

Investigation finds Reif was not aware of Epstein donations

*Goodwin Procter reports donations
approved by senior administrators*

By Kerri Lu

ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

The results of the law firm Goodwin Procter's investigation of MIT's relationship with Jeffrey Epstein were released by the Executive Committee of the MIT Corporation Jan. 10. The fact-finding report concludes that senior members of MIT's administration approved Epstein's donations to MIT without President L. Rafael Reif's knowledge.

Reif and the executive committee instructed MIT's General Counsel to retain Goodwin Procter to conduct the fact-finding investigation September 2019. The report uses information from 73 interviews with 59 individuals and a review of over 610,000 emails and documents.

According to the report, Jeffrey Epstein made ten donations to MIT totaling \$850,000 between 2002 and 2017. The earliest donation was a gift of \$100,000 to Professor Marvin Minsky's research in 2002. The other nine donations, totaling \$750,000, were made after his 2008 conviction as a sex offender.

Of the post-conviction donations, the Media Lab received \$525,000 and professor of mechanical engineering Seth Lloyd received \$225,000.

The report states that Epstein visited MIT nine times between 2013 and 2017. Goodwin Procter found that these visits and post-conviction donations were arranged by former Director of the Media Lab Joi Ito and Lloyd rather than by MIT administration.

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NAACP attorney **Michael Turnage Young** discusses admissions ethics and diversity with MIT faculty members La-Tarri Canty and Beatriz Cantada in an open panel discussion Jan. 9.

Executive Vice President Israel Ruiz to step down Spring 2020

Ruiz says is unrelated to knowledge of Epstein's gifts

By Shelley Choi

Israel Ruiz SM '01, MIT's executive vice president and treasurer, will step down at the end of the spring semester. President L. Rafael Reif announced Ruiz's decision in a letter addressed to the MIT community late December. Ruiz has served MIT for the last 20 years.

Ruiz wrote in an email to *The Tech*, "I am immensely proud of the work that we have done to make MIT better at every level, to strengthen its financial foundation and to launch transformative initiatives that will benefit the community for years to come. ... We have worked together with the MIT community to not only recover from the 2009 financial crisis, but to come out stronger than ever before in support of MIT's boldest aspirations."

After graduating from MIT in 2001 as a graduate student at the Sloan School of Management, the Barcelona native began working as a consultant to then-President

Chuck Vest and Provost Bob Brown. In 2003, he was hired as the associate director of the Budget Office to lead MIT's long-term financial plan, and was named director of finance in 2005 and vice president of finance in 2007. Ruiz was elected executive vice president and treasurer October 2011.

In his letter, President Reif praised Ruiz as a "brilliant strategic thinker" whose efforts have transformed the MIT community and institution. MIT has not had an operating loss since Ruiz was appointed VP of finance.

Ruiz developed renewal plans for the MIT campus, guided by the MIT 2030 framework, and helped transform the nearby Kendall Square. He also helped launch the online course programs MITx and edX — created in conjunction with Harvard University.

The Engine, an enterprise that invests in "tough tech" startups from MIT and the Boston area, was heavily supported by Ruiz's com-

mitments for its first \$205 million venture fund, according to MIT News. He was also instrumental in negotiating for the funding of MIT's newest college, the Stephen A. Schwarzman College of Computing.

The spring semester will be spent as a transitional stage for senior leadership as it prepares to fill the gap in leadership left by Ruiz.

Ruiz wrote in his email, "While there is never the right time to leave a wonderful institution like MIT," his work around innovation inspired him, "to consider a change in my professional career ... and led to my decision to step down from my position to have the freedom to pursue them without conflicts." Ruiz did not further specify on what he intends to do after leaving MIT.

Ruiz mentioned in a separate email to *The Tech* that his stepping down is not related to his knowledge of Jeffrey Epstein's donations, as uncovered by the Goodwin Procter investigation.

ICE may conduct F-1 STEM OPT site visits

*Postdoctoral associates, postdoctoral fellows,
and research scientists potentially affected*

By Margaret Rodriguez

Members of the MIT community received an email Jan. 9 informing them of potential site visits by Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

ICE "has started conducting site visits to employers of F-1 postgraduate students" who are working on Optional Practical Training (OPT), Penny Rosser, director of the International Scholars Office, wrote. The memo was sent to faculty; principal investigators; deans; assistant deans; HR administrators of departments, labs, and centers; and MIT supervisors.

In response to questions from the MIT community, Rosser sent a follow-up memo Jan. 14 stating that the previous memos "were not a response to a specific event, complaint, or notice of an imminent visit to MIT."

"To the best of my knowledge, none of our Greater Boston peer institutions have received F-1 STEM OPT employment-related site visits," Rosser wrote in the Jan. 14 memo.

In an interview with *The Tech*, Vice President for Research Maria Zuber said that the original memo was not precipitated by any event or recent notification from the DHS.

"This was basically a general update to a very small community of people at MIT," Zuber said.

Zuber said that the subset of students impacted by these potential homeland security visits are researchers with F-1 status who have an OPT extension.

"On our campus we currently have 221 people of our entire community who fall under that designation. They are mostly postdoctoral associates and postdoctoral fellows; some are research scientists," Zuber said.

"By comparison, we have over 4,000 international students, and we have on the order of 2,500 international scholars," Zuber said.

In order to facilitate the OPT extension program for international students with this type of visa, MIT is required to agree to the possibility of potential DHS visits "to make sure that they have the resources they need to accomplish their training and that they are actually executing their training," Zuber said.

Zuber said the decision to send the Jan. 9 memo was simply "meant to provide a general update to people" that anybody contacted by ICE should contact the International Scholars Office so it can "provide the support and resources necessary."

IN SHORT

Pre-registration for spring is due today by 5 p.m. The late fee is \$85.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day, an Institute holiday, is Monday.

The **change period** for spring meal plans is currently open and ends Feb. 14.

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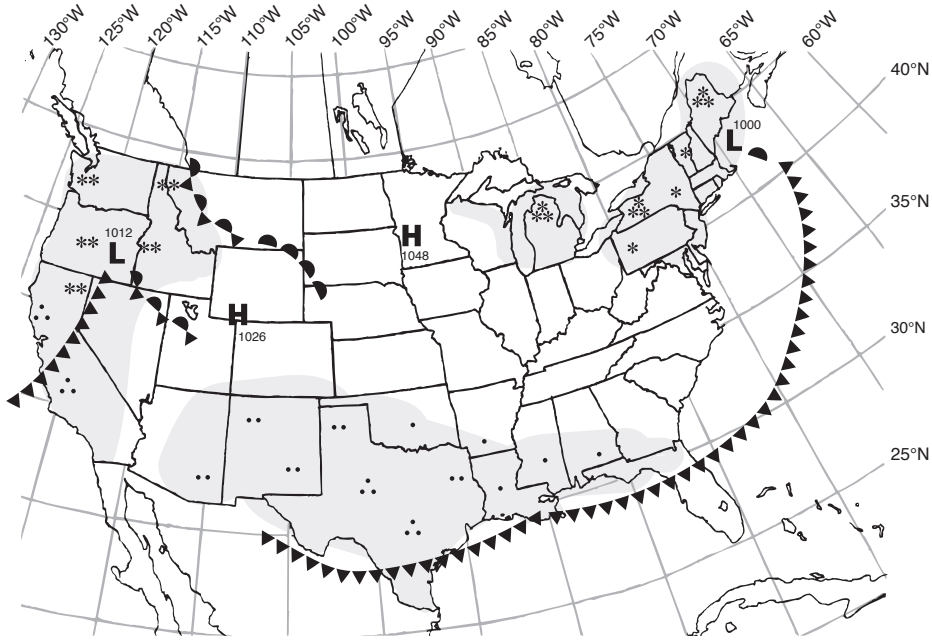
By Sarah Weidman
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

Last weekend we experienced some extremely unseasonable weather, with temperatures in the high 60s. This warm trend was felt all throughout the eastern US, with several cities seeing record high temperatures for early January. The warm air mass was part of what is called a “warm sector” that often precedes large storms. Although the storm managed to barely miss Boston, other parts of the country experienced some

heavy precipitation as the storm pushed the warm air out of the way. If you’re a fan of frigid temperatures and winter precipitation, don’t worry. The spring-like weather was just a tease, and we will be back to cold, wind, and possibly some snow later this week and over the weekend. As always, Boston’s strong winds are what really brings the bite to winter, and the next couple days will be no exception. You’ll definitely have to bundle up if you plan to get outdoors over the long weekend.

Extended Forecast

Today: Rain, then cloudy. High around 45°F (7°C). Northwest winds around 21–26 mph, with gusts up to 48 mph.
Tonight: Partly cloudy. Low around 19°F (-7°C). Northwest wind around 21–25 mph.
Friday: Sunny. High around 25°F (-4°C) and low around 12°F (-11°C). Northwest wind around 20–23 mph.
Saturday: Chance of snow and rain. High around 34°F (1°C) and low around 31°F (-1°C). Northwest winds around 6–10 mph.
Sunday: Mostly cloudy. High around 44°F (7°C).



Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
H High Pressure	--- Trough	Snow: * (light), ** (moderate), *** (heavy)	Fog: ☁
L Low Pressure	— Warm Front	Rain: ▽ (light), • (moderate), •• (heavy)	Thunderstorm: ⚡
S Hurricane	▲ Cold Front		Haze: ☁
	— Stationary Front		

Situation for Noon Eastern Time, Thursday, January 16, 2020

Three vice presidents aware of Epstein’s criminal record and donations

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Goodwin Procter concluded that Reif “was not contemporaneously aware of” and “had no role in approving MIT’s acceptance of the donations.” Preliminary results of the investigation, disclosed in September, found that Reif signed a standard letter thanking Epstein for a \$50,000 donation to Lloyd Aug. 16, 2012.

“There is no evidence that President Reif, or anyone else involved in sending the Presidential Acknowledgement letter in 2012, had any knowledge that Epstein had a criminal record or was controversial in any way,” the report says, noting that during this time frame Reif “was asked to sign approximately 500 such Presidential Acknowledgement letters to donors per year.”

However, the law firm found evidence that former Vice President and General Counsel R. Gregory Morgan, former Vice President for Resource Development Jeffrey Newton, and Executive Vice President and Treasurer Israel Ruiz SM ’01 were aware of both Epstein’s criminal record and his donations to the Media Lab.

Morgan, Newton, and Ruiz “established an informal framework in 2013, under which all subsequent Epstein donations to MIT were ultimately approved,” the report states.

Ruiz wrote in an email to *The Tech* that his recent decision to step down from his position was “not related” to the fact-finding investi-

gation. Newton retired in 2013, and Morgan retired in 2018.

The investigation concluded that while “the decision to accept Epstein’s post-conviction donations cannot be judged as a policy violation,” it was the result of “collective and significant errors in judgment.”

“There is no evidence that anyone in MIT’s central administration was aware of any of Epstein’s visits to MIT’s campus,” the report states.

The report states that Lloyd accepted two \$50,000 donations in 2012 and \$125,000 in 2017 to fund his research, as well as a personal gift of \$60,000 from Epstein in 2005 or 2006. Lloyd did not notify MIT of the personal gift.

According to the report, Lloyd “purposefully failed to inform MIT” that Epstein was the source of the 2012 donations.

Reif has placed Lloyd on paid administrative leave.

The Tech joined a press call with MIT Corporation executive committee members Alan Spoon ’73 and Denis Bovin ’69 and Goodwin Procter attorneys Roberto Bracerias and Jennifer Chunias. Bracerias and Chunias led the investigation.

Spoon said that Goodwin Procter has “served MIT well and expertly in a number of matters.” Bracerias has previously represented MIT in class action lawsuits “involving claims seeking greater accessibility to various websites,” according to Goodwin Procter’s website.

Spoon said that the executive committee has “expressed full confidence in [Reif’s] leadership,” applauding Reif’s commitment to listening to faculty concerns over the past months.

Spoon said that the law firm Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP became involved in the fact-finding process to assist Goodwin Procter by “providing counsel and insight in the investigation and interpretation of the findings.” Unlike Goodwin Procter, Paul Weiss had no relationship with MIT prior to the investigation.

When asked what aspect of the investigation he found the most surprising, Spoon called the number of visits by Epstein to the MIT campus a “very disturbing discovery.”

Bovin said that although MIT has traditionally been an “open campus” in which faculty may freely invite guests, Epstein’s visits to campus prove that additional safety measures are necessary.

According to the report, Goodwin Procter found no evidence that Epstein arranged anonymous gifts to MIT from wealthy donors such as Bill Gates and Leon Black, as Epstein previously claimed.

Bracerias said that representatives of Gates “denied that any Gates donation” was related to Epstein. Chunias added that Stroz Friedberg, a third-party firm specializing in digital forensics that Goodwin Procter retained for the investigation, confirmed that there was no evidence that Epstein encouraged donations from Gates or Black.

The New Yorker reported Sept. 6 that Epstein was “credited with securing” two million from Gates and \$5.5 million from Black.

Bracerias said that Epstein invested in one of Ito’s venture capital funds, “which is not against current MIT policy.” Spoon added that “sharpening and clarifying any and all concerns about conflicts of interest” in donations to private firms and research might serve to reduce such “side door possibilities.”

In response to a question about Lloyd’s paid administrative leave, Spoon said that Lloyd is currently “being subject to review in his home department of mechanical engineering,” and that disciplinary proceedings are “moving swiftly.” Bovin added that mechanical engineering department head Evelyn Wang ’00 is “fully involved” in “doing what is procedurally appropriate at MIT.”

Wang wrote in an email to *The Tech* that the department plans to “review the findings in the report and consider any appropriate disciplinary action.”

In an email to the MIT community Jan. 10, President Reif outlined the Executive Committee’s recommendations.

The committee recommends the creation of policies to “guide decisions about controversial donors.” The Ad Hoc Faculty Committee on Guidelines for Outside Engagements and the Ad Hoc Committee to Review MIT Gift Processes, which were launched in the fall, will present their recommendations in the spring.

Reif wrote that in the interim, an “additional process” has been instituted to “make sure all relevant information is reviewed before any reasonably significant gift is accepted.” Reif has also asked the vice president for resource development and the CEO of the MIT Alumni Association to improve the donor database’s “integrity and factual accuracy.”

Other recommendations include building “a culture in which whistleblowing is accepted, effective, and safe,” creating guidelines to keep MIT’s campus safe from “visitors who pose a direct threat,” supporting the Media Lab as it assesses its “future internal governance” and searches for a new director, and forming an “Institute-wide community process to address persistent issues in our campus climate.”

Reif wrote that he “profoundly regrets” that “decisions that sustained MIT’s ties to Jeffrey Epstein occurred on [his] watch,” and that he feels a “deep responsibility to repair what has been broken.”

Reif wrote that MIT administration is currently “designing an inclusive process that will allow our community to articulate the goals we share for our campus climate and culture, and decide how best to achieve them — together.”

MIT offers several resources to survivors of sexual assault and violence, including MIT Student Mental Health and Counseling Services, MIT Violence Prevention and Response, MIT Title IX and Bias Response Office, MIT Medical, MIT Police, and an anonymous hotline.

Prof. Jeffrey Grossman named new head of department
Grossman will no longer teach 3.091, ‘at least not in the first years’

By Kristina Chen
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Professor Jeffrey Grossman has been appointed the new head of the Department of Materials Science and Engineering (DMSE), effective Jan. 1, 2020. Grossman succeeds Chris Schuh, who had been head of DMSE since 2011.

Anantha Chandrakasan, dean of the School of Engineering, wrote in a letter to the DMSE, “Professor Grossman has been a core member of the materials science and engineering community and has made outstanding contributions as an educator. He will undoubtedly be

an excellent leader for DMSE.”

Grossman is the Morton and Claire Goulder and Family Professor in Environmental Systems and a MacVicar Faculty Fellow. Additionally, Grossman has taught 3.091 (Introduction to Solid-State Chemistry) since Fall 2015.

Grossman said in an interview with *The Tech* that he will no longer be teaching 3.091, a decision that was “one of the single greatest points that [he] had to grapple with.” Ultimately, he decided it was “not going to be possible, at least not in the first years” to “still teach 3.091 and be a great department head at the same time and also be giving both [his] all.”

The version of 3.091 as Grossman taught it in Fall 2018 will be made available on OpenCourseWare.

When asked about his goals as department head, Grossman told *The Tech* that he hopes to examine the comprehensive student experience, working with both graduate and undergraduate students. He aims for a “holistic” view, looking beyond classes and curriculum at “the entire experience when you’re here.”

Grossman said that the department could “do a better job at integrating our view into how we can best support our students to be challenged and excited and passionate, but not to be overly stressed.”

Grossman also hopes to foster connections between students, faculty, and staff, seeing “facilitating the community and its engagement” as an important way to “add value to everyone’s work.” He explained that at MIT, “it’s the intersections between people where the spark can be so exciting.”

Grossman also reflected on the future of his field, discussing the ubiquity of materials science and engineering, which “plays a fundamental role everywhere you look: from energy to medicine to computation to climate and much more.” He added that the “limiting factor to drastic improvement” in

the efficiency and cost of solutions to “pressing global challenges” is in the material used. “Design a better material and understand it, and you can find game-changers,” Grossman said.

Grossman also told *The Tech* that he cares deeply about the people at the Institute, calling his interactions with MIT community members “the most exciting part of the day.” To Grossman, his work is “about helping students learn, but it’s also about inspiring them,” “helping them find what they are excited most about,” “being a resource for students,” and “helping faculty make the most impact in whatever they do.”



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Creating compounds with catalysts

The Radosevich Group uses innovative phosphorus catalysts to create new reactions

By Alexandra Wolff

Imagine a world where toxic chemicals abound in the air in the form of unfiltered carbon monoxide from car exhaust. Imagine a world without paper because the pulp cannot be refined into the crisp white sheets we have today. Imagine a world without fertilizer, gasoline, or even plastic. Imagine a world without life because the processes to replicate DNA now take 2.3 billion years. This is the reality of a world without catalysts, which are used to propel reactions in manufacturing, petrochemicals, the human body, and many other areas of life.

Although catalytic processes have become widespread over all industries, there are still many areas with potential for great advancements. The Radosevich Group, a synthetic chemistry laboratory led by Dr. Alexander Radosevich, PhD '07, has been investigating the process of catalysis for nine years. A catalyst is a compound that can be used to increase the rate of a reaction without being consumed in the reaction itself. “We are interested in designing new reactions,” Radosevich said. By designing and improving catalysts, completely new compounds can be created.

In describing the setup of his lab, Radosevich noted that most of the equipment could easily be found in a standard teaching laboratory. What makes the Radosevich group lab unique are the tools, or catalysts, created through straightforward techniques. Radosevich compared his research to the construction of a building. While the tools used in construction are commonplace, the end-product can be elaborate and complex. Also, having simple tools and processes allows for the catalysts to be easily reproduced in a commercial setting. Radosevich states that “the point of reaction chemistry that we develop is to be used by other people.”

The Radosevich group focuses on the creation of catalysts with phosphorus compounds. Phosphorus is a unique catalytic element because, although it is a non-metal, it has multiple oxidation states like a transition metal, which make up most catalysts. For example, a rhodium catalyst is used in the catalytic converters of cars to filter the exhaust. However, transition metals can be rare and expensive. In contrast, phosphorus is abundant and inexpensive. Phosphorus’s free ability to cycle through



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Postdoctoral researcher Jeff Lipshultz at work in the Radosevich Lab.

oxidation states allows it to act similarly to transition-metal catalysts. Additionally, organophosphorus molecules, which are molecules that contain both carbon and phosphorus, have useful spectroscopic properties. Spectroscopy uses electromagnetic radiation to identify compounds.

After completing a round of experiments, the researchers used various spectroscopic techniques to indirectly identify the compounds created. The most abundant isotope of phosphorus, ³¹P, is easily identified by the spectroscopic techniques used, which allow the compounds to be characterized very easily. Identifying and characterizing the compounds created allow the researchers understand more about the compound and which reactions it would best optimize as a catalyst.

The organophosphorus molecules created by the Radosevich group have appli-

cations in many fields, one such field being the pharmaceutical industry. By treating organic compounds containing nitrogen dioxide with nitric acid and then introducing a phosphorus catalyst, reactive nitrogen intermediates are produced. These nitrogen intermediates can then be reacted to form other compounds. The catalysis of these reactions is important in pharmaceuticals, as many drugs contain nitrogen. Finding an easy and efficient way to separate nitrogen is valuable for drug discovery.

In the future, Dr. Radosevich hopes to expand his research from catalytic synthesis with phosphorus to other equally abundant, non-metal compounds such as silicon or sulfur. He would also like to investigate the compounds he creates in his lab through the broader lens of reactivity rather than just catalysis. “At root,” says Radosevich, “I’m interested in reactions.”

Say Hello



To My Little Friend.

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MOVIE REVIEW

***Dolittle* does little to impress but entertains nonetheless**

It is a lack of expectations that makes the film surprisingly enjoyable

By Erika Yang
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Stephen Gaghan's *Dolittle* is the latest entry in Hollywood's disappointingly robust collection of (uninspired) remakes nobody asked for, and as a result, expectations going into the film were not particularly high (especially given the January release date — a month notorious for mediocre movies). Perhaps it was this lack of expectations that made the movie surprisingly enjoyable.

Gaghan takes the general premise of the doctor, Dr. John Dolittle (Robert Downey Jr.), who can talk to animals and transplants it into a fantastical Victorian England. Ever since his wife, Lily (Kasia Smutniak), passed away several years ago in a shipwreck, Dolittle has isolated himself in his menagerie

with only his animals for companionship. However, upon receiving the news that the Queen of England (Jessie Buckley) has fallen gravely ill, the doctor resolves to end his self-exile and embark on a quest to find a cure. Accompanying him on his journey are his loyal animals, including Poly (Emma Thompson), the parrot of reason; Chee-Chee (Rami Malek), the cowardly gorilla; and Yoshi (John Cena), the loyal polar bear. Tagging along is Stubbins (Harry Collett), a young boy who is fascinated by *Dolittle's* ability to communicate with animals and quickly worms his way into an apprenticeship.

The combination of predictable and cheesy dialogue lends itself to a certain air of underlying exasperation throughout the film. However, in a way, the cheesiness

worked in the movie's favor. Perhaps it was the delivery of the dialogue or the charisma of the characters (or a combination of both) that balanced out those typical pitfalls. Either way, the clichéd tone proved to be less of a hindrance than anticipated, and I actually found myself genuinely laughing out loud at several moments throughout the movie. It seems that everyone involved was acutely aware of the type of film they were making and chose to embrace the inevitable tropes that come with a movie like *Dolittle*.

Critically speaking, however, this does not rescue the film from its glaring weaknesses and actually greatly contributes to the poor execution. Like many similar films, *Dolittle* suffers from gaping plot holes, lack of character development, predictability, and corny dialogue. It somehow manages to simultaneously try too hard and too little to be meaningful — sprinkling in many scenes where an attempt is made at generating some sort of further depth to the story, but the dialogue is much too forced and the pacing much too fast to formulate anything of consequential importance. The signs of lazy writing emerge at the very beginning when the film's exposition is a summarized story-time of all the events that led to current day, complete with a voiceover and animation. Luckily, that does help to reduce runtime and saves the audience from sitting through an extra half hour of generic backstory. Visually, the CGI for the animals was not as terrible as I had initially thought it would be. There were certainly aspects that looked rather out of place when juxtaposed next to everything not green-screened and computer-generated, but it did not distract too much from the general flow.

The only remarkable aspect of the film is found in its cast's credentials. From Robert



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Robert Downey Jr. and Emma Thompson star in *Dolittle*.

★★★★★

Dolittle

Directed by Stephen Gaghan

**Screenplay by Stephen
Gaghan**

Starring Robert Downey Jr, Antonio Banderas, Michael Sheen, Emma Thompson, Rami Malek

Rated PG, Playing Jan. 17

Downey Jr. to Emma Thompson to Ralph Fiennes, the sheer amount of stardom and raw talent is enough to catapult the film from the usual indistinctiveness of January films to a higher profile slot, but there is only so much stardom can do in an age where the draw of the moviestar is dwindling. The performances were entertaining but overall are largely uninspired, which is rather disappointing given the breadth of talent.

Dolittle does its job as a whimsical movie for kids. There's fantasy, adventure, talking animals, everything that can keep a child enraptured, and as long as you don't try to go beyond its surface, it can be enjoyable for all audiences. To quote my friend: "If you don't want to spend any IQ points on a movie..." The best way to enjoy *Dolittle* is to take it for what it is at face value and refrain from putting too much thought into it.

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- 4 Ship or boat
- 5 "I have no clue!"
- 6 Thick, as carpets
- 7 Meat inspection agcy.
- 8 Astronaut Armstrong
- 9 2,000 pounds
- 10 Keeps out of sight

11 Occupied, as a conference
room

12 Dance moves

15 Rabbi's religion

20 Small battery size

21 Appropriate

25 ___ of the time
(occasionally)

26 Soft leather shoes, for
short

27 Hawaiian 3 Down near
Maui

28 Not a copy: Abbr.

29 Classroom student

30 Alda of M*A*S*H

33 Actress Kendrick or tennis
pro Kournikova

35 "Thanks for the
explanation"

36 Dustcloths

37 Necktie securer

39 Bat's underground home

40 Kris of Christmas

41 Outerwear for a downpour

46 Pekoe, for example

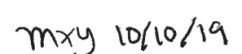
48 Omaha's state: Abbr.

49 Parts of poems
50 Of the sun
51 Foe
52 Show with skits and songs
53 Kids' windy-day toys
56 Staircase banister

57 Skywalker of Star Wars
58 __ Grey (variety of 46
Down)
59 China's continent
60 Profound
62 Shape of a dollar sign



miscellany
a journal comic,
by Max Yu '21



CORRECTIONS

A news article last week stated that a new west campus graduate residence would open in 2022. In reality, the residence does not yet have an opening date. Construction will start in 2021 or 2022.

Solution to Italian

from page 6

C	C	I	V		S	P	U	N		T	H	I	S	
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O	N	E		G	A	R	L	I	C	B	R	E	A	D
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A	M	U	S	E		I	K	E	A		E	R	I	E
R	Y	E	S			L	E	S	T		S	L	A	P

Solution to Independent

from page 6

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

Solution to Activities

from page 6

4	6	1	2	3	5
2	4	5	6	1	3
3	5	6	1	2	4
5	1	2	3	4	6
1	3	4	5	6	2
6	2	3	4	5	1

Solution to Period

from page 7

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

MIT admits 687 students in Early Action decisions

MIT offered admission to the Class of 2024 to 687 students, or 7.4 percent, of 9,291 applicants during its Early Action round, wrote Chris Peterson SM '13, assistant director at MIT Admissions, in an MIT Admissions blog post.

There were 6,792 applicants (73.1 percent) deferred to be "reconsidered without prejudice" in

the Regular Action round, while 1,622 students (17.5 percent) were rejected. Others either withdrew their application before the final decision or submitted an incomplete application, Peterson wrote.

Compared to last year, this is a slight decrease in both the number of admitted students and total applicants from the previous year.

Thus, the admission rate remains the same as the Class of 2023's.

Stu Schmill, dean of admissions and student financial services, wrote in an email to *The Tech* that the decisions were difficult to make. "Applicants to MIT are a pretty self-selecting group, and most of our applicants are very strong students and exceptional

people. It is why our student body is of such high caliber, both as students, and as community members," Schmill said.

Compared to MIT, Harvard University and Yale University have higher early acceptance rates at 13.9 percent and 13.8 percent for this year, respectively.

—Shelley Choi

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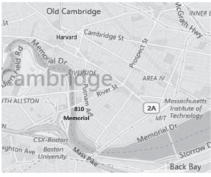
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