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Has every student group on the MIT campus been reviewed? The answer is no. Some student groups may have not received the attention they deserve.

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Amherst College faculty vote against joining edX. On April 30, 2013, Amherst College faculty voted 76-36 against a motion to join the edX consortium. The college would have been the second liberal arts college to join edX, after Wesleyan College. According to the Amherst Student, de- bate at the deciding faculty meeting centered on the suitability of the edX platform and massive open online courses (MOOCs) to Amherst’s educational mission. Proponents of the motion argued that the edX technology would make it easier for Amherst to offer online courses and help Amherst gain experience with NOCCs. "We need a lack of confidence in the edX platform for this purpose. One key point of contention was edX’s re- quirement that Amherst offer certificates of completion for courses offered more than once, which many viewed as against the college’s interests.

At the end of the meeting, the faculty voted to approve a second motion that would explore alternatives to edX. The motion claimed that Amherst’s mission is “best served by having the College it- self, rather than an outside organization that offers so-called massive open online courses, develop and offer these online courses and course materials.”

Amherst is not the only college with faculty to come out against edX. Yesterday, professors in the philosophy department at San José State University issued a pub- lic statement about their refusal to use the popular edX course JusticeX in their de- partment. In a letter to Harvard Professor Michael Sandel, who teaches JusticeX, the professors argued that the California State University system’s contract to license MOOCs from edX stemmed from a pres- sure to cut costs and would compromise the universities’ quality of education. “We believe that having a scholar teach and engage with his or her own students is far superior to having those students watch a video of another scholar engaging or his or her students,” they wrote.

In response, San José provost and vice president for academic affairs Ellen Juan, stated that despite the university’s edX pilot program, faculty members will have sole responsibility in determining “how much, or how little, of the edX course materials they will incorporate into their blended courses,” in a statement to the Chronicle of Higher Education.

This week, edX also released 8.8MB/s.

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Summer and Fall Pre-registration is now open! If you’re a continuing student, remember the process by May 31 or face a $50 fine. If you borrowed art through the List Visual Arts Center Student Loan Art Program, you may keep the art for the summer. Being an ASA-recognized clause work can be returned May 13-May 15 and May 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Artwork can also be returned 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 16. Be sure not to return the artwork in wet weather to avoid mold and mildew.

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 Aristides Kolokotsa, your weather editor.

Friday, May 3, 2013
Rhode Island joins states that allow gay marriage

Overcoming years of resistance, Rhode Island on Thursday became the 10th state in the country and the last in New England to approve same-sex marriage. The state narrowly passed a bill in the legislature in the afternoon. Just before 7 p.m., Gov. Lincoln Chafee, an independent who had long advocated for its passage, signed the measure in a public ceremony on the steps of the Statehouse in Providence, where hundreds of people, including many state and local public officials, joined the celebration.

“I know that you have been waiting for this day to come,” Chafee said. “I know that you have been working on this dream for a very long time. I know that this would happen and did not have to see to it. But I am proud to say that now, at long last, you are free to marry the person you love."

Tire caucus of either party has approved such a measure unanimously — making Rhode Island the latest indication of growing acceptance of same-sex marriage across the country.

US suicide rates rise sharply

Suicide rates among middle-age Americans have risen sharply, according to a new government report, as the population generation of baby boomers who have faced years of economic worry and easy access to prescription pain killers may be particularly vulnerable. And while people now die from suicide at a rate nearly equal to that of car accidents, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which published the findings in the May 3 issue of its journal, the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, it has typically been viewed as a problem of teenagers and the elderly, and the surge in suicide rates among middle-age Americans is surprising.

From 1999 to 2010, the suicide rate among Americans ages 35 to 64 soared, rising by 17.6 deaths per 100,000 population, up from 13.7. Although suicide rates are growing among both middle-age men and women, far more men take their own lives. The suicide rate for middle-age men was 27.3 deaths per 100,000, while for women it was 8.1 deaths per 100,000.

Obama meets with Mexico's new leader

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State John Kerry is praktically home alone, tolling without permanent assistance secretaries of state for the Middle East, Asia, Europe and Africa. At the Pentagon, a temporary permanent chief is managing foreign relations for 800,000 civilian employees. There has been no director of the Inter- national Revenue Service since last November, and it was on only Thursday that President Barack Obama nomi- nated a new commerce secretary after the job was open for nearly a year.

As the White House races this week to plug leaks in the Cabinet, the lights remain off in essential of- fices across the administration. The vacancies are slowing down policy- making in a capital already known for inaction, and embarrassing a president who has had more than five months since his re-election to fill all the jobs.

"I don't think it's ever been this bad," said Rep. Frank R. Wolf, R-Va., who wrote a letter urging Obama to act swiftly to fill top vacancies.

Kerry expressed frustration about the State Department vacancies in recent testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Although Kerry said that "the White House and the administration make the very best out of a tough situation," who is to blame is a matter of intense debate. The White House faults an in- creasingly partisan confirmation process in the Senate and what of- ficials say are over-the-top demands for information about every corner of a nominee's life. Treasury Sec- retary Jacob J. Lew received 444 questions from senators before his confirmation, more than the seven previous Treasury nominees com- bined, according to data compiled by the White House. Gina McCar- thy, Obama's nominee to lead the Environmental Protection Agency, got 1,000 questions from the Senate, the White House officials said.

"Current congressional Republi- cans have made no secret of the ex- pectations they will go to to obstruct the confirmation process," said Eric Schulz, a White House spokesman. "That unprecedented unreasonableness, often about matters decades old or unrelated to the post, slows down the process from begin- ning to end.

But members of Congress and a number of agency officials say the bottleneck is at the White House, where nominees remain unan- mous, as the legal and personnel officials conduct time-consuming background checks aimed at discov- ering the slightest potential problem that could hold up a confirmation.

US is considering arming Syrian rebels, Hagel confirms

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel confirmed Thursday that the Obama adminis- tration is weighing opposition to arming the rebels in Syria's civil war, although he said that no deci- sions had been made.

"You look at and rethink all op- tions on a regular basis," Hagel said at a news conference after being asked whether the administration was reassessing its stance on providing weapons to the rebels.

He was joined by his British counterpart, Philip Hammond, whose government was examined among close U.S. allies to identify the possible use of chemical weap- ons during the civil war.

Although Hagel was the first senior U.S. official to officially de- scribe the administration's decision to re assess providing arms to the rebel fighters, he emphasized that the process "doesn't mean you do or you will." He said, however, that "arming the rebels — that's an option."" Both his tone and his body language indicated that the assess- ment process would be careful and deliberate.

Hammond said Britain was con- strained from providing lethal as- sistance to the rebels. France and the un- ion arm bars, although that prohibition expires in a few weeks.

Both military leaders stressed that policy should focus on stopping the violence and helping Syria tran- sition to a democracy.

Administrative officials and U.S. military leaders had previously focused public discussions on the many reasons not to arm the rebels, among them the fear that arms are "wasted" and that "armed Syria that respects minority rights, and the fear that U.S. weapons could wind up in the hands of militants who might turn them against Western interests.

The debate over arming the reb- els has resurfaced since the White House disclosed last week that the nation's intelligence chief had been small- scale use of chemical weapons by the regime of Bashar Assad.

While supplying arms does not necessarily exacerbate the threat of chemi- cal weapons, it would bolster the rebels in their fight against the re- gime. It would also be a way for the White House to look responsive, given its waiting for more conclusive evidence of the Syrian regime's use of chemical weapons, and without committing its own military to the conflict.

Another factor in the administra- tion's thinking, a senior official said, is its growing confidence in Gen. Sa- lim Idriss, the commander of the op- position's Supreme Military Council.
US to appeal order lifting age limit on morning-after pill

By Pam Belluck and Michael D. Shear THE NEW YORK TIMES

The Obama administration moved Wednesday to keep girls under 15 from having over-the-counter access to emergency contraception, a decision to appeal a judge's order that would make the contraceptive widely available.

The Justice Department filed a notice to appeal a judge's order that would make the drug available without a prescription for girls and women of all ages. The appeal reaffirms the administration's view of anti-abortion groups who are pressing for new legislation on the matter, came at the start of a meeting in Jerusalem with Foreign Minister Didier Burkhalter of Switzerland. "There are a few things that I think we can learn from you, and one of them is the referendum," Netanyahu told Burkhalter. "Not for every issue, not on every point of debate, but on one thing. That is, if we get to a peace agreement with the Palestinians, I'd like to bring it to a referendum. And I'd like to talk to you about your experiences with that, and many other things."

Burkhalter replied that Netanyahu was welcome to visit Switzerland any time and learn about that country's experience with referendums.

Left-leaning Israeli supporters of a peace deal have long argued that a referendum could impede the lead-er's ability to seal a treaty with Palestinians. Livni, a former foreign minister, has publicly opposed the idea of a referendum.

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Last month Judge Edward R. Korman of U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York ruled the FDA, which had moved, based on scientific research, to lift all age restrictions.

As the dispute enters its third week, alarm in the Indian capital is growing. At a Thursday news briefing, Syed Akbaruddin, the spokesman for India's Ministry of External Affairs, said, "There is no doubt that in the entire country this is a matter of concern."

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A State Department spokesman, Patrick Ventrell, said the Obama administration had "longstanding concerns about the lack of transparency and due process in the North Korean legal system." Ventrell's statement signaled that the administration was not pre pared, at least not now, to seek Bae's release through a high-profile mission to North Korea, as it has done twice when Americans were held by North Korean authorities essentially as hostages to gain concessions from the United States.

Analysts said a U.S. diplomatic mission to secure Bae's release could easily be used by the country's young leader, Kim Jong Un, as an example of Washington's capitulation and an opportunity to burnish his profile as a tough, anti-American strategist. But by taking the tougher approach, the Obama administration is assuming the risk that one of its citizens will be incarcerated indefinitely.

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Choe Sang Hui and Rick Gladstone, The New York Times

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DormCon is critical to dorm culture

Though flawed, the organization has a history of accomplishment

By Tea Dorminy

Disclaimer: Although I am a former member of DormCon, I do not speak for the organization and I have not consulted it before writing this piece.

MIT’s Dormin委y Council is the only orga-nization devoted solely to the interests of dorm residents on campus, and this year’s departure means an additional 462 under-graduates no longer have a voice in this organization. Some argue that DormCon simply reredits its money to dorms and its own retreats. But in fact, the organization promotes campus-wide achievement of every dorm, ensuring every DormCon-funded event reaches every participat-ing dorm residents, and standing up for undergraduates in dorm affairs. Although I’m biased, I believe that DormCon is one of the best voices for students and one of the most functional, efficient groups on cam-pus. Leaving the group deserves more than a one-sentence dismissal.

First of all, DormCon does a great job of coordinating CPW, Orientation, and other campus-wide activities. The organization makes sure that dorms get an even distri-bution of the limited number of HRE events and limited number of dorm-centric early returns for dorm orientation events, and has done a great job. For example, not long ago, the administration attempted to reduce the length of HRE, and DormCon led the fight to preserve orientation as a campus-wide welcome to new students. DormCon also helps fund grants and new ideas during the semester, such as Piano Drop and Blackout. Furthermore, the DormCon tax ensures that dorms all devote money to campus-wide events, and encourages cross-campus mixing and a reputation of friendliness.

DormCon is also critical to student self-adjudication. Judicial committees are a key element of students’ self-government, and DormCon’s JudCom поn is one place resi-dents can go to settle their disputes with-out involving the administration. While not all problems are suitable for peer judicial mediation, not all problems are perfectly suited for administration settlement, and having a designated JudCom gives us another place we can go within the dorm. This framework gives dorms and students the power and is a dangerous thing to abandon with-out replacement.

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The bee and the chimp in you and me

A thought-provoking book about morality and the mind

By Roberto Perez-Franco

Have you ever felt like other people must be crazy — or at least be hypocrites — to hold certain views that you consider profoundly immoral? Some people defend the Iraq War to this day, while others opposed it from day one. Some people want to ban abortion, while others want to ban guns. "What is wrong with these people? What are they thinking?" you may ask in despair. If you relate to this, then do I have a book for you: The Righteous Mind. It is a wicked tome about how people think in moral terms. It is not a prescriptive book that preaches what you should do or how you should think. Instead, it is a descriptive book that seeks to describe how and why our brain deals with questions of morality from the perspective of evolutionary psychology. The author, Jonathan Haidt, hopes this understanding will help you decipher what "they," the guys on the other side of the issue, are thinking; and to help them understand what you are thinking, so as to foster more constructive dialogue in this highly polarized nation and world.

The righteou Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion

By Jonathan Haidt

You say your moral opinions are not really yours; you are just advocating for them. When it comes to morality, one should not think of oneself as an independent mind, a sort of Bodhi's thinker, weighing the arguments for and against a position on an important issue, and then taking a reasoned stance that you are ready to defend. Instead, Haidt argues, your morality is largely determined by a part of your brain of which you are not conscious, and that determines your moral positions to your rational mind with the command to find a rationale to support the predetermined stance. Haidt makes use of a metaphor, of a press secretary riding an elephant, where your conscious mind is the press secretary trying frantically to find logical arguments that will justify the actions taken by the elephant, which are not under her control.

The second message of the book is that the human brain has evolved to identify and react to morality of six types, or foundations, which he labels using paired oppositions: care/harm, fairness/cheating, loyalty/betrayal, authority/subversion, sanctity/ degradation, and liberty/oppression. The author uses the metaphor of six moral flavors that can be recognized by our "moral taste buds," just like our physical tongue can recognize five basic tastes: sweetness, sourness, saltiness, bitterness, and umami. He also argues that some people may be genetically predisposed to having a higher sensitivity to some of these types of morality than others. Democrats may give more weight to the care and fairness foundations, whereas Republicans may give more weight to the loyalty, authority and sanctity foundation, and Libertarians may give more weight to the liberty foundation.

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The book has three main messages. The first is that your moral opinions are not really yours; you are just advocating for them. When it comes to morality, one should not think of oneself as an independent mind, a sort of Bodhi's thinker, weighing the arguments for and against a position on an important issue, and then taking a reasoned stance that you are ready to defend. Instead, Haidt argues, your morality is largely determined by a part of your brain of which you are not conscious, and that determines your moral positions to your rational mind with the command to find a rationale to support the predetermined stance. Haidt makes use of a metaphor, of a press secretary riding an elephant, where your conscious mind is the press secretary trying frantically to find logical arguments that will justify the actions taken by the elephant, which are not under her control.

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I read this book months ago and left it to marinate my brain. It had some mind-blowing passages, and others that were downright boring. The book is a bit rough around some edges, and could have used a better editor, but packs enough punch to keep you coming back for more. Yes, at some points, the author comes across as repetitive and unable to help himself from cramming too much of his beloved subject into the mind of the defenseless reader. Yet, all things considered, it is a very good book, in that it is a sort of slow-release worldview softener. To steal a term from film criticism, this is a "parking lot" book: one that doesn't necessarily seem extraordinary when you read it, but then gets you thinking for days, weeks or — in my case — months after reading it. I have found myself recommending it to my wife and friends whenever they seem exasperated by other people's moral positions that seem hypocritical or incomprehensible. And I recommend it to you now. Feel free to skip the boring pages! At the end, its core messages will likely stay with you and make your life easier for a long time to come.
MUSICAL REVIEW

Berklee’s adaptation of the famous musical Hair

A moving and dazzling performance

By Denis Broic

Two seemingly opposite worlds collide in the 4/4 time signature of “Hair.” A song from the 1969 musical, Hair was performed by the ensemble of the Musical Theater at Berklee College of Music.

Berklee’s version of Hair, directed by Mark McConaughey, is a wonderfully diverse and captivating production. The audience was enthralled by the musical’s vibrant cast and the energy of the performance.

The story follows the Tribe, a group of young American counterculture revolutionaries fighting against the oppressive political system of the Vietnam War. The actors delivered powerful performances, engaging the audience with their passion and conviction.

One of the standout scenes was when the Tribe burned their draft cards and performed a soul-shaking dance, “Let the Sunshine In.” This moment was truly moving, and the actors’ expressions captured the spirit of the counterculture movement.

The sound was also a highlight of the production. The orchestra was expertly led by the Musical Theater Ensemble, and their concertmaster, Joseph Glass, delivered a thunderous performance of the American tribal love-rock musical, Hair.

Other standout numbers included “I’d Like to Change the World,” “The Time of the Hunter,” and “Mormon,” which were all beautifully rendered. The actors’ voices blended seamlessly, creating a rich and immersive soundscape.

The production was not without its challenges. There were some technical issues with the microphone, which caused a halt in the performance. However, the actors’ resilience was commendable, and they continued with the show through their strong vocal ability.

In conclusion, Berklee’s adaptation of Hair is a testament to the school’s commitment to excellence in musical theater. The production is a must-see for anyone who appreciates the power of music and the counterculture movement of the 1960s.
WASHINGTON — The surviving suspect in the Boston Marathon bombings told FBI interrogators that he and his brother had considered suicide attacks and striking on the Fourth of July as they plotted their deadly assault, according to two law enforcement officials.

But the suspect, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, 19, told investigators that he and his brother, Tamerlan, 26, who was killed in a shootout with the police, had ultimately decided to use pressure-cooker bombs and other homemade explosive devices, the officials said.

The brothers finished building the bombs in Tamerlan's apartment in Cambridge, Mass., more quickly than they had anticipated and so decided to accelerate their attack to the Boston Marathon on April 15, Patriots' Day in Massachusetts, from July, according to the account that Dzhokhar provided authorities. They picked the finish line of the marathon after driving around the Boston area looking for alternative sites, according to this account.

In addition, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev has told authorities that he and his brother viewed the Internet sermons of Anwar al-Awlaki, a radical American cleric who moved to Yemen and was killed in September 2011 by a U.S. drone strike. There is no indication that the brothers had communicated with al-Awlaki before his death.

Tsarnaev made his admission April 21, two days after he was captured while hiding in a boat in a nearby backyard, to specially trained FBI agents who had been waiting outside his hospital room for him to regain consciousness.

After he woke up, they questioned him, invoking what is known as the public safety exception to the Miranda Rule, a procedure authorized by a 1984 U.S. Supreme Court decision that in certain circumstances allows interrogation after an arrest without notifying a prisoner of the right to remain silent.

The new details about what Tsarnaev has told the authorities emerged as the FBI moved forward Thursday with trying to determine how the brothers were radicalized and the role that Tamerlan Tsarnaev's wife might have played in the plot or helping the brothers evade the authorities after the attacks.

As part of those efforts, the authorities have sought to determine whether fingerprints and DNA found on bomb fragments were from Tsarnaev's wife, Katherine Russell. According to two other law enforcement officials who were also granted anonymity because they did not want to be identified discussing an ongoing investiga-
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National threats against the United States, Russell’s fingerprints and DNA do not match those found on the fragments.

Federal authorities are skeptical of Russell’s insistence that he played no role in the attack or did not help the brothers elude the authorities after the FBI released photos of them. That skepticism has been stoked by Russell’s decision in recent days to stop cooperating with the authorities.

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The FBI has also decided to send more agents to Russia to assist with the investigation, officials said. The bureau has been relying on a couple of agents it has based in the U.S. embassy in Russia to serve as an intermediary with the authorities there.

U.S. and Russian investigators in Dagestan, in the turbulent Caucasus region of southern Russia, have been trying to determine what Tamerlan Tsarnaev did during a six-month visit to Dagestan last year. On Thursday, Rep. William Keating, D-Mass., said the investigators believed that Tsarnaev met with one known militant, Mahmoud Mansur Nidal, as first reported in the Russian newspaper Novaya Gazeta.

“I’m comfortable that on that trip he reached out to members of the insurgency in Dagestan,” said Keating, a member of the House Homeland Security Committee.

He said there was no evidence so far that Tamerlan Tsarnaev had succeeded in forming a link with the insurgency to join the forces of the Caucasian Emirate or that he had received explosives training in Dagestan.

At a news conference Tuesday, President Barack Obama did not rule out a foreign link but suggested that the Tsarnaev brothers appeared to be “self-radicalized” and that homegrown terrorist plots were harder to detect and prevent than those originating overseas.

Obama said that U.S. counterterrorism efforts had put pressure “on these networks that are well-financed and more sophisticated” on these networks that are well-financed and more sophisticated.”

Investigations believe that the views of the two brothers grew more radical over time and were influenced at least partly by the Internet sermons of Awlaki.

Separately, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev has told investigators that he and his brother had learned to build the pressure-cooker bombs from reading Inspire, the online magazine published by al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula. The magazine’s first issue — which included an article titled “Make a Bomb in the Kitchen of Your Mom” — gave instructions about how to carry out crude, low-cost terrorist attacks.

The man officials have identified as the creative force behind Inspire, a U.S. citizen named Samir Khan, was killed in the same missile strike in Yemen that killed Awlaki.

The new details of what Dzhokhar Tsarnaev has told authorities fill out a growing portrait of what the grievously wounded young man told investigators from his hospital bedside.

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In the course of questioning him about whether he knew of any other active plots or threats to public safety, Tsarnaev also admitted that he had been involved in laying the bombs that killed three people and injured more than 260 at the marathon. He told investigators that he knew of no other plots and that he and his brother had acted alone. He said he knew of no more bombs that had not been detonated.

Since then, investigators have been seeking to verify Tsarnaev’s statements as part of the investigation into the lives of the two brothers, speaking with people who knew them and looking at everything from items they left behind in their homes and, in the case of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, his dorm room, to the lengthy digital trail they left through their emails and posts on social media sites.

William K. Rashbaum and Serge Schmemann contributed reporting from New York.

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Mechanics ReView, a three-month review of Newtonian mechanics. Unlike other edX offerings, the course is targeted toward high school students and physics teachers, who will be able to earn education credits through a collaboration between edX and the American Association of Physics Teachers. The class is based on the three-week LSP 8.01 (Physics I) Review offered to students that had struggled in 8.01 during the fall, and was developed by the RELATE (Research in Learning, Assessing and Tutoring Effectively) group at MIT.

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Speak Your Mind
MIT students' stories on coping with mental illnesses

Story One
Is there a place where MIT students can go to cry after failing an exam? I feel so ashamed, embarrassed, unworthy. I want to hide, I want to go somewhere on campus so that I can cry and breakdown. I feel like no matter how hard I try, no matter how hard I study, no matter how much of my life I sacrifice for school, I am not and will never be good enough for MIT. This is a devastating realization. I must have been admitted on accident, I’m about to cry.

Story Two
Being fat in the queer community is a daily struggle. I obviously do not fit the typical standards of beauty. But in the queer community, which is itself already a small subset of the community at large, it is even more difficult. Many feel that they need to live up to the queer stereotypes of being bitchy and/or having a great body and then they project those onto others. Even some people outside of the queer community will say: “I love gay boys. They’re always in such good shape and are very cute, not straight boys,” and then look at me like I’m an exception, because I’m not in good shape and I’m not cute. Or, like I don’t even belong in the queer community. Others think that they have good intentions and will comment on the “good looks” of others when I’m right there too, which clearly means I am not good-looking, and my self-esteem (what little is left) takes another hit.

Plus, it’s much harder to date or hook-up in the queer community when you’re fat. Many useHOOKUP or grindr to accomplish these goals, but my experiences have yielded no positive responses. The responses I do get range from the benign (“You’re just not my type, sorry.”) to the blunt (“I’m not into fatties” or “I’m not a chubby chaser.”) to the malicious (“Wow, why would you ask me that?” or “You’ve got to be kidding!”). And all this after a simple “Hello” or “How are you doing?”

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Governance clause
Groups uneasy about ASA clause

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SPIB met with members of the ASA Exec this past Monday to discuss their concerns. As a result, they adopted a modified version of the governance clause which protected certain SPIB property — both digital and physical — from being redistributed as the ASA Exec saw fit should it be derecognized. The last line of SPIB’s modified clause states that “the Board retains the right to separate from the ASA in perpetuity.”

Supporting the clause
In contrast, MIT’s Film Club is one of the newest student groups on campus. The governance clause has been in its constitution since the group’s founding last winter.

“We think that the ASA Governance Clause is fair; it ensures that all student groups are held accountable for any infractions of the rules and regulations of ASA.” Joseph Elias, the president of MIT Film Club, stated.

“These rules were drafted to ensure that student groups, such as the MIT Film Club, are accessible to and enjoyable for the entire student body; these groups cost money and use up some of MIT’s valuable resources and should be held under review for any infractions of the rules.”

Keeler believes that the clause is reasonable, as all groups must agree to the ASA rules and regulations in order to be ASA-recognized in the first place.

“The clause has been a requirement in constitutions for quite a while,” said Keeler. “The clause doesn’t really grant additional powers to the ASA — regardless of what a group acknowledges, the ASA is the governing body for student groups on campus — but having the clause in every constitution ensures that groups are aware that they are bound by our rules, and are paying attention to them.”

In addition, Keeler says that the clause helps keep everyone “on the same page.”

ASA secretary Benjamin P. Lehnert ’13, also the grandmaster of the Assassins’ Guild (an MIT student group), believes that the clause is justified “because all it does is delineate the powers of the ASA Board, which every group that seeks recognition agrees to anyway.”

The ASA does not derive its authority from one place, but rather several places at MIT. “The ASA serves many roles, and so it derives authority from many different parts of the institute,” Keeler explained. “For example, our role as the allocators of space to student groups is derived from the Dean’s office and CAC [Campus Activities Complex], we work with SAI [Student Activities Office] and occasionally others offices on financial issues, and so on.”

Keeler notes that the ASA generally likes to let student groups keep to themselves.

“We have no particular desire to interfere in almost any of the content of the constitution,” emphasized Keeler. “The notable exceptions are requirements that MIT offices or we have that we think are just good for the general health of every student group. For example, we require student groups to be over 50 percent student membership.”

She added, “I think it’s very much within the MIT spirit to have student groups governing other student groups.”
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NEW BEDFORD — Dias Kadyrbayev and Anasat Tazhayakov were college roommates who clicked with Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, another soccer-loving immigrant from the former Soviet Union who, unlike them, blended seamlessly into the United States.

Tsarnaev spoke perfect English and knew where to shop and how to have a good time.

“He knew the system,” said Robert C. Stahl, Kadyrbayev’s criminal lawyer. “He knew how to go purchase things, where to go in college, what to do. So they gravitated toward each other.”

The nature of that friendship came under sharp scrutiny Wednesday in immigration court where they had an initial hearing on possible deportation to their native Kazakhstan in Central Asia.

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Federal agents alleged that Tsarnaev, Tazhayakov, and others in the class of 2011 at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School.

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But federal officials offered a different portrait of Kadyrbayev and Tazhayakov — and a third friend, Robel Phillipos of Cambridge, in the criminal allegations against them Wednesday in US District Court.

Federal agents alleged that Tsarnaev and the Kazakh men were good friends who met in fall 2011 and grew closer last year when Kadyrbayev apparently posted a photograph of the three in New York’s Times Square on his VKontakte social media page.

Friends and court records said the friends went to parties and shared dinners and rides to class. Kadyrbayev visited Tsarnaev’s home in Cambridge and met his family members, according to court records.

Two months before the bombings, Tsarnaev, Tazhayakov, and others gathered on the banks of the Charles River and ignited fireworks. One month before the bombings, court records show, Tsarnaev confided in the men over dinner that he knew how to make a bomb.

It is unclear how Robel Phillipos met the two Kazakh men. Phillipos and Tsarnaev were in the class of 2011 at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School.

All four men enrolled in UMass Dartmouth in 2011, though school officials said Phillipos withdrew last year.

One of Tazhayakov’s lawyers said in immigration court Wednesday that Tazhayakov was reinstated after switching his major to economics.

“It’s a simple student violation” of their visas, said Linda Cristello, a Boston immigration lawyer, after the initial hearings in immigration court.

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In immigration court Wednesday, lawyers for Kadyrbayev and Tazhayakov sought to portray the 19-year-olds as mere acquaintances and Tazhayakov sought to portray the same sophomore class at UMass fluent Russian and also 19 and in 19-year-olds as mere acquaintances.

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SPORTS

MIT baseball falls to Brandeis in ninth inning

Parker Tew scores two runs for the Engineers in Tuesday's non-conference game

By Phil Hess

Brandeis University received a one-out, walkoff RBI single in the bottom of the ninth from Liam O'Connor that lifted the Judges to a 3-2 win over MIT in non-conference baseball action. Brandeis' starting Mike Swedoff, held MIT in check all day and threw a complete game, three hitter to pick up the victory. Parker A. Tew '15 had a pair of hits and scored both runs for the Engineers.

MIT (22-9) scored in the first when Tew led off the game with a single, moved to second on an unearned tally in the third. Tew scored from third when Henry Zhu '13 hit a sacrifice fly. Next inning, MIT came around to score when Hayden K. Connell '15 delivered a two-out RBI single up the middle. From there, however, Swedoff was in complete control for Brandeis (15-20) and did not allow another hit until Tew singled with one out in the eighth inning. The only other run that the Engineers could come up with was an unearned tally in the third.

Edwin M. Zhang '14 hits a volley in the third set of his match at the No. 1 singles spot on Wednesday afternoon. Both he and MIT lost to Tufts. This brings MIT's overall record to 18-2. Zhang was just named the NEWMAC tennis Athlete of the Year.

Four players named to the All-Conference team

Men's tennis earns awards

In addition to the two singles players and one doubles player being named to the All-Conference team, the Engineers also received three of the five individual awards. Head coach Dave Hagymas was named NEWMAC Coach of the Year, Edwin M. Zhang '14 received NEWMAC Athlete of the Year accolades, and Larry Pang '13 was named the Tournament Most Outstanding Player. This is the fifth time Zhang has received All-Conference nods. His season included wins in both doubles matches and one singles match. In addition to being named the Coach of the Year, Hagymas has been named the Tournament Most Outstanding Player for the past eight years at MIT.

Zhang and Kevin R. Wang '16 were named to the All-Conference singles team. So far this season, Zhang has a record of 12-5, playing all of his matches in the No. 1 position. He wrapped up the season with a doubles team with two doubles wins. This is the third year in a row that Zhang has been named to the All-Conference team. In the second year in a row that Zhang has been named to the All-Conference team, the Engineers also received All-Conference nods. Wang is 12-2 this season, going 6-1 at No. 3, 3-0 at No. 2, and 1-0 in the top spot.

Michael A. Wymer '16 pitches in the 10th inning after the MIT baseball game had tied by a 2-run home run from Kendall L. Heilbert '16 in the 9th. The Engineers defeated UMass Boston 4-3 at Briggs Field on Thursday, April 25 in the 11th inning after James R. McKinney '13 hit a walk-off single in the bottom of the 11th.

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Men's tennis earns awards

Four players named to the All-Conference team

Just days after winning their fifteenth consecutive New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) title, four members of the MIT men's tennis team were selected for All-Conference honors, as announced by the conference on Tuesday afternoon. This is the second year in a row that four members of the MIT men's tennis team were named to the All-Conference team. So far this season, Zhang has a record of 12-5, playing all of his matches in the No. 1 position. He wrapped up the season with a doubles team with two doubles wins. This is the third year in a row that Zhang has

Kaba is NEWMAC rookie of the year

Hurdler shines at championships

He was also part of the winning 4x100 meter relay that earned a season-best time of 42.55. All-Conference accolades were handed out at the championships to those who finished in first and second place in each event. Kaba was named to the First Team for the relay and the 400 meter Hurdles, and the Second Team for the 110 High Hurdles. MIT collected a total of 31 All-Conference nods (17 for the men, 14 for the women) en route to defending their NEWMAC titles.

The men claimed their fourth consecutive sixth place win, while the women captured their fifth straight title. The Engineers will continue their season at the New England Division III Championships to be held at Golby College in Waterville, Maine, this Friday and Saturday.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Saturday, May 4
Men's heavyweight crew vs. Wisconsin/Dartmouth
7:30 a.m., Charles River

Monday, May 6
Baseball vs. Suffolk University
4 p.m., Briggs Field

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