Saferide Will Use New NextBus Tracking System Starting in July

By Jeff Guo
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Starting July, GPS tracking will return to MIT’s shuttle buses. After years of using the student-written ShuttleTrack GPS software to display shuttle locations, MIT has signed a contract with GPS tracking company NextBus to take tracking of its fleet of 13 vehicles, according to Lawrence K. Bruti, operations manager at MIT’s Parking and Transportation Office.

In addition to tracking buses using a live Google map on its Web site, NextBus also predicts arrival times and provides data to the transportation office to help make routes more efficient. Despite a comprehensive rewrite of NextBus, ShuttleTrack was not.

“NextBus has been tracking the Boston Dailytimes shuttle since March of 2005, the service remained buggy and was often unavailable,” ShuttleTrack was not.”

Of NextBus, Bruti said, “It’s state of the art, top of the line. We feel like we’ve got a nice, stable system, which is currently around 1000 students per-class. The main obstacle to increasing class size, said Schmill, is on-campus housing. There will be more rooms once the new W1 is ready. He said that class size would be “on the order of 10 percent.” about 100 students.

Schmill was asked about whether or not he would continue Jones’s push to recruit a more well-rounded student body, including those interested in areas beyond science and technology.

In 2001, Marilee Jones published an article in the MIT Faculty Newsletter about the incoming generation of college students, who she called the “Millennials.” In the article, she wrote that these incoming students are “diverse, spreading their energies over many activities, not the ‘focused’ type of the classic Techie, who eats, sleeps, and dreams their passion.” She added that MIT “should change” to better educate the new generation of students.

Schmill said that diversity is in “greatest” and “students’ best interest.” The discussion focused on MIT’s admissions and financial aid at the open Undergraduate Association meeting yesterday evening. The focus of the discussion was over what to do with it in some form,” even if they science and technology and want to somehow admit here has an appreciation for “it’s important that any student we activities, not the ‘focused’ busy of students.”

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Google Spoils Microsoft's Yahoo Bid
By Miguel Helft

May 6, 2008

Microsoft and Yahoo were pushed to the brink of a multimillion-dollar marriage and then to a sudden break-up this weekend by the same player.

In Google, in the odd dual role as both unwitting matchmaker and self-interested spoiler.

Google's phenomenon rises, after all, prodded Microsoft, the dominant

telecom company for more than two decades, to court Yahoo. And Google's success also weakened Yahoo enough to give Microsoft the upper hand in any competition for a good price.

A combined Microsoft-Yahoo would create a powerful competitor, and Google worried that it would light the merger on antitrust grounds in Washington and Brussels.

But Google played a part in killing the deal, for now at least, by act-
ing more as Friend of Yahoos. It offered to let Yahoo use its more sophis-
ticated search advertising technology, which by some estimates would have meant $1 billion more revenue a year for Yahoo. The partnership would also bring Google more revenue.

The prospect of such a partnership emboldened Yahoo's board to demand more money for the company and eventually caused Microsoft to rethink its strategy.

Steven Ballmer, Microsoft's chief executive, cited the proposed Google partnership as the main reason for not pursuing a hostile bid and instead walking away on Saturday.

In Sichuan, Protest Cites Pollution
Risk Of New Plant
By Edward Wong

Residents took to the streets of a provincial capital over the week-
ed to protest a multimillion-dollar petrochemical plant backed by

China's leading state-run oil company, in the latest instance of popular
discontent over an environmental issue.

The protest, against a $5.5 billion ethylene plant under construction

by PetroChina in Chengu, the capital of Sichuan province, reflected a
surge in environmental awareness by urban, middle-class Chinese
determined to protect their health and the value of their property. A

similar protest last year, against a Taiwanese-financed petrochemical

venture in Xiamen, in China's southeast, left that project in limbo.

The recent protest, which was peaceful, was organized through

Web sites, blogs and cell phone text messages, illustrating how some

Chinese are using digital technology to spur civic movements, which

are usually banned by the police. Organizers also used text messages
to publicize their cause nationally.

Iran Rejects More Talks On
Iraq With U.S.
By Alissa J. Rubin

As American strikes on Shiite armed fighters in Baghdad have wid-

ed, Iran has suspended talks with the United States on Iraqi security,

citing the continued offensive as the reason, the Iranian Foreign Min-

istry said Monday.

American forces were responding to fire from Shiite militias in the

Amel neighborhood in western Baghdad, and in eastern Baghdad, they

hammered the heavily fortified Amel University and Amal University

by the U.S. occupying forces. "Hosseini told reporters at his

KUWAIT CITY

Kuwaitis are seeing a slowing

Economy, Question Democracy
By Robert F. Worth

In a vast, high-ceilinged tent, Ali

al-Rashed sounded an ingenu-

ous note as he delivered the first speech of his campaign for Parliament.

"Kuwaiti used to be No 1 in the economy, in the Gulf, in sports, in

culture, in everything," he said, his voice flying out in the warm even-

ing air to hundreds of potential vot-

ers seated on white, damask-lined chairs. "What happened?"

It is a question many people are asking as the oil-rich nation of

2.6 million people approaches its lat-

est round of elections. And the un-

likely answer is being whispered, both

here and in neighboring countries on the Persian Gulf, is too much de-
mocracy.

In a region where autocracy is the rule, Kuwait is a remarkable ex-

ception, with a powerful and trans-

cient elected Parliament that sets the emir's salary and is the nation's

sole source of legislation. Women

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yesterday. The collapse of the Bush administra-
tion's efforts to promote democracy in the region and the continuing
chaos in Iraq, just to the north —

once heralded as an example of the new democratic model — have also

contributed to a popular suspicion that democracy itself is one Western import that has not lived up to its ad-

vertising.

"People say democracy is just slowing us down, and that we'd be

better off if we were more like Dubai," said Waleed al-Sager, 24, who is

advising his father's cam-

aign for Parliament.

Like many Kuwaitis, al-Sager quickly distanced himself from this view.

But as the May 17 parliament-
enon elections approach, with near-

constant coverage in a dozen new

papers and on satellite TV sta-

tions, candidates refer again and

again to a "halat ibaab" — state of

frustration.

Today: Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60°F (15°C).

Tonight: Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40°F (9°C).

Tomorrow: Sunny. Highs in the upper 60°F (20°C).

Tomorrow Night: Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50°F (11°C).

Thursday: Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60°F (20°C).

Friday: Rain likely. Highs in the upper 50°F (15°C).

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Weather for Saturday, May 6, 2008

Storm in Myanmar

Death Toll in Myanmar Storm

Could Exceed 10,000
By Seth Mydans

Mayanmar struggled Monday to recover from a cyclone that killed more than 3,900 people and per-

haps as many as 10,000, while its military leaders proceeded with

a constitutional referendum on Sat-

day that would cement their grip on

power.

If these numbers are accurate, the death toll would be the highest from a natural disaster in Asia since the

tsunami of December 2004, which devastated coastlines along Indone-

sia, Thailand and other parts of South

Asia and claimed 181,000 lives.

Tens of thousands of people were homeless after the cyclone, and food

and water were running short.

"Things get worse by the hour," one Yangon resident, who did not want to be identified for fear of gov-

ernment retribution, reported in an

e-mail message. "No drinking water

in many areas, still no power. Houses
disappeared completely. Refugees

scavenging for food in poorer areas.

Roads, building materials, tools —

all are scarce and prices skyrocket-

ing on everything.

Officials said they would open

the doors of their closed and tightly

controlled nation to international re-

lief groups. So far, most foreigners

and all foreign journalists have been

barred from entering the country.

They also said the controversial referend

um would proceed. "It's only a few days left before the con-

stituent referendum and people are eager to cast their vote," an official state-
maintained news agency quoted on

Monday.

But witnesses and residents said there had been some delay in rep-

lying to the devastation of the cyclone and some suggested that the govern-

ment's performance could affect the

vote in the referendum.

Residents said that they were be-

ing pressured to vote "yes" and that riot police officers had been patrol-

ling the streets before the cyclone in a show of force that was more than

their relief efforts afterward.

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Concerns Arise That Mortgage Financing Agencies Are at Risk

By Charles Duhigg
THE NEW YORK TIMES

As house prices continue their free fall and banks shy away from lending, Washington officials have increasing-ly relied on two giant mortgage finan-
ciers — Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac — to keep the housing market afloat.

But with mortgage defaults and foreclosures rising, Bush adminis-tration officials, regulators and law-
makers are nervously asking whether these two companies, which be-sides the housing market, will soon need saving themselves.

The companies, which say fears that they might falter are baseless, have recently received broad new powers and billions of dollars of in-vesting authority from the federal government. And as Wall Street all

during them, analysts say. If either company stumbled, the mortgage business could lose its only lubricant, potentially causing the housing market to plummet and credit mar-kets to freeze up completely.

And if Fannie or Freddie fail, tax-payers would probably have to bail them out at a staggering cost. “We’ve taken tremendous risks to respond to the people and try to make things right,” said Sen. Mel Martinez, R-


State Legislatures Face Increasing Pressure Over High Fuel Taxes

By Damien Cave
THE NEW YORK TIMES

Gov. Charlie Crist of Florida has been fighting to cut 10 cents from the state’s gasoline tax for two weeks in July. Lawmakers in Missouri, New York and Texas have also proposed a summer break from state gas taxes, while candidates for governor in In-diana and North Carolina are spur-ring over relief ideas of their own.

If experience with such gas tax “holidays” is any guide, drivers would save less than politicians suggest. But that is not necessarily the point. “It’s about trying to serve the peo-ple and trying to understand and have caring, compassionate hearts for what they’re dealing with at the kitchen table,” said Crist, a Republican. He added, “I’m supposed to re-spond to the people and try to make them happy. Rising frustration with gas prices has led two presidential candidates, Sens. John McCain and Hillary Rod-ham Clinton, to promote proposals to suspend the federal gas tax from Memorial Day to Labor Day. But state gas taxes, which run as high as 45.5 cents a gallon, often add far more to the price of gas than the 18.4-cent federal excise tax and are the primary cause of price dispari-ties across state lines. So lawmakers and candidates at the state level have been getting into the act.

The collective response speaks not just to the harsh reality of sky-rocketing gas prices. It also high-lights the political potency of any-thing that affects America’s special bond with cars. Gasoline is a product that no one can ignore — and one that inspires intense emotion. “It clearly evokes a visceral re-sponse because we’re the only indus-try that has our prices in 2-foot-high letters on the street corner,” said John Felony, chief economist at the Ameri-can Petroleum Institute. “We’ve seen other things go up in prices, like milk, but if you ask 10 people on the street what’s the price of milk they may not know. All of them will know the price of gas.”

Democrats Set to Defy Bush On War Spending Bill

By Carl Hulse
THE NEW YORK TIMES

Defying President Bush, House Democrats are preparing to forge ahead with a war spending measure that would include extended un-employment assistance and new educational benefits for returning vet-trans.

After a meeting Monday evening of House Democratic leaders, Speaker Nancy Pelosi said she hoped to bring a $178 billion measure to the floor this week. What could be a contentious debate on the matter is likely to be held on Thursday, aides said.

Pelosi of California did not disclose details of the proposed bill, which will be presented to rank-and-file Democrats at a closed par-ty session on Tuesday. But Democratic officials, who did not want to be identified since the bill was still being put into final form, said the legislative package would include provisions requiring a significant withdrawal of troops from Iraq by December 2009 and measures that would force Iraq to share more costs of its recon-struction.

Democrats also intend to make veterans eligible for new educa-tional assistance if they have served from three months to three years or more on active duty since Sept. 11, 2001. The aid would be equiva-lent to a four-year scholarship at a public university for those with three years or more service, with payments prorated for those with less time.

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Friday 7PM feat. Imobilare
Friday 10PM feat. Ridonkulous
Saturday 4PM feat. Ridonkulous
Saturday 8PM feat. Imobilare
Sunday 2PM feat. Imobilare
Letters Improve Cultural Understanding

In the May 2 issue of The Tech, Miguel Vace- 
ena Pires describes the reaction of some Chi- 
inese students to the cartoons critical of their 
country as a personal “attack,” and advises "brushing aside the criticism" or “taking it at 
face value.”

Irrational, why should those be the only 
choices? I, for one, applaud The Tech for 
tirelessly printing “endless [letters] from 
divisive opinions, including those of Chinese 
students at MIT — not a small part of this 
community. These letters have been measured and 
thought-provoking in the main, and have since 
elicited an ongoing discussion from which we 
will all learn something. This is a great out-
come, considering a few issues back we only 
had what the "ambivalent" author himself de-
scribes as unfunny cartoons.

Ying-ying Huang G

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By Charles Lin

Sam and I were thinking about the new Indiana Jones movie. I don’t know if you’re familiar with the series or not, but it’s quite popular with the youth today. It involves the escapades of a professor of archeology who has a penchant for mischief, Nazis, and biblical artifacts.

You’ve probably heard of Indiana Jones. Now you might argue that Indiana Jones is only a visiting faculty member or a lecturer, but make no mistake. Indiana Jones is indeed a famous professor at the elite Hamilton University. Considering the beguiling esteem he elicits from both his friends and enemies, as well as his academic career which spans decades, there can be no doubt that Indiana Jones is in fact tenured.

The overwhelming question of course, is how to get a person so high up on your list?

Upon reviewing Prof. Jones’ academic record, I find it extremely hard to believe that the prestigious Hamilton University would give tenure to such an academic lightweight. In fact, his Nazi infatuation has gone so far that he has entered social settings dressed in Nazi garb. And in the last few decades, he has been seen standing in the barrel of the fire hose long enough to learn that it’s not as terrible, comfortably experience, and besides, we does have a reputation of intensity to uphold. So what’s my point? I’m not entirely sure about that. As it happens, stress is much like a physical illness, in that it can manifest itself in a variety of ways. Stress, yet here I am. I suppose I just can’t help it. As a point of additional irony, some stress symptoms include memory loss, and a tendency to forget.

For instance, when I was preparing for the final exams, I found that my attention span was not as long as it used to be. I was inventing a new dance style. In my opinion, this may be the reason I can’t remember what time finals are over. As a point of additional irony, other symptoms of stress include memory loss, and a tendency to forget.

As for his esteem among peers, in seeing Prof. Jones on campus, it is clear he has the adoration of his pupils. He seems to be quite popular with the fairer sex and/coeds often bat their eyelashes at him. However, it is important to note that teaching ability has little bearing on one’s tenure application. In fact, one could control that his success with the fairer sex has created a fair amount of jealousy among his colleagues, especially the more curmudgeonly senior professors, who, to put it bluntly, have not aged gracefully. The image of Jones sauntering around campus with his dusty fedora, leather whip, musk squash, and masculine stare are definitely upsetting to me, the more traditional and grounded senior faculty.

Furthermore, Prof. Jones’s acquaintances outside of the campus are also quite scandalous. He has been known to employ child labor and has often associated with religious fanatics. He has cohorts among the less than reputable, including Ottoman traders, thugs, smugglers, and Nazis — lots and lots of Nazis. He has on numerous occasions entered social settings disguised as a Nazi gallant. And in fact, his Nazi infatuation has gone so far that even his journal has been written in an archaic form of Adolf Hitler. In general, these sorts of connections do not go over well with progressive faculties.

Lastly, there’s the question of Indiana Jones’s value to the university. With his constant adventuring, one could safely assume that grant writing was not his favorite pastime. This does not mean that Jones was not valuable in other ways. The amount of treasure that Jones has come across is nearly priceless. One could almost command an unstoppable army with the wealth and treasure Jones has found. If the university were to arrange a small finder’s fee from Jones, one would think that they would surely come out ahead.

However, let us make one thing clear. In giving tenure to Jones, the university gave tenure to a man who knows the location of the Holy Grail. Though academics joke that tenure is forever, in Jones’s case, it may actually be true. Imagine a solid millennium of matching $1k contributions. Professor Jones would then be the envy of Indiana Jones, who literally will not die fast enough. In fact, he literally won’t die. He’ll just putter around the office acting as if nothing had changed since 1933. It’s virtually inconceivable to think that this prestigious university such as Hamilton could have awarded this man tenure. There must have been another reason.

Now it’s possible that the Senior Dr. Jones pulled some strings, as nepotism and academia have always gone hand in hand. One could also guess that the Prof. Jones of today vastly differs from the lowly straight-laced Asst. Professor Jones of yore. It’s entirely possible that upon receiving tenure, Prof. Jones threw academic rigor out the window and transformed into the scandalbuckling aca-demian that we know today. Unfortunately, a cursory viewing of the Young Indiana Jones completely dispels this notion.

Sadly it’s difficult to find a reasonable means by which Indiana Jones achieved tenure. It may be that his tenure process em-broiled the entire university in scandal and only by his good looks and connections did he achieve his current status. There is however, one fast compelling argu-ment that can be made. We must remember that Prof. Jones did find the Ark of the Cov-enant, which the government wanted to wash up as quickly as possible. As we all know in academia, how do you wash up a rambunc-tious, young upstart professor with a large mouth? You give him tenure.

Highway to the Relaxation Zone

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Join fellow MIT Community members at the Awards Convocation!

Tuesday, May 6, 2008
4 PM | Kresge Auditorium (32-123)
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The Tech 2008 Awards Convocation

Fail of the Week

To the staff of the Agganis Arena at Boston University for playingnelly’s “Hot In Herre” during the set break of the John McEnroe vs. Pete Sampras (combined age 85) match.

By Charles Lin

You’d think it would be redundant to write an article on how to relax, but stress levels have become almost an obsession to me, so here goes. This problem permeates all over campus twitching and jerking like a thousand year-old book burning Nazi. You give him tenure.

By Charles Lin

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By Charles Lin
Steal My Comic  by Michael Ciuffo

I’VE NEVER FOUND PEER EDITING COMMENTS VERY USEFUL coming years too. Estimates in Europe

ase in passenger road transportation

n product road transportation by 2010

automobiles currently in the world is

by the year 2030. Europe specifically

example in automobiles from 2000-2010

Blobbles  by Jason Chan

This should be a lot funnier than it really is

You need to gain some weight.

I just let out a reel fart, so the joke’s on you...

Remember, this is how Blobbles works: you send a caption, and I make a drawing out of it.
blobbles@mit.edu
### Crossword Puzzle

**Solution, page 11**

**ACROSS**

1. Speak hoarsely
2. Small ruckus
3. Put in stitches
4. Woodlands deity
5. Goes out of business
6. Deal prelude
7. Cheering word
8. Attractive places?
9. Sawbuck
10. Boneless cut
11. Lucy of “Charlie’s Angels”
12. Boom ing jet
13. Boneless cut
14. Summoner
15. Dodging maneuver
16. Cassava dish
17. Fights with lances
18. Crescent moon features
19. Appointment at the links
20. Fancy socks
21. Bikini bandeau
22. Plopped
23. Peculiar
24. Hostile engagement
25. Hostile force
26. Hostile engagement
27. Indian royalty
28. Hem’s partner
29. Beluga product
30. Beluga product
31. Pond scum
32. Indian royalty

**DOWN**

1. Free (of)
2. Small ruckus
3. Put in stitches
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**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**
The MIT Wind Ensemble performs their last concert for the 2007-2008 season in Kresge Auditorium on Friday, May 2 at 8 p.m. The program consisted of Sonatina No. 12 by Mozart, March, Op. 99 by Sergey Prokofiev, Windborne (by Gabriel Senanès), Knomery by Derick Hare, and Symphonie Funèbre et Triomphale by Hector Berlioz.

clockwise from right
Maria A. Frendberg ‘11 strums the double bass during the world premiere of Windborne.
Frederick Harris, the music director of the Wind Ensemble, conduct Windborne’s, Gabriel Senanès first composition for wind ensemble.

Photography by Andrew T. Lukmann
NextBus Will Count Riders

In the next few weeks, NextBus technicians will install GPS hardware into the buses that serve on the shuttle routes. For a month or so, the system will have to learn the routes to help it make more accurate arrival predictions. Brutti expects the system to be fully functional by July.

The Nextbus system is also capable of counting the number of passengers entering and leaving a bus. Brutti hopes to enable this feature in the fall, which would provide information about how full a shuttle is.

MIT will pay $45,000 for the installation, and $10,000 a year for the service, which runs completely off-site. Previously, ShuttleTrack had to be maintained by the Transportation Office.

The transportation office will also receive two portable briefcase-sized GPS trackers with magnet-mounted antennas to use in a pinch on replacement busses. “With ShuttleTrack, if we were missing a bus and another one came in, we couldn’t track,” Brutti said. “Now we’ll be able to track constantly.”

Nextbus also provides bus tracking services for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency and the University of North Carolina.

Wheaton Provost Says Divorce Is Moral Issue

Wheaton, from Page 1

saying that Wheaton’s standards are higher than God’s. That’s an upside-down world.”

But college officials say because professors are models for the students, it is especially incumbent on them to abide by moral codes.

“Marriage matters to God,” said Wheaton’s provost, Stanton L. Jones. “Marriage and divorce are moral issues; they’re not simply matters of lifestyle choice.”

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Resonance Entertains

Resonance’s Annual Spring Concert took place on May 2.
(above) Michael Borohovski ’09 and Amudha Panneerselvam ’10 sing “Gone” by Ben Folds Five.
(below) Members of Resonance dance along with Joshua M. Karges ’08, who is dressed as a giant tampon during a skit.

Photography by Monica Kahn

Read more...
Two Jazz Combos played on April 29 in Killian Hall.

(clockwise from right)

¶ Kenneth McEnaney G of the 7:30 Combo plays the trombone in John Coltrane’s “Mr. P.C.”

¶ Sheena C. Hembrador ’06 belts out the vocals in Stevie Wonder’s “Superstition.”

¶ Steven J. Levine ’11 plays an electronic keyboard during the 7:30 Combo’s performance of “Superstition.”

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T E C H N I Q U E @MIT.EDU
By Rosa Cao

The MIT women’s ultimate team (sMITe) took second place at the New England Women’s Regionals last weekend, securing a place at the College Nationals in Boulder, CO this May 16-18. The team was seeded fifth going into the tournament, after a third place finish at the Metro Boston Sectionals two weeks ago. In the finals, at MIT, sMITe beat the University of Wisconsin 6-5, to make it into the semifinals on Saturday. There they upped their game against Dartmouth, traditionally the best team in the region, in a close, tense game, winning 15-13. Dartmouth took the first point, but MIT quickly caught up and the teams traded points before MIT took half at 7-7. When play resumed, Dartmouth pulled ahead and the teams traded points again. MIT finally scored two in a row to take the lead 14-13 as a time out was called.

With MIT needing one more point to reach the finals, Dartmouth dug its feet in. As the point lasted over fifteen minutes and had many turnovers, as both teams pushed the disc to within a few yards of the end zone, only to lose possession before scoring.

After Dartmouth lost the disc on a stall (failing to pass the disc within ten seconds of receiving it), Jennifer L. Bowers ‘09 finally caught a long throw from Doris Lin G just outside the end zone and called a timeout. When sMITe set up again with an end zone play, none of the handlers were able to get open to receive, until Barry threw a backhand floater with the stall count at eight to co-captain Erika M. Swan- son and the rest of the team.

“‘We peaked at just the right time,’ said coach and sMITe alum Darlene E. Ferranti ‘06, referring to MIT’s relatively short spring season. ‘Dartmouth is a very talented team, but no team is unbeatable.’ Ferranti spotted a weakness early on. Dartmouth was less comfortable being forced to throw backhand instead of forehead.

On Sunday morning, sMITe lost to no. 2 Northeastern University in the finals, 15-3. The loss put MIT in a rematch against Dartmouth in the backdoor game-to-go for second place and a spot at the Nationals. MIT regrouped to keep the game close in the first half. sMITe then took half, 8-7, and never looked back, giving up only one point in the second half to close out the final 15-8.

“This is the tournament where sMITe really came together as a team,” said coach Jin Dong. ‘Players were focused and aggressive on the field and on the sidelines. National is an event most teams can only dream of attending, and sMITe earned their spot.”

“Theory showed great compusre by putting [the loss] into Northeastern aside to defeat Dartmouth,” wrote Kendra Frederick, regional coordinator in an e-mail. “I was impressed by sMITe’s athleticism and conditioning, and their solid fundamentals. Catherine Seaborn, Erika Swanson, and Doris Lin lead the team with their stellar abilities, but the real reason MIT is going to Nationals is in the depth of their roster.” sMITe has 22 players, of whom 11 are new to the team this year.

MIT did not get to face the no. 3 Tufts University in the tournament, a team they have yet to beat this season. Tufts was upset by no. 6 Boston University in bracket play, and then lost to Dartmouth on Sunday.

Dartmouth and Tufts have been strong teams this past couple of years, and [many] assumed they would be representing our Region again this year at Nationals, said coach Frederick. But, she added, “MIT has had a strong team in the past,” and Northeastern “has been an up-and-coming program for a couple of years now.”

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

None

SCOREBOARD

Men’s Heavyweight Crew

Saturday, May 3, 2008
Williams College (23-10) 5
MIT (16-17) 4
Suffolk University (26-10) 5
MIT (16-17) 4

Women’s Lightweight Crew

Saturday, May 3, 2008
University of Wisconsin 5
MIT 5
Boston University 5

Men’s Lightweekt Crew

Saturday, May 3, 2008
MIT 5
University of Pennsylvania 5

Women’s Openweight Crew

Saturday, May 3, 2008
Radcliffe College 6
Northeastern University 5
Boston College 6
MIT 5

Women’s Lacrosse

Saturday, May 3, 2008
MIT 6
Rabson College (14-2) 14

Baseball

Saturday, May 3, 2008
Williams College (23-10) 5
MIT (16-17) 4
Suffolk University (26-10) 5
MIT (16-17) 4

Women’s Lightweight Crew

Saturday, May 3, 2008
University of Central Florida 6
Radcliffe College 1V 6
MIT 7
Radcliffe College 2V 7

Sailing

Saturday, May 3, 2008
FoxLee Trophy 1V 8
MIT 12

Sailors

Saturday, May 3, 2008
Radcliffe College 26
Northeastern University 17
Boston College 5
MIT 5

Men’s Tennis

Friday, May 2, 2008
MIT (16-5) 5
Salem State College 0

Women’s Track and Field

Saturday, May 3, 2008
New England Div. III Championships 3
MIT 3rd of 28

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MIT 3rd of 28

The MIT Lightweek Crew team took on the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia on Saturday, May 3. In the first varsity race, a strong start in the first thousand meters led to the beginnings of an open water lead, but the Quakers were not so easily beaten. UPenn made a strong charge with 700 meters to go, but MIT held off their attack to win by less than a second, finishing in 5:48.1.

The win bodes well for the Engineers, who started off the season slowly. This week builds on last week’s result, where the Tech men lost to two-time defending national champion Cornell University by just six seconds. In the freshman race, UPenn (6:02.2) managed to defeat MIT (6:06.8).

Men’s Tennis Registers NCAA Tournament Victory

By Mindy Brauer

The men’s tennis team won in the opening round of the NCAA Divi- sion III Men’s Tennis Tournament with a 5-0 win over Salem State College at Middlebury College on Friday afternoon. The victory is their first win in the tournament since 2001.

MIT took a 3-0 lead early with wins in all three doubles contests. Peden P. Nichols ’09 and Jonathan F. Farm 08 quickly posted an 8-3 decision in the three doubles position. Eric A. Benno ’09 and Ken Van Tilburg ’11 along with Kevin Pang ’11 and David E. Ba ‘09 outlasted their opponents, 8-6 and 9-7, respectively.

In singles play, Van Tilburg won 6-6, 6-3 in the two singles slots. Ba quickly followed with a 6-1, 6-2 victory at six singles, giving MIT a 5-0 victory. The Engineers were up in all four of the remaining matches, but play was halted since MIT had already clinched the match.

MIT’s tournament run came to an end in the second round with a 5-0 loss to host Middlebury College on Saturday. Middlebury swept the doubles as Nichols and Farm were edged 9-7 and Pang and Ba lost in a tiebreaker 9-8. (B). Pang also lost 6-1, 6-1 in the third singles slot while Nichols was defeated by the same score at four singles to seal the match for Middlebury.

Lightweight Crew Defeats UPenn

By Andrea Wojcieszak

The MIT lightweight crew team recovered after a race against the University of Pennsylvania on Saturday.

The Tech’s Athlete of the Week: Stephen A. Morton ’10

Stephen A. Morton ’10 was named New England Women’s and Men’s Athletic Conference Male Athlete of the Year for the second straight year. This honor came after he won the 100-meter dash and long jump at the NEWMAC Championships. Morton secured First Team All-Conference honors in these events. He also earned second-team accolades in the 200-meter dash after placing second in that race. At this weekend’s New England Division III championships, Morton placed first in the long jump with a jump of 7.21 meters. He also placed eighth in the triple jump with a distance of 13.81 meters.

By Aaron Sampson, Staff Writer

G. Mike Vazquez ’08 throws a pitch during MIT’s 5-4 loss to the University of Massachusetts-Boston on May 1.