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Friday, April 20, 2012

Postdoc found dead in jail cell

*Arrested in Colo.
for arranging
sex with minors*

By Anne Cai
NEWS EDITOR

Yaron Segal, arrested on March 28 for allegedly arranging a sexual encounter with minors, died on Friday, April 13. An Israeli national, Segal was a postdoc in MIT's Photovoltaic Research Lab (PVLab) and had received his PhD in physics from Yale last year.

Segal was found unresponsive in his cell, hanging from a homemade noose, at the Federal Correctional Institution in Englewood, Colorado, at 12:49 p.m. last Friday, according to John Sell, the facility's spokesperson. There is an ongoing investigation regarding the circumstances of his death.

In light of his death, all three counts of indictment against Segal were dismissed on Tuesday, and the criminal case was closed.

"He was well-respected among his peers as a brilliant, creative, and

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LN2 ice cream returns for CPW



JOSEPH MAURER—THE TECH

The residents of East Campus Second West make liquid nitrogen ice cream Thursday evening outside of the Z-Center during their annual CryoFAC event. They served several exotic ice cream flavors, including green tea, sea salt, and lemon.

Craighead/Walsh win by a hair

UA insider ticket wins closest race in recent memory

By Ethan A. Solomon
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

In what was the closest election in recent memory, Jonté D. Craighead '13 and Michael P. Walsh '13 were elected Undergraduate As-

sociation (UA) president and vice president last Friday.

Craighead and Walsh fended off a strong UA-outsider campaign waged by Naren P. Tallapragada '13 and Andrew C. Yang '13, taking 683 first-place votes compared to

Tallapragada/Yang's 667. The UA uses a preferential voting system in which students rank tickets; weaker tickets are successively eliminated and those votes go to

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Hope for Alcator C-Mod

The U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations met Wednesday to discuss the energy and water appropriations bill — the same one that proposed to cut funding to MIT's Alcator C-Mod for fiscal year 2013.

Alcator C-Mod is MIT's tokamak reactor, a toroidal plasma confinement fusion device that is a critical part of fusion research at MIT. It is one of only three such machines in the United States.

A recommendation from the Department of Energy suggested cuts for the domestic fusion program for FY 2013 — including Alcator. A statement to the committee from Chairman Rodney Frelinghuysen suggests that Alcator may not be cut for next year.

"Funding for American innovation and competitiveness also receives priority treatment," Frelinghuysen said, "Within science research, funding for the domestic fusion program is restored to last year's level, and the international fusion program is increased to come closer to our commitments."

The budget for nuclear energy will remain at last year's level of about \$90 million, he said.

While this statement does not guarantee that C-Mod will be around next year, there seems to be a chance.

—Jessica J. Pourian

IN SHORT

Drop date is next Thursday. Make sure you get your forms signed by your advisor before then!

Summer housing applications are due next Wednesday.

April housing lottery results are available today.

Attention Freshmen! You've got one more week to declare your major! You must declare a departmental major or declare Undesignated Sophomore by next Friday.

MIT's American Red Cross Team and Network will be sponsoring a blood drive on Monday from 1–6 p.m., Tuesday from 8 a.m.–6 p.m., and Wednesday from 1–6 p.m. in La Sala at the Student Center. For more information, visit <http://web.mit.edu/blood-drive/www/>.

The MIT Bookstore will hold a loading dock sale tomorrow and Sunday.

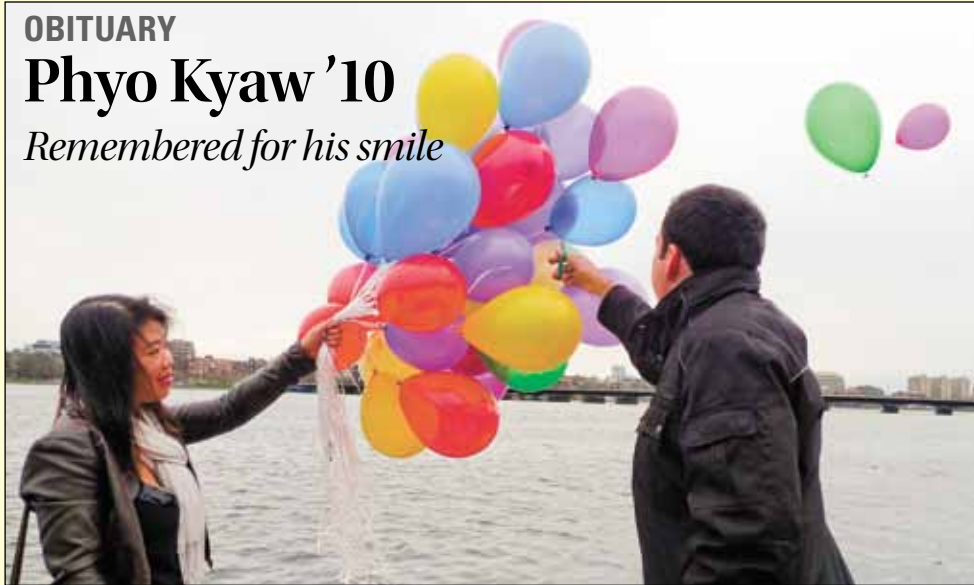
Check out MIT's student groups at the Activities Midway on Saturday from 1–3 p.m. in the Johnson Athletic Center.

Send news information and tips to news@tech.mit.edu.

OBITUARY

Phyo Kyaw '10

Remembered for his smile



TIAN ONG

Friends share memories of Phyo N. Kyaw '10 on April 7 at a memorial service and release balloons over the Charles River to symbolize their loss.

By Jingyun Fan
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Phyo N. Kyaw '10, 23, died on Dec. 27 in a traffic accident while riding his bicycle at the intersection of Vassar Street and Massachusetts Avenue. At the time of his death, he was working as a research scientist

at Cambridge-based Soane Labs. Kyaw received an SB in chemical-biological engineering, Course 10B, in 2010.

"Clearly you don't want this to happen to anyone," said his friend Ye Yao '11. "But ... why did it have to be him?"

Phyo came to MIT in 2006, from Yangon, in the Southeast

Asian nation of Myanmar. In his freshman year, Phyo joined the Experimental Study Group and became a brother at the Sigma Nu fraternity. He gradually got involved with other communities, like Camp Kesem — a summer program for children

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DAY OF SILENCE

Students around campus speak about being silent.

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THE 116TH ANNUAL BOSTON MARATHON

Over 22,600 runners participated in the famous race.

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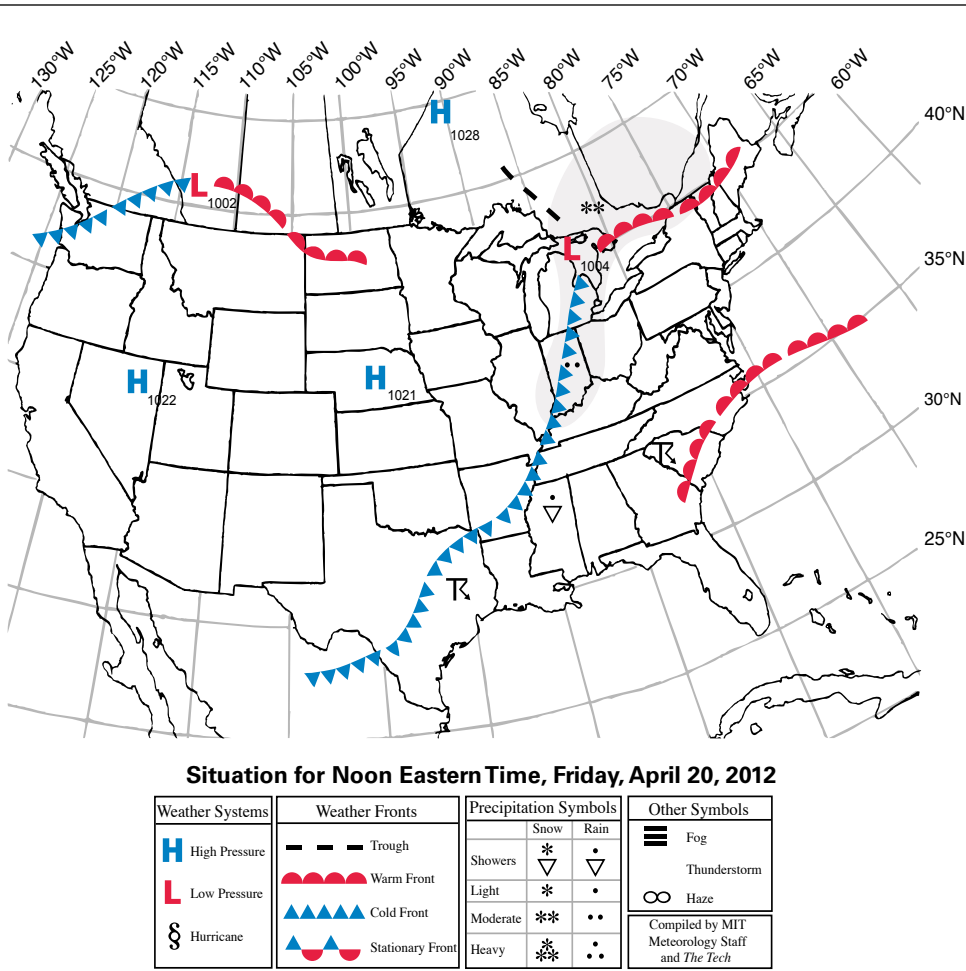
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Meet 16 '16s.
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—Nick Wingfield, *The New York Times*



CityDays shows MIT’s commitment to helping out

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Formally, MIT has a lot of catching up to do just to get in line with the national average of Americans who volunteer. As quoted by Michael Scherer in a *Time* magazine article published on Jan. 15, 2009, Barack Obama has made it a national priority to volunteer by saying, “I will ask all Americans to make a renewed commitment to serving their community and their country.” Even anecdotally, MIT is still below average, and only slightly above with the more generous end — and even then by a small margin. I believe that MIT ought to commit itself to reaching the great standards set by this nation, its government, and its people. One fantastic way to do that is through CityDays.

MIT ought to recognize its differences from other institutions, and embrace them in such a way so that it can enhance MIT’s service culture.

MIT has had a long history of being different from other institutions, and this has proven to be a verily beneficial thing because those different ways of doing things have worked well for our campus. For instance, we do dining, housing, student life, student

activities, public service, academics, and many more things differently than do our partner institutions. We have a Housing Lottery and Residence Exploration (REX) that allow flexible choices to all students, including freshmen; we do not require summer reading, and have pass/no record for the first semester; and we have a dining program that is only mandatory for students living in certain dorms. That does not mean we should change ourselves to adapt to a cultural “norm”, but rather that we should continue to work to assist students in the ways they need, and promote our values, like volunteerism, to them in the best ways possible — like CityDays.

Cory Hernandez ’13, CityDays coordinator, FUP counselor

The symbolic power of CityDays

CityDays changed the course of my MIT career — in a very subtle way. It wasn’t my interaction with some 700 other prefrosh and upperclassmen around me. It wasn’t the tree-branch cutting itself. It wasn’t the opportunity to travel on the T for the first time. It wasn’t the interesting departure from the very academic culture I expected at MIT. It

wasn’t even the healthy brown bag snack. Instead, it is my lasting memory of CityDays. What I mean by that is that three years into MIT, there are only 5-6 instances that really jump out in my mind as memorable and telling experiences. One of them is CityDays. That’s because when I talk to prefrosh, when I talk to friends at other schools, and when I talk to family, I can explain the culture of MIT with one word and one short description:

Any alternative to CityDays would fail to be endorsed at a pivotal time, and would fail to engage the undergraduate student body.

“MIT endorses one full day, which they dedicate their orientation to, for peer bonding and public service. And this event is highly attended — almost by all incoming

students.” What does that tell people? It tells them that MIT prioritizes its students’ well-being, leadership abilities, and communication development. It tells them that MIT is keen on enabling its students to not only be bookworms, but to make a tangible impact on the world around them — isn’t our motto *mens et manus*? And my statement has credibility exactly because CityDays is endorsed at a pivotal time of the year and is highly attended by the student body: We are all on the same page on that one day. Any alternative to CityDays would fail to be endorsed at a pivotal time, and would fail to engage the undergraduate student body: It would fail to tell the story of why I love MIT. Also, on a quick logistical note, the PSC fully funds CityDays, utilizing funds/donations from PSC discretionary funding, the CSF, the COOP, and other in-kind donations. Therefore I don’t see the Institute’s rationale for its cancellation. I’d like to see a more even hand from an Institute that prides itself on listening to its students and faculty. Noam Angrist, FUP co-coordinator, Amphibious Achievement co-founder and co-president

My reasons for staying silent today

Hernandez, from Page 4

To whom could I turn? Whenever I brought this bullying up to anyone, they blamed me for being “so out,” and encouraged me to step back into the closet. They wanted me to remain silent. And I did. But I have stopped being silent, and refuse to be anymore.

Today marks the 15th annual National Day of Silence. This national day of protest is meant to raise awareness about the struggles that people in the LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer) community face — struggles like mine. People choose to remain silent today in order to show others how much of an impact

the forced silence of LGBTQ people can have. Being silenced is awful. When I am silenced, I feel like a second-class citizen. I feel unwanted, rejected. I feel like I have nowhere to turn.

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I sometimes feel silenced by people at MIT. Professors have created a hypothetical situation by addressing the class: “Okay, guys, think about your future. Your wives ...” Why can’t they just say “partner”? When

I correct them on their heterosexist comment, I have been told by my peers to stop that because it is “inappropriate.” Students with whom I’m p-setting have said, “This problem/class is so gay!” When I spoke up, they got angry and stopped p-setting with me. How can I bring up that I’m offended without making things awkward? “But MIT is totally gay-friendly! Everyone is so open-minded and liberal!” False. Comparatively, MIT is a great place for the LGBTQ community. But still, every year there are instances of bigotry and hatred. People are forced to leave their living groups and are tormented because they are LGBTQ. Most students may not realize it, but sometimes

students are beaten because they identify as LGBTQ (see results from last year’s Living Pink guide for an example). People are silenced. Today, you should think about whose voices you might be silencing. Experiences of LBGTQ people at MIT run the gamut of super-accepting and pleasant to completely unbearable and terrible. This is deplorable. Everyone has the right to feel accepted and embraced. No one should be silenced. Although I am at a better school than I was at back in Mesa, Ariz, I still choose to remain silent today — for those who are forced to remain silent because people cannot accept them for who they are. I hope you do, too.

Being an ally in athletics

Lloyd, from Page 4

ments towards the LBGT community as typical “locker room chat.” On Feb. 16, Taylor visited MIT in an event co-sponsored by LGBT@MIT, SAAC, DAPER, SAO, Residential Life, and the FSILG office. Over 100 students were in attendance, most of them varsity athletes. But Athlete Ally is not just for varsity athletes. Coaches, parents, fans, club sports teams, intramural sports teams, and the spontaneous group that forms on Killian Court to play Frisbee can all take something away from Taylor’s message. A pledge on the Athlete Ally website (<http://www.athleteally.com/>) has over 5,000 signatures already. It reads:

I pledge to lead my athletic community to respect and welcome all persons, regardless of their perceived or actual sexual orienta-

tion, gender identity, or gender expression. Beginning right now, I will do my part to promote the best of athletics by making all players feel respected on and off the field.

In 51 words, the pledge says what needs to be said.

In 51 words, the pledge says what needs to be said. No matter what, your team depends on your teamwork, leadership, and discipline. Not your nationality. Not your age. Not your sexual orientation. The SAAC will be in Lobby 7 today distributing Athlete Ally stickers and collecting signatures for the pledge. We encourage you to take a stand and become an ally.

Maggie Lloyd is a contributing editor for The Tech writing on behalf of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

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It is MIT policy to allow employees time off with pay to donate blood at the drives that are sponsored on campus. For more information or to make an appointment, visit: <http://web.mit.edu/blood-drive/www/>.

Blood Drives are sponsored by ARCTAN, MIT’s American Red Cross Team and Network.

BOOK REVIEW

“Just don’t be so silly”

A secular call to stand against faith’s intrusions into reason’s turf

By **Roberto Perez-Franco**
STAFF WRITER

Victor Stenger has written a wickedly powerful book, so sharp and heretical that had it been published four centuries ago, the author would have been extra-crispy by the time the nearest bishop was done reading the preface. *God and the Folly of Faith*, with its straightforward argumentation and encyclopedic scope, is a veritable handbook on the fundamental incompatibility of modern science and religion. In the context of the new atheism movement, Stenger’s book serves as the prosecutor’s closing argument in their collective case against religion. The book’s ambitious agenda, with the simultaneous grinding of many axes (from near death experiences and quantum consciousness to intelligent design and cosmic

fine-tuning), takes a toll on the reader. The dissection of the multiple arguments and counterarguments that are currently used to support and refute faith makes this no light reading for a lazy spring afternoon. Albeit peppered with zingers, the work as a whole comes across as what it is: a thick and serious discourse on one of the most important intellectual conflicts in history, very much alive to this day.

At least four threads can be identified in the book’s narrative:

Firstly, there is a historical summary of the increasingly uneasy relationship of science and religion. Stenger argues that, albeit with a common origin in prehistoric thought, science, and religion developed over millennia into two unblendable worldviews, with irreconcilable epistemologies.

Secondly, Stenger offers a primer on the current scientific understanding of reality, including evolution, quantum mechanics, cosmology, and the nature of consciousness, as well as a brief description of the methods science uses to differentiate the ice cream from the bologna.

Thirdly, Stenger rejects the idea of a benevolent, omniscient, and omnipotent God as an utterly failed hypothesis with no predictive power, of religion as a bankrupt worldview with no basis on evidence, and of faith as detrimental folly with increasingly deleterious effects as its influence widens in scope from the individual to society and mankind at large.

Finally, Stenger makes a call to secular thinkers everywhere to stand up against religious nonsense and to fight back the encroachment of faith in high-stake policy issues — such as global warming — that should be addressed largely through science and reason. The book delivers nicely in these four fronts, but I do fear it may be preaching to the choir.

Stengers conclusion is searing: “Religious faith would not be such a negative

force in society if it were just about religion,” which it is not. In the last chapter of his book, Stenger illustrates this point in the context of the global warming debate by presenting evidence of a correlation between religion and the denial of climate change. Stenger argues that “many who deny the dangers of global warming do so out of religious conviction,” adding that this “denialism is a part of a growing distrust of science in America,” prominent in, but not limited to, evangelicals or conservatives.

He also sees a sinister element — corporate greed — behind this phenomenon: “Antiscience, fueled by religion, is being exploited to prevent the U.S. government from taking actions that might be essential for everyone’s welfare.” Stenger argues this is nothing new: “From its very beginning, religion has been a tool used by those in power to retain that power and keep the masses in line.” It may be an old trick, but it remains a perilous one.

In the context of the new atheism movement, Stenger’s book serves as the prosecutor’s closing argument in their collective case against religion.

A magnificent example (cited by Stenger) of how religion has come to shape the debate, and possibly also the policies, regarding global warming in the U.S. is found in a March 2009 hearing of the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment. Congressman John Shimkus, speaking about the role car-

God and the Folly of Faith

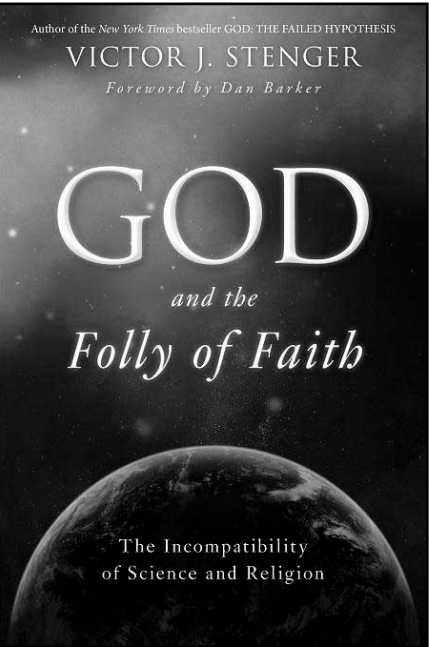
By Victor J. Stenger


Prometheus Books

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bon emissions play in global warming, described CO₂ as “plant food,” and then quoted from the Bible God’s promise to Noah not to destroy the Earth by a flood. He meant it as evidence that mankind need not worry about rising sea levels as a result of climate change: “I believe that is the infallible word of God, and that’s the way it is going to be for his creation.” Shimkus even went as far as to state that “there is a theological debate that this is a carbon-starved planet.” Astoundingly, Shimkus went on to become the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Environment and Economy, with a central role in shaping the climate change policy of the world’s second largest energy-related CO₂ emitter.

In light of such an *Alice in Wonderland* scenario, there are two calls I hope Americans would heed. The first is Stenger’s request to keep religious faith out of the debate on global warming and other high-stake policy issues. Given the Bible-thumping Shimkuses and Santorums of the world, Stenger’s Catilinarian against the “folly of faith” is timely, welcome and fully justified. The second is the plea that Mohamed Nasheed, former president of the Maldives, delivered during his visit to *The Daily Show*: “I’m afraid politicians only do the things that their people tell them to do, and I’m afraid the people of the United States are not telling their politicians to be concerned about climate change.” When it comes to global change, Nasheed advised, “be concerned.” And above all, “just don’t be so silly.”



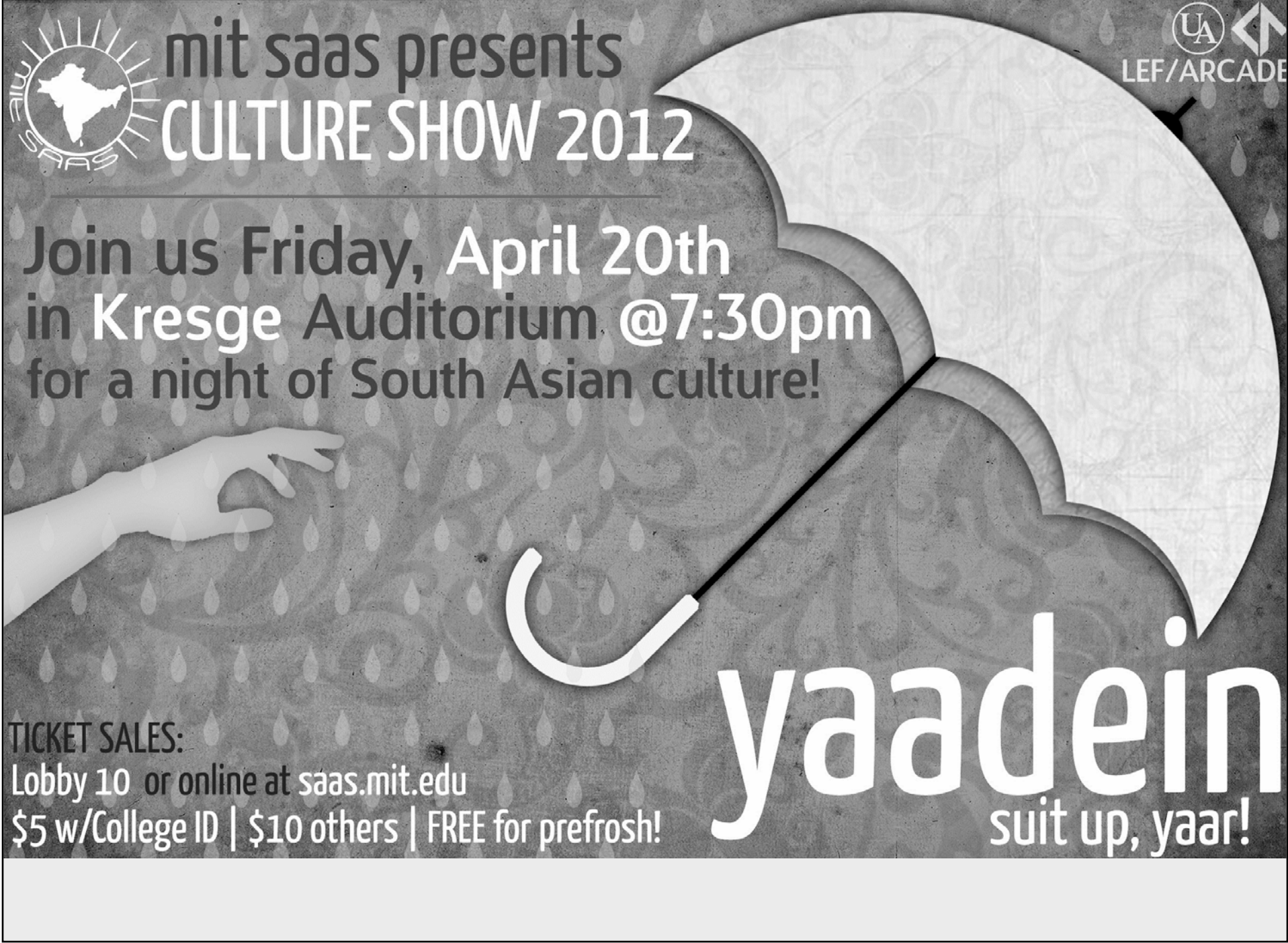


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[259] Clichéd Exchanges
by Randall Munroe

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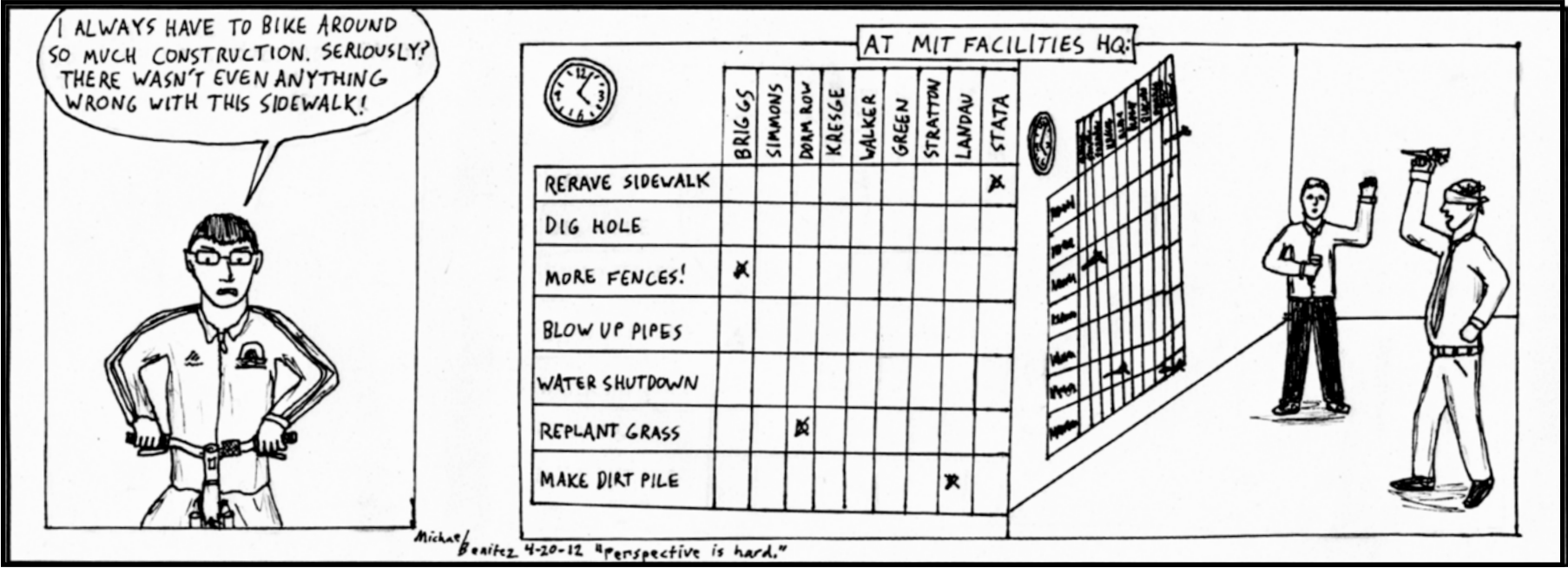
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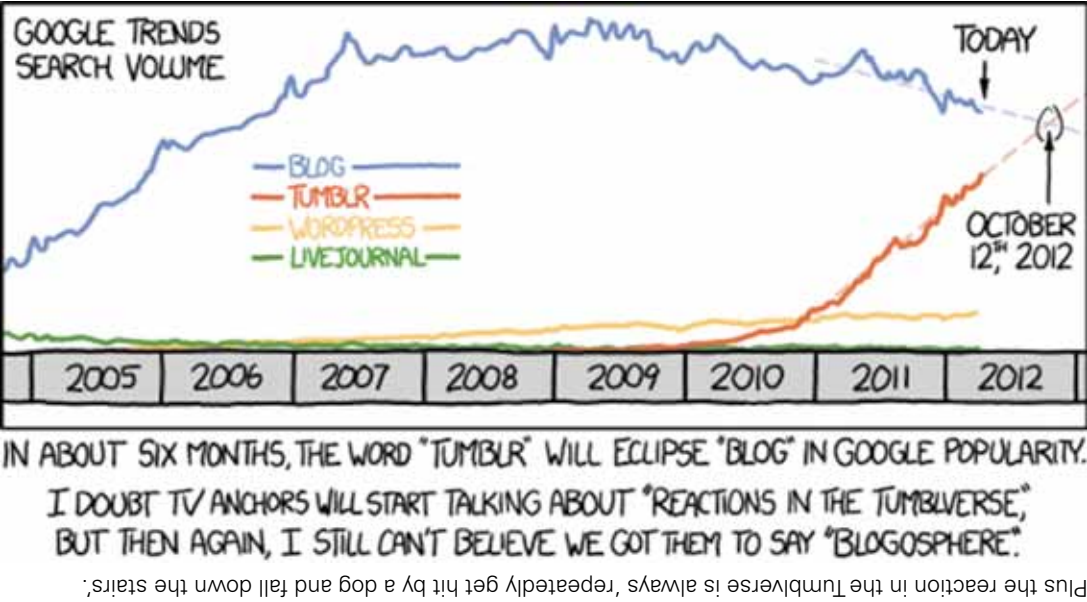
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    print "E-mail join@tech.mit.edu"
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Nounsense by S.N.

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SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CEREAL

BY ZACH WEINER

[2582]

HOW IS IT THAT COMPUTERS ARE MILLIONS OF TIMES FASTER AND FAR FAR CHEAPER, BUT GRAPHING CALCULATOR PRICES REMAIN COMPLETELY STABLE?!

I'M GOING TO THE ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT SO THEY CAN EXPLAIN THIS NONSENSE!

IT WAS EXPENSIVE 20 YEARS AGO. IT WAS EXPENSIVE 10 YEARS AGO. IT'S EXPENSIVE NOW, DESPITE EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED IN THE MEANTIME!

HMM... THAT'S INTERESTING. LET ME TALK TO SOME OTHER ECONOMISTS.

SOON...

IN THIS PAPER, WE PROPOSE GRAPHING CALCULATORS AS THE WORLD'S RESERVE CURRENCY.

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The attorneys who taught our classes were extremely knowledgeable about their specific areas of law. I made some connections among the faculty, broadened my understanding of law, and gained a better footing in my field.”

— SHANNON HOGAN, paralegal; BU certificate awarded 2011

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How is CPW so far? Prefrosh s

Kath Xu
Bethesda, Maryland
Bioengineering

What CPW events have you attended or plan to attend?

I played mafia in Random Hall and got to try liquid nitrogen ice cream. I'm definitely planning to go to the Meet the Bloggers event. And of course, I've had a lot of food!

Has there been anything interesting on campus that caught your eye? I'm a big fan of puns, and I've seen a lot of funny ones in the hallway. I love how there are flyers posted everywhere, it makes it seem like there is so much going on.



Shannon Julian
Edison, New Jersey
Linguistics

What do you like about MIT so far? People have been really nice and down-to-earth. They've been collaborative and always willing to help me and talk about their MIT experiences.

What have you done on campus so far? I attended a reunion for the Women's Technology Program, a summer program at MIT, and I've tried liquid nitrogen ice cream. I really want to go to the "Physics Until We Die" class at midnight.



Alice Wang
Columbus, Ohio
Biology, Premed

If you decide to attend MIT, are there activities you'd want to join? I'm not too sure, but I'm interested in playing for the orchestra.

Where are you staying right now, and how do you like it? I'm staying at iHouse, and I'm really enjoying it. But I really need to plan my time because there's a million activities happening at the same time.

Mariana Ballina
Irvine, California
Architecture

What has been your impression of MIT so far? I haven't seen anything on campus I don't like yet. I've really enjoyed everything so far!

If you decide to attend MIT, are there activities you'd like to join? I'm interested in joining sailing or the MIT Outing Club.



David Lopes
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
Aeronautics and Astronautics

How have you enjoyed your time at MIT? I just got here, so I can't say much yet. But I've been here before and really liked the campus.

What activities are you hoping to be involved in if you attend? I might want to do research on campus in UROPs.



Julia Chen
West Covina, California
Undecided

What have you done at CPW? I did some cooking. I also got to visit Random Hall.

What has been your impression of MIT so far? The culture is really interesting. I'm staying in Burton-Corleone Hall, which the societies organized.



Andre Abouljian
La Crescenta, California
Electrical Engineering & Computer Science

What are you looking forward to doing during CPW? Going to classes! I'm hoping to get an idea of how classes are at MIT. I also want to try the liquid nitrogen ice cream.

Raul Madera
Tappan, New York
Bioengineering

Where are you staying, and how do you enjoy it? I'm staying at Phyllis Koffman Hall. I really like it. The people are hospitable and friendly, and make me want to stay more. It's the first day and I'm lost getting to events on time, but with the help of the people, I'm sure I will get the hang of things.

Are there activities you are hoping to do if you attend? I really want to do research and field while in college.



Lawrence Chen
Tappan, New York
Bioengineering

Where are you staying, and how do you enjoy it? Baker — I really like it. I've been answering all of our questions and helping me with everything. My favorite part of MIT is the people.

What activities do you hope to do while in college? I'm hoping to do research and join some teams.



Dance troupe Ridonkulous performed at the kickoff event for CPW on Thursday evening in Rockwell Cage.

IAN M. GORODISHER—THE TECH

share their thoughts

Madeline Cooper
Ashland, Massachusetts
Bioengineering

Where are you staying, and how do you like it so far? Baker. I've only been there for five minutes, so I still need to explore it, but I'm looking forward to going back!

What do you like about MIT so far? I like how friendly everybody is, and I really enjoy the MIT energy and vibe.



Rachel Wang
Wellesley, Massachusetts
Engineering

What CPW events have you attended so far? I recently finished a Next House dinner, and I got to try liquid nitrogen ice cream. I've done a lot of walking, including around the river. It's beautiful there!

Is there anything bizarre on campus that caught your eye? The rubber duck pond and ball pit in Simmons. The Simmons architecture really got my attention.



Eric Johnson
Green Bay, Wisconsin
Mechanical Engineering

Where are you staying, and how do you like it so far? Simmons. I'm really liking the interesting halls, furniture, and rooms.

What is the most bizarre thing you have noticed on campus? The acrobatics hack in Lobby 7 really got my attention.



Isabella Sanders
Long Island, New York
Mathematics or Computer Science

Are there any activities you plan to be involved in if you come to school here? I really want to join crew and get involved with Christian organizations on campus.

What have you done at CPW so far? I've gotten to explore Random Hall, and got to have breakfast at Zeta Beta Tau.



Nikhita Poole
La Canada, California
Brain & Cognitive Sciences

What are your plans for CPW? I really want to visit classes and get a chance to talk to the students. I've just gotten on campus so I haven't seen much yet.



Samantha Harper
La Canada, California
Environmental Engineering

What are you hoping to do while at CPW? I want to attend classes because they allow me to see if MIT is a good fit. I want to be comfortable committing here.



Eric Metodiev
Long Island, New York
Mathematics or Physics

What has been your impression of MIT so far? I'm living in East Campus, and it's been an interesting experience. The campus is architecturally varied, there are lots of cool concrete structures and sophisticated architecture, and it's awesome to see the dome in person.

What activities have you done on campus so far? I've been getting food continually thrust into my hands, it's quite the experience. I've met many people this way and it's a great ice-breaker. So far, I've taken a tour of East Campus and played mafia at Random.



Thomas J. Moriarty '14 performs a solo for the Logarithms during the CPW Kickoff Event Thursday evening. Dean of Admissions Stuart Schmill '86, TyShaun Wynter, and Ridonkulous also presented.

IAN M. GORODISHER—THE TECH



1: This year the Boston Marathon featured over 22,000 runners, of which approximately 96% finished the race.
2: Brad A. Golden runs in a patriotic suit. Other runners also had humorous outfits, such as tutu dresses.
3: Sharon Cherop (right) won the women's race with a time of 2:31:50 while Jemima Jelagat Sumgong (left) came in second with a time of 2:31:52.
4: Spectators peer out of a window to watch the runners go by.
5: David M. Rosen G participates in the marathon.
6: In addition to runners, there were 39 wheelchair racers and 21 handcycle racers who entered the marathon.
7: Mayumi Fujita finished seventh in the women's race with a time of 2:39:11.
8: Tommy Greenless of Walnut Creek, CA finished 36th in the men's race with a time of 2:34:08.
9: Runners are encouraged by supportive signs from the crowd.

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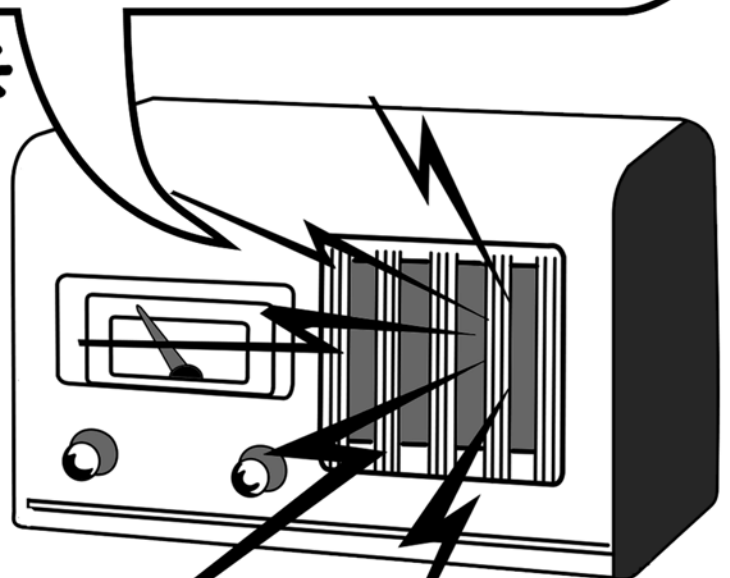
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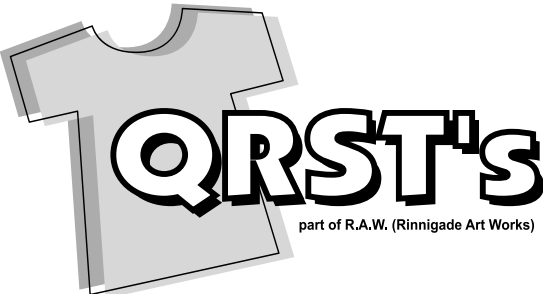
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Remembering Phyo

Friends recall unwavering optimism

Phyo, from Page 1

with a parent who has died of cancer — where he served as a counselor.

He was known for his persistence. Despite being born with a congenital health condition that prevented him from doing physical exercises for most of his life, he joined the crew team. He started off struggling with every breath on runs, but by graduation, he had transformed himself into an athlete on the MIT crew team and a regular member of the Z-Center.

“Phyo’s spirit never gives up” said Di Yi ’10. “His smiles and his passion forever linger in our minds.”

Phyo connected friends from all of his disparate social circles. “He was always meeting new people and getting other people to meet new people,” recalled Yao, “I think from Phyo’s perspective it was ‘this person is my friend, that person is my friend, therefore we all are friends!’”

Phyo’s open personality contrasted with his modesty. In his ESG freshman evaluation, he wrote “I’m not a very outgoing person, but I like to meet people.” Friends, however, characterize him as outgoing, very friendly, and something of a joker.

Vidya Eswaran ’12, who was a counselor at Camp Kesem with Phyo, remembers him introducing himself loudly as “Yo-Yo.” Phyo was someone who wasn’t afraid to be silly and had a smile that was infectious, Eswaran said.

The Camp Kesem MIT Coordinator, Christina A. Bognet, wrote on the group website that “at camp, his enthusiasm was unprecedented; he was never too tired to make a camper or counselor laugh and ensure everyone was having as much fun as possible.”

Albert Chang ’10 organized a fundraising effort early this year, partially hosted on a “Friends of Phyo” Facebook page, for funeral arrangements and to return Phyo and his belongings to Myanmar. In a January interview with *the Tech*, Chang said that within a couple days of beginning the effort, over \$15,000 had been raised for the cause.

A memorial service was held on April 7 by Phyo’s friends at MIT, where they shared memories and tried to say goodbye. At the memo-

rial, friends discussed a nonprofit foundation — led by Yao — being established under Phyo’s name to carry out his dreams. The as-yet unnamed foundation would stand separate from MIT to provide financial assistance for both MIT and non-MIT related student projects and educational purposes in Myanmar.

Some of the stories shared at the memorial service still managed to bring laughs. Professor Patricia D. Christie, who taught Phyo in ESG, recalls that Phyo was the only male in the morning section of her class. “I will always remember his journal presentation when he explained to a room full of females what physiologically happens when you are menstruating!” she wrote in his course evaluation.

Perhaps Phyo’s lasting legacy is the way he inspired others to treat life as an adventure. “When things get rough,” said Andrea Schneider, who worked with Phyo in Soane Labs, “I remember him, and it always helps me focus on what’s good in life and what I have to be thankful for.”

Phyo’s favorite quote was from Tolkien: “Faithless is he that says farewell when the road darkens.” This quote motivated Phyo never to give up during his own life, and Phyo inspired those he knew never to give up — even today.

Friends remember Phyo

I often joked with Phyo that he looked like the Buddha on earth, always kind-looking, always smiling. His happiness is contagious, and his words are always comforting! Phyo is someone I’d cry in front of because he emphasizes and his words empower my spirit, and so he does for others as well! But through his always bright smiles, I see also his strong and relentless spirit — no difficulties can ever rob his happiness and optimism — because Phyo is also determined! Freshman year, Phyo struggled with his every breath as we ran by the Charles River because his severe congenital health conditions had prevented him from doing any physical exercises since birth. Before graduation, Phyo had transformed himself to be an avid workout member of Z-Center and MIT crew team. It is his unyielding spirit that bears the fruits of his physical transformation, his unfailing smiles, and his passion for life. And because Phyo’s spirit never gives up, his smiles and his passion forever linger in our minds, brightening our spirit in the dark nights. Phyo never left us, he is always here.

—Di Yi ’10

I met Phyo in the Spring of 2009 during my freshman year. I was at the first training session for Camp Kesem MIT, and I was feeling incredibly nervous and alone, surrounded by many upperclassmen I didn’t know. Throughout the day, the nervousness began to ease, but the moment that I knew Camp Kesem was going to be great was when I heard Phyo introduce himself by his camp name to the group. I don’t know what I was expecting from the quiet looking junior, but it definitely wasn’t a loud, “What Up? My name is Yo-Yooooo!” Here was a kid who wasn’t afraid to be silly, who had one of the most distinctive laughs I’d ever heard, and a smile that was infectious. I was lucky to

have the opportunity to work closely with Phyo that summer at camp, and we became good friends. He was a natural at working with kids, and every one of them adored him. He had the ability to be serious when necessary, but could effortlessly shift back to joking and playing around. He wasn’t afraid to make fun of himself either, and I was always struck by the strong sense of self he portrayed. I distinctly remember thinking at the end of that camp session that I wanted to strive to be a bit more like “Phyoyo”.

Everyone that met Phyo remembers him for his smile — seemingly ever present. He had an uncanny ability of finding you when you were having a bad day and cheering you up. He genuinely cared about all of his friends and always took the time to check in on them and say hello. Even after he graduated, he would routinely chat, call or email to see how I was doing.

This, I believe is an important part of Phyo’s legacy — his depth of caring and compassion for others. I aim to be like Phyo in this regard. I make an effort to keep a smile on my face and to be there for others when they need a hand. I miss Phyo very much, and I believe I always will. He’s a person, that once you have met, that you can never really forget.

—Vidya Eswaran ’12

Phyo was a great friend and an outstanding person. I think about him every day, but to keep myself from being sad, I instead try to apply his mantra to my own life. He always knew how to make anything enjoyable, no matter how bad the situation. So when things get rough, I remember him, and it always helps me focus on what’s good in life and what I have to be thankful for. I never would have had this outlook without having him in my life.

—Andrea Schneider

Solution to Sudoku

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Solution to Techdoku

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Solution to Crossword

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Binghamton halts pledging amid hazing concerns

By Peter Applebome
THE NEW YORK TIMES

BINGHAMTON, N.Y. — Binghamton University, one of the Northeast’s top public colleges, has halted all fraternity and sorority pledging this spring after what it called an “alarmingly high number of serious hazing complaints.”

Administrators and students said there was no indication their hazing problem was worse than those at other colleges. But the move at Binghamton is emblematic of an increasingly tough stance on hazing and on other forms of student misbehavior on campuses nationwide.

The University of Connecticut is advising students this weekend to go home and avoid an often-out-of-control party called Spring Weekend, during which a student was killed off campus in 2010. The University of Colorado at Boulder has announced it will close the entire campus to all visitors Friday to try to stop a long-time marijuana smoke-out held annually that day. The moves follow well-publicized hazing scandals at Boston University and Dartmouth College and student deaths at Cornell and Florida A&M Universities last year.

“The climate on campuses is such that there’s just much less tolerance for aberrant behavior, particularly

anything that can result in violence or injuries to others,” said Kevin Kruger, president of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. “Stopping pledging altogether is not so common, but there’s a huge focus on managing liability and sending a very clear message to students and alumni that this kind of behavior will result in removal of the chapter.”

The concerns are not new, and educators cite three main reasons for the actions — concern for student safety, legal exposure and efforts to avoid embarrassment; Binghamton was widely faulted for its slow response to irregularities and criminal behavior surrounding its basketball team a few years ago.

But Binghamton officials said that their overriding concern was the health and safety of students and that the situation was clear: For the second year in a row, they received an increasing number of reports, mostly anonymous phone calls or emails from pledges, friends of pledges or parents, about hazing during the eight-week pledge period.

Lloyd Howe, the dean of students, said the university took action before it faced a serious episode.

“For us, any hazing is of concern, even if it seems to be at the low end of the range, because that can often escalate into a situation that becomes more dangerous,” he said.

About 12 percent of Binghamton’s 14,700 students are members of the 52 sanctioned professional and social fraternities. After it halted all pledging, the university said the organizations could petition to admit new members based on a review of their pledging activities.

At least 10 fraternities and sororities are under investigation, officials said. No criminal charges have been filed or disciplinary action taken against individual students.

Many fraternity and sorority members say there is no indication that any activity occurred that came close to putting students in danger,

like forced drinking, which killed a Cornell student, or beatings, which caused the death of a drum major in the Florida A&M band. Instead, they said, the university had overreacted based on an open-ended definition of hazing.

“This has all been blown out of proportion based on anonymous reports,” said Samantha Vulpis, a junior from Commack, N.Y., and president of Binghamton’s Panhellenic Council. “It’s like hazing now is considered anything that isn’t optional. The way it’s being enforced is that anything you could ever think of is now considered hazing.”

New York is among 44 states with anti-hazing laws. Under New York’s laws, a person can be found guilty of a misdemeanor by conducting initiation and affiliation activities that cause physical injury or create a substantial risk of injury.

Officials at Binghamton, which is part of the State University of New York system, have not disclosed specific complaints under investigation. But indications are that alleged episodes range from relatively minor cases of enforced physical activity or time-consuming rituals to physical violence resulting in cuts or welts.



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“Every ticket ran a really great

Naren Tallapragada
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And though specific plans are not yet formulated, during the cam-

"The UA and GSC can really get some amazing things done on campus when we work together," said Craighead, adding that faculty were "impressed" with how well the two groups have been working together on the presidential search process.

Yang said that, for the time being, he will "refocus" his energy on the student groups he is already a part of, but that he would consider serving in the next UA administration if asked. First, though, he would want to hear more about Craighead and Walsh's plans for reforming the organization.

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Segal, from Page 1

dedicated scientist,” said Assistant Professor Tonio Buonassisi, the principal investigator (PI) of the PVLab of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, to the MIT News Office.

After having corresponded online for just under two months with what he thought was a mother of two children under the ages of 16 and 12, Segal flew from Cambridge to Grand Junction, Colo. on March 28, allegedly to meet them for a sexual encounter. However, the mother was in fact undercover Special Agent Vanessa Hippius of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Homeland Security Investigation, who met

Segal at the Grand Junction airport where he was immediately arrested by federal authorities.

On March 29, Buonassisi submitted to the U.S. District Court a letter from his perspective as the PI of the PVLab, describing Segal as a “productive” postdoc who was “a leader within [his] research group, closely mentoring five graduate students” and participated in projects for “communal benefit.” Segal, deemed a flight risk and denied bail on April 4 despite this account, had been remanded to the custody of the U.S. Marshal. He could have faced a maximum of 30 years of imprisonment and/or a maximum fine of \$250,000 if convicted.

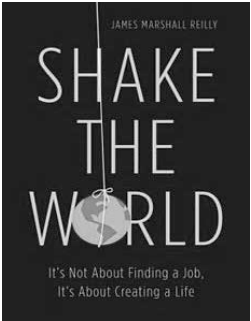
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By Carlos Greaves
STAFF REPORTER

Meet Robin S. Shin '12. When she isn't busy tooling away in her architecture studio, she fences for the MIT Women's varsity team. She was recently named the Northeast Conference Fencer of the Year, and placed 20th at the NCAA competition, where she was the only representative from Division III.

Robin started fencing in her native Brookline, Mass. when she was 12 years old. Growing up, she remembers traveling to fencing tournaments by herself. Now, her favorite part about being on the MIT team is that the entire team travels together and has a great time doing it. In particular, she enjoys traveling with the team to "the

Big One," which is held at Smith College and is the first tournament of the year. Because the tournament does not count for NCAA standings, there is less pressure and everyone on the team goes, making for a fun bus ride.

For those who are unfamiliar, fencing is like other "individual" sports like golf or tennis in the sense that, although there are individual tournaments and head-to-head bouts are individual by nature, there is also a team competition structure; collegiate teams square off against each other and the teams are ranked according to the number of team matches they win and the quality of the teams they beat.

Individual bouts are won by scoring five "touches." How a touch is scored depends on the type of weapon used. These weapons include the foil, which is light and

flexible, the sabre which is a "cutting" weapon (Robin's sword of choice), and the épée, which is designed to more closely resemble an old-fashioned dueling sword. The weapons are hooked up to electrical equipment and have a push-button switch at the tip so that a touch is registered when the weapon strikes the opponent. Depending on the weapon, only certain parts of the body can be hit in order to receive touches, and touches may be awarded depending on which person was on the offensive when touches were made.

When Robin isn't slicing and jabbing away at her fencing foes, she enjoys baking, painting, and attending music festivals. She's also a fan of *Arrested Development*, *The Good Wife*, and the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy. Be sure to congratulate her on her stellar season!

Baseball beats Clark, improves conference chances

By Zach Hynes
SPORTS STAFF

After tossing a complete game shut-out against Springfield College in his last outing, there was very little that Torre M. Swanson '12 could have done against the Clark University Cougars on Saturday to improve upon his prior performance. Yet he did just that, allowing only a bunt single in seven innings to help the Engineers capture the first game of Saturday's doubleheader en route to a sweep of the three-game weekend series.

After an offensive outburst of four home runs helped MIT take Friday night's game

against Clark, the Engineers returned to Cambridge for a doubleheader on Saturday afternoon. In the first game, MIT seized a 1-0 lead in the third inning when Sean P. Karson '14 came across the plate. Swanson held the Cougars hitless through four innings, stranding three baserunners who reached on errors. With two outs and the bases empty in the fifth inning, the Cougars' Daniel Lima laid a hard bunt down along the first base line, eluding an attempted tag from first baseman Ricardo J. Perez '13 to earn the Cougars' only hit of the game. After Swanson got out of the fifth, the Engineers extended their lead to 3-0 in the bottom half of the inning. Swanson cruised through the final two innings, and the Engineers tacked on an insurance run in the

sixth, earning a 4-0 win in the seven-inning contest.

In the second game of the doubleheader, Christopher M. Hendrix '12 turned in another spectacular performance, allowing two hits and one earned run over seven innings. The Engineers' offense had no trouble providing the necessary run support for Hendrix. Led by three-hit games from Karson and A.J. Hansborough '12, the Engineers took advantage of nine walks issued and five errors from the Cougars as they won 16-2.

While MIT was busy taking care of Clark at home on Saturday, everything was falling into place for the Engineers in their efforts to make the NEWMAC conference tournament. MIT began the weekend five games

behind WPI in the conference standings, but WPI was swept by the conference-leading Wheaton Lyons. Consequently, MIT trails WPI by two games headed into their head-to-head matchup in the final week-end of the NEWMAC regular season. MIT will head to Worcester on Friday night before hosting WPI for a doubleheader on Saturday afternoon, needing to take all three games of the series in order to earn a spot in the tournament. While the teams have been on opposite trajectories over the past week, WPI has had a strong season after missing out on the conference tournament last year. Still, with the offensive spark and strong pitching that they showed against Clark, the Engineers might complete a comeback that seemed improbable just two weeks ago.

sMITe takes third place in conference, clinches spot in Regionals
Engineers beat Harvard, BU, and BC en route to New England Regionals at Dartmouth

By Alexandra Hsu
TEAM REPRESENTATIVE

In the Boston Metro Conference championships last weekend, sMITe, MIT Women's Ultimate team, placed third and clinched a spot at New England DI Regionals. By playing hard through some long points and overcoming injuries, the team won crucial games, beating Harvard, Boston College (BC) and Boston University (BU).

sMITe opened pool play on Saturday, splitting the day with wins against BU and BC and losses to Tufts and Northeastern. On Sunday morning, the team suffered a tough loss to Harvard, closing out pool play at 2-3.

The first round of bracket play determined if MIT advanced to the semifinals or dropped into the elimination bracket. Facing BC in this must win game, sMITe quickly found themselves down 5-2. However, sMITe fought back using a zone defense to score eight unanswered points in a row. With key blocks by Emma C. Benjaminson '14 and Evie Adams '13, MIT entered half time up 8-5 and never looked back. In the second half, strong offensive performances from Patricia Z. Li '13 and Kathleen M. Hoza '14 led MIT to a 15-7 victory.

However, injuries prior to the tournament left sMITe short a key player, Monica Isava '13, and the level of competition reduced the roster size even further. Both Becky A. Vasquez '12, and Annie E. Holladay '13 suffered sprains to their ankle and knee, respectively, during the BC game. Regardless, their

continuing support from the sideline was tremendous and instrumental to the team's success.

Entering the semifinals down two more players, sMITe lost again to nationally-ranked Tufts, setting up a rematch with Harvard in the third place game. Learning from the morning's game, coach Neva Cherniavsky taught a new defensive strategy, which the team absorbed quickly, to completely shut down Harvard's offense. Alisha R. Schor G, Lisa Liu '14, and Anna K. de Regt G continued their strong performances of the weekend and sMITe defeated Harvard 15-5.

The fact that sMITe could focus and learn a new form of defense in a matter of minutes attests to their growing passion and potential. Michelle A. Rybak '13, one of the team's three captains, explained: "This is an extremely exciting time to be a captain. Looking at our performance in previous years we, are growing and improving at such a high rate that my dream of one day going to nationals is becoming more and more of a reality."

Rybak herself is an outstanding player and an integral part of this improved performance. Playing almost every point and ending with 29 assists and 30 blocks, Rybak was directly involved in scoring almost half of the points this weekend, and was a vital part of the offense for the other points scored.

For those unfamiliar with Ultimate, the team is divided into two main positions, "handlers" and "cutters." Handlers are responsible for being strong throwers and cutters work together as receivers. As a handler, Rybak frequently holds the disc and the team scores many points on her throws spanning almost the entire length of the field.

Other key players were cutter

Carolyn P. Coyle '13 and handler Claire F. Kearns-McCoy '14. Coyle is one of the tallest members of the team and used her height to her advantage and "skyed" (jumped higher than the person guarding her and made a play while in mid-air) many others, both on offense and defense. She finished the tournament with 12 points and forced 9 turnovers on defense.

Kearns-McCoy, coming off of a foot injury, showed that she is back in form with the highest retention rate on the team. Spending significantly more time with the disc than others, her pass completion rate was nearly 90 percent. Kearns-McCoy also scored a "Callahan" point to win a game against BC. Extremely rare events, Callahans occur when a defensive player in-

tercepts the disc in the opposite team's endzone for a score.

These are just a few examples of why Rybak continued, "Not to mention, literally every person on the team is an awesome person."

As the team becomes a more cohesive unit both on and off the field, sMITe will enter regionals, May 5-6 at Dartmouth College, with high expectations.



FREDO DURAND

Alisha R. Schor 'G winds up to throw a pass in a game at the Boston Metro Conference last weekend. The Women's Ultimate Frisbee team placed third, securing their spot at New England Regionals.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Saturday, April 21

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| Men's and Women's Crew | 6:50 a.m., Charles River |
| Women's Lacrosse vs. Wheaton College | 11 a.m., Roberts Field |
| Baseball vs. WPI | 12 p.m., Briggs Field |



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