



ELIZABETH D'ARIENZO—THE TECH

**Lamine Touré leads Rambax's performance on the Student Center steps Saturday.** The Senegalese percussion group performed traditional rhythms such as "Kaolack" using mainly Sabar drums. Several audience members danced throughout the concert.

## Course 6 develops new "Super" UROPs

*Students can commit to year-long research project & earn certificate*

By Deborah Chen  
NEWS EDITOR

Starting Fall 2012, juniors and seniors in Course 6 will have the option to participate in the Advanced Undergraduate Research Program, also known as the "Super" UROP. Students in the program commit to a full year of research with their chosen lab or group, as well as two semesters of the six-unit 6.UAR (Preparation for Undergraduate Research) class, which focuses on topics such as choosing and developing a research topic, industry best practices, and presentation skills.

50 students will be named "Undergraduate Research and Innovation Scholars," and will be assigned an industry mentor (in addition to their faculty supervisor). They will also receive \$3,000 a semester for 10 hours/week of UROP work. Their faculty

supervisors will receive \$4,000 to support the student for the entire year.

Students who complete the program will earn a certificate in advanced undergraduate research, which will be offered in a variety of fields, including artificial intelligence, computer systems, and nanotechnology, among others. Those who are not funded through the scholars program can still earn the certificate and receive normal UROP funding or academic credit instead. "Super" UROP targets those who wish to make a bigger commitment to their research and have had previous UROP or industry experience.

Anantha P. Chandrakasan, Course 6 department head, said that the program was born out of a desire to give students the opportunity to connect with faculty and have a deeper re-

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## No '16s to come from waitlist

*70 percent accept admission, highest yield ever*

By Jessica J. Pourian  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

For the first time in seven years, no students will be admitted off the waitlist for the incoming freshman class. By last Tuesday, 1,130 prospective students, or 70 percent of admitted students, confirmed their enrollment at MIT for the coming fall — MIT's highest yield ever.

According to Dean of Admissions Stuart Schmill '86, 100 fewer students were admitted this year relative to last year, to create the

same size class as the 2015s. The admissions office chose to lessen the number of students admitted because early admissions was reinstated at Harvard and Princeton last year; since applicants who were interested in those schools might have already been admitted during the early admissions cycle, those applying to MIT were more likely to say yes.

"Students who applied early to one of those schools and were admitted may not have applied to us," Schmill wrote in an email to *The Tech*, "where in the past they

might have [applied to MIT]." To estimate just how many students to accept — such that the class size would work out right — admissions checked yield numbers from when Harvard and Princeton previously had early admission programs.

"[We] thought the yield would go up about 2 percentage points — not the 4 points it actually went up," Schmill said.

The admissions office was "fully expecting" to take students from the waitlist this year and were "disap-

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### Prerequisites

The "Super" UROP program primarily targets Course 6 students with previous UROP or industry experience.

**UROP**  
(P/D/F) or pay

OR

**Previous industry experience**

### Semester 1

Students take 6.UAR: Preparation for undergraduate research, and a UROP for pay or credit. 50 named scholars receive \$3,000 per semester for 10 hours of work per week.

**6.UAR**  
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AND

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10 hrs/week

### Semester 2

Students will continue with 6.UAR and their UROP. Upon completion, a certificate in advanced undergraduate research will be awarded. More info at <http://superurop.eecs.mit.edu>

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CONNOR KIRSCHBAUM—THE TECH

## Free Wi-Fi on the Common

Boston Common recently made the jump to the 21st century when the 378-year-old park became equipped with free wireless Internet.

The project began in February, said Bob Tumposky, deputy director for management information services at the Boston Redevelopment Authority, in a statement to *The Boston Globe*.

Before this, people in the Park Street area looking to browse the web had to seek cafés and libraries to access the Internet. With the new installation in place, visitors can enjoy the Internet throughout the entire park.

Networking provider Anaptyx approached the city, offering to test new facilities on the Common that would provide free Wi-Fi. The Boston Department of Innovation and Technology is sponsoring this project, which is supposed to cost the city less than \$10,000 for installation costs. Anaptyx is donating all of the equipment, estimated to cost between \$8,000 and \$9,000.

Boston Common is not the first city park to get free wireless Internet — Central Park has areas with free Wi-Fi that were instituted last summer.

—Jessica J. Pourian

### IN SHORT

**May 11 is the last day for tests!** Anonymously report any end-of-term violations to <http://ua.mit.edu/committees/scep/violations>.

**The 2012 MIT Leaders for Global Operations Conference** will take place on Tues-

day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in E51-115.

**The 2.007 Design Competition** is on Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – 10 p.m. at the Johnson Ice Rink.

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GREG STEINBRECHER—THE TECH

**SaveTFP held a stress-relieving dog-petting study break** in W20-407 yesterday. Dozens of students attended and pampered the six dogs.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Curmudgeonitis

My wife tells me from time to time that I am something of a curmudgeon; she may be right. I do not think that has always been true, but of late I do find myself with less patience than I once had. I was reminded of the deficit when reading Barun Singh's article in Tuesday's *The Tech*. In his time at MIT, Barun has generally been a class act so it was with a bit of sadness that I note he has been infected with curmudgeonitis. When this malady shows itself in one so youthful, I recommend immediate therapy.

Part of the cure depends on noticing how resistant to change the MIT community is. For a band of creative risk-takers, we are remarkably vulnerable to nostalgia. Nothing is ever as good as when we were younger, or is as good as MIT was when we first arrived. Nostalgia always has a germ of truth, but it is only a germ. A community is a work in progress; change happens and it is not always what we would have done or encouraged. That does not mean the new is bad but only that we would have done it differently. Now what? Rather than dismissing change in worship of a long ago Eden, the key to the future is continued engagement that is both critical and civil and that may involve recognizing that sometimes what we are most critical of is what is most needed.

This is a remarkably different place than it was 10 years ago. The community looks different as we move toward gender balance; the landscape is far more welcoming, buildings shine. Creativity abounds and a sense of mutual care is evidenced everywhere you turn. I might not have made all the changes I see and sense, but then no curmudgeon worth his feathers would ad-

mit to endorsing change.

*Robert M. Randolph is the chaplain to the Institute and the housemaster of Bexley Hall.*

## Abortions and mental health

Georgina Botka's May 4 letter to *The Tech* was riddled with factual inaccuracies.

Most reputable studies and meta-analyses investigating the links between abortion and mental health have not found that abortion causes mental health problems. Studies that have found a link have failed to properly control for confounding variables, such as a woman's history of prior mental health problems or sexual assault. The American Psychiatric Association's task force on abortion found no evidence that abortion is harmful to a woman's mental health, and an earlier APA report stated that "severe negative reactions are rare and are in line with those following other normal life stresses." Most experts agree. Botka cites a meta-analysis by Priscilla Coleman to claim that abortion causes "an 81% increased risk of mental health problems." This study has been widely criticized by other experts, and researchers using the same data set have been unable to replicate Coleman's results.

Botka cites a "survey conducted by the Elliot Institute" to claim that "most rape victims do not actually want abortions." In fact, the 75-85 percent statistic comes from Sandra Makhorn's 1979 study of only 37 women. Studies by respected organizations like the Guttmacher Institute have consistently found that about half of unintended pregnancies end in abortion; it is unlikely that fewer than half of rape victims would desire abortions.

Botka also claims that "research shows that most of those who do choose abortion ... regret their decision, while all who choose to carry their pregnancy to term are happy they did." The book she cites consists of rape survivors telling their stories; while these women's voices are important and should be heard, they are not evidence for how "most" rape victims feel.

Regarding physical health risks, most abortions are considered very low-risk. Eighty-eight percent of abortions take place in the first trimester, and only 1.5 percent of these result in serious immediate complications. A study in the *New England Journal of Medicine* reports that "the long-term safety of surgical abortion in the first trimester is well-established", and finds that drug-induced abortions are equally safe. Later-term abortions are riskier, but overall, only 0.3% of abortions result in complications that require hospitalization. Of course, childbirth also comes with health risks, which vary significantly between pregnancies.

Botka claims that abortion is associated with increased rates of cervical, ovarian, and liver cancer. I could not find a study confirming this, but did find a study from the *Journal of Gynecologic Oncology* that found that incomplete pregnancies were associated with a small decreased risk of ovarian cancer. A study in *The Lancet* found the same for cervical cancer.

Some of the research on the effects of abortion is inaccurate and politicized; it is possible to find statistics supporting almost any position. Readers should carefully examine studies' methodologies before drawing conclusions, and *The Tech* should do a better job fact-checking the letters it publishes.

*Elizabeth W. Santorella '13*

## MIT has robust support services

*From Mental Health to S<sup>3</sup> to residential advisers, MIT is here for you*

By Eric Grimson

In the May 1, 2012 issue of *The Tech*, Barun Singh provides an opinion piece in which he strongly criticizes the administration and the Corporation of the Institute for what he perceives as a series of failures and mismanagement. I am concerned that students reading the op-ed will get the harmful impression that support is lacking at MIT, precisely when we are making a concerted effort to increase awareness of the broad network of support available to students. Moreover, as MIT enters finals period, it would be a tragedy if this misperception prevented anyone from seeking help during these stressful weeks, so I want to correct any misimpressions: if you are feeling overwhelmed or isolated, MIT has resources throughout the community for you.

First, S<sup>3</sup> is not "guttled" — far from it. S<sup>3</sup> has restructured its staffing schedule, expanded its hours to better fit with student schedules, added a walk-in service, and streamlined protocols. As a result, the deans can spend more time with individual students, and S<sup>3</sup> is serving more students than ever, handling 4,500 visits this year

compared to 3,600 in the past.

Second, MIT Mental Health is available 24 hours a day. Barun is correct that MIT Medical is not open at night; this change was made because it was averaging less than one visit per night. Instead, this period is now covered by an on-call service that is available 24 hours a day, and that responds within a few minutes. To test this, I called anonymously and got a callback in less than two minutes.

**There are many places you can turn to at MIT and many people throughout the community with the empathy and expertise to help.**

Third, there is a broad network of support available across MIT: in the residences with GRTs, RLAs, RAs, and housemasters; through S<sup>3</sup>; through REFS for graduate students; and through ODGE student sup-

port staff, which has increased in size to better serve the graduate community. So if you are feeling stressed, or need someone to talk with, or just need some guidance, please seek it: there are many places you can turn to at MIT and many people throughout the community with the empathy and expertise to help.

Barun also charges that MIT has disbanded other services that he believes are critical to student well-being, and points to Nightline. Let me provide some facts. Nightline had a dedicated staff to address an important issue — the need for peer support — but it was a 30-year-old model of peer support, which had not adapted to changing modes of interaction for current-day students. It was also very underutilized — although it got many calls from outsiders, it averaged only one or two MIT contacts a week. Together with the leadership of the students running the service, we decided that MIT needed to design a resource more relevant to the needs of current students.

Over the past two years, students have been working to identify a new peer-to-

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## CORRECTIONS

An opinion piece published on May 4 claimed that the national debt almost tripled in three years after Obama took office. It actually went up by 33 percent.

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# The western media focuses on 'anti-Americanism' too much

## Ignores motivation behind Russian broadcasts

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ern observers 'revolutionary' and 'the catalysts of a new era,' susceptible to cause fear and therefore repressive responses in the ruling classes. Yet, while they have without a doubt exerted unprecedented popular pressure on the ruling structures, their resulting success was eventually modest, and in some cases short-term.

Ukraine's Orange Revolution that followed the 2004 presidential election is a perfect example, close to Putin's home. Although the nationwide protests were instrumental in getting the first results, believed to have been rigged, annulled and a revote ordered for later that year and in getting the Constitution to decentralize power from the presidency, the years that followed saw the political decline of pro-reform President Viktor Yushchenko, until he lost the presidency in 2010 to Putin's personal favorite Viktor Yanukovich. As for the constitutional changes of 2004, they were declared "un-constitutional" and overturned under the "pro-Moscow" leadership of Yanukovich.

While such a sad U-turn and reversal in the country's democratic development cannot be put entirely on the shoulders of the Ukrainian people, and their demonstrations are still a crucial step forward, clearly, just like in post-Soviet Russia, liberalizing efforts in Ukraine seem to have been half-hearted, poorly-organized, and therefore short-lived.

Perhaps in their public addresses, Putin and Kremlin officials have only feigned concern about these shows of popular discontent in neighboring countries when they condemned them (again — for domestic consumption purposes), because deep down they suspect that desire for change among the Russian people, as I argued here above, has only taken place on the surface, is not deeply-rooted and is therefore too superficial to cause a real threat to the present system. Just an hypothesis.

Put all together, I believe these observations lead to a very different picture than

the fearful, destabilized and undecided, weakened post-Soviet Russia under Putin (as Prime Minister and President) that the American public has been fed by the mass media "and still is, when it comes to predictions of Putin's third term.

This goes too for the U.S. media's focus on "anti-Americanism" on Russian state media airwaves and supposedly growing dislike and distrust of the West among the population. While tensions in US-Russia relations on various levels are undeniable, absent from this news coverage is the fact that much of this anti-U.S. rhetoric from Russian politicians has a distinct domestic political purpose — "create an enemy at which to direct all your fears and discontent" is a well-known tactic in the internal politics of numerous countries.

**This leads to a very different picture than the fearful, destabilized and undecided, weakened post-Soviet Russia under Putin.**

Similarly misplaced are the reports in Western media on how Putin's speech police has killed humor and political satire especially. While it is true that shortly after coming to power for his first Presidency, Putin proceeded to control public discourse and ordered the discontinuation of, among others, the satirical political puppet show, "Kukli," not only Russians have now been exercising their laughing muscles on the Internet, unrestrained, but there have also been over the past decade and before plenty of jokes, sketches and stand-up acts in hugely popular comedy shows by The Comedy Club, broadcast on Russian federal television channel TNT, and the even more venerated long-running shows and contests of KVN (an abbreviation for "Club of the Funny and Inventive"), a humor TV

show founded in 1961, whose popularity has boomed to the point that it has become a social phenomenon, with its own birthday celebrated on Nov. 8.

These humorous programs not only have included Putin parodies and jokes critical of his policies (Garik Kharlamov's hilarious act on Russian TV channels all showing Putin at any given moment comes to mind, among many others), but their live shows have also been attended by Putin and Medvedev themselves, with the latter even appearing as guest on KVN. If one needs any further evidence that subversive humor is doing well, even in post-Soviet Russia: in 2006, on KVN's 45th anniversary, Putin delivered one of the highest awards to KVN President Alexander Maslyakov for running the show successfully for so many years.

One would be hard-pressed to find this reported in the American media. While there have been recent reports of a resurgence of political humor in the Western press and online blogs, the truth is, it never really stopped. Simply, reporting on it probably didn't fit the West's favored and strategic "Scary Putin — Bad Russia" line.

Many Western commentators have also been clamoring for reforms in Russia, warning that should Putin in his third term fail to implement serious legislative and economic changes, the whole country will be down on a sure-death spiral. What these commentaries and predictions fail to acknowledge is that there have been plenty of reforms in Russia, for a long time already: long, complex, and painful reforms in the tax, banking and other legislative systems, to name but a few. Admittedly — and this is where the misconception lies — Russia has been reforming in its own way (not necessarily the way the West wants), and it has been doing so in its current context of corruption, nevertheless.

Among some of these commentators' proposals for remedying Russia's ills and helping it steer its ship into a more successful future is decentralization of power and redistribution to local authorities through-

out the country. Such a proposal can be applauded: it is indeed key to many, if not most of Russia's problems. Although hoping for Putin in his new Presidency to step in that direction is wishful thinking, as the policy for much of his previous presidential and ministerial terms in most areas, seems to have been geared precisely the other way, with regional governors being gradually stripped from their say and influence through new election- and other laws, and Moscow accumulating more power in its hands.

If decentralization were to ever happen in Russia, it won't be while Putin is around (in whatever form — President, Prime Minister, or other).

**If there is one thing he has proved to be able to deliver, it's stability.**

Other forecasts by American and Western media point to a period of uncertainty under Putin's soon-to-be third Presidency — especially if he doesn't reform. But I beg to differ: if there is one thing he has proved to be able to deliver, it's stability — of the Soviet kind, but stability nevertheless. This is what the people crave, and the reason behind his popularity with much of the population. Recent reports of his declining support among his people in fact refers to the poorer and older layers of society, who may indeed be dissatisfied with his policies precisely because they are hankering for more stability and are nostalgic about the "good old" stable days of the Soviet system. This is typical of the elderly — precisely the category that has most turned its back on Putin in recent statistics. In other words they want more of the old order — a little detail omitted by the pro-West media, all too happy to report on Putin's declining power.

*This article is the seventh in a series on Russia's presidential election, popular street protests, and Putin's new presidency.*

# Who's suited to be the next GOP VP?

## Romney unlikely to pick VP to court evangelical vote; will focus on the economy instead

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would suggest Romney has plans to upset the electoral map.

The second thing to note is that of the leading names, most are Catholic, or otherwise unlikely to deliver evangelical Christians who may be turned off by Romney's

**The single greatest commonality between the leading ten is their pronounced budget hawkishness.**

Mormonism. Rubio, Christie, McDonnell, Ryan, and Ayotte are Catholic. Both Daniels (who publicly asked for religious issues to be put on the back burner) and Rice (who

has eschewed most discussion of her religion), though nominally Protestant, would do little to reassure evangelicals. None of the remainder — Portman, Pawlenty, and Thune — are particularly known for their religious fervor, suggesting that InTrade bettors do not think the vice president will be chosen primarily for his or her power in courting the evangelical vote, or, perhaps more broadly, that Mitt Romney does not think his flank is vulnerable on this point.

The single greatest commonality between the leading 10 is their pronounced budget hawkishness. Christie, Daniels, and Ryan have each been outspoken on the issue of reducing the national deficit, and almost all of the names could point to past deeds or words to prove their budget hawk bonafides. Conversely, almost none of the potential picks can claim expertise in the area of foreign policy — in both re-

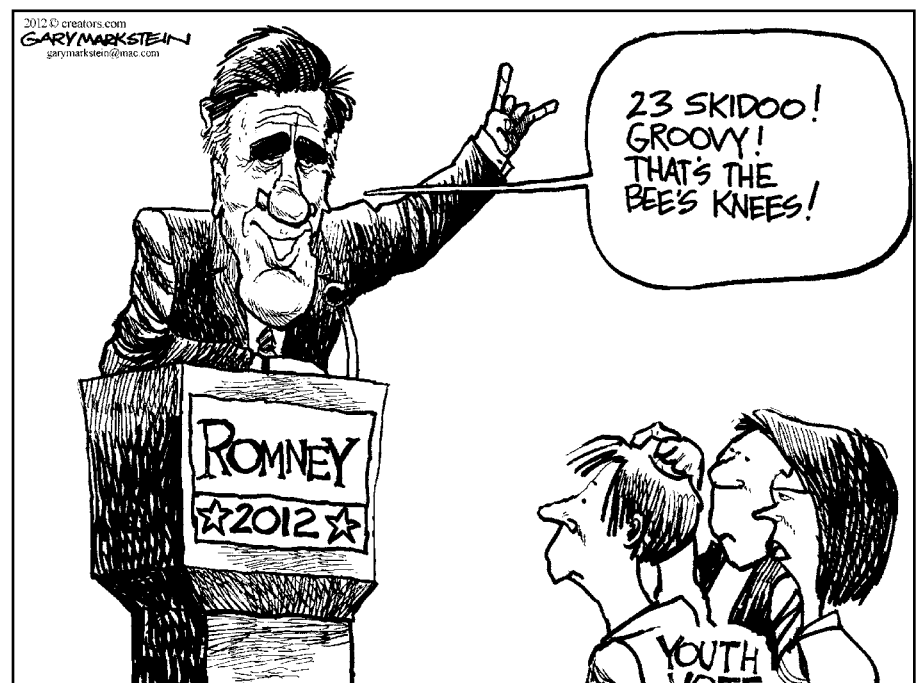
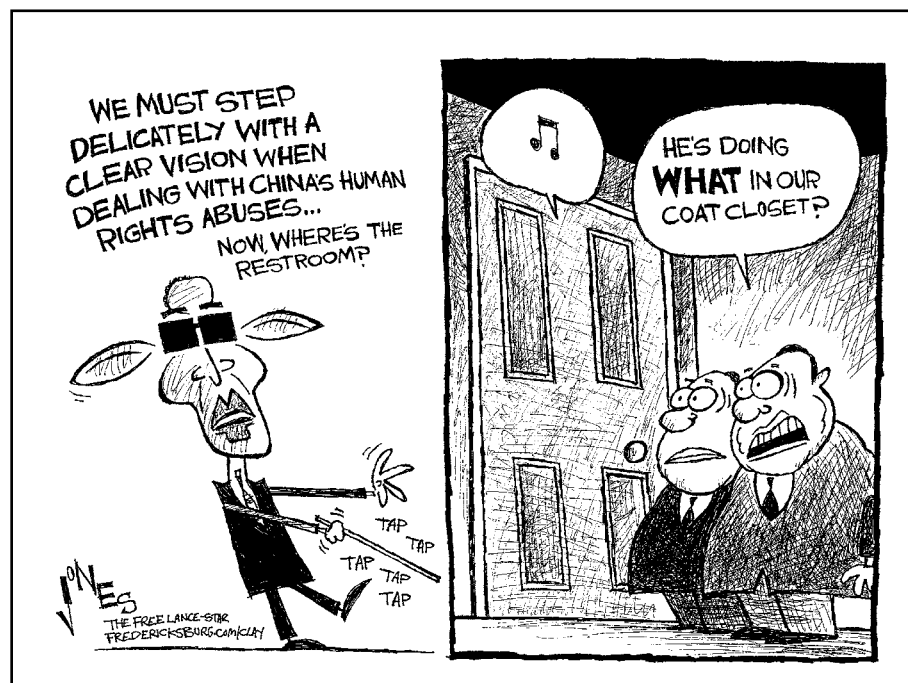
gards Condoleezza Rice is the exception that proves the rule. The die, it seems, has already been cast — Republicans would like to focus this election on the economy under President Obama and the budget deficits he has accrued.

Six of the 10 names jumped on the Mitt Romney bandwagon early. Pawlenty, Thune, Christie, and Ayotte were early supporters of Mitt Romney, voicing their support before any primaries even took place, while Portman and McDonnell were sure to declare their loyalty within 24 hours of the last respectable presidential rival, Rick Perry, leaving the race. The timeliness of Portman and McDonnell's support in particular suggests that, despite its reputation as being not worth a bucket of warm piss, the vice presidency is a position that is being actively campaigned for — indeed, a cynical observer might claim that most of

the policy initiatives brought forward by Portman and McDonnell in the past year are moves to make them more viable as VP picks.

Predictably, the majority of the top names are middle-aged white men (the exceptions, of course, being Rubio, Ayotte, and Rice). Race and gender, for good or bad, are unlikely to be the determining factors in Mitt Romney's choice.

Of course, this is all mostly guesswork. You can ask 100 Chinese people what the length of the emperor's nose is, but if none have actually ever seen him, then their averaged answers aren't going to be any more accurate than their individual guesses. Nothing says that Mitt Romney has to follow the conventional wisdom when picking his running mate. But the conventional wisdom itself speaks greatly to the type of race we are likely to see.



MENS ET TENEBRAE

# A friend in need

How to best support fellow students in hard times

By Grace Taylor  
STAFF WRITER

Over the past month, I've written about mental health issues from the perspective of the afflicted. But for every individual who struggles with these issues, there are many more who are affected by association. Friends, partners, and family members end up shouldering some of the burden.

Even if you don't think you know anyone with a diagnosable problem, we've all supported friends when they're stressed, frustrated, lonely, or just having a bad day. Especially if you frequently find yourself in a supportive position, there are some important factors you should consider for your own well-being and that of your friends.

This is a topic near and dear to me because I've had depression for as long as I can remember. I wasn't diagnosed until the age of 14, and since then I've spent a fair amount of energy trying to figure out the best way to manage my depression, both for myself and for those who are close to me. Besides that, several of my good friends have dealt with depression, anxiety, or other issues, so I know what it's like from the supporting side. These experiences have taught me three guidelines when relating to people with mental health issues.

First of all, if you come across a friend who is having a low moment, ask them what they want from you. It might not be what you expect. Most people's reaction to an upset friend is to be concerned, sit down with them, and try to listen or help them reason through their problem. When people do that with me, though, it doesn't

make me feel better. As a longtime depressive, I have a well-established fear of being a negative force in other people's lives. I hate the idea that my depression is bringing anyone else down, so it's often not the best approach if a friend decides that they'll sit next to me all night while I can't sleep or something else similarly heroic.

So, what should my friends do to support me? Oddly enough, it's best for me when they act like nothing is wrong. This may be counterintuitive for most people. I only realized this myself because of two particular friends. If I'm having a rough day and I see them, they chat with me like everything is completely normal. I could be puffy-faced from crying, or unable to sleep at five in the morning, and these two people would just talk to me about their pet bird or OKCupid dates or whatever else we normally discuss. They treat me as if my depression doesn't change our friendship.

Some people want the opposite though — they might need to feel like their friends are taking their problem seriously. Other people have no idea what they need when they're having a bad day. If that's the case, the best you can do is encourage them to give it some thought. The moral of this story is that what your upset friend wants is not necessarily what you would expect, so be sure to actually listen. Everyone is different.

My second piece of advice is less about how you should act towards your friends and more about how you should act towards yourself. Although I just told a story about people who make me feel better, they can only alleviate my depression on a very short-term basis. Neither of them have the

ability to cure it.

It's incredibly important to understand your limitations as a supportive friend. When you see someone in pain, you want to do whatever you can because they're your best friend, or your boyfriend, or your girlfriend, or whatever — but it's pretty likely there's nothing you can do, and trying too hard incurs a serious cost. It's very common to go into hero mode and sink your own ship trying to keep them afloat. I'm trying to save you a lot of time, energy, and grief when I say that you should avoid burning yourself out. It ruins relationships. Be a good friend, see if there's anything you can do for them, but accept the fact that you can't fix them.

Considering your own well-being is especially important when you're in a relationship. Dating means being exposed to your partner's emotional life, and if that emotional life is completely messed up, it puts you in a pretty unhealthy position. Getting caught in their pain and deciding that you can fix it usually ends up being destructive to the relationship.

My third piece of advice might be the most important. If someone is at risk of hurting themselves, get help immediately. Determining whether a friend is at risk is not always black and white, though, and it's a pretty difficult position to be in. If you're not sure what to do, consult someone responsible and trustworthy, like a GRT or housemaster. The well-being of you and your friends has to be the top priority.

Being a student at MIT is both fantastic and difficult. Having close friends is key to getting through the tough parts, provided you're mindful of each other's needs.

## EVENTS MAY 8 – MAY 14

### TUESDAY

(6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.) *After the Factory* screening and director Q&A — 7-431

### WEDNESDAY

(12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.) Artists Beyond the Desk presents Angela Ambroz and Jessica Barber book reading — 14W-111, Killian Hall

(5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.) Emerson Scholar student violin recital by Latifah Hamzah — 14W-111, Killian Hall

### THURSDAY

(10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.) D-Lab International Craft Fair — Lobby 10

(5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.) China Forum: International Artist Cai Guo-Qiang Keynote and Sculpture Dedication

### FRIDAY

(12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.) Launching SpaceX: How to Build a Rocket Company — 3-270

(7:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m.) LSC shows *The Adventures of Tintin* — 26-100

### SATURDAY

(9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) Westgate Spring 2012 Yard Sale — W85 lawn

### SUNDAY

(8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.) Techiya Spring 2012 Concert: The Search for the Quest — 6-120

### MONDAY

(7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.) *7 Laws of Magical Thinking* book reading by Matthew Hutson — 32-141

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# Industry provides funding, mentors

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search experience.

"We currently have a very successful UROP program, in which students tend to sample a lot of different research projects in order to get a feel for what they're interested in. We want the 'Super' UROP program, however, to give students the chance to gain a more in-depth research experience by working with a faculty member for an entire year. The program will also better prepare students for graduate school, startups or industry," he said.

Chandrakasan also emphasized that though some project ideas from faculty members will be available on the "Super" UROP website, students are encouraged to reach out to faculty and propose their own projects as well. "We encourage students to be entrepreneurial and creative in coming up with their own research ideas."

Most of the funding for the inaugural year of the program will come from about eight industry sponsors, the likes of which currently include Google, VMware, and Analog Devices, among others (a full list of the companies can be found on the official "Super" UROP website). Mentors from these companies will also be matched up with students based on their research interests. Participating students may also have the opportunity to present their research at the company or at an annual Institute undergraduate research conference that will start in 2013.

In an email to *The Tech*, Ray S. Stata '57, founder of Analog Devices, said, "As an industrial sponsor, Analog Devices will look for opportunities to collaborate with students and faculty on research topics of continual interest and provide insights into the relevance of research to real world applications. ... Analog Devices is excited about exploring new possibilities to strengthen our relationship with MIT students and faculty through the 'Super' UROP program."

### Creating the program

According to Chandrakasan, the EECS planning group started working on the program last July. In January, Chandrakasan and his colleague Professor Dennis Freeman PhD '86, along with other faculty members and the Course 6

Undergraduate Student Advisory Group in EECS (USAGE) worked to fine-tune "Super" UROP internally, before presenting it to the Office of Undergraduate Advising and Academic Programming (UAAP).

Catherine A. Olsson '12, a member of USAGE, said that the group wanted to ensure the program made research seem as attractive and rewarding to students as industry.

"Students all know there are lots of exciting opportunities in industry, and that it can seem extremely glamorous, especially from all the career fairs. However, we want people to have the same level of attraction toward research and recognize that it can be just as rewarding, especially if people want to go into academia, or even industry."

The USAGE group also offered feedback on the details that would be relevant to students, such as the pay and credit structure. Olsson said that some students also met with industry sponsors who wanted student feedback as well. "It was really cool to go to the industry meetings; the companies were all extremely excited about reaching out to students and supporting cutting edge research."

The Course 6 department then worked with Julie B. Norman, senior associate dean for undergraduate education and director of the UAAP office, to finalize the program, making sure its funding structure was in compliance with MIT's financial aid policies.

Norman said, "Our office was focused on how we could best facilitate and support the "Super" UROP program. After checking that it complied with financial aid guidelines — which it did — we submitted a proposal to the Committee on Curricula to formally create the certificate program. We also emphasized that students would receive credit for the academic portion of the program — the 6.UAR subject — and pay for the actual UROP work."

Norman added, "I think it was a wonderful collaboration with Course 6, and I'm excited to give students the opportunity to engage with faculty and do exciting and innovative research."

Students who wish to apply to the program can submit an application from May 15 through Sept. 15, 2012. More details can be found at <http://superurop.eecs.mit.edu>.



TAMI FORRESTER—THE TECH

Ricky D. Richardson '12 sings "Wake Up Everybody," as performed by John Legend, in the last set of the Chorallaries' spring concert on Saturday night.



TAMI FORRESTER—THE TECH

Bethany R. Kroese '12 performs the Ellie Goulding song "Lights" during Resonance's spring concert on Friday night in 10-250.

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TIFFANY IRA HUANG—THE TECH

**Yimin Chen '13, the 2012 MITSO Concerto Competition winner, performs "Prokofiev: Piano Concerto No. 1" in the MITSO concert Friday evening in Kresge Auditorium. The concert was led by director Adam K. Boyles. The event also premiered "Schrodinger's Cat: A Musical Journey into the Strange World of Quantum Mechanics" by student composer Dustin R. Katzin '12.**



CHRISTOPHER A. MAYNOR—THE TECH

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**Record yield rate**

*No students off waitlist this year*

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pointed not to be able to offer admission to some really excellent students who were on the waitlist." These students have been informed that the class is full.

"Rather than have them wait, we wanted to tell them as soon as possible," Schmill explained.

Schmill credits the high yield of the class of 2016 to a spectacular CPW.

"CPW was outstanding because of the welcoming spirit of the entire campus," he said, "We had a higher percentage of our admitted students attend than ever before, and they gave us great reviews on

their follow up surveys."

The class of 2016 boasts a higher percentage of women (46 percent) and underrepresented minorities (24 percent) than any other class, while 13 percent are first generation students. The SAT scores were the "highest ever" according to Schmill, with a math mean/median of 764/780 and verbal mean/median of 716/730.

The holistic ("arguably more important") measures of the class, Schmill said, are "still as strong as ever."

In addition, 25 transfer students, mostly sophomores, have accepted their offer of admission at MIT.

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**The Sloan (Course 15) Course Bidding System (Sloanbid) Bidding Dates for Fall, 2012 Courses**

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Please contact Scott Alessandro, [salessan@mit.edu](mailto:salessan@mit.edu), if you have questions regarding Sloan (Course 15) Course Bidding.

Successful bids will appear on your Registration Form on September 6 and will be posted on the bidding website as of July 12 -- write down your password to check results!

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**Solution to Techdoku**

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**Solution to Sudoku**

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# Boston veterans should lead Celtics past Hawks

*Both teams are old, but Celtics have more experience succeeding in the postseason*

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The Heat are simply too athletic and too talented for the Knicks to keep up with. Carmelo Anthony has the potential to win a game himself, and the Knicks could win a shootout with Miami if J.R. Smith and Steve Novak catch fire, which they are bound to do at some point in the series, but I really can't see it lasting more than six games. LeBron's quest for a title should continue into the second round.

Prediction: Heat in five games.

—J. Austin Osborne

Do I really have to explain this one? Linsanity isn't having any word with the likes of Bosh, LeBron, and D-Wade. It's over. The Knicks might as well pack up and book vacations after game four. The Heat on the other hand can expect a long postseason run and are going to have a relatively easy time getting to the Finals unless Rose heals up and the Bulls pull through; if that's the case, I'm saying Chi City, Chi Chi City...

Prediction: Miami will take the series in four games.

—Shri Ganeshram

## (6) Orlando Magic vs. (3) Indiana Pacers

This series lost some of its luster when it was announced that Dwight Howard would be out for the remainder of the season with a herniated disk in his back. He creates matchup problems in every game he plays in, and Orlando will miss his production and defense in the post. On the other hand, Indiana has been one of the NBA's biggest surprises this season, even though their star forward Danny Granger is having a down year. With Howard on the bench, Pacers All-Star center Roy Hibbert should be able to exploit Glen Davis in the post, and the addition of Leandro

Barbosa at the trade deadline solidifies an already strong group of perimeter shooters for Indiana. The Magic now must rely on third-year forward Ryan Anderson and veteran SG Jason Richardson for much of their scoring. Although Orlando took Game 1, I don't expect them to be able to overcome the loss of Dwight Howard, and the Pacers should advance fairly easily.

Prediction: Pacers in six.

—J. Austin Osborne

## The Heat can expect a long postseason run and are going to have an easy time getting to the finals.

This one is tight but the Pacers are moving with a resounding pace. They're young and upcoming, just a little more veteran than the Nuggets, and have enough spunk to pass by a Magic minus Howard. If by some miracle Howard could play for Orlando, the tables would turn, but I don't really believe in Magic...

Prediction: Pacers will take it in seven games, 4-3.

—Shri Ganeshram

## (5) Atlanta Hawks vs. (4) Boston Celtics

At the middle of the season, it appeared that the Celtics might be finished. They were 15-17 going into the All-Star break and the shortened season looked to be taking its toll on the Boston trio of Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce, and Ray Allen. Then they went on an improbable run, sparked by point guard Rajon Rondo, and overtook the 76ers for the Atlantic Division crown with about three weeks re-

maining in the season. The window of opportunity for this Celtics squad to win a championship is quickly closing, if not already closed, but I don't think their season will end this round against the Atlanta Hawks. The Hawks are a perplexing team. Every year, they seem to finish the regular season in the same position. They have a proven scorer in Joe Johnson and a legitimate post defender and scorer in Josh Smith, but they never really seem to be a threat when it comes playoff time. This is their fifth straight year in postseason play, but they have been ousted in the second round for the past three seasons. Boston simply has too much experience and their veterans like Garnett, Allen, and Pierce know that this may be their last chance to hoist the championship trophy. They won't let it go to waste.

Prediction: Celtics in five games.

—J. Austin Osborne

Our hometown Celtics are hot this year, and the Hawks just aren't stopping them. Both teams are bunch of old men, but the Celtics are a bunch of old men who know how to win postseason. You can expect Rondo and Allen and the team's fetus, Avery Bradley, to soar past the Hawks; the triple J — Joe, Josh, and Jeff — just aren't going to cut it for the Hawks. On the flip side, this just means earlier vacation hours for the Hawks; neither team has what it takes to beat out the Heat or the Thunder.

Prediction: Boston will take it in six games, 4-2.

—Shri Ganeshram

## (8) Utah Jazz vs. (1) San Antonio Spurs

Even in this shortened season, you just can't count the Spurs out. Many thought that with their aging roster, San Antonio wouldn't

be able to compete with younger, more athletic teams, especially in the brutal Western Conference. After receiving word that SG Manu Ginobili would be missing much of the beginning of the regular season due to injury, things weren't looking good for the Spurs. But PG Tony Parker had one of his best seasons to date, averaging 18 points and nearly eight assists per game. The Jazz are certainly an up and coming team, with many promising young players, such as Al Jefferson, Paul Millsap, Derrick Favors, and Devin Harris. This Spurs team is too talented and has too much pride to be eliminated by the eighth seed two years in a row, however, after being shocked by Memphis last season. Utah should be able to have an advantage in the post with the Jefferson-Millsap-Favors trio, but in the end, the Spurs will just be too much to handle.

Prediction: Spurs in four games.

—J. Austin Osborne

## The Spurs team is too talented and has too much pride to be eliminated by the eighth seed two years in a row.

San Antonio has been killing it thus far, and Utah isn't even competition for the balanced team of veterans and rookies. It looks like the Spurs have more than a shot to just win the first round but to come clean with the whole tournament. With a balance of youthful speed and skill complementing the trio of Duncan, Parker, and Ginobili's playoff know-how, the team isn't going to have much trouble in these early rounds.

Prediction: Spurs will take it in four games.

—Shri Ganeshram

## (7) Dallas Mavericks vs. (2) Oklahoma City Thunder

Thunder Won Series 4-0

The Miami Heat are to the East what Oklahoma City is to the West. They are the odds-on favorite to win the Western Conference and so far, they've shown they have the mental toughness to compete, as they completed the sweep of the defending champion Dallas Mavericks. Although the Mavericks put up a valiant effort in Games 1 and 2 behind star forward Dirk Nowitzki, OKC's Kevin Durant was too much for the Dallas D to handle, as he hit a buzzer beater to seal Game 1, and contributed 26 points to the win in Game 2. The Thunder closed out the series handily in Dallas and now look forward to their next opponent, the winner of the Lakers/Nuggets series.

—J. Austin Osborne

It was a year ago that the Mavs pulled out a difficult win against a tough Heat in the NBA Finals, but there won't be a repeat of that this year. The Thunder are booming, and sure the Mavs have Dirk and Kidd, but when your team is powered by a handful of men aged 30 and older, you're not stopping two of the best youth in the NBA, Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook.

Prediction: expect OKC to be a contender for the finals as well.

—Shri Ganeshram

## (6) Denver Nuggets vs. (3) Los Angeles Lakers

The Denver Nuggets started the season as one of the NBA's biggest surprises, sparked by the outstanding play of Danilo Gallinari. After he went down in March with a broken thumb, however, they started to slip in the Western

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# Heat and Spurs expected to take East and West

*Thunder is strong, but Duncan still has the strength to lead the Spurs to the finals*

By Carlos Greaves  
SPORTS STAFF

### Spurs vs. Clippers

The Spurs came into this year's playoffs very hot, and though they snagged the No. 1 seed for the second year in a row, they hope to perform orders of magnitude better than last year when they lost in the first round. Assuming the Spurs and Clippers both win in the first round, this series will go to the Spurs.

Spurs in six.

### Thunder vs. Lakers

Assuming the Lakers win their series, they'll be in for a very close series with the Thunder. Oklahoma

City seems to be getting progressively better year after year, and though the Lakers have a healthy Kobe and the talent to win again, the lack of Phil Jackson will be the decisive factor in this series.

Thunder in seven.

### Celtics vs. 76ers

Assuming the 76ers finish upsetting the mighty Bulls (an even more shocking upset than the Grizzlies over the Spurs last year), and assuming the Celtics beat the Hawks, this matchup will favor the 76ers. The Celtics have been somewhat lethargic the last few seasons, and though they are just a few minor adjustments short of a fantastic team, this just hasn't

happened.

76ers in six.

### Heat vs. Pacers

Another shocker this season has been the performance of the Pacers, who haven't really done much since the days of Reggie Miller. Though they did beat the Heat in late March, the Pacers squad just doesn't have what it takes to win the series.

Heat in six.

### Western Conference Prediction

#### Spurs vs. Thunder

As a native of Texas, I suffer from Spurs nostalgia, and would love to see the Spurs take this se-

ries. While I feel that the young talent at OKC should theoretically outplay an aging Spurs team, I will cling to the belief that Duncan has one more trip to the NBA finals left in him, and I think this is the year to do it. However, look for OKC next year as they just seem to be getting better and better.

Spurs in seven.

### Eastern Conference Prediction

#### 76ers vs. Heat

At the beginning of this season you would've been hard pressed to find anyone outside of Philadelphia who thought the 76ers

would make it to the eastern conference finals. Now, however, it looks like a very real possibility. Unfortunately, their luck will

**Look out for OKC next year — they just seem to be getting better and better.**

run out, and we'll see the Heat with a chance to redeem themselves. With any luck, they'll be up against a different team from Texas.

Heat in five.

# Clippers-Grizzlies expected to be a close match-up

*Clippers have the hype and more chemistry, but Memphis could upset again this year*

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Conference, losing their grip on one of the coveted top four seeds, and therefore losing home-court advantage. This also thrusts them into an extremely tough matchup with the LA Lakers and superstar Kobe Bryant. The Lakers go into almost every game they play with a significant size advantage, playing All-Stars Pau Gasol and Andrew Bynum down low. Bynum has been nothing short of spectacular this series, averaging 18 points, 11 rebounds, and almost five blocks in the three games, including a 10 block-13 rebound-10 point triple double in Game 1. Denver's impressive rookie from Morehead State Kenneth Faried has not shied away from the pressure either, averaging 12 points and 11 rebounds per game in the series. Although the Nuggets managed to grab Game 3 at home, I don't expect them to be able to compete with the LA big men for a seven-game series.

Prediction: Lakers in five games.

—J. Austin Osborne

With a roster consisting of support from the likes of Andrew Bynum, Pau Gasol, and Metta World Peace, Kobe and the Lakers are going to go all out this postseason; they're approaching their expiring dates and this is one of their last shots at the trophy. Don't expect them to get too far though — although Denver is an easy target, they're not getting past all of the West, the Spurs and OKC are just too good to let a little Metta World Peace stop their

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chaos. The Nuggets are still on the rise, and though they will be falling short of a championship this year, expect great things in the future. With a team whose core minus Al Harrington all fall under the four years pro or less cat-

egory, you can expect only good things in time.

Prediction: Lakers will take it in six games.

—Shri Ganeshram

### (5) Los Angeles Clippers vs. (4) Memphis Grizzlies

This is one of the more interesting series in the first round as "Lob City" squares off against the Memphis Grizzlies. There has been a lot of hype surrounding the Clippers lately, after their acquisition of All-NBA point guard Chris Paul, Chauncey Billups, Nick Young, Caron Butler, and Kenyon Martin. For the most part, LA has lived up to hype, securing the fifth seed in the Western Conference. In Game 1, they mounted an epic 27 point come back with just over 13 minutes remaining in the game to steal home-court advantage, 99-98. Not surprisingly, Memphis seems to be everyone's sleeper pick after they upset the No. 1 seeded Spurs last year in the first round. They return this year with almost an identical roster, with the addition of Rudy Gay, who was sidelined last year

with an injury for the entire playoffs. The matchups in this series should be very intriguing as last year's playoff hero Zach Randolph lines up against highlight machine Blake Griffin. At the beginning of the playoffs, I expected Memphis to meet OKC in the

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Western Conference Finals, in a rematch of the amazing series last year, and my expectations have not changed. This will be a series that comes down to a few key moments and may be decided on a lucky bounce in Game 7, but I think the Grizzlies will advance.

Prediction: Grizzlies in 7.

—J. Austin Osborne

This series is one of the toughest this year in the first round of the NBA playoffs. After a number

of disappointing seasons for the Clippers, they returned after the lockout with a newfound rejuvenation and strength. The addition of the powerhouse point-guard Chris Paul was the key to their success this season, along with Blake Griffin's contributions to the team. The Grizzlies will put up a good fight, but after the Clippers win in the first game, the Clippers will definitely take the series.

Prediction: Clippers will take it in seven games, 4-3.

—Shelley Ackerman

This one is going to be tight, but the Clippers have what it takes to pull through. The Clippers have an edge with CP3 and Blake Griffin being a far more fierce combo at the front than Gay and Mayo; however, both teams have strong rosters from top to bottom, and the team chemistry is going to be the deciding factor in this series.

Prediction: Clippers will take it in seven games.

—Shri Ganeshram

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## SPORTS SHORT

## MIT Triathlon hosts annual Iron Nerd race

The triathlon club had an impressive turn out at their annual Iron Nerd race. The team holds the race each year to help promote a healthy and active lifestyle at MIT. The race also serves as a recruiting event for the MIT team. Seventy-seven undergraduates, graduates, and MIT affiliates registered for the race this year.

The course included a 200-yard swim in the Z-Center, followed by a five-mile bike ride around the MIT campus, and finished with a 1.5-mile run along dorm row. Melissa E. Skan '15 won the undergraduate women category at 29:59. Kristoffer M. Frey '15 was the male undergraduate leader, completing the course in an impressive 25:17. Antonio Tugores-Garcia G dominated the male graduate student category with a time of 23:32 while Alexandra Lai Ching Andrews G placed first among graduate women. Students who started their triathlon careers with the Iron Nerd have gone on to become great athletes who race Olympic-distance events.

—Shelley Ackerman, Sports Editor

# Thunder, Heat expected in finals

## Celtics, Spurs, and Pacers also predicted to get past first round

By Sports Staff

*After a dramatic year for the NBA, we have reached playoff season. With the lockout behind us, 16 teams are in the process of competing to advance to conference semifinals. These are The Tech Sports Staff's predictions on who will advance past the first round, and ultimately to the NBA finals.*

### (8) Philadelphia 76ers vs. (1) Chicago Bulls

Although the Bulls dominated the majority of the Game 1 matchup, the victory may have come at too steep a price. Coach Tom Thibodeau's controversial decision to leave his starters in the game with one minute left with his team up 12 proved costly as superstar point guard Derrick Rose's season-ending ACL tear may jeopardize the high expectations Chicago had coming into the playoffs. Philadelphia guard

Evan Turner infamously tweeted last week that "the heat are a tougher team for us to match up against," which has elicited much criticism over the past week. There may be some truth to that statement, however. The 76ers have matched up very well with Chicago over the past

### The Heat are simply too athletic and too talented for the Knicks to keep up with.

two seasons, even with Derrick Rose in the lineup. The two teams have great benches, with the 76ers' second unit scoring 40.8 PPG (fourth in the NBA) and the Bulls featuring Kyle Korver, Omer Asik, Taj Gibson and C.J. Watson. Chicago and Philadelphia also pride themselves on playing stellar defense and are first and third, respec-

tively, in the NBA this season in points allowed. This series already had upset potential, but the Sixers were never fully expected to win more than one or two games. Without Derrick Rose, Chicago is still incredibly formidable, but I think Philadelphia may be able to steal a game or two in Chicago, and pull off the upset.

Prediction: 76ers in seven games.

—J. Austin Osborne

This is one that the Bulls should have won 4-0, but with Rose out for an injury, they're going to have a tough time getting past Jrue Holiday and the six strong men who follow him. Luol Deng, Carlos Boozer, and Rip Hamilton are still an All-Star combination, and the Bulls are lucky in that C.J. Watson and John Lucas III aren't the ordinary duo of backup PGs. Depending on Rose's recovery, the series score can change, but if he isn't playing, the Sixers are going to stand as a formidable opponent and the Bulls are go-

ing to have to rely on the chemistry that got them through the regular season when Rose was down and out.

Prediction: Chicago will take the series in seven games, 4-3.

—Shri Ganeshram

### (7) New York Knicks vs. (2) Miami Heat

The Knicks-Heat series has not lived up to the hype thus far, as the Heat have dominated all three games in the series. The Heat's trio of LeBron James, Dwyane Wade, and Chris Bosh has proven to be too much for the Knicks to handle. It also didn't help that the Knicks lost one of their best perimeter defenders, Iman Shumpert to a season ending ACL tear in Game 1. This series has taken an emotional and physical toll on the Knicks as they also lost star PF Amar'e Stoudemire after he struck a fire extinguisher casing and lacerated his hand.

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## Women's crew has best finish

### Team places third at Patriot League championship

By Rebecca Heywood

TEAM REPRESENTATIVE

MIT Women's Openweight Crew had its top finish in its three years as a member of the Patriot League at the conference championship regatta last Sunday on the Cooper River in New Jersey. The Engineers placed third in the team standings, behind the U.S. Naval Academy and defending champion Bucknell University, after back-to-back fifth-place finishes in 2010 and 2011.

MIT has been a member of the Patriot league since 2010, and competes with the U.S. Naval Academy, Bucknell University, College of the Holy Cross, Lehigh University, and Colgate University. 2013 will mark

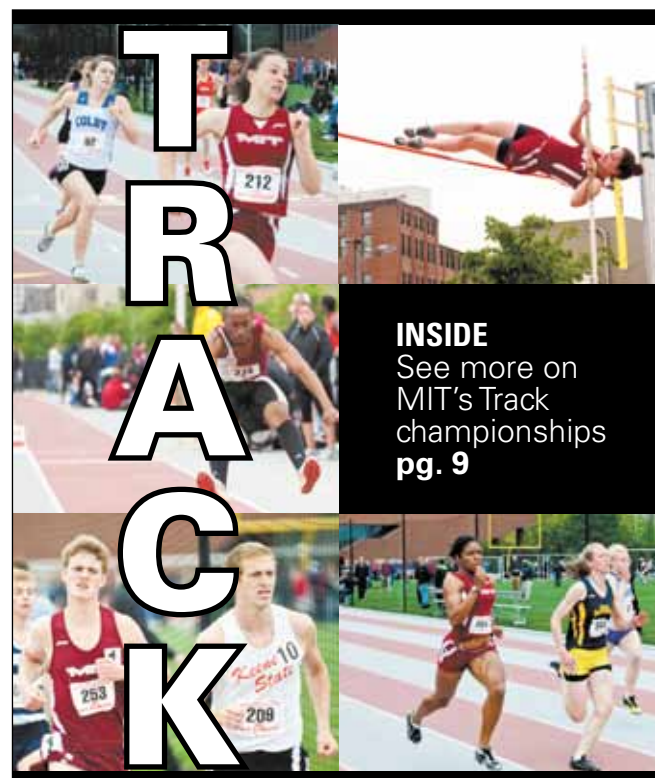
the first year that eligibility for the NCAA championship will be determined by an automatic qualifier system based on the results of selected conference qualifying races. The championship is scored on a weighted system, with each of three boats scoring points by position. While individual boats are recognized for their finish within each race, overall team points determined the winner of the championship.

The races followed in quick succession, with only 20 minutes between the start of the first and last races. All three boats faced difficult starting conditions, but managed to come from behind and show the competition what the Engineers are made of. The varsity four led the day, placing third out of five boats with a time of 8:28.31, finishing ahead of crews from Lehigh and Holy Cross.

In the second varsity eight, MIT was fourth out of six, finishing with a time of 7:18.82, just two seconds behind Holy Cross and ahead of Lehigh and Colgate.

The varsity eight race was MIT's best showing of the day. After coming in fifth place in 2011, the Engineers came in second, finishing just 2.42 seconds behind the winning crew Bucknell, closing a gap of over a boat length over the 2,000-meter course.

In its third showing at the Patriot League Championship, MIT has proved its competitiveness within the league and its tenacity in improving its speed across the board in all of its boats. The Engineers will face Bucknell University again at the Eastern Sprints Championship on May 13 and are hoping to reverse the standings in its final race of the season.



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