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Members of MIT DanceTroupe perform “The Cave” during a rehearsal of Snapchats & Tattoos, their Spring 2014 dance showcase. Performances will continue through tonight and tomorrow evening.

Institute announces new environmental initiative

Unnamed program to fund interdisciplinary research will be headed by Susan Solomon

By Austin Hess
EDITOR IN CHIEF

MIT announced Thursday a new initiative on the environment meant to “promote transformative, cross-disciplinary research,” according to a press release.

The initiative, which still doesn’t have an official name, is intended to connect research from the Department of Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences; the Department of Urban Studies and Planning; the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering; the Center for Global Change Science; and the Earth System Initiative, among other departments and programs, according to MIT.

In an email to the MIT community Thursday, President L. Rafael Reif said The Abdul Latif Jameel World Water and Food Security Lab (J-WAFS), announced Tuesday, would

also be a “major component” of the initiative.

The release said the new initiative would also “link closely” with parts of the MIT Energy Initiative (MITEI), which was established in 2006.

Reif’s email also said that Susan Solomon, the Ellen Swallow Richards Professor of Atmospheric Chemistry and Climate Science would be the first director of the program.

According to MIT’s press release, Solomon will be the director only for the first year of the project before returning to research and teaching; a search committee will be formed immediately to find a permanent director to lead what Reif called the program’s “mature second stage.”

Funding for the first five years of the program’s operation will be provided in part

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Walsh vows housing crackdown in Boston

Boston mayor promises fines, inspections for off-campus college student housing

By Jonathan Saltzman
and Jenn Abelson
THE BOSTON GLOBE

Mayor Martin J. Walsh said Wednesday that the city will levy \$300 daily fines on scofflaw landlords, increase the number of inspections, and demand that colleges in Boston disclose the addresses of undergraduate students living off campus, measures designed to protect the health and safety of tens of thousands of university students.

“My concern is the life of every young college student living off campus in overcrowded apartments,” Walsh said.

The mayor’s announcement follows this week’s Globe Spotlight Team investigation that reported that illegally overcrowded apartments riddle the city’s college neighborhoods, where some absentee landlords maximize profits by packing in students who often seek apartments off campus because universities admit more students than they can house.

Meanwhile, Northeastern University said Wednesday that it may sever its relationship with one of Boston’s most notorious landlords,

who has received millions from the school over the past decade to house its students in a dozen buildings near the campus. The university’s ties to the landlord were a focus of the Spotlight report.

Walsh, responding to the report’s findings about landlords who repeatedly violate city and state regulations but receive kid-glove treatment from regulators and the courts, pledged to crack down and fine property owners \$300 a day for each violation.

The city already has the power to impose such fines, but rarely does so.

Walsh said in a phone interview: “We absolutely have to be tougher.”

The mayor also plans to hire more inspectors to regularly check the city’s 154,000 rental units for potential code violations. The Globe series uncovered widespread problems in Allston, Brighton, Fenway, and Mission Hill, where students were living with a host of indignities and hazards, from rodent and pest infestations, to doors without working locks, to missing smoke

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Senior House to receive RLAD by fall despite residents’ opposition

RLAD to move into dorm after construction of apartment

By Kath Xu
NEWS EDITOR

By this fall, every dorm on campus will have a Residential Life Area Director (RLAD). Since the program began two years ago, each dorm has successively received one except for Senior House, home to some of the most vocal opponents.

Residents learned of this change Wednesday night in an email announcement from the Senior House Housemaster, Philosophy Professor Agustin Rayo PhD ’01. The RLAD will not live in the dorm at first; it is unclear when an apartment will be built for the RLAD to move in.

In the email, Rayo said that Wednesday was also the first time he was informed of the by MIT’s Division of Student Life.

Many Senior House residents have expressed frustration at the change, and some, like Senior House’s Dormitory Council Representative Alina Kononov ’14, plan to fight against it.

“This decision appears to have been made by DSL unilaterally, without a drop of consideration of all the discussion that took place two years ago,” wrote Kononov in an email to *The Tech*, referring to meetings that took place between Senior House and the DSL when the ad-

ministration first considered implementing the program there.

She added, “I dread the prospect, and many residents are furious.”

No students or GRTs seemed to have had any advanced notice of this decision.

In a written statement to the *The Tech*, Senior House president Rodrigo Lopez Uricoechea ’16 said, “Many residents feel that we were left out of the decision making process, since we were merely informed of the final decision... In addition, residents do not understand what recent changes have prompted

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TAMI FORRESTER—THE TECH
Lamine Touré dances as Rambax, MIT’s Senegalese Drum Ensemble, performs outside the Student Center on Saturday afternoon. The group was founded in 2001 and is co-directed by Lamine Touré and the group’s faculty advisor Professor Patricia J. Tang.

IN SHORT

Subject evaluations are now open. Provide feedback on your classes and teachers at <http://web.mit.edu/subjectevaluation>. The new shorter form takes less than five minutes to complete. Evaluations close at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 19.

You can give blood in the Stu-

dent Center next week. MIT’s American Red Cross Team and Network will be holding a blood drive next Monday, May 12 from 1-6 p.m., Tuesday, May 13 from 8 a.m.-1p.m., Wednesday, May 14 from 1-6 p.m., and Thursday, May 15 from 1-6p.m. in La Sala.

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Obama policy bans employee use of leaked material

By **Charlie Savage**
THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration is clamping down on a technique that government officials have long used to join in public discussions of well-known but technically still-secret information: citing news reports based on unauthorized disclosures.

A new pre-publication review policy for the Office of Director of National Intelligence says current and former employees and contractors may not cite news reports based on leaks in their speeches, opinion articles, books, term papers or other unofficial writings.

Such officials “must not use sourcing that comes from known leaks, or unauthorized disclosures of sensitive information,” it says. “The use of such information in a publication can confirm the validity of an unauthorized disclosure and cause further harm to national security.”

Failure to comply “may result in the imposition of civil and administrative penalties, and may result in the loss of security clearances and

accesses,” it says.

It follows a policy that James R. Clapper Jr., the director of national intelligence, issued in March that bars officials at all 17 intelligence agencies from speaking without permission to journalists about unclassified information related to intelligence. Timothy H. Edgar, a visiting professor at Brown University who worked at the intelligence office and the White House from 2006 to 2013, said it was appropriate to block former officials from disclosing classified information and confirming leaks.

But, he said, it went too far to retroactively block former officials from citing news reports in the public domain, as long as they did so neutrally and did not confirm them as factually correct. That would amount to a prior restraint on former officials’ First Amendment rights that they did not consent to, he said.

“You’re basically saying people can’t talk about what everyone in the country is talking about,” he said. “I think that is awkward and overly broad in terms of restricting speech.”

Intelligence officials have long

agreed to submit writings for pre-publication review as a condition of receiving security clearances. While the goal of the old policy was to ensure “the protection of classified information,” the new policy is subtly broader: “to prevent the unauthorized disclosure of information.”

Anchukaitis said the change was intended to acknowledge that there are other types of sensitive information whose release was already restricted, such as proprietary business data submitted for contract negotiations or personnel information covered by the Privacy Act.

The new policy is written ambiguously in places. It combines what had been two directives — one governing official agency writings and another covering unofficial writings by both current and former employees — into one. It is sometimes unclear which categories are covered by particular rules. The new policy was signed last month and first reported on Thursday on the Secrecy News blog by Steven Aftergood, the director of the Project on Government Secrecy for the Federation of American Scientists.

Snapchat settles charge with FTC that it deceived users

By **Jenna Wortham**
THE NEW YORK TIMES

The disappearing act of messages on Snapchat, the mobile messaging service, has not been as foolproof as the company promised.

The Federal Trade Commission said Thursday that Snapchat had agreed to settle charges that the company was deceiving users about the ephemeral nature of the photos and video messages sent through its service. In marketing the service, Snapchat has said that its messages “disappear forever.” But in its complaint, the commission said the messages, often called snaps, could be saved in several ways. The commission said that users could save a message by using a third-party app, for example, or employ simple workarounds that allow users to take a screenshot of messages without detection.

The complaint also said Snapchat transmitted users’ location information and collected sensitive data like address book contacts, despite its

saying that it did not collect such information. The commission said the policies allowed security researchers to compile a database of 4.6 million user names and phone numbers during a recent security breach.

“If a company markets privacy and security as key selling points in pitching its service to consumers, it is critical that it keep those promises,” Edith Ramirez, the chairwoman for the Federal Trade Commission, said in a statement. “Any company that makes misrepresentations to consumers about its privacy and security practices risks F.T.C. action.”

Under the terms of the settlement, Snapchat will be prohibited from misrepresenting how it maintains the privacy and confidentiality of user information. The company will also be required to start a wide-ranging privacy program that will be independently monitored for 20 years. Fines could ensue if the company does not comply with the agreement.

“While we were focused on build-

ing, some things didn’t get the attention they could have,” the company said in a statement.

The company added: “Even before today’s consent decree was announced, we had resolved most of those concerns over the past year by improving the wording of our privacy policy, app description, and in-app just-in-time notifications. And we continue to invest heavily in security and countermeasures to prevent abuse.”

The company declined an interview request. Snapchat warns users about potential data collection in its privacy statement. The company says: “There may be ways to access messages while still in temporary storage on recipients’ devices or, forensically, even after they are deleted. You should not use Snapchat to send messages if you want to be certain that the recipient cannot keep a copy.” Last year, Snapchat, which is based in Los Angeles, turned down a multibillion-dollar buyout offer from Facebook.

Tensions rise between China and Vietnam over disputed waters

By **Jane Perlez**
THE NEW YORK TIMES

BEIJING — China demanded that Vietnam withdraw ships from disputed waters around a Chinese drilling rig Thursday — the latest volley in a standoff that has quickly escalated into one of the most serious in years in the contested South China Sea.

The latest tensions began last week when a state-owned Chinese energy company moved the rig into position, and intensified as ships sent by both countries faced off against each other.

On Thursday, a Chinese Foreign Ministry official said that Vietnamese ships had rammed Chinese vessels as many as 171 times over four days. The announcement followed accusations by Vietnam on Wednesday that Chinese ships had rammed its vessels early this week and sprayed the Vietnamese flotilla with water cannons.

The Chinese, who on Thursday admitted to the use of water cannons, say Vietnam has dispatched 35 ships to the area, while the Vietnamese have said the Chinese deployed about 80 vessels.

The movement of the drilling rig follows recent attempts by China to solidify its increasingly muscular claims over both the South China Sea, one of the world’s major trading routes, and the East China Sea.

In November, Beijing declared an air defense zone over a swath of the East China Sea, including islands that both China and Japan claim, and demanded that other countries notify the Chinese authorities before their planes pass through the airspace.

Although the U.S. military and Japanese aircraft flouted the demands, analysts have suggested the air defense zone helps China build its case for taking over the disputed islands, which Japan controls.

China has also appeared to tight-

en its hold over a reef called Scarborough Shoal in the South China Sea, which the Philippines claims.

The disputes have raised concerns in Washington, which has been trying to carefully calibrate its response to the various territorial claims. The Obama administration has courted countries in Southeast Asia as a counterbalance to China’s power, but it has also been trying not to antagonize the Chinese.

On Thursday, the U.S. assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Daniel R. Russel, who was on a trip to Hanoi, Vietnam, said that the latest dispute had been a major topic of his discussions there.

“We oppose any act of intimidation by vessels, particularly in disputed areas,” he said. The United States did not take a position on the competing claims of sovereignty, he added, but the disputes need to be “dealt with diplomatically and must be dealt with in accordance to international laws.”

Oklahoma, investigating failure, extends delay of execution to November

Oklahoma on Thursday delayed the execution of Charles F. Warner by six months, to allow time for a review of lethal injection procedures that was started after a bungled execution last week left a prisoner writhing in pain before he died of heart failure.

The Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals issued the stay after the attorney general’s office said it would not object. Warner’s execution is now scheduled for Nov. 13, and the attorney general said the office would be open to further delays if the investigation was not completed by then.

Warner, who was convicted of the rape and murder of an 11-month-old girl, was originally scheduled to die April 29, two hours after the execution of another convicted murderer, Clayton D. Lockett.

The executions had been the subject of last-minute legal battles, with lawyers for the two prisoners objecting because the state had refused to reveal the source of the drugs it would use.

Soon after Lockett’s execution began, it was apparent to witnesses that he had not been fully sedated as two follow-up drugs were injected, one to cause paralysis and stop breathing and one to stop the heart. As he began to buck and moan in apparent agony, corrections officials pulled the blinds on witnesses. The intravenous delivery of the drugs had failed, officials later said, and Lockett died of heart failure 43 minutes after the procedure began. Gov. Mary Fallin immediately delayed Warner’s execution by two weeks.

Two days later the chief of corrections, Robert Patton, revealed that Lockett had been shocked with a Taser on the morning of the scheduled execution when he refused to leave his cell, and that he had cut himself.

Patton also revealed that it had taken 51 minutes to insert an intravenous line. After no suitable vein was found on Lockett’s limbs, a needle was inserted through his groin, a more difficult procedure because the intended vein is not visible.

Fallin has appointed Michael C. Thompson, the commissioner of public safety, to lead the investigation of what went wrong and what changes in procedures and training may be necessary. Lawyers for Warner and Lockett have called instead for an independent investigation, not one led by a state official.

—Erik Eckholm, *The New York Times*

Apple said to be in talks to buy Beats for \$3.2 billion

Apple is in talks to acquire Beats Electronics for about \$3.2 billion, according to a person briefed on the matter.

A deal could be announced next week, but may still fall apart, this person cautioned.

An acquisition would be Apple’s largest ever and would see the maker of the iPhone acquire the biggest manufacturer of high-end headphones.

Beats was founded by Jimmy Iovine, the music producer, and Dr. Dre, the rapper and producer, and has invigorated the market for premium headphones and portable speakers. More recently, Beats began a streaming music service that competes with Spotify and Apple’s own iTunes music service.

For Apple, the deal represents a major break in its acquisitions strategy. To date, Apple’s has focused on buying technology providers that it then incorporates into its existing products. But by buying Beats, Apple’s chief executive, Tim Cook, would signal his willingness to acquire established brands.

The Financial Times first reported news of the deal.

—David Gelles, *The New York Times*

Ukrainians favor unity as Putin’s reputation grows at home, polls find

Ukrainians, including most Russian speakers, want to keep their country united with its current borders intact but there are concerns about the government. While few Ukrainians have confidence in President Vladimir Putin of Russia, his reputation has grown considerably at home, with more than 80 percent of Russians trusting his handling of world affairs.

These are some of the results of two polls conducted by the Pew Research Center last month, after the annexation of Crimea but before recent violence in several Ukrainian cities.

Ukrainians have also become more distrustful of Russia in general. Two-thirds of Ukrainians say that Russia is a bad influence on their country. In 2009, only a quarter considered its impact as a negative.

The evaluation of the United States improved slightly over the same period, while the European Union was seen as about the same. Yet while Russian speakers in Ukraine are divided over the influence of Russia, they are much more negative about both the United States and the European Union.

Although few in the international community acknowledge the validity of Crimea’s secession from Ukraine, Russians overwhelmingly say the government in Kiev should recognize the referendum results and allow Crimea to join Russia.

As Russians feel more positive about their country and their military, they have increasingly negative views of the United States and the European Union.

Only 23 percent have a favorable opinion of the United States, down from 51 percent last year. For the European Union, 39 percent of Russians have a favorable opinion, down from 63 percent last year.

In addition, tensions have caused Russian views of Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany and President Barack Obama to deteriorate, although the Ukrainian image of those leaders has stayed fairly steady over the past few years.

In-person interviews were conducted in April with 1,000 Russian adults and 1,659 Ukrainian adults. The margin of error for the Ukraine poll is 3 percentage points; it is 4 percentage points for the Russian poll.

—Marjorie Connelly, *The New York Times*

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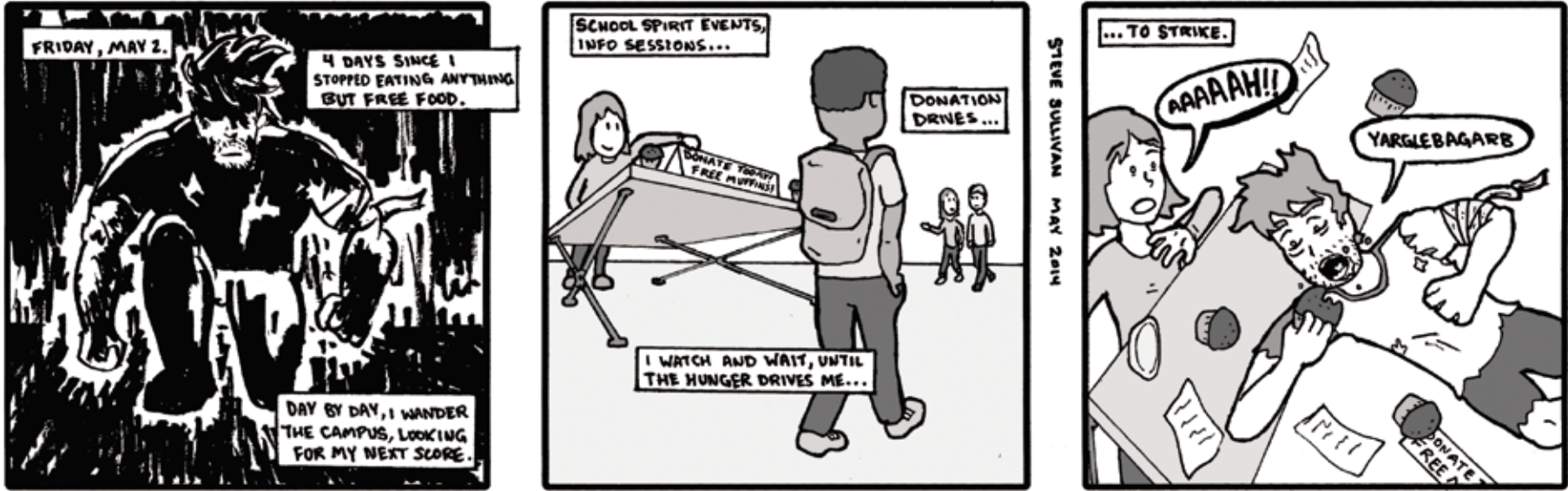
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UPPERCUT by Steve Sullivan



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9		1			6		5	3
				5	8	7		
		5			7		6	
	9			1			2	
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	8			2			3	
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5	3		4			6		2

Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column, row, and 3 by 3 grid contains exactly one of each of the digits 1 through 9.

Techdoku

Solution, page 9

108x		2x		20x	
	60x		2÷		1
10x		90x		36x	
	24x			1	
	5		16+		15x
4x			2		

Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column and row contains exactly one of each of the numbers 1–6. Follow the mathematical operations for each box.

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import new_skills

def learnMarketableJobSkills():
    return linux, OSX, javascript, applescript, perl, python

if you.interest == True:
    print "E-mail join@tech.mit.edu"

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Q.E.D. (QUITE EASILY DONE)

HOW YOU SEE YOUR CODE WHILE YOU'RE TYPING IT

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function [sum] = add(x,y)
    sum = x + y;
    display(sum)
end
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THIS CODE'S SIMPLE
ENOUGH, I DON'T NEED TO
COMMENT IT.

HOW YOU SEE IT 3 DAYS LATER

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function[var1,n,mplus]= solvePro
temp = ones(y3,n)*exp(mplus/s
for jj = 1:(var1^5)-2
    display('its working!');
    aaa = conv(inputx,temp);
    if 1==1
        inputx(jj+1)=sign(input
        temp2 = mod(temp1,mplus
    end
    if aaa > temp2 break; end
end
figure; plot(fft(aaa)); h=gca
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Sudoku II

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	7	8			1			
	5	6		2				
4			5			1	7	
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Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column, row, and 3 by 3 grid contains exactly one of each of the digits 1 through 9.

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Solution, page 9

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	2-		20x		
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Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column and row contains exactly one of each of the numbers 1–6. Follow the mathematical operations for each box.

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5 Girls and women
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20 Football protective item
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31 Rambunctious
35 Wendy's competitor
37 Space to maneuver
40 "OK to have a look?"
43 Confessed
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trousers
46 Director Ephron
47 Strong point

48 Enlightening material
51 Adriatic, for one
52 Name as a source
54 Bachelor's last words
56 Unruly crowd
59 Tricky pitch
64 Cyberspace letters
66 See 65 Down
67 Lotion additive
68 From then on
69 Windshield treatment
70 Natural satellite
71 War horse
72 Hot springs
73 PIN takers

DOWN

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- 2 Biblical boat builder
- 3 Three of a kind
- 4 Walk like a peacock
- 5 Little bit
- 6 Stevenson villain
- 7 Never-ending
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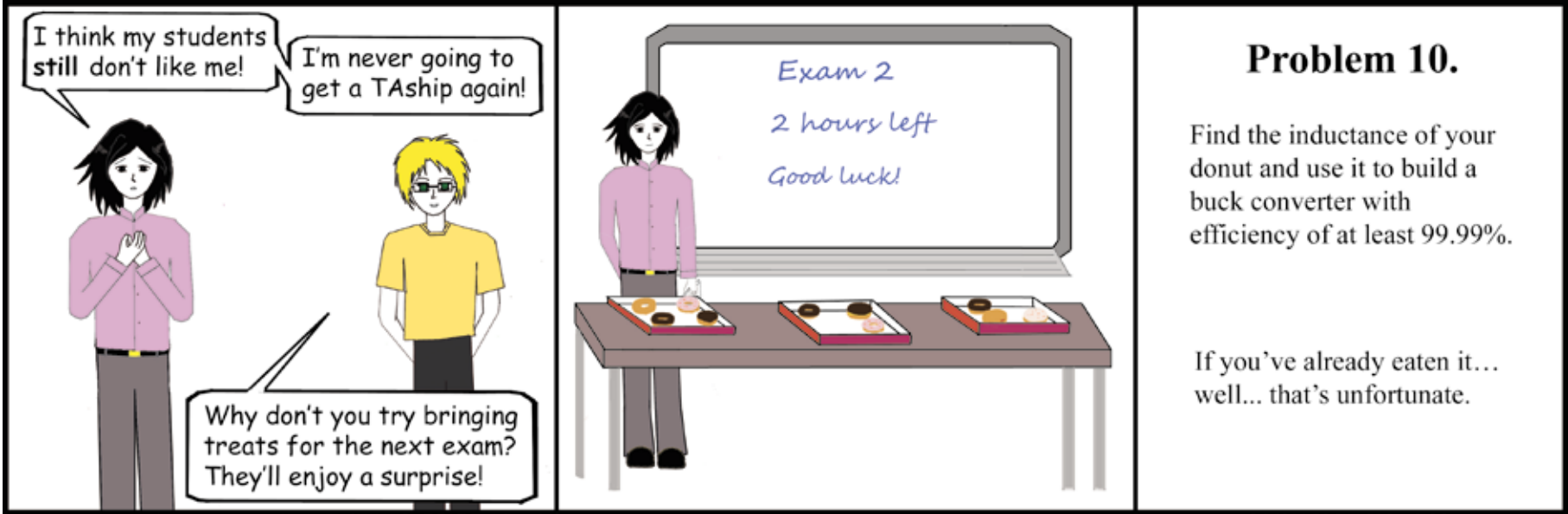
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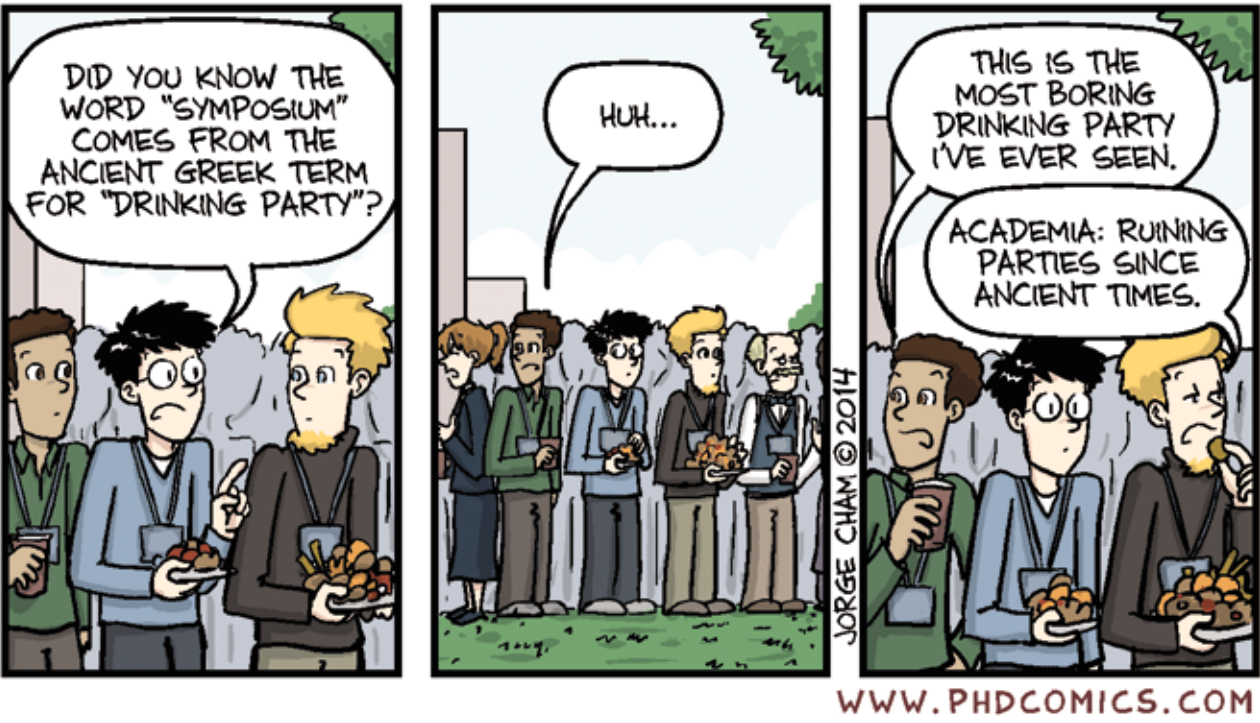
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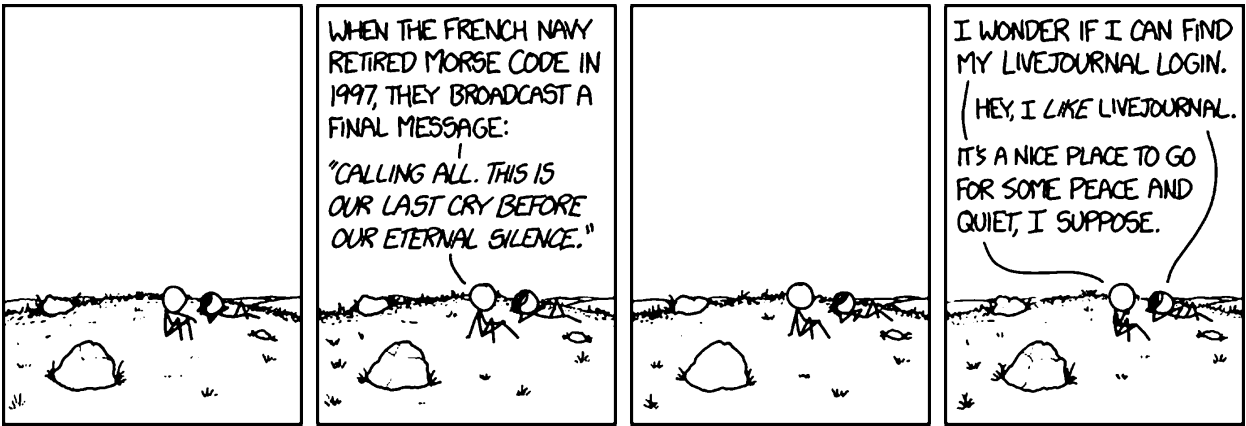
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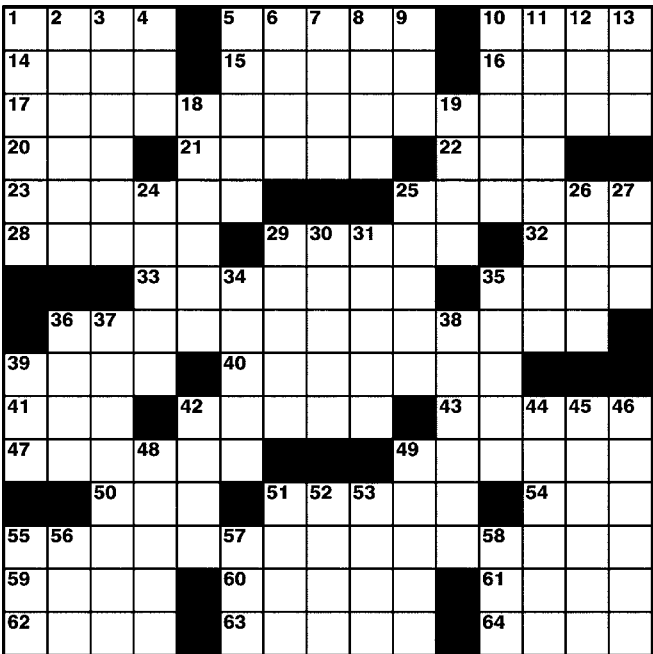
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- 40 Passed along
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- 13 Ft. Smith's state
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- 19 Many PX patrons
- 24 Rollout
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- 27 On the double
- 29 None of the above
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- 31 Make good on
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- 35 Encrypted
- 36 Inner diameter
- 37 Understandable to a general audience
- 38 Spanish saint
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- 42 Pro __ work
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- 45 Not yielding
- 46 Some beach-house supports



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- 56 Imitate
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City mayor to crack
down on landlords

*Walsh aims to increase ordinance
enforcement for student housing*

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detectors, and bedrooms crammed illegally into basements or firetrap attics.

The city had already earmarked money to pay for five additional inspectors to carry out a new inspection regimen. But Walsh said that is not enough and that he will hire more. But he did not have specifics on how many or when.

The mayor also said he intends to meet soon with representatives of all the colleges in Boston to insist that they turn over addresses of undergraduates living off campus, review university expansion plans, and make schools live up to promises to move students out of the neighborhoods and onto campus.

Northeastern University, for example, signed an agreement with the city in 2004 to end, within five years, its practice of leasing apartments for students in privately owned buildings in the Fenway area.

**Some landlords
commonly flout
the no-more-than
four zoning rule in
college areas.**

But Northeastern, which houses only 47 percent of undergraduates on campus, continues to rent apartments for 600 students. More than half of them live in buildings owned by one of the city's most infamous landlords, Anwar N. Faisal.

"If you make a commitment to do something as a college or a university, you should live up to that," said Walsh, who called the Globe Wednesday to detail his plan to protect students.

Northeastern said Wednesday that it is reconsidering its business relationship with Faisal, one of the biggest landlords for college students in Boston. The Spotlight Team found that Faisal and his real estate companies, including Alpha Management Corp., have been defendants in dozens of criminal and civil cases in Boston Housing Court over the past decade.

The Spotlight Team, as part of its investigation, recently surveyed students living in 40 apartments in six Faisal buildings on Hemenway and St. Stephen streets. The occupants of 37 of those apartments, or 93 percent, reported at least one significant problem, such as pests, mold, inoperable smoke alarms, and broken locks on apartment doors.

"The leadership of Northeastern University is extremely concerned about revelations uncovered by The Boston Globe's recent investigative series on student housing in Boston," Steven Kadish, senior vice president and chief operating officer for the school, wrote in a letter to Faisal Wednesday.

"The multiple and specific examples of abhorrent living conditions in your company's apartments are very troubling and, if substantiated, warrant your immediate attention and response."

Kadish wrote that Northeastern intends to carefully study the Globe's findings. "If, after a thorough review of the facts, we are not satisfied with the quality of student housing your company provides, Northeastern will conclude its master leasing arrangement with Alpha Management and discourage our students from independently renting apartments from Alpha Management," he wrote.

Michael Armini, Northeastern's senior vice president for external affairs, said the school will carry out its review over the summer and into the fall. Armini said Northeastern, which bankrolled renovations in units it leased from Faisal, had focused on these units, rather than apartments that students rent directly from the landlord in the same buildings.

"Certainly, the revelations of the last few days have heightened our interest in all of Alpha Management's properties," he said.

Faisal could not be reached Wednesday afternoon. A woman who answered the phone at Faisal's Brookline office said Alpha had no comment about the letter Northeastern sent.

Ethan Arruda-Leuppert, who graduated from Northeastern in 2012 and rented directly from Alpha during his senior year, said he was surprised that his alma mater would do business with Faisal. He said the university should terminate its relationship with him.

"It was miserable," Arruda-Leuppert, 23, said of his time living at 311 Huntington Ave., where he said Alpha Management failed to respond to widespread problems including broken doors, a nonfunctioning stove, oppressive heat, and rodents.

On Wednesday, Walsh said that when he meets with representatives of colleges, he will insist that they provide the addresses of students living off campus. That will help the city to more readily detect cases of overcrowding, defined by a zoning rule as more than four full-time undergraduates sharing a single apartment or house. If the colleges do not comply, Walsh said, he will take additional steps.

"If the colleges refuse to do it, I'm looking possibly to take legislative action to make it happen" through a city ordinance, he said. "I have that ability."

The series found that some landlords in college neighborhoods commonly flout the no-more-than-four zoning rule. Student tenants are often complicit because they cannot afford the rent without sharing it with a larger group.

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Senior House to get an RLAD by the fall

Residents of dormitory say they were not consulted before decision

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DSL to push for Senior House to get an RLAD.”

A common sentiment among students is that an RLAD is unnecessary for (and would even be detrimental to) Senior House.

“I think MIT could spend money on other things rather than a position that is already filled by other members of the house such as housemasters and GRTs,” said Senior House resident Jasmeet K. Arora ’17 in an email.

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According to Rayo’s email, Henry J. Humphreys, senior associate dean of Residential Life & Dining, will be holding a town hall-style meeting to answer people’s questions. However, the date of the meeting, as well as whether an RLAD has already been selected, is currently unknown. In 2012, former Chancellor Eric Grimson PhD ’80 had told *The Tech*, “There will be student input — for example, when dorms get a new housemaster or

GRT, they participate in the selection process, the same will go for the RLADs.”

In a 2013 article in *The Tech*, Humphreys said that the recruiting period for RLAD positions typically begins in March.

Some students have expressed concern over the timing of the announcement shortly before the end of the academic year.

“I also think it’s no coincidence that DSL waited until two weeks before term’s end to make the announcement,” stated Kononov. “If there is one thing DSL has learned about MIT culture over the years, it is how to attack the student body’s weaknesses.”

Resident Catherine Yunis ’16 said, “I would love to meet with the deans and discuss these changes but in two weeks the semester will be over, and then I will be gone for the summer until September.”

According to Kononov, the last time Senior House actively participated in discussions with DSL about RLADs was in early 2013. She emphasized, “At that time, we expected to engage in discussion about alternate solutions that would not involve live-in administrators, but no such discussions took place. Last night’s announcement was completely unexpected.”

Humphreys had not yet responded for comment at press time.

Chorallaries get funky and sing out their seniors



SARAH LIU—THE TECH

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Solution to Techdoku

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Solution to Techdoku II

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Solution to Crossword

from page 7

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MILDLY	NOHELP		
ASSES	OGRES	SAD	
BESTREW	CINQ		
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SELDOM	REDANT		
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Fossil Free calls on MIT to divest from fossil fuel



Last Friday, members of Fossil Free MIT put up blue caution tape around campus, showing where the water level will be during a storm surge like the one caused by Hurricane Sandy, after the projected 2050 sea level rise. The group did so to correspond to the sixth MIT Sustainability Summit over the weekend, with the theme of “Coastal Cities – Sustainable Future.”

MELISSA RENÉE SCHUMACHER—THE TECH

MIT launches new research initiative
Program to fund interdisciplinary research related to environment

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by MIT according to the release, but after that it is expected to be “self-sustaining.”

In an email to *The Tech*, MIT Vice President for Research Maria T. Zuber said, “For the environment, while we may anticipate some industry interest, we expect a broader funding portfolio that also includes foundations, private individuals and government. The very generous gift by Mr. Jameel to support research on water and food announced earlier this week is a great example of the kind of support we hope to attract.”

The new initiative will be led by Atmospheric Chemistry and Climate Science Professor Susan Solomon.

According to the release, the initial call for proposals for interdisciplinary research will go out in the fall. When asked whether the initiative would provide funding for any existing research, Zuber said, “MIT undertakes initiatives to inspire genuinely new ideas and the initiative on the environment will be no exception.” She also emphasized the interdisciplinary nature of the new initiative.

According to Zuber, “There are already many faculty either already working on or interested in the initiative and so we have no plans to bring on new faculty researchers.” She said, however, that the next director after Solomon could be an “internal or external appointment.”

Regarding faculty involvement, Zuber said, “various studies of different aspects of the environment that have been undertaken over the past decade identified over a hundred faculty who could potentially be interested, and that is what we found by knocking on doors and circulating some email. With today’s announcement to the community by our President I have little doubt that more will emerge.”

According to Reif’s email, Provost Martin A. Schmidt PhD ’88, Zuber, and MITEI Director Robert C. Armstrong will “launch a campus-wide conversation on the challenge of climate change.” In his email Reif said, “Built around a range of provocative speakers, such an open conversation will sharpen our thinking and help us choose the best path to real progress against climate change.”

Of the program’s relation to undergraduate education, Zuber said, “[T]here has been a census of possibly relevant courses that already exist and there are many. The challenge will be to develop a coherent and modern curriculum, which could logically consist of some existing courses and some that have yet to be developed.”

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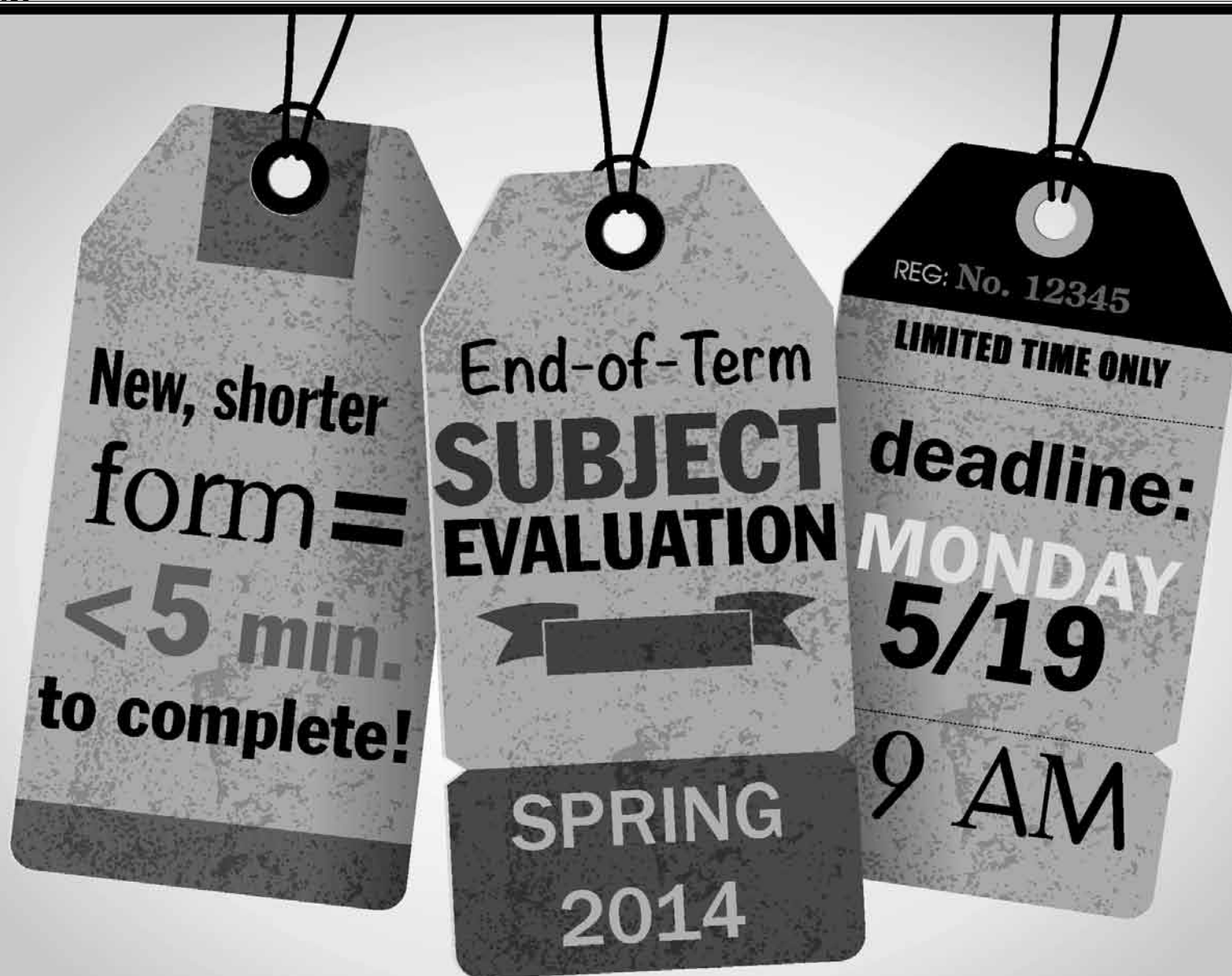
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*First rookie of the year win
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T Harris A. Stolzenberg '17 was tabbed for Rookie of the Year accolades and earned a spot on the All-Conference second team as head coach Walter Alessi was voted the league's Coach of the Year. In addition, the Engineers saw Joel T. Santisteban '14 and Paul R. Orrson '16 receive first-team plaudits.

Alessi, who concluded his 40th season at the helm, was named Coach of the Year for the ninth time in his career. He guided MIT to an overall record of 9-8 and a 4-2 mark in the NEWMAC. The Engineers earned the No. 3 seed for the postseason conference tournament, their highest placement in six consecutive appearances, before bowing to runner-up Babson College in the semifinals.

By Phil Hess
DAPER STAFF

After winning the first game of the 2014 New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) Baseball Championship series against Wheaton, 6-4, MIT came back to sweep the doubleheader against the Lyons with a wild-ending 12-6, 10-inning victory to win the best-of-three series and claim its first-ever NEWMAC title. The Engineers will now get the conference automatic bid to the 2014 NCAA Tournament, which will begin with regional action on May 14-18.

In game one MIT (22-13) jumped on top early, scoring three times in the first. The Engineers put runners on the corners with one out for Hayden K. Cornwell '15, who doubled in the first run. Nathaniel H. Rodman '16 brought in another run with an RBI groundout before Parker A. Tew '15 singled in the final run of the inning.

Another three-run inning, this time in the fourth, proved to be the winning margin for the Engineers. An error and a hit batter put two aboard for John M. Drago '17, who played both runners with a double to right center. Creed J. Mangrum '14 followed with an RBI single to make it 6-0.

Max J. Ockner '14 started for the Engineers and blanked Wheaton (27-16-1) over the first six innings giving up just a pair of hits. In the seventh the Lyons broke through with their first run, getting back-to-back doubles to start the inning from Mike Bisceglia and Justin Silvestro. Wheaton went on to cut the lead in half, scoring another run on a balk and adding an RBI single by Tyler Contillo.

MIT's bullpen then held off the Lyons the rest of the way, limiting them to just one run in the eighth on a Kevin Foley RBI single. Michael A. Wymer '16 tossed the ninth for MIT and picked up the save, giving up a pair of infield singles before recording the final two outs.

In game two Wheaton scored single runs in the first, sec-

ond and fourth innings to take an early 3-0 lead, but MIT came back with three in the fifth to tie it, highlighted by RBI singles by Drago and Mangrum. The Lyons retook the lead in the seventh when a double by Apolinar De La Cruz with a runner on first resulted in the lead runner scoring when the hit was misplayed in the outfield.

It stayed that way until the ninth when the Engineers saw their leadoff hitter reach after being hit by a pitch. Wheaton's closer, Ryan Grant, then retired a pair of hitters around a walk to Mangrum before Cornwell doubled to tie things up at 4-4. After Rodman was intentionally walked, Tew singled to center to bring home a pair of runs and put the Engineers on top 6-4.

Wheaton had an answer in the bottom of the ninth when De La Cruz smacked a two-run shot to right to send the game into extra innings.

MIT came right back in the tenth, loading the bases with one down on a pair of singles and a walk. A hit batter broke the tie before Cornwell brought home another with an infield single. After Rodman drew a walk to make it 9-6, Tew put the finishing touches on the game, clearing the bases with a triple to left center.

With a triple Albert came out of the bullpen to close it out for the Engineers. Wheaton threatened by putting two on with two down on a hit batter and a single, but Bertucci got the next hitter to pop up to first to end it.

Ockner was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player after winning both of his starts in the tournament. He defeated Springfield last week in a complete game, four hitter and struck out 13 before going six innings today, giving up six hits in six innings and allowing three runs to earn the victory.

MIT still has two games left on the regular season schedule, with the Engineers playing at Suffolk University on Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the first of those. MIT will learn where it sits in the NCAA bracket when the field is announced on May 11.

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