MIT Students Face Tough Job Market; More Plan to Go to Graduate School

By Natasha Plotkin

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No outbreak at MIT

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By Robert McQueen

The New Tech Barber, located in the basement of the Stratton Student Center, is being evicted this Friday after decades of cutting hair at MIT.

MIT Real Estate gave it a two-week deadline to vacate the space, which passes this Friday.

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An empty chair at the New Tech Barber in the basement of the Student Center on the afternoon of May 4. The New Tech Barber is scheduled to be evicted this Friday because of unpaid rent.

MIT's Oldest and Largest Newspaper

By Michael McGraw-Herdeg

Last week, as MIT students were preparing for the end of the semester, a large banner reading "LONG LIVE ROAST" was hung across the facade of MIT's Building 10.

MIT's student-run newspaper is published daily except during breaks. More information about MIT's students and their activities can be found at news@the-tech.mit.edu.
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By Vikas Bajaj and Somini Sengupta

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By Steve Siers

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By Tilak Pokharel

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Hamas Says It Has Grounded Its Rockets to Israel

By Taghyeer Eldkhodagy and Ethan Bronner

NEW YORK TIMES

Saturday, May 6, 2009

The leader of the militant Palestinian movement Hamas said Monday that its fighters had stopped shooting rockets into Israel. He also reached out in a limited way to the Obama administration and others in the new Syrian government, seeking a state only in the areas it currently controls.

“I promise the American administration and the international community that we will never start an armed conflict of this sort,” the leader, Khaled Meshaal, said in a lengthy televised interview with The New York Times that spread over two days in his home office in the Syrian capital.

Speaking in Arabic in a house heavily guarded by Syrian and Palestinian security agents, Meshaal, 53, gave off an air of serene self-confidence, having been re-elected for a fourth time in a four-year term as the leader of the Hamas political bureau.

His position in the movement was confirmed on Sunday only, however, because he refused to answer any questions or give any interviews after he was elected.

In one-on-one interviews with The Times, a Mexican official said it had been thought by the virus, and Mexico was considered a risk country.

One of the chief threats is that no Mexican or Canadian travelers go to quarantine, when asked by Mexican authorities where they had gone.

One critical factor is that the virus, and of the 1 million residents of Mexico, it is simply a scarlet A.

For many investors, breaking even even if a handful of banks must be mended, even if an optimistic view of the recession.

For investors using as a benchmark for their portfolios, the Dow Jones industrial average has been up 12 percent.

On May 5, 2009, the S&P 500 Erases 2009 Losses As Stocks Jump.

By Jack Healy

NEW YORK TIMES

S&P 500 Erases 2009 Losses

The S&P 500 index erased a steep drop in Monday’s rally on the stock market, gaining 214.33 points, or 2.6 percent, to 8,450.72. Both the Dow Jones industrial average and the nasdaq gained 2.5 percent.

Regional banks that did not seek a government bail-out, are up 158 percent. Whole foods are still one of the best performers.

By Marc Lacey and Andrey Kasyanenko

NEW YORK TIMES

Mexico Objects to China’s Stringent Quarantines

By Neil A. Lewis

NEW YORK TIMES

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Letters To The Editor

Cleverer and Cleverer
A Cunning Obama Would Tap Packer and Macfarlane
To Fill NRC Vacancies

Keith Yost

The White House Newsletter

Hold Administrators Accountable

The recent decision by the athletic department to cut 13 varsity sports at a time when the mandate of the program at MIT was supposedly made using an objective methodology...

Obama on the other hand, given his past ties to the industry, the favorable polling that he has received, and his relativley moderate views on the subject, would probably prefer not to hand NRC to Harry Reid's shoes. Since both sides couldn't have it their way simultaneously, I eagerly waited to see who would win out in this battle of the candidates...

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By Michael Lin

Campus Life editor

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I believe I had found a guilty pleasure without the guilt — a fountain of youth, if you will.

“Goodness, I can’t believe it’s not ice cream!” he remarked, “I wonder what’s in this?”

“It’s yogurt,” I answered, “Just pure nonfat yogurt containing live and active cultures. But let me check just for fun.”

After removing the carton from the freezer, I was shocked to find that your product, advertised as real yogurt, contained only one gram of protein, 6 percent of the recommended dose of daily calcium, and 13 grams of sugar. Furthermore, the third ingredient on the list was corn syrup solids. We were appalled.

Not to mention that this lad’s health had been compromised. I was particularly crestfallen, though, when I compared the nutrition facts for this frozen yogurt to those on the back of your single serving nonfat Greek-style yogurt with honey. Here are that product’s nutritional highlights, after normalizing for a serving size of equal weight: Protein: 8.96 g; Sugar: 8.32 g; Calcium: 9.6 percent DV. In reality, these numbers are much higher for your Greek Yogurt, considering its serving weighs 1.5 times that of the frozen yogurt, with a zero percent increase in fat.

How could this be real yogurt if it contains no protein? Is not yogurt derived from milk? The ingredients information on the frozen plain yogurt lists “skim milk” first. If we compare the nutritional values for the skim milk you sell in your stores, a single serving should contain eight grams of protein and 30 percent of your daily calcium. I’m confused. Where did all the protein go?

I am currently contemplating placing the Greek yogurt containers in my freezer to serve as my new frozen treats. It is disappointing to me that Trader Joe’s would be advertising a product as yogurt if it is not entirely yogurt, which I suspect it isn’t. On your website you claim, “We strip away all fancy stuff and focus on the important things like natural ingredients and inspiring flavors.” I doubt that this yogurt is natural. And now, it is no longer inspiring.

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It is my hope that you will find some way to rectify this situation.

Sincerely,

S. Campbell Proehl

A copy of this letter was sent this morning to Dan Bane, chairman and CEO of Trader Joe’s.
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Qi – vital energy of the body in Oriental Medicine

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Roasting Pit, Mud Wrestling, Music Ignite Steer Roast

Senior House’s annual Steer Roast took place last weekend starting with the traditional ignition of the steer-roasting pit and mud wrestling followed by a series of concerts.

(counter-clockwise from top left)

Flames emerging from the steer-roasting pit mark the beginning of Steer Roast on May 1.

Henry and Cynthia Jenkins kicked off the mud wrestling with their last match as Senior House housemasters, as Professor Henry Jenkins has decided to accept a position at the University of Southern California.

Erik D. Fogg ’06 mud-wrestles Terral R. Jordan ’07 after the ignition of the roast pit.

Zolig Ma-Noig performs at Senior House.

Psychedelic rock band Major Stars show off their skills on May 2 at Senior House.

Senior House residents, alumni and guests observe a roll of flaming toilet paper descending from the roof to light the steer-roasting pit.

(center)

Electronic band Triangle Forest plays at Senior House.

Photography by Eric D. Schmiedl
By Ken Belson

After three decades of steady growth in the number of teams and student-athletes, colleges and universities large and small, private and public, east and west, are slashing millions of dollars from their sports budgets.

Colleges have dismissed athletic staff, reduced hours for pools and practice courts, and increased equipment and facility fees. Some have also cut the size of their travel squads, eliminated trips requiring air travel and done away with housing in hotels the night before home games.

Institutions facing fat deficits have risked the wrath of students, parents and alumni cut scholarships and teams. The University of Cincinnati wiped out scholarships for three men’s sports: track, cross-country and swimming. Stanford University told its fencing teams to look for other financing.

The University of Massachusetts dropped its six teams, and Rutznawn University in Pennsylvania eliminated its men’s soccer and men’s swimming programs. The University of Washington said it would cut its swimming teams to save as much as $1.2 million, less than half of the spending that the athletic department needs to reduce its deficit.

“We just couldn’t make cuts across the board anymore,” said Blake James, the athletic director at the University of Maine, explaining why his department cut its men’s soccer and women’s volleyball programs. “We were bleeding our programs to death.”

Even the wealthiest universities are pinched. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology announced it was cutting eight teams — Alpine skiing, competitive pistol, golf, wrestling and men’s and women’s ice hockey and gymnastics — as a way to trim $1.5 million from its athletic budget.

Taken together, the cuts could deeply alter the college sports landscape. The gap will widen between the haves and have-nots that rely mostly on alumni and their universities for financing.

“One of the things we have to worry about is competitive equity,” said Myles Brand, the president of the NCAA. “If some schools have a record $3 million to spend, and other schools have to spend only $25,000 to $40,000 in savings.”

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Swine Flu Shuts Down Harvard Dental School; MIT Is Spared

Swine Flu Q&A

Should I care about swine flu? If you catch influenza, you will feel sick for several days. If you’re very young, old, or have pneumonia or asthma, the flu could cause dangerous complications. The swine flu (influenza A subtype H1N1) has been blamed for more than a hundred deaths in Mexico, numbers that caused worldwide alarm last week. But the confirmed death toll in Mexico is much lower — 25 deaths among 590 laboratory-confirmed cases, according to the World Health Organization. The United States had one death in 286 cases, according to the CDC. The disease is “not stronger than seasonal flu,” said Homeland Security Secretary Janet A. Napolitano last night.

What are swine flu’s symptoms? The swine flu has the same symptoms as influenza: coughing, a sore throat, fever, headache, tiredness, and aches. Less common symptoms include diarrhea and vomiting. Fever, cough, and respiratory illness are the primary symptoms the Centers for Disease Control said in a press briefing.

I don’t want to get sick. What should I do? Wash your hands. Don’t touch your eyes, nose, or mouth. When you’re out in public; you might touch something which a sick person touched or coughed on.

I feel sick. What should I do? Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze. Avoid touching healthy people. Visit MIT Medical and you may become healthy more quickly.

Can swine flu be treated? Yes. Treatment with the antivirals that MIT stocks will shorten the duration of illness by a day or two, said Howard M. Helfer, Medical Director of Internal Medicine.

Should I visit MIT Medical? If you feel very sick, especially if you think you might have influenza, you should call Medical for an appointment (617-253-4481). If none are available, you will be directed to MIT Medical’s urgent care (open 24 hours a day, free for students) or to MIT Medical’s urgent care (open 24 hours a day, free for students).

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confirmed at MIT, but there are two probable cases.

The first is a MIT student who felt ill after returning to Mexico and came to Medical on Thursday, April 23. The student came in before swine flu was an international concern, and he was not tested for the flu. He has since recovered, and testing can no longer confirm now whether he had swine flu, said Howard M. Helfer, director of internal medicine at MIT Medical.

The Boston Herald was told by Boston’s infectious disease bureau that “the illness was traced back to a female third-year dental student believed to have contracted the illness from a friend who doesn’t attend the school but recently came back from Mexico,” a situation that exactly matches the MIT student.

The MIT student was linked by a chain of infections to the probable Harvard Dental School, said Louise Rice, director of public health and nursing at the Cambridge Public Health Department.

The second probable case of swine flu at MIT is a former employee of an MIT employer, student Medical Friday morning.

The person lives off campus and has only one connection to MIT: they received treatment at MIT Medical. The person tested positive for influenza A, but results of a test for H1N1 were not yet available.

Flu spreads slowly

The flu has so far killed just one person among 279 cases reported in the United States, according to CDC statistics reported yesterday morning. People who catch the swine flu usually recover, much like people who catch seasonal influenza.

In Mexico last week, more than one aggressive response to the swine flu, prompting health officials across the globe to prepare for the worst. In the U.S., some schools and public parks were closed to try to prevent spread of the disease, which has slowly spread across the country. The World Health Organization said that a global pandemic of the virus was imminent, and its pandemic level remained at 5, the second-highest level, over the weekend.

In the U.S., most people who get the flu feel bad for a few days then recover. In Massachusetts, 34 cases of swine flu were confirmed as of yesterday, 23 of those in Middlesex County. Three of those 23 people had been hospitalized but were discharged as of yesterday, according to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Cambridge has paid close attention to patients entering local hospitals, but there were no confirmed cases of swine flu in the city as of yesterday afternoon, Rice said before the DPSC’s Monday-night confirmation of 28 more cases.

The surge in confirmations on Monday can be attributed to the state performing tests locally, at the Boston State Laboratory Institute. Earlier tests were performed by the CDC in Atlanta, where Massachusetts samples competed with many others for priority in the lab. Even as swine flu fluor was suspected to sideline, Boston has seen an aggressive response to the swine flu.

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The following incidents were reported to the Campus Police between April 1 and April 30. This information is compiled from the Campus Police’s crime log.

The report does not include alarms, general service calls, or incidents not reported to the dispatcher.

Mar 1: 13: 35, 6:00 p.m., past larceny of a laptop.

Mar 23: 64 Bay State Road (Theta Xi), 12:00 noon, electronics stolen.

Apr 1: Student Center, 12:00 noon, larceny of a laptop.

Apr 2: Afbld, 12: 5:00 p.m., larceny of water cooler.

Apr 3: 229 Vassar Street, 9:00 a.m., larceny of identity theft by credit card information.

Bldg. E32, 11:00 a.m., wallet stolen and cash cards used.

Apr 4: Bldg. W4, 8:30 p.m., theft of bicycle from in front of McCormick Hall.

Bldg. W4, 6:15 p.m., suspicious male entered female’s room delivering food.

Apr 8: Bldg. W4, 3:00 p.m., bicycle stolen from bike rack at McCormick.

Apr 9: Bldg. 50, 10:00 a.m., larceny of tools.

Broad Institute (414 Main Street), 4:00 p.m., past threats made to security guard at the Broad Institute; person making threats was gone upon police arrival.

Apr 10: Big 32 (Child Care office), 8:00 a.m., larceny of cash.

Bldg. 1, 10:00 a.m., bicycle stolen from outside building 1.

Building W51, 9:00 a.m., male’s laptop stolen from W51 lounge.

Student Center, 10:45 p.m., white male acting suspicious.

Trespass warning issued.

Bldg. 3, 7:30 p.m., larceny of wallet from Zeisger Center Women’s Locker Room.

233 Massachusetts Avenue, 11:30 p.m., report of male’s stolen cell phone.

Apr 11: Bldg. 4, 7:30 p.m., report of male’s wallet stolen from Zeisger.

526 Beacon St. (Delta Upsilon), 5:20 a.m., larceny of food.

Apr 13: Bldg. W44 (120 Vassar Street), 7:40 a.m., backpack and laptop taken from inside track while working out in gym.

Bldg. 46 (46 Vassar Street), 3:59 p.m., two individuals acting suspicious around bikes.

Apr 14: Trespass warning issued.

Bldg. 3, 4:20 p.m., report of male’s wallet stolen from Zeisger Center.

Apr 15: 526 Beacon Street (Delta Upsilon), 3:00 a.m., report of past breaking and entering to Boston fraternity. Consumable property.

Bldg. 32, 4:15 p.m., larceny of folding chair.

Apr 16: Bldg. 32, 9:00 a.m., larceny of工具.

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Apr 21: 403 Memorial Drive, 2:00 a.m., larceny of laptop and cash.

Bldg. 16, 5:00 p.m., report that someone attempted to break into office.

Apr 22: Bldg. W71, 1:00 p.m., past larceny of a bicycle.

W79 (229 Vassar Street), 3:00 p.m., larceny of cash.

Apr 23: Craiglist scam.

Bldg. W32, 7:45 a.m., ID and $3 stolen from locker in Zeisger Center.

Bldg. NW14, 3:30 p.m., larceny stolen from locker.

Apr 24: Longfellow bridge, 8:00 a.m., suspect described as male, 40s, red t-shirt, jeans, sunglasses, baseball cap pulled knife on victim in area of the Memorial Area and Longfellow Bridge. Cambridge Police and State Police notified and given description.

Apr 25: Random Hall (Bldg. NW11), 12:45 a.m., Female reports being followed by suspicious white male with light brown hair and pony tail from W20 to area to Random Hall.

Apr 26: Bldg. 7, 3:45 p.m., MIT officers off with suspect in a past simple assault which occurred on Massachusetts Avenue., Cambridge Police report.

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Recession Forces Students to Be More Creative in Job Hunts

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legers and Employers. And, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, unemployment among people with bachelor's degrees has risen to 4.3 percent in March 2009, up from 2 percent a year earlier.

This dimmer reality was evident at the Spring Career Fair held last Tuesday, April 28, in Walker Memorial, which the Career Development Center organized specifically in light of the recession. Many attendees were students looking for somewhere to work after graduating in June.

The economic downturn is changing not just the number of opportunities available but also the industries in which students are able to find work. The hardest-hit industries should come as no surprise: Finance and consulting firms, which have historically attracted a third of MIT graduates, have cut off their hiring more than most. Meanwhile, government offices and companies that draw government contracts are faring better than [investment] banking or other areas of finance.

Joseph S. Lee '09, a Course XVIII (Mathematics) major, has been trying jobs in trading, though, Lee has found it “harder to get a job, especially in trading.” He said that these days internships can be more valuable in finding employment as some employers are not yet finding a place for students on wait lists for positions that might open up in the future.

Some students have decided not to graduate. Lizlit said that she would be working at the law firm of K&amp;K, which is hiring hundreds of workers to fill a large government contract.

However, the odds in favor of alumni Amrita V. Masurkar, who has accepted an offer from Raytheon, ready, said she also had not ended up in the field she originally targeted. She was originally hoping to work in optics. Masurkar said she applied to between 50 and 100 companies, mostly small ones, and said she thought the small companies were “having a hard time” and that optics firms were “not really hiring at the entry level.”

Some students have decided not to look in other fields but to look in other countries.

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Tips for landing offers

Dolan said that the GEDC has “expanded its outreach to students” this year. He said that, before the recession, an effective first step in a job search was to simply post a resume on CareerBridge, an online system that connects students with employers. Now, he said, many students must “do networking and expand their search strategy in order to increase the odds of being successful.”

He said that these days internships are more valuable in finding employment as some employers are drawing more exclusively from their previous interns for new staff.

Patricio D. Ramirez Munoz, co-president of the Science and Engineering Business Club, described some of the effects of the economic downturn on later stages of the job-searching process.

“In the interviewing phase, there are fewer interviews and longer de- lays to hear back from companies,” he said. He said one company had interviewed several students on campus, intending to hire, but ended up not giving any offers since its outlook had worsened after the in- terviews occurred.

Ramirez Munoz also noted that companies had started placing stu- dents on wait lists for positions that might open up in the future.

Companies have become more selective in their hiring, Ramirez Munoz said, more frequently requiring that students have skills specific to their sectors instead of general technical adeptness.

“It’s becoming harder to change fields,” he said.

Ramirez Munoz suggested that MIT students put more energy into preparing for interviews and work on “soft skills” to im- prove their odds in hunts for jobs in these days since math is not specific- ally geared toward finance.

“Course XV [Management] classes are helping me the most,” he said. If finance doesn’t work out, Lee plans to take a year off and apply to graduate school in business or math.

Esteban L. Hufstedler '09, a Course XVI (Aeronautics and Astronautics) major, said that the tough job market had forced him to consider a broader range of Course XVI-related jobs and companies than he originally did not plan to consider.

Hufstedler said he preferred a job in aerodynamics and had ap- plied, unsuccessfully, to some of the best-established aerospace compa- nies, such as Boeing and Aurora.

Hufstedler, who began his search in the fall, said he has started look- ing at companies in the military in- dustry.

Often, in this economy, the mon- ey is where the government is. Huf- stedler said he planned to apply to one defense contractor, Raytheon, which is hiring hundreds of workers to fill a large government contract.

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Reasons for optimism

Despite the difficulties some stu- dents are facing, many seniors’ ca- reers have not been impact- ed by the recession and have landed them the jobs they most coveted.

Elizabeth G. Reid, a Masters student in Course VI (Electrical En- gineering) and Computer Science, said that she would be working at Apple, where she interned during the past two summers, after graduat- ing in June. Reid also said that most of her friends in Course VI had not trouble finding offers.

Mikey M. Fujihara ’09, a Course 18C (Mathematics with Computer Science) major, said he had found his job, doing software engineering at Reference Systems, in November without much trouble.

“The company said they were doing pretty well,” he said. And, said Dolan, MIT students are well-suited for the government jobs cropping up these days.

The government is hiring like crazy and is looking for very tech- nical skills, he said, coming from this campus,” Dolan said.
Muses Perform a ‘College MUSEical’

The Muses held their spring concert entitled “College MUSEical” on May 3 in 10-250.

(counter-clockwise from left)
Jenna A. Berkowitz ’09 performs “Fabulous” from High School Musical 2.
Cassandra L. Swanberg ’12 closes the Muses’ spring concert with “Can’t Help Falling in Love.”
Phitchaya Phothilimthana ’12, accompanying Swanberg, sings “Can’t Help Falling in Love.”

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For the first time in program history, the MIT men’s track & field team captured the NCAA New England Division III Outdoor Track & Field Championshio at Springfield College over the weekend. The Engineers edged out Buena Vista University, with 152.50 team points. Members of the MIT men’s 4x400 relay team won the first place in the New England Division III Indoor meet earlier this year.

Sophomore J. Ruzevick ’09 led the way with a time of 1:52.76, good for third overall.

S. Sharpe ’09 also earned points in the shot put and added a pair of second-place finishes in the 400 and the 400 hurdles.

Bourbonnais ’10 (33:17.21) was immediately followed by Daniel J. Ruzevick ’09 (32:42.00) led the 3000m Steeplechase, as Richard D. Rinebold ’11 teamed up to run 3:57.76.

The Engineers’ championship effort was aided by strong performances in the relay events, picking up two wins and a fourth-place finish. The 4x400 relay squad of Alicia J. Nunez ’09 and David M. Nole ’09 were tabbed with postseason honors as a result of their strong season (or more) order with MIT ID.

Simpson and Jones were a part of the 4x100 relay that finished fourth, along with Margaret C. Leibovic ’10 and Amy R. Magnusson ’09.

In addition to her role in the relays, Jones pulled off the 200-400 double, winning the two events with times of 25.69 and 57.24 seconds, respectively. Simpson also helped MIT’s cause with third-place finishes in the 400 and the 4000 hurdles.

Morton jumped 24’2.25” to better the previous MIT record-holders. The event was immediately followed by Daniel E. Hyatt ’11, and outfielders Steven M. Liau G seized the bronze. For blue belt forms, Andrew K. Sugaya ’11 took the silver and bronze, respectively, while In the men’s division Forrest ‘09 and Ranbel F. Sun ’10 captured the silver and bronze, respectively, while Erika Lee ’12 placed third in the women’s division.

In red belt forms, Christine Lee ’12 made her presence felt, while Ryan A. Rosario ’12 demonstrated his prowess and captured the gold. In yellow belt forms, Sharon W. Go ’11 claimed the silver.

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The Engineers became the first team to win regional titles at both the indoor and outdoor meets in the same season since Williams pulled off the sweep in 2006.

MIT hopes to build on this historic performance next week at the NCAA Championship. Teams will compete in all the belt divisions. In black belt forms, Daniel J. Siazza ’11 and Portia M. Jones ’12 won the men’s and women’s 4x400 relays, while Erika Lee ’12 placed third in the women’s 1600m run.

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