No ’16s to come from waitlist
70 percent accept admission, highest yield ever

By Jessica J. Pourian

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 those who applied early, were admitted to the Class of 2016, with an additional 683 admitted from the regular admissions pool.

According to Dean of Admissions Stuart Schmill, 86 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 admissions 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 “disappointed” to not see any students from the waitlist.

Lamine Ioune leads Rambak’s performance on the Student Center steps Saturday. The Senegalese percussion group performed traditional rhythms such as “Kasalak” using mainly Sabar drums. Several audience members danced throughout the concert.

Free Wi-Fi on the Common

Boston Common recently made the jump to the 21st century when the 178-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.

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Course 6 develops new “Super” UROPs

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

By Deborah Chen

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 can commit to a full year of research with their chosen lab or group, as well as two semesters of the six-unit IUR (Preparation for Undergraduate Research) class, which focuses on topics such as choosing and developing a research topic, industry best practices, and presentation skills.

Students will be assigned an industry mentor (in addition to their faculty supervisor). They will also receive $3,000 for 10 hours’ work 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 of 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 a 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.

Anurthi F. Chandrasekar, 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 research commitment. Students are expected to commit for two years, but some may choose to go for three. The program is funded through the scholars program, although additional funds will be secured. More info at http://superurop.eecs.mit.edu

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IN SHORT

May 11-12: The 2,007 Design Competition is on Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the Johnson Ice Rink.

The 2012 MIT Leaders for Global Operations Conference will take place on Tuesday, May 8, 2012.

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SaveTFTP held a stress-relieving dog-petting study break in W20-487 yesterday. Dozens of students attended and pampered the six dogs.
Executive chairman of Spain’s troubled Bankia resigns

MADRID — Rodrigo Rato, executive chairman of Bankia, Spain’s largest real estate lender, resigned Monday after an anticipated government recapitalization of the company, which was on the verge of bankruptcy, or $42 billion, in troubled assets. Rato, a former finance minister and past managing director of the International Monetary Fund, is the most prominent Spanish banker to quit since the start of the eurozone’s sovereign debt crisis. His concerns were not so much about the solvency of Spain’s banks but of its economy as a whole. While Spain’s central bank has been debating in recent days how to clean up the balance sheets of the most troubled banks, Spain’s prime minister, Mariano Rajoy, confirmed that a rescue plan could involve public money. Earlier, he had pledged not to make taxpayers bear the cost of saving the banks.

Bankia is now expected to receive $7 billion to $10 billion euros, or $9 billion to $13 billion, of additional state money in the cost of saving the banks.

Buffett’s politics cast shadow over Berkshire meeting

OMAHA, Neb. — “When Charlie and I took this job, we did not agree to put our citizenship in a blind trust.”

That’s what Warren Buffett said here over the weekend at Berkshire Hathaway’s annual meeting when confronted by a shareholder complaining that Buffett had become a public voice for capitalism and so-called “Buffett Rule,” which seeks to raise the tax rate on wealthiest Americans. Buffett is the company’s chairman and CEO. Charlie Munger, vice chairman of Berkshire, quickly quipped that his partner’s position on taxes “has reduced my popularity around my country town.”

It also appeared to reduce Buffett’s popularity among some shareholders. Buffett had come to the meeting after he had submitted a question, which echoed the thoughts of many others: “My 84-year-old father won’t invest in Berkshire because of my stance on Buffett and he replied with a zinger: “Sounds like your father should buy stock in Fox.”

By Jackie Calmes

WASHINGTON — With a polarized Congress already on the defensive, President Barack Obama on Tuesday will try to “do it” for lawmakers that packages job creation and mortgage relief ideas he has proposed before, administration officials say.

Obama will unveil an election-year list during a visit to a university science complex in Albany, N.Y. The components of his challenge to Congress — and to the Republican-led House in particular — will be a feature of his appearances throughout the spring, aides said.

For example, while in Reno, Nev., during a trip this week mostly to raise campaign money, Obama will push one of the proposals, to allow more families who are current on their mortgages to refinance at lower interest rates. Nevada, a swing state critical to his re-election, is among the places he has hit hardest by the housing bust.

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Europe focuses on growth, but is divided on path ahead

By Nicholas Kulish

BERLIN — In the volatile after- math of Greece's election on Sunday, the European Union's once-irresistible claims of success in stabilizing the euro crisis have been shaken. In the politically charged run-up to the vote, observers around the continent have been watching to see whether the Germans can be pushed to make more concrete changes in their focus on fiscal discipline.

For years, a debt crisis in the eurozone has kept the White House objects to on the debt-soaked eurozone, a project House in his support of the Ger-

No Greek exit, US says

Senior administration officials said Tuesday that the US government has lost one of its closest allies on the continent after the election of a new government in Greece that leaves little hope for compromise on the repayment of its debt.

The Obama administration had faced mounting pressure from Washington and its European partners to lend Greece more money, but the election of a more radical government in Athens has made that more difficult. The official said in an interview that the US government was still considering providing more money, but that it was unlikely to come until after a new government is in place.

“We did everything we could but it wasn’t enough,” the official said. “The US government has lost one of its closest allies on the continent after the election of a new government in Greece that leaves little hope for compromise on the repayment of its debt.”

Hollande, Hollande, Hollande

France's socialist leader, who is poised to take office in May, faced opposition Tuesday from the center-right and far-right in the country's first free elections in 12 years.

The government lost its majority in the last election and the centre-right, which controls the Senate, has been pushing for changes to the fiscal pact that will allow it to make its own economic decisions.

“By himself, Hollande can’t change the world,” said Justin Vaisse, the director of research at the Peter G. Peterson Institute for International Economics.

The strong election result for Hollande has left many analysts wondering what the future holds for the eurozone and the economy. The French president-elect has called for a “new beginning” in European politics, but it remains to be seen whether he will be able to deliver on his promises to bring about significant change in the region.

“I don’t think Hollande can make a difference,” said Vaisse. “He has a lot of work to do, and it’s going to be difficult.”

The US government had hoped that the French election would boost confidence in the eurozone and the region as a whole. But the result has left many analysts wondering whether the US government could deliver on its promises to help the eurozone, which faces a deep crisis and a possible default on its debt.

US Threats, US Threats

A day after Greece's two main parties collapsed at the polls, the leader of the centre-right New Democracy party announced Monday that he had failed to win the most votes in the elections and would not be able to form a government. The party had been leading in most opinion polls before the vote, but the result has left many wondering whether there will be a new government in Greece.

“We are not in a position to form a government,” said Antonis Samaras, the leader of New Democracy. “We have not been able to win a majority of votes, but we have a large number of people who support our policies.”

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“I think it’s too early to say what will happen now,” said Vaisse. “But it’s clear that the political landscape in Greece has changed significantly.”

The result in Greece has also raised questions about the future of the eurozone and the European Union. Many analysts have warned that the eurozone is at risk of collapse and that there is a need for significant changes in the way it is governed.

“Greece’s future is in doubt,” said Vaisse. “But it’s clear that the eurozone is facing a major crisis and that there is a need for significant changes.”

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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 than happy thoughts more than I once had. I was re- minded of the deficit when reading Barun Singal’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 much of the time Barun is changing 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. I think nostalgia always has a germ of truth, but it is only a germ. A community is a work in progress, and as much as we do not want change, it is not always what we would have done or encouraged. That does not mean the new is bad. It is just that we have done it differently. Now what? Rather than dismissing it in the spirit of nostalgia, I think we might take a look at what is most critical at this time. 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 we have reason to believe that good care is available everywhere you turn. I might not have made all the changes that one might sense, but I think the curmudgeon worth his feathers would ad-

MIT has robust support services

By Eric Grimson

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As a result, the mental health problems are significantly reduced. This study has been widely criticized by many, but the most reputable studies and meta-analyses show that abortion does not cause mental health problems. Most experts agree. Botka, in his study, stated that the “mental health problems or sexual assault.” Studies that have found a link have failed to show any link between abortion and mental problems or sexual assault. The American Psychological 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 not due to abortion per se; change happens for many women.” Most experts agree. Barun cites a meta-analysis by Priscilla Coleman to claim that abortion is “increased risk of mental health problems.” This study has been widely criticized by others, and researchers using the same data set have been unable to replicate Coleman’s results.

Barun offers a survey conducted by the innovative group of women that 81% of women who have had an abortion during their lifetime are satisfied with their decision. However, I do not think that this is always true. In fact, the 75-85 percent statistic comes from Sandra Makhorn’s 1979 study of only 70 women. Studies by respected organizations like the Guttmacher Institute have consistently found that abortion is safe, and that fewer than half of rape victims would have abortions during these stressful weeks, so I want to make a concerted effort to increase awareness of the broad category of support available to students. Moreover, as MIT enters finals season, it would be misleading to imply that help is not available 24 hours a day, and that the counseling center is not staffed 24 hours a day. As the center is now open to all, I called anonymously and got a callback in less than two minutes.

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First, MIT has a network of support available across MIT. If you are aware of your situation, you can turn to any member of our staff. If you are unsure whom to contact, send mail to The Tech’s telephone number is (617) 253-1541. E-mail is the easiest way to reach any member of our staff. If you are unsure whom to contact, send mail to 1541@techonline.mit.edu. E-mail us at admin@techonline.mit.edu. Our staff is always available across MIT: in the residences staff, which has increased in size to support the graduate community. So if you are feeling stressed, or need some-thing to help you with your studies, please, see there are many places you can turn to at MIT and many people throughout the community, with the availability and expertise to help.

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STATE OF THE RACE
The short list
Who will be the GOP VP?
By Keith Yost
STAFF COLUMNIST
As the fierce battles of the presidential primaries fade into history, the attentions of politicians turn to three questions: Who will win the 2012 presidential race? What electoral strategies will be employed? And who will Mitt Romney pick for his running mate?
Of this trio, the latter is the decidedly least important. Polls show that very few voters change their mind about a candidate, even if one of their top outspoken professionals arrives on campus just due to his vice presidential choice. Historically, vice presidents have done little to carry even their own home states (a recent analysis by Nate Silver suggests the effect is very slightly negative). Had the position itself is virtually powerless — if the president isn’t incapacitated in office, his vice president spends most of his time warming a seat and trying not to look bored.

Nonetheless, the veepstakes are the subject of this week’s State of The Race, for no other reason than that it is fun to wildly speculate. If policy issues are a journalist’s vegetables, and the horserace is his dessert, then the quadrennial guess-a-thon over

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Mitt Romney will pick as his running mate, a white, middle-aged, Catholic male, who has served as the governor or junior senator of a state that Bush won in 2000, but went to Obama in 2008. This individual will be an outspoken budget hawk, likely with executive experience in balancing budgets, but will have little in the way of foreign policy experience. Also, while socially conservative, this person is not regarded as a leader or prominent member of the religious right.

Give or take.

On InTrade, 10 candidates currently account for about 77 percent of the VP probability distribution. They are as follows:

- Marco Rubio, junior senator from Florida
- Rob Portman, junior senator from Ohio and former OMB director
- Chris Christie, governor of New Jersey
- Mitch Daniels, governor of Indiana and former OMB director
- Robert McDonnell, governor of Virginia
- Tim Pawlenty, governor of Minnesota and 2012 presidential candidate
- Paul Ryan, congressman from Wisconsin
- Kelly Ayotte, junior senator from New Hampshire
- John Thune, junior senator from South Dakota
- Condoleezza Rice, former Secretary of State

I have been at MIT for nearly four decades, spent a great deal of time reviewing our support resources, and found our system to be strong. While we continue to engage with these and other professionals regularly to share ideas and to learn best practices, our peers believe that we have excellent services in place. Nevertheless, throughout the fall and spring we have been engaged in a "top-to-bottom" review of student services to find ways to better support and better serve all of our students, with particular attention to students in moments of their greatest need. Do these reviews happen "top-down"? DSL leadership ensures that students are actively engaged in helping us improve our support. Nearly half the members of the Review Committee on Orientation were students. Students were an essential part of the recent Residential Security Review that recommended not using a "top-down" review of student services to find ways to better support and better serve all of our students.

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The first thing to note about this short list is that most of the names come from states that Mitt Romney should hope to secure, come November. Ohio, Florida, Virginia, and New Hampshire are well known swing states. Indiana is a must-win state for Romney that Obama won in 2008, while Wisconsin, Minnesota, and New Jersey are (theoretically) in reach for Romney to take. Only two out of the names offer nothing in terms of home state advantage — John Thune, whose South Dakota constituents will deliver the state to Romney in all but the most landslide of losses, and Condoleezza Rice, whose state of residence (California) is unlikely to think of her as a favorite son, or vote for Mitt Romney even if they did.

Mitt Romney’s choice among these various swing state options might reflect his expectations for the coming contest — a John Thune or Mitch Daniels would suggest a defensive posture; Portman, Rubio, or McDonnell would suggest a sort of balanced electoral aggression in keeping with a traditional view of which states are winnable; and a Pawlenty, Christie, or Ryan

Adapting to today’s generation of students
Nightline to return as ‘Student Spill’
By Florence Gallez
STAFF COLUMNIST

I do not believe that Putin — and even the Kremlin before him, and after him (under Medvedev) — is scared in the least, even by the rarely seen large-scale protests of recent months. First, had the ruling elite truly felt threatened by such success, city authorities would not have granted permission to most of these street rallies, then those who have been arrested and detained might have been subjected to worse treatment than they actually were. Finally, and most notably, we all know what happens to individuals the Kremlin truly threatens to social order: they “disappear,” fast and simple.

They were ‘dealt with’ — conveniently liquidated contract-style.

— Galina Starovoitova, a pro-democratic reform politician; Anna Politkovskaya, a Russian journalist and human rights activist strongly opposed to Putin and the conflict in Chechnya; Alexander Litvinenko, a former KGB officer, subsequently critical of the Russian secret services and of Putin, to cite but three examples ... All of them were apparently perceived by the authoriti es as being able to influence the political mood in the country, and were consequently “dealt with” — conveniently liquidated contract-style.

The list of such murders, many still unsolved to this day, is long. I believe these are not just people whom the Kremlin truly fears. Thus, with all my respect for the laudable and much needed efforts of the brave and determined activists in Russian cities’ streets and on the Net, in stark contrast to most U.S. and Western media which see

in the winds of change and a likely threat to Putin’s rule in his third term, I would argue that very sadly, these efforts are kindergarten fare in his eyes. This is certainly an additional challenge for human rights activists and opposition leaders in Russia.

In the same vein, why would Putin dread the possibility of a “Color” revolution and its repercussions? The mass civil resistance movements that erupted in several former Soviet “satellite” countries in the early 2000s following reports of electoral fraud and government abuses have been called by West

PUTIN II
Famous and fearless
By Florence Gallez
STAFF COLUMNIST

Undaunted by dissent, Russia is reforming its own way
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Eric Grimson PhD ’80 is MIT’s Chancellor.

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Who’s suited to be the next GOP VP? Romney unlikely to pick VP to court evangelical vote; will focus on the economy instead

The western media focuses on ‘anti-Americanism’ too much. Ignores motivation behind Russian broadcasts.

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...earns observers’ ‘revolutionary’ and ‘the catalysts of a new era’, susceptible to cause fear and thus able to calm the political responses in the ruling classes. Yet, while they have without a doubt exerted unprecedented popular pressure — and apparently without endangering 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 2008 to Putin’s personal favorite Viktor Yanukovych. As for the constitutional changes of 2004, they declared “un-constitutional” and overturned the “pro-Moscow” leadership of Yanukovych. 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 hinted concerning the fear of those 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 is so clear here above, has only taken place on the surface, is not deeply-costed 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.

Similarly misplaced are the reports in Western media on how Putin’s speech po- lice 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 dis- course and ordered the discontinuation of, among others, the political and political puppet show, “Kudot”, not only Russians have now been exercising their laughing muscles on the Internet, unrestricted, 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 1964, whose popularity has boomed to the point that it has become a social phenomenon, with its own birthday celebrated on Nov. 8. KVN’s programs not only have included Putin parodies and jokes critical of his policies (Garkl Kharlamov’s hilarious act on Russian TV channels all about 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 ever 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 Medvedyev 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 resur- gence of political humor in the Western press and online blogs, the truth is, it is never really stopped. Simply, reporting on it probably didn’t fit the West’s favored and strate- gic “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 eco- nomic changes, the whole country will be doomed to a future spiral. What these commentators and predictions fail to ac- knowledge 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 neces- sarily the way the West wants), and it has been doing so in its current context of cor- ruption, nevertheless.

Among some of these commentators’ proposals for remodeling Russia, I find it and helping it steer its ship into a more successful far 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 hopp- ing for Putin in his new Presidency to step in that direction is still looking, as the policy for much of his previous presidential and ministerial terms in most areas, seems to have been in the “Kremlin complex” in the other way, with regional governors being gradu- ally stripped from their say and influences 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 Min- ister, 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 themselves are being displaced, which may precisely because they are hankering for more stability and arenostalgic about the “good old” stable days of the Soviet system. This is typical of the elderly — pre- cisely 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 support.

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

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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 other- wise unlikely to deliver evangelical Chris- tians who may be turned off by Romney’s religious fervor, suggesting that InTrade Thune — are particularly known for their do little to reassure evangelicals. None of the remainder — Portman, Pawlenty, and Ryan, and Ayotte are Catholic. Both Daniels (who publicly asked for religious issues to be put on the back burner) and Rice (who publicly asked for religious issues to be put on the back burner) and Rice (who publicly asked for religious issues to be put on the back burner)
A friend in need
How to best support fellow students in hard times

By Grace Taylor

Over the past month, I’ve written about mental health issues from the perspective of the affected. 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 it. 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 both sides. 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 may 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.

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Some people want the opposite — 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 a try. 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 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 GBT 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.
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Singer-Clark completed an impressive double, winning the 10,000 meters on Friday night with a time of 30:20.42 before coming back on Saturday to win the 4x100 relay with a time of 38.90.

Roy A. Wedge '14 and Benjamin X. Xie '15 backed up Harper in the 10k with a fifth and sixth-place showing, respectively.

Tech's final event win came in the pole vault, as Nathan E. Peterson '13 cleared 15-11.00 feet to take first. Chinedum K. Umachi '12 had a pair of strong showings in the throws, taking second in the hammer with a 186-01 foot toss and finishing fourth in the discuss with a 452-10 foot effort.

Women's events

The No. 11 ranked Women's Track and Field team finished second at this weekend's New England Division III outdoor championship. The Engineers posted a score of 124 points but it was not enough to overcome Williams College, which captured the team crown with 157 points.

Portia M. Jones '12 had an outstanding individual effort, winning one event and adding three runner-up performances. Jones won the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 14.34 seconds. She took second in the 100 and 200 meters and was part of the second-place 4x200 relay. Seniors Martha M. Gross and Jamie L. Simmons and Jacqueline A. Brew '14 joined Jones on the 4x300 relay that finished in 47.48 seconds, just over two-tenths behind the winning group from Worcester State University.

Simmons and Gross were also impressive in the individual events, with Simmons taking second in the 400 and third in the 400 hurdles. Gross was fifth in the 400 and sixth in the 200 meters.

Elaine D. McVay '15 won the 10,000 meters on Friday evening with a time of 36:14.88. McVay then came back on Saturday to finish third in the 5000 meters in 17:26.37.

Tilly Taylor '15 won the javelin, throwing 138-07 feet, more than four feet beyond her closest competitor.

MIT racked up the points in the pole vault, with four of the top seven finishers. Lauren B. Kuntz '13 led the way with a vault of 12-1.50 feet to take first. Joanna K. Chen '15 was fifth, Katherine A. Wymbs '14 earned sixth place and Marissa R. Engel '15 finished in a tie for seventh place.

Preethi Vaidyanathan '15 had a solid showing in the high jump, taking third with a jump of 5-2.25 feet.

The Engineers will stay at home again next weekend, as the All-New England Championship comes to the Steinbrenner track. Tech will compete against teams from across Divisions I, II and III in the meet which begins Thursday and runs through Saturday.
Industry provides funding, mentors

$3,000 per term for in-depth, year-long research project with faculty

Super UROP from Page 1

A large “/g/” appeared on the front of the Great Dome Sunday morning, likely a reference to the technology board on 4chan.org.

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.

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

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 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 common 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 meet-ings, the companies were all extremely excited about reaching out to students and supporting cutting edge research.”

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Record yield rate

No students off waitlist this year

Admissions, from Page 1 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 764/790 and verbal mean/median of 736/730. 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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Forgot Algebra

Hey, Miss Lenhart! I forgot everything about algebra the moment I graduated, and in 20 years no one has needed me to solve anything for x!

I told you I’d never use it!

In your face!

It’s weird how proud people are of not learning math when the same arguments apply to learning to play music, cook, or speak a foreign language.

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47 Less than stable
49 Authorized agent
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57 Self starter
68 Totally conclusive
The Heat are simply too athletic and too talented for the Hawks. They 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 this one is tight but the Pacers are moving with a resounding vibe 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 regard to the best. 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.
—Shri Ganeshram

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 vibe. They’re young and up-and-coming, 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.
—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 Nets for the Atlantic Division crown with about three weeks remaining in the season. The winnow 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 1 — Josh, Jeff — and 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.
—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, Derick 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

San Antonio has been killing it thus far, and Utah isn’t even competent 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.

The Heat or the Thunder. This just means earlier vacation hours for the Nuggets series.

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

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 wrist, however, they started to slip in the Western Conference.

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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. Each year the club works hard to help promote a healthy and active lifestyle. 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 5K run along dorm row. Melissa E. Skan ’15 was the undergraduate women’s category winner at 27:32 while Alexandre Li 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

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**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 Izzo’s controversial decision to leave his starters in the game with one minute left with his team up 12 proved costly as superstar center 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 two seasons, even with Derrick Rose in the lineup. The two teams have great benches, with both the “Sirs” second unit scoring 40.8 PPG (fourth in the NBA) and the Bulls featuring Kyle Korver, Omer Asik, Taj Gibson and CJ Watson. Chicago and Philadelphia also pride themselves on playing stellar defense and are first and third, respectively, 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: ‘Sirs in seven games.

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

In the second varsity eight, MIT took the 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 2000, 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 weight-based 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 way, placing third out of five boats with a time of 203.33, 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 2010, 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 improved in competitiveness within the league and to teams improving in 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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**Women’s crew has best finish**

**Team places third at Patriot League championship**

By Rebecca Heywood

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