MIT Libraries Lay Off Staff, Plans to Close Two Branches

By Arakjit Dey

Facing Institute-mandated budget cuts, the MIT Libraries are planning to close two branch libraries, Lindgren Library, which serves the Earth, Atmosphere, and Planetary Sciences Department, and the Aeronautics and Astronautics Library. Some staff have received advance notice of layoffs or hour reductions that will take effect at the end of the fiscal year.

According to a Libraries staffer who asked to remain anonymous for fear of losing her job, “This is a very difficult time for the Libraries.” The Libraries have announced that they will close a branch library in the next fiscal year.

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Investors See Glimmer of Hope, Send Shares Higher

Obama's Afghan Plan Focuses On Pakistani Aid to Militants

Senior Aide to Saddam Hussein Sentenced to 15 Years
By Marc Santora

Tariq Aziz, the senior aide to Saddam Hussein who gained international renown as the public face of Iraq during the Persian Gulf War of 1990-1991, was sentenced to 15 years in prison on Wednesday for crimes against humanity.

Of Two Saddam’s half-brothers, Wathan Ibrahim al-Hassan and Sabah Ibrahim al-Hassan, Saddam’s death in the same case, the 1992 executions of 42 Baghdad merchants accused of speculation on not worth the market price and who were serving international sanctions after its invasion of Kuwait.

It is the second verdict to be issued in a case involving Aziz, 73. Earlier this month he was acquitted on charges of ordering a brutal crackdown against Shiite protesters after the assassination of a revered cleric. He still faces charges in a third trial involving a massacre of Kurds in 1983.

In the Gulf War, he rejected a last-minute overture from President George H.W. Bush for talks, citing what he called the American leader’s support for the Kurds in 1983.

While our weather in New England can be cruel at times, Mother Nature’s moods are just one factor in the current spring’s milder temperatures.

Situated to the north of the Davis Strait, the North Atlantic Current, also known as the Gulf Stream, is responsible for bringing warm water and mild temperatures to the northeastern United States and eastern Canada.

**European Weather Outlook: 14 April 2009**

This week brings more of the same with cold and wet conditions.

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In Interview, Gop Chairman Strays From Party on Abortion

By Adam Nagerney

WASHINGTON

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In Powerhouse India, Child HungerAbounds

By Somid Sengupta

NEW DELHI

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In an effort to defuse the Pakistani political crisis, the U.S. ambassador, Christopher Hill, broke the ice last week by joining opposition leader Nawaz Sharif on the phone, and urged him to reconcile with Pakistan’s president, Asif Ali Zardari.

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Bennie and Delano: the Safe Bet

The Undergraduate Association stands at a crossroads. This year, the organization has struggled with its own identity and concerns about its effectiveness amidst a seemingly leaderless body. None of the candidates has demonstrated the political acumen and a lack of initiative from a young and inexperienced Senate. But the UA is beginning to reunite. Senate has found its stride, making substantial changes to the organization and making it easier for students to feel a part of the Senate. The upcoming elections will feature an array of candidates, providing an opportunity for students to vote for a leader who can make a difference.

Editorial

This year, the MIT men's basketball team won the NEWMAC tournament, which is a significant achievement for the team. The team has advanced to the NCAA Division III Tournament for the first time in MIT history. Hundreds of MIT students, faculty, and staff have come together to support the team. It is a reflection of the pride and passion that MIT students have for their school and the success of their teams.

Letters to the Editor

Tech Overlooked Historic MIT Basketball Run

This year, the MIT men's basketball team won the New England Maccabees (NEWMAC) Tournament. This victory is a significant milestone for the team and is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the players. The team has advanced to the NCAA Division III Tournament for the first time in MIT history. This achievement is a reflection of the pride and passion that MIT students have for their school and the success of their teams. The Tech would like to congratulate the team on their historic run.

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Toward Better Dining System

Why the UA Senate Has Formed an Alternative to the Blue Ribbon Dining Committee

Paul Barany, Richard A. Dahan, and Daniel D. Hawkins

As many of you are surely aware, the future of the Blue Ribbon Committee on Dining (BRC), an Institute Committee consisting of students, faculty, and administrators, was created by the UA Senate to provide greater transparency and accountability from the campus community with the BRC has made great strides, it seems that the BRC’s desire to move forward has turned the committee’s focus away from transparency and fair process.

Student leaders have expressed concern that the committee’s student membership is not adequately representative of all student preferences. Others were disconcerted to hear that the report of the Blue Ribbon Committee’s hired consulting firm was significantly altered by administrators before it reached the York Times for publication. As a result of these inaccuracies, the BRC recently closed its membership to the public and currently only members of the BRC can be added — not even to fill seats vacated last year by graduating members of the Class of 2009. The BRC was able to release the original version of the consultation report by securing a new process for selecting new committee members.

Acting on these concerns, the UA Senate voted Monday to form the Dining Proposal Committee (DPC). This committee, which will be composed of undergraduate students who have a genuine interest in the dining habits and preferences of the on-campus, will be charged with formulating a report on what meets the needs of the MIT community. Additionally, the UA hopes that the student members of the BRC will be open to working with the DPC.

The Dining Proposal Committee’s report will be submitted to the UA Senate for deliberation in mid-April and will reach the desks of administrators, alongside the Blue Ribbon Committee’s final recommendations, at the end of April.

A reasonable set of recommendations would give a relatively uninformed, time-deficient analysis about smaller homes being sold and the corresponding result likely will fall short of the cash flows that supported yesterday’s high rate in order to "monetize eyeballs" is for online users to try to illuminate some of the other problems with the product the the resulting revenue likely will fall short of the cash flows that supported yesterday’s high rate in order to "monetize eyeballs." The Wall Street for small-box "fundamental breach of trust on the part of the administrative section that has been made up for this purpose is not much a "bogus trend story." The example of a family moving in the past few days short of shutting down tubes of heated cesium. As someone who spent three years in the health sciences, I could have understood a basic explanation of provided one. But there was none. The article does little except report on the existence of a scientific breakthrough.

Rather than make uninformed recommendations, the BRC is being held to the standards of journalism: the reporting be accurate with due care, knowledge. This is especially true of articles on scientific breakthroughs. A piece on slow light (“Putting the Brakes on Light Speed”, Jan. 17, 2007) had little disclaimer that this scientific phenomenon beyond what little down tubes of heated cesium.” As someone who spent three years in the health sciences, I could have understood a basic explanation of provided one. But there was none. The article does little except report on the existence of a scientific breakthrough.

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The Wall Street
**CONCERT REVIEW**

**Punk Rock and Folk, All Rolled into One**

Eleni Mandell Is on ‘Fire’

By Danbee Kim

March 8, 2009

Los Angeles artist Eleni Mandell played new material from Artificial Fire at TT the Bear’s Place in Cambridge on Sunday.

In her songs, Mandell has a knack for the staged confrontation. She's no stranger to the stage and to the power of music, and she knew how to use it to her advantage. Her music is a reflection of her personality, and her performances are a reflection of her artistry. She brought her unique style and passion to the stage, and she didn't disappoint. Her music is a perfect match to the energy of the room, and she kept the audience engaged throughout the performance.

**CONCERT REVIEW**

**Video Game Orchestra**

A Gamer’s Nostalgic Delight

By Danbee Kim

March 5, 2009

The Video Game Orchestra is a unique performance that brings together the world of music and video games. The orchestra is made up of musicians who are passionate about video games and the music that accompanies them. The orchestra performs arrangements of popular video game compositions, and the result is a beautiful blend of classical music and popular culture.

The performance was a reminder of the past and a celebration of the present. It was a testament to the power of music to bring people together and to create something beautiful. The Video Game Orchestra is a unique and valuable addition to the world of music, and they are sure to continue to create beautiful performances for years to come.
**Watchmen: Distorts Original Novel**

Perhaps Not Worth the Watch

By Sun Kim

Watchmen
Directed by Zack Snyder
Written by David Hayter & Alec Tse
Starring Jackie Earle Haley &Billy Crudup
Rotten Tomatoes
Now Playing

There is a scene in Watchmen, directed by Zack Snyder (Dawn of the Dead, 300), in which Laurie Juspeczyk, a renegade superhero (played by a strong supporting cast), reveals her identity, except for a curious name: Rorschach. This is a misnomer, since only Dr. Manhattan has true mirror the novel with shots very close to the novel’s themes of unequivocal truth and the inquiry of human nature. The film, however, oversimplifies the complexities of the graphic novel, and instead, devolves it into a visual and audio experience with little intellectual weight.

The Watchmen are a group of masked vigilantes, who take after their predecessors, the Minutemen. In the opening credits, a photographic montage illustrates the Minutemen’s triumphs and downsfalls, all set to a familiar Bob Dylan tune. At its surface, Watchmen is a murder mystery, someone has killed Edward explosion of human nature. The film, however, overemphasizes thematic elements have parallel plots, excerpts in between chapters, a murder mystery; someone has killed Edward. Vigilantism causes a police strike about a decrease in crime fighter with a mask that reflects his name.

Dreiberg, and Jupiter seem to be taken right out of the novel with fairly comparable dispositions. Perhaps Not Worth the Watchmen. He is played by a strong Bob Dylan tune. At its surface, Watchmen is a murder mystery, someone has killed Edward. Vigilantism causes a police strike about a decrease in crime fighter with a mask that reflects his name. The drive behind the conclusion of the plot hinges upon Ozymandias’ story. The director also takes several artistic liberties to make the violent scenes in the novel especially gruesome, including the sawing of foreheads, the sawing of arms, and the tearing of skin in painful detail.

Perhaps Not Worth the Watchmen? Hopefully, not you.

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**Phamily Reunion**

Comeback Weekend Delivers, Promises More

By S. Balaji Mani

Hampton Coliseum, Hampton, VA
March 6-8, 2009

The four and a half years of waiting are over. Georgia-based Phish fans, they sound good, I mean really good. Phish’s farewell tour in 2004 exposed a band in absolute voice. As did Jon Fishman’s (whose surname inspired the group’s name) guitar solo in concert in Vermont, Vermont was one of the greatest train wrecks in live music history. Page McConnell wrote a letter to fans last summer hinting at a reunion, and last Friday, Phish uploaded a video to their website making a reunion official with a run through three shows at Hampton Coliseum in Virginia this past weekend.

Last Friday, Phish took the stage at 8 PM. Following Phish’s Anastrooxid the opening chords to “Flushhead” (a song that hadn’t been played in nine years), and the crowd exploded into cheers and applause. The opening song was an issue of hot debate amongst fans for months). The band, reaching their live performance peak in the mid-90s, used their singing ability, per se). However, what we did hear was the boys warming up and getting stronger as the night went on. As the weekend progressed, the band became increasingly tighter as well as more confident. McIntonn was at the top of his game the whole time, and much louder in the mix. Anastasio opened up little by little after each set, reaching a scorching high by three songs later.

Sunday’s show was an absolute success, and it had finally become clear that Phish was on its way back to reclaim their title as one of the greatest American live acts. Over the three-day period the group played more than ninety songs, with a different set list each night. While the weekend was a celebration of Phish’s great past, it was also a promise of their return. Word is out that they’ll be in the studio recording a new album, and they even opened a new website making a reunion official with a run through three shows at Hampton Coliseum in Virginia this past weekend.

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ABOUT FAILING THEM, YES.
Pseudoscience by Daniel Klein-Marcuschamer

Figure 52. The plot shows the number of times an individual must see the same flyer before gathering enough information to attend an event. As shown, this value depends on the individual’s walking speed. Those who walk slowly are, therefore, more likely to attend events that they are not particularly interested in compared to individuals who walk hastily. This trend in turn suggests that there must be a correlation between the average walking speed of a person and the relevance of the questions the person asks during seminars, though this remains unproven. It also explains why the same flyer must be posted as many times as possible if one is to entice the fast-walking, overachieving crowds. (Visit http://pseudoscience.uoregon.edu for more Pseudoscience.)

Solution, tips, and computer program at http://www.sudoku.com

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 12.

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Crossword Puzzle

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10 Monopoly fee
14 Tot tender
15 One of Henry VIII’s six
16 Big times
17 Sweet job at the fair?
19 Speak like Sylvester
20 College URL ending
21 Byrnes or Hall
22 Sevens
24 Become extinct
27 Scourge
28 Candy-flavored java?
34 Sudden outpouring
37 Superman’s pal
38 Kennel sound
39 Stable staple
40 Miserly failing
41 Tony Blair, for one
42 Appendage
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The MIT Shakespeare Ensemble is presenting the play *Pericles, Prince of Tyre*, this weekend and next in La Sala de Puerto Rico in the Stratton Student Center.

(clockwise from above)

Kellas R. Cameron ’10 brandishes a dagger as the character Leonine.

Grace M. Kane ’11 (right) and Angelina Del Balzo portray a Bawd and Bawd, respectively.

(left to right) Zachary D. Tribbett ’12, Kellas R. Cameron ’10, and Jessica I. Wooton ’12 portray Pericles, Simonedes, and Thaisa, respectively.

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Susan Cohen, Director, Council for the Arts at MIT- E15-205

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http://web.mit.edu/awards/
The men’s team trailed Rhode Island College 30-22 at halftime. Coach Larry Anderson described the feeling in the locker room as downcast. “The doors were closed, and we were trying to make adjustments.” Then we heard a really loud noise and could barely make out what the crowd was saying. It turned out to be, “Let’s go Tech!” I asked my team, “Do you hear that? Our fans have arrived.” As we walked back to the court, the fans were just exploding, and we tied the game in two or three minutes.”

Inaugurating a Fan Base
Past precedent suggested that the support the basketball team received for its NWAMC Tournament Championship semifinal would be sparse. But Casey M. Flynn ’10, a member of the Undergraduate Association Committee on Athletics, made sure that this game would be different. Flynn remembered that during her freshman year, a friend had pulled together a 28-person Saf- eRide shuttle to take fans to an away game. Drawing on that experience, she solicited “a bunch of folks,” finally reaching the Division of Student Life (DSL) and asking “for the biggest bus they could give me.” Her hard work paid off: students finally reached the bus for the NEWMAC finals, and the DSL allowed her to fill the bus for the NEWMAC finals the following day. By the time the first-round NCAAM game rolled around at Rhode Island College, there were 98 people traveling on two buses, while still others traveled in cars.

The unselfishness alone is a foundation that the MIT program has laid to come. This is just the beginning. Anderson also credits the seniors with creating the team’s defining camaraderie and believes it will be an enduring characteristic in the future.

Another contribution the seniors have left behind is the confidence they have instilled in the team’s underclassmen. Karlarker cites this season and the team’s success as the foundation that the MIT program will be built upon. We will be back to this point and farther in the years to come. This is just the beginning.”

Looking Toward the Future
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“We are worried,” said Gunturu. “We can get books everywhere, but it’s difficult to get this in electronic format.”

Pointing to a row of map cabinets at the back of the library, Gunturu said the “maps are huge” and that reading them on a small laptop screen is difficult. The library had both a map room and several cabinets with hundreds of drawers of geological maps, and maps with geophysical and atmospheric data, among other types.

Sherratt said there are roughly 30,000 maps in the Libraries collection, according to statistics pulled together last summer. She was uncertain whether this number also included a collection of topographic maps in Hayden Library.

The maps are “very specialized,” said Gunturu, and “the resources are very important for research in this field.”

MIT Libraries consists of five large libraries, four specialized branches, and the Institute Archives: Lindgren Library recently celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary.

Nick Bushell contributed to the reporting of this article.

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New UA Dining Proposal Comm Aims to Complete Work by May

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dent Life Constantino Colombo on Friday to authorize the release of the raw survey and focus group data, said UA Vice President Michael Bennie. He said that he hopes that the data will be available early next week.

The new Dining Proposal Committee plans to use the Envisions Strategies data to complete their proposal. The UA bill asks that the Dining Proposal Committee present a draft proposal to the UA Senate on April 24 and prepare a final report for May 1. According to Daniel Hawkins, the UA Senator from Simmons and writer of the bill, “after approval by the senate, the Dining Proposal Committee will generate its own proposal and submit it to senior administrators.”

Meanwhile, the Blue Ribbon Committee on Dining has been requested to submit its report by the end of April, according to the committee’s public website. Applications to be a member of the UA Dining Proposal Committee are being accepted until 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 13. The UA Nominations Committee will present a slate of nominees from the applicant pool to the UA Senate on Monday. The committee will have positions for students across a spectrum of living and dining arrangements at MIT: dorms with dining halls, dorms without dining halls, fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups.

Bennie said he doesn’t expect that any of the student members of the Blue Ribbon Dining Committee will be members of the new UA committee.

Donna Denoncourt, associate Dean of Residential Life and Chair of the Blue Ribbon Committee, wrote in an e-mail, “Our goal has always been to incorporate student input, so the Blue Ribbon Committee will be focusing on how to best incorporate the work of the UA Dining Proposal Committee into our process.”

Wednesday, March 18th, 7:00pm
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they didn’t have anyone to blame,” said Chamitoff. He also engaged in a chess game against US youth chess champions, initiated by the US Chess Federation. Earth-based participants sent their moves in on the internet. The program manager joked with Chamitoff: “whatever you do up there you can’t lose to 3rd graders.” They didn’t get to finish the game while Chamitoff was in space.

Each astronaut was allowed to take a certain number of items for organizations they represent, as well as personal mementos. One of the items Chamitoff took with him was a picture that was taken of students and faculty in MIT’s Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics from Spring 2008. One of the personal items he took with him was a collection of music that his father had recorded before he passed away. “I was able to play with him and kind of bring him along,” said Chamitoff.

Training to be an astronaut took several years. Throughout those years, he and other astronauts in his class worked to support on-board crew members in current missions. Chamitoff served as Capsule Communicator (CAPCOM) for one expedition and also spent time working with partners in Russia before the launch.

Chamitoff also went through several survival training sessions. Aquarius, an underwater habitat off the coast of Florida, served as a “space flight analogue,” in which astronauts practiced missions with real equipment, he said. He spent nine days in Aquarius to get a simulated feel of running missions.

Chamitoff said he remembered fondly the friendships he made as a graduate student at MIT: “This is the time in your life you get to know those who are going to be your life-time friends,” said Chamitoff. He recalled studying for qualifying exams with fellow students at the Draper lab, spending hours talking through exam questions. “This was the most bonding time, to survive those exams together,” said Chamitoff.

How does one become an astronaut? “Never give up, never surrender is the motto,” said Chamitoff, advising budding astronauts to always keep their dream alive. “Reach your dreams is all about pushing yourself,” he said. Chamitoff, adding, “you need to set your own standards and not what others expect of you. … If you have done your best, that is all that you can do.”

A video of the interview is at http://tech.mit.edu/V129/N12/chamitoff/.

Gregory E. Chamitoff PhD ’92, who recently returned from a 179-day tour of duty aboard the International Space Station as the Flight Engineer and Science Officer for Expedition 17-18, which began June 2, 2008, stands with a miniature satellite that was developed at the MIT Space Systems Laboratory. While aboard the ISS, Chamitoff used these satellites to test hypersonic satellite motion planning algorithms that was developed for his PhD thesis. Chamitoff gave a lecture on Tuesday at the Space Systems Laboratory.
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What I love about newspapers is that they’re not perfect. I once had an old editor (not as old then as I am now) at the L.A. Times who used to joke each night that we’d finally put out the perfect paper, only to come in the next day and lament that there’d been an error or two - and that we’d try again. We never got there. We never stopped trying either.

People who talk about the importance of newspapers like to cite Thomas Jefferson, who said that if he had to choose between a government without newspapers and newspapers without a government, he’d choose newspapers. I like this quote better - I don’t know who said it - which Jefferson would surely appreciate: “Everything you read in newspapers is absolutely true, except for that rare story of which you happen to have first-hand knowledge.”

Readers routinely complain about bias in newspapers. People are human, including newspaper guys. (That’s what we old guys are - not “journalists;” we didn’t become journalists until about 1990.) But those who complain about bias never worked in a newsroom. They don’t understand about daily newspapers - the miracle of producing one each and every day.

—Mike Littwin, The Rocky Mountain News, Feb. 27, 2009

Ron: (referring to a newspaper) Have you ever seen one of these things on a newsstand in a rainstorm like this? They look like a lot of old bags whose faces have fallen.

Jim: That’s right, Aristotle — that’s because nobody’s come up with a waterproof paper yet. But even if they did, we wouldn’t use it and the Examiner wouldn’t use it and neither would any other paper in the country.

Because we have to print on the cheapest paper they can make. Otherwise, we couldn’t sell for a dime. You know what people use these for? They roll them up and swat their puppies for wetting on the rug — they spread them on the floor when they’re painting the walls — or else they pile up in the garage until an inspector declares them a fire hazard!

But this also happens to be a couple of more things! It’s got print on it that tells stories that hundreds of good men all over the world have broken their backs to get. It gives a lot of information to a lot of people who wouldn’t have known about it if we hadn’t taken the trouble to tell them. It’s the sum total of the work of a lot of guys who don’t quit. It’s a newspaper, that’s all. Well, you’re right for once, stupid.

And it only costs 10 cents, that’s all. But if you only read the comic section or the want ads — it’s still the best buy for your money in the world. I’m sorry to see you go Collins — here — you’ll probably want something to read on your way home.

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(1959)
The MIT Figure Skating Club’s Annual

FIGURE SKATING EXHIBITION

Johnson Athletic Center
Saturday, March 14
6pm
Free Admission

- Ice Dancing - Pairs Skating - Solo Skating - Group Numbers -
- Theater on Ice -

**This event is hosted by the MIT Figure Skating club and is sanctioned by the United States Figure Skating Association**
Fellow freshmen Molly A. Kozminsky ’12 and Lauren M. Chilton ’12 rounded out the sabre squad with rankings of 23rd and 28th. Stephanie H. Shin ’10 captured 14th place in epee, followed by Kirsten Hessler ’12 (31st) and Sophie M. Monahan ’11 (37th). Cordelia S. Link ’10 led the foil team with a 15th-place finish while Inna G. Caldwell ’11 ranked 22nd and Lindley C. Graham ’10 came in 31st.

—Mindy Brauer, DAPER Staff

Women’s Gymnastics Sends 3 to Nationals after Extraordinary Outing at ECAC Championship

The MIT women’s gymnastics placed fourth out of eight entries at the ECAC Division III Championship hosted by Ursinus College on Saturday, while three Engineers qualified for the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association (NCGA) Championship. Among those heading to St. Paul, Minnesota on March 20 are senior superstar Julia C. Zimmerman ’09, who was named ECAC Gymnast of the Year for the third time, while setting an ECAC and school record in the all around with a score 38.675; freshman phenom Leanna S. Morinishi ’12, who placed fifth in the all-around at 37.350; and junior stalwart Katie M. Mingo ’10, who qualified with a beam tally of 9.350. As a team, the Cardinal and Gray missed the national event by just 0.25 of a point.

Zimmerman added to her already remarkable legacy with her best-ever ECAC outing, finishing first with the new record in the all around, tying for first on the beam, and ranking second on both the vault and the floor exercise, while leading MIT to a strong score of 183.900. Zimmerman has earned best gymnast recognition during every season of her illustrious career except for last when teammate Sophia L. Harrison ’08 won the award.


—Mike Stoller, DAPER Staff

Dawn Gerken Named NEWMAC Men’s Swimming Coach of the Year

MIT head coach Dawn Gerken was recently named New England Women’s and Men’s Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) Men’s Swimming and Diving Coach of the Year following the Engineers’ impressive victory at the league championships last week. Gerken’s honor completes a near-sweep of the conference’s major awards for MIT. Following the three-day competition, Rastislav Racz ’10 was named Swimmer of the Year and Timothy J. Stumbaugh ’12 was tabbed Rookie of the Year. Gerken led the Engineers to a No. 11 national ranking, their first undefeated season, and a record-setting point total at the 2009 NEWMAC Championships. Her selection as the league’s top coach is the first for MIT since Joe Kurtz captured the honor in 2003. Currently in her seventh season at MIT, Gerken was also named NEWMAC Women’s Swimming Coach of the Year in 2006.

Gerken, who has guided MIT to 38 All-American honors, is hoping to add to that total as the Engineers prepare for the upcoming NCAA Division III Championships.

—James Kramer, DAPER Staff

Scoreboard, cont.

Men’s Tennis
Thursday, March 12, 2009
Suffolk University (0-1) 1
MIT (5-1) 8

Men’s Volleyball
Saturday, March 7, 2009
Bard College (13-9) 0
MIT (18-10) 3
The College of Mount Saint Vincent (10-11) 0
MIT (19-10) 3
Sunday, March 8, 2009
Hobart College (13-15) 0
MIT (20-10) 3
Lasell College (16-9) 0
MIT (21-10) 3
Wednesday, March 11, 2009
Johnson & Wales University (4-11) 3
MIT (22-10) 0

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MIT Sport Taekwondo Captures First at West Point Tournament

By Tara Sarathi

It has been four months since the last Ivy Northeast Collegiate Taekwondo League tournament (now called the Eastern Collegiate Taekwondo Conference, or ECTC), but the MIT Sport Taekwondo team seized the training period as an opportunity to train hard and forcefully capture first place at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point on Saturday, Feb. 28.

The team, coached by head instructor Dan Chaung and led by captains Corinna Hui ’09 and Christopher J. Han ’09, showed outstanding spirit and talent on all levels: from forms to sparring, passionate beginners to experienced veterans. At the end of the day, MIT captured first place out of 22 schools, inching out rival Cornell University by a narrow, but decisive, margin of twelve points.

MIT’s competitors wasted no time in demonstrating their readiness for competition as the forms part of the tournament began. Daniel S. Zaura ’11 captured silver in the men’s black belt division, while Erika Lee ’12 interally seized the bronze in the women’s black belt division.

In the red belt forms, MIT’s women dominated with a triple place as Shannii S. Quddus ’10, Ramdel F. Sun ’10, and Stephanie E. Nix ’09 gallantly snatched first, second, and third place respectively.

In blue belt forms, Andrew K. ‘Suppy’ Suga “Ayas’ 11 overpowered the men’s division with a first place performance, and Alvin S. Chen ’11 delivered a valiant performance to capture silver in men’s green belt forms.

In the especially competitive yellow belt forms, Honjung “To- paya” Li ’11 walked away confidently with the bronze.

Even after a brilliant performance in forms, MIT did not go easy on their opponents, particularly against long time rivals Cornell. As the afternoon progressed, the following sparring matches were never effortless.

For the first time since 2006, MIT’s women’s A1 team (Sun, Hui, Christine Chin ’09) dynamically led to a first place victory and an overall first place standing in the league, the team must continue to train hard to finish the season as strong as it started. The next ECTC tournament will take place at the University of Pennsylvania on April 4.

The Tech’s Athlete of the Week: Joseph B. Silverman ’10

This past weekend, MIT junior Joseph B. Silverman placed seventh in the 197-pound weight class in the Division III National Wrestling Tournament, held at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. His stellar performance in the tournament earned him All-American status, and Joe is the second MIT wrestler to earn this distinction in the last two years. Glenn J. Greenman ’09 also qualified for and competed in the national tournament.

Silverman qualified for the tournament with a strong second-place finish two weeks earlier at the New England Wrestling Association tournament, which, coupled with a 3-5 season record, earned him a wildcard spot in his weight class. Considered an underdog entering the tournament, Silverman wasn’t ranked among the top ten in his weight class nationwide, but he wrestled strong and posted a record of 4 wins and 2 losses. His losses came at the hands of the first and third place finishers. His work ethic and training regimen contributed to his four victories, including an impressive 6-1 decision over Ed Broderick of The College of New Jersey.

Heavyweight Gregmac also wrestled in the tournament. He qualified by winning the New England tournament in dramatic fashion over Springfield College wrestler Chris Brown, who had defeated Glenn earlier in the tournament. Greenman won his first match at Nationals, a 3-0 decision over Adam Sutter of Lakehead College, after dropping his second to the next and eighth place finishers. His final season record stands as an impressive 3 wins in only four losses.

Silverman and sophomore 125-pounder Grant M. Kadokura ’11 were also named Academic All-Americans for the past season. Kadokura posted an impressive fifth-place finish in the New England wrestling tournament but did not qualify for the national tournament.

—Michael Gerhardt, Staff Writer

Robin Shin Earns Berth to NCAA Fencing Championship

A seventh-place finish by Robin S. Shin ’12 at Sunday’s NCAA Northeast Regional earned her a spot at the NCAA Fencing National Championship to be held at Pennsylvania State University from March 19-22. She will be the first saber competitor to make the trip since Caroline Purcell ’02 and Jennifer A. McKeehan ’02 represented the Engineers in 2002. The qualification also continues a family tradition of national appearances, as older sister Stephanie S. Shin ’10 finished 20th in epee last season while their father Robert Shin ’77 received a spot in the sabre field.

Upcoming Home Events

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Women’s Tennis vs. Bridgewater State College 10 a.m., Jack Barry Field

Women’s Volleyball vs. Tufts University 1 p.m., Chestnut St. Gymnasium

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