**Caltech Students Pull Part of a Hack at MIT**

Walking back to East Campus from the Student Center at around 6:30 yesterday morning, I stumbled across a banner crumpled on the steps outside 77 Massachusetts Avenue that looked like it was meant to be stretched across the pillars there. It looked at first glance like part of your average failed hack, but I quickly realized this failed hack was a little more Californian than average.

The banner, discovered, would have labeled MIT as a new east coast campus of the California Institute of Technology. Other parts of their multi-piece plan would have expanded on that theme.

Further signage just inside Lobby 7 was still hanging; it read like a property sign: “SOLD.”

I asked someone nearby what was happening and, as it turned out, he was a Caltech student. Anthony Chong, involved in organizing the failed hack.

He told me someone in his group had dropped something while putting the hack up, which caused a sound that led a facilities worker to discover their deeds.

He said the facilities worker had reported the hack to the MIT Police, who then came to the scene and ordered that the hack be taken down that morning.

Unfortunately, I had interrupted Chong while a campus police officer was asking him questions about his “prank” (Caltech students don’t call them hacks), so we exchanged a few brief words.

**College Degrees Don’t Seem to Close Racial Gap in Hunt for Jobs**

*By Michael Luo*

**The New York Times**

Johnny R. Williams, 50, would appear to be an unlikely person to have to fret about the impact of race on his job search, with companies like JPMorgan Chase and an M.B.A. from the University of Chicago on his resume.

But after graduating from business school 10 years ago and not having much success garnering interviews, he decided to retool his resume, scrapping it of any details that might tip off his skin color. His membership, for instance, in the African-American business students association? Deleted.

“Just if you’re going to X me,” Williams said, “I’d like to at least get in the door first.”

Similarly, Barry Jabbar Sykes, 37, who has a degree in mathematics from Morehouse College, a residential black college in Atlanta, uses Barry J. Sykes in his continuing search for an information technology position, even though he has gone by Jabbar his whole life.

“Barry sounds like I could be from Ireland,” he said.

That race remains a serious obstacle in the job market for African-Americans, even those with degrees from respected colleges, may seem to some people a jarring contrast to decades of progress by blacks, culminating in President Barack Obama’s election.

But there is ample evidence that racial inequities remain when it comes to employment. Black joblessness has long far outstripped that of whites. And strikingly, the disparity for the first 10 months of this year, as the recession has dragged on, has been even more pronounced between those with college degrees and those without. Education, it seems, does not level the playing field — in fact, it seems to have made it more uneven.

College-educated black men, especially, have struggled relative to their white counterparts in this downturn, according to figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. As recently as September, the unem-...
China Charges 58 with Covering Up Mine Disaster

By Jeffrey Gettleman

The Congressional Budget Office said Monday that the Senate health bill could significantly reduce costs for many people who buy health insurance on their own, and that it would not substantially change premiums for the vast majority of Americans who receive coverage from large employers.

The eagerly awaited report, which came as the Senate began debate on the legislation, provided Democrats with ammunition against Republicans who have criticized the bill on the ground that it would raise costs for average Americans. Moderate Democrats whose votes are vital to President Barack Obama's hopes of getting the bill through the Senate, like Sen. Evan Bayh of Indiana, had feared that the bill would drive up costs for people with employer-sponsored coverage. Bayh issued a statement saying the report reassured him on that point.

Before taking account of federal subsidies in the form of tax credits that would benefit many people who buy health insurance on their own, the bill would tend to drive up premiums, the budget office said. But including the subsidies, which would cost the government nearly $450 billion in the next 10 years and on average cover nearly two-thirds of the total premium charged to people buying insurance on their own, more people would see their costs decline than would see them rise, the budget office said.

For most people who get health insurance through employers — five-sixths of the total market — the budget office concluded that there would be very little change in their premiums relative to projections under current law.

Administration officials said the report provided a lift to the bill, which embodies Obama's top domestic priority.

The CBO has rendered a fundamental judgment that this will reduce the deficit and reduce people's premium costs," said Rahm Emanuel, the White House chief of staff, who met with Senate Democratic leaders on the Capitol Hill on Monday. "All the Republican leadership will guarantee you is the status quo."

But Republican senators like Charles E. Grassley of Iowa and Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the minority leader, said the report validated their concerns. They focused on the prediction that unsubsidized premiums in the individual insurance market, represent a relatively small share of those who have health insurance, would rise an average of 10.13 percent.

"The analysis by the Congressional Budget Office confirms our worst fears," Grassley said. "Millions of people who are expecting lower costs as a result of health reform will end up paying more in the form of higher premiums.

For large and small employers that have been struggling for years with skyrocketing health insurance premiums, CBO concludes this bill will do little, if anything, to provide relief.

The Senate majority leader, Harry Reid, Democrat of Nevada, who led the highly partisan floor debate that opened Monday, said it was one of the most significant in the history of the Senate. It is expected to continue for much of December, with supporters and opponents alike offering a raft of amendments as the White House and Democratic leaders seek to cobble together the 60-vote coalition necessary to win passage.

As Manhunt Widens in Killings, Threat to ‘Shoot Some Cops’

By William Yardley

The search for a man suspected of fatally shooting four uniformed officers south of Tacoma, Wash., expand-
ed to this city and beyond on Monday with a flurry of police searches and欧式 rumors. The authorities south of Tacoma, Wash., said they were looking for a green 1997 Mazda Millennia and were monitoring tips that he had been seen in several places across Seattle, from a park in the Beacon Hill neighborhood to the University of Washington.

Officials posted a bulletin on Twitter saying the suspect could be in the university district and urging students to stay alert. Later in the day, the police said they were looking for a green 1997 Mazda Millenia and were monitoring the state's borders, but the search for the car was soon called off.

The police offered a reward of $125,000 for information leading to Clemmons’ capture.

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Obama Gives Troop Orders Before Speech on Afghan War

By Eric Schmitt
THE NEW YORK TIMES
WASHINGTON

The White House said Monday that President Barack Obama had issued his first military order in the war in Afghanistan, sending additional troops to Afghanistan, re- laying into the country's military leaders late Sunday afternoon during a meeting in the Oval Office.

Obama also warned of renewed violence or paramilitary attacks from new sanctions — which are a threat to the Afghan government.

But the measure also has clear benefits, and it may make the risk even higher, researchers reported at a radiol-

cratic base — and will make clear that he has a time frame for winding down the U.S. presence in the eight-year-old war. “This is not an open-ended commitment,” Gibbs said.

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produced. "We have shown that we can attract

By Larry Dorman

Barron’s

The New York Times

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With Vivendi Deal, GE Clears Path to Sale of NBC

By Tim Arango

and Bill Carter

November 30

WASHINGTON

GE has reached a tentative agreement to buy Vivendi's 45 percent stake in NBC Universal for about $5.8 billion, clearing the way for GE to sell control of the television and movie company to Comcast Corp. By selling NBC, GE will be able to refocus on an area in which it has a decade of debt restructuring.

The White House said Monday that Clinton had asked

Now With Foothold in Iraqi Oil

Companies Look to the Future

By Timothy Williams

THE NEW YORK TIMES

The findings come not from new research, but from an analysis of

Obama's Plan to Phase Out Subsidies Before Speech on Afghan War

By Robert F. Worth

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Iraq’s Plan to Phase Out Subsidies For Staple Items Holds Risks

Conservatives seem deeply wor-

ned by the repercussions, with some saying the plan could lead to a crime wave, or worse. Opposition politicians have also begun hinting that the govern-

mammoth Safety Questioned

By Denise Grady

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By Graham Bowley

The New York Times

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The outside world may be fi-
cused on addressing preventing confron-
tation with the next world nuclear power plant, but some nations are more concerned with an ambitious and risky new effort to overhaul the current power grid.

It goes without saying that this could be a space in which the U.S. and China will exert leadership.

It’s a private matter, and I want to keep it that way.”

Woods and his lawyers again declined to talk to the Florida High-

Obama’s new measure will have a profound economic impact.

There is widespread agreement

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be up to the task.

More than six and a half years after the U.S.-led invasion here that many

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Two or three days after the Iraqis announced their plan — a major concern of his Demo-

"We do not have any preferences," said M. Howard Abraham, chairman of Parliament’s Oil and Gas

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It began at 2:25 a.m. Eastern on Friday and addressed the speculation —

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Corrections

An article Tuesday about MIT's Rhodes Scholarship winners incorrectly claimed that MIT broke its record for the most Rhodes Scholars in a given year. MIT did not break that record this year, but this year's three winners did break the record for the most MIT Rhodes Scholars from the U.S. in a year.

Letters To The Editor

As an MIT alum, I have searched mit.edu for a discussion of these recent reports and have found nothing. As you may have heard, MIT provides leadership to the world's various scientific and technological research communites across the spectrum. Fortunately, nothing that has emerged implicates anyone at MIT. We should be leading this discussion, not ignoring it.

George Howard Brown '72

An Idea for Afghanistan: The Ownership Society Principle

How do you turn a rebellious liberal into a risk-averse conservative? Easy. Give him something to lose — like a house and just wait.

This ideology, with its deeply conservative private-before-public-sphere for public-sphere security, has been an important one over the last several decades in Western democracies. And, while the fallout from the housing crisis will leave us debating the merit of specific pro-homeownership policies for a while, perhaps the legacy of this relatively simple observation about human nature need not be limited to anti-rich countries.

Instead, maybe it makes sense to export this idea, known as "the Ownership Society" principle, to far-away Afghanistan with its myriad security challenges and political instability.

This type of suggestion is easy to criticize: Why spend money to put people in permanent-ly owned homes instead of rented property when that money is so desperately needed elsewhere? In response, I'll suggest that the dire situation of Afghanistan dictates that anything we do which improves the security situation is ultimately worthwhile.

Time and again we hear that while the Af-ghan population is not pre-Taliban, allied forc es constantly fight against an enemy that blends in with the civilian population. If the insurgents are broadly unsophisticated, but the public is not suffi ciently vigilant in opposition to hamper their operations, maybe we can make them so by just giving them something to lose, something privat ely owned.

As an Afghan or an American, if you see someone suspicious poking around, threaten ing to bring chaos into your neighborhood, and don't you care a bit more if you're a home-owner than a renting tenant?

Perhaps building a bunch of cheap modular homes and giving them away can effectively turn the Afghan public into part-time con tractors for allied intelligence operations. If it works, in a sense it's nothing more than an accounting trick — the flows of goods and labor are as though we've herded them and placed our trust in the Afghan people by paying them ahead of time.

If we consider such an endeavor alongside other parts of the economic development pro gram, the case gets better. For home-building, it seems that the worst-case scenario is that the security situation is not improved, our money is lost, and we just ended up making a giant charitable donation to the people of Afghanistan that will pay political dividends for gen erations. If we design and build the homes our selves, it's hard to imagine how they could be effectively made to use our security mission harder. The potential downside to ideas invol ving the transfer of more liquid assets is much worse, especially if those assets must traverse the bureaucracy of a corrupt national government. Even if other plans, like providing money to buy farm equipment, seem logically likely to lead to more sustainable economic growth, inssofar as they don't address the fundamental problems of security and stability, they may not be the most effective way to pursue our broader goals in the region.

Plus, what else are we going to do with our glut of excess home-building capacity? Con sidering the multiplier plays in American manufacturing communities and the severity of the recent downturn in residential construction, if implemented appropriately, such a program could almost qualify as economic stimulus.

Economic conservatives like to say that a ris kings tide fails all boats. If we were to fund a wave of private economic empowerment in Afghan istan by building cheap homes for its citizens, it's hard to see how that wouldn't lead to improved security and stability one way or another.

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‘Hackers’ Reveal Corrupt Science At Climate Research Unit

Another Reason to Stop Cap and Trade and the Copenhagen Treaty

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If you asked me what possibly could have compelled me to stay up until five in the morning to trudge through Cambridge for a Black Friday sale, I would have given you exactly two reasons. One is the age-old excuse, “my friends were doing it.” The other is that I managed to justify it to my self by going to the electronics store first. A few DVDs, a set of Rock ’n Roll Sock ’n’ Roll Robots, and more self-restraint than any human should ever have to exercise hereafter, here I am pondering the significance of the experience.

For those of you who weren’t here, the weather on Black Friday featured the trademark Boston drizzle — just wet enough to be irritating, but not nearly downpour-like enough to re-enact dramatic film moments. (This gave birth to my draft proposal to rename “Black Friday” to “Black Night Post-Thanksgiving-Fair-Weather-Day,” which would also include a one-day Daylight Super-Saving 5-hour clock shift.)

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It’s 4 a.m. on a Wednesday morning, and I want to paint. I haven’t had an urge this strong to reach for my brush and palette in a long, long time. And I haven’t been this swamped with work in a long, long time. Psets, midterms, make-up quizzes and midterms, quizzes, make-up quizzes (I was sick for a while), essentially make-up on all my to-do lists. Oh, and e-mails requesting extensions.” My only concern (while rearranging items on my to-do list) is, when do I get to absorb all this new information and to let it really sink in? When? It’s permitted. As a senior, I’m looking to join a club or two on the side if time permitted. As a senior, I’m looking back, and while I did all those things I had wanted to do, I came at a price, one that I discounted quite terribly early on. I came to MIT with a creative soul. My math was okay, I could do the numbers. But I was passionate about economics and about originality and creativity. I still very much am. To be fair, I’m absolutely in love with my major, the department, its faculty and the curriculum. But when I look inside myself, I see that I’m just not as creative anymore. Ideas and dreams don’t come to me as freely and as vividly as they did before I started drinking from the fire hose. For seven years through high school, I wrote a bi-weekly column for a magazine in the UAE, where I grew up. I worked at a local beauty salon, making intricate henna tattoos. I drew and painted almost every weekend. I fixed faulty faucets around my home. And all I do now is check things off my to-do lists. Some days, my to-do checklist has more make-up quizzes and midterms. Oh, and “make-up on all my to-do lists. Oh, and “make-up quiz, make-up midterms, quizzes, make-up quizzes (I was sick for a while), essentially make-up on all my to-do lists. Oh, and e-mails requesting extensions.” My only concern (while rearranging items on my to-do list) is, when do I get to absorb all this new information and to let it really sink in? When? It’s permitted. As a senior, I’m looking to join a club or two on the side if time permitted. As a senior, I’m looking back, and while I did all those things I had wanted to do, I came at a price, one that I discounted quite terribly early on. I came to MIT with a creative soul. My math was okay, I could do the numbers. But I was passionate about economics and about originality and creativity. I still very much am. To be fair, I’m absolutely in love with my major, the department, its faculty and the curriculum. But when I look inside myself, I see that I’m just not as creative anymore. Ideas and dreams don’t come to me as freely and as vividly as they did before I started drinking from the fire hose. For seven years through high school, I wrote a bi-weekly column for a magazine in the UAE, where I grew up. I worked at a local beauty salon, making intricate henna tattoos. I drew and painted almost every weekend. I fixed faulty faucets around my home. And all I do now is check things off my to-do list.

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Sudoku
Solution, page 10

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

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Aug. 26
Bldg. W39 (291 Vassar St.), 5:00 p.m., larceny of laptop.

Sept. 23
405 Memorial Dr., 6:00 p.m., past larceny of credit cards.

Sept. 25
Bldg. W33 (Memorial Dr.), larceny of pipes for a lab project.

Oct. 28
Bldg. 53 (Mass Ave.), 8:00 a.m., report of harassing mail.

Oct. 28
Bldg. 14N (Memorial Dr.), 2:40 p.m., larceny of bicycle from outside State Center.

Oct. 28
Bldg. W25 (123 Vassar St.), 6:00 p.m., larceny of motorcycle.

Oct. 29
Bldg. 24 (60 Vassar St.), 9:00 a.m., larceny of bicycle.

Oct. 29
Bldg. W20 (Student Center), 10:00 a.m., larceny of mountain bike from bike rack.

Oct. 29
Bldg. 33 (125 Mass Ave.), 2:00 p.m., larceny of bike.

Oct. 29

Oct. 30
Bldg. W20 (Student Center), 3:07 p.m., report that a delivery truck driver threatened an individual as though a vehicle was parked.

Oct. 30
155 Bay State Rd., 11:00 p.m., larceny of wallet.

Nov. 3
Bldg. 37 (70 Vassar St.), 10:24 a.m., larceny of J.D.

Nov. 4
405 Memorial Dr., 8:25 a.m., construction site fire. Area evacuated by officers. Cambridge Fire and Police notified, ambulance dispatched.

Nov. 4
Bldg. 153 (20 Annex St.), 6:30 p.m., larceny of laptop.

Nov. 6
139 Mass Ave., 2:45 p.m., past breaking and entering.

Nov. 7
Bldg. W20 (Student Center), 12:45 a.m., report of suspicious individual. Trespass warning issued.

Nov. 7
Bldg. W91 (507 Memorial Dr.), 8:00 p.m., hit and run damage to a vehicle.

Nov. 8
Bldg. W79 (291 Vassar St.), 8:00 p.m., larceny of J.D.

Nov. 8
Bldg. W20 (Student Center), 4:00 p.m., larceny of unlocked bicycle.

Nov. 10
Bldg. 2 (182 Memorial Dr.), 3:47 p.m., report of suspicious male eating department food for a conference. Trespass warning issued.

Nov. 10
Bldg. 182 (Memorial Dr.), 7:00 p.m., report of suspicious activity on individual’s computer

Nov. 12
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Compiled by Steve Howland

Some Black Students Removing Evidence of Race from Resumes

The discrimination is rarely overt, but many said they sensed that such events were part of a pattern, that they were a result of an unspoken bias.

One of the girls told me that about ten of them had heard the story of the prank. Apparently, alumni had paid to fly the banners into Boston on Friday and had been staying with Caltech alumni living in the area. They were planning to hang the banners in front of the dorm, not the branch of Caltech — but their prank had been foiled.

I, along with several other residents of East Cam- pus — the dorm, not the branch of Caltech — met up with several of the Caltech “pranksters” for breakfast at Sunny’s Diner. We talked about the prank, and the Caltech stu- dents who were rumored to be behind it. They were new owners of championship with orange bright shirts labeled with a blend of the Caltech torch and MIT logo.

The-Caltech students had been paying the MIT logo to plan their prank. They had set up an email phone at Caltech, which would receive an email to any MIT students who were interested in helping to set up the prank.

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Certainly, they conceded, there are times when the race can be beneficial, particularly with companies that have diversity programs. But many said they sensed that such opportunities had been cut back over the years and even more during the downturn. Speculated there was now more of a tendency to discern diversity unnecessarily after Obama’s triumph.

In fact, whether Obama’s elec- tion has been good or bad for their job prospects is hotly debated. Several interviewed went so far as to say that they believed there was only so much progress that many in the country could take, and that there was now back a backlash against blacks. There is a sense among some of his presidency among some because of his race,” said Edward Cotton, a Morehouse alumnus from New Jer- sey who was laid off as a regional sales manager and has been trying to find only part-time work. “This has affected well-educated, African-American job seekers.”

It is difficult to overstate the degree that they say even perme- ates nearly every aspect of their job searches, from how early they show up to interviews to the kinds of an- ceedotes they try to come up with.

“You want to be a nonthreatening, professional black guy,” said Winston Bell, 40, of Cleveland, who has been looking for a job in busi- ness development.

He does research on several prominent black sports broadcast- ers. “You don’t want to be Stephen A. Smith or Stuart Scott. You don’t want to be Brent Musburger. You don’t even want to be Stuart Scott. You don’t want to be, ’Booosh’.”

Nealy all said they agonized over job applications and asked them whether they would like to print the banners as well as 5,000 copies of a fake version of The Tech. Those fake versions eventually made it to newspaper stands on campus.

A floor mat in Lobby 10 was torn to pieces. There was a finish- ing touch on their welcoming decorations, but there was no time to deploy that pair of the operation. A more recent study, published in the Journal of Labor Economics, found that black male job seekers receive substantially more job leads for high-level supervi- sory positions than women and members of minorities.

Many interviewed, however, said this was the “don’t ask, don’t mention” culture that was too quick to find a way out of the classroom. After all, many had gone to good schools and had accomplished re- sults involved in college. Then, they said, they could climb. Moreover, there is Obama, perhaps the ultimate em- bodiment of that belief.

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International Students Amused By U.S. Black Friday Shopping

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joied their Thanksgiving meals at MIT. The Sunday before Thanks-
giving, Chew's hall in East Campus constructed their annual turducken, meaning “we put different things in the huge turkey.” To him, Thanksgiv-
ing “gives you the opportunity to get really, really, really creative about the poultry.”

Despite the centrality of turkey to Thanksgiving, Chew said, “I don’t particularly appreciate the turkey. I appreciate all the other birds in there since they taste better.”

The No. 6 Club, which Terceiro Jorge is part of, is known for its large international membership, and it hosted a Thanksgiving meal for its nearly forty members the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. In another dorm, on Thanksgiving day, Jockey Kaniewski ’11, a Cambridge-MIT Exchange student and a resident of German House, ate with who he de-
scribed as “all the miserable people that stayed over here on the week-
end.”

He completed his Thanksgiving experience with Black Friday shop-
ping or, more accurately, crowd-
watching and was not disappointed: “It was just utterly ridiculous, the queue was just massively long ... along the street. There was this massive queue of people, and other people with cameras videotaping the queue, and I was like, ‘Why? Stop wasting your time!’” he said.

But, when finally inside the store, he was disappointed with the sales. “They had a couple of good things,” he said, “but the rest at normal pric-
e. It seemed like, unless you were the first fifty people who got the good stuff, there’s just no point in waking up at 4 a.m. ... It was just for the experience, it’s not really worth the money.”

Some international students said they saw some hypocrisy in swarm-
ing stores the morning after a day of giving thanks. “Here every time there’s a holiday there’s a huge sale ... what I don’t like is that I feel like Thanksgiving has such a beautiful connotation, but I feel like sometimes here they make everything so commercial,” said Terceiro Jorge.

Terceiro Jorge continued, “I think most people look forward to Thanksgiving because of Black Fri-
day to shop, not because they’re go-
ing to be with their families. I don’t really like this huge-sale-thing after Thanksgiving. I think it completely destroys the meaning of the holi-
day ... here they consume so much stuff.”

Chew said, “(Black Friday’s) another excuse for Americans to spend their money before their next pay-
check. As if people are actually sav-
ing money.”

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MIT TaeKwondo Team Takes Second Place at Cornell Tournament

By Kristina Lozoya

A mere three weeks after the first Eastern Collegiate Taekwondo Conference tournament, the MIT Sport TaeKwondo Club traveled to Cornell University to compete in the second tournament of the year on Saturday, November 7. Despite facing a twenty-man disadvantage against rival Cornell University, the team finished in second place.

MIT opened the day with the women's portion of the competition. Tsuyuko A. Lee '12 tied for second place and Rebecca Hung '11 took fourth place in the women's black belt division. Team captain Jason Uh '10 captured first place for the men.

Zhou Chen “Mary” Hong '10 and Shamsu S. Quddus '10 took gold and silver respectively in women's red belt forms while Wenxian Hong Gq took second in the men's red belt division.

In the blue belt division, Christine T. Hau 10 and Hanjung “Jenny” You '10 finished first and second, and Alvin S. Chen '11 took first place in the men’s division.

The MIT green belts had a similarly strong showing. Senior Christoph M. Williams Gq taking second place in the men’s division and Bradley Wu W. ‘11 following in third place; Sharon W. Tam '10 took second in the women's division.

Rounding out the forms competition, Mengyin Yang '11 took second place out of forty women in the women's division.

Going into the sparring portion of the competition, MIT led by 124 points. Suddo got out on an exciting start with the veteran women's A1 team captain Rachel F. Sun '10, Hong, Lee, easily defeating the University of Michigan and Princeton University to face long-time rival Cornell A1 in the finals. The match came down to the last second, with Cornell's Ping Liu inching out Lee with a tournament-kick to take the gold. The women's A2 team (Quddus, Li, Kristine Lozoya '13) also fought valiantly, taking bronze behind right hand A1. The women's A3 team (Hau, Michelle Wang '13, Tresa “F’T’ Lin) ‘12) made it to the quarterfinals, and the A4 team (Yujin “Angela” Wang '13, Shelly Jin '13) made a solid debut.

The men's A teams both met tough opponents in the first round. The A1 team (Hong, Uh, Ilya T. TaeKwok Gq) fell to NYU, and the A2 team (Daniel J. Sauraa '11, Seojma “Elf” Emeagwali '12) fell to RIT. Some of MIT's most dominant matches were fought in the B division. The women's B1 team (Sun, Hong, Lin, Xuan Yang '13), B2 team (Quddus, Li, Lizzy Wu, and B3 teams (Hau, Yang) swept the division while the B4 team (Tara P. Saratha '12, Tiffany A. Chen '12, Jennifer Tian '11) fell to UConn.

The men's B division had tough matches. The men's B1 team (Hong, TaeKwok, Williams) fell to Cornell, while the men's B2 team (Wu, Chen, Hanjung V. Lee '12, Emeagwali) made it to the quarterfinals.

The C division teams echoed the strong performances of the upper divisions. The women's C1 (Stephanie P. Chen '12, Chen, Yang) and C2 (Tam, Laura H. Deming '13, Tran) took first and second places respectively. The women's C3 (Judith M. Vasquez '12, Yang) and C4 teams (Wang Li '11, Wendy Cheng '13) also made solid debuts. The men's C team (Wu, Lee, Williams) fought valiantly but bowed out to rest for B division matches.

MIT ended the day in second place with 518 points to Cornell's 558, but retained first place in the overall league standings. The team competes again Sunday, November 22 at Princeton University.

By Greg McKeeover

Following their NCAA Tournament run this season, several MIT Field Hockey players earned regional accolades. Molly E. McShane '13 was selected as the New England Region- al Player of the Year and a Second Team All-American by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFH- CA). In addition, teammates Kerri A. Dixon '11, Anna H. Truyu '12 and Kimberly A. Barker '13 were named to the NFHCA All-Region teams.

McShane tallied eight goals and seven assists in 23 games at midfield and helped lead MIT to the Second Round of the NCAA tournament. McShane's All-American selection represents Tech's first such honor since Deanna Lentz in 2004.

Dixon was named to the New England First Team after leading NEWMAC in both average goals allowed (1.54) and shutouts (seven) and setting a school record with 18 wins.

Truyu helped anchor a defense that surrendered the fewest goals in the NEWMAC. The sophomore was third on team with 12 goals and 29 points while earning two defensive saves.

In just her first season at MIT, Barker has quickly become one of the most prolific scorers in Institute history. She set program records for goals and points in a single season, and finished second in the league in goals and third in points.

In addition to the NFHCA honors, McShane, Barker and head coach Cheryl Silva received rec- ognition this season via the website womenfieldhockey.com. McShane was named to the All-American team while Barker earned the site's Rook- es of the Year award; Silva was se- lected as the Division III Coach of the Year.

The Cardinal and Grey enjoyed its most successful season in the pro- gram's history; compiling a record 18 wins, capturing its first ever NEWMAC title and recording a Opening Round victory at the NCAA Divi- sion III Championship.