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Cheung Becomes Youngest Council Member and First Asian-American

By Jessica Pourian

Leland Cheung, a graduate student in the Sloan School of Business, will be the first Asian-American and the youngest member ever of the Cambridge City Council, preliminary results from the city show. Cheung, who is a student at both Harvard and MIT, ran a bare-bones campaign that emphasized responsiveness to constituents a priority. He said yes-

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By Natasha Plotkin

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Beloved Breakfast Joint Finds Itself Sunny-Side Down in Economic Jam

By Maggie Lloyd

Cheung promised during his campaign to make meeting with his constituents a priority. He said yesterday that he would try to hold “office hours” every week and will allow people who sign up on his website to talk to him. He also said that he wanted to increase student involvement in Cambridge government. On his campaign website, some of his ideas are expanding volunteer programs and creating internship programs with the city government.

A delayed count

The race was thrown out of whack this year by incumbent Marie-Jeanne Decker, who mounted an aggressive write-in campaign after she missed the deadline to register. Decker spent the most out of all the candidates, $57,000, and got 1285 votes. Cheung spent less than a tenth of that, about $4,500, but still put 754 41 votes. Decker’s campaign resulted in a flood of write-in ballots, which must be read by hand, slowing down the counting. Counting continues, but preliminary results show Cheung winning.

Hand counting of the ballots resumed the following morning. Chris and serve some functions technically allocated to the Office of the Dean for Undergraduate Education. For instance, it had the power to change transcripts when excusing absences.

By Maggie Lloyd

The Friendly Toast, a breakfast diner in Kendall Square, was close to closing this past September after some financial concerns. The diner is a popular location on Sundays.

Students simulate a Wall Street trading pit during the Intercolligate Trading Competition hosted by Traders@MIT in the Stata Center on Saturday. Ninety students from nine schools, including MIT, participated in the competition.
What’s powering your home appliances?

About 10 percent of the electricity in the United States, it’s fuel from dismantled nuclear bombs, including Russian ones.

“It’s a great source of electricity,” said Maria V. Alchakyan, an analyst at Renaissance Bank and an expert in the Russian nuclear industry that has profited from the arrangement since the end of the Cold War.

But if more diluted weapons-grade uranium isn’t secured soon, the pipeline could run dry, with ramifications for consumers, as well as some American utilities and their Russian suppliers.

Already nervous about a supply gap, utilities operating America’s 106 nuclear reactors are monitoring President Barak Obama’s efforts to conclude a new arms treaty. In the last two decades, nuclear disarmament has become an integral part of the electricity industry. Salvaged bomb material generates about 10 percent of electricity in the United States — by comparison, hydropower generates about 6 percent and solar, biomass, wind and geothermal together account for 3 percent.

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Extended Forecast


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As Investors Race to Stocks, The Dollar Weakens Further

By Sheryl Gay Stolberg

NEW YORK

If the U.S. economy is getting stronger, why is the dollar getting weaker?

As the stock market surged anew on Monday, the value of the price of gold marched ever higher, the dollar took its biggest tumble since July. The American currency, which gained 1 percent against other major currencies, which had been stabilized since the financial crisis broke out more than a year ago.

If the seeming disconnect between the value of the dollar and the value of gold suggests that the currency is not in a state of disconnection at all. A growing belief that wealth nations like the United States, China and Japan are making efforts to revive economic growth is harbingering unconscious bets back into the world's stock markets. But with interest rates down and government spending up, the dollar is in a losing battle.

Many market participants assert that the currency is weakening with approvals from Washington policymakers.

While the falling dollar will make everything from French wine to Korean televisions more expensive, some participants say it should also make American exports more competitive overseas — a lift for manufacturers and corporations like Caterpillar, Intel and Pepsi.

More than a dozen multinationals paced a stock market rally on Monday that left some analysts sounding the bull market death knell. The Dow leapt 203.52 points, or 2.2 percent, to 10,938. The Nasdaq composite index was up 22 points or 1.97 percent, to 2,151.64.

Sharp gains in Asia and Europe also pushed up the dollar against the yen.

But if the stock market seems volatile lately, that is because it is. Since early September, the Dow has surged or plunged more than 1 percent during 18 separate trading sessions.

While some stocks seem to have regained their footing — the Dow industrials are up 165 points for the year — the dollar, once quite literal in its long the dollar of world currencies, is in retreat. The dollar has lost more than 20 percent of its value against the euro.

It was a classic “good news, bad news” paradigm of Wall Street, the dollar’s one-time strength is fading and major currency players are sounding the revamping the current fee-for-service system. The debate underscores a fundamental tension within the White House, where President Barack Obama, who must contend with the White House leadership of the Finance Committee and Rahm Emanuel, the medical ethics director of the Obama administration, who must contend with the White House leadership of the Finance Committee and Rahm Emanuel, the medical ethics director of the Obama administration.

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Chancellor Angela Merkel led a gathering of world leaders in Germa- ny’s capital Monday for a celebration of the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown of Britain, President Nicolas Sarkozy of France, Polish President Lech Wa- nes, of Russia, as well as Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, made in-person visits with Chancellor Merkel through the Brandenburg Gate, which had been sealed in the no-man’s-land between East and West Berlin.

The anniversary has provided Germans and people around the once-divided government of the country with a rare opportunity to reflect upon the successful reunification of Germany and the once-iron curtain divided country from the former Warsaw Pact and the NATO and the European Union.

“It is also possible to overcome the barriers of our own time, just as the east-west division of 1949 of the Nazi-led attacks on Jew- ish people, businesses and places of worship was overcome,” Mr. Obama said in a recent interview. “The goal is not to seek the end, but to pursue the means for the sake of the end, the means being the end.

Mr. Obama also made a ceremonial procession with President Barack Obama and the rock band Bon Iver. The event swung from festive, celebratory tone to its lowest level since the fiftieth anniversary of the Berlin Wall was erected in 1961, through the executive board of the German Bundestag.

Lech Walesa, the former shipyard worker, turned off the lights and called for “somebody who writes a book on how to win friends and influence people” to be made available. He announced the accord at the presidential palace on Monday night.

“We believe strongly that there is no evidence to support any charge whatsoever,” Clinton told reporters in Berlin. “And we would renew our call on Iran to demonstrate the international community’s determination that the Iranian government exercise compassion and release them so that they can return home to their families.

The United States would press its case for their release through the Swiss government, which represents American interests in Tehran.

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Letters To The Editor

Erasmus K. zu Ermgassen

"We need more research!" This was the rallying call of climate scientist and MIT alumnus David Keith '91 at the Geoengineering Symposium held at MIT just over a week ago. This is, of course, the scientists' traditional response when challenged, but when considering research in geoengineering, the risk is that we may be damned if we do and damned if we don't.

Toasted as a treatment for climate change, geoengineering is the intentional large-scale manipulation of the climate in order to mitigate the effect of the 9.1 × 10^9 tonnes of carbon we dump into the atmosphere every year. At the heart of the debate is the idea that geoengineering is the perfect solution, no matter what Levit claims. Propen- tists hope that geoengineering will change the climate in an exactly equal-and-opposite way to the climate change induced by rising CO2 levels, but this is simply impossible. Geoengi- neering is not the same as a reduction in CO2 emissions, and so we cannot expect it to have the same effect as a reduction in CO2 emis- sions. No matter how much we research we do not know what effect this geoengineering will always be imperfect, and dangerous. The only thing research achieves is assessing if geoengineering can even be attempted, and what the side effects may include.

Geoengineering research may be the Pan- doras box of the 21st century. When have hu- mans ever developed a technology and then chosen not to implement it? Although Geoengi- neering is treated as our savior from rising sea levels, further biodiversity loss, and the pain of cutting back on our fossil fuel addic- tion, its side effects could be equally appalling as the impacts of rising CO2 levels. The Earth’s climate system is complex and it is legitimate to ask how we can try to engineer a system that we do not understand.

Many scientists also worry that talking about geoengineering distorts the real political and industrial adaptation that gives politicians room to squirm out of a cli- mate deal this December in Copenhagen. The long memory of a carbon-neutral economy, the cheap solution for politicians to avoid using their deci- sion, however, only opens up the problem that we cannot truly have any lasting environmental mitigation. While geoengi- neering may be the Pan- doras box of the 21st century, it is more likely than not that our lack of understanding of the Earth’s climate system is such that we may already have passed the "safe” level of atmospheric CO2 and that geoengineering is simply a placeholder for the "real" thing.

To Research or Not to Research—The Risks of Taking Geoengineering Seriously

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The Obi-Wan Kenobi Act

Ryan Normandin

I wrote an article in the October 20外oles in which I lambasted our government’s wasteful spending. While much time was spent offering examples of wasted tax dollars, there was little discussion of where I would want my money to go. In addition, what reforms or new programs should be set up to provide more tangible benefits than studying drunk Argentinians? There is a specific area in which the federal government needs to step up, and I hereby propose the Obi-Wan Kenobi Act.

For those who have never seen Star Wars. What have you been doing with your time? There are few things better than the legends of King Arthur set in a futuristic world with laser swords, and, of course, the Force. In the story, Obi-Wan Kenobi was a Jedi who found Luke Skywalker and trained him to prepare him for his destiny, which was to get his hand cut off, meet furry creatures, and overthrow the entire Galactic Empire. Consider, for a moment, what would have happened had Obi-Wan not trained Luke? Luke would have grown up under the repression of the evil Empire and done nothing about it. In fact, he would not even have known that he could do something about it. Luke was not like everyone else; he had abilities and talents that had to be specially cultivated in order for him to develop his full potential. It was only with the guidance of Obi-Wan, who was experienced in the area of working with Jedi, that he was able to become the Awesome Magical Warrior who saved the galaxy.

What do magical warriors saving the galaxy have to do with reallocation of government funds? Simple: it is imperative for the future of America that the federal government develops a well-defined program for gifted education and ensures that it is effectively implemented at the state and local levels. The National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) asserts that there are 3 million gifted children in America. When the Russians launched Sputnik, the U.S. poured funds into math and science education, including into programs for gifted students. However, it has been over 50 years since Sputnik and the sense of urgency has lessened. While our awareness of the urgency has been dampened, the urgency itself is no less; the United States is far behind Japan and China in math and science education, and many of our best and brightest people leave to work elsewhere. We are falling behind, and that is unacceptable.

Currently, states and localities control gifted programs. This leads to a wide range of discrepancies in the quality and extensiveness of these programs. For example, while 12 states provide over $10 million annually for gifted education, 12 spend less than $500,000. If NAGC’s figures can spend that in one Rough week, surely the federal government can step in and provide annual funding. Furthermore, several states need to challenge authority, a subtle, sophisticated process for families who are moving from a state to another where they are not gifted. Even when “giftedness” is clearly defined, only 4 states require that teachers have some sort of gifted training. This is a great disservice to our country as a whole.

There are some who oppose gifted education, and they do so for a variety of reasons. First, it is difficult to create a definition to describe the wide range of gifted students. A gifted student is not necessarily someone who studies hard and gets As. The fact that they are actually working on something that they are not gifted, but talented.

The Maryland Council for Gifted and Talented Children has an excellent list that compares talented children to those who are gifted. Some of the characteristics include: the talented student knows the answers to the questions, the gifted student will ask questions of the teacher. While a talented student studies well and learns easily, a gifted student displays strong opinions and emotions and is often bored in class. Having already known, sometimes intuitively, the answers. Other characteristics include: a willingness to challenge authority, a subtle, sophisticated sense of humor, and the ability to see patterns, trends, or connections that others do not pick up on. Some gifted students will often accomplish high academic achievement with little effort; while others will suffer bad grades due to a lack of challenge, lack of interest, and boredom with what they view as basic or intuitive subject matter. With abilities so different from the average student, is there any question that there is a need for a comprehensive, federally mandated gifted program? Apparently there is.

Some argue that gifted children will naturally excel, so there is no need to pay extra attention to them. This is not true; if the student is not being challenged, he may view school as a waste of time and get bad grades. Further, why would anyone not want a gifted child to be all that they have the potential to become? If they do, that potential is not being reached because of the lack of challenge and adversity.

Opponents take the sad and flawed view that our society often encourages today: everyone is gifted. Nothing else explains why sport youth leagues hand out different first place awards so “no one’s feelings will be hurt.” The fact of the matter is that everyone is not gifted. Everyone has the potential to do great things through dedication and hard work, but that does not make a person gifted. Those who claim that everyone is gifted are not only ignorant, but sad proponents of the societal norm that requires everyone be protected from knowing that some people are capable of different things than others! Hurt feelings, like adversity, happen; the solution is not to avoid them but to overcome them. On a similar note, there are those who will claim that gifted programs are “elitist.” If that is the case, then I claim that the NFL along with every other sports league is “elitist.” And the Olympics are the most elitist organization to ever be created. After all, these leagues accept only the best athletes in their field and offer them a challenge that they are able to somehow find anywhere else; an opportunity to develop their full potential. Gifted programs seek to offer the academic equivalent of these sports programs. If the Olympics are elitist, then elitism has somehow become equated with people who work to develop their particular talents.

Another argument is that the gifted students are the “role models” who the other students look up to. This is also untrue; the average student is more likely to emulate another average student than one in a different league of classes and competency than themselves. One more question that often comes up is whether AP courses are gifted programs. They are not: AP courses are simply college level courses taught in high school. As most APs are offered to juniors and seniors, such courses are not true challenges to gifted students. In addition, some schools have developed a policy of increased admission into AP courses rather strongly opposed in order to provide every student the opportunity to take the AP test in the subject and earn college credit. All does this is further “dumb-down” the program, transforming it into a higher-weighted honors course. AP courses are designed to provide a broad range of college material to high school students a year or two before they would otherwise take those classes. As such, they are not geared toward nurturing gifted students with deeper and more meaningfully work.

The facts above are clear: There is a huge degree of confusion over what gifted programs are, why they are needed, and what standards they should be held to. I thus propose the Obi-Wan Kenobi Act.

This act would require every teacher in America to undergo a gifted training program. It would provide proportional amounts of funding to each state from the federal government. The federal government would define giftedness and specify the process by which gifted children are to be recognized. It would require the government to recognize that there are no-definitive “giftedness tests,” and that it is much easier to recognize a gifted student than to define a gifted student. It would end the different models of gifted education, determine which is the most effective, and run with it.

As another great mentor remarked, “With great power comes great responsibility.” We need to find the way to bring out the greatest potential of all students, and we have the responsibility to do so. Likewise, these students have gifts. I am wagering that that is why they are referred to as gifted. They also have a responsibility to give back to their community and use their gifts for the betterment of mankind. In Star Wars, Luke is the best in the last Jedi, the last hope for the galaxy, in America, we have 3 million young people offering the hope and salvation from all the challenges that face our great nation today. We cannot afford to let this opportunity pass. It is time to demand that the government provide not only an adequate, but an exemplary education to each and every citizen of the United States.
The main contention of my argument is, simply, that the toroidal cereal shape, better known as the “loop” or “O,” is the ideal shape for cold cereal. Typically, the “loop” or “O” is the ideal shape for cold cereal. Obviously, such a highly controversial statement will not go unchallenged, and bears justifying. On one end of the spectrum, there are those who argue that the toroidal shape is superior because it allows for a smoother, more even texture. On the other end, some might argue that the toroidal shape is inferior because it can be more difficult to eat, particularly when trying to pour milk over the cereal. The truth is likely somewhere in between, as each shape has its own unique benefits and drawbacks.

The toroidal shape, for example, generally has a more uniform consistency, making it easier to eat and less likely to splash milk everywhere. However, this uniformity can also make the cereal less interesting, as there is less variation in texture. On the other hand, the more varied shapes, such as the square or rectangular shapes, can provide a more interesting eating experience, as there is more variety in the size and shape of each piece. However, this variety can also make it more difficult to pour milk over the cereal, as the milk may splatter more. Ultimately, the choice of shape comes down to personal preference and what one values more in their breakfast cereal.
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Other topics of inquiry include S^3’s work with graduate students and the Office of the Dean for Graduate Education.

The task force will not address any concerns related to specific personnel or any budgetary line items, said Denys. The report is due to the Chancellor’s office, but the committee is pushing for some of the less sensitive parts to be public, Denys said.

In its research, representatives of the committee met with Simonis, every dean currently working in S^3, and other relevant members of the MIT community, including Senior Associate Dean for Students Barbara A. Baker, to whom S^3 currently reports.

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Summer changes
Simonis was one of 18 Division of Student Life employees laid off by Colombo as part of the budget cuts. Faculty were especially upset to see her go, because they felt she had played a central role in S^3. Colombo had also lowered S^3’s rank within the Division of Student life, to the objection of many faculty, who worried that would damage S^3’s ability to serve students.

“Many faculty members were concerned that if S^3 were brought lower down in the reporting structure it will be seen as a less important unit within MIT,” said Denys.

Changes to the S^3 reporting structure and services were rolled back in response to faculty complaints. All layoffs remained permanent.

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Through all of this, Jasper has resisted laying off staff. “I just got really creative with scheduling, so that no one lost more than one shift,” she said.

She figures with a little juggling and a bit of luck, the Toast will make it through the winter. After all, people just adore the Toast. “We have survived solely because we had so many people already familiar with the Toast,” Jasper said.

Thousands of fans gush about it on Facebook. On its fan pages, people rave about the “pancakes the size of your head” and the great coffee. Some refer to the Toast as “the best place on earth.” Some simply say: “I love you.”

When Jasper and her husband opened the Cambridge location this spring, they were startled by far-flung reach of the Toastmania. “This totally surprised me — that Cambridge was full of people who’d driven to Portsmouth for breakfast with us,” Jasper said.

The Toast’s Economic Trouble

The problems began earlier this year at the restaurant’s original Portsmouth location. After an A/C unit installation by the landlord, city inspectors discovered the establishment’s electrical work was wired illegally. Then, a plumbing inspector found multiple code violations, which Jasper claims was the responsibility of the original builders of the space more than three decades ago.

Jasper’s landlord didn’t offer to help pay for the required renovations. He told her she should move out. Jasper couldn’t bear to do that. The Toast has been a Portsmouth landmark for 15 years.

In late July, Jasper made a desperate plea on the Toast’s Facebook page. “We are drowning in bills! These two locations are both thriving in this economy, since we are affordable, but I am going to lose both if I can’t catch up soon.”

Jasper has borrowed $110,000 from her parents’ retirement savings and dipped into her restaurant’s state meals tax money three times just to keep the Toast alive. She now owes the state of New Hampshire $33,000 and the state has issued a lien on her house.

Jasper is hopeful. She said she loves being in Cambridge and loves being close to MIT.

“My favorite thing in the whole world is The New Yorker, and in every other issue they seem to have an article about amazing, groundbreaking work done [at MIT].”

Two MIT students currently work at the Toast, and Jasper said she wants to leverage some of the bright minds nearby. “I hope to be able to draw on the brain power of the school in the future,” she said.

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streak up the sidelines for a score. "The Cardinal and Grey followed that score with another, the final of the game, as Johnson found fullback Cameron R. Brown ’11 on a check-down route, but a broken tackle and a burst of speed turned the pass into a 14-yard score up the sidelines. A botched snap on the PAT allowed holder Doyle to find Michael J. Yurkerwhich ’11 wide open in the end zone for 2 points.

The Engineers were lead by Stephen L. Yablonski ’11 on the ground, who took over for Brown after the concussion, finishing the game with 66 yards on 15 carries. The Cardinal and Grey defense was lead by Kristopher C. Weaver ’12 and Peter W. Gilliland ’12 who lead the team with 16 tackles apiece, along with Marcel B. Sanchez ’12 with 9.

After the game, Head Coach Chad Martinovich had words of encouragement and motivation, speaking of pride and love for the departing seniors. His overall message, however, was that this season was the foundation upon which to build for the rest of the year, using the losses as motivation to work hard in the offseason, stay committed and buy into the new program, and set a goal for next year.

The players understand Martinovich’s message, and seem encouraged by what he has put in place and how the program will flourish under him. "We have a lot of talent coming back next year to replace the graduating seniors’ spots," says Jared M. Darby ’12. "The offseason program will be great to improve that talent and raise the bar from this year. The offseason program will also help with injury prevention, as injuries had a large influence on this year’s team."

The Engineers finished the season 1-8, with a 1-6 record in the NEFC Boyd Division.

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Football Closes Season With Loss to Endicott; Looks Ahead to Next Year

By Russell Spivak

The MIT Field Hockey Team captured the NEWMAC Championships this weekend, shutting out Mount Holyoke 2-0 in the semifinals and defeating Springfield 8-2 in the final. With the wins, the Engineers improved their season record to 17-4 – a program record – and earned the second conference title in program history.

In the semifinal matchup on Saturday against Mount Holyoke, neither team was able to score until late in the first half. Colin H. Yee '12 on the kick return to fool the defenders and goalpost, but an assist by Connie V. Park '13 to Lussiez in the 56th minute provided the lone score of the game.

The Engineers did not allow a single goal in the tournament, scoring their opponents 6-0. Lussiez led MIT with an assist, while Park and Jean E. "Liz" Therue '10 had two assists each.

With the win, MIT will make its third appearance in the NCAA Division III tournament, which begins November 12th.

By David Zhu

The MIT Women's Soccer Team won its first-ever NEWMAC Championship – and its first conference title since 1989 – this weekend, defeating Wheaton College in the semifinal and defending champions Endicott in the final. The Engineers won both games with a score of 1-0.

In the Saturday semifinal against Wheaton, Alahia D. Lussiez scored in the 20th minute of a blocked shot and rebound by Emily Kuo '13. The Engineers' defense, led by Meghan S. Wright '13, 11 saves in goal, was able to shut down Wheaton in the rest of the game, denying the Lyons their 11th consecutive appearance in the NEWMAC title game.

In the tournament final, Springfield controlled the game early and late, but Wright made 13 saves and kept Springfield off the scoreboard. Both teams had opportunities to score in the second half, including a shot by Lussiez off the post. The Engineers did not allow a single goal in the tournament, scoring their opponents 6-0.

Fencing Opens Season With 'The Big One'

MIT Team Captures Two Medals, Five Top-Eight Finishes in First Meet of the Year

By Ranjagaran Nadadur

The Men's and Women's Varsity Fencing teams had their first tournament of the year, "The Big One" this past weekend hosted by Smith College. The traditional opening meet of the season brought a diverse field of competitors from more than 21 different schools, including several NCAA Division I and II opponents.

Individual competitions were held in six different events: men's and women's foil, épée, and sabre. Fencers competed in a round robin pool, the results of which were used to seed a single-elimination bracket. The MIT fencers had a strong showing, with two fencers finishing in the top three of their events, and five more top 8 finishes.

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The strongest individual performances of the day among the Engineers came from Cordelia S. Link '10, who took the bronze medal in Women's Foil over 78 fencers. Jenna G. Caldwell '11 finished in 10th, and Julia A. Hopkins '12 and Lindsay C. Graham '10 made the top 32, finishing in 19th and 21st respectively.

Women's Sabre had the strongest squad performance of the day, with top 8 finishes from Traverse K. Koszynski '12, Elena A. Tatrach '11, and Samatha Gehlin '13. Gehlin came in 6th, 7th and 8th respectively of 69 competitors. Laura A. Everson '11 made the round of 32, finishing in 29th.

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Water Polo Takes Third at Nationals

The MIT water polo team won a pair of games over the weekend to secure a third-place finish at the Collegiate Water Polo Association Northern Division Championship. The Cardinals and Greyhounds beat the host Crimson, 7-5, in the opening round and followed that up with a win over Iona in the third-place contest on Sunday. Tech’s lone loss was an 8-6 setback at the hands of eventual division champions Brown.

The Engineers will now advance to the Eastern Championship for the third time in the last four years. The tournament, which will be hosted by MIT, begins on Friday, November 20.

By Greg McKeever, Staff Writer

Women's Volleyball Falls in NEWMAC Final

MIT Women's Volleyball advanced to the NEWMAC finals with a 25-22, 25-20, 25-21 victory over the U.S. Coast Guard Academy on Friday, November 7, but lost to Wellesley in straight sets, 25-14, 25-13, 25-19, on Saturday.

Both matches were back-and-forth, and with the teams exchanging points and leads, the Engineers were able to pull out the wins in both matches. The team had 17 assists, 5 blocks and 17 digs.

With the victory, Wellesley advances to the NCAA tournament. MIT will hope for an at-large bid, which will be announced November 9th.