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WEATHER

Warmer weather on the way

By Costa Christopoulos

Slush filled the streets yesterday as temperatures around Boston broke 40°F for the first time since early January. Bostonians have gained a sense of “weather relativity” this week. Some may call the warmer weather a return to normalcy; for others, it’s a heat wave. Most of the brutal weather this winter resulted from a series of persistent troughs over the eastern U.S. Luckily, that pattern has broken down, allowing warmer air to surge northward.

Before you put on shorts and head outside for a bridge loop, prepare for a few more days of sub-freezing highs. A weak cold front is set to bring another shot of cool weather. Temperatures today and tomorrow should top out in the upper 20s°F. Beginning Saturday, daily highs begin to climb as the trough retreats northward. By early next week high temperatures should hover around 40°F! While residents of New England enjoy warmer weather, the southeastern states will be dealing with another winter storm. Snow and ice are expected in areas from Texas to Maryland over the next few days.

Extended Forecast
Today: Overcast, with a high of 29°F. Winds around 10 mph from the West.
Tonight: Clearing, with a low of 10°F. Winds around 10 mph from the West.
Tomorrow: Sunny, with a high of 25°F. NW winds at 5 mph.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high in the mid 30s°F.
Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 38°F.

Situation for Noon Eastern Time, Thursday, March 5, 2015
James R. Killian, Jr.,
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TINY CELLS, GLOBAL IMPACT:
A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY WITH A MICROBE FROM THE SEA

Tuesday, March 10, 2015
4:00 pm
Room 10-250

Sallie “Penny” Chisholm
Lee & Geraldine Martin Professor of Environmental Studies
Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and
Department of Biology

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Dr. William Morokoff, Standard & Poor’s
Managing Director, Quantitative Analytics and Research Group
“Applications of Machine Learning to Credit Risk and Economic Forecasting”

Machine learning techniques hold great promise for applications to credit risk and econometric modeling. However there are a number of special challenges for these areas associated with relatively low frequency data (quarterly or annual) and the need to model the probability of rare events such as investment grade defaults. In this talk we consider a number of applications developed at S&P of machine learning methods including probability of default modeling, credit risk ranking, issuance forecasting, and automated review of regulatory filings. We consider the performance of these models and various challenges arising from data limitations as well as other factors such as calibration to expert judgment. We also consider advantages and disadvantages of different approaches in the context of the examples.

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Lazar, from Page 1

A student who lived on Matthew's floor wrote the following moving letter in reflection.

"Matthew lived on my hall at East Campus. He had always been soft-spoken and diligent, known for focusing intently on his work. I remember meeting Matthew during our half rush, and he was a quiet person even then. But at MIT, it's normal for people to keep to themselves. I remember that residents on this floor often gravitated to the lounge to work or pests for study and when they saw Matthew there, and eventually every chair was occupied. Now many residents on our floor are feeling two pain and loss."

"I have come to realize that people should always endeavor to speak up and to be forthrightly kind. Complimenting people ever now and then is always a good thing to do. Stopping by someone's room— even if they seem a bit occupied—and saying it is always an option. Yes, it's hard to be kind and friendly to everyone, especially if a lot of people know you and you feel like your attention is being divided unevenly or spread too thinly. But you never know the difference a few words could make."

"I told her that I commit to advancing a respectful and caring community, to be a friendly advocate, and to get to know more interaction with faculty members and students see their peers doing amazing things, which causes others to doubt their own competence."


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The Tech community in reflection

Mourning the loss of a fellow staffer

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Iran’s growing nuclear capabilities

The emerging U.S. deal with Iran still risks instability in the Middle East

By Suni Bandler

On Tuesday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjam-
in Netanyahu spoke to Congress about one of the most pressing national security problems facing the United States. He ar-
ticulated an agenda of sending a message to the overseas Jewish commu-
gressmen in both parties and several of the U.S. allies, in support of an emerging nuclear agreement with Iran.

Allowing a country to be “a nuclear-threshold state” has proven dangerous in the past. Even with IAEA inspections, North Korea and Syria failed to divest nuclear capabilities.

With the March 31 deadline to achieve a framework deal approaching, it is almost too late to ensure that Iran will halt its pro-
gress toward going nuclear. What started as a collaboration between the U.S., France, Germany, Russia, and the U.K. to prohibit Iran from acquiring nuclear capa-
bilities has turned into the U.S. working single-handedly against the clock to simply “curb” Iran’s nuclear program in exchange for lifting a limited number of economic sanctions. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger pointed out to The Wall Street Journal on Jan. 30, the whole effort was originally multilateral, led by the European Union and supported by the rest of the world in order to stave off a military nuclear option. “However, Kiss-
ingger added, “These negotiations have now become an essentially bilateral process over the scope of that [nuclear] capability, not its existence.”

A growing number of 450 alumni have signed the petition urging MIT to divest its endowment from fossil fuels. Multi-School Divestment Fund, the pro-
motion of fossil fuel divestment of the endowment. A growing number of professors at MIT have also divested the fossil fuel elements of the Corporation’s portfolio. Mounting evidence shows that carbon emissions are a serious risk to the planet. A few worried about the hypocrisy of acting as a world leader, being the first insti-
the populace on issues that involve science and the environment. As a result of that reputation, MIT has the lives tremendous value from its reputation for scientific excellence.

The strategy of the Obama administration could have massive ramifications for the region as a whole, causing rapid proliferation across the Middle East.

Troublingly, allowing a country to be a “nuclear-threshold state” has proven dangerous in the past. Even at this stage, the U.S. and six other P5 nations have still not signed a framework deal aiming to prevent Iran from pursuing a nuclear weapon.

Dear President Reif,

Human-caused climate change is per-
haps the world’s most urgent challenge of our time. As one of the world’s premier scientific in-
situtions, MIT needs to take a leadership role on many aspects of this funda-
mental scientific and moral issue. Toward that end, we believe it is critical that the MIT administration divest its endowment of fossil fuel holdings. In parallel, our group of MIT alumni advocates that MIT divest its endowment of fossil fuel holdings.

This week, MIT alumni are the face of the Institute to the outside world, and a significant move toward de-

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Tsarnaev’s attorneys claim brother, not Dzhokhar, killed Officer Collier after Marathon bombings

Chosen jurors hear opening statements, witness testimonies in first day of federal trial

**Trial, from Page 1**

Civic

Clarke painted a different pic-
ture. “Tamerlan shot and killed Of-
cer Collier,” she said definitively.

According to Clarke, when Ta-
merlan went to carjack a young
man in a Mercedes, he held up a
gun and told him, “I just killed a po-
lice officer.”

Collier’s father was present in
the courtroom Wednesday, along
with other victims’ family members.

Tsarnaev was also present, wear-
ing a black suit for the first time
in public. To his left was Clarke, a no-
table defense attorney who has kept
several other high-profile defend-
ants off death row. To his right was
Miriam Conrad, who has previously
represented clients like the smoke-
bomber Richard Reid.

Prosecution’s opening statements

Opening statements began with
Weinreb speaking on behalf of the
government. After recounting a vivid
description of the bombings and the
horrific scene that ensued, Weinreb
argued that Tamerlan was respon-
sible for the violence and was moti-
ivated by extremist views.

Weinreb pointed to a young adult who became an Is-
lamic terrorist after “reading terror-
ist writings and listening to terror-
ist lectures,” all while maintaining a “double identity” as a student at
the University of Massachusetts at
Dartmouth.

The prosecution maintained that Tsarnaev and his brother were “partners in crime,” playing similar roles in the preparation and ex-
ecution of the attacks. Both were responsible for triggering a bomb
at the marathon and both attacked
officers in the Watertown manhunt, according to Weinreb.

Most strikingly, Weinreb argued that Tsarnaev was completely cold-
blooded when committing these crimes. Only 20 minutes after alleg-
edly setting off the second bomb, Tsarnaev drove to the Whole Foods
in Central Square and bought a gal-
lon of milk, before returning shortly
after to exchange it for a new one,
according to Weinreb. That even-
ing, he went to the gym and even
attended a party.

Defence’s opening statements

Clarke followed Weinreb with the
opening statements for the de-
fense. She acknowledged the “un-
bearable grief, loss, and pain” associ-
ated with the bombings.

“We meet in the most tragic of
circumstances,” Clarke said.

She said that the defense does not deny that Tsarnaev, who she
referred to by his nickname, Dhar,
was involved in the bombings.

“It was him,” she told the 18-per-
son jury.

The defense did contest, how-
ever, the prosecution’s explanation
of Tsarnaev’s motivation for com-
mitting the crimes. Unlike Weinreb, Clarke maintained that Tamerlan’s brother was the mastermind of the
bombings. She said he was the one
responsible for buying the pressure cooker and shrapnel used in the
bomb, as well as for killing Officer
Collier.

“It was Dzhokhar who followed
him,” said Clarke.

Clarke concluded by asking the
jurors to listen “not only to the who,
what, where and when, but also the
how and why” for any evidence pre-
sented in the trial.

Witness testimonies

The day became emotional shortly after opening statements ended. Jurors were presented with several graphic videos of the bomb-
ings as witnesses took the stand.

Shane O’Hair, the manager of
a sports store right at the mara-
thon’s finish line, was the second in
the stand. He recalled hearing the sound of the first bomb and see-
ning an “instant cloud of dust” and
smoke that “completely engulfed
the window.”

O’Hair immediately grabbed a pair of shorts off a hanger and tied
a tourniquet for her. “One of the
goodness of me is that I look at [people’s] faces,” he told the jury.

“I wouldn’t be his first turni-
quet. As people screamed outside for help, O’Hair came with make-
shift “tourniquets, gauze, and pres-
sure holders” that he had made in
the bomb. “Who haunts me is making de-
cisions,” O’Hair said as he choked
up. “Who helped first, who was more injured than the other?”

He felt it wasn’t his role to decide, yet there was no one else to do it.

Tsarnaev was presented with other heartfelt testimonies from bombing victims throughout the rest of the
day, with more expected Thursday.

The chosen jury

Wednesday’s court session comes after a lengthy jury selection
process.

Over the past months, Tsar-
aev’s defense team has sent the
court four requests to move the trial
out of Massachusetts. Judge George
O’Toole has denied all of them, in-
cluding one on Wednesday.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the
First Circuit has similarly denied
the two requests sent to them, even
after the ongoing oral arguments on a request two weeks ago.

Tsarnaev is now being tried in a federal courthouse only miles from
where the bombings took place.

The 18 jurors present on
Wednesday were chosen from over
5,000 prospective jurors in an ar-
duous process that involved two
months of questioning and elimi-
nating those who had already come
to a conclusion about Tsarnaev’s guilt or who took absolute positions
on the death penalty.

This Tuesday, the final jurors were selected from the 58 deemed eligi-
ble. Attorneys on both sides exercised their peremptory challenges and each
rejected 20 jurors for whatever rea-
sions they saw fit. The jurors range
from a student and a single parent
to a fashion designer and an air traf-
cifier controller.

One juror is a balding man in
energy resource sales who said
during the selection process that he
was “honored to be eligible to serve.” Like many of the jurors, he is ambivalent on the death penalty
and said he will rely on the facts.

Another juror is a man who
works as a telecommunications
engineer at Massachusetts General Hospital and was at the hospital the
day of the bombings when victims were brought in, although he was in a different
part of the building.

Observers in the courtroom on
Wednesday were quick to note that
all the jurors are white, except for
one juror of Iranian descent. Eight
are men and 10 are women.

Of the 18 jurors, only 12 will be
deciding whether or not to convict
Tsarnaev and give him the death
penalty. The other six are alternates,
although that distinction will likely
not be known until deliberations at
the end of the trial.

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**The MIT Lindy Hop Society and the MIT Ballroom Dance Club proudly present**

**A Fusion Social Dance and Concert**

Friday, March 6

La Sala de Puerto Rico
Student Center 2nd floor
Fusion dance lesson 8:00 p.m.
Music and social dancing 9:00 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

Tell me more about Fusing dancing!

Fusion is partner dancing that
combines multiple dance aesthet-
cics and musical genres. It means
time to bust out those Tango,
Ballroom, Salsa, Swing, Blues, etc. moves. Partner connection and musicality are key. Want to learn more? Check out the complimen-
tary lesson at 8 p.m.!

**Who is Amy and Friends With Benefits?**

Amy Kucharik, a talented singer/songwriter from Somerville and fa-
cial circle around the Boston dance scene, is a dancer’s dancer and a mu-
sician. On her ukulele, she has immense musical range and her influ-
ences range from ragtime blues, country, and folk, to reggae, funk and infec-
tions, danceable swing. The songs are catchy and simple, and we invite you to listen closely to Amy’s witty, sometimes dark-humored,lyrics.

**Why “Bread and Bones”?**

It’s the title of a brilliant Amy Kucharik song off her EP, Dance Crush Blues. Take a listen and you’ll know why we chose it for our theme.

**What if I am not a dancer?**

No problem! This event is open to everyone, dancer and non-dancers alike! We will have part of the room set up with chairs so you can enjoy the live music.

**Admission**

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other students with valid ID: $5

General public: $10

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Thursday, March 5, 2015 The Tech

Pipes Down by Jim Page

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**Fundamental Forces**

There are four fundamental forces between particles:
1. Gravity, which obeys this inverse square law:
   \[ F = \frac{G m_1 m_2}{r^2} \]
2. Electromagnetism, which obeys this inverse square law:
   \[ F = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2} \]
3. The strong nuclear force, which obeys an exponential law:
   \[ F = e^{-r/r_0} \]
4. The weak nuclear force:
   \[ F = m \]

And also:
- Waves
- Antimatter
- Quarks
- Absurdity
- The moon
- It's strong!

Of these four forces, there’s one we don’t really understand. “Is it the weak force or the strong—” “It’s gravity.”

A WEBCOMIC OF ROMANCE, SARCASM, MATH, AND LANGUAGE

by Randall Munroe

Landing on the Moon:

Small Step → One Man → Giant Leap

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THE GAS LAW OF WORK, EXPLAINED

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- volume of time remaining
- \# of sets
- procrastination constant
- temptation to slack off

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Alumni hope to force divestment

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Finding sponsors for a new career fair presented a challenge, but the companies that participated shared many of the ASO’s goals. Alghunaim attributed the ASO’s success to the fact that “companies that came [had] their own passion for achieving that mission.”

Cultural differences were a challenge on both ends — Dawood said that local Middle Eastern companies didn’t have the same recruiting processes and expected in-person communication instead of emails, so “having them agree to do this American style was tougher.”

A major step in introducing any career opportunity to MIT students is gaining approval from Global Education and Career Development (GECD). Organizers must complete comprehensive proposals and have them reviewed, and prove that their event is worthwhile. In short, ASO needed to “give them a reason to say yes,” Dawood said.

Though the process was challenging, Dawood said that the GECD was agreeable despite maintaining rigorous standards.

Alghunaim said that the extensive requirements actually aided in the planning process. Working with the GECD gave them access to many examples of similar events held in the past and helped MENA run smoothly despite being new and completely led by students.

The turnout of roughly 140 people resulted in over 35 interviews and satisfied sponsors, but Alghunaim considers the next step to be improving student outreach. A lot of time was spent attracting employers and making sure they had good experiences, he said, but there wasn’t enough effort put into appealing to students, and the ASO had hoped more students would attend.

MENA joins the existing annual European and Asian career fairs as a region-specific recruiting opportunity.

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Jack Erdozain ’17 uses a dremel to modify an electric motor mount.

The lower floor of the hackathon in Lobdell.

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A MakerBot 3D printer prints plastic parts during the hackathon.

A team works on their project during the hackathon.

One of the participants grabs a quick nap during the hackathon.
BaLlett review

TimmBuktu: Life under terrorism

Timbuktu

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Picture and Best Director this year at the Cen- ter for Dance and Theater. Directed by acclaimed North African director Abderrahmane Sissako, it won Best Picture and Best Director this year at the Ce- nter for Dance and Theater. The central character of the film, if there is one, is Kidane (Ibrahim Ahmed), the pa- tient, wise, and kind leader of the Timbuktu families who have chosen not to leave their home. The varied subjugations of the people of Timbuktu, who constitute the bulk of the film, serve to inform Kidane’s motivations when he assaults a fisherman (the exact de- tails of which, I’ve left out).

A man is told to roll up his pants to his ankles though the material does not roll up. He removes his pants. A female fisher- man is told to wear gloves to hide her hands though she refuses to do so while handling fish. She asks to be taken away instead. Foot- ball is forbidden, so the children play heed- lessly without a ball, until a soldier stops them.

Things get worse. A woman is forced to marry. Young men and women are attacked in the street when in groups. Homes. Adulterers are stoned.

What distinguishes the film is its exami- nation of what happens when the oppres- sion becomes banal: the decision to sur- render, to flee, or to fight is worthless and automatic, fate come as it may. Subsequent punishment is received without surprise, sentiment, or objection.

Sissako’s images of the desert, beauti- ful and barren paralleling the ignorance of what its inhabitants know to be a foregone conclusion: there is no refuge here.

Where the other Arab filmmakers, Tim- buktu was, in fact, overrun with jihadists not two years ago. The film is based largely on events there and elsewhere in the Islamic World. (The city has since been liberated with the aid of French forces.)

In the Middle Ages, Timbuktu’s riches were legendary; the city was the center of culture and commerce in West Africa. Nicole history textbooks, in spite of all their rela- tive ignorance of Africa, regularly include in bold the name of the emperor of Mali, Mansa Musa, who is said to have distributed thousands of pounds of gold on his pilgrim- age to Mecca and was perhaps the riches- tie man ever to have lived.

The Timbuktu of today — the one in the film — is a desert town, economically im- poverished yet hitherto immune to the artistic traditions of the Islamic Golden Age. Its geographic distance from the Middle East and Africa is enough to make much of the region’s ideological extremism and unrest.

The film bears witness to all Muslims who suffer under religious extremism, but the cultural wealth and libertations of Tim- buktu satisfies those (few, I hope) who espall all Islam with radicalism. Such mod- ernism, by itself, informs both wise, qui- et defiance of the people, and the humanity of jihadism.

Yes, the humanity of the jihadists.

The soldiers who condemn a foot- ball don’t speak to each other. It is one thing to be a soldier, one thing to be a sport. The soldier who finds war is a revision of a war.
Harry Potter

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Alabama Supreme Court rules same-sex marriage illegal despite federal judge’s opposite decision

By Campbell Roberson

The Alabama Supreme Court on Tuesday night ordered probate judges around the state to stop issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples, ruling indirectly opposed to a federal judge that the state’s ban on same-sex marriage did not violate the U.S. Constitution.

In a 7-1 decision, the court ruled that “Alabama law allows for marriage between only one man and one woman,” and that the state’s probate judges “have a ministerial duty not to issue any marriage licenses to same-sex couples,” the court ruled.

The ruling, on a petition brought by two conservative groups and joined by a county probate judge, is the latest round in a battle over jurisdiction on the question of same-sex marriage in Alabama. The fight is likely to be decided by the U.S. Supreme Court.

This skirmish has gone on since Granade ruled in January that the state’s ban on same-sex marriage, which 81 percent of voters approved in a 2006 referendum, was unconstitutional.

The night before her ruling was to go into effect, the chief justice of the state Supreme Court, Roy S. Moore, who abstained from voting in Tuesday’s decision, issued an administrative order insisting that the state’s 68 probate judges refrain from issuing the licenses.

He based his reasoning in part on the fact that probate judges were not defendants in the case before Granade.

With competing orders—one from Granade, which the U.S. Supreme Court allowed to go into effect, and another by Moore—Alabama was a checkerboard of opinions.

Probate Judge Rick Allison of Elmore County, granted licenses, while others refused, resulting in scenes of triumph, disappointment, joy and confusion.

On Feb. 12, Granade ruled that the probate judge for Mobile County could not continue to refuse to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples. The decision was, it seemed, another victory for gay-rights advocates, whose lawyers saw it as a clear instruction to other holdout probate judges that they needed to begin issuing licenses. Many probate judges read it that way as well.

The Human Rights Campaign, a Washington, D.C.-based gay-rights group, said that, before Tuesday’s ruling, at least 48 of Alabama’s 67 counties were issuing licenses to all couples.

Meanwhile, the two conservative groups, the Alabama Policy Institute and the Alabama Citizens Action Program, had asked the Alabama Supreme Court to tell the probate judges to stop issuing marriage licenses to gay couples.

Eric Johnston, a lawyer for the Alabama Policy Institute and the Alabama Citizens Action Program, said he expected the state court’s ruling to put an end to same-sex marriages “until the U.S. Supreme Court addresses it, finally, in June of this year.”

“We don’t have a lot of leeway, ” Probate Judge John E. Enslen, who had joined the petition and has refused to issue licenses to gay couples, agreed.

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Allison said it was difficult for probate judges to interpret all the competing rulings.

“We don’t have a lot of leeway,” he said. “When you have somebody saying it’s this and another saying it’s that, you really don’t know what to do.”

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All teams put on winning displays

Taekwondo team looking to build on successful Cornell tournament

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most competitive men’s and women’s black-belt poomsae divisions. The top poomsae medals began in the women’s red belt divisions, with Jean Chow ’16 earning a silver medal and Yang Dai ’16 right behind her with the bronze. Tahin Syed G earned a silver medal in the men’s red belt division. Green belt Eric Chen ’17 also earned a silver medal in his division. Yellow belts Ekapol “Golf” Kulchoakrungsun ’16 and Sam Amey-Gonzalez ’18 won silver and bronze, respectively.

Andrea Guatemala started off with a point gap win in 41 seconds.

Sparring was intense and the point totals were close across all of the divisions. There were many great fights, and the teams overall technique and strength showed a jump from the last tournament at Cornell. All three divisions (A, B, and C teams) won points for the club. Both of the women’s A teams made it to quarters. Women’s A1 Andrea Guatemala ’16 started off by completing a point gap win in 41 seconds. Tam Nguyen G showed great defensive skills in both of her matches. Olga Shestopalova ’16 focused on offense during her women’s A1 match against Brown, and stayed strong against constant head kicks. Women’s A2 team also started off with a point gap from Maria Alexia G. Renze Zhao had solid turning kicks in her rematch against a heavyweight from Cornell.

Men’s A1 had to fight through a deep bracket of four matches to earn a silver medal. Some highlights were Enrique Fernandez Gonzalez G’s 13-0 point gap win against Penn State. George Cheng ’15 also ended a match with a 5-0 point gap, and his opponent left the ring with a bloody nose. Their last match against Cornell ended in a loss, but the exhausted fighters gave it their all. Emmanuel Quevedo G managed to only be scored on three times by a dangerous Cornell fighter.

The B and C teams continue to improve in technique and power. Women’s B1 (Jean Chow, Casey Denham ’15, Rachel Harris ’17) earned a bronze medal, and Women’s B2 (Yang Dai, Jackie Wu ’16) finished in the quarter-finals. Men’s B1 (Tahin Syed G, Shapagat Berdibek ’15, Eric Klinkhammer ’15) and Men’s C1 (Golf Kulchoakrungsun, Eric Chen ’17, Aaron van Dyne G) also earned bronze medals in their respective divisions.

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MIT places second at Cornell tourney
Taekwondo ends semester strong

By Samantha Amey-Gonzalez
team representative

The MIT Sport Taekwondo team finished off last semester at Brown on Nov. 22. As it was the third match of the year in the Eastern Collegiate Taekwondo Conference, the competitors were eager to use the skills that they improved upon over the course of the semester. Both poomsae and sparring were tough this tournament, but the team showed their worth and finished off the day second place in Division I.

The morning poomsae competitions were extremely close, and many team members took spots in the top 10 in each belt division. The team’s forms were looking fantastic, but the divisions were tough, and it was clear that competitors from all schools were stepping up their game for Brown. Black belts Kevin Hu ’15 and Renee Zhao ’18 went to finals in the Taekwondo, Page 19

Kevin Wang ’16 reaches for a volley on Friday’s men’s tennis match against UMass Boston. MIT defeated UMass Boston 9-0.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Friday, March 6
Men’s Tennis vs. Vassar College 4 p.m., J.B. Carr Tennis Bubble

Saturday, March 7
RIFLE vs. MAC Championships 8 a.m., duPont Athletic Center
Men’s Volleyball vs. Elmira College 11 a.m., Rockwell Cage
Men’s Tennis vs. Queens College 1 p.m., J.B. Carr Tennis Bubble
Women’s Lacrosse vs. Lasell College 1 p.m., Steinbrenner Stadium
Men’s Lacrosse vs. Skidmore College 2 p.m., Steinbrenner Stadium
Men’s Volleyball vs. Stevens Institute of Technology 5 p.m., Rockwell Cage

Monday, March 9
Men’s Tennis vs. Amherst College 1 p.m., J.B. Carr Tennis Bubble

Tuesday, March 10
Men’s Volleyball vs. Dominican University 7 p.m., Rockwell Cage
Women’s Lacrosse vs. Simmons College 7 p.m., Steinbrenner Stadium

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