

# MIT Police releases security & fire safety report October 1st

*Total number of criminal offenses  
fell by 35 between 2018 and 2019*

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EDITOR IN CHIEF

The MIT Police Department released its Annual Security and Fire Safety Report Oct. 1. Per the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, the report includes policies relating to community safety, security, and misconduct; options for reporting crimes; resources for victims of violent crimes; and statistics about crimes at and around MIT's campus. The 2021 report includes statistics from 2018–2020.

The crime statistics disclosed in the report are collected from crimes reported directly to the MIT Police and from other campus offices, such as the Office of the Dean for Student Life, Student Support Services, Residential Life, and MIT Medical.

The total number of criminal offenses reported on campus, in non campus locations, and on public property adjacent to MIT fell from 89 in 2018 to 54 in 2019 and to 17 in 2020, when campus density was significantly reduced due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The most common type of criminal offense reported at MIT was

burglary in all three years, followed by rape and fondling.

There were 42 burglary reports in 2018, decreasing to 23 in 2019 and five in 2020.

The number of reports of rape was 22 in 2018, 13 in 2019, and three in 2020. 13 of the reports of rape in 2018 and 12 in 2019 were from on-campus residence halls.

There were 11 reports of fondling in 2018, five in 2019, and three in 2020. Like reports of rape, most of the reports of fondling were made from residence halls.

In 2018, there were eight reports of motor vehicle theft, which decreased to three reports in 2019 and one in 2020.

Reports of aggravated assault increased from three in 2018 to five in 2019 and then decreased to three in 2020.

The report also includes Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) offenses, which increased from 33 in 2018 to 34 in 2019. The number of VAWA offenses in 2020 was 10. The number of cases of domestic violence grew from 11 in 2018 to 17 in 2019, and the number of cases of

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Nimbus, the solar-powered vehicle designed and manufactured by MIT's Solar Electric Vehicle Team, participates in the annual Roslindale Parade Sunday.

## IN SHORT

Oct. 8 is **add date**, the last day to add a full-term subject.

Oct. 8 is also the **last day to drop half-term subjects** offered in the first half of the term; the last day for juniors, seniors, and graduate students to change to or from P/D/F grading; and the last day to change a full-term subject from listener to credit.

Ring Delivery for the Class of 2023 will take place Oct. 10 at 7 p.m.

Oct. 11 is **Indigenous Peoples Day**. No classes will take place.

All students are required to **receive a flu vaccine by Nov. 21** in order to access buildings and register for classes.

MIT Medical flu clinics will take place in Walker Memorial Oct. 4–8, 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

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## MIT and Amazon launch Science Hub collaborations

The Science Hub, a collaboration between MIT and Amazon, launched Oct. 4. The Science Hub aims to “support research, education, and outreach efforts in areas of mutual interest,” according to the Schwarzman College of Computing (SCC) website.

The hub is administered by the SCC at MIT and will focus on artificial intelligence (AI) and robotics in its first year.

Aude Oliva, senior research scientist and director of strategic industry engagement at the SCC, will be the principal investigator for the hub.

Oliva said that MIT is “excited by the potential of collaborations with industry leaders who bring their insights to the research, want to support the next generation of talent, and are best positioned to implement what is learned,” on the SCC website.

The website also writes that the collaboration with Amazon will facilitate programs across MIT including annual fellow-

ships for graduate and postdoctoral researchers, events to accelerate and make more accessible AI and robotics research, and stand up research projects led by faculty members.

“We are particularly keen to utilize the breadth of collaboration mechanisms available ... including sponsored research which could lead to open-source publications and community outreach that will broaden participation in the research process,” the website quotes Siddhartha Srinivasa, director of Amazon Robotics AI. “These mechanisms are now open to all the business areas of Amazon beyond Robotics too.”

The website adds that the Science Hub “complements” existing collaborations between MIT and Amazon, including Amazon's partnership with MIT Leaders for Global Operations and MIT Center for Transportation and Logistics' support of the Amazon Last Mile Routing Research Challenge.

— Kristina Chen



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MIT Medical holds its flu vaccine clinics Oct. 4–Oct. 8 in Morss Hall in Walker Memorial.

## CONCERNS ABOUT UNIONIZING:

A graduate student suggests potential downsides to the GSU's efforts.

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## HERE'S A SIGN

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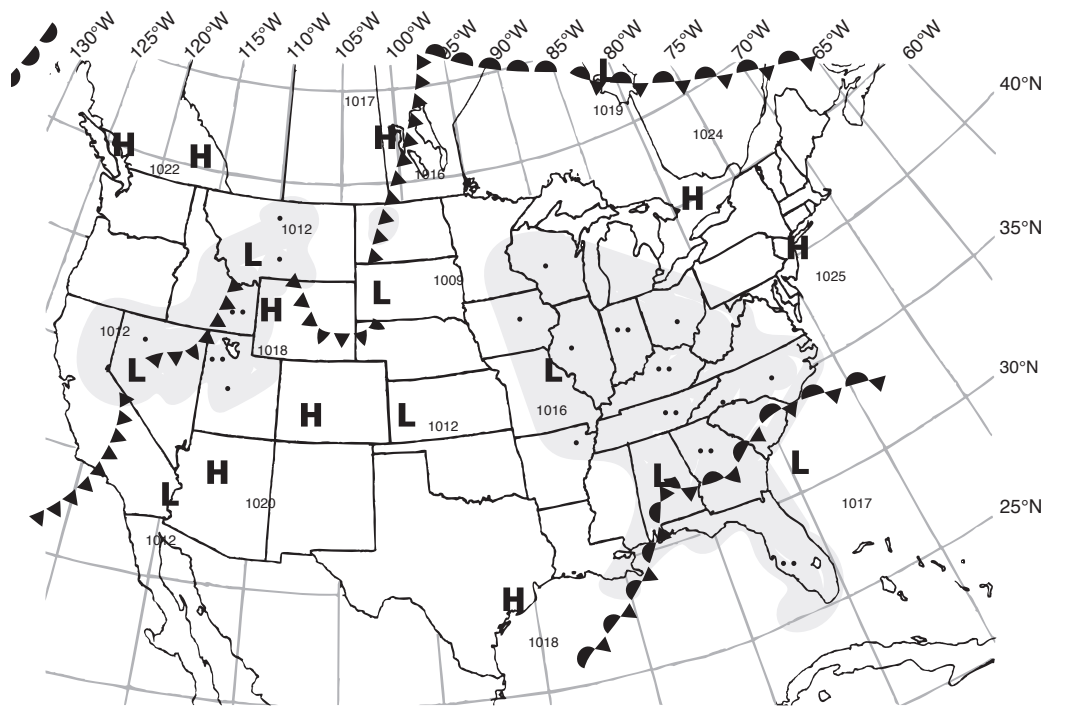


































# Sunny fall weather mocks midterm season

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As a post-midterm reward, consider sailing or kayaking for the last time this season before it becomes too cold outside. Though some showers are possible, heavy rain is unlikely. The Charles River is lovely at this time of year, giving us calm waters and picturesque sunsets. It's a shame we can't all take our midterms outside!

**Sunday:** Mostly cloudy. High around 64°F (18°C) and low around 56°F (13°C). Light winds, 5-7 mph.



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A crossword puzzle grid with 15 across and 1 down highlighted in pink. The grid contains the following words:

- Across: 1. IMPOSTORS, 4. GOODWEATHER, 15. AMONGUS, 16. PANDORA, 17. EDISON, 18. CAS, 19. IRK, 20. NYS, 21. TIPS, 22. LOAN, 23. DRA.
- Down: 2. DOUBLECROSS, 3. MERGE, 5. TIE, 6. ADOLE, 7. SPECULATING, 8. EROMANTICS, 9. BASIS, 10. ECHO, 11. TEEDS, 12. ADDS.

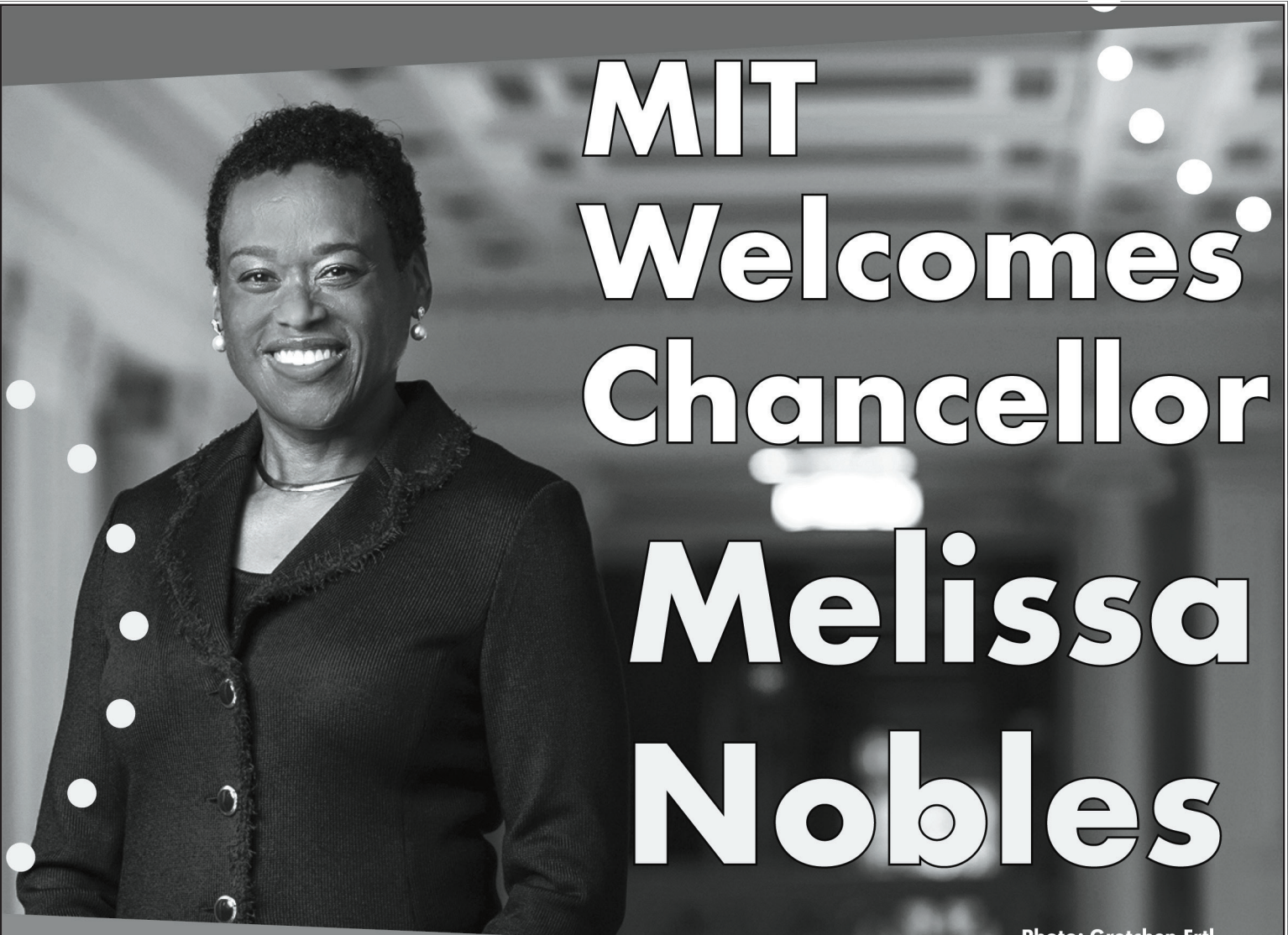


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# An Institute Community Social

## Refreshments and Music

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**Thursday,  
October 14, 2021  
4-5 pm**



**Link to map**



## Outdoors on the North Corridor, between Buildings 12, 13, 24, and 31

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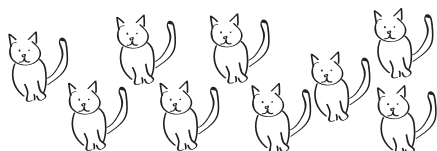
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## THE HOME PAIGE

# Here's a sign

If you're looking for one

**By Paige Bright**

Last spring, with the energy and can-do attitude that only frosh have, I signed up for five classes. In the fall, I just wanted to prove that I could make it through a semester at MIT, but that didn't quite feel like enough — at least not then. I wanted to prove that I could push myself even further, and I don't quite know why.

We often get into the mindset that if we can theoretically handle a certain academic load, then we should. After all, that is what got us through most of school before college. For some of us, this mindset goes away, but I have been having trouble shaking it. Part of me thinks it's because I know that my academic career won't be over after these four years. I know that I want to go to grad school next, and it is beginning to make college feel like high school again. Just get through these four years. Just get through this semester. This week. Today.

**Just get through these  
four years. Just get  
through this semester.  
This week. Today.**

I was *struggling* last semester. It felt like I didn't have anyone to turn to, because talking to people takes time, and that was the one resource I didn't have. I also just didn't have people. It's hard to imagine a time when I didn't see people semi-regularly between classes, or a time when I didn't go out of my way for a quick 30-minute social break in Hayden Library.

One of my favorite quotes from a song asks, "If sky's the limit, why am I always looking at the ground?" At the start of last spring, I felt free. On the one hand, I got to take an additional 12 units (much to my detriment), while on the other, I was on campus. I got to see Fenway, grab coffee from 1369, and I saw the Dome. These are big deals; as obvious a point it is to make, we only get to experience MIT for the first time once. While in hindsight these experiences don't feel like that much, many sophomores (and I imagine



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**We only get to experience MIT once,** and I hope to enjoy it.

many freshmen too) are still finding “common” MIT experiences shocking and filled with wonder. For me, this leads to trying to “achieve” as many of these experiences as possible — which was hard to do during on-line classes — and so I did five classes.

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I made it through, somehow, but I don't think I will ever do five classes again. There is so much I want to do during my undergraduate experience, and I don't want to miss out because I was too stubborn to practice proper self care.

All of which is to say, if you are looking for a sign to drop that class, here is one. If you aren't required to take that one class and it's slowly killing you every week, lecture, and pset, maybe now isn't the right time. And if you are required to take it, I hear you. It is frustrating to be in a position where the only way out is through. I

do, however, implore you to not struggle in silence.

**All of which is to say, if you are looking for a sign to drop that class, here is one.**

Part of the only reason I was able to get through my workload last year was because I told people I was struggling. I told professors that I was terrified of the upcoming finals, and I told my pset partners when I needed to take a break. Everyone wants to help you succeed, and to the same extent, no one wants you to fail. Putting your thoughts and worries out into the world is oddly comforting; from what I can tell, even having someone acknowledge that you're going through a hard time is comforting.

Struggling is, for better or worse, an MIT experience, but I have learned that only focusing on school and nothing else is not the sort of struggle I enjoy. Many people somehow manage to enjoy their time at MIT, and I, for one, want to be one of them.

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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.

# Midterms

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| 48x |     |     |     | 15x |   |
| 13+ |     |     | 36x |     | 4 |
| 8+  |     | 4   |     | 5x  |   |
|     | 24x |     | 2   |     | 3 |

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.

# Suspicious by Jonathan Huang

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## ACROSS

- 1 Sufferers of a common syndrome
- 10 Meteorologist's glad tidings
- 12 Extremely skilled spy
- 14 French sea
- 15 Opposite of dash
- 17 It measures heart currents
- 18 Like t, i, and n in units
- 25 Home to at least 34 Springfield
- 26 It comes in neck and bow varieties
- 27 Recently leaked papers that may come in a box?
- 28 Associate of CRISPR
- 29 Little fuss
- 30 Inventor Thomas and his family
- 31 Annoy
- 32 Romanian currency
- 33 One of the 13 colonies
- 34 Cause of some bubbles?
- 44 Completely eliminate
- 45 People with strong beliefs
- 46 Foundation for an argument

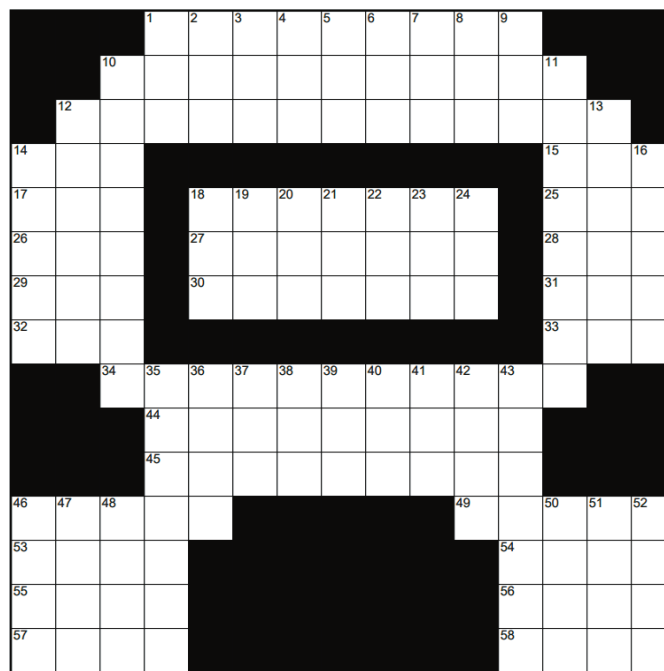
**DOWN**

- 49 Secure site starter
- 53 E, according to NATO
- 54 What may be forgiven?
- 55 Prepared a golf ball
- 56 Continental currency
- 57 Stacks on top
- 58 Even score

**DOWN**

- 1 Abbreviated debt
- 2 Like a pig or cow in  
Minecraft
- 3 Absolute English unit of  
force
- 4 Obligation
- 5 Govt. organization founded  
after the 1929 Wall Street  
crash
- 6 It combines with feather in  
punishment
- 7 Ear prefix
- 8 One of the expressions in  
an eq.
- 9 French third person pronoun
- 10 Stunning
- 11 Subtracting
- 12 Resolve

13 Prayer's string of beads  
14 What a pedal should hit  
16 Examples include  
    emptying the garbage or  
    cleaning vents  
18 Old World simian  
19 Enraged  
20 Japanese ogre  
21 Best-selling handheld  
    game console, in short  
22 Sticky substance  
23 Large vessel  
24 Type of triangular  
    congruency  
35 Ellipses  
36 Child of Aphrodite  
37 Newton who is no longer  
    part of New England  
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39 Designer of the Vietnam  
    Memorial  
40 One-fifth of Hamlet  
41 Japanese sea bream  
42 Restless desire  
43 Settled comfortably  
46 B, according to the Greeks  
47 Passed easily



48 Store for tools  
50 Visit to MIT, for high schoolers

51 It comes before normal  
and chute

52 White powdery substance

## [1996] Morning News



Support your local paper, unless it's just been bought by some sinister hedge fund or something, which it probably has.



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