MIT Medical Reports Fewer Flu Infections Now than September

By Meghan Nelson

Cases of both seasonal and H1N1 flu have decreased steadily since mid-September, said MIT Medical Chief of Internal Medicine Howard M. Heller, who noted that H1N1 vaccinations have begun to arrive on campus, but will be distributed first to top-priority candidates, a group that, for the time being, only includes health care workers.

MIT Medical will announce the dates of H1N1 vaccine clinics for other priority vaccine recipients during the next two weeks.

Most cases of the flu have been mild so far, with only six students admitted to the MIT infirmary and one student hospitalized for flu over the past two months. All patients have recovered.

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Apple's Profits Rise 47 Percent
On Strong Mac Sales

By Brad Stone
THE NEW YORK TIMES
SAN FRANCISCO

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**Financial Giants Donating Little to Obama & Democrats**

By David D. Kirkpatrick

WASHINGTON

The Wall Street giants that received a financial lifeline from Washington may be second-guessing whether donating big bonanzas to their dealmakers and legislators — or promising more — will deliver “thank you” gifts to President Barack Obama and the Democrats is another way of saying “no thanks.”

Obama will fly to New York on Tuesday for a New York Times-sponsored fundraising dinner at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel for about 200 big donors, the single largest fund-raiser for his second term, with commitments of $50,000 and above. But half of the donors or more are expected to attend (estimated contribution total: $91,200).

By Peter Baker

WASHINGTON

Mr. White’s remarks came with Perry, a Republican and staunch backer of the death penalty, under pressure to explain why he has executed someone who is in fact innocent, White, a Democrat who was governor from 1983 to 1987, told two Texas newspapers. “We don’t like parole so we don’t look up one day and determine that we as the state of Texas have some major problem on our hands,” he said.

A number of active duty and retired senior officers say there is concern that the president is moving too slowly, is revisiting a war strategy he has long said he was appropriately reviewing his policy options from all sides. They said it would be reckless to rush a decision on whether to send as many as 20,000 more American troops to Afghanistan and that an Afghan election had left the United States without a clear partner in the region, as 40,000 more Americans to war, particularly when the unresolved Afghani- onics and national security.

Justice Department Will Not Prosecute Medical Marijuana Use

By David Stout

WASHINGTON

President Barack Obama’s Justice Department said Monday in a directive that the administration thinks there are “clear and unambiguous” exceptions to the federal laws that prohibit marijuana’s medicinal uses, but his successor as attorney general, Eric Holder, acknowledged that the administration thinks there are “clear and unambiguous” exceptions to the federal laws that prohibit marijuana’s medicinal uses, but his successor as attorney general, Eric Holder, acknowledged that

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The complex also has a garage- ence Foundation and a year-round education program,

The town, with the blessing of the Environmental Protection Agency, built a radar station adjacent to its town beach to monitor how and when the runoff from a transducer installed in a groove cut into the base of the channel, can determine whether the runoff is only water — not necessarily a torrent of mud. The scientists were hailing gauges and sensors, solar-powered communications equipment, a surveying device with a tripod, and assorted mounting poles, clamps, cables, drums and batteries, as well as community support.

**Where Land Slides, Scientists Try To Discern Why**

By Henry Fountain

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

A torrent of mud. Some days it is simply a cloud of dust, but the scientists think that it is a torrent of mud. The scientists were hailing gauges and sensors, solar-powered communications equipment, a surveying device with a tripod, and assorted mounting poles, clamps, cables, drums and batteries, as well as community support.

**Controversy Builds in Texas Over An Execution**

By James C. McKinley Jr.

Questions about whether Gov. Rick Perry allowed the execution of a man some Texas lawmakers say may have been innocent, and then hindered an investigation into the evidence, continue to reverberate across Texas, where the administration has been negotiating a replacement for the pact, which goes out of authority, American inspectors would be forced to leave Russia when the treaty expired, and Russian inspectors would have to leave the United States. State Department lawyers are examining several options but no new position was a sharp change in the Obama administration’s philosophy of medical marijuana, according to data sorted by the New York Times.

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Ryan Normandin

Taxes, a necessary evil of our society, represent the means by which we fund our government. Or rather, the way our government charges us for its bills. Did you know that the 16th Amendment to the Constitution, which established the income tax, was supposed to be temporary? Did those who ratified this amendment really think that the government would cut off funding to itself? Representatives in the government should be aware of certain facts that most Americans would consider pertinent. For example, we are fighting a war in Afghanistan right now. And the economy just melted down, leaving millions jobless. And, by the way, our national debt is greater than at any time in history.

Being a logical individual, I would assume that the government would spend its money to deal with the issues that are currently threatening aspects of American life. But we all know what they say about assuming.

In fact, the government is not spending our money on these issues. Take the National Institutes of Health (NIH), a part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is the primary Federal agency for conducting and supporting medical research. It is also working to figure out why gay men in Bangkok engage in risky sexual behaviors while drunk — and for the modest price tag of $400,000. Let’s pause here. Why does anyone engage in risky sexual behavior while drunk? After all, it’s not like alcohol clouds the mind. Maybe the NIH should do a study on that as well.

But this entire topic shouldn’t be treated as a joke, because it’s not. This is our money, and the people spending it need a wake-up call. Maybe you think that some of the studies I lumped above have potentially useful results. Maybe you think that other departments in the government waste far more money than the NIH does. This is true; I only use the NIH as an example, and any other government department would serve as an unacceptable stand-in. The Pentagon, for instance, threw away $33 billion in excess purchased goods between 2002 and 2004. The Department of Defense’s Inspector General discovered in 2002 that D.o.D. could not explain $1.1 trillion in financial transactions.

Get real. Obama promised to go through the entire budget with a scalpel, cutting out unnecessary programs and spending. He needs to tell his department heads to do so. Every department in the government needs to take a look at how much they’re spending and what they’re spending it on. Obama also promised during his campaign to curb earmarks funding things like tax cuts for companies that made wooden arrows for children.

While he has been making some cuts, the spending that Congress is doing far outweighs those amounts. Obama’s most effective strategy would be to delegate the task of reviewing all the budgets to respective department heads (who will most likely delegate it to several other people) If every one of the government’s numerous departments finds ways to cut wasteful spending, we will all reap the rewards. It is simply unacceptable when the D.o.D. loses enough money to give every American in the country $3,946.59.

When the government agencies are financed with prostitutes in Southeast Asia, I’ve got a great idea for a study: how about asking the American people where they want their money spent? Just send out a checklist with different categories. Imagine the ripples that would have in Washington. “The American people want us to oversee how the banks are spending the bailout money? And they don’t care about culture-enriching canoes? Are you telling me they actually want us to fund things that matter and will produce tangible benefits? They also want us to look at something called ‘unemployment’, whatever that word means.”

But, sadly, there is a long waiting list of important studies to be conducted. After all, we still have to fund the NIH’s $595,000 research studying if a mother having poor hygiene predicts neglectful or abusive behavior. If you’re not sure whether you should be puking, laughing, crying, or screaming, don’t worry. Neither am I. Maybe we can fund a study to figure out which one we should do...
By Michael McGraw-Herdge

WHAT IT IS: This is the latest generation “iPod Nano” represents Apple Inc.’s contributions to the hot world of portable music and video players, currently a market dominated by Apple Inc.


WHAT IT COSTS: 16GB: $179; 8GB: $149

After years of saying no, no, no, Apple has finally said yes in a satisfying way.

The “fifth-generation” iPod Nano, like its predecessors, is tiny, light, and easy to use as a music or video player. It’s also packed with features that previous iPods have ignored. Apple, traditionally a “do one thing and do it right” kind of company, has added a dash of the “do more things and do them right too” design philosophy they tried with the iPhone.

For years, iPods didn’t play radio. That just wasn’t what they did. Now they’ve added FM radio that uses your headphones as an antenna, offers a pretty good UI for browsong stations, and can temporarily record a station for up to 15 minutes. TiVo-style, with “Live Pause” — If you like a song, you might be able to flag it and buy it later using iTunes — a feature I didn’t try out.

Likewise: why bother stripping a predominate feature your hip for your daily mall walk? The Nano will now count your steps, using the built-in accelerometer introduced as an eccentricity in last year’s model.

Last year’s Nano used the accelerometer as a fun eccentricity — “shake that iPod!” to shuffle your music — and it’s nice to see the device put to more productive use. This year’s model has a similar novelty feature: “V-Chip,” tiny, kinda creepy external speakers. That’s right: the latest iPod is a tiny boom box.

(Sadly, you can’t use it in the bathroom on the subway, because you need to have headphones plugged in to listen to it.)

OK, those are important but pedestrian changes. What’s up with this video camera? It shoots 320x480 pixel videos at 30 frames per second, or 10 seconds out of a little lens on the Nano’s back. In steady lighting, with the camera held still, it looks good. Otherwise, your movies come out OK, but not great — good enough for YouTube.

The built-in microphone records excellent omnidirectional audio, with conversations clearly audible.

Apple claims 24 hours of audio playback; I wasn’t able to play music for long enough to test this claim. They claim five hours of video playback; I found I could watch about three and a half hours’ worth of video on transcen- dental plane trips before my battery ran out.

The last time I reviewed an iPod Nano, basically my only complaint was that the radio was no radio. I have no complaints this time.

If you want a tiny, portable Apple music player that plays radio and takes movies, the $179 16GB iPod Nano is a fine choice. If you already own a MacBook or know someone who wants to buy it later using iTunes — a feature I didn’t try out.

Brouhaha Rhythm
Snakes, Swordkills, and Uma Thurman

Kill Bill … an almost constant flow of comically impossible geyers of blood and suspiciously survivable amputations.

In Kill Bill, in contrast, hiding off an arm or head results in a macabre Kool-Aid fountain and several gallons of vampire food painting a ten-foot radius and/or the walls and ceiling, depending on the size of the room.

It does make more sense, mind you, that Tarantino-Land, not only produces more resilient and modulable than they are on Earth, but it is theoretically possible to lock your own elbow given enough tolerance for pain and a samurai sword.

Why do people enjoy the unusual and occasionally surreal style of Tarantino films? I’m guessing it’s because they’re offering a complete, nothing-held-back morbid introspection. (Samuel L. Jackson.) Why do they listen to the profanity, watch the violence, revel in the gratuitous and gratuitous? Same reason.

Weirdly enough, I still find the idea of carrying a sword on to a commercial airliner seemingly without issue is it, after all, much more believable than the idea of reconstructing a fin- gerprint off of a fired bullet. (Christopher No- man, I’m talking to you.) Now, if you’ll excuse me, I’ve got movie watching to do. I may not listen to the profanity, watch the violence, revel in the gratuitous and gratuitous, or even laugh. However, I will be sharp-eyed, and I’m going to kick my elbow eventually, even if it kills me.

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Website: students.lifelong.mit.edu/dd/ADOR Summers, check out Apple’s refurbished iPods — with a few of my friends, and as impos- sible as I would have thought it, Quentin Taran-

To see his face,” which basically says to me is that in Tarantino-Land, not only produc- eons and rousing speeches that don’t end in mocking laughter. At least in Tarantino films, the audience isn’t asked to take the violence as remotely realistic, or even logical.

For example, a typical human adult will die if they lose four pints of blood — medical experts can cor- rect me if I’m wrong — that figure was taken from an old Sherlock Holmes film. They are on Earth, but it is theoretically possible to lock your own elbow given enough tolerance for pain and a samurai sword.

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Steal My Comic
by Michael Ciuffo

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Colleges Make Plates, Portions Smaller to Curb Overindulgence

By Tracy Jan

Colleges trying to encourage a well-balanced diet have a message for students sizing up that all-you-can-eat smorgasbord in the dining hall: What you don’t know can help you.

More than a dozen Massachusetts colleges have recently embarked on a stealth health campaign — covert operations to address the chronic problem of overindulging students throwing nutrition to the wind.

Portions have shrunk at Wellesley College, Tufts University, and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Plate sizes have been reduced at Merrimack College, where newly trained servers are sneaking fresh vegetables onto plates along with meat entrees.

Northeastern University is experimenting with tapas-style dining to encourage students to sample small plates of various cuisines. Babson College is dishing up 5-ounce servings for students rather than 10. And at UMass, buggers now come as 2-ounce “sliders.” Even chocolate chip cookies there are made with whole wheat — a sly substitution that escaped the notice of many a taste bud.

“I don’t want to mother hen them, but I want them to eat healthfully,” said Ken Toong, executive director of dining at UMass-Amherst, which last September was among the first schools in the country to institute the strategy, with the motto “Small plate, big flavor.”

The move to encourage better dining habits at college grows out of concerns that the well-publicized youth obesity problem has migrated to the nation’s higher learning campuses. Weight gain is real among college students. A recent study in Nutrition Journal found that 1 in 4 freshmen surveyed gained an average of 10 pounds in their first semester as they adjusted to a new lifestyle of late-night eating, excessive drinking, and less exercise.

But some doctors and nutritionists say they fear that among these students, the famed Freshman 15 — the amount of weight many first-year students are said to gain in their first year to the Freshman 30.

The problem is exacerbated as schools have, in recent years, tried to cater to students’ increasingly sophisticated palates with tastier options and unlimited self-serve portions.

“The dining halls have become more and more like resorts in some ways, with large quantities of very palatable food,” said Anna Marin, chairwoman of the public health and community medicine department at Tufts University School of Medicine. “The mentality is you’re only there for an hour, so you better eat everything you want.”

Merrimack, a Catholic college, with 2,000 students in North Andover, is trying to curb that attitude by training servers to dish out smaller portions.

During a recent lunch, students received 3 ounces of freshly carved roast beef, one modest scoop of garlic mashed potatoes, and a side of red cabbage, carrots, and tomatoes elegantly arranged on a 7-inch square plate — smaller than the round plates used in the past.

For some, the stealth health campaign isn’t so stealthy. “The athletes say: ‘What is this?’ ” said Varun Avasthi, district manager for Sodexo, the company that runs Merrimack’s dining program.

Many of them circumvent the school’s intentions by simply going back for more.

“Usually, I’ll end up getting six or seven plates because there isn’t enough food,” said Neil Berenjian, a husky Merrimack football player from Ipswich, as he tucked into three small slices of his favorite pork pizza before moving on to the roast beef. “I feel like we never get enough protein.”

He left the table, already piled high with plates, for second, third helpings. Upon returning with two cheeseburgers and a side of French fries — the only food item on the menu these days — Berenjian promptly removed the lettuce and tomato and stacked the two meat patties on top of each other, creating what he described as his personalized Big Mac.

Other students grudgingly expressed appreciation for the balanced meals. Some admit that in years past, when students served themselves, they never would have touched the vegetables, heaping their plates with mounds of mashed potatoes instead.

“Before, I was served myself more than I could eat because the plates were bigger,” said Elizabeth Ortiz, a Merrimack sophomore from Chelsea.

Merrimack’s new executive chef, Roshi Girman, has revamped the menu to feature healthier fare and ingredients. Chicken is roasted, no longer deep fried. Milk, instead of heavy cream, is used to make mashed potatoes, which is now flavored with garlic or wasabi, not butter. And students craving more protein are directed to the quasi, two small salads at the salad bar.

At UMass-Amherst, Toong has taken the stealth health method to new heights. Take the popular chocolate chip cookies, which come fresh out of the oven every 20 minutes, he said. When the school began using a whole wheat dough two years ago, it proudly advertised the healthier dessert with a sign. Students stopped lining up. But when the sign was removed, Toong said, “People have a perception that if you see food labeled whole wheat or vegan, then it doesn’t taste good,” he said.

The UMass pastry chef also began using more fruit in his dessert creations — custard fruit tarts, strawberry shortcakes, and chocolate-covered strawberries. In moderation, of course. Desserts have shrunk to bite-size, allowing students to satisfy their sweet tooth with fewer calories.

The shift to a healthier diet costs roughly the same as before, said dining managers at several campuses. Fresh, local produce and better cuts of meat are more expensive, but the smaller portions mean less food is wasted.

Some universities encourage healthy eating without resorting to clandestine tactics. Harvard University lists the calorie counts of each dish at the food stations. Boston University highlights healthy dishes at each meal with a special logo and posts nutritional tips in the dining halls. Bay Path College in Longmeadow displays signs describing how much exercise is required to burn off certain foods. Others offer online nutrition tools.

Medical specialists say the stealth health method is an improvement over limitless calorie-laden portions. But to truly transform students’ eating habits, they say, colleges should pair under-the-radar campaigns with overt education.

“Whatever restraining influences parents might have had when the teenagers were at home are unshackled when kids go off to college,” said Dr. David Ludwig, director of the Optimal Weight for Life program at Children’s Hospital in Boston. “Unless we educate this generation to improve their eating habits, what’s going to happen when they’re not in the cafeteria or when they graduate?”
Harvard Lost Cash by Mistake, Putting It in an Unsafe Place

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laid off 275 staff, offered voluntary retirement to others, imposed salary and hiring freezes, halted its campus expansion in Allston, and borrowed $1.5 billion with a bond offering to boost its cash position.

Shore said that the layoffs and other measures were not linked to the losses in the cash portfolio and that the debt offering ensured the school would be able to meet its obligations.

Meanwhile, at Harvard Management, the $11 billion in endowment losses prompted firings of top investment professionals and an internal restructuring to get its risk-taking ways in check.

At Stanford University, which has experienced a similar decline in its endowment and also undertaken layoffs, spokesman Lisa Lapin said it would be highly unusual for the California school to put funds from its general account into long-term investments.

“We wouldn’t take a cash account and invest it with the endowment,” Lapin said.

He noted that the university had placed both with endowment managers. The school’s annual report said Harvard had been working to reduce the amount but ran into difficulties when the financial crisis made it harder for the endowment manager to sell investments.

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Stubbie’s Students and Colleagues Praise Her Dedication to Research

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keeps standards high. She’s one of the people I enjoy talking with about science and getting feedback from.”

Stubbie’s students say her passion extends beyond the lab and into the classroom: “She definitely cares about teaching. Anyone who’s taken her classes can attest to that. There’s no other teacher at her level who cares as much,” said Vinay Trujunwala ’11, an undergraduate student in her lab.

“She explains things very well and is always really excited to teach,” said Kari E. Stevenson ’12, a student in 5.07 (Biological Chemistry I), which Stubbie is teaching this term.

In the past, Stubbie has had to teach classes that she had never taken as a student: “You have to read a bunch of papers, really think about what you read, synthesize what is important, and present that information to the class.”

In one such experience, she taught a course that guided students in developing proposals to treat diseases including malaria and hepatitis C, and presenting them to companies.

Stubbie arrived at MIT in 1987 after teaching at the University of Wisconsin. “In the end, my science has changed for the better here, through working with intelligent scientists who are able to talk across disciplines,” she said of her experience at MIT.

Stubbie has spent sabbaticals in x-ray crystallography, yeast genetics, and inorganic chemistry. “I try to learn new technology in areas peripheral to what I work on in the lab to bring new dimension,” she said.

Stubbie feels “exceedingly lucky” to be doing her work. “Very few people can get jobs where they like to come to work all the time and are really excited about what they do.”

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What are some of these myths?

The "Palestinian." That is the foundational myth. The reality is that the concept of "Palestinians" is one that did not exist until about 1948, when the Arab inhabitants of what until then was Palestine, wished to differentiate themselves from the Jews. Until then, the Jews were the Palestinians. There were the Palestinian Brigade of Jewish volunteers in the British World War II army at a time when the Palestinian Arabs were in Berlin haggling plans with Adolf Hitler for world conquest and how to kill all the Jews; there was The Palestine Post, and so much more.

The Arabs, who now call themselves "Palestinians," do so in order to persuade a misinformed world that they are a distinct nationality and that "Palestine" is their ancestral homeland. But, of course, they have no such nationality at all. They are entirely the same — in language, customs, and tribal ties — as the Arabs of their immediate ancestors, came to the area attracted by the prosperity created by the Jews, in what previously had been pretty much of a wasteland.

What's more, many of the "Palestinians," or their immediate ancestors, came to the area attracted by the prosperity created by the Jews, in what previously had been pretty much of a wasteland.

The nationhood of the "Palestinians" is a myth. The "Occupied Territories." Again, this is a concept that did not exist until about 1948, when the army of the Kingdom of Transjordan, together with five other Arab armies, invaded the Jewish state of Israel, on the very day of its creation.

In what can almost be described as a Biblical story, the ragtag Jewish forces defeated the combined Arab might. But Transjordan stayed in and part of the city of Jerusalem. The Jordanians promptly expelled all Jews from the area that they invaded the Jewish state of Israel, on the very day of its creation.

After the victorious Six-Day War, during which the Israeli army defeated the "occupiers" in their own territory? Who would be the victorious? The "Palestinians," which such cases decreased since last month. MIT Medical does not know whether HITIIN cases peaked in September or will spike up again. The incidence of regular flu generally peaks in January, so predicting the course of flu is difficult, but predicting the course HITIIN will be difficult.

Some HITIIN Vaccines Arrive. Still, the "Occupied Territories" concept that cannot be found on any except the most recent maps.

The "Web of lies and myths that the Arab propaganda machine has created plays an important role in the unrelenting quest to destroy the State of Israel. What shape the world has accepted most of it!"

The concept of "Palestine" is a myth. The concept of "Occupied Territories." After the victorious Six-Day War, during which the Israeli army defeated the Arab states that had invaded the country in 1948, Israel remained in possession of Judea/Samaria once renamed "West Bank") which the Jordanians had illegally occupied for 19 years, of the Gaza Strip which had been occupied by the Egyptians but which (hundreds of miles from Egypt proper) had never been part of their country; and of the Golan Heights, a plateau of about 400 square miles, which, though originally part of Palestine, had been ceded to Syria by British-French agreement.

The last sovereign in Judea/Samaria and in Gaza was the British mandatory power — and before it was the Ottoman Empire. All of Palestine, including what is now the Kingdom of Jordan, was, by the Balfour Declaration, destined to be the Jewish "National Home. How then could the Israelis be "occupiers" in their own territory? Who would be the sovereign and who the rightful inhabitants? The concept of "Occupied Territories" in reference to Judea/Samaria (often called the "West Bank") and Gaza is another of the many myths created by Arab propaganda.

Elie Wiesel, Nobel Peace Prize laureate and founder of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. He has been named one of the world's most influential people. His work has been supported by the British Board of Film Classification, helping to protect our young people from the dangers of extremist ideas. Wiesel is also a critic of Israel, accusing it of apartheid and arguing for a single state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. His latest book, "Long Walk to Freedom," focuses on Africa's struggle for independence and the challenges faced by those involved in the process. The book is based on Wiesel's own experiences as a political activist and a member of the African National Congress. It provides insight into the political landscape of Africa during the apartheid era and highlights the importance of understanding the past in order to create a better future. The book has been praised for its compelling story and for shedding light on an often-overlooked period in African history. It is a must-read for anyone interested in understanding the complexities of African politics and the ongoing struggle for freedom and justice. The book is also available in English, Spanish, French, and Arabic translations, making it accessible to a broad audience. The book is not only a political memoir but also a powerful reminder of the importance of pursuing justice and equality in the face of adversity. It is a testament to Wiesel's commitment to his principles and his continued efforts to raise awareness about the need for change in the world.
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Injury-Afflicted MIT Football Team Blown Out by Western N.E.

By Russell Spivak

The MIT Engineers arrived in Springfield this past weekend looking to spoil Western New England College's homecoming, but the Golden Bears proved to be too much for Tech. The stands were filled to watch the Golden Bears defeat the Cardinal and Grey 59-21.

The game began with an inauspicious start for the Engineers, as WNEC was able to return the opening kickoff for a touchdown. The Engineers were unable to rebound, as they turned the ball over on downs for the following possession. WNEC extended their lead on the final score of the quarter with a 38-yard field goal with 9:28 left.

The second quarter was a one-sided battle, as the Golden Bears won 28-7 on 3 rushers and one kick return for a touchdown. The Engineers were able to get onto the board, however, with a 79-yard run by Captain All-American DeRon M. Brown '10.

Brown added his second touchdown of the day with 9:38 left in the 3rd quarter to cut the Golden Bears' lead to 38-14, but two more scores by the home team left the score at 52-14. Captain Alexander F. Rubino '10, with concussion-like symptoms, and practice, defensive back Aaron M. Fittery P. Steimel '12 tore his MCL in practice from last week's game, center Joshua P. Stover was sidelined with a concussion receiver Michael P. Fitzgerald '10 in the one-sided victory: wide receiver Haris Y. Mickle '10.

Injuries to the Engineers played a role in the one-sided victory: wide receiver Michael P. Fitzgerald '10 was sidelined with a concussion from last week's game, center Joshua P. Stover '10 left the game in the 3rd quarter after pulling his hamstring on an interception return. “We aren’t going to blame any game on injuries,” said Brian H. Mickle '10. “While having some of those guys in the lineup would have helped, it’s part of football, we need to be ready. It’s just like coaches always say: we are only as strong as our number twos.”

The loss was a setback for MIT, who is now 1-2 in NEFC Boyd Division.

According to Jordan N. Meenan '10, “the rest of the season will be a definite test of character. We will see how much determination and resolve we have to come back from two straight losses.”

The Engineers play the Salve Regina University Seahawks Saturday at 1 p.m. for Senior Day, the last home game of the season.

Erika C. Oranger '10 slides to the ground as she scores the first goal of the game for the Engineers during the women's soccer game against Smith College on Saturday at Steinbrenner Stadium. The Engineers won 6-0 under overcast skies.

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