Nelson to lead DSL beginning this July
She steps into Dean Colombo's role as new vice president of student life
Karleigh Moore

Karleigh Moore and William Navarro contributed.
Refuting concerns that a decision on freshman housing is being reached in secret, which came along with concerns of general lack of transparency, Chancellor Cynthia Barnhart PhD ’88 unequivocally said that “any suggestions that decisions have been made are false.”

“Reports that we have been thinking exclusively about first-year housing are not true,” she said in an email to The Tech.

Possibly addressing the transparency concerns that had been discussed many ideas about the residential experience, not just freshman housing, and is seeking input.

“The UA and DormCon have known about this for months,” the post continued; “and yet [they] have refused to tell the general undergraduate population about it. Can we please just talk about this?”

Another post echoed these concerns if transparency. “It is true that the UA and DormCon have known about this for months then it is disgusting how much remains hidden from the general student population until the very last minute,” DormCon President and SHAC member Yonadav Shavit ’16 replied to the post. He said that SHAC had been commenting on the process.

In a press release from the MIT News Office.

’re excited to begin this new opportunity: MIT is such a special place, with many creative and dedicated people who are thinking about new ways to better support students,” Nelson said in a press release from the MIT News Office.

‘: Following Nelson's press release, the TRIA reported on a report released today by Caroline Chin ’16 and Kamali Ramdial.

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sponse given the responses the
2014 Community Attitudes on
Sexual Assault (CASA) Survey

received.

“People didn’t realize [the
extent of sexual harassment and
assault] that was happening on
MIT’s campus … they thought
/MIT/ was better and should be
better,” Tekiela told The Tech.

Chin and Tekiela began the
report in November 2013, work-
ing with now-Chancellor Cynthia
Barnhart, Dean of Undergradu-
ate Education Dennis Freeman,
and their sponsor and Institute
Community and Equity Officer
Edmund Bertschinger.

They used institutional re-
search to get much of their data,
released a survey in November
of 2014, and held focus groups.

In these groups, they found
that “when someone starts to tell
a story then people often start
relating,” Chin said. The focus
groups were limited to women
so that participants would feel
like they could relate to each
other and better speak about
their experiences, according to
Tekiela.

Chin and Tekiela initially
planned for a fall 2015 release; but
as they tried to finish, they saw
that there were more and more
questions to consider, people to
involve, and recommendations
to discuss. The report now comes
out alongside the Black Students’
Union recommendations, as well
as similar efforts from LGBT, Lati-
no, and other groups on campus.

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Tekiela said. Chin hopes that
“people didn’t realize” the
“different experiences because they
don’t come to MIT and don’t have
different experiences based on gen-
der or race … that they have dif-
ferent experiences based on gen-
der, power, race, ethnicity and
age,” Chin said. Chin added that
people are different, “everyone
are different people.”

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But the authors noted that
“women are still facing barriers
in our current residential sys-
tem, “ Barnhart said in an email to
The Tech.

“Throughout the fall semester,
SHAC conducted outreach to stu-
dents in residence halls and FSILGs
and dorms to learn more about what’s working
well and what needs to work bet-
ter in our current residential sys-
tem,” Barnhart said in an email to
The Tech.

“Engagement work
resulted in a better understand-
ing of the ideals we should strive to
achieve as we build new dormito-
ries and, bigger picture, shape the
future of student life at MIT.”

Davis’s email to undergraduates
said that SHAC’s recent work has
included “designing a strategy to
gather information and engage the
entire campus.”

Barnhart said that “the campus
planning activity that’s happening
right now is historic, and provides
us with an exciting opportunity
to shape the future of student life at
MIT. To do that, we need to keep
open minds and have open dia-
logue like the true problem solvers
we are.”

Barnhart invites anyone inter-
ested in joining this conversation
to contact her. “I want to hear from as
many students as possible!”

Davis told undergraduates that he
considers this “an exciting oppor-
tunity for students to collaborate
directly with senior MIT leader-
ship on a level that has never before
been seen at MIT.”

Like Barnhart, Davis invites stu-
dents to share ideas with SHAC, in-
cluding through a “Chat with SHAC”
thread on discussion.mit.edu.

SHAC seeks to engage all of
 campus in planning dialogue
Barnhart invites anyone interested to contact her


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We aspire to be a community that prays seriously and yet tries to avoid dogma and ritual. We have no creed. We do ask searching questions of ourselves as a method of examining and growing in our spiritual and life practices. We are a community that believes that the spiritual reality of the universe is available to every individual directly and that revelation can be ongoing in the present. Quakers witness in the world through acts of service and by trying to "speak Truth to Power" about economic and social justice issues, peace, and the environment. Historically, Quaker witness has influenced important change about religious freedom, slavery, education of females, voting rights and more.

Quakerism has deep roots in Christianity. Today, active Meeting participants include people from many religious traditions: Christianity, Universalism, Nontheism, Buddhism, Judaism, etc. Many LGBTQ folks participate in our community. All are welcome in a sincere search for spiritual depth.

Friends Meeting at Cambridge has active small group gatherings for spiritual study and other interests as well as child, youth, young adult, and family programming. Free child care is available for all Meeting events. Fellowship over coffee takes place on Sundays after worship. We believe we have much to share. We believe that each individual has gifts that will enhance our community. We invite you to visit and hope to see you soon.

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Housing deliberations should involve student body, not just accept student input

By Allan Sadun

Conversations in Dormcon and the UA have revealed that although the plans to turn the Metropolitan Storage Warehouse into a dorm by fall 2018 fall through, MIT is still planning to build an undergraduate dorm by fall 2019. In addition, as posted on MIT Confessions have hinted, the Chancellor’s Student Housing Advisory Committee (SHAC), made up of five to ten students, is planning some kind of experiment in alternative community structure for this dorm. SHAC has mountains of data about the ways in which different ideas succeed or fail at promoting diversity, community, and academic development, and although they’ve been secretive for the past half-year, we’ve been promised that they’re soon going to conduct more surveys, focus groups, and discussions to get student input.

Using us as guinea pigs, data points, and sources of personal experience to be mined can be advantageous. But we’re also stakeholders and analytical thinkers, and we should be more involved in the process of SHAC’s deliberations. SHAC is dealing with short-term issues (primarily, the coming dorm), not just the long-term deliberations listed on their website, and they should be aware that the short-term issues clearly by promptly posting meeting summaries to their website and bringing them up in townhalls and focus groups. In general, SHAC should be show that we’re talking to us and walking us through their preliminary thoughts so that we can be a part of the back-and-forth conversation. I’m glad to hear SHAC has set up an email address and a discussion.mit.edu thread to address feedback, but I still worry that these will be ways for us to talk to SHAC, and that SHAC will mostly not talk to us.

Involving the broader student body is beneficial for two reasons. First, it helps avoid groupthink, hopefully leading to better results and vetted reasoning. And second, it ensures that if SHAC ends up deciding something controversial, we will be prepared and familiar with the reasons behind it, and it will be easier to counteract the fallacious pattern of communication being “too little, too late.”

True involvement will be hard, but it will be worth it. I urge SHAC to give it a try. To look up the Chancellor’s Strategic Advisory Committee of 1899, which did a great job of keeping the skies relatively clear over the Pending Front, which will cause moderate precipitation. The system will continue to head northeast and will be mostly gone by the Boston area by Friday morning. High pressure will build up on Friday and keep the skies relatively clear over the weekend, especially on Saturday. The weekend temperatures will be slightly lower than during the week, with high temperatures at or below 40°F Friday night will bring the coldest temperatures, but the week will probably not reach below 22°F. These temperatures are within the normal range for this time of year.

Another low pressure system will move southeast from central Canada over the weekend, but for now it seems likely to pass to the north of us. Trailing this system is yet another low pressure system, which will cause moderate precipitation over the Gin Lakes and move east or northeast, reaching New England on Monday. There are large uncertainties in the models this far in advance, but we may experience more snow or rain early next week.

Extended Forecast

Today: Rain likely before noon, chance of rain in the afternoon. High 59°F (15°C). Winds SW at 20 mph.

Tonight: Cloudy, chance of rain. Low 52°F (11°C). Winds SW at 15-20 mph.


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Lydia Krasilnikova

Editor’s Note: Portraits of Resilience is a photography and narrative series by Prof. Daniel Jackson. Each installment consists of a portrait and a story, told in the subject’s own words, of how they found resilience and meaning in their life.

It was October 28th, 2012. My research wasn’t going too great and classes were taking up all my time. I was very stressed out and unhappy and I wasn’t exercising or sleeping or eating right or socializing very much. I was very miserable and my boyfriend and I had a big fight and we almost broke up. It was very dramatic.

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I went over to visit my friend, who goes to Tufts, where they have a lot more trees and people just hang out. In the dorms at MIT, we work adjacent to each other like parallel play when you’re kids. At Tufts, I was amazed because people were just hanging out. Not with their laptops in front of them, not doing a little work in the background. Oftentimes at MIT, when you let yourself hang out, you still have a cloud looming over you of some unfinished task. There’s a lot of guilt associated with just hanging out. They don’t have any guilt. It was just joyful, blissful, happy hanging out.

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My parents had me young, so I spent a lot of time with my grandparents. Even after we left Russia, my grandparents on my mom’s side visited us every single summer. My maternal grandfather was diagnosed with cancer before I came to MIT. I didn’t think for a moment that he would die. When I wasn’t doing so great, there was a path falling into unhappiness, and the more I walked on it, the deeper that path got. It’s important to learn how to tell yourself, “No, I’m not thinking about that right now. As a matter of fact I’m not thinking about that; we’re done here.” Eventually, if you let it, that darker path will get covered up with leaves; the leaves will disintegrate over the winter and by spring there will be new dirt covering it. The path is still there but it’s shallow and small and you don’t have to fall into walking it.

In the meantime if you build more positive paths you will be more easier and easier to find. One of the biggest realizations that I had is that happiness isn’t something that happens to you. It’s a choice. There are certain things that I know I need to do to be happy and I have the choice to do those things — first because I deserve that, row I need to run today, I need not to eat junk food today, and I need to go to bed on time. I just know that those are the preconditions. If your method is mental health it’s got some preconditions. You can’t expect that method to run properly when you’re not satisfying its preconditions.

If you are pouring all of your self-worth into preparing for that exam because that is the only thing you’ve been doing, second because I have things that I want to do in my life, and second because I want to be happy and I have the choice to do those things — first because I deserve that, then of course if you do worse than you hoped it’s going to suck. But it sucks a lot less when you have other things in your life that you’re living for. Calling my family and going on walks, that’s actually very nice. When I have a particularly bad day, sometimes my boyfriend will meet me on campus and we’ll go just on a walk. I think it’s important to use something other than career or classes to mark the passage of time. For me, that is pages read and distance travelled on foot and watching my little brother grow up. I’m building myself as a better writer and thinker by reading and by exploring the world around me. I am actively working on my vocabulary, and I keep a little log of new words. Sometimes I go through them and it makes me very happy. In particular, I learned the word ‘scintillating’ and I love that word; it’s just hanging out.

Anyway, I had brought a stack of papers for a job and I was reading these papers instead of fully dedicating myself to spending time with him. That is absolutely one of my biggest regrets. That job led to nothing. It doesn’t matter what I sacrificed. It wasn’t worth it, not even a little.

It’s so important not to prioritize career over family. You don’t realize what people are doing in your life, what roles they’re playing, sometimes until they die. And you don’t know what you are holding together in other people’s lives. You might not know that you are the glue holding together so much, because you take yourself for granted, just like we take other people for granted. Before my grandfather died, he had been holding up so much. I had no idea.

Anyway, all of that fell apart. I felt like I had lost everything. I think that’s the lowest low I’ve been. I don’t think I will ever get over those things. I’m okay with that. I certainly think I’m happier now than I have been in a very long time. I have more free time, and I have a rewarding job doing research that is going to have an impact on people’s lives.

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My parents had me young, so I spent a lot of time with my grandparents. Even after we left Russia, my grandparents on my mom’s side visited us every single summer. My maternal grandfather was diagnosed with cancer before I came to MIT. I didn’t think for a moment that he would die. When I wasn’t doing so great, there was a path falling into unhappiness, and the more I walked on it, the deeper that path got. It’s important to learn how to tell yourself, “No, I’m not thinking about that right now. As a matter of fact I’m not thinking about that; we’re done here.” Eventually, if you let it, that darker path will get covered up with leaves; the leaves will disintegrate over the winter and by spring there will be new dirt covering it. The path is still there but it’s shallow and small and you don’t have to fall into walking it.

In the meantime if you build more positive paths you will be more easier and easier to find. One of the biggest realizations that I had is that happiness isn’t something that happens to you. It’s a choice. There are certain things that I know I need to do to be happy and I have the choice to do those things — first because I deserve that, then of course if you do worse than you hoped it’s going to suck. But it sucks a lot less when you have other things in your life that you’re living for. Calling my family and going on walks, that’s actually very nice. When I have a particularly bad day, sometimes my boyfriend will meet me on campus and we’ll go just on a walk. I think it’s important to use something other than career or classes to mark the passage of time. For me, that is pages read and distance travelled on foot and watching my little brother grow up. I’m building myself as a better writer and thinker by reading and by exploring the world around me. I am actively working on my vocabulary, and I keep a little log of new words. Sometimes I go through them and it makes me very happy. In particular, I learned the word ‘scintillating’ and I love that word; it’s...
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ALTAEROS Energies
We weekends were made for brunch, and the recent polar-chill weekend was no exception for me and my buddies. Julia and Krista. We ventured over to Loyal Nine in the East Cambridge area, and we were welcomed into a light-filled, rustic-themed restaurant. Our booth’s raw wooden seats looked (and felt) as if they just came out of a woodwork- ing shop, and our napkins were what I like to call “faux washcloths” — those white square cloth. The water came in a pour-it-yourself linen cloths with a single washed-out blue stripe. The water came in a pour-it-yourself tall bottle, and I could see a bit of the open kitchen on the other side of the room. The ambience was the perfect recipe for an artsy Instagram post, but their actual food recipes could have used some help.

We started off with a side of Belon oyst ers and Onset oysters, both of which were incredibly fresh and well-accented with a splash of vinegar and lemon. The Maine Belon oysters had a slightly sweet aftertaste, giving my palate a pleasant start to what I had hoped would be an equally pleasant brunch.

Unfortunately, my brunch entree did not match my expectations. I ordered the Lobster Popover, which came with lobster, two popover rolls, and a poached egg topped with poached hollandaise sauce. It was plated next to a bed of greens that I think were only there to fill up space next to the small portion size. Like the oysters, the lobster was tender and fresh, but the rest of the dish tasted like a soggy, deconstructed eggs Benedict. The popovers were soft on the inside with a tough outer crust, but by the end of the meal, it was hard to tell since everything was smothered under the runny poached egg and hollandaise sauce. The quality lobster made up for the confusing egg, hollandaise, and bread mash. I was a bit surprised by my means, but I was expecting a bit more for $37.

Krista’s dish was “devastatingly average,” as she described it. She ordered Pomdernast, which was a porridge of grains, a soft egg, herb salad, and panellet cheese. “It had a name that sounded far more interesting than it tasted,” she explained. “What was supposed to be a savory porridge topped with a herb salad seemed more like a lake wurn version of oatmeal that had way too much cilantro and not enough salt. The egg tasted nice.” Krista could not even manage to finish her dish, and after sampling a small spoonful of her porridge, I was not surprised.

Julia ordered the Augusta Potato Rosti, which came with creamed chipped beef, a fried egg, and fish pepper relish. “My brunch was pretty average, probably because the dish’s main flavoring was salt,” she said. “It wasn’t awful, though, and the egg was great!”

All in all, it seems that Loyal Nine makes fairly decent eggs and seafood, but lacks flavor and taste in the rest of its kitchen’s creations. We actually went back to our dining hall afterward to eat a second brunch since our stomachs were unsatisfied by the quantity of food. Maybe their dinner menu is better, but I do not think I’ll be coming back to find out for myself.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

A picturesque brunch at Loyal Nine

East Cambridge restaurant brings fresh seafood to the table, but not much else

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By Tara Lee

The audience is gathered in the cozy Oberon Theatre, with performance space arranged around us. We are immersed in what promises to be a novel theatrical experience — an engaging mixture of dialogue, dance, and video.

Yet the first thing creator Marissa Roberts tells us in this intimate setting is to feel free to take photos and tweet them throughout the show. Immediately, we millennials break away, eagerly diving into our pockets for the private glow of our own phones.

As the performance starts, I obligingly whip out my phone and immediately text something to my friends. “The audience is gathered in the cozy Oberon Theatre,” I type. “As the performance starts, I obligingly whip out my phone and immediately text something to my friends.”

As much as I would already identify with Kat and Jack, Roberts and co-creator Elizabeth McGuire expertly tune both dialogue and dance to helpfully draw me in. Their conversations with friends are ones I could have easily pulled from my own memory, while the choreography has a unique way of embellishing everyday movements. Kat lurches up to an incoming call from her date, pulls almost like an unwilling addict; Jack hesitantly leans in and away from Kat as he sees her for the first time, as if unsure how to interact with an attractive human being if he cannot swipe right. The production boasts an impressive cast of dancers, with Brinkmann in particular giving a wonderfully honest portrayal of Jack, generous in both his movement and expression.

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THEATER REVIEW

Tweeting in the theater

Digital identity, millennials, and mixed medium art

Searching for Signal

Performed by Touch Performance Art

Oberon Theater

Runs February 18 to March 4

By Carolyn Fu

Theater

As a producer and performer with Touch Performance Art, Marissa Roberts has been creating work that explores the intersection of technology and performance. Her latest piece, Searching for Signal, premiered last week at Oberon Theater, and it’s a testament to the group’s ability to use digital tools to create immersive, thought-provoking performances.

The audience is invited to follow the leads of Kat (Misha Shields) and Jack (Rob Brinkmann), as they live their lives through their devices: Kat is caught up in a digital romance at the expense of her real life friends and career, while Jack is tied down by the constant pressures of work emails and bill payments that ping him throughout the day.

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** DSL, from Page 1**

**Dorm Rooms used for storage will need to have sprinkler systems in place**

 DSL, from Page 1

**early in light of the fact that the new storage plans are being implement-**

**ed on relatively short notice. For students in dorms which do not**

**have storage space — New**

**House, Next House, Masseth, and**

**Baker — other storage options will**

**be available. DSL is negotiating with**

**storage companies, apparently in-**

**cluding one that just hired the same**

**person who used to run the Metro-**

**politan Storage Warehouse.**

**MIT will not be partnering ex-**

**clusively with any of the renters’**

**insurance or the storage companies,**

**so students can take advantage of**

**whatever storage options are opti-**

**mal for them, whether those are ne-**

**gotiated by MIT or not. There is also**

**the possibility that students whose parents have home-**

**owners’ insurance that extends to**

**the students’ belongings will not**

**have to purchase renters’ insurance.**

**According to Dean of Admis-**

**sions Stu Schmill ’86, financial aid**

**will not be available for summer**

**storage or renters’ insurance, as Stu-**

**dents have to purchase renters’ insurance.**

**The idea of renters’ insurance**

**for students, however, had already**

**been discussed on campus. A cam-**

**paign was introduced in 2014 by the**

**Housing and Community Affairs**

**committee of the GSC to encourage**

**graduate students to buy renters’**

**insurance due to the fact that MIT**

**is not liable for items damaged in**

**dorm rooms.**

**Postak reiterated that the plan is still**

**“currently developing” and many things are up in the air.**

**DormCon and DSL hope to have plans for in-dorm storage for this**

**summer finalized before spring break.**

**She says they “know people are**

**very stressed out about not know-**

**ing what’s going to happen to their**

**things” and they’re “working pretty**

**hard to try to get that information out.”**

**Karleigh Moore contributed to**

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Nelson to lead DSL, DAPER, ILG offices
Served as dean of student life at Harvard before going to Colgate

Nelson, from Page 1

her plan to address these complaints, Nelson emphasized building a sense of belonging, breaking down barriers, and connecting academic and co-curricular life. Nelson’s plan, which was set to be implemented for the class of 2019, laid out steps to include classroom space in dorms for first-year seminars, to help living groups develop traditions and plan social outings, and facilitate connections between upperclassmen and underclassmen.

At Harvard, where she worked from 2005 to 2012, she served as associate dean of student life before being promoted to dean of student life. There, she launched the Office of BIGLY Student Life, led a housing renovations initiative, and revised alcohol policies.

An article in The Harvard Crimson characterized the revised alcohol policy as “shattering an era of greater University regulation over undergraduate drinking.” The policy regulated the “quantity and type of alcohol that can be served, how it can be advertised and licensed, and when it can be offered.”

In 2008, Harvard announced a $1 billion housing renovation project that would “completely restructure the internal architecture of the buildings, but also offer an optimal environment for student living.”

In another article, The Crimson said that “reviews of Nelson’s tenure at Harvard are mixed. While administrators and student leaders universally praised Nelson for striving to involve students in the Office of Student Life’s decision-making process, some said they thought Nelson was perceived by undergraduates as ‘overbearingly’ involved in student organization governance — or conversely, not known to many students at all.”

While at Cornell, from 1998 to 2005, Nelson managed 3,500 students in 67 Greek organizations as associate dean of student life and sorority affairs. Prior to this, from 1993 to 1998, Nelson served at Syracuse University as assistant director for leadership and student organizations, and as director of Greek life.

As the vice president of student life, Nelson will lead the DSL, which includes DAPER, the Department of Athletics, and the offices of housing, dining, fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups; residential life programs; student citizenship; student outreach and support; student development; and religious life.

Last October, following the announcement of Colombo’s retirement, Chancellor Barnhart PhD ’86 appointed a search committee, chaired by Professor of Physics and Faculty Chair Krishna Rajagopal, to find candidates to lead DSL. The search committee included professors, head campus administrators, housemasters, Graduate Resident Tutors, and student leaders from the Undergraduate Association, Interfraternity Council, DormCon, and the Graduate Student Council.

“My goal in communicating with students, really anyone, is to have them feel heard and respected. Being student-centered ... means empathizing with students and actively listening to what they are experiencing and what they need,” said Nelson, according to the Chancellor’s email.

“In Suzy Nelson, we have found someone who enjoys the qualities that make MIT different, and someone who demonstrates the kind of collaborative leadership and creative thinking that will help our community grow even stronger,” President L. Rafael Reif said to the MIT News Office.

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Men’s track & field wins Div. III meet

At championships, MIT takes first among the 30 teams competing

By Max Berkowitz

The MIT men’s track and field team, ranked No. 7 in the latest United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) poll, clinched their fourth straight New England Division III Indoor Championship on Saturday afternoon on their home track inside the Johnson Athletic Center.

One of 30 teams in attendance, MIT totaled 138 points for the win and ranked ahead of Williams College in second (132 points). Tufts University claimed third place (74), Bowdoin College was fourth (55), and Bates College was fifth (31).

MIT was the only New England Women’s and Men’s Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) representative in the top five, as the other four teams came from the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC).

Michael Kaba ’16 won three individual events — the 200-meter dash, the 400-meter dash and the 60-meter hurdles — to pace the Engineers’ efforts, while Arinze Okeke ’17 took the crown in the long jump and the triple jump. Aidan Gilson ’19 ran to a first place finish in the mile run. The 4x400-meter relay team of Kaba, Danny Newman ’17, Derek Barnes ’16, and States Lee ’16, won the event in 3:23.30.

Kaba won the 200m in 22.38 seconds, the 400m in 49.85 seconds and the 60m hurdles in 8.20 seconds, a personal best for the senior. Okeke leapt 22 feet, 11.75 inches (7.00m) in the long jump — a matched personal record — and 46 feet, 9 inches in the triple jump. Gilson crossed the line in the mile in 4:25.20. Behind Kaba in the 200-meter dash, Newman and Livingston Albritten ’18 were separated by 0.002 seconds as the duo ran times of 22.631 and 22.633, respectively, for fourth and fifth place. Newman’s mark is a new personal record for the junior.

In the field events, Okeke led the charge as one of four Engineers in the top five in the triple jump and one of three to place in the long jump. Behind him in the triple was William Ruckschel ’16 in second (46 feet, 6 inches, or 14.17m), D. Carrington Motley ’16 in fourth (45 feet, 11.75 inches, or 14.01m), and Ryan Prinster ’18 in fifth (45 feet, 2.5 inches, or 13.78m).

Luke Gray ’18 split his time between the two days competing in the heptathlon. He finished the Saturday portion in fourth place with a personal best score of 4,247 points. Gray set four personal records which included the shot put (11.76m), the high jump (1.65m), the 1000-meter run (2:50.96), and the 60-meter dash (7.68 seconds).

MIT returns to action next weekend as those who qualified for the New England Intercollegiate Amateur Athletic Association (NEIAAA) Indoor Championships will travel to Boston University on Friday, February 26 and Saturday, February 27 for a chance to qualify for the NCAA Division III Championships later in March.

First Prize: $5,000
Second Prize: $3,000
Third Prize: $2,000

MIT undergraduate and graduate students are encouraged to apply.
Men’s swim and dive team claims 8th straight win

MIT opens 400-point lead in the NEWMAC championships

By Max Berkowitz

The MIT men’s swimming and diving team clinched their eighth straight (and tenth overall) New England Women’s and Men’s Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) Championship over the weekend.

For his excellent performance at the Conference championships, Addie Chambers ’19 was named NEWMAC Men’s Diver of the Meet.

The Engineers totaled 1,468 points over the four-day Championship meet. Behind MIT was WPI with 1,097.5 points, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy (1,095.5 points), Wheaton College (1,058.5), Springfield College (940), Babson College (975), and Clark University (927).

Josh Graves ’19 crushed the meet record in the 100-freestyle by nearly 8.50 seconds with a time of 45.34. Josh earned NEWMAC First Team All-Conference accolades and an NCAA “B” cut. Alongside Graves on the podium was Parker Greene ’18 who placed in third overall in 1:48.04.

Rounding out MIT’s meet record that he set last year as a freshman in the 200-backstroke (1:48.04). Kogut was joined by Luke Eure ’19 who earned NEWMAC Second Team All-Conference honors with a time of 1:50.12.

The Engineers concluded the individual portion of the championship with five student-athletes on the podium in the 200-butterfly, including the top four in the event. Luke Schluefer ’18, who broke the meet record on the preliminaries this morning in a time of 1:48.32, shared the second place off his time in the finals as he finished in 1:48.66.

The Engineers won their third straight NEWMAC titles.

Women’s swim and dive wins 6th straight NEWMAC title

MIT Engineers seal the championship with 300-point margin over runner-up, Springfield College

By Max Berkowitz

The MIT women’s swimming and diving team captured its sixth straight New England Women’s and Men’s Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) Championship over the weekend.

For her excellent performance at the Conference Championship, Addie Chambers ’19 was named NEWMAC Women’s Swimmer of the Year.

The Engineers claimed back-to-back titles. The championship marked the first time MIT had three Engineers on the podium in the 100-freestyle. Amanda Wu in second in 1:51.83, Gao in sixth in 1:51.01, and Katherine Yu ’16 who tied with a time of 1:51.82. Wu earned NEWMAC Second Team All-Conference honors and an NCAA “B” cut.

On the one-meter diving board, Morgan Mattanaga ’18 finished second with a final score of 663.05 and Dolly Payne ’18 took seventh with a point total of 432.80. Both Mattanaga’s and Payne’s scores surpass the 430-point NCAA Division III Diving standard.

The MIT divers will return to action next weekend at the NCAA Northeast-North Diving Regional, which is scheduled for Friday, February 26 and Saturday, February 27 at Wellesley College.

Sports Blitz: End of season wrap-ups

Basketball ends regular season, fencing places at NEIFC finals

By Souparno Ghosh

The squash team went 1-2 at the Collegiate Squash Association (CSA) national team championships. MIT defeated Bucknell but suffered losses to Stanford and Hamilton.

Hannah Bogle ’18 finished fourth at South at the New England Intercollegiate Fencing Conference (NEIFC) championships. She clinched a podium appearance in the NCAA, Northeast-North Diving Regional, which is scheduled for Friday, February 26 and Saturday, February 27 at Wellesley College.
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