Residents of Bexley considering housing

By Kath Xu

Last Tuesday, Dean for Student Life Chris Colombo announced that Bexley Hall would be closed for up to three years for renovations, displacing all the residents at the end of this semester. On Friday, the Bexley community collectively voiced their concerns and wishes in a letter addressed to Chancellor Eric Grimson PhD ’80 and Dean Colombo, signed by over 70 students and GBTs. Grimson and Colombo responded to the letter yesterday afternoon. In the meantime, Bexley residents were given the option of entering a housing lottery, which closed yesterday at 5 p.m., if they wanted to remain in-on campus housing next year.

Bexley Hall Letter

In their letter, the Bexley residents emphasized their desire to remain together next year and to preserve Bexley culture. To this end, they requested that Grimson and Colombo look into various housing options large enough to accommodate 40 to 60 students. The residents mentioned the dorm block system, in which groups of Bexley students would live together at other MIT dorms, as their least popular choice.

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International students will experience new inspections

MIT students warned by ISO about new protocol

By Sara Hess

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China warns against 'dangerous' western values

HONG KONG — The Chinese Communist Party has warned officials to combat ‘dangerous’ Western values and other perceived ideological threats, according to accounts on Monday of a closed analysis seminar attended by the top leaders of the party to determine how to push down political control even as he considers economic liberalization.

The warning emerged when Chinese news websites carried accounts from local party committees describing a directive from the Central Communist Party Committee, the administrative arm of the party leadership under Xi.

The coalition is planning a push to reverse the situation in the ideological spheres, has not been openly published, and most references to it do not have information from Chinese news and government websites by Monday afternoon, apparently reflecting censors' skinflintness about publicizing such warnings. But what did come to light in the local summaries echoed anxiety about the party's grip on opinion.

—Chris Buckley, The New York Times

Car bomb kills at least 4 in Libya

BENGHAZI, Libya — A car explosion on a busy street killed at least four people and injured more than a dozen on Monday, the latest in a series of bombings in the eastern city of Benghazi that have sparked new anger at the failure of the transitional government to prevent attacks on civilians.

There was no apparent target. The blast, which took place about two blocks from a hospital, may have been set off by a car full of explosives intended for other locations. Over the last week unidentified assailants have bombed at least four empty police stations here in the early hours of the morning, in a new burst of violent attacks on public buildings.

Maximilian University in Munich. “These family members were cadres, is the sister party of Merkel’s Christian Democratic Union.

Bavaria’s dominant political force, the Christian Social Union, or CSU, warmed up that the Benghazi attacks were “Support to Europe is more and more limited because Europe is seen more and more by European citizens only as a constraint,” Gal- lois said.

By Allison A. Wing

It has been a cool start to the week, with high temperatures yesterday barely making it to 60°F, a trend that will con- tinue today. It may get a few degrees warmer than yester- day, but should stay cooler than the low 60s, but that could be knocked down with the development of an incoming seashore. Temperatures to-

WEATHER

After a cool start, week warms up

By Jack Evning and Melissa Eddy

FRANKFURT, Germany — Re- cent youth unemployment is reminiscent as the most urgent prob- lems in the eurozone, if the political rhetoric of recent days is any mea- sure. But leaders are struggling to come up with effective ways to prevent young people ending up in countries like Spain and Greece from becoming a lost generation and source of social upheaval.

One proposal, floated in a Ger- man newspaper Monday, would use a development bank owned by the European Union to funnel credit to companies that create jobs for young people in the euro- zone, nearly a quarter of whom are without jobs.

Officials in Berlin quickly played down the report published in the online version of the Rhe-

Obama scoffs at Libya outcry but vows to act on IRS audits

WASHINGTON — An exasper- ated President Barack Obama Monday called Republican criti- cism of his handling of the attacks in Benghazi, Libya, “a sideshow” and said that any accusation of a cover-up by his administration “de- ploy logic.”

Speaking to reporters for the first time since his Republican adversaries used congressional hearings to renew the political assault, Obama was dismissive of the continuing controversy, saying that those in Washington who are playing politics with the issue “dis- honour” the four people who died in Benghazi last fall.

“Suddenly, three days ago, this gets spun up as if there’s some- thing new to the story.” There’s no there,” Obama told report- ers during a news conference with David Cameron, the British prime minister.

The president took a strikingly different tone about the other con- troversy that is riving attention in the nation’s capital: the revela- tion that Internal Revenue Service employees targeted conservative groups for audits.

Obama said he learned about those allegations from news media reports on Friday. He repeatedly called the charges “outrageous,” if true, and said that anyone found to be guilty of such actions should be held accountable.

“I’ve got no patience for it,” he said. “I will not tolerate it.”

The president’s blunt condem- nation of the IRS appeared con- sidered to head off fallout from the scandal, as Republicans — and some Democrats — called for hear- ings and investigations into the matter.

But on Benghazi, the president seemed resigned to a continuing barrage of political accusations, which he said were not designed to actually help the State Department make sure that similar attacks do not happen again.

Responding to Republican ac- cuisations over the weekend that his administration tried to cover up that the Benghazi attacks were

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Extended Forecast


Todays: Mostly clear. Low 43°F (6°C). West winds at 5–8 mph.


Source: National Weather Service

Weather Service put out frost advisories because away from the coast, low temperature were expected to drop into the 30°F’s. Luckily for the warm weather lovers, milder air will work its way into the region for the end of the week, with highs Thursday and Friday expected to be in the mid to up-

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WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service’s special court of appeals, which is responsible for determining whether individuals applying for tax-exempt status were behind bars at the time of their applications, has been criticized for being too lenient. The IRS, however, has been criticized for its strict interpretation of the law, which allows for individuals to receive tax-exempt status even if they have a history of past offenses.

The court, which is made up of a panel of five judges, has heard cases in which individuals have been allowed to receive tax-exempt status despite having a history of past criminal activity. The court has also allowed individuals to receive tax-exempt status even if they have a history of past drug offenses.

One case involved a individual who had been convicted of possession of a controlled substance. The individual had been released from prison in 2013 and had been granted tax-exempt status by the IRS. The court ruled that the individual was eligible for tax-exempt status because he had not been convicted of a crime for at least five years.

Another case involved a individual who had been convicted of tax evasion. The individual had been released from prison in 2015 and had been granted tax-exempt status by the IRS. The court ruled that the individual was eligible for tax-exempt status because he had not been convicted of a crime for at least five years.

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A silver bullet for dorm overcrowding

By Saul Wilson

This coming fall, due to the closure of Bexley Hall, on-campus housing will be particularly tight. Dormitories have already been told that they will likely be subject to overcrowding, with doubles turned into triples and quads.

So long as we insist on accommodating all returning dormitory residents and freshmen in existing facilities, some significant belt-tightening is inevitable. But much of this problem is self-inflicted. For over a decade, MIT has required freshmen to live on campus. Doing so has put a significant strain on on-campus housing, leading to chronic overcrowding before Mass Hall was opened. Before resuscitating that arrangement, the administration ought to consider allowing freshmen to move to fra-
terities and sororities during the upcoming academic year.

The very phrasing of this proposal, though, belies its simplicity. Freshmen already move to fraternities, and do so very early in their tenure at MIT. Anecdotal evidence suggests that freshmen in forced triples tend to move to fraternities at higher rates than those in singles or doubles. They simply do so without formally informing MIT and without officially vacating their dormitory digs.

So what difference, then, does it make to allow freshmen to actually move out? It allows the housing situation on campus to slowly adjust, though the year, to reflect the smaller population of freshmen actu-
ally moving into dormitories instead of all three males in a forced triple unoffically deserting the dormitory for their fratern-
ities while students in adjoining rooms continue to experience overcrowding, resi-
dents would be allowed to move into such empty rooms. The number of overcrowded rooms on campus would thus fall as fresh-
men moved into their fraternities.

On the surface, this is a win-win arrange-
ment. Dormitory residents experience less overcrowding. Freshmen can choose to live where they want. And the physical dormi-
tories experience less of the wear-and-tear associated with overcrowding.

But what of the underlying pur-
purpose for the policy? It was implemented in the wake of a freshman’s death from excess alcohol intake at a fraternity party in 1997. It is clear that freshmen continue to attend fraternity parties, and that freshmen who want to drink continue to do so. We are on a college campus in America.

The justification for the freshmen-on-
campus policy then comes down to the hope that being able to return to a dormi-
tory bed at any time will encourage fresh-
men to lead a tamer lifestyle. It is well be-

ond the scope of this piece to investigate the policy’s success in this regard. But in a reality where the Administration must choose between cramming extra fresh-
men into already small rooms or allowing them the choice to formally move some-
where they may already be living, the de-
cision should be simple. At least for next year, when dormitories seem doomed to significant overcrowding, the administra-
tion should prioritize giving students the peace of mind that comes with adequate physical space.

Saul Wilson is a member of the Class of 2014.
For Bexlians, moving to another dorm, like Burton-Conner, may help foster new identities. I believe that this is a unique aspect of MIT that might not have been possible unless we had come together. I'm looking forward to the adventure into the future — also a foreign country where let's hope we really will do at least a few things differently.

Sophie L. Diehl '14

The Tech March 5, 2014
Released Swartz evidence will include redactions

Judge sided with MIT’s recommendation that certain details be withheld from release

Swartz, from Page 1
was denied. The order also says that
Swartz’s estate must allow MIT and
JSTOR to review and redact all doc-
ments before making them public.
Also, all parties must submit a joint
proposed order — essentially an
agreement between themselves —
consistent with yesterday’s opinion
by May 27.

There has been much public
and media interest in the case since
Swartz’s death. The House Commit-
tee on Oversight and Government
Reform also began an investigation
into the case in late January and has
requested certain documents from
the case.

The order says that since MIT
and JSTOR are “cooperating with
the Congressional inquiry into Mr.
Rafael Reif disagreed with the ex-
tent of information Swartz’s lawyers
wanted to release. MIT, JSTOR, and
Swartz’s lawyers reached agree-
ment on some terms of lifting the
protective order, such as redact-
ing social security numbers and
identities, but not on the details
of redactions. The government, JS-
TOR and Reif all sought to redact all
names and identifying information
of law enforcement and MIT and
JSTOR personnel since “revealing
the names of any of these individu-
als, even to Congress, might lead to
some form of retaliation.” Reif’s let-
ter also said that details about MIT’s
network vulnerabilities would also
be redacted.

Yesterday’s order noted inci-
dents that supported MIT’s request
to redact certain names, citing the
MIT geen bon on February 23,
Evidence of “incidents of harass-
ment and retaliation” from MIT and
JSTOR, and “threatening commu-
nication” received by a relative of a
prosecuting attorney.

According to Reif’s letter in
March, MIT planned to release MIT-
related documents at the same time
as releasing Hal Abelson PhD ’73’s
report. It is possible that Swartz’s
lawyers or JSTOR will release those
documents before the Abelson re-
port is ready — yesterday’s order did
not say whether MIT would be the
first to release the documents.

After Swartz’s death, Abelson
was tasked to analyze MIT’s involve-
ment in the case. In a letter to the
Community on January 22, Abels-
on wrote that he hoped the report
could be ready “in a few weeks.” In
a letter to The Tech in this issue, Abels-
on wrote “Given the visibility of the
Aaron Swartz case and the contro-
versies surrounding it, it’s important
to get the report right and to take the
necessary time and effort to do that.
My plan is to give my report to Presi-
dent Reif this summer.”
ISO warns students of border changes

Students to have more inspections

Border, from Page 1

the Boston bombings. The actions seem intended to show that the US is stepping up to prevent future attacks, but in reality, I doubt these measures will have any effect beyond making additional work for border agents and additional hassle for international students. We already have our documents examined, our retinas scanned, and our fingerprints taken each and every time we enter the country. Is an automatic secondary inspection really necessary? Will showing a self-printed course registration really step up security?”

In her email, Guichard-Ashbrook said international students travel with copies of their Spring 2013 and Fall 2013 class registrations to present to border agents as additional evidence of their student status.

Other students stated that they felt the change in the visa inspection process was a superfluous reaction to the bombings given that the Tsarnaev brothers, the primary suspects behind the Boston bombings, were not in the U.S. on student visas. Younger brother, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, was a naturalized U.S. citizen. His older brother, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, who died in a police shootout several days after the bombings, held a green card and was therefore considered a permanent resident of the U.S. "of you feel welcomed and valued in the U.S. "

Guichard-Ashbrook’s email concludes with an apology to the international student body, “On behalf of the entire ISO staff, I want to let you know that we are so very sorry that you have to contend with these new, very strict requirements. International students in the U.S. are overwhelming compliant and law-abiding visitors to the U.S. through out their academic programs and beyond. These are challenging times for the U.S. as government wrestles with how to make our borders more secure, while at the same time making all of us feel welcomed and valued in the U.S. “

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Events

MAY 14 – MAY 20

Tuesday

(6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.) RFID Gets Fashion Forward! — 32-155

Wednesday

(4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.) Guiding Our Veterans Home: Our National Challenge — E25-111

(6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.) Screening/Discussion: The Lab as Observational Art — 6-104

Thursday

(4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.) MIT Transportation Club End-of-the-Year BBQ — Kresge BBQ Pits

(8:00 p.m.) Roadkill Buffet: The “Roadkill Will Be Shut Down For Three Years” Show! — 6-120

Friday

(5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.) Thai Students at MIT End-of-the-Year BBQ — Kresge BBQ Pit

(7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.) Anime; Brain? Reset! — 3-133

Saturday

(4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.) Tang Halg Egg Drop — V184-24

Sunday

(9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.) SWAPFEST — N4

(7:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.) Participatory Performance: Color the Nighttime Sky with Pilobolus & UP: The Umbrella Project — Jack Barfield

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Bexley students consider future housing options

Bexley students ask for engineering reports in letter, prefer temporary housing as group

Bexley, from Page 1

oversee the new dormitory design. In order to keep their culture alive, Bexley students requested an on-campus space for resident use to maintain the visibility of Bexley to freshmen.

In their response to the Bexley letter, Grimson and Colombo stated that they were currently looking at the feasibility of a temporary housing option for a large group of Bexley residents, and that a Bexley Advisory Group comprised of Bexley residents, the housemasters, and campus leaders would be formed soon.

It remains unclear whether the students will be given access to the engineering reports.

Grimson wrote that they have “tentatively identified the Pritchett House, the friendship, support, and acceptance we have found here has been integral to our MIT experience and we would be devastated to see this community torn apart.”

To facilitate communication in these deliberations, Bexley has — counter to its history and culture — elected seven representatives for the dorm.

Dorm housing accommodations

Since many MIT dorms had already selected rooms for residents next year, the announcement of Bexley’s closing forced dorms to have to re-evaluate what they had originally planned for in the fall. By Friday, each dorm had sent MIT Housing a list of rooms that Bexley residents could move into.

Several dorm housing chairs said that they tried to reserve as many blocks of rooms as possible for the incoming Bexley students, so that they would be more comfortable living together. According to Grimson’s followup letter yesterday, displaced Bexley residents would continue to pay the same amount for housing in other dorms as they would have in Bexley, although they would still have to purchase a dining plan should they move into a dining dorm.

Grimson stated that they were currently looking at the feasibility of a temporary housing option for a large group, and that an advisory group would be formed.

“We offered Bedians 16 spots on Burton 5, 10 on Burton 2, and 7 each on Conner 3 and Conner 4,” said Tom Roberts, ’13, Burton-Conner’s housing chair. “We are not sure if all of these spots will be needed, but we chose floors that had more openings than the others and, in some cases, had openings that were already geographically convenient. Some people on R2 and B5 were also kind enough to give their rooms over to make larger continuous blocks, which was really awesome!”

According to Tegan A. Hunter ’15, the housing chair for Next House, the dorm is offering Bexley students a block of rooms in the east wing of the second floor. “We looked at the results of our housing lottery for the Fall, and determined that we had a grouping of 12 beds that we could offer to housing and didn’t need to move our residents around,” explained Hunter. “We also located other smaller groupings of rooms throughout Next House that could potentially be given to Bexley residents. I really wanted to try and find a group of rooms that we could offer, as it is important to try and keep as many groups of friends together as possible.”

Like several other MIT dorms, Next House had already been slated to increase its capacity next year by turning some doubles into triples. Hunter said that Next House could “easily” add 23 students, with another 13 possible if MIT Housing asked upperclassmen to move a few to the dorm. “We looked at the results of our housing lottery for the Fall, and determined that we had a grouping of 12 beds that we could offer to housing and didn’t need to move our residents around,” explained Hunter. “We also located other smaller groupings of rooms throughout Next House that could potentially be given to Bexley residents. I really wanted to try and find a group of rooms that we could offer, as it is important to try and keep as many groups of friends together as possible.”

A documentary on new sexual violations have affected the MIT community

Premiere and Only Screening

Thursday, May 16th, 2013 at 8pm
Room 56-114

light refreshments at 7:30
discussion starting at 9

Email: project-dxdt@mit.edu
sites.google.com/site/projectdxdt

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ALL FEEDBACK IS READ AND VALUED... especially your written comments!
It's difficult to separate the concept of nerdiness from MIT. The Coop sells stickers that say Nerd Pride, our mascot is the beaver (nature’s engineer), and Conan O’Brien pokes fun at MIT’s nerdiness on his Twitter.

But is the Institute truly a nerdy place? The Tech surveyed the undergraduate population of MIT to settle this question. 1402 students — 31 percent of the undergraduate body — responded.

76 percent of students surveyed identified their high school stereotype as “nerd,” but are they really? 47 percent of MIT has seen every episode of Star Wars. Only 8 percent watch anime, and 12 percent read comic books/manga, but the entire school (like much of the world) seems to adore Harry Potter.

To limit the breadth of our special, we kept the scope of our survey to media related fandoms like books, television, movies, and video games. We excluded sports and music since both categories are enormous and could merit their own surveys.

We were interested in examining whether or not the stereotype of MIT as a nerd haven is true to life. In the following pages, you’ll find data from our survey, a spotlight of fandom-based groups at MIT, and an interview with a Comparative Media Studies lecturer about fandoms. Featured are members of our community who shed their Brass Rats to don costumes and become someone else — to cosplay. We spoke with a variety of students about their favorite things, and polled the average American using Mechanical Turk to reveal what their perceptions of MIT are for comparison.

So is MIT truly the home of the Nerdy? It’s up to you to see the data and decide for yourself! Please write to us with your thoughts at surveys@tech.mit.edu and may the Force be with you as you embark on the summer!

—Jessica J. Pourian ’13 and Connor Kirschbaum ’13

Contributing Editors

76% of students identified as a nerd
10% as preps
8% as jocks

FANDOM
Time to present
The Tech takes an inside look at cosplay at MIT — how students take their engineering skills and apply them to crafting the perfect costume.

By Jessica J. Potter

Cosplay is a popular art form at MIT, with 30 percent of MIT students responding to The Tech’s survey saying they participate in it regularly. Among the most popular characters are those from fictional works like Harry Potter, Doctor Who, and Dragon Ball Z. While some students dress up as characters from anime or manga, others prefer to dress up as superheroes or comic book characters. The prevalence of cosplay at MIT reflects a growing trend in popular culture, with increasing numbers of people embracing the art form as a way to express themselves and connect with others who share their interests.

One of the most popular forms of cosplay at MIT is the Star Trek cosplay club, which has a membership of over 100. The club meets regularly to practice their costumes and to share their knowledge of the series. Other popular clubs include the Doctor Who and the Harry Potter clubs, which have members from across the university.

The process of creating a costume can be both fun and challenging, with students often spending months working on their creations. Some costumes can be very expensive to make, with some students investing hundreds or even thousands of dollars. However, many students find that the cost of materials is not a barrier to entry, with many using recycled materials and creative problem-solving to create their costumes.

One of the most important aspects of cosplay is the experience of connecting with others who share a common interest. Students often find that they form strong bonds with their fellow cosplayers, and that the experience of dressing up as a favorite character can be a powerful way to connect with others.

Overall, the popularity of cosplay at MIT reflects a wider trend in popular culture, with increasing numbers of people embracing the art form as a way to express themselves and connect with others who share their interests.
Fandom

By the Numbers

What do students do when they’re not posterizing? The Tech surveyed 1,402 undergraduate students to discover what was popular across campus. Perhaps unsurprisingly, Harry Potter has the biggest following at the Institute. Potter was most popular in both our free response and in our ratings section — 75 percent of students have read all of the books and 71 percent have seen all the films. A selection of the most interesting data from our survey is presented here. Not seeing a statistic you were interested in? Send us an email at surveys@tech.mit.edu.

I consider myself a serious...

1. MOVIE-OVER 15%
2. TV WATCHER 12%
3. COWBOY BOARDER 11%
4. GAMES 10%
5. MARVEL FAN 9%
6. VEGAN 8%
7. FICTION READER 8%
8. ANIME WATCHER 3%
9. COMIC BOOK READER 3%
10. MOVIE WATCHER 3%

The first Pokémon game was released in 1999, when today’s MIT undergraduates were, on average, 6 years old.

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“In how do you feel about the following titles? (1 = Hate it, 5 = Love it)”

“Harry Potter, the Avengers, Lord of the Rings, and Batman

37% of respondents rated all four of these titles as 4 or 5 on a five-point scale.

WHAT DOES MIT LIKE?

HARRY POTTER, THE AVENGERS, LORD OF THE RINGS, AND BATMAN

WHAT DOES MIT NOT LIKE?

TWILIGHT.

WHAT ABOUT THE THINGS WE DIDN’T LIST?

Respondents were asked to name three of their favorite things. We saw a lot of...

ENDER’S GAME, SHERLOCK, AND MODERN FAMILY

WHAT DOES THE AVERAGE AMERICAN THINK IS POPULAR AT MIT?

BIG BANG THEORY, GAME OF THRONES, WALKING DEAD, BREAKING BAD, AND CALL OF DUTY

According to our Mechanical Turk experiment where we polled 386 Americans on what they thought a typical MIT student enjoyed. Notably, the answers for Harvard or state university students were extremely similar.

29% OF STUDENTS HAVE READ THE LORD OF THE RINGS

57% HAVE SEEN ALL THE MOVIES

Harry Potter

Is the most popular fandom @ MIT

WHERE WOULD MIT UNDERGRADS PLACE THEMSELVES IN HOGWARTS?

45% RAVENCLAW

Most common in...

RANDOM HALL (60%) and BURTON CONNER (52%)

31% GRYFFINDOR

Most common in...

BAKER HOUSE (61%) and FRATS (44%)

14% SLYTHERIN

Most common in...

EAST CAMPUS (26%) and SIMMONS HALL (19%)

10% HUFFLEPUFF

Most common in...

MCCORMICK HALL (18%) and NEXT HOUSE (18%)

The Tech

Tuesday, May 14, 2013
Fandom in student groups

MIT Science Fiction Society Members: 200–300 officially, about 10–15 attend any given meeting.
Office location: W20-473
The interest group of the club is the weekly anime showing in 3-133, which are open to the MIT community. To join it up, the club often hosts other events like a movie or karaoke night, game night, or barbecue.

The club maintains a large library that members can access for a small fee ($5 a semester for students). The library includes a large collection of fan fiction (both published books and fanbooks) and DVDs of anime.

Popular Fandoms: The interests of the anime club are very diverse. Everyone has their preference, said James A. Duyck ’14, club president. “It really depends on what you like already,” said Steven Powell ’74, “There’s such a diversity of different types of genres that are represented by anime.”

Thoughts on the survey: Approximately 7 percent of MIT students identified themselves as interested in anime. “I see the importance of MIT is actually interested in that stuff,” said contact: anime-inquiry@mit.edu

The Assassin’s Guild

Weil, a 2nd-year graduate student and the current president of the club, along with his predecessor Alex Westbrook ’13, who served as the Secretary of the Exchequer (treasurer) of the club last year. “LARP is where people act out various roles in a set them. You tend to be a character that’s given to you and it’s like acting, but without a script. It is similar to a game of Dungeons and Dragons, but live action. Concerns about keeping a straight face still don’t deter anyone from joining. Westbrook said. “People do break character so they don’t feel nervous” she assured.

Gradually, the club has evolved — some are 10 days and have 60–70 players, but there are also 3–4 days and 1–2 days.

If asked if anyone cosplay for games, Westbrook replied, “sometimes people do. There’s a whole variety, some people will dress up, some people will go in what they came from work. There’s no requirement that you wear anything in particular.”

Popular Fandoms: The Guild hosted a Harry Potter-inspired game during IAP 2011 and had a Teams Fortune 2 game recently, but mostly stick to their own tradition of LARPing. Westbrook hinted that there are plans for a Firefly game sometime in the near future. Contact: high-council@mit.edu

The Anime Club has an extensive library on the fourth floor of the Student Center.
C. J. Munroe ’14, Course 2, Next

If you could meet one fictional character, who would it be?
Harry Potter — just the first thing that came to mind.

Favorite movie, TV show, book, or video game.

What was your high school stereotype?
Not sure — probably preppy.

What do you think is the most popular TV show at MIT?
It depends on my mood. When I’m feeling7ly analytical, I would go with the Goblet of Fire. When I’m feeling more philosophical, I would go with Les Enfants du Paradis.

How often do you watch TV?
During the semester, probably once a month, if that, but I usually catch up over the summer.

Tori M. Jensen ’16, Course 2, Maseeh

If you could meet one fictional character, who would it be?
I don’t really watch TV. The movies I do watch are almost always mainstream movies.

Favorite movie?
That also depends on the genre. Favorite comedy, for a while I really liked Old School. More recently, I liked the first Hangover, and the other ones weren’t as good. I don’t get to watch a lot of movies, but it’s very random, because I have kids, so I watch Disney and Pixar movies with my kids a lot. I like Finding Nemo and Wall-E a lot. My favorite one is The Incredibles though.

Favorite book?
I read all kinds of different things, so I’m not really prone to favorites. I know I’m not being very helpful.

What do you think MIT students like?
It’s hard to generalize. There’s a lot of different things that are popular at MIT.

Gene M. Brown, Course 7 professor

Favorite TV show?
I don’t really watch TV shows. I watch baseball and football games. I like sports.

Favorite movie?
I don’t go to movies. It’s been so long, I really can’t think of any.

Robert Langer, Course 10/20 professor

Favorite TV show?
Lost & Order
Favorite movie?
Casablanca
Favorite book?
The Last Lone Inventor (by Evan Schwartz)

What do you think of MIT’s tastes?
They’re similar to ours.

Junot Díaz, Course 21W professor

Favorite TV show?
Currently, Borgon, a Danish series about the first female prime minister and this anime called Gargantia that’s currently streaming in the U.S. Of all time? The Wire.

Favorite movie?
Central Do Brasil.

What do you think of MIT’s tastes?
From our survey data, Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings, and Game of Thrones are the most popular series, followed by Doctor Who, Sherlock, and Pokemon. However, I think that really liked Batman. People would bring it up and joke about it, but I wouldn’t say I was a stereotypes comic book geek. I just liked the movies a lot.

What do you think is the most popular TV show at MIT?
Game of Thrones.

How often do you watch TV?
Twice a week (an hour a week).

Michelle M. Victoria ’14, Course 8, Burton-Conner

If you could meet one fictional character, who would it be?
Batman.

Favorite movie, TV show, book, or video game.
The Dark Knight, Firefly, and the Unde...
Here are the editor’s picks of the 400+ comments from the fandom survey. Have something you wish was included? Send us a letter at surveys@tech.mit.edu.

**COMMENTS**

**Nikola Tesla is the beast and I would go gay for Tony Stark. End of story.**

I would love to know the percentage of the student body that reads fanfiction.

**LOST IS THE BEST TV SHOW EVER CREATED. WHAT THE HELL.**

TV shows are degenerative to our society and I have stopped watching them at around the age of 8 when I realized that there are far more enlightening and mentally stimulating things out there than poor cinematography and completely repetitive plotlines.

Why are you assuming that we are all such giant nerds? I wrote a diatribe about how much I hated Pokemon at the age of 6. I have never seen Star Wars or read Harry Potter. I didn’t recognize any of the names from Firefly, or Star Trek.

I went to the Hobbit premiere dressed as the One Ring. I got an inflatable inner tube, covered it in gold paper, and sharpened the elvish phrase around the outside. It was awesome.

I was hoping this survey would touch upon the more obscure fandoms, telling people they are not alone in these fandoms.

I was so excited to do this survey when I read the description, and then you entirely dropped the floor beneath me. Dude, people geek out over board games too.

Do any of us actually have time to feed our addictions?

I’ve been to most of the Harry Potter midnight premieres dressed in costume and it is the only series I have ever been enthusiastic about. However, I definitely enjoyed 50 Shades of Grey.

Do you think there is a certifiable ‘nerd’ score?

PICARD DIDN’T NEED A GIRDLE AND HE’S OLD ENOUGH TO FATHER KIRK

I don’t give a shit about any of these nerd things... where are the sports/music questions??

The Vampire Diaries is like no other. For those of you who say “Oh, just another thing about Vampires and Werewolves, lame.” YOU ARE WRONG. The Vampire Diaries is totally 100% badass, with just the right amount of action and romance. In the first season, one of the main bad ass vampire characters, Damon Salvatore, is pictured reading Twilight and saying “...what the hell is this crap. Vampires don’t sparkle.”

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Which label best describes you in high school?

My answer: I don’t go by labels.

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Plans for mixed-use development at intersection of Mass Ave. and Main St.

Following Normandy Real Estate Partners and Twining Properties’ purchase of properties formally owned by Kathy Fennell and the Fennell Property Trust in January, plans for the area at the intersection of Mass Ave. and Main St. will have a general focus on mixed-use development but remain unspecific. A joint venture between Normandy Real Estate Partners and Twining Properties bought the parcels, including several parking lots and the former Quest Diagnostics building, for a reported $32.4 million. According to Cambridge City Councilor Kenneth Reeves, the Fennell properties constitute “the largest number of parcels to be sold in Central Square in a long time.”

By phone, Alex Twining, CEO of Twining Properties, commented that his objective is to transform the parcels into a mixed-use development including “residential, retail, hotel, and office spaces.” “We want to make this a really exciting new part of Central Square,” Twining said. “Right now Central Square gets pretty dead around the intersection between Main Street and Mass Ave.,” where the properties are located.

Before proceeding with any development plans, Twining stated that he and his partners are monitoring the city’s ongoing discussion of new zoning regulations, which would likely impact the area surrounding the former Fennell properties.

Twining Properties has played a significant role in the development of Kendall Square as the developer of the Watermark apartments and Broad Point Canal. Twining is also responsible for starting a retail-leasing group, CityRetail, headed by Jesse Beekman, which attracted some of the first retailers and restaurants to Kendall Square including Evoos and Za.

After facing the challenge of attracting retailers to Kendall Square, Twining stated, “Central Square has a lot more to start with [than Kendall Square]. For us it’s exciting to do a project in an area where there is already a lot to work with.”

—Sara Hess

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Bomb suspect talked of jihad during Russia visit, Tsarnaev held extremist views

By Ellen Barry
THE NEW YORK TIMES

KIZLYAR, Russia — It’s not every day that a well-dressed American shows up in this town, where shaggy cows meander over deeply rutted roads, so people remember Tamerlan Tsarnaev. Among the things that made the young visitor stand out, two acquaintances recalled Thursday, was his ardent interest in waging jihad.

“He already had jihad views when he came. I think because he was Chechen, he was rooting for his homeland,” Zaur M. Zakaryayev, 29, a member of a Salafi advocacy organization, the Union of the Zour, said Thursday. “When he got here he was surprised at the conditions I think he expected to find a full-fledged town that one people was fighting with another.

These new accounts out of Kizlyar, where Tsarnaev spent time with a cousin who is a prominent Salafi Islamist leader, have begun to flesh out a picture of what he did during his six months in Russia last year.

On Sunday agents from the Federal Security Service, the successor to the Soviet-era KGB, interrogated Tsarnaev’s cousin, who is in police custody, asking whether he had impressed the young man with “extremist” views, his lawyer said.

The cousin, Magomed Kartashov, which was first reported by Time magazine on Wednesday, was happy about this; he explained what Islam was, what his views were. “They turned to Magomed as a kind of Islamic vacuum,” he said. “A courageous and compassionate man,“ Kartashov told them it was the other way around. In interviews, several young men here agreed, saying that Kartashov had spent hours trying to stop Tsarnaev from “going to the forest,” or joining one of the militant cells spread throughout the volatile region, locked in low-level guerrilla warfare with the police.

“Magomed explained to him at length that violent methods are not right,” Zakaryayev said.

Tsarnaev’s friends in Kizlyar may be responsible for a crucial change in his thinking. When he left, he was no longer focused on the local grievances that fueled the fighting against the police — but instead broader issues in the Islamic world, including the effect of U.S. and Russian policy in the Middle East.

On Tuesday, Russian officials said, last summer Tsarnaev was taking steps that suggested he had yet to go of the idea of joining the underground — for instance, applying to renew his Russian passport.

“They can’t say there was the impression that Tamerlan listened to Magomed and to some extent, he changed,” Ibadovam said. “His behavior changed. He started to read more, and to read different books. In general, as far as I understand, he changed his views.”

Tsarnaev’s body was interred Thursday in an undisclosed location, the police in Worcester, Mass., said in a statement. The announcement represented an end to a grim effort to find a place to bury the bombing suspect, who was shot by the police and run over by his brother, Dzhokhar, after the two tried to elude the authorities during a chase that began April 18.

A long list of cemeteries had refused to accept the body. “A courageous and compassionate individual came forward to provide the assistance needed to properly bury the deceased,” read a statement published on the police department’s website.

Tsarnaev’s relationship with Kartashov, which was first reported by Time magazine on Wednesday, may help explain his mentality as he returned to the United States. Kizlyar is one of the most dangerous spots in Dagestan’s insurgency, in which militants kill scores of policemen every year and counterterrorism raids can leave neighborhoods in ruins.

Kartashov once served as a police inspector there, but he left the force around 10 years ago and has since become a charismatic Salafi leader.

His group protests police counterterrorism tactics in the region, which are often brutal, and burned U.S. and French flags after the release of the anti-Islam YouTube film “Innocence of Muslims.” The author of the film, Nakoula Basseley, who was charged by the U.S. government with conspiracy to commit computer fraud and copyright infringement, was not handled with dignity on trial.

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He was arrested two weeks ago, after police stopped a wedding convoy that was flying black flags with Arabic phrases.

To all our questions there was only one answer, “We only have two flags — the flag of the Russian Federation, and the flag of the republic of Dagestan. Do not raise any other flag,” Ibadovam said. Kartashov now faces a possible 10-year sentence for resisting police.

Ibadovam said that Tamerlan Tsarnaev’s parents had first turned to Kartashov for counseling during earlier trips to Russia, and that when Tsarnaev came to Russia last year they wanted him to follow suit.

“I understand that they had a sort of Islamic vacuum,” he said. “They turned to Magomed as a knowledgeable person. Magomed was happy about this; he explained what Islam was, what his views were.

And the father was complaining that Tamerlan was sort of a tough kid, a boar.”

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Tsarnaev buried
Tamerlan Tsarnaev buried in small Muslim Virginia cemetery

By Jess Bidgood
THE NEW YORK TIMES

BOSTON — The mystery surrounding the burial of the body of Tamerlan Tsarnaev has come to an end. The Boston Marathon bombing suspect was buried this week at a small Muslim cemetery in Dowsell, Va.

According to his death certificate, which was released Friday, Tsarnaev was buried Thursday at Al-Barzakh Cemetery, about half an hour north of Richmond. Officials in Massachusetts had said the body was moved to a burial site out of state. But they had refused to disclose where.

Tsarnaev was shot by the police on April 19, 2013, by his younger brother, Dzhokhar, as the two tried to elude the authorities during a chase that began April 18. They are believed to have carried out the bombings that killed three people and wounded more than 260 on April 15.

His body was claimed by an uncle, Ruslan Tsarni, about two weeks later, but it remained at a funeral home in Worcester, Mass., for six days, because no cemetery or host community could be found that would accept it.

Martha Mullen followed the story from her home in Richmond, and asked local religious leaders if they could think of any where Tsarnaev could be laid to rest.

“Jesus tells us, ‘Love your enemies,’ not to hate them after they’re dead,” said Mullen, according to a statement provided by the Islamic Society of Greater Richmond. She received an offer from the Islamic Society of Greater Richmond, a small organization that runs a cemetery with several dozen plots in Dowsell, an unincorporated village with less than 2,000 people that is best-known as the home of the King’s Dominion theme park.

The organization worked with the Worcester police, the Worcester funeral director, Peter A. Stefan, and Tsarni to make arrangements.

“We strongly disagree with his violent actions, but that does not release us from our obligation to return his body to the earth,” said an unnamed official with the group who was quoted in the statement.

Tsarnaev’s body was moved last Wednesday, an official at the funeral home said.

The burial came as a surprise to Dowsell area officials.

“Caroline County was not consulted or given any input into the decision-making process for burying a state political figure in this instance,” Kelly J. Driscoll, the administrator for the county where the cemetery is, said in a statement. “We had no advance notice of the decision and the county was not informed of the selected location of a burial site through the media.”

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49 Any of the Bee Gees, by birth
51 Sleeve fillers
52 When “Et tu, Brute?” is spoken
53 Rice rival
55 Largest of the Tuscan Archipelago
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MIT DanceTroupe — #DTMF

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Members of MIT DanceTroupe perform during a dress rehearsal in little Kresge on Wednesday night. The spring DanceTroupe Show, #DTMF, ran through Sunday and featured styles ranging from hip-hop to contemporary.

1. Cathy J. Cao ’13 (center)
2. Nina Yang ’15
3. Mariana Duran ’13
4. Denise N. Neibloom ’15
5. Ken U. Eke ’15 and Aaron M. Okello ’16
Men's track places 8th in NEWMACs
ECAC Championships Saturday

By Charlotte Brackett

MIT Men's Track and Field wrapped up competition at the New England Outdoor Championships with an eighth place finish with 39 points. The Engineers finished just ahead of New Hampshire, with 37 points. Southern Connecticut State came in first place with 229 points.

To kick off the final day, Samuel G. Parker ’13 ran the 800m, coming in 14th place with a time of 2:53.43. In the next event, the 1500m, Justin L. Bullock ’14 came in 27th with a 4:13.85. After finishing in third place in the 400m hurdles in prelim Friday, Michael S. Kaba ’16 moved onto finals, coming in second place with a time of 52.20, cutting over a second-and-a-half off his time.

The MIT 4x100 relay was composed of Michael J. DuPlessis ’14, Kaba, Josh D. Duncavage ’13 and Singer-Clark.

Benjamin J. Schreck ’15 improved on his performance in the Pole Vault from Friday, finishing in third place with a vault of 15-05.00. Yida Gao ’13 also improved, coming in 11th when he cleared the bar in 14-11.00.

To end the day, three Engineers competed in the Triple Jump. Crosse the following weekend. at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse the following weekend. The Engineers wrapped up competition at the NEWMAC Championships Saturday.

61 MIT athletes selected across 6 Spring sports

By Phil Hess

A league-leading 61 athletes represented MIT on the 2013 New England Women’s and Men’s Athletic Conference All-Conference Team. The Engineers finished the year with a conference-high 146 selections, followed by WPI with 111.

Honors must have met the following criteria: earned a minimum GPA of 3.5/4.0 scale or 3.5/5.0 scale, achieved second year academic status at his or her institution, and been a member of a varsity team for the entire season.

The NEWMAC consists of ten highly selective institutions committed to academic excellence: Babson College, Clark University, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Mount Holyoke College, Smith College, Springfield College, Wellesley College, Wheaton College, WPI, and MIT.

Spring sports sponsored by the NEWMAC are Baseball, Women’s Lacrosse, Women’s Rowing, Softball, Men’s Tennis, and Men’s and Women’s Track and Field.

WPI secured the second-highest number of honorees with 53, followed by Springfield (35), and Wellesley (22). The following is a list of MIT’s NEWMAC Academic All-Conference recipients:

Women’s Lacrosse
- Erica C. Du ’14
- Laura Y. Lu ’14
- Molly E. McShane ’14
- Lynsay A. Muri ’15
- Meghan S. Wright ’15

Men’s Tennis
- A. Troy Azevedo ’13
- Vlad Firoiu ’14
- Tymor C. Hamamoy ’13
- Brian K. Oldfield ’13
- Jeffrey M. Spelling ’15
- Edwin M. Zhang ’14

Women’s Track and Field
- Kalli N. Allen ’14
- Kali M. Benavides ’15
- Marie N. Burkland ’13
- Joanna K. Chen ’15
- Margaret M. Coif ’15
- Martina A. de Guss ’14
- Marissa R. Enge ’15
- Kayla Z. Harris ’15
- Cindy Y. Huang ’15
- Shvanti A. Kausall ’15
- Abigail B. Klein ’14
- Jaclyn A. Konojka ’14
- Lauren R. Kunze ’14
- Dacie J. Manion ’15
- Elaine D. McVay ’15
- Melissa A. Showers ’13
- Veronica Szklarzewski ’15
- Amanda B. Taylor ’14
- Louise E. van den Heuvel ’14
- Ashley R. Wheeler ’15

Baseball
- Hayden K. Cornwell ’15
- Patrick E. Dayton ’14
- Andrew R. Feingarn ’13
- Joel L. Jindra ’14
- Max J. Ocker ’13
- Ricardo J. Perez ’13
- Jonathan E. Rea ’14
- Parker A. Tres ’15
- Henry Zhu ’13

Softball
- Leah Alpert ’13
- Anna B. Christensen ’13
- Kayla E. McLaughlin ’15

Men’s Track and Field
- Nicholas A. Diamantoni ’15
- Matthew F. Folk ’12
- Jared M. Forman ’13
- Kristoffer M. Fray ’15
- Yida Gao ’13
- Kyle J. Harlesson ’13
- Dominique S. Hossin ’15
- Matthew G. Jordan ’15
- Jacob M. Jurewicz ’14
- Jay P. McKenna ’14
- Jordan P. Mikrak ’14
- Samuel G. Parker ’15
- Harry A. Rein ’15
- Daniel J. Rudie ’13
- Benjamin J. Schreck ’15
- Tyler S. Singer-Clark ’14
- John B. Thomas ’15
- Cyrus Valdari ’12

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