Holmes/Wyne Elected UAP/VP in Landslide

Undergraduate Association President-elect Martin F. Holmes ’08 and Vice-President-elect Ali S. Wyne ’08 talk with Wendi Zhang ’08 on Thursday.

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By Mei-Hsin Chong

With voter turnout up 11 percent, Martin F. Holmes ’08 and Ali S. Wyne ’08 won the Undergraduate Association elections for president and vice president in a landslide victory.

Holmes and Wyne captured 1,019 out of a total 1,847 votes (55 percent). Holmes and Wyne will replace UA VP Andrew T. Lukmann ’07 and Ruth F. Miller ’07.

Amidst the controversial 2008 Class Council race, Phi T. Ho ’08 and Raja Bhatla ’08 were elected president and vice president, respectively. Vivian Tang ’09 and Deepa Mokshagundam ’09 won the 2009 Class Council presidential and vice presidential elections, although their running mates were not elected.

Jason A. Scott ’10 and Laura H. Han ’10 won the uncontested 2010 Class Council presidential and vice presidential elections.

A table of results, including vote totals, is available on page 11.

Holmes/Wyne optimistic

Holmes, who is the president of the 2009 Class Council, said that he and Wyne are “extremely excited” and “extremely pleased with the results.” Holmes said that he looks “forward to making a lot of positive changes and protecting a lot of things in MIT that make it unique compared to other colleges,” including Residence Exploration and independent dining options.

Wyne, vice chair of the UA Senate and a Tech opinion staff writer, said that he and Holmes have established their priorities for the next few months, including improving SafetyRide by starting a Harvard Bridge SafetyRide and expanding the size of the Harvard shuttle service.

Holmes also described the immediate goal of creating an Institute board for the Career Fair. Holmes said that they want to make a Career Fair “happier” so that students have “more time to prepare.” For the Career Fair, Holmes said he hopes that MIT will continue to encourage students and companies to become more involved in the Career Fair, eventually resulting in “greater Cambridge opportunities.”

The Career Fair is not likely to happen this coming year, but “2008 has a good chance,” Holmes said. However, the Registrar’s Office already has a schedule of key dates, including student holiday.

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MIT Pistol Team Claims National Championship

Engineers Beat Out Military Schools For Big Win

By Travis Johnson

Here’s something to brag about over spring break: MIT students have better aim with a pistol than their counterparts at the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine Academies.

The Engineers captured their second national championship in three years by beating the four aforementioned academies, one other military school, and four civilian schools in a three-day competition held last week at West Point and sponsored by the National Rifle Association.

The final scores in the open division, which includes both male and female competitors, was MIT (6,372), Army (6,365), and Navy (6,322). MIT’s top individual performer was co-captain Danup Loo ’07, who placed third overall, and Diana Nee ’07, who placed third among women.

MIT students do so well in pistol because “they are focused, disciplined, detail-orientated, and exceptionally competitive.” Head Coach of Pistol Will Hart said in an e-mail. Nee concurred and said in an e-mail, “We are used to exercising self-control and self-discipline, and this is absolutely an aspect of the sport.”

Teamwork is another of the Engineers’ advantages. “The MIT pistol team is always, by far, the most tightly-knit team at nationals,” Nee said.

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Cal State Faculty Could Soon Go on Strike

By Liza Munoz

Faculty members of California State University, the nation’s largest four-year system, overwhelmingly authorized a strike on Wednesday after nearly two years in which they and the administration failed to negotiate a contract succeeding one that expired in July 2005.

The faculty walkout would be the largest in the history of American higher education, although the union says it would be a rolling strike — that is, it would begin on one of the system’s 23 campuses and last there for two days, then go to the next campus for two days, and so on. In this way, the faculty members will only be on strike for a few weeks.

Because of the Spring Break holiday, The Tech will not publish next week. Regular publication will resume April 3.

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Today: Mostly sunny, 54°F (12°C)
Tonight: Clear and calm, 32°F (0°C)
Temperature: Sunny but cool, 4°F (–16°C)

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Admissions

The size of the freshman class will increase next year, which is administratively good news for the 12,443 applicants to the Class of 2011. Nearly 60 more students were admitted this year, but because the number of applicants also increased, the acceptance rate fell to a record-low 12.3 percent for the Class of 2011.

The 1,333 admitted students span 56 states and 66 countries. Forty-eight percent of those admitted are from underrepresented minorities. Of students ranked in their high schools, 49 percent are valedictorians and 90 percent are in the top five percent of their class.

Dean of Admissions Marilee Jones said that the target size for the freshman class has increased from 1,005 to 1,026. The admissions office is anticipating a yield of 66.5 percent, which would be similar to last year’s yield, allowing them to admit 10 of the 500-600 students who have been placed on the waitlist.

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Trade negotiations between the United States and South Korea have fallen apart over issues like agriculture, automobiles and other titles, leaving them for next week, negotiators said Thursday. “This is the end of the road,” said Min Dong-seok, the assistant agriculture minister, said after his meeting with Ambassador Richard Cruzor, the chief American agricultural negotiator. “Those that have been resolved will be referred to a ministerial-level meeting next week.” The agreement delayed a free-trade deal that the Bush administration has called the most ambitious since the North American Free Trade Agreement of 1994 and a possible model for other deals it seeks in Asia.

A deal with South Korea, experts say, would not only add billions of dollars to a year of bilateral trade but also help two allies strengthen a recently strained security relationship.

Democrats See Growing Support For Bill Setting Iraq Deadline

By Jeff Zeleny and Robin Toner

WASHINGTON

For days, Democratic leaders have scrambled to shore up enough support to pass their Iraq legislation. They delayed the final vote by a day, fearful that a few undecided lawmakers — on the left and right — could decide the outcome. Now, they have to set a timeline to bring troops home from Iraq by Sept. 1, 2008.

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W20–483
Date: March 21, 2007
From: Punxsutawney Phil
To: Mr. Buddy @ MIT
Subject: Re: Law Suit

We acknowledge receipt of your letter informing us of the legal action taken against our Groundhog Day 2007 forecast. We deeply regret the cold days of last week. Shadow-scanning technology is not without flaws. We appreciate your patronage, and will compensate you for the fact that the first day of Spring found MIT campus covered in snow and ice, by means of an extra-hot Summer, starting next June. We beg you to reconsider your law suit. Since our forecast is provided free as a public service, we have no funds to pay the $5 million you request for emotional distress. (On a personal note, I have three little groundhog babies and a wife to support.) Yours truly,

- Phil

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I DON'T KNOW, PROF. RIVERA! LATELY I FEEL LIKE IT'S ALL GOING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION.

IT'S... IT'S LIKE THE FACTS SAY ONE THING, BUT ALL THE CONCLUSIONS SAY SOMETHING ELSE. IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.

YOU'D THINK BY NOW THINGS WOULD BE CLEAR, BUT IT JUST KEEPS GETTING WORSE AND WORSE...

ARE WE STILL TALKING ABOUT YOUR THESIS?

THE WORLD, PROF. RIVERA, THE WORLD.

 Uh Oh.

WHAT ARE YOU LIBERAL JERKIES PROTESTING NOW?

IS IT THE SENSE-LESS KILLING IN THE MIDDLE EAST? GLOBAL WARMING? GOVERNMENT WIRE-TAPPING THE GROWING UNION OF CHURCH AND STATE?

STOP

YES. ACTUALLY, I'M WITH YOU. YOU GET AONER SIGN?

WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT. A GUY WITH A BOW-TIE AND A VEGAN ACTUALLY AGREEING ON SOMETHING.

WEIRD, EH?

IT'S LIKE, HOW MUCH LONGER ARE PEOPLE GOING TO LET THE ADMINISTRATION CONTINUE ACTING SO IRRESPONSIBLY?

YOU MEAN THE BUDGET DEFICIT, RIGHT?

THE BUDGET WHAT?

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Pseudoscience

by David Klein-Marcuschamer

Figure 6. This chart was constructed with average demographics of the infinite corridor. The data is subject to seasonal variation, and so it is only meant to show trends. For instance, between May and September the “Tours” population grows significantly, while the “Stadlin” population shrinks. The value of the Tours group is also inflated by the fact that they move slowly, so their average occupancy of the corridor increases.
CONCERT REVIEW

MITSO Performance Shines With Exuberance

Elisabeth Hon Delights in Mozart's Cantata

By Bogdan Fedeles

Concert Friday, Mar. 16, 2007
Kresge

During my time at MIT, I have learned that the best thing to do on a Friday night is to grab some friends and go to a MITSO concert, which is possible about twice a term. When I got to Kresge last Friday, I was delighted to see a large audience that apparently felt the same way despite the surprisingly inclement weather. Under the baton of conductor Paul M. Biss, MITSO again delivered an uplifting performance, featuring the all-time favorites Grieg’s “Peer Gynt Suite” and Stravinsky’s “Firebird.” The program also included Beethoven’s “Symphony No. 1,” and Mozart’s early masterpiece, the cantata “Exsultate, Jubilate,” with soprano Elisabeth Hon G, winner of the MITSO concerto competition.

The concert was enjoyable throughout, but several moments were outright impressive. Among these, the cantata was the highlight of the evening. Hon, a PhD student in electrical engineering, enthralled the audience with her singing, showcasing not only a solid vocal technique, but also a uniquely sweet timbre. Her graceful, unassuming stage presence matched Mozart’s playful music, written when the composer was only 16 years old. Also remarkable was Hon’s expressivity, as she effortlessly conveyed the central emotion in the piece, which is exultation in divine communion, achieved through prayer and song.

Although an early composition, Mozart’s “Exsultate Jubilate” is a notoriously difficult piece, often considered a lesser work, this performance highlighted its intricacies and novel ideas. All the challenging elements, including trills, high notes and melismata (vocal runs), were rendered with utmost precision, to the great delight of the audience.

The piece requires only a small chamber orchestra for accompaniment, comprised of strings, oboes and horns. Although not in the spotlight, this reduced complement of MITSO confidently supported the soloist, highlighting Mozart’s inventive figurations. The violas introducing the slow movement theme were especially expressive. Also noteworthy was the presence of the organ as a continuo in the recitativo section. Hearing the instrument adorning one of Kresge’s balconies come to life while Hon’s voice soared gracefully through the auditorium made for a mesmerizing moment.

If you missed Friday’s concert, you will have another chance to enjoy Hon’s vocal mastery, at her Emerson recital, Friday April 20, 5 p.m., in Killian Hall.

Stravinsky’s “Firebird Suite,” performed last, was also breathtaking. This time, the music required a large orchestra, including a great variety of percussion instruments. MITSO tackled Stravinsky’s famous score with a youthful exuberance and energy, in the end delivering an engaging performance. The slow sections in the piece were the most expressive, due in great part to excellent playing in the winds section. The extended wind solos, often on simple Russian folk tunes, went straight to audience’s heart. The faster sections, although imbued with good energy, tended to get a little hectic, though never out of control. Nevertheless, the most memorable section of the piece — the ending — was also the most exciting, being rendered with great enthusiasm and verve.

The first half of the concert featured Beethoven’s “Symphony No. 1,” and Grieg’s “Peer Gynt Suite No. 1.” Although solidly played, this half was clearly overshadowed by the charm and exuberance of the second half.

While Beethoven’s first symphony is often considered a lesser work, this performance highlighted its intricacies and novel ideas. The majestic character of the introduction and first theme were accurately conveyed, although the first movement lacked some of the liveliness and brilliance required by the composer. The other movements got more exciting, notably the heartfelt melancholy of the Andante, the energy and good voicing in the Scherzo (called here Menuetto) and the wit of the finale. The overall performance was enjoyable, but the occasional imperfection in synchronization prevented the music from reaching sustained expressivity.

Grieg’s suite fared slightly better. Due to the popular nature of the tunes featured, MITSO’s rendition of “Peer Gynt” was engaging, despite very occasional intonation difficulties. Again, the winds stood out with captivating solos in the first movement, “Morning Mood,” which suffused the audience with its serenity. The strings had their moment in “Aase’s Death,” a movement for muted strings only, where they effectively conveyed the hero’s sorrow watching his mother on her deathbed.

“Anitra’s Dance” featured the triangle, perhaps a little too abundantly, so that despite the good dance impetus, the movement came out less expressive than the other three. Finally, the famous troll chase from “In the Hall of the Mountain King” was extremely entertaining and good humored. Although in MITSO’s rendition, the trolls seemed to stumble occasionally while chasing Peer Gynt, by the end, the hero makes a successful escape and the piece ends with a-filling bang.

The MIT Symphony Orchestra performed a concert this past Friday, March 16 featuring soprano soloist Elisabeth A. Hon G, winner of the 2007 MITSO Concerto Competition. She is pictured singing during Wolfgang Amadé Mozart’s “Exsultate, Jubilate.”

Ina Zdorovetchi, a harpist from the New England Conservatory, plays during MITSO’s final piece of the night, the 1919 version of Igor Stravinsky’s “The Firebird Suite.”
**CONCERT REVIEW**

**Arcade Fire's Sophomore Release Unsettling and Unsettled**

By Andrew Leo

Arcade Fire

Phone Dog, Portland, Oregon. November 18, 2007

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Gender Inequality an Issue
Still Present in Admissions

Admissions, from Page 1

the table below. Although the higher accep-
tance rate for women reflects fewer female applicants, Jones said it would be "extremely challenging" to push too far to
favor women for acceptance into MIT. "Women are accepting of numbers as men do. It's a cultural
device," Jones said. "The ones who do, they're really strong and are desirable types of candidates," while
the male applicant pool has "wider range.
"Beyond whether or not we know whether the ratio of males to females would change if the number of female
applicants increased.

Jones said that MIT does not have quotas for the number of male or female students accepted and that the number of admissions offices for international students. Foreign student admissions are limited to eight percent of the incoming class.

Jones has worked in the ad-
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tions that are underrepresented in the applicant pool, that can vary widely from year to year. Gender, however, has always been an issue, she said, and "it continues to be true."

When Jones was named Dean of Admissions at MIT in 2002, the under-
graduate population was 17 percent female. By last fall, it had risen to 39 per-
cent by 1998 when Jones was named Dean of Admissions. The Class of
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union officials say, disruption to the schedules of students, particularly graduating seniors, would be kept to a minimum.

Without elaborating, Cal State administrators said they would have contingency plans to deal with any walkout.

“This is just what unions do,” said Clara Potes-Fellow, a university spokeswoman. “There will be interruptions, of course, but that doesn’t mean that the university will be shut down.”

The union said 94 percent of more than 8,000 members who had voted on a strike favored authorizing it.

At the university’s Dominguez Hills campus, in Carson, Travis was cheered by dozens of his members, who wore black T-shirts bearing the inscription “I don’t want to strike, but I will.”

“[Cal State] is a faculty that’s fed up,” he told them, “and we are a faculty that’s ready to walk off the job.”

Many low- and middle-income students from around the state, about a third of them the first in their families to attend college, rely on the Cal State system for an education. But faculty salaries there lag far behind those at other universities and, the union says, have remained stagnant since 2002.

Moody’s Investors Service reported this week that Cal State had cash reserves of $1.2 billion, which union officials say gives the university the financial flexibility to resolve the dispute.

Administrators say that this money has been allocated to other purposes and cannot be used for teacher pay.

Cal State Admins. Say a Strike Will Not Close Down Campuses
Some Team Members Came to MIT Without Pistol Experience

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in an e-mail. The team members say this cohesiveness gives them a feel- ing of calm, knowing that they have the support of their teammates both competitively and emotionally.

Hart plays a big role as well, transforming MIT students, many of whom have no previous shooting experi- ence, into nationally-competitive athletes. Both Lee and Nee came to MIT without any pistol experience and became national medal win- ners by their senior year. Hart says he actually prefers shooters with no experience because they have no bad habits to break.

The national competition itself is a marathon designed to measure as precisely as possible the shooting ability of the teams involved. Teams compete in three different events, testing their ability to shoot differ- ent types of pistols with different amounts of time to aim. For example, there is a rapid-fire .22-caliber event where shooters have to make 5 shots in 10 seconds and an air pistol event where shooters have 75 minutes to shoot 40 shots.

The first event was free pistol, which took most of last Thursday and consisted of 60 shots in 2 hours with a .22. MIT completed this event in second place, 26 points behind Army. These people are good. The free pistol event is shot at targets 50 feet away and rewards 10 points for a bull’s-eye, 9 for the second ring, 8 for the third ring, and so on. In 60 shots, Lee scored 518, for an 8.6 av- erage per shot.

The Engineers started their come- back in the second event of the open competition, the standard pistol, shot on Friday. Again, they finished sec- ond, but this time they were ahead of Army and behind Navy, making the overall standings 4,141-4,140, with Navy one point ahead going into the final event, Saturday’s air pistol. Lee, Nee, Edward S. Huo ’08, and Fuzhou Hu ’09 averaged 558 out of 600, good for the top team score in the event and enough to push MIT ahead of Army by 7 for the overall victory.

Next year the Engineers will lose Nee, Lee, and another top shooter, P Raju Palaniappan ’08. Despite the losses, Hart said in an e-mail that another national championship next year is not out of the question. “My philosophy is one shot at a time, one match at a time. But, the best way to get MIT students to do something is to tell them it cannot be done, so we’ll see,” he said.

Lee and Nee will leave with a slew of awards, including their in- dividual and team medals from this year’s competition, as well as medals won at previous nation- al events, and All-American honors. They will also leave with their NRA membership card that they are re- quired to buy to participate in the tournament. It’s a running joke on the team that they are some of the few card-carrying members of the NRA in Cambridge.

March 23, 2007

Is everything in a mental health visit really 100% confidential?

Everything that you tell a mental health clinician is privileged information. This means that the information about you cannot be given to any other person without your permission.

There are a few exceptions: 1) if you are in danger of physical harm by suicide, then your clinician can notify other people in order to keep you from harming yourself; 2) if someone else is in danger, then that person can be informed; 3) if you are involved in the abuse or neglect of a child or an elderly person, then your clinician is mandated to inform the appropriate agency.

I am applying for a job and the application asks if I have ever been diagnosed with a psychiatric disorder. Does seeing someone at MHS mean I have to an- swer yes to this question?

Not necessarily. Many people are seen at MHS for things other than “psychiatric disorders.” It is also important to remember that for most jobs a “yes” answer to that question usually just leads to a few more questions and the prospective employer pos- sibly contacting the clinician at MHS.

I am applying for a job that requires a security clearance. Will the fact that I have been seen at MHS have an impact on my clearance?

This is an issue that comes up frequently. Usually the agency that is doing the clearance contacts MHS after notifying you (we need your permis- sion to release information; usually the agency has already asked you to sign something to this effect). The agency will ask your clinician for his or her professional opinion as to whether you are a risk to security. They are generally more interested in the clinician’s overall assessment regarding your potential risk to security than in the details of your medical record.

MIT Mental Health Service

MIT Medical, E23-3rd Floor
Call 617-253-2916 for appointments and info
Walk-in hours 2-4 pm, Monday-Friday for urgent matters

This is one of a series of mental health FAQs developed by SHAC (Student Health Advisory Committee) with input from MIT Medical’s Mental Health Advisory Committee. More questions and answers on mental health issues are available online.

Go to http://web.mit.edu/medical to find answers to the following questions:

▶ Does information about mental health appointments go in my medical record?
▶ Who should use mental health services?
▶ How do I make an appointment?
▶ What should I expect at my first visit?
▶ Does it cost anything to use the mental health service at MIT Medical?

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into the second half as she gave the Engineers their largest lead of the day, 8-3, after 26 seconds elapsed. On the ensuing draw control, Keene State’s Tully registered the first goal of her career. The game was scoreless from there until Meagan Moran’s goal with 21:12 left on the clock. The Owls closed the gap to two (8-6) three minutes later on Tully’s second goal of half.

A defensive battle ensued for the remainder of the game until He set up Samantha F. O’Keefe ’09 for an insurance goal with 27 seconds left to play. Watson picked up a team-high five groundballs to go along with three draw controls and two caused turnovers. Ming Leong ’09, He, and O’Keefe each added three groundballs as Flynn totaled three draw controls. Goaltender HeeJay Kang ’07 collected 11 saves for the Engineers.

MIT will travel to West Palm Beach for spring break matches against Hartwick College and SUNY Potsdam on Monday, March 26 and Tuesday, March 27.
Daily Meditation

“Make My love thy treasure, and cherish it even as thy very sight and life.” ~Bahá’u’lláh

MIT Bahá’í Association

Study on reading and dyslexia at MIT

MIT (John Gabrieli lab) is currently conducting research on reading difficulties. We are looking for adults (ages 18-35) with reading difficulties. Individuals with a previous diagnosis of dyslexia are especially welcome.

Participants will be compensated $20/hr.

For more information please contact Christina at gablabstudy@gmail.com or at 617-324-2898

Sports

Volleyball Wins in Four Games; Sets Records for Digs, Blocks

By James Zorich

MIT men’s volleyball lost the first game to Johnson & Wales University Wednesday night at Rockwell Cage, but calmly and methodically won the next three for a 26-30, 30-25, 30-22, 30-28 victory.

On their way to the triumph, two Engineers set significant milestones for the men’s volleyball program. With a personal-best 20 digs, Ryan G. Dean ’08 now stands alone as the Institute’s all-time leader with 815 career digs, while six-foot, seven-inch Michael Demetriannese ’10 contributed five blocks to set a new MIT record for blocks in a season with 140.

Demetriannese and fellow middle hitter Thomas S. Pollom ’09 are already well on their way to rewriting the record books in career blocks. Despite being underclassmen, both are over halfway towards the career record.

The fourth game of the match was the most exciting, as MIT (25-5, 10-4) trailed for the majority of the game before taking its first lead at 25-24. The lead widened to 26-24 on a controversial point when the referee overruled the line judge, ruling that a ball was not tipped on its way out of bounds. This appeared to inspire the Wildcats (6-13, 4-4), who were able to fight their way back to a 27-27 tie, but Prasenjeet Paddamukkala ’08 provided the final two kills of the match for MIT to avoid a fifth game.

Paddamukkala led the Engineers with 24 kills, as his spikes often met little resistance from the Johnson & Wales blockers. He finished with a huge .431 hitting percentage, followed closely by Kenneth R. Rosche ’08, who had a season-best 14 kills and a .428 hitting percentage.

The first three games of the match provided little drama. In the first game, the Wildcats took the lead for good at 5-4, as the Engineers were slightly lethargic coming out of the gate. MIT’s hitters attempted a number of inessence tips and seemed to be trying to place their spikes, and it was not until the second game that Tech’s power game took over.

Johnson & Wales never held a lead in the second game. After a 10-10 tie, the Engineers kept the Wildcats at bay, maintaining at least a two-point advantage for the rest of the game following a Paddamukkala kill for a 15-13 lead.

In the third game, the Engineers took advantage of a number of unforced errors by the Wildcats to turn a 20-18 lead into a comfortable 24-22 win.

The Engineers, ranked No. 11 nationally, will take their unblemished NorthEast Collegiate Volleyball Association record to the conference tournament next weekend.

Upcoming Home Events

Saturday, March 24, 2007
Sailing Dinghy Cup
9:00 a.m., Charles River

Sunday, March 25, 2007
Sailing Dinghy Cup
9:00 a.m., Charles River

Saturday, March 31, 2007
Sailing Oberg Trophy
Softball vs. Smith College (Doubleheader)
9:00 a.m., Charles River
Men’s Lacrosse vs. UMass-Boston
1:00 p.m., Jack Barry Field

Sunday, April 1, 2007
Sailing Oberg Trophy
9:00 a.m., Charles River

MIT Women’s Lacrosse
Beats Keene State 9-6, Flynn Leading Scorer

By Mindy Brauer

The MIT women’s lacrosse team beat Keene State College 9-6 on Tuesday for their first win of the season.

Casey M. Flynn ’10 led all scorers with six points, including five goals, as the Engineers improved to 1-1 on the year. Michelle Mazzotta and Dene Tully each scored twice for the Owls (0-1).

Mazzotta opened the scoring 2:08 into the contest with an unassisted strike. Flynn tied the game five minutes later and then connected on a feed from Lily He ’09 to give MIT the lead at 13:34. Just over a minute later, the Owls’ La- naya Nelson evened the score at two.

The Engineers responded with three unanswered goals in a span of four minutes to open up a 5-2 lead. Flynn started the spurt, which was followed by a free position goal from Laura C. Watson ’08 and a shot from He that trickled into the net.

Mazzotta narrowed the Owls’ deficit to two (5-3) with 11:38 remaining in the half before Flynn contributed to MIT’s final goals of the frame as she set up Watson and then converted a free position attempt for what proved to be the game-winning goal.

Flynn carried the momentum over to the second half, scoring two of the Engineers’ three goals. The game-winning goal was assisted off the stick of Laura C. Watson ’08, who finished with a .431 hitting percentage.