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Thursday, September 21, 2023

Staff union rallies to protest MIT café closures

Zinn: "It's because of us this university functions."

By Russel Ismael
STAFF WRITER

On Sept. 7, the Local 26 union, which represents MIT Dining staff, held a rally in front of the Strata Center to protest MIT's handling of the Steam and Koch café closures. Displaced staff, current workers, and supporters assembled to air their grievances with MIT Dining management.

Kevin Swindle, a dining employee, said that MIT did not even warn the employees of their plans to shut down the cafés. "Three to four weeks ago, we learned secondhand through the union that they were closing the Steam and Koch cafés, and eliminating nine positions," Swindle said during the rally. "MIT didn't even have the nerve to tell us—we learned secondhand."

In negotiations with MIT, the Local 26 union claimed that MIT laid off workers to reduce expenses after an external consultant recommended costcutting measures. Swindle said that the recent closures were not an isolated case, as he asserted that "there's a history of [MIT] closing cafés."

However, MIT Dining claimed that they have done their best to accommodate the laid off workers by relocating them to other dining halls or cafés.

Regardless, Swindle was still unsatisfied with MIT's plan because it would not give him steady work hours."Personally, it's affecting me and my family because I'll have different days off," he said. "I also had a parttime job to supplement my income because my wife only works part time, and I had to give that up because of the changes in my schedule."

Jonah Zinn, one of the Local 26 rally

Maria Zuber becomes Pres. Advisor;

Search for Vice Provost begins

ons."
organizers, agreed. "The message to

MIT is very clear," Zinn said. "Our work matters, and it's because of us that this

university functions."

The Local 26 union also claimed that MIT Dining did not honor the new contract they had agreed upon. Zinn stated that "one week after [Local 26] ratified [their] contract in good faith, [MIT Dining] announced that they would be laying off 25 percent of the units of MIT retail."

But the café closures also go beyond the workers' job security—Zinn said that these shut downs will impact students as well. "It's a student issue because it means that students don't have access to as many options," Zinn stated. "To me, that's not very fair."

Aliyah Chutkan '26, expressed her frustration with the Steam and Koch cafés closing because of how students will be forced to buy into more expensive MIT meal plans.

"Last semester, I went to Steam at least once a week, sometimes twice, a couple times three times, because the workers there are the best," Chutkan said. "And now at the same time they're closing cafés on campus, they're forcing students in dining halls to take out more expensive meal plans."

Hannah Margolis, a graduate student in the Department of Biology, said that MIT's recent decisions regarding the closures will have disproportionate ramifications on the laid off workers. "We all know MIT has plenty of money," she said. "What MIT does to you directly affects you and directly affects us."

"MIT wouldn't run without [the dining workers]" and that "[MIT students] would be very hungry without [the workers] at all," Margolis said.

day, September 17.

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MIT Black Students' Union and Party for Socialism and Liberation host a joint rally and teach-in discussing white supremacist underpinnings of the American educational system, Friday, September 8.

Stud reopens after renovations

On Sept. 12, the Stratton Student Center reopened after its complete closure in April 2023. First opened in 1968, the Student Center, known as the "Stud," experienced catastrophic water pipe damage in February.

The first and second floor, which were newly renovated, contain extracurricular spaces,

studying areas, varied dining options, and the "Wellbeing Lab." Popular restaurants including Bibim Box and Tea-Do returned. A larger market in place of the shuttered LaVerde's market has yet to be named.

The fifth floor lounges and study spaces have reopened as well. However, the third and fourth floors have yet to be reopened, but Student Organizations Leadership and Engagement (SOLE) projects that the fourth floor will reopen in mid-October. The third floor, according to the statement from SOLE, still has "unanticipated mechanical systems work."

— Russel Ismael, Tina Zhang, and Jayashabari Shankar

Tentative agreement reached with the MIT Graduate Student Union

In a brief statement to the MIT community on Sept. 13, the MIT Bargaining Team announced a tentative agreement with the MIT Graduate Student Union (MIT GSU). The GSU will now have to vote on ratifying the agreement.

The Bargaining Team wrote

that the tentative agreement "strikes a balance between the important principles that have guided our approach from the start and the issues the graduate students raised in the negotiations." On the other hand, The Graduate Student Union de-

clared victory, saying that their Sept. 13 meeting would be "a celebration highlighting what we collectively won," according to an X account with the handle @ MITGradUnion.

— Alex Tang

Sept. 22 is a Student Holiday! No classes!

Oct. 6 is the Add Date.

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Students present their projects to judges at HackMIT 2023, Sun-

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MIT Dining Workers rally against MIT's decision to permanently close STEAM cafe and Koch cafe, Thursday, September 7.

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WEATHER

Mostly clear skies ahead

By Phoebe Lin

CHIEF METEOROLOGIST

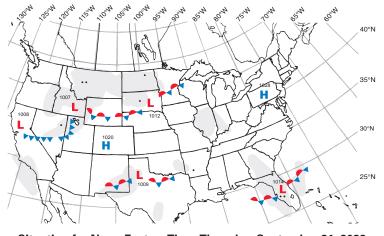
A lovely sunny weekend is arriving as a higher pressure system moves towards the eastern US

towards the eastern US this week. Showers may interrupt the clear skies when the outskirts of Hurricane Nigel pass by on Saturday.

According to our

friends at the Northeast River Forecast Center, some flooding is possible through the weekend.

Afterwards, dewpoints are finally trending drier as a possible early autumn makes its entrance. The sky has been perfect for cloudgazing latelythere are several fluffy ones passing by my window as I write this!



Situation for Noon Eastern Time, Thursday, September 21, 2023



Extended Forecast

Today: High around 73°F (23°C). Northwest winds around 8-10 mph. **Tonight:** Low around 58°F (14°C). Southeast winds around 5-7 mph.

Friday: High around 69°F (21°C) and low around 56°F (13°C). East winds around 4-6 mph.

Saturday: High of 84°F (29°C) and a low of 71°F (22°C). Mostly cloudy with 8-11 mph South winds. **Sunday**: High around 67°F (19°C) and low around 55°F (13°C). Northeast winds around 7-10 mph.

Maria Zuber becomes Presidential Advisor; Search for Vice Provost of Research begins

Kornbluth: Zuber is "a perfect match for the challenge."

By Alex Tang
NEWS EDITOR

In an email to the MIT Community, President Kornbluth announced that Maria Zuber, Professor of Geophysics, will become MIT's Presidential Advisor for Science and Technology Policy. Zuber is currently Vice President for research at MIT, with previous roles as the department Head for Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences as well as a stint at NASA.

Kornbluth wrote that Zuber was "a perfect match for the challenge." Zuber has led MIT's climate change strategy, which includes MIT's Climate Action Plan published in 2021. Amongst her other services to MIT, Zuber has also served as a founding member of the Se-

nior Risk Group (SRG) and helped "institute a systematic, MIT-wide approach to international engagements that present elevated risk." Outside of MIT, Zuber has served four US presidents, and according to Kornbluth, has played "an increasingly influential role in shaping national science policy" as a past member of the National Science Board and current co-chair of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology.

Kornbluth stated that Zuber will be focused on "tracking trends and seizing opportunities to inform and advance enlightened state and federal policy." Zuber will remain on the Academic Council and the SRG, and will continue to advise affiliated centers connected to national security or defense. Furthermore, Zuber

will continue "developing and strengthening federal, state and NGO research partnerships" in conjunction with the MIT Washington Office.

In her statement, Kornbluth added that a search for the Senior Vice Provost for Research would begin, reporting to the Provost. Kornbluth intends to tap a "senior faculty member" for this position. Provost Cynthia Barnhart PhD '88 will conduct the official search process.

Kornbluth wrote that the change in administration reporting structure was in response to concerns heard during the listening tour, principally that of the need to "move decisively to reduce the burden and strain of research administration." Kornbluth believes that the Vice Provost role is "purpose-built for this assignment."

Orientation held for Class of 2027

Kornbluth: "You belong here."

By Jayashabari Shankar and Tina Zhang

STAFF WRITERS

Orientation for the Class of 2027 began on Aug. 27 and ended Sept. 1. Many events were packed into the week, including residential exploration (REX) and a Convocation address from President Sally Kornbluth.

During REX, the Class of 2027 immersed themselves in dorm tours and various activities. Vicki Carrica '27 said "[REX] was a fun way to meet all of the first years while getting free food and exploring campus."

Former residents of East Campus organized REX events. EC, which is known for its culture and community, will be shuttered for renovations until the fall of 2025. Maria Santos '27 said, "The EC Party was really fun and the structure was impressive."

During Orientation Week, the Class of 2027 was divided into color-based orientation teams and had friendly competitions intended to form a cohesive community. Each team was broken up into smaller groups led by an orientation leader (OL). The orientation group activities, however, elicited a mixed response among the freshmen.

Some enjoyed the orientation group activities. Adowyn Bryn '27 said, "I liked having some

built in interaction with my orientation group, but I'm the sort of person who likes icebreakers." Shagun Bothra '27 added, "I liked the orientation groups a lot especially since the icebreakers and group activities made it easier to get to know the other people in my group."

Nevertheless, others believed that the orientation events took time away from the more enjoyable REX events. Carrica said that "the OLs were great but forcing people into groups & forcing conversation did make it awkward." She added that "it was evident a lot of people didn't want to be there as the participation declined steadily as the week went on."

On the second day of Orientation, the Class of 2027 gathered on the Kresge lawn in front of the Stratton Student Center to attend President Sally Kornbluth's first Convocation, having assumed the presidency earlier this year.

Kornbluth highlighted the collaborative nature of the MIT community, saying, "You're surrounded by a community of caring people. So, at any time, if you feel like you could use some support — academic, professional, personal — don't hesitate to ask."

She also highlighted the importance of trying new things, saying, "Even if it feels a bit risky, you can join a group that sounds interesting, practice a new skill, or volunteer to serve others in the communities beyond campus." The Con-

vocation ceremony concluded with the school song "In Praise of MIT" performed by the Chorallaries of MIT.

Freshmen also participated in the annual Activities Midway and Academic Expo events, where they saw exhibits about various clubs and academic departments and talked to upperclassmen and faculty present regarding their interests. Mia Lu '27 found "the stalls quite informative but overcrowded, making it hard to talk and obtain information from all the departments and activities I was interested in."

On the last day of orientation week, the incoming freshman class, around 1092 students hailing from 59 different countries, also posed for a class of 2027 photo in front of Kilian Court. The photo shoot was in stark contrast to the letter-writing event that the freshmen attended hours later in the Kresge Auditorium: they wrote a letter to their future selves, which will be delivered at the conclusion of freshman year. Anna Yang '27 said, "it was helpful especially because I had not really thought of my future goals except academics until that point. The event really encouraged me to think of my deeper goals."

MIT did reserve the Boston aquarium for one final event on Sept. 1. Shravika Pendyala '27 said, "it was a great opportunity to explore nighttime Boston, and also to go out with other freshmen and get to know them better."

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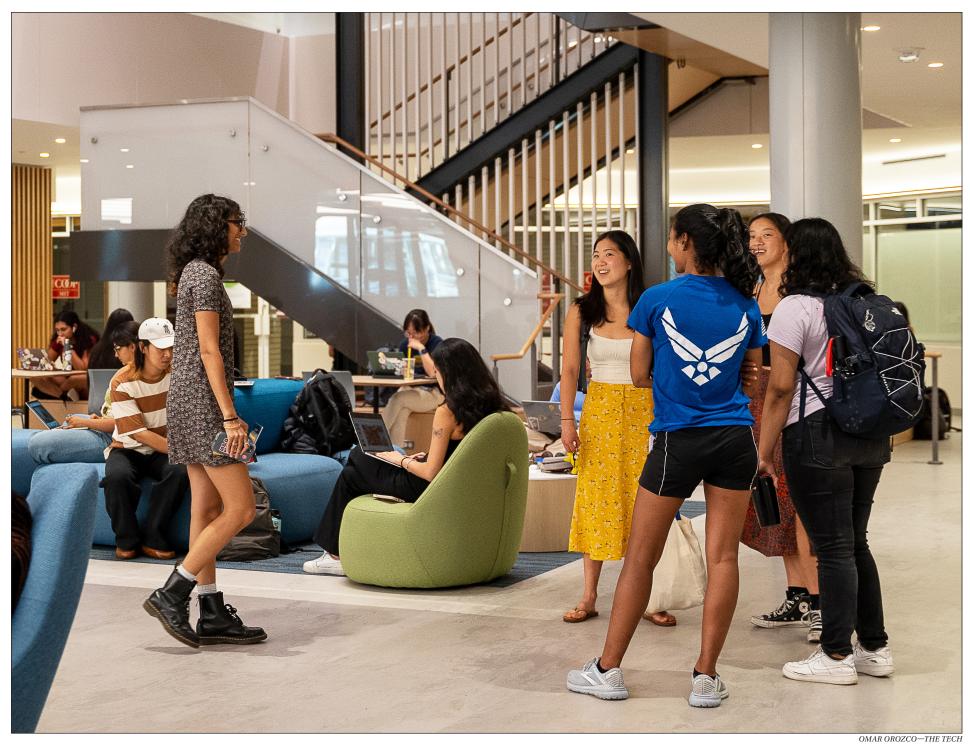
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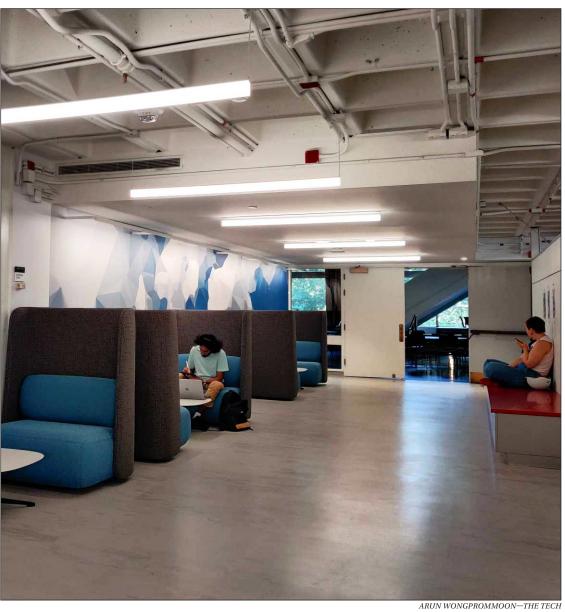
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Stratton Student Center reopens after a summer of renovations, Tuesday, September 12.

ALEXA SIMAO—THE TECH Students work and relax in the newly-reopened first floor of the Student Center in front of the renovated staircase.

STUD Reopening



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ALEXA SIMAO—THE TECH

Tawakal, the new Somalian food vendor in the Launchpad, opens for business.

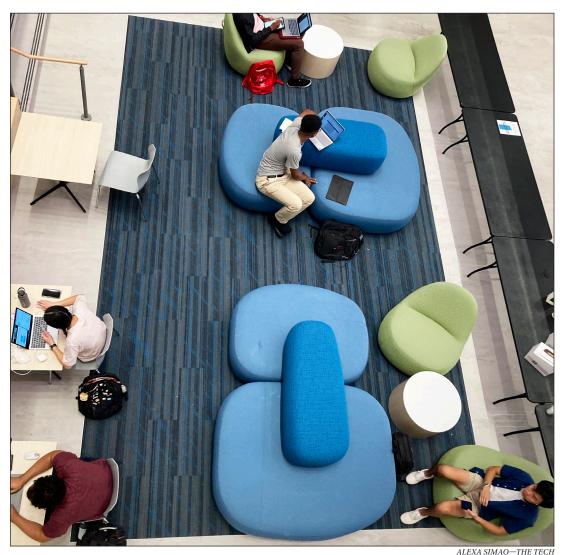


ARUN WONGPROMMOON—THE TECH **Stratton Student Center reopens** after a summer of renovations.





ALEXA SIMAO—THE TECH Hundreds of first-year students explore clubs and activities at Student Activities Midway during Orientation, September 1.



Stratton Student Center reopens after a summer of renovations, Tuesday, September 12.

VIVIAN'S REFLECTIONS

Dear Housemate, Rewritten

it's over

By Vivian Hir CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

I didn't expect to cry so much after I left Taipei. In the 24 hours from leaving the Taoyuan Airport to arriving home in the suburbs of Boston, I cried three times, the first two times

on the plane and the last time at home.

The tears started on the flight from Taipei to San Francisco. Unlike previous flights, I didn't feel like watching a movie. I tried watching a fashion documentary, but I lost interest after watching 15 minutes of it. I didn't want to numb my pensive thoughts by watching hours of inflight entertainment. Doing nothing but thinking on the plane sounded like a boring idea, but the timing felt appropriate. I simply wanted my mind to reflect upon the 80 days I spent in Taiwan, trying to process all the things that happened there, from the places I visited to the conversations with my housemate.

I was 40,000 feet above sea level, immersed in my thoughts, stuck in my seat, surrounded by strangers. I was in a crowded place, yet I felt so lonely at the same time. I was sure that some passengers were in the same shoes as me, feeling sad about how some things must come to an end and be left behind. But I wondered who these people were on the plane.

Feeling sentimental, I decided to play Stefanie Sun's A Half Goodbye (半句再见), a song from my Spotify playlist of Mandopop songs. I heard the song many times before, but this was the first time I felt that the song's lyrics and emotions described what I was thinking about at the exact moment - faces I wouldn't forget, lost sleep, many memories, etc. Tears started to well up in my eyes when the chorus began. I couldn't continue listening to the rest of the song. Tears streamed down my face.

Never had I cried because of a song before. I couldn't quite pinpoint the nuanced reasons behind why I felt so emotional. I cried because I wondered when was the next time I would have the chance to visit Taiwan again. I sobbed because I wished I had more time to talk to my former teachers before I left. The main reason I cried, however, was my housemate.

I didn't understand why so many of my tears came from thinking about her, considering that we had a heated argument before I went to the airport. I was still hurt and embarrassed when I thought of what she said to me the last two hours we were together. Perhaps my tears came from thinking about how much she cried for me the last few days we were together and how much she would miss me. For context, my summer housemate is a single woman in her late forties. While she has a lot of relatives, they live in Malaysia, so she rarely sees them. In other words, she has lived a solitary life for a long time.

Unlike her previous tenants, I was the youngest and came from the U.S., which made her have strong impressions of me. This large age gap made me think of her as an aunt I never had, as I only have one uncle that I rarely see. On the other hand, my presence made her think of her two college-aged nieces. As one may expect, living with someone like her for over two months meant forming a strong connection in a short period.

It wasn't until I listened to the song that what she said hit me - we may never see each other again. It was probably the first real farewell I had in my life. While I could always fly back to Taiwan. I didn't have a good answer as to when in the future. Likewise, my housemate wasn't sure of how long she would stay in Taiwan before moving back to Malaysia. But I still didn't have a concrete answer as to why my feelings for her felt so complicated, like a mess of emotions from all over the

I thought these feelings of melancholy would go away after crying, but I was wrong. For the rest of the plane flight, there were times I felt my throat tighten as I recalled recent memories. I survived the rest of the first flight without shedding more tears, but I cried again on the red-eye flight from San Francisco to Boston. I don't remember exactly what made me cry. Maybe it was listening to The Longest Movie (最长的电影) by Jay Chou, a song about the end of relationships that my housemate shared with me before I left. Regardless of the actual reason, my second attempt to listen to Mandopop songs as a source of comfort turned out to backfire, just like the first time.

As much as I wanted these waves of overwhelming emotions to end, I realized that sadness doesn't automatically come to a halt simply because I want to turn them off. Rather, it is a process consisting of many stages that requires undergoing the lowest lows to ultimately reach an emotional state of

This internal battle throughout the trip of having the urge to cry while trying to suppress these feelings at the same time was one of the most emotionally taxing things to undergo in my life. It felt like a mental tug-of-war that lasted for nearly a day. I wished I could feel whatever I wanted, but I didn't feel comfortable being vulnerable in the presence of others around me. As a result, my crying on the plane felt restrained, as I tried so hard to cry as discreetly as possible, covering my eyes with a sleep mask and hoping that others ignored my sniffles and hiccups that came from sobbing silently.

Fortunately, the 22-hour-long journey ended once I arrived in Boston. The drive back home was somber as if I wasn't done grieving for a place. As I stared at the sunrise outside my car window on the highway, I thought about how I was now on the opposite side of the world, thousands of miles away from Taiwan. I was in my home country once again, yet I couldn't stop missing the landscapes of Taiwan, whether it was the Taipei skyline or the green rice fields. It is amazing to consider what eighty days in a foreign place

I expected to fall asleep right away the moment I crawled into my bed, but I was wrong. Holding back tears wasn't working, so I let them all out - hot, messy tears. I cried so hard in my bed, my body trembling as I struggled to breathe in between my sobs. I was frustrated that so much of my crying came from thinking about my housemate because my feelings for her were complicated.

YEAH, WHY?

As robotic as it may sound, I wanted to attribute a specific reason for these tears. To cry without knowing why felt like entering uncharted territory, which I found frightening. If I couldn't even explain to myself why I was feeling a certain way, then what did that mean about my future self? In the past, I cried mainly because someone or something directly upset me, whereas this time ruminating about the same wistful thoughts was enough to make me cry. This was the first time I truly cried for someone.

I must admit, there were times she annoyed me and made me feel uncomfortable. I still don't agree with some of her views and beliefs. Despite these disagreements and awkward situations, all I could think of when I cried were bittersweet recollections of my housemate: her mischievous smile, the times she made me laugh to the point of tears, eating together in the kitchen, and so much more. After living with her for 80 days, not only did we learn a lot about each other from our families to our upbringing, but also we had all sorts of conversations from Chinese idioms to current events in Taiwan.

The main reason I cried, however, was that I regretted my past actions towards her and was sad about leaving her in Taiwan. I cried because I wished I was more patient and kind, instead of getting into disagreements and avoiding her in the beginning. I wished that the fall out didn't have to occur in the first place. But all this wishful thinking was useless because it was too late.

I cried because I finally understood how loneliness drove her to become attached to me. For the first time, I learned what it was like to have no family or loved ones nearby. Over time, I noticed that what she wanted was someone to listen, to sympathize, to simply be there for her, really. From my conversations with her, I realized how hard her current life was, as she had to handle so many problems at once while not seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. I now understood why she grew so fond of me: my presence offered the daily companionship that she needed during her lowest lows.

If it weren't for the fact that she struggled so much with letting me go, then I probably wouldn't have cried that much. I knew that my stay in her apartment was only meant to be temporary, but I wondered how long it would take her to readjust to her normal life that didn't include me.

I cried because no matter how much she cared about me, I never fully reciprocated those feelings. Although she was critical of me at times just like how a parent is to their child, she also cared about me deeply, whether it was showing concern for my health when I feeling unwell or writing me a well-thoughtout farewell letter. What I did in return could not compare to the amount of mental and emotional effort she put into me. Despite our relationship's unbalanced nature, she still enjoyed having me as a housemate. I always felt uneasy when she told me that I didn't cherish her enough before I left. I wanted to deny this fact, but the truth was that I wouldn't admit it.

I cried because I thought it was unfair of me to portray her as a laughing stock in my conversations with my friends, chatting away about how odd it was for her to believe in horoscopes or have socially conservative views on dating and men. Although these are aspects of her identity, they are not a complete nor an accurate representation of her. She has her shortcomings, but she also taught me valuable lessons and habits that I still think of now.

When I lived with her, I was tired of hearing her tell me the same things over and over about how I should love and thank my parents. Looking back, I wish I had a better attitude at that time. She taught me the importance of practicing gratitude, a virtue I barely practiced when I first lived in her apartment. To put it simply, I lacked perspective. While I wished that some aspects of my childhood were better, I wonder what good came out of focusing on the negatives. If there is one thing I won't forget from the Chinese idioms she taught me, it is 生在福中不知福 (to live in plenty without appreciating it).

On a similar note, I rarely thought of my American and MIT privileges until I had deep conversations with my housemate about how hard life in Taiwan is nowadays and how many resources I have by attending MIT. It's something that my classmates and I don't consider regularly. Going off MIT, I was annoved that she often lectured me to work hard in college and prioritize academics, but in retrospect, I am glad she frequently reminded me to continue striving for excellence and not lose ambition.

Although crying at home helped me reach some conclusions as to why thinking about her made me cry, I was still unsatisfied with these reasons. The cognitive dissonance continued for the next month or so, which was mentally draining. Writing journal entries to make sense of this internal conflict made me feel better, but not much. I still had mixed feelings about my relationship with her, as I wondered whether it was unhealthy or even

It wasn't until I talked to my therapist a week ago that I finally reached some sort of resolution. For a while, I felt like I had to justify my feelings, as if I had to choose between two sides. After the therapy session, however, I realized that it is okay for me to feel the way I feel, even if these feelings may be conflicting because people are complicated. Things aren't black or white. Perhaps my sadness came from grieving the loss of a relationship.

Therefore, was the point of forcing myself to feel one way over the other if that meant lying to myself? While the time we spent together was relatively short, it was undeniable that our relationship felt as close as an aunt-niece relationship, something that I never quite experienced before. It isn't the same as a mother-daughter relationship, but it is still special nevertheless. I don't know whether I will see her again in the future, and even if we don't, I won't forget this summer with her.

'微红的眼微亮的天好一次失眠,回忆 轻易带走了时间 (Reddish eyes, a slightly bright day, many times losing sleep, the memories easily took away time)"

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YOU'RE NOT ON THE

THE ADMIN ...

PLAYS GAMES.

NO PROBLEM. I'LL JUST

HOP ON A SECURE VPN

NEIGHBOR'S WIFI,

ARE YOU?



[777] Pore Strips

CAMPUS LIFE







And stop

WHOA, MY CONNECTIONS ARE DYING

AS SOON AS I START TO TUNNEL ANYTHING!

HOLY SHIT!

SOMEONE'S INSERTING NOTES



MY GOODNESS,

NEIGHBORHOOD

SCAMPS ON

THE WIRELESS.





vaguely fascinated by the result.



SPORTS BLITZ

Friday, September 8th:

Women's Volleyball lost to Ithaca College 1-3

Saturday, September 9th:

- Men's Cross Country finished in 2nd place at the Dartmouth Opener
- Women's Cross Country finished in 2nd place at the Dartmouth Opener
- Women's Soccer defeated Illinois Institute of Technology 5-0
- Women's Volleyball finished as runner-up in the MIT Invitational
- Women's Soccer defeated Bridgewater State 2-1
- Men's Soccer lost to UMass Boston 0-4
- Field Hockey lost to Western New England University 0–1

Sunday, September 10th:

- Sailing finished in 1st and 5th places in the Toni Deutsch '58 Regatta at MIT
- Sailing finished in 1st, 4th, 5th, 8th, 13th, and 18th places in the Harvard Invitational
- Sailing finished in 9th place in the Harry Anderson Jr. Regatta at Yale

Monday, September 11th:

- Field Hockey lost to Tufts University 2–3
- Women's Soccer defeated Roger Williams University 1-0

Tuesday, September 12th:

- Field Hockey lost to Endicott College 1-3
- Men's Soccer lost to Tufts University 1-4

Friday, September 15th:

• Field Hockey defeated Smith College 4-0

Saturday, September 16th:

- Women's Volleyball defeated Pomona-Pitzer College 3-0 and Whittier College 3-0 at the Trinity
- Men's Water Polo defeated Connecticut College 19-6
- Football lost to Curry College 16-20
- Women's Volleyball lost to Trinity College 1–3 in the Trinity Classic Finale

Sunday, September 17th:

- Women's Soccer defeated Mount Holyoke College 2-0
- Men's Soccer defeated United States Coast Guard Academy 3–2
- Women's Tennis opened season at MIT Invitational with Singles and Doubles titles
- Men's Water Polo defeated Penn State Behrend College 21-7

Tuesday, September 19th:

- Women's Soccer lost to Tufts University 0-3
- Women's Volleyball defeated United States Coast Guard Academy 3-0

- Wednesday, September 20th: Men's Soccer defeated Wentworth Institute of Technology 6-0
 - Field Hockey defeated Amherst College 2-1

MIT campus residents

Residence for Voting Purposes: Students

- Did you work in Cambridge this summer? (or)
- Have you made your living group here the center of your "domestic, social, and civil life"?1

Your legal voting residence may now be in Massachusetts.

Since 1974, most students attending MIT could choose to vote at their campus residence or their parents' residence.¹ Some states have been looking for ways to challenge this.²

One settled principle: You can vote where you live now. (Where you "habitually sleep" now, to be specific.)¹

- ¹ Elections Div., Sec'y of the Commonwealth, Residence for Voting Purposes (2017) ("Basic Principles"; "Change of Residence").
- ² Cf., e.g., Rules for Determining Residence, Georgia Code Ann. § 21-2-217 (2022). Voter registrars may consider bank statements and "evidence of where the person receives significant mail."

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Upcoming Sports Events

FRIDAY 22

Women's Tennis

Regional Championship vs Wesleyan University

Men's Tennis

MIT Invitational (DuPont Courts)

SATURDAY 23

Women's Tennis

Regional Championship vs Wesleyan University

Men's Tennis

MIT Invitational (DuPont Courts)

Women's Volleyball

vs Springfield College 11:00 a.m.

Softball

Alumni Game 11:00 a.m.

Women's Cross Country

at Purple Valley Classic 11:00 a.m.

Men's Cross Country

at Purple Valley Classic 11:00 a.m.

Sailing

at Brown University, Tufts University, and Bowdoin College 11:00 a.m.

Football

vs Salve Regina University 12:00 p.m.

Field Hockey

at Springfield College 12:00 p.m.

Men's Soccer

at Salve Regina University 1:00 p.m.

Water Polo

vs Mercyhurst University 2:30 p.m.

Women's Soccer

vs Smith College 4:00 p.m.

Women's Volleyball vs UCSC

5:00 p.m.

Water Polo

at Brown University 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY 24

Women's Tennis

Regional Championship vs Wesleyan University

Men's Tennis

MIT Invitational (DuPont

Courts)

Field Hockey at Vassar College 1:00 p.m.

TUESDAY 26

Women's Volleyball

at Salve Regina University 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 27

Men's Soccer

vs Suffolk University 5:00 p.m.

FRIDAY 29

Men's Tennis ITA Regionals

SATURDAY 30

Men's Tennis

ITA Regionals

Water Polo at LIU

9:00 a.m.

Sailing

United States Coast Guard Academy, Boston University, and MIT (Walter C. Wood Sailing Pavilion) 11:00 a.m.

Women's Volleyball

vs Mount Holyoke College 12:00 p.m.

Men's Soccer

vs Clark University 1:00 p.m.

Women's Soccer at Clark University 1:00 p.m.

Football at United States Coast Guard Academy

Women's Volleyball

vs Westfield State University 4:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m.

Field Hockey

1:30 p.m.

Water Polo at Princeton University 5:00 p.m.

at Wheaton College

SUNDAY 1

Men's Tennis ITA Regionals

Water Polo

at Iona University 10:00 a.m.

Softball vs Fall Play Day

TUESDAY 3

Field Hockey vs Wellesley College 6:00 p.m.

Women's Volleyball

vs Emerson College 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 4

vs Wheaton College 4:00 p.m.

Men's Soccer

vs Brandeis University $7:00 \ p.m.$

by Eunice Zhang

Haikus

vivianussy putting her whole pianussy

it seems silly, but -ussy is reclamation! i just love women

ASK HER OUT

woah, three weeks ago i realized that you're gay wanna go on date?

that could be you, jess even if get rejected best to at least try

PERIOD

bleeding like a fish i am currently in pain drinking lots of tea

being alive hard hrrg is unavoidable so is happiness

HOMESICK

exist, be happy my sisters' only expectation i miss them so much

so much hurt in heart or something like that, sadly sisterhood, always

-USSY

into debussy

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