Three UA tickets to run this year
Communication with students top priority for all pairs
By Ethan A. Solomon
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

This month, three tickets will vie to be next year’s Undergraduate Association President and Vice President. Jonte D. Craighead ’13 and Michael P. Walsh ’13 (left column), Naren P. Tallapragada ’13 and Andrew C. Yang ’12 (center column), and Brendan T. Deveney ’13 and Mary A. Breton ’14 (right column) are running for UA President and Vice President, respectively.

Campaigning officially began yesterday, and the campus will vote on April 11–13. This is the first competitive UA President/Vice President campaign since 2008. Last year, Allan E. Narumani ’13 and Alex C. Lai ’13 ran unopposed, and neither served out a full term. Current President TyShaun Wynter ’13 will not seek another term, and UA Vice President Amanda C. Dorf ’13 is only seeking re-election as Class of 2013 president.

This campaign is unique in that next year’s leadership will take the reins of a newly-structured UA. Next year’s president and vice president will likely need to continue working throughout the year and into the spring semester, and UA Vice President Amanda C. Dorf ’13 is only seeking re-election as Class of 2013 president.

By Derek Chang
NEWS EDITOR

The Security Committee — charged by Dean for Student Life Chris Colombos to examine residential security issues in undergraduate and graduate dorms in mid-December — submitted its final report in February. According to Senior Associate Dean for Student Life Henry J. Humphreys, security plans for each dorm, which are based on the recommendations in the report, will hopefully be finalized in the fall semester.

Security Committee sought feedback for report
According to Humphreys, the committee was created due to immediate security concerns, such as issues with dormitory desk coverage and the Baker robbery incident in late October. Chaired by John DiFava, MIT chief of police and director of operations and security, and Charles Stewart III, housemaster of McCormick Hall and professor of political science, the committee also consists of Humphreys, Dormitory Council (DormCon) president Eli Beane ’12, IA Novo House Graduate Resident Tutor (GRT), several faculty members, and a member of the Office of Emergency Management.

In order to gain a stronger understanding of residential security and get feedback on what security policies are working, the committee interviewed the key stakeholders of dormitory security — house managers, housemasters, the police department, Nightwatch, desk captains, desk workers, and residents themselves.

The committee also looked at findings from the 2008 Task Force on Residential Security formed by Chancellor Phillip L. Clay. According to the report, the recommendations from the Clay Report were generally only partially implemented. DiFava noted that the recommendations from the 2012 Final Report were iterations of the 2008 recommendations.

I believe security in the residence halls is fundamentally sound,” noted DiFava, “but security is a constant, living issue that must be looked at all the time, and could be made tighter or stronger.” He commented that this was a general consensus among committee members.

DiFava also said of his previous experiences, “I have seen places where there is community pushback, not community embrace of security.”

“It takes a community to assure the safety and security of itself,” Humphreys added.

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IN SHORT
The MIT Coop will be taking Cap and Gown reservations for Commencement every day this week, 9:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. in NE20. Reservations will take place on weekdays until Friday, April 27.

Fourth quarter physical education classes begin on Wednesday. Don’t miss your first classes!

The 2012 Spring Career Fair (SCF) will occur on Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in W20.

Innovation with Excess Capacity to Achieve Speed and Scale, a talk by Buzzaier founder and CEO Robin Chase, will take place on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in 32-123.

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Jailed Ukrainian opposition leader is cleared for treatment

MOSCOW — Ukraine’s general prosecutor announced Monday that the jailed opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko can receive medical treatment outside the prison camp where she has been incarcerated since December 2009, a move that may aim to quell Western criticism of the politically tainted case.

Though the statement was specific in information, it appears to lay the groundwork for Tymoshenko to leave Ukraine, at least temporarily.

German officials have been in negotiations to treat Tymoshenko at a clinic in Berlin, the newspaper Süddeutsche Zeitung reported recently.

Top officials to Angela Merkel, the German chancellor, and Ukrainian President Viktor F. Yushchenko spent last weekend trying to establish a legal basis for overseas care for Tymoshenko, who has suffered a back pain since she was first incarcerated in October, according to the newspaper.

Tymoshenko has been sentenced to seven years on charges that she harmed Ukraine’s interests by agreeing to pay Russia a high price for natural gas.

— Ellen Barry, The New York Times

North Korea party calls leadership meeting

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea’s ruling Workers’ Party will consider its leaders’ conference April 10, the country’s state-run news agency, KCNA, reported Monday. Analysts said the rare meeting was expected to anoint the new North Korean leader, Kim Jong Un, as the official head of the party.

Kim, who became leader after the death of his father, Kim Jong Il, in December, has yet to assume top party posts, such as general-secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers’ Party. His current party title is deputy chairman of the Central Military Commission.

If he succeeds, Kim Jong Un will be the third military leader in North Korea. His father, Kim Jong Il, was the general secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers’ Party and chairman of the party’s Central Military Commission. His grandfather, Kim Il Sung, was the country’s first leader.

— By Heo Jeong-Mi, The New York Times

Hitting the West, Islamist gains in Egypt presidential bid

CAIRO — Hazem Salah Abu Ismail is an old-school Islamist. He seems determined to make the transition to power in Egypt and represent its Islamic community.

His success may help explain why the United States offered signs last weekend that it will not throw its support behind the administration of President Hosni Mubarak, which Mr. Abu Ismail has criticized.

Mr. Abu Ismail, a nearly 50-year-old lawyer, is the former front-runner in the Egyptian presidential election, which is one of the few countries in the world with a truly free and fair vote.

He has also surged to become a front-runner in the race to become Egypt’s next president, recouping political battle lines here. His success may help explain why the United States offered signs of tacit approval over the weekend when the Muslim Brotherhood, Egypt’s other Islamic group, broke its pledge not to field its own candidates.

His current party title is deputy chairman of the Central Military Commission, although he took the top military job — supreme commander of the Korean People’s Army — shortly after his father’s death.

— By Barbara Arabi, The New York Times

Weather

Seasonally cool weather expected

After a cold, cloudy, and rainy winter season, many residents with seasonably cool temperatures are expected to return this week. The National Weather Service has issued a fire weather advisory for the Boston area, indicating conditions are expected to remain dry. A strong pressure gradient between the high pressure to our west and a low pressure offshore will produce gusty winds. Tomorrow a weak front will move through, but lack of moisture will allow it to clouds and a few scattered showers. Following, another high pressure system will keep the rest of the week sunny and dry. Temperatures should be seasonally cold (low/mid 50s).

Extended Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy. Low 40°F (4°C). Winds from the north at 5–10 mph. 

JOBS Act has good intent, but may hurt investors’ safety nets

By Andrew Ross Sorkin

May the President Barack Obama should have bought shares in Groupon’s IPO.

If he had, he would understand what some Groupon investors may be feeling as he goes through the process of selling a piece of his own company’s business to the public for the first time.

In one of the most highly publicized public trading for Groupon, the online coupon company based in its hometown of Chicago, he would have lost a good chunk of his investment, putting him in the red by almost $41,000 today.

That means he would have lost 41 percent of his investment in Groupon in just five months, in a period when the Nasdaq set a record. A new piece of legislation to promote companies to go public may also lead to many more money-losers.

The measure, known as the JOBS Act, is a well-intentioned bill with bipartisan support aimed at making it easier for small businesses to find investors and enter into growth in the public market with a lower barrier of entry. The legislation dismantles some of the most basic protections for the most susceptible investors who may be sold into high-risk, quick-turnaround IPOs and other too-good-to-be-true investment opportunities.

As it stands, the companies slightly smaller than Groupon stand to benefit — potentially at investors’ expense. One part of the JOBS Act applies to companies with less than $1 billion in revenue. In other words, a company with $500 million in revenue.

But for a moment that the company decided to go public while it had less than a $1 billion in annual revenue. If the new law is in place before its IPO, it is unlikely the public would have found out in time about a series of questionable accounting gimmicks and metrics that the company had hoped to employ to bolster its number for investors. The SEC pressed the company to change filings, and the revisions had the effect of slashing the company’s revenues in half.

N.Y. workers rushed to sign up for pensions before cuts

By Thomas Kaplan and Kate Taylor

ALBANY, N.Y. — Thousands of public employees across New York state scrambled to sign up for pensions over the last several weeks, seeking to lock in generous retire- ment benefits before cuts were approved last Friday.

At the New York City Employees’ Retirement System, for example, more than 12,000 workers applied last week to enroll in the pension system — more than 40 times the typical weekly number of applicants.

And the New York City Board of Ed- ucation Retirement System received nearly 9,000 applications over the past two weeks, after enrolling only 522 new members in all of February.

It’s just a common-sense econ- omics here,” said Stephen Madda- rase, a spokesman for the Civil Ser- vice Employees Association. “You’re looking at an enormous difference in benefits.”

Lawmakers approved the changes late last month, requiring most em- ployees who joined the pension system beginning April 1 to con- tribute more to their pensions while reducing how much money they are promised when they retire.

Public-employee unions, which had unsuccessfully fought to dis- suade the Legislature from reduc- ing pension benefits, aggressively campaigned, using social media and traditional forms of outreach, to persuade workers to sign up be- fore the benefits dropped. The New York State United Teachers asked local party leaders to alert their members.

The Public Employees Federations sent an email alert to thousands of workers and posted on its Face- book page. And District Council 7, the city’s largest municipal employ- ees’ union, used lunchtime meet- ings with its members, as well as Facebook, Twitter, public access television, and a variety of media ap- pearances to reach its members.

Many city and state workers are automatically enrolled in a pen- sion system, but others, particularly those with part-time jobs, choose whether to sign up, and some have not done so because participating in the system requires making a regular employee contribution to the pen- sion fund.

“We encouraged them to get in now so that they wouldn’t have to work longer, receive less,” said Lil- lian Roberts, the executive director of District Council 7.

But Edmund J. McMahon, se- nior fellow at the Empire Center for State Policy, a conserva- tive research group, suggested that the flood of applications was driven partly by fear and, rather than by a rational assessment of what he described as incremental changes to public employee pension plans. The unions, he said, “are talking about it as if it’s the difference between hav- ing a pension or no pension, which is ridiculous.”

New York is among dozens of states that have sought to reduce pension benefits to workers as the economy has slowed the growth of tax revenues and the size of pension- fund assets. State and local govern- ments nationwide say they are struggling to pay retirement benefits promised to employees.
Symposium on the Causes of Global Poverty

The symposium was held at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and was sponsored by the Interdisciplinary Panel on Global Poverty.

The symposium brought together leading scholars from economics, political science, sociology, and other disciplines to discuss the causes and consequences of global poverty. The keynote address was delivered by Professor Paul Collier of Oxford University, who is one of the leading experts on the subject.

The symposium included panel discussions and workshops on a wide range of topics, including the role of international institutions, the impact of globalization, the effects of trade policies, and the importance of education and health care.

The symposium also featured a special session on the role of non-governmental organizations in addressing global poverty. The session included presentations by representatives of several prominent NGOs, including Oxfam, Save the Children, and the World Food Programme.

The symposium concluded with a panel discussion on the future of global poverty reduction efforts. The panelists discussed the need for continued collaboration between governments, NGOs, and other stakeholders in order to make progress in addressing this pressing issue.

The symposium was attended by over 300 people, including scholars, policymakers, and representatives from non-governmental organizations. The event was well-received and generated significant interest in the issues discussed.

For more information about the symposium, please visit the website of the Interdisciplinary Panel on Global Poverty.

The symposium was a valuable opportunity for scholars and practitioners to come together to share knowledge and explore new ideas on one of the most pressing issues of our time. The event was a success and demonstrated the importance of continued dialogue and collaboration in addressing global poverty.
On March 12, Robert Bales, a 38-year-old U.S. soldier, was charged with 17 counts of murder for the deaths of 17 Afghans: nine children, three women, and four men, in the village of Balandi and Alkozai near Camp Belamie. Bales is currently being held in a maximum-security military prison in Fort Lewis, Washington, where he will be tried for his crimes of murder and other violations in an Article 32 Hearing. He will likely receive a lifetime prison sentence.

On March 12, the witnesses from the village were interviewed. They recounted that Bales charged into three different houses, shot the family members inside, and set their bodies on fire. Setting corpses on fire is considered a desecration to bodies in Islam. Eleven of the dead were from one family. But Americans did not read this story—no, the story they saw was quite different.

On March 12, after the public caught wind of Bales’s murders, Bales’s attorney, John Henry Browne, released a statement about Bales’s state-of-mind during his time of committing the crime. “He was taking medications, but we don’t know whether it was aspirin, heart medicine. We don’t know what it was.” But specifically, Bales’s lawyer pointed to Bales’s unstable emotional states. Earlier this month, Browne told the press that Bales “suffered tremendous depression” after enduring a traumatic brain injury during his third deployment (he was currently on his fourth). There are no reports of Bales’s mental health, but Browne is already setting up a plea for insanity for him. The problem is that this is the worst kind of insanity.

The American perspective on a murderer: Robert Bales’s killings of 17 Afghans have been overlooked by the unapologetic media — this needs to change

By Andy Liang

An infographic about statistics from the Committee on Academic Discipline published on March 23 was incorrectly labeled. Eight of the academic misconduct violations were for “unauthorized collaboration.” In addition, 28 violations missing were from the graph about per sonal misconduct — they were listed as “other.”
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Tuesday, April 3, 2012
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Diinosaur Comics
[2086] by Ryan North

My self-summary
Okay so I made a profile before but nobody dated me?? It’s weird I think there might be a bug on the website

What I’m doing with my life
Hah hah hah NEXT

The first thing people usually notice about me
is how I hacked the website to put pictures of me and my friends in the background! Here is what’s happening at Dating Site Headquarters right now: OH NO T-REX IS AN ULTRA HACKER !!! BUT DID YOU KNOW THAT IN HACKING INTO THE KERNEL HE ALSO HACKED INTO... MY HEART <3 <3 <3

I didn’t type that! The words just appeared! So you need to move fast to date me now I think!!

The six things I could never live without
...is a sentence fragment; I found another bug

On a typical Friday night I am
hey utahraptor what do you do on a typical friday night? I need it to be awesome/sexyyyyy!!!!!

You should message me if

What if I checked it??
I wonder if it’s ever been used

Sudoku I
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Techdoku I
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Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column, row, and 3 by 3 grid contains exactly one of each of the digits 1 through 9.

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Sundays to the conversation with Bruce, Saul Anarchy, and infinity.

Special thanks to the conversation with Bruce, Saul Anarchy, and infinity.

Least Action Principle by Amanda Aparicio

THE NERDY TRAMP STAMP

* Acceptable catalysts include: • On the rebound• You're Brad Pitt• Question to the answer "42"
NOTE: On April 1st, 2012 the comic “Unwelt” varied based on region, network, and service provider.

A WEBCOMIC OF ROMANCE, SARCASM, MATH, AND LANGUAGE
by Randall Munroe

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Christopher Newport University

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AWEBCOMIC OF ROMANCE, SARCASM, MATH, AND LANGUAGE
by Randall Munroe
A large screen above the orchestra displayed footage from The Legend of Zelda during the Symphony of the Goddesses at Davies Symphony Hall in San Francisco last Wednesday. Here, before the concert, the screen shows the Royal Crest — the official crest of the royal family of Hyrule.

**CONCERT REVIEW**

**A symphony fit for the goddesses**

The Legend of Zelda gets fully orchestrated for its 25th anniversary

By Jessica J. Pourian

Last Wednesday, over a thousand Zelda fans descended on San Francisco’s Davies Symphony Hall in the heart of the city. The event? The 25th anniversary celebration of one of Nintendo’s most beloved franchises: The Legend of Zelda. “Zelda: Symphony of the Goddesses” is a musical tribute to the history of Zelda and the great scores composed by Koji Kondo. The concert, directed by Irish conductor Eimhear Noone, works with local musicians in each town to put together an entire orchestra to play the show.

As is the norm with the video game and other franchise symphonies that are cropping up around the nation, “Symphony of the Goddesses” felt more like being immersed in the Zelda series than many other video game concerts, like Video Games Live, where one might expect to hear dialogue when seeing a character speak. It is the closest the Zelda franchise has ever been to becoming a movie. By hearing the music for each game and seeing the key scenes on screen, it was almost like reliving each game. You could recall the feelings of each moment — the fear of first seeing Ganondorf outside the castle gates in Ocarina of Time, the surprise when you’re blasted out of the cannon to the Forsaken Fortress in Windwalker, and the laugh when Link is attacked by Cuccos, along with many other memorable moments.

The concert opened with a medley of tunes from the original NES game up until Skyward Sword. A brief silence of awe followed the medley, broken by a single excited scream that was immediately echoed by the entire audience.

A rendition of the Kakariko Village theme came next, and then ‘The Ballad of the Wind Fish.’ After these pieces, Noone introduced the main event of the evening: the four-part symphony written especially for this performance. Each movement highlighted a particular game and combined a number of themes from throughout the entire adventure. A prelude introduced the goddesses Din, Nayru, and Farore, who created the land of Hyrule, while the screen displayed the famous genesis scene from Ocarina of Time. The prelude was met with thunderous applause, and the concert moved into the first part of the symphony, highlighting Ocarina of Time. I found this part of the symphony the most moving since Ocarina was my first Zelda game, and the music evokes so many childhood memories. I was slightly disappointed that they used NES game footage instead of the original N64, but it was still lovely.

The second movement was of Windwalker, which truly features some of the best music from Zelda’s history. Hearing the ocean theme live was incredible — you almost felt as if you were in the boat with Link. After an intermission, the orchestra moved on to Twilight Princess. Midna’s Theme is one of my favorite melodies from the Zelda series, and it really shone in concert. The final movement was A Link to the Past, which was met with delighted cheers from the audience who did not expect the older game as the finale.

A standing ovation happened immediately after the concert ended — I have never seen such enthusiasm in Davies Symphony Hall. The cheers brought Noone back on stage for an encore, which she said was a “screct” but was very obviously the theme from Gerudo Valley. After this, a second standing ovation brought her back out for a second encore that she said was added to the program after a number of fans wrote to the creators. Fans had complained of the lack of a Majora’s Mask theme, so the concert ended with a piece highlighting Ocarina of Time’s sometimes forgotten sequel. The (real) end of the show finished with deafening cheers from the audience, who stood up a third time.

In his piece about the Final Fantasy concert in Boston a few weeks ago, Philip M. Diesinger described an enraptured audience whose reaction to the concert was “overwhelmingly positive.” This was also true of the Zelda concert — the energy in the room was unparalleled to any symphony I have ever attended. The attendees all desparately want to be there; they were personally connected to the music in a way most concertgoers are not in a classical symphony. The concert was almost a bonding experience for the entire audience — with everyone laughing and sighing with nostalgia at the same time, it was almost as if we had all been on the adventure together.

Many people cosplayed for the concert (I couned one Dark Link, one Malay, three Midna’s, two Fiis, and countless Linkes), and even more dressed in Zelda memorabilia or had strategic green dresses or shirts along with dozens of people with Link hats. As I left the concert hall I had the burning desire to go through and relay all of my favorite Zelda games. Unsurprisingly, I overheard a number of people express the same sentiment on my way out.

Want to know what’s going on between issues of *The Tech*?

Find out what’s happening right now at [http://techblogs.mit.edu](http://techblogs.mit.edu).
The theme for the meeting points to the “unreasonable effectiveness” of the scientific enterprise in creating economic growth, solving societal problems, and satisfying the essential human drive to understand the world in which we live.

The phrase, “unreasonable effectiveness,” was coined in 1960 by physicist Eugene Wigner, who explored the duality of mathematics — both beautiful unto itself, and also eminently practical, often in unexpected ways.

The scientific program will highlight the rich and complicated connections between basic and applied research, and how they bring about both practical benefits and the beauty of pure understanding.

**Student Poster Competition**

The competition recognizes the individual efforts of students actively working toward an undergraduate, graduate, or doctoral degree. **Online entries will be accepted beginning 14 May 2012.**

For information about exhibits and sponsorships, contact meetings@aaas.org.
Susie: Hey Ethan!

Ethan: E-mail join@tech.mit.edu

Ethan: You should join the technology department at The Tech! We pay $14/hr.

Ethan: You get to learn valuable job skills too!

Ethan: We've got people who can help you out.

Ethan: We'll send you more info!
Get ready to dig deeper to ride the MBTA.

Riders on the public transit system would pay an average of 23 percent more and most service cuts would be spared under a budget-balancing plan announced this morning by the T.

The changes to take effect July 1, are significantly less severe than the two proposals unveiled by the T in January and widely criticized at hearings throughout Greater Boston in recent months. Those proposals would have relied entirely on fare increases and service cuts to make up the $160 million deficit the MBTA faces for the upcoming budget year.

Instead, the T hopes to use $51 million in one-time funds from the state’s motor vehicle inspection program to soften the blow on transit riders, Secretary of Transportation Richard A. Davey said.

Other sources — including $7 million in leftover snow and ice money from the mild winter, and an unexpected $5 million from a deal to lease the North Station parking garage — could yield $5 million but would bring the MBTA back in the same position a year from now, looking at service cuts and potentially more fare increases, he said.

"I can’t emphasize enough this is a one-year solution," Davey said. "And all things being the same, we will be back in the same position a year from now, looking at service cuts and potentially more fare increases." He said the debt service costs on the T’s tens of billions in debt were rising, along with such costs as employee health insurance and providing service to the disabled. Fare revenue cannot keep pace, he said.

Under the plan unveiled today, subway riders using a CharlieCard would pay $2 instead of $1.70 — an 18 percent increase — while bus riders using the prepaid card would pay $1.50 instead of $1.25, a 20 percent hike. A monthly bus and subway pass would rise to $70, from $59.

Students and seniors would still pay discounted fares, but their discount would shrink. And fares for The Ride, the door-to-door service for the disabled, would double from $2 to $4 for riders in the region’s inner core while rising to $5 in a new "premium" area in outbound suburban neighborhoods, Davey said.

Davey warned in a news conference that the plan was just a one-year fix — and that more unpopular decisions could be ahead.

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Instead of deep cuts to service, the T will eliminate four of its nearly 200 bus routes and reduce runs on 14 additional bus routes. It will also eliminate weekend service on three commuter rail lines, Greenbush, Plymouth/Kingston, and Needham.

But the T will largely preserve threatened ferry service and will continue running the Green Line’s E Line trolley to Brigham Circle on weekends — stopping short of Health but not eliminating it, allowing riders to reach the Longwood Medical Area and nearby art museums — Davey said. Ferry fares will be raised about 35 percent, and the Quincy boat will be eliminated on weekends, with the goal of ending public subsidies for the ferry lines but keeping them operating.

"We’ve spent the last two months out at 30 hearings listening to customers, and our proposal I think reflects what we’ve heard from our customers," Davey said. "Overwhelmingly, we heard from folks that they were opposed to cuts in service, and we should really look to try to minimize cuts as much as we could — but at the same time re-alizing the fiscal realities that many customers said they would pay a little more to maintain service."

Governor Deval Patrick told reporters at the State House that he approved the plan was a one-year fix and vowed to put the MBTA’s problems at the top of the legislative agenda next year.

The MBTA will change fares and services on July 1.

The T will eliminate four of its nearly 200 bus routes and reduce runs on 14 additional bus routes. "This is neither a permanent nor a comprehensive solution," he said. "The T will be back in this situation next year."

"I don’t favor short-term patch- es," he said, adding at another point, "This solution is all about patches and plugs."

Patrick would not offer any suggestions for how to fix the problem, saying, "I’m going to reserve my judgment on what the best solution should be."

The T last raised fares Jan. 1, 2007. The coming increases — which still need approval from the MBTA board — would keep T fares competitive with those in other major cities, Davey said.

The transfer from the vehicle inspection fund would require the Legislature to tweak a state law that requires that money to be spent on motor vehicle air quality, the money is a surplus remaining from when the inspection sticker was raised to $29, with most of the fund invested in modernizing motor vehicle inspections, Davey said.

As we read the statute, we didn’t believe the MBTA fell under that, but frankly I can’t think of any other better air-quality improve- ment than getting people on public transportation and out of their cars. So we believe this is an appropriate use of that surplus, to at least give the MBTA fiscal flexibility to keep service running," he said.

The T also for the first time will ask riders to volunteer information about the nature of their trips, a move the MBTA has been reluctant to make in the past for legal reasons. But some of those trips are medically related and could be eligible for federal Med- icaid reimbursement, a move that could yield $5 million but would require legislative action to allow the MBTA and the state Executive Office of Health and Human Ser- vices to coordinate on the matter, Davey said.

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Deveney suggested that a website where suggestions for the UA could be voted up or down — similar to Reddit.com — could help break the communication barriers between the student body and the UA. The pair would also use the web to provide weekly UA updates and publicize events with a cross-campus appeal.

Their vision for the UA is focused on student life policy. Deveney wants to make sure that the ‘freelance, maverick’ MIT student culture isn’t stifled by institutional restraints, especially in light of a new UA.

Improvements to the dining system and changes to the BEX/Orientation section also topped their policy considerations. The details of the meal plan implementation can be fine-tuned to better serve students, they say.

Candidate platforms and contact information can be found at: threeticketsrunformitcandiates.com.
Protest in Sanford during weekend to demand justice for 17-year-old Trayvon Martin

In Florida, intersection of tragedy, race, outrage

Tuesday, April 3, 2012  The Tech

Pensions — for tardiness, for graffiti sheets, he was all teenage boy, for computer games, sports and the name. Trayvon was interested in girls, in sports, in skateboarding. She [Brandy Green, a juvenile detention officer] called him "silly boy." She left the room, and was so surprised not to hear those words as he began to wail, "My baby's dead."

With few weeks' passage, the hateful encounter between a black youth and a neighborhood watch coordinator in Sanford, Florida, under a gun and with little regard for the arrest of George Zimmerman, 28, the neighborhood watch coordinator who claimed self-defense under a Florida law with the assertion that he was acting in self-defense.

"That assertion of justice for all — a fair trial, a fair opportunity for the police — but not vigilantes. From Virginia to Florida, the incomplete knowledge of the fateful encounter between a black youth killed with one bullet while running and seeking a tree before he expired a year later."

"In 2005, that summer of Trayvon's assassination, Sanford had a problem. 'And Trayvon said, 'If you have a problem, ' or 'No, there is no problem. ' And Trayvon said, 'I'm going to walk down the street.'"

"Now, on this dark, wet night, the neighborhood watch coordinator who has not been named is lost to the rear left side. He also described a conversation that began far differ-ently than the one recalled by the police officer near the mailboxes at the development's clubhouse, and the orderly cluster of 260 or so sandy-colored, two-story town houses, is lost to the past.

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Recommendations made for security

Goal to implement plans in fall

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The report made recommendations on residential security, desk security, and physical improvements, such as potential security cameras at dorm entrances.

McIsaac commented that graduated dorms require special attention. She noted there were additional security concerns because many are either in poorly lit surroundings or lack desk workers, and that many inhabitants in these dorms have children.

The pros and cons of professional desk workers will be further examined, Humphreys said, noting the possibility of desk worker policy changes in the fall and commenting that professional desk workers should be “given serious consideration.”

Future outreach to address dorms’ individual needs

With the work of the Security Committee completed, Humphreys plans to lead an outreach program for all dorms this term, with the ultimate goal of creating finalized security plans tailored to each dorm.

Humphreys has already distributed the initial security plans for all dorms to the student population for review.

Students must be educated and take ownership of the buildings as far as security goes in the building.

Dennis Collins
DIRECTOR OF HOUSING

By the end of the semester, Humphreys hopes to gain substantial student feedback and secure a professional consulting company specializing in security to help develop plans for each dorm. The company will examine each dorm’s security personnel, policies and procedures, and technology.

Over the summer, Humphreys and Collins’ primary goal is to work with the yet-to-be-found consulting company on developing initial security plans for each dorm. To finalize plans, Humphreys intends to schedule another round of dorm meetings to receive feedback on security plans developed over the summer.

Humphreys urges students who have opinions on residential security to attend the initial security meetings in their dorms, or share thoughts with dorm leaders or housemasters. He also encourages students to email him directly with constructive feedback, concerns, or criticism.

Students must be educated and take ownership of the buildings as far as security goes,” said Humphreys. “An engaged community is most conducive to a good security system.”

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Review Committee on Orientation releases report
REX and FPOPs will see few changes, FSILG recruitment scheduling to be determined

said that "students do not participate in REX because they want to transfer to another residence, and high levels of participation in REX does not make the adjustment lottery decision easier." MIT should "rearticulate that [REXs] primary purpose is to welcome first-year students to the Institute and to the residential community," according to the News Office release.

In that vein, the RCO recommended that REX become a time for "community building and sustaining diverse dormitory cultures," and that REX events conflict less with other orientation activities. Additionally, the RCO suggested that REX events be scheduled at any point during orientation, not necessarily limited to before the housing adjustment lottery.

FSILG Recruitment

The report indicated that the issue of fraternity, sorority, and independent living group recruitment was the RCO's most contentious. In general, FSILG-affiliated student committee members advocated for the status quo — recruitment following orientation — while faculty thought recruitment might be too early and too fast. RCO recommended forming another group to specifically evaluate the timing of Recruitment and potential "financial and social implications" of moving Rush/Recruitment to a later time. Separate from the timing of recruitment, RCO recommended that FSILGs be allowed to participate in orientation events like the Activities Midway. "Because of the important and positive role [FSILGs] play on campus, we can see no reason for a blanket ban against their participation in orientation and recommend that all such bans be lifted."

Other, smaller orientation programs may see more significant alterations, and the MIT News Office confirmed in a release yesterday that some of these recommendations will be implemented for orientation this year. City Days, for instance, will be replaced by a bigger community service event during the academic year. And the "Tuesday night event" held during Orientation week will be replaced by "dorm-wide community building activities."

RCO also recommended that "an in-depth cost accounting study" of orientation be conducted. Costs for regular orientation programming have been historically covered by the Institute, and REX alone costs upwards of $600,000. RCO recommended that MIT charge an "orientation fee" to cover orientation programming, housing, and meal costs, though this recommendation has been classified as "long-term" and is not confirmed for implementation this year.

RCO was formed in March 2011 and met for the final time on Jan. 24. Their report was presented to Dean for Undergraduate Education Daniel E. Hastings PhD '80 and Dean for Student Life Chris Colombo in mid-February.

RCO is a 16-member committee — five faculty (including three housemasters), five administrators (most from DUE or DSL), and six students (see sidebar).
On Saturday, March 24, the MIT Openweight Women’s Crew team opened the spring season at the 6th annual Beanpot Regatta. MIT competed against crews from Harvard-Radcliffe, Northeastern, Boston College and Boston University in the regatta that pits the Charles River’s D-I teams against each other. All the boats faced tough conditions on choppy water and a strong tail wind.

The first varsity 4 faced stiff competition and finished fifth in its race with a time of 8:05.4. The second varsity 4 led the day with a strong race, fighting to maintain contact with the crew from Northeastern to finish in third place with a time of 8:01.0. In the second varsity 8, MIT finished fifth with a time of 7:08.2.

The varsity 8 race was Tech’s closest race of the day. While Radcliffe and Boston University took an early lead, MIT battled with Northeastern for third place down the entire length of the course. The crews remained nearly even over the entire length of the race. MIT finished in 6:38.9, only 0.6 seconds behind Northeastern, the closest margin MIT has ever had with the 9th ranked crew in the EAWRC conference.

Jean H. Sack ’13, bow seat in the varsity boat, said, “I am incredibly excited about the speed and camaraderie that we have already found this season. Saturday proved that we are the fastest we have ever been, and are ready to see what we can do going forward!”

The Engineers spent spring break training on the river and are preparing to travel to Washington, D.C. for the George Washington Invitational on April 6 and 7 to compete against teams including Navy, George Washington, Duquesne and Georgetown.