Maseeh MHEC votes to secede from DormCon
Decision comes at end of a meeting, passes with 4-3 of the dorm's executive committee

By Anne Cai

Maseeh's House Executive Committee (MHEC) emailed the Dormitory Council (DormCon) last night to withdraw Maseeh from DormCon, citing budget-related and representation concerns. A 4-3 vote of Maseeh Exec passed the motion Monday night. Previously, Bedey had been for years the only dorm not in DormCon, and it stopped paying its yearly $3,200 tax to DormCon in 2008.

"I'm very sad to hear that Maseeh has chosen to secede," wrote DormCon president Edward A. Magicia '13 in an email to The Tech. "The secession email sent to DormCon did not enumerate any specific concerns, so I am unable to respond to any such concerns."

DormCon has funded campus events that they believe benefit residents of all dorms, said Magicia, adding that DormCon has also helped fund events like the UA Events Committee, the concert took place in Johnson Ice Rink, with Ra Ra Riot performing as the opener.

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FBI agents pore over bombing suspect’s trip to Russia in 2012
Officials investigate Tamerlan Tsarnaev’s visit to Dagestan

By Scott Shane and David M. Herszenhorn

FBI agents are working closely with Russian security officials to reconstruct Tamerlan Tsarnaev’s activities and connections in Dagastan during his six-month visit last year, tracking meetings he may have had with specific militants, his visits to a radical mosque and anyindoctrination or training he may have received, law enforcement officials said on Sunday.

At the same time, the bureau is also still looking for “persons of interest” in the United States who may have played a role in the radicalization of Tsarnaev, 26, and his younger brother Dzhokhar, 19, before the Boston Marathon bombing on April 15, Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Mich., and chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, said on ABC News “This Week” on Sunday. But Rogers said “the big unknown” remains what happened in Russia.

Invesigations believe it is likely that the Tsarnaev brothers were self-radicalized and got their bomb-making instructions strictly from the Internet. But they are still exploring the possibility that other people in Russia or the U.S. were critical influences, if not accomplices, and officials say it may be weeks before the full picture of their plot is clear.

Officials said they were still examining the evidence that the Tsarnaev brothers’ mother, Zubeidat Tsarnaeva, and Tamerlan’s wife, Katherine Russell, 24, who converted to Islam when she married him in 2010.

On Saturday, the Russian investigative newspaper Novaya Gazeta reported that Tamerlan Tsarnaev had sought to join the Muslim insurgency in Dagastan and had been in contact with several rebels who were killed by Russian authorities in late spring of 2012 while he was staying in Makhachkala, the regional capital.

Tamerlan Tsarnaev left Dagastan in July 2011, two days after a shootout between militants and the police in which several militants were killed, including William Plottkonikov, 23, a Russian-born Canadian, and like Tsaarnaev, an amature boxer. Investigators are trying to determine whether Tsarnaev and Plottkonikov met, one official said Sunday.

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IN SHORT
Wellness week continues through Friday with more food and fun! Check our guide for a full schedule of the events of the week, including an upcoming five yoga class, free healthy snacks, midnight study break, dinner discussion with MIT’s drug and addiction specialist, and more.

MIT Assistant Professor of Literature Stephanie Ann Frumpton has won the Rome Prize. The prize, given by the American Academy in Rome, will fund Frumpton to work at the academy for 11 months and do research in the fine arts and humanities. Her research concerns early Roman writing and the first uses of the Latin alphabet.

Sal Khan ‘98 is coming to MIT on May 8. The founder of Khan Academy will have a talk/interview in Kresge at 3 p.m. The event is sponsored by Siartlabs, and more information about the event can be found at startlabs.org.

Send news information and tips to news@tech.mit.edu.
Eurozone releases next set of loans for Greece

ATHENS, Greece — Eurozone officials on Monday approved the release of 2.8 billion euros, or $3.7 billion, to Greece, the country’s Finance Ministry said, paving the way for an early approval of an additional 5 billion euro package of aid. A meeting of the currency union’s finance ministers in mid-May. The 17 eurozone countries approved a commercial plan to disburse 15,000 civil servants by the end of next year as part of a new package of economic measures asked for by Greece. The European Union, International Monetary Fund, the European Central Bank and the European Commission.

The $3.7 billion approved Monday in Brussels was originally to have been disbursed in March but was delayed after negotiators stalled over the creditors’ demands for civil service cuts. The plan is subject on further actions by Athens, including an overhaul of the tax collection system.

The measures passed into a vote held shortly before midnight with 368 votes in the 338-seat House.

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PMBS — Five people were convicted Monday in Pristina, the capital of Kosovo, in connection with an elaborate organ-trafficking network that lured poor people to the country and then sold them their kidneys and other organs to wealthy transplant recipients from Israel, the United States, Canada and Germany, charging as much as $138,000 for each organ.

The defendants, all Kosovars, were tried before a panel of judges asked by the European Union to handle the case. A special prosecu-

or for the union, Jonathan Ratel, called the case a landmark because doctors had been convicted.

Dr. Lufti Dervishi, a urologist and the director of the clinic at the center of the trafficking ring, was sentenced to eight years in prison.

His son Arban Dervishi was sen-
tenced to seven years and three months.

Dr. Sokol Hajdini, the chief anesthesiologist at the clinic, was sentenced to three years.

Two other defendants received one-year suspended sentences.

In addition to the five who were convicted, two defendants were acquitted of charges of fraud and abuse of authority. All had denied any wrongdoing.

The case has shaken Kosovo, a mostly Muslim country of two mil-

lion that broke away from Serbia after the Balkan wars of the 1990s and has been struggling to shed a culture of lawlessness and corrup-
tion.

This month, Kosovo and Serbia reached an agreement that the two governments hopes will accelerate its integration into the in-
nternational community, including membership in the United Nations.

According to the indictment in the case, traffickers in the network promised payments of as much as $26,000 to poor people in Turkey, Moldova and Russia to persuade them to travel to Kosovo and do-
nate an organ.

They were asked to sign false documents saying they were don-
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ian reasons. Two dozen donors were taken in by the scheme, many were never given any compensa-
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egrecial medical care.

The wealthy, alienating patients who were to receive the organs flew to Pristina for transplant operations at a clinic called Medicus. It was funded by a well-meaning Euro-

pean philanthropist who helped local doctors during the war in Kosovo in 1999, but prosecutors said it was later transformed into an illegal organ transplant hub by Devriši, a surgeon and professor at Pristina University Hospital.

Russians said the Dervishes were aided by Dr. Yusuf Saiman, whom he called a notorious international organ trafficker. Somewhat is a füge-

ative and may be in South Africa, Ratel said.

The big breakthrough in the case happened in November 2008, Ratel said, when a young Turkish man was found at the Pristina airport, weak and shaking, with a large sur-
gical scar on his left abdomen. The man told the police that his kidneys had been stolen. When the police raided the clinic, they found a frail elderly Israeli man who had paid $90,000 for the kidney.

By Dan Blatsky

The New York Times

Syrian prime minister escapes assassination attempt

BEIRUT — In the latest reported attack on a high-ranking Syrian official, Prime Minister Wael al-Halqi survived what appeared to be an attempt Monday to kill him in a neighborhood of the capital, Damascus, when a car bomb exploded near his convoy, according to state-run media and up-

stream reports.

The reports said that a bodyguard was killed in the attack, which took place in a predominantly Christian district where nu-

eral officials live. The prime minister was reportedly unharmed, although state media said others had been injured. Video on state television showed a car reduced to a charred skeleton and, nearby, a bus with its windows shattered.

The assault fits a pattern of attempts to attack high officials. Less than two weeks ago, another official — Ali Balan, the gov-

ernment’s chief coordinator of emergency and distribution to civilians — was killed in an explosion at a restaurant in the same heavily guarded neigh-

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President Bashar Assad, who has been fighting a growing revolt that be-

gin with street protests in March 2011 and has escalated into a bloody civil war with insurgents battling for positions across the land, including the outskirts of Damascus.

State television in Syria called the attack a “terrorist explosion” that was “an attempt to target the convoy of the prime minister.” Terrorist is the word used by the authorities to depict their armed adversaries.

The television said the prime minister was “well and not hurt at all,” but Reuters reported, his condition could not im-

mediately be independently confirmed.

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—Anne Barnard and Alan Cowell, The New York Times

After Boston Marathon bombing

US ties with Russia improve

MOSCOW — After President Barack Obama and President Vlad-

imir Putin of Russia spoke by telephone Monday, a top Russian of-

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nuous human rights.

The human rights, which is based in

Britain and draws information from a network of opposition sources inside Syria, said initial reports showed that a body-

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Homophobia at home and abroad

The US must not follow France's example

By Andrew Liang

On April 23, France legalized gay marriage. The measure passed 333-214 in the Socialist party majority Assembly. However, the bill came at the price of the signers' safety. The day before the vote, Claude Bartolone, President of France's National Assembly, received an envelope sealed with gunpowder and a death-threat letter, signed by the right-wing group of France Interaction des forces de l'ordre.

The letter read, "Allowing marriage for all would be the same as destroying all marriage... Our methods are more radical and direct than demonstrations. You wanted war, you've got it... If you were to carry on regardless, your political family will have to suffer physically." It is clear that conservative factions in France are willing to resort to violence in order to impede the struggle for gay rights. In light of this recent public debacle, homophobic attacks in France have become more prevalent.

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Utilizing online learning on campus

Student engagement would ensure that MITx best serves our needs

By Sam Shames

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Boy, was I wrong.

Preparing a lecture — finding the content, making it look nice, and figuring out how to explain it clearly — makes any 50 minutes seem endless. Teaching my first full lecture course, I knew an enormous respect for the professors who do this two or three times a week and a mild sense of terror at the prospect that I may one day be in that position!

I am TAing biological oceanography, so I came to the opportunity to teach a large lecture about the organisms in the ocean — fish, whales, sharks, octopi, all of it. It’s a broad topic, so my first task was to focus on what I would like to structure my talk. I wanted to thrash out a little in physiology, a decent amount of information on trophic cascades, nutrient cycling, and turbulence as the broad scale phenomena that make these large creatures important; some fish-eats, some habitat information and fish adaptations to those habitats; and at least a little marine reserve information. And while I knew I had too much information to cover already, the slides seemed dauntingly empty so I made the skeletal outline.

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Maseeh votes to secede from Dormitory Council

Maseeh’s House Executive Committee votes 4-3 in about ‘90 seconds’ to leave DormCon

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“[Goggil] told us that this was going to happen whether or not we voted for it because that’s in his capacity as president,” said Jellia. “So the vote was sort of a formality, but he was ready for Maseeh to leave DormCon no matter what we had said.” Maseeh’s house constitution does not list this power specifically, with relevant sections saying only that the president meets and interfaces with parties external to Maseeh Hall and “is an advocate for students in the dorm ties external to Maseeh Hall” and “is ready for Maseeh to leave DormCon whether or not we voted for it because that’s in his capacity as president, “ said Avila. “So the vote was sort of a formality, but he was ready for Maseeh to leave DormCon no matter what we had said.” Maseeh’s house constitution does not list this power specifically, with relevant sections saying only that the president meets and interfaces with parties external to Maseeh Hall and “is an advocate for students in the dorm ties external to Maseeh Hall” and “is ready for Maseeh to leave DormCon whether or not we voted for it because that’s in his capacity as president,” said Avila. “So the vote was sort of a formality, but he was ready for Maseeh to leave DormCon no matter what we had said.”

Residents were informed by Goggil in an email yesterday evening. “Over $4,000 a year of your Maseeh taxes were being spent for other dorms in ways that did not benefit you, and this coupled with lack of advocacy for Maseeh residents from DormCon lead us to our decision to secede,” wrote Goggil. “The Tech

notes that at the $5 per person tax rate, Maseeh’s 462 residents would pay $2,310 toward that particular tax.”

“The decision has been a long time coming,” said Goggil. “The decision to secede from DormCon was thrown around even before my tenure as Maseeh president.” After this semester, Maseeh won’t be a voting member of DormCon, said Goggil, but will continue to send a representative “to at least get the information they provide.”

The largest issue for Maseeh is DormCon’s budget, said Goggil. Each dorm pays a tax of $5 per resident, and DormCon reallocates the money. “Maseeh puts in a lot more money than any other dorm, and then that money is reallocated to other dorms for things like CPW events,” said Goggil. “It feels like DormCon just reallocates money from large dorms to other dorms, and my residents are paying for events that they don’t attend!”

“The only benefit [of being part of DormCon] I can see is that we get a thousand dollars for CPW,” said Goggil, pausing. “Whoop-de-doo.”

Concerns over the budget were discussed at the most recent DormCon meeting on April 18. “We can find things that dorms would not be able to or want to fund themselves, like promoting cross-campus or cross-dorm events,” said Mugica, according to their meeting minutes. Small dorms have less money than larger ones, Mugica said, and “DormCon can help redistribute money to allow smaller dorms to do things effectively.”

According to the minutes, Baker president Andrea Gutierrez Marty said that the reallocation system is unfair to larger dorms, and Michael E. Planasenter ’12 (also from Baker) added that the allocation is “arbitrary.” Additionally, “it is worrisome for smaller dorms to be living outside of their means by requiring outside funding to run their CPW events,” said Goggil. Mugica responded that some dorms with effective CPWs have difficulty funding them, and it’s advantageous to MIT as a whole if those dorms are funded. For example, Random Hall is a small dorm that has “a lot of people who like running events” and needs outside funding to support those events, said Random representative Jacob B. Herzvitz ’14. “CPW is supposed to be more about MIT than about individual dorms. The money should go to dorms which have people who want to run events,” continued Herzvitz.

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Trip is scrutinized
Visit to Dagestan investigated

The mosque is just a short walk from the soccer stadium for the local Dynamo team. Graffiti, written in stark red on a white wall nearly the mosque says, “Victory or paradise.”

In an interview, the imam at the Kotrova Street mosque, Khasan-Khadzhi Gasanaliev, said he had never met Tamerlan Tsarnaev, and none of the men interviewed outside the mosque over the course of several visits said they had known him.

Videos posted by Tamerlan Tsarnaev indicate that he was familiar with Muslim rebel leaders in Dagestan, and investigators have been seeking to determine if he met with any of them in person.

The account in Novaya Gazeta said that one of Tsarnaev’s contacts was Mahmoud Mansur Nidal, who was killed May 19 after a standoff with Russian authorities at an apartment house in Makhachkala.

Surrounded by Russian security forces, Nidal took several hostages, according to the news agency Interfax, and at one point threw a grenade at the authorities. The hostages were released after some negotiation, but Nidal refused to surrender and was shot dead, Interfax reported.

Another possible contact was Plotnikov, a Russian emigre to Canada who became disenchant ed with life there, converted to Islam, and then moved to Dagestan to join the Muslim insurgency. He had been trained in boxing by a well-known Russian coach in Canada and was known among the Muslim rebels in Dagestan as “The Canadian.”

Plotnikov became a member of the Mujahideen of the Caucasus Emirate and had briefly been detained by Russian authorities.

Law enforcement officials have said that the marathon bombs were constructed largely according to instructions in Inspire magazine, a publication of the al-Qaeda branch in Yemen. But Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Texas and chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, said on “Fox News Sunday” that “the level of sophistication” of the homemade pressure-cooker bombs used at the marathon “leads me to believe that there was a trainer.”

Experts on the effort by Russian authorities to connect with underground groups.

In 2011, Russian officials sent a warning about Tamerlan Tsarnaev’s extremist views to both the FBI and the CIA, saying they believed he was coming to Dagastan, a republic in southern Russia, to connect with underground groups.

That warning was based on telephone conversations intercepted by Russian intelligence, including one between Tamerlan Tsarnaev and his mother, in which they discussed jihad, Russian authorities have told the FBI.

More efforts on the part by Russian authorities to contain the Muslim insurgency in Dagestan and elsewhere in the North Caucasus region said that officials were aware of Tsarnaev’s arrival in Dagastan in January 2012, he probably would have been under scrutiny throughout his time there.

“He would have been flagged at the airport, when he entered Dagestan and when he went to the mosque,” said Jean-Francois Ratelle, a Canadian scholar at George Washington University who is studying the insurgency in Dagastan.

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MIT men’s lacrosse wins 11-5
Engineers score seven unanswered goals in victory

By Mandy Brauer

Seven unanswered goals along with 14 saves from goalie Christopher B. Bullan ’13 in the first half helped power the MIT men’s lacrosse team to an 11-5 victory over Clark University in a Pilgrim League game on Saturday afternoon. For the second straight outing, Chris S. Cook ’15 led the way for the Engineers (4-2, 2-3 Pilgrim) as he netted a game-high four goals. Bullan finished with 20 saves and eight groundballs while James C. Slonaker ’15 posted two goals and four groundballs. Paul R. Orson ’16 totaled two goals and three groundballs as classmate Jonah N. Heseltine ’16 notched one goal and one assist. John L. Kramer ’15 and William M. Kelleher ’15 both tacked on a goal while Kramer added four groundballs. Nicholas H. Uhlenhuth ’16 collected four groundballs, followed by three from fellow rookie Luke A. Verdi ’16. Michael A. Gibson ’13 won six of his 12 faceoffs as Verdi and Christopher G. McPherson ’16 both earned an assist. Cook recorded a hat-trick in the opening frame as he got things going by bunting MIT’s only man-up strike of the afternoon at the 3:38 mark. Almost four minutes later, Slonaker connected on a feed from Heseltine which was quickly followed by Cook redirecting a pass from Verdi. The Engineers increased their lead to 4-0 courtesy of Cook’s solo effort with 1:56 left in the quarter. The visitors carried the momentum into the second stanza as Heseltine found the back of the net after 1:08 expired. Cook kept the run going with an unassisted marker while Orson provided MIT’s final goal with 7:39 on the clock, resulting in a 7-0 advantage at the intermission. Clark ended the shutout nearly two minutes into the third quarter, but the defensive battle resumed until midway through the frame when McPherson scooped up a groundball and found Kelleher for a transition strike. On the ensuing faceoff, Kramer came up with the groundball and went directly to give MIT a 9-1 margin. The scoreboard remained unchanged until the Cougars found the back of the net twice during the final 39 seconds.

In the fourth quarter, the hosts continued the rally courtesy of a man-down marker with 10:27 to go. The Engineers countered with a blast from Slonaker less than a minute later that made the score 10-4. Clark scored shortly after the ensuing faceoff but this was as close as it would get as Orson netted the last goal with 6:47 remaining.

MIT concludes the regular season at league foe Massachusetts Maritime Academy on Monday, April 29.

Battle for the Muri Cup; 6th ranked Engineers win in Novice 4 event

By Phil Hess

Moving up to sixth in the most recent national rankings — the highest ever for MIT — the Engineers Women’s Lightweight Crew took on first-ranked Harvard-Radcliffe in the battle for the Muri Cup. Harvard took the Cup in the Varsity 8 race and also won 2V event, with the Engineers picking up a win in the 4V competition.

On a day with flat water and plenty of sunshine, MIT Varsity 8 turned in an excellent effort, coming home with a time of 6:53.6, the fastest ever for the program on the Charles. Harvard-Radcliffe took the line by a little more than 12 seconds. With the win, the Crimson claimed the Muri Cup, which honors MIT alumnus and Harvard assistant lightweight coach Linda Muri ’85 for her achievements as both an athlete and coach.

MIT picked up its win in the Novice 4 race. The Engineers stayed with the Harvard-Radcliffe crew until reaching the Muri Boathouse. There, the Engineers moved through the Crimson crew and continued to pull away, winning by nearly 25 seconds. In the second Varsity 8 race, MIT turned in a strong and aggressive effort, but finished third to a pair of boats from Harvard-Radcliffe, crossing the line under 10 seconds behind the Crimson 8 boat.

It was the last home race of the season for MIT, with Lauren J. Ayres ’13, Kathleen M. Inman ’13, Chandler L. Rutledge ’13, and Anne G. Warren ’13 of the Varsity crew all competing for the final time on the Charles. Both schools raced in “Row for Boston” T-shirts, designed by Harvard-Radcliffe rower COSINE Wive, to benefit Boston Children’s Hospital Marathon Fund.

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