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MIT Students Discuss Major Issues in This Year’s Election

By David M. Templeton

MIT may be a science and engineering school, but its students still care about presidential politics, if members of its political student groups are any indication.

The Tech asked the MIT College Republicans and MIT College Democrats, both members of the Association of Student Activists, about their plans for the coming election.

Richard A. Kraus G, of the MIT College Republicans, was the only member of his group to respond to a Tech request for interviews. Other members might have been away for the summer, he mentioned.

The College Democrats directed The Tech to MIT for Obama, a student group which is not ASA-recognized, and is composed of the members of the surrounding community organized primarily through the Web site of Democratic Party Presidential nominee Barack Obama (D-IL). The group’s leader, Catherine Chisoanya O. Ibegbu ’09, trash and debris had accumulated over time on ATO’s roof and found its way into the dormitory, she said.

According to ATO President Christopher Regheis ’09, much of the damage occurred during the summer months.

Summer residents of the fraternity were able to successfully move to a different dorm this year, which is an increase from last year’s 240 freshmen. However, only 152 of the 256 students (59 percent) were able to successfully move to a different dorm this year, which is lower than last year’s 74 percent (154 of 209 students). (For more housing information, see page 5.)

The Coop has introduced a Web-based textbook ordering system that allows students to view information such as the titles, authors, publishers, and editions of textbooks for the upcoming Fall 2008 semester. Neither the ISBN nor the textbook cover is required, and textbooks are accessible. Students may order their textbooks online for in-store pick-up or opt to have them shipped.

The Coop introduced its Web ordering system to increase affordability, accessibility, and customer convenience.

The Coop’s Web site has been floating around for approximately eight years, 2000-2008. Undergraduate Association President Martin F. Holmes ’08 spearheaded the initiative, according to Elizabeth A. Reed, senior associate dean of undergraduate education. He contacted the Coop shortly after his election in the spring of 2007. Holmes first contacted the Coop housing, page 12

Activities Midway in Johnson Today!

The Weather

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Tonight: Mostly cloudy, chance of showers, High 69°F (21°C)

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Students in this tiny town of grain silos and ranch-style houses spent much of the first couple of days in school this week trying to guess which of their teachers were carrying pistols under their clothes.

“We made fun of the police, the sheriff, the school secretary, a 16-year-old high school junior: ‘Everybody knows everybody here. We will find out.’"

The school board in this impoverished rural hamlet in North Texas has drawn nation from attention with its decision to let some teachers carry concealed weapons, a policy no other school in the country has followed. ‘This is a word of a massacre along the lines of what happened at Columbine High School in Colorado in 1999. ‘Our people just don’t want their children to be in a bomb,’ said Dan Dwyer, the schools superintendent and driving force behind the policy: ‘Country people are take-care-of-yourself people. They are not under the illusion that the police are there to protect them.”

Russia Deal May Fall, A Casualty of Conflict

By Peter Baker

WASHINGTON

Just three months ago, President Bush reached a long-sought agreement with Russia intended to open a new era of civilian nuclear cooperation and sent it to Congress for review.

Now, according to administration officials, Bush is preparing to scarp his own deal.

The implosion of the nuclear deal, once a top Bush priority, represents the most tangible casualty so far of the deteriorating relations with Russia after its brief war with neighboring Georgia. With Vice President Dick Cheney heading to Georgia next week, Bush is also poised to announce about $1 billion in economic aid to the countries with Russia after its brief war with neighboring Georgia. With

Unlike more symbolic actions being discussed in Washington, like throwing Russia out of the Group of Eight industrialized nations, canceling the nuclear pact would involve concrete consequences potentially worth billions of dollars to Russia. Yet it also would mean unraveling an initiative that was critical to Bush’s vision of safely spreading civilian nuclear energy around the world, a program that relied in part on Russian involvement.

As Biomass Power Rises, a Wood-Fired Plant Is Planted in Texas

By Kate Gallaith

The city of Austin, Texas, approved plans on Thursday for a huge plant that will burn waste wood to make electricity, the latest sign of rising interest in a long-dormant form of renewable energy.

When completed in 2012, the East Texas plant will be able to generate 100 megawatts of electricity, enough to power 75,000 homes. That is small by the standards of coal-fired power plants, but plants fueled by wood chips, straw and the like — organic materials collectively known as biomass — have rarely achieved such scale.

America’s biomass power industry has crashed three times: in 1987, when U.S. energy policy turned against it; in 1992, when wood chip prices shot up; and in 2002, when a $2.3 billion, 20-year deal to be the sole purchaser of electricity from Nacogdoches Power, the plant for an $845 million, unsubsidized sum. On Thursday, Austin’s City Council unanimously approved the deal, which would bring the Austin utility closer to its goal of getting 30 percent of its power from renewable resources by 2020.

“We saw this plant as very important because it gives us a diversity of energy,” said Roger Duncan, general manager of Austin Energy.

“Unlike solar and wind, we can run this plant night or day, summer or winter.”

Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Friday, August 29, 2008

Situation Map

Extended Forecast:

Today: Partly sunny. Highs in the mid 70°F (24°C).

Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60°F (16°C).


Saturday Night Through Day:

Sunny. Highs in the lower 80°F (28°C). Lows in the lower 60°F (16°C).
The attack was quite similar in method to the bombing of an Air Force bus in 1983 that killed 14 people, many of whom were air force personnel. The Talibans took the blame for that attack as well, and that one was also carried out by a remote control bomb.

Last week, two suicide bombers killed at least 80 people when they rammed their cars filled with explosives against a key government security installation in southwest Pakistan, where security and military forces are in the thick of a battle to subdue the Taliban.

In Tazir in South Westminster, about 30 Talibans attacked a military base and there were skirmishes at two security posts along the border with Afghanistan, local residents said. A statement by the Pakistani military said that 11 Talibans had died, and that as many as 20 had been wounded in the fighting around the fort.

Before the attacks, Niaz Naz, the leader of a Talibans group that competes with a larger alliance of Talibans, Tehreek-Talibans, asked the Pakistani military to vacate the fort and the posts, Zahir Waris, a merchant who lives near the capital of South Westminster, said in a telephone interview.

In an area called South in Westminster, Zahir was killed after a few weeks in a long air campaign that has displaced more than 200,000 people from their homes, according to the military.

The attacks by the Talibans have increased in the last few days as the Pakistani military has pressed on with a three-week air campaign in the area that has displaced more than 200,000 people from their homes, according to the military.
**Fraternities at MIT: An Opportunity for Personal Development**

By Reid Van Loh

Why will over 50 percent of freshmen men pledge fraternities this year? What is it about fraternity life that leads freshmen to join organizations that are so often associated with binge-drinking, dirty houses, and failing grades? False stereotypes that have been propagated by movies such as Animal House and Old School? How do so many men, from such a diverse set of backgrounds, find common homes in fraternities?

That these questions have answers is apparent if you take even a cursory look around campus. Look for fraternity men and you will quickly find campus leaders, student government representatives, athletes, community service leaders, and professionals above and beyond other MIT students. It is not by accident that fraternity men are constantly involved with every facet of student life and the MIT community—they are merely implementing the values that Greek life espouses.

Fraternities exist to ensure the personal growth of their members, a need that may not be easily filled by other means. Joining a fraternity offers the unique opportunity to mature within a community focused on developing you from a young freshman to an individual prepared to make a difference in both the MIT community and beyond. Opportunities abound—perhaps you will lead an organization with over 100 members, or lead a budget in excess of $100,000. Play dozens of IM sports, volunteer with friends at a local hospital, or simply take a group of writing students on a paracessors tutoring.

It is absurd to underscore that these are values-based organizations, each with a set of ideals and membership expectations. Personal responsibility, collaboration, empathy, scholarship, brotherhood, beneficence, morality—these are principles ingrained throughout fraternity life. While each organization may emphasize particular values over others, the trend is clear—to join a fraternity is to commit to achieving their highest standards of personal conduct, and nothing less will suffice in the eyes of your brothers.

The results of fraternity life speak for themselves. Fraternities boast an impressive average GPA of 4.29. Fraternities annually volunteer thousands of man hours to innumerable community service events, from crafting homemade wooden toys for children in the community to picking up trash along the Charles River. Fraternities donate thousands of dollars to causes ranging from the Mock Trial League to the ALS Association.

Fraternities include members of diverse student leaders, such as last year’s Undergraduate Association President. Fraternities boast a vast network of diverse athletes, providing the driving force behind MIT’s sports teams. In short, the product that fraternities deliver is invaluable to their members and to the MIT community—members who are prepared to take on the challenges of their future careers.

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The real reason I enumerated above, suffice to say, I found that the people rushing me did so because they saw in me the potential that they had realized in themselves, and I was confident that they could help me. I pledged because I saw in the upperclassmen those things that I wanted to set in myself when I was a senior, and saw the fraternity as a vehicle to guide my own personal development.

I now stand in their shoes and can look back upon my experience with pride. I transformed in these last three years from a bright-eyed freshman overwhelmed by the intimidating MIT environment into a confident member of the MIT community. I had no leadership experiences in high school, but being an office in two large organizations, a result of the half-dozen leadership positions I had the opportunity to take on in my own freshman year I cannot say who I would be today without the influence of my fraternity, because I know that without the guidance of my brothers I would never have seized the opportunities lying before me.

The final piece of the fraternity puzzle that must be mentioned is the Interfraternity Council, the governing body of all 27 MIT fraternities. The IFC is tasked with promoting a positive image of fraternities, giving the overall direction of the fraternity community, uniting its members for community service events, and safeguarding the interests of the community. The IFC does not strive to make every individual pledge. It does strive to do so for fraternity events such as Rush and Greek Week. The IFC can perhaps be regarded as the glue that holds the entire system together.

If you take anything away from my piece, let it be that there is a need for a Greek community at MIT. Greek life is for you, recognize that thousands of men have thought the same thing, and yet found significant value in joining a fraternity. There are innumerable reasons why over 50 percent of men pledge fraternity, so it is up to you to find out whether these reasons hold value for you.

I am currently the Editor in Chief of the Interfraternity Council and a member of the Phi Delta Theta.

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The Wisdom of Choosing Biden
What He Means for the Democratic Ticket

By Dan Yelin

After months of speculation and debate, Bar-
ack Obama chose policy veteran Senator Joe
Biden to be his running mate. Each of the top
three contenders, including Biden, Sen. Evan
Bayh of Indiana, and Sen. Evan Virgin-
ginia had strengths and weaknesses. Joe Biden
is the smartest choice, he believed.

Until recently, Senator Obama has been hes-
itant to attack McCain’s legislative record and
security credentials, likely out of fear that
such attacks would highlight Barack’s inexperience and newfound political “celebrity” status.
Senator McCain’s favorite discussion topics.

Vice Presidential candidates typically serve
as political attack dogs, which is exactly what
Barack’s campaign needs right now. With his
message of rejecting the “politics of the past,”
Obama has not been able to respond harshly
enough to McCain attacks without tarnishing
his image or sounding like a “flip-flopper.”

A Biden ticket gives Barack ample clearance
to rebut McCain’s charges of youthful inexpe-
rience. Until recently, these attacks were unan-
swered, and they were starting to work. Biden
is a 35-year Senate veteran (the 4th longest
serving Democrat) and Chairman of the Senate
Committee on Foreign Relations. With his
policy heavyweight on the Democratic ticket,
McCain can no longer change Obama with iner-
potence without fear of swift retribution.

Senator Obama made the right choice in
focusing an electoral advantage for a rhetori-
cal edge. Biden has already shown his willing-
ness to take on McCain, most recently assail-
ing his inability to recall how many homes he
owned in the face of an ailing economy and
mortgage crisis.

“Ladies and gentlemen, your kitchen table
is mine. You sit there at night … after you
put the kids to bed and you talk about what
you need. You talk about how much you
are worried about being able to pay the bills.
Well, ladies and gentlemen, that’s not a worry
John McCain has to worry about. … He’s there
to figure out which of the seven kitchen tables
to sit at.”

The Obama camp has been treading a fine
line with Biden, emphasizing his working class,
catholic roots in Scranton, PA. “For de-
cades, he has brought the state of Delaware,
and Washington hasn’t changed him.” Obama
said, trying to pro-empt Reggie让人们袭击他
that might seek to portray Senator Biden as a Wash-
ington insider.

Biden also has an established liberal voting
record, which will help rally the Democratic
base. He has played key roles on the Senate In-
ducy Committee, notably in anti-crime legis-
lation and Supreme Court justice nominations.
As Chairman of the committee from 1987 to
1995, he presided over the contentious Robert
Bork and Clarence Thomas nomination hear-
ings, in addition to passing the first institutional
assault weapons ban.

Joe Biden is a hard hitting debater with an
impeccable resume. He brings the experience
and the foreign policy heft to form a forma-
dable Democratic ticket. It’s unlikely that John
McCain will be able to find a running mate
with Senator Biden’s credentials, which could
serve to reverse McCain’s “experience” argu-
ment — effectively neutering the Senator
from Arizona’s most potent attack line.

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What We Need from a National
Energy Policy

The Case for a Carbon Tax to Fund Promising Energy R&D

By Gary Shu

In a season of record-high gas prices, eco-
nomic instability, and a solidified consensus
that climate change is due to greenhouse gases,
there has been much talk of a “price on carbon” in
congressional efforts to bring about emission
reduction and incentivize new, clean energy technolo-
gies. Massachusetts has decided to respond to
becoming a part of the Regional Greenhouse
Gases Initiative. — “RGGI,” affrontingly pro-
nounced “megg-i,” is an organization of six
northeastern states: Maine, New Hampshire,
Vermont, New York, Massachusetts, and
Connecticut. Since the RGGI initiative was
launched in 2005, it has been viewed as a
model for carbon regulations and a precursor
to national greenhouse gas regulation come online.

The Massachusetts legislature
recently announced “Reggie” — a regional “cap-and-
trade” program designed to promote and incentivize new, clean energy tech-
ologies. RGGI does this by requiring per-
mits for carbon dioxide pollution in the electri-
cal sector. Both presidential candidates McCain
and Obama have proposed similar regulation in-
volving carbon dioxide emissions, and the federal level, and other regional carbon mar-
ket operators are sprouting up throughout the
country. The federal level, and other regional carbon mar-
ket operators are also getting into the act. Taking the money from the sale of
permits and applying it — all of it — toward development. Taking the money from the sale of
permits and applying it — all of it — toward
clean energy development makes sense.

First, any regulation should look to control
greenhouse gas emissions in sectors, not just
the electricity industry as RGGI does. RGGI is
a more holistic charge to stop the whole economy,
greenhouse gas regulation. Encouraging tech-
ology continued.

Second, permits should absolutely be auc-
tioned off to the highest bidder. Wondering
why you saw stuck and sophisticated energy ad-
vertisements during the Olympics? It wasn’t just
because gas prices are going through the roof. It
was the electric, oil and natural gas industry try-
ing to get into your good graces so that they can
only be used for its stated purpose — in

Don’t be a confused panda!

MIT can be a bewildering place if you don’t know
what’s going on.

Join The Tech!
Steal My Comic  
by Michael Ciuffo

Blobbles  
by Jason Chan

Theory of Pete  
by Cai GoGwilt

The Daily Blunderbuss  
by Ben Peters

**Sudoku**

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 on page 13.

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 3 7 8 4
 6 8 5 3 2 7
 1 3 7 6
 5 8 9
 2 1 4 9 5
 8 1 3
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Solution, tips, and computer program at http://www.sudoku.com

Want to start off the year a star? Draw comics for The Tech! E-mail comics@tech.mit.edu.
ACROSS
1 Fight against
7 Fit for climbing
15 Ring around a pupil
16 Ornate wardrobes
17 Small crowns
18 Superlatively small
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21 Enzyme: suff.
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23 Old space station
24 Bench with a back
26 Italian treats
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45 Academic grade
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51 Potemkin mutiny site
53 Late starter?
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64 Beach property
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14 Value highly
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41 Like Julian calendar dates
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44 Javelin
45 Glum
46 Lehman and Astaire
47 Change place cards
48 Marsh grasses
49 N, E, W or S
50 "Atlas Shrugged" author
51 Potemkin mutiny site
52 Composer of “The Nubians of Plutonia”
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Learn to dance like you never thought you could …

Dance Camp is your opportunity to take DANCE CAMP

The MIT Ballroom Dance Team presents collegiate ballroom teams in the country; alumni, and staff welcome!

MIT and Wellesley students, lessons and learn what MITBDT is all about.

Be part of one of the most successful collegiate ballroom teams in the country; Learn to dance like you never thought you could … seriously. When the focus shifted to the advertising itself, the actors would discuss consumer culture with office banter that was rarely funny. Once you look past the fact that the show rarely tackles its subject matter in an interesting way, it’s easy to appreciate that its characters are actually quite good. While its protagonist Don Draper (Jon Hamm) is generally content to be stone-faced and tortured, many of the characters surrounding Don — particularly his wife Betty (January Jones), secretary Peggy (Elisabeth Moss), and colleague Pete Campbell (Vincent Kartheiser) — are enigmatic and complex. Again, the problems facing the characters aren’t entirely original. Betty is a housewife lost in suburbia, Peggy is a woman trying to enter an entirely male-dominated profession, and Pete is a painfully weak man trying to be a cutthroat executive — but they have surprising depth.

The second season of Mad Men deals with the mortality of the ad-executives: the transformation of their industry and the fatal trajectory of their lifestyle. As everything in the characters’ lives begins to crumble, the show keeps getting better. It was thoroughly underwhelming at first, but the second season is certainly heading in the right direction.
Smile!

There are tons of great events going on this weekend. Drop by our office on the fourth floor of the Student Center and check out these events:

Friday, Aug. 29:
4:00 p.m. Activities Midway at Johnson
Grab a piece of cake and find yourself on the front page of The Tech.
7:00 p.m. Open House at The Tech Office
Meet the staff. Challenge them to a round of Halo 3, Guitar Hero 3, or Super Smash Bros. Brawl.

Sunday, Aug. 31:
5:00 p.m. News Meeting
6:00 p.m. Dinner! (yes, it’s free)
6:15 p.m. Photo Meeting
Can’t make it this week? Stop by any Sunday during these times.

Thursday, Sept. 4:
7:00 p.m. Production Tutorial
See how the newspaper comes together with our friendly production staff.

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**Saturday, August 30, 2008**

12:00 — 12:00 — *Panhellenic Association* — Greek Grillers at Killian Court: Meet the amazing men and women of Sigma Phi Epsilon and Gamma Phi Beta and enjoy a gourmet meal with one of the most picturesque sodas in the world. Killian Court will be your new favorite hangout spot.

12:00 — 12:15 — *Epsilon Theta* — Down to wherever the hell we are and meet your very first Fenbeings. And if you promise, if you show up, we'll have a surprise waiting …

13:00 — 13:00 — *Panhellenic Association* — Welcome Night at Lobbit. Come as you are. Sororities at MIT are about finding a place where you feel comfortable as an individual as well as feel supported as part of the community. Each sorority on campus has a distinct personality, yet all were founded on similar values and as a support system for women at MIT.

14:00 — 14:00 — *Epsilon Theta* — Cal-Feine and Books Tour. Come on and see the Boston House! Enjoy a meal prepared by our wonderful cook Karen 18:00 — 18:00 — *Pika* — Time to make our own interpretation of the famous Ginger Snap cookies. Low and behold! Try your luck at being threatened by innovative ideas that try to hook you in and disrupt your way of life? Then fear no more! Feel secure! Do you feel as if you are tired of parties that try to be original? Do you feel that you are fed up with menus that are full of sugary things and eat the result to your heart's content? This is your chance.

14:00 — 14:00 — *Pika* — Time to make our own Chia pet at pika. Low and behold the tastiest, strangest topping you've ever seen! Go down in the history books as the Most Awesome Rube Goldberg Drive-Thru Donner's Superman. Enjoy a meal prepared by two strapping men.

14:00 — 14:00 — *Epsilon Theta* — Church of Science — visit one of Boston's best museums

14:00 — 14:00 — *Epsilon Theta* — Mu-seum of Science — visit one of Boston’s most accessible beaches! Boys and girls welcome!!! We want to make fools of ourselves while playing Karaoke Revolution!

14:00 — 14:00 — *Epsilon Theta* — Sushi-making! — Come on over to Fenway House at 9 p.m. where I will teach you to Briggs Field for your thriving (Or meet me at Briggs Field at 9:30 p.m.).

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Freshmen Look Forward to Upcoming Fraternity, Sorority Recruitment Events

Recruitment, from Page 1

they have.

The result is that fraternity sisters are sometimes forced to meet with a member of the Council for the Arts at MIT to bring textbook information to Steller's course pages, according to Holmes. The collaboration aims to make this year’s election would be: there are a lot more non-Bush supporters than there are Bush supporters. The other argument is that there are Bush supporters going out to work in the campaign, so＿＿＿＿＿. Robbie had a hard time of ages of about 18 and look where they go us.

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T: To what extent is it true that students today have a different tolerance of what they will put up with? I don’t think that there’s really a partnership between the two sides.

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New, Upgraded Tennis Bubble
To Be Completed September 15

By Shreyes Seshasai

Studets returning to campus may notice a familiar sight missing from view next to Briggs field. The J. B. Carr Indoor Tennis center, known simply as the tennis bubble, was taken down last spring as part of an ongoing project to replace the structure. A new bubble will be in place by September 15, according to John B. Hawes Jr., MIT senior project manager.

While the structure may look the same from the outside, once it’s unflated, students on the inside will notice never lighting, better insulation, and the addition of a skylight.

The changes also include a new fire alarm system for increased safety, accompanied by a new electrical system. The heating units, which had dated back to the original installation of the bubble, will also be replaced with heating elements that are more efficient and offer better controls.

The project also includes renovations to the head house, which sits at the entrance to the bubble. Besides the usual changes of a new carpet and new paint, the head house will be made more handicap accessible. A larger, second entrance into the bubble will be created, as well as a new handicap accessible bathroom.

The project was prompted by the collapse of the bubble during the winter of 2007. At the time, the storm on April Fool’s Day brought down the bubble. The timing was not all that bad though, MIT was already in the process of replacing the dome at the time the storm hit, so a new bubble was quickly put in place.

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MIT Places Seventh
In NCSA’s Collegiate
Power Rankings ’08

By James Kramer

On Monday, the National Collegiate Scouting Association (NCSA) announced its sixth annual Collegiate Power Rankings. Following another tremendous year, the Engineers were listed seventh overall, securing their highest ranking in the history of the report.

The NCSA’s 2008 Collegiate Power Rankings rate colleges and universities comprehensively based on student-athlete graduation rates, academic strength, and athletic prowess of the university.

“ar for a school to be at the top of a list of more than 1,000 NCAA schools with athletic programs is remarkable”, said Chris Krause, Founder and President of the NCSA.

“I will note, however, that MIT is listed in the top one percent of the overall rankings because of its commitment to academic and athletic excellence, ranked seventh overall, seventh in the Conference, and fourth in the Ivy League. Our success in research and in business is a result, in no small part, of what M.I.T. has done for us. As one measure of our appreciation, we are extending special purchase privileges to all students and employees of M.I.T. for their personal use.

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