Marilee Jones Did Receive Degree
Former Dean Received Bachelor's Degree, But From Different Institution

By Marcella Bombardieri

The mystery of Marilee Jones, the former MIT admissions dean who recently admitted to lying about her academic credentials, has deepened.

First, despite having falsely claimed three degrees she did not have, it turns out Jones does have a college degree — from a school she did not list on the resume she gave MIT when she first applied for a job there, in 1979. The college also does not appear on biographies from her many national speaking engagements. She named a bachelor’s degree in biology in 1973 from a small Catholic college in Albany, the College of Saint Rose, according to MIT and Saint Rose.

Second, as an MIT official said yesterday that Jones embellished her credentials a second time after MIT hired her when she added a degree from Albany Medical College to her resume. The later misstatement appears to contradict Jones’s account last week that she made the false claims at the same time — 28 years ago.

Jones, 55, has not responded to repeated attempts, including on Tuesday, to reach her.

Jones was belated for her career, engaging personality and her national campaign to combat the stress of college admissions. Some friends have rallied to her side, eager to forgive her for a one-time mistake made in her youth, an assessment the revelation of the more recent embellishment could complicate.

The news that Jones has a degree from Saint Rose raises the question of whether her past inspired her to lead a crusade to convince parents and students that a famous college isn’t the only ticket to success.

The truth is that success and happiness are states of mind and have nothing to do with where one goes to college,” wrote Jones in the 2006 book she coauthored, “Less Stress, More Success: A New Approach to College Admissions and Beyond.” “Many of us did not go to top-tier colleges and have managed to lead happy, succes...
Meeting With Syrian Minister Marks Shift in Bush Strategy

By Helene Cooper and Michael Slackman

SECRETARY OF STATE CONDOLEZZA RICE on Monday met with Syria's foreign minister, Walid al-Moallem, in the middle of two days of international talks on Iraq in which the Bush administration is seeking the help of Iraq's neighbors, and countries around the world, to quell the violence there and relieve Iraq's enormous debt.

By design, Rice's conversations with Syria and other countries will be highly confidential. But they also represent an acknowledgement that the Bush administration is only now serious about improving relations with countries around the world, to include any that help the United States.

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Weather

L.A. Weather?

By Gegenon Chan

May 4, 2007

Sunny for five days in a row — is that possible? Yes! New England is well known for its changing weather, so several consecutive days of sunny skies can seem improbable. According to the National Climate Data Center, Boston has had sunny days for 98 days out of an average year, with sunny skies being defined as less than 30 percent cloud cover. Meanwhile, if you are curious, the number one city for clear skies in Nevada, AZ, which enjoys an average of 300 sunny days a year, is Yuma, AZ, which enjoys an average of 300 sunny days a year.

Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Friday, May 4, 2007

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In an opinion column in the Stinger, Marilee Jones' influence was widely felt. The article states that one of our top professors has traded competency for diversity in the quality of the incoming class students who have a passion to change the world, and that their efforts should be given higher priority. Once submitted, all letters become available through the online submission system.

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The recent Undergraduate Association election has once again proven the incompetence and negligence of the UA. The outcome lacks a democratic mandate and results from the manipulation of the electorate because of the blatant misrepresentations of the organization. Not only did the UA disenfranchise 30 percent of the undergraduates population in one class council election, but it seemed to manipulate itself in itself when making a simple decision on whether or not to allow one student’s candidacy in another.

The UA should have taken measures to ensure that no potential voters were disenfranchised due to logistical difficulties. Members of the class of 2009 who are currently living off-campus and not knowing after their freshman year were unable to vote in the election unless they sent an e-mail to the UA requesting the right to vote. With an already low voter turnout, it is naive to expect the few who actually try to vote to get the extra mile and request the ability to vote. Moreover, students who are unable to vote in one election are less likely to vote in subsequent elections. The UA should be fostering activism, not apathy.

In addition, those disfranchised voters were members of the Greek community, a community with which the UA already had a weak relationship. A competent UA system would have made the effort to remedy this mistake. It would be interesting to see what would happen if Burton-Center, Baker, and East Campus residents all lost their right to vote, as these dorms have significantly more enrollment than those across the river. This negligence was a strong factor in the election, as off-campus Greeks were elected to contested class council positions. The bulk of their supporters were silenced at the polls. Though the negligence, the UA has failed to accurately represent MIT’s undergraduate demographic.

Our leaders in the UA should be decisive and consistent. The election for Class of 2008 vice president passed them instead to be incompetent and irresolute. According to The Tech on March 16, vice-presidential candidate Prashant K. Dhillon was “granted an extension for his CAE application by the UA representative.” Afterwards, Dhillon was removed as a candidate by the UA Election Commission. Still, Dhillon was not removed by the UA Judicial Review Board. Finally, in the appeal before the elections, the Judicial Review Board decided that Dhillon violated election rules, appealing “violated election rules” to his “conduct on ballot.”

This incident demonstrates the red tape and obstacles that current leaders in the UA, the Tech, and the Undergraduate Association (UA) system designed itself. Different branches of the organization were not on the same page, did not communicate with each other, and even went for years without knowing one another. Each the UA Vice President, the Undergraduate Association, and the Tech argued their cases against the Judicial Review Board, and the UA senate all seemed to be working against each other rather than towards a common goal.

After the final decision was made, the UA Election Commission Rules Board gave Dhillon a campaign violation because he created a Facebook group in support of his campaign before he was an official candidate. Dhillon made the group only after he was told by the UA that he was a write-in candidate. The UA penalized him for the existence of the group. This is further evidence for the underhanded nature of the UA candidate. The appeals process called for an emergency session of UA senate to make the decision. But Dhillon was not allowed to attend this hearing when he is an official candidate when the UA is making the election decision for themselves? The UA should be going through internal reforms instead of taking out frustrations on their own people.

The recent UA elections were simply a reflection of the dramatic complacency and missteps of the UA is the fact that it took no actions to right its wrongs. In the case of the Class of 2009 Senate, instead of sending an explanatory e-mail out to the class of 2009 who had moved into off-campus housing, the UA decided to make the decision on their behalf. In the case of the Dilwali election, the UA should have made a prompt and decisive action even before the final decision was made.

I hope that Martin F. Holmes and Ali S. Wyne, UA incoming president and vice president, respectively, take the time to understand the apparent failings of the election process and to ensure that these events do not repeat themselves.

Letters, from Page 4

Abortion Cartoon

Justified and Necessary

This letter is in response to Michal J Green's claim that the Tech's decision to publish a cartoon depicting a structural modification to the building was “inappropriate.” In my opinion, such a cartoon is not only justified but strengthens the light of the Supreme Court's recent decision, which disregards common medical practice in order to impose a medical procedure on women's rights. While the Green seemed to ignore was that the main reason for this ruling was to ensure that women's medical procedures are not not subjected to tests before the Supreme Court does not have any more respect for the abilities of women to make decisions about their bodies and about a potentially life-saving medical procedure. In making this ruling, the five male justices have set a women's right to choose, and her personal safety, by decades.

Bob Marley's departure, which was clearly neces- sary and appropriate to maintain the reputation and integrity of MIT and its admissions process, in no way affects the conduct of the MIT admissions process itself, or the results of that process this year or in any other year. We have participated di- rectly in this process over the past three years as chair of the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid (CUAFA), which has oversight and policy-setting responsibility for admissions. There is no question that the process is indeed extremely rigorous and applied with the highest possible standards of integrity.

The quick efforts that MIT and its administration took to assure that no potential voters lost their voice due to our actions, or messages may be inconsistent with the community who may not have been famil- iar with the apparent failings of the election process and to ensure that these events do not repeat themselves.
**PROOF OF FALSE**

**SLEEP-DEPRIVED END-OF-TERM ADVENTURES**

Hey, 'tis midnight, time to see if all my favorite comics updated.

**THERE'S DESERT AND PEARS BEFORE SWINE...**

Looks like Homestar Runner added something new...

**AWWWW, WHY N'T THERE A NEW PROOF OF FALSE COMIC?**

by Andrew Spann

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**Run Bug**

The other day, the weather was perfect. Flowers and pollen, blue sky, fresh breeze... it was a 'Perfect 10' Spring day.

Then, the next day, it was so hot that tons of people were taking sunbaths in the grass... a warm midsummer day.

And a couple of days later, it is so cold again that I can see steam coming out of my breath, and my hands hurt... like late Fall or early Winter again.

I warned you: Cambridge has four seasons.

Yeah, but all four seasons in the same week? Come on!

2007-May-02

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**THE SCIENTIFIC METHOD**

1. Observe natural phenomena
2. Formulate Hypothesis
3. Test hypothesis via rigorous Experiment
4. Establish Theory based on repeated validation of results

**THE ACTUAL METHOD**

1. Make up Theory based on what Funding Agency Manager wants to be true
2. Design minimum experiments that will prove theory true
3. Publish Paper: rename Theory a "Hypothesis" and pretend you used the Scientific Method
4. Defend Theory despite all evidence to the contrary

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Figure 10. The graph was constructed with data of 54 info sessions during the course of 2 years. This and other studies suggest that the quality of life while working for a company is inversely proportional to the quality of food provided at recruiting events. This study does not account for additional strategies used to distract prospective employees from asking threatening questions, such as flashing keychains and multicolored pens.

Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column, row, and 3 by 3 grid contains exactly one of each of the digits 1 through 9.
Solution, tips, and computer program at http://www.sudoku.com; see also solution, page 13.
By J. Jillian A. Berry

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum
MIT Musical Theatre Guild
April 27-29, May 4-5, 2007
Kresge Little Theatre

T his past weekend, the MIT Musical Theatre Guild opened their spring musical, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum for more information. [studentrush.htm]
costume tickets are available for $20; see for more information.

The movie focuses on the complexities of the main character's morbidly introspective personality and his nightmare of a river's flow. The movie is a morbidly introspective tale about the life of a crime fighting superhero. While Batman

stayed motionless, evoking the hypnotic effect of a river's flow.

At the end of "The River," veteran dancer Renée Robinson and male lead Clifton Brown created a psychologically compelling portrait of a couple's complex relationship. The simple duet acquires a kind of mythic grandeur when the rest of the company materializes out of the background, posed in a chorus-like frenzy, turning the couple's specific plight into an archetypal scenario. The audience started off a little shaky with some off-key. In addition, Misha Leybovich Gabrielopoulos '07, who played the overbearing wife, Domina, was absolutely terrifying in their element.

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre
Thursday, April 26, 2007
Citi Wang Theatre

The highly acclaimed and accomplished Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre returns to MIT for a performance on opening night of Ailey Week 2007 in Boston. Alvin Ailey founded his modern dance company in 1958. Following his death from AIDS in 1989, the company, under the leadership of Lester Horton, re-stages original choreography that ordinarily charges Ailey's events. To a neurotic character. Moreover, he brought pure happiness, such a weak reception is understandably forgotten members of any musical. Although the orchestra started off a little shaky with some off-key. In addition, Misha Leybovich Gabrielopoulos '07, who played the overbearing wife, Domina, was absolutely terrifying in their element.

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The themes of morality and duty recur often in Spider-Man. The film eventually becomes difficult to watch. If I find a cruise ship at a Chetos factory, the crater would still be less cheesy than the one fifteen minutes of the movie. Parker's lucky for you there will be another set of performances this weekend, so I would recommend seeing it if you get a chance.

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I don’t know about you, but it is easy to get depressed about the current state of American cinema. Despite occasional gems like one for the third week in a row and someday actually finances the likes of Kicking it Old School and.spacing and irony. Not before you decide to send a pipe bomb to Universal studios, keep in mind all the great thriller makers pursuing innovative and interesting cinema! Last week, some of these brave film makers descended on Boston for the fifth annual Independent Film Festival of Boston. With over 20 short documentaries, and narrative features including some premiers, the event has become a great destination for anyone who likes movies and is sick of the crap in wide release. Beyond the films, there were also panel discussions, Q&A’s with the filmmakers after most screenings, parties every night, and lots of free Utz potato chips.

Let’s not forget that this is not just a film festival but an independent film festival — there is absolutely nothing to worry about. You will see many of these films at Locs, Blockbuster, or even small army cinemas. Also, the “independent” factor means that the career prospects of inde- pendent filmmaking is on everybody’s mind. Inde- pendent filmmaking has become an insane struggle game with the goal to get funding, make money, and just getting your movie seen.

In the end, it is the other festi- val-goers that make your attendance worthwhile. YouTube and down- loadable may be the future, but there is something a little bit magical about seeing a movie on a huge screen with a whole bunch of other people. Those people also tend to be pretty impressive — I had random con- versations with filmmakers, festival staff and volunteers, other movie fans and press, and celebrities. Acciden- tally sit in the VIP section, and you too can meet a former New Kid on the block, and possibly the funniest person alive, Will Arnett.

In five days, I was able to see 13 shorts, seven feature length films, and attend one panel discussion. Sadly, only a few of these films will probably be distributed in a manner where they will reach your eyes, but here are my thoughts. I encourage you to seek out some of these films.

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The Beach Party at the Threshold of Hell
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Spider-Man’s Fight Scenes Shine With Special Effects

In more superficial terms, *Spider-Man 3* continues the tradition of dramatic fight sequences. The series has always been known for its epic CGI fight scenes, and this newest sequel delivers. *Spider-Man* faces two new villains, Sandman (Thomas Haden Church) and Venom (Topher Grace), both of whom present truckloads of opportunities for dazzling special effects. Sandman is, obviously, made of sand, and looks like the result of letting your little brother make action figures out of kitty litter — albeit twice as awesome and half as gross. Venom is the aforementioned alien life form, and resembles that gunk left on a grill after you cook a cheeseburger, although hopefully nothing from your grill has ever tried to murder your girlfriend. Without a hint of exception, the action scenes are simply breathtaking. My only complaint is that I had trouble concentrating on some parts as I couldn’t help but hear the silent wail of pain from the 10,000 Course VI’ers who had to program things like “Fireball #17” or “Sand fist #67.”

Overall, *Spider-Man 3* finds, hits, and brutalizes all of the goals that it sets out to accomplish, and I would definitely recommend seeing it. If you don’t like the action, enjoy the multitude of romantic scenes and the Sesame-Street-style life lessons scattered liberally throughout. If you don’t like the sappiness, revel in the grenade-launching flame-throwing skateboards and the fact that trains are used as weapons, which is pretty much the most bad-ass thing to happen since the last pirate went extinct. If you like both, wear a ski mask because this movie will blow your face off.

So … you missed the festival this year. Don’t fret — start preparing for next year! Here are some tips on how to do it right. The sheer size of the festival can be a little overwhelming and it is impossible to see even half of the material being shown. Just pick the things that really catch your eye, but also take a chance and try something you normally wouldn’t. Don’t just stick to narrative features either; there is a huge sampling of documentaries and shorts that merit your consideration. Another thing to keep in mind is to be careful when navigating venues. This year the festival was headquartered at the Somerville theatre in Davis Square, but many movies were also screened at the Brattle and Coolidge Corner. You need to keep in mind how far you want to go and how big the screen is going to be. I love the Brattle, but their single screen kind of blows, the seating is certainly not “stadium,” and the projection can be less than ideal. As tickets go, a “chrome pass” which grants access to all festival hootenanny is pricey at 180 dollars, while tickets to a single film are nine bucks each. You can get around this potential problem by volunteering and seeing the films for free with the added bonus of a T-shirt and good conversation with other volunteers. Another benefit is getting into the parties, which are a strange mélange of people that make a great festival even better.

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at the Threshold of Hell and Songbird, which won the Special Jury prize for best short. There were also three shorts packages, each a little over an hour in length. One highlight was a trilogy of shorts from Canadian writer/director Jamie Travis entitled Patterns 1, Patterns 2, and Patterns 3. This endlessly stylish series really grows on you and by the end it comes together and becomes a piece with a life of its own. A grouping of documentary shorts ended with the heart-wrenching Freed, about the case of an ex-police detective dying of lung cancer and the New Jersey county government’s unwillingness to extend her pension to her female domestic partner. The piece was powerfully intimate and touching. I am a little embarrassed to admit that I cried … a lot.

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Congressman Tierney Advocates Plans For College Affordability

By Marie Y. Thibault

In early April, I sat down for a let-surely and candid conversation with Massachusetts Congressman John F. Tierney (D) in Salem, Mass. office. Although our talk touched on topics as diverse as Afghanistan, Pak-istan, and the presidential candidates, students might breathe a sigh of relief when they hear that Tierney has plans to make college more affordable.

Tierney has several ideas for stemming rising education costs. With last year's College Affordability and Ac-countability Act (H.R. 2739), he said that he wanted states to “step back up to the plate” with funding for state universities. More Pell Grants are needed, he says, and loans are more expensive than they need to be: Earlier this year, he helped pass a bill, the College Student Relief Act (H.R. 5), that cut the Stafford loan interest rate in half. A way to entice schools to find cost-saving measures is in order, he said, perhaps in the form of more work study opportunities or campus-based aid. He said that he has hopes of passing a bill this year that would reward campuses for staying within what he termed a “higher education index.” If a campus kept tuition within a certain price range, it could be rewarded with more cam-pus-based aid and Pell Grants.

Tierney also suggested a “loan forgiveness” bill. Such a bill would “forgive” one year of educational loans for each year a student works in a service field at jobs like teach-ing or nursing. This would alleviate the some students face when choosing a career after graduation— Tierney said he knew of students who chose a more lucrative path that did not match their interests in order to pay off student loans. As a 1973 Salem State gradu-ate, Tierney worked multiple jobs, including a stint as a security guard, to pay for classes. Working one’s way through college is barely, if at all, possible anymore, he said. “I just really feel strongly that we’ve got to provide some measure of action here to get schools to keep their costs down. It’s out of control.”

Jones’s Degree Comes From Less Recognized College of Saint Rose

Although our story changed a bit over time,” Clay said. The chancellor said a degree from a lesser-known school would not have hurt her chances to become dean — had she never lied — because MIT was familiar with her work. “I think it wouldn’t have mat-tered, hopefully, after 18 years,” he said. “I’m not familiar with that school, but there are other schools I’m not familiar with.”

Saint Rose officials told the Globe yesterday that their records showed that a Marilee Jones graduated in 1973, but they could not verify that it was the former admissions dean. MIT officials, however, confirmed that they had learned yesterday that Jones graduated from the school. Jones grew up in Albany and would have been 21 in May 1973. An MIT official said she did not know how the school found out. A Saint Rose spokesperson said privacy laws prevented them from saying more about Jones.

Saint Rose, an all-women’s col-lege that became coed in 1969, is best known today for producing a large proportion of New York State’s teachers and for its nationally-ranked graphic design program. It is a re-pected school with roughly 5,000 students. News & World Report this year ranks it 68th among 83 top schools in the North with master’s level programs. It tied with, among others, Wheelock College in Boston and City College of New York.

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Some Students Run Into Errors Voting in Second Coop Elections

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gan April 26, had received 400 votes as of yesterday afternoon, said Coop general manager Allan Powell. The election's results are valid unless at least five percent of eligible voters vote about $50 votes are required. In the event that this second election cannot raise enough votes, “we will not go to a third election,” said Al- Ian S. Buffeted ’59, chairman of the Coop’s board of directors. Instead, he said, the positions would be filled directly by the board, per the Coop’s bylaws.

The first election, which ran from March 6 to April 6, saw some votes be- ing cast on voters’ behalf by a proxy; these proxy votes are not specifi- cally permitted by the organization’s bylaws and so may not be counted under Massachusetts law; said Jodi N. Beggs ’00, who cast ballots on behalf of dozens of her supporters. Beggs said she was not aware that the practice was not allowed.

Powell said that there is “no permis- sion in the bylaws to allow” voting by proxy, as a result, the election was declared invalid by the Coop’s stock- holders, a group of ten which han- dles issues of corporate governance. Buffeted said the Coop chose to hold a second vote because it “would not have been appropriate” to void the election for technical reasons and then appoint the new board directly while time still remained to hold an- other election.

This year’s election was also un- usual because only three MIT stu- dents were directly nominated onto the ballot. The Coop’s stockholders nominate 11 students, according to the Coop’s bylaws, four of those nominated must be MIT students. This year, the stockholders nominat- ed eight Harvard students and three MIT students, 11 in total.

Powell said that a March 1997 amend- ment to the Coop’s bylaws had eliminated the four-student re- striction. The amendment Powell referenced does not appear relevant, though it states that stockholders may nominate fewer than 11 students to avoid the distribution requirements. Following the announced nomi- nations, MIT student Alexander St. Claire ’08 and Beggs increased the number of candidates to 13 by add- ing themselves to the ballot. Each new candidate submitted a petition with the names and membership numbers of at least 75 student Coop members.

Powell said that he learned from Beggs on April 6 — the last day of the first election — that she had voted on behalf of some of those who signed her petition. Beggs said that, inspired by weekly e-mails from Powell about the proxy voter turnout, she called and e-mailed many of her supporters. She said that some sup- porters had asked her to vote on their behalf because they were unable to reach a computer before the mid- night deadline, and that others had been unwilling to visit the voting Web site and had requested Beggs vote for them.

To prevent proxy voting in the second election, Powell said he would contact some or all of the signatories to St. Claire and Beggs’s petitions and confirm that they had voted on their own behalf. Currently, voting requires only one’s Coop number and the first four letters of their last name; in the future, Powell said he intends to seek a “way to assure that people are voting personally.”

Some MIT students, including Derrick G. Tay ’07 and Daniel B. Denis ’08, reported that they encoun- tered errors while attempting to vote. Both students said that after they submitted their ballots, they saw a Java error instead of a successful confirmation page: “I don’t know whether my vote was counted, but I tried multiple times and got that same error,” said Tay in an e-mail.

Why is the direction of an orga- nization which struggles for five per- cent voter turnout relevant?

Powell stressed the importance of Coop Leadership as a business experi- ence. The job involves “working on a real board, dealing with real business issues and making decisions — it’s not just an exercise,” he said. There is also a “modest stipend” for student board members. For 2006, the Coop reported $45 million revenue last year and $1.5 million net earnings.

Buffeted described the Coop as a service organization serving both MIT and Harvard students. The Coop “provides a service to them — and if they want to have a voice in the gov- ernance of that, they should express it by their vote,” he said. Serving on the board “is a valuable experience in the processes of board governance.”

St. Claire, who has been vocal in advertising his candidacy to the MIT community and in discussions with Coop management, said that he wants the Coop to be more open. He cited his difficulty in obtaining the organization’s bylaws, which are only available in paper to members at the Harvard Coop. St. Claire also said he is interested in changing the kinds of products offered at the Stu- dent Center location by targeting MIT students instead of tourists. Citing a friend who asked “you’re not the Coop just a branch of Barnes and Noble?”, Beggs said the Coop needs stronger branding. She also cited high textbook prices as a target for improvement, saying that she hopes to find some “way for the tourists to be cost-subsidizing the students.”

Students may vote at http://store. thecoop.com/coopstore/coop- store_studentelections.jsp. The site states that “Eligible voters are Stu- dent Coop members who are degree candidates at Harvard, EDS, or MIT with membership dues paid as of March 1, 2007.” This reporter was able to buy a Coop membership on May 3 and access a ballot, though it was not clear whether such a vote would be counted if submitted.

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Solution to Sudoku

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Guest Speaker Commencement Exercises 2008

The Commencement Committee invites suggestions for the guest speaker at MIT’s Commencement Exercises on Friday, June 6 from all members of the community. The Commencement speaker should be one who will be able to address topics of relevance to MIT.

Suggestions may be submitted to:

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Suggestions must be received by Tuesday, May 15.

Following a review, the Committee will submit a list to the President of the Institute for consideration. The President has the responsibility and authority for selecting and inviting a guest speaker for the Commencement Exercises.

Senior Segue Results
In, Only Two Without Housing Assignments

According to Smedick, in all 123 listed [The] Warehouse as their first choice; but there were only 15 available spots in Warehouse. The two unsigned students listed Warehouse as their only choice, Smedick said.

Smedick said five people were placed in Ashdown, 38 in SidPac, 17 in Tang, and 15 in Warehouse.

The participating seniors pay undergraduate rates, but get to live in the graduate dormitories. Senior Segue is intended to reduce crowding in undergraduate dormitories, Smedick said.

Last year, 78 of the 95 juniors who applied to Senior Segue were assigned to a graduate dormitory.

To submit an application for undergraduate summer housing, visit http://web.mit.edu/housing/undergrad/summer.html.

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Men's Track Earns NEWMAC Title to Cap Unfounded Season

By Brian Jacobs

This past Saturday, the men's track and field team won the New England Men's and Women's Ath- letes Conference (NEWMAC) Championships at Coast Guard Academy. Competing on Coast Guard Academy's newly-con- structed track, MIT beat runner-up Springfield by a score of 247 to 210. The victory followed an undefeated season and is the En- gineers' seventh consecutive title.

MIT gained important points in the distance events by swamping the 5K and 10K. In the first event of the day, Trevor B. Randall '09 won the 10K in 32:59.63 and was followed by Jack H. Bourbonnais '10 (33:11.04), Brian B. Jacokes '07 (33:18.82) and Tyler W. Abrams '09 (33:33.15). The Engineers added more points in the 5K, with Christopher Wong '08 scoring a 15-24-21 victory over Joseph D. Roy-Mayhew '08 (15:30.58), Eric A. Khatichadron '07 (15:33.04) and Hemagruti Aramugam '10 (15:34.04), again with no one from other schools in the top four.

Dominant performances in the horizontal jumps also helped MIT. Stephen A. Morton '10 jumped 21'11” in the long jump to lead a 1-2-3 fin- ish with Christopher B. Batten '07 (21'08.75”) and Anthony D. Teixeira '09 (21'08.75”). Morton came back in the triple jump to win in 46’03.25” over runner-up Teixeira (45’10.50”). The team has suffered this year from a lack of depth in the sprints and throw, but strong performances nonetheless allowed the Engineers to score points. Morton ran 22.19 in the 200-meter for first place and 11.32 in the 100-meter, while for the 4 x 100-meter relay team took first. James R. Oliveira '09 led the team, followed by Andrew J. V. with a third- place 48’02.90” in the shotput and a fourth-place 15’9.4” in the discus. Several other impressive showings secured MIT's championship. First place finishes were secured by Jer- emiau "Bermie" R. Cohen '09 in the 1500-meter (3:58.57), Johannes A. Schneider '10 in the 3000-meter stee-plechase (9:44.94) and Gregory D. Tao '10 in the pole vault (14’08.75”). They were backed up by a fourth- place 50:51.2 in the 400-meter by Wil- liam B. Fidus '10, a 3-4 finish by Mat-thew F. Bienisek '08 (1:58.34) and William S. Phillips '10 (1:59.05) in the 800-meter, and Teixeira's runner-up 15’9 in the 110-meter hurdles.

MIT will be competing in the New England Division III Championship next weekend at Springfield, seeded to finish third behind Wil- liams and Tufts.

Taekwondo Places Second in League

By Nathan Philip Wang

MIT Sport Taekwondo team took second place behind Cornell in a ten-school tournament hosted by University of Pennsylvania on Sunday April 15. The Engineers finished with 575 points, behind Cornell's 766, but well ahead of third place Tufts (90 points).

The loss to Cornell dropped Tech to second place (behind the Big Red) in the Ivy Northeast Collegiate Taekwondo League, the position MIT would finish in after another second place finish behind Cornell at the April 28 meet hosted by Columbia. MIT has traditionally been strong in the forms competition, and that tradi- tion continued at Penn with several Engineer victories in the category. Captains Rene R. Chen '07 and Eric Y. Chan '07 took first and second respectively in the women's black belt division.

On the men's side, MIT placed second with his black belt form, and Christain M. Lee '09, competing as a red belt for the first time, claimed first place in the division.

The sparring competition was also exciting, though not as successful for MIT. The MIT men's A team were second only to the Cornell A1 team, the only group that managed to defeat MIT. MIT's A2 (Ning Wu, Jack Labuchezavicz G, and Nathan F. Pang B) lost to A1 (Chen, John A. Khatchadourian '07, and Andrew F. Marshall G). The MIT women's A1 team (Chen, Sharon, and Andrew A. Lawrence '07) also earned a sil- ver medal after falling to Cornell in the finals to the Cornellians.

MIT performed even better in the C team (beginner's) sparring divi- sions. The MIT women's C1 team, led by lightweight veteran Miranda J. Ho '07, dominated the competition. She and her teammates Stephanie N. Dix '09 and Stephanie R. Chiang '08 beat all three of the Cornell C teams, claiming the first sparring gold med- al of the day in the C division.

The competition continued with the B team (intermediate) sparring divi- sions, the Engineers were again suc- cessful, led by the women's B1 team which stormed through the competi- tion. They included Ha, earning her second gold medal of the day, Lee, the red belt form champion, and Corrinna H '09. Clearing the way for these ladies was the MIT B2 team, who soundly defeated the Cornell contenders, creating an all MIT final round. These silver medals were also earned by Jennifer J. Ho '09, Elizabeth A. Caples '07, and Chiang.

The men's B team sparring was re- ally exciting, with Ning Wu, Jack Labuchezavicz G, and John A. Khatchadourian '07 leading the charge and staying together as a team. It was great to have teammates who push you hard and cheer you on when you get tired,” said woman's C1 rider Lisa Marshall G.

The second event of the day was a road race with two grueling climbs, totaling over 3000 feet per lap. A short, steep climb five miles into the race separated the pack and the race. Five of the MIT's men's B team finished, having placed second in men's D for the season. Both Teixeira (45'10.50”) and Anthony D. Teixeira (45’10.50”) and Anthony D. Teixeira '09 (21’06.75”). Morton came back in the long jump to lead a 1-2-3 fin- ish with Christopher B. Batten '07 (21’08.75”) and Anthony D. Teixeira '09 (21’06.75”). Morton came back in the triple jump to win in 46’03.25” over runner-up Teixeira (45’10.50”). The team has suffered this year from a lack of depth in the sprints and throw, but strong performances nonetheless allowed the Engineers to score points. Morton ran 22.19 in the 200-meter for first place and 11.32 in the 100-meter, while for the 4 x 100-meter relay team took first. James R. Oliveira '09 led the team, followed by Andrew J. V. with a third- place 48’02.90” in the shotput and a fourth-place 15’9.4” in the discus. Several other impressive showings secured MIT's championship. First place finishes were secured by Jer- emiau "Bermie" R. Cohen '09 in the 1500-meter (3:58.57), Johannes A. Schneider '10 in the 3000-meter stee-plechase (9:44.94) and Gregory D. Tao '10 in the pole vault (14’08.75”). They were backed up by a fourth- place 50:51.2 in the 400-meter by Wil- liam B. Fidus '10, a 3-4 finish by Mat-thew F. Bienisek '08 (1:58.34) and William S. Phillips '10 (1:59.05) in the 800-meter, and Teixeira's runner-up 15’9 in the 110-meter hurdles.

MIT will be competing in the New England Division III Champi- onships next weekend at Springfield, seeded to finish third behind Wil- liams and Tufts.

EC Title, Will Send 8 Riders to Nationals

By Zach Lafly and Andy Hill

The MIT Cycling Team succeed- fully defended its championship title at the New England Collegiate Cycling Conference last weekend, winning the conference championship in both the men’s and women’s categories. Two full days of racing at Victoria College saw the team place sec- ond for the weekend and first overall for the season in Division II.

Saturday began with the team time trial (TTT) event, in which teams of three to four riders race a five-mile course. The men’s B team won its division, beating its closest competitor, the University of Vermont, by more than 40 seconds. The women’s C team also scored a victory, beating the University of New Hampshire by just over 20 seconds, and the women’s A team placed second behind UNH. “We worked hard and the women’s A team placed second for the season in Division II.

Sunday was the criterium, when teams race on a block of streets in a city. The last event of the weekend was the criterium, a short-course race through the city. Anthony J. Schrauth G had none of the breakaway performances of the day, with the only rider finishing in the men’s B field. “Coming around the final corner, there were two Boston Col- legiate guys in front of me. When the second guy in line came around and started his sprint, I just had to stop with him, but I couldn’t hold his wheel. At that point, I stopped thinking and just pushed as hard as I could,” Schrauth said about the sprint to the finish. The team had some difficult inci- dent, however, when Seth S. Beh- rends G was taken down in a crash. After running to the pit to swap out a flat tire, he attempted to re-enter the race, but was suddenly asked to pull back and out required him to take another re- placement wheel. Despite these diffi- culties, he got back in to the field of racers and finished 15th. “There was a burst of adrenaline and I legally actually got a little shot of en- ergy from that,” said Schrauth. The biggest impact was all the support from teammates and hearing the cheers each lap,” Behrends said.

At the end of the weekend, Zuzana Trinecova '09 took the podium to ac- cept first place in the women’s C cate- gory, which she earned by scoring the most individual points for the season in that field. Nick C. Loomba G and Yuki Matsumoto also took the po- dium for their season-long successes, having placed second in men’s D for the season II and third in women’s B for Division II respectively.


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