

# 1,620 students admitted to Class of 2016

## MIT Acceptance rate at a record low of 8.9%

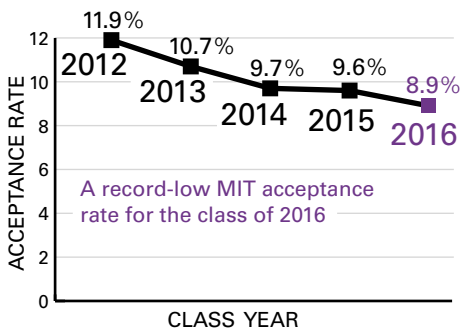
On Pi Day at Tau Time (March 14 at 6:28 p.m.), MIT granted admission to 1,620 eager applicants. This year's acceptance rate of 8.9 percent was a record low, with a record high of 18,109 applications overall. 6,008 of these applications were early action, a decrease from last year, and 680 of these students were accepted early. Last year, a total of 1,742 students were admitted. Dean of Admissions Stuart Schmill '86 said that one of the factors that may have affected this year's high application pool and decrease in early applications was the fact that Harvard and Princeton reopened their single-choice early action programs. This meant that students could only apply early to one school of their choice, resulting in fewer early action applications to MIT and more regular action applicants.

The class of 2016 is nine percent African-American, 31 percent Asian-American, 35 percent Caucasian, 14 percent Hispanic, and one percent Native American. Similarly to last year, 49 percent of admitted students are women. There was a slight increase in admitted international students, from eight percent last year to nine percent.

"The applicant pool keeps getting stronger even as it gets bigger," Schmill said. For instance, the average SAT scores of the class of 2016 applicants are higher than in previous years, he said.

Schmill anticipates a slightly higher yield than last year due to the fact that students who applied and were admitted early to Princeton and Harvard did not submit applications to MIT at all. In previous years, however, those who may really want to go to Harvard or Princeton also apply to MIT regular action, and might later decide not to attend MIT.

Last year, MIT's yield was about 65 percent.  
—Stephanie Holden



**18,109** applicants | **200** more applicants than last year

# Fire leaves Back Bay ashen, powerless

## Electrical fire leaves Boston residents in the dark this week



By Jessica J. Pourian  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Boston skyline went dark Tuesday evening after a major transformer failure in Boston's Back Bay, causing a three-alarm fire that destroyed the parking garage of the Back Bay Hilton and left over 21,000 people without power. The outage left large swaths of Boston dark; from Kenmore and the CITGO sign all the way to the Public Gardens. MIT fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups (FSILGs) lost power from Tuesday night until late Wednesday or Thursday evening. As of press time, NStar, the power company, reports that most of Boston has had power restored though the

lights; the Prudential Center was the last skyscraper to regain power at 11 p.m. All living groups have had their power restored except Sigma Nu and Fenway House.

Seventeen FSILGs across the river lost power on Tuesday evening along with the rest of the Boston area, said Marlena Martinez Love, assistant dean for FSILGs. Over 400 students in affected living groups were invited to campus if they needed a place to stay for the night. The Housing Office keeps a list of spare rooms and has a number of cots reserved for emergency purposes, said Dennis Collins, Director of Housing.

"If a student wanted to use rooms on campus, they were able to contact the dean on call," Collins said, "No one did."

Housing sent each FSILG an email with instructions of what to do during the outage. Suggestions included staying away from open flames, checking the refrigerator for rotten food, and finding accommodations on campus.

All brothers at Nu Delta stayed on campus during the power outage. They lost power from Tuesday evening until 11:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

"None of us stayed in the house except the RA," said Christian M. Londono '14, vice president of Nu Delta, "We're going through the food tomorrow — nothing was damaged thankfully — but there's a lot of food

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CHRISTOPHER A. MANNOR—THE TECH

# Agarwal is leaving CSAIL to direct MITx

## Steps down as CSAIL director in order to lead MITx team full-time

By Ethan A. Solomon  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Anant Agarwal, director of the MIT Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (CSAIL), announced yesterday that he would step down from his role as director to fully devote himself to the Open Learning Enterprise (working title), which runs the MITx initiative. Since its announcement last December, MITx has caught the eye of MIT faculty, the world of higher education, and 120,000 people who signed up for the pilot course, 6.002x.

"I am writing to let you know about an extraordinarily difficult decision that I have made to step down as the director of CSAIL in order to serve as full-time director of the new MITx open learning enterprise," Agarwal wrote in an email to CSAIL yesterday evening. "As some of you may know, I have

been trying to lead both CSAIL and MITx these past several months, but I have come to realize that this situation cannot continue indefinitely." Agarwal was named CSAIL head last July.

Though Agarwal has been spearheading the development of MITx and its prototype course since last year, he now takes the reins of the project full-time as it begins to get more attention from students and faculty, and as it prepares to expand its course offering for the fall term. Faculty devoted their January/February newsletter to discussion on MITx, and the Undergraduate Association has started to consider the project's impact on students. Chancellor Eric Grimson PhD '80 and Provost L. Rafael Reif will hold "overview of MITx" sessions with students next week and in early April.

6.002x, an online prototype version of MIT's introductory circuits and electronics

class, went live to the world on March 5, and Agarwal, who also co-teaches the course, says 120,000 people have signed up so far. But less than three months from unveiling to prototype seems fast — why so quick?

"I think MITx is very, very important for MIT," says Agarwal. "It's critical that we get out there and do it fast."

The rapid pace of technical development, Agarwal adds, is thanks to the course development team. In addition to Agarwal, Gerald J. Sussman '68, Christopher J. Terman PhD '83, and Piotr Mitros '04 are working on 6.002x. The course was a "heroic team effort," according to Agarwal.

Agarwal plans to run MITx like a non-profit startup, inspired by the small-team energy that has come to typify Internet startups from Silicon Valley to Kendall Square. The MITx

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### IN SHORT

**The MacVicar Day 2012 Symposium is Today!** Titled "Innovations in Undergraduate Education at MIT in the Tradition of Margaret MacVicar and Robert Silbey," at 3 p.m. in Bartos Theater (E15-054) with refreshments at 2:30 p.m.

**Memorial services will be held for Robert J. Silbey and Brian G. Anderson '13 tomorrow.** Silbey's service will be from 2 - 4 p.m. in the 3rd floor atrium of building 46. Anderson's will be held at 4 p.m. in

W15 with a reception following in W1L. Both services are open to the general public.

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## MIT tops US News and World Report rankings once again

It doesn't come as a surprise that U.S. News and World Report has once again ranked MIT as the overall best graduate engineering school in the country. MIT has held this title since 1990, the year U.S. News began ranking engineering programs. Notably, the following engineering departments — chemical, materials, computer, and electrical (the latter two tied with Stanford University) — were given first-place ratings. Other specialties with a top-five rank were aeronautics and astronautics (No. 2), mechanical (No. 2), nuclear (No. 2), and biological (No. 5).

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### 2012 grad school rankings at a glance

MIT ranked #1 engineering grad school

RANKED	Engineering	Other
1st	Chemical engineering	Computer science
	Computer engineering	Earth science
	Electrical engineering	Mathematics
	Materials engineering	Physics
	Chemistry	Economics

RANKED	Engineering	Other
2nd	Aero/astro engineering	Mech. engineering
	Nuclear engineering	Biology

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# New leader for budding MITx

## Agarwal pleasantly surprised by initial reception

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team, in fact, is looking for office space in Kendall Square, either in an MIT building or not.

Agarwal says he's been surprised by what he sees as a community that has developed around 6.002x. 6.002x students — from all over the world — have taken advantage of tools like a discussion forum and wiki to help each other learn the material, much more than expected. The need for 6.002x course staff to handle questions is mitigated by more advanced students helping others.

"I was petrified about what was going to happen when people jumped on the discussion forum," said Agarwal. "Whether we could scale, or whether we could handle all the questions."

User response to 6.002x has been positive, said Agarwal. Reviewers on AIQUS.com — originally established to host questions and answers about Stanford's online Introduction to

Artificial Intelligence course — gave MITx glowing reviews.

**"This is miles ahead of both Coursera and Udacity. Nicely done MIT."**

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AIQUS REVIEWER

"I just peeked at [6.002x] and I assure you guys, this course is the best among all in terms of course content and layout," wrote one reviewer.

"This is miles ahead of both Coursera and Udacity. Nicely done MIT," wrote another, referencing two other online educational platforms.

Still, users have also asked for improvements. Homework deadlines were changed from Friday to Sunday to better accommodate work schedules, and some users have asked for better navigation of

the online textbook, for instance.

And though many faculty have greeted MITx warmly, some have raised concerns over its implementation. Agarwal acknowledges that there is a debate to be had over what form an online educational experience should take.

"Clearly there are concerns, and some very valid concerns," he said. "We're breaking new ground and we're trying to figure out what works best."

MITx has garnered "a lot of interest" from other universities since December's announcement, though Agarwal declined to say precisely who was interested in the platform. MIT has billed MITx as an open system that other institutions can leverage to offer their own courses.

Agarwal will continue to serve as CSAIL head until his successor is picked by a search committee — the same committee that picked Agarwal, according to his email to CSAIL yesterday.

## State drops charges against Swartz; federal charges remain

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has dropped all six charges against Aaron H. Swartz, the computer activist who allegedly downloaded millions of academic journal archives from JSTOR via a laptop housed in network closet in MIT's Building 16 running "keepgrabbing.py."

"In the interest of justice, we agreed to let the federal case have precedence," said Cara O'Brien, a spokeswoman for the Middlesex District Attorney's office. Many of the witnesses would have been the same in the two cases, she said, and since the state case would have gone to trial first, witnesses testimony might compromise the federal case.

The dropping of the charges appeared in the court's electronic docket yesterday, though it was dated Thursday, March 8, 2012.

The charges dropped by Massachusetts were two counts of breaking and entering, one count of larceny over \$250, and three counts of unauthorized access to a computer system.

The remaining four federal charges are: wire fraud, computer fraud, unlawfully obtaining information from a protected

computer, and recklessly damaging a protected computer.

Swartz's alleged downloading took place between September 2010 and January 2011. He was indicted by a federal grand jury in July 2011.

Swartz, who has been out on bail since two days after his July arrest, has subsequently left the Boston area and now resides in Brooklyn, New York, where he works for Avaaz Foundation, a nonprofit "global web movement to bring people-powered politics to decision-making everywhere."

His federal case is currently in discovery, and the defense has begun to review the "substantial" quantity of material from the government, according to a joint status report filed on March 8.

A trial is likely and would last "around three weeks," the status report says. The case's next status conference is set for May 14, 2012.

Swartz's attorney, Martin G. Weinberg, was pleased by the decision and called it an "exercise of proper discretion by a wise and experienced prosecutor's office."

—John A. Hawkinson

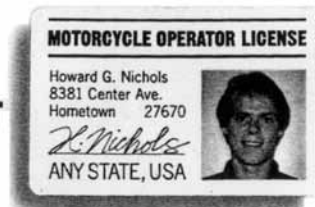
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MIT Media Lab Grad Student

# Presidential search team holds student forums

## Joint GSC/UA task force charged with assessing student opinion on the next MIT president

By **Ethan A. Solomon**  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

The Graduate Student Council/Undergraduate Association student advisory group to the Presidential Search Committee have initiated a series of public forums with the intent of getting student input on the search for MIT's next president. The first of these forums was held on Tuesday evening in Ashdown House's Hulsizer Room.

The forum drew 19 people, mostly graduate students, and about a third were members of the student advisory group itself. After a brief presentation on the mechanics of the search process and a high-level overview of the president's role, committee members broke the audience into two groups for open-ended roundtable discussions. Members of the student advisory group's "executive team" — including Bryan Owens Bryson G, Ellan F. Spero G (also the GSC vice president), Alex J. Evans G (the GSC president), and Amanda C. David '13 (the UA vice president) — led the discussions.

**The advisory group will conduct their own investigations of particular candidates.**

According to the committee's presentation, the first phase of their work is "information collecting" — using forums, online feedback, and focus groups to "gather student opinions on qualities and characteristics that they would like an MIT president to possess." The student advisory group will frequently communicate with the Presidential Search Committee — the faculty and MIT trustees who winnow the field of candidates to one or two people — but will otherwise function autonomously. The student advisory group will not be constrained by the candidates that the Search Committee considers, according to the presentation.

Later, the advisory group will conduct their own investigations of particular candidates, and present suitable names to the Presidential

Search Committee. To ensure the advisory group and Search Committee work in concert, the Search Committee will also communicate names under consideration to the student group, according to Evans.

To provide context for the audience, advisory group members described the president's job as protecting and supporting "four endowments of the Institute": financial, intellectual, physical, and alumni. The president must "represent MIT internally and externally to variety of constituencies," they said, summing up the job succinctly: "The president has to deal with 17- and 77-year-olds who are both brilliant."

Bryson, who as a freshman served on the 2004-equivalent

group which selected Hockfield, cited the 2004 committee's public report as an example of the committee's potential output. He encouraged students to read that report. (Bryson used the name Bryan D. Owens at that time).

At the roundtable discussions, attendees were asked to chime in on what they thought were MIT's values, and on what they thought should characterize an MIT president.

Some students pointed to an attitude of academic independence and decentralized administration as a core MIT value. Others added that a collaborative intellectual spirit defined the Institute. Some pointed to growing ties to MIT and industry, embodied by exten-

sive commercial development in surrounding areas. Several were present as representatives of their departmental groups, intended to determine how best for those departments to participate in the search process.

search budgets, noting that federal research dollars will not continue to flow as freely.

Concerns over student mental health and the impact of MITX on campus learning also made it into the discussion.

Additional topics included the importance of teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels, of diversity, and of international engagement.

The student advisory group held another public forum in Walker Memorial yesterday evening. The next one will be Monday, March 19 at noon, in room 5-134. For the full schedule, see <http://gsc.mit.edu/mit-president-search/>.

John A. Hawkinson contributed reporting to this article.

**'The president has to deal with 17- and 77-year-olds who are both brilliant.'**

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# Blackout for Boston FSILGs

## 17 Boston FSILGs lost power as a result of the fire

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we're going to throw out."

The brothers of Delta Tau Delta (DTD) chose to stay in their house for the evening.

"It was pretty fun, we just hung out," said Patrick K. Marx '13, president of DTD, "We had candles and stuff, and played board games." Students returned to MIT to do homework, he said, but otherwise were "pretty self-sufficient."

Phi Kappa Theta (PKT) was out of power for two days, from when the blackout first began on Tuesday evening until 9 p.m. on Thursday.

"Not much changed," in the daily life of the fraternity, said Owen C. Derby '12, PKT president, "Most people used friends on campus to shower, and did work on campus. Most would come back late at night to sleep." The house was warm enough, he explained, that "we didn't have to worry about temperature."

Derby says it was split "half and half" between brothers who stayed at the house and those who stayed with friends on campus. Their biggest concern was to make sure the plumbing worked, and to throw out the rotting food from the refrigerator. "The fridge was just about to restocked today anyway," Derby said. Brothers had to "fend for themselves" foodwise during the outage, some went out or to dorm dining, said Derby. There was "no food at the house."

Similarly, Delta Upsilon had brothers go to MIT "to charge laptops and take showers," but mostly felt like they "didn't need too much help from MIT," said Chad A. Bean '14, the risk manager of the house. On the bright side, he said, "our freezer was well insulated, and we instructed people not to open it for the time being, so none of the coldness escaped and the food was fine."

Had the power outage been more severe and long term, Collins said, MIT has systems in place to work with FSILGs. "MIT has an Emergency Operation Center on campus," said Collins, "If there is an emergency, they reach out. [For this incident] we did not activate emergency operations." The issue was resolved "between the FSILGs and the residential staff," he said.

Using the emergency system would entail more close work between the housing office and FSILGs.

"We would come together and try to come up with some options for the students if they did need housing," Collins said, "We have a list of empty rooms, bedding, and cots available to set up somewhere in a large function space if they needed someplace to sleep overnight."

### The outage affected:

- Alpha Chi Omega
- Alpha Phi
- Chi Phi
- Delta Upsilon
- Delta Tau Delta
- Fenway House
- Nu Delta
- Pi Lambda Phi
- Phi Kappa Sigma
- Phi Kappa Theta
- Phi Sigma Kappa
- Sigma Chi
- Sigma Kappa
- Sigma Nu
- Sigma Phi Epsilon
- Tau Epsilon Phi
- Theta Chi

A similar incident to this one was the water outage in Boston in May of 2010, when a water-main break contaminated the water in Boston. At that time, "we did work together with [the emergency center]," said Collins, "and made operations for water to be delivered [to fraternities]."

As the power is restored to the previously affected areas, the housing office remains confident that the situation is under control. "We are closely monitoring the situation and have maintained ongoing contact with impacted groups," said Love in an email to *The Tech*.

### Effect on Boston

The outage has affected all business and residences in the area. Food inspectors have been examining restaurants, ensuring that they throw out spoiled food. Shops were unable to function, and the Hynes Convention Center canceled its events for the duration of the outage. Police patrolled Massachusetts Avenue and other busy streets due to the absence of street lights. The Massachusetts Turnpike had Exit 22 closed, prohibiting cars from exiting into Copley Square and the Prudential Center, where electric repair work was being done.

The problematic transformer was in the Scotia Street substation,

near the parking garage of the Back Bay Hilton. The station has two transformers, one of which was unharmed. NStar workers hope to have "normal operation" starting by next week, said Tom May, the chief executive officer of NStar, in an interview with *The Boston Globe*.

The cause of the outage was a connector failure between the high voltage transmission system and the substation.

In an interview with the *Globe*, May said the blackout was a "very unusual event" and a "catastrophic failure" worse than anything he had seen in his 35 years in the field. Over 1000 workers have been on the job restoring power, he said. They have used nearly five miles of cables to install a bypass system.

At a news conference, Boston mayor Thomas M. Menino demanded that NStar absorb the costs incurred by the power outage.

"I want the shareholders to pay for the cost of this accident," Menino said. "I want the shareholders to pay for the \$85,000 in police overtime and for restaurants that have lost their products — and workers should be reimbursed for not being there. The shareholders should pay, not the ratepayers." He suggested the company open an office in the back bay so people could have an easy access point to file claims. Menino has promised to investigate the origins of the fire, and is planning on creating a panel of independent experts to look into the matter.

Another fire sprung up on Huntington Avenue yesterday afternoon out of a manhole while smoke poured out from two nearby manholes. Firefighters responded to the scene at 3:38 p.m. and reported no injuries. The accident was caused by a "high demand" for electricity, said NStar spokesman Michael Durand to *The Boston Herald*, which resulted from switching on nearby power. The sudden influx of electricity caused permanent cables to fail, cutting off power to over 1,500 people who had just had their electricity revived.

The fire in Back Bay came two days after a two-alarm forest fire in Fenway. The fire, which burned for 30 minutes, spread ash throughout Boston. The lack of snow this winter and the recent warm weather made the brush particularly dry — creating conditions ripe for fire.

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MIT's graduate math program earned a first place rank. Other distinctions in science include tied first-place ranks in physics (tied with Stanford, California Institute of Technology, Harvard University), Chemistry (tied with Caltech, U.C. Berkeley), Earth Sciences (tied with CalTech) and Computer Science (tied with Stanford, Carnegie Mellon University and U.C. Berkeley) graduate programs, and second in Biological Science (tied with Harvard, U.C. Berkeley). MIT even proved its worth in a field outside science and technology, with the economics department earning a number one spot and political science at number nine.

The MIT Sloan School of Management was tied for fourth best business school with Northwestern University and University of Chicago. Among Sloan's offerings, its programs in information systems, production/operation, and supply/chain logistics came in first. Its MBA degrees in finance and entrepreneur-

ship also earned ranks of fourth and fifth, respectively.

MIT's undergraduate engineering program paralleled its graduate one with a number one ranking. Overall, MIT was ranked fifth best undergraduate school.

It is important to note that a decrease in ranking in a particular field does not mean the program is any lower quality than it was the year before. Last year, MIT was ranked first in mechanical and aeronautical/astronautical engineering, despite the second place ranking this year. Instead, the rankings change each year because of constantly shifting criteria.

For professional school programs in business, education, engineering, law, and medicine, U.S. News ranks schools based on expert opinions and statistical indicators such as acceptance rates, average GRE scores, starting salaries, and employment rates upon graduation. Programs in the sciences, social sciences and humanities, and health are based solely on ratings and surveys completed by academic experts.

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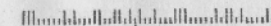
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(Top) Sections of Boston were engulfed in smoke on Tuesday evening after an electrical fire in the Back Bay. A transformer burst into flames at 40 Dalton Street, across from a parking garage at the Back Bay Hilton. About 21,000 people were left without electricity.



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(Bottom) An unrelated brush fire also erupted on Sunday afternoon. This fire was along the sides of the Muddy River near Fenway and was promptly put out by firefighters. Smoke covered the skyline and ash fell on parts of Boston.

# Wentworth falls to MIT baseball on Wednesday

## Engineers easily beat the Leopards, 13-4

By Mindy Brauer  
DAPER STAFF

Behind the strength of a six-run second inning and a four-run burst in the eighth, the MIT Baseball team defeated Wentworth Institute of Technology, 13-4, on Wednesday afternoon. With the win, the Engineers improved to 4-2 on the year while the Leopards' ledger lowered to 7-6.

Junior James R. McKinney went 1-for-2 on the day with a two-run homerun, and added four runs and three walks for MIT. Bryan A. Macomber '12 generated a 2-for-4 performance, tacking on two RBI and a walk as Jonathan E. Rea '14 had a 1-for-2 outing to go along with three runs and two RBI.

On the mound, senior Torre M. Swanson started for the Engineers, striking out four batters in two innings. Brandon M. Lowe '14 had a flawless 1-2-3 outing en route to the win while fellow classmate Timothy M. Wilson '14 continued the shutout in the fourth inning.

Freshman Jake Mailman went 2-for-4 including a double, two RBI, and one run for Wentworth. Scott Ouellette '15 posted a triple in his three at bats which resulted in two RBI. Ben Lewis '14 pitched five innings, striking out four and surrendering seven hits and three walks in the loss.

With two outs and the bases loaded in the bottom of the second, Rea singled to centerfield, plating Zachary J. Carr '12 and Hayden K. Cornwell '15. After a walk to Parker A. Tew '15, an error brought Rea and Reid Bishop '15 home. A single by Macomber to left field scored McKinney and Tew, resulting in a 6-0 advantage. The Engineers then extended their lead in the fourth inning courtesy of McKinney's two-run homerun to right field.

The Leopards ended the shutout in the fifth frame, generating their own two-out rally. With Mailman and senior Joe Meucci on first and second courtesy of a pair singles, Ouellette blasted triple down the right field line to clear the bases. The next inning, Wentworth tacked on two more runs to narrow its deficit to 8-4. Wentworth players Jon Spitz '14 and Conner Flisnik '12 reached on walks and advanced on wild pitches. Mailman followed with a double to centerfield which resulted in the Leopards' final runs of the day.

In the bottom half of the sixth, McKinney drew a walk and then stole second base. A single by Macomber through the left side increased the Cardinal and Gray's margin to 9-4. MIT capped the scoring in the eighth by capitalizing on pitching control issues that produced four runs.

MIT kicks off NEWMAC play on Friday, March 16 in a home game versus Wheaton College.

# Women's Softball falls in season opener, 5-1

## Team faced Simmons College Tuesday

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On Tuesday afternoon, MIT Softball lost to Simmons College, 5-1, in their season opener. MIT took an early 1-0 lead over Simmons College before the Sharks struck for two runs in the fourth inning and tacked on three more in the fifth to down the Engineers, 5-1. The game was the season opener for Tech while Simmons improves to 4-7 with the win.

Freshman Lauren Backhaus limited the Cardinal and Gray to just two hits and one walk over seven innings while striking out four. MIT starter Jessica L. Iacobucci '12 lasted four innings, allowing two runs on three hits with five strikeouts. Eleanor E. Fodor '15 pitched the final three frames, giving up just one earned run on five with four punch-outs.

Iacobucci started off strong, retiring the side in each of the first three innings while striking out five of the first six batters she faced.

In the bottom of the third, junior Leah Alpert led off with a base hit to right before Iacobucci sacrificed her over to second. Alpert moved up to third on a passed ball and scored Nydia L. Ruleman's '12's infield grounder. Simmons got out of the inning with a double-play ball induced by Backhaus.

Simmons wasted little time answering back, getting a pair of runs in the top half of the next inning. Simmons' Ari King roped a lead-off double over the centerfielder's head and came home on a double by Emily Cunningham. Christina Mulcahy drove Cunningham home with her base hit up the middle.

MIT threatened Simmons in their half of the sixth, as Ruleman reached base on a one-out, slap hit, and was sacrificed over to second. The rally would end there, however, as freshman Sarah M. Van Belleghem grounded out to third.

Simmons struck for three more runs in the seventh, including a pair of two-out, unearned runs, on four hits. With two away and one run already across, the Engineers seemed to be close to getting out of the inning, as Fodor induced a slow roller to third base. Shortstop Angela J. Ha '15 came over to cover the bag but was ruled off the base when she received the throw from Anna R. Christensen '13. Cunningham hit a two-run single to left to push the Simmons advantage to four runs.

Christensen reached on a hit in the seventh but was retired on a fielder's choice and Emily Creedon '13 struck out to close out the game.

The Engineers will be off for the next week and a half before departing for Clermont, Fla. for their annual Spring Break trip. MIT will play 10 games in five days while in Florida.

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### UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

#### Friday, March 16

Baseball vs. Wheaton College 3:30 p.m., Briggs Field

#### Saturday, March 17

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Men's Lacrosse vs. University of New England 1 p.m., Roberts Field

Women's Lacrosse vs. Eastern Connecticut State University 4 p.m., Roberts Field

#### Sunday, March 18

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6	3	7	5	2	4	1
5	2	6	4	1	3	7
4	1	5	3	7	2	6

### Solution to Sudoku

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### Solution to Crossword

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