Endowment Reaches Nearly $10 Billion, Rises 19 Percent in 2007

By Joyce Kwan

MIT’s endowment increased by $1.6 billion, or 19.3 percent, during the 2007 fiscal year, reaching a total of $9.98 billion. The increase resulted primarily from investment return of 22.1 percent, as reported by the MIT Investment Management Company. "Other factors influencing the 19% increase were new gifts received minus distributions,” said Stone. “The total year’s return on investments for the 2006 fiscal year was approximately 23 percent.”

The endowment provides support for “scholarships, professorial chairs, student life, and other operating and strategic activities,” Stone said. “The overall total represented an unusual high.”

As of June 30, MIT has the sixth largest university endowment in the nation. Harvard University has the largest endowment with $34.9 billion, followed by Yale, Stanford, and Princeton Universities and the University of Texas system. Harvard’s rate of return was 23.0 percent in 2007. Yale saw the greatest return in 2007 with 28.0 percent, bringing its endowment to $1.7 billion. During the 2006 fiscal year, the MIT endowment totaled $8.36 billion, increasing $1.7 billion over the previous year’s endowment. The rate of return on investments for the 2006 fiscal year was approximately 23 percent.

The department currently has 163 undergraduate students and 93 graduate students, as well as 47 faculty members. With a 10 percent annual increase in enrollment since 1999, Course IX is a rapidly expanding major. The major in enrollment since 1999, Course IX is in the realm of academic investments, Yale has led investment returns over the past decade with an average annual return of 17.8 percent. Amherst College came second in performance with a return of 27.8 percent to increase its endowment to $1.7 billion. It is important to measure endowment performance relative to an internal benchmark, an expert told The New York Times. For example, the Wilshire 5000 or the S&P index could serve as benchmarks for equities. Just as important is an endowment’s performance in context of competing institutions.

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The DOE Solar Decathlon, which is a national competition among teams of students from across the country, seeks to promote renewable energy technologies and educate students in the field. The competition was launched in 2002 and has since become a well-known event in the solar community.

In Short

MIT hackers — dressed in “V” costumes from the film “V for Vendetta” — marched to the Undergraduate Association Senate meeting last night where they gave a short speech and then set off party poppers in honor of Guy Fawkes Day.

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Bush Pledges Increased Cooperation With Turkey

By Steven Lee Myers

WASHINGTON

President Bush pledged Monday to increase intelligence cooperation with Turkey as the two nations fight against Kurdish rebels, hoping to create a sense of security among any significant Turkish military operation in Iraq.

Meeting in the White House with Turkey's prime minister, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Bush declined to say how the United States would respond if Turkish forces entered northern Iraq, dismissing it as a hypothetical question that he said Erdogan himself had asked.

Instead, Bush promised that the American and Turkish militaries—already working together to fight the Kurdish Workers Party, or PKK, which he called "an enemy of Turkey, a free Iraq and the United States of America." "I can tell you we are going to ask what would our reaction be if there was an attack," Bush said, sitting beside Erdogan in the Oval Office. "Well, that's a hypothetical question. But what we do talk about is to make sure that there is good enough intelligence so that we can help deal with a common problem, and that problem is a terrorist organization called PKK." "Google Will Spearhead Mobile Computer Project

By Miguel Helft

SAN FRANCISCO

What Apple began with its iPhone, Google is hoping to accelerate with a new initiative: a device that could be a gateway to the home or the office, or even to the world in the early 1980s.

The personal computer is climbing off of its desktop perch and hopping into the pockets of millions of people. The resulting merger of computing and communications is likely to transform the telecom industry as thoroughly as the PC changed the computing world.

Google, which wants to be as central to the coming wireless Web as it is on today's PC-dominated Internet, announced on Monday that it was leading a broad industry effort to develop new software technologies aimed at turning cell phones into powerful mobile computers.

If successful, the effort will usher in new mobile devices that, like the iPhone, will make it easier to use the Internet on the go. The phones, which could run on software that Google would give away to phone makers, could be cheaper and easier to customize.

Italy Arrests Top Boss

In Sicilian Mafia

By Elisabetta Povoledo

MILAN, Italy

One of the most powerful bosses in the Sicilian Mafia was arrested on Monday, according to the Italian authorities.

The man identified as the Mafia boss, Salvatore Lo Piccolo, was arrested and his son Sandro and two other people were detained during a raid on an isolated villa outside of Palermo, the police said.

The four, all of whom are on Italy's 30-most-wanted list, were holding a meeting when their hide-out was surrounded by some three dozen police officers, according to the Palermo police chief, Giuseppe Caruso.

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Bayer Pulls Heart Surgery Drug From Market After Controversy

By Gardner Harris

WASHINGTON

Pressureed by regulators, the German pharmaceutical giant Bayer AG announced on Monday that it had agreed to withdraw the controversial heart surgery drug Trasylol after a Canadian study suggested that it increased death rates.

Dr. John R. Jenkins, a leading official of the Food and Drug Administration, said, “FDA could not identify a specific patient population where the benefits of using Trasylol outweighed the risks.”

Because of concerns that supplies of alternative medicines could run short, the agency has asked for a phased withdrawal of the drug, which is given before heart surgery to reduce the risks of excessive bleeding.

Bayer said in a statement that it still believed Trasylol was beneficial when used as directed. The FDA said it would try to accommodate doctors who still wanted to use the drug by allowing Bayer to provide it as part of a study.

About 200,000 patients around the world received Trasylol last year, 110,000 of them in the United States, Bayer said. The drug, known generically as aprotinin, has had FDA approval since 1993.

Two weeks ago, researchers from the Ottawa Health Research Institute stopped a study of Trasylol in 3,000 heart bypass and valve surgery patients because although those given the drug bled less, they were half again as likely to die as those given two other alternatives. With the results so preliminary, the circumstances and timing of the deaths are among factors still unclear.

The researchers said the overall numbers were not large enough to be statistically significant, but that may have been because the study was not given enough time.

“The fact that this trial was stopped early weighed heavily in our decision” to request withdrawal of the drug, Jenkins said.

The FDA had asked the researchers and Canadian health authorities for complete results of the study before making a decision. But when the researchers said they would need at least six more weeks to comply, the agency decided to act.

Thousands of Movie and TV Writers On Strike Over Stake in New Media

By Michael Cieply, David Carr and Brooks Barnes

Hollywood writers took to the sidewalks, if not quite the streets, Monday, as last-ditch bargaining failed to avert the first industrywide strike in more than 19 years.

Just after midnight, about 12,000 movie and television writers represented by the Writers Guild of America East and the Writers Guild of America West went on strike against Hollywood producers represented by the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers.

Picket lines went up at more than a dozen studios and other production sites on both coasts. And at least a handful of television shows — including the CBS series “The Big Bang Theory” and “Two and a Half Men” — quickly shut down.

But it was not immediately clear how much damage the writers’ actions would inflict on a sprawling industry that performs its labor in thousands of workplaces in America and abroad.

At the Fox lot in Los Angeles, about three dozen picketing writers were still getting the hang of things at 9:30 Monday morning. “Who’s got the power?” a strike captain bellowed through a bullhorn, as the answer mostly got lost in the traffic sounds on Pico Boulevard.

They laid in bottled water by the case, and came equipped with BlackBerries and backpacks for what promised to be a long day in the sun once the morning fog burned off.

Yet studios vans, transportation trucks and construction vehicles freely crossed the picket line as Fox shows like “24,” “My Name Is Earl,” and “Prison Break” remained in production, at least for the moment — perhaps quelling the writers’ hope that a strong show of support by Hollywood’s blue-collar workers would heighten the strike’s effect.

In a telephone interview shortly afterward, J. Nicholas Counter III, president of the producers’ alliance, said he expected the strike to be a long one.

Newspaper Circulation Figures Shrink Again

By Richard Perez-Pena

The circulation declines of American newspapers continued over the spring and summer, as sales across the industry fell almost 3 per cent compared with the year before, according to figures released Monday.

The drop, reported by the Audit Bureau of Circulations, reflects the growing shift of readers to the Internet, where newspaper readership has climbed, and also a strategy by many major papers to shed unprofitable or marginally profitable print circulation.

Among the nation’s largest newspapers, only a handful held their own or registered slight increases in overall paid circulation for the period from April 1 to Sept. 30. The Philadelphia Inquirer, The Houston Chronicle, and The St. Petersburg Times: Most papers showed significant declines, both weekday and Sunday.

For the first time, the audit bureau released, along with the traditional circulation figures, numbers produced by Scarborough Reports that reflected the total number of readers, both in print and online, for more than 200 newspapers in their home markets. For many of those papers, this marks the first time that such an independent analysis has been done, providing a benchmark for future reports.

Industry executives said they hoped the new numbers would put a more positive cast on newspapers’ prospects than the routinely gloomy paid circulation reports have done.
Corrections

Free Speech Does Not Guarantee Employment
In response to Ali S. Wyne’s Nov. 2, 2007 letter to the editor, “On Intellectual Impression- ment”: James Watterson retired, an (ostensibly)

voluntary move. If he had had more convic-
tion he could have stuck with his guns and
been fired for his beliefs. Challenging the
“privilege of powerful interests” generally
requires (at the very least) some persistence
and toughness.

Aside from that, Cold Spring Harbor Labo-

ratory is a private institute (see cshl.edu/).
It cannot restrict people’s speech (in most
cases), but it CAN decide who it will or

won’t employ.

James Watterson is entitled to his freedom of
speech, but the rest of us have the freedom to
choose not to engage in private business with
him except where federal, state, or local laws
dictate otherwise, since freedom of speech
does not include a clause which guarantees
employment. Maybe James Watterson should
apply for a government job.

Joseph E. Cooper ’08

Letters To The Editor

“I need your help to be prepared psychologically for $100-a-barrel oil.”

GOLLY GEE, I DON’T SEE ANYTHING WRONG WITH THAT. I MEAN, THEY JUST PRETENDING TO KILL HIM OFF

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PROOF OF FALSE

Uh-oh, are you giving bad homework advice again?

Yeah, I'm making a website to teach children about calculus.

I'll put legitimate-sounding text to get search traffic, but all the pictures will be of dental calculus.

The moral of the story is that you should:
1) Brush your teeth and
2) Never image search anything

I'm not hearing this.

Meanwhile, somewhere at Harvard

WHYYYYYYYY?!?

Proof of False Archive: http://web.mit.edu/spann/Public/ProofOfFalseComic/

MCMXVI

Dude, what's wrong?
Are you crying?

What? No!

Why are there tears in your cheeks?

It's nothing.

Man, you're sobbing like a child.

It's the rat, man...

The rat? What... Remi? C'mon! Are you kidding me?

It's just that the rat has a dream. He wants to be a cook. He knows he can be a cook.
That's his dream, man! Nobody believes he can do it, but he's actually good at it...
and has the courage to pursue his dream.

Oh, I see. You identify with the rat, because you made it to MIT, even if deep in your heart you still think you're not good enough. Is that why you cried with Budweiser's donkey commercial?

That donkey had a dream, man. To be a Clydesdale!

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OVNI

On board the pirate spaceship "Voopsa..."

It's not you we're after, Gork. We want the Earthman!

We seek a long lost treasure on your planet. You'll help us or your friend Gork here gets it!

Dude! A real live treasure hunt!

We need you to interpret the ancient map.

Ooh! I need to be a boy scout, I'm good with maps!

Cats say "meow". What do I say?

Later...

Well, heh, looks like I had it sideways. So I guess it's actually somewhere around the equator then...

PHD

Piled higher and deeper

Hello! Readers often ask us...

As a matter of fact, we do!

Dear PHD,
Your comics describe my life so perfectly, it's scary! Do you have hidden camera pointing at me?
-Readers

Somebody's getting abused by their advice in school!

Zoom in! Zoom in!

Smile! You're on misery camera!

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Where can I find information on agricultural economics? (8)
Where can I find a list of definitions of the various methods of incorporation? (8)
Where can I find yield curve analysis information? (g)
How can I find a directory of high tech companies? (8)
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How can I find information on nonprofit organizations? (g)
Where can I find housing data from the U.S. government? (7)
Where can I find information on worldwide wages and fringe benefits? (7)
How do I find SEC filings? (so)
Where can I find all common stocks listed on an exchange? (Internet) (8)
Where can I find national accounts variables expressed in a common set of prices in a common currency? (Tables) (g)
How do I find information on the sports industry? (Research Online) (8)
Where can I find data on world supply and consumption of oil? (so)
How do I find betas for companies or industries? (Investment Survey) (g)
How do I find career information about management consulting? (Career Library) (7)

"Oh, great, here comes my ex."

Some think exploring.
We think discovering.

Full-Time Position as an Equity Derivatives Strategist Interviews
Featured Interviewer: Grace Koo (MIT '92), Head of Equity Derivatives Marketing, Structuring, and Strategy
Date: Friday, November 16, 2007
Take advantage of this opportunity to get a deeper understanding about the possible career opportunities at Credit Suisse.
If you are interested in global finance, then you should attend.
Quantitatively-oriented seniors are invited to drop their résumés. Candidates must have a strong interest in the financial markets and impeccable written communication skills. Publication editors and senior members of the debate team are welcome to apply. Each student will be assigned a 20-minute two-on-one session with either Ms. Koo or a members of her derivatives team. Please email tara.mcdonald@credit-suisse.com to schedule an interview.
www.credit-suisse.com/careers

Think you’ve solved it?
If you’re an MIT student and your answer is correct, you could win a new iPod Nano! Go to libraries.mit.edu/puzzle to get a copy or submit your answer by November 20, 2007 to be eligible for the drawing.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LAST WEEK’S WINNER, MERGEN NACHIN!
# Crossword Puzzle Solution, page 9

## Across
1. Indian rulers
6. Minor tender in India
10. Outer banana
14. Appliance brand
15. Skywalker's sister
18. Make over
19. Cogito-sum link
20. Meteor tail?
22. Four-time Indy 500 winner
24. Repudiates
26. Between ports
27. Swap stories
32. Where the salmon runs
35. Skirt ring
36. Hall-of-Famer Traynor
37. __ Hari
38. Ratify
40. Old capital of West Germany
41. Fuss
42. Boater's walkway
44. Swap stories
48. "__ Lang Syne"
49. Formless seat
7. No more than
8. Lend support
9. Could succeed
10. Ready-made
11. Architect Saarinen
12. On pins and needles
13. Pirate's take
18. Skid row bum
23. Ragged vehicle
25. Workplace
26. Resting on
28. Androcles' extraction
29. On top of
30. Queue
31. Eye part
32. Apple PC
33. Woodworking channel
34. Molecule part
38. Pump intake stoppages
39. Legal title
40. Deck officer, briefly
42. Beatles bassist
43. Tight embrace
45. Luke's Jedi mentor
46. Mike's letter
47. Mamilla
50. Very successful
51. Author Le Sage
52. J. Paul __
53. Smile broadly
54. Track event
55. Author Rombauer
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60. So there!
61. Rock producer Brian
62. A&P competitor
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64. Ill-equipped
65. Vegan's no-no
66. Leg part
67. Black-footed albatross

## Down
1. Fanatical
2. Famed violin maker
3. Austen and Alexander
4. Moreover
5. You and what army?
6. King in "The tempest"
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Brouhaha Rhythms: A Bedtime Story

I don’t have any particularly compelling reasons to get up earlier than I do now. After all, what could I do? Get in line to eat my breakfast at 5:30 a.m. episodes of Voltron, stop snickering at my impending first term, and think I’d probably learn the best French of my life here.

I don’t have to get much in the way of rest that way, but that was during a time when I would prefer being awake. To my high school classmates, I was a top student, now I was just a bottom of French after having to write 100 essays on multivariable calculus. It’s not like I ever had to program in foreign languages before. I could always program in French, but I was never really known for the code that I wrote. I could do… the only thing I ever really ended up doing was writing my own programs. I would do this by day, I was a lab rat, fearlessly pipetting small volumes of liquid back and forth. By day, I was a lab rat, fearlessly pipetting small volumes of liquid back and forth. By day, I was a lab rat, fearlessly pipetting small volumes of liquid back and forth.

As the class dwindled to an end, we submit a quick “sawasdee francus sam” into “Je suis francus sam.” For the participation in the MIT language requirement, I decided to sit in part time on an introduction to French class. It turned out to be fine, just planing to leave half way through to try and catch my more important class. I’m sure if they had put up plastic flamingos on their lawn we would have thrown them out the scuff of their neck. But since they were not technically violated any of the neighborhood association bylaws, we were reduced to petti- ons, angry neighbors, and veiled threats to shoot the beavers.

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By Christina Kang

I became so comfortable in India that I began to feel as if I had been there for a long time. In reality, my time sped by. I became close to both the Indian and MIT students in the group and loved our conversations. Besides documenting the students’ work, I had the opportunity to help them with theirs, eventually becoming a part of the community and project. The other MIT students and I really got a chance to immerse ourselves completely in the Indian culture.

Trying to stay safe with food, the MIT students (all female) and I often ate at the canteen, the university’s dining hall. We became friends with a large group of adorable Indian girls who were always excited to see us. They took delight in my attempts to sing and dance to some Hindi songs. They were also fascinated to learn that being skinny and tall is considered gorgeous in the United States. For many of them, going to a university in Delhi was the first time they had ever left their homes — with or without their parents. Most of them were studying to be airline hostesses.

Their whole situation was surprising to us as Americans. To leave home for the first time to attend a university seemed like a dramatic change. A degree specific to flight attendants was also a curiosity, since we were accustomed to a more generic degree program for the hospitality and service industries. It seemed out of place to be studying in a dusty, undeveloped area near the camps of Delhi for a career on a technologically advanced plane.

I interviewed project members from both MIT and India. They were surveying the community members about their education and health for a local non-governmental organization, Deepalaya, and using the information they learned to create their own project on waste disposal. Interviewing Musheer and Dharani, the two male Indian students in the groups, it came to light that the biggest problem they had encountered working on this project was the gender differences. They thought that any conflict of opinion within the group was caused by gender differences, not cultural differences (India vs. America).

The MIT students, on the other hand, thought that the varying opinions were caused by cultural differences. I brought this up while we were eating a delicious lunch of vegetable noodles, and the group came to the consensus that it must be both gender and cultural differences combined. The cultural difference of the genders is a big part, as neither of the boys had ever worked in the same group as a girl. The cultural differences between India and the United States were quite astounding and frustrating at times for the MIT students.

Our interviews were fairly informal because I had gotten to know all the group members well. I spent a lot of time with them and was on hand to experience much of what they talked about. For some of the MIT women, this summer experience convinced them they do not want to be a physician and some became certain that they do not want to work in a developing country. Others became even more sure they wanted to work in a developing country as a career. I was one of the latter. My naive desires solidified with experience: I’m even more certain that my “calling,” if you will, involves working in developing countries. It was not what I expected, and it is far from all fun and games, but the rewards I felt and the degree to which I could make an impact are worth much more than any of the dangerous situations, pollution, odors, or cultural gaps I will have to bear.

Deepalaya students use a ramp outside their school as a slide during break. Deepalaya is a non-governmental organization that provides education to children, especially female students, from economically and socially weaker areas.

Musheer Riaz, a final year student at the Rai Foundation campus in Faridabad, India, interviews community members in the camps outside Delhi, India.

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Interviews in India

By Christina Kang

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Brandy J. Baker, who advises BCS graduate students, said that graduate introductory classes are very broad but quickly channel into a more specific curriculum. Seminars focus on specific aspects of BCS studies while others provide instruction on practical skills. For example, one seminar guides graduate students through the process of applying for a fellowship, Baker said.

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Beyond the classroom, BCS also offers opportunities for the greater MIT community to learn about neuroscience. Seminars, including weekly Friday talks, are regularly scheduled.

Move to Building 46 Unified BCS Faculty

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subjects and broader classes that cover basic brain and cognitive science concepts. These changes “are meant to allow students to have more exposure to things outside of the mainstream approach to learning,” Lanza said.

One of the greatest changes in recent years is the unification of BCS faculty in Building 46. Prior to the building’s opening in 2005, BCS faculty were spread among Buildings E18, E19, E25, and NE20. The additional space allowed for the hiring of new faculty.

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Li paced MIT’s attack with 13 kills, followed by Cleeland with 12, Katherine C. Rowe ’10 with 11, and Rose Zhong ’08 with 10. Morris tallied 37 assists, 16 digs, and two aces, and Carrie C. Buchanan ’08 racked up 19 digs. Zhong and Rowe each contributed five blocks, while Zhong completed the double-double with 12 digs. Cleeland and Li rounded out the blocking corps with four and three blocks, respectively.

**Wellesley upsets MIT, captures volleyball championship**

MIT could not capitalize on its finals appearance, falling to Wellesley College 18-30, 30-28, 30-26, 30-24, in the finals of the NEWMAC tournament. The victory gave Wellesley its sixth NEWMAC Women’s Volleyball Championship title.

Libero Buchanan recorded 21 digs in the loss, becoming MIT’s all-time leader in career digs. Arlis A. Reynolds ’06 previously held the school record with 1,949 digs.

The Engineers (34-2) opened the match with seven unanswered points. Following its own timeout, the Blue (27-6) got on the scoreboard by after an MIT hitting miscue. Tech maintained its momentum, quickly extending its lead to double-digits and cruising to the win.

In the second game, the Blue generated a four-point spurt that resulted in a 7-3 advantage. Each side traded points until the Engineers scored three in a row to even the game at 11. Wellesley broke up the run on the ensuing serve, but MIT tallied four of the next five points to establish a 16-13 edge. A pair of hitting errors and an ace by Jessica Duff tied the game for the fourth time. Both squads posted two points apiece before the Engineers tallied four straight for their largest lead (24-19). The Blue countered with an 11-1 run to even the match at one game each.

A trio of three-point spurts helped power MIT to a 10-5 advantage. Trail 14-9, strong serving by Lauren Rasmussen put Wellesley ahead at 16-14. The game became a back-and-forth affair, featuring 10 ties and nine lead changes. A tip by Li gave the Engineers a 28-27 edge, but Tracy Waldman’s strike sparked Wellesley to victory.

In the final game, Wellesley established a 7-3 lead, which MIT countered with a 7-2 run. The Blue then scored 10 out of the next 14 points to reclaim the advantage at 19-15. The Engineers stayed within striking distance, closing the gap to one at 20-19. A 4-1 rally gave Wellesley enough breathing room to hold on for the win.

Morris tallied 42 assists, 16 digs, and four blocks, while Li chipped in 10 kills, five blocks, and two aces. Rowe and Cleeland both posted six blocks as Rowe totaled 11 kills and Cleeland added 10. Zhong amassed 19 digs and nine kills, while Ellison collected 10 digs.

Wellesley Surprises MIT in Four Games to Earn Title

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MIT Earns At-Large NCAA Bid; Reaches Finals of NEWMACS

By Mandy Brauer
January 18, 2008

The MIT women's volleyball team earned an at-large bid to the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Tournament for the first time in its history. The Engineers won the championship on Thursday night at 8:30 p.m. in rockwell Cage.

After defeating U.S. Coast Guard Academy in the final of the New England Wom- en's and Men's Athletic Conference tournament semifinal match on Fri- day, MIT fell to Wellesley College for their first loss in the tournament. The win, Wellesley earned an automatic berth in the NCAA tournament.

MIT sweeps Coast Guard, advances to championship round

The Engineers followed up their Oct. 30 NEWMACs quarterfinal win over Mount Holyoke with a three- game semifinal sweep of Coast Guard Academy by a score of 30-26, 30-28, 33-31.

With the opening game tied at seven near the end of the first set, E. A. Cleeland '08 spiked a 6-1 run that gave MIT the lead for the rest of the game. The Bears (29-6) were able to close the gap to one on two occa- sions, the last occurring at 16-17. Tech gradually established a six- point advantage (26-20), but Coast Guard quickly cut its deficit in half.MIT captured three out of the next six points with a spik e by Amanda J. Morris '08 to seal the game.

Colette McCarron's strong jump serve helped turn a 5-4 defi- cit into an 8-5 advantage for Coast Guard in the second game. The Bears' lead eventually grew to six at 16-10, and they maintained a slim cushion for most of the game. MIT continued to attack and evened the contest at 24. Coast Guard cap- tured the next point, and the Engi- neers won the next two to regain the lead. The Bears once again tied the game, but it would be the last time as back-to-back points put MIT ahead 26-23. Each side traded points to close out the game.

In the final game, Coast Guard slowly crept out to a three-point advantage, which it maintained as late as 22-19. A service error led to a five-point run that featured an ace by Morris and two blocks and a kill from Clenton. Underneath, the Bears counted with three straight points that evened the contest at 25. Both squads exchanged points be- fore Coast Guard went ahead 28-27. Following their own timeout, the Engineers posted the equalizer on a kill by Katherine M. Ellis '10. The Bears picked up match point, but back-to-back blocks gave MIT a 26-24 lead. After trad- ing points, a kill by Jennifer Li '11 put the Engineers up for good as they closed out the match on their ensuing serve.

Ludlum Sets Institute Record, Finishes MIT Career With 52 Goals

By Martin Desmarais
January 18, 2008

MIT students might not know it, but their highest goal scorer in the Insti- tute's soccer history walks among them. She is an unrelenting scorer, but she also is very unassuming," Fulton said. "She is just as happy to go out and have the game-winning goal as she is to have the game-winning goal.""Ludlum earned her first goal early in the season, which is one short of the MIT single season record, but at the end of the day, scoring goals is what she does. Fulton, who has coached collegiate soccer for over a decade at all levels, said she has rarely seen a goal scorer like her.

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