Sororities Get Forty Fewer Members, Pi Beta Phi Still To Bid

By Pearle Lipinski

The MIT alumna arrested mid-July on military charges of insubordination for her indictment in federal court in Manhattan yesterday, Afta Siddiqui '99, Pi Beta Phi alumna, said she cannot make court appearances, "I think we’re really going to need a couple of more years," she said.

Both Liu and Tiffany W. Guo '09, Pi Beta Phi's recruitment chair, said that they do not plan to move back to spring recruitment any time soon.

Pi Beta Phi did not give bids during this week's recruitment. Instead, consultants and alums from outside chapters were available this week to meet with interested women. The sorority will be having its own recruitment Sept. 25-28. Women who are interested in Pi Beta Phi do not have to go through the formal recruitment process and are only ineligible to join Pi Beta Phi Phi if they received and declined a bid from another sorority.

Siddiqui worked with the representatives from outside chapters to publicize Pi Beta Phi because it did not have an MIT base, Liu said.

The other five sororities gave out 128 bids, 127 of which were accepted. Alpha Chi Omega will receive 12 bids, Alpha Phi and Sigma Xi received 14 bids, and Phi Mu and Zeta Tau received 13 bids. As of Wednesday, Sept. 3, every sorority has accepted every bid that it has received.

Funding for sororities is set at $200,000, which includes $125,000 for formal and $75,000 for informal recruitment. It is up to the sororities to determine how much they will accept and how much they will give.
China Concedes School Building Flaws in Mw 8.9 quake

By Edward Wong

A Chinese government committee said Thursday that a rush to build schools during the country’s recent economic boom might have led to shoddy construction that resulted in the deaths of thousands of students who were devastatingly killed in May.

The statement by Ma Zongjin, the chairman of an official committee of experts assessing damage from the May 12 earthquake, is the first time that a representative of the Chinese government has acknowl-
edged that poor construction may have caused the collapses. Until now, officials have been explaining the failure of several school buildings in the Sichuan province, which suffered the most damage, had said the sheer force of the 7.9-magnitu-
de quake caused the collapses.

The high school students have become the most politically sensitive issue to emerge in the aftermath of the earthquake. This summer, grieving parents held street protests to challenge local governments and demand that officials conduct proper investigations into construc-
tion quality. Local officials felt so threatened by the parents that they ordered riot police to break up protests — policemen even dragged away crying mothers — and offered the parents compensation money in exchange for them dropping their demands.

Evacuations Are Advised as Storm Nears the Southeast

By Bobbie Brown

ATLANTA — Tropical Storm Hanna surged toward the Atlantic Coast Thursday, the authorities declared states of emergency in Virginia and North Carolina and recommended evacuation from some coastal regions in the Carolinas.

The storm could escalate into a hurricane before making landfall in South Carolina or North Carolina by late Saturday, the National Hurricane Center said.

In the wake of the storm’s next threat, Hurricane Ike, could deliver as even heavier blow, forecasters said. The storm, currently a Category 4 hurricane with 15 mph winds, is churning across the At-
tlantic and could hit the Bahamas by Sunday before turning northwest toward Florida, the National Hurricane Center said.

Hanna Widower With Clouded Past

By Jane Perlez

Tallahassee, Fla. — Asif Ali Zardari, the widower of Benazir Bhutto, is set to become the next president of Pakistan Sunday.

He will start his tenure burdened by a history of corruption allegations that cloud his reputation even as they remain unproved.

Though he has won the reluctant support of the Bush administra-
tion, he and his wife are seen as a wildcard partner in the campaign against terror-
torism, Zardari will assume the presidency with what many consider understated governing skills as a tough Taliban insurgency threatens the very fabric of a country that has seen the collapse of 165 million people.

It remains to be seen how forcefully he will act against militants in the Taliban and against public opposition to American pressure. Not in clear how much influence he exerts over the still powerful military and the nation’s premier spy agency, the Inter-Services Intelligence.

Mc Cain Sets Course in RNC Speech, Vows to End ‘Rancor’

By Adam Nagourney and Michael Cooper

ST PAUL, M N N — Sen. John McCain, the former prisoner of war whose bid for the White House appeared in complete collapse just one year ago, accepted the Republican presidential nomin-
ination on Thursday with a pledge to move the nation beyond “partisan rancor” and narrow self-interest. His speech came at the end of a convention marked by more conflict than ever been admitted before a presidential bid.

McCain acknowledged that he had been the architect of a political party that seemed to be in crisis as it faced a Democratic nominee, Barack Obama, as the next president.

He said that the Republic party was “often thought of as a special interest party,” but that the party “can take back the people’s agenda.”

McCain said that he would work to create a “new, new Republican Party” that would be determined by the people and not the special interests.

He promised to end the “partisan rancor” that has been at the center of the political landscape for the past several years.

McCain also promised to bring the country together, adding, “I will be a president for all of us.”

Havrele he had since realized how far he had stepped over the bounds of what was permissible. Wearing a brown shirt, pants with an elastic band, and a worn white cap, he apologized profusely and in a qua-
vowing voice said he was begging for mercy. “I have fallen into an abyss,” he said.

The sentencing process was unusual and complicated by many fac-
tors. Prosecutors had asked Hlavacek to sentence Abramoff to a term less than the government had sought.

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Lobbyist Abramoff Sentenced To Four Years in Prison

By Neil A. Lewis

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he is aligned with Bush on two of the biggest issues facing the country: the war in Iraq and the economy. His pledge of political independence and bipartisanship could prove especially valuable at a time when Republican party is so unpopular.

It also permitted him to reprise what has been a central line of attack against Obama, the Democratic nom-
inee. “The convention whose motto was ‘country first’ — that his opponent has a political interest ahead of those of the country.”

“I will reach out to my hand to any-
one to help me get this country mov-
ing again,” McCain said. “I have that record and the scars to prove it. Sen. Obama does not.”

He invoked a word — maverick — that has been the moving spirit since the 2002 Republican convention in Denver, Colo.

“Sometimes it’s meant as a compli-
ment and sometimes it’s not. What it really means is I understand who we work for. I don’t work for a party. I don’t work for a special interest. I don’t work for myself. I work for you.”

Standing in the center of an arena here, surrounded by thousands of cheering Republican delegates, Mc-
Cain firmly stated that he intended to seize the mantle of change Obama claimed in his own unlikely bid for his party’s nomination.

McCain suggested that his choice of Gov. Sarah Palin of Alaska as his running mate gave him the license to “run as an outsider against Washing-
ton, even though McCain has served in Congress for more than 25 years.”

“Let me offer an advance warning to the old, big-spending, do-nothing, me-first-country-second Washington crowd. Change is coming,” McCain said in remarks prepared for deliv-
er.

With his speech, McCain laid out the broad outlines of his gen-
el election campaign. He sought to move from a convention marked by an intense effort to reassure the party base to an appeal to a broader gen-
el election electorate that polling suggested had turned sharply away from Re-
publicans and President Bush.

By their end, McCain returned to what has been his signature theme as a presidential candidate, including as his unsuccessful 2000 campaign: that he is a politician prepared to defy his own party.

“The constant partisan rancor that stops us from solving these problems isn’t a cause, it’s a symptom,” he said. “It’s what happens when people go to Washington to work for them-
selves and not you. Again and again, I’ve worked with members of both parties to the problems that need to be fixed. That’s how it will govern as president.”

McCain defined bipartisanship as not only working with the oppos-
ite party but having been prepared to work against his own party, even though

The storm could escalate into a hurricane before making landfall in South Carolina Saturday night:

Situated over the mid 80°F (26°C). Winds could gust over 50 mph.

Saturday night: Minimal tropical storm conditions possible. Winds with heavy rain and low near 65°F (18°C).

Sunday: Improving conditions. Rain possible early, with clearing skies later in the day. Highs near 75°F (24°C).
Detroit’s Kilpatrick Will Resign And Serve Short Prison Term

By Susan Sauny and Nick Bunkley

Mayor Kwame M. Kilpatrick pleaded guilty to felony charges here on Thursday and agreed to resign from office and serve 120 days in prison. But even as the fate of Kilpatrick became clear on Thursday, a new layer of potential pitfalls came into view.

The city council that will now try to bring stability to the nation’s 11th largest city is known for its volatility. Its two top leaders, Kenneth V. Cockrel Jr., the council president, who will now be interim mayor, and Monica Conyers, who will become president of the council, were recently involved in a public shooting match that has become a running joke.

And some members of the council are under federal investigation for possibly taking payoffs before approving a multi-million-dollar sewage contract.

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Dow Slides 345 Points Amid Gloomy Economic Reports

By Michael M. Grynbaum

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On August 29th, in a historic move that surprised pundits, Senator John McCain an- nounced his selection of Alaskan governor Sarah Palin (Palmiran Poynt-in, Not Palin’in) for his vice presidential running mate. The reac- tion from the left was immediate and vociferous, as liberal bloggers sarcastically thanked McCain for giving them the election and the Obama campaign lashed out, calling the governor in- experienced and a pawn of Big Oil. These criticisms have missed the point enti- rely. Palin was not chosen because of her gen- der, conservation — for that McCain could have easily turned to Kay Bailey Hutchinson or Carly Fiorina — but rather because she is a reformer with considerable upside among blue-collar voters. As a Washington outsider who has built her political career by fighting neoliber- alism, corruption, and corporate influence in her home state, she reinforces Senator McCain’s strangled image as a man of the people. As a hockey-mom with a unionized commercial fisherman for a husband, she lends John McCain a populist appeal that his military service alone couldn’t provide. She strengthens John McCain’s claim as a president he will end the cronyism and excess that have characterized the past seven years. Her presence on the ticket undermines the caricature of the candidate that can turn the office of the presidency in the event of the candidate that can win over a significant fraction of female vot- ers. However, if the Obama campaign is not trying to win over a significant fraction of female voters, then they’re ignoring the identity politics that would lead former Christians to vote Repub- lican. Some recent attacks, such as complaining that Palin won’t have the ability to care for her family and be vice president at the same time are necessarily that of the newspaper. Electronic submissions are encouraged and news@the-tech.mit.edu letters received. The Tech can be found on the World Wide Web at http://www.tech.mit.edu

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Holy crap! You can fly?

What were you asking me?

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So, I was reading this book...

Ok.

About this alien species...

...the only thing they can drink is mercury from subterranean deposits!

Wow... who wrote it?

H.G. Wells

Theory of Pete
by Cai GoGwilt

What are you doing?

I'm getting ready to draw a timeless comic.

See, in comic direction is time. Thus, by getting rid of direction, I get rid of time. Timeless.

A "directorless" comic.

"Timeless?"

Still seems quite linear to me.

Sure it is, time...

And why do I have to be made up, too?

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Decidedly Entertaining Forestal Adventure

MTG’s “Into the Woods” Abounds With Humor and Excellence

By Bogdan Fedelos

“Into the Woods”

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Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim

Music by Stephen Sondheim

Based on Classic Fairy Tales

Directed by Matthew Stern ’08

September 4–6 at 8 p.m.
September 11–13 at 8 p.m.

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Staff Writer

While the age of fairy tales is all but a distant memory for most of us, the lure of the “happily ever-after” lands is all too strong to resist, irrespective of age. Add to some exquisitely crafted music and a few moralizing twists, and there is no wonder why Stephen Sondheim’s highly acclaimed musical “Into the Woods” never fails to deliver unforgettable experiences for audiences of all ages. After spending most of the summer working on this exciting yet challenging musical, MTG is ready to bedazzle you with a fairy tale journey “Into the Woods” that will surely meet all expectations.

“Into the Woods” is more than a collection of fairy tales. In fact, its plot will surely pique the interest of MIT folk, as it is essentially lifted off of a statistics problem set: how many fairy tales can you tell simultaneously? The answer might vary, but the audience will surely recognize the well-known story lines of Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk, and Rapunzel, all cleverly interwoven in such a way that no story would work without the others. Yet, since fairy tales are mostly for kids, “Into the Woods” goes a step further, or as it is the case here, a whole act further to explore what happens beyond the “ever after.” As the plot permeates with realism, it becomes darker, starting to mirror ordinary life and hence adding significant depth to the overall tale.

Although the clever plot is enough of a selling point, the true magic of “Into the Woods” lives in its music. Sondheim lives up to his status as one of the greatest artists in the American musical theatre (NY Times) by penning an exquisitely intricate and charming score paired up with deliciously funny lyrics. Although challenging to perform, the music feels very accessible to the audience, in great part due to the very subtle orchestration. MTG’s production of “Into the Woods,” aptly directed by Matthew Stern ’08, was defeatable from start to finish. The singing was very good, the acting even better, and the overall comic element spectacular. Since the musical involves so many hilarious punch lines, the audience had a hard time refraining from laughter, which in turn had a catalytic effect on the singers, allowing them to act and sing more freely, becoming, as the parts required, even funnier. Contributing a great deal to the success of the production was the smooth stage work. Using a combination of cleverly engineered rotating sets, and a judicious use of space, MTG was able to both convey the depth of the woods and keep up with the blazingly fast pace of the story in the space-stingy Little Kresge.

More over, the well-chosen props and costumes enhanced significantly the humor of the scenes. The cast did a wonderful job bringing this production to life. Featuring great vocal talents and natural stage presence, the singers continuously engaged the audience both in the comedic moments and in the more soulful solo duet arias. The main characters, the baker (J. Michael Spencer) and his wife (Kerry Brooke Steere) were delightful as a couple, and especially moving when singing their duet “It takes two,” where they vow not to give up on their hopes of breaking the spell that keeps them infertile. Steere also showed tremendous acting skills portraying the inner struggle of the baker’s wife, who still dreams of Prince Charming, even though she is married and willing for a child.

One of the funnest characters in the show, the Little Red Riding Hood was admirably portrayed by Karen Hart ’11. Hart does such a tremendous job, both singing and acting that it almost feels this part was written for her. Her nemesis, the wolf, is memorably portrayed by Edmund W. Golaski ’99, who also doubles as Prince Charming. In both roles, Golaski showcases an excellent voice full of nuance, either as the wolf dreaming of a copious meal (“Hello, little girl”) or joining his brother Prince Charming (Luis Loja ’06) in a silly, yet engaging duet “Agony.”

Jack (Timothy Wilfgong) is another no-tale that is very well acted. Wilfgong perfectly captures the torn world view of the somewhat slow lout who suddenly runs into fortune, highlighting his unusual affection for his old cow in the heart felt aria “I guess this is goodbye.” Nicole O’Keefe ’09 shines as Jack’s mother, delivering the part with a lot of energy. Cinderella and her family are also amazingly entertaining. Carrie Lee ’10 does admirably impersonating the cleaning girl, especially through her remarkable vocal talents. Cinderella’s sisters are outright hilarious in every one of their scenes, owing to the exuberant performances of Yunji Wu ’09 and Megan Rexius, always energetically guided (even literally) by their snobbish mother (Amelia Thomas).

In another story, we hear the enraging humming of Rapunzel (Lauren Bakis) locked in the doorless tower by her overprotecting mother and witch (Mia Shandell ’10). While Bakis’ voice is delightful, Shandell outdoes herself in some spectacular arias. Handling superbly what is likely the most challenging part in the musical, as a witch in her quest for youth and beauty, Shandell does it all and very well: she raps, she dances, she curses, she screams and even soulfully laments her condition while trying to keep her daughter with her (“Stay with me”).

Finally, the show would not be complete without a story teller. Dave Berger takes on the part with great aplomb, while also doubling as the mysterious man—a character in charge of making sure the fairy tales follow their proper course. Berger is incredibly hilarious in his later role, while also displaying a natural ability to switch between the roles with great ease.

Overall, MTG tackled brilliantly Sondheim’s challenging masterpiece, delivering a very engaging, witty performance. “Into the Woods” is more than a story, it’s an adventure that will make you laugh very hard and then it’ll make you think. Go and watch it.

The Baker (J. Michael Spencer) and his wife (Kerry Brooke Steere) sing to each other.

The Witch (Mia A. Shandell ’10) makes an appearance.

Little Red Riding Hood (Karen A. Hart ’11) encounters Jack (Timothy Wilfgong) in the woods.
Living Groups Recruit Freshmen During Rush

The week after orientation, sororities, fraternities, and ILGs encouraged freshmen to join by providing a full schedule of fun events.

(clockwise from right)

The Greek Griller last Saturday kicked off Rush Week and attracted hundreds of students.

Qiaochu Yuan '12 and Christopher S. Brathwaite '12 build a model of buckminsterfullerene from gumdrops and skewers at TEP on Sept. 2.

Christopher S. Chin '12 makes liquid nitrogen ice cream along with the brothers of TEP on Sept. 2.

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The change in Student Information Policy follows a proposal discussed by Dean for Undergraduate Education Daniel E. Hastings PhD ’80 at a meeting with undergraduates on May 1.

—Mengjie Ding

Lawyers Worry Over Siddiqui’s Condition
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defense … Dr. Siddiqui requires further evaluation including examinations by medical professionals specializing in the treatment of torture victims,” Fink wrote.

Siddiqui’s lawyers and the court-appointed psychologist have requested she be transferred to a “less restrictive setting where she would not be subjected to strip searches and where she could receive more extensive care,” Judge Berman set a deadline of Friday, Sept. 12 for the defense to brief this issue, Wednesday Sept. 17 for the prosecution, with the next court appearance on Monday, Sept. 22.

The text of the indictment carried additional details about Siddiqui’s arrest on July 17. It claims Siddiqui carried handwritten notes that referred to a “mass casualty attack” and mentioned U.S. locations like the Empire State Building and Brooklyn Bridge. The indictment also alleges Siddiqui carried notes on “destroying reconnaissance drones,” and use of gliders and underwater bombs.

When Siddiqui was arrested on July 17, an eleven-year-old boy was arrested with her, but his identity was unclear. On Aug. 22, U.S. Attorney Michael J. Garcia wrote to Siddiqui’s lawyer indicating that preliminary DNA analysis of the boy was consistent with him being her son.

Fink’s letter from Wednesday continues to support the claim that Siddiqui was held by the United States following her 2003 disappearance. Fink wrote that The Washington Post told her of “reliable sources in both the American and Pakistani government who have verified” that Siddiqui was held, first by Pakistani intelligence in 2003, and subsequently by the CIA.

The Post declined to comment.

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Then one day a friend asked him to stop by the Carroll Center for the Blind in Newton and take on some sightless opponents.

“Eric, wearing a blindfold, lost all three bouts to the blind students,” the center said in a tribute on its website, “and was greatly intrigued by their ability and the value of fencing to the rehabilitation training of persons who are blind.”

In the late 1960s, Mr. Sollee started teaching the blind to fence at the Carroll Center.

As a fencer and a teacher, he won matches around the world and coached at MIT and Harvard. Mr. Sollee died June 30 in Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, not far from his Dover, N.H., home.

He was 82 and previously had lived in Newton for more than four decades.

“Eric’s enthusiasm is infectious, it’s absolutely great,” Ralph Dow, rehabilitation director at the Carroll Center, told the Globe in 2005. “His understanding of the application of fencing skills to orientation for the blind is quite deep; he knows it well. He’s a fantastic coach, there’s no question about it. Students worship this guy.”

And Mr. Sollee worshiped fencing, a sport to which he was introduced while serving in the Army.

“He picked up fencing from this guy who he was trying to teach boxing to,” Alison Sollee of Durham, N.H., said of her father. “This guy knew some fencing skills and taught them to my father, and that became the love of his life - except for my mother.”

At Harvard, from which he graduated in 1952, Mr. Sollee also was captain of the varsity squad as a senior.

In one American Fencing League Association tournament, he won all three divisions - foil, epee, and saber - and he also won the Greater Boston Open Foils Championship, according to the Harvard Varsity Club website. Mr. Sollee was inducted into the club’s hall of fame in 1999.

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Broad Receives $400 Million Endowment Donation

By Stephanie Strom
THE NEW YORK TIMES
September 5, 2008

Eli and Edythe Broad, who are giving away a multibillion-dollar fortune made in real estate and insurance, announced on Thursday their biggest gift so far, a $400 million donation to the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard.

The institute works to discover genetic links to major diseases and determine the molecular causes of disease, which could lead to new ways to diagnose and prevent illnesses and develop medicines.

The money will be managed by Harvard University’s invested management unit with the goal of turning it into a $1 billion endowment that will ensure the institute’s future and make it one of the wealthiest scientific research centers in the world.

“To me, the story isn’t about our fortune made in real estate and insurance,” said Eli Broad, who co-founded Home Savings of America and has added several works each year donated. Since then, the collection has grown.

He might create himself.

The Broad Art, Loan Program Has Wide Variety of Pieces

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One Laptop Per Child unveiled the second-generation XO laptop. The new machine will be smaller and cheaper than the previous model, and open like a book to reveal two touch-sensitive displays.

The co-editor of Counterclock announced that the monthly magazine which aimed to chronicle campus life between our two institutions of higher education due to dwindling MIT interest in the Wellesley-only publication. “We will resume publication in the fall as a Wellesley-only publication,” announced that the monthly magazine aimed to chronicle campus life.

June

Star A. Simpson ‘10 was sentenced on June 2 to one year of supervised probation on a charge of disorderly conduct following a Sept. 2007 incident when she was arrested at Logan International after airport personnel mistook a circuit board on her sweatshirt for a bomb. Simpson was ordered to perform 50 hours of community service, half of which must be completed with veterans, and to publicly announce that she had made a mistake.

Over 2,500 degrees were awarded to about 2,300 students at MIT’s 142nd Commencement on Friday, June 6. Muhammad Yunus, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006 for his development of microcredit and his work in alleviating global poverty, addressed the graduates. Yunus spoke about his own experiences in both the Grameen Bank in Bangladesh and urged graduates to spend time making the world a better place.

Graduate student Michael P. Short was arrested and charged with two felony charges after Police found him in the basement of NW35 on June 7 after the prosecution filed a motion stating that dropping the charges is “in the interests of justice and due process proceedings will be conducted by the MIT internal discipline board.”

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The reordering of a federal judge later dissolved the gag order against costantino “chris” colombo., the Electronic Frontier Foundation, called for an open debate about the speech and a sign that a federal state does not prohibit talking about security vulner- abilities.

Costantino “Chris” Colombo, previously dean for student affairs at Columbia University’s undergraduate schools, took over as Dean for Student Life on Aug. 18. Colombo replaces Larry G. Benedict, who has held the dean for student life position since its inception in 2000. Colombo will live in Next House with his family in the vacant housemasters’ apartment.

The graduate student dental plan opened for sign-up on Aug. 24. with a deadline for enrollment of Sept. 15, at graduate. The first year that graduate students will be able to purchase basic dental insur- ance through MIT. The plan charges a fixed annual fee and covers cleaning and checkups by in-network dentists.

Free transit passes were available for employees as part of a series of new commuting options being offered this year by MIT. About 700 Institute employees signed up for the passes, including 12 who potentially signed up to get monthly T passes, which are available at a 50 percent discount.

The potential impact and the grow- ing MIT community are cited as rea- sons for the change in commuting options, which include an increase in MBTA commuter rail subsidies and free transit passes for September for employees who park at MIT five days a week.

The Coop launched a Web site which allows students to view textbook information online without visiting its store in Kendall Square. The site, which opened on Aug. 24 and allows students to view information such as the titles, authors, publishers, and editions of textbooks for the upcoming Fall 2008 semester, though it does not provide ISBN num- bers or cover pictures. Students may order their books online for in-store pick-up or get them shipped.

Compiled by Arakji Dey, Natasha Plonkon, and Marina Yagi.

Information session September 9
Application deadline September 16
On-campus interviews September 30

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If this isn’t possible, please send a resume and cover letter stating your GPA and standardized test scores, broken down by section where applicable, to jobs@deshaw.com. All applications must be received by September 9.
Women's Volleyball Takes First At Gordon College Invitational

By Mindy Brauer

For the seventh year in a row, the MIT women's volleyball team kicked off its season by winning the Gordon College Invitational. The Engineers defeated the host (25-17, 19-25, 23-25, 25-17, 15-13), Keene State College (25-13, 19-25, 21-25, 26-15), and Endicott College (25-22, 25-16, 25-19) to begin their campaign with a 3-0 record. Alexandra T. May '10 was named the Tournament MVP while Lindsey E. Hunting '09 was named to the All-Tournament Team.

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