Faculty briefed on shortage of 500–600 grad dorm beds

Graduate Student Housing Working Group, led by Phil Clay, calls for new construction and leases

By Sara Hess

The Graduate Student Housing Working Group continues to solicit feedback on a January draft report, which says that the unmet demand for on-campus graduate student housing totals approximately 500-600 beds.

Phillip Clay PhD ’75, a professor in the Department of Urban Studies and Planning, former chancellor at MIT, and chair of the Working Group, announced these initial findings at the Institute faculty meeting last Wednesday.

Clay also shared the Working Group’s initial suggestions to address the shortage and improve graduate student housing through new construction and leases from the private market.

Responding to concerns that new development in the Kendall Square area will ignore a housing squeeze in Cambridge, MIT officials involved in the planned revamp of east campus have often cited the Working Group as evidence of MIT’s commitment to addressing housing needs.

The Working Group determined the unmet demand by examining the waitlist for graduate housing as well as a survey of graduate students housed on and off campus.

Approximately 38 percent of graduate students live on campus at present. “We believe that rents in the surrounding area will continue to go up in coming years,” Clay said. “There will be a de-
Most Democrats want Clinton to run in 2016

More than 8 in 10 Democrats say they want Hillary Rodham Clinton to run for president in 2016, showing a level of interest in her that no other potential candidates — Democrat or Republican — can come close to matching among their party's voters, according to a New York Times/CBS News Poll.

The potential candidates drawing the most interest after Clinton are Vice President Joe Biden, former Gov. Jeb Bush of Florida and Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky. For each of them, about 40 percent of Democrats say they hope he or she will run.

In 2008, both Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York were believed to be likely candidates.

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Merkel warns Britain not to expect too much from the E.U.

By Stephen Castle and Katrin Bennhold

LONDON — Given red-carpet treatment in London, Chancellor Angela Merkel described her talks with Prime Minister David Cameron as productive, even though she confirmed that the German leader had rejected the South Korean government’s latest request to help South Korea’s nuclear program.

The talks, which were held at the behest of the South’s National Intelligence Service and helped arrange North Korea’s release of Kenneth Bae, a U.S. citizen, from a North Korean prison, were described by sources close to the German leader as “very intense” and “very serious.”

Merkel became the first German chancellor to address both houses of the British parliament, giving a speech in the House of Commons and the House of Lords. In her speech, she called for a “new form of transatlantic cooperation” and said that the two nations should work together to address some of the most pressing issues of our time, including climate change and global security.

The visit comes amid increasing tensions between the two countries over issues such as trade, immigration, and security. German and British officials have been working to improve their bilateral relationship, which has been strained in recent years.

Merkel said that the two nations should continue to work closely on matters of mutual concern, but that they also need to be prepared to disagree on some issues. She added that the two countries should be willing to speak their minds to each other, even when those views are not shared.

During the visit, Merkel met with Cameron and other members of the British government, including Foreign Secretary William Hague and Defense Secretary Liam Fox. She also attended a lunch at the Home Office, where she met with Home Secretary Theresa May.

On the second day of her visit, Merkel will meet with the leaders of the two countries’ political parties, including Labour leader Ed Miliband and Liberal Democrat leader Nick Clegg. The talks are expected to focus on a range of issues, including the economy, the eurozone crisis, and foreign policy.

Merkel is scheduled to leave London on Thursday, after a week of meetings and events. She is expected to return to Germany on Friday.

The New York Times

Federal judge strikes down Texas ban on same-sex marriage

By Manu Fernandez

HOUSTON — A federal judge in Texas struck down the state’s ban on same-sex marriage Wednesday, ruling that the law violates gay couples’ right to equal treatment under the Constitution.

The decision was a victory for same-sex couples in Texas and a blow to the conservative movement that has been working to limit the rights of gay and lesbian Americans across the country.

In January 2013, Cameron promised that, if re-elected, he would strengthen the relationship with France and shared some of his worries about the rise of populism in Europe and about the continent’s financial stability. But analysts say there is a limit to the influence Cameron can have over the EU at this stage. The referendum on whether to stay in the EU is due to take place in October 2017, and the country’s ties to the European Union will be under intense scrutiny.

The New York Times

New FDA labels would make serving sizes reflect actual servings

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration on Friday, February 28, 2014, announced rules that would require food labels to reflect the actual serving sizes of common foods, making the labels more accurate and useful for consumers.

The new rules, which are expected to go into effect in 2015, will require food manufacturers to use more realistic serving sizes on their labels, rather than the size of a serving that is determined by a formula based on the caloric content of the food. This will help consumers make more informed decisions about their food choices.

The new rules will also require food manufacturers to provide more detailed information about the nutritional content of their products, including the number of calories, the amount of fat, and the amount of sugar. This will help consumers make more informed decisions about their food choices and help them maintain a healthy diet.

The new rules are part of a broader effort by the FDA to improve the accuracy and usefulness of food labels, which have been criticized in the past for being misleading and confusing. The new rules are expected to go into effect in 2015, and food manufacturers will have until 2017 to comply with the new requirements.

The New York Times

Mental illness risk higher for children of older fathers

Children born to middle-aged men are more likely than those born to younger fathers to develop a range of mental disorders, including attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, autism, and schizophrenia, according to the most comprehensive study to date of the link between age at fatherhood and mental health.

The new report, which looked at many mental disorders in Sweden, found that the risk of developing these conditions was higher for children born to middle-aged fathers than for children born to younger fathers. This risk increased with the age of the father, and was highest for children born to fathers in their late 50s.

The study, which was published in the journal JAMA Psychiatry, is the first to look at the link between paternal age and mental health disorders in a large, representative sample of children. It builds on previous studies that have found a link between paternal age and mental health risks, but has been limited by the small sample sizes of previous studies.

The researchers controlled for a variety of factors that could influence the relationship between paternal age and mental health, including family background, socioeconomic status, and other factors that could affect the health of the child.

They found that the risk of developing mental health disorders was higher for children born to fathers in their late 50s than for children born to fathers in their 30s or 40s. This risk increased with the age of the father, and was highest for children born to fathers in their late 50s.

The study is an important step forward in understanding the link between paternal age and mental health, and will help to inform future research on this topic. It is also a reminder of the importance of understanding the factors that contribute to mental health disorders, and of the need for more research on this important topic.

The New York Times

North Korea displays another captured missionary

By Choe Sang-hun

SEOUL, South Korea — A South Korean Baptist missionary held in North Korea for eight months in 2013 was released Saturday, according to South Korean police and a source close to the missionary.

The missionary, Joon Sung-ik, 50, had been held in North Korea for eight months in 2013 and was released Saturday morning. He had been arrested in the North Korean city of Kanggye and was slated to be released to South Korea.

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Don't Divest
Fossil Free MIT and mitocic thinking on climate change

By Ravi Charan, John W. Halloran Jr., and Jackie Han

Recently Fossil Free MIT (FFMIT), an MIT student group, has circulated a petition, now with over 2,000 signatures, urging the Institute to cease the investment of its endowment in fossil fuel companies. FFMIT is one chapter of Fossil Free, a multinationial organization that advocates divestment to facilitate broader divestment among institutions that serve the public good. Their ultimate goal is to influence legislation that would implement measures to limit global temperature increase to 2 degrees Celsius. While their aspirations are admirable, their strategy is unlikely to work, and their efforts would be better spent ad- vocating clean energy in other ways. Worse, their misguided advocacy could have negative repercussions for MIT and others.

While Fossil Free argues that MIT’s di- vestment would have meaningful, cascading impacts, their plan is economically limited. Even if others were also called to divest—a claim that warrants skepticism—investors with a conscience (e.g. public pension funds and universities) together are too small to create a substantive economic effect. To be fair to the folks at Fossil Free, MIT presumably understood this. They argue that divestiture would stig- mata fossil fuel companies and create the “political breathing room” necessary to effect real change. Yet, there is no viable alternative to using oil and gas in the near future, so this campaign cannot free us from global economic dependency, even if universally embraced. FFMIT’s goals, even if achieved, are largely symbolic, whereas the drawbacks are very real.

When FFMIT argues on its website that “will force some of the most powerful and influential people in the country” to think about how to deal with global climate change—the Carbon Question—they ignore that such people (including MIT faculty) are already doing so. Perhaps they are just prophetically creat- ing a sense of urgency. But the unavoidable point is that existing means cannot imme- diately solve the problems of worldwide carbon emissions. The MIT Energy Conference- ence this past weekend, for example, pres- ents a snapshot of how complex the question is. Further still, it’s not clear how divestment communicates urgency to leg- islators who don’t believe in global climate change in the first place.

Instead, these students’ passion would be better spent joining such efforts and promoting clean energy. MIT is a leader in developing the technologies that are more likely to solve the Carbon Question (and soften the transition to clean energy) than FFMIT’s politically fraught policy agenda. In 2006, the Institute launched the MIT Energy Initiative (MITEI), which has been enormously successful in organizing MIT’s research talents and funds around a policy and technology goal. For a university so intertwined with energy policy, biting our thumbs at the oil and gas companies is likely to have repercus- sions at MIT and interfere with existing Institute efforts to develop clean energy technology. The reason MIT is at the fore- front of climate science is because we have such vast resources, many provided by fos- sil fuel corporations—and including multi- million dollar contributions to MITEI from the likes of BP and Shell. MITEI funds 300 principal investigators from 22 depart- ments and 22 labs and centers for energy research, analysis, and engagement, accord- ing to the 2012 MITEI Annual Report. Billion- dollar petrochemicals would detract from MIT’s ability to perform such vital functions.

Indeed, divesting the endowment from fossil fuel-related companies is likely to be highly hypocritical if MIT continues to receive huge from these very corporations to fund energy research. And we doubt many would argue that a symbolic gesture of MIT’s supposed detachment from the in- dustry is worth giving up the research these companies fund.

FFMIT presumably advocates MIT’s complete detachment from the fossil fuel industry. But keeping top MIT scientists and engineers involved with such corpo- rations will help reduce the environmen- tal harm caused by fossil fuels, because cutting-edge extraction technologies often do less environmental damage than crude versions.

And while Fossil Free aims to ostracize all fossil fuel companies, many are also ex- tracting natural gas, the use of which has drastically reduced US carbon emissions in the last 5 years. Indeed, many consider it a medium-term answer to the Carbon Ques- tion and part of a realistic transition to a sustainable energy future. We reasonably worry that support for natural gas might dimin- ish development of even cleaner energy sources. However, this criticism can hardly be leveled at MIT, where clean energy re- search continues unabated and even aided by fossil fuel companies.

To be clear, we wholeheartedly accept the science behind climate change, but we believe that Fossil Free is dominated by Mind anti-carbonists. Instead, the ultimate goal is overall human welfare. We advocate a pragmatist approach that priori- tizes human well-being in the short-, me- dium-, and long-term. Such an approach includes feasibility, sustainability, and prosperity as guiding principles.

Poor tactics and dramatic rhetoric will only alienate those who might otherwise avoid moderates, and waste the efforts of scientists, engineers, and others who have tried to find one of our greatest global challenges. We urge you not to sign FFMIT’s petition.

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In the caption to the front page picture of Acatar C-MOD in the Tuesday, Feb. 25 issue of The Tech, Massachusetts State Representative Jay Livingstone was incorrectly referenced as a Massachusetts Congressman. We regret the error.
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**Tech Shuttle**

I sympathize with the TPP protagonist because I, too, have progressed through a surprising number of stages of life despite spending entire days stuck against simple obstacles.

UPPERCUT by Steve Sullivan

[Comic strips with characters discussing food and a date]

First Date

So, did you grow up around here?
I love you...

Why are you up here?
I'm stuck.

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by Randall Munroe

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Boston Fashion

Designer Lori Kyler Christensen talks about designing clothes and fashion trends

By Chennah Heroor

While it still seems like winter outside, spring is just around the corner. Luckily, Lori Kyler Christensen began showing pieces from her label Venni Caprice's Spring/Summer 2014 collection last week (http://www.vennicaprice.com). Christensen's line is filled with fun dresses and bohemian prints. While the adventurous designs are not for everyone, Christensen also had some interesting insights into the clothing design process. The Tech had the opportunity to view Christensen's collection for Venni Caprice and ask her about her designing process.

**The Tech:** What inspired your collection?

**Lori Kyler Christensen:** I started from the fabrics. I had probably three fabrics prior to the collection that I was holding on to. I already had a few pieces worked around the fabrics, and everything else came together harmoniously. I was very happy with my designs. My line has pieces that are very casual for day wear, but you can add a heel or belt to wear them at night.

Christensen says that her line has casual pieces for day wear, but many can be dressed up with a belt or heel.

**The Tech:** What is your design process like? Do you sketch your pieces?

**LKC:** I don't really sketch! I just make things. I view my sample pieces as my sketch. I've found that I just need to keep my idea in my head. I try to apply the styles I've used in the past, and build from my fabrics. This line was the first time that I've created clothes using a whole roll of fabric, and I've liked how my pieces came out.

**The Tech:** How long have you been making clothes?

**LKC:** I've been making clothes since high school. I've been selling my clothes intermittently for the last 6 to 7 years, and I've officially launched my line [Venni Caprice] this year.

**The Tech:** What sort of trends do you see in clothing?

**LKC:** One of the trends I've been pushing is mixing prints. I didn't do it as much at first, because I have to design my pieces 6 months in advance, and I wasn't sure if I'd still be able to find my fabrics again. But I've been dabbling in mixing fabrics for my collection. One fabric makes a pretty piece, but two fabrics really stand out.

**The Tech:** For a college student, perhaps on a smaller budget, what are some affordable looks?

**LKC:** Most of my pieces range from $120 to $170. But I have pieces online and at my shows that are about $40, and these smaller runs are totally affordable for a smaller budget.

**The Tech:** Do you think Boston will have a Fashion week in the future, like New York City or Paris?

**LKC:** We had a show last week at the Emerald Hotel. It was cool, but we'd need something more structured in the future. But I definitely think that Boston could take off and be a hub for fashion.
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It is MIT policy to allow employees time off with pay to donate blood at the drives that are sponsored on campus.

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MIT fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups report fall semester GPA data

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The Division for Student Life released its Fall 2013 grade report for fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups on Wednesday. The average GPA for sorority sisters in the Fall 2013 semester was 4.46. The average GPA for fraternity brothers was 4.33. The average GPA for members of independent living groups was 4.44. The average GPA of all FSILGs was 4.38. Between Spring 2012 and Fall 2013, pika fell from 1st place to 25th place. In the same time, Tau Epsilon Phi rose from 14th place to 1st place. MIT has 39 FSILGs.

MIT fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups report fall semester GPA data

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Graduate Student Housing Working Group now recommends 500–600 new beds of grad housing
Survey data revealed most graduate students are satisfied with on-campus housing

Graduate housing, from Page 1
crease in the availability of afford-
able housing units, leading to an
increase in demand for graduate
student housing.”

The Graduate Student Housing
Working Group was convened by
MIT to evaluate the current usage
of graduate student housing, as
well as student satisfaction with
housing. The Group's primary ob-
jectives were to look at the ways
current graduate housing does or
does not meet the Institute’s needs
and to determine opportunities
for improvement going forward.
Survey data revealed a "high
level" of graduate student satis-
faction with on-campus housing,
with some exceptions.
International students and stu-
dents with families felt "less well
served and more constrained in
their options," according to Clay's
presentation. "International stu-
dents can't come before moving
here to look for housing," Clay
elaborated. These families also
struggle according to Clay because
in some cases the spouse may not
have a legal right to work in the
U.S., and a married student can't
just take in roommates to help al-
leviate costs.”

Graduate students housed in
Tang, Edgerton, and Westgate also
reported greater dissatisfaction.
Clay pointed out that Tang and
Westgate are targeted for renova-
tions in the near future.

Clay said the Working Group explored
options for expanding graduate housing
besides the option to build more units.

"We recommend adding 500–600 beds in graduate housing,
either by constructing new apart-
ments (non-traditional dorms) with units ranging from micro-
units to 1–2 bedroom units, or by
leasing from the private market.
In the Q-and-A session following
the presentation, Clay affirmed
that MIT had leased housing units
in the past and that it would be
an option in the future. The group
ruled out other options, such as
providing graduate students with
cash subsidies to lease from the
private market.

Clay also saw a need to explore
mixed-use housing options. "Spe-
cial places around the world are
often mixed-use," Clay said, em-
phasizing the Group's view that
graduate student housing could
contribute to the goal of turning
east campus — MIT's corner of
Kendall Square — into a "strong
place" with an MIT identity.”

In addition to the 500–600 beds of
graduate student housing re-
quired, the Working Group said
that the Institute would need 400
beds of "swing space" to accom-
modate students, while several
residence halls, including Tang
and Westgate, are being renovated.
The Working Group predicted that
even when renovations finished,
the 400 beds of swing space could
still be used before the end of the
decade to meet growing demand
for graduate student housing as
the market in Cambridge contin-
ues to become more constrained.

Provost Martin A. Schmidt
PhD '88 said in an email to fac-
ulty that the Working Group’s fi-
nal report would be issued "in the
mid-spring.”

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Information Session:
Monday, March 3,
5:30pm–7pm in 1-135.
Bexley demolition approvals needed

Members of first advisory group felt that their impact was limited

Bexley, from Page 1 completed.”

He also mentioned that a committee comprised of students and others, would be established to examine all options to restore lost housing. Chancellor Cynthia Barnhart PhD ’98 will assume the responsibility of coordinating the activities of the group. The outlined duties of this new group are similar to those of the Bexley Advisory Group organized last summer by Facilities, Grimson, and Constantinos Colombo, the dean for student life.

The Bexley Advisory Group was assembled to provide counsel on what would be done given the structural problems in Bexley Hall. Its main charge was to provide feedback to the Institute about the advantages and disadvantages of various options for Bexley, and to add anything it would be this: It presented with information on the structural problems of Bexley. “In fact, this decision was the recommendation that Bexley should be demolished,” wrote Kristjan E. Kaseniit ’14 in an email to the Tech. “In fact, this decision was made outside the group, roughly a month before that last meeting, or were they consulted on the recommendation made by Facilities to demolish the dorm. “The group had no role in deciding the recommendation that Bexley should be demolished,” wrote Kristjan E. Kaseniit ’14 in an email to the Tech. “In fact, this decision was made outside the group, roughly a month before that last meeting, between Dean Colombo, Facilities, Chancellor Grimson, and possibly others. This was evident from a draft of a press release prematurely (accidentally) shared with the rest of the Advisory Group. At the final meeting of the Advisory Group we were pre- sented with the press release, which turned out to contain gross mistakes, most prominently that we, the whole group, were presented with cost analyses of various options for Bexley. We asked whether we could be given these analyses or if the statement could be removed, but neither request was granted.”

Although the press release was amended accordingly sometime after being published, a previous version had claimed that “[the group was presented with information on the steps taken by Facilities to investigate temporary housing, and the projected costs and complexities of renovating Bexley or replacing it in its current location.” Kaseniit had said these specific costs were not discussed with the group.

Three other members of the Advisory Group, Noga Feinberg ’15, Christopher J. Sarabalis ’14, and Nicholas M. Brown ’14, agreed that the meetings consisted of presentations on the structural problems of Bexley, rather than discussions concerning how the administration and the MIT community would face the challenges of restoring or replacing the dorm.

Additionally, the student members said these specific costs were not discussed. Colombo, who chaired the Bexley Advisory Group, wrote in an email that “[the recommendation to demolish the building was made to the Institute’s senior leadership based on information from Facilities’ extensive investigations of the building.” However, he assured that the student members were very helpful in finalizing some issues related to Bexley.

Many of Bexley’s former residents hope that their dorm will continue to thrive, whether it will go so in a renovated Bexley or in a replacement dorm. In an email to the Tech, Sarabalis said, “I’ll had to add anything it would be this: It upsets me when I meet freshmen who will never know how well they would have fit in and been both challenged and supported by the Bexley community.

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MIT men’s volleyball team takes down No. 1 New Paltz
Matchup with No. 2 Juniata College coming up

By Mindy Brauer

In a back-and-forth battle with nationally-ranked No. 1 SUNY New Paltz, the No. 6 MIT men’s volleyball team registred a 25-22, 23-25, 25-22, 17-25, 16-14 victory on Tuesday night. Kenneth M. Siebert ’14 paced the Engineers (12-2, 6-1 UVC) with a match-high 18 kills while Steven Woessner and sophomore Tim Ferriter leading the way with 13 apiece.

The early stages of the third set were closely played, featuring two lead changes.

MIT gradually established a 17-20 advantage in the first set but New Paltz put together a 5-1 spurt to stay within striking distance. The Engineers picked up three of the next four points as errors as a Siebert ace increased their margin to 22-16. Back-to-back kills from sophomore Christopher Husmann sparked a rally that saw the Hawks come within one (23-22) on a block by Husmann and junior John Lutjen. MIT responded with a strike by Andrew A. Busse ’15 and then clinched the set on a New Paltz hitting miscue.

The Cardinal jumped out to a 4-1 lead in the second stanza. Fuelled by strong serving from Ferriter, which included two aces, the Hawks rattled off four straight points and eventually went ahead, 10-7. MIT slowly mounted an 11-5 run as a block by Siebert and freshman Aaron Zalewski (Buffalo Grove, Ill.) gave it an 18-15 edge. New Paltz replied with its second 9-3 streak of the frame, reaching set point on a Husmann block. A kill from Alexander C. Klein ’15 coupled with a hitting error extended the frame but Ferriter thwarted the late rally with a strike of his own.

The early stages of the third set were closely played as it featured two lead changes and eight ties as a Siebert kill evened the score at 11. The Hawks used a Husmann kill and an MIT hitting error to gain some breathing room before creating a 15-12 lead. The Engineers battled back, capitalizing on a Zalewski-Klein block to knot the frame at 17. An exchange of points ensued until a kill from Siebert and an attacking miscue put MIT up, 20-18, and prompted a timeout by the visitors. Following the break, the back-and-forth affair resumed but a pair of errors pushed the Engineers ahead to 23-21. Coming out of its final timeout New Paltz cut its deficit in half on a Woessner blast; however, a Zalewski kill and a ball-handling error by the Hawks gave the hosts the win.

New Paltz put together a 10-7 lead in the fourth set that was narrowed to one point on two occasions, the last at 12-11 on a service error. The Hawks responded by going on a 13-6 run to finish off the frame and force a fifth set.

In the final set, MIT raced out to an 8-3 advantage as a Siebert kill resulted in the changeover. After switching ends, New Paltz registered six of the next eight points with a strike from sophomore Christian Smith closing the gap to 10-8. After a timeout by the Engineers, both sides traded points until a Hawks’ hitting error and a Zalewski gave MIT match point at 14-11. Husmann countered by generating three straight kills to even the frame and force the Engineers to use their last timeout. Once action resumed, a hitting miscue kept MIT in front while a block by Busse and Klein secured the victory.

Klein recorded eight kills and five blocks as Busse posted eight blocks and six kills. Zalewski also registered eight blocks in addition to five kills while Martin J. Krasuski ’17 bolstered the attack with seven kills. Paul M. Suy ’14 tallied 10 assists, 12 digs, and three blocks as Evan P. Wong ’14 notched 12 assists, and five digs. Brendan S. Chang ’16 rounded out the squad with nine digs.

After a timeout by MIT, both sides traded points until a New Paltz hitting error.

Woessner finished with four blocks as Ferriter totaled seven digs and two aces in addition to their team-high attacking performance. Husmann produced 11 kills and six blocks while Victor Tuminelli collected a match-high 16 digs. Smith compiled 28 assists, 11 kills, six digs, and four blocks as Lutjen racked up 25 assists, 10 digs, and three blocks.

Next up for MIT will be a home match against non-conference foe Elmira College on Thursday, Feb. 27. New Paltz returns to action on Saturday, March 1 when it will face No. 2 Juniata College and Thiel College at Vassar College before hosting Vassar and Dominican University the next day.

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