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Chilly weather after a soggy start to the week

By Casey Hilgenbrink

The sun stayed hidden all day yesterday as Cambridge was soaked by nearly continuous rain associated with a low pressure system tracking up the coast. As of 5:00 p.m. yesterday, Boston Logan Airport had already received 0.82 inches of rain, with even more rain occurring throughout the overnight hours as the low pressure moved out of Southern New England.

Today, we have traded the rain for relatively cold and breezy weather. West winds at 15-20 mph (with gusts as high as 35 mph) will make for a cool high temperature of about 37°F (3°C), or 7°F (4°C) below average. Expect much of the same for tomorrow: clear skies, gusty winds, and temperatures topping out in the mid 30°F (2°C).

For those of us who are already tired of cold weather, good news! The National Weather Service’s Climate Prediction Center has issued a 70% chance of above-average temperatures for Cambridge early next week.

Extended Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high of 37°F (3°C). West wind at 15-20 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Tonight: Cold and clear, with a low of 22°F (-6°C). West wind at 15-20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tomorrow: Sunny, with a high of around 35°F (2°C). West wind at 10-15 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high in the low to mid 40s°F (6°C).

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high in the upper 30s°F (2°C).
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Correction
An article about the Newbury Street Shutdown march in the Friday, Nov. 14 issue of The Tech incorrectly left the date of the event unspecified. It occurred Oct. 25.
Sudoku
Solution, page 13

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

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Techdoku
Solution, page 13

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

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 12× 12× 12×
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Out Like a Light by Billie Truitt
Solution, page 13

**ACROSS**
1 Storage level of a house
6 At a distance
10 Wine region in Italy
14 First Lady before Michelle
15 __ in the woods (innocent one)
16 What a prune once was
17 One playing a part
18 Feels poorly
19 Undulated
20 Out like a light
23 Exec's deg., often
24 Before, in poems
25 Portuguese capital
27 Ten-year span
31 Cross out
33 Tax shelters, for short
34 Infamous Roman emperor
36 More ahy
39 Winery tubs
40 Modify, as legislation
41 Religious doctrine
43 Fancy scarf
45 "This __ sudden!"
46 Biting fly
47 Raises, as a sail
49 Yahoo! rival
51 Spring toy
53 Med. care group
54 Triumphed
55 Out like a light
56 Very urgent
57 Bring up, as kids
58 Tibetan priest
59 From __ (completely)
60 Prime-time hour
61 Poodles and pointers
63 Observe

**DOWN**
1 "That’s a shame"
2 Fried-and-filled tortilla
3 Ballerina’s skirt
4 Barbell metal
5 Checked the ID of
6 Make humble
7 Come up short
8 Up to the job
9 Heart charts: Abbr.
10 Tablet-computer download
11 Out like a light
12 Engine booster
13 "In other words . . . ”
16 “In other words . . . ”
17 Slow, as rush-hour traffic
18 Sports stadium
19 Historical periods
21 Prima donna
23 Out like a light
24 In the company of
25 Out like a light
26 Engine booster
27 Countless ages
28 Collaborate, as light
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39 Religious doctrine
40 Polynesian carving
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I saw a post onreddit.com/r/mit asking when “MITHenge” would be this year. I clicked the link in the post and discovered that the alignment of the setting sun with the Infinite Corridor has been measured and modeled for decades. Turns out, the predicted dates for this winter’s perfect alignment — when the setting sun would be visible from the very end of the Infinite, in Building 8 — were November 10-12. So, of course, I set a reminder in my calendar and grabbed a camera when the first predicted time arrived.

The sunlight splashed through the windows, as expected, and threw some gorgeous oranges and yellows across the marble of Lobby 7. I squinted into the light, raised my camera to my face, and felt mildly guilty for being THAT person who stops in the middle of the Infinite.

Institute Double Take

By Megan Prakash

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MIT students take to the runway on Friday, Nov. 14 in Walker for the annual KATwalk, a benefit fashion show organized by the sisters of Kappa Alpha Theta, featuring outfits from boutiques and stores on Newbury Street, the Prudential, and Harvard Square.

1. Wei-En Lee ’16, Daniel R. Chen ’17, and Charles A. Bachmeier ’18 model sportswear from Janil.
2. Laura E. Kelley ’16 models clothing from the Habit line.
3. Ayomide M. Fatunde ’18 showcases an outfit from the Trashion line.
4. Scout F. Brisson ’17 blows a kiss to the audience.
5. Jaaron B. Botello ’15 performs with the Logarhythms.

Photography by Alexander C. Bost
MIT Musical Theatre Guild presents

Legally Blonde

Photography by Landon Carter

MIT students rehearse for Musical Theatre Guild’s rendition of Legally Blonde, which will be showing in La Sala De Puerto Rico Nov. 14–15 & 20–22 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 16 at 2 p.m.

1. Elle Woods’ Greek Chorus performs in Act One of MTG’s Legally Blonde.
2. Noelle A. Colant ’17 performs “Whipped Into Shape” as fitness queen Brooke Wyndham at the start of Act Two of MTG’s Legally Blonde.
4. The students celebrate their graduation from Harvard Law School in the finale of MTG’s Legally Blonde.
Elena Ruehr’s “Cassandra in the Temples” Roomful of Teeth will premiere Ruehr’s new work at MIT

By Denis Bozic
ARTS

Elena Ruehr, who has been a lecturer at MIT in the Department of Music and Theater Arts since 1982, is premiering three new works this fall. Two of these, “Pax” and “It’s About Time,” had their openings in Boston and San Francisco this month, while the third one, an opera titled “Cassandra in the Temples,” will have its opening night in Kresge Auditorium at MIT this Friday.

Ruehr’s work is known for its complex structure, organic music, and diverse collaborations that give her compositions a fresh, dynamic flavor. For the upcoming opera that will premiere at MIT, Ruehr is working with librettist Gretchen Henderson and Grammy Award-winning vocal octet Roomful of Teeth. The Tech talked to Ruehr about this exciting collaboration, inspirations that led her to the creation of this piece, and her artistic beginnings.

“I have many important musical influences,” said Ruehr. “My first love as a child was ballet, and I learned a great deal of ballet music. I also played the piano, taking lessons from my mother who had a background in folk music. She taught me how to write down the music I improvised from a very early age, and also taught me many folk songs. I listened to jazz that my dad played, rock music that my brothers liked, and I studied jazz in high school, with Eddie Russ, as well as composition and piano with a fantastic composer named Melvin Kangas. Ruehr’s father also had an important influence on her choice of career as his musical preferences became a part of Ruehr’s creative core early in her life. Later on, Ruehr got interested in two divergent musical ideas, twelve-tone music and minimalism, whose characteristics still have an impact on Ruehr’s music. This year, Ruehr received the Guggenheim fellowship, which allowed her to take a semester off from teaching and focus on premiering her new works. The three pieces have been written during the last two years, and even though it’s only a coincidence that they are all premiering at the same time, Ruehr admits that the timing for rehearsals and concerts is keeping her busy. “It’s About Time” premiered this Sunday in San Francisco, and just as Ruehr got home, Roomful of Teeth arrived at MIT to premiere “Cassandra in the Temples.”

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**The Grammy Award-winning vocal octet, Roomful of Teeth, was chosen to premiere Elena Ruehr’s new opera.**

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**CAMPUS ARTS**
Hey, Atoms: What Have You Done For Me Lately?

The age of materials design and how it will change the energy world.

Professor Jeffrey C. Grossman
Professor of Materials Science and Engineering
Department of Materials Science and Engineering

Understanding, inventing, and engineering mechanisms and materials for production, storage, and transport of energy are among the greatest challenges of the 21st century. Materials-driven advances are key to technologies that counter the deleterious environmental and political impacts of the world’s long-standing reliance on fossil fuels. Current renewable energy conversion and storage technologies are either too expensive or too inefficient or both. Materials science and engineering is at the core of the energy challenge: many key mechanisms that convert and store energy are dominated by the intrinsic properties of the active materials involved. Our imperative is to predict, identify, and manufacture new materials as comprehensively and rapidly as possible to enable game-changing forward leaps rather than our current path of incremental advances. This lecture will discuss the impact of materials design on the energy world.

The Wulff Lecture is an introductory, general audience, entertaining lecture that aims to educate, inspire, and encourage MIT undergraduates to take up study of materials science and engineering and related fields. The lecture is intended for the entire MIT community, particularly freshmen. The Wulff Lecture honors the late Professor John Wulff, a skilled, provocative, and entertaining teacher who conceived of a new approach to teaching general chemistry and inaugurated the popular freshman subject 3.091 Introduction to Solid State Chemistry.
Danielle Guichard-Ashbrook made those from afar feel welcome, helped navigate law for international students, " said Steven Lerman, a former vice chancellor at MIT who is now provost at George Washington University. "She would just go out of her way to find ways of making them welcome."

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In addition to her husband and children, Ms. Guichard-Ashbrook leaves a granddaughter; her parents, who live in Medford, Ore.; and three sisters, Elizabeth Hilfand (of Bloomington, Ill.), Peg Watters of Phoenix, and Natalie Milby of Rockford, Ill.

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"One thing will stay with me for the rest of my life," she added. "Just a couple of years ago Danielle was very ill and really without a whole lot of energy. And kind of out of the clear blue sky, she started singing 'Love Is a Rose,' and she had a very beautiful singing voice. It was so striking."

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Guichard-Ashbrook, from Page 1

want it to end."

Ms. Guichard-Ashbrook brought to her life an appreciation for detail that amplified every gesture and elevated each moment. It was as if she viewed the world through a prism that was once pragmatic and poetic.

“She gave me an appreciation for how powerful it can be to make every minute of your life beautiful,” said her other son, Ben of Los Angeles.

“She taught me how to love and poetic. As if she viewed the world through a prism that was at once pragmatic and elevated each moment. It was a prism that was so powerful that it’s bigger than time, bigger than death. And because she gave me that, I feel I can still have her present in my life. She’s living through me; she’s with me. It’s the greatest gift I could ever have received.”

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Some students say dormitory security is ‘broken’

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to Random Hall and East Campus discussion forums and other relevant lists, Random Hall resident David Kaufman ’16 wrote, “Not all students are so accepting of surprise parental visits. And I’m sure most of us think that parents of non-Randomites don’t have any business walking into the building unaccompanied.”

“Not all students are comfortable having their parents enter their living space,” added Samuel Dukhovni ’17 in the same email thread, the various branches of which had 100 or more posts in total. “This could present serious risks to student security in the case of abusive parents.”

The discussion about dorm security during Parents’ Weekend expanded to related issues, such as having security cameras posted around the entrances of residence halls as well as difficulties faced by residents trying to enter their dorms without their student ID.

Students also brought up concerns about hired security guards replacing the student desk workers that some preferred in smaller dorm communities.

Many of the issues discussed centered around East Campus and Random Hall, but the conversation also included problems faced by MacGregor and Next residents.

A Facebook group called “MIT Dorm Security Is Broken” was created in September and has over 150 members. According to the group’s description, it is meant to help MIT students share their experiences with dorm security, as well as discuss potential policies to address aspects of dorm security many students dislike.

The creator of the Facebook group, Morris Alper ’16, said in an email to The Tech that he created the group because he felt that students from all dorms needed a forum to discuss improving dorm security.

He added that the ongoing problems with dorm security are nothing new and that some students have not been able to access the MacGregor convenience store or have had to personally escort guests even if they were already on a guest list.

“I think it’s important for us to do this because as of yet the MIT administration has not been receptive to our complaints, and I want to show them that we are more than a few isolated individuals and that we have real constructive advice to give,” Alper said in an email to The Tech.

Dorm security was also the subject of a WMBR segment Monday evening.

A separate mailing list, mitdormsec@mit.edu, was also created so that students could share their ideas about dorm security without adding to traffic on residence hall email lists.
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MIT eclipses tourney at Brown
Ballroom Dance team takes competition by storm

By Amy Fan
TEXAS HOMESTYLE

Over Veterans’ Day weekend, the MIT Ballroom Dance Team (MITBDT) again sent its dancers to the top of the finals at Brown University’s 12th Annual Ballroom Competition.

In addition to winning the Christina Cryan Newcomer Team Match for the eleventh year in a row, MITBDT’s roosters dominated the finals in their second competition this season, taking the majority of the finalist spots.

Throughout the competition, Matthew L. Curato ‘17 with Rachael Schwortz (Wellesley ‘16) and Amanand F. Padron ‘18 with Amber T. Guo ‘18 vied for first place at the Newcomer level across all styles. Curato and Schwartz placed first in all Rhythm and Latin events, while Padron and Guo placed first across all Smooth and Standard events. Also of note, Dihil A. Bates G and Laura Justin-Lipschitz ‘16 placed in finals across all Newcomer events.

Although the day began with rhythm events, the bulk of the veteran dancers did not compete until the Smooth and Standard events. At the Bronze level, Daniel R. Chen ‘17 and Casey R. Crownhart ‘17 took first place across all events for both Smooth and Standard styles. Jacky Chen G and Francesca Y. Majali ‘17 finished close behind at second place: Vitaly Abdrashitov G and Amy S. Ishiguro ‘18, and Corey A. Cleveland ‘17 and Clio Flikkema (Wellesley ‘17) placed across all Silver Smooth and Standard events, with Abdrashitov and Ishiguro taking first place in International Waltz, Quickstep and Cleveland and Flikkema winning International Tango and Foxtrot.

Although only a couple couples competed at the highest levels in Standard and Smooth, all dancers placed in the-finals. Dilip J. Thetkoodam SM ‘14 and Amy C. Fun ‘15 took home first place in all Smooth events for MITBDT, Ross E. Finnman G with partner J. Shihon, and Thetkoodam and Fun also took two of the five finalist spots in all Gold/Standard events.

The highlight of the Standard and Smooth events came as Benjamin R. Moss PhD ‘14 and Esther Rheinbay, beloved amateur coaches, took to the floor for the Open Standard events amongst the choirs of the entire team. Moss and Rheinbay won first place after performing a stunning Open five-dance.

Finally, the long day ended with MIT taking Latin events by storm. In addition to rookies taking six of the seven finalist places, MITBDT members came out on top for all Silver and Gold events. Aaron Beul and Amy Yuan (Wellesley ‘16) placed first in Silver, with MITBDT Captain Jorge Valdez G and partner Laura J. Petrovich G, and Cleveland and Flikkema rounding out the top three. Finishing up the night, Brian R. Solomon G and Jessica Ber- nier SM ‘11 placed first in Gold Latin.

Team excited for next season
Mountain bike team hopes to continue successful run

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momentum over the summer during a weekend training camp. Over 25 MIT students, affiliates, and friends headed up to the beautiful trails of Vermont to train with their coach, also known as “Coach Pat.” New members were encouraged to attend this training weekend, in addition to a training clinic held on campus in September. From beginners to sea- soned veterans, all learned new skills and techniques that served them well in the upcoming season.

One of the pinnacles of the sea- son was another first in a long time for the team: hosting MIT’s very own mountain bike race weekend. Much is required to host a race, including building the race courses and arrange logistics to ensure that over 300 collegiate racers from all over New England race safely and fairly, all while having fun. Thanks to the tremendous efforts of veteran mem- bers Michael B. Eck ‘15 and Luke C. Flikkema ‘14, the team was able to pull off a very successful weekend.

“My favorite weekend was defi- nitely the race weekend we hosted, where the team came together to put on our first mountain bike race in at least six years,” said Eck. “It was really fun to hear rave reviews of the courses, but it was even better to have the whole team of over 25 people crammed into a tiny house for two nights of great hanging out.”

Although the mountain biking season has ended, team members are already looking forward to next season. They hope to continue their streak of success, not only in winning trophies but also in spreading their love of mountain biking. As team member Jennifer L. Wilson G put it, “Mountain biking seems to be about big kids behaving like little kids. You’re out in the woods, getting dirty and being completely careless.”

MIT wins NEFC
MIT will face Husson in first round of the NCAA playoffs

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10 again. The result was the same as Justin R. Wallace ‘15 started the drive with a 13- yard gain. Williams completed a key 20-yard pass on a 3rd and 17 to Seve A. Esparrago ‘16 to keep the drive alive. Then capped it off with a 30-yard toss to Varady to make it 17-0. MIT’s defense then struck on the third play of the next Coast Guard drive when Cameron L. Wagar ‘15 inter- cepted a pass from Derek Vic- tory and returned it 39 yards for a score to put the Engi- neers up 24-0 with 3:15 left in the half.

Coast Guard came to life in the second half, with Vic- tory completing 14 of 23 at- tempts in the third quarter for 129 yards and one score. The Bears’ defense also stepped up, holding MIT to just 31 yards in the third. midway through the quarter Victory found Bryan Popp from three yards out to cap a 10-play, 53-yard drive to put the first points of the evening on the board for the Bears.

Quarterback Callins Brown on a key 39-yard pass play late in the third that keyed another Coast Guard scor- ing drive. This one took just 1:25, and nine seconds into the fourth quarter victory hit Godby Holloway from 12 yards out to make it 24-13.

MIT drove deep into Coast Guard territory midway through the quarter to try and seal the win, but Wil- liams was picked off by Mark Rohne to stymie the attempt.

MIT drove into scoring posi- tion again, but this time was thwarted when Cheyne’s 42- yard field goal attempt was blocked with four minutes left.

Coast Guard picked up their first down on its own 44 on the ensuing drive, but three plays later Anthony M. Em- bley ‘17 intercepted Victory at midfield and the Engineers were able to run out the clock and take home the victory.

Wallace finished with 115 yards to lead the MIT ground game, while Williams com- pleted 19 of 35 attempts for 241 yards and the two scores. Esparrago led the receivers with 144 yards on nine catch- es for MIT, which outgained Coast Guard by a 48-24 total margin. Victory completed 21 of 44 for 173 yards and two scores, with Popp grabbing five passes and Brown four more for 66 yards.

Vicario Zizzari led all players with 12 tackles for Coast Guard. Wagar led MIT with eight stops and the in- terception while breaking up another pass attempt.

MIT, which has also earned its first-ever bid to the NCAA Division III Foot- ball Championship as NEFC champion, will learn where it falls in the playoff bracket tomorrow when the team gathers in Rockwell Cage on the MIT campus to watch the NCAA selection show at 6 p.m.
MIT wins ATP Finals No. 2 Roger Federer forced to pull out, giving No. 1 Djokovic the title in anticlimactic finish

By Soupmo Ghosh
SPORTS WRITER

The Barclays ATP World Tour Finals in London came to an anticlimactic end as World No. 2 and six-time champion Roger Federer had to pull out of the final, as he wasn’t match-fit, giving Djokovic his third consecutive ATP Finals title. Having shared a staggering 9 out of the last 11 ATP Finals title between them, Djokovic and Federer (ranked No. 1 and 2 in the world currently) seemed destined for another historic final since the start of the tournament. Djokovic breezed through the round robin stage winning all three games in straight sets including a 6-3 6-0 over reigning Australian Open Champion Stanislas Wawrinka. Federer was equally dominant in his group, progressing to the semi-finals without dropping a set, including a 6-6 6-1 walloping of local hero Andy Murray. The semi-finals proved to be sterner tests for both stalwarts. After coasting through the first set, Djokovic was clearly unsettled by the crowd in the second allowing Japanese sensation Kei Nishikori to force a decider. However, Djokovic settled down to claim the final set 6-0 and clinch a place in the final for the third year running. Federer had to survive four match points against fellow Swiss compatriot Stanislas Wawrinka before clinching a 4-6 7-5 7-6 (8/6) victory in a match that lasted almost three hours. Wawrinka served for the set in the decider and blew chances in the tie-breaker in the third-set before Federer closed out the match to set up a mouth-watering tie against Djokovic.

With Federer having edged Djokovic 3-2 in meetings this year and Djokovic having clinched the World No. 1 and the Wimbledon title in an epic five-setter against the Swiss, the script could not have been better written as the magnificent O2 Arena in London got set to host its sixth straight final, to only meet a most unfortunate end with Federer personally addressing the expectant crowd explaining how despite the best efforts including painkillers, rest, and training, he was unable to get match-fit. Over in the men’s doubles section the Bryan brothers maintained their dominance, securing their fourth consecutive championship at the season-ending final. In a year in which they clinched a record 10th title by winning the US Open, Bob and Mike Bryan had to come back from a set down against Ivan Dodig and Marcelo Melo to clinch the title 6-7(5) 6-2 10-7.

MIT ends terrific season Mountain bike team demonstrates strength by winning Division II Team Omnium trophy

By Beth Hadley
TEAM KOSMO KATIVKE

This fall, at the yearly Eastern Collegiate Cycling Conference Regional Championships, the MIT Mountain Bike team won the Division II Team Omnium trophy. The Team Omnium award is earned by winning the most points overall and demonstrates the combined strength of all members on the team. While the MIT Cycling Team has a long history of winning team omniums in each of the other three cycling disciplines (road, cyclocross, and track), this fall the team made history by winning in its traditionally weakest discipline — mountain biking.

“Our team philosophy purports to the fact that we strive to have fun, learn, engage in physical activity and enjoy life while riding our mountain bikes,” said Coach Constantine Psimopoulos.

“If the outcome of this joyful behavior and activity happens to be winning 1st place in the Collegiate Team Omnium Eastern Conference, then that is even better!”

This philosophy of having fun while still pushing limits is what makes the MIT Mountain Bike team so attractive to a variety of people. This year the team achieved their team goal of doubling in size; of the 21 students who raced this season, 47 percent had never raced mountain bikes before, and many didn’t own bikes of their own — nearly half rented from the MIT Outing Club.

As new member Dirk G. Stahlecker ’16 said, “I felt welcome even though I’d never done anything like this before, and everyone was so encouraging. It felt like a great community of passionate people doing something they love!”

The mountain bike team might be one of MIT’s hidden gems, but to its 20-plus members, it is more than a little lifestyle. During six weekends this fall, the team embarked on cycling adventures to remote locations of New England to race in the Eastern Collegiate Cycling Conference.

“More endurance sports of all types, but I particularly enjoy mountain biking because it combines elements of cardiovascular fitness with technical bike-handling,” said Zeb Hanley ’16, a racer for over 6 years.

The season began with tremendous

Football team earns historic 9-0 record

MIT rolls past Coast Guard 24-13

By Phil Hess
SPORTS WRITER

In front of an enthusiastic home crowd on Senior Night, the MIT football team completed its historic regular season with a 24-13 victory over the U.S. Coast Guard Academy on Saturday, Nov. 14 in a New England Football Conference (NEFC) contest. The win gave the Engineers the first, nine-game, undated regular season in school history. MIT scored all 24 points in the first half, including a pair of touchdowns passed from senior Peter J. Williams ’15 to Nathan H. Varady ’16.

MIT (9-0, 7-0 NEFC) took the opening kickoff and drove down the field, getting a first and goal on the Coast Guard 10-yard line. But a pair of incomplete passes stalled the drive and the Engineers settled for a 24-yard field goal from Tucker T. Chestny ’17.

That proved to be all the scoring in the first quarter. MIT’s defense held Coast Guard (3-7, 2-5 NEFC) in check in the entire first half, allowing the Bears just 25 yards of offense and just one first down. After Coast Guard’s second stalled drive of the game, Tylen Hennings’ punt pinned MIT back on its own six with less than five minutes left in the quarter. The Engineers picked up a first down in just two plays and marched steadily down the field, eventually scoring on a 13-yard Williams to Varady play at the 13:12 mark of the second quarter that completed a 17-play, 94-yard drive that consumed 6:46.

After holding Coast Guard on its next drive, MIT’s offense went back to work from inside its own

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Tuesday, November 18
Squash vs. Tufts University
7 p.m., Zesiger Center

Nikhil Pumwanyi ’17 competes in Squash’s first match of the season against BU. He would go on to win in 3 games, while MIT won 8-1 overall.