

UA restructuring plans surface again

Committee proposes UA council of dormitory and FSILG leaders

By Jaya Narain

The Undergraduate Association is developing a new proposal that aims to restructure MIT's undergraduate government into a more cohesive body. According to a plan released by the UA Restructuring Committee, the UA Senate could be replaced by a council composed of independently elected dormitory and FSILG leaders. If approved, the UA hopes to institute the new government during an IAP transition period.

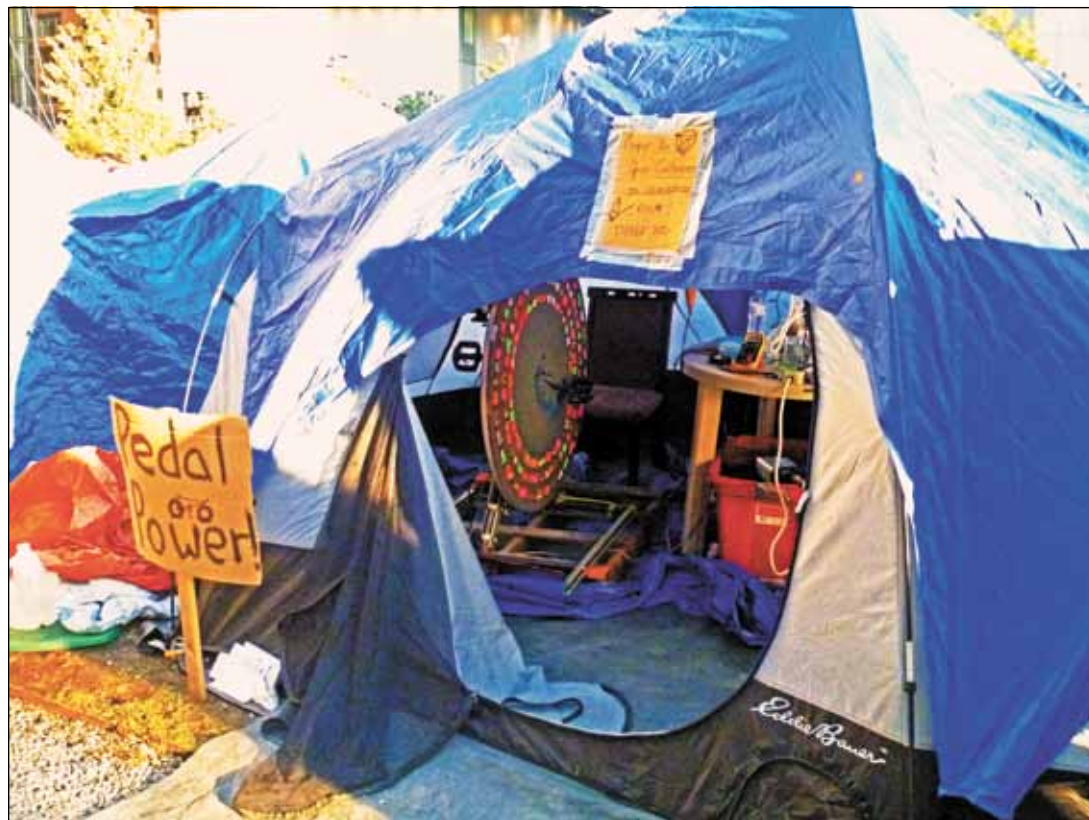
Under the committee's scheme, a UA council would replace the Senate as the sole representative and legislative body of the UA. The council would be composed of the presidents of each dormitory, the president of the Interfraternity Council and three IFC delegates, the Pan-

hellenic Council president and one delegate, the Living Group Council speaker, and an off-campus representative. Such a council would consolidate disparate undergraduate governments under a "single voice," according to the committee's report.

"If all the presidents are in a room speaking together, you're pretty sure that's what the students are saying," committee member and UA President Allan E. Miramonti '13 said. "It would do away with the pushing of one side of an issue."

Miramonti added that the new body would "replace the legislative aspect of the Senate with a consensus-based opinion of the council. ... Decisions would be a consensus of the body, not just a document signed

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KIT HAINES

MIT students who decided that there wasn't enough power at the Occupy Boston protests sent over two bike-powered generators in case of an emergency.

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

Occupy Boston takes to streets

Thousands march in protest against government inaction

By Kit Haines

Oct. 10, Columbus Day, marked the Big Labor and Student Solidarity March, the largest Occupy Boston protest so far. Since Sept. 30, Boston-area residents have come together to protest in Dewey Square, acting in solidarity with the Occupy Wall Street Movement. On Columbus Day, the number of participants in the march was estimated to be around 10,000, according to Nadeem A. Mazem '06, an Occupy Boston spokesperson and MIT squash coach.

Val Healy '14 describes Occupy Boston as a new type of protest that acknowledges "the issues

that are affecting our country are complex and numerous, that marching for one specific thing really does not address the whole picture. Instead, what we are doing occupying, is building a community, educating each other, educating ourselves, educating the people around us about these issues, so that we don't exclude each other from the revolution."

Student groups joining the march were encouraged to meet at their respective schools before coming together on Boston Common at 1:30 p.m. that afternoon, leaving to join the other half of the protest at 3 p.m. in Dewey Square.

The two groups with the larg-

est presence at Dewey Square were Veterans for Peace and Mass Uniting.

MIT Occupy Boston — an informal student group — was conceived on the night of Oct. 6 by MIT graduate student James E. White G. Spreading the news through his email list mitoccupy-boston@mit.edu, he received almost 20 RSVPs to the meeting; only four MIT students showed up to walk over to the protest, although others met them there, he said.

When the group arrived at the Charlestown Bridge, the police stopped them due to the con-

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Register to vote by tomorrow!

Elections are just around the corner! You have until tomorrow, Oct. 19, to register to vote in the Nov. 8 Cambridge municipal elections. The deadline to register in Massachusetts for the Nov. 2 general election passed on Oct. 13.

Massachusetts residents cannot register to vote online or obtain a registration form online. To get a Massachusetts voter registration form, visit the City Clerk's office, any Cambridge post office, or any branch of the Cambridge Public Library. Registration forms must be delivered in-person to the Cambridge Election Commission (51 Inman St., 1st floor) or postmarked by 8 p.m. on Oct. 19 to be valid for city elections.

You can also fill out a voter registration form right at the election

office, which is open from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. tomorrow and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. today.

If you'd rather not go out to register, Cambridge will also accept National Mail Voter Registration forms which must be postmarked by the 19th. Those forms are available online at http://www.eac.gov/voter_resources/register_to_vote.aspx.

Alternatively, Massachusetts residents may complete a request form for a voter registration form at the Election Commission's website (<http://www.cambridgema.gov/election/programsandservices/voterregistration.aspx>) to have one mailed to you. Since the deadline is tomorrow, don't pick this option for now.

—Ethan A. Solomon

Leland Cheung runs for re-election

Former MIT Sloan student shoots for 2nd term on City Council

By Adisa Kruayatieed

STAFF REPORTER

Leland Cheung, a former Sloan School of Management student who made headlines in 2009 for being the youngest person and first Asian-American elected to the Cambridge City Council, is running for re-election. This season, Cheung's main initiatives include promoting the local economy, affordable housing, public education, energy conservation, and government transparency. Cambridge residents will head to the polls on Nov. 8.

Running as an incumbent doesn't convince Cheung that this campaign will be easier than his last. Historically, the newest Council member is not re-elected, he noted. And in 2009, he was

barely elected to the ninth seat on the Council with 754 No. 1 votes compared to the top candidate's 1858 No. 1 votes.

But Cheung differs from the other councillors in more ways than just being a rookie.

Robert Winters, who runs a popular website about Cambridge politics (<http://rwinters.com>), saw Cheung as an impressive first-timer. "He's a proven activist," Winters said, "In his first few weeks he filed more initiatives than some incumbents did in years." (Winters is also a lecturer in MIT's Concourse program.)

Winters says he speaks on a regular basis with Cheung and the other councillors. From observation, Winters

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Leland Cheung is running for re-election to Cambridge City Council.

IN SHORT

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Israel Ruiz SM '01 was elected as MIT's executive vice president and treasurer by the MIT Corporation last Friday, succeeding Theresa M. Stone SM '76. Ruiz assumes his new role immediately.

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Putin defends his decision to seek a return to the presidency

By Michael Schwartz
THE NEW YORK TIMES

MOSCOW — Prime Minister Vladimir V. Putin confronted criticism over his decision to seek a return to the presidency next year, warning in a television interview shown Monday of a return to the volatility of previous decades should Russia swerve from its current course.

"They say that things cannot get any worse," Putin said, referring to his critics. "But I would be wary. It is enough to take two or three incorrect steps and all that came before could overcome us before we know it."

He continued: "We lived through the collapse of the country. We lived through a very difficult period in the

1990s. Only in the 2000s did we begin to get to our feet. We are stabilizing the situation, and of course we need stable development ahead."

The session, which was shown on Russia's three major government-connected television channels, followed a similar interview last month by Dmitry A. Medvedev, Russia's current president, in which he tried to allay frustrations, particularly in liberal circles, over his decision announced in September to cede the presidency to Putin.

Supporters credit Putin, who has been in power for 12 years, with pulling Russia from the chaos that enveloped the country after the Soviet collapse. But there are fears that his return to the presidency, possibly for another 12 years, could mire the

country in stagnation, or worse, lead to further limitations on political and human rights.

In Monday's interview, Putin acknowledged such sentiments, but dismissed his critics, saying they offer no alternatives.

"Our opponents need to propose their own program," he said. "And more importantly, they need to show through practical work what they can do better."

Since coming to power, Putin has eliminated most legitimate opposition, leaving Russia with a smattering of parties loyal to the Kremlin and little in the way of civil society. Few doubt that he will win elections next year, though he took issue with critics who said Russians would have no choice in the matter.

Quick release of Ukrainian is unlikely, leader hints

KIEV, Ukraine — President Viktor F. Yanukovich of Ukraine suggested Monday that he is not bending to international pressure to free his political rival, Yulia V. Tymoshenko, despite his desire to complete a deal that would integrate the country with Western Europe.

Tymoshenko was sentenced last week to seven years in prison, in a case that was condemned in both Russia and the West as politically motivated.

European leaders had hoped that the sentence might be hurriedly reversed in Ukraine's Parliament this week — in part because Yanukovich is due for an official visit Thursday to Brussels, where leaders have warned that they may not receive him. Yanukovich poured cold water on such speculation Monday, however, telling reporters he was willing to take that risk.

For months, Western officials have protested the prosecution of Tymoshenko, a former prime minister, who was charged with harming Ukraine by agreeing to pay a high price for Russian natural gas. The critics seemed to have leverage, since Ukraine is on the verge of signing free trade and association deals with the European Union. Hours after the conviction of Tymoshenko, moreover, Yanukovich said the verdict was "not a final decision."

—Ellen Barry, *The New York Times*

Pro-Gadhafi enclave in desert reported to fall after battle

Libyan forces fighting the vestiges of Moammar Gadhafi's toppled regime said Monday that anti-Gadhafi fighters were in complete control of Bani Walid, a loyalist desert enclave south of Tripoli, the capital, but had yet to proclaim total victory in his Mediterranean hometown of Sirte.

Bani Walid and Sirte, the last holdouts of pro-Gadhafi resistance, have prevented the National Transitional Council, the interim government, from declaring the official end of the Gadhafi era in the nearly two months since Gadhafi fled Tripoli and went underground.

Western news agencies with correspondents close to Bani Walid said anti-Gadhafi fighters had driven into the center of the enclave, raised the new Libyan flag, fired machine guns into the air and screamed, "God is Great!" in victory chants.

Agence France-Presse quoted Seif al-Lasi, a commander of one of the units that assaulted Bani Walid, as saying the city had been "completely liberated." The news agency also quoted Musa Yunis, the overall commander of the assault force, as saying that all pro-Gadhafi resistance had stopped and that the loyalists had taken off their military uniforms, changing to civilian clothes to avoid arrest.

Previous victory claims by the National Transitional Council have often proved overly optimistic. But if their accounts about Bani Walid are verified, that would mean that a small district within Sirte is the last remaining pocket of pro-Gadhafi forces in Libya.

—Rick Gladstone, *The New York Times*

Bank forecasts Eastern Europe will grow more slowly due to debt crisis

By Jack Ewing
THE NEW YORK TIMES

FRANKFURT, Germany — A major development bank sharply reduced its growth forecast for Eastern Europe on Tuesday and warned of risks to the region's banks, another example of how the sovereign debt crisis is radiating outside the eurozone.

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development — which lends to businesses and governments in the former Soviet bloc and is underwritten by Eu-

rope and the United States — cut its growth estimate for Central Europe and the Baltics to 1.7 percent for 2012.

In July, the bank predicted an expansion of 3.4 percent for the eight countries in the region, which stretches from Croatia to Estonia.

Southeastern Europe, which includes Romania, Bulgaria, Serbia, and four other countries, will grow 1.6 percent next year, the bank said, down from a forecast of 3.7 percent in July. Those countries are suffering from their ties to

Greece, the eurozone country with the gravest debt and economic problems.

Even the revised predictions may be optimistic, because they are based on the assumption that Western Europe will slow to a standstill but avoid recession, and that policymakers will manage to contain the debt crisis.

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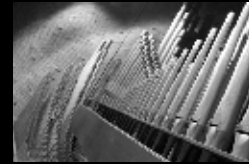
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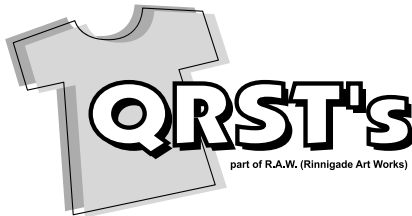


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Two camps emerge

Dewey Square sees larger crowds

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cern that the bridge would buckle under the crowd's weight. Mazem said that the group was able to discuss among itself the appropriate motion to take — avoiding the bridge. They came to consensus using the "people's mic": everyone repeats what they hear so that communications ripple throughout the crowd so everyone can hear what is said; then a vote amongst the crowd is taken.

When the crowds returned to Dewey Park after the march, the movement wanted to "expand and incorporate these people [the protesters] into the discussion about government and reforming the American financial system," Mazem said. The crowd was too large to fit on the piece of land that they had originally occupied, so they decided to send a group across the street to another northern part of Dewey square.

The Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservatory, which manages and maintains the line of parks including Dewey Square, had previously been tolerant of the protesters. Although the protesters had not applied for or received permits for "any set up including but not limited to tables and chairs, tents, podiums or amplified sounds," the Conservatory characterized the occupation in a press release as "cooperative with the Greenway Conservatory and the Boston Police Department."

The Conservatory and police, however, said that they "have made it clear to the protesters that they could not expand to the areas of the Greenway beyond Dewey Square." It was unclear if the Conservatory's statements applied to the northern part of Dewey Square, but the police issued an ultimatum to be out by midnight. It was decided by consensus in a general assembly that the occupiers would continue to occupy both camps.

Healy was linking arms with other protesters around the original camp. Thirty police vehicles rolled in at once, in uniform and riot gear, ignoring the first camp as they surrounded the second camp, said Healy. From where Healy was sitting, the flags of Veterans for Peace could be seen falling as po-

lice knocked them down, he said.

According to White, the police used zip tie handcuffs on the protesters — including himself — and some protesters who fell on the ground were kicked or picked up by the handcuffs.

Mazem says the "way that [the police] conducted themselves [was] entirely inappropriate to the conductive and peaceful nature of the protest." Videos of the arrests have been published online and depict police pulling up the protesters by the neck — something that White said was not nearly as bad as it looked.

Boston police maintain that their behavior was entirely appropriate and justified, and that officers are allowed to defend themselves if threatened in a crowd.

According to the Boston Police, 141 people were arrested at the protest. Boston Mayor Tom Menino called NECN's *The Morning Show* to say that he "sympathize[s] with their issues, some of those issues we really have to look at in America, but when it comes to civil disobedience, I will not tolerate civil disobedience in the city of Boston. There are a lot of other people in the city who live here, and have to go about their daily chores, and I will not allow people to paralyze our city."

Since the Columbus Day protest and arrests, Occupy Boston has continued, hosting another large student march this Saturday, from Dewey to Copley and back. They were chanting, "Off of the sidewalks and into the streets," "Whose streets? Our streets," "We are the 99 percent and so are you," "There ain't no power like the power of the people, cause the power of the people don't stop," and "The people, united, will never be defeated." Police cleared roads of traffic prior to the marches.

Costas Boussios ME '93 has found another way to contribute to the movement. Boussios is working on a social networking site to help citizens connect with political leaders in an efficient manner. The site, called "Citizen Compass," is still in testing, but he worked at Occupy Boston on Saturday to encourage people to sign up for the beta version.

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Councilman seeks student support

Cheung sees himself as lead voice representing student interests

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praised Cheung as a quick study. "The real Cambridge is not just MIT, it's bakeries, garbage pickups, and potholes. Leland is a good person to bounce ideas off of. He gets it."

"The real Cambridge is not just MIT, it's bakeries, garbage pickups, and potholes. He gets it!"

—Robert Winters
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Cheung has gained the respect of the city administration — which is crucial to being an effective councillor — Winters noted. Even people who viewed him as a "career climber" at the start of his campaign have befriended him. "They simply

think, 'He's been good while he's here,'" Winters said.

A student at heart

Cheung isn't just a City Councillor — he's also a part time student at the Harvard Kennedy School. And although he's no longer knocking door-to-door for student votes like he did two years ago, Cheung is diligent about representing student interests, he says.

As MIT pushes to bring technology companies to the Kendall Square "innovation cluster," Cheung hopes to advocate for additional construction of residential areas and retail space — things that are more immediately relevant to Cambridge's student crowd. Many other City Council incumbents have also publicly called for more residential and retail space to come with the Kendall Square revitalization.

"I'm the lead voice representing the interest of the students; I encourage them to come out and par-

ticipate in their local democracy," Cheung says.

And — to the relief of many a weary student — those problem sets might turn out to be useful in the end: Cheung confirms that his budgeting and finance classes at Sloan were applicable in his work with the city budget.

'In many respects, Cambridge is the vanguard of leading change in the nation.'

—Leland Cheung
CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCILLOR

Tech savvy

As might be expected of a former MIT student, Cheung is tech savvy. The councillor says he wished he had pushed for more government transparency through easy-access technology. So far, he has support-

ed live-streaming video and closed captioning of Council meetings on the city website, and mandated that city contracts be posted online before the Council votes on them. If re-elected next term, he hopes to develop more ways to interact with local government online.

By population, the MIT community counts for two of the city's 33 voting precincts, or about 6,400 people. Of these, only 768 voted in the 2009 election.

Cheung encourages students interested in national policy to recognize that all change originates from the local level and to become more involved in their city government.

"In many respects, Cambridge is the vanguard of leading change in the nation; often the policy we set serves as role models for policy in cities around the country."

Election day is Nov. 8. Members of the MIT community will be able to vote at the Kresge Auditorium precinct.



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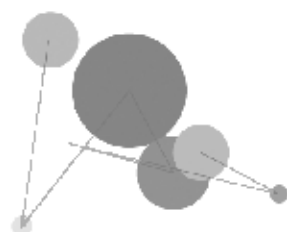
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UA plan: 'step back' from earlier project

Proposed UA council likely to be composed of more upperclassmen

Restructuring, from Page 1

by a bunch of senators."

The new proposal comes in the wake of a failed restructuring attempt last semester, spearheaded by former UA President Vrajesh Y. Modi '11. After failing to drum up enough support from the Dormitory Council — a key component of Modi's restructuring vision — the UA asked the Restructuring Committee to develop a new plan. The committee's recommendations borrow heavily from Modi's proposal for a council of dormitory and FSILG presidents.

The UA has historically restructured itself every 10-15 years.

But unlike Modi's proposal, the new plan does not necessitate dissolving DormCon. "DormCon is actually undergoing its own restructuring," said Miramonti. "Since the presidents are [representatives on the council], it obviously concerns them. ... If we do work with DormCon, and they change their structure, I will work with them to help them fit into the new UA structure. But, again, I'm not telling them what to do."

The Restructuring Committee's report suggests absorbing DormCon into the UA and assigning DormCon's current responsibilities to two new standing UA committees: a Dormitory Affairs committee and a Dormitory Funding committee. A new UA Assistant Vice President for REX would coordinate REX events and programs, which is also something that DormCon currently handles. Miramonti said that he wants DormCon to decide for themselves how, and if, they will restructure, and that DormCon's dissolution is not required for the rest of restructuring to go through.

A UA council would also represent a shift from a freshmen-dominated body to a largely upperclassmen body. Miramonti said that he hoped to maintain freshman involvement and retain the recently-elected Senate by encouraging committee involvement and, in the future, increasing committee recruitment efforts.

The Restructuring Committee also made suggestions for combatting "behavioral" issues within the UA, including "operational improvements and [changes to] the manner in which members within carry out their responsibilities individually and collectively," according to the committee's report. Former Chair of the Faculty Thomas A. Kochan — faculty facilitator for the committee — said, because of these issues, "there was not enough trust of some of the elected officials." Miramonti said that he hopes to address these problems through constitutional changes even if the proposed restructuring is not approved.

The purpose of the committee was to examine structural and behavioral problems and to "step back a bit [from last year's proposal]," explained Miramonti. "What are the faults of the UA? What is wrong with us? Who are the stakeholders in the UA? Whose opinion is important to the UA? ... Then, after identifying what's wrong and who is important, we developed a plan."

Miramonti says the Senate would "ideally" approve a restructuring plan by the end of November, before dormitories begin to elect new leadership.

Why restructure now?

The UA has historically restructured itself every 10-15 years to adapt to the changing campus environment. In its current structure, the UA has had problems with effectively representing a diverse student body, said Miramonti. "There are five student governments [DormCon, the IFC, the Living Group Council, Panhel, and the UA]. So there are a lot of voices, but if they're not well-coordinated it can lead to problems."

Kochan agrees with Miramonti. "It was clear from last year — and maybe the year before — that the structure [of the undergraduate government] was complex and there were multiple groups," Kochan said. "It wasn't really clear who was really speaking for the students and how effective it was in mobilizing students' points of view in working with the administration."

According to Miramonti, the UA has also had problems with productivity. "There were times last year when the Senate was having seven-hour meetings. It was outrageous. We were meeting every week for that long and not getting anywhere."

Additionally, the UA has seen senator retention problems. Since Sept. 18, four students have resigned from the Senate: Yan Zhu '12, ILG senator; Jiahao Liang '14, MacGregor senator (also a *Tech* associate opinion editor); Hollie M. O'Brien '15, Simmons senator; and Katie M. Kauffman '12, sororities senator.

The committee is currently soliciting feedback on restructuring from interest groups like the Student Activities Office, the MIT Corporation, and the Division of Student Life, among others.

"It's hard to reach out to 4,000 people," said Miramonti. "It's a logistical problem. It's a problem that we aren't ignoring. It's just one you have to be very deliberate with."

Overall, however, Kochan said that he felt the committee has successfully incorporated and examined a wide range of input. "It [the proposal] reflects a process that brought the people who were critical of it into the discussion. So, in the committee that came up with this proposal, you had people who were quite skeptical of the original proposals that were on the table, and they worked hard and very effectively to come up with this proposal."



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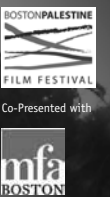
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SPORTS SHORT

Rifle still undefeated after home opener

The MIT rifle team completed its first home match of the season on Saturday, bringing its record to a 6-0. The Engineers won in both smallbore and air rifle competitions against the visiting Wentworth Institute of Technology and John Jay College rifle teams. The MIT team completed the match with its highest scores of the season: 2167 in smallbore (John Jay 1989, Wentworth 1917) and 2222 in air (John Jay 2164, Wentworth 2028). Nigel C. Kojimoto '12 led the team with a 560 in smallbore and 572 in air rifle, both out of 600 possible points. Elizabeth A. Phillips '13 scored second highest on the MIT team with a 540 smallbore and a 558 air rifle score. Also contributing towards the win were season-best scores from Jennifer C. de Bruijn '12 and Michael A. Batista '12. Though not on the competing team, Kai Liao '14 shot a personal high score of 538 in air rifle, alongside Christian A. Valledor '12, Timothy R. Jenks '13, David Huang '14, Alvin Mwijuka '15, and David M. Bocek '15. MIT's next home match will be held Oct. 28-29 against Navy and Wentworth.

—Elizabeth Phillips, Team Representative

Water Polo finishes conference season

The Men's Water Polo team wrapped up their CWPA (Collegiate Water Polo Association) Northern Division season on Saturday with a win against Connecticut College and a loss to St. Francis. In the first game of the day, the Engineers beat the Connecticut College Camels 14-6 with notable performances from much of the team. However, in their match against St. Francis, which has a 6-0 record in league play, MIT was scoreless despite the efforts of Matthew R. Chapa '12 and Jack D. Clark '15 in the third period. In CWPA play, the Engineers finish this part of the season with a final record of 3-3 (7-13 overall). After Sunday's game against Mercyhurst College at home, the men will conclude their home season, with their next match on Oct. 27 at Wheaton College against Brown University.

—Sarah Weir, Associate Editor

Taekwondo goes international
Engineers compete at world championships in Russia

By Michelle Fung
TEAM REPRESENTATIVE

This summer, several members and instructors of the MIT Sport Taekwondo club represented the United States as part of the national team at two major competitions: the World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships and the World University Games. The club members were competing in the Taekwondo discipline of poomsae, a series of choreographed moves that require power, balance, and flexibility. Poomsae is judged much in the same way that gymnastics or figure skating is scored, according to both accuracy and interpretation.

The first of the two competitions was the World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships, held on July 29-31, 2011 in Vladivostok, Russia. Club instructor Rene R. Chen '07, club alum and co-founder Christina S. Park '02, and head instructor Dan Chuang competed as part of the U.S. National Poomsae Team. Each qualified for the U.S. Team by placing first in their division at the U.S. National Poomsae Team Trials in Buffalo, NY in May 2011. The level of competition at the World Championships was extraordinarily high, with every country bringing well-trained and well-prepared athletes in every division.

At the event, Chen placed ninth in the world overall out of a competitive field in the Senior 1 (19-30 yrs.) female division. Chen took fifth out of 16 in her preliminary bracket, advancing to the semifinals where she placed ninth out of 16 and just missed the finals by a margin of 0.02 (out of 10). In the Team 1 (14-35 yrs.) female division, Chen, Park, and their teammate Lisa Zhou gave a very solid performance, but missed the very competitive finals (top 8) cut. In the Senior 2 (31-40 yrs.) male division, Chuang competed in a field of 31; he missed the semifinal cut by a close 0.05 margin (out of 10).

"Competing at the world championships among some of the athletes that I coach was a great experience. It was a great feeling to be an athlete again, and to represent my country in international competition. I was proud to represent



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Master Dan Chuang competes as part of the U.S. National Poomsae Team during the World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships in Vladivostok, Russia.

both the United States and MIT," said Chuang.

Just a few weeks following the World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships, Chen competed alongside the MIT Sport Taekwondo Club's student captain, Erika Lee '12 at the World University Games in Shenzhen, China from August 18-23. The World University Games, also called the "Universiade," are the collegiate Olympics, a multi-sport event featuring over 12,000 athletes from over 100 countries. Chen and Lee were accompanied by Chuang, who served as a U.S. collegiate national team coach.

Overall, it was an amazing experience of intense training and dedication for the MIT Sport Taekwondo Club.

Chen continued her strong performance, competing in the female individual division, and sailing through the preliminaries and advancing through the semifinals to make the top 8 com-

petitors in the finals! A small mistake in the finals bumped her down from sixth to eighth place overall, but it was an amazing result in a very competitive field. Chen also competed in the mixed pairs division with Brandon DeSouza from UMass Lowell; they performed well, finishing 13th overall but falling shy of the finals round. The U.S. women's team division was represented by Chen, Lee, and Carissa Fu from Princeton University. The women's team finished ninth, just one place shy of the finals by a margin of 0.08 points.

"The Universiade at Shenzhen was a really amazing opportunity to see the state of collegiate sport Taekwondo in other countries. It was an eye-opening experience to meet athletes from such different places and backgrounds, and really inspiring to see us come together for an event that celebrates a common passion," said Lee of her experience.

Overall, it was an amazing experience of intense training and dedication, and a summer of travels for the MIT Sport Taekwondo Club at the world level on the far side of the world. It was great inspiration to kick the competitive year off for the club, which is hosting its first tournament of the year on Oct. 22 at the Johnson Indoor Track.

Soccer nets 2-0 victory against Coast Guard

By Katie Bodner
SPORTS STAFF

On a cool, crisp Saturday during Family Weekend, MIT defeated the Coast Guard Academy 2-0 in an exhilarating soccer match at Steinbrenner Stadium. The Engineers earned their first win in the conference, improving their NEWMAC record to 1-3-0 and their overall record to 6-6-0. The Bears,

tough competitors for the Engineers, saw their record decline to 1-3-1 in the conference and to 4-7-1 overall. The Engineers started off this season well with a 4-0 winning streak and then suddenly lost their drive and fell to a 0-6 losing streak. This game was essential for the Engineers, as it was a must-win for them to move on to the conference tournament.

MIT started off with high energy and maintained it throughout the entire game. Midfielder Matthew A. Monheit '14 made the first scoring attempt after just five minutes and eventually succeeded after about 20 minutes, following a 30-yard pass from midfielder Jonathan K. Tebes '14.

The Engineers' great offense continued and then widened the lead to 2-0 only 8 minutes after the first goal. Dynamically, forward Zachary E. Kabelac '12 cut past two defenders and found an opening to make the unassisted shot when Coast Guard goalie Will Leffler was caught off-guard.

The Coast Guard Academy struggled to put up a goal throughout the end of first half and almost succeeded following a shot attempt by Tradd Lovern, who was

called offsides.

MIT's defense was a vital asset in this game. Goalkeeper Samuel G. Cannon '15 blocked the first shot on goal of the game by the Bears' Brett Godiksen. The possession of the ball quickly went back and forth throughout the last half, as the Engineers almost scored on an attempt by Tebes, which was blocked by Leffler. During the fast-paced battle of the last few minutes, the Bears made one final shot attempt, but Cannon saved it.

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MIT took 15 shots total, while the Coast Guard took only 4. However, the Coast Guard had 6 saves, while MIT had 2, both by Cannon, who ensured that the Bears did not end the great shutout. This game, Cannon's first career start, boasted a more spirited, confident Engineers team that was definitely inspired by the massive crowd support. Cannon said, "We had a lot of fans today and had a good start. It was a must-win game, and we put it together. We had to step it up and did so."

The Engineers will attempt to keep up their renewed energy when they next play at Clark University in a NEWMAC game on Oct. 22 at 11:30 a.m.

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