the Seahawks.

Coming out of the second intermission, MIT capitalized on a two-player advantage to score a power-play goal to make the score 4-2.

“Toward the end of the game, Peng broke up a pass and skated end-to-end for an unassisted short-handed goal with 2:13 left,” Sally W. Simpson ’09 earned the first win of her career while collecting 20 saves, and Michelle Chabot made 44 stops for Salve Regina.

On Friday, the Engineers lost 11-1 in an ECCA East game against nationally-ranked No. 4 Manhattanville College, which extended the Valiants’ win streak to 16. On the only positive note of that game, MIT’s goal was the Engineers’ first against the Valiants since the 2002-03 season and the only one in a series that dates back to the 2000-01 campaign.

Amanda Nonis of Manhattanville led all scorers with five points on a hat trick and two assists. Nonis put Manhattanville (17-2-0, 14-1-0 ECCA East) on the board 3:55 into the opening frame by connecting on a pass from Jamie Longo. Nearly three minutes later, Nonis and Michelle Witt collaborated to set up Longo for what became the game-winning goal during a power play.

MIT Goalie Shauna Moran collected a career-high 50 saves for the Engineers against the relentless Manhattanville attack.

Women’s Hockey Takes First Win Of Season, Beating Salve Regina

By Mindy Bauer

February 7, 2006

Of Season, Beating Salve Regina

The puck goes over the shoulder of Shauna J. Moran ’06 during the Engineers’ 1-1 loss against Manhattanville on Friday, Feb. 3 at Johnson Ice Rink. The shot hit the goalpost and did not result in a point.

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Men’s Hoops Defeated By WPI in Close Game

By Travis Johnson

In a game of huge momentum swings, MIT Men’s Basketball lost a heartbreaker to nationally ranked WPI 59-58 Saturday on a last-second shot.

The first swing in the game came in favor of MIT (14-7, 5-4 NEWMAC), whose hot shooting from beyond the arc gave it a quick 19-9 lead only five minutes into the game. But WPI (19-1, 8-1) started a quick 19-9 lead only five minutes from beyond the arc gave it a quick 19-9 lead only five minutes into the game. But WPI (19-1, 8-1) quickly turned into a blowout, MIT found itself down 22-9 with 15:02 to play.

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MIT’s offense couldn’t get a solution to the defensive pressure: ball pressure, wing denial, and re-onding on the clock, sealing the game.

“He dished to teammate Antoine Cole-kins, who could see over the defense and find cutting guards, the Engineers had trouble getting the ball at will against a MIT defender trying to take a charge. Michael W. D’Auria ’06 often ended up pene-trating and shooting a floater because MIT’s offensive sets couldn’t get started. The WPI run continued into the second half, pushing the lead to 25 points, grabbing a 34-26 halftime lead.

With the game tied and under a minute to play, D’Auria missed two free throws. He got another chance after a big defensive stop, and made one of two with 7 seconds left.

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The chipping went slowly until the first half, Worcester seemed like it couldn’t hit any shots. Behind big baskets by D’Auria and James M. Bartolotta ’09, MIT fought back into the game of the season last year, de-feating the Seattle Seahawks 21-10 in Super Bowl XL. Sixth seed in the AFC, the Steelers defeated the top three seeds in their conference along with the top NFC seed to claim the franchise’s fifth Super Bowl victory, tying San Fran-cisco and Dallas for most Super Bowl victories.

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