GSC Takes Graduate Student Welfare Bill To Washington D.C.

By Ana Lyons

MIT’s Graduate Student Council (GSC) recently added national policy to its otherwise campus-based advocacy agenda, pushing for tax exemptions of graduate student stipends, tax breaks, and implementation of open access to federally funded research.

According to the GSC’s latest media release, its standard itinerary—a task that President Alex Hamilton Chan said had not been attempted in previous years—involved making graduate student stipends tax exempt, as they were being calculated from prior year’s forms. MIT’s GSC was recently recognized for its work, being nominated by the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS) for the 2009 “Graduate/Professional Student Organization of the Year.”

GSC Execs Lobby in Washington

Executive members of MIT’s GSC travelled to Washington, D.C., to lobby for graduate student stipend tax exemptions, lifting the Hi-B visa cap, and implementing open access publication policies for federally funded research as part of the NAGPS’s annual “Legislative Action Days” from last September 30 to October 2.

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2007-2008 Top Salaries at MIT, With a Bit of History

Name

Title

FY08 Compensation

%  

FY07 to FY08

FY06 to FY07

Seth Alexander

Presidents of MITMPC

$795,960

165% $313,141 79% $422,152

Suan Hoychick

President

$695,435

109% $60,141 109% $51,744

Donald Leesard

Professor — Sloan School

$229,154

114% $95,792 112% $105,102

Steve Marsh

MITMPC, Real Estate

$571,123

128% $152,636 113% $110,404

Philip Rosner

MITMPC, Private Equity

$553,703

126% $115,744 124% $85,147

Daniel Steele

MITMPC, Private Equity

$580,933

128% $142,308 123% $89,700

Rafael Reif

Provost

$507,449

111% $89,871 112% $81,494

Theresa Stone

Executive Vice President

$502,496

207% $260,261 — —

Martin Kelly

MITMPC, Private Equity

$496,314

131% $171,616

R. Gregory Morgan

General Counsel

$464,176

133% $424,636

Jeffrey Newton

VP, Resource Dev.

$357,130

356% $524,829

Joe Moss

Past Provost

$331,028

105% $164,874 101% $2,814

Philip Clay

Chancellor

$312,078

109% $53,968 114% $34,458

John Deutch

Past Provost

$302,420

105% $163,300 101% $1,792

Paul Gray

Past President

$301,274

105% $189,924 104% $4,480

Dana Mead

Corp., Chairman

$347,105

105% $126,259 104% $8,955

Karin Dillmore

Past Corp., Secretary

$232,800

100% $283 100% $570

Kirk Kolenbrander

Corp., Secretary

$208,000

11% $24,900 103% $18,020

Howard Johnson

Past President

$97,530

100% $0 100% $0

Compensation includes regular salaries as well as deferred compensation from prior years; it does not include income from executive education. * Appears in list of top five (non-officer) salaries.

* Professor Lessard has a children’s educational loan with a balance of $206,200 in June 2008 of $47,843. His $997,154 includes income from “executive education,” he said. † R. Gregory Morgan has a $2,000,000 mortgage loan with a balance as of June 30, 2008 of $200,000. ‡ Chancellor Clay has a children’s educational loan with a balance as of June 30, 2008 of $5,000.

In Short

Let the Ugliness Begin

The race for the APO Ugliest Man on Campus kicked off yesterday with the first three contestants: Roberto J. Melendez ’12, Chinya E. Shaw ’13, and Jeremy B. Dalcin ’13. Interestingly, all candidates are residents of Next House. However, there are rumors from APO’s Kelly A. Drinkwater ‘11 that the Bexley-Minus-Fuscitis Sink will enter the competition soon. Students can vote for the ugly candidates by placing pennies or bills into their corresponding jars. One point is equal to one cent.—Robert McQueen

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Money Starts to Trickle North as Mexicans Help Out Relatives
By Marc Lacey
THE NEW YORK TIMES
MEXICALI, MEXICO
During the best of the times, Miguel Salcedo’s son, an illegal im-
migrant from San Diego, would be sending home hundreds of dol-
las a month to support his struggling family in Mexico. But at times like these, with the American economy in the doldrums and his son out of work, Salcedo finds himself doing what he never imagined he would have to: wiring pesos north.

Unemployment has hit migrant communities in the United States so hard that a startling new phenomenon has been detected: instead of receiving remittances from relatives in the rich country on earth, some down-and-out Mexican families are scraping together what they can to support their unemployed loved ones in the United States.

The first thing whenever we have a little extra, at least enough so we can eat,” said Salcedo, who is from a small village here in the rural state of Durazco and works a variety of odd jobs to sup-
port his wife, his two younger sons and, now, his jobless eldest boy in California.

Car Sales Help Spur 1.4 Percent Rise in U.S. Retail Sales
By Javier C. Hernandez
THE NEW YORK TIMES
WASHINGTON
Retail sales in the United States increased by a higher-than-expect-
ed 1.4 percent in October from September, helped by a strong demand for cars, the government said Monday.

Prices, however, were 1.7 percent below October a year ago.

The data gave hope to the idea that consumers might begin spend-
ing again even in the absence of government incentives like the cash-
for-clunkers program. But the numbers were also high because the Commerce Department substantially revised downward its September data, indicating that sales were up 1.5 percent in September, not the 1.1 percent it had originally estimated.

The increases came in large part because of automobile sales, which climbed 7.4 percent. In September, after the government ended its clunkers program, auto sales fell 14.3 percent. When auto sales were excluded from the numbers, the overall rise was 0.2 percent, which was lower than expectations.

New Guidelines Suggest Fewer Mammograms
By Gia Kalata
THE NEW YORK TIMES
WASHINGTON
Most women should start regular breast cancer screening at age 50, not 40, according to new guidelines released Monday by a group that provides guidance to doctors, insurance companies and policymakers.

The recommendations reverse long-standing guidelines and are aimed at reducing harm from overtesting, the group says. It says women age 50 to 74 should have mammograms less frequently — ev-
ery two years, rather than every year. And it said doctors should stop teaching women to examine their breasts on a regular basis.

Just seven years ago, the same group, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, with different members, recommended that women have mammograms every one to two years starting at age 40. It found too many misdiagnoses of breast self-examinations.

The task force is an independent panel of experts in prevention and an official primary care-appointed by the federal Department of Health and Hu-
man Services.

Its new guidelines, which are different from those of some profes-
sionals and umbrella organizations, are published online in The Annals of Internal Medicine. They are likely to touch off yet another round of controversy over the benefits of screening for breast cancer.

By David E. Sanger and William J. Broad
THE NEW YORK TIMES
WASHINGTON
On Monday, international inspec-
 tors who gained access to Iran’s newly revealed underground nuclear enrich-
 ment plant voiced strong suspicions in a report, saying that the country was concealing other atomic facilities.

The report was the first indepen-
dent account of what was contained in the once-secret plant, nestled in the side of a mountain, and came as the Obama administration was expressing growing impatience with Iran’s slow response in nuclear negotiations.

In unusually tough language, the International Atomic Energy Agency appeared highly skeptical that Iran would have built the enrichment plant without also constructing a variety of other facilities that would give it an alternative way to produce nuclear fuel if its main centers were bombed.

So far, Iran has denied that it built any hidden sites in addition to the one deep underground on a military base about 30 miles north of the holy city of Qum. The inspectors were given access to the plant late last month and reported that they had found it in “an advanced state” of construction, but that no centri-
fuges — the fast-spinning machines needed to make nuclear fuel — had yet been installed.

The inspectors said Iran had “pro-
vided access to all areas of the facil-
ty” and planned to complete it by 2011. They also said they had so far been unable to interview its director and described it as “the most sensitive case.”

The inspectors confirmed U.S. and European intelligence reports that the site had been built to house about 3,000 centrifuges, enough to produce enough material for one or two nuclear weapons a year.

But that is too small to be useful in the pro-
duction of fuel for civilian nuclear power, which is what Iran insists is the intended purpose of the site.

The plant’s existence was revealed in September, as many as seven years after construction had begun.

The report comes just two days after President Barack Obama, on a trip to Asia, said “we are running out of time” for Iran to sign onto a deal to ship part of its nuclear fuel out of the country. He said he would begin to plan for far more stringent eco-
nomic sanctions against Tehran.

The event was called a town hall, but President Barnac Obama’s meet-
ing with a group of about 500 students in this Chinese city on Monday had little to do with the arcane tax issues that have become a fixture of American politics.

It was, instead, an example of Chinese-style stagecraft. Most of the those who attended the event at the Museum of Science and Technology turned out to be members of the Communist Youth League, an official organization that grooms obedience students for future leadership.

Some Chinese bloggers the White House tried to invite were barred from attending.

Even then, the Chi-

nese government had no choices, declining to broadcast the event live in any language, for the United States or Europe.

The White House spent weeks arguing with Chinese authorities over who would be allowed to attend the Shanghai event, including how much access the press would have, and whether it would be broad- cast live throughout the country. In the end Obama had little chance to promote a message to the broader Chinese public, though he will answer questions along with President Hu Jintao after their meeting in Bei-

jing on Tuesday.

The event in some respects marked a retreat from the reception that White House officials had given to two former American presidents, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, both of whom asked for, and were granted, the right to address the Chinese people and answer their questions.

The official Xinhua News Agency offered only a written transcript of the exchange on its Web site instead of the live webcast it had promised.

The White House streamed the event live on its Web site (www.whitehouse.gov), which did not appear to be blocked in in-
side China. But that site is not a com-
mon destination for ordinary Chinese looking for breaking news.

Although it was carefully cho-

Weather

Sun, Sun, Sun

By Angela Zhang
THE NEW YORK TIMES
The high pressure builds into the area today, providing light winds and a sunny

sky and letting meteorologists let down their flag for a few days. Light winds and a lack of clouds is a win-win combination for winter cold, as these are the sources that allow the ground to radiate heat effi-
ciently to space once the sun goes down.

At this time of year, the ocean is warmer than the air at night, providing a heat source for those located near the coast. Those living in or near the city of Boston also experience the urban heat island effect. Cities are built from materials that absorb heat during the day and radiate it in sur-
rounding areas. At night, the city radiates this heat, which may keep the tem-
perature in the city several degrees warmer than the countryside well after sunset.

High temperatures for the week will be in the 50s°F with lows around 40°F. The chance of rain returns again this weekend.

Extended Forecast
Today: Sunny. High 50°F (10°C), Northeast winds 5-10 mph.
Tonight: Clear. Low 39°F (4°C).
Tomorrow: Sunny. High 55°F (13°C), North winds at 5 mph shifting to south
in the afternoon.
Thursday: Clear. Low 42°F (6°C).
Friday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. High 59°F (15°C).
Barack Obama’s proposed health overhaul, which the Senate hopes to begin considering, would affect the federal budget. The measure requires only a simple majority vote, since Republicans opposed to the legislation have vowed to try to block the bill. Senate Democratic leaders enjoy a healthy majority off the coast of his tiny West African nation, but the nation’s doors are open to officials and their families from receiving U.S. visas. The measures require only a simple majority vote, since Republicans opposed to the legislation have vowed to try to block the bill. Senate Democratic leaders enjoy a healthy majority.

**GM Shows Signs of Recovery Despite Quarterly Loss**

By Bill Vasic

General Motors, whose very survival was in doubt little more than a year ago, is showing signs of life after its brief throat punch by the stock market.

GM said Monday that while it was still losing money, it had stabilized its cash flow and taken important symbolic steps to begin returning some of its cash to shareholders. The hint that the federal government provided to help save the company to give a second chance.

The federal government’s “backstop,” as GM called it, was “encouraged” by GM’s initial performance and “open to even emerging from bankruptcy in July.

Others who had supported a GM bailout in the wake of the bankruptcy filing said that the company’s problems were too big and numerous to support. Some said GM had taken a big step toward a lasting recovery.

The company is on its way to fulfilling its promise to American taxpayers of a “restructured GM” and to Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich. Analysts said it was too soon to give high grades to its management and board simply because they had stabilized the company.

“They'll say their grade is incom-\text{-}parable,” said David E. Cole, director of the Center for Automotive Research.

“Even with that help, the nation’s largest automaker still lost nearly $12.2 billion in the third quarter.”

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It has used some well-received new products, including the Chevrolet Malibu, to lure customers back to showrooms. The company has also made some fast deci-\text{-}sions that the company has taken since the bankruptcy filing.

“Most people have never heard of Douglas G. Elmendorf, but all analysts agree that the man in the white coat in the Senate hearings is open to beginning consider-\text{-}ing some changes in the health care system,” said Annette Simmons, a spokeswoman for the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement in the Department of Justice.

Elmendorf would need a speed process along, helping Obama fulfill his hope of signing a health care bill into law by the end of the month. “We don’t want to see any slowdown in any of the critical questions that need to be answered,” he said. “We’re making money, the prices are right, and we’ll still be blacked from the U.S.” Daniel Whitman, who retired in September as the deputy director of the Office of Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs at the State Department, agreed that the law should be used.

“We just seem to lack the backbone to tell the American public that this isn’t working,” he said. “In the rare cases it is used, no one at State was willing to talk about it.”

But even with the law in place, the American public is skeptical about the changes it brings. The American public is skeptical about the changes it brings. The state of the American economy has shifted from reliance on oil to a reliance on other sources of energy.

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Building the College Democrats at MIT

I was excited to read a letter written to The Tech on November 9th by Rachel Sealfon, where she made a point about the need for the College Democrats of Massachusetts to become more active on campus. I was curious, I approached a protester and asked him why he wanted to boycott the Hyatt Regency Cambridge. He told me that at the end of August, ninety-eight housekeepers had been fired from this hotel and from two other Hyatts in Boston's Back Bay area (the Hyatt Regency Boston and the Hyatt at Boston Harbor, both patronized by MIT visitors, parents, and students). Curious, I jogged on, and when I got back to my dorm room, I looked up “boycott Hyatt” on Google News. All accounts, including The Boston Globe, described the treatment of the workers as abysmal. Some of the housekeepers had worked for Hyatt for over twenty years, yet they were given no advance notice that they were to be fired. The housekeepers claimed that they were asked to train the workers who replaced them under the pretense that these workers would fill in for them when they were sick or on vacation. The housekeepers were originally paid $14.12 dollars per hour, with health benefits, while being pressured to train the workers who would replace them. The way they treat us "is like animals." The workers called for a boycott of the Hyatt as a result of their current rate of pay through the end of March 2010. Understandably, the housekeepers have not been enthusiastic about this offer — after all, at the end of a year they would likely only be able to find jobs for the kind of temporary agency that displaced them. As of now, they will not accept temp positions that are designed to put others out of work, fired housekeepers’ lawsuit against Williams, who works for Hyatt for almost 22 years, told the Boston Globe. A number of organizations, businesses, and politicians, including Governor Deval Patrick, supported the boycott, calling it a boycott of the Hyatt as a result of the layoffs.

If the IMF community joins in boycott, the Hyatt may be able to make a real impact on this issue — MIT does a lot of business at the Hyatt Regency Cambridge. Plus, MIT has a hotel services partnership agreement with the Hyatt. Many conferences that are affiliated with MIT take place at or directly attend events at the Hyatt, including the Alumni Leadership conference in September and the System Design and Management (GEM) conferences in October. The MIT Research and Development Conference, scheduled for November 17–18 and described on its website as a “flagship MIT conference,” has reserved a block of rooms for attendees at the Hyatt. A number of MIT conferences scheduled in 2010 have reserved hotels in or around living at the Hyatt as the location of the conference. However, it’s not enough to just avoid staying at the Hyatt while letting them know you won’t do business with them. In order for a boycott to be effective, the Hyatt must know that you are disappointed by how they’ve treated their workers. So, tell your parents not to stay there, search conference venues outside the Hyatt, direct your visitor to another hotel and write to the Hyatt to let them know you can. You let Hyatt know that you are disappointed by how they have treated their workers. So, tell your parents not to stay there, search conference venues outside the Hyatt, direct your visitor to another hotel and write to the Hyatt to let them know you can! Let Hyatt know that you are disappointed by how they have treated their workers. So, tell your parents not to stay there, search conference venues outside the Hyatt, direct your visitor to another hotel and write to the Hyatt to let them know you can!
In last week’s edition of “Frivolous Dis- 
sertations on Breakfast,” in which I discussed
my thoughts on the ideal cereal shape, it oc-
curred to me that one edition simply wasn’t 
big enough to contain the sheer mass of frivoly
on the subject that I wanted to share. More than 
that, it seemed terribly prejudiced of me to as-
sume that cereal was the only breakfast food 
worth talking about. After all, non-college stu-
dents eat breakfast, too (I think) and if I expect
it to be taken seriously in debates on the subject
of breakfast, I should have an informed opinion 
on more than just the issues that matter to me.
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eggs — hash browns (in either patty or shredded 
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civilization came across as many ways to cook 
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Besides, consider-

Alt ernate sources of grain-slash-starch in your 
complete breakfast range from the pancakes/waffles/French toast family to oatmeal 
to hash browns (in either patty or shredded 
form). If you’re at a point in your life where you’re 
more towards a pseudo-breakfast comprising 
more colorful boxes and anthropomorphized animal 
costumes don’t really catch your attention any-
more, or if you’re inclined to aim for a break-
fast feast on the weekends, some or all of the 
above could be your source of complex car-
bolhydrates.

Of course, if you’re more like me, then 
depending on your degree of laziness on any 
given weekend morning, you may be leaning 
towards a pseudo-breakfast comprising 
comprising entirely of snack foods. In my defense, my lov-
ing relatives sent me a crate of multigrain chips 
last semester, and I fully intend on making the 
moves to them seem to be enough that the picker of 
people could justify getting nasty if they 
aren’t cooked just right. The eggs, that is, not 
the people.

Personally, I prefer eggs cooked “over me-
dium,” meaning that the eggs are fried so the 
egg white is fully cooked but the egg yolk
remains mostly liquid. I used to eat them “over 
easy,” where the entire yolk and some of the 
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**GSC in Washington, from Page 1**

“...This is the first time we’ve done such a comprehensive lobbying effort on a national level,” Chan said.

Chan, Vice President Kevin A. McComber G, and Alex J. Evans G represented MIT’s GSC lobbying interests at the annual event and independently presented their support for the three issues to the offices of eleven Congressmen. The GSC said it tried to aim its efforts at national lawmakers either from the New England area or active in education policy.

Additionally, Chan said the GSC “talked to [offices of] Republicans and Democrats” because he felt that the GSC’s lobbying efforts were based on “truly bipartisan issues.” Among the offices addressed were those of Congressmen John F. Kerry (D-Mass.), George V. Voinovich (R-Ohio), Russell D. Fong Gold (D-Wa.), C. Joanne Shaheen (D-NH), Marcia L. Fudge (D-Ohio), John F. Tierney (D-Mass.), Michael E. Capuano (D-Mass.), and representing MIT’s district, Thomas E. Petri (R-Wi.).

Ronald J. Kind (D-WI).

The group was also able to arrange an in-person meeting with Senator Sherrod C. Brown (D-Ohio). The GSC team spoke of doing extensive background research — reviewing and completing data from recent studies — to prepare their platform for the meetings, which “usually around 40 minutes or an hour” according to Chan.

Several other universities also participated in NAGPS “Legislative Action Days” but Chan said MIT’s group “met more senators than any other college in the nation and really took the lead.”

**Platform on Advocacy Issues**

The source of the GSC’s lobbying initiatives came from NAGPS’ list of suggested topics, which also included resources and white papers for topics such as health care and student loan reform.

Chan said the GSC chose to focus on the stipend tax exemption, open access publications, and H-1B visa reform compared to the other suggested issues because they were among the most relevant to graduate student life at MIT and had aligned with the current legislative activity on Capital Hill.

According to Evans, “$250-300 a month is the amount of graduate student stipend that goes to taxes,” on average.

By returning graduate stipends to their former federal tax-exempt status, Chan said the GSC told congressmen in a statement that the U.S. “could better meet the demands of growing sectors in academic fields, regardless of stipend tax exemptions called for in the bill will have begun work on drafting the bill with guidance from MIT’s Washington Office.

The bill will be based on a more broad education policy legislation introduced by former House representative Phil S. Ensign (R-Pa.).

Currently, Evans says that the tax exemptions called for in the bill will include all levels of graduate students (masters and PhD students) from all academic fields, regardless of stipend source.

The GSC hopes to make their own version of the bill more successful by focusing solely on the stipend tax exemption and gaining the support from House members in taxation and education related committees.

As part of their testamentative drafting plans, the GSC execs hope to have a final draft of the bill ready for when they return to Washington next spring.

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Chan also pointed out that “one of the big expenses [for MIT librarians] is journal subscriptions,” making federally funded research open access appealing to MIT grad students and taxpayers alike.

“Publishers are commanding a very unhealthy sum in this area,” said Chan.

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**SPORTS**

### Women's Cross Country Team Wins NE Regional Championship

**By Greg McKeever, DAPER Staff**

The MIT women's cross country team took sixth place at the NCAA Division III New England Championship, hosted by the University of Southern Maine on Saturday. NEWMAC Runner of the Year, Hemagiri Arumugam ’10, was the top overall finisher for the Cardinal and Grey, who matched the program’s best finish at the meet since 2005, with 163 total points.

Arumugam navigated the eight-kilometer Championship course in 25:59.7, to place 20th overall. Paul Blascovich, DAPER Staff

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**Men's Cross Country Sixth at New England Regional Championship**

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Monks came through the chute directly behind him in 26:03.8. Gihan S. Amarasiriwardena ‘11 turned in a time of 26:22.2, good for 41st overall. William S. Phipps ’10 (26:28.0) rounded out the scorers for Tech, coming through in the 44th position.

—Greg McKeever, DAPER Staff

Rowan University defined MIT 3-0 in the opening round of the NCAA Division III Women's Soccer Playoffs. Rowan opened the scoring in the 28th minute on a penalty kick, then scored again three minutes later for a 2-0 lead. Rowan would add one more goal in the second half on a breakaway, for a final score 3-0.

—Greg McKeever, DAPER Staff

MIT's cross-country teams ended their season at the NCAA Division III New England Championship, held next Saturday at Baldwin-Wallace College in Cleveland, Ohio. The women's championship race begins at 11:00 a.m.

**Field Hockey Falls to Tufts, 5-1, in NCAA Second Round**

The MIT field hockey team lost to nationally-ranked number four Tufts University in the Second Round of the NCAA Division III Tournament on Saturday, bringing to an end the Engineers’ successful 2009 campaign. Tech’s season comes to a close at 18-5.

Tufts came out strong from the outset, with Michelle Kelly scoring twice in the first three and a half minutes. Kameron L. Klauber ’12 had an opportunity to cut into the lead, following a penalty corner, but was denied by the Tufts goalie. With just under five minutes to go in the frame, Kelly broke through again to complete her hat trick and send the game into the break at 3-0.

Just under two minutes into the second period, Tufts scored again. Molly E. McShane ’13 did finally find the back of the net with less than 12 minutes remaining on an assist by Kimberly A. Barker ’13. A final goal with 2:41 remaining would give Tufts its final 5-1 margin.

NEWMAC All-Conference goalkeeper Keri A. Dixon ’11 made eight saves in the loss. MIT set new program records for overall wins (18), consecutive wins (18) and goals scored (79) in 2009, while capturing the program's first ever NEWMAC Championship.

—Paul Blascovich, DAPER Staff

**Scoreboard**

**Men's Cross Country**
- Saturday, November 14, 2009
- New England D-III Championship
  - MIT
- 6th of 48

**Women's Cross Country**
- Saturday, November 14, 2009
- New England D-III Championship
  - MIT
- 1st of 47

**Field Hockey**
- Saturday, November 14, 2009
- Tufts University
  - MIT
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**Women's Soccer**
- Saturday, November 14, 2009
- Rowan University
  - MIT
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**Upcoming Home Events**

**Tuesday, November 17, 2009**
- Women's Basketball vs. Wentworth College
  - 7 p.m., Rockwell Cage

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**Women's Cross Country Team Wins NE Regional Championship**

**By Greg McKeever, DAPER Staff**

The MIT women’s cross country team came into Saturday’s NCAA Division III New England Regional Championship ranked number four in the nation and tops in the region. Thanks to an impressive performance led by individual champion Jacqueline M. Wenz ’10 and third-place finisher, Maria S. Monks ’10, the Engineers justified those rankings and took home the Team Championship for the first time in program history. MIT and defending National Champion Middlebury had the same number of team points, 63, with their top five runners, but Brooke C. Johnson ’13 came through the chute just 2.1 seconds faster than Middlebury’s number six, giving Tech the teambreaker and the New England Championship.

Wenz was the first to complete the six-kilometer course, breaking the tape in 21:35.7. The senior easily eclipsed Debbie Wax ’90’s championship best-fifth-place finish at this Championship in 1998. Two weeks after earning NEWMAC Runner of the Year honors, Monks finished in third place with a time of 21:44.9.

—Greg McKeever, DAPER Staff