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# Court decision may be fatal for stem cell research

*Several MIT labs may be harmed as the ban will also affect stem cell lines from the Bush era*

By **John A. Hawkinson**  
*NEWS EDITOR*

Stem cell research at MIT and throughout the country seems sure to be strongly impacted by a federal court ruling Monday prohibiting the use of federal funds to support human embryonic stem cell research.

While the precise meaning of Monday's preliminary injunction is not fully clear, it

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embryonic stem cell lines available under President George W. Bush's policies that took effect on August 9, 2001, as well as the additional stem cell lines allowed under the

appears to prohibit federal dollars from funding research with any human embryonic stem cells. The ban would cover the limited number of human embryonic stem cell lines available under President George W. Bush's policies that took effect on August 9, 2001, as well as the additional stem cell lines allowed under the

Obama administration as of 2009.

National Institutes of Health Director Francis S. Collins said on Tuesday that the NIH believes "grantees that already have awards from NIH are permitted to continue their research, and need not stop in place." Grant renewals and grants currently in the pipeline will be suspended, however, Collins said.

Institute Professor Robert S. Langer ScD '74 said "I think its disappointing — it sets prog-

ress back." Langer works with human embryonic stem cells approved under the Bush administration.

Biology professor Richard A. Young said "there is a huge cost today to being in an environment where we're deciding to shut down experiments. These experiments are involved in understanding the fundamentals in human

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## Dr. Who materializes above Lobby 7



ERIC D. SCHMIEDL—THE TECH

On Wednesday, "Doctor Who"-loving hackers installed an illuminated police box on the roof of Building 7 along (overlooking Mass Ave) with a banner reading "The Doctor: 1 / Harvard: 0." On the British sci-fi show, the blue box is actually a disguised time machine, the TARDIS.

## New cameras at Z-Center

*Video surveillance setup upgraded this summer*

By **Yuliya Preger**  
*STAFF REPORTER*

Working out? Someone might be watching you.

The video cameras at the Zesiger Center and duPont Athletic Center have been replaced this summer with newer models. *The Tech* had not previously known of these cameras.

The cameras are at:

- The DuPont entrance northwest of

- the Student Center (currently closed for the summer).
- The entrances and exits on Vassar Street.
- The entrances to the men's and women's locker rooms in the duPont gymnasium
- Court 3 in duPont (the gymnastics room)

The cameras are nothing new; all

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## Burst pipe floods parking lot

*Waters gushing from below crack open asphalt, reach 1.5 ft*

By **Elijah L. Mena**  
*STAFF REPORTER*

In a freak accident last night, the ground split open and the water started gushing out in the parking lot between Buildings 1, 3 and 5. The water flooded the lot as well as the only exit, trapping several cars and SUVs. Many labs and offices nearby were also flooded.

The flooding started around 6:15 last night, when an underground water running through the center of the parking lot burst and the escaping water ruptured the asphalt above. By 7 p.m. the lot was entirely underwater, even though it is equipped with four drains. Workers weren't able to shut off the line until several hours later, and the water did not drain out of the parking lot until 9:45 p.m.

Buildings 3, 10, and 11 were flooded, and several labs and offices needed to be vacuumed and cleaned. Buildings 5 and 7, which were west of the parking lot, were not as affected as buildings to the east. At Building 10 the elevator pit



ELIJAH L. MENA—THE TECH

A car slobes through the underpass at the intersection of Buildings 7 and 3, where the flooding on Thursday evening was worst. Gushing out of a burst pipe underground, the water was nearly 1.5 feet deep.

was filled by several feet of water.

The flooding was worst at the underpass between Buildings 7 and 3, where the depth reached 17 inches. There the water lapped at the knees of several wading facilities worker.

That underpass is also only way out for the vehicles in the parking lot. Many people drove through the water to leave, but some de-

cided not to take the chance One woman asked a facilities worker move her SUV to the far side of the parking lot, where the water was only a few inches high. The MIT policeman at the scene advised her to take a taxi home rather than to drive out of the parking lot.

One man in his SUV sent water

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## NW30/W59 may get real railroad crossing

By **Joanna Kao**  
*STAFF REPORTER*

For students living in New Ash-down and Sidney-Pacific, a common (if risky) route to class takes them across the railroad tracks, popping out on Vassar Street parking lot near the West Garage and Steinbrenner Stadium. MIT has for years considered building a formal foot crossing there, and those plans may finally be solidifying.

"We have been in discussion with the [Commonwealth of Massachusetts], primarily with the MBTA and their commuter rail operator the Massachusetts Bay Commuter Rail," said Jennifer E. Combs, a project manager from Facilities, in an e-mail.

The plan is to improve the alley between NW30 (the Warehouse)

and NW21 (Plasma Science and Fusion Center) and make a pedestrian path across the railroad tracks, which are known as the Grand Junction. The footpath will continue through the parking lot to the east of W59. W59 currently houses ROTC, as well as offices of Housing, Campus Dining, and Residential Life.

"Pending final approval of the project by the [Commonwealth], the project could be completed by spring of next year or sooner," Combs said.

The Massachusetts Bay Commuter Rail "will oversee the construction of the railroad crossing. MIT will oversee the pedestrian improvements on MIT property," said Combs.

Communication between MIT and the Massachusetts Bay Com-

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### IN SHORT

**OpenCourseWare** has been selected by *Time Magazine* as one of the top 50 websites of 2010. <http://ocw.mit.edu>

**Construction in the Infinite Corridor** is scheduled to be completed by next week Friday.

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# As miners face long wait, Chile filters notes and food

By Alexei Barrionuevo  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

SAN JOSE MINE, Chile — The government has consulted NASA about the extreme isolation of space. Chilean Navy officers have come to discuss the emotional stress of living in a submarine. Doctors stand at the ready with antidepressants. Even a tiny home theater is being funneled down in plastic tubes to occupy the 33 miners stuck in their subterranean home.

Chile is sparing no expense or attempted innovation in trying to rescue the miners trapped by a cave-in on Aug. 5, fully aware that the country — and the world — is closely watching the ordeal.

But like everything else being

done to maintain the psychological health of the miners over the weeks or months they may remain nearly half a mile underground, officials will carefully control what they are exposed to, down to the messages they receive from their families or the kind of movies that might be projected on the wall of the mine.

No fewer than seven government ministers roam the makeshift camp outside the mine here in Chile's Atacama Desert, not to mention the countless politicians, millionaire donors and observers who almost outnumber the family members camping in tents.

With his popularity already slipping, President Sebastian Pinera has staked his nascent presidency on rescuing the miners, analysts

said.

Government officials said they held a teleconference on Wednesday afternoon with five NASA specialists, among them doctors who put astronauts through tests that simulate the grueling isolation of a voyage to Mars.

Dr. Jaime Manalich, the health minister, said he had urged NASA to send a team to “monitor what we are doing here” and announced Thursday that three or four NASA specialists would arrive in Chile next week to assist medical officials with the miners.

Before being discovered, the miners survived on tiny bites of emergency rations and have lost an average of about 20 pounds each.

## Home foreclosures drop, but risk of delinquency deepens

The foreclosure crisis might have finally peaked in the first half of this year, but with the continued weakness in the economy and the recent deterioration of the housing market, the gains may prove fleeting.

For the first time since 2006, the number of loans in the process of foreclosure fell in the second quarter, the Mortgage Bankers Association said Thursday. Some other measures of delinquency also dropped.

The problem is no longer high-interest subprime loans, many of which have worked their way out of the system. The critical area now is prime loans, where defaults are driven by stubbornly high unemployment.

Mortgages that are in serious default, which means at least 90 days past due, fell to 9.11 percent of all loans from 9.54 percent in the first quarter, the banking association said.

—David Streitfeld, *The New York Times*

## Kepler telescope finds possible Earth-size planet

Scientists working with NASA's Kepler satellite reported Thursday that they might have spotted a planet just 1.5 times the diameter of Earth around a Sun-like star 2,000 light-years away.

“We're still in the process of confirming this candidate is a planet,” said Matthew Holman, of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, at a NASA-sponsored news conference Thursday. Holman is the lead author of an article describing the discoveries that the journal *Science* published on its website.

This is the first announcement of a candidate Earth-size planet by the Kepler mission, which in March 2009 launched a one-ton spacecraft to search for planets like ours that just might harbor life.

—Kenneth Chang, *The New York Times*

## Hip implants are recalled by Johnson & Johnson unit

More than two years after the Food and Drug Administration began receiving complaints about the failure of a hip replacement implant made by the DePuy Orthopaedics unit of Johnson & Johnson, the company said Thursday that it was recalling two kinds of hip implants.

DePuy said that it had made the decision to withdraw the products because many patients required a second hip replacement after the company's implants had failed.

The news compounded problems for Johnson & Johnson, which has recalled a succession of some of its best-selling and best-known products, including liquid children's Tylenol in the United States and, just this week, 1-Day Acuvue TruEye contact lenses in Japan and other countries in Asia and Europe.

—Natasha Singer, *The New York Times*

# Tensions in Iowa town at the heart of the eggs recall

By Monica Davey  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

CLARION, Iowa — The conversation at the weekly gathering of local ladies at a coffee shop here turned uncharacteristically tense.

One woman suggested that the company at the focus of the recall of hundreds of millions of eggs, with huge facilities here, had done more harm than good locally. A second resident jumped in to defend the operation and the DeCoster family that runs it, sternly announcing that any troubles ought not be discussed

aloud.

Federal authorities announced Thursday that they had found samples of salmonella matching the strain of the recent outbreak in the feed and barns of Wright County Egg, the DeCosters' facilities.

The authorities said nearly 1,500 illnesses since May might be tied to tainted eggs, making this the largest outbreak associated with this type of bacteria, known as *Salmonella enteritidis*, since the federal government began closely tracking foodborne disease in 1973.

The intense scrutiny DeCoster and another producer, Hillandale Farms, have come under has reopened a fault line in central Iowa, those who detest enormous, industrial-size farms and say the risk of a widespread salmonella outbreak is one more reason to fear them; on the other, those who see such farming as the economic savior of these wide open spaces.

The DeCosters produce 2.3 million dozen eggs a week in Iowa. Over the years, many here have objected to the growing operations of Austin J. DeCoster.

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*The Cordoba Initiative is a powerful defense against Al Qaeda*

On August 3, the New York City Landmarks Preservation Society voted unanimously not to extend landmark status to 45-47 Park Place, formerly a Burlington Coat Factory, now a partially-damaged warehouse. As far as municipal law goes, the decision was as mundane and routine as handing out a parking ticket or issuing a liquor license — the warehouse, with its commonplace architectural style, simply did not offer a compelling justification for landmark status. And yet to hear many conservatives talk about the matter, it seems as if the Landmarks Preservation Society has dealt a death blow to the American way of life. Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich claims that it will “encourage [radical Islamists] in their challenge to our civilization,” and Arizona Senator Jon Kyl writes that it will “risk giving militant Islamists a victory to exploit.”

I enjoy a classically crafted building as much as the next man, but it seems to me that Gingrich and Kyl are taking their architecture-philia to an unhealthy extreme.

Of course, I'm being a bit facetious. No doubt Gingrich, Kyl, and others are up in arms not due to a love of the Italian Palazzo style, but because the shuttered warehouse is situated two blocks north of the World Trade Center site, and the owner of the building, Sharif El-Gamal, intends to demolish it to make way for a \$100 million mosque and cultural center to be operated by the Cordoba Initiative. In the greater scheme of things however, the political assault on the proposed mosque would make more sense were it motivated by fashion or taste.

Initial opposition to the mosque was founded on the notion that the Cordoba Initiative was an extremist organization, funded by shadowy sources, intent on building the mosque as a statement of Islamic triumphalism.

It has become clear however, that the reality is nothing of the sort. To be sure, the Cordoba Initiative's leader, Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf, had given some mild criticism of American foreign policy over the past decade (I've yet to meet a soul who hasn't) but on the whole he is one of the most moderate Muslim leaders in America today. Rauf has been an imam in New York City for 27 years, he has publicly denounced Osama Bin Laden as an abomination, and he stands in every way opposed to the work of

Al Qaeda. He does not hate America — he celebrates it as the quintessential proponent of his faith.

These truths have left the mosque's opponents undeterred. Religious conservatives, having manufactured the controversy, now claim that the controversy is self-justified — if Imam Rauf's intentions were pure, he would not continue to push for something that has engendered so much conflict, and if his intentions are not pure, we should not allow him to continue his plans. Such is the absurd catch-22 that the mosque now finds itself in.

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In these depressing days, the American people have become pessimists. Amid economic recession and an uncertain geopolitical landscape, we question (as we have several times in our past) whether our ideals can withstand the challenges brought by other civilizations. We wonder if the mosque is symbolic of a weakness inherent in our system — if this is perhaps an example of our enemies exploiting our freedom and tolerance as a weapon against us.

It is hard to argue with a widow's grief or a father's anger. There is the understandable desire to build something on that hal-  
lowed site that is more directly defiant of those who attacked us — perhaps a predator drone factory with a mural of a smiling Uncle Sam placing his boot on the throat of Osama bin Laden.

But what the mosque's opponents should understand is that the Cordoba Initiative is a uniquely powerful — and uniquely American — weapon in the war on terror, and that their proposed center represents the fiercest threat to our adversaries as any nation can muster.

The members of the Cordoba Initiative are not confederates of Al Qaeda — they are its sworn enemies. Indeed, they are its greatest fear. They share a religion with the 9/11 hijackers only in the most nominal sense. These are the men and women who



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A review of the film *Inception* in the August 4 issue misspelled the name of the actress who plays Mal, Cob's wife. She is Marion Cotillard, not Marie.

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## ADVICE FOR FRESHMEN

# I Have Truly Found Paradise — now what do I do with it?

*Live a little. Ask for help. And if you're not having fun, you're doing it wrong.*

**By Nina Sinatra**  
*STAFF COLUMNIST*

It feels a bit strange to write that September 8 will mark the third annual Wednesday that I walk down the Infinite to the requisite “first day of classes” buzz at MIT. Time flies when you’re having fun. Or, in our case: psetting, socializing, studying, exploring campus and city life, and discovering every possible iteration of “IHTEP.” Either way, I am officially an upperclassman, and as such, I’m going to give you ’14ers a bit of practical advice that I’ve accumulated from two, very busy years at the Institvtve.

Although your freshman year at MIT is somewhat different from that of other universities, MIT shares one important trait with every other college in the country: The undergraduate experience is very different for each student. I know this might seem completely obvious to you now, but keep in mind that college life is — above all, perhaps — a time to experiment, learn, and develop your perspectives. Don't feel frustrated if you have difficulty in a class or if you feel that you aren't prepared for your subjects. This is a new and challenging environment, and I guarantee that you will be presented

with obstacles and situations that you may not have encountered before.

But never fear! The key to a successful and, more importantly, fulfilling first year at MIT is to find what works best for you. In a new setting, your friends and classmates will have widely diverse styles of adapting and learning; don't feel pressured to act or work a certain way based on what you see.

**A critical and unavoidable fact about your undergraduate experience is that, at times, you will need help.**

To be prepared in your classes, try to keep pace and to make use of advice offered by professors, teaching assistants, graduate resident tutors (GRTs), and upperclassmen.

This brings me to a second crucial point about life at MIT: making use of your resources. I'm not talking about desperately trying to Google a p-set problem at 4 a.m. the morning that it's due (although I'm sure that many of us have been in that particular

situation!). A critical and unavoidable fact about your undergraduate experience is that, at times, you will need help. Whether it's having a person to vent to after a frustrating day, getting sick and needing to postpone an exam, feeling lost in a class, or being confused about which major to choose, MIT has many, many resources that can help you to feel confident, healthy, and self-assured in your decisions.

These methods begin next week with the dorm you choose to call home and the GRTs and housemasters who adopt you. They continue with TAs and upperclassmen, and extend to S43 (Student Support Services) and the wide variety of guidance counselors and professionals that can give you academic, medical, or personal advice.

These support structures are here to help *you*. Don't prolong or try to fix a difficult situation by yourself. I guarantee that you will find your MIT experience much more rewarding if you communicate your needs, ask others for ideas and advice, and be sure to take advantage of all your resources. Don't try to go it alone.

Finally, keep your ambitions in mind if you like, but don't hold too tightly to them right now. Your ideas and goals may very

well change during your first two semesters, and this is something that you should embrace. Regardless of which high school you have come from, what your interests are, or where you call home, freshman year is not a time to compare yourself with your classmates. Work hard and learn, but take care that you don't take yourself too seriously. MIT can feel daunting, but try to focus on adjusting to life here and don't be afraid to branch out, try new classes, and enjoy yourselves. Pass/No Record is a perfect time to experiment with new subjects, UROPs, sports, or activities — and to enjoy college life with the friends that you meet. Take full advantage of it!

Now that I've told you these few things, I know that you will come to find that MIT is an incredible place, filled with exciting courses, diverse classmates and professors, and outstanding research. It is an extremely unique place to learn, live, and work, and you will be exposed to countless choices and opportunities during your time here. Enjoy, explore, and take advantage of them, and your four years at MIT will undoubtedly be exciting, fulfilling, and enlightening.

Take a deep breath. Love your Beaver.  
And good luck!

# A freshman's guide to thriving at MIT

*Meet new friends, don't overwork yourself, and embrace your classes.*

**By Ryan Normandin**  
*STAFF COLUMNIST*

At this point, you've settled into your temporary room, semi-unpacked and probably eaten lots and lots of free food. If you're hungry or have paid for food, you're doing something wrong. Maybe you've gone to some "mandatory" Orientation events or you're doing an FPOP. You're meeting lots of people, staying up all night, and generally having a great time. And slowly, you might even be starting to believe that this is what MIT is like all of the time.

I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but it's not.

In a feeble attempt to prepare you for what is coming, I put together some tips on how to make the most of your freshman year. Some of this is based on personal experience, some on the advice of my classmates, and some on things that I witnessed during my first year.

**Go to class.** This might seem rather obvious to some people, but when you've gone to bed at 5 a.m. and woken up at 8 a.m., this concept might evade your logic. Borrowing class notes from classmates or trying to learn the material online is no substitute for actually attending lecture and recitation. Some classes, such as 3.091, record lectures and put them online later that day; in this case, there is really no difference as to whether you attend the class or watch it online, as long as you really do watch it if that's what you choose. However, I would advise against relying on MIT's Open CourseWare (OCW) lectures from previous years, since some content may differ or the class may proceed at a different rate. OCW is a great resource, but it won't get you a degree.

**Study and organize your time.** Many of you glided through high school without

opening a book. MIT is not high school; you will need to study, sometimes quite a lot. If you haven't studied in high school, I would recommend starting right away, even if the classes you're taking start off with easier material that you are familiar with. Organize your time by ensuring that you set blocks of time aside for each subject that has an exam or a problem set due. Tests and problem sets from previous years are some of your best studying tools, and they can be easily found on OCW.

**Work in groups.** This is another thing that some of you might scoff at, since many of you did not need help in high school. Yet this is another change that you will need to adjust to. The problem sets that are issued are not easy and I am not exaggerating when I say that virtually everyone at MIT works in groups, especially in GIR's that they are not majoring in. They are not high school homework assignments that you can either finish in class or do in 5 minutes before the bell rings the day it's due. But in this case, you need to do more than just set aside what you think is enough time to work on it; oftentimes, there will be problems that you just cannot do. But chances are, if you are in a group of 3-5 people, one of you will know how to do it. Your classmates at MIT are perhaps your greatest resource, so use them! However, one pitfall to avoid is to take down an answer that you don't understand. Make sure that if you're working with others, you understand everything your groupmates do.

That's some of my advice, but what do other ex-frosh have to say? Sophomore Shannon Taylor stressed the importance of taking chances and stepping outside your comfort zone. You hear that phrase a lot, but it's extremely applicable at MIT. You're going to find out that there are a plethora of groups and clubs to join,

and you should definitely use part of your freshman year to do this. Shannon pointed out that after freshman year, you only get busier, so your first year is your chance to try different things and find something you really enjoy.

But this doesn't just apply to extracurriculars! Shannon and many other upperclassmen recommend taking advantage of Pass/No Record and ABC/No Record. What this means is that during your freshman year, you literally cannot receive a D or an F, at least not that will be recorded in your record or affect your GPA. This is a huge opportunity that I think a lot of freshmen under-utilize. With No Record, you can try any class you want and explore the many different majors without too much risk. Even if you've come in with a strong idea of what you want to major in, it's still

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a great idea to take some classes outside of your major. You won't be the first freshman to decide that your passion coming in is not your passion coming out. Even if you keep your major, you can use freshman year to get a taste for an entirely different field of study to broaden your horizons.

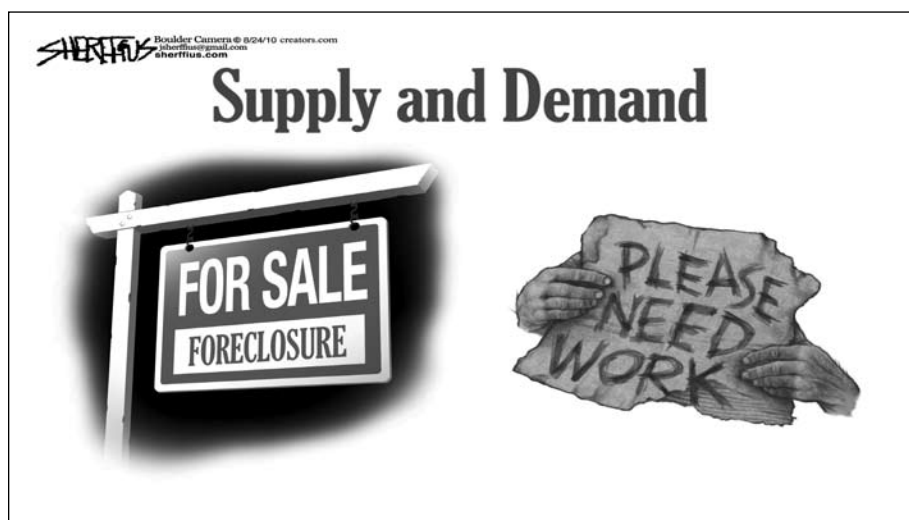
Another sophomore, Russell Cohen, had more to say about taking advantage of all MIT has to offer. "Meet other freshmen. And don't date seniors," he added. As I mentioned earlier, the student body is a major resource at MIT, and not just for homework. MIT is an extremely diverse

body of people from all over the world who may have entirely different viewpoints and experiences than you. You might never again get the chance to meet so many different people from so many different walks of life.

The different groups of friends I've gained at MIT has been fantastic. I've got one group of friends from my floor, one group I met during Orientation, a few different friends from different groups I've joined, and even friends from other schools in Boston who I've met. The more people you know and befriend, the richer your MIT experience will be.

My final words of advice: don't take on too much. I've stressed repeatedly that high school is very different than MIT. You cannot expect to take all the hardest classes and get all A's while also joining every group and club that comes your way. Freshman year is a year to explore and find out how much you can handle. Join one or two groups and take one or two more challenging "flavors" of classes at the very most. If you find that you can handle the commitments you make and the workload you've got and still have time to spare, then you can make the decision to do more. You have four years at this place; you don't need to cram it all into your freshman year. Many people have made the mistake of taking on way too much first semester and, as a result, digging themselves into a hole they couldn't get out of until second semester.

If you take all of this advice, I can virtually guarantee that you will do more than just fine; you will excel. Everyone is capable of doing the work, it just takes time management, teamwork, and lots of studying. And when you've got that down, take advantage of the rich variety of opportunities available to you here. You have four years. Make the most of it.



# THE DAILY CONFESSION

## Residence EXploration 2010

### Featured REX Events

#### West Side Dorms' Block Party

**Date:** Saturday August 28

**Time:** 7–11 p.m.

**Location:** Macgregor Courtyard and the sidewalk outside of Next, New, and Burton-Conner

**Description:** Come over to the west side of campus for a fun-filled night! Next, Burton-Conner, Macgregor and New will entertain you with games, food, dancing, and much more. See what the west side dorms have to offer! The carnival has started and you are all invited!!

#### Housemaster Welcome Brunch

**Date:** Sunday August 29

**Time:** 12:30–2 p.m.

**Location:** Each Resident Hall

**Description:** It's time to be welcomed to the residential side of MIT. Come enjoy this MANDATORY opportunity to meet your Housemasters and GRT's while learning about house governments.

#### The East Side Party

**Date:** Sunday August 29

**Time:** 9 p.m.–1 a.m.

**Location:** East Campus/Senior Haus

**Description:** Come to YYZ, where bouncy balls rain in thousands from the sky. Ride the rides, scream down the roller coaster and wrestle in things never before wrestled in. And as you dance in the smoke, the lights, the thumping dreamscape of an unstoppable party, you too will taste the sweet nectar of Freedom.

#### East Vs. West Side Water War

**Date:** Monday August 30

**Time:** 6 p.m.

**Location:** Kresge Oval

**Description:** Take part in the epic battle that is the official East vs. West campus WATER WAR! Visit your dorm, or any dorm you pledge your loyalty to in the hours before 6pm to take part in the construction of water bearing and water hurling contraptions (plus the filling of water balloons). Take your place among fellow residents in the march to the final face off on Kresge Oval at 6 on the dot -where the East Side meets the West side. Winner takes all! If you're late, just come on over to join in on the fun! Which side will claim VICTORY?!

#### Sweet Rave Party

**Date:** Monday August 30

**Time:** 8:17 p.m.

**Location:** Random Hall

**Description:** Rejoice in the Revelry of the Random Rush Rave! Rock out Really Radically!

#### Skyline

**Date:** Monday August 30

**Time:** 10 p.m.–1 a.m.

**Location:** Baker House

**Description:** Come dive into orientation with the hottest party of the night at the most social dorm on campus! Featuring a dance floor, live DJs spinning today's hottest beats, and refreshments! Party with your fellow freshmen, Baker and Simmons residents and the ladies of McCormick.

Welcome MIT Class of 2014! As you arrive here on campus, I urge you to focus on one thing: exploration! The Institute is now your new home for the next four years, so why not check it out? Residential Exploration, or REX, is the perfect opportunity for you to get a taste of the independence the Institute fosters. As you'll see in the next few pages, there are plenty of events and activities to keep you busy at all hours of the day, so take advantage of them!

Most importantly though, approach REX with an open mind. Get involved in as much as you can! Meet new exciting people! Ask questions! Truly explore MIT's residential life before you make your final decision. Just as a reminder, the Housing Readjustment Lottery will close at **4 p.m. on Tuesday, August 31st.**

One of the most important choices you make here at MIT is deciding where you will reside for your first year. Especially in a few weeks when late night problem set parties begin, the relationships you have with those in your living group will completely shape your college experience. So be sure to use this time to make the best decision for you.

Happy Exploring!

**Christina Johnson**  
President, Dormitory Council

On behalf of *The Tech*, I'd like to welcome the Class of 2014 to MIT! You'll find in the following pages the complete, comprehensive guide to this year's Residence Exploration (REX) events. At MIT, you have the special privilege of choosing which dorm you would like to live in. You should engage as much as possible in the fun events the dorms will host, so you can find the people you will love to hang out with for years to come. Visit other dorms even if you are satisfied in your current assignment, and remember that the people and culture of a dorm matter more than its physical amenities (or lack thereof).

I cannot emphasize this enough: the most important decision you will make freshmen year isn't what classes you'll take or what major you'll choose; it's where you are going to live! That said, switching dorms is more than possible, and don't forget that the many fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups (FSILGs) will also be recruiting in a couple weeks. You'll find a similar guide to FSILG events in our September 3 issue.

Don't forget to have fun and pepper the upperclassmen with questions!

**David M. Templeton**  
Managing Editor, *The Tech*





Thursday  
August 26

12:00

12:00—**Dormitory Council**  
Housing Lottery Opens—Enter at <http://web.mit.edu/housing/lottery/>

Friday,  
August 27

01:00

01:00—**EAsT camPUS**  
We’ve been building all week! Come join us or feel your penis shrinking.  
01:01—**EAsT camPUS**  
When we’re not building, we’re chilling. Come chill with us, we have 4700 freezypops.

05:00

05:55—**EAsT camPUS**  
Obviously you are not a golfer. Come play the back nine at EAsT camPUS.

14:00

14:00—**EAsT camPUS**  
Tours: come see where James keeps his gigantic tits.  
14:00—**New House**  
New House 4: Delish Perfect Dessert: Listen to that sweet tooth of yours—now is the time for dessert! We’ve got cupcakes, cookies, and sweet treats to meet its demands, so make sure you come on down—your tummy will be grateful.  
14:00—**New House**  
French House: Mafia: Ceci n’est pas un mafia. Or are you?

15:00

15:17—**Random Hall**  
Truffles!—Do you want the delectable chocolate with raspberry? The boring ol’ chocolate with vanilla? Will you show your chutzpah by trying the chocolate with chipotle? How about the chocolate with death wasabi- only for the brave of heart and palate...

16:00

16:00—**EAsT camPUS**  
Our burgers and hot dogs are not like your burgers and hot dogs. Because they are made out of Awesome. East Campus: Come for the food, stay for the awesome.  
16:17—**Random Hall**  
Munchkin—Does D&D have too much plot for you? Come play some Munchkin. All the killing and looting, none of the story or rules.  
16:17—**Random Hall**  
Nerdy Sing Along—It’s hard to overstate my satisfaction with the songs we’ve got lined up here. Truly, this event fulfilling in creative way. If you want to be first in your class here at MIT, just remember that it’s gonna be the future soon.

17:00

17:17—**Random Hall**  
Juggling in Enclosed Spaces—What’s more fun than throwing brightly colored objects at people? Doing it at the same time as fifteen other people all packed into a small lounge. Come juggle with us! Don’t know how? We’re happy to teach you!  
17:47—**Random Hall**  
Live Action Quest—Come quest about the Duchy of Black Hole, a mysterious land populated by some strangely-dressed folks. Scavenge

and hunt, talk to odd townspeople, slay the dragon, rescue the princess, and find the tasty treasure. Roleplay accordingly!  
17:54—**EAsT camPUS**  
Like Rollercoaster Tycoon, except with less Tycoons and more Rollercoasters.

18:00

18:00—**Next House**  
Boston Walking Tours: Come along with the resident experts from Next to see the city near which you’ll be spending the next four years of your life. See the hot spots for food, fun, and entertainment... all within the limits of your little frosh feet.  
18:17—**Random Hall**  
Clamathon—Are you rad enough to complete the Shuanak challenge? How about a game of Clamball in the Clam-hall? Come prove yourself to be the best at inane games.  
18:41—**EAsT camPUS**  
Want to see some union inaction? Come see 3 guys with with power tools be watched by 30 without at EAsT camPUS.

Fun Fact

Bexley residents once listed Flavor Flav as their house president.

20:00

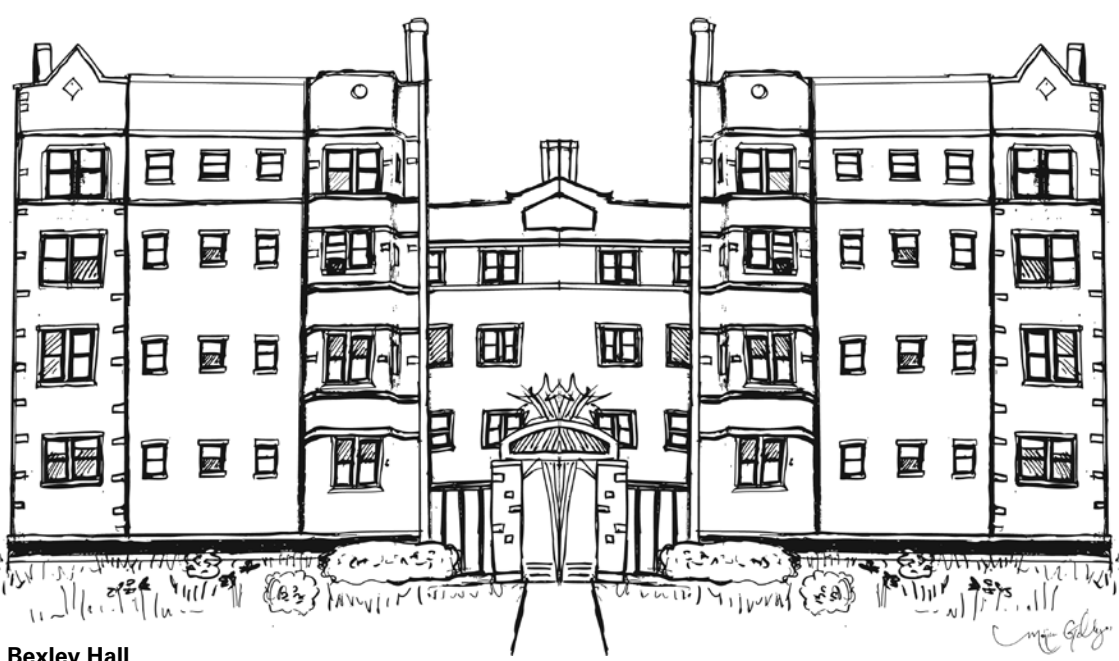
20:00—**Next House**  
Movie Night: Batman Begins and The Dark Knight! Come relax and celebrate the beginning of REX in front of the Next House big screen TV. Popcorn and other snacks will be provided!  
20:00—**Burton-Conner**  
Welcome to MIT! Come hang out and eat ice cream before the craziness begins. Because your existence is meaningless without ice cream  
20:17—**Random Hall**  
Roofdeck BBQ—Meat! Ribs, sausage, pulled pork and more! Come eat, talk, eat, and see the awesomeness of having a roofdeck. And eat!  
20:47—**Random Hall**  
Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream—What does one do with twenty liters of the embodiment of REALLY BLOODY COLD? Make ice cream, of course!

21:00

21:17—**Random Hall**  
Build-A-Bagofholding—You may not have enough time to do everything you want, but you can get enough space to hold whatever you want. Breaking the laws of physics, just for you.  
21:47—**Random Hall**  
CS ‘n’ Juice—Juice tastes better than tea. Theoretical computer science is more fun than math.

22:00

22:00—**New House**  
New House 4: Ice Cream Social: Really don’t need much more to say than the title, but just in case you didn’t know, ice cream is awesome. Come get free ice cream. Bring friends and/or make friends.  
22:47—**Random Hall**  
Board Games—Risk? Not exactly! Come play in our Dominion of Munchkins and Betrayal, get a Ticket to Ride to your Descent, and Race for the Galaxy’s Twilight Imperium! You



Bexley Hall

might even settle in Catan along the way.

23:00

23:47—**Random Hall**  
Duct Tape Construction—Come make things out of the most awesome material know to peoplekind!

Saturday  
August 28

00:00

00:11—**EAsT camPUS**  
No, we won’t turn our music down for you. Find out why at EAsT camPUS.

01:00

01:00—**EAsT camPUS**  
We are so chill, we’ve been sleeping in freezypops. Come eat five thousand freezypops at East Campus.  
01:23—**EAsT camPUS**  
Tired? You too can sell your soul to Monster Energy Drinks.  
01:24—**EAsT camPUS**  
It’s safe. See, we even marked it off with caution tape.

02:00

02:01—**EAsT camPUS**  
So you’re looking for foam blocks? I have good hookup, very cheap.

03:00

03:00—**EAsT camPUS**  
We take one thing in our creamer: non-dairy creamer... LOTS OF IT.  
03:17—**Random Hall**  
RHOP—Why would anyone be up so late? To serve you pancakes, of course!  
03:33—**EAsT camPUS**  
They’re not bombs, they’re cocktails.  
03:42—**EAsT camPUS**  
Pants suck. Just sayin’  
03:58—**EAsT camPUS**  
We probably shouldn’t let him use that chop saw until he wakes up.

04:00

04:06—**EAsT camPUS**  
BUILD BUILD BUILD, WHY ISN’T THIS WORKING, OH GOD NO...

08:00

08:00—**Burton-Conner**  
Leggo my Eggo? You can keep it; we’re making fresh waffles with toppings galore  
08:00—**Next House**  
Take a Tour and Transport Your Lug-

gage! Friendly Nexties will help you move in and show you around our awesome dorm! Even if you’re not temped here, stop by and see what Next is all about.

09:00

09:00—**New House**  
Welcome Lounge: Stop by New House as we welcome you to MIT. We will have snacks and residents around all day so stop by and say hi!  
09:17—**Random Hall**  
Crepes!—Sweet! Crepes! Make! Eat!

10:00

10:00—**Burton-Conner**  
Come build a water weapon for the fight on Monday! We’ve got all the supplies you need  
10:00—**Phoenix Group**  
Dorm Tours @ Outside W20 on the LaVerde’s side: A tour guide will be waiting for you at the Student Center (with a big sign that says NW35) to take you to NW35, the newest dorm.

Factoid

The dorms with accessible rooftops/terraces are McCormick, Baker, Random, and Simmons.

11:00

11:00—**Senior Haus**  
Early Morning Breakfast @ Senior Haus 1st Floor Kitchen. Eat, bitch.  
11:47—**Random Hall**  
B-7s—It’s our weekly math party: snacks and hard problems included.

12:00

12:00—**New House**  
French House: Papier-Mâché Zoo: La Maison a besoin de quelques animaux de compagnie... help us make some.  
12:00—**Burton-Conner**  
take a tour and see what BC is all about  
12:00—**New House**  
Spanish House: Carne Asada with Familia: Come join the Spanish house family for their traditional and delicious cook-out to learn a little bit about what living in Spanish House is actually like.  
12:00—**New House**  
New House 4: Smoothies & Foot-

ball: Come show what you’ve got, in the all-American game of... Football! And when you’re all worn out from playing, or just want to enjoy some downright great smoothies, stop by NH4. Don’t miss out, these smoothies really do pour out quick!

12:00—**Senior Haus**  
Tire Swing @ Senior Haus Courtyard. There’s only one tire swing on campus. Come to senior haus to learn from the best and give blood to the tree. Also, get a tour from our lovely and exotic residents to see the hell from which none has returned the same... Tours meet every  
12:00—**Next House**  
Welcome BBQ: ...And the food begins. Come join us for a delicious meal and meet the residents of Next House! We will also have frisbees and bubbles-- what more could you ask for?

12:17—**Random Hall**  
Learn to Cook in 3 Short Steps—How to cook X: Step 1: Come to Random Hall at 12:17. Step 2: ??? Step 3: Profit! (Eat X)  
12:30—**Baker House**  
Baker House BBQ Pits (Riverside): Baker House Welcome BBQ Welcome to MIT! Come for a great BBQ and meet your new classmates while enjoying a great view of the Charles River.

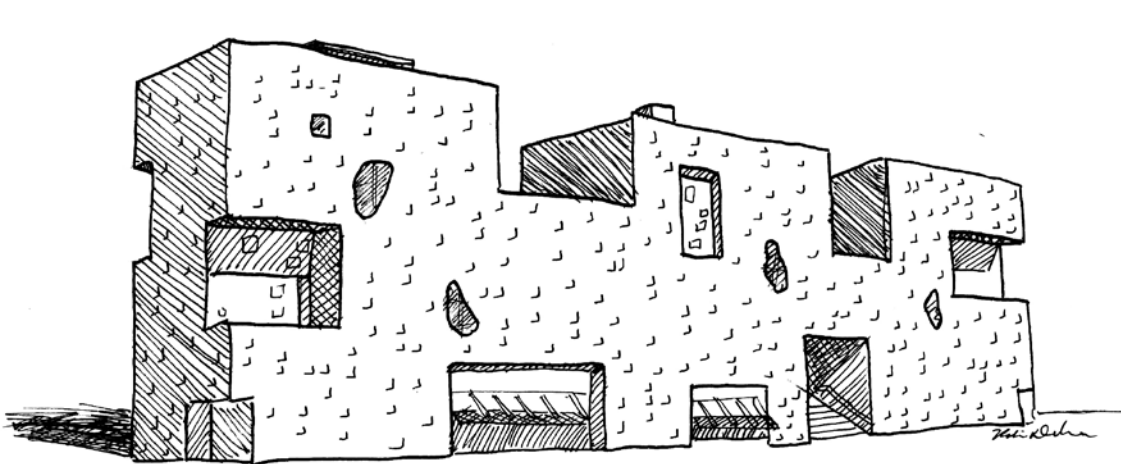
13:00

13:00—**Senior Haus**  
Graffiti @ Senior Haus Courtyard. Come be a delinquent with some of the best.  
13:47—**Random Hall**  
Silly Putty Ice Cream—What? Ice cream isn’t supposed to do that! (Warning: May contain potato.)

13:47—**Random Hall**  
Cookies and Smut—Listen to the finest Viking romance novels and eat delicious warm chocolate chip cookies. Feel the horriblehorriblehorrible sensation of rivulets of chocolate dripping down your throat and discover Thor’s magnificent hammer!

14:00

14:00—**Next House**  
Pies and Other Things that Fly: Kites, Frisbees and, of course, Pie! Come for kite-making, play some Ultimate, and do some ballistic physics of your own (coughPIEFIGHTcough).  
14:00—**Phoenix Group**  
Dorm Tours @ Outside W20 on the LaVerde’s side: A tour guide will be waiting for you at the Student Center (with a big sign that says NW35) to



Simmons Hall



Next House



New House

take you to NW35, the newest dorm.

14:00—**EAsT campUS**  
Hair Dyeing: Come dye at East Campus. We're all dyeing here.

14:00—**EAsT campUS**  
To change things up, we've got some steak and lobster for everyone to enjoy. Really, it's great. And free. You'll love it. Ok, I lied. It's burgers and hot dogs. And thrill rides and robots.

14:00—**EAsT campUS**  
East Campus is full of Back In The Day. We have so much history it hurts. Come discover East Campus with us.

14:00—**Senior Haus**  
Mask making @ Senior Haus Lobby. Make your new face, one befitting a wanderer of the night

14:17—**Random Hall**  
Pillowdome—Two men with pillows enter! One man with a pillow leaves! Two men with pillows enter! One man with a pillow leaves!

14:47—**Random Hall**  
CHEESE—Swiss Cheddar Brie Cottage Parmigiano Reggiano Gouda Chevre Camembert Provolone Ricotta Colby Jack Pepper Jack Monterey Jack Mozzarella Muenster Blue Havarti Limburger Feta.

15:00  
15:00—**Burton-Conner**  
This is a \*real\* BBQ. We're talkin' chicken n' ribs smothered in sauce, grilled by genuine southerners. Help yourself to potato salad and cornbread, wash it all down with sweet tea or lemonade. Y'all come back now, y'hear?

15:00—**New House**  
Spanish House Game Night: Come have fun with La Casa and play poker, loteria, twister, sing karaoke, soccer, and spanish scrabble and have a Fiesta.

15:00—**Senior Haus**  
Orgy @ Senior Haus Room 443. Vicious. Delicious. Tastes just like chicken.

15:15—**EAsT campUS**  
If you're gonna drill that hard, you gotta use protection.

15:17—**Random Hall**  
Storytime with Cruft—Cruft: (n) junk, detritus, old computers, and MIT alumni. Bask in the glory of our venerable old fogies and learn about the good old days. (Warning: "stay off my lawn")

15:30—**Senior Haus**  
Book Club with Hunter S. Thompson @ Senior Haus Lobby. Meet the famous author and gonzo journalist who inspired "Sport Death."

16:00  
16:00—**Phoenix Group**  
Ultimate Frisbee and Soccer @ NW35

Courtyard: Help our IM Ultimate and Soccer teams hone their skillz! All skill levels welcome.

16:00—**New House**  
French House: Cooking: Faites bouillir, coupez, faites sauter, and immersion blend with us!

16:00—**Senior Haus**  
Haircuts @ Senior Haus Lobby. Now that you've had your hair dyed and look like a jackass, let us cut it all off.

16:17—**Random Hall**  
Bubble Wrap Room—Spend my nights with a roll of bubble wrap. Pop, pop—hope no one sees me gettin' freaky.

16:47—**Random Hall**  
Mafia—Will the townspeople triumph? Or will the Mafia kill them all?

17:00

17:00—**New House**  
German House: Homemade German House Dinner: Start eating at the dining halls in the dorms tonight and you'll be sick of them by the time classes start. Instead, get a taste of what German House residents get all year long with a scrumptious homemade dinner.

17:00—**Senior Haus**  
Real Texas Barbecue @ Senior Haus Courtyard. Learn how to barbecue from a real Texan. Bite down slow and let that blood sink through your teeth. Like that. Real nice and deep-like.

## Fun Fact

If you live facing the courtyard in East Campus, you may be awoken by random detonations.

17:00—**Simmons Hall**  
Have you seen the price of sushi at the student center? It's ridiculous. Instead of paying an arm and a leg, come on over to the Simmons Country Kitchen where Master Ferro-Chef Chen teaches you the ancient oriental art of sushi wrapping.

17:00—**New House**  
New House 4: Make your own Dumpling: Make and eat your very own dumplings! Drop by New House 4 and learn how to make tasty dumplings (a potentially essential skill once you get tired of ramen), or come to just grab some deliciousness to eat.

17:04—**EAsT campUS**  
Come ride the merry-go-round. We swear it it's not a death trap. This time...

17:17—**Random Hall**  
Wigging Out—Come see what colors look good on your head! Guaranteed to be less permanent than dye!

18:00

18:00—**McCormick Hall**  
Come to McC for some Tropical Madness! Experience the powers of Pixar classics, delicious fruit juices, henna tattoos, and yummy finger foods, as they take you to a world that is Warm, Wet, and Wild!

18:00—**Senior Haus**  
Dorm mailing list spamming @ Senior Haus Lobby. Be the first in your class to successfully troll all of campus! We'll discuss what makes successful troll so successful, and how you can learn from some of the best flame wars of ALL TIME.

18:00—**EAsT campUS**  
Come join us in hoping Transparent Horizons rusts away before they can repaint it.

18:00—**EAsT campUS**  
I'm at the Soldering Seminar. I'm at the Power Tools Seminar. I'm at the Combination Soldering & Power Tools Seminar.

18:10—**EAsT campUS**  
I don't know where you are right now but you could be building a blinking shrieking trinket! Come electronically worry the police at East Campus.

18:15—**New House**  
French House: Dinner: Enjoy a delicious homemade meal chez nous! Now Zagat rated. . .

18:17—**Random Hall**  
Boffing on the Roofdeck—Nothing says, "Hey, let's be friends" like a foam sword to the abdomen.

18:47—**Random Hall**  
Pixelate By Numbers Mural—Like color by numbers? Like old video games? Like art? Like anything at all? Come help us paint a mural of pixels, color by number style!

19:00

19:00—**Senior Haus**  
Voyage to the Playground! @ Senior Haus Lobby. Relive your childhood - selectively. Go on an adventure with some of our prettiest and most handsome residents and swing your heart out on the bestest playground around.

19:00—**Dormitory Council**  
Come over to Macgregor Courtyard for a fun-filled night! Next, Burton-Conner, Macgregor and New will entertain you with games, food, dancing, and much more. See what the west side dorms have to offer!

19:00—**MacGregor**  
WEST SIDE PARTY—Come over to the west side of campus for a fun-filled night! Next, Burton-Conner,

Macgregor and New will entertain you with games, food, dancing, and much more. See what the west side dorms have to offer! The carnival has started and you are all invited!

19:17—**Random Hall**  
nth annual BEEFoff—Many will enter, but just one will have the glory of victory. Eat BEEF and decide which dish will take home the prize.

20:00

20:00—**Senior Haus**  
Last minute mask making @ Senior Haus Lobby. Wait, you still haven't made your mask!? Hurry, loser: there isn't much time left before it will be vital. AKA, we're releasing the Lame-saur from the basement, and he will eat all who are lame enough to resist the fearsome po

20:17—**Random Hall**  
Chainmail—Learn to weave metal into chains and fabrics! Make armor worthy of the thirteenth century! Also suitable for badass jewelry.

21:00

21:00—**Simmons Hall**  
Have you ever experienced the epic cinematic experience offered by the Simmons MPR? You know, TEN foot screen and Bose SURROUND sound and all? No? NBD. Come and enjoy a movie marathon like no other at MIT.

21:00—**Senior Haus**  
That thing with the masks; BE HERE @ Senior Haus Lobby. Whether you came with a purpose or you're here by accident, you're now a part of the struggle bus.

21:17—**Random Hall**  
Pass the Chicken—OVER HERE! PASS THE CHICKEN! (Warning: No chickens were harmed in making of this event)

21:47—**Random Hall**  
Tea 'n' Math—Featuring all that is good in life: tea, cookies, and awesome math.

22:00

22:00—**Baker House**  
Baker House Rooftop: Baker House presents FLOW Cap off the evening and your first day of college by relaxing at our rooftop lounge with a great view of the Boston skyline. Hang out under the night sky with your new classmates. There will be ice cold drinks and a live DJ.

22:00—**Senior Haus**  
Coffee and Cigarettes @ Senior Haus Courtyard. Come drink coffee and smoke cigarettes (18+) with senior haus' most "delightful" people, while watching the Jim Jarmusch film of the same name. A senior haus tradition.

22:47—**Random Hall**  
Revenge of the Board Games—Didn't get enough the first time? Come for a second round of our favorite board games... or come join us for the first time!

23:00

23:00—**MacGregor**  
MacGregor Post-Party—The West Side Block Party may be over, but the night is still young! Stop by MacGregor and continue the party on the dance floor with our live DJs and music. Or stick around and relax out in the courtyard, where there will be entertainment and refreshments.

23:00—**New House**  
French House: Nomuments: Dreamed of eating l'arc de tri-

omphe? Construct an edible French monument et puis mange ton chef d'ouvre.

23:00—**Senior Haus**  
S'mores @ Senior Haus Courtyard. Come put our gooey-liciousness in your mouth. Bite down... hard. White, brown, crispy black: we're all equal-opportunity mouths here.

23:00—**New House**  
New House 2: Comedy Night: Overwhelmed with all the events of Orientation? What better way to relax than laughing with the family of House 2? Of course they'll be good eats for all!

23:00—**Phoenix Group**  
Arrested Development Marathon @ NW35 1st Floor Lounge: Hey hermanos... so while we're waiting for the movie to be produced (Come on!) might as well kick back and relive one of the greatest shows to ever grace TV. Refreshments will be provided. dot com.

23:30—**Burton-Conner**  
Pixar movie marathon in Burton-Conner! We have a popcorn machine

## Protip

Two sites you may want to visit when lonely and bored are [mitfml.com](http://mitfml.com) and [isawyou.mit.edu](http://isawyou.mit.edu)

Sunday  
August 29  
00:00

00:00—**Senior Haus**  
Go Satanic @ Senior Haus Courtyard. Your all-expenses paid vacation package to hell comes with goat blood and eternal damnation. Bring your own demons.

00:00—**Burton-Conner**  
The water war prep continues! We'll be using our power tools alllll night long (giggity)

00:04—**EAsT campUS**  
We've got the steepest wooden roller coaster in the world! Don't believe us? Come feel your eyeballs pop out at EAsT campUS.

01:00

01:00—**Senior Haus**  
Go Office Space on our shit @ Senior Haus Courtyard. Who needs anger management?

02:00

02:21—**EAsT campUS**  
You know you're doing it right when you have more power tools than workers on the scene.

03:00

03:17—**Random Hall**  
RHOP—Everything is more interesting in the early hours of the morn. Even pancakes.

04:00

04:00—**EAsT campUS**  
Missed out on the Dust Bowl? Come live out the good ol' times at the EAsT campUS courtyard.

05:00

05:32—**EAsT campUS**  
Our Romain is not vegetarian. Come taste our Romain at EAsT campUS.



Baker House



Random Hall





Senior House

05:55—**EAsT campUS**  
Does anyone else hear the Mario theme? No? I guess I’ve just been awake too long.

08:00

08:00—**Burton-Conner**  
BAAACON!!! Bacon Bacon Bacon BAAACON!!! And eggs... and toast and stuff too, but we know why you’re really here (bacon!)

08:00—**Next House**  
OJ and Muffins: Start your day off right with some breakfast right in your friendly Next House Lounge.

08:30—**New House**  
Breakfast: Smoothies and Cereal: Come join New House for home-made smoothies and cereal classics!

09:00

09:17—**Random Hall**  
Breakfast at Tiffany’s—Tiffany&Co like making food. You like eating food. What could be better? (Classy little black dresses and pearls not required.)

10:00

10:00—**Phoenix Group**  
Dorm Tours @ Outside W20 on the LaVerde’s side: A tour guide will be waiting for you at the Student Center (with a big sign that says NW35) to take you to NW35, the newest dorm.

12:00

12:30—**Dormitory Council**  
Housemaster Brunches: Head back to your individual resident halls to take part in this wonderful and MANDATORY opportunity to meet your Housemasters and GRT’s, learn about house government, and hear some rules.

16:00

16:00—**Senior Haus**  
Mad Hatter tea party @ Senior Haus Lobby. Tea and Crumpets and Mad Hatters. Celebrate the Joi De Vivre that MIT causes. How far down the rabbit hole are you willing to go?

16:00—**Baker House**  
In Front of Baker House: Ice Cream & Tours of Baker House Interested in moving to Baker House? Come by for a tour of Baker House, and we’ll show you our rooms, gym, dining hall and more. We’ll also be handing out lots of free ice cream.

16:00—**EAsT campUS**  
Food. What do you mean the coaster’s not done yet?!

16:00—**EAsT campUS**  
Hair dye: it’s like mosquito repellent, but for helicopter parents.

16:00—**New House**  
Taste of New House and Tours: Come get a taste of New House and learn about the different houses. Enjoy various different cuisines and take tours lead by house residents.

16:00—**Next House**  
Tie Dye and Free Love: Get into the psychedelic spirit by making your own tie dyed apparel. Enjoy smoothies and lots of love from enthusiastic-but-not-dangerous Nexties.

16:08—**EAsT campUS**  
Stick our meat in your mouth. We promise you’ll like it.

16:13—**EAsT campUS**  
Fred’s Theorem: a monkey with power tools and an infinite supply of lumber will eventually produce all

possible roller coasters.  
16:17—**Random Hall**  
Chess is a fun game when played with shotguns—Now with 30% more queens!

16:17—**Random Hall**  
Afternoon Tea—Come have a lovely afternoon tea with the Mad Hatter and the March Hare! Enjoy some light hor d’oeuvres and tea, and don’t forget to bring a hat. If you do, newspaper will have to suffice. As always, stuffed animals are welcome.

16:20—**EAsT campUS**  
We’re not sure why we’re so obsessed with freezy pops. Oh, that’s right, they’re delicious. Come suck on our pops at EAsT campUS.

16:20—**EAsT campUS**  
Rollercoasters: How The Fuck Do They Work?!

16:30—**Phoenix Group**  
Dorm Tours @ Outside W20 on the LaVerde’s side: A tour guide will be waiting for you at the Student Center (with a big sign that says NW35) to take you to NW35, the newest dorm.

16:30—**McCormick Hall**  
Come to McC courtyard for Tie-Dye as you’ve never seen it before! Bold dyes and bright fabric markers are at your disposal when you decide how to embellish neat pillowcase keepsakes.

17:00

17:00—**Simmons Hall**  
Ever seen that movie “Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs?” Well it’s going to be like that in the Infamous Simmons Ball-pit of Awesomeness. Come and relieve some stress after that Math Diagnostics test by smacking your friends in the face with plastic balls!

17:00—**MacGregor**  
Pasta & Salad Dinner at MacGregor—Craving some Italian food? Well come over and half all the pasta you can eat!

17:00—**Burton-Conner**  
It’s not delivery, it’s delicious! Come make your favorite pizza from scratch with our resident chefs

17:00—**Senior Haus**  
Go the Garment District with Uncle Pevner @ Senior Haus Courtyard. Go on a field trip with Uncle Pevner to the Garment District. At this used-clothing store, you can buy a pound of clothes for just \$1.50. Plus, you can silkscreen stuff with us later.

17:17—**Random Hall**  
ntris Friends—Tetris is trivial. Come play ntris and hit your opponent in the face with a giant nonomino.

17:45—**EAsT campUS**  
Fuck (Batman), get wood at EAsT campUS.

18:00

18:00—**Senior Haus**  
Church @ Senior Haus Lobby. Do you know the weight of bearing the cross? You can, when you dress up like Jesus at the Senior Haus lobby! Stayed up too late partying with Satan? Some of Senior Haus’ most

bestest ministers will help heal your wretched soul.

18:17—**Random Hall**  
Rocky Horrible’s Sing-Back Blog—Have beloved memories of Dr. Horrible? Not after this event, you won’t. Come as we find the worst things possible to yell at poor NPH.

19:00

19:00—**New House**  
New House 5: Trashy Food and Trashy TV: We will be watching crappy MTV television like “The Jersey Shore” and “The Rock of Love.” There will be food like chips ahoj and Pepsi, which make a surprisingly good combo. Really the food won’t be that trashy, but I’ll try

19:00—**EAsT campUS**  
Today is a good day to die at EAsT campUS. We who are about to ride the coaster salute you.

19:00—**Burton-Conner**  
Even More Water War Prep! In case you haven’t figured it out yet, this event is 24/7. We just like to remind you every once in a while.

19:00—**EAsT campUS**  
Gabe: He’ll machine what you need, if you know what I mean.

19:00—**Senior Haus**  
Silk screening/t-shirt destruction @ Senior Haus Lobby. Those t-shirts you just picked up? It’s time to make them yours/awesome.

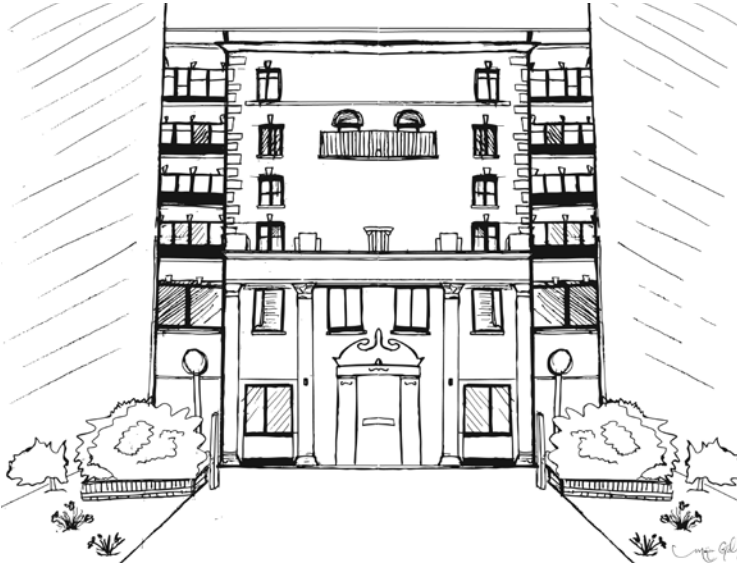
19:17—**Random Hall**  
Randomized Algorithms—If you’ve ever wished randomized incremental constructions weren’t just for computers, join us in Pecker lounge and learn precisely how much slower a chalkboard is than a modern CPU.

20:00

20:00—**Next House**  
Game Night: Get your game face on and drop by Next House for the old-school board and the latest video! Snacks provided.

20:17—**Random Hall**  
Pants Pants Revolution—Like Dance Dance Revolution, but every time you win, you put on another pair of pants.

20:30—**MacGregor**  
Like playing board games? How about video games? Then come to the MacGregor Rec Room for Games Night, where there will be tons of en-



Burton-Conner House

tainment and boatloads of food!  
20:31—**EAsT campUS**  
Come experience the physical by-products of our sleep deprived hallucinations.

21:00

21:00—**Dormitory Council**  
Come to YYZ in the EC Courtyard, where bouncy balls rain in thousands from the sky. Ride the rides, scream down the roller coaster and wrestle in things never before wrestled in. Dance in the smoke, lights, and the thumping dreamscape of an unstoppable party.

# Protip

If you swim in the moat around the Chapel, people inside can see your shadows.

21:00—**Burton-Conner**  
Capture the Flag! We’re in your base, capturing your flag. Meet at BC desk and we’ll head out from there.

21:00—**Senior Haus**  
BOUNCY BALL DROP (!!!) @ SENIOR HAUS COURTYARD. Now with THREE times the bouncy balls. Thousands of balls! Millions of balls! ~32768 balls! Have you experienced a hailstorm of this magnitude? A shower from the heavens of such fortitude? At this latitude? I didn’t think so

21:00—**EAsT campUS**  
Come to the YYZ party, taste the sweet nectar of freedom! Freedom while stocks last. Heh heh, we NEVER run out of freedom.

21:00—**New House**  
New House 3: Board Game Night: From 3D Twister to Settlers of Catan to Go Fish and Apples to Apples, join New House 3 for a night of our favorite board games and late night snacks.

21:00—**New House**  
German House: “House MD” Marathon: Come scarf down a ton of popcorn and caffeinated beverages to watch your favorite Vicodin addict save lives with his witty insults until you just can’t take it anymore. You know he’s your hero. Stop denying it. And put down that Vicodin

21:01—**EAsT campUS**  
Who needs acrobats when you can hang over a 20 foot drop in order to drill a hole in a 4x4?

21:17—**Random Hall**  
Physics ‘n’ Coffee—Like tea ‘n’ math, but with more caffeine and slightly more basis in reality (but only slightly).

21:30—**EAsT campUS**  
It looks like crude oil but it won’t break your vagina. Come wrestle in vagina-safe substances at East Campus.

22:00

22:00—**Simmons Hall**  
Come to the Simmons Game Area for some intense ping pong action, intense skee ball action, intense DDR action, not-so-intense board game action, or EXTREME AWESOME Build-your-own-Simmons-from-Graham-cracker-ACTION!!!!11! (Yes you can eat said graham crackers if so desired.)

22:00—**EAsT campUS**  
Tshen2 once tried to party on both sides of campus at the SAME TIME. It was a terrible mistake. Come learn from terrible mistakes at East Campus.

22:30—**New House**  
New House 2: Boondocks Mini-Marathon: Food? Boondocks? House 2? Sunday just got 10 times better!

23:00

23:00—**Phoenix Group**  
Futurama Marathon @ NW35 1st Floor Lounge: Good news, everyone! Your favorite TV show is BACK, no thanks to the fine gentlemen at FOX. So join us in watching the latest episodes! Refreshments will be provided. WOOB-WOOB-WOOB-WOOB-WOOB-WOOB-WOOB-WOOB!

23:00—**Senior Haus**  
Avant-garde band practice @ Senior Haus Music Room (Basement). Come be avant-garde with us. What, you say that I’m not playing any notes? That my amplifier is just making white noise? You’re not avant-garde enough.

23:24—**EAsT campUS**  
When our new assistant housemaster has designed and built rollercoasters for a living, you know we’re going to do something awesome



NW35 (Phoenix Group)



Monday  
August 30

00:00

**00:00—Senior Haus**  
Midnight tire swinging @ Senior Haus Courtyard. It's more fun in the dark.

**00:00—Next House**  
PJ Movie Night: Popcorn, s'mores and good movie... sounds like the perfect way to round off your first day as MIT students. Come see IRON MAN!

**00:00—Burton-Conner**  
James Bond Movie Marathon. The name's Conner. Burton-Conner. Formal attire encouraged.

01:00

**01:00—EAsT camPUS**  
The party's over and all these rides are still up, what are you waiting for! Remember: caution tape repels

freshmen.

**01:17—Random Hall**  
Sleepers Anonymous—Sleep is an addiction. The first step towards overcoming your addiction is admitting you have a problem. Sleepers Anonymous is a support group formed to help people like you overcome this addiction. Come, and we will all fight it together.

**01:43—EAsT camPUS**  
Where the best flowers only grow at night. Come find out how to garden at EAsT camPUS.

04:00

**04:00—Senior Haus**  
Was something going on now? @ Senior Haus Lobby. Zzzzzzzzz.

07:00

**07:00—Next House**  
Woeful Waffles: Ease the pain of an early Monday morning (and looming ASEs) with freshly-made waffles

and other breakfast-like foods in our dining hall.

08:00

**08:00—Burton-Conner**  
Breakfast Time! OM NOM NOM!

**08:17—Random Hall**  
More Breakfast Than YOUR BODY HAS ROOM FOR!!!—Oh no! The Giant Egg Monster is attacking the city! What will we do?

**08:18—Random Hall**  
Wait, what's that?

**08:19—Random Hall**  
IT'S A CRACK! WE CAN'T REPEL OMELETTES OF THAT MAGNITUDE!

09:00

**09:00—New House**  
Breakfast: Waffles and Pancakes: Come join New House for all varieties homemade pancakes and waffles complete with whipped cream to top it off!

10:00

**10:00—Burton-Conner**  
ONLY EIGHT HOURS TILL WATER WAR! GO! GO! GO!

**10:00—Next House**  
Boston Walking Tours: Come along with the resident experts from Next to see the city near which you'll be spending the next four years of your life. See the hot spots for food, fun, and entertainment... all within the limits of your little frosh feet.

11:00

**11:00—MacGregor**  
Brunch @ MacGregor Come down to the MacGregor dining room for brunch and socialize with our residents! Enjoy pancakes, syrup, eggs, bacon, sausages, juice, fruit, and more food than you can eat!

**11:17—Random Hall**  
Settlers of Catan (Almost) Life-sized—Come play a Random Hall favorite board game, now in epic

proportions.

**11:30—Phoenix Group**  
Dorm Tours @ Outside W20 on the LaVerde's side: A tour guide will be waiting for you at the student center (with a big sign that says NW35) to take you to NW35, the newest dorm.

12:00

**12:00—New House**  
Tie Dying: Want to spice up your wardrobe? Join New House for tie dying. We will provide t-shirts and socks or bring your own clothing and add a bit of color!

**12:00—Simmons Hall**  
Hungry after the brutal math/physics ASE? Or have you not taken them yet? Either way, come to Simmons and enjoys pans upon pans of deliciouso pizza π. As my Italian amico use to say, "Chi tardi arriva, male alloggia." So be on time... or be hungry.

**12:00—Senior Haus**  
Niece Jemima and Tire Swinging @ Senior Haus. Listen. Listen. Listen. LISTEN! Come get scolded, and cook. Then EAT FOR FREE. Learn from the tire swing experts in the courtyard.

**12:17—Random Hall**  
Dumpling Hylomorphism—Anamorphism: the building up of a structure. Catamorphism: the consumption of a structure. Hylomorphism: both an anamorphism and a catamorphism. This event? A hylomorphism on dumplings. Come perform a metabolic reduction on food.

**12:30—Senior Haus**  
Haus tours @ Senior Haus lobby. Come see our pussies! If you're lucky, you can touch one.

**12:47—Random Hall**  
Deep Fried Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream—Some like it hot, some like it sub-zero. Why not have both at once?

13:00

**13:00—Senior Haus**  
Alternative Sex Seminar @ Senior Haus Lobby. The official "Sex Signals" event doesn't look too enthralling? Curious about being gay at MIT? Wanna know the best way to tie someone to an Institute bed? Wanna know where to buy latex clothing in Cambridge and Boston? Solid ad

**13:00—McCormick Hall**  
Come indulge in ice cream floats at our Karaoke and board game extravaganza in the West McC Penthouse!

**13:47—Random Hall**  
Dungeons and Dragons—A whimsical journey full of fun, magic and adventure awaits! Also, killing things and looting their stuff.

14:00

**14:00—New House**  
French House: Pâtisserie and Tea: Turn dough into pastry! Yes, you! Avec du thé, bien sûr!

**14:00—EAsT camPUS**  
I made a bad decision about changing my hair color! I made a bad decision about not changing my hair color! Come fix your bad decisions at East Campus.

**14:00—Senior Haus**  
Moar Hair Cuts @ Senior Haus Lobby. Maybe your back could use a shave? You don't look quite enough like Feldmeier yet. Let's change that.

**14:00—EAsT camPUS**  
We bought pre-delicious edibles, come cook something awesome and we'll give you a prize. We're not even kidding! P.S: Our concept of awesome may be dangerously flawed.

**14:00—Next House**  
Back to Kindergarten!: As you get ready to start college, you'll find that the experience is startlingly similar to another, long-ago first day of school... so come join us for snack-time, fingerpainting, and naptime ;) -- all the great things about being 5 all over again!

**14:17—Random Hall**  
Electronics Dissection—Come join us at Random Hall for an electrifying experience! Take apart a blender, make yourself some capacitor earrings, play a little game of electronics jenga, and plot how to take over the world with electronics!

15:00

**15:00—Burton-Conner**

ON A COOL AUTUMN NIGHT, THREE GREAT BANDS WILL BE LANDING IN THE EAST CAMPUS COURTYARD



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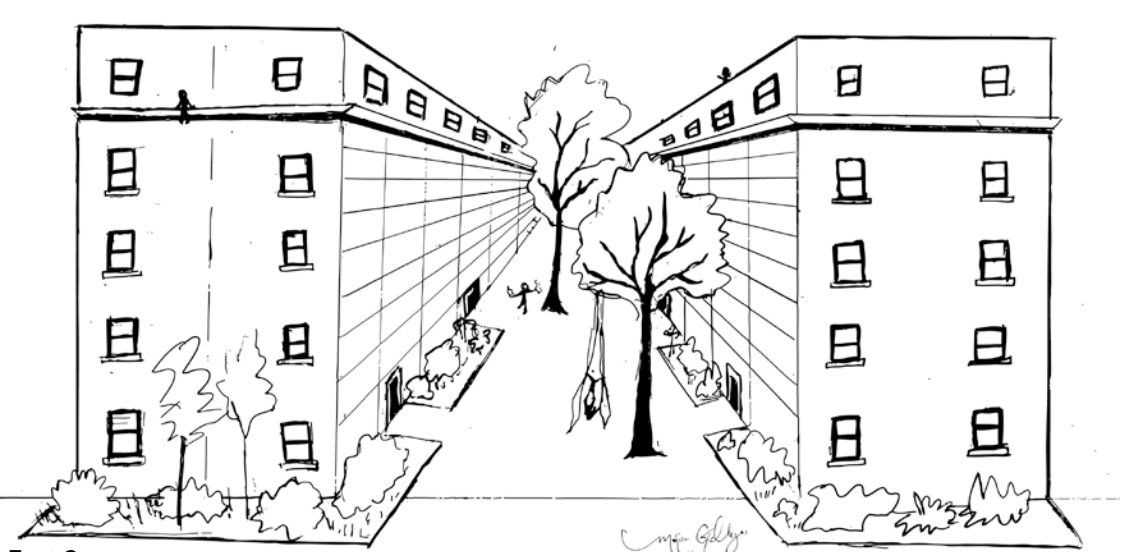
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15:00—**Simmons Hall**

What kind of intriguing mysteries lie within that huge strange waffle-like building next to the football field?" Time to find out by joining us for Simmons Tour! . Tours depart every 30 minutes on the hour and ½ hour. (No waffles will be provided, unfortunately.)

15:00—**Senior Haus**

Graffiti and courtyard chalk @ Senior Haus Courtyard. The more offensive it is, the faster it will rain.

15:30—**Burton-Conner**  
JELLO WRESTLING AND SLIP N' SLIDE! You know you want to!

15:47—**Random Hall**

Mexican Roulette—Tons of quesadillas. Some of them are obscenely spicy. Feeling lucky? Mexican roulette is not the same without a gun.

15:47—**Random Hall**

Minihunt—Can't wait for Mystery Hunt? Come solve some puzzles and eat some healthy brain food!

16:00

16:00—**Senior Haus**

Water war preparation @ Senior Haus Courtyard. These condoms won't fill themselves! Well...

16:00—**New House**

French House: Cooking: Faites bouillir, coupez, faites sauter, and immersion blend with us!

16:30—**MacGregor**

Ice Cream Social @ MacGregor = Hot summer heat got you down? Stop by MacGregor and grab some ice cream and learn more about our dorm! Cones, cups, and delicious toppings galore!

16:45—**EAsT camPUS**

WATER WAR REAL SOON NOW. Come help us load our weapons. Land Kayak. Land Viking boat. An Unspeakable Monstrosity. Wear the Caution Tape with pride. Get dressed for EPIC BATTLE.

16:47—**Random Hall**

Awesome AMVs—Like anything else, 90% of all AMVs are crap. Come see the best of the best.

17:00

17:00—**Next House**

Water War Preparations: Come help your fellow West-campus-ers to prepare for battle on Kresge Oval. Fight valiantly, brave water warriors!!!!

17:00—**EAsT camPUS**

We have always been at war with West Campus. If you love Big Brother, you will help prepare ammunition.

17:30—**Burton-Conner**

The water war approaches! Don your swimsuit and gather your allies; we depart BC at 5:45pm

17:30—**EAsT camPUS**

In 30 minutes we unveil our Real Ultimate Power! It flips out and kills people. It may be bazongas.

17:45—**Burton-Conner**

We're marching from outside BC to Kresge Oval. Fall in, soldier!

17:45—**EAsT camPUS**

Computer, set all engines to Belligerent.

18:00

18:00—**EAsT camPUS**

WATER WAR! Come fight with us if you love freedom.

18:00—**Dormitory Council**

Visit your dorm, or any dorm you pledge your loyalty to around 5:30. Take your place among fellow residents in the march to the final face off on Kresge Oval at 6 on the dot -where the East Side meets the West side. If you're late, just come on over to join in on the fun!

18:00—**Senior Haus**

WARWARWAR @ Senior Haus Courtyard. This is our place. This is our time.

18:00—**Burton-Conner**

WATER WAAAAAAR!! (You don't want to miss this event!)

18:15—**New House**

French House: Dinner: Enjoy a delicious homemade meal chez nous! Over 1 million served!

18:30—**MacGregor**

Barbeque & Pig Roast Luau—It's big and it's at MacGregor—stop by the pits to enjoy some fresh grill food with some island flavor! Stick around to relax with our wonderful residents in the courtyard and enjoy the delicious food and music! And yes, there will be a pig on

# Protip

In the MacGregor tower, you can throw interesting items down the 16-story trash chute.

19:00

19:00—**Senior Haus**

Barbecuing and tire swinging @ Senior Haus Courtyard. Come dry off in the sunny\* Senior Haus courtyard while enjoying barbecue and fucking shit up with a conical pendulum. \*Actually black, like our souls.

19:00—**Burton-Conner**

Tonight! We dine in Porter! Just kidding -- the war's over. Come relax and eat some good home-cooking at Burton-Conner

19:17—**Random Hall**

Gluck. Are you DOWN for 4-deck speed solitaire? GLUCK!

19:17—**Random Hall**

The Bacon Conjecture—Thm: Everything is better with bacon. Proof: Come to this event. QED.

19:30—**Phoenix Group**

Capture-the-Flag Pillowfight @ NW35 Courtyard: 'cause regular CTF just isn't extreme enough.

20:00

20:00—**New House**

New House 3: Atypical Animation: Join New House 3 as we watch some of our favorite non-typical animated films. Move beyond Disney and watch a Castle, some Triplets, and the most fun we could find on DVD.

20:00—**New House**

New House 4: Fashion Show: Featuring fashion designer Amanda Antunes' latest collection, a can't miss opportunity. There will also be hors d'oeuvres (a.k.a. food) and a special meet and greet from Amanda Antunes herself. A definite event for everyone to see and to be seen

20:00—**Next House**

House of Cards: Ever wanted to show off your skills to match the MIT Blackjack Team? Now's your chance, with poker, blackjack and other card games. Chocolate fondue and des-

serts fill out the evening's program.

20:17—**Random Hall**

Sweet Rave Party—Rejoice in the Revelry of the Random Rush Rave! Rock out Really Radically!

20:17—**Dormitory Council**

Random Hall Sweet Rave Party: Random Hall: Rejoice in the Revelry of the Random Rush Rave! Rock out Really Radically!

21:00

21:00—**New House**

New House 5: Shirtless Bathroom Tea: I will make tea and we will sip tea together in teh bathroom and talk and stuff. You can wear a shirt if you want. You don't even have to drink tea in the bathroom I guess. We might have food I'm not really sure though. Also, te

21:00—**New House**

New House 2: Spades Tournament: We've got the cards and the food, you bring your best game.

21:00—**Simmons Hall**

Pre-Skyline Party. Come gather with friends, or meet new people to party with before you head out to Baker! Get pumped up with music, specialty drinks, and mouthwatering snacks!

21:00—**Burton-Conner**

Crab Soccer! Re-live the carefree days of elementary school P.E!

21:00—**New House**

French House: Games Night: Poker, Settlers, Bananagrams, Set, Tiddly-winks....

21:17—**Random Hall**

Hair Dyeing—U NEED MOAR RAINBOW IN UR HAIRZ! FIX IT!!

21:30—**Senior Haus**

Coffee and cultural discussion @ Senior Haus Suite 462. We're not going to try to define what cultural encompasses, but no matter what spot-on/batshit-crazy belief you hold, you're sure to find someone here who takes issue or agreement. Coffee and politics? Coffee and phys

22:00

22:00—**New House**

German House: "Team Awesome" Competition: Bring your friends and settle the score competing in various challenges to find out who is truly deserving of the name Team Awesome! Categories include a photo scavenger hunt, an outdoor game, and a Lego-building round.

22:00—**Dormitory Council**

Come dive into orientation with the hottest party of the night at Baker House! Featuring a dance floor, live DJs spinning today's hottest beats, and refreshments! Party with your fellow freshmen, Baker and Simmons residents and the ladies of McCormick.

22:00—**Random Hall**

Not the Start of Our Party—The Hitchhiker's Guide says our party is just starting now? But we've been rocking out for hours!

22:00—**New House**

French House: Cookies, Smoothies, and Milkshakes: Charles de Gaulle's favorite cookie was the snickerdoodle. Come eat your favorite.

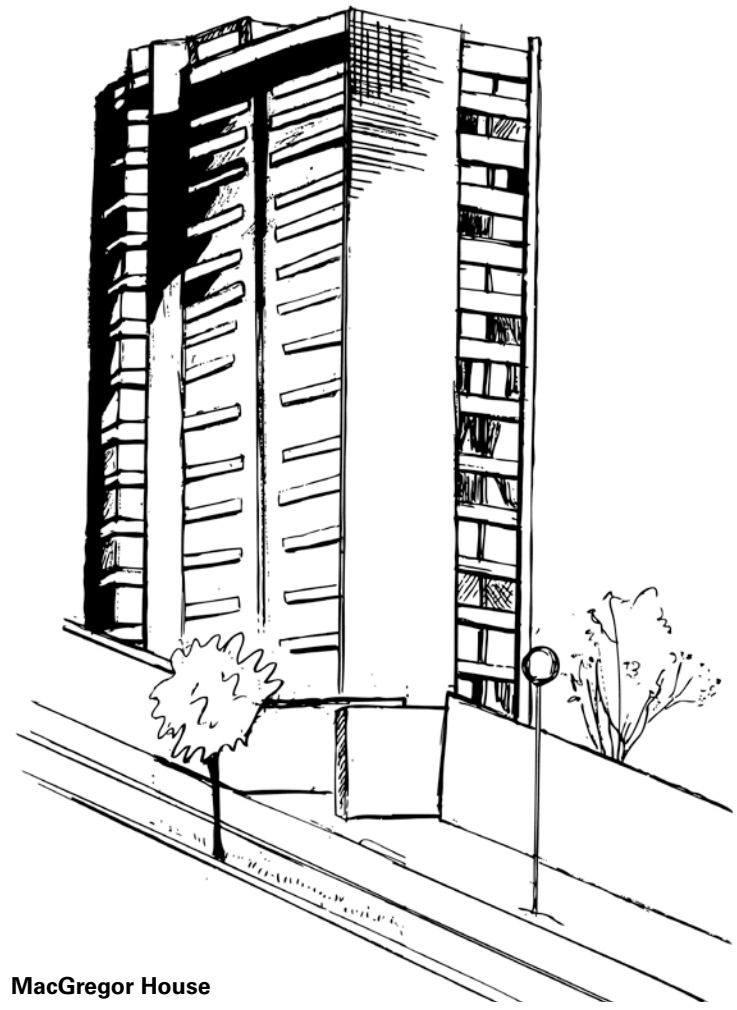
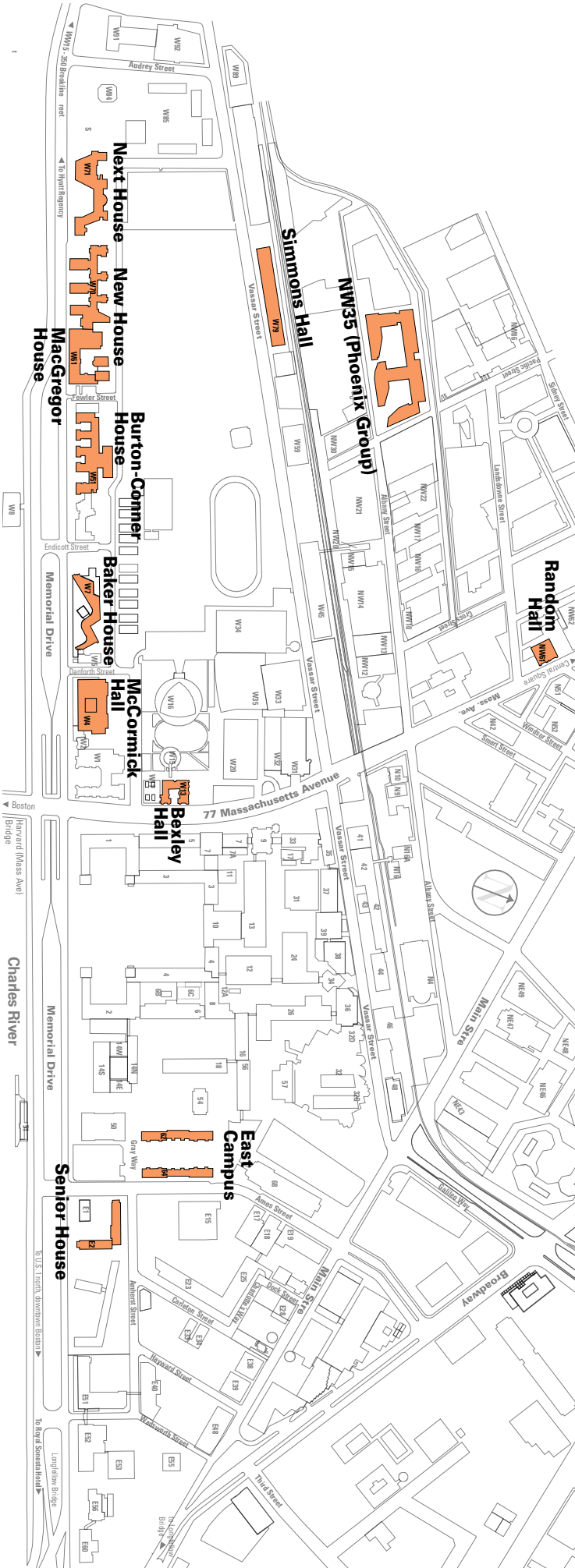
22:17—**Random Hall**

Even More Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream—If you think that other stuff was cold...

23:00

23:00—**Phoenix Group**

Big Bang Theory Marathon @ NW35



MacGregor House



# Extra East Campus Events

Every year, East Campus submits dozens of “humorous” gag entries to the Daily Confusion. Here are the ones that didn’t make the cut for the main section this year.

## Friday, August 27

00:02—Kate and Tom: we apologize for this ahead of time.  
04:34—Asbestos free since: 2014.  
06:00—Holy shit! There’s a cat next to me!  
09:19—Just because we’ve done it before, doesn’t mean it’s not incredibly stupid.  
10:10—You think these projects are cool, you should see what insurance didn’t sign off on.  
11:56—Now with 80% more Media Lab.  
12:43—Where the ‘art’ looks better without the paint.  
14:00—You can tell we’re superheroes from our neon-colored hair. Come be a superhero at East Campus.  
14:56—The clap activated sprinklers didn’t work. We need clap mines.  
16:16—Safety is everything. Come protect your head at EAsT camPUS.  
18:17—Who would you prefer, Big James, Little James, or Creepy Uncle James. Come find out at EAsT camPUS.  
18:54—Freshman rush last only a week, but your mistakes will last forever at EAsT camPUS.  
19:29—Fred’s Law of Design: the design which works will be the one made when hallucinating from sleep deprivation.  
19:47—Offensive: you keep on saying that word, but we do not think it means what you think it means.  
20:15—Longer, harder, thicker, come check out the size of EAsT camPUS’s wood.  
20:51—Come sketch on the frosh. All you need is ‘love’ at EAsT camPUS.  
21:02—Joe G: If he seems to care, you’ve probably annoyed him. Don’t do that.  
21:41—Who needs a zoo when you have wildlife like us? (Especially tshen2)  
22:07—What is the airspeed velocity of an unladen freshman? Depends on how hard you throw them.  
22:41—Destroying innocence since 1699.  
23:16—Our wood is bent in just the right way.

## Saturday, August 28

04:42—“Nibblets” it’s just such a fun word. So is “yams”.  
06:00—As phallic as you want it to be.  
07:12—By our powers combine, we killed Captain Planet!  
14:02—Don’t fuck up kids, don’t ever fuck up.  
15:51—“You lookin at me? Are you looking at me?” Come find out who he’s looking at at EAsT camPUS.  
16:59—tshen2: So asian he’ll love you long time. (at EAsT camPUS)  
19:12—Come find out what’s under Hat Mike’s hat.  
00:01—Are you worthy of our attention? Probably not, but feel free to try at EAsT camPUS.

## Sunday, August 29

00:24—If your wood stays erect for more than 24 hours, please contact the safety office.  
01:12—Eyeball once, cut 112 times.  
02:00—Ass pistons Ferarri and their campusfood and jagat and pretty high school bullshit  
09:00—The best part of waking up is evil demonic penguins.  
16:00—East Campus has History! Geography! Biology! Tshen2 used to give tours, now he’s too old for that shit.  
16:16—He’s named Hat Mike because he always wears a hat. What you don’t know is that he wears one on both heads.  
16:46—Why did the chicken cross the road? Because you were supposed to be at EAsT camPUS three hours ago.  
19:41—We didn’t start the fire, we merely accelerated it.  
20:34—Like Spandex, it’s not good for your junk.  
20:56—In soviet EAsT camPUS, noise complaint is about you!  
23:05—Don’t worry, if you pee yourself on the coaster, Romain wins \$5 dollars.

## Monday, August 30

01:00—We are so tired, we are sleeping on our giant rat. Our giant blue rat. Our giant blue Japanese rat.  
01:59—Who the FUCK posted that on YouTube!  
02:00—Come see the results of our forced sleep deprivation experiment. Subject name: Hat Mike.  
04:00—Why am I the only one still writing these things? I don’t even live here any more...  
04:32—Our cats are cooler than you.  
06:27—Hat Mike is a delicate flower, come take his flower at EAsT camPUS.  
08:19—Where the consequences will never be the same  
14:00—Can’t cook? East Campus will feed you when you are sad and hungry.  
14:50—The five fundamental forces: Strong, Weak, Electromagnetism, Gravity, and Sexual Tension.  
16:12—Come to Dinner at the Dorms @EAsT camPUS. Oh wait, it’s been cancelled.  
19:49—See we can be inoffensive. This entry contains no profanity.  
23:59—Come with us if you want to live.

1st Floor Lounge: Math, science, history, unraveling the mysteries, that all started with the big bang! Join us in watching one of the funniest and wittiest shows currently airing on television. Refreshments will be provided.

23:17—**Random Hall**  
Caffeine Refueling Station-Sleep? What’s sleep? You’ve got four years at MIT to sleep. Come get something to keep the magic going.  
23:47—**Random Hall**  
Movies on the Roofdeck—Join us the for a skyline view of Cambridge and some movies! Now showing “The Dark Knight,” “Grandma’s Boy,” and a mystery third feature!

## Tuesday August 31

00:00—**Burton-Conner**  
Come get ferschniken off popcorn and soda while we watch Blazing Saddles, Robin Hood: Men in Tights, Spaceballs, and The Producers  
00:00—**Next House**  
Make Your Own Pizza: Learn to fight off those midnight hunger pangs with the most complete food group... pizza! Bring Your Own Appetite.

03:00  
03:17—**Random Hall**  
RHOP-Breakfast at 4 AM. Question is, is it really early or really late?

08:00  
08:00—**Next House**  
Weary Waffles: Tired of REX yet? If not, come to Next Dining and grab some breakfast before another busy day-- more fresh waffles will be provided!

08:30—**Phoenix Group**  
Breakfast with Really Awesome Juice (tm) and other deliciousness @ NW35 2nd Floor Lounge: Pretty self-explanatory.

08:30—**McCormick Hall**  
Enjoy a hearty breakfast in the McC country kitchen, before heading off to participate in today’s Institute-wide events.

09:00  
09:00—**New House**  
Breakfast: American Style: Come join New House for an American style breakfast complete with scrambled eggs, hash browns and sausage!  
09:00—**Burton-Conner**  
Breakfast! That’s pretty much all you need to know.

10:00  
10:00—**Next House**  
Memorial Drive Marathon: Everyone knows that Next House is one of the farthest dorms from campus... learn how to make the trek FUN! Bring a few friends or spontaneously aggregate into teams for a Dorm Row scavenger hunt! As always, refreshments will be present.

11:00  
11:00—**New House**  
German House: Apples to Apples: Just a fun, relaxed round of Apples to Apples for you and your newfound REX friends. Some lunch food available.

11:17—**Random Hall**  
Legos-Come relive your childhood as you build legos together... oh wait

did i say relive your childhood cuz i actually meant BE AWESOME

12:00  
12:00—**Burton-Conner**  
It’s a Jam Session in BC! Get your groove on with some of our resident musicians

12:00—**Senior Haus**  
BACONBACONBACONBACONBACONBACONBACONBACONBACON @ Senior Haus 1st Floor Kitchen. baconbaconbaconbaconbaconbaconbaconbaconbaconbacon

12:17—**Random Hall**  
Paint the Ceiling- Come leave a mark on Random’s ceiling, or go nuts and cover it all. Lay down some paint that will still be here for the class of 2040 to see.

12:17—**Random Hall**  
Squick Squick Squick-squick, squick squick... "HOOOOOM!" Want to hear some slash that will screw with your brain? You’ll never look at Legolas the same way again...

13:00  
13:00—**Senior Haus**  
Haus tours @ Senior Haus Lobby. Come to Senior Haus! Make your parents nervous!

13:17—**Random Hall**  
Last Meal Buffet- The Texas department of Corrections lists the last meals of the inmates it executed from 2003 back. Come find out what you would eat if you were about to die (and then eat it!).

# Factoid

Students in the Phoenix group are seeding a culture for the dorm in renovation at W1. Some might graduate before ever moving in.

14:00  
14:00—**Phoenix Group**  
Science Jeopardy! @ NW35 2nd Floor Lounge: What is the science geek’s favorite game show? Join us for an exciting, brain exhausting and challenging game of Jeopardy! with a twist.

14:00—**Burton-Conner**  
Free Burgers and Hot-dogs, good music, and good company. You know the drill

14:00—**Senior Haus**  
Story time @ Senior Haus Lobby. Listen to current residents and crafty alumni tell tall tales of their times at the haus. Includes such classics as “This one time we taped pubes to that girl’s door” and “Remember that time we colored for KenKen?”

14:17—**Random Hall**  
3D Twister-We wanted to do it in 4D, but the Transdimensional Building Committee wouldn’t approve. 3 boards, 3 Dimensions, 5242880 more ways to get tangled up.

15:00  
15:00—**Senior Haus**  
Sport Death @ Senior Haus. Only life can kill you.

15:17—**Random Hall**  
Random: The Gathering-Ever wanted to cast Global Thernonuclear Warfare? The Wizards of the Dorm

have conjured a special edition card-set of Magic: The Gathering—so now you can.

15:59—**EAsT camPUS**  
HURRYUP AND ENTER THE HOUSING LOTTERY SO WE DON’T HAVE TO LISTEN TO YOU WHINE LATER

16:00  
16:00—**Dormitory Council**  
The housing adjustment lottery closes at 4pm. Be sure to get your forms submitted online!

22:00  
22:30—**Burton-Conner**  
Dance Party in Porter! REX may be over, but the party is just getting started

23:00  
23:00—**Baker House**  
Ice Cream!: Just getting out of the event at the Student Center and going back to your dorm? Grab some ice cream at Baker House before you head back.

## Wednesday September 1

17:00  
17:00—**New House**  
New House 5: Starcraft and Stuff: Some guys like sc2. Come play with them and learn a little bit about new house 5. I think its like a tradition or somethin that we play starcraft. I don’t really get it but you can come and play. Anyone of any skill level can come,  
17:00—**MacGregor**  
Fondue @ MacGregor: Lottery choices may be in, but that doesn’t mean REX is over! Come to MacGregor for delicious fondue, cookies, and fruit!

18:00  
18:00—**Dormitory Council**  
Housing Lottery Results Released! Check the lottery website for your new dorm assignment!

19:00  
19:00—**Dormitory Council**  
Report to your final dorm assignment for in-house room assignments. Many dorms have very specific activities for rooming, so be sure to show up!

## Thursday, September 2

09:00  
09:00—**Dormitory Council**  
If you’re moving out of your dorm you MUST check out of your old room and into your new room. Vans and transportation will be provided to help you move. More information will be available to you via email the night before.

14:00  
14:00—**MacGregor**  
MacGregor Grill-Out: Move-in day is never fun, so come down to the MacGregor pits and enjoy some fresh burgers and hot dogs! Upperclassmen MacGregor residents will be around so you can come mingle and get to know us! Welcome to the dorm!

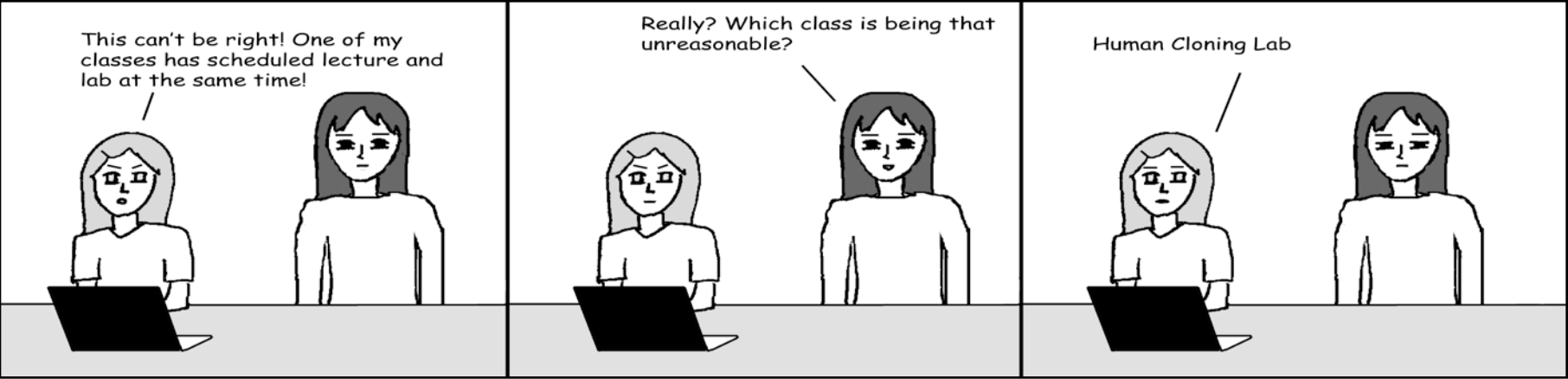


McCormick Hall

Steal My Comic by Michael Ciuffo

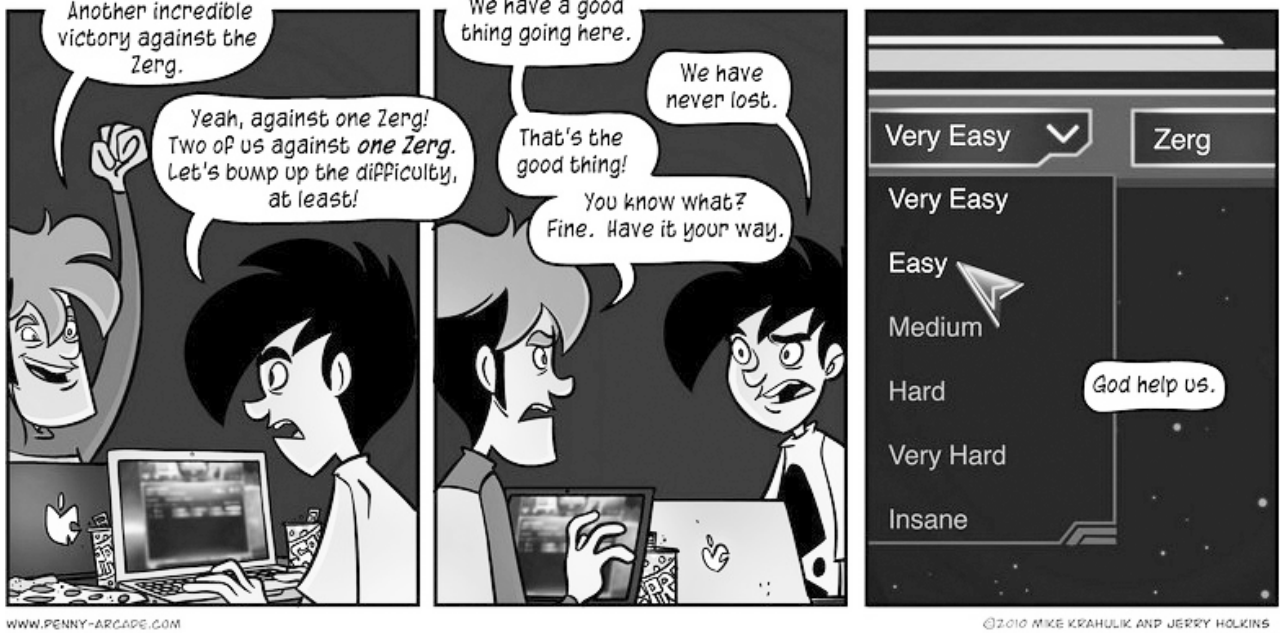


Somewhere on the Search for Meaning... by Letitia Li



by Jerry Holkins and Mike Krahulik

The Armageddon Doctor



Crossword Puzzle

Solution, page 17

ACROSS

- 1 Future tulips
- 6 Recipe abbr.
- 10 Mach+ jets
- 14 Computer data format
- 15 AC/DC power
- 16 Fencing sword
- 17 Just before deadline
- 19 Hammer end
- 20 Snappy one
- 21 Ode sentiment
- 23 Short theatrical offering
- 26 Kept from developing
- 27 Sawmill output
- 28 Small spars
- 29 Writer Nin
- 30 Clean with a bill
- 31 Very wide shoe
- 34 Suffragist Carrie
- 35 Fraternity letters
- 36 1405
- 37 Afore
- 38 Squeaking sound
- 39 Elk relative
- 40 Theater employees
- 42 Paycheck recipient
- 43 Sergio and Andy
- 45 With bitterness
- 46 Under control
- 47 Legend automaker
- 48 Stringed instrument
- 49 No time for photos

- 54 Ornamental case
- 55 "Dies \_"
- 56 Day's march
- 57 Poet Teasdale
- 58 Ancient ointment
- 59 Force units

DOWN

- 1 Dance in France
- 2 John Dos Passos trilogy
- 3 Letters before the W.S.
- 4 Gradually
- 5 Literary comparisons
- 6 Dogma
- 7 Bit of slander
- 8 Touch tenderly
- 9 Sovereign's staffs
- 10 Reciprocal of a cosine
- 11 Blink
- 12 Make fun of
- 13 Worked the needle
- 18 Roman way
- 22 Downfall
- 23 Location
- 24 Of the moon
- 25 Open mic night
- 26 Give an address
- 28 Girls of Sp.
- 30 People of equal status
- 32 Infamous '50s flop
- 33 \_ so often
- 35 Loaf location

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- 36 Archrival of Sherlock Holmes
- 38 Vandyke site
- 39 Wedded
- 41 Justice of the Supreme Court since 1986
- 42 S. Amer. nation
- 43 Hands over
- 44 Loos or Baker
- 45 Suffered pain
- 47 Hebrew month
- 50 Southern constellation
- 51 Ex-QB Marino
- 52 Simian
- 53 Affirmative





# Eat, pray, love, whatever

Ryan Murphy's film adaptation lacks the emotional weight of the acclaimed memoir.

*Eat Pray Love* is a movie adaptation of the bestselling memoir by Elizabeth Gilbert of the same title. It's a story of overcoming a life crisis and finding personal balance again.

At age 32, Gilbert was successful as a writer. She had a nice home and a husband who loved her, but was unhappy with her marriage. After a painful divorce from her husband, she started a romantic affair. The affair ended shortly afterwards and Gilbert was alone again. During that time she was sent to Bali to write an article on yoga vacations. There she met a ninth-generation medicine man who told her in a self-fulfilling prophecy manner that she would spend the next year travelling the world and that they will spend some time studying together in Bali.

This is the opening scene of the movie adaption directed by Ryan Murphy. Julia Roberts stars in the film as Elizabeth Gilbert. After eventually finalizing her divorce, Gilbert spends a total of one year traveling Italy, India and Indonesia. She enjoys her life and good food in Italy ("Eat"), taps into her inner spirituality in India ("Pray") and ultimately finds her balance in Indonesia ("Love"). Overall, the movie adaptation tries to stay as close as possible to the original book to capture its very essence but it doesn't have quite the same impact.

In Italy, Liz takes private Italian classes. She makes many friends, learns how to cook and enjoy life. Watching Liz indulge in all the great Italian food raises your appetite for pasta. Lucky are those who already have a reservation in a nearby Italian restaurant. Italy, Rome and even Naples look very clean in the movie, which makes those cities hard to recognize.

After leaving Italy, Liz spends most of her time in India staying in her ex-boyfriend's most favorite ashram to find spirituality. There she meets another American from Texas (Richard) played by Richard Jenkins.

# Eat, Pray, Love

**Directed by Ryan Murphy**

**Starring Julia Roberts, Billy Drudup, James Franco and Javier Bardem**

## Now playing

Both of them try to overcome their own private sorrows through meditation. Richard is a rough but supporting fellow American who challenges Liz to face her past and overcome her burdens.

In Indonesia, during the final part of her journey, Liz finds both love and truth in Indonesia. She visits the medicine man again and falls in love with the Brazilian businessman Felipe (Javier Bardem). The film climaxes in the Indonesia portion as Liz is forced to confront and challenge her notions of balance and what it really means to 'discover' oneself.

Although the movie ends on a happy note, the overall ambience is mellow since there are many characters that have been hurt and are trying to overcome their own life crisis, healing their emotional scars. Julia Roberts is luminous as ever but the movie fails to capture the emotional weight of the original book. The movie provides many solid new scenes, such as when Felipe (Javier Bardem) displays his love for his son — crying and hugging him tightly after the end of a quick spring break. The cinematography is also well done with pleasing scenic views. Overall, *Eat Pray Love* is a piece of solidly crafted Hollywood entertainment. Ryan Murphy's film is romantic, but not a comedy. It is charming but not inspirational. It is entertaining but not artistic and touching but not moving.



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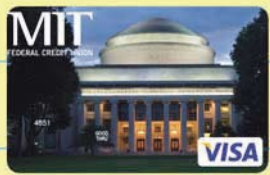
**Not enlightening:** At times, *Eat Pray Love* seems more like a travelogue of exotic places than a chronicle of Liz's spiritual journey post-divorce.

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Police Log

The following incidents were reported to the Campus Police between April 19 and May 31. The dates below reflect the dates the incidents occurred. This information is compiled from the Campus Police's crime log. The report does not include alarms, general service calls, or incidents not reported to the dispatcher.

Feb 2	Bldg. NW22 (185 Albany St.), 4:21 p.m., suspicious activity in vestibule.	Apr 30	person reports vehicle plates were stolen. Bldg. W20 (84 Massachusetts Ave.), 6:30 p.m., party states room broken into and money stolen.
Apr 19	Bldg. E52 (52 Memorial Dr.), 11:00 a.m., report of stolen bike.	May 1	Bldg. 14 (160 Memorial Dr.), 4:00 p.m., larceny of bike.
Apr 21	Bldg. W16 (48 Massachusetts Ave.), 2:04 p.m., female issued trespass warning.	May 1	Bldg. 1 (33 Massachusetts Ave.), 7:40 p.m., detective reports larceny of bike.
Apr 20	Bldg. 33 (125 Massachusetts Ave.), 3:30 p.m., larceny of phone.	May 2	Bldg. E55 (60 Wadsworth St.), 3:56 a.m., report of domestic disturbance.
Apr 23	Bldg. W84 (550 Memorial Dr.), 12:00 a.m., stolen Utah license plate.	May 2	Bldg. W20 (84 Massachusetts Ave.), 12:00 a.m., bike stolen.
Apr 23	Bldg. 24 (60 Vassar St.), 11:15 p.m., report of person crawling through vents in bathroom. Warning issued.	May 3	Bldg. 13 (105 Massachusetts Ave.), 5:00 p.m., report bike was stolen.
Apr 24	Bldg. NW35 (235 Albany St.), 8:35 p.m., report of two suspicious persons who stole bike seat near NW35. Officers respond, Michael Emslie of Needham, MA, taken into custody on an outstanding warrant.	May 4	Bldg. W51 (410 Memorial Dr.), 11:00 a.m., party states laptop stolen from his room.
Apr 24	Bldg. W20 (84 Massachusetts Ave.), 1:30 p.m., person came to station to report stolen bike.	May 4	Bldg. W35 (100 Vassar St.), 5:45 p.m., larceny of wallet.
Apr 28	Bldg. W4 (320 Memorial Dr.), 9:00 a.m., report of suspicious activity. Person given trespass warning.	May 4	West Garage (125 Vassar St.), 7:45 p.m., motor vehicle broken into with items stolen.
Apr 29	Bldg. W20 (84 Massachusetts Ave.), 6:00 p.m., larceny of bike.	May 4	Bldg. 26 (60 Vassar St.), trespass issued to two homeless individuals.
Apr 30	Bldg. W79 (229 Vassar St.), 5:00 p.m.,	May 5	Bldg. W20 (84 Massachusetts Ave.), 3:45 p.m., attempted larceny of a bike.

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Aafia Siddiqui’s Afghanistan arrest confirmed by Wikileak’d report

The August 2008 arrest of Aafia Siddiqui '95 in by the Afghanistan National Police in Ghazni, Afghanistan was confirmed in a U.S. Army intelligence report released by wikileaks.org.

The leaked report itself, available online at <http://wardiary.wikileaks.org/afg/event/2008/07/AFG20080718n1405.html>, confirms some of the more bizarre aspects of Siddiqui’s arrest:

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AT 1530Z, While leaving work, Ghazni ANP colonel Ghani Khan and his security detail discovered a woman and teenage boy after dark loitering/acting suspicious IVO the Ghazni Governors Compound. Upon questioning, the woman did not respond to Dari or Pashtu and appeared to only speak Urdu. The woman began to react abnormally and scream Allah Akhbar when ANP officers approached her. As she was being restrained, papers from her purse fell on the ground some of which containing the word bomb. The woman was taken in for questioning at the ANP HQ in Ghazni City. A search of her personal items revealed a purse containing numerous documents on how to build explosives, chemical weapon use, targeting US military assets, excerpts from the Anarchists Arsenal and a 1GB thumb drive with

additional related material. The woman also had unknown chemical materials sealed in containers in her purse. A great deal of the evidence is in English. According to documents found on the thumb drive the woman may be western educated (12 years in the US), an MIT graduate with a bachelors in Biology and a masters/PHD in Neuroscience. The woman is currently being held by ANP in Ghazni City and has not been questioned by US forces as of yet. The evidence has been collected and cataloged by 1-506 S2. The Governor of Ghazni has personally questioned at which point the suspect admitted to being there with the intent to kill him and Americans. The Governor intends to hold a press conference in the morning. President Karzi has been notified by the Ghazni Governor.  
UPDATE: 18 1500Z, WHILE BEING QUESTIONED, THE FEMALE GOT A HOLD OF A WEAPON, POINTED THE WEAPON AT THE INVESTIGATORS AND AN INVESTIGATOR SHOT THE FEMALE IN SELF PROTECTION. FEMALE WILL BE MEDEVACED TO ORGUN-E. FEMALE WILL BE ESCORTED BY 4 X RED CURRAHEE SCOUTS AND 2 X FBI AGENTS.  
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Siddiqui was convicted on seven charges, including murder, in February and is currently awaiting sentencing.

— John A. Hawkinson

Berenson’s parole revoked in Peru

By Simon Romero

THE NEW YORK TIMES; AUG. 18, 2010

CARACAS, Venezuela — A Peruvian court said Wednesday that it had struck down a decision granting parole to Lori Berenson, the former MIT student imprisoned in the 1990s on charges of collaborating with a Marxist revolutionary group. The court ordered her to be returned to prison to complete the five years left in her 20-year sentence.

The decision was an abrupt turn-about for Berenson, 40, who turned herself in after the announcement, according to the U.S. Embassy in Lima, Peru's capital. Berenson withdrew from MIT as a sophomore in 1988.

After 14 1/2 years in Peruvian prisons, including time spent in isolation in high-altitude Andean facilities, Berenson was released on parole in May when a judge decided that she had exhibited good behavior during her incarceration.

Berenson had a son while in prison about a year ago, another factor thought to have weighed on the decision to grant her parole. She and her son, Salvador, who had lived with her in prison since his birth, had recently moved into a rented apartment in Miraflores, an upscale district of Lima where she was planning to live and work as a baker.

But the Peruvian court said it voided her parole because there were discrepancies in the addresses Berenson had provided for her planned residence.

Beyond the court’s official reasoning, it was also clear that broad resentment over the release of Berenson – who is widely viewed in Peru as a symbol of the insurgents and the war against them that cost nearly 70,000 lives between 1980 and 2000 – influenced the decision.

“Berenson was sent to prison for 20 years, and she only served 14 years, five months and 25 days,” said Luis Marill del Aguila, an official in Peru’s Justice Ministry who announced the court’s ruling.

“She hasn’t even served three-fourths of her sentence,” said Marill del Aguila, adding that Berenson’s immediate arrest had been ordered.

The Justice Ministry said in a statement that the court’s decision reversing her parole could not be appealed.

But Guillermo Gonzalez, a spokesman for Peru’s Supreme Court, said the case would return to Judge Jessica Leon, who granted pa-



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role to Berenson, and that it would ultimately be up to her whether Berenson and her son would remain in prison.

“The main reason for this is in the issue of her domicile,” Gonzalez said.

Berenson’s parents, Rhoda and Mark, said their daughter’s parole had been “annulled on a technicality” that they hoped could be sorted out.

“We are still in an unsure position,” they said in an e-mail.

Berenson learned of the decision while she was at the embassy in Lima, where she was at a previously scheduled consular meeting, an official at the embassy said.

“This was a Peruvian judicial process,” James Fennell, a spokesman for the embassy, said in a statement. “Berenson voluntarily turned herself in today to Peruvian authorities in order to comply with the court’s order. With her consent, she was picked up at the embassy this afternoon by Peruvian authorities.”

Berenson’s lawyer, Anibal Apari, told local reporters that Berenson had made no effort to flee the country, despite disagreeing with the court’s decision. Apari, a former rebel who is the father of Berenson’s son, said she and Salvador would return to prison. In Peru, children are allowed to remain with their mother until age 3 if the mother is incarcerated.

Apari also questioned the court’s decision to base its ruling on doubts surrounding information about Berenson’s address.

“Everyone knows where she lives,” he said.

She was initially arrested in 1995 in Peru while enmeshed with members of the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement.

Andrea Zarate contributed reporting from Lima, Peru.



# Crossing at W59 to increase safety

## Police concerned about people crossing tracks, climbing over railcars

Railroad crossing, from Page 1

muter Rail will continue to be essential after the new pedestrian crossing is built. “Once we have a fully signalized crossing, train cars parked on the spur will have to be separated in order to maintain the new pedestrian crossing,” said Combs.

For students, this means no more having to climb over or under train cars to cross the railroad track.

“There have been people who have climbed on top of or under trains to cross,” said Sergeant Cheryl Vossmer. So far, there have been no reported injuries resulting from climbing over or under parked trains blocking the way.

Campus Police Chief John DiFava said: “I’d be a big advocate for a crossing. There’s a crossing at Fort Washington, and the next one is all the way down by Mass Ave.” He added, “students are always in a hurry; time is of the essence here, so I can understand why students would want to make that shortcut. We’re just concerned about safety.”

Also in the area is CASPAR, Cambridge’s only homeless shelter that takes in people while they are intoxicated. In response to safety concerns, an emergency tower with a blue light and telephone were installed last year

near the W59 crossing. But neither Vossmer nor Campus Police Captain Jay A. Perault feel that more crime happens there than other locations on campus.

“We are more concerned about it being dark and someone falling, twisting their ankle, and hitting their head than getting attacked,” Perault said.

The crossing may be well needed if more trains start passing through campus. Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Tim Murray has spoken publicly about a proposed plan to add more round trips between Worcester and Boston via commuter rail, and half of these additions could cross the Charles River and run through Cambridge up to North Station through MIT’s campus.

“If the MBTA or their contract operator (MBCR) run passenger trains from Worcester or Framingham to North Station, then yes [there will be more trains crossing through campus],” said Kelley Brown, a senior project manager at Facilities. Brown said that Murray’s plans will not affect the plans for the construction of legal pedestrian crossing.

In the meantime, the MIT police does not plan on locking the gate to prevent students from crossing the railroad tracks.

The safety concerns regarding the unofficial crossing were thrown into relief in the last week of July, when a CSX train operator called the MIT Police reporting close calls of people walking in front of approaching trains. The MIT police responded by locking the fence. Many students starting hopping the fence, and by Thursday, August 6, the gate’s bottom hinge had been partially disassembled, letting all through. After *The Tech* brought the fence’s condition to the police’s attention, MIT Police unlocked the gate, and the gate has since remained unlocked.

Captain Jay Perault said that he does not endorse students crossing there because it is not safe, “but are we going to lock it so that people can’t cross? No.”

Currently, there are renovations to replace railroad ties on the tracks. Students will not be allowed to cross through the working area.

According to Melody Craven, communications assistant for MIT Facilities, the Massachusetts Bay Commuter Rail began work at the Charles River near the BU Bridge on Friday, August 13 and will finish at Main Street near the beginning of September. At night, the equipment is being stored by the tracks west of NW30.

## Anna Tang update today

The next update in the saga of Anna L. Tang, the Wellesley student who stabbed MIT student Wolfe B. Styke ’10 in October 2007, will come today at an administrative status conference before Justice Bruce R. Henry in Middlesex

Superior Court.

Tang’s trial was halted on June 30 after the Commonwealth’s expert psychiatrist Alison Fife, who had declared that Tang was not criminally responsible for her actions, suddenly changed her mind.

The judge today is expected to schedule a trial and rule on several motions filed in the past two months, including motions by the defense to change bail conditions

and exclude evidence, and motions by the Commonwealth for additional discovery.

Tang had previously waived her right to a jury, but because of the psychiatrist’s change of opinion, it is likely that Tang will now choose to have a jury trial.

This status conference was rescheduled from last week, because the judge was not available.

— John A. Hawkinson

# Gym security cameras to deter crime?

## As staff get cut, mounted eyes substitute for people on the ground at Z-Center

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but two of these locations have been under surveillance since 2000. According to Daniel Martin, the assistant department head for facilities and operations, advancements in technology motivated the replacement of these cameras with newer models. The new cameras also happen to be more obvious.

Martin said that these cameras are intended to enhance both personal safety and security as the staff size shrinks. For example, when staff were withdrawn from near the duPont equipment room, some complained that the area could become a crime target because of its isolated location.

Footage from such locations can be viewed by staff back at the main entrance to the Z-Center. This differs from the typical viewing policy for security cameras at MIT. Elsewhere on campus, there is a firm policy that footage obtained by the cameras be

kept confidential and available for only a brief period of time.

Martin noted that thefts at the athletic centers have declined 2000, when the cameras were first installed and other security measures like alarms were implemented.

He also emphasized that there is

a need for protection in an urban environment and that several patrons have asked him to increase security. To that end, the Department of Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation (DAPER) may end up commissioning additional security cameras, including one for the weight room.

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# Waiting for NIH's and DOJ's take on stem cell ruling

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genome control."

Young said he was prepared to leave the problem in the hands of politicians and legislators — at least for now. If he were to engage in lobbying and trying to find funding, he said, he would not be doing his job as a biologist.

At MIT, affected scientists include Langer and Young, as well as professors Rudolph Jaenisch and Daniel G. Anderson, all of whom have NIH funding for stem cell work. While their current work may proceed, they operate under multi-year grants that are subject to yearly renewals, and those renewals cannot happen while the injunction remains in force.

"The whole thing is really unfortunate," Anderson said. "There are so many important problems in the world, why would you spend your time trying to stop research that's trying to help people? I understand there are religious motivations ... I think if people really understood what these cells were — it's not like any embryos are going to be destroyed on an ongoing basis." Anderson noted that human embryos are destroyed on a regular basis as part of in vitro fertilization.

"Is their mission to stop people from doing important research?" Anderson asked.

Monday's injunction was issued by Chief Judge Royce C. Lamberth of United States District Court for the District of Columbia, in *James Sherley, et al, v. Kathleen Sebelius, et al*.

James L. Sherley, a former MIT professor, and Theresa Deisher, as well as several non-scientist plaintiffs sued the NIH and the Depart-



ANDREW SWAYZE—THE TECH

**Postdoctoral researcher Jill M. Downen pipettes** in the Whitehead Institute lab of Professor Richard A. Young. Young's lab works with human embryonic stem cells, mapping the regulatory circuitry that controls development in humans. The lab receives substantial funding from the National Institutes of Health.

ment of Health and Human Services in August 2009, alleging that the use of federal funds to support research where embryos are destroyed was illegal.

The suit was originally dismissed by the judge in October, when he ruled that the plaintiffs lacked standing to sue, because they were not injured by the NIH policy.

Sherley and the other plaintiffs appealed and in June, the appeals court ruled that Sherley and Deisher did have standing to sue (though the other plaintiffs did not), and remanded the case back to the district court for further proceedings.

Sherley and his counsel did not respond to calls for comment. According to court documents, Sherley argues that he is harmed by being forced to compete with other scientists for limited federal funding dollars.

"The funding should go to the

best research," Anderson said. "Those decisions are hard. They ought to be made through peer review."

Sherley was an associate professor at MIT until he was denied tenure in spring 2007. He alleged that racism was a factor, and staged a hunger strike in protest. Sherley is now a senior scientist at the Boston Biomedical Research Institute.

At MIT, individual researchers working with stem cells uniformly condemned the situation, but there was been no similar response from MIT's senior administration.

Claude R. Canizares, vice president for research and associate provost, said in an e-mail Wednesday that MIT was waiting for details and would review them.

MIT's Office of Sponsored Programs is working with the MIT Washington DC office to understand MIT's response, but like everyone,

they are waiting for more details.

Michelle D. Christy, director of the Office of Sponsored Programs, said that the NIH was waiting to hear interpretations of the law from the Department of Justice.

Christy expressed worry about renewals of NIH grants that are now expected to be on hold. "My hope is that NIH will figure out some way to look at these things on a case-by-case basis," she said. "There may be stem cell work that's already done, where we're dealing with the results. I would hope they would continue that work."

The Washington office has been e-mailing a group of MIT NIH grant recipients throughout the week. The office summarized Monday's ruling and indicated they were waiting to

hear from the NIH as well as the Association of American Universities. Another e-mail was sent out after NIH Director Collins spoke to reporters, indicating existing grants could continue their research.

Christy said that the Association of American Universities and the Council on Governmental Relations were expected to issue a statement soon on the importance of federal funding of stem cell research

Scientists are still waiting to hear from the NIH. Collins indicated Tuesday that direction would be issued in the *NIH Guide*, probably late Tuesday, but as of Thursday night, that has still not yet happened. NIH spokeswoman Jenny Haliski had no further information.

On Tuesday, White House Deputy Press Secretary Bill Burton said "from what we can tell, this would also stop the research that President Bush had allowed to go forward early in his presidency. So we're exploring all possible avenues to make sure that we can continue to do this critical lifesaving research." Both legislative and judicial remedies appear to be on the table.

The Department of Justice plans to appeal the preliminary injunction and to move for a stay, and that will likely be filed today, according to DOJ spokeswoman Tracy Schmalen on Tuesday.

Lamberth could rule on a motion for a stay as early as hours or days after its filing, said Court spokeswoman Jenna Gatski.

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ANDREW SWAYZE—THE TECH

**Professor Daniel G. Anderson, of the Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology,** discussed the recent US District Court ruling on human stem cell research with *The Tech* in his lab yesterday. Anderson and other researchers have found the future of funding uncertain because of Monday's injunction restricting the use of federal funds for human stem cell research.

## Why are stem cells important?

The Tech asked Biology professor Richard A. Young to explain why stem cell research is important. In an e-mail, Young wrote:

"There is another important aspect of stem cell research that is not appreciated by the public, mostly because it is too technical. Much of human disease is due to embryonic regulatory processes gone wrong. That is, cancer and many other diseases involve inappropriate activation or repression of regulatory pathways that are engaged in embryonic cells during early development. So new understanding of embryonic pathways frequently gives new insights into human diseases.

"For example, using embryonic stem cells, we discovered (and reported in *Cell* this last April) how a master regulator of cellular proliferation — an oncogene called Myc — functions to control proliferation, and this has led to new efforts to develop a novel class of drugs against cancer here at MIT and at Harvard. As another example, *Nature* just published (advance online publication on Aug.18) an article from my lab reporting our discovery that gene control is connected to chromosome architecture, a fundamental discovery involving an apparatus that is mutated in a variety of developmental diseases.

"Embryonic stem cells are not only inherently valuable for revealing the secrets behind embryonic regulatory pathways, they are rapidly becoming the cellular workhorse behind much modern biological discovery. In most molecular biological studies, investigators need to grow populations of cells in order to obtain enough cellular material for the assays that we use. Because they grow like weeds, investigators have traditionally studied tumor cells because normal cells are quiescent, so they cannot be grown in adequate amounts for most molecular studies. Tumor cells are defective cells with badly damaged genomes, so they are a poor model system for understanding normal biology. Es cells are normal — they are fully functional cells with normal genomes that can give us insights into normal cell biology."



ELIJAH L. MENA—THE TECH

**A student turns back after trying to cross between Buildings 7 and 3 yesterday.** Flooding water later flowed into the elevator of Building 10. The water also trapped cars.

## Flood traps cars

Nearby rooms suffer water damage

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flying into the hallways as he drove through the underpass when the doors on both sides happened to be open.

"He was driving like 20 miles per hour and the water shot like 200 yards into the building and flooded all the rooms," said Timothy J. Hennelly, a stock clerk for MIT Facilities.

The burst pipe was an old cast iron pipe which supplied potable water.

One facilities worker on the scene said, "This main is about as old as the building itself. It should have been re-

placed ages ago."

John L. Gibbs, a supervisor in Custodial Services who specializes in water, said that the water pipes "probably go back to 1912, 1920."

The shut off valve was near the Rotch Library. Gibbs estimated that at least Buildings 3 and 5 were without water as a result of the water shut-off.

Hennelly suspects that a crane which drove through the parking lot at 3:30 p.m. yesterday caused the rupture. He said that the weight of the crane and the vibrations of it passing through might have weakened the water pipe.



ELIJAH L. MENA—THE TECH

**Gushing water from a burst pipe** flooded the parking lot between buildings 3, 5, and 7.



YOUR NEW HOME TEAM

# Getting to know the Red Sox

*Want to be a proper Bostonian? Read this.*

By Zach Hynes

*Editor's Note: Welcome to Boston! Since Beantown's professional sports teams are such an integral part of its culture, we're presenting an insider's view — history, current state, and future expectations — of each of them. The first installment in the series features... the Red Sox, of course.*

To be a passionate fan of any team is, by definition, an emotional experience. You have to care about something over which you have no control and no inherent vested interest. You don't derive tangible benefits from the team's victories, but you suffer right along with it when it loses. To MIT students, this probably doesn't sound like a good use of time, energy, or money; indeed, there are plenty of places where a baseball game is just a place for executives to entertain clients and do business, with the occasional glance at the TV screen. Boston is not one of those places. From April to October, the city is captivated by what happens at Fenway Park, the home of the Boston Red Sox. From November to March, regardless of whether the Patriots are in the Super Bowl, the Celtics are shutting down the competition, or the Bruins appear headed for the Stanley Cup, the city is concerned about whether the Red Sox will be ready for the next season.

However you may perceive it, Boston's collective mood is inextricably linked to the successes and failures of the Red Sox. It's a guaranteed conversation-starter at any time of the year anywhere in Boston and, for that matter, New England. For the uninitiated, here's a short guide to what you need to know:

A storied history

In 1903, the Red Sox conquered the Pittsburgh Pirates in the first-ever World Series (to those new to professional baseball in North America, the World Series is contested by the champions of the National and American Leagues). Indeed, there was a time when the Pirates did not torture their fans with losing season after losing season. That championship was the first of many that the Sox would win over a prosperous fifteen year period. However, at the conclusion of the 1918 season, the Sox's owner sold the team's best player, Babe Ruth, to the New York Yankees. The outraged Babe claimed that the Red Sox would not win another title within his lifetime, a prediction that came to be called the Curse of the Bambino. The prediction would, in fact, stand the test of time (perhaps this type of curse is what Cleveland Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert had in mind when he suggested that the LeBron-less Cavs would win a title before the Miami Heat). For the next 86 years, countless baseball legends (Johnny Pesky, Ted Williams, Jim Rice, Carl Yastrzemski, Dwight Evans) took their talents to Beantown, but none of them came away with a championship ring. Meanwhile, the hated Yankees, first with the Babe and then with stars like Dimaggio, Mantle, Maris, Jackson, and

others, won title after title. Improbable errors and botched personnel decisions, rather than general futility and indifference, are generally acknowledged as the reasons for the championship drought. As a new Red Sox fan, count yourself lucky to have been initiated during this new era of excellence (at least, we hope).

Recent past

The end of the championship draught was set in motion with the purchase of the Red Sox by a new ownership group at the conclusion of 2002. John Henry, a successful hedge fund investor, had previously been a part owner of the New York Yankees and, subsequently, a majority owner of the Florida Marlins. The sale of the team to Henry from the heirs of the long-time owner, Tom Yawkey, was full of implications. No less than the future of the Sox' historic ballpark (opened in 1912) was at stake; while Henry promised to renovate the park, others sought a more modern stadium in the Back Bay. To the dismay of some around Boston, Henry's bid won, and the rebirth of the franchise began. New marketing efforts led to the start of a sellout streak (every ticket in the stadium has been bought for a given game) that has set records and endures to this day; increased revenue and committed ownership put the Sox on (more) even footing with the Yankees. In 2004, the Red Sox finally vanquished the curse, turning the tables on the Yankees and proceeding to win the World Series. In 2007, they accomplished the same feat with a largely different cast of characters.

State of the Team:

Red Sox fans expect to make the play-offs every year, plain and simple. However, the Red Sox haven't endured this much bad luck since Mookie Wilson's ground-ball rolled under Bill Buckner's glove, effectively losing the 1986 World Series for the Red Sox. The Red Sox play in the toughest division in the superior league, and because of the critical mass of injuries the Sox have suffered, they currently find themselves out of a playoff spot. They will need a very strong September against top competition to grapple a playoff spot from the Yankees or Rays. Everyone loves the character of this team and few are upset with players or management (I'll save the subject of center fielder Jacoby Ellsbury and his "rib injuries" for another day), but we may be left wondering "what if" the Sox had been healthy for the entire season.

Names to know

Dustin Pedroia: Pedroia is notorious for his stature, self-confidence, and the skills to match. He is very endearing to fans, but this endearment is not easily explained to those on the outside. He speaks proudly of the numerous home runs he hit in Little League and promotes his batting practice sessions as "Laser Shows". He'll also do seemingly anything to help his team win and has overcome perceived

physical limitations to become one of the best second basemen in the league.

Kevin Youkilis: Youkilis is the fiery first baseman who bears the load on offense. Lauded since his college days for his ability to "get on base" by swinging only at select pitches, he has developed into a player with bona fide power and incredible defensive skills. Every move he makes on the field is greeted with a "Yooooouuuuuuk" from the fans. It sounds like he is being booed, but in fact, fans are showing their appreciation for Youk.

Jon Lester: The Red Sox ace of the past few years, he came back from cancer in 2007 to win the clinching game in the 2007 World Series. Along with Clay Buchholz, Lester is a prime example of the Red Sox's successful investments in young prospects and superb player development process.

Where to find your team

Despite the ongoing sellout streak, tickets have become more accessible over the years. For most games, you can walk up and purchase tickets at the gate. For standing room tickets, expect to pay about \$20. Avoid the right field grandstand, where \$30 will give you an old seat that faces straight into left field. The upper bleachers (\$12) are the cheapest seats in the park but are not advisable if you want to follow the game. I would recommend paying the extra few bucks for the lower bleachers (\$28). Catching a game from atop the Green Monster, the fabled left-field wall, is a great experience for a die-hard Sox fan but costs upwards of \$100. Gates open two hours before the game, and players will take batting practice up until forty-five minutes before the scheduled start. If you are aggressive (or lucky) you might catch a ball or get an autograph from a player during this time. You can find them on television at the New England Sports Network (NESN).

Three thoughts for the diehards

- 1) Why can't Daniel Bard throw 162 innings each year? The Red Sox could use a bunch more relievers just like him; maybe Doubront will be the answer next year.
- 2) Three moments that gave me chills this season:
  - a) Darnell McDonald's debut (game-tying HR, walk-off single)
  - b) Daniel Nava, the 27 year-old outfielder who never gave up, crushing a grand slam in his first Major League at-bat
  - c) Lowell's homer in his first at-bat after the trade/injury saga
- 3) Imagine what the fourth-place Blue Jays would do if they were in the National League.

SPORTS SHORTS

## Lightweight crew coaches step down

Coaches Ted Benford and Andy Hilton are leaving the lightweight men's rowing program, Director of Athletics Julie Soriero announced on Monday. Benford, who served as the Engineers' head coach for the past five seasons, will be returning to Northeastern University as the associate head coach. Following a three-year stint at MIT, Hilton will be going back to Dartmouth College, his alma mater, as the assistant heavyweight coach.

During their tenure, Benford and Hilton's crews continuously improved resulting in the closest racing the program had experienced in years. The Cardinal and Gray captured top-10 national seedings in 2008 and 2009 while the freshman lightweight squad placed 10th at the 2008 EARC Sprints Championship.

"Through their hard work, technical knowledge and fine character, Ted and Andy built MIT's lightweight men's crew into a cohesive and successful team," said Tony Kilbridge, MIT's director of rowing. "Everyone associated with the program will miss them and wishes them the best."

—Mindy Brauer, DAPER staff

## UFC Fan Expo coming to Boston

The Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) will host its annual Fan Expo this weekend at the Hynes Convention Center, marking the organization's first-ever event in Boston.

The UFC is an association of fighters practicing mixed martial arts, featuring a wide range of techniques and combat skills, including wrestling, karate, and boxing. Fighters compete in an caged octagonal ring, and score points via strikes and by grappling.

The event will culminate with a series of bouts on Saturday night. Several of the participants and organizers are from the Boston area, notably fighter Kenny Floria and the association's president, Dana White.

—David Zhu, Sports Editor



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