Dean for Student Life Chris Colombo met with Undergraduate Association leaders last Friday to discuss possible changes to the new dining plan this fall. UA President Vrajesh V. Desai ’11 and Vice President Samantha Wyman ’11 presented the proposal, in which dorms would decide their own dining plan and current upperclassmen could opt out of the new dining plan.

Other representatives from the Division For Student Life, the Undergraduate Association, and the House Dining Committee were also present.

According to detailed meeting minutes released by the UA, all parties expressed interest in discussing a transitional plan that would give current upperclassmen the option to opt out of the mandatory dining plan, since these upperclassmen did not know when they chose their dorm that the dining system would change. Dean for Student Life Chris Colombo did not mention whether current freshmen would also be given the option to opt out.

Sara R. Comis ’13, dining chair at McCormick, said at the meeting that McCormick residents would be interested in a plan that required them to leave their dorm and move to a new one, with the option to opt out of the mandatory dining plan. "Comis said. Colombo said that MIT needs a great dorm culture. According to Colombo, more than half of the juniors, sophomores and freshmen living at Next House signed a petition last week against the new dining plan.

"I don't think students support this plan, and I don't think anybody would support it either," Wyman, the UA vice president, said. According to Wyman, the major issues students have with the new dining plan are the cost. She speculated that there would not be enough people who wanted the new plan to fill the dining dorms.

Colombo acknowledged that the dining dorms might have a popularity problem. Comis said that she believes McCormick should be a "dining dorm.

By Robert McQueen

The number of undergraduate early action applicants has again increased, by about 14 percent over last year. Though the admissions office does not have an exact tally yet, they predict that there will be nearly 6,500 early applications, which would be 800 more than last year’s 5,684. The increase in applications comes even as the number of high school seniors held steady this past year. "As I traveled around the country this fall, I found more and more young people who are aware of MIT, and who sincerely want to be a part of our community. They are attracted to the innovative spirit and the excitement of engaging with the world’s most pressing problems," said Stuart Schmill, Dean of Admissions. "And so we have seen an increase in applications despite the fact that the number of high school graduates in this country has leveled off."

In the past five years, the number of students applying early action to MIT has increased at a steady clip, in part because of more students graduating high school, and in part because MIT has in recent years stepped up its minority recruiting efforts. In 2008, it partnered with non-profit QuestBridge to increase the number of minority students who apply early. As a result of the increase in applications, Schmill said the early action admission rate would likely decrease. However, he said the opening of new undergraduate dormitory Maseeh Hall “should mitigate the decrease somewhat.”

According to the Office of the Dean for Undergraduate Education, the target undergraduate enrollment this fall will be 5,600, from 4,650 to 5,650, over the next four years. Schmill said that it is too early to tell what will happen to the admissions rate for regular decision applicants. "I know that more and more students are applying early action or early decision somewhere, and so I presume some of our increase is simply a shifting from the regular decision to early action," Schmill said.

While the new dining plan has become this semester’s hottest button issue for undergraduates, Schmill said the plan might become a plus for MIT when accepted students start weighing their choices. "I know that this is controversial right now in the student body, but think with prospective students the new dining plan will be seen as a positive," Schmill said. "I absolutely know that will be true for the parents of prospective students, but I think it true for the new students as well."
Beatles songs expected to go on sale online in iTunes store

For the next generation of Beatles fans, the wait could soon be over.

Apple is expected Tuesday to announce that it has finally struck a deal with the band, the best-selling music group of all time, and the band’s record company, EMI, to sell the band’s music on iTunes, according to people with knowledge of the private deal who requested anonymity because the agreement was still confidential.

The terms of the deal, for the first time will be able to buy “Please Please Me,” “Hey Jude” or “A Hard Day’s Night” online rather than on a CD and perhaps even as individual tracks. While the move to digital does not quite rival the band’s first trip across the Atlantic to appear on “The Ed Sullivan Show,” according to that deal that presented online purchases dominate the music industry’s sales strategy.

Apple and EMI declined to comment, and the representatives of the Beatles and Apple Corps, the band’s company (not to be confused with the technology company), could not be reached.

One of the latest incarnations of the socially conscious, the Beatles are the ultimate prize for any music company, a group that has held on to blockbuster sales four decades after breaking up — it has sold more than 177 million albums in the United States alone, according to the Recording Industry Association of America — and held on to untouchable cultural prestige.

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Even reusable grocery bags can carry environmental risk

They dangle from the arms of many New Yorkers, a nearly ubiquitous emblem of empathy for the environment: reusable grocery bags, another must-have accessory for the socially conscious.

But the bags, hit at upscale markets may be on the verge of a glacier-size public relations problem: similar bags outside the city have been found to contain lead.

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“Green is a trend and people go with trends,” Bluestein said.

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Fire destroys apartment tower in Shanghai, over 53 dead

By David Barboza

SHANGHAI — Fire engulfed a high-rise apartment building under renovations in the center of this city Monday afternoon, killing at least 53 people and injuring at least 90 others in one of the deadliest fires here in years, according to Xinhua, the official news agency.

Video posted on the Internet and some online accounts suggested that some residents were trapped on the roof of the building, and that a few may have jumped to their deaths. Three helicopters tried to rescue residents from above, but flames and thick black smoke hampered the efforts, Xinhua said.

Some people clung to scaffolding, some others were able to climb down.

Local officials said that 180 families lived in the building and that many residents were retired teachers, state-run media reported. Many people remained unaccounted for.

The fire raged for more than four hours and more than 60 fire engines responded, the news agency reported, but fire hoses could not reach the upper half of the 28-story building. Only when hoses were set up on top of a nearby building, it said, could the fire be contained.

The Minister of Public Security, Meng Jianzhu, said Tuesday that an investigative team working under the State Council, which serves as China’s cabinet, would examine what caused the fire, according to state-run media.

The cause of the fire had not yet been determined. But the state-run news website Eastday.com cited a construction worker as saying circuits were installing energy-saving insulation when the fire occurred. The Associated Press reported, and a witness told Xinhua that he saw construction materials burning before the fire.

The building, constructed in the 1990s, was nearly covered by scaffolding.

Many residential buildings in Shanghai lack sprinkler systems, but it was not yet known whether there were sprinklers in the building that burned.

“I saw at least four or five people hanging onto the scaffolding which covers the building, screaming for help,” said Li Qubo, who works nearby, according to China Daily.

“Firefighters were trying to get closer and use their hoses to cool a path on the scaffolding so that they could climb down and escape.”

The reports deepened the unease in this city of 20 million, most of whom live in high rises. Against the backdrop of a mammoth construction boom, buildings all over the city are under construction or immediately adjacent.

Scores of survivors were being treated at hospitals for smoke inhalation and other injuries.

At one hospital, the AP reported, the father of a 39-year-old woman who lived on the 22nd floor had tears in his eyes after failing to find her name on a list of survivors. The father, Wang Zhiliang, was quoted as saying: “She called her husband and said: ‘It’s on fire! I have escaped from the 22nd floor to the 21st floor, but then the phone got cut off.

That was the last we heard from her.”

Facebook offers new unified messaging system for all users

By Miguel Holz

SAN FRANCISCO — Since the heyday of AOL’s chyery “You’ve got mail” greeting, e-mail has been central to the online experience for millions of people.

But Mark Zuckerberg, the chief executive of Facebook, says e-mail is showing its age.

In his email is too slow, too formal and too cumbersome, especially for young people who draw their communications from the Gulf of Mexico region, bringing a plume of moisture to the area Sunday and Monday.

By allison a. wing

STAFF METEOROLOGIST


Extended Forecast

Today: Mostly cloudy, High 56°F (13°C).

Tonight: Cloudy with rain. Low 49°F (9°C).

Tomorrow: Rain, mostly in the morning. High 60°F (16°C).


Friday: Sunny. High 45°F (7°C).

The gorgeous weather this past weekend was displaced by a weak cold front that crossed the area Sunday and Monday.

Low level easterly flow yesterday brought moisture of the Atlantic, causing there to be low clouds throughout the day.

Dry air conditions will be similar before the next major system affects the region tonight and tomorrow. Low pressure system developing this morning in the Tennessee Valley region will move up the Ohio Valley today and intensify before passing to our northwest tomorrow.

The rain will begin tonight as a southerly low level jet moves eastward into the region, bringing a plume of moisture from the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Ocean.

The rain will continue until early afternoon tomorrow, and may be heavy at times tomorrow morning, along with a blustery wind. Lower pressure system conditions are expected by Thursday.
Republicans have a change of heart about earmarks

By Carl Hulse

WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans opened the lame-duck session of Congress on Monday by signaling their commitment to the antiseating posture that fueled their big gains Election Day, underscoring the Tea Party movement's influence on the Republican leadership.

Sen. Mitch McConnell of Ken- tucky, the Republican leader, drove the point home as soon as the Sen- ate convened by announcing that he would support a proposed ban on congressional earmarks, reversing her longtime practice of applaud pur- chasing money for his state.

“Republicans have a change of heart about earmarks, but sometimes they must be,” said McConnell, who in the past had boasted about the tens of millions of dollars he steered home.

The move by McConnell was a clear sign that Republicans believe they need to be responsive to the Tea Party actions and the conservatives who helped them gain six seats in the Senate in the November elections, in which they stumbled in January. It was also a victory for Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., the Tea Party hero who has championed a nonbinding change in party rules that would bar Republicans from seeking what is officially known as congressional direction spending.

Republicans in the House and Senate are to vote on this week on pro- hibiting earmarks, which have be- come a symbol of government excess and backroom dealing, although they account for a very small part of the overall budget. McConnell's endorsement of the ban effectively settled the question in the Senate. Some of his colleagues remain inter- ested in winning earmarks, however, arguing that they should have some say in how federal dollars are spent in their states.

McConnell's move also put pres- sure on Democrats to head in the same direction. It also highlighted a potential clash between President Barack Obama, who has criticized earmark spending, and top Senate Democrats, who have shown no willing- ness to ban the practice. Obama said he welcomed McConnell's remarks. "But," he said in a statement, "we can't stop with earmarks, as they represent only part of the problem.

In the days and weeks to come, I look forward to working with Democrats and Republicans to not only end earmark spending but to find other ways to bring down our deficits for our children," Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, a vet- eran member of the Appropriations Committee, said "the president is dead wrong on this issue".

"I think there's a valid and good reason why senators and congress- men should be able to direct certain monies," Harkin said.

A spokesman for Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., the majority leader, said in- dividual senators should decide if they favor earmarks. Because Demo- crats will retain control of the Senate in the next Congress, a decision by them to continue allowing earmarks could keep the practice alive, at least in spending bills passed by the upper chamber.

The focus on earmarks to some degree obscured bigger questions about spending and the commit- ment of both parties to rein in budget deficits. It also did nothing to resolve a range of thorny tax and spending issues dividing the two parties in the lame-duck session.

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In September 2011, a new dining plan will be implemented in the residential halls where we are faculty housekeepers. This new plan will be one of the most positive developments in the residential system in years. It will elevate the quality of dining significantly, by providing nutritious, high-quality meals that are consistent to our residents. As important, the plan will provide a platform for students to engage with the dining educational mission of the Institute.

This development is twenty years in the making, for it corrects a regrettable decision made in 1993 to close all the residential dining halls, and then to re-open some on a limited basis. Since then, numerous faculty-student committees have come to the same conclusion — the dining system we have is inadequate, unimaginative, and financially unsustainable. The time to remedy this past mistake has come, and we have a duty to help fix it and move toward more enthusiastic support.

As educators, we support robust dining programs, and now more than ever, it has become apparent that such programs provide unique opportunities for the education of the comprehensive person. This is not just the experience of our peers, but MIT’s experience as well, accumulated in years past when the Institute provided a residential system that facilitated the student dining experience to its fullest. While we would be the first to argue that the system we have now is inadequate and financially unsustainable, it is important to understand that we are not the only ones who feel this way.

The hard question is how to achieve what we want. Like everyone at MIT, we would like the opportunity to make the most of the student’s time on campus to stop looking backwards, so that MIT can move forward into the future with its plan in place. This is why we must think about how to make MIT great, by making sure that our residential communities are sustainable and vibrant, that our dining services are provided in the classroom and laboratory, that the student dining buildings are not merely a treatment for the students, but also a reflection of our educational goals.

The plan to strengthen the dining program is a valuable complement to the HDAG plan that will be implemented in 2012. The plan is the result of the hard work and dedication of the students, currently sophomores and juniors, who have been working on this project for several years. The plan is great ideas from our students. Everyone who is working on this plan are great ideas from our students. Everyone who is working on this plan.

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The U.S. continues to have abysmal representation of women in Congress

By Michael Veldman

Everyone knows going in that this primary election would entail huge gains for Republicans. What was predicted by few, and perhaps cared about by even fewer, was the consequence this election would have for the representation of women in Congress: that is, complete stagnation.

This election cycle is, according to CNN, the first in three decades during which women have not increased their numbers in Congress. Although a record 282 women competed in House primaries and 57 of 80 Democratic women won theirs, success rates of 28.3 percent and 46.3 percent respectively.

In fact, we’re coming dangerously close to actually decreasing women’s numbers in Congress. Disputed elections in Alaska (for Senate) and Washington (House) do appear to be going in favor of the female candidates, however. Republicans’ Lisa Murkowski and Ann Marie Buerkle are likely to win their respective races, although Buerkle’s is much less certain. In order for women to retain their numbers, Democratic candidate Melissa Bean must win her race in Illinois’ 8th District in addition to the two aforementioned women winning theirs.

Obviously this is deeply problematic; why do women have such poor representation? And why was this election cycle particularly disappointing?

Part of the reason is that men have dominated government for so long, and it makes it difficult for women to penetrate their ranks. Congressmen who have long been comfortable with a testosterone-heavy status quo often do not even consider women as viable candidates. Make no mistake: the U.S. Congress is a boys club. This is a huge hurdle for women because the support of incumbents is often crucial to launch a campaign with any chance of success. With all of the barriers to entry, not least among them the enormous sums of money needed, it’s no surprise that a powerful buddy’s fundraising can mean the difference between winning a campaign and one that never gets off the ground.

Republican leaders have started to wake up and realize the importance (at least for their image) of fielding strong female candidates and as such some GOP leaders went out of their way to recruit and support women. Still, only 17 of 51 women in the Senate will be Republican, even if Murkowski wins in Alaska. And despite Republican additions of up to nine, and at least eight, women in the House (compared to a possible six, and at least five, for Democrats) their victories come hand-in-hand with the ousting of many incumbent women.

The 2010 midterms have been particularly disappointing because of the dominance of Republicans. Since a greater proportion of Democratic candidates and Congresspeople are women compared to Republicans, it follows that if Republicans in general do very well, then women’s numbers overall will fall. The GOP’s stepped-up recruiting efforts do not seem to have prevented this from happening.

But how does the representation of women in government compare to the rest of the world? Consider the following: according to the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the U.S. ranks 90th, tied with Turkmenistan, with around 17 percent of its legislature composed of women. For comparison, the international average is 18.1 percent. That’s right — we are below average. Other countries ahead of us include such progressive bastions as Sudan (24.2 percent), Iraq (25.2 percent), Indonesia (18.0 percent) and Pakistan (12.1 percent). But despite all of this, we can take pride in the fact that we are ahead of Iran (2.8 percent). Rwanda comes first in with 59.0 percent.

One reason that America has such poor representation of women compared to other countries is that some nations have quotas mandating that a reasonable number of women are elected to public office. Although I am not sure such a mandate would be defensible on Constitutional grounds, our abysmal numbers suggest we need a major attitude adjustment.

Concerns over women’s representation have been dismissed because of recent high-profile gains by women, namely Hillary Clinton’s extremely close presidential bid. Sarah Palin’s position to the vice-presidency, Nancy Pelosi’s reign as the first female Speaker of the House. However, very little was actually gained. Pelosi is now being replaced by Rep. John Boehner (R-Ohio). Clinton ultimately had to settle for becoming Secretary of State (not that this is an unimportant position), and Palin is now the host of a Discovery channel reality show.

The fact remains that we live in a reprehensive democracy in which 56.7 percent of the population is represented by 17 percent of the legislature. Young girls are still socialized to believe that they have the same right to want to become politicians as young boys. Our society still strictly polices the choices and options of women in politics, everything from commenting on their looks and style to judging them for wanting to pursue a career and not devoting their lives to their children.

Just to mention that the general attitude re- mains that an assertive man is a leader and an assertive woman is a bitch. Until we get over these decidedly unjust norms, we will continue to fall short of our promise to provide equal representation for all.

The Tech
**Steal My Comic** by Michael Ciuffo

WHEE! WHEE!

**Somewhere on the Search for Meaning** by Letitia Li

**Crossword Puzzle**

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**ACROSS**

1 Brewski
5 Shoot from cover
10 Principal Skinner’s nemesis
14 Grizzly weapon
15 Stop by
16 Tall tale teller
17 Dancer Pavlova
18 Surrounded by
19 Pretentiously creative
20 1977 PGA Championship winner
23 Opposite of the seven seas?
24 Within reach
28 Openings
29 “Pursuit of the Graf __”
31 “Exodus” hero
32 Bases on balls
34 Girder material
35 FDR’s Blue Eagle
36 Soothing additive
37 Sling mud
38 Nabokov novel
39 RPM part

**DOWN**

1 Burn with hot water
2 Of an arm bone
3 “Lethal Weapon” star
4 Tchaikovsky ballet
5 Gives rise to

6 Wanderer
7 Apple product
8 Way to be ticked
9 Applied scientist
10 Wild time
11 Broadcast
12 Double-crosser
13 Attempt
21 Kissers
22 Holiday song
25 Candy brand
26 Gallic novel, “Mrs. __ Goes to Paris”
27 Laughing
29 Medley meals
30 Potpie veggies
32 Merchandise
33 Watchful
34 Hook’s mate
37 Magnificent
38 First public performance
40 Seat for several
41 Cut back
42 Bard’s before
44 Opp. of suffix
45 Fire from a low-flying aircraft
47 Sharp facial contortion
48 Silk-cotton tree
49 Pound and stone
51 Sushi wrapping

52 Dynasty before Ming
53 Yodeler’s perch
54 __ de Janeiro
56 Keanu in “The Matrix”
Mine All Mine, Part One

Everybody's on my ass to play Minecraft all the time. I guess you punch trees?

Which creates... wood?

And then I can turn the sticks into...

I'm in some real fucking trouble here.

Mine All Mine, Part Two

Dear Diary. Zombies are real. I dug a hole to live in. But is this hole a refuge, or a cage?

Right One

Right Two

Right Three

But during the day, I build.

Full Circle

Knight, son. You've been staying in Minecraft for an hour and a half, now. I know it's fun, but I'd like you to take a break.

Why don't you go out there and oh my God when did I become this person what is wrong with meeeeee

I mean, look outside. It's a crisp, Fall day! There aren't too many of these left.

Sudoku

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

8 4 6 7 5
3 2 4 6 9
2 8 7 1 4
5 9 6 2 3
7 6 3 5 2
4 7 5 9 6
5 2 3 4 1
2 8 7 1 4
3 7 6 8 1
9 6 8 7 1

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Minecraft gets major buzz for miner innovation

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campus life editor

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HDAG will consider dining plan tweaks

Upperclassmen may get to purchase scaled-back plans during transition

Dining, from Page 1

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A limit on flexibility

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flexible as possible. Wyman pro-
posed that students should be given
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7, 5, or 0 breakfasts each week. Bak-
er dining chair Cameron McAlpine
"I said that he thinks that 80 per-
cent of students will prefer the plan
proposed by the UA."

Senior Associate Dean of Resi-
dential Life and Dining Henry J.
Humphreys said at the meeting
that the plan can only be so flexible:
"As it becomes smaller, it becomes
more expensive as a unit cost."

Director of Campus Dining Rich-
ard D. Berlin agreed. In the min-
utes, he is cited for saying, "Having
unique plans across your campus is a very difficult thing to do — one of the challenges in the current system is that companies work from stabil-
ity. You also said that the more vari-
ability you add to the plan, the more
it will cost in the end.
Colombo said, "... we cannot cre-
ate a meal plan that will basically serve individual wants and desires."

As it stands, Colombo said that he
believes the plan is flexible enough for us to recognize what students want in a meal plan. Ac-
tording to the minutes, Colombo said,"Three years down the road
— we don’t know what people will want. We won’t know until we have
this period of time. What if no one wants breakfast? We’re going
to have to look at it."

McAlpine said that new students
coming into MIT will come to accept
the dining plan because they will
not understand how it was imple-
mented in the past. In the minutes,
Bindman agreed and said "[dining
is a] huge deal right now, but in five
years, it will seem like normal."

The full minutes of the meet-
ing are available online at http://
uac.mit.edu.

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Fall 2010 Wulff Lecture
Wednesday, November 17, 2010
5:00–6:00 pm
Room 32-123
Reception immediately following

Computationally Designing Materials for the Clean Energy Environment
Professor Gerbrand Ceder
R. P. Simmons Professor of Materials Science and Engineering
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MASON TANG G sprays fellow Resonance members at Resoception on Friday night. (From left: Christine J. Park ’14, Mason Tang G, Daniel A. Heins ’14, Veronica C. Newlin ’14, Alexander C. Jordan ’13). Resoception took place in a nearly-full 10-250. The show featured performances by the Simmons Sirens and Northeastern Nor’easters before launching into an Inception-themed performance by the MIT Resonance. The concert included a collection of dream-related songs punctuated by short skits revolving around a plot to beat the 8.01 exam.

Aron Kader, from Comedy Central’s Axis of Evil Tour, entertains a full house at Comic Relief: A Fundraiser for Pakistan’s Flood Victims on Friday. The event was jointly hosted by MIT’s Pakistani Student Association (PakisMIT) and the Association for the Development of Pakistan (ADP).
Marking the 151st Anniversary of the Publication of Darwin’s “On the Origin of Species”

Darwin and the Debate over Human Origins

Friday, Nov. 19, 2010, 7:30 p.m.
The Broad Institute Auditorium
Main St. at Ames St., Kendall Square

Apes in Our Family Tree
Prof. Janet Browne
Department of the History of Science
Harvard University

Evidence for Gene Flow from Neanderthals into Modern Humans
Prof. David Reich
Department of Genetics
Harvard Medical School

Inherited Disease and Human Evolution
Prof. David Housman
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U.S. Representative Michael Capuano (Massachusetts 8th district) addressed members of the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students on issues including education and the economy during the organization’s 24th Annual Conference, which took place at MIT this year. NAGPS is the largest umbrella organization for graduate and professional students studying in the United States.
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**Dance Competition**

19 November

MIT Student Center Lobdell

8-10 PM

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who gets the crown?

**Workshops**

Saturday, November 20th

T-Club Lounge, Dupont Athletic

- 2:00 - 3:30PM: Mocha Moves workshop
- 3:30 - 5:00PM: ABDC's Static Noyze 6

**Competing**

- MIT Ridonkulous
- MIT Bhangra
- BU Edge
- BU Unofficial Project
- BU Fusion
- Wellesley Freestyle
- Wellesley College Dancers
- Suffolk Wicked
- Harvard Expressions
- MIT Fixation
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who gets the crown?
Cross country wins Regionals

Men's and women's teams advance to Nationals

By Eric Khatchadourian

The MIT men's and women's cross-country teams traveled to Mt. Greylock High School in Williamstown, Massachusetts, for their final meet on Saturday, and the seven-man team qualified for nationals.

On an unusually warm and sunny November day, the men used the starting line at No. 1. Ranked ninth in the region going into the meet, the seven-man team managed to determine some result. From the start, the men positioned themselves very well and were all among the top 30 by the mile mark.

They maintained their strength through a hilly second mile. Paul D. Welle '11 kept pace with the lead pack, while Daniel E. Harper '12 and Roy A. wedge '14 kept their place in the top 12.

Stephan B. Se-}

Two. Welle '11 stepped out of the lead pack, while Daniel E. Harper '12 and Roy A. wedge '14 kept their place in the top 12.

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Tuesday, November 16, 2010

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Tuesday, November 16

Men's basketball vs. Emmanuel College
7 p.m., Rockwell Cage

Men's hoops ready for the new season

Four of five starters return, seek to improve on last year

By Bill Johnson

Assistant Coach

The MIT men's basketball team, which rose as high as No. 8 in the national rankings last season, will be looking to continue to build on last year's success and have another championship caliber season. After winning the NEWMAC regular-season and Tournament championships, earning consecutive bids to the NCAA Division III Tournament, and securing its third All-American in six years, MIT is rapidly establishing a reputation.

The Engineers were unseeded at No. 15 in the NITHoops Pre-Season Top 25, return four starters from last season's 22-5 team, who accounted for 89 per cent of their scoring and 81 per cent of their rebounding.

Front court

MIT's top returner is middle- man Noel Hollingsworth '12, who was selected as a presaison First Team All-American and will enter the new campaigns as the league's reigning player of the Year after leading the league in scoring with 20.4 points per game and 9.0 rebounds per game. Hollingsworth is joined up front by William Tashman '13, who proved to be one of the most dominant big men in the NEWMAC last year as a freshman. Tashman returned for the second season in order to capture two points and 9.0 rebounds per game.

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Back court

Leading the engineer back-

count against last season's conference and region Rookie of the Year, freshman guard Michael H. Kates '13, who has already emerged as one of the top point guards in the country. Last year, Kates averaged 13.5 points per game while leading the league in assists (112) and steals (57).

The Engineers benefit from the return of James D. Karraker '12, who was second to James M. Baratotta '09 as the NEWMAC's third-best three-point shooter during his rookie campaign but was lost to injury last year. Karraker and James R. Burke '13, who led the league with 2.3 three-point field goals per game last year, will lead MIT's attack from beyond the arc.

After adding the deep backcourt to Wang and Burke, it will be another key component to the Engineers' success this season.

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