Governor Patrick Selected to Speak at 2009 Commencement

By Nick Bushak

Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick, leader in clean energy policy and proponent of education and research, will give this year’s commencement address. Those involved in the decision and student leaders praised the choice, while students’ opinions ranged from impressed to indignant.

Patrick is the second elected African-American governor in United States history. He attended Harvard College, graduating in 1978, and Harvard Law School, graduating in 1982. As the governor, Patrick is an ex-officio member of the MIT Corporation.

Professor William E. Grimson PhD ’80, chair of the Commencement Committee, said that Patrick has “been a pretty vocal supporter for green energy and the environment.”

Grimson added that Patrick is working closely with academia to accomplish his policy goals. The committee plans to build the institute at Kendall Square. Walker said right now the committee does not know how much space the institute will need, but he hopes to begin construction in a couple years.

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Suicide Bomber Kills At Least 28 In Sri Lanka

By Thomas Fuller

A female suicide bomber hiding among refugees fleeing the war zone in northern Sri Lanka killed at least 28 soldiers and right-wing Tamil Tigers at a checkpoint on Monday, the government said.

A string of victories in recent weeks raised hopes that more than two decades of intermittent civil war between government forces and the Tamil Tigers may soon be over. But the attack raised the prospect that the Tigers would revert to their hallmark tactics of guerrilla war—flight and suicide attacks if they lose control of their final patch of territory about 100 square miles in the north of the country.

The attack, the first of its magnitude in a month, also left dozens wounded. It took place in the northern district of Mullaitivu in an area that the government said it would not have lost control of until the rebels fled.

The bomber joined civilians being searched by government soldiers after they fled the war zone in the north of the country, where government forces have taken several rebel strongholds and pushed the rebel into a wedge. The authorities have urged noncombatants to flee into areas under the government’s control, but tens of thousands of civilians—perhaps as many as 250,000—may be trapped.

Rodriguez Admits Using Performance-Enhancing Drugs

By Michael S. Schmidt

Alex Rodriguez admitted in an interview with ESPN on Monday that he used performance-enhancing drugs for several reasons at the beginning of this decade, but he said he has not used the substances since 2003.

“When I arrived at Texas in 2001 I felt an enormous amount of pressure to perform, and perform at a high level every day,” Rodriguez told the ESPN Pardon My Sportswear show. “I was tired. I wanted to prove to everyone that I was one of the greatest players of all time. I did take a banned substance, and for that I am very sorry. It was only regretful.”

The acknowledgment by Rodriguez came two days after Sports Ill- lustrated’s Web site, SI.com, reported that Rodriguez had tested pos- itive for steroids in 2003, when he was in his last season with the Texas Rangers and won the first of his three Most Valuable Player awards.

The next season, Rodriguez joined the Yankees. He is currently the highest paid player in baseball and widely viewed as the most tal- ented.

Scholar Accused of Misusing Book Clubs

By Motoko Rich

Scholastic Inc., the children’s publisher of favorites like the Harry Potter, Goosebumps and Clifford series, may be best known for its books, but a consumer watchdog group accuses the company of using its classroom book clubs to push video games, jewelry kits and toy cars.

The Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood, an advocacy group based in Boston, said that it had reviewed monthly fliers dis- tributed in classrooms that it saw and found that one-third of the items sold in these brochures were either not books or books packaged with other items.

Boston’s review of brochures in Scholastic’s Lucky Club for chil- dren in second and third grade, and its Arrow Club for fourth through sixth-graders, said 14 percent of the items were not books, while an additional 19 percent were books sold with other trin- kets like stickers, posters and toys.

WEATHER

Situation for Noon Eastern Standard Time, Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Today

Cloudy. High in the mid 40s °F (7°C).

Tuesday

Partly cloudy. High in the upper 40s °F (4°C).

Wednesday

Cloudy. High about 50°F (10°C).

Thursday

Rain. High in the upper 40s °F (4°C) in the morning, falling to the mid 40s °F (°C) in the evening.

Friday

Sunny. High in the mid 40s °F (7°C).

Extended Forecast

Today: Cloudy. High in the upper 30s °F (°C).

Tomorrow: Cloudy. High in the upper 30s °F (°C).

Wednesday: Cloudy. High in the upper 40s °F (4°C) throughout the day and evening.

Thursday: Cloudy. High temperatures peaking around 50°F (10°C).

Climate:

Haze

Thunderstorm

Light

Moderate

Snow

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The stabilization fund is intended to help states and school districts replace some of the $132 billion in emergency spending for education, are facing budget shortfalls totaling some $132 billion this fiscal year and next, according to the president's annual report issued on Jan. 28 by the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Education Secretary Arne Duncan said Monday that the $39 billion to $45 billion proposed in the Senate bill was “not nearly as much as we need.” Addressing an audience of college graduates assembled Friday at a forum on the future, Mr. Duncan said that “almost 600,000 education jobs are at risk of state budget cuts.”

The Obama administration and Democratic lawmakers proposed urging states to spend more of their aid money on education spending in both the House and Senate stimulus bills. And even after cuts of $79 billion in stabiliza-
tion funding for states, much of which would have gone to schools and health care, the stimulus fund is intended to help states and Senate negotiators on the Senate’s reconciliation plan to eliminate all of $20 billion in direct financing of school renovation, and over $70 billion in federal share of the nation’s education budget.

If the bill passes the Senate, tough bargaining can be expected later this week, with the House and Senate negotiators on the Senate’s decision to eliminate all of $20 billion in direct financing of school renovation, and over $70 billion in federal share of the nation’s education budget.

That is a lot less than the $150 bil-
关于其在战后的亚洲的角色，专家们认为，美国和日本将共同承担这一角色，但日本在经济和军事力量方面可能需要更多的时间来赶上美国。因此，美国和日本需要加强合作，以确保在这个敏感的地区实现和平与稳定。
The Struggle for Tamil Independence

Jegan Vincent de Paul

Even here at MIT, with so many students and faculty interested in finding solutions to the great problems of our world, very few have knowledge of the humanitarian catastrophe currently unfolding on the island of Sri Lanka.

In fact, this ongoing civil war is hardly known in most parts of the world. Western analysts have been manifestly disproportionate to the loss of more than 70,000 lives during 25 years of fighting between the separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) and the Government of Sri Lanka. Even with the beginning of 2009 marking the height of the war with hundreds of Tamil civilians dead and hundreds of thousands internally displaced, the minority Tamils — both civilian and military — have their dedicated, but limited, voice and support.

Since late January, the global Tamil diaspora has held countless protests in the form of hunger strikes, human chains, and mass gatherings. On January 29, more than 10,000 French Tamils demonstrated in Paris protesting the killings and urging foreign nations to stop military aid to the Sri Lankan Government. Over the next few days, 45,000 Canadian Tamils and 100,000 British Tamils gathered to express solidarity and to plead that the international community deliver, recognize the LTTE, and encourage a ceasefire. Well into February, the call for immediate international intervention remains unheeded.

The Tamil diaspora started forming soon after Sri Lanka gained independence in 1948 and the Tamils, as the ethnic minority, became regarded to second class citizenship. By the 1970s, the LTTE had formed and began its guerrilla movement against the government — made up of the Sinhalese ethnic majority — to reclaim the Tamil homeland in the north and east of the island.

With increased fighting between the forces, the 1980s saw a large number of Tamil refugees — including family and I — immigrate to Europe, and North America. Even as the country constantly collapsed into periods of turmoil, no one could have expected the cease-fires to unfold into what have become within the last month. In December, the New York-based Genocide Prevention Project listed Sri Lanka on the top eight "red-alert" countries experiencing or at risk of genocide.

Adopting and re-enforcing the "war on terror" doctrine in early 2008, the Sri Lankan Government officially withdrew from the Norwegian-led 2002 ceasefire and began an intensified military campaign to eliminate the LTTE at all costs, including risking the safety of a massive civilian population that over the past decade has been integrated into the civil society built and governed by the LTTE.

The beginning of Kilinochchi, the civic pride of the LTTE, was captured in early January by the Sri Lankan Army and is now de facto, with the vast majority of its people displaced within a shrinking patch of jungle. The International Community of the Real has declared a major humanitarian crisis with over 250,000 civilians caught in the midst of an increasingly unstable war zone with little or no foreign aid allowed to reach them.

The plight of the trapped Tamils is probed beyond the sea in the southern Indian territory of Tamil Nadu. Since late January, the state's students have carried out an entire series of demonstrations in desperate bids to draw attention to Sri Lanka's war, calling on India to negotiate an immediate ceasefire. On January 29th, a Tamil Nadu journalist burned himself to death after writing a statement condemning Indian inaction and military support to the Sri Lankan Government. His death triggered an 8 km long funeral procession and increased protests supporting the Tamil cause.

Nothing can easily be done. Sri Lanka has very little geo-political importance in the world, and the government's minority, because it is regarded to second class citizenry. By the 1970s, the LTTE had formed and began its guerrilla movement against the government — made up of the Sinhalese ethnic majority — to reclaim the Tamil homeland in the north and east of the island.

In regards to media access during the civil war, most violent media editors and government is sticking to its words against international diplomacy. All independent journal- norial promotions are banned from the Vanni region in the northeast — the epicenter of the atrocities.

UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay announced that the conflict had reached a "critical stage", noting that the government has made military gains on one hand; the rule of law has been undermined on the other.

More than twenty years ago, well before today's escalated violation of Tamil civil rights, my mother foresaw the lack of oppor- tunity and danger that awaited her Tamil chil- dren if they remained in Sri Lanka; she took us out of the country to claim new identity as Canadians. I was among the two million Sri Lankans. For the Tamil civilians that stayed behind, life became increasingly difficult with tens of thousands of extrajudicial killings and disappearances orchestrated by the Sri Lankan military.

Today, the LTTE continues its justified fight for Tamil Eelam — a sovereign Tamil state with an identity distinct from that of the Sri Lankan state. The Sri Lankan government's military campaigns has degraded Tamil Eelam into a less than 300 square-kilometer patch of jungle, dismantling its civic identity and ter- ritorial autonomy. Repetitive bombings of hos- pitals and civilian areas by the Sri Lankan Army continues to this hour.

The situation is even more dire because the Sri Lankan Army — whose every member is Sinhalese — has ethnic grounds, based on its use of violence. The Sri Lankan government's strategic labeling of the LTTE as a terrorist organization — re-coding the ethnic conflict as one of a legitimate state against a criminal actor — has only served to undermine long- term peace and diplomacy both on the island and abroad.

Communication between Yelupolla Pirapahan, the leader of the LTTE, and Sri Lanka's President Mahinda Rajapaksa is non-existent today. Sri Lanka's problem is no longer an in- ternational conflict — it can only be solved through a change in policy and the voice of the inter- national community. It is not inability, but unwillingness, that only served to undermine the US, the States, and other nations to immediately bring an end to ethnic violence. The Sri Lankan government is sticking to its words against international diplomacy.

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By Michael Lin

The practice of gift-giving around this or any other time of year can be a tricky proposition. Excellent gift ideas abound, but giving the right gift to the right person is often a challenge. To do this perfectly requires not only a certain amount of finesse but also a good understanding of the other person's tastes. I suspect my insistence on highly personal gifts also means giving personalized cards, shirts, or a sticker for my laptop that says "Geek." Those who know me well will recognize the giddiness in my tone. Heeheehee.

As it stands, I'm pretty happy with the gift I were making that up, too.

3x5 index cards just aren't good enough. I wish I had known how much I ended up with when I was trying to find one that was the right size. I wish I had found a pair of shoes brand-new on Sale.

If there's anything I like better than knowing someone understands my interests, it's knowing that they don't have to be materialistic about it. I once bought my best friend a cookbook as a Valentine's Day gift. If I could have turned this into a hobby, I might have spent all of my free time cooking up delicious dishes for friends. But the reality is that fools like me just got what we wanted.

Decisions, decisions.

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**Steal My Comic** by Michael Ciuffo

![Comic of a character saying "PERVERT!"
and another character saying "WHAT'D I DO?!"

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**The Daily Blunderbuss**

**The Evidence:**

**MIT**

**Crab**

**Need I say more?**

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**Crossword Puzzle**

ACROSS

1. Bottomless pit
2. Ship’s pole
3. Umps’ kin
4. Bring on board
5. Lotion ingredient
6. Sign on a door, perhaps
7. Melancholy
8. Calendar abbr.
9. Half a golf course
10. Set sail
11. Rani’s garment
12. Teatime treats
13. Birthright
14. Inclined trough
15. Gardener’s tools
16. Legal bargain
17. “La __ Nikita”
18. Saucers without cups?

DOWN

1. Beginning on
2. Make less clear
3. Himalayan bigfoot
4. Engenders wrath
5. Sneeringly derogatory
6. Wizard
7. Roast hosts
8. God of Memphis
9. Tenor Enrico
10. Strafs.
11. Logger’s tool
12. Veterans
13. Crystal-lined rock
14. Toast opener
15. Girasol
16. Break to bits
17. Goddess of the dawn
18. Peak in Sicily
19. $ for viewing
20. Shipmates
21. Nimbus
22. Muckraker Jacob
23. Pablo’s hand
24. Pasture measure
25. Wherefores’ partners
26. “Chico and the Man” co-star
27. “Chico and the Man” co-star
28. External
29. “Gulf Stream” painter
30. Caine’s sidekick
31. Crystal-lined rock
32. Lets up
33. Toast opener
34. Aristophanes
35. Springsteen’s birthplace?

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**Sudoku**

Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column, row, and 3 by 3 grid contains exactly one of each of the digits 1 through 9.

Solution, tips, and computer program at http://www.sudoku.com
2009 CONFERENCE

CHINA IN DEVELOPMENT
TECHNOLOGY & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

University Exchange Panel
Thursday, 2/12, 5-7pm | Room 4-237
Cambridge meets Beijing! Meet delegates from China’s top university Peking University! Participate in an exchange of ideas as MIT students and Beijing students meet to discuss the current issues facing China as it develops.
Dinner will be provided.

Technology & Entrepreneurship Panel
Friday 2/13, 5-6:30pm | Wong Auditorium
Discussion with world business leaders and MIT professors on the potentials and restraints of technology innovation and entrepreneurship in China.
Featuring: Yasheng Huang (Sloan China Economy Professor), Jeremy Segal (Senior Director of Business Development at Akamai), Eric Thurber (Senior VP of the Venture Group at Citi Smith Barney), Karl Sun (Former Head of Business Development at Google China, Investment Principle at Google).
Dinner will be provided.

Business Development Panel
Friday 2/13, 6:30-8pm | Wong Auditorium
Discussions on opportunities in business development and investment in China amidst the world financial crisis.
Featuring: Sam Liao (Head of Business Development & Licensing at Novartis Asia), Curtis Eubanks (General Manager at British Telecom China). More speakers currently being finalized.
Dinner will be provided.

Coffee Chat with Chair of Bain Asia-Pacific
Wednesday, 2/18, 2pm | (RSVP required - limited attendance)
Conversation in small group with Manny Maceda, Chair of Bain Asia-Pacific. If you are interested, please send your resume to mit.cdi.conference@gmail.com. We will notify you if you are confirmed for the event.
Brass Rat Combines Tradition With Anniversary Celebrations

Ring Premiere, from Page 1

sitting the class’s potential to impact the world. In its other paw, a scale grows into a sapling. Ring Committee member Daniel Chen ’11 stated this was one of his favorite parts of the ring. “The symbol recognizes that we only have one earth, and MIT’s environmental initiative is a leader in the cause,” Chen said.

The 150th Smoot is marked on the bridge behind the beaver, honoring the sesquicentennial anniversary of MIT in the sophomores’ graduation year, as well as the 50th anniversary of the night Oliver R. Smoot ’62 became a unit of length.

The Hacker’s Map on the underside of the ring now includes the Koch Building, which broke ground during the class’ freshman year. The windows of the Green Building on the Cambridge skyline are lit to spell out “2011” in binary. Sails on boats in the Charles are marked “11.”

The class shank on the side of the ring portrays goddess of wisdom Athena modeling the right hand rule. Behind Athena looms the Great Dome, on top of which three hackers work their mischief in the shadows.

The seal shank includes the “nuts and bolts” MIT insignia, but the three screws are rotated such that they read “X + 1,” Roman numerals that add to the class year. Behind this lies the logo for CERN, the organization responsible for the Large Hadron Collider, which first started firing in September.

“I found the overall design to be pretty classy,” Michelle S. Chang ’11 said. Before the real ring design was brought out, members of the Ring Committee introduced a gag ring that depicted the beaver clutching an Anna’s Taqueria super burrito in one paw, and a TEAL clicker in the other.

The audience’s shock quickly turned to laughter as other parts of the ring were unveiled. Flanking the beaver were the Z-Center and a construction crane operated by Charlie the Unicorn. Students inside the translucent Z-Center spelled “PUNT” with their bodies.

At this point, Ring Committee Chair Mitchell T. Westwood ’11 admitted to the assembly that this “awesome” plan was only a spoof ring, a prank that has not been pulled since the ring premiere for the Class of 2008.

“It was good fun after we realized what was going on,” said Shireen Warnock ’11.

Ring Delivery will take place on May 8 at the City Performing Arts Center. Ordering will take place through Thursday in Lobby 13, as well as Friday, Feb. 13 and Tuesday, Feb. 17 to Thursday, Feb. 19 in Lobby 10. The committee will be subsidizing a $25 discount to the first 800 sophomores who order a ring.

Brass Rat combines tradition with anniversary celebrations

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On Thursday evening, the List Visual Arts Center held an opening reception for its new exhibitions: Melanie Smith’s “Spiral City & Other Vicarious Pleasures” and Taylor Davis and Nicole Cherubini’s “In Contention.”

Popular street artist Ron English spoke with students at the Student Art Association’s open house on Saturday in the Coffeehouse of the Stratton Student Center. English is best known for his billboard modifications and his painting combining the faces of Abraham Lincoln and Barack Obama.

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Ragon Institute Will Fund Novel Projects To Combat HIV/AIDS

Ragon Institute, from Page 1

Ragon told the Boston Globe that he wants researchers to seek out innovative ideas that may seem risky and that would otherwise have a hard time finding funding. “The problem with funding is that people are conservative when money is tight,” Walker said. “You get funded after you do it. Innovative ideas don’t get funding.”

Chakraborty said that combining resources from different disciplines and institutions makes for a stronger whole. “MIT brings together engineering, physical sciences, and immunology to develop a very strong program in immunology,” said Chakraborty. “MIT though does not have so much clinical science as Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital.”

Professor of Chemical Engineering Christopher Love said that MIT will also contribute its cutting edge technology to the project. “We have an opportunity to focus on a really substantial problem with a perspective that hasn’t been attempted. That’s how MIT fits into the equation,” Love said.

The steering committee for the institute will be headed by Walker and includes Chakraborty and Darrell Irvine PhD ’00, a professor of Material Sciences and Engineering and Biological Engineering. Also on the committee are Laurel Glimcher, a professor of Immunology at Harvard University; Dan Barouch, a professor in the Division of Viral Pathogenesis at Harvard Medical School; and Marcus Altfeld, a professor at the AIDS Research Center of Massachusetts General Hospital.

MIT faculty who will be substantially involved with the institute include Love; Jianzhu Chen, a professor of Biology; and Hidde Ploegh, a professor of Biology and member of the Whithead Institute.

Among other research areas, the Ragon Institute plans to explore the immune response to HIV, a process that still holds many mysteries. Love said that 1 in 300 humans are naturally immune to HIV. These special individuals contract HIV but are able to defend against it, and through some mechanism that controls the virus’ replication, do not develop AIDS.

“Most people with HIV get a progressive infection that keeps going,” said Walker. “Some are infected for 30 years and are entirely well.”

Walker believes that these people may hold the key to building an AIDS vaccine. “We are vigorously studying this group of people,” he said.

Ragon and Walker first met two years ago. Walker does some of his work in South Africa where there is an advanced clinical and research site that has saved many lives with its use of electronic medical records. After meeting with a salesman from Ragon’s company, which sells the electronic medical records software, he eventually found himself in Ragon’s office in Cambridge.

A few weeks later, to Walker’s surprise, Ragon came on a trip with him to South Africa to better learn about AIDS victims. The trip deeply affected Ragon, who later agreed to fund a HIV vaccine trial that Walker was running.

Ten months later, Walker met with Ragon to discuss progress on the vaccine trials. But Ragon had something else in mind. “Ragan interrupted me 15 minutes through and said it sounds like what you need is $10 million a year for 10 years,” Walker said. It was just unbelievable. I had known him about 10 months.”

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Technology Leaves Fingerprints on the Stimulus Bill

By Charlie Savage and Dan Fagel

The New York Times
February 10, 2009

To rally support for his adminis-
tration’s economic recovery bill last week, President Barack Obama invited
about a dozen chief executives, seven
of them from technology and energy
companies, to the Oval Office.

Some of their industries’ top lob-
yers — many of them based in other
office where Jason Furman, a top White
House economic adviser, delivered a
message to technology groups
expected to benefit most from the
stimulus bill.

While much of the sprawling $800
billion legislation consisted of tax cuts and
spending increases for exist-
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of them from technology and energy
companies, to the Oval Office.

For months, the industry officials
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A close look at the history of the
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Adopted Child Transforms Himself Check Forger Now a Guru Speaker

Josh Shipp, from Page 1

Shipp said little changes can impact our future. Attitude matters. He said that after an unfortunate experience, we can choose to be bitter or better. Growing up, Shipp chose to be better. As a baby, his parents abandoned him at the hospital. Shipp passed through more than a dozen foster homes growing up and turned to writing hot checks as a teen, which sent him to jail for a night. His foster parents bailed him out. On the drive home, his father told him, “We don’t see you as a problem. You are that something.” Shipp said little changes can impact our future. Attitude matters. After that, Shipp’s life started to change for the better.

“I go to Taco Bell. Does that make me a taco?” Just because you came from something doesn’t mean you are that something,” Shipp said. For years the city class, Shipp found a gift in his words. He began to speak to groups at 17.

“A subcommittee solicits ideas from students and faculty, then reviews the suggestions, which are “on the order of hundreds,” and compiles them into a list of about 10 names, according to Grimson. This list, after being reviewed by the rest of the committee, is submitted to the president. Grimson said the committee considers the speaking skill of candidates, whether or not their work connects to MIT, and whether they will be well-received by students.

“Personally, I would love to see Robin Williams,” said Grimson. But he explained that the potential speaker needs to have a message that connects in some way to MIT.

Because the process of selecting a commencement speaker takes a long time, the committees make recommendations for future years, according to Grimson. For example, Vivian Tang ‘09, senior class president, was not involved in the committee that planned this year’s commencement address. She is on the committee that will recommend choices for next year’s commencement speaker.

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— President-elect Barack Obama, January 9, 2009

With all due respect

Mr. President, that is not true.

Notwithstanding reports that all economists are now Keynesians and that we all support a big increase in the burden of government, we the undersigned do not believe that more government spending is a way to improve economic performance. More government spending by Hoover and Roosevelt did not pull the United States economy out of the Great Depression in the 1930s. More government spending did not solve Japan’s “lost decade” in the 1990s. As such, it is a triumph of hope over experience to believe that more government spending will help the U.S. today. To improve the economy, policymakers should focus on reforms that remove impediments to work, saving, investment and production. Lower tax rates and a reduction in the burden of government are the best ways of using fiscal policy to boost growth.

Men’s Basketball
Defeated by Coast Guard

The Coast Guard Academy stunned the Engineers in a 67-63 overtime result Saturday at Rockwell Cage. Coast Guard’s Craig Johnson sunk a three-pointer “buzzer beater” at the end of the second half to force overtime, which allowed the Academy to take the win. MIT led the game until 1:49 left in regulation.

(top) MIT varsity basketball coach Larry Anderson communicates with players during a timeout.

(left) Senior James M. Bartolotta drives the basketball under pressure from a Coast Guard Academy player.

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Scoreboard

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Men's Track & Field Opens Home Slate with Win

The nationally-ranked No. 7 MIT men's track and field team hosted Williams and Coast Guard in its first indoor meet of the season on Saturday afternoon at the Johnson track. The Engineers picked up 13 event wins and earned 171 points on their way to a comfortable win over second-place Williams (117.50). Coast Guard earned 87.50 points for third place.

Jeremiah R. "Yermie" Cohen '09 picked up right where he left off last week at Bowdoin with a pair of wins in the mile and 800m. Cohen ran a 4:18.88 mile to take the event for the second-straight week, just outlasting Macklin Chaffee of Williams (4:19.19). Cohen then out-kicked Chaffee at 800 meters finishing just five hundredths of a second better than the second-place finisher at 1:58.16. Teammate William S. Phipps '09 was the next across the finish line at 1:59.08.

All-American Stephen A. Morton '10 earned 28 points for the host Engineers, winning his four specialties, the 55-meter dash, the 200 meters, and the long and triple jumps. Morton (6.54) just missed his own personal best at 55m, set last weekend at Bowdoin. He then raced to a comfortable win at 200m, finishing in 22.63, more than a second faster than the runner-up. A week after fouling out in the long jump a week ago, Morton found his home surface much more comfortable, clearing 7.09m, by far his best jump of the season. Morton (14.58m) and Mattias S. Flan-der '11 (13.69m) also teamed up to go one-two in the triple jump.

Despite those impressive individual performances, the Cardinal and Grey would not have won the meet so convincingly without the depth displayed in a number of other events. Hemagiri Arumugam '10 (8:50.83) led the way in the 3000m, as he, Paul D. Welle '11 and Daniel E. Harper '12 claimed three of the top four spots. Tech also had three finishers in the top four at 5000 meters, with Gihan S. Amarasiriwardena crossing the finish line first at 15:26.51. MIT swept the top three spots in the shot put with Mitchell J. Kelley '11 throwing 13.79m for first.

The Engineers will host a Coed Invitational next weekend while also taking part in the Valentine’s Meet at Boston University.

—Greg McKeever, DAPER Staff

Sports Shorts

Jack H. Bourbonnais '10 fights through a crowd of opponents during the men's 5000 meter run during the Engineers' indoor track meet at the Johnson Athletic Center on Saturday.

Gregory I. Telian '11 focuses his attention downrange at the MIT vs. Navy Free Pistol competition this past Saturday in the basement of the duPont Athletic Center.

Jacob T. Shapiro ’11 performs on the pommel horse in the men’s gymnastics team’s meet against Vermont University and Springfield College on Saturday in the duPont Athletics Center.

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