MacGregor RLAD leaves role

RLADs and administrators reflect on hiring process

By Stan Gill
NEWS EDITOR

Where there once was seven, there are now only six. Tamika Smith, one of the seven new Residential Life Area Directors (RLADs), is no longer employed by MIT, citing personal reasons. Dean of Residential Life and Dining Henry J. Humphreys says that he hopes to find a new person for the position of MacGregor RLAD as quickly as possible.

“We reposted the position nationally, and about 40 people have applied so far,” said Humphreys. “We’ll start the screening process after Labor Day weekend; the interview process will be similar to what it was this summer in terms of timing.”

The RLAD position has been a source of tension between students and the administration this summer. In early June, a letter from Chancellor W. Eric L. Grimson PhD ’80 to the housemasters about the upcoming RLAD position was leaked to the MIT community, sparking an overwhelmingly negative reaction from students and CRTs. The Tech covered the leak and the initial reactions. After the letter was leaked, the administration continued to move forward with the implementation of the RLAD system.

“It was not our intent to roll out the position the way we did,” said Humphreys. “Once we decided to go forward, we needed to move quickly, as the window for hiring officials for the position in the summer is small.”

Smith said that she and the other RLADs were well aware of the controversy that existed before they came in, and had discussed it in conversations with the Deans of Student Life.

“Before I came to the interview (for the position), I took the time to read all the Tech articles and to learn as much as I could about the politics and drama about the position—I can definitely understand both sides,” Smith said.

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Freshmen move using FYRE

Rebranded adjustment lottery sees 60% success rate

Adjustment Lottery Results Over the Last Five Years

By Deborah Chen
NEWS EDITOR

For the first time in two years, Baker lost its spot as the most popular choice for incoming freshmen in the summer housing lottery. Maseeh, MIT’s newest dorm, took over Baker this year as the most popular dorm — 753 people, or 26 percent of the freshmen class put down Maseeh as their top choice, while a staggering 66 percent (753 people) ranked the dorm in their top four. Baker had the second highest number of first choice votes, but came in fourth overall in terms of top four rankings, with 667 votes, slightly behind Burton-Conover (711 people) and Simmons (703).

However, those who were placed in Baker after the summer lottery seemed to be pleased with their assignments; only four out of 132 freshmen, or 3 percent chose to enter the adjustment lottery, the lowest percentage among all the dorms eligible for the lottery.

This year marks the debut of the First Year Residence Exchange (FYRE), a rebranded version of the Housing Adjustment Lottery of past years. Unlike the old lottery, students now stay in their original dorms by default, and those who wish to change dorms after Residence Exploration (REX) must enter their new housing preferences into FYRE’s online application.

Previously students were permitted to confirm whether they wanted to change their housing assignment before they came in, and had discussed it in conversations with the Deans of Student Life.

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“I think it was a bit of a relief to have a new person,” said one freshman.

LAP Subcommittee survey out

Preliminary report expected in the near future

By Anne Cai
NEWS EDITOR

On Monday, August 27, all MIT undergraduate and graduate students received an email with personalized links to a survey regarding Independent Activities Period (IAP). The email was signed by the LAP Subcommittee of the Faculty Policy Committee (FPC). The subcommittee is chaired by Course 7 (Biology) professor Lisa A. Steinem and consists of UA representatives, GSC representatives, faculty members, and some administrators. The students were selected from members of the FPC and the Committee on the Undergraduate Program (CUP), said subcommittee member Ravi M. Charam ‘14.

The LAP Subcommittee was announced in the January/February 2012 Faculty Newsletter (FNL) by Aaron R. Weinberger, professor of media arts and sciences.

“Check out the second installment! See page 10

IN SHORT

The Activities Midway is today from 3-5 p.m. in Johnson. Come check out MIT’s many clubs!

La Verdes returns to its regular 24/7 hour service today.”

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Friday, August 31, 2012
New arrest made in tabloid phone-hacking scandal

By Richard A. Oppel Jr. and Matt Siegel

LONDON — Police officials investigating phone hacking by journalists at Rupert Murdoch’s British newspapers arrested a man on Thursday who was identified in news reports as Tom Cross, former senior editor at the newspapers.

Scotland Yard said in a statement that officers in London were questioning a suspect on suspicion of “obstructing and delaying” an investigation into “suspect communications.” The police did not release the man’s name, but he was widely identified by British news outlets.

The arrest brings the scandal over allegations of illegal interception of voicemail messages and other improperly obtained material at the newspapers — especially News of the World, the tabloid that Murdoch shut down last year — closer to Murdoch’s son James. The company’s business units had until now been locked in a public dispute with Crane and Collin Murphy, the former editor of News of the World.

— Bart Somayaji, The New York Times

Court grants new trial, citing earlier false testimony

NEW YORK — A federal appeals court in Manhattan ruled on Thursday that a man convicted of weapons possession should have been able to tell the jury that the main witness against him, a New York City police detective, had been found to have testified untruthfully in proceedings involving an unrelated gun case.

The conviction of the man, Lance White, in 2009 was overturned, and he was granted a new trial in the decision by a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit, which cited the trial judge’s ruling on what the jury could hear and what it called another error by that judge.

The murder case in the earlier case had “unequivocally disputed” portions of Detective Paul Herrmann’s testimony, even suggesting that he had “recanted certain aspects” and implying that he had been entrapped in a criminal enterprise.

— Benjamin Weiser, The New York Times

No charges filed on harsh tactics used by CIA

Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. announced Thursday that no one would be prosecuted for the deaths of a prisoner in Afghanistan in 2002 and another in Iraq in 2003, eliminating the possibility that any criminal charges will be brought as a result of the brutal interrogations carried out by the CIA.

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Soldiers’ deaths in Afghanistan mark Australia’s worst toll

By Simon Romero

RIO DE JANEIRO — Brazil’s government has enacted one of the Western Hemisphere’s most sweeping efforts to boost minority enrollments in public universities to bolster the nation’s poor students in the national public schools and vastly increase the number of African descent across the country.

The law, signed Wednesday by President Dilma Rousseff, seeks to reverse the racial and income inequality that has long characterized Brazil, a country with more people of African ancestry than any nation outside of Africa despite its isolation. Aside from the broadest social experiments in the past century, the country has never had an institutional initiative to address the issue.

— Scott Shane, The New York Times

Brazil enacts affirmative action law for universities

By Jorge Vithor

“Brazil owes a historical debt to Brazil’s communities that have contributed to this nation’s life,” said Sergio Vithor, who directs the Brazilian Center for Latin American Studies. The “democratization of higher education, which has always been a dream for the most neglected segments of Brazil’s society, has been a dream for the most neglected students of Brasilia, which reserved 20 percent of its spots for black and mixed-race students.”


Situation for noon Eastern time, Friday, August 31, 2012

Weather

Labor Day to bring lovely weekend weather

By Vincent Gared

Extended Forecast

Situation for Noon Eastern Time, Friday, August 31, 2012
Concerns arise over defining storms by category

By John Schwartz

NEW ORLEANS — Why were Plaquemines Parish and other coastal areas of Louisiana and Mississippi left high and dry during Hurricane Isaac? The answer could have something to do with how officials in New Orleans commonly use to measure storms.

The measure that in the meteorological community is known as the Saffir-Simpson scale. The system that rates storms in "categories" — Isaac, for example, was a Category 1 hurricane, the weakest of hurricanes by this scale.

Experts have long argued that the scale is too simple and not appropriate for the power of wind and not the surge of water that a hurricane brings. But just weeks before Hurricane Isaac pushed through Louisiana and Mississippi, a study in Weather magazine by a staff hydrologist, Max- Fenning at the local level.

That surge overwhelmed the locally built levees of Plaquemines Parish and other coastal areas. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has said that people are fighting with courage, looking for food and human dignity, "Mount would say that all parties at the gathering shared responsibility for the bloodshed. "We must all be fully committed to stopping this and that will not stop unless we act."

Mosri, pointedly, did not mention Syria. Nor did he mention Assad, whom Mosri described as a moribund president, and other Iranian leaders have spoken in recent weeks about their concern over the spread of the revolution to the Middle East and North Africa.

"We must all offer our complete, undiluted support for the struggle for freedom and justice in Syria," Mosri said, adding, "We need to throw the Iranian people into a clear political vision that supports a just and democratic regime that will end the sufferings of its people, that is, the life of the Iranians, which has helped Bahrain's monarch suppress the uprising."

Mosri, Iran's new Islamist president, whose decision to accept an invitation to join the meeting was considered a major victory by the Iranians, likened the uprising in Syria to the revolutions that swept away longtime leaders in North Africa like Morsi's own predecessor in Egypt, Hosni Mubarak.

"The great people of Syria, like the Iranian people, are fighting with courage, looking for food and human dignity," Mosri said, adding, "Iran's effort to avoid public friction alongside conference, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's supreme leader, aligned conference, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's supreme leader, aligned meeting here regards as an existential threat."

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The installation of Residential Life Area Directors (RLADs) in most dormitories around the Institute has been one of the strangest and most disturbing policy decisions in recent memory. Students about to move into dorms were left in the dark about anything the formulation and implementation of this policy has been acceptably, and the RLADs themselves did not make this policy. They deserve to be treated with the same care and concern and should be welcomed to MIT with warm words and a good time. The following provides a list of suggestions/consideration so alarmingly? Here’s what we’ve noticed.

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Beaver Tails by Ranbel Sun

[[ Jacqueline, how’s Orientation going honey? ]] 

A headlamp

Cargo Pants

A Letterman

Oh, and you can call me Jack.

Techdoku I

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IAP from Page 1
berger, Human Resources/Faculty Governance Administrator in the Office of the President and Staff to the IAP Subcommittee. There has never been a “comprehensive review” of IAP since 2000. Although the subcommittee originally planned on presenting a preliminary report to the Faculty Council at the end of the semester and reporting its final findings “early in the fall 2012 term,” the FPC charged an ad hoc subcommittee with doing so and has pushed back the time line in order to get more input.

“Once we get all the survey data, we have to analyze it,” said Lisa Stein, chair of the IAP Subcommittee. “I would say that we would have a preliminary report at the end of this spring semester, maybe earlier, or maybe at the beginning of the spring semester. We’re not certain about the time line.”

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When the survey was finalized, it was already close to finals week, said subcommittee member Bryan Owens Bryson C. Instead of sending out the survey then — anticipating low response rates because some students were studying — the subcommittee decided to hold off until the beginning of the fall semester. As such, no decisions have been made, said Stein.

The survey featured questions addressing the length, IAP since 2000. Although the Governance Administrator in the Survey addresses length, content of current IAP students from all four class years, on academic ethics.

ing by better educating students may be exonerated, but those next few weeks, Harris said. Some some undergraduates — have all two percent of the college's 6,700- to spend the summer interviewing some independent groups of students expected of jointly coming up with the completion of assignments is prohibited unless explicitly per- Harvard specifically instructs students to ensure that every student at betrays the trust upon which in- to its community of scholars. "Forbidden textbooks, shared test answers, Harvard administrators also will explore new strategies for educating students about academic norms. In response to the cheating al- legations, Harvard administrators could be readily identified in a blog post, former Harvard College dean Henry Wallace "to an act of public shaming." This year, according to an official with direct knowledge, the college de- cided to scrap the pledge. Students have "clearly shifting attitudes toward the whole idea of intellectual property and what's theirs, moving bits and pixels around. ", said Bryson. "This is not a unique student problem. It's certainly not a Harvard problem. It's a national and international problem."

In 2010, the college formed an academic integrity commit- tee, which spent last year looking at other institutions' practices, including honor codes. The new cheating incident should prompt it to act more quickly, Harris said. Harvard officials said they could not remember another cheating episode of this magni- tute. But in a new memo, "The Book About Harvard," 2008 grad- uate Eric Kester writes that his classmates frequently copied one another's math and science problem prob- lems sets and shared test answers in campus bathrooms. "On the last day, the profes- sors were a little more strict," Kes- ter said in an interview. "But it seemed it was happening in some form in pretty much every big class, especially the ones in lecture halls where there were more than 75 kids. I think it was a reflection of the degree of distraction in the school was." The school has suspended students for academic dishonesty before. At least one case was famous as a freshman in 1953, future sena- tor Edward Kennedy had to with- draw from two years after sending a friend to take a Spanish final in his place.
Harvard, from Page 7

Harvard’s Administrative Board voted on 197 new cases of academically dishonest behavior in 2009-2010, the most recent year for which data were available. It chose to increase significantly the number of students screened, suspend 42, and ask four to permanently withdraw. In only seven cases did it take no action.

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Other elite universities have suffered large cheating scandals in recent years. In 2003, 34 first-year students at Duke University’s Fuqua School of Business collaborated on a take-home exam and other assignments; 24 were punished with suspension or expulsion. In 2002, the University of Virginia expelled 48 students for turning in plagiarized physics term papers.

In 2006, Dartmouth College investigated 78 students accused of cheating in a basic computer science course. A college committee spent 34 hours interviewing 27 students and pored over 500 pages of evidence. Then, its members threw up their hands — they still could not determine who had cheated and who had not, and had to absolve all 78 students for fear of wrongly punishing one. Cheating scandals often turn out to be more complex than they first appear, said Dan Ariely, a behavioral economist at Duke who has researched the subject and collaborated on a report in its 2005 book, “The Honest Truth About Dishonesty.” College students, he said, may be especially prone to misunderstanding the difference between helping friends and violating academic norms, because their social and intellectual lives are often intertwined.

“We get our sense of what’s right or wrong based on what people around us are doing. And there are a lot of cases where we tell people that friendship is incredibly important — more important than honesty,” Ariely said. “I don’t want to believe the problem. But at the same time I think it’s not always as simple as we make it seem.”

In his own classes at Duke, he added, he has students sign an honor code — “I actually get them to raise their right hands and swear” — but tries not to be draconian.

“You want to give students some sense of being trusted,” he said. “If you don’t, and you train people completely under a paternalistic rule, what will happen in other situations when those rules are not around?”
Housing, from Page 1

96 freshmen change dorms
Baker popular first choice, many want out of New

A total of 159 freshmen entered the adjustment lottery this year, representing 17 percent of those eligible to move, and 14 percent of the Class of 2016. In the end, 96 people, or 60 percent of those who entered the lottery, moved to a different dorm. Though the number of people entering the lottery is similar to the number from 2011, the percentage of people who successfully switched into a new dorm was significantly lower this year. Last year, 80 percent were reassigned whereas this year it was only 60 percent.

Like last year, students originally placed in Maseeh and McCormick were ineligible to enter the adjustment lottery, and those who chose to enter FYRE did not have the option of selecting either of these two dorms.

Once again, New House had the highest percentage of freshmen attempting to leave. 44 percent of those originally placed in New House entered the lottery, though this is down from the 51 percent who wanted to leave last year. However, New House was much more popular this year in the original summer housing lottery. Last year, it was the second most unpopular dorm, while this year, it was the 7th most popular dorm. After New House, MacGregor and Senior House had the next highest percentages of freshmen who entered the lottery, 33 and 21 percent, respectively. Like last year, Senior House had the fewest number of people ranking it as one of their top choices. Bexley and Random followed, but saw a fairly loyal following in FYRE. Only three people from each dorm entered the lottery, representing 10 and 13 percent, respectively.

### 2012 Housing Adjustment Lottery

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First choice requests and Students moved into dorm.

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- East Campus: 15
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- MacGregor: 20
- New House: 22
- Next House: 22
- Random Hall: 12
- Senior House: 12
- Simmons Hall: 13
- Spanish House: 12
- Total: 96

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Embrace the quiet
A guide to popular study spots on campus

By Maha Shady

It’s no secret that freshmen starting at MIT tend to be most worried about academic challenges. They have nightmares about the horror of p-sets and wonder how effectively they can study as they adjust to their new environment. It might be a bit reassuring to those nervous freshmen to know about all the available places for them to study with others or just work on their own. Let’s take a look at some of the most popular study spaces on campus.

Dewey Library
Located on the east side of campus in Building E53, Dewey has 12 group-study rooms, each of which has a whiteboard and a projector that can connect to laptops. These rooms can be reserved online up to 30 days in advance or on the spot using the screen outside each room.

In addition to its regular hours, Dewey has a quiet study area with restrooms that can be accessed 24/7 with MIT student IDs, said Carol A. Schweigert, an access services assistant at Dewey. The downstairs area with nice desk chairs is not noticed much, continued Schweigert, so it tends to be extremely quiet.

Dewey tends to attract more undergraduate students than undergraduates, said Schweigert, so it might not be a good place to run into people in undergraduate classes unless you plan ahead.

Barker Engineering Library
Though conveniently located to Building 10 and a favorite of many of the upperclassmen, The Tech asked, the Barker reading room in the dome is undergoing construction until January 2013, so it will not be an ideal place to study during the fall semester. However, most areas of Barker will be open for students during the fall if they want to visit the library.

Prior to the Barker construction, Osborn-toh "Tobi" Lanre-Amos ‘15 went to the Barker study space whenever she wanted complete silence because she felt that if she dropped a pin in there, everyone would look up. Barker is Charlotte Zha ‘15’s favorite place to study, and although Patricia A. Hagen ‘11 didn’t study in libraries often, when she did, she studied at Barker.

After the construction is completed, Barker, like Dewey, will have 24/7 areas that students can access with their MIT IDs, according to User Experience Librarian Stephanie L. Hartman.

The Library does not have much natural light, said Hartman, which some people might not like; however, it is well-lit artificially. Additionally, the reading room is usually a very quiet place to study, though it is currently unusable.

Hayden Library
Located in Building 14, Hayden is the second most popular study spot among undergraduates, right after Barker, according to Hartman. With huge windows and couches facing Boston and the Charles river, Hayden has plenty of natural light, and its Science area has closed group study spaces with blackboards and huge desks.

Hamane A. Nam ’15 likes to use the 24-hour study space in Hayden, open with MIT ID access. Lanre-Amos said she often studies on the second floor.

Fifth Floor of the Student Center
The height of business during the semester is the fifth floor of the student center, where there is an Athena cluster, a reading room, and group study rooms with screens and whiteboards.

However, some students are turned off by the rumors of the smell that takes over the place, especially during finals week. Hartman hears that students prefer not to go there during exams, claiming that nervous undergrads “give up hygiene.” The space gets crowded and “smells like BO,” said Amos.

Lewis Music Library
Just a stone’s throw from Hayden is Lewis, where, in addition to studying, students can arrange and record music using library equipment.

Drinks and snacks are allowed in Dewey, Barker, Hayden, and Rotch, but the librarians ask that there be no big meals or greasy or smelly food. However, only water is allowed in Lewis, according to Ian S. Osborn ’14, a student librarian there.

There is also a piano and a keyboard, and students can check out headphones and play anytime when the library’s open, said Osborn. Of course, the music library has shelves full of music scores that students can photocopy and take home.

Although it seems like a great place for music majors, Osborn believes that most students who work in Lewis are not music majors.

Roch Library
Roch Library in Building 7 is the closest library to the west side of campus. If you need geography information, Rotch is the place to go since it has a number of maps and atlases. Those who visit the library frequently can rent a locker for a $10 deposit.

Zhu, who usually studies in Barker, intends to move her studying into Rotch this fall semester because of the construction at Barker.

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Many libraries offer extended hours during exams.

OTHER PLACES MENTIONED BY UPPERCLASSMEN

The places mentioned above are some of the most popular study spots on campus, but many students like to make their own discoveries and use alternative places.

Hagen mainly used the chemistry lounge and the listing rooms at McCormick and other students enjoying studying in empty classrooms, like the ones in Buildings 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 8.

The second floor of Lewis Music Library features a number of recording/arranging stations as well as group study rooms. The first floor houses study tables and MIT’s extensive collection of scores.

The Maps and Atlases area in the Rotch Library of Architecture and Planning is a lesser known study area on campus which features study tables and ready access to many geography resources.

Whether your dorm is noisy, your roommate is noisy, or you just want other places to study, there are plenty of known study spots and places waiting to be discovered. Don’t commit yourself to one place too soon — take the time to explore different places until you find the one that fits your needs!
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 2012

Intro to Solid State Chemistry (3.091) new on EdX
3.091x joins 6.002x, UC Berkeley’s CS118 as one of the seven classes of EdX’s first year

By Leon Lin

The first seven courses to be offered under edX — set to open at various dates in September and October — will probably reach thousands of students around the globe. But both MIT and UC Berkeley, who joined the online learning initiative in July, say they also plan to use the edX platform to enhance education for their own students. How are the edX schools progressing toward this goal?

edX president Anant Agarwal hopes that edX will eventually be able to “influence all of MIT’s on-campus education,” across all its disciplines, he told The Tech last week.

So far, however, the course offering is limited. Five of the seven courses to be offered this fall are in the fields of computer science or electrical engineering.

Berkeley’s CS118, Introduction to Artificial Intelligence, became the first class launched using edX software when Berkeley students began using it on August 23. “The same content will be available to online registrants for the class when its BerkeleyX version opens on September 17,” Cima wrote in an email.

EdX’s 6.002x course from MIT, first offered as part of the older MITx, will see its second iteration as a student. Fischer had early taken the traditional version of the class on campus.

New this fall from MIT is 3.091x, Introduction to Solid State Chemistry. But 6.002x’s on-campus experiment will not be extended on a large scale for this GIR just yet. Though MIT students taking 3.091 will have access to the online content, it will only serve as a supplement to the main class, Professor Michael J. Cima noted in an email.

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EdX emphasizes on their website and in press releases that their courses retain the full rigor of MIT courses. Of the 68,223 online students who looked at the course last Friday that the 50 minute chalk and talk lecture is actually “tiring. It could be that the 50 minute videos will be followed by a few questions to test their comprehension of the topic just covered,” wrote Cima.

EdX and MITx have all mentioned one convenience afforded to 6.002x students: flexible scheduling. For example, students could choose when they wanted to watch the videos and even how fast they wanted to play. Is anything lost when a class is stripped of its in-person element? Students differed over whether replacing physical experiments with digital simulations was a change for the worse, according to Technology Review’s August article on 6.002x.

Another part of the traditional academic class that edX will have to rethink is the challenge of grading student work.

For the 20 MIT students, the experimental 6.002x class also included optional face-to-face meetings. They were not well attended, Fischer says. Instead, students used the online discussion boards and class wiki.

Another part of the tradition- al academic class that edX will have to rethink is the challenge of grading student work. “The MITx evaluation process is not yet as capable as what we can do with the residence based program. It is, however, capable of very immediate feedback. Thus, the 5 minute videos of 3.091x will be followed by a few questions to test their comprehension of the topic just covered,” wrote Cima.

If edX is to fulfill Agarwal’s vision, it will have to include subjects that require evaluation of essays and other types of open-ended responses. Agarwal proposes three solutions: (1) evaluation by peers, (2) evaluation by computer programs, and (3) evaluation by “crowdsourced” graders, referring to a process by which large amounts of work are farmed out to people on the Internet.

Should these methods prove as accurate as traditional grading by hand, it will be one more facet of a university education — for which students at MIT and elsewhere pay stiff tuition — to be offered for free on edX.

But at the suggestion that initiatives like edX will devalue MIT classes, Agarwal insists that it is the “exact opposite” — he says edX will improve education everywhere, including at MIT, where students will have the chance to benefit from a “blended experience.” Cima feels the same: “The only reason I am participating in this is that MITx is providing resources that will improve my residence-based course.”

Cima still allows for the possibility that “we could be wrong. It could be that the 50 minute chalk and talk lecture is actually better.” But whether or not online classes improve education for MIT students, Cima does not see edX as giving away the experience of residential students. “While I like to think MIT-based students will have the advantage of working directly with faculty, the real advantage for resident students is that they can work with other MIT students, I saw the stats for the class of 2010. My reaction was that I could have never gotten in to MIT. This may be the most accomplished class in MIT’s history. You cannot get that over the web,” Fischer adds.

An online class will “never ever be the same,” she said.
Welcome to the Daily Confusion for FSILG Rush 2012! Greek and ILG life are huge on MIT’s campus, and while they may not be right for everyone, many people cite their affiliations as a key piece of what makes their MIT experience so fun and valuable. Contained within these pages are hundreds of events for Rush and Recruitment. Sorority Recruitment and Fraternities start on this page, and Independent Living Groups start on page 13. A map of MIT and all of the FSILG living groups are on page 15.

Guides provided at tomorrow’s Kresge Kickoff, the official kickoff of Rush, will provide more detail on the events. We hope you can use this to start planning your schedule over the next few action-packed days. Be sure to explore as many places as possible, enjoy some delicious free food, and have a lot of fun!

Fraternity, Sorority, and Independent Group Rush 2011

Saturday
September 1, 2012
1:00 a.m.
1:00 a.m. – 3:30 a.m. Phi Delta Theta
THE Atterparty
12:00 p.m.
12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Delta Upsilon BBQ House Tours
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Kappa Sigma
12:00 p.m. Sigma Alpha Epsilon House Tours
12:00 p.m. Tau Epsilon Phi Greek Grill
12:00 a.m. Theta Delta Chi D&D’s Dunk Booth & Car "SMART A$H"
12:00 a.m. Theta Delta Chi BBQ
12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Delta Tau Delta Best of Boston Rooftop BBQ w/ House Tours
12:30 p.m. Alpha Delta Phi Grillin’ and Chillin’
12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Chi Phi Chi Phi Pig Roast & Open House
12:30 p.m. Kappa Sigma Open House
12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Chi Delta Theta Exotic Meat BBQ
12:30 p.m. Theta Delta Chi House Tours
12:30 p.m. Theta Xi Pig & Loin Party
1:24 p.m. Tau Epsilon Phi Science Smorgasbord and Food

1:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. Alpha Delta Phi Video Game Tournament
1:00 p.m. Alpha Epsilon Pi Chill in the Hot Tub with Miracle Fruit
1:00 p.m. Alpha Sigma Phi Soccer on Bridge Field
1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Nu Delta Phi Beta Epsilon PBE’s Annual Amberst Alley Rally
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Phi Beta Epsilon Pig Roast and Southern Barbecue by Chef John
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Phi Beta Epsilon PBE House Tours
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Phi Delta Theta Lamb Roast
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Pi Sigma Kappa House Tours
1:00 p.m. Sigma Chi Open House/BBQ
1:00 p.m. Sigma Nu iPad & Nexus 7 - Pool Tournament
1:00 p.m. Sigma Alpha Epsilon BBQ
1:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Beta Theta Pi Open House & Cook Out in 139 Bay State Rd.
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Phi Lambda Theta

After Hours Takeover on the Roof
1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Pi Lambda Theta

Fraternities
Phi Kresge Hawaiian BBQ
2:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. Alpha Epsilon Pi Ultimate Frisbee on the Esplanade
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Delta Kappa Epsilon DKE Rush Kickoff Grill
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Zeta Psi Pre Car Rush Vandalism
2:22 p.m. Tau Epsilon Phi LN2 Spice Cream
2:30 p.m. Kappa Sigma Cannoli Taste-Off
3:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Phi Beta Epsilon Learn to Be the Basics
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Phi Kappa Sigma Smoothies, Wins, and Games
3:22 p.m. Tau Epsilon Phi DIY Smoothie Station
4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Delta Tau Delta Meet the Delts V/CS & Entrepreneurs
4:00 p.m. Sigma Alpha Epsilon Futhok
4:00 p.m. Theta Xi Learn to DJ
4:00 p.m. Tau Epsilon Phi Huge Fingerpainting
4:30 p.m. – 4:34 p.m. Alpha Epsilon Pi Learn MMA with Professional UFC Fighters
4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Phi Kappa Theta Special Forces Raid PKT
5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. Kappa Sigma Dodgeball
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Phi Sigma Kappa Lamb Roast
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Sigma Chi Egg Time: Can You Fry It?
5:00 p.m. Nu Delta Phi Ballroom Boxing
5:22 p.m. Tau Epsilon Phi Irving Q. Mojo and the Flippin’ Elbows
5:22 p.m. Tau Epsilon Phi Cook Haus Food With Us
6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Alpha Delta Phi Steak and Lobster
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Chi Phi Chicken Dinner at Chi Phi
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Delta Kappa Epsilon DKE House Tours
6:00 p.m. Delta Tau Delta Delta Thanksgiving Dinner
6:00 p.m. Kappa Sigma Chef John’s Roasting Roast
6:00 p.m. Sigma Chi Sixth Annual Exotic Meats BBQ
6:00 p.m. Sigma Alpha Epsilon Pig a la Roast
6:00 p.m. Theta Delta Chi Exotic Meats Burgers - Medieval Style Dinner
6:00 p.m. Theta Xi Lobster and Sashimi Dinner
6:22 p.m. Tau Epsilon Phi The Upper Crust
6:30 p.m. Alpha Epsilon Pi Feast like a Beast
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Phi Kappa Theta

Phi
Lobster and Clam Chowder
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Sigma Phi Slow-Cooked Rib Dinner
7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Lambda Chi Alpha Pizza, Poker, and Pool
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Phi Beta Epsilon Dinner by Chef John
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Phi Delta Theta

 Theta Phi Casino Night & Desert Fest
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Pi Lambda Phi Steak and Lobster
7:00 p.m. Sigma Nu Pig Roast
7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Theta Chi Free Raising Canes’
7:22 p.m. Tau Epsilon Phi Win, Video, Game, Ever
7:22 p.m. Tau Epsilon Phi Hundred Years Event
7:30 p.m. Alpha Delta Phi Pool and Board Games
7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Delta Upsilon Dinner

Theta
8:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. Alpha Epsilon Pi Indoor Laser Tag at the AEPI Arena
8:00 p.m. Alpha Sigma Phi Pwning and Pizza – video game extravaganza in Masses basement
8:00 p.m. Sigma Alpha Epsilon Sexy Salas Lessons
8:00 p.m. Theta Delta Chi Fraternity Tripping w/ Miracle Berries
8:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. Zeta Psi 25th Anniversary Bash
8:22 p.m. Tau Epsilon Phi Carbonated Fun
8:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Phi Kappa Theta

Kappa
Carnival of Destruction
9:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. Sigma Nu Poker Tourney – prize: 24" Samsung monitor
9:22 p.m. Tau Epsilon Phi Ouseleck
9:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. Pi Lambda Phi Poker Tournament

Lambda
10:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. Chi Phi White Out Party
10:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. Delta Kappa Epsilon Foam Party
10:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. Delta Upsilon Message Party
10:00 p.m. Kappa Sigma Spectrum – The Neon Party
10:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. Phi Delta Theta AfterHours Rooftop Party featuring Kap Slap
10:10 p.m. 10:10 p.m. Sigma Kappa Root Beer Float Party
10:10 p.m. Sigma Chi Sigma Chi Lighter Party
10:10 p.m. Sigma Alpha Epsilon MasqueRave
10:10 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. Theta Chi Overview Blacklight Party
10:10 p.m. Theta Xi Blacklight Smoothie Bar
10:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. Zeta Psi House Tours in The Cage
12:02 a.m. 12:02 a.m. – 2:02 a.m. Tau Epsilon Phi
Saturday September 1, 2012
12:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. pika
Kresse Kickoff: Find us at the Kresse Kickoff and have some fresh fruit (or cookies). Then head to pika for a relaxing time by the river and a good meal.
12:15 p.m. 12:30 p.m. Epsilon Theta Lunch at Epsilon Theta: Meet us in Lobby 7 to take our van to a great meal made by our cook Karen.
6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. pika
Dragontail: Find us in Lobby 7! Meet us after dinner and play four real life video games! Ready for battle?
6:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m. Epsilon Theta Meet us in Lobby 7 to take the van to ET.
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### Monday, September 3, 2012

**12:00 a.m.**
**Theta Delta Chi**
Diamonds & Divino

**1:00 a.m.**
**President's Ballroom**
Drunk & Disorderly

**1:00 a.m.**
**Rhode Ballroom**
Kamikaze Squad

**1:00 a.m.**
**Fish and Ships**
Sweensy's Mountie Party

**1:00 a.m.**
**Wade Wilson**
Dark Knight Rises

**1:00 a.m.**
**Zeta Phi Beta**
Midnight Snack

**1:00 a.m.**
**Alpha Delta Phi**
Midnight Outing

**1:00 a.m.**
**Phi Sigma Kappa**
Midnight Chillin' on the Roof Deck

**2:00 a.m.**
**Phi Delta Theta**
Twisteresque

**2:00 a.m.**
**Theta Xi**
Swanky Party & Goody Bag

**2:00 a.m.**
**Kappa Sigma**
Midnight Outing

**4:00 a.m.**
**Brooklyn**
Jillian's Bowling and Billiards

**4:00 a.m.**
**Alpha Sigma Phi**
Flavor-Tripping Party

**4:00 a.m.**
**Zeta Beta Tau**

**5:00 a.m.**
**Nu Delta**
Beach Day

**5:00 a.m.**
**Sigma Alpha Epsilon**
Breakfast Crepes

**5:00 a.m.**
**Sigma Chi**
Brunch at Phi Delts

**6:00 a.m.**
**Theta Delta Chi**
Lobster Trip (invite only)

**8:00 a.m.**
**Sigma Alpha Epsilon**
Cherry Pickers

**10:00 a.m.**
**Phi Delta Theta**
TDC's 4th Annual Outdoor Foam Party

**10:00 a.m.**
**Chi Phi**
Dinner in Boston

**10:00 a.m.**
**Phi Beta Epsilon**
Six Flags New England

**10:00 a.m.**
**Zeta Psi**
Pickup Sports at Devotion

**10:00 a.m.**
**Sigma Alpha Epsilon**
Six Flags New England

**10:00 a.m.**
**Zeta Psi**
Nu Delta Sweeten's Mountie Party

**11:00 a.m.**
**Sigma Chi**
Canoeing on the Charles River

**11:00 a.m.**
**Phi Beta Epsilon**
Steak Dinner

**11:00 a.m.**
**Zeta Phi Beta**
Lunch

**11:00 a.m.**
**Phi Delta Theta**
TDC's 4th Annual Outdoor Foam Party

**11:00 a.m.**
**Phi Beta Epsilon**
Movie Marathon

**12:00 a.m.**
**Alpha Delta Phi**
Dinner in Boston

**12:00 a.m.**
**Delta Upsilon**
BBQ

**12:00 a.m.**
**Theta Delta Chi**
Pizza Party

**12:00 a.m.**
**Phi Delta Theta**
TDC's 4th Annual Outdoor Foam Party

**12:00 a.m.**
**Phi Sigma Phi**
Luau & Pig Roast

**12:00 a.m.**
**Phi Delta Theta**
TDC's 4th Annual Outdoor Foam Party

**12:00 a.m.**
**Phi Beta Epsilon**
Movie Marathon

**12:00 a.m.**
**Zeta Psi**
Waffles and LN2

**12:00 a.m.**
**Phi Delta Theta**
TDC's 4th Annual Outdoor Foam Party

**12:00 a.m.**
**Theta Xi**
Midnight Snack

**12:00 a.m.**
**Kappa Sigma**
Paintball with Chi Phi

**12:00 a.m.**
**Theta Delta Chi**
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**12:00 a.m.**
**Zeta Beta Tau**
ZBT Breakfast of Champions

**12:00 a.m.**
**Alpha Delta Phi**
Dinner in Boston

**12:00 a.m.**
**Phi Beta Epsilon**
Movie Marathon

**12:00 a.m.**
**Zeta Chi**
Burgers with Bros

**12:00 a.m.**
**Phi Delta Theta**
TDC's 4th Annual Outdoor Foam Party

**12:00 a.m.**
**Phi Beta Epsilon**
Movie Marathon

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Dinner in Boston

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Movie Marathon

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Movie Marathon

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**Zeta Chi**
Burgers with Bros

**12:00 a.m.**
**Phi Beta Epsilon**
Movie Marathon
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talk and more information!
6:30 p.m. pika
Dinner: Find out why pika is most famous for its awesome meal plan. Come meet pikans over a delicious, home-cooked meal.

7:00 p.m.
Thursday September 6, 2012
4:00 p.m. Epsilon Theta Contact in Lobby 7: Play a quick word game with us as we wait to take the van to ET for dinner.
5:00 p.m.
5:15 p.m. Epsilon Theta Thanksgiving in September. What? but that normal? Meet us in Lobby 7 to take the van to a grand meal by our cook Karen!
6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m. pika
French Dinner: Find out why pika is most famous for its awesome meal plan. Come meet pikans over articles of delicious French cuisine.
7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. Epsilon Theta Board Game Night: We have over 150 board games in our basement. Come play some of them. Meet us in Lobby 7 to take the van to ET.
7:00 p.m. No. 6 Cal Vittoria: Celebrate the end of Rush with fine food and delicacies from Italy at Cal Vittoria, in Boston’s North end. We shall take little Italy by storm. The fine end to a fancy rush.
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. pika
Hair Dryers: Take a blow dryer to pika and get your hair dyed a non-characteristic color (or whatever you want) by a resident expert.
9:00 p.m.
9:00 p.m. Epsilon Theta Fermi Questions: How many piano tuners are there in Boston? Meet us in Lobby 7 to take the van to ET and find out.
10:00 p.m.
10:00 p.m. pika
Adventure Time!: Friday, September 7, 2012
Friday September 7, 2012
4:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m. pika
White Clothes and Paint!: Come to pika, get dressed up in white clothes, and then throw paint! 4:45 p.m. Epsilon Theta Kimpas in Lobby 7. Join us for a quick card game in Lobby 7 as we wait to take our van to dinner at ET.
5:00 p.m.
5:15 p.m. Epsilon Theta Dumbplings! Take our van from Lobby 7 to ET for a glorious dinner made by our equally glorious alums!
6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m. pika
Palm Cakes dinner: Come to pika for a dinner of fried cakes made from dates, date palm, fruit salad, and salad. So good! I can’t wait! Takes forever to cook though, so you better enjoy it.
7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. Epsilon Theta Laser Man!: Homemade laser security system, Nerf gunguard, what else could budding spies want? Meet us in Lobby 7 to take the van to ET.
8:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m. pika
Science! with MITERS. Science. It works. Come look at the science, but don’t get too close. It’s Science.
Saturday September 8, 2012
12:00 p.m.
12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. pika
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. pika
Steamy Steam punk Steam punk Lunch. Down your gogles and steam punk garb, and join us to steam yourselves and bow! Don’t have any steampunk clothes? No worries, we will provide. If you aren’t the steaming type, come by and eat them instead.
12:15 p.m. Epsilon Theta Lunch at Epsilon Theta: Strawerry soup! It’s delicious! Come meet us in Lobby 7 to take the van to the eighth wonder of the world!
1:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m. Epsilon Theta Puzzle Hunt: Mystery Hunt wasn’t enough for you? Never heard of it? Anything in between? Come participate in a mini-puzzle hunt, written by Thetans. Meet us in Lobby 7 to take the van to ET.
3:00 p.m.
3:30 p.m. Epsilon Theta Whack-a-Mole! Meet our friends/ Whack your enemies! Whack ’em all! Whack a mole! Meet us in Lobby 7 to take the van to ET.
5:00 p.m.
5:15 p.m. Epsilon Theta Dinner at Epsilon Theta: What are we having? That’s a surprise! Meet us in Lobby 7 to take the van to ET and find out!
6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m. pika
Guang Hau does his dinner taste so good? pikan Guang Hau and resident pun master is making us delicious fried rice. Find out why pika is most famous for its awesome meal plan. Come meet pikans over a delicious, home-cooked meal.
7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. Epsilon Theta Stargazing, isn’t the sky beautiful tonight? I can’t tell, there’s always so much pollution... Never fear, citizen, we thought of that. Come join us for a night of fun looking at the stars. Meet us in Lobby 7 to take the van to ET.
7:00 p.m. pika
MTG’s Reelster Madness with pika: Go see MIT’s Musical Theatre Guild’s production of Reelster Mad- ness. Leave from pika at 7:20pm. Show is at 8:00pm in Little Krocge.
Sunday September 9, 2012
11:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. Epsilon Theta Coris Maze: A maze whose walls are taller than you. Meet us in Lobby 7 to take the van there.
5:00 p.m.
5:15 p.m. Epsilon Theta Chill! Take your maze from Lobby 7 and chill with our alums and while you eat the cliff they made!
7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. Epsilon Theta Thetan-made Board Game Night: What do Minions of Darkness, Opening Night, and Real Time Strategy Horror have in common? They’re all board games made by Thetans. Come play them with us. Meet us in Lobby 7 to take the van to ET.

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**Steak and Lobster Dinners**

- **Alpha Delta Phi**
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  - Saturday: 18:00
- **Theta Xi**
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- **Pi Lambda Phi**
  - Saturday: 19:00
- **Theta Delta Chi**
  - Saturday: 19:00
- **Phi Delta Theta**
  - Saturday: 19:00

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**Depression is a serious threat to anyone that has a brain.**

Depression is a suppression of brain activity that can strike anyone. It can make life unbearable, but it is also readily reversible. And that something you should always keep in mind.

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Friday August 31

10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
FREEDOM TRAIL WALKING TOUR (5)
[MEET AT KENDALL MIT COOP]

Learn about Boston’s exciting his-
toric past with a stroll through the
storied streets of downtown. A
seasoned tour specialist will lead a
walk down the Freedom Trail and
guide this trip. You won’t want to mis-
see this event once you are finished,
you personally will be more pre-
pared than most of your friends to
give the best tour of Boston for
any of your personal visitors. We’ll
meet before 11 a.m. near MIT
when we walk over to Park Street. The
tour will follow the trail, after which
we’ll walk back. Bring umbrellas if
it is going to rain, and comfortable
walking shoes. “The event is open
to spouses & partners but is not
suitable for children.

5-10 p.m.
INTERNATIONAL MENTORSHIP MIXER
[MORSE HALL]
Are you interested in quickly get-
ing up to speed on the life, tips,
and opportunities around Boston
and MIT? If so, the Mentorship Pro-
gram is for you! The Graduate Stud-
ent Council, together with MIT’s
Alumni Association, pairs up men-
tors (MIT alumni or current gradu-
ate students), and matches (in-
coming international students) in
order to help you settle down more
smoothly. If you are interested,
please sign up at the link in the
Google calendar (first come first
care) “The event is open to spouses & partners but not suitable for children.

9 p.m.-1 a.m.
SIDNEY-PACIFIC DANCE PARTY
[SIDNEY-PACIFIC]
Start your new life in your new
universe with a big bang at Sid-
ney-Pacific’s infamous annual
welcome party. Witness the rapid
expansion of your social circle as
you mingle with your new dorm
SP family. With a cash bar to fuel
the crowd and music from Boston’s
hottest DJ, DJ Big, you’ll be party-
ning on Planck Time in the Big Bang
Bash! Dress and dance to impress
as prizes will be given out through-
out the night!

Saturdays September 1

11 a.m.-12 p.m.
FAMILIES HUB [WESTGATE]
Student, faculty and staff families:
you want help on where to shop,
finding the best parks, museums,
libraries, pediatricians, childcare
options, etc., please join us at West-
gate for an informal discussion
fitted with expert information on
the best ways to navigate life as
an MIT family.

2 p.m.-6 p.m.
Family Carnival [JOHNSON OVER-
LOOKING LAKE]
The carnival is the biggest event
granted toward fun at all ages.
Whether you are a dance fiend or
simply enjoy tapping your foot to
a good beat the Edgerton Dance
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9 p.m.-1 a.m.
EDGERTON DANCE PARTY [EDGERTON
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3 p.m.-8 p.m.
WOOFF Food Truck Court
[Ashdown parking lot]
Come get an introduction to the
Boston/Cambridge food truck cul-
ture. Join us for an eclectic outdoor
dinner near the Warehouse. The
food trucks will be providing meals
at a discounted rate for new stu-
dents. Pick up your vouchers at the
Info Booth! “The event is open to
children, spouses & partners.

World Student Orientation
Events from August 31 through September 3

9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Sidney-Pacific Branch
[SIDNEY-PACIFIC]
Join us in welcoming our new resi-
dents to the SP community as well
as all the new grad students at MIT
with our first brunch of the aca-
emic year. Great company, new
friends, and of course free delicio-
us food! Bring your own utensils and
help keep SP an environmentally
friendly residence.

6:30-9:30 p.m.
Prudential Skywalk & Ice Cream
[$] [Walker Memorial, 50-220]
See your new home from the tall-
est building in Greater Boston – the
Prudential Center, and enjoy some
delicious Bostonian ice cream af-
fterwards! “The event is open to chil-
dren, spouses & partners. “A ticket
must be purchased at the Info
Booth prior to the event. “Ticket
price: $5 MIT

9:12 p.m.
Pride Welcome (21+ [Thirsty Ear
Pub]
We are having a fairly spectacular
movie night complete with free ice
cream at the graduate student pub.
All are welcome and wanted! “The
event is open to spouses & partner
but is not suitable for children. “Al-
cohol and admission requires a 21+
photo ID (US issued ID or pass-
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6:30-9:30 p.m.
Edgerton Dance Party [Edgerton
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Sunday September 2

9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Apple Picking ($) [Pickup at Sid-
ney ST.]
Come enjoy this quintessential New
England experience! A $5 ticket
to the Apple Picking Trip takes you
all the way out to the farm, and the
side where you can pick farm fresh
apples, select from a variety of apple
products like pies, and sample from
the farm’s BBQ stand. Just remem-
ber to bring some spending money
and a camera to capture the view.
The buses leave at 9:30 a.m. sharp.
“The event is open to children,
spouses & partners. “A ticket must
be purchased at the Info Booth pri-
or to the event. “Ticket price: $5 MIT

2 p.m.-4:45 p.m.
Museum of Fine Arts tour [out-
side Ashdown]
The MFA is the largest of Boston’s
art museums. It is the sort of place
you can easily get lost in, but never
mind the disorientation. However,
given that this is Orientation we’ve
secured a number of professional
tour guides and passionate MIT
students to introduce you to the
wonder currently housed at the
MFA.
1) Tour of Indian Miniature Exhibit,
2) Arts of the Americas, 3) General
Introduction to the Museum “The
event is open to spouses & partners but
is not suitable for children. “Signup
required (see Google calendar).

8 p.m.-10 p.m.
Ashdown International Dessert
Night [Ashdown]
Stack up some extra calories for
the semester ahead while sampling
delectable desserts from around the
world! “The event is open to spouses & part-
ners but is not suitable for children.

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(We probably don’t know about it.)

Let us know.
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2012 FSILG Award Winners

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Delta Psi/No. 6
Dr. David N. Rogers Award
Kappa Sigma & Pi Beta Phi
Stephen D. Baker Award
Alpha Phi

FSILG Honor Roll Spring 2011
Alpha Phi
Chi Phi
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Epsilon Theta
Kappa Alpha Theta
Kappa Sigma
Lambda Chi Alpha
Phi Beta Epsilon
Phi Kappa Theta
Sigma Chi
Student House
Zeta Beta Tau

FSILG Honor Roll Fall 2011
Alpha Epsilon Pi
Chi Phi
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Phi Kappa Theta
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Sigma Kappa
Chapter Education Award
Kappa Alpha Theta
Service and Philanthropy Award
Kappa Alpha Theta
Spirit and Participation Award
Sigma Kappa

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Phi Kappa Theta
Runner up for Member Development and Programming Award, McSweeney Leadership Development Award, Intellectual Development Excellence Award and Michael T. McSweeney Leadership Development Award, Honorable Mention for Growth and Stability Award.
Theta Delta Chi
Winner of the Chapter of the Year Victory Cup.
Sigma Nu
Ranked #4 in GPA for the National Fraternity.
Zeta Psi
Gold Award for Outstanding Chapter.
Theta Xi
Accreditation Recognition Award, Third Place for Outstanding Communication Award.
Sigma Kappa
Academic Excellence for Top Academic Achievement, One Star Standard of Excellence.
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Red Sox trades players

2013 Sox lineup will exceed expectations; no longer just the ‘New England Yankees’

By Zach Hynes

One can only imagine that if former Arizona Cardinals coach Dennis Green was running the Boston Red Sox, he would have said that Adrian Gonzalez, Josh Beckett, and Carl Crawford were not who we thought they were. On Saturday, the Red Sox finally let them off the hook, releasing them into the friendly confines of Chavez Ravine.

As reported by Michael Silverman of The Boston Herald, the Red Sox paid $12 million to the Dodgers so that they could start over. The Los Angeles Dodgers are on the hook for financial commitments that would have otherwise cost the Red Sox around $275 million, according to Silverman. Meanwhile, pitching prospects Rubby de la Rosa and Allen Webster are now property of the Red Sox. It has been 12 months since Boston felt this good about baseball. The Red Sox seemed assured of a playoff berth 12 months ago. Then, the team imploded, Terry Francona and Theo Epstein left town, and the Red Sox played nondescript baseball for the first five months of the season.

Across New England, Red Sox fans rejoiced at the news of the trade. The $2 billion baseball club has now saved the Red Sox from their worst nightmares for the second time in the past five years. In 2008, the Los Angeles Dodgers took one clubhouse miscreant, Manny Ramirez off the hands of the Red Sox in a three-way deal. The deal paid off handsomely for the Dodgers at first; Ramirez was otherworldly in Los Angeles, but then it was discovered that some of that otherworldliness came from performance-enhancing drugs.

The 2013 Red Sox will be far different from any Red Sox team in the past 15 years. For years, the Red Sox have shipped off the bit pieces of their farm system, the one-tool Triple-A prospects who weren’t quite good enough. David Murphy was one such prospect, known as a strong fielder with a questionable bat. Murphy was shipped off in the 2007 season for one Eric Gagne. Gagne, who was later ousted as a user of performance-enhancing drugs and was out of baseball by the end of the following season, posted a .675 ERA for the Red Sox over two months of baseball. Murphy, meanwhile, has contributed to two consecutive American League pennants for the Rangers and is in the midst of a breakout season with a .789 OPS this year. Last winter, the Red Sox acquired two All-Star relief pitcher Andrew Bailey in exchange for outfielder Josh Reddick, who had played in 143 games and was still just 24 years old when he was shipped out to Oakland. Reddick has launched 26 home runs this year. Ever since the idea of “closer by committee” fell by the wayside at the end of the 2003, only the tested are accepted in the Red Sox organization.

The tested, like J.D. Drew, who opted out of his contract with the Dodgers into the waiting arms of the Red Sox for five years and $70 million before the 2007 season. The tested, like the Japanese World Baseball Classic hero Daisuke Matsuzaka, acquired for a total price of over $100 million before the 2007 season. The tested, like John Lackey, Carl Crawford, and Adrian Gonzalez, each established stars on their respective teams before signing big free agent contracts with Boston.

Next year’s untested team will have none of those players, with the exception of John Lackey. What the 2013 Red Sox will have is an opportunity that New England sports teams receive only every so often, the opportunity to exceed expectations. The Red Sox will no longer be the New England Yankees. They won’t have an all-star infield or an all-star outfield. They will be their own baseball team.