Winter storm brings headaches & fun to Institute ‘Nemo’ brought over two feet of snow to Cambridge and Boston, causing closures on Friday

By Jessica J. Pourian
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Winter storm “Nemo” (as named by The Weather Channel) swept through Cambridge this past weekend, dumping 24.9 inches of snow and drawing much of New England in disarray. MIT was closed on Friday, on Saturday, and for the first two work shifts on Sunday. The storm was the fifth largest snowstorm to hit Boston in recorded history.

Winter storms are not officially named by the NOAA. “Nemo” is a moniker given by the Weather Channel, which has recently been naming blizzards to increase their own brand-awareness. The name has irked many in the weather naming community, but has caught on in local news, Facebook, and Twitter.

According to weather.com, Nemo’s strongest gust was recorded at 76 mph outside Logan Airport, but the general wind speed was much lower. The storm actually fell short of official blizzard conditions, which require a sustained wind speed of at least 35 mph while visibility conditions are less than a quarter mile.

The Huffington Post reported that over 650,000 homes and business in the northeast lost power due to the storm and thousands of flights were canceled around New England. Two people in Boston died from carbon monoxide poisoning. Boston in recorded history.

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The UA's shuttle service to campus life, p. 14

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A student jumps into a snow pile from the third floor of Novartis’ parking garage at Cross and Albany Streets on Saturday. The snow pile blocked most of Cross St. across from Edgerton House, and gathered a crowd of a dozen. About half a dozen additional students took the plunge into the lightly packed snow.

Nevin S. Scrimshaw dies at age 95

Institute Professor emeritus was a pioneer in nutrition research

By David L. Chandler
MIT NEWS OFFICE

Nevin S. Scrimshaw, who founded MIT’s former Department of Nutrition and Food Science, died in Plymouth, N.H., on February 8. He was 95 and died of congestive heart failure.

Scrimshaw dedicated his career of almost seven decades to the alleviation of hunger and malnutrition. His work substantively improved the lives of millions of people around the globe — efforts for which he was recognized with the 1991 World Food Prize. The prize committee cited Scrimshaw “for his revolutionary accomplishments over six decades, in fighting protein, iodide, and iron deficiencies, developing nutritional supplements, educating generations of experts, and building support for continued advances in food quality around the world.”

Scrimshaw came to MIT in 1961 as a professor of human nutrition. In 1974 he was selected for the Institute’s first James B. Killian Jr. Faculty Achievement Award, and in 1976 he was appointed as an Institute Professor, a distinguished rank reserved for MIT’s special achievements. He retired from MIT in 1988.

Scrimshaw was the founder and honorary president of the Nevin Scrimshaw International Nutrition Foundation and founder of the World Hunger Program of the United Nations University. He also served as a visiting professor in the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University.

Nevin Scrimshaw was born Scrimshaw, Page 13

IN SHORT

The UA’s shuttle service to Costco, Target and the rest of the Gateway Center in Everett will begin on Saturday, Feb. 16, and continue on a weekly basis. A full schedule and map of pickup locations (which are throughout campus) can be found at http://web.mit.edu/facilities/transpor-tation/shuttles/grocery.html

The UA Special Projects Committee is partnered with CopyTech to loan out Costco memberships on a weekly basis. Sign up in person in CopyTech (II-004) starting Wednesday, Feb. 13.

The Association of MIT Alumni is hosting a panel discussion on legal issues for startups. The event will begin with refreshments and networking at 6:30 pm. This will be followed by a panel discussion at 7 p.m. on Feb. 25 at the Tang Center and is free for the first 20 students. This event will cost $5 for all other students.

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Early Sophomore Standing

Fewer freshmen accept offer than previous years

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**Roman Catholic Church at a crossroads**

VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI’s surprise announcement Monday that he will resign Feb. 28 sets the stage for a succession battle that is likely to determine the future course of a church in turmoil by scandal, amid troubling faith in its traditional strongholds.

Benedict’s successor will have to contend not only with a Roman Catholic Church marred by the sexual abuse crisis but also with an increasingly secular Europe and the spread of Islam in the Middle East, in the United States, Latin America and Africa.

The pope’s departure sets up a struggle between the staunchest conservatives, in Benedict’s mold, who advocated a smaller church of more fervent believers, and those who feel the church must take more significant steps to attract young people by valuing divorced Catholics to receive communion or loosening restrictions on condom use to prevent AIDS. There are no pliable candidates who would move on issues like the ordination of women or ending celibacy for priests.

Many Vatican cardinals will choose someone with better management skills and a more personal touch than the bookish Benedict, someone who can extend the church’s reach to new constituencies, particularly to the young people of Europe, for whom the church is now largely irrelevant, and to Latin America and Africa, where evangelical movements are fast encroaching.


**Syrian insurgents claim large hydropower dam**

BEIRUT — Syrian insurgents and opposition activists said Monday that rebel fighters have made Syria’s largest hydroelectric dam, an assertion that, if confirmed, would give them significant control over a vital reservoir and what remains of the sporadic power supplies in the war-ravaged country.

The Tabqa Dam, built more than 40 years ago with Russian help on the Euphrates River in northeast Syria’s Hasaka province, provides electricity to areas that are both in rebel and loyalist hands, including the control city of Aleppo. It would be the third dam taken by therebels, who control two smaller facilities further upstream.

The dam, which the government once boasted had made Syria self-sufficient in power generation, is considered a more potent weapon in the battle for allegiances in the nearly two-year-old Syrian conflict. Rebel-held areas have been systematically denied electricity by President Bashar Assad’s forces, who went to try to undermine the insurgents’ hold on the dam and setting fire to an imposing structure.

The Turkish fatalities were between 28 and damaging at least 19 opposition group with a network of contacts in Syria, said insurgents had met little resistance as they swept into the Tabqa area Sunday, seizing the dam and setting fire to it.

—Elected April 19, 2005, Pope Benedict XVI says he will resign, cites ill health

By Elisabeta Povoledo and Alan Cowell, THE NEW YORK TIMES

ROME — Citing advanced years and infirmity, Pope Benedict XVI, the former Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, stunned the Roman Catholic world Monday by saying that he would resign Feb. 28, less than eight years after he took office, the first pope to do so in six centuries.

A profoundly conservative figure whose papacy was overshadowed by clerical abuse scandals, the pope, 85, was elected by fellow cardinals in 2005 after the death of his predecessor, Pope John Paul II.

After examining his conscience “before God,” he said Monday, “I have come to the certainty that my strengths, due to an advanced age, are no longer suited to an adequate exercise of his position as head of the Roman Catholic Church.”

Federico Lombardi, the Vatican spokesman, said the pope would continue to carry out his papal duties until Feb. 28 and that a successor could possibly be elected by Easter which falls this year on March 31. But, he added, that date was “not an announcement, it’s a hypothesis.”

While there had been questions about the pope’s health and infirmity, the timing of his announce ment — even by the Vatican’s official account — sent shock waves across the globe, even though he had in the past expressed the notion that an incapacitated pope could resign.

“The pope took us by surprise,” said Vatican spokesman Federico Lombardi, who explained that many cardinals were in Rome on Monday for a ceremony at the Vati can and heard the pope’s address. Italy’s outgoing Prime Minister Ma rio Monti said he was “very shaken by the unexpected news.”

The announcement plunged the Roman Catholic world into frenzied speculation about his likely suc cessor and seemed likely to inspire many contrasting evaluations of a papacy that was seen as both conservative and controversial.

The pope made his initial an nouncement in Latin but his state ment was translated into seven lang uages — Italian, French, English, German, Polish, Portuguese and Spanish.

In today’s world, subject to so many rapid changes and shaken by questions of deep relevance for the life of faith, in order to govern the bark of St. Peter and proclaim the gospel, both of strength of mind and body are necessary, strength which in the last few months has deteriorated in me to the extent that I have had to recognize my incapacity to adequately fulfill my ministry entrusted to me,” the pope said.

For this reason, and well aware of the seriousness of this act, with full freedom, I declare that I renounce the ministry of Bishop of Rome, Successor of St. Peter.”

**Situation for noon Eastern time, Tuesday, February 12, 2013**

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**Map**

**Situation for noon Eastern time, Tuesday, February 12, 2013**

**Extended Forecast**

Today: Mostly sunny and windy, high 44°F. Winds W at 7–15 mph.


Thursday: Partly sunny, highs in the low 40s. Fr.
**French plan to alter school days draws protest**

PARIS — For more than a century, the lengthy school days of French children have been punctuated by a midday break when, in recent years, most children have started school before breakfast, originally created for catechism studies.

But a controversial new proposal for regular and peculiar weekly daydreams are often been criticized as counterproductive by learning and blamed for keeping women out of the full-time workforce, as well as widening inequalities between professional workers and those supporting parents. Yet the Wednesday break has remained a fulcrum of French family life.

But the issue has taken on a new urgency in recent years as the nation faces a growing fiscal crisis, and the question of the Wednesday break has emerged as a key point of contention in the current presidential election campaign.

France's second and third highest courts have already ruled in favor of the government's plans, but the issue is expected to be taken to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

President Barack Obama vetoed a similar proposal in 2011, arguing that it would be harmful to children's well-being and counterproductive to learning.

The lead-up to the Wednesday break in France has been marked by protests and angry demonstrations, with some schools closed and teachers refusing to work.

The government's plan is expected to be finalized in the next few weeks, with the final decision due in early December.
A public relations campaign for science

By Sam Shames

One of the most exciting programs offered by MIT is the Undergraduate Association (UA) student faculty dinner program. Taking a peek into what goes on, out on MIT's dime, is not only a great way to get to get to know your professors, but it also shows students that our professors are, in fact, real people. Getting to interact in a casual setting helps break the stereotype that our professors' lives completely revolve around their work.

Scientists around the world face a similar problem. The general public perceives scientists as emotionless creatures whose only goal is to discover something important in some esoteric field that has no effect on any- one's life. Given that our future prosperity depends more on scientific innovation than ever before, it is essential that scientists work to change their image and rally the general public to support basic and applied research. The first step is to show the general public that scientists are not just obsessed with their work. Like us, they have ambitions, goals, relationships, interests, and desires that relate to other parts of their lives.

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Tuesday, February 12, 2013
The Tech

Totally Random!
by Elise Stave

I can’t think of the last time I had a big accomplishment.
Really?

...Can you?

Well...yeah. The other day, I fixed a printer paper jam.
I felt like a hero.

404 by Kali Xu and Stephanie Su

Legwork by Gail Grabsowski
Solution, page 11

ACROSS
1 Potato bag
5 Has sore muscles
10 Taverns
14 Barbell metal
16 Buy a meal for
17 Blaze
18 Telegrapher’s __ code
20 Assistant
21 Grab hold of
23 Hunt for
24 21st-century
26 Worked hard
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31 Tiny amount
32 Julius Caesar garment
33 Jacket sleeves
37 Pigpen sound
38 Cockpit boss
39 Cozy corner
40 Soup vessels
41 Scarlet and crimson
42 Do figure-eights
43 Company head
44 Cellar’s fungus growth
45 Transfer, as computer data
49 Top-rated
50 Athlete’s protective legwear
52 Agent 007’s last name
55 Ground-breaking garden tools
58 “Santa __ is Coming to Town”
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72 Part of a Lincoln costume
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76 Bus passenger
77 Back of a boat
82 NASA affirmative
84 Day before a holiday
86 “Knock it off!”
87 Threesome
88 and rave
89 Gelatin shapes
90 Self-images
91 Makes a knot in
92 Short hiking shoe
94 Freeway, for instance
95 Speck of dust
96 Veer off-course
98 Manufactured
99 Moral wrong
100 Piece of luggage
101 Tree trunk growths

DOWN
1 Process flour
2 Opera solo
3 Wine-bottle stopper
4 Calf-covering legwear
5 Type of bank charge, briefly
6 Beefy ingredient in goulash
10 Taverns
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[1171] Perl Problems

If you’re havin’ Perl problems, I feel bad for you, son-
I got 99 Perl problems,
So I used regular expressions,
Now I have 100 Perl problems.

Perl Problems

A webcomic of romance, sarcasm, math, and language
by Randall Munroe

To generate Perl answers, try -kcd, recommends the -a flag.
Sudoku
Solution, page 11

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.

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

Techdoku
Solution, page 11

Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column and row contains exactly one of each of the numbers 1–6. Follow the mathematical operations for each box.

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Fun
by Jorge Cham
**Saturday Stumper** by Lars G. Doubleday

Solution, page 10

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**[1166] Argument**

**FREE Energy ~ FOCUS ~**

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The misguided search for a perpetual motion machine has run substantially longer than any attempted perpetual motion machine. The search is for a perpetual motion machine, a machine that never exhausts its source of fuel. What if we create a perpetual motion machine in 2004 shows no signs of slowing down.

I won't win the case for free energy! I don't see the issue. My device isn't a robot and doesn't harm humans. Ironically, the argument I started on a perpetual motion forum in 2004 shows no signs of slowing down.

**DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIFIC FEEDBACK OR COMMENTS FOR ME, PROF. SIMPSON?**

**DO MORE!**

**DO MORE!**

**UM, CAN YOU BE A LITTLE MORE SPECIFIC?**

**THAT'S DO SPECIFIC!**

**DO MORE NOW.**

*Piled Higher and Deeper* by Jorge Cham

*Www.phdcomics.com*
The blowing snow makes visibility poor in front of the Student Center on Friday and Saturday.

A pedestrian on skis takes advantage of the unshoveled sidewalk by the Charles River Saturday.

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MFT Facilities worked through the blizzard on Friday and Saturday to clear snow from campus streets and sidewalks.

SNOWPOCALYPSE

On Saturday afternoon, pedestrians walked among slow-moving motorists down Massachusetts Avenue in Boston since in many places, streets were more clear than the sidewalks.

A pedestrian on skis takes advantage of the unshoveled sidewalk by the Charles River Saturday.


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MFT Facilities worked through the blizzard on Friday and Saturday to clear snow from campus streets and sidewalks.

SNOWPOCALYPSE

On Saturday afternoon, pedestrians walked among slow-moving motorists down Massachusetts Avenue in Boston since in many places, streets were more clear than the sidewalks.

A pedestrian on skis takes advantage of the unshoveled sidewalk by the Charles River Saturday.


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On Feb. 9 starting at 4:05 p.m., crowds gathered in the snow-filled Killian Court for an MIT-wide snowball fight, organized by Brendan T. Deveney ’13 and Amanda C. David ’13 of the UA Special Projects Committee.

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Snow challenges MIT and Boston infrastructure

Winter storm inspires snowball fights, even one including President L. Rafael Reif, following campus-wide closure on Friday due to emergency weather conditions

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"I give a ton of credit to the governor," Chancellor Eric Grimson PhD '80 said, "It was a very smart move."

Contributing to transportation limitations, the MBTA closed at 3:30 p.m. on Friday and did not resume operating until Sunday. A few trains ran on Sunday evening, but even on Monday not all lines were operational.

The lack of transportation meant campus staff who were working shifts on Friday were stranded at MIT. Dining halls were open, though with less staff than usual, and many dining workers in Maseth and McComick at least slept in those dorms on Friday night.

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MIT's Outing Club (MITOC), saw a spike in snow gear rentals during the storm. "We ran out of skis!" said David Lawrence '14, vice president of MITOC. A number of students picked up snowshoes and cross country skis for some urban exploration during Nemo. Thursday night, MITOC's office hours were "super crowded," Lawrence said, and the club rented out all 30 pairs of its cross-country skis.

"I rented a pair of skis myself and went out Friday around midnight," Lawrence said, "I skied to Long Wharf in Boston Harbor and Back — all of the roads were in really great condition for skiing with fresh powder. It was great!"

"I wish they would empty the roads out more often after a snowstorm," Lawrence laughed, "On Saturday I was skiing … on the Commonwealth Avenue mall. There were ski tracks in the mall, and a number of other cross country skiers out."

Nemo caused the second cancelation of classes this academic year. "I don't remember in my 38 years another time we’ve closed twice," said Grimson, "Even just closing is rare … We close when the governor asks us to."

MIT initially didn’t close for the blizzard of 1978, recalls Grimson. "I remember it took me forever to get to campus," he said. MIT was forced to close for the first week of classes once the storm picked up.

Solution to Crossword

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Watching Obama for pre-speech signs of change

New strategy for Commander in Chief leading up to the State of the Union address

By Jackie Calmes

WASHINGTON — On Tuesday night, the president will address the nation and Congress on the state of the union. But many will watch as well for signs of the state of Barack Obama.

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As the president prepares to outline his second-term agenda, it is clear from these personal accounts as well as his public acts, like his bold Inaugural Address, that he has shown an assertiveness, self-possession, even cockiness, that contrasts with the caution, compromise and reserve that he showed for much of his first term. What is not so clear is whether Obama can parlay this commanding self-assurance — borne of re-election, his assurance — into victories as he tries to turn Washington away from its obsession with deficit-cutting to projects’ disarray — into victories as he attempts to bridge the divide he once promised to bridge?

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So far Obama has carried the day. Even before his swearing-in, he had staked battle lines on taxing the wealthy and raising the federal debt limit and gave little ground, forcing Republicans to retreat. On Tuesday night, in the House chamber, he will literally be in their faces, setting the agenda on immigration and gun safety — issues that were unthinkable only two years ago, when Republicans had just triumphed in midterm elections — and defining his second-term agenda, it is not plain who might confront him at any danger signs. And Democrats say that the president, like many of them, believes Republicans are more vulnerable to overstepping politically by obstructing his agenda.

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PhD candidate was an MIT icon regarding nutrition

Scrimshaw International Nutrition Foundation

Several honors were bestowed on Scrimshaw, including Fellowship to the Order of Rodolfo Robles by the Mexican government; a knighthood from the Imperial Senate of the United Kingdom; an honorary doctorate from the University of Zürich; and membership in the National Academy of Sciences and the Institute of Medicine.

Scrimshaw grew lilies, fruit and vegetables on his northern New York farm, and loved travel, visiting well over 100 countries in the course of his career. He used his knowledge of nutrition to create regimes of diet and exercise that he credited with helping to alleviate endemic goiters in many countries throughout the world. He developed a method of iodizing a moist local salt with non-soluble potassium iodate, reducing iodine deficiency goiter. He developed a method of iodizing a moist local salt with non-soluble potassium iodate, reducing iodine deficiency goiter.

In the 1950s, in association with INCAP, Scrimshaw developed solutions to problems associated with endemic goiter, a disease that strikes young children. Recognized for his work at INCAP and elsewhere that the problem was one of protein deficiency, Scrimshaw searched for an affordable, indigenous protein source.

In 1975, with his financial support, the Scrimshaw family established a food bank that provides food to elderly people and children both in Guatemala and worldwide. These efforts prompted Scrimshaw to work with governments to require iodization of all salt for human consumption, alleviating endemic goiter in many countries throughout the world.

In the 1960s, Scrimshaw conducted pioneering work on the relationship between nutrition and infection — laying the foundation for much of today's research on nutrition and infectious disease.

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Looking beyond the aggregate

By Jennifer Salvidge

In Alpha Epsilon Phi we spend a lot of time discussing who we are. There are a lot of feelings about identity. But I have given some thought to identity and the meaning of sorority and have come to a fairly simple conclusion: sororities are defined by the people who make them up, and so even so to count them among my friends. I debated trying to fit something nice about the content of character of the many. Here are a few:

I am so proud of the women in my chapter, and even more so to count them among my friends.

Emily is proud of being a woman; she is proud of being queer; she is proud of being a vegetarian. She faces prejudice with a cool head and heated dissent. Recently, a man who had vocally expressed anti-gay views asked if she would be his lab partner for a class they are in together this semester. She responded non-emotionally that she was not willing to work with a person whose views were full of hatred and intolerance. She also encourages pride in others. She has worked to make the chapter a more open place towards homosexuality, encouraging other girls in our chapter to come out and encouraging them to talk about issues surrounding sex and sexual identity. To me, she embodies the best kind of pride and reminds me a little bit of the U2 song by the same title.

Daphne demonstrates great courage. Normally, the picture of courage is that of a knight in shining armor, but I find a far greater courage, and the one Daphne exemplifies, is the ability to admit when one is wrong and needs help, and further, to seek out help. Recently, she told me she had decided to go to MIT Medical for mental health reasons, and I was very proud of her. It takes a brave person to acknowledge they may need help and to seek it, especially here at MIT where there is so much pressure to be on top in every aspect. Furthermore, she realized she might have a problem and sought to fix it before letting it affect her work; anyone

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Barnacle eggs and mangroves

Research complications in Panama

Emily A. Moberg conducted tropical ecology research at a site off the coast of Panama, shown here.

As Dr. Jesus Pineda leapt off the side of the boat, knife in hand, I had the analogous scientific feeling of “Drun, I have a feeling we’re not in Kansas anymore.” I was out of my depth — literally — since the tide had come in and the water was several meters deep. But let me back up and tell you how I, a graduate student who prefers pies to petri dishes and MATLAB to measuring, ended up on a boat with a renowned scientist jumping overboard.

Our instructor abandoned ship to get the samples. I put on a brave face and tried to sound unfazed.

It was January, and I was with a group of five other graduate students on a tiny island off the west coast of Panama. We were there to learn about how tropical ecology is studied and get some hands-on practice learning about the corals and mangroves there. As a theoretical ecologist, I had some noble ideas and got some hands-on practice learning. I wanted to learn about how tropical ecology is studied and get some hands-on practice learning. The fact that the branches were at high tide rather than low, and the trees I wanted to sample were mostly underwater. It was then that our instructor abandoned ship to get the samples. I put on a brave face and tried to sound unfazed as I called out which trees to sample.

Standing out in the mangroves trying to enact my spiffy new sampling scheme was another story. I wanted to collect disperse chunks of barnacles, but knobs on the bark prevented me from getting contiguous clumps. The fact that the branches were circular complicated how I could sample; different species were sometimes intermixed; some trees had already been sampled so intensively I couldn’t collect more. In addition, it was really hot out.

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The people make the sorority
Sharing stories of sorority sisters

Sororities, from Page 14

who knows Daphne recognizes that she is an excellent researcher and student. When I think of Hannah, I think of forgiveness. I am exception-
ally impressed by her, and hope to someday be like her. She was ha-
rased by some of her friends whom she trusted. But she did not try to get back at them, yell at them, nor remove herself from their company. She understood the consequences of their actions and made sure they understood them, but she after-
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UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

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Men’s basketball vs. WPI
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Men’s basketball team wins Engineers win fifth straight game, improve to 17-4

By Phil Hess
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With the end of the regular season in sight, the No. 23 MIT men’s basketball team took to the road for the final time in New England Women’s and Men’s Athletic Conference play tonight, taking on a determined Babson College squad. The Engineers started quickly and held a 26-point advantage in the second half before holding off a charge by the Beavers to win their fifth straight game. William Tashman ’13 continued his strong play of late, leading MIT with 17 points.

MIT (17-4, 8-2 NEWMAC) started the game hot from the field, hitting on five of its first seven field goal attempts. Babson (13-22, 3-7 NEWMAC) was the opposite at the start, hitting just one of its first five attempts. As a result the Engineers opened with a 12-1 run, with Tashman tossing in five of the points, over the first four and a half minutes of the game.

Babson cut it to a 10-point affair after a pair of free throws by junior Matt Palazini made it 15-5 at the 14:12 mark, but MIT scored the next seven, taking a 22-5 lead after a three from Justin M. Pedley ’16. A layup by senior Russell Braitsmaute and a three from freshman Travis Sheldon kick started a 13-5 run by the Beavers over a five-minute span that saw them get the deficit back under 10 points when a jumper by sophomore John Wickery with seven minutes left made it 27-18. MIT then ended the half the same way it started, on a run. Over the last two minutes senior Mitchell H. Kates ’13 led a 10-2 MIT spurt that pushed the Engineers’ lead to 43-24 at the half. Kates hit a three with 53 seconds left and went on to score seven points in that span to lead MIT into the locker room with a 28-point advantage.

MIT did not let up at the start of the second half as it out scored Babson 11-4 over the first two and a half minutes. James R. Burke ’13 and Nicholas J. Prus ’15 started the streak with three-point shots and when Tashman finished it with a free throw the Engineers had extended their advantage to 54-28.

After hitting four of its first five shots of the half, MIT went cold from the field for the rest of the game. The Babson defense held the Engineers to just three of 11 shooting the rest of the way, with two of the made shots coming in the final two minutes. A layup by junior Kenny Ross began the Babson comeback attempt with 16:47 left. It took 10 minutes but the Beavers shaved 15 points off the MIT lead, coming all the way back to 60-49 with 6:44 left after a made three by Sheldon Ross. Sheldon and Braitsmaute combined for 19 of the 21 points in the Babson run that saw the Beavers force four turnovers in its comeback attempt.

Babson still trailed by 11 with 4:24 left, but it would prove to be as close as it would get as MIT rattled off five straight points. The Engineers closed the game on a 7-2 run, with Tashman and Matthew M. Redfield ’15 hitting key baskets down the stretch that helped the Engineers claim the victory.

Tashman was one of four players to reach double figures for MIT, with Redfield and Prus adding 11 points each, with Prus’ total a career best effort. Kates contributed 16 points along with three assists and six rebounds. Redfield led MIT with nine rebounds as the Engineers claimed a 32-23 edge on the boards. Braitsmaute led Babson with 15 points, with Sheldon finishing with 12. Peter Foley led the Beavers with seven rebounds.

MIT will return home for the final three games of the regular season, starting with a NEWMAC matchup with Clark University on Saturday starting at 3:00 p.m. Babson will not play again until next Wednesday when the Beavers will play a conference game at Wheaton at 7:00 p.m.

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