

# In wake of theft, security revamped

## Lockout keys pulled, multiple desk workers during dining hours

By Jessica J. Pourian  
NEWS EDITOR

Dormitory desk workers around campus have been urged to be vigilant about security in wake of a theft at Baker House late last month. With desks as the first defense against intruders, many dorms have recently rolled out new policies and been more strict about basic desk policies. Sign-in sheets and guest lists have been emphasized, and two desk workers have been posted during dining hours in dining dorms. Spare room keys have been pulled from behind the desks of several dorms and that policy will likely be applied to all dormitories soon, according to MIT's office for residential life.

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Information on desk policies across campus

"We've been receiving emails to be more vigilant, to make sure every visitor signs in," said Miriam E. Zachau Walker '13, a worker at Next House desk.

On Oct. 27, a freshman studying in the fifth floor lounge of Baker was approached from behind and felt an object stuck in his back. The student surrendered his laptop and the suspect fled. No weapon was identified.

### Dining-related changes

As a response to the theft, there are now two desk workers posted at each dining dorm during peak dinner hours from 5-8:30 p.m. One worker is to take care of regular desk business such as mail, packages, and lockouts, while the other watches the door and greets dining guests.

Any MIT student on a meal plan can access dining dorms during dining hours. This high volume of visitors makes it "more difficult for desk workers," said Walker — the constant flow of people makes it hard to distinguish between residents and nonresidents.

With a second desk worker manning the front desk during dining hours, "all guests are appropriately greeted during peak dining hours,"

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A statue of John Harvard overlooks the Occupy Harvard movement on a wet Wednesday afternoon. The protest group has raised concerns over a wide set of issues at Harvard, from alleged questionable investment practices to unfair contracts for employees of the university.



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The front desk at McCormick Hall is now enforcing a stricter sign-in policy for guests since the robbery at Baker House three weeks ago. Other dormitories are also implementing increased security measures in response to the theft.

## Is this your new government?

Every once in a while, the Undergraduate Association decides to revamp its structure. Since late last semester, the UA has been mulling a new form of student government — one that abolishes the Senate and replaces it with a Council of dormitory and FSILG presidents.

Last weekend, the UA released draft documents outlining the details of a potential new governing structure. The

draft UA constitution and bylaws went to debate at Senate on Monday, but no decision has yet been made.

To evaluate the merits of a potential new government yourself, *The Tech* has published the proposed constitution on pages 14 and 15, and the proposed bylaws on page 12. The UA has welcomed feedback on their proposals from undergraduate constituents — just email [ua-structure@mit.edu](mailto:ua-structure@mit.edu).

## IN SHORT

**Drop date**, the last day to drop a troublesome class, is coming up next Wednesday, Nov. 23. Drop forms require the signature of your academic advisor.

**David H. Staelin '60, SM '61, ScD '65, a Course 6 professor, died on Nov. 10** of cancer. A memorial service will be held on December 3.

**Fictional alumni from MIT and Cornell are competing** in an online face-off. Learn more at <http://mitcornellfaceoff.wordpress.com/>.

**Wolfe B. Styke G has settled his lawsuit** against MIT; the suit was dismissed on Nov. 7. Styke was suing MIT for \$50,000 because he was stabbed seven times in his Next House dormitory in 2007 by then-Wellesley student Anna L. Tang, who was granted access by an MIT security guard.

**MIT is breaking ground on a new research facility for Pfizer on Monday at 10 a.m.** The building will house their Cardiovascular, Metabolic, and Endocrine Diseases and neuroscience units.

**Remember Aaron Swartz?** See page 11 for an update.

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# Locks impending for Student Center

## Card-access doors overnight for W20, precise times still undecided

By Jesse Kirkpatrick

The Campus Activities Complex (CAC) plans to replace the nearly 25-year-old front doors of the Student Center with new doors equipped with locks and card readers.

"The doors on the building are quite old," said Phillip J. Walsh, director of the CAC. "They don't close properly, they don't seal, they don't really keep in the heat in the winter and the cooling in the summer."

Two of the five new doors will also have card readers installed, which will allow only MIT cardholders access to the Student Center during the late hours of the night. The CAC Advisory Board, which consists of about 15 repre-

sentatives from different student governments and groups, has been charged with setting the nighttime locking hours for the Student Center. According to Geoffrey G. Thomas, a graduate student on the Advisory Board, the CAC is looking to lock the Student Center after all events have ended for the night, and reopen in the morning before business hours.

According to Thomas, concern for student safety is "one of the bigger reasons that they want to do this."

"We regularly have an issue, I guess you could say, with transients and folks that come into the building because it's so open," said Walsh. "This would be a way to try to address that."

Aleksandar F. Radovic-Moreno, an MIT graduate student, said that he's seen people "that definitely don't look like students hanging around for several hours at a time."

According to MIT police logs dated between Sept. 26 and Oct. 18 of this year, campus police responded to four separate incidents in which homeless subjects were issued trespass warnings after being found asleep in the Student Center. On Sept. 29 at 4:12 a.m., two homeless people were found asleep in the Student Center. Both were given trespass warnings. Again, on Oct. 1 at 5:40 a.m., two homeless people were issued trespass warnings.

The locks on the Student Center should only serve to deter non-MIT

cardholders from accessing the Student Center late at night, and Thomas expects them to have no impact on MIT affiliates.

"I don't see any downside to it," added Radovic-Moreno. "I carry around my ID card at all times ... so I don't see how that would impact me negatively in any way."

The CAC has already put in an order for the doors, and facilities is waiting on sufficient funding to go through with the project.

"Right now we're waiting for verification that the doors have been ordered," said Walsh. "This is a fairly expensive project, so it has to come out of facility budgets."

The CAC hopes to install the doors by the beginning of spring term.

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## GUEST COLUMN

# Two sides to every campus

## Don't let unhappy MIT students fall through the cracks

By Stephen Tsai

*Editor's Note: The following was sent as an open letter to Chancellor Eric Grimson and Alan E. Siegel, MIT's chief of mental health services.*

I was very disturbed to read about the recent suicides at MIT. Surprisingly, I found myself angry upon reading that the bodies were not found for a few days (in the case of Nicolas E. Del Castillo '14) and for almost a week (in the case of Satto Tonegawa '15). Why did it take so long for these bodies to be found?

In the Nov. 9 issue of *The Boston Globe*, I grew incensed upon reading Chancellor Eric Grimson PhD '80 describe MIT as "not a hypercompetitive, cold place ... students tell me they are delighted by how friendly it is now."

I'm sure, Chancellor Grimson, that you certainly have heard from undergraduates who are "delighted" by MIT. I am writing to provide a voice for people who are not in the least delighted by MIT — who in fact find it to be frigidly cold, are repressed beyond belief, overworked, stressed, and feel incredibly alone.

It is precisely people like me whose voices are not heard. There are potentially students who are too depressed to reach out, to go seek out Chancellor Grimson to tell him "how we feel." To generalize MIT as a "friendly" place where students are "delighted" is only to further perpetuate ideas that will lead to the continuation of (what in my mind is) a cold, unsupportive community, and one that provides an environment that is ripe for more students to slip through the cracks.

Just to be clear, I do not believe that the community is intentionally unsupportive. I think that most everyone at MIT is busy with research or other work, and it can be very hard to find time even to sleep, much less to reach out to another person. And I don't want to be the one to generalize MIT

as "all bad" — there are certainly people who care and even a small number that reach out — but I think as a whole, it could be greatly improved. I went through MIT feeling like hardly any of the professors or staff members cared about how I was doing as an undergraduate (a very select few did, and I am very grateful). I often ate lunch alone, thought about transferring constantly, and got so depressed that I had to take a semester off from school.

Yes, part of my solitude has to do with my own personality. But because of the nature of the student that MIT attracts — intense, driven, hard-working — I believe there is a (perhaps large) subset of students at MIT that is particularly ripe for feeling inadequate and alone.

And I know that I am not the only one who feels this way. A grad student that I recently spoke to compared MIT to being in a deep dark pit, where you are screaming and no one can hear you.

A classmate of mine had a perfect 5.0 grade point average, and still thought that none of his professors knew his name.

A friend once called me to say that he/she felt so alone and was walking towards a bridge and felt like he/she couldn't do anything about it.

It is my hope that members of the MIT community will continue to reach out to each other as Allan E. Miramonti '13 (Undergraduate Association President) says they have been doing and that the MIT administration will do what it can to foster a sense of community among all its members, even the ones who appear to be anti-social. Everyone in the MIT community is busy — but it can really change someone's day to not feel so alone. I also strongly hope that students will reach out to Student Support Services or MIT Mental Health if they are having issues, and that mental health services will become less stigmatized. Both Student Support Services and MIT Mental Health are good resources.

I hope that the administration will also consider substantive changes to its freshman advising program and its "GRT residential system." It is my opinion that many MIT professors are very focused on their own research, and some don't have a firm understanding of undergraduate life at MIT. It would be great if the administration could find professors and staff that actually care about the well-being of their students. And if, as I suspect, there are not enough professors/staff members who actually care, I think that would be very telling of undergraduate academic life at MIT. I hope that the administration will encourage their faculty to care more about undergraduate life.

Further, I think that the "GRT residential system" should be adjusted. I don't think my own freshman year GRTs even knew my name — they saw it as a path to free room and board. I think that graduate students should be replaced by a combination of graduate students and upperclassmen who both care about students and understand (or strongly wish to understand) MIT undergraduate life.

There are good things about the social life at MIT — I agree with Chancellor Grimson that students aren't competitive, and many MIT students are kind people who are interested in learning. But I hope the administration will increase efforts to foster a sense of campus-wide community.

I am glad that MIT is "[re-examining] campus efforts." There are students who just do not feel well enough to reach out for help, and it is my hope that more efforts will be made to hear these students' voices. As long as undergraduate residential life stays the way it is, there will be students like myself who find the MIT community to be cold, and we shouldn't continue to be in shock when students kill themselves.

*Stephen Tsai graduated in 2011 majoring in Course 17.*

## GUEST COLUMN

# Response from the Chancellor

By Eric Grimson

I am writing in response to Stephen Tsai's letter. Stephen has given me a fresh understanding of what pain and loneliness can feel like on our campus, and the accounts he gives of his and others' experiences and feelings will remain with me as I lead efforts to review our support services and the ways we make them available to community members. Stephen, thank you.

In particular, I am struck by Stephen's assertion that all of us must bear in mind that the very people who most need help often feel the least well connected to the community. It is up to all of us to reach out to those who might need us, and to offer help. That is the very essence of community.

As Stephen says, we need to make sure that we're making MIT as welcoming and supportive as possible. The good news is that we have significant recent improve-

ments on which we can build. The most recent Senior Survey shows that students' satisfaction with their MIT experience has grown from a "satisfied to dissatisfied" ratio of 6.9 in 2002 to one of 22.5 in 2010.

This data agrees with what I have observed personally. When I meet with random groups of students, I often ask what they have found most surprising about their experience at MIT. By far the most common answer is a variant of "MIT is much friendlier than I expected; people collaborate, there are people with similar interests to mine." I believe it reflects a change in the sense of community on campus.

I know that not everyone may feel this way. While the Senior Survey shows a marked improvement in students' sense of community, from a "satisfied to dissatisfied" ratio from 0.8 in 2002 to 9.3 in 2010, we must be committed to work on continuing to improve.

As I recently announced, we will be examining all student support mechanisms at MIT — as well as how we can make them more visible to students — and I invite suggestions from the community. It is vital that we all continue talking.

These are complex issues, and we know that students have a wide set of interests, of personalities, of backgrounds. But we can recognize those differences while building stronger connections within our community, so that all members feel included. I hope we will join in strengthening our MIT community: by reaching out to peers, colleagues, friends, and mentors to renew our sense of connection; by taking advantage of MIT resources like those Stephen noted for help in dealing with the emotional challenges brought on by recent events; and by reflecting on our goals and aspirations, individually and together.

*Eric Grimson PhD '80 is the chancellor of MIT.*

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## MOVIE REVIEW

## Going the distance — or not?

Coming-of-age story *Like Crazy* explores a relationship thrown into dizzying circumstancesBy Maggie Liu  
STAFF WRITER

*Like Crazy* is perhaps one of the most ill-fitting titles for a film. When I first heard of the movie, I cringed a little inside and vowed that I'd box that title away into a corner of my mind and hopefully never touch it again. The title, coupled with the two young leading actors and a been-there-done-that long-distance sob story, seemed to reek of adolescent angst. Dubiously eyeing Yelchin's peach fuzz, I scoffed

and thought to myself, *What would this high school movie know about love?*

After being roped into watching it at Kendall Square Cinema and almost bawling my eyes out towards the last one-third of the movie, I guess they knew quite a lot. The subject of the film is simple but so dear and familiar it is almost comforting. Long-distance relationships — or rather, the slow and painfully tender deterioration of a long-distance relationship.

The notion of mad love, or *amour fou* is not novel. The French coined the term,

attempting to find a fitting name for illogical passionate love. The love described in *Like Crazy* is, however, not that sort of love. Sure, the beginning of the relationship is rose-tinted but cloying and sweet at best, a far cry from the illogical and passionate myths of the past. What is mad, and crazy, are the circumstances into which they are thrown. British visiting student Anna (Jones) meets an American boy Jacob (Yelchin), falls in love, overstays her visa, then becomes barred from the United States by the nasty immigration police. The rest of the film follows them over the passage of the next few years as they struggle with being apart and living their separate lives while still attempting to be connected.

What is so powerful about the film is the gritty realism of it all. Yes, the situation may not seem dramatic or earth-shattering, but it's very tangible. The focus of the film is the disintegration of the relationship as the main duo have to overcome trust issues, work pressures, and the distance of thousands of miles. The whole film was shot with a handheld digital — a Canon EOS 7D DSLR — which adds to the realistic effect. The soundtrack usually consists of instrumentals with sparse or barely heard lyrics and the shots mostly focus on expressions, eyes, and faces. The many scenes of pedestrian imagery and tracking of movement pay homage to the French New Wave.

Despite the youthful casting — Yelchin is an '89er and surprisingly, Jones is actually an '83er — this film is not light-hearted Friday night fare. It's a coming-of-age



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Anton Yelchin and Felicity Jones play star-crossed lovers Jacob and Anna in *Like Crazy*.

★★★★☆

## Like Crazy

Directed by Drake Doremus

Starring Anton Yelchin, Felicity Jones, and Jennifer Lawrence

Rated PG-13

Now Playing

story blended with drama, the heartbreaking reality of time, and the lessons of time on people. There is no glamorization of young romance but rather the hard truths and raw emotions. Both Yelchin and Jones interact marvelously together from tender bedside scenes to shouting matches in the kitchen. The director, Doremus, revealed later in an interview that many dialogues were improvised: while the scenes were scripted to be shot a certain way, the two main leads had freedom with bringing the scenes alive.

The film is heavy on the heart but not altogether depressing. Although while leaving the theater, I spied many a couple who were probably expecting a melodramatic romantic comedy, I would suggest avoiding watching the film with a significant other, especially if long-distance status is in the near future. The film may be too realistic for comfort.

## CONCERT REVIEW

## New talent, stale rhymes

Wale performs at Paradise Rock Club to promote latest album, *Ambition*By Jeff Z. Chen  
STAFF WRITER

I've been meaning to see Wale for a long time. As an immensely talented, aspiring rapper from the D.C. area myself, it means a lot to see a native from the tri-county blow up the way that Wale has. Now, our average young, rapless MIT reader should understand: for such a big city, D.C. is quite a different beast than a place like New York or Los Angeles. Sure there's still plenty of hood projects, drug corners, crime and poverty to talk about. But on a day-to-day basis, people worry more about the temperature of their Chinese food and lines at the DMV than getting a bullet in the head or their mild but burgeoning crack addictions. After all, D.C. is the nation's capital, surrounded by modest but serene suburbia on all sides. The most I've ever feared for my life in my 12 years of residency was the summer I interned at the Naval Research Lab and had to take a metrobus through Anacostia — I did crossword puzzles.

Wale understands this. His mixtapes are themed after *Seinfeld*, *Back to the Future* — one is even called *Live from the DMV*. His subject matter is generally trite (e.g., relationships, making it big, go-go music), but his lyrics are astoundingly clever. Just listen to "Ambitious Girl" and try to keep your head up while swimming in his puns. But regardless of what flak he's gotten for his failed album with Interscope Records, and his new partnership with Maybach Music Group (MMG), he remains an interesting and alternative figure in the hip-hop community. So when he returned to Boston on Oct. 31 for Karmaloop Presents: Wal-O-Ween, I had to be there.

Paradise Rock Club is a markedly weird place to throw a rap concert. As far as music is concerned, PRC typically brings in a good host of indie hipster fare, but they also have a history of switching it up from time

to time with alternative hip-hop groups like Jedi mind tricks, Lupe Fiasco, or Atmosphere. Wale, or at least, the MMG, Rick Ross-led version of Wale, doesn't really fit in either category (Rick Ross's beard has a better chance of fitting into the latter crowd). So: ready for the most shocking thing of the night? White people.

**Race and area codes are being phased out of music fanbases, replaced by YouTube views and retweets.**

There were a lot of them. Mostly in baggy T-shirts and fitted caps with a big red "B" on the front. But they were there, side by side with pretty much everyone else you could imagine. Honestly, I was amused, but more than that I was excited. For a crowd this diverse to show up at pretty much the high end of the Richter scale of ghetto rap concerts, it really highlighted the changing tides of music and social media. Race and area codes are being phased out of the important parts of music fanbases, replaced by YouTube views and retweets. It's a good thing.

Wale came out at about 11:30 p.m., a bit late for an opening act, but the party came with him. He wore a denim jacket, a blank white tee, and khakis. At certain points of the night he had on various combinations of these articles of clothing (including wearing nothing but the aforementioned pants). One of the unique things about Wale is that he prefers to have the majority of his extended family performing on stage with him, bouncing lazily to the music and giving high fives to each other and lucky sections of the audience. Not the biggest

fan of it myself, but as a headliner, a good choice if you're ever targeted by an easily distracted sniper.

Wale was here to promote *Ambition*, his official record with MMG. He's a great crowd-pleaser — spending his time beforehand, and even during the concert, signing autographs, tossing swag, giving high fives and dancing with the crowd. The concert itself was heavy on the premiere of *Ambition*, but not without some of his old hits. Starting the show with a loud, thumping rendition of "Bait," Wale exclaims, "Who's on my line/I'm blowing up these bitches calling me/I'll snatch your girl if your tripping/She's on my line like I'm fishing." Moving from the hyped up intro, he transitioned into "Lotus Flower Bomb," his diamond-encrusted love song with an enigmatic reference to an old Sandra Bullock film: "Flower bomb/can I blow up on your mind/This is not no Sandra Bull, but you're Potion #9." Afterward, he rapped on "Chillin'" and the old crowd favorite, "Nike Boots."

**What Wale isn't, and shouldn't be, is a swag-tossing, Nike boots-wearing record label pawn.**

The crowd loved him. I didn't.

The Wale I fell in love with is insecure. His best songs are deeply whimsical — "90210," about a girl with an eating disorder. "Shades," about his struggles to validate himself as a dark-skinned black man, even among lighter-skinned black people. And possibly the greatest, most concise song about a breakup, aptly titled "Break Up Song." Just listen to verse two:

*Can we stay broken up?*

*And all these pages close em up*

## Wale

Paradise Rock Club

Oct. 31, 2011

*I hope we both do learn from this  
So my next don't don't gotta be so rough  
Gotta get better with time  
Relationships should never rewind  
Better leave it all behind  
Guess that means you can never be mine  
Well ummm there's a but  
Without your love it's cold as fuck  
Life is a movie we both say cut  
But most the time darling the sequel  
sucks.*

What Wale isn't, and shouldn't be, is a swag-tossing, Nike boots-wearing record-label pawn, the way he presented himself that night. As he danced and strode across the stage, you could almost see the strings from his joints, leading up into the rafters, controlled by a smug Rick Ross holding popsize sticks. I wanted to see more of the old Wale, not just in himself, but in hip-hop in general.

Hip hop production and recording has become cheaper than ever, with the improvements in cheap DJing and production software. In turn there has been a dramatic increase in new talent cropping from YouTube; yet the rhymes sound as stale and misogynistic as ever. If only we could all sit down in a conference room and tell everyone that, by golly, there are more things to talk about than how much cash you can stash in your pants pockets before they fall down or how many women you can keep on hold at the same time, hip-hop could become appreciated more outside of clubs and Cadillac Escalades. But as popular as Wale's *Ambition* — produced by MMG — is, it's pointed sadly in the wrong direction.



# Students 'occupy' Harvard Yard



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While Occupy Harvard has raised many issues with university administration over the past several days, one of the more popular demands has been for fair contracts for Harvard custodial employees.



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# Desk policies vary across campus

	Must pass desk to get in?	Desk Hours	Extra workers?	Sign in sheet for visitors?*	Guest lists?*	Visitor escort needed?	Keys available at desk?	Changes this semester	Locked out of dorm?
Baker	Yes	8 a.m. to 2 a.m.	During dining hours	During the evening	No	Yes	Yes	Two workers during dining hours.	Knock or call
Burton Conner	Yes	8 a.m. to 1 a.m.	No	Yes	Online	Yes	Yes	No	Get buzzed in
Bexley	No	8 a.m. to midnight	No	No	No	No	No	No	Knock to be let in
East Campus	No	8 a.m. to 2 a.m.	No	No	No	No	No	No keys for checkout at desk	Call to be let in
MacGregor	No	7:45 a.m. to 1 a.m.	No	Yes	At desk	Yes	Yes	No	Knock or call
Maseeh**	Yes	7:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.	During dining hours	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Knock
McCormick	Yes	7:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.	During dining	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Two workers during dining hours.	Knock or ring bell
New House	No	8 a.m. to midnight	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No longer allowed to check out keys to non residents.	Knock or call to be let in
Next House	Yes	8 a.m. to 1 a.m.	During dining hours	Yes	At desk	Yes	Yes	Two workers during dining hours.	Ring doorbell, talk to desk worker
Random Hall	Uncertain	8 a.m. to midnight weekdays, 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. weekends	No	Yes	At desk	After midnight	Yes	No longer allowed to check out keys to non residents.	Knock, talk to desk worker
Senior House	Yes	8 a.m. to 1 a.m.	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Knock
Simmons	No	7:15 a.m. to 12:45 a.m.	During dining hours	Yes	Online	Yes, if not on guest list. If on guest list, no.	Yes	Two workers during dining hours.	Knock

\*Many dormitories have sign-in sheets and guest lists for visitors, but their use is not always enforced.  
 \*\*Maseeh hires non-students to staff their front desk.

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# Dormitory desks see heightened security

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said Karis E. Stevenson '12, the McCormick desk captain, saying that an "appropriate" greeting includes signing the visitor log at desk.

"They definitely upped the security at desk," said Meme T. Tran '13, a Simmons desk worker. Simmons has two workers from 5-9 p.m. — one of the students just "watches the door to see any strangers or strange activity," she said.

Dennis Collins, MIT's director of housing, emphasized that the desks definitely "needed an extra pair of hands" for the busy dinner desk shift. Someone had to look out for "piggybackers," he said.

"I think we've been doing a better job. People have definitely been more attentive [at desk] since they realize things happen at MIT dorms," added Walker.

"We have been increasing our security — we're much more stringent about the sign-in policy, updated our emergency response plan, and have been more vigilant about watching out for people following residents into the building," said Marty Suzane Goldsmith Sweeney '12, Senior House desk captain, in an email to *The Tech*.

## Guest lists and sign-in sheets

In addition to the new double shifts, the role of guest lists and sign-in sheets have become increasingly important. Some dorms, like Burton Conner and Simmons, have an online system for residents to register people on their guest list. When the guest arrives they can show an ID and be admitted to the building. Some desks require the visitor to wait for the resident to escort them to their room, others allow the visitor to walk through once signing in.

"Each resident can have up to 10 people designated on the online system who are allowed into the dorm upon showing ID," said Isabella S. Lubin '12, Burton Conner desk captain, in an email to *The Tech*. "Residents can adjust this guest list at any time, and any visitor not on the guest list must be retrieved from desk by a BC resident or is turned away from the dorm."

While dorms like McCormick have had guest lists and sign-in sheets for years, others have just started the policy or don't have one at all. Next House implemented a guest list this year, though other dorms like East Campus, Bexley, and Baker, among others, still do not have a guest list. Keeping a sign-in sheet or not is up to the individual desks and house governments.

"The only thing I think might be beneficial would be some sort of visitor guest list," said Morgan R. Houston '12, a Baker desk worker, when asked what sort of security policies she would like to see added. "I know BC has one, but other than that I think we do a really good job at desk."

Baker requires nonresidents to be escorted by a resident before proceeding into the dormitory. "If someone does not stop to be picked up by a resident, the policy is to call campus police immediately," said Kathleen R. Geyer '12, Baker desk captain, in an email to *The Tech*.

## General security

This type of immediate emergency reaction is possible at dormitories like Baker where residents must pass by the front desk to access the building. While many of the resident buildings are built this way, a few dorms have multiple entrances that are not near the front desk.

East Campus — the second oldest dormitory on campus — is one of those dorms. Despite having multiple entrances, house manager Joe Graham asserts that EC "is the most secure dorm on campus."

"There are six entrances on the ground, I understand that," he said. "But they are card access and these are prison-grade doors. Even if you get in the front door, you are stuck in the stairwell."

**'Everyone has to take security personally. Be conscious of where you are. Don't let anyone in.'**

—Dennis Collins  
DIRECTOR OF HOUSING

Graham said that he didn't see a need for any new security policies. "Other than enforcing policies we don't have any plans for policy changes. We have no need for them," he said.

The different layouts of the dorm make creating a standard security policy difficult, said Collins. Newer buildings, like Maseeh, were redesigned with security in mind.

When Maseeh was renovated, "it had specific security protocol put into it," said Collins. "You can't get anywhere in the building except the dining hall because you need a card ... to get a residential floor, it is completely secured."

McCormick, on the other hand, he said, would be "much harder to

secure," since the dining hall is located near the back of the building. Smaller dorms, like Random, are easier to secure.

"Random is probably the safest [dorm]," said Humphreys, citing its small size and secure entrances as its strong points.

Miriam L. Gershenson '14, a Random Hall desk worker, agreed. "I think the way Random's desk policy works is good for Random since it's a small dorm and desk workers recognize everyone in the building. We're good at keeping people out who don't belong here."

**'These are students' homes and students should feel comfortable in them.'**

—Henry Humphreys  
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## Lockouts

Dormitory desk workers have been urged by Housing to be more cautious when lending out keys to students who are accidentally locked out of their rooms.

"The importance of safety policies (such as the renting of spare keys and letting people into the building) have been reiterated and stressed by the house manager," said Craig M. Broady '12, MacGregor desk captain, in an email to *The Tech*.

East Campus and Bexley do not offer lockout keys to residents. There are plans in the works to remove keys from all dormitory desks in the near future, said Humphreys — he acknowledged that this change could be inconvenient.

"During the daytime it's easy [to manage lockouts] when the house manager is there," he said, "In the evening, it will have to be Unit 12."

Unit 12, commonly known as Nightwatch, is a set of guards that patrol the dormitories at night. Nightwatch make rounds of dormitories at midnight and again at 4 a.m. Guards carry master keys to the dormitory to which they are assigned that can open any room.

Humphreys clarified that "pulling the keys" is just a "short term measure."

"I don't want us to have a knee-jerk reaction," he said.

A few dorms like New House and Random Hall previously checked out keys to nonresidents. A resident could specify a small list of people who were permitted to take their key out from desk. This practice has been stopped in all dorms as of last week.

"[Checking keys out to only residents] has always been the policy," Collins stressed, "The policy in housing is that keys are only allowed to be given to a student

that the room is assigned to. That is a policy that the desk staff are aware of ... they would lose their job if there were [checking out keys to nonresidents] ... that was a miscommunication."

When residents forget their ID and are locked out of the building itself, they allow residents to knock to be let back in. Other residences, like East Campus, require the resident to call the desk and identify themselves before being buzzed in.

If they don't call? "They are shit out of luck," said Holly M. Jamerson '13, an East Campus desk worker,

schools do it and what fits with MIT."

Humphreys, who has worked at Boston College and in New York City, noted that MIT's different dorm culture makes it harder to adapt other schools' policies to MIT.

"Its different," he said, "MIT has a much different culture, but in some ways ... the security is tighter. In other ways, it is very easy to get into the building."

Collins and Humphreys agreed that the theft in Baker three weeks ago was the most serious intrusion that has happened in recent years. The next most recent incident that came to mind, Humphreys said, was an assault in Next House. In 2007, Anna Tang, a student at Wellesley, broke into Wolfe B. Styke '10's dorm room at Next and stabbed him repeatedly, but he survived.

The crimes that happen in the dorms are usually small, said Humphreys. "Generally most theft that occurs in a dormitory is usually by people who live inside the community."

Collins urged students to lock their doors and stay aware. "You as a student should not let someone come in behind you who doesn't live in the building. Everyone should be locking their bedroom doors."

"Everyone has to take security personally," Collins added. "Be conscious of where you are. Don't let anyone in."

Humphreys' goal for the dorms is that "anybody who is not a member of the community doesn't feel like they can just walk into any place. There [should be] deterrents to them just walking in."

"These are students' homes and students should also feel comfortable in them," he added.

Students who see a suspicious person in their dormitory are encouraged to alert their house team, night watch, or the MIT police.

"Whoever they feel most comfortable getting to," Humphreys said, "bring it to somebody's attention."

## Swartz indicted for breaking and entering

Aaron H. Swartz, the former Harvard ethics fellow who allegedly orchestrated a mass download of JSTOR documents from an MIT network closet, was indicted a second time yesterday, this time in Middlesex Superior Court.

A grand jury handed up indictments yesterday for breaking and entering, larceny over \$250, and unauthorized access to a computer network.

Swartz had previously been indicted in Federal District Court in July on four counts: wire fraud, computer fraud, unlawfully obtaining information from a pro-

tected computer, and recklessly damaging a protected computer.

JSTOR is an electronic archive of academic journals. Swartz is alleged to have hidden a laptop in the 16-004t network closet and plugged it into the network there, running "keepgrabbing.py" and "keepgrabbing2.py."

JSTOR said in a statement in July that they "had no interest in this becoming an ongoing legal matter."

Middlesex District Attorney Gerry Leone said in a statement that Swartz "violated the trust of a not-for-profit organization by

taking advantage of his contrived electronic anonymity and stealing an astounding amount of academic journals over several months, going so far as to physically break into a MIT server room in order to continue his theft undisturbed."

But the 16-004t closet may not have been locked. Aside from ephemeral load on the servers and the network, the immediate damage from Swartz downloading the documents was minimal.

Swartz will be arraigned on Wednesday, Nov. 30 at Middlesex Superior Court in Woburn.

—John A. Hawkinson

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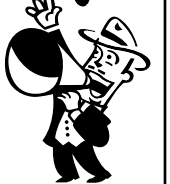
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# UA Council Bylaws

## Working draft of the UA Restructuring Committee

### Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Council of the Undergraduate Association of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Council).

### Article II: Purpose

The purposes of this organization shall be those specified in the Constitution of the Undergraduate Association.

### Article III: Membership

#### Section A: Voting Members

The voting membership of the council shall consist of the following members:

- a) The IFC President and three additional representatives chosen in accordance with the governing rules of the IFC
- b) The Panhel President and two additional representatives chosen in accordance with the governing rules of Panhel
- c) The President of each of the undergraduate dormitories
- d) The President of the LGC.
- e) A representative of the Off-Campus community elected during second week of December by the Off-Campus community.

Any member organization President may appoint a permanent proxy who shall be treated as a full voting member and representative for their member organization.

#### Section B: Ex-Officio Members

Additionally, the non voting members of the council, unless otherwise mentioned, are the following persons:

- a) The UA President who is the Chair of the Council and may only cast a vote when it would alter the outcome of that vote.
- b) The UA Vice-President, Chief of Staff, Treasurer, and Secretary
- c) The chairs of all UA committees and all assistant Vice-Presidents

### Article IV: Member Responsibilities

#### Section A: Attendance

Council Representatives shall not have more than three absences in a given academic term from any regularly scheduled Council meetings. In the event of an absence, Council Representatives should request an excuse in writing from the President, and provide, in writing, the name of a proxy. This proxy may not be a current Council Representative. The proxy shall have all rights and privileges as the Council Representative would have had, except the right to vote on impeachment. The Council Representative shall make a good faith effort to inform the proxy of the issues and questions that may arise during the meeting so that the proxy may be an active participant.

#### Section B: Constituency Communication

Council Representatives shall be responsible for communicating the business of the UA including but not limited to upcoming events, policy proposals, ideas, matters of controversy, and involvement opportunities to the undergraduates they represent.

Furthermore, in order to accurately represent their constituents at Council meetings, Council Representatives shall remain in touch with the viewpoints of their constituency. This includes soliciting feedback when necessary.

### Article V: Procedures of the UA Council

#### Section A: Decision Making

- A) Consensus of the Council:

All policy positions taken by the council, including those generated by the council and the committees, shall be approved via the consensus of the council.

The written statement of policy position should reflect the consensus views of voting Council Representatives. Should an impasse be met, the differing views of the constituencies of the voting Council representatives shall be recorded as part of the policy position.

- B) Population Vote:

In accordance with the UA Constitution, Population votes shall be used for decisions involving the allocation of UA funds and amendments to the Constitution. Topics that require a population vote must be presented one meeting before they are voted on.

The following procedure shall be applied when this Constitution calls for a population vote:

In a population vote, each Council Representative shall be entitled to cast one vote per undergraduate that he or she represents. If a member of the Undergraduate Student Body is a member of multiple represented constituencies (e.g. a member of a fraternity living in a dormitory), then by default the member will count towards the constituency where he or she resides, as defined by the MIT Housing Office. He or she may choose to change his or her official constituency by submitting a request in writing to the Secretary. If a member of the Undergraduate Student Body does not reside in any of the other represented constituencies, then by default he or she will be counted as a member of the Off-Campus constituency. If a member of the Undergraduate Student Body who is not also a Council Representative is present during a population vote, he or she may cast his or her own single vote, reducing the number of votes cast by his or her Council Representative by one. A member of the Undergraduate Student body may also submit a vote in writing or via electronic communication to the Secretary before the vote takes place. Council Representatives may not split the votes that they are entitled to cast however, groups represented by multiple Council Representatives may distribute their allotted votes consistently in a manner described by that group's governing rules.

- C) Person vote:

Votes will be taken according to the prescribed qualifications below. In person votes, each Council Representative shall have one equally weighed vote.

a) Delegation and directives to committees, Officers, and other executive positions of the UA will require a majority vote of the full voting membership of the Council

b) Approval of new Officers will require a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of the full voting membership of the Council

c) Approval of Institute Committee representatives will require a majority vote of the full voting membership of the Council

e) Votes to Censure will require a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of the full voting membership of the Council

f) Amendments to the Council Bylaws and Committee Bylaws must be presented one meeting before they are voted on and will require a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote of the full voting membership of the Council

g) Suspension of the Council Bylaws will require a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote of the full voting membership of the Council

h) Votes to elect a temporary Chair will require a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of the full voting membership of the Council

- D) Record of Decisions:

Consensus based opinions will take the form of a written statement agreed upon by the consensus of the voting Council Representatives.

A log of all other votes and decisions of the Council shall be maintained with the following format:

- Text of the vote
- Type and qualifications of the vote
- Record of Voters and their vote

This log should be made public with the minutes of the meeting.

#### Section B: Rules of Operation

A) Any person given the floor by the Chair may speak for no more than two minutes. The chair may extend this to no more than 5 minutes. Additional speaking time may be granted by a majority vote of the voting membership of the Council in attendance.

B) Meetings of the Council shall be open to the MIT Community. Undergraduates shall have speaking privileges and this privilege may be extended to non-members of the Association at the discretion of the Chair.

i) The Chair or a majority of the voting membership of the Council in attendance shall have the power to exclude all non-members of the Council.

C) The voting Council Representatives may elect to have a temporary Chair for a specific agenda item or for the duration of the meeting if the Chair cannot attend the meeting. This vote follows the prescribed method in V.B.b of the Council Bylaws.

D) When prudent, the Chair will maintain a queue to ensure a respectful and fair conversation.

#### Section C: The Agenda

A) The agenda of Council meeting shall be organized by the UA President and submitted publicly at least two days prior to the scheduled meeting using whatever forms of media prove most expedient.

B) Any voting Council Representative or 20 members of the Undergraduate Student Body may submit an agenda item to the UA President prior to the release of the Agenda.

C) The agenda may be edited during a meeting as prescribed by V.A.b.h of the Council Bylaws.

#### Section D: Meetings

A) The UA President shall set the dates and times of a semester's Council Meetings by the first meeting of the Council that semester. The first meeting of a semester must be no more than two weeks after the academic start of that semester. The chair may move the date and time of a meeting given reasonable notice to the Council.

B) Emergency meetings may be called by the UA President, a majority of the voting Council Representatives, or a signed petition of 5% of the Undergrad-

uate Student Body. This meeting should be limited to consider only the agenda item stated by the caller of the emergency meeting. In the event of a petition, the meeting should occur within 4 days. Removal of officers and Amendments to governing documents are not allowed during emergency meetings.

C) If impeachment is being discussed at a Council meeting, the individual(s) in question shall have the right to be present during all phases of the proceedings, and the individual(s) in question shall have an opportunity to present his or her case before the Council.

D) The necessary quorum for a meeting is 1/2 of the full voting membership of the Council.

#### Section E: Division of the UA Allowance

The UA Allowance shall be divided in the following manner:

A) It shall be split in half (one half for each term.)

B) The remaining amount shall be added to the unspent surplus (if any) from the previous semester. Each term, the Council shall request that the UA Finance Board make a recommendation of funding for no more than this amount times the overallocation percentage. Recommendations for funding may only be granted to undergraduate ASA-recognized groups that request such funds.

C) If there is a deficit from the previous corresponding funding period, the aforementioned expected meeting shall address the deficit in conjunction with the Student Activities Office and the Dean of Student Life.

### Article VII: Suspension and Amendment of the Bylaws

#### Section A: Suspension of the Bylaws

The UA Council may suspend a specific portion of the Bylaws at the current meeting in accordance with the voting procedures outlined in this document.

The Bylaws of the Council may not be suspended to amend any governing documents of the UA.

#### Section B: Amendments to the Bylaws

Upon petition by ten percent of this Association, the Council shall consider a proposal to amend these Bylaws. If the proposed amendment is not agreed to by the Council it shall become the subject of a referendum. This referendum shall be binding upon a majority vote of this Association if at least thirty percent of its members vote.

The Council may also propose amendments to the Bylaws. All considerations of amendments to the Bylaws will follow the process prescribed of the Council Bylaws.

#### Section F: Approving the Budget

The UA President shall chair a Special Budgetary Committee consisting of the UA President, the UA Vice-President, the UA Treasurer, and three voting Council Representatives to be appointed by the UA President. This committee shall review the UA Operating Budget if one has been submitted by the UA Officers. If one has not been prepared, the committee should create an Operating Budget. This committee will consult with the Chairs of the standing committees or their designees to determine an appropriate budget for the following term. This budget will then be presented to the Council for a vote as prescribed by V.A.b of the Council Bylaws.

### Article VI: The Undergraduate Association Standing Committees and Assistant Vice Presidents

#### Section A: Standing Committees

1. UA Committee on Alumni Relations
2. UA Committee on Athletics
3. UA Committee on Sustainability
4. UA Committee on Dining
5. UA History Committee
6. UA Committee on Housing
7. UA Committee on Public Relations
8. UA Committee on Student Life
9. UA Committee on Student Space Planning
10. UA Student Committee on Educational Policy
11. UA Nominations Committee
12. UA Finance Board

#### Section B: Assistant Vice Presidents

1. The Assistant Vice President of Information Systems
2. The Class Council Coordinator
3. The Assistant Vice President of Resource Development

# Khan — of Khan Academy fame — comes back to MIT



Salman A. Khan '98, founder of Khan Academy, gives a lecture entitled "Rethinking Learning" to an overflowing lecture hall in 32-123 on Thursday. Khan, a former hedge fund analyst, has created 2,800 short video lectures that have drawn more than 90 million views on Khan Academy's YouTube channel.

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### Solution to Techdoku

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5	1	2	6	4	3

### Solution to Sudoku

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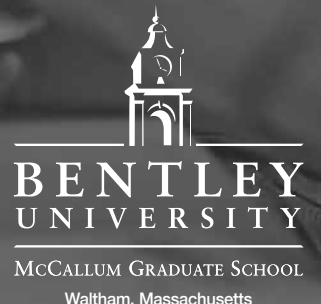
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# The Constitution of the UA

## Working draft of the UA Restructuring Committee

### Preamble

We, the undergraduate students of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), in order to improve the quality of our education, to provide ourselves with services which would otherwise not be provided, to express our views and represent ourselves in collaboration with other groups whose decisions affect us, and to fairly and accountably allocate resources which have been granted to us as a whole, do create a central body unto which legislative, executive, judicial, and representative powers are conferred.

The name of this Organization shall be the Undergraduate Association (UA) of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In order to ensure that the Undergraduate Association continues to work on our behalf and in our interest, we have adopted this constitution to govern this Association.

### Article I: Membership

All undergraduate students of MIT shall be members of this Association. Further, this Organization shall be empowered to act on behalf of the undergraduate student body of MIT. Under this Constitution, an undergraduate is a person considered by the Registrar of MIT to be making adequate progress towards at least one undergraduate degree at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Students shall be able to hold office in this association provided that they qualify as an undergraduate as defined herein and do not have definite plans or expectations to leave school or receive an undergraduate degree prior to the expiration of their term in office. Officers and other students responsible for transacting business on behalf of the Association shall be considered members of the Government of the Association.

### Article II: Organization and Structure

The Government serving the Association shall be unified and work toward a common mission of the Association. The Undergraduate Association Council (Council), the Undergraduate Association Officers (officers), the Undergraduate Association Committees, and the Undergraduate Association Judicial Board (JudBoard) shall be responsible for the operation this Association. These bodies, all their subsidiaries, and any other organizations chartered by this Constitution shall comprise the Government of the Undergraduate Association.

#### Section A: The Council

The Council shall hold the Government accountable to the Undergraduate Student Body. They shall be responsible for ensuring the proper functioning of the Government by providing guidance on major organizational objectives and by holding the Association's officers accountable for the completion of their duties.

The Council shall, as the primary representative body of the Association, be empowered to develop policy statements that serve as the definitive undergraduate opinion on a given issue. These statements shall strive to represent the full spectrum of undergraduate viewpoints on an issue, and shall be approved by full consensus of the Council's voting membership.

Meetings of the Council shall serve as forums of discussion on behalf of and representing the Association, and the Council may discuss any topic directly impacting the MIT Community. It may examine other issues by a majority vote or a request of ten percent of the Association in the form of a written petition.

The Council shall strive to protect the rights of students and serve to foster cooperation and communication among the various segments of the MIT Community.

The Council shall have jurisdiction over all activities that are sponsored by an undergraduate group, including living groups, and that are held on campus outside of a living group area. Within its jurisdiction, the Council may decide any issue except as qualified in this document or in the Council's Bylaws.

Policy recommendations of Association's Committees shall be subject to review by the Council. These recommendations shall be considered UA policy by consensus approval of the Council.

Population votes of the Council, as defined by the Bylaws of the Council, shall be

reserved for the amending the Constitution, all allocations of funds, and amendments to the Election Code.

Final authority over the allocation, and any reallocation, of this Association's financial resources shall be solely vested in the Council, though the Council may delegate the reallocation of funds at its discretion. Authorization of funds from the Association's Invested Reserve shall require a 2/3 population vote of the Council, and this fund may not be depleted below \$5,000 or one quarter of the semester starting balance, whichever is greater.

The Council shall be chaired by the UA President.

The Bylaws of the Council shall govern its specific operating policies and procedures.

#### Section B: The Principal Officers

The five Principal Officers of the UA shall be the President, the Vice President, the Chief of Staff, the Treasurer, and the Secretary.

The Principal Officers shall be empowered to act in lieu of the Council when it is out of session or unable to meet in a timely manner. Under these circumstances, the Principal Officers shall make decisions by majority vote. These decisions may not include amending the Constitution or any other governing documents of the UA, approving new permanent officers, approving policy statements or approving the Operating Budget of the UA. The President may break ties as well as vote. All actions undertaken by the Principal Officers in lieu of the Council will be subject to subsequent review by the Council at its next meeting.

The Officers shall serve to create and direct a strategic plan for the UA.

The President shall have the following duties and powers:

The President shall be the chief executive officer and general spokesperson for the Association and its Government.

The President shall attend faculty meetings and any other affairs that require his or her presence as a representative of the undergraduate student body.

The President shall serve as a voting member of the Corporation Joint Advisory Committee.

The President shall serve as the Chair of the Council may veto any action of the Council not decided by a consensus or population vote.

The President is the executor of all decisions of the Council. He or she may jointly execute a decision with other parts of the UA at his or her discretion.

The President shall call weekly meetings of the Council during the fall and spring terms and set the agenda for these meetings in accordance with the Council Bylaws. The President should make a good faith effort to keep the Council informed of all pertinent matters.

The President may call emergency meetings of the Council at his discretion.

The President may determine MIT-external groups with which the UA shall maintain relations. Such recognition shall be required for funds to be expended in conjunction with such groups.

The President shall be a financial signatory and shall have access to all accounts of the UA.

The President shall interview and approve all non-ex officio members of the UA Finance Board.

Each semester, the President shall call and attend a meeting with the UA Treasurer and the Chair of the Finance Board to determine the overallocation percentage cap for that semester's funding periods. This overallocation percentage cap shall be determined using data of past spending from the Student Activities Office.

The President shall inform the Council of the state of the UA and the Undergraduate Student Body at the first meeting of both the fall and spring terms.

The President shall convene weekly meetings of all committee chairs.

The Vice President shall have the following duties and powers:

The Vice President shall act as the chief operating officer of the UA.

In the event that the President shall be temporarily unable to perform the duties of that office, the Vice President shall assume the Presidency until such a time as the President is able to resume his or her

duties. Written notification shall be sent by the President to the Council at the occurrence of such an event.

The Vice President shall attend events as specified in II.B.4.b of this Constitution.

The Vice President shall be responsible for assisting the President with the completion of his or her duties.

The Vice President shall sit on the Nominations Committee.

The Chief of Staff shall have the following duties and powers:

The Chief of Staff shall chair the Nominations Committee.

The Chief of Staff shall, with the approval of the council via majority person vote of the full voting membership of the Council, determine when to derecognize student representatives to Institute Committees for neglecting their responsibilities.

The Chief of Staff shall maintain relationships with student representatives to Institute Committees and provide them with data relevant to their duties.

The Chief of Staff shall ensure that up-to-date information about Institute Committees including membership, attendance, and meeting minutes are available on the UA website.

The Chief of Staff shall be responsible for assisting the President with the completion of his or her duties.

The Chief of Staff shall be responsible for conducting the Institute Committee nominations process in accordance with the Nominations Committee bylaws, which are published in the Bylaws of the Standing Committees.

The Treasurer shall have the following duties and powers:

The Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the UA. Additionally, the Treasurer shall serve as the financial advisor and the UA Finance Board liaison to all entities of the UA.

The Treasurer shall be a financial signatory and shall have access to all accounts of the UA.

The Treasurer shall serve as an ex officio voting member of the UA Finance Board.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the maintenance of UA accounts.

The Treasurer shall chair any UA-sponsored committees involved with the auditing of UA accounts. The Treasurer shall chair any UA-sponsored committees involved with the investigation of the UA Finance Board, unless he or she is also the chair of the UA Finance Board.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for assisting the President with the completion of his or her duties.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for submitting reimbursements on behalf of the Council and the Committees. Additionally, the Treasurer shall review and submit or reject all reimbursements within 10 academic days of submission. In the event of an extenuating circumstance preventing the Treasurer from carrying out his or her duties, the Treasurer will give timely notice of this fact to the relevant parties.

The authority to administer the financial assets and liabilities of the UA shall be vested in the UA Treasurer. For allocating funds to student groups, the UA Finance Board shall operate in accordance with its own bylaws and operating procedures in addition to this Constitution. Final allocation power is reserved for the Council.

The Treasurer may serve as the UA Finance Board Chair if selected.

The Secretary shall have the following duties and powers:

The Secretary shall maintain the UA schedule of meetings and events.

It shall be the responsibility of the Secretary to ensure that an accurate account of the significant events of the UA shall be kept for future reference. Further, the Secretary shall endeavor to keep an accurate account of all membership roles of the UA and any other records that the Council deems necessary. Records and documents of the UA shall be open to inspection by any member of the Association.

The Secretary shall act as secretary for the Council. In this role, the Secretary shall be responsible for facilitating communication between internal bodies of the UA as well as external organizations as determined by the President. Likewise, the Secretary shall be entrusted with ensuring

the timely recording and disbursing of UA Council minutes and notices.

The Secretary shall ensure maintenance of the archival records of the UA.

The Secretary shall assist the President with the completion of his or her duties.

The Secretary shall ensure that the content of the UA website and UA bulletin board remains current.

The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining an up-to-date, complete list of students by constituency. This list will be used during a population vote.

Elections, Appointments, Removals, and Censure

The term of office for all Principal Officers shall be one year, beginning on the last day of classes in the spring semester.

The President and the Vice President shall be elected during the week prior to Spring Vacation by the Association. This process shall be governed by the Election Code.

The Chief of Staff, the Treasurer, and the Secretary shall be nominated by the President and shall be considered approved by a 2/3 population vote of the council.

The President may resign by submission of a written resignation to the Association.

The Vice President, the Chief of Staff, the Treasurer, and the Secretary may resign by submission of a written resignation to the President. The President shall serve official notification of the resignation to the Council.

A special recall election for the President and/or Vice President may be held by a person vote of 3/4 of the total number of voting Council Representatives or by a written petition signed by ten percent of the Association and Judicial Board approval. The reason for this removal must be based on misuse of power, malfeasance, gross neglect of duty, or other severe violations of this Constitution. At the submission of the petition, the individual(s) in question shall temporarily surrender his or her (their) office(s) pursuant to the results of the special recall election.

Impeachment may be brought against the President and/or Vice-President following a ruling of the Judicial board and a 3/4 person vote of the full voting membership of the Council. The reason for this removal must be based on misuse of power, malfeasance, gross neglect of duty, or other severe violations of this Constitution.

The Chief of Staff, Treasurer, or Secretary may be removed by the President, a 2/3 person vote of the full voting membership of the Council, or a written petition signed by ten percent of the Association and approved by the Judicial Board. The reason for this removal must be based on misuse of power, malfeasance, gross neglect of duty, or other severe violations of this Constitution.

Any of the Officers may be censured by the Council in accordance with the Council Bylaws.

#### Section C: The Judicial Review Board

The UA Judicial Review Board (Judicial Board) shall be the judicial organization of this Association.

##### Membership:

At the end of each Presidential term, the three person membership of the Judicial Board will be chosen as such:

Each member that will be a member of the Association the following semester will have the option of remaining in their position.

For each member that chooses not to remain on the Judicial Board or that will no longer be a member of the Association the following semester, the outgoing President will choose a replacement. Each replacement needing subsequent approval of two-thirds of the voting persons in the Council. Further, none of the Judicial Board members shall be affiliated with any other Undergraduate Association Governing Body.

If the Chairman is no longer a Judicial Board member, then one of the three new Judicial Board members shall be appointed as Chairman of that body by the President.

All new members of the Judicial Board shall be appointed by the outgoing President before May 20. Those new members shall be formally sworn in at the last Council meeting of the Spring term along with the Principal officers.

No person intending to run for office in the UA elections may sit on the Judicial Board. Any Judicial Board member who obtains a petition for office shall immediately be replaced by the appointment of the President. The appointment shall be pending until the approval of the UA Council. In addition, any pending Judicial Board requests shall remain pending until after the board is made whole again.

The purpose of this board shall be to interpret this Constitution and other governing documents of the undergraduate student body in cases of dispute between the bodies of this organization or its members. Additionally, this board shall hear complaints from members of the undergraduate student body concerning the governmental bodies and act to resolve the situation. Also, this board shall oversee the creation and operation of the UA Election as delineated in the UA Election Code.

#### Powers and Responsibilities:

Once called upon for review, this board shall have the power to reverse votes or policies that it deems to be in violation of the letter and intent of this Constitution and other governing documents.

In order to carry out its responsibilities as listed in this section, this board may request a report, either written or verbal, from any officer of this Association or member of the Council.

This board shall endeavor to render quick and faithful judgments and shall have the full

cooperation of the other governmental bodies of this Association in executing its decisions.

This board shall be responsible for the overseeing of the Election Commission, but its

members shall not sit on the Commission and it shall not discuss the business of the election commission during elections to offer a fair process to appeal Election Commission decisions. Any appeal of Election Commission decisions can be made directly to the Judicial Board in the familiar manner described in this Article.

#### Procedures of Operation:

The rulings of this board shall remain uncontested and shall not be overturned by the veto of the President. Further, the bodies affected by the decisions of this board shall act on those rulings immediately.

Each decision of this board, accompanied by a constitutionally-based rationale, shall be

duly recorded in the archives and on the Undergraduate Association website. A copy of all

rulings shall be transmitted to the Secretary for the archives.

At no time shall an officer of this Association or the Council collaborate with a member of

this board on business of the Undergraduate Association. However, officers may seek advice

on constitutional issues from Judicial Board members.

### Article III: Order of Succession

#### Section A: Principal Officer Order of Succession

In the event of a vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice President shall succeed to that office until the next regularly scheduled election. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Vice President, the President shall immediately appoint a successor who shall become active upon the approval of thirteen members of the Council.

In the event of simultaneous vacancies in the office of the President and the Vice President, the order of succession from first to last shall be as follows: Chief of

Staff, Treasurer, Secretary.

The first occupied office in this list shall be the succeeding officer and shall temporarily assume the office of President. The succeeding officer may appoint an acting Vice President at their discretion.

The Acting President shall then call for elections for the offices of the President and Vice President to be held within thirty days, unless regular elections are to be held within sixty days.

#### Section B: Council Order of Succession

Succession of Council Representatives shall occur in accordance with the constitution and bylaws of the relevant dormitory or organization. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Off-Campus Representative, the President shall appoint a successor who shall become active upon the approval of thirteen members of the Council and who shall serve until the next regularly scheduled election.

#### Section C: Committee Order of Succession

Unless otherwise specified in this Constitution or in the bylaws of the Standing Committees, in the event of a vacancy of a Committee Chairman, the President shall appoint a successor.

### Article IV: Committees & Assistant Vice Presidents

#### Section A: General Regulations for Committees

Committees shall be created by the Council, and all powers delegated to these Committees shall be granted and chartered by the Council.

Committees may be established as Standing Committees for the ongoing service of the Association or as Ad Hoc Committees to address a specific or timely issue over a limited duration. The list of Standing Committees shall be enumerated in the Bylaws of the Council.

All committees shall report regularly to the President.

The decision of a committee may be overturned or amended by the Council by a majority vote unless otherwise stated in this Constitution.

Committees may establish bylaws concerning their operation, and these bylaws shall become effective by approval of the President, and a 2/3 vote of the full voting membership of the Council. These bylaws may be amended by the Committee at any time by a 2/3 vote of its membership and a majority person vote of the full voting membership of the Council, or by an independent 2/3 person vote of the full voting membership of the Council.

#### Section B: Chairmen and Officers of Committees

The Chairmen of all UA Committees shall be responsible to the UA President for the proper functioning of their committee. Any Chair, Vice-Chair, or other Committee Officer may be impeached by Council with a 2/3 person vote of the full voting membership of the Council, or dismissed by the UA President, for a breach of the general obligations of office.

The Chairmen of all UA Committees shall be appointed by the UA President. This appointment shall become effective seven days after notice of the appointment has been served to the Council provided that five voting members of the Council do not register an objection at the intervening meeting. When the Council is not in session, the President may appoint an Acting Chairman whose selection shall be announced before the next Council meeting.

Unless otherwise specified, no Principal Officer may chair a Committee, and no single person shall chair more than one Committee. Either of these rules may be suspended on an individual basis by a 2/3 person vote of the full voting membership

of the Council.

Each Chair shall undergo a mid-term review involving a meeting with the UA President or Vice President to evaluate the Chair's progress. The findings of these meetings will be presented to the Council, and in conjunction, the President may recommend the initiation of impeachment proceedings for the Chair.

The Chair shall be responsible for selecting all of its members via a fair application process, and may select a Vice-Chair at his discretion. The bylaws of each Committee may specify alternative selection criteria for the Committee's membership and Vice Chair as well as establishing the roles and qualifications for any other officers of the Committee.

#### Section C: Assistant Vice Presidents

The Assistant Vice Presidents shall be enumerated in the Bylaws of the Council.

The Assistant Vice Presidents shall be responsible to the UA President for his or her duties. Any Assistant Vice President may be impeached by Council with a 2/3 person vote of the full voting membership of the Council, or dismissed by the UA President, for a breach of the general obligations of office.

The Assistant Vice Presidents shall be appointed by the UA President. This appointment shall become effective seven days after notice of the appointment has been served to the Council provided that five voting members of the Council do not register an objection at the intervening meeting. When the Council is not in session, the President may appoint an Acting Assistant Vice President whose selection shall be announced before the next Council meeting.

Each Assistant Vice President shall undergo a mid-term review involving a meeting with the UA President or Vice President to evaluate the Assistant Vice President's progress. The findings of these meetings will be presented to the Council, and in conjunction, the President may recommend the initiation of impeachment proceedings for the Assistant Vice President.

Assistant Vice Presidents may establish bylaws concerning their operation, and these bylaws shall become effective by approval of the President, and a 2/3 vote of the full voting membership of the Council. These bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 person vote of the full voting membership of the Council. These bylaws may reside with the Bylaws of the Standing Committees.

### Article V: Dormitory Committees

#### Section A: Purpose & Status within the Government of the Association

The Dormitory Affairs Committee and Dormitory Funding Committee shall be chartered as subsidiaries of the Government of the Association uniquely responsible for addressing issues principally concerning dormitory residents alone.

The Dormitory Affairs Committee shall be responsible for reviewing all non-funding dormitory-specific issues. It shall endeavor to include representatives from all of the undergraduate dormitories.

The Dormitory Funding Committee shall be responsible for the fair distribution of funds contributed by the undergraduate dormitories for collective utilization. The decision to contribute of funds shall be reserved to the discretion of each undergraduate dormitory government in accordance with its governing documents.

The respective Bylaws of the Dormitory Affairs and Dormitory Funding Committees shall govern their operation.

#### Section B: Limitations

The Dormitory Committees are encouraged to cooperate with the other organizations of the Government of this Association, but shall not be bound by the

regulations of other Committees of the Association except as specified below.

Judicial questions regarding the governing documents of these committees shall fall under the jurisdiction of the UA Judicial Board.

The right to nominate representatives to Institute Committees shall be reserved for the Nominations Committee.

The Council may create an auditing committee to review the finances of either Committee in accordance with the auditing procedures for other UA accounts. The auditing committee shall be guaranteed visibility to all accounts administered by the Dormitory Committees.

### Article VI: Amendments

#### Section A: Amendments by the Council

This Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths majority in a population vote. The motion to amend shall lie on the table for at least one meeting and no more than three meetings prior to enactment. The motion must appear on the agenda for the meeting.

#### Section B: Amendments by the Association

Upon submission of a written petition signed by ten percent of the Association, the Council must consider any amendment to this Constitution at its next regularly scheduled meeting. If the amendment is not passed by the Council, it must be presented to the Association as a referendum. The amendment shall become part of this Constitution if it receives a two-thirds vote and the ballots cast exceed thirty percent of the membership of the Association.

### Article VII: Referendum and Advisory Questions

#### Advisory Questions

The submission of a matter to a vote by the Undergraduate Student Body can be made by six Council Representatives or by a written petition signed by five percent of the Undergraduate Student Body.

#### Referenda

The submission of a matter to a binding vote by the Undergraduate Student Body can be made by a majority vote of the full voting Membership of the Council or by a written petition signed by ten percent of the Undergraduate Student Body. The result of the vote shall be binding on the UA, if applicable, if at least twenty percent of the Undergraduate Student Body voted.

### Article VIII: Ratification and Precedence

#### Section A: Ratification

This Constitution shall be treated as an amendment to the previous Constitution of 1969 and shall be ratified according to the procedures established therein for amendments.

#### Section B: Order of Precedence

In case of discrepancies between the constitutions and/or bylaws of the undergraduate student organizations at MIT, the following order of precedence, from highest to lowest, shall apply:

The Constitution of the Undergraduate Association

The Bylaws of the Undergraduate Council

The Bylaws of the Standing Committees of the Undergraduate Association

Constitutions of equal status:

The Constitution of the Interfraternity Council

The Constitution of the Panhellenic Association

The Constitution of the Living Group Council

The Bylaws of the Dormitory Affairs and Dormitory Funding Committees

The constitutions or bylaws of activities and other living groups

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## SPORTS SHORT

## MIT Women's Basketball defeats Wentworth

In the first game of the season, MIT snagged a huge win over Wentworth, 73-40. The Engineers energetically began the game with a 15 point lead and continued the momentum throughout the rest of the game. Not only was the offensive front impressive, with Mari R. Kordell '15 netting 18 points, but the strong defense helped MIT maintain the gap. MIT's 6 blocks and 13 steals compared to Wentworth's 1 block and 1 steal demonstrate how aggressively the Engineers remained. MIT also made a great effort to keep the turnover rate low, 11 vs. Wentworth's 22,



and capitalized on that effort, scoring 24 points off turnovers vs. Wentworth's 8. MIT's highest lead of the night was 68-64 with 10 points from Alexis R. Isaac '15 and 9 each from Rachel A. Hunt '14 and Lauren S. Burton '13. With 22 additional points off the bench and 22 second chance points, the Engineers had an impressive start to the season. Their 73-40 victory is the second highest margin by which the team has ever won a season-opener, falling second only to a 72-35 win over Eastern Nazarene College. The Engineers will next play in the Emerson College Tip Off Tournament from November 19-20.

—Katie Bodner, Sports Staff

## UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Saturday, Nov. 19

Men's Heavyweight Crew — Foot of the Charles	8:00 a.m., Charles River
Men's Lightweight Crew — Foot of the Charles	9:00 a.m., Charles River
Men's Basketball vs. Rensselaer	2:00 p.m., Rockwell Cage

MIT wins season opener  
Men's basketball beats Curry College, 71-66

By Shri Ganeshram  
SPORTS STAFF

It looked like the Engineers had brought sticky rice on the road last Tuesday when they devoured Curry College in their season opener. Ranked 10th in Division III basketball, the men's basketball team had more than one star, with both Noel Hollingsworth '12 and William Tashman '13 recording double-doubles in the game — Hollingsworth, a Division I transfer from Brown University after his freshman year and one of the top players in the league, scored a whopping 23 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, 8 of which were offensive. Tashman's fingers were sticky during the game, snagging the ball from the opposition 3 times and grabbing the ball off the board 10 times. James D. Karraker '12 looked like Kyle Korver of the Chicago Bulls, scoring 6 of 11 from downtown.

The Engineers combined

for an impressive total of 43 rebounds, diminishing the Curry Colonels' 28. Though the final score of 71-66 was close, the game wasn't. MIT's team ousted Curry's overall game in every category, with a higher free throw percentage, more offensive and defensive rebounds, shot attempts, assists, steals, and blocks, and less turnovers and personal fouls. The Colonels were only able to keep up with the superior Engineers by keeping a slightly higher field goal percentage than the Engineers. Their team wasn't as deep — only three of their players scored over 3 points in the game versus the Engineers' five, William E. Bender '12, Mitchell H. Kates '13, and the aforementioned Hollingsworth, Tashman, and Karraker.

Even with their solid performance against the Colonels, the Engineers had found themselves playing catch-up much of the first half. The Colonels took an early lead with a gap as big as 22-17 at one point. MIT then pulled together its efforts, wanting to close up the gap. In

less than four minutes, the Engineers went on an 11-2 run, turning the table on Curry. Curry played hard the rest of the first half, ending it in a tie.

**Though the final score of 71-66 was close, the game wasn't.**

The second half was a different story; the Engineers showed Curry why they were ranked 10 preseason, leading the half with a 23-9 run. Toward the end of the half, Curry had narrowed the game to an Engineer's lead of 4, a score of 64-60, with a 3-point jump shot by Colonels player Sedale Jones. However, the Engineers ultimately did not allow Curry to come back with their intentional foul strategy — Bender made the last 4 free throws of the game to seal the end result.

An all-out team effort by the Engineers starts out their season perfectly on road; this is the team's fourth consecutive season-opening win.

## Taekwondo dominates at opening tournament

Team competes at first Eastern Collegiate Taekwondo Conference tournament at MIT

By Jessica Yang

TEAM REPRESENTATIVE

On Saturday, Oct. 22, the MIT Sport Taekwondo Club organized and competed in the first Eastern Collegiate Taekwondo Conference (ECTC) tournament of the season. Hosted on campus at the Johnson Athletics Center, the tournament attracted over 420 competitors from 23 schools. Showing MIT's depth across several divisions, 50 team members competed with strong performances in a long day of forms and sparring. The Engineers defeated Division I rival Cornell University 466 to 256, earning a first place finish.

The day began with forms (poomsae) competitions, in which choreographed techniques are judged based on grace, power, and precision. The team instilled its dominant presence, with medal-earning performances in almost every division.

**Hosted on campus, the tournament attracted over 420 competitors from 23 schools.**

Black belt competitors set the stage, capturing first and third places. Team co-captain Erika Lee '12 and Nicole A. Kang '14 took gold and bronze respectively in the women's black belt division, while co-captain Seth Matthew Weinberg G took bronze in the men's black belt division.

In the women's red belt division, Mengfei Yang '12, Kristina

L. Lozoya '13, and Lorraine "Lori" Ling G swept first, second, and third while Philip H. Daniels '13 and Ryan A. Rosario '12 took first and fourth in the mens' division. Blue belts Stephanie P. Chen '12, Karine T. Yuki '13, and Xuan Yang '13 won first, second, and third respectively in the women's division, while Henrique P. Oliveira Pinto '13 won second in the men's blue belt division.

**The team's energy transcended the boundaries, challenging their competitors.**

Despite fierce competition in the lower belt groups, Tam Nguyen '13 won first in the women's green belt division, and Isaac Fenta '14 took third in the men's green belt division.

After gaining a significant lead in a morning of forms competition, MIT continued its relentless performances in the afternoon sparring sessions.

The men's and women's advanced level teams (A-team) displayed a strong performance in sparring. The women's A1 team (co-captain Tara P. Sarathi '12, Michelle W. Chen '14, Lee) took bronze, advancing over Yale and Brown before falling to Princeton University in very close matches. Lee was undefeated on Saturday, winning 11-1 over Brown and 13-7 over Princeton. In the men's division, the A1 team (Weinberg, Aziz Abdellahi G, Alexander J. Bergan G, alt: Edgardo "Eddie" Farias '15) dominated Cornell A2 before losing by just one point to eventual gold medalists Penn State in the quarter finals.

In the B-Team (intermediate)



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Aziz Abdellahi G spars in the first ECTC tournament of the season on Oct. 22 at the Johnson Athletics Center. The MIT Sport Taekwondo Club finished first with 466 points.

competition, men's B1 (Rosario, Maksim Stepanenko '12, Daniel) beat Boston University B1, and Cornell's B2 and B1 teams to win the division. Stepanenko was undefeated, scoring a textbook double kick in sudden death overtime during the finals to put his team in a position to win.

The women's B-teams proved their incredible depth with three teams earning medals in the intermediate division. The women's B1 team (Angela N. Chang G, Xuan Yang, Ling) sparred with technical precision, displaying tactical use of footwork. They lost two very close overtime matches in the finals against Cornell, taking silver. The women's B2 (Stephanie Chen, Maria Z. Tou

'14, Mengfei Yang) team fought with physical and mental excellence all the way to the semifinals, where they bowed out to women's B1. The women's B3 (Tiffany A. Chen '12, Lozoya) defeated BU B1 and the UPenn B1 and nearly defeated the eventual gold medalists Cornell B1 in the semifinals.

Another highlight of the tournament was the great representation MIT had from beginners who had just finished the Sport Taekwondo PE class, taught by MIT Sport Taekwondo Coach Daniel B. Chuang. These competitors showed their energy in the rings while trying out what they had learned in the class.

Particularly noteworthy were

the positive attitudes and enthusiasm of the team members, cheering vivaciously on the sidelines and working cooperatively behind the scenes to run a successful tournament. The team's energy transcended the boundaries of the ring and drove the competitors to fight harder and go further. After totaling the points in each division, MIT came out on top with 466 points. Rival Cornell took second, with 256 points, and Brown followed with 209. Despite these strong showings in all levels of competition and an overall win at the first tournament of the year, the team is already training hard for the remaining tournaments of the season.

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