1,620 students admitted to Class of 2016

MIT Acceptance rate at a record low of 8.9%

On Pi Day at Tea Time (March 14 at 6:28 p.m.), MIT granted admission to 1,620 eager applicants. This year’s acceptance rate of 8.9 percent was a record low, with a record high of 10,169 applicants overall. 6,008 of these applications were early action, a decrease from last year, and 680 of these students were accepted early. Last year, a total of 1,742 students were admitted. Dean of Admissions Stuart Schmill ’86 said that one of the factors that may have affected this year’s high application pool and decrease in early action was the fact that Harvard and Princeton reopened their single-choice early action options. This meant that students had the opportunity to apply to as many schools as they desired, resulting in fewer early action applications to MIT and more regular action applicants.

The class of 2016 is nine percent African-American, 31 percent Asian-American, 35 percent Caucasian, 14 percent Hispanic, and one percent Native American. Similarly to last year, 49 percent of admitted students are women. There was a slight increase in admitted international students, from 12 percent last year to nine percent this year. “The applicant pool keeps getting stronger even as it gets bigger,” Schmill said. For instance, the average SAT scores of the class of 2016 applicants are higher than in previous years, he said. Schmill anticipates a slightly higher yield than last year due to the fact that students who were admitted early to Princeton and Harvard did not submit applications to MIT at all. In previous years, however, those who may really want to go to Harvard or Princeton also apply to MIT regular action, and might later decide not to attend MIT.

Last year, MIT’s yield was about 63 percent. —Stephanie Holden

Fire leaves Back Bay ashlen, powerless

Electrical fire leaves Boston residents in the dark this week

The Boston skyline went dark Tuesday evening after a major transformer failure in Boston’s Back Bay, causing a three-alarm fire that destroyed the parking garage of the Bank of America building and left over 1,000 people without power. The outage left large swaths of Boston dark, from Beacon Hill to Copley Square. MIT students living on campus were affected. The power company, reports that most of Boston has power restored through the lights. The Prudential Center was the last skyscraper to regain power at 11 p.m. All living greatly had their power restored except Sigma Nu and Fenway House.

Seventeen residents were forced to evacuate last power on Tuesday evening along with the rest of the Boston area, and Madison Street, Longwood, adjacent apartment for FGU. Over 400 students in affected living groups were reported to campus, and some decided to stay for the night. The Housing Office keeps a list of spare rooms and has a number of rooms reserved for emergency use.

Dennis Collins, Director of Housing, and as it prepares to expand its course of learning for the fall term. Faculty devoted their January/February newsletter to discussion on MITx, and the Undergraduate Association has started to consider the project’s impact on students. Chancellor Eric Grimson has started to consider the project’s impact on students. Chancellor Eric Grimson and the rest of the Boston area, said Marlena Marcondes, chair of the student body.

All brothers at Nu Delta stayed on campus except Sigma Nu and Fenway House. Housing groups have had their power restored except Sigma Nu and Fenway House. “I am writing to let you know about an extraordinary, extraordinary difficulty decision that I have been trying to lead both CSAIL and MITx to realize that this situation cannot continue indefinitely,” Agarwal said. “We are considering the future of the project, which as it begins to get more attention from students and faculty, and in a way that MITx is very, very important for MIT,” says Agarwal. “It’s critical that we get out there and do it fast.”

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Obama defends energy policy

WASHINGTON — For more than two years, a handful of Dem- ocrats on the Senate intelligence committee have warned that the government is secretly interpret- ing its surveillance powers under the Patriot Act in a way that would be alarming if the public — or even others in Congress — knew about it.

On Thursday, two of those sena- tors — Ron Wyden of Oregon and Mark Udall of Colorado — went further. They said a top-secret in- telligence operation that is based on that secret legal theory is not as crucial to national security as executive branch officials have maintained.

The senators, who also said Americans would be “stunned” to know what the government thought the Patriot Act allowed it to do, made their remarks in a letter to Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. after a Justice Department official last month told a judge that disclosing anything about the program “could be expected to cause excep- tionally grave damage to the na- tional security of the United States.”

The Justice Department has argued that disclosing informa- tion about its interpretation of the Patriot Act could alert adversaries to how the government collects certain intelligence. It is seeking the dismissal of two Freedom of Information Act lawsuits — by The New York Times and by the Ameri- can Civil Liberties Union — related to how the Patriot Act has been interpreted.

The senators wrote that it was appropriate to keep specific op- erations secret. But, they said, the government in a democracy must act within publicly understood law so that voters “can readily or reject decisions made on their behalf”; even if that “obligation to be trans- parent with the public” creates other challenges.

“People would also note that in recent months we have grown increas- ingly skeptical about the actual value of the ‘intelligence collec- tion operation,’” they added. “This has come as a surprise to us, as we were initially inclined to take the executive branch’s assertions about the importance of this ‘operation’ at face value.”

The dispute centers on what the government thinks it is allowed to do under Section 215 of the Patriot Act, under which agents may ob- tain a secret order from the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court al- lowing them to get access to any “tangible things” — like business records — that are deemed “rel- evant” to a terrorism or espionage investigation.

There appear to be both an or- dinary use for Section 215 orders — akin to using a grand jury sub- poena to get specific information in a traditional criminal investiga- tion — and a separate, classified intel- ligence collection activity that also relies upon them.

The interpretation of Section 215 that authorizes this secretive surveil- lance operation is apparently not obvious from a plain text read- ing of the provisions and was devel- oped through a series of classified rulings by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court.

## Report details inner workings of senator's ethics trial

WASHINGTON — At least two federal prosecutors involved in the botched case against former CIA officer Nicholas A. Mar- tes — Ron Wyden of Oregon and Mark Udall of Colorado — went through their training “intentionally with- held and concealed” significant evidence from the defense team that could have resulted in his acquittal, a court-appointed investigator has concluded.

In a 514-page report made pub- lic Thursday, the special investiga- tor said he had uncovered evidence that would “prove beyond a reason- able doubt” that two members of the prosecutorial team in the 2008 trial, Joseph W. Bottini and James A. Gooke, had deliberately kept ex- clusory information from Stevens’ defense team.

The report made no conclusions about the actions of Nicholas A. March, a third prosecutor who worked closely on the case, citing his suicide in 2010 as a reason for silence.

But it largely enumerates several other prosecutors involved in the case, including William M. Welch II, the former chief of the Justice De- partment’s public integrity section, and Brenda Morris, his former depu- ty, who became the lead prosecutor just before the trial. Both were reas- signed after the case collapsed.

Brenda Sullivan, the defense lawyer who represented Stevens, said the report “confirms that the government has been misled and riddled with government corruption involving multiple federal prosecu- tors and at least one FBI agent.”

Matthew Stinchief and Kenneth G. Steinberg, prosecutors for Gooke and Bottini, criticized the report, saying it concluded that the trial team’s mistakes had been intentional with- out providing “hard facts or sound legal analysis,” as Steinberg wrote in a letter to Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. He said it was not fair to air such “conclusory statements” when there would be no trial to test the evidence.

The Justice Department’s own in- vestigation into whether any profes- sional misconduct took place is not yet complete.
Backlash aside, charities see lessons in a web video

By David Goodman

It has galvanized young American antiwar activists and stirred a backlash from critics across the country who view the film as a threat to the world's most powerful army.

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In China, a rare view of insurgency being

BERLIN — A deep vein of intrigue has always pulsed through the messy process of sorting out power in China's Communist Party.

The former president, Jiang Zemin, supposedly strengthened his ties with outside powers in an apparent bid to frustrate ouster efforts, but he will now leave office.

Justice is expected to come late this year, in time for the Communist Party to decide whether to allow him to attend the party's 16th Congress next fall.

Behind the scenes, some say, are plans to push party officials to agree on a new leader who can bring stability and economic growth to the country.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An open letter to Cambridge about the Google expansion

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Councillors, Realy? You are seriously considering delaying the aproving the Google expansion at Cambridge Center because a small portion of a rooftop park will be eliminated in an area that already has more than enough open space?

The damage, though, has already been done. Once again, the reputation of Cambridge as a place where anti-development zealots and NIMBYs have an inordinate amount of influence is reinforced. The green space extremists would rather say no to this and other companies that have profound worldwide impacts on the way most of us live rather than give up a few square feet of grass. Their tunnel vision is astonishing. It is faux environmentalism at its most absurd.

In an unstable world economy that could easily slide back into recession or worse, top-tier companies that want to be here and expand should be given VIP treatment. This doesn’t mean carte blanche, but roadblocks like this thrown at institutions such as Google are ludicrous.

I trust the councillors to do the right thing and, not follow.
Gary Bagaglia is a Cambridge resident.
Symphony Hall resonates with the sounds of Final Fantasy

Arnie Roth conducts the Video Game Orchestra with arrangements of favorite pieces from the history of the epic franchise.

By Philip M. Diesinger

The concert featured some of the great- est music from decades of Final Fantasy games, including the famous opera "Draco and Maria" as well as "Dancing Mad!" from Final Fantasy VI. Many pieces featured special guests like solo guitarist Shota Na- kama, who performed a stunning version of "Vivace alla Flamenco" from Final Fun- dary.

The individual pieces were carefully chosen and arranged into a coherent structure, and the combination of the HD screen with the soundtrack greatly enhanced the experience.

The Tech speaks to Arnie Roth about classical music, film scoring, and yes — video games.

When he was spotted in the audience, the crowd became electric; the cheering did not stop for minutes.

By Philipp M. Diesinger

The Tech had the chance to speak with Grammy award-winning conductor, composer, and music direc- tor, mostly self-taught — not classically trained. It was that er, mostly self-taught — not classically trained. It was that

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The concert was an absolute blast. The audience that night was not the presenta- tion: music and film are two of the most powerful mediums to capture and evoke emotions. In this case, the music and film were combined to create a truly unforgettable experience.

I also want to point out that the reason I think that some people want to come to concerts is that when you are playing the video game you are listening to the same piece of music played in the same tempo with the same audio compression over and over again. Nothing changes. When you come to the stage of Symphony Hall or any of our concerts, we will have over 100 musicians and performers on the stage between the orchestra of 72, the choir of 40 voices, plus soloists and the conduc- tor. You are creating a huge audio landscape of sound and light...
Help Desk by Michael Benitez

As I get closer to graduation, everything I own seems to be on its last legs.

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New leader for budding MITx
Agarwal pleasantly surprised by initial reception

MITx, from Page 1

New leader for budding MITx

Agarwal says he’s been surprised by what he sees as a community that has developed around 6.002x. 6.002x students — from all over the world — have taken advantage of tools like discussion forums and wikis to help each other learn the material, much more than expected. The need for 6.002x course staff to handle questions is mitigated by more advanced students helping others.

"I was petrified about what was going to happen when people jumped on the discussion forum," said Agarwal. "Whether we could scale, or whether we could handle all the questions"

User response to 6.002x has been more than expected. The need for new leadership for MITx was going to happen when people started helping others.

Agarwal will continue to serve as CSAIL head until his successor is picked by a search committee — the same committee that picked Agarwal by his email to CSAIL same committee that picked Agarwal declined to say precisely when that would happen.

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"This is miles ahead of both Coursera and Udacity. Nicely done MIT‘," wrote another, referencing two other online educational platforms.

Still, users have also asked for improvements. Homework deadlines were changed from Friday to Sunday to better accommodate work schedules.

"I just peeked at [6.002x] and I assure you guys, this course is the best among all in terms of course content and layout," wrote one reviewer.

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MIT has billed MITx as an open system that other institutions can leverage to offer their own courses.

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State drops charges against Swartz; federal charges remain

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has dropped all six charges against Aaron H. Swartz, the computer activist who allegedly downloaded millions of academic journal archives from JSTOR via a laptop housed in network closet in MIT’s Building 6.

"In the interest of justice, we agreed to let the federal case have precedence," said Cara O’Brien, a spokeswoman for the Middlesex District Attorney’s office. Many of the witnesses would have been the same in the two cases, she said, and since the state case would have gone to trial first, witnesses testimony might compromise the federal case.

The dropping of the charges appeared in the court’s electronic docket yesterday, though it was dated Tuesday, March 6, 2012.

The charges dropped by Massachusetts were two counts of breaking and entering, one count of larceny over $250, and three counts of unauthorized access to a computer system.

The remaining four federal charges are wire fraud, computer fraud, unlawfully obtaining information from a protected computer, and recklessly damaging a protected computer.

Swartz’s alleged downloading took place between September 2010 and January 2011. He was indicted by a federal grand jury in July 2011.

Swartz, who has been out on bail since two days after his July arrest, has subsequently left the Boston area and now resides in Brooklyn, New York, where he works for Amaz Foundation, a nonprofit “global web movement to bring people-powered politics to decision-making everywhere.”

His federal case is currently in discovery, and the defense has begun to review the “substantial” quantity of material from the government, according to a joint status report filed on March 8.

A trial is likely and would last around three weeks, the status report says. The case’s next status conference is set for May 14, 2012.

Swartz’s attorney, Martin G. Weinberg, was pleased by the decision and called it an “exercise of proper discretion by a wise and experienced prosecu- tor’s office.”

—John A. Haukebust

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Friday, March 16, 2012
The Graduate Student Council/Undergraduate Association student advisory group to the Presidential Search Committee have initiated a series of public forums with the intent of getting student input on the search for MIT’s next president. The first of these forums was held on Tuesday evening in Ashdown House’s Hulsizer Room.

The forum drew 19 people, mostly graduate students, and about a third were members of the student advisory group itself. After a brief presentation on the mechanics of the search process and a high-level overview of the president’s role, committee members broke the audience into two groups for open-ended roundtable discussions. Members of the student advisory group’s “executive team” — including Bryan Owens Spero G, Ellan F. Spero G (also the GSC vice president), Alex J. Evans G (the GSC president), and Amanda C. David ’13 (the UA vice president) — led the discussions.

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Graduate students also expressed concern over rising costs and increasingly constrained research budgets, noting that federal research dollars will not continue to flow as freely.

Concerns over student mental health and the impact of MITx on campus learning also made it into the discussion.

Additional topics included the importance of teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels, of diversity, and of international engagement.

The student advisory group held another public forum in Walker Memorial yesterday evening. The next one will be Monday, March 19 at noon, in room 5-134. For the full schedule, see http://gsc.mit.edu/mit-president-search/.

John A. Hawkinson contributed reporting to this article.
The Tech Friday, March 16, 2012

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Blackout for Boston FSILGs
17 Boston FSILGs lost power as a result of the fire

Fire, from Page 1

we’re going to throw out.”

The brothers of Delta Tau Delta (DTD) chose to stay in their house for the evening.

“It was pretty fun, we just hung out,” said Patrick K. Marx ’13, president of DTD. “We had candles and stuff, and played board games.” Students returned to MIT to do their homework, he said, but otherwise were “pretty self-sufficient.”

Phi Kappa Theta (PKT) was out of power for two days from when the blackout first began on Tuesday evening until 9 p.m. on Thursday.

“Not much changed,” in the daily life of the fraternity, said Owen C. Derby ’12, PKT president, “Most people used friends on campus to show- er, and did work on campus. Most would come back late at night to sleep.” The house was warm enough, he explained, that “we didn’t have to worry about temperature.”

Derby says it was split “half and half” between brothers who stayed at the house and those who stayed with friends on campus. Their biggest concern was to make sure the plunger for the toilet was there and to throw out the rotting food from the refrigerator. “The fridge was just about to smell today anyway,” Derby said. Brothers had to “find for them- selves” food outside during the outage, some went out to dinner, or dined, Derby said. There was “no food at the house.”

Similarly, Delta Upsilon had brothers go to MIT “to charge lap- tops and take showers,” but mostly felt like they “didn’t need too much help from MIT,” said Chad A. Bean ’14, the house manager of the house. On the bright side, he said, “our freezer was well insulated, and we instructed people not to open it for the time being, so none of the coldness es- caped and the food was fine.”

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Effect on Boston

The outage has affected all busi- ness and residences in the area. Food inspectors have been exam- ining restaurants, ensuring that they throw out spoiled food. Shops were unable to function, and the Hynes Convention Center canceled its events for the duration of the out- age. Police patrolled Massachusetts Avenue and other busy streets due to the absence of street lights. The Massachusetts Turnpike had Eut 22 closed, prohibiting cars from exi- sting into Copley Square and the Pru- dential Center, where electric repair work was being done. The problem was that the SCOTIA street substation, near the parking garage of the Back Bay Hilton, was down. The station has two transformers, one of which was un- harmed. NStar workers hope to have “normal operation” starting by next week, said Tom May, the chief execu- tive officer of NStar, in an interview with The Boston Globe.

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“Would we come together and try to come up with some options for the students if they did need housing?” Collins said. “We have a list of empty rooms, bedding, and cots available to set up somewhere in a large function space if they needed someplace to sleep overnight.”

The outage affected:

• Alpha Chi Omega
• Alpha Phi
• Phi Chi
• Delta Tau Delta
• Fenway House
• Nu Delta
• Pi Lambda Theta
• Phi Kappa Sigma
• Phi Kappa Theta
• Phi Sigma Kappa
• Sigma Chi
• Sigma Kappa
• Sigma Nu
• Sigma Phi Epsilon
• Tau Epsilon Phi
• Theta Chi

Among Sloan’s offerings, its programs in information sys- tems, production/operation, and supply/chain logistics came in first. Its MBA degrees in finance and entrepreneur- ship also earned ranks of fourth and fifth, respectively.

MIT’s undergraduate, engi- neering program parallelled its graduate one with a number one ranking. Overall, MIT was ranked fifth best undergradu- ate school.

It is important to note that a decrease in ranking in a par- ticular field does not mean the program is any lower quality than it was the year before. Last year, MIT was ranked first in both mechanical and aeronautical/ astronautical engineering, de- spite the second place ranking this year. Instead, the ranking changes each year because of constantly shifting criteria.

For professional school programs in business, education, engineering, law, and medi- cine, U.S. News ranks schools based on expert opinions and statistical indicators such as acceptance rates, average GRE scores, starting salaries, and employment rates upon gradu- ation. Programs in the sciences, social sciences and humanities, and health are based solely on ratings and surveys completed by academics.

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Women’s Softball falls in season opener, 5-1
Team faced Simmons College Tuesday

By Greg McKeever

On Tuesday afternoon, MIT Softball lost to Simmons College, 5-1, in their season opener. MIT took an early 1-0 lead over Simmons College before the Sharks struck for two runs in the fourth inning and tacked on three more in the fifth to down the Engineers, 5-1. The game was the season opener for Tech while Simmons improves to 4-4-7 with the win.

Simmons wasted little time answering back, getting a pair of runs in the top half of the inning. Simmons’ Al King roped a lead-off double over the centerfielder’s head and came home on a double by Emily Cunningham. Christina McAdoo carried Cunningham home with her base hit up the middle.

MIT threatened Simmons in half of the first, as Rea had a slow roller on a one-out, slap hit, and was sacrificed to second. The next inning would end, however, as freshman Sarah M. Van Belleghem grounded out to third.

Simmons struck for three more runs in the seventh, including a pair of two-out, unearned runs, on four hits. With two and one run already across, the Engineers seemed to be close to getting out of the inning, as E. Fodor induced a slow roller to third basemen. Shompton Angela I. Ha ’15 came over to cover the bag but was ruled off the base when she received the throw from Anna R. Christensen ’13. Cunningham had a hit two-run single to left to push the Simmons advantage to four runs.

Christensen reached on a hit in the seventh but was retired on a fielder’s choice and Emily Creedon ’13 struck out to close out the game. The Engineers will be off for the next week and a half before departing for Clinton, Fla. for their annual Spring Break trip. MIT will play 10 games in five days while in Florida.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS
Friday, March 16
Baseball vs. Wheaton College
Saturday, March 17
Sailing vs. Central Series 1
Sunday, March 18
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Women’s Softball vs. Simmons College
Time: 3:30 p.m., Briggs Field

Women’s Softball will take on Simmons College at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday at Briggs Field. The Engineers are coming off a tough weekend in which they were shut out in two games by Central. Senior Torre M. Swanhawk will try to lead the team to a win; however, Simmons has not lost in their last nine games and is coming off a win over MIT on March 8.

The Leopards ended the shutout in the fifth frame, generating their own two-out rally. With Mailman and senior Joe Meucci on first and second courtesy of a pair singles, Ouellette blasted triple down the right field line to clear the bases. The next inning, Wentworth tacked on two more runs to narrow its deficit to 8-4. Wentworth starters Jon Spits ’14 and Conner Flissick ’12 reached on walks and advanced on wild pitches. Mailman followed with a double to centerfield which resulted in the Leopards’ final runs of the day.

In the bottom half of the sixth, McKinnon drew a walk and then stole second base. A single by Macomber through the left side increased the Cardinal and Gray’s margin to 9-4. MIT capped the scoring in the eighth by capitalizing on pitching control issues that produced four runs.

MIT kicks off NEWMAC play on Friday, March 16 in a home game versus Wheaton College.