Wave of Theft Hit MIT Dorms; MIT Police Have Made Arrests

By Vinayak Ranade

Seventy-nine thefts, including 24 laptops and 18 bicycles, have been reported on the MIT campus this term. Derek Correira was arrested in Baker House on Oct. 22 for stealing a laptop.

Many of these thefts, which dou-

bled in frequency between Septem-

ber and October, have taken place in the dorms along Amberes Alley.

One of the stolen laptops has been recovered.

There have been two other arrests recorded on MIT’s police log for sus-
picious activity and trespassing.

In a statement to the MIT News Office, John DiFava, Chief of MIT Police, wrote: “The increased num-

ber of thefts on campus in September and October is of concern to us, and our patrol staff and detectives have worked hard to understand the reasons for the increase and devise strategies to address them.”

Regarding two of the arrests for criminal activity, DiFava wrote, “We believe that these two actions will directly impact the number of thefts on campus. And as we further inves-
tigate this issue, we will share upon the same police practices that have proven very effective in reducing theft at MIT … The recent upick in thefts has the full attention of the MIT Police.”

The number of burglaries report-
ed by MIT to the Department of Edu-
cation fell each year between 2005, when 289 thefts were reported, and 2008, when 86 thefts were reported.

Wrestling Fails to Reclaim Varsity Status Despite $1.6M in Donations

By Margaret Cunniff

Despite having raised $1.6 mil-

lion from alumni, the wrestling team was denied by the administra-
tion in an attempt to regain varsity status. Wrestling will now function as a club sport, making it the last of the eight varsity sports that were cut from varsity status last spring to transition to club status.

Concerns over the club’s viability motivated the administration’s deci-
sion to reject the appeal. In a joint statement released on October 15, Chancellor Philip L. Clay, Dean for Student Life Chris Columbus, and Director of Athletics Julie Sori-

ers explained the decision to cut the wrestling team as a result of both necessary budget cuts and concerns about the viability of the team. The statement cited lack of inter-
est as one of the reasons to question the team’s viability: “We do not have winning as a criterion for support but out of fairness to other teams, our re-
sources should go to teams that have student interest and a competitive opportunity.”

As a club team, wrestling will have reduced access to Department of Athletics, Physical Education, and Recreation facilities and varsity sports medicine services. The club will also compete in fewer dual meets than it would have if it were still a varsity team. In addition, members will not be able to compete in the NCAA National Tournament.

Co-captain and All-American

In Short

A symposium celebrating the work of Prof. David Schauer, who passed away in June, will take place today between 1 and 5 p.m. in 14W-111.

Send news information and tips to:
news@thetech.mit.edu

Daylight saving time ends on Sunday. Remember to shift clocks back an hour.
By Stephen Labaton

Every year, the single largest gathering in the world is the annual pilgrimage to Mecca. 2.5 million people from 160 countries packed into a small city in Saudi Arabia for five days. This was one of the greatest opportunities for the Saudis to spread their name across the world. The Saudi authorities, fearing that the pilgrimage, or hajj, could turn their holy city into a petri dish for viral mutations and a hub for spreading a new pandemic wave around the world, are working hard to head that off. They have asked some worshipers, including pregnant women and the elderly, not to make this year’s trip, which is scheduled for the last week of November.

Although the Saudis have turned to the World Health Organization and other health agencies for help in preparing for public health threats to the hajj, this year the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are more deeply involved because it has so much experience with this new flu strain. Consultants for the centers have gone back and forth to Riyadh, the experts at American medical schools have been called in and the U.S. Navy’s medical laboratory in Cairo is preparing to help with any complex testing that is beyond what Saudi laboratories can do.

- - -

Felicia C. Wong

Senior regulators and some lawmakers clashed once again with the Obama administration on Thursday, finding fault with central elements of the House’s latest plan to unwind large financial companies when their troubles impel the financial system.

Describing the details of the legislation to the House Financial Services Committee, Treasury Secretary Timothy F. Geithner emphasized that it was not too early for lawmakers to consider the tools to more tightly supervise the largest financial companies and that government would have the authority to order companies to shed risky assets or limit trading activities if they pose a threat to the companies’ stability.

But after he completed his testimony, significant parts of the plan were challenged by Sheila C. Bair, the chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. She raised numerous objections about the structure of a proposed council of regulators, and said that it would fall short of its goal of reorganizing the system from the shock of a failure.

The legislation comes in response to the public outcry over taxpayer bailouts of some of the nation’s biggest financial companies, including Bear Stearns, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, the American International Group, Citigroup and Bank of America.

The legislation was challenged by Sheila C. Bair, the chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. She raised numerous objections about the structure of a proposed council of regulators, and said that it would fall short of its goal of reorganizing the system from the shock of a failure.

The legislation comes in response to the public outcry over taxpayer bailouts of some of the nation’s biggest financial companies, including Bear Stearns, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, the American International Group, Citigroup and Bank of America.

Pakistan Pursuing Taliban Deeper into Mountains

By Jane Perlez

Here in the distant dun-colored hills of South Waziristan, the Pakistani army pushed toward a special lair of hard-core Taliban on Thursday, sending artillery and jet fighters to break the back of the militants, who in turn, have brought the war to the region it really hurts, the nation’s cities.

The offensive launched by the army in South Waziristan nearly two weeks ago has turned into a unified front in dealing with the Taliban, who have seen the document, which was made public.

Edward J. Egan

For the New York Times

Tehran Rejects Nuclear Accord, Officials Report

By David E. Sanger and Steven Erlanger

Tehran told the U.N. nuclear watchdog on Thursday that it would not accept a plan its negotiators agreed to last week to send its stockpile of uranium out of the country, according to diplomats in Europe and U.S. officials briefed on Iran’s response.

The apparent rejection of the deal could undermine President Barack Obama’s effort to buy time to resolve the nuclear standoff.

In public, neither the Iranians nor the watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency, revealed the details of Iran’s objections, which came only hours after Iran’s president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, insisted that “we are ready to cooperate” with the West.

But the European and U.S. officials said that Iranian officials had refused to go along with the central feature of the draft agreement reached on Oct. 21 in Vienna: a provision that would have required the country to send out three-quarters of its current known stockpile of low-enriched uranium to Russia to be processed and returned for use in a reactor in Tehran used to make medical isotopes.

If Iran’s stated estimate of its stockpile of nuclear fuel is accurate, that would leave the country with too little fuel to manufacture a weapon until the stockpile is replenished with additional fuel, which Iran is producing in violation of U.N. Security Council mandates.

U.S. officials said they thought that the Grace should be allowed to leave a year or so to seek a broader nuclear agreement with Iran while defusing the possibility that Israel might try to attack Iran’s nuclear installations before Iran gains more fuel and expertise.

The Obama administration was anticipating that Iran would seek back out of the deal, and in recent days, the head of the nuclear agency, Mohamed ElBaradei, traveled secretly to Washington to talk about what to do if that happened, according to several U.S. officials.

Last weekend, Obama called President Dmitri Medvedev of Russia and President Nicolas Sarkozy of France in an effort to maintain a unified front in dealing with Tehran’s leadership.

A senior European official characterized the Iranian response as “basically a refusal.” The Iranians, he said, want to keep all of their lightly enriched uranium in the country until receiving fuel bought from the West for the reactor in Tehran.

“The key issue is that Iran does not agree to export its lightly enriched uranium,” the official said. “That’s not a minor detail. That’s the whole point of the deal.”

U.S. officials said it was unclear whether Iran’s declaration of ElBaradei was its final position, or whether it was seeking to renegotiate the deal — a stop the Americans said they would not take.

Michael Hammer, a spokesman for the U.S. National Security Council, said that “we await clarification of Iran’s response,” but that the United States was “unified with our Russian and French partners” in support of the agreement reached in Vienna. That agreement explicitly called for Iran to ship 2,600 pounds of low-enriched uranium to Russia by Jan. 15, according to officials who have seen the document, which has never been made public.
Iraq Arrests Police Officers and Soldiers After Bombings

By Timothy Williams and Flora Scarza Hussein

WASHINGTON

Iraq announced Thursday that it had arrested dozens of police officers and army soldiers in the latest crackdown against certain militant commanders which officials have said in more than a year have been caused by a lack of decisive action by the government. A joint statement on Thursday from Interior Minister Natwe al-Hussaini, a member of the Independent Democratic Alliance, and General Ata al-Karbala, the new provincial governor of Kirkuk, said the two authorities had arrested 61 security officers and soldiers responsible for al-Qaida terrorists to operate in the Kirkuk region to stage attacks on U.S. and Iraqi forces. The statement said that the arrests were the result of a joint operation by the local police and the national police command, which is responsible for security in the neighborhood where car bombs killed and wounded hundreds of people. The arrests were announced on the eve of a vote on an array of procedural measures that has made it more difficult for one lawmaker to bring up a bill on the floor. The vote on Sunday, aimed at the Justice Ministry and the Baghdad provincial council buildings, occurred in a heavily protected section of the capital, prompting accusations that the lawmakers who represent the political blocs that have dominated the government had been complacent in the bombings. The suicide bomb attacks killed 155 people and wounded more than 500. Among the 61 in security jobs arrested Thursday were the commanders of local police posts and the soldiers responsible for security checkpoints in downtown Baghdad near the buildings.

The arrest order was announced by the Baghdad Operations Command, which is responsible for security in the capital and reports directly to Prime Minister Nouri Kamal al-Maliki. The announcement did not offer any further details, so it remained unclear whether the 61 security officers and soldiers were serving in areas where they had caused civilian harm.

On Thursday, the Iraqi Parliament failed again to approve a law to govern elections in 2010, despite a last-minute attempt to pass a bill that was approved by a quorum after members boycotted it to protest a proposal for voting rules in Kirkuk, a province where Kirkuk, which sits atop billions of barrels of oil, is disputed by Kurds, Arabs and Turks.

Under Saddam Hussein, many Kirkuk's oil fields were displaced by Arabs, a process that was deemed illegal by the United Nations. The proposal calls for combining the 2004 and 2009 voter registration lists in the Kirkuk area to be overrepresented under this plan.

The election law issue was further complicated Thursday when Hamdia al-Hussaini, a member of the Independent Democratic Alliance, which oversees elections here, said that the 2004 voter rolls were severely flawed. Hussaini said elections officials had sought to use 2004 registration information during the 2005 parliamentary elections, but quickly determined that the war had rendered the data useless.

“We realized it was not accurate because the names had disappeared in the chaos of war,” she said, “so we started from scratch and ran ration cards instead of voter lists.”

The dispute over the election law threatens to delay the potential setback that could also postpone the scheduled March 7 elections. The U.S. forces are out of concern about resulting instability.

A joint statement on Thursday from the Iraq Oil Minister, Thamer al-Gailani, his colleague, Philip R. Hill, and Gen. Ray Odierno, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, urged Parliament to approve election legislation quickly — the second such statement this month.

“We urge Iraqi political leaders to work out their differences and take swift action to do what is in the best interest of the Iraqi people so that the democratic elections can be held in Iraq’s capital city and in places throughout the country,” the statement said.
Letters To The Editor

Mother Teresa Deserved Nobel Prize

I have read the letter you received from Ahmad Hussain about Mother Teresa in which he discussed why she did not deserve the Nobel prize expressing some strong opinions about her activity. I wonder what is Hussain's source of information about the activities of Mother Teresa. I have been myself several times in houses of “Hindu Charity” (the nuns Mother Teresa founded) and what I have seen is very different from what he describes. I believe that when living in these houses, he could help those who are in need and that those that have been forgotten by everybody and are alone.

In my opinion, the key to understand the work of Mother Teresa and why she got the Nobel prize is the love she put in her activity. She treated the poorest of the poor as we would treat a family member: with utmost love and care. And this love is still alive in the hearts of the order she founded.

I appreciate freedom of expression. However, I see in seeing an overwhelmingly positive figure about Mother Teresa addressed with less than fair words. I would suggest that anybody interested get first hand information on the topic by visiting a house of the Sisters of Charity (there is a center nearby at 550 County St, New Bedford, MA 02740). Whether you agree or not with her activity, you will find with the reason she had her activity. I think the truth is worth to know. At the very least it will give you a chance to learn from about one of the greatest love-inspired movements in our times.

Andrea Adamo ’02

Stohlman ’76

Also Running for Cambridge Council

I think it’s great that Leung Chan is running, but there’s more than one nerd in this race.

The Tech

‘Tech’ Should Not Have Run FLAME Ad

This letter is in response to a paid advertisement that appeared in the Tuesday, October 20th edition of The Tech (http://tech.mit.edu/2009/10/20/). The ad was paid for by an organization called FLAME that stated its purpose as one of enlightenment and education. The advertising content is a thinly veiled attempt to present the Indian culture in a negative manner.

The Tech

Opinion Policy

Editorials are the official opinion of The Tech. They are written by the editorial board, which consists of the editorial chair Austin Chu, Editor in Chief Nick Bushak, Managing Editor Steve Howland, and Co-Editor Beth Black. Letters to the editor are written by MIT students and employees. The Tech encourages all students and employees to submit letters to The Tech.

Letters to The Editor should be a maximum of 250 words.

We ask that letters be more carefully screened before they are published in order to avoid running racist ad campaigns that deeply offend MIT’s students and staff. Iman Kandi ’09

Mother Teresa Deserved Nobel Prize

I have read the letter you received from Ahmad Hussain about Mother Teresa in which he discussed why she did not deserve the Nobel prize expressing some strong opinions about her activity. I wonder what is Hussain’s source of information about the activities of Mother Teresa. I have been myself several times in houses of “Hindu Charity” (the nuns Mother Teresa founded) and what I have seen is very different from what he describes. I believe that when living in these houses, he could help those who are in need and that those that have been forgotten by everybody and are alone.

In my opinion, the key to understand the work of Mother Teresa and why she got the Nobel prize is the love she put in her activity. She treated the poorest of the poor as we would treat a family member: with utmost love and care. And this love is still alive in the hearts of the order she founded.

I appreciate freedom of expression. However, I see in seeing an overwhelmingly positive figure about Mother Teresa addressed with less than fair words. I would suggest that anybody interested get first hand information on the topic by visiting a house of the Sisters of Charity (there is a center nearby at 550 County St, New Bedford, MA 02740). Whether you agree or not with her activity, you will find with the reason she had her activity. I think the truth is worth to know. At the very least it will give you a chance to learn from about one of the greatest love-inspired movements in our times.

Andrea Adamo ’02

Stohlman ’76

Also Running for Cambridge Council

I think it’s great that Leung Chan is running, but there’s more than one nerd in this race.

The Tech

‘Tech’ Should Not Have Run FLAME Ad

This letter is in response to a paid advertisement that appeared in the Tuesday, October 20th edition of The Tech (http://tech.mit.edu/2009/10/20/). The ad was paid for by an organization called FLAME that stated its purpose as one of enlightenment and education. The advertising content is a thinly veiled attempt to present the Indian culture in a negative manner.

The Tech

Opinion Policy

Editorials are the official opinion of The Tech. They are written by the editorial board, which consists of the editorial chair Austin Chu, Editor in Chief Nick Bushak, Managing Editor Steve Howland, and Co-Editor Beth Black. Letters to the editor are written by MIT students and employees. The Tech encourages all students and employees to submit letters to The Tech.

Letters to The Editor should be a maximum of 250 words.

We ask that letters be more carefully screened before they are published in order to avoid running racist ad campaigns that deeply offend MIT’s students and staff. Iman Kandi ’09
Get Out and Vote!
Cambridge Elections Are Important to MIT Students

Noah Spies

Every faculty member of the MIT community should have an interest in next Tuesday's municipal elections. While there is a lot of interest in the Boston mayoral race and this winter's U.S. senatorial race to replace Ted Kennedy, it's much harder to find information about the candidates running for office here in Cambridge. Cambridge had a particularly poor voter turnout out of under 14,000 (around a quarter of registered voters) in the last municipal elections, held in 2007. If you're registered to vote in Cambridge, it's your job to make your voice heard and cast your ballot for School Committee and City Council. Remember: think globally, act locally.

In its own words, the City Council "authorizes public improvements and expenditures, adopts regulations and ordinances, levies taxes, controls the finances and property taxes of the City, and performs many related legislative tasks." The nine Councillors elect a Mayor from amongst their own. Under a system called "Plan E," designed to prevent corruption and predict the outcome of a conversation she had at Senate last fall, and the UA Senate passed 41 U.A.S. 2.1: Bill to Decrease the Minimum Meeting Requirement, which allows for flexibility in scheduling Senate meetings due to long weekends. Senate met on Monday, October 26 and started with Barbara Baker, Senior Associate Dean for Students, as a special guest. Dean Baker was interested in ways to communicate better with students, discussed ways to improve Student Life online resources such as the Student Support Services website, and detailed the work of the Deans on Call program.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

Senate met on Monday, October 26 and started with Barbara Baker, Senior Associate Dean for Students, as a special guest. Dean Baker was interested in ways to communicate better with students, discussed ways to improve Student Life online resources such as the Student Support Services website, and detailed the work of the Deans on Call program.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
—Elizabeth A. Denys, UA Secretary General

Noah Spies is a graduate student in Course VII.

The UA looks forward to seeing you there!
EXHIBIT REVIEW

For Very Important Muggles Only

Harry Potter Artifacts On Display at Museum of Science

By Yü Linlin Huang

The Harry Potter exhibit at the Museum of Science, Boston, MA
October 25, 2009 — February 21, 2010

Instead of heading to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, the Harry Potter Express left platform 9 ¾ and took a transatlantic detour to Boston this September. Though no young witches and wizards were aboard the train, more than two hundred authentic costumes and props were.

These artifacts were used in the Harry Potter films and will eventually assist visitors in the Boston Museum of Science to see the magic before the East Coast Premiere of the exhibition. The exhibition allows fans of the film series to see the artistry and craftsmanship of the props and costumes used in the Harry Potter films. The exhibition is separated into seven different settings: the Gryffindor Common Room, “Classrooms,” “Quidditch,” “Hogwarts Forest,” “Dark Forces,” and “The Great Hall.”

The passion and devotion that set designers of the Harry Potter film series put into their work can really be seen through the exhibition. In the movies there are scenes which show transient shots of the Daily Prophet or flyers on a bulletin board. Not until seeing those same props at the exhibition will the true details be appreciated. Each page of The Prophhit is filled with actual props about the wizarding world. The bulletin board in the Gryffindor Common Room is tacked with a sign-up sheet for a weekend Hogsmead Feather Festival that tells about the retrieval of the lost Merlin’s Beard, and an advertisement for Weasely’s Wizarding Wheezes. The most amazing piece of artifact is the Marauder’s Map.

When viewed up close, the map shows what seems to be the exact blueprint of Hogwarts, and each fold and flap on it is either a secret passage-way or a staircase. Each artifact is specially designed with intense detail, especially the wands. Fans who have seen the films may know that a wand is different, but perhaps do not realize how different. Professor Snape’s wand, made of ebony and inlaid with a simple, archaic design, is perhaps the most elegant of all the wands on display. In contrast, the Elder Wand, the most powerful wand of all, resembled something carved out of a bleached out bone with arched, uneven bumps for a handle. The seal of the three hollows is the only thing that made the wand look special.

Not only does the exhibit offer a deeper look into the intricacies of the set design, but it is also a good place for kids to experience some interactive magical fun. In the Herbology classroom, visitors can learn how to pull mandrakes, and on the Quidditch field, enthusiasts can try to score points with a Quaffle. In the classroom setting, the personalities of the professors are shown in their robes and room decorations. Most memorable is Professor Umbridge’s office. Freakishly pink and high-brow Victorian in style, her office is the regeneration of Barbie’s mom.

For those die-hard fans of Harry Potter who wish to know every ounce of set detail about the creation and utilization of each artifact, there is a audio tour which accompanies the visual tour. Those who wish to go on the audio/tour can request a portable audio player to take along on their walk-through of the exhibition. The audio acompaniment allows viewers the chance to learn the reason and process through which a certain artifact is made and it’s relevance in the movies. For maximization of the tour experience, the audio/visual tour is highly recommended.

Tickets to the Harry Potter exhibition are available online at www.mosi.org and by phone at 617-723-2500.
BJ Novak Tells Jokes for a Full House

By Emily Nardoni

COMEDY REVIEW

Night of Comedy Gets MIT to Lighten Up

October 30, 2009
Kresge Auditorium, Cambridge, MA

As any good Office fan would know, B.J. Novak came to MIT last Saturday night for a stand-up comedy show. Novak, whose career started in stand-up, plays Ryan Howard in the hit NBC sitcom, written for the show, and has appeared in such films as Knocked Up and Inglourious Basterds.

After a brief and not-too-memorable warm-up act, Novak took the stage to ecstatic applause. The show was sold-out, and the audience was ready for some entertainment. First on Novak’s agenda. He thanked his two warm-up acts for prepping the crowd, including President Obama. Obama’s opening cracks at Wikipedia’s overwhelming amount of information and inescapable force of distraction: a force we’ve all felt at one point or another. A later segment went through a list of his jokes to determine which belonged in the trash and which were worth keeping proved satisfyingly amusing.

I especially appreciated his intelligence as a comedian. He plugged throughout the show about the neediness of MIT students, and gave hilarious on-the-spot answers to questions fielded by the audience at the end of the show. I’m glad he opted for an ending 5 minutes of Q and A. It gave him yet another chance to connect with the audience and let us hear some interesting facts about his career. For instance, we learned that his favorite Office moment is Michael’s determination to say “that’s what she said” even after being legally banned from uttering the phrase.

From start to finish, Novak gave an enjoyable show. My final complaint is that I wish it could have gone on longer.

BJ Novak, of The Office, didn’t hesitate to poke fun at MIT students during his performance at Kresge Auditorium.

MORE MOVIE REVIEW

‘Monsterpiece’ or Just Monstrous?

By Poolla R. Shah

Spice Jonze Takes a Stab at Maurice Sendak’s Classic

Where the Wild Things Are

Written by Spike Jonze and Dave Eggers
Directed by Spike Jonze
Based on Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

Starring Max Records and璞Pita Emmerichs
Rated PG
Now Playing

From a mere ten sentences, Spike Jonze has managed to create a full-length feature film in his newest release, Where the Wild Things Are. The movie is an adaptation of Maurice Sendak’s classic children’s picture book and delves into the realms of childhood and love at its truest and simplest form.

The film tells the story of a kid, Max, who fails to realize the love that surrounds him and is constantly living in his own fantasy. Near the start of the movie, he tells a tale of a vampire, creating a hologram off into space, and the dresses up as a strange creature showing how he, like most other kids — but maybe a little more than others — is deeply rooted in his own little fantasy world. However, when faced with the reality of his life, Max runs away from home one night and sails away in a sailboat (across the sea of his subconscious mind) till he reaches an island and meets large talking beasts — the “Wild Things” — and becomes their king. The movie tells a heart-wrenching tale that captures the essence of childhood at its most terrifying and most beautiful moments.

However, whether this movie is actually a children’s movie is up for debate. While there isn’t enough to rate the film higher than PG, the story portrays an extremely dark side of childhood and there is not enough to entertain a kid — or, at times, me — thoroughly. However, I must say that despite the few tiring moments, the film was made with sheer ingenuity, and is a masterpiece. It’s simple, yet the story has depth. As said before, the film explores childhood; at times, the perspective leans towards an adult’s view of childhood, however. From Max’s tantrums, to his lack of cooperation, to him running away from home — there are times when I wasn’t sure whether to feel bad for Max or to be annoyed at him.

Once Max is with the “Wild Things,” more of his childhood and his personality is revealed. Without giving too much away, it soon becomes obvious to the viewer that the “Wild Things” are representations of either some part of Max’s life or his personality. The “Wild Things” are given as an insight into Max’s past and his mind — the symbolism is perfect, since each and every one of us has a little Wild Thing hidden inside, as kids, and even now as college students and adults — though I never expected them to be quite as sinister as Jonze portrays.

Although there are flaws in this movie, there are still a great many good things about it. From the talented performances by the actors to its dark but touching theme. The movie is a work of art. However, while Where the Wild Things Are is a work of art, it still fails to fully do justice to Maurice Sendak’s classic, even though tens of millions of dollars and many years were spent working on this movie. The film is a darker rendition of the classic book.

Watching it simply as a movie, I would have been completely satisfied, but watching it knowing it was an adaptation of one of my favorite books as a child, the movie failed to meet my expectations for the book (but then again, not many adaptations meet the expectations of the readers).

Nonetheless, I would recommend the movie. Though Spike Jonze’s unique adaptation may not be satisfying to your inner child, it is still a wonderful movie to watch, and it will pull at your heartstrings to the very end.

Spice Jonze’s newest release, Where the Wild Things Are, brings a childhood favorite to life.

STAFF WRITER

BY EMILY NARDONI

THE OFFICE

COMEDY

Spice Jonze’s newest release, Where the Wild Things Are, brings a childhood favorite to life.

THE TECH

COURTESY OF WILLIAM MORRIS ENDEAVOR ENTERTAINMENT

COURTESY OF WARNER BROS PICTURES

COURTESY OF SPICE JONZE

COURTESY OF SPIKE JONZE

COURTESY OF SPIKE JONZE

COURTESY OF MAC KENDRICK

COURTESY OF WILLIAM MORRIS ENDEAVOR ENTERTAINMENT
How Many Licks?

Art of The Simple Page

You'll see what I mean when you read it. It sounds easy enough. If we want to know the number of branches on the tree, and multiply the number of leaves on a branch and the mate the number of flowers on a branch — there's certain times in the set where we do that, but it's our way of being. — I'd love to do that! I have been playing more saxophone and switched solely on vocals in the future? That is such a dream — I've always had a soft spot for jazz and we haven't been able to generate new material since I arrived at MIT, and I would feel comfortable saying that this production had some of the most ambitious and yet tender of all the ensemble's past, the new record Rubblebucket brings their blend of Afrobeat and funk to the Middle East Downstairs tomorrow night. Tickets are $15 and can be purchased through the box office or over the phone at 617-364-8880.
Letter From The Editor

The topic of sex is important in any discussion about the health of a campus. It is also one that is not often openly discussed.

There is a lot we think we know about the sex lives of MIT students. Some think there is not much of it, because students are “nerdy” or “shy” and MIT’s coursework is too time-consuming. Others think of MIT as a bastion of kink in a sea of “vanilla” Boston area schools.

But what is the truth? What is the norm at MIT?

The Tech conducted a campus-wide sex survey; forty percent of undergraduates responded. The results attempt to measure the sexual activity and health of the undergraduate population.

There is also a dark side to sex: sexual assault. The section includes an article on sexual assault at MIT, including an account of one student who was raped. We outline sexual violence resources available to students.

We interviewed Kate McCarthy, MIT’s program manager for sexual health and author of the blog, “Sexpertise.”

Additionally, Tech columnists have written a variety of sex-related material, including an anonymous writer’s thoughts on first-time anal sex, sex toy and lube reviews, a review of the popular pornographic movie Pirates II: Stagetti’s Revenge, and a review of a local stand-up comedian who delivers his act in the buff.

Finally, there is content from the readership. The Tech asked for anonymous stories of how readers lost their virginity. Also, reporters interviewed several students in Lobby 7 to get their thoughts on sex at MIT.

On behalf of The Tech and all of this section’s contributors, I hope you enjoy the content in this special section and learn more about sex at MIT.

David M. Templeton ’08
Editor, Sex Section
Photography Editor, The Tech

INSIDE:

Interview with Kate McCarthy: Page 10
On Anal Virginity: Page 10
Pirates II review: Page 11
Review of Naked Comedy: Page 11
My First Time: Page 11
Sexual Assault: Pages 12-13
Results of the Sex Survey: Pages 14–15
Survey Commentary: Page 16
Lubricant reviews: Page 17
Sex Toy Reviews: Pages 18–19
Viewpoints: Page 20
Students who have concerns or uncertainties about sexual health can seek out help through MIT Medical's Kate McCarthy. A year ago, McCarthy joined MIT Medical's Center of Health Promotion and Wellness as its program manager on sex, relationship, and understanding of sex in the community. While her role includes hosting events, in-clinic counseling, and responding to questions about sex, McCarthy primarily meets with students on a one-on-one basis to discuss all aspects of sex.

The Tech sat down with McCarthy and her colleague Maryanne Kirkbride, clinical director for campus life at MIT Medical, to discuss her job of helping students work through issues about sex.

The Tech: What does being the program manager on sexual health entail?

Kate McCarthy: I do a fairly large variety of things on campus. Lots of programming in the dorms, sororities, fraternities, living groups. Different people ask me to come in and share information on relationships, struggles, intimacy issues, contraception, and just basically to talk and listen. I do see people who are struggling with a specific problem in their world of sexual health. I work through things with them to help them come to a resolution. I also see couples who are having a wide variety of sex.

TT: What made you motivated to work in the field of sexual health?

KM: I was actually teaching abroad in Japan, having a lot of experiences with young women who were really Request the them with it, and I realized it was something I was passionate about.

TT: How do you feel about the fact that people have not had any sexual experience?

KM: Some people are very closed off about it, even when they should really be open about it. It runs the gamut of all sorts of attitudes around sex.

TT: What are the most common misconceptions MIT students have about sex?

KM: I think it's a lot of people's mis-conceptions is that people think that everyday they're having sex, and they're expecting to have sex because the time they get to freshman year everyone is doing it. It's not true. If you look at the Youth Risk Behavior survey done by the CDC every other year, the latest statistics show that about 60 percent of 15-17-year-olds have had sex — that means 40 percent of 18-year-olds are not. People put it to themselves that they should do it when they're not ready for it.

For everything else there's this learning curve but for some not so regulars. You're supposed to know everything and do it, and it's all very sexualized — to get conception and know how to get emergency contraception and know how to talk to your partner about it. You need to know what's safe and responsible and I think that sex also needs to be on a learning curve.

TT: How many condoms does the Center of Health Promotion and Wellness go through in a year?

Maryanne Kirkbride: Thousands, thousands. That's probably the best way to say it. The public health strategy is saturation.

TT: How do you feel about the fact that the number of people who use protection is so low [as per The Tech's survey results]?

KM: I don't think we have a lot of work to do. With the oral sex part, that's not surprising to me at all and I think it's a huge challenge for people who are engaging in oral sex to realize that.

I think that oral sex is sort of an anomaly, of lack of better words. People think that real sex is the "okay sex" because they're not having penetrative sex, so they're still virgins. I think people are very confused about oral sex and sometimes with oral sex, they think it's a really challenging people to have the self confidence and the confidence in general to say "I'm going to do this, but I'm only going to do it if we use a dental dam, or a con-

TT: What inspired you to develop the column "Sexperts"? (located on MIT Medical's web site, http://medweb.mit.edu/wellness/)

KM: We have a challenge in health promotion, in the sense that there are around 11,000 students here and we only have a handful of people that can provide health and emotional information to everyone. If you want to bring that to scale, you cannot do it simply by going to dorms. There's always going to pop up demand for the sexual health person no matter what. We started asking for questions, and the questions started to pour in. The thing has gotten 6,000 hits since the start of the school year.

TT: What are the questions you most commonly receive?

KM: There are those. "Am I normal?" That question comes again and again and again.

MK: I think this is true for many communities, but trying to overcome the monopolization of "This is a problem, I'm afraid to talk about it. I'm just stuck with it." I think Kate gets people through that, with some coaching. I think that there's a connection between self-esteem and sexual confidence. We know MIPTs often feel kind of beaten down by the curriculum, and we can help students feel good about themselves and feel like they have their sexual health under control for them.

One thing we want to be clear about, is that people are having more complex, personal problems, that we're not the mental health service. Mental health care can help people with more interwoven problems where sexual health is part of it, but this is more of a health from an emotional approach. We can help people, and we can co-coordinate with people to make sure they get the help they need.

TT: What has been the most surprising question you received?

KM: Did you read the "dog washing" one? That one has definitely garnered the most popularity so far. I think that when we did the hits counts, it was through the roof in comparison to others. Everyone was sending it to their friends — "You've got to read this, you're not going to believe it!"

MK: The runner-up would be the "Am I normal?" question about the fantasy of being in a half full tub of almonds. Whatever blows your skirt up, as they used to say, Martin Monroe.

TT: Any last comments?

KM: I'd like to stress that I am here for any-body who has any questions, concerns, issues, nervous about it, and some people are very closed off. I am absolutely open and not judgmental. It is safe with me in the clinic. There are all sorts of contraceptives at MIT Medical — condoms, female condoms, and lubricants. Please use them and use them well.

Kate's Top 10 Tips on Sex

1. Don't have sex if you don't want to. It will always be there, my friends. There's no reason to rush unless you really want to do it.

2. If you're going to be engaging in sex play, try a kind of sex play at all, with different people, using latex condoms or female condoms is the safest way to protect yourself.

3. If you are ready to have sex, than you'd better be ready to have a conversation with your partner(s) about contraception. There are a variety of choices available at MIT Medical.

4. Communication is the key! Talking about what's working, what's not, how it can get better and what not to do again is the best way for people to figure out how to improve their sex lives.

5. If you are comfortable with masturbation, have at it! Self-pleasure is one of the safest and non-threatening ways to learn about your body, feel good, and re-lease some tension all at the same time.

6. Talking care of your sexual health is just as important as taking care of other parts of your health. If you are sexually active, having an annual check up with your health care provider would be very helpful. Specific needs is highly recommended by this article.

7. Don't do anything you don't want to do. It's your body. You get to decide what is okay and what is not okay.

8. This is your body, own your own body. If a relationship doesn't work out, bounce back, dust yourself off and get out there again. Don't let a break up get you down. You are an amazing, vibrant, and sexy person and if one person doesn't realize it, it's their loss. Self-confidence is huge.

9. Have fun! I know it can be scary — all the worries around STDs and potential pregnancy, but being intimate with someone can also be incredibly rewarding and enjoyable. Make sure you're safe, and enjoy the experiences.

10. I am here for you. If you ever want to talk, have a question or concerns, e-mail me, call, or send an anonymous question via "Sexperts." I am here to talk about anything that you may be uncomfortable to talk with anyone else about.
COMEDY REVIEW

Andy Ofiesh’s Naked Comedy Showcase is Raw and Exposed

By Greg Hutto

Andy Ofiesh performed comedy in the most unconventional manner for the first time in 2005. Since then, he has brought his unorthodox style of delivery to venues in New York City. He currently recruits local Boston comedians to join him and his unique brand of stand-up. The first Wednesday of each month, Improv Boston in Cambridge.

Walking onto stage in nothing but his socks (which he quickly takes off), Andy’s introduction sets the mood for the night. First and foremost, just like you, he won’t ignore the fact that he is naked. Andy uses nature’s props to launch into a segment about genitalia and nudity. His jokes range from the crude (performing headstands and comparing body parts to fun-size candy bars) to the more thought-provoking (explaining the rules and regulations that govern the Naked Comedy Showcase).

Among these rules and regulations, the Naked Comedy Showcase is careful to obey the City of Cambridge’s laws against strip shows. Andy claims that the showcase must obey a few simple rules, among them: no dancing and no prolonged finger sucking.

The rest of the comedians follow Andy’s very barefoot steps. A group of four male comedians perform short-form improv, a male comedian explains why he hates Christmas, a female comedian provides laughs while explaining emotional events from her past, and so on.

In the middle of his show, Andy invites the audience to deliver their own jokes. While one audience member volunteered while I was attending, he quickly backed down after realizing he would have to undress for his performance. This disconnect, Andy claims, is a big part of what the Showcase is all about.

Ultimately, some of the comedy is hilarious, some of the comedy is rough around the edges, and some of the comedy is better classified as poetry. The Naked Comedy Showcase pushes you to stop laughing at someone’s appearance and start laughing at what they’re saying. To this end, the Naked Comedy Showcase drives at comedy that may not be the funniest ever, but will be more real than almost any you will ever experience. The show will leave you laughing, but also questioning your own comfort and pre-conceived notions about nudity.

Granted, I still find myself giggling when one of the naked comedians helped me pick out bed-sheets at the Local Bed, Bath, and Beyond several weeks later. It just goes to show that the people and the event were memorable and real. And, for cheaper than a movie ticket for students and $10 for adults, the Naked Comedy Showcase is a good alternative to another night at the cinema.

My First Time

Stories collected from The Tech’s website

First times are scary and funny, embarrassing and exciting. The Tech asked readers to submit stories of their first time having sex on our website. The following are some of the anonymous submissions. Because stories were submitted anonymously, The Tech cannot guarantee that the stories were authored by members of the MIT community.

I was high and drunk and at a party and, against my better judgement, got in a cab with a Harvard student and went back to his apartment, where we fucked each other’s brains out. He was a good lay but boring to talk to. I bounced out of there early in the morning with the sex hair and the rumpled makeup, and got in the T and never spoke to him again.

I lived in Texas for a great portion of my life, including high school. A decade and three dozen partners later, I still have one regret: I lost my virginity to a Republican. A good Presbyterian-I-voted-for-Bush Republican.

I did it with a fat guy in the front seat of a Pontiac.

It was a Christmas party at my best high school friend’s house. After I downed seven shots of tequila and a Mexican beer over the course of a little more than an hour, we did it in my friend’s basement on his futon. The one thing is, I don’t really remember it. I have blurry recollections of the foreplay and the end of the night, but nothing from the intervening period. But the other party, more often known as my girlfriend, said it happened right then and there.

I took her to a Motel 6, got a room, did the deed twice, and left.

Too drunk to remember much about it. My first time will happen after I’m married, because I want it to actually mean something. The apartment was off-campus. Dry humping wasn’t enough anymore. Sex was restrained and careful. Frequent prompts to ensure the partner wasn’t in too much discomfort. Relief at the loss of virginity afterwards.

I was feeling pretty confident, actually, I had been watching my friends going at it for half an hour so I felt like I had the theory down. When my turn came around, I slid my sweaty fingers into inviting holes and squeezed the firm roundness in both hands, and…

Wait, we are talking about bowling, right? What? Oh! Never mind then.
It was a Friday night and the fraternity party was winding down. Rachel and her friends were dancing, when one of the brothers asked her to come upstairs. The rest is a blur, but this is what she remembers:

She remembers him helping her stumble up the stairs, up to the spare bedroom the brothers use for hookups.

Editor's Note: Where only first names appear, names have been changed

Rape
By Clare Bayley
October 30, 2009

S E X @ M I T

The Tech

Page 13

Sexual assaults are some of the most violent and damaging crimes on their own, but afterward, many survivors face people who don’t believe them... 

The best way to prevent assault on campus is to remember that it does happen, and take steps to prevent it from happening to others.

If someone ever comes to you admitting they’ve been assualted, Eddison has some suggestions on how to handle it in the best way for the survivor.

- Most importantly, believe them.
- Make sure they’re safe from immediate harm.
- Don’t force the term “rape” on them, let them tell it in their own way.
- Unless you’ve also been through an assault, never attempt to pass on your story to them. 
- The “rape” term is difficult to remember for lots of survivors.

Not only are bystanders the best way to prevent rape from happening, but the support of the community is crucial to an effective healing process.

Rachel still says she can never escape being a rape survivor — that the experience will define her for the rest of her life.

Disension and denial

In Eddison’s next step, another MIT survivor recommended her to MIT’s program for Violence Prevention and Response, where Rachel met director Diwya Kumar, a person Rachel describes as “someone I think I can relate to.”

A main goal of Kumar’s program is to fight many of the issues Rachel faced during her recovery. Sexual assaults are some of the most violent and damaging crimes on their own, but afterward, many survivors face people who don’t believe them. “They deal with denial, dark thoughts, and depression. They deal with friends who don’t believe them, and a school that already pushes students to their breaking point. Despite many resources on campus, survivors rarely find recovery easy. They can feel whole one day and broken the next.”

Rachel still says she can never escape being a rape survivor — that the experience will define her for the rest of her life.

Sexual assault resources

www.boston警方.org
1-800-841-8371 24 hr hotline

Off-campus emergencies: dial 911
On-campus emergencies: dial 100

617-253-4481
617-253-2916 (also available for 24 emergencies)
Walk-in Hours: M-F 2-4 pm

Student Support Services (S3) 617-253-4861
Office of Student Citizenship David Kennedy - badim@mit.edu

Nightline 617-253-8900

Sexual Assault Awareness Week @ MIT Elisa Eddison: elisd@mit.edu

Joey McKeon: jms@mit.edu

Boston Rape Crisis Center (BARCC) 800-279-1130 (free and confidential)
Sex@MIT: The Survey

By Jeff Sutor

For the survey, we asked all undergraduates if they would take an anonymous survey. We asked you if you were having sex, when you were having sex, what kind of sex, and how good it was. About forty percent, or 170 people, responded. We present the results here. Some of the statistics will not surprise anybody. Some surprised us.

Virginity

There is a stereotype that MIT is a land of virginal seniors. That’s not quite true. The survey found that 42 percent of students consider themselves virgins: 37 percent of men and 46 percent of women. The numbers are predictably higher for freshmen class, which is 64 percent virgin. 60 percent of men and 69 percent of women. The freshman numbers square with national estimates—it’s an expert lesson who are having less sex than the national average for their age group.

65 percent of all students have had sex. 54 percent have had vaginal sex. 15 percent have had anal sex. Among freshman groups, McCormick has the most virgins—43 percent of McCormick freshmen say they are virgin. Students living in freshmen or Senior House report the lowest rates for virginity around 20 percent.

Why are MIT students virgins? 25 percent of men and 39 percent of women say that reason is that it’s not fun or exciting. For both genders, this is the most common reason. The second most common reason was “an opportunity has not presented itself.” Nearly everybody agreed that vaginal sex “counted” as sex, but only 84 percent thought anal sex counted. 55 percent thought oral sex counted. A small fraction of people kept it to themselves. Of those who have had anal sex, 2.5 percent still consider themselves virgins.

Sexuality

If those who choose to have sex, the sexual health statistics are a little disturbing. 61 percent of students who have had oral or vaginal sex have done it without protection. The STD rate is low—1.3 percent of students report having ever had a sexually transmitted disease. Many probably don’t know their status, however. 60 percent of non-virgins have never been tested. Only 11 percent of non-virgins got tested in the past 2–6 months. We were so surprised to find that 96 percent of people who have had oral sex they don’t use protection for it. 9 percent of students don’t know where to go for condoms, and 47 percent don’t know that MIT publishes a sexual health and wellness column (it’s called “Sorority,” at http://web.mit.edu/aa/home/sexually-related/contents.htm). Lack of protection may be the reason that 28 percent of women who have had sex say they have one point needed to request emergency contraception.

Alcohol and sex are linked. 60 percent of non-virgins say they have sex with alcohol.

Most disturbing of all, 5.8 percent of students say they have had non-consensual sex. There is help out there. The Boston Area Rape Crisis Center has a 24-hour hotline at 617-452-RAPE. MIT also offers counseling and other resources (see page 15).

Sex Stats

67 percent of students identified as homosexual. 7 percent identified as heterosexual. 8 percent identified as bisexual, and 2 percent were undetermined. Less than one percent identified as asexual. Off the few who did say they were asexual, 40 percent say they have had sex. 15 percent of campus (10 percent of men and 16 percent of women) say they have had a homosexual encounter. Looking for the gayest major? The gayest questioning major? CMS wins: 42 percent of students who listed CMS in their primary major said they had a homosexual encounter. The second gayest major is Course 33 at 35 percent and Course 9 at 26 percent. The least gay major? Course 3, where only 8 percent of students say they have had a homosexual encounter with someone of the same gender.

It may not come as a surprise to some that Senior House takes the second gayest major in the nation. 35 percent of students who have had sex say they have sex with someone else in their living group. 36 percent of non-virgins say they have had anal sex. The least floorcest dorm is the Phoenix group (NW-35), where nobody coped to having sex with someone else in the group. The least anal-receptive dorm is McCormick, where only 5 percent of non-virgin girls say they have had anal sex.

Most men masturbate. 30 percent of guys say they masturbate every day or almost every day. Another 41 percent say they masturbate once or twice a week. That means only 27 percent of undergraduate men are beating the meat at least weekly. 5 percent masturbate multiple times daily—and 7 percent claim they never masturbate.

Girls masturbate less. 39 percent cop to masturbating at least weekly. Only 9 percent say they masturbate only or nearly daily. 36 percent say they never masturbate.

Girls tend to have more toys, though. 16 percent of girls say they own a sex toy, compared to 8 percent of men.

Sorority

Of course we are an easy bunch to please. 60 percent of men and 66 percent of women cite the sex of their peers as the reason they are having sex. Next is “high” or “very high.” About a quarter think the sex is “okay,” and only 5 percent say “just okay.”

That people have sex because they want to is fairly obvious, but we asked you the same reason anyway. 35 percent said they had sex for “self-satisfaction,” and 77 percent said “to form a closer bond with a partner.” 16 percent added “to trigger problems.” The least gay year.

Sexual motivations among people’s sexual satisfaction seems to be a scheduling problem. 70 percent of non-virgins cited “back of time” as a reason that their sex lives were not as good as they could be. 29 percent of non-virgins complained about a lack of suitable partners — an old saw, it’s true. But watch out guys: 29 percent of women said the same thing right back to you.

Don’t take those statistics as the be-all, end-all. We did our best to clean the data and had a Course 14 major look through it, but in the end nothing we can do can correct for the response bias. 68 percent of MIT undergrads didn’t take the survey. All we know is a little something about the 48 percent that did.
According to the survey, it is significantly less (20–25 percent virgins), sex here is strongly. The number of virgins on campus is nearly twice the national college average of 20–25 percent. Why might this be? According to the survey, 20 percent of virgins and that it was their choice.

Right. Come on, every MIT student out there who thinks of sex purely in terms of biologic processes and, hence, to cushion, is going to say it's their 'choice.'

There should have been an option on the survey that said: I haven't had sex yet because... I still have to take 7.012 (Intro to Biology).

While MIT's virgin culture does not match the national average, there are ways in which it similar. Compare MIT to Duke University, for instance, or any other one of the spectrum with their "hookup culture." A girl from Duke was quoted as saying, "Everybody gives blowjobs now." Surely not at MIT, where 42 percent of students are virgins, right? Wrong. If you are not a virgin, then there is a 96 percent chance that you have given blowjobs at least once.

While 42 percent are avoiding sex, the other 58 percent are quite satisfied. 65 percent of non-virgins rate their sex as having "high" or "very high" quality, compared to only 20 percent of students for a true "low" or "very low" quality. It appears that MIT students are good at doing more than just put on a role. What percent of the opposite sex, perhaps not MIT telling someone that I don't like my current girlfriend. Mind if I do a you-substitution?"

I'm sure there are other reasons people choose to participate in a sleepless night of tooling, a Friday night frat party, a heated online Hero game, or a thousand other possibilities in between. But somehow, MIT is often disregarded as a place of sexual culture and identity. Clearly, the vast majority of each graduating class does not identify as virgins; campus-wide, the number lies closer to a respectable 43 percent. In fact — virgins excluded — the survey indicates a 2/3 chance that any given MIT student would have more in a relationship.

So MIT students are often forced to make a choice: do I want to have sex or do I want to go to class? To quote an opinion columnist: "I don't want to go to class, or to have sex, or choose to abstain. Or, they think they have some interest in ex-singles, and there's a good chance you'll lose your virginity by graduation!" At the other end of the spectrum, all-girl McCormick Hall comes in first place for the virgin dorms with a 82 percent virginity rate. Next House and Random Hall fall, with about 70 percent and 57 percent, respectively.

Now that we've covered the statistics, let's get into the speculation. Numbers are just numbers. An opinion columnist tells you what they really mean. It's quite believable that 40 percent of MIT students are virgins. Typically, sex happens at night. Maybe I'm an oddball, but in the last 62 hours of my life, I've had 10 hours of sleep. If I had been having sex, that number would be reduced. And if that number were reduced, there's a good chance I would not be able to function properly. Indeed, 50 percent of non-virgins say that they could be having sex, if only there were time.

So why and how do MIT students choose to participate in a sleepless night of tooling, a Friday night frat party, a heated online Hero game, or a thousand other possibilities in between? But somehow, MIT is often disregarded as a place of sexual culture and identity. Clearly, the vast majority of each graduating class does not identify as virgins; campus-wide, the number lies closer to a respectable 43 percent. In fact — virgins excluded — the survey indicates a 2/3 chance that any given MIT student would have

A girl from Duke was quoted as saying, "Everybody gives blowjobs now." Surely not at MIT, where 42 percent of students are virgins, right? Wrong. If you are not a virgin, then there is a 96 percent chance that you have given blowjobs at least once.

While 42 percent are avoiding sex, the other 58 percent are quite satisfied. 65 percent of non-virgins rate their sex as having "high" or "very high" quality, compared to only 20 percent of students for a true "low" or "very low" quality. It appears that MIT students are good at doing more than just put on a role. What percent of the opposite sex, perhaps not MIT telling someone that I don't like my current girlfriend. Mind if I do a you-substitution?"

I'm sure there are other reasons people choose to participate in a sleepless night of tooling, a Friday night frat party, a heated online Hero game, or a thousand other possibilities in between. But somehow, MIT is often disregarded as a place of sexual culture and identity. Clearly, the vast majority of each graduating class does not identify as virgins; campus-wide, the number lies closer to a respectable 43 percent. In fact — virgins excluded — the survey indicates a 2/3 chance that any given MIT student would have

A girl from Duke was quoted as saying, "Everybody gives blowjobs now." Surely not at MIT, where 42 percent of students are virgins, right? Wrong. If you are not a virgin, then there is a 96 percent chance that you have given blowjobs at least once.

While 42 percent are avoiding sex, the other 58 percent are quite satisfied. 65 percent of non-virgins rate their sex as having "high" or "very high" quality, compared to only 20 percent of students for a true "low" or "very low" quality. It appears that MIT students are good at doing more than just put on a role. What percent of the opposite sex, perhaps not MIT telling someone that I don't like my current girlfriend. Mind if I do a you-substitution?"

I'm sure there are other reasons people choose to participate in a sleepless night of tooling, a Friday night frat party, a heated online Hero game, or a thousand other possibilities in between. But somehow, MIT is often disregarded as a place of sexual culture and identity. Clearly, the vast majority of each graduating class does not identify as virgins; campus-wide, the number lies closer to a respectable 43 percent. In fact — virgins excluded — the survey indicates a 2/3 chance that any given MIT student would have
For the Love of Lube!

By Christine Yu and Lena Chen

Anyone who has ever taken basic Phys-
ics class, knows that friction is a reduction requirement at MIT. Can you tell that friction is the arch-nemesis of motion? Physical, mental, and emotional friction, and whenever bodies are in contact, a la inter-
course, there will be friction. Some friction is a good thing, too much can lead to painful consequences. When that happens, the result isn’t pleasant for either partner. Usually there’s a chain reaction: if a partner goes dry, the other partner goes soft. Many a virgin has been botched an attempt at losing their virginity because of too much fric-
tion.

Luckily, most women naturally lubricate during arousal. Even then, it can only go so far. The more adventurous, natural lubrication doesn’t do anything to help anal sex. At-
tempting anal for the first time without the use of synthetic, lube sounds equally as painful as natural childbirth. Lube isn’t just for anal sex, though. That’s why I committed to learn more about it.

For all the sexual health issues out there, lube isn’t usually considered necessary, or even a luxury, it’s a commodity. Condoms are usually the cheapest and consider that enough. With all of my previous random hookups, I can’t say that I’ve ever encountered a guy who kept a bottle of lube at hand. If I had, I would’ve run in terror. Thinking back on it, the first time I tried lube, I actually developed a rather nasty yeast infection, which was enough to keep me away from over a year.

The drugstore brands of lubricants are al-
most always water-based. The benefit is that water-based lube dries up afterwards and they don’t change the lubrication. However, that also means that it typically doesn’t last as long as a silicone-based product. For this reason, I’ve been skeptical about any internal sex. For those insistent on a druggist brand for anal usage, try water-basedAstroglide, but stay away from the warming version.

Those brave enough to venture into an “adult” store (or use the internet) will find that there are many more options. Silicone based lubricants not only last longer, but they are also more gentle. I either use baby wipes or towels. For this reason, silicone lube are much better for anal usage: the wetness still feels nat-
ural, and it lasts. Unfortunately, some of these lubricants can smell of burning rubber. Then there’s the problem of sex toys. Most sex toys are silicone, and silicone-based lube with silic-
cone toys lead to your favorite toys becoming a ruined gummy mess.

For those less interested about chemicals, there are also vegan and organic lubricants. When using lubricating lubes, one should consider the factors of dry-out, smell, and stickiness. No one wants to constantly reapply lube, just as no one wants to smell like rubber. With all these op-
tions out there, why not choose a product that’s easier to keep up with.

Lena: Empowered Products
Pink Silicone Lube, $15.99 for 3.3 oz

Lena: Empowered Products has two product lines. Pink for women and Gun Oil for men, which come in silicone-
and water-based varieties. The men’s line claims to have been inspired by a group of marines who based the for-
umula on the military-issue gun oil used to keep your pistol in operation. Operation Desert Storm. Upon scent and touch, this just seems like your standard, no-nonsense lubi-
cant, but long-term use, and there’s something there. It would be made to last. A dollop of the stuff, which has a just-
tickly smooth feel to it, stood up to the test of time.

Christopher: The love design for this line, and it’s, I think, one of the better-kept secrets in my experience. The line is generally pretty good when it comes to smell like burnt rubber. With all these opt-
imations with water. While it’s vegan friendly, that doesn’t excuse the taste of chocolate mixed with strawberries? I thought this would taste synthetic. Hathor Aphrodisia comes in an unscented, unflavored

The first syllable of this lubricant’s mon-
I’m giving KY a C-, but I am, after all, a Chris-
tine: I never tried silicone-based lube until Pjur. I’m not a fan of the formula’s Horny Goat Weed, an aphrodisiac, but the burning sen-
tory appointment. I don’t know if it was my scarred cervix (poor thing) or the need for constant reapplication. Pink, which has a good consistency. It’s not too thick, and it’s not too sticky. Unfortunately, after giving Lubricant Pure a few goes, I was

I don’t use condoms very often, and for the price, it’s a great value. While I still prefer my silicone lube (which lasts longer), I don’t mind using Astroglide. It actually evokes nostalgia, as it’s the lube that made me realize how much of a difference lube can actually make. There have been times during an extra long sex session that I will stop and reapply this, but for most of my sexual encounters, I’ve never had any issues.

It’s also easier to get, as it’s available at most

Pjur

Pjur Original Bodyglide, $14.00 for 1 oz

Pjur is a brand that’s been around for four years, but my experiences with anal are still rather limited, but I credit As-
troglide for being the only thing that kept me from Operation Desert Storm. Upon scent and touch, this just seems like your standard, no-nonsense lubricant, but long-term use, and there’s something there. It would be made to last. A dollop of the stuff, which has a just-
tickly smooth feel to it, stood up to the test of time.

Christopher: The love design for this line, and it’s, I think, one of the better-kept secrets in my experience. The line is generally pretty good when it comes to smell like burnt rubber. With all these optim-

Lena: I really wanted to like this one, and at first, 5. I was unimpressed. The flavor is a little too strong for my palate, and it’s rather nasty yeast infection, which was enough to keep me away from over a year.

Christopher: Whenever a lube claims to be flavored, my curiosity always gets the best of me. I’m not sure who came up with concept of flavored lube, but I really haven’t encountered anything that doesn’t taste synthetic. Hathor Aphrodisia comes in an unscented, unfavorable form, and then there’s Chocolate-Strawberry. Who doesn’t love the taste of chocolate mixed with strawberries? I thought this would work well, and I was right. The flavor was perfect.

At home in a mid-intercourse. My boyfriend described my insides as “rather warm” but given my overly sensitive nether regions, I don’t use it permanently. I bought it from the CVS checkout line at 16 with a bottle of KY. I’m pretty sure I still have it.

For the love of lube, I think it’s safer to keep a variety of options. Sugar-based lube, I think it’s safer to keep a variety of options. Sugar-based...
"I'm as big a fan of self-love as a newly sex-educated postgraduate, but sometimes a couple digits just won't do. That's when I reach for my favorite vibrator made by Fun Factory, a German sex toy company. Before I came across their nifty invention, I'd tried a lot of toys that left me feeling disappointed, so I resorted to mas- turbating without technological enhancements. Though it's cheaper and equally pleasurable (es- pecially if you're familiar with your own body and nimble with your fingers), masturbation alone can get boring and sex toys can add va- riety to the bedroom. Some women have a diffi- cult time reaching orgasm and can get closer to their goal with the aid of a toy. For me, finding an orgasm can be tricky. Out of all the toys I tested, Emotional Bliss also had the best speeds, but they're incredibly loud so discretion is next to impossible. One big plus: Since the batteries are rechargeable (so you can forget about replacing them), they'll be used in. Made of hyaluronic acid and phthalate-free ABS plastic, the Onye is aesthetically pleasing, but even if it weren't, it still comes in its own satin-lined case for discreet safekeeping. One big down side is that the button for the different speed and vibration modes is the same button that turns the toy on and off. No one likes being interrupted at key moments.

**DESIGN:** 

**EFFICACY:** 

LEN'A: The Onye, which comes in eight modes, is short, thick, and does the trick. As a 5” 2” gal often intimidated by the giant phallicus on display at adult store, I appreciate smaller vibrators which are more realistic about the size of the orifices they'll be used in. Made of hyaluronic acid and phthalate-free ABS plastic, the Onye is aesthetically pleasing, but even if it weren't, it still comes in its own satin-lined case for discreet safekeeping. One big downside is that the button for the different speed and vibration modes is the same button that turns the toy on and off. No one likes being interrupted at key moments.

**DESIGN:** 

**EFFICACY:** 

Womolia ($99.95) & Femblossom ($99.95) by Emotional Bliss 

CHRISTINE: Using silver ions as an antibacterial agent, Emotional Bliss's selling point is the almost self-cleaning nature of their personal massagers. To clean it, it's as simple as wiping it down with water. I don't know about others, but I find cleaning my sex toys to be such a hassle. So much so, I'm hesitant to use them when I'm on a time crunch, even though I could really use an orgasm to wind down. This makes these toys perfect for those who don't want to boil silicone after every usage. And, these self-cleaning massagers also contain an antibacterial agent that ster- 16 percent of MIT women have toys. However, this statistic is as low as 6 percent for the fe- males in the freshman class, whereas it shoots up to 26 percent for the females in the senior class. These numbers argue that sex toys become more prevalent as students go through their MIT career, and whether you're a virgin or one-half of a couple, you can integrate toys into your sex life and use them to get better acquainted with your (and your partner's) body and preferences. To protect your health and prolong the life of your product, keep in mind the following when purchasing and using: 

Care: 

- Cost: Good toys aren't cheap, but they don't have to be outrageously expensive either. All of the products reviewed below are well-known brands carried by reputable retailers like Ba- lend, which only sell quality toys. Though it might be hard to justify spending triple digits on a toy, you're really just paying for the product's quality. There's a huge difference between a $15 plastic dildo made in China and a $60 silicone one that comes with a warranty. If the price makes you wince, it's better to skip toys alto- gether. No vibe is preferable to a toxic vibe.

- Material: Silicone toys cost more, but they're hypoallergenic, easy to clean, and as close as you can get to the real thing. Rubber/bare and latex toys are less expensive but are also porous, which makes them difficult to disinfect, and may contain phthalates, a common rubber soft- ener which has been correlated with negative health consequences. Toys are also made out of hard materials like plastic, glass, and aluminum (used in Tantus' Revolve and JimmyJane's Little Chroma).

- Safety: Toys made of rubber, latex, or jelly are porous and harder to clean (see below) so I highly recommend using a condom with penetrative toys made of these materials. In general, however, condoms are a good idea because they act as a barrier against toys with materials that contain allergens (latex) or dangerous chemicals (phthalates). Condoms are an absolute necce- sity if you're sharing toys with a partner and if you're switching between vaginal and anal pen- etration. 

- Lubrication: As always, don't forget to lube up, especially if you don't get wet on your own. Remember to keep the silicone lube away from your silicone toys or you'll destroy the surface of the latter. Stick to the water-based stuff, which is safe for all materials, or use saliva when it's a pinch. Ditch it if it's better than nothing!

- Pro: To prolong their lifespan, don't put off cleaning your toys. Most toys will do fine with a warm water rinse accompanied by anti-bacterial soap, but rubber, latex, and jelly toys are more porous than silicone so they require extra rins- ing to get rid of excess soap. If you want to make sure your toys are squeaky clean, silicone and glass products without electrical parts can be boiled or run through a cycle in the dishwasher (stick them in the top shelf, though).

- This edition of Sex Ed focuses on products for women, but don't worry, boys. We'll be re- viewing unseen and couples toys in an upcoming installment. In the meantime, the boys can read a review of the Fleshlight by "Hand Solo."

By Christine Yu, Lena Chen, and “Hand Solo”
Revolve ($89.99) by Tantus

CHRISTINE: The Revolve didn't impress me, but I am not someone who has figured out how to give myself a G-spot orgasm. Plus, it's incredibly cold being aircraft aluminum. When I use it, I can't help but think of smart balls and Kegel exercises, which don't really get me off. I think that the Revolve is a afterthought for Tantus, kind of like how Brooks Brothers sold out of skinny woman's clothing — realizing they could make a profit by branching into an area they aren't nearly as good at. Tantus is known for high quality silicone sex toys, and the butt plug they sent is by far my favorite silicone butt plug. However, I prefer my butt plugs to be made of glass, as I prefer silicone lube for anal play. Nonetheless, for those interested in high quality silicone toys, Tantus uses medical grade silicone.

LENZA: Unlike the other toys in reviewed in this piece, the Revolve doesn't vibrate which, for me, means more work to get off. If you've mastered G-spot orgasms, however, the non-uniform curves make this toy your new best friend. The Alumina is made of a produced aluminum, a seemingly weightless material which initially feels cool until it warms to the temperature of your body. I'm the type of gal who insists on having sex with the covers on, not because of prudishness but because of sensitivity to cold. If you’re like me, run the Revolve under hot water first to warm it up. A bonus feature: It can also be unscREWed in the middle to be mixed and matched with parts from other toys in the Alumina line.

DESIGN: B

EFFICIENCY: B

FLUSH LIGHT: Sell motor replacements. Made of aluminum, it only has one real speed (arguably, one could not fully tighten it necessarily want my toys to be just like the real thing. Part of the fun of sex toys is that they’re a different experience.

Little Chroma ($125) by JimmyJane

CHRISTINE: The Little Chroma is what introduced me to sex toys, so obviously, my thoughts are biased. It is arguably the quietest toy on the market, but what really makes it special is the replaceable motor. It's depressing when a sex toy dies. With heavy usage, it's easy to kill one in six months, so instead of buying a whole new toy, JimmyJane does what more companies should: selling motor replacements. Made of aluminum, it only has one real speed (arguably, one could not fully tighten it when turning it on, giving a slower result), but even then, I don't think it limits the toy. I do wish it had more speeds. It also runs on 2AA batteries, which surprisingly allow it to last up to 16 hours. In my long term usage of the toy, I find this number to be about right, which means it outlasts some of my rechargeable toys. It’s better for clitoral use, but it’s not super curved shape would fit my body better. If you think vibe is one of my favs in terms of design and whis-

LENZA: Also made of aluminum, the Little Chroma is one of the more affordable options in Jimmy-Jane, a luxury sex toy company that is to vibrators what Tiffany’s is to jewelry. This is an especially apt comparison since Jimmy-Jane is well-known for manufacturing jewelled-encrusted toys adored by celebs like Kate Moss and Teri Hatcher. This little vibe is one of my favs in terms of design and wis-

DESIGN: A

EFFICIENCY: A-

FLESHLIGHT: The Fleshlight represents one of the few mainstream sex toys marketed towards men that aren’t interested in playing with their rear end. It was designed by a SWAT officer, the manifest of men, so: Guys, there’s no reason to be a scumbag and be afraid of owning a toy. The Fleshlight is a plastic container, vaguely approximating the appearance of a fleshlight, with a tectonic gel sleeve insert. And, in case it isn’t obvious, you insert your penis into the sleeve. The sleeve itself is very stretchy, and if anchored at both ends can serve as an impromptu slingshot. Although the container comes in different colors, its primarily point of customization is sleeve options.

A variety of options are available on their website (fleshlight.com), ranging from different “skin tones,” or-

DESIGN: C

EFFICIENCY: B

SaSi ($150.01) by Je Joue

CHRISTINE: The SaSi is not intuitively. However, for those willing to read an instruction manual, it can consistently give an orgasmic experience. Unlike other sex toys, the SaSi can be programmed with an individual’s favorite pattern to get off. It’s sup-

LENZA: Also made of aluminum, this one is one of the more affordable options in Jimmy-Jane, a luxury sex toy company that is to vibrators what Tiffany’s is to jewelry. This is an especially apt comparison since Jimmy-Jane is well-known for manufacturing jewelled-encrusted toys adored by celebs like Kate Moss and Teri Hatcher. This little vibe is one of my favs in terms of design and wis-

DESIGN: A

EFFICIENCY: A-

FLESHLIGHT: The Fleshlight represents one of the few mainstream sex toys marketed towards men that aren’t interested in playing with their rear end. It was designed by a SWAT officer, the manifest of men, so: Guys, there’s no reason to be a scumbag and be afraid of owning a toy. The Fleshlight is a plastic container, vaguely approximating the appearance of a fleshlight, with a tectonic gel sleeve insert. And, in case it isn’t obvious, you insert your penis into the sleeve. The sleeve itself is very stretchy, and if anchored at both ends can serve as an impromptu slingshot. Although the container comes in different colors, its primarily point of customization is sleeve options.

A variety of options are available on their website (fleshlight.com), ranging from different “skin tones,” or-

DESIGN: C

EFFICIENCY: B+
Benjamin J. Peters '11

Q: Have you ever had a crush on a TA? In which class?
A: I'm pretty sure with it.

Q: Have you ever had a crush on a TA? In which class?
A: I can't really say. I'm dating someone else now.

Q: What do you think is the general relationship style at MIT? Are people swingers or couple?
A: Polygamy.

Giulia M. Dula '11

Q: What qualities do you look for in a sexual partner?
A: He can't be an asshole.

Q: What has your sexual experience at MIT been like so far?
A: It's pretty busy here, but if they really want to find time, they can probably find it.

A: West campus and east campus are the same. East campus is just a little more vocal about it.

Anonymous

Q: What qualities do you look for in a sexual partner?
A: They have to be understanding.

Q: What have been your general experience at MIT regarding sex?
A: I kind of have a crush on my math professor, but he's married, so I'm not going to go there.

Kathy Tran '13

Q: How do you view the sex life of MIT students?
A: It could be better. I think guys should stop walking around saying that MIT girls lower their standards. If they want Wellesley girls they should just stay there.

Q: What do you like about girls at MIT?
A: Confidence, helpful, bygone.

Q: Tell us something about your girlfriend. What qualities do you like the most about her?
A: We've been going out for a year now. I've got a few friends here who are more around the bend, so that's what I hear about MIT.

Justin J. Cullen '12

Q: What do you think is the difference between west campus and east campus sex life?
A: I'm sure they have their fun, but just not as much fun as east campus. I love Senior House. I would say it's the best dorm regarding sex.

Q: Does MIT's sex life have better qualities than the 'real world'?
A: I've spent the past five years trying to figure out what my type was and I still have no idea.

Q: What kind of person do you look for as a sexual partner?
A: I've never had a crush on a TA? In which class?

Barry D. Bannon '10

Q: Have you ever had a crush on a TA? In which class?
A: I kind of have a crush on my math professor but he's married, so I'm not going to go there.

Q: What has your sexual experience at MIT been like so far?
A: They have to be careful because if you don't watch what you're doing you can end up like Bilbo: like butter scraped over bread.

Q: What do you think is the difference between west campus and east campus sex life?
A: It's pretty busy here, but if they really want to find time, they can probably find it.

Q: What is your general experience at MIT regarding sex?
A: I can't say. I'm dating someone else now.

Q: Have you ever had a crush on a TA? In which class?
A: A sense of humor is necessary. You need to be able to take a joke. Books are pretty important too.

Q: What do you think is the difference between west campus and fraternity sex life?
A: I'm sure they have their fun, but just not as much fun as east campus. I love Senior House. I would say it's the best dorm regarding sex.

Q: Does MIT's sex life have better qualities than the 'real world'?
A: I've spent the past five years trying to figure out what my type was and I still have no idea.

Q: What kind of person do you look for as a sexual partner?
A: I've never had a crush on a TA? In which class?

Giulia M. Dula '11

Q: What qualities do you look for in a sexual partner?
A: He can't be an asshole.

Q: How do you view the sex life of MIT students?
A: There are definitely parts of West Campus that I think are asexual. Like entire floors. I'm from Beverly, though, so that's not the case.

Anonymous

Q: What have been your general experience at MIT regarding sex?
A: I kind of have a crush on my math professor, but he's married, so I'm not going to go there.

Q: What has your sexual experience at MIT been like so far?
A: They have to be careful because if you don't watch what you're doing you can end up like Bilbo: like butter scraped over bread.

Q: What do you think is the difference between west campus and east campus sex life?
A: I'm sure they have their fun, but just not as much fun as east campus. I love Senior House. I would say it's the best dorm regarding sex.

Anonymous

Q: How do you view the sex life of MIT students?
A: A lot of work but I still try to make time. I definitely go on the weekends to parties. I'm Mexican, so I'm more into Mexican girls. I live in Spanish House, so it all works out. They come to me.

Q: What is your general experience at MIT regarding sex?
A: I can't say. I'm dating someone else now.

Q: What do you think is the difference between west campus and fraternity sex life?
A: I'm sure they have their fun, but just not as much fun as east campus. I love Senior House. I would say it's the best dorm regarding sex.

Q: Does MIT's sex life have better qualities than the 'real world'?
A: I've spent the past five years trying to figure out what my type was and I still have no idea.

Q: What kind of person do you look for as a sexual partner?
A: I've never had a crush on a TA? In which class?

A: I kind of have a crush on my math professor, but he's married, so I'm not going to go there.

Q: What has your sexual experience at MIT been like so far?
A: They have to be careful because if you don't watch what you're doing you can end up like Bilbo: like butter scraped over bread.

Q: What do you think is the difference between west campus and east campus sex life?
A: It's pretty busy here, but if they really want to find time, they can probably find it.

Q: What is your general experience at MIT regarding sex?
A: I can't say. I'm dating someone else now.
MIT Turkish Student Association presents...

Turkish Republic Day Reception

...music, dance and food

When: November 1st, 7pm
Where: Walker Memorial

Tickets are $8 online at tsa.mit.edu
$10 non-MIT

Sponsored by LEF/ARCADE
The Daily Blunderbuss by Ben Peters

Sudoku

Difficulty: Medium
Solution on page 26.

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.

Difficulty: Very Hard
Solution on page 24.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>8</th>
<th>7</th>
<th>4</th>
<th>9</th>
<th>5</th>
<th>1</th>
<th>2</th>
<th>3</th>
<th>2</th>
<th>5</th>
<th>3</th>
<th>4</th>
<th>6</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Hey, how's unified going?

This pet is taking forever. I probably won't sleep tonight.

That's okay. I just started it. We won't sleep together tonight.

Hah, yeah. Freaking unified.

Wait... what?

This year's annual Nerdist Colony Halloween Bash was lame as usual.

Imitation
The sincerest form of flattery.

Help Desk by Michael Benitez

Steal My Comic by Michael Ciuffo
Start Your Career in Accounting.

Northeastern’s MS in Accounting/MBA for non-accounting majors:
- Earn two degrees in just 15 months.
- Complete a 3-month paid residency at a leading accounting firm.
- Proven track record of 100% job placement.

Take the first step.
Visit us online or at an information session near you. Learn more about the program and upcoming events at www.msamba.neu.edu.

Solution to Hard Sudoku from page 22

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

Eating Disorder Treatment
Treatment of Adults Suffering from Anorexia and Bulimia Nervosa
Informed clinicians refer their clients to Laurel Hill Inn. LHI provides the most effective treatment and deploys the highest staff-to-client ratio in New England. We provide extensive programming in a highly structured and supervised non-institutional therapeutic setting. Evening, day, and residential treatment as well as weekly support groups in West Medford and West Somerville. Call Linda at 781-396-1116 or visit www.laurhillinn.com.

START-UPS
Consultants and CPAs to over 350 start-ups
- Business Formation and Plans
- CFO services
- Taxes
www.accountalent.com

DOE Gives $151 Mil. To Research Projects With Energy Focuses

Energy, from Page 1

say it’s a little early for them,” Wackett said.

“It’s not all worked out, but that’s the spirit of ARPA-E,” he said. “It’s not supposed to be things that are 90 percent worked out, but more what-if kinds of things.”

A second grant will go to a group led by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology that is trying to develop an all-liquid metal battery. It could smooth out the intermittent flow of power from sources like wind mills and solar cells, replacing sources that emit heat-trapping gases like coal, oil or gas. A third would finance research by United Technologies to use enzymes, which are essentially the digestive juices of living things, to capture carbon dioxide from the stacks of power plants. Existing systems can do the job but consume 30 percent of the power plant’s energy in the process. Crucial to the new strategy is using top-notch scientists to evaluate the projects, Chu said. He said that he had written this year to university presidents around the country and asked them to assign their “best and brightest” to the project, and that that 500 top scientists had responded. They sifted through 3,600 preliminary proposals and selected 300 to be developed into full proposals before choosing 37 to finance in the first round.

With only about one percent of the proposals receiving money, Chu said, Energy Department might decide to arrange a “fair” at which venture capitalists could size up some of the others.

The ARPA-E grants are part of a flurry of energy announcements by the Obama administration. In a speech on Tuesday in Arcadia, Fla., President Barack Obama plans to discuss $3.4 billion in spending from the stimulus package to improve the nation’s largest solar panel arrays, others.

To Research Projects With Energy Focuses

A corporate proposal and selected 300 to

DOE Gives $151 Mil. To Research Projects With Energy Focuses

Energy, from Page 1

say it’s a little early for them,” Wackett said.

“It’s not all worked out, but that’s the spirit of ARPA-E,” he said. “It’s not supposed to be things that are 90 percent worked out, but more what-if kinds of things.”

A second grant will go to a group led by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology that is trying to develop an all-liquid metal battery. It could smooth out the intermittent flow of power from sources like wind mills and solar cells, replacing sources that emit heat-trapping gases like coal, oil or gas. A third would finance research by United Technologies to use enzymes, which are essentially the digestive juices of living things, to capture carbon dioxide from the stacks of power plants. Existing systems can do the job but consume 30 percent of the power plant’s energy in the process. Crucial to the new strategy is using top-notch scientists to evaluate the projects, Chu said. He said that he had written this year to university presidents around the country and asked them to assign their “best and brightest” to the project, and that that 500 top scientists had responded. They sifted through 3,600 preliminary proposals and selected 300 to be developed into full proposals before choosing 37 to finance in the first round.

With only about one percent of the proposals receiving money, Chu said, Energy Department might decide to arrange a “fair” at which venture capitalists could size up some of the others.

The ARPA-E grants are part of a flurry of energy announcements by the Obama administration. In a speech on Tuesday in Arcadia, Fla., President Barack Obama plans to discuss $3.4 billion in spending from the stimulus package to improve the nation’s largest solar panel arrays, others.

To Research Projects With Energy Focuses

A corporate proposal and selected 300 to

DOE Gives $151 Mil. To Research Projects With Energy Focuses

Energy, from Page 1

say it’s a little early for them,” Wackett said.

“It’s not all worked out, but that’s the spirit of ARPA-E,” he said. “It’s not supposed to be things that are 90 percent worked out, but more what-if kinds of things.”

A second grant will go to a group led by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology that is trying to develop an all-liquid metal battery. It could smooth out the intermittent flow of power from sources like wind mills and solar cells, replacing sources that emit heat-trapping gases like coal, oil or gas. A third would finance research by United Technologies to use enzymes, which are essentially the digestive juices of living things, to capture carbon dioxide from the stacks of power plants. Existing systems can do the job but consume 30 percent of the power plant’s energy in the process. Crucial to the new strategy is using top-notch scientists to evaluate the projects, Chu said. He said that he had written this year to university presidents around the country and asked them to assign their “best and brightest” to the project, and that that 500 top scientists had responded. They sifted through 3,600 preliminary proposals and selected 300 to be developed into full proposals before choosing 37 to finance in the first round.

With only about one percent of the proposals receiving money, Chu said, Energy Department might decide to arrange a “fair” at which venture capitalists could size up some of the others.

The ARPA-E grants are part of a flurry of energy announcements by the Obama administration. In a speech on Tuesday in Arcadia, Fla., President Barack Obama plans to discuss $3.4 billion in spending from the stimulus package to improve the nation’s largest solar panel arrays, others.

To Research Projects With Energy Focuses

A corporate proposal and selected 300 to

DOE Gives $151 Mil. To Research Projects With Energy Focuses

Energy, from Page 1

say it’s a little early for them,” Wackett said.

“It’s not all worked out, but that’s the spirit of ARPA-E,” he said. “It’s not supposed to be things that are 90 percent worked out, but more what-if kinds of things.”

A second grant will go to a group led by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology that is trying to develop an all-liquid metal battery. It could smooth out the intermittent flow of power from sources like wind mills and solar cells, replacing sources that emit heat-trapping gases like coal, oil or gas. A third would finance research by United Technologies to use enzymes, which are essentially the digestive juices of living things, to capture carbon dioxide from the stacks of power plants. Existing systems can do the job but consume 30 percent of the power plant’s energy in the process. Crucial to the new strategy is using top-notch scientists to evaluate the projects, Chu said. He said that he had written this year to university presidents around the country and asked them to assign their “best and brightest” to the project, and that that 500 top scientists had responded. They sifted through 3,600 preliminary proposals and selected 300 to be developed into full proposals before choosing 37 to finance in the first round.

With only about one percent of the proposals receiving money, Chu said, Energy Department might decide to arrange a “fair” at which venture capitalists could size up some of the others.

The ARPA-E grants are part of a flurry of energy announcements by the Obama administration. In a speech on Tuesday in Arcadia, Fla., President Barack Obama plans to discuss $3.4 billion in spending from the stimulus package to improve the nation’s largest solar panel arrays, others.

To Research Projects With Energy Focuses

A corporate proposal and selected 300 to
wrestler Joseph B. Silverman ’10 said that the lack of prestige and competition was one of the main problems he had with participating at club level: “Wrestling is a sport of goals.” said Silverman. “You make high goals, and you want to beat those goals.”

The evaluation of the wrestling team’s viability was based on several factors, including membership and winning record. Some members of the team said that the system enforced by the administration did not accurately reflect the way wrestling is run.

Co-captain Grant Kadokura ’11 said that he did not fully understand the issues around the administration’s decision to cut varsity wrestling. He said, “Up until recently, we thought there was a considerable chance of becoming a varsity team.”

In an attempt to help the wrestling team regain varsity status, alumni of the team organized to raise $1.6 million to directly fund the program. Loren Dessonville ’75, who co-captained the team and appeared at nationals twice when he was a student, spearheaded the fundraising effort. He helped organize a group of approximately 70 alumni to raise funds for the program, and donors ranged over multiple classes, some dating back to the MIT class of 1953.

“I have more vivid memories of wrestling than 3.091,” said Dessonville. Despite the fundraising efforts, the administration denied to reinstate the varsity wrestling team.

Although the team did not fare well at dual meets last year, some members were successful enough to appear at the NCAA National Tournament and receive All-American awards. Last year, both Glen J. Geesman ’10 and Silverman were named to the Pilgrim League Scholar-Athlete All-Star Team.

Some members of the wrestling team describe the sport as central to their MIT experience: Kadokura said he thought wrestling had improved his work ethic, character, and academic performance in school. Silverman said that he used wrestling as an outlet from academics: “MIT is a different school,” said Silverman, “you really need that outlet, that thing that you love. I really think if it wasn’t for wrestling, I would have gone somewhere else.”

The money raised by the alumni will go partially towards making the club as strong as possible for the time being. By presenting a strong club, the team hopes to show their viability so that the decision of the administration may be someday appealed.

**MIT Alumni Wrestlers Organized To Try To Save Wrestling Team**

**Curtin Was Warm and Energetic as a Student, Friend, & Researcher**

Curtin, from Page 1

young scientist “Take somebody with that strong work ethic, raw smarts, and meticulous attention to detail, and you had one powerful researcher,” said Nocera.

A group of colleagues wrote in an essay remembering Curtin, “He always seemed genuinely happy to be doing his work, whether it was cleaning dirty dishes, writing and grading homework problems, or if he had to ‘run a quick NMR’ he was always on the move.”

Curtin’s energy and enthusiasm did not stop outside the lab: “If we ever needed another guy for basketball he would drop what he was doing, play with us, come back and finish his work late, and was always the fastest one on the court.”

Fellow graduate student Emily McLaurin remembers, “Pete was an all around great guy. He was always smiling and pleasant.”

Nocera also said, “I never got a sense of anything negative from him. He only saw the good in people, ignored the bad, and capitalized on the good in terms of what he valued.”

Nocera said that, most of all, he will remember Curtin’s smile.

**EECS MISTI International**

International Internship Opportunities for EECS Undergraduate Students

**Thank you M.I.T.**

Bose Corporation was founded and built by M.I.T. people. Our success in research and in business is a result, in no small part, of what M.I.T. has done for us. As one measure of our appreciation, we are extending special purchase privileges to all students and employees of M.I.T. for their personal use.

Join us for an information session to learn about Bank of America Merrill Lynch opportunities within:

Global Banking and Markets

Where: November 5th
Where: Room 1-190
Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Bank of America
Merrill Lynch

Solution to Crossword from page 23

Solution to Medium Sudoku from page 22

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

This space donated by The Tech

Cafe 47
11am - 11pm DAILY

PIZZA
Slice ........ Small ....... Large
Three Cheese ................................................... 2.50 ......... 7 ....... 13
mozzarella, cheddar & parmesan
Pepperoni ..................................................... 2.75 ......... 7.50 .... 13.50
three cheese & pepperoni
Buffalo Chicken ................................................ 8 ........ 14
mozzarella and buffalo chicken with a side of blue cheese
BBQ Chicken .................................................. 8 ........ 14
grizled chicken with carmelized onions & bbq sauce
Grilled Chicken Pesto ...................................... 8 ........ 14
mozzarella, cheddar, parmesan & fresh tomatoes
Spicy Sausage ................................................ 8 ........ 14
sauteed mushrooms & carmelized onions
Vegetarian ....................................................... 8 ........ 14
roasted red peppers, mushrooms, broccoli & artichoke hearts
Prosciutto, Pear & Gorgonzola ................................ 8 ........ 14
three cheese & poached pear
Margherita ...................................................... 8 ........ 14
fresh mozzarella & basil
Spinach & Bacon ............................................. 8 ........ 14
sauteed spinach, bacon & tomatoes
Special Pizza of the Day .................................. 7.50 .... 13.50

Take Out LUNCH & DINNER Only

15% off coupon

Full menu available at www.cafe47.net

*Present coupon at time of purchase. Coupon expires 12/1/09.

47 Massachusetts Ave. • 617.536.1577
Initiative Hopes to Make Leaders Out of Engineers

Gordon, from Page 1

novative products amid time and budget constraints.

"There’s this pervasive attitude that we’re engineers, we build stuff. We don’t need all that silly management training," said Tanya Goldhaber, a senior mechanical engineering major who was initially skeptical but says the program boosted her social confidence and widened her career aspirations.

"A lot of MIT graduates go out into the real world and fall on their faces because they don’t know how to work with people," Goldhaber said. "They expect their bosses to be impressed by their creativity, but they don’t deliver the goods." 

"The initiative, launched last year with a $20 million gift from 1948 alumnus and technology entrepreneur Bernard M. Gordon, signifies a return to MIT’s roots. The school was founded 148 years ago to promote education for practical application, its motto, "Mens et Manus," means mind and hand.

Gordon and some professors believe it has become necessary to refocus the engineering curriculum away from the practice of engineering and toward scientific theory and creativity, but they don’t rise to influence their organizations in a larger way," said Ed-don, who has seeded similar initiatives in Northeastern universities.

"The creation of wealth is caused by producing new devices," Gordon said. "If you’re leading a team and something goes wrong, it’s not the team’s fault." In the real world, poor communications can lead to engineering disasters, she said, citing space shuttle crashes and bridge-and-tunnel collapses as examples. 

Goldhaber put her newfound leadership skills to use last summer as an intern at British Telecom. She developed an idea for a technological device, on which she is not allowed to elaborate, that she wanted to pitch to the chief executive officer. One night at a dinner reception in London, she cornered him on his way out the door and gave him an elevator pitch. (She later heard from managers that he liked the idea.) "I literally thought two years ago that I’d be an engineer sitting in a cubicle cranking out equations for the rest of my life," Goldhaber said. "Now I’ve discovered that I’m good at people as well as machines, and I never would have had the gumption to explore that without this program."
MIT Women’s Volleyball Clinches NEWMAC Regular-Season Title

By Paul Dill

MIT clinched its 3rd NEWMAC regular-season title in five years by defeating Wellesley College 3-1 (25-2, 22-25, 25-21, 25-23) on Tuesday night. With the win, the Engineers pushed their conference record to 8-0, while lifting their overall record to 24-7. Wellesley fell to 5-2 in the NEWMAC, 18-9 overall.

In the opening set, the teams battled to a 16-10 tie before a kill from Alexandra T. May ’10 sparked a 9-3 run for the visitors. The Blue trimmed the lead to 23-20, but got no closer as MIT closed out the set 25-20.

Wellesley rebounded in game two, jumping out to a 5-1 lead. MIT fought back, cutting the lead to one point on six occasions, but the Blue maintained the lead throughout the set for the 23-22 win and evened the match at one game each.

MIT took a 5-1 lead to open the third set, but Wellesley tied the score at 8-8. The Engineers regained an advantage with a four-point serving run from Anna D. Dikina ’11, with the help of two kills from Kelly E. Schulte ’12. Wellesley capitalized on three Engineer errors and knotted the score at 12-12. After trading side outs to 17-17, MIT grabbed the lead for good, courtesy of two stuff blocks from Schulte and Cecily L. Joujon-Roche ’12 and one stuff block from Schulte and Jenny Li ’11 to spark a 25-21 win.

The Engineers grabbed an early 7-4 lead in game four, capped off by a kill from Barden E. Cleeland ’10. Wellesley cut the lead to 11-9, but the Engineers replied with a 7-1 run that included three more kills from Cleeland. Wellesley bounced back with a five-point serving run trimming the lead to 17-16. MIT broke away again, rebuilding its lead to 21-17. Wellesley charged again, but fell short, dropping the fourth and deciding set 25-23.

MIT was led by May with 11 kills and 9 digs while Li added nine kills. Cleeland and Joujon-Roche each recorded eight kills for the visitors while Katie Speiebauer ’13 led all players with 15 digs. Also for MIT, Alyssa L. Rothman ’13 dished out 40 assists, Joujon-Roche and Schulte tallied five blocks, respectively.

The Engineers return to action on Saturday, October 31, when they host Mount Holyoke at 1 p.m. in Rockwell Cage in their final regular season match. Also, by earning the top seed in the conference tournament this coming week (Tuesday, November 3 at 7 p.m., Friday, November 6 at 5 p.m., Saturday, November 7 at 4 p.m., Steinbrenner Stadium — Paul Blascovich, DaPerc Staff)

Hansen, Vishnevetsky Earn NEWMAC Postseason Honors

The New England Women’s and Men’s Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) announced its 2009 Women’s Tennis postseason awards on Tuesday. MIT gathered three Second-Team awards.

Leslie A. Hansen ’10 closed out her Fall career with a Second-Team nod at No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles, adding to her lengthy list of awards. The 2006 Rookie of the Year and two-time All-League Team honoree for her contributions to the MIT women’s soccer program. Playing their final regular-season game on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 evening. The Engineers took an early lead and held on for the 2-0 victory in the final match of the NEWMAC regular season.

Prior to the game, the three seniors were recognized for their contributions to the MIT women’s soccer program. Their final regular-season game. Jean E. “Liz” Theurer ’10, Erika C. Granger ’10 and co-captain Kathryn A. Pesce ’10 were honored for becoming the first Engineers to hold winning NEWMAC records in all four years.

In the seventh minute, Therer scored off a pass from Clare DeRosa, maneuvering past the two defenders to put away her ninth goal of the season. In the 21st minute, Connie Y. Park ’13’s corner kick into the middle of the penalty area found the foot of Alisha D. Lussiez ’12, who put the Engineers up 2-0 before the half. Neither team would score in the second half.

Goalie Meghan S. Wright ’13 was perfect in net, stopping all five shots on goal and recording her third shutout of the season. The Engineers’ next match will be against WPI in the NEWMAC Championship, at 1 p.m. at home.

—Mindy Brouer, DaPerc Staff

Field Hockey Closes Regular Season with Overtime Win

MIT Field hockey wrapped up their regular season with a 1-0 overtime victory over Clark University on Tuesday, improving to 14-4 and clinching the number two seed in the upcoming NEWMAC Tournament.

Lia R. DiGiovanna ‘11 scored the lone goal in a match-up that featured three of the leading scorers in the conference. Although MIT held advantages in both shots on goal and penalty corners, the game remained scoreless until the 78th minute. Katherine Lauber ’12 made the assist on the goal.

The Engineers rebounded in the seventh minute of the second half. The Engineer defense shut down Clark’s offense behind goalie Keri A. Dixon ’11, who made three saves.

MIT will face Babson College in the first round of the NEWMAC tournament on Saturday.

—David Zhu, Sports Editor

Women’s Soccer Wins 2-0 Over Clark

MIT women’s soccer took on Clark University on a soggy Tuesday evening. The Engineers took an early lead and held on for the 2-0 victory in the final match of the NEWMAC regular season.

Prior to the game, the three seniors were recognized for their contributions to the MIT women’s soccer program. Playing their final regular-season game on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 evening. The Engineers took an early lead and held on for the 2-0 victory in the final match of the NEWMAC regular season.

Prior to the game, the three seniors were recognized for their contributions to the MIT women’s soccer program. Playing their final regular-season game on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 evening. The Engineers took an early lead and held on for the 2-0 victory in the final match of the NEWMAC regular season.