Koch childcare center meets parent demand
Provides care to just under 500 families

By Derek Chang

On Oct. 1, MIT opened a new daycare center at 239 Vassar Street. The center, known as David H. Koch Childcare Center or TCC Koch, is the fourth MIT’s Technology Childcare Center (TCC) facilities. Three other on-campus centers are located at Eastgate, Westgate, Stata, and the fourth is in Lincoln, Mass., serving all MIT affiliates including Lincoln Labs employees. Additionally, there is also an on-campus infant care room in Building 60.

“The center was opened smoothly and successfully,” said Allison Alden, MIT’s Vice President for Human Resources. “The parents are thrilled, and the center had an enormous positive impact in responding to campus demand.”

“The opening of [TCC Koch] allowed us to meet nearly all existing demand for MIT childcare,” said Katty L. Simons, senior program manager of childcare services and work-life policy at the MIT Work-Life Center.

Many students and post-doctoral associates who had been in need of childcare were finally able to obtain spots with the opening of TCC Koch. The current parent enrollment there is 38 percent postpone, 28 percent MIT staff, 26 percent students, and eight percent faculty. “Childcare at MIT tends to be expensive for students, and generally difficult to find in the Cambridge area,” noted Brian Spatocco G, former president of the Graduate Student Council.

TCC Koch has a maximum capacity of 126 slots—22 infant, 45 toddler, and 59 preschool—which nearly doubled campus childcare capacity. 97 of the 126 slots have been opened, and the remaining two classrooms will open later if needed to meet increasing demand.

The center features three infant classrooms, all of which are currently open; four open toddler classrooms with a fifth set to open in the early winter, and two open preschool classrooms. Daycare, Page 10

John Mikhail awarded Rhodes
2013 MIT alumus and BCS researcher is 46th MIT alumn to win prestigious scholarship to study at Oxford

By Austin Hess

John G. Mikhail ’13 has received a Rhodes Scholarship to study at Oxford University next year, the Rhodes Trust announced Saturday. Mikhail is one of 32 U.S. students and the only MIT student this year to receive the prestigious scholarship.

According to the MIT News Office, Mikhail is the 4th recipient of the Rhodes from MIT since the Rhodes Trust began offering the award to American students in 1984.

Mikhail finished his undergraduate studies in three years with a bachelor’s degree in mathematics with a minor in chemistry. According to the MIT News Office, he began conducting research in Brain and Cognitive Sciences professor Nancy Kanwisher’s lab in 2011 and has since been continuing that research full-time. Mikhail plans to pursue graduate studies in neuroscience and eventually attain an MD/PhD.

He saw a unifying theme behind his diverse academic interests, Mikhail wrote in an email to The Tech. “Math, neuroscience, and medicine are all different but very complementary ways of seeking to better understand how the brain works,” he wrote. “And I think this is exactly the type of deeply integrated approach that Oxford’s especially good at.”

Externship numbers

This January, 339 undergraduate and graduate students will be participating in alumni-sponsored externships. Now in its 17th year of operation, the externship program is run by the MIT Alumni Association and provides students with opportunities to explore career paths during the January Independent Activities Period (IAP). This year, 993 students submitted 2,479 applications (a student can apply for up to three externships); 861 were undergraduate and 132 were graduate students.

The Alumni Association uses an algorithm to match students with externships during two rounds of matching, which took place from Nov. 8 until Nov. 21. The second round gave spots that were turned down to students that didn’t get one in the first round.

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No classes Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving break: The Tech will not publish on Friday, and will resume its regular publishing schedule Tuesday, Dec. 3.

The Student Center will be closed from 11 pm Wednesday, Nov. 27 through 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 30 for Thanksgiving.

IAP and Spring opens Monday, Dec. 2.

Catalog/index.cgi. Pre-registration for IAP and Spring opens Monday, Dec. 2.

Registration for IAP PE classes opens for undergraduates at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, and for graduate students at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10.

The deadline to enter the undergraduate December housing switch lottery or to submit the cancellation form for spring housing is Monday, Dec. 1.

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Syrian peace talks to begin on Jan. 22

By Nick Cumming-Bruce and Rick Gladstone
The New York Times

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Oil prices dip after nuclear deal with Iran

By Stanley Reed
The New York Times

LONDON — Oil prices dipped Monday on the heels of an interim agreement between Iran and the United States that allows Iran to sell some of its oil, temporarily to freeze Tehran’s nuclear program.

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Hours after Ban spoke, his special representative on Syria, Lakhdar Brahimi, who helped settle on the date of the negotiations, told reporters in Geneva that it had not yet been decided who would be invited to participate.

Brahimi, who has met periodically with Russian and U.S. diplo-

mats, said at their last meeting, in early November, that deep divisions within Syria’s opposition had been the most immediate obstacle to holding a conference.

Since then, the Syrian National Council, the opposition coalition in exile, has decided to participate. But who will be the lead representative of the opposition has not been settled.

Brahimi said he would meet U.S. and Russian officials again in Ge-

neva on Dec. 28, hopefully for the first time before Geneva II, and that he hoped the Syrian govern-

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Wal-Mart names chief of international unit as new CEO

By Nicholas Phillips and Elisabeth Malkin

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — Wal-Mart entered a fierce holiday competition Sunday as it announced that C. Douglas McMillon, who has headed its international unit as new CEO, would replace the outgoing chief executive, would retire early 2015 to allow some wiggle room.

In the company’s statement, Wal-Mart said in the company’s statement. “He has broad experience rather than specific propo-

sitions reductions, which was along lines proposed by Todd S. Stern, President Barack Obama’s climate envoy. Stern had called for each

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Abe’s effort to draw a line in the sand reflects his promises to
lead his nation in standing up to China, which has eclipsed Japan
as Asia’s economic power.

Abe said. “The measures by the Chinese side have no validity what-
soever for Japan.”

China and Japan have been locked in an escalating war of words and saber-rattling over islands in the East China Sea.

Speaking in Parliament, Abe called China’s move an unaccept-
able violation of Japan’s sovereignty. He de-
scribed it as a dangerous ratcheting up of tensions in the standoff
over the uninhabited islands, which are administered by Japan but
claimed by China.

“We are determined to defend our country and sea and sky,”

Abe, an outspoken conservative, has raised defense spending for the
first time in a decade and has increased military ties with the
United States.

—Martin Fackler, The New York Times

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Opinion

An Institute-wide environmental initiative

Dear President Reif, Acting Provost Schmidt, and Vice President Zuber,

The numerous grand challenges facing the world in the 21st century, few are as pressing and of such consequence as the global decline in the integrity of our environmental systems and resources, and the detrimental effects this decline is having on society. MIT has both the capability and responsibility to provide solutions to environmental problems, and should be applauded for taking action already underway. As representatives of a large and diverse group of MIT students, we write to you on behalf of our continued support for an integrated MIT Environmental Initiative to institutionalize the action on the proposal delivered to former Provost Kaiser last month by Professors Rob van der Hilst, Enen Ben-Joseph, and Markus Buehler to make such an initiative a reality.

In their report, the three department heads present a compelling strategy for implementing an environmental initiative at MIT that would complement existing Institute-wide, problem-driven research programs such as the successful Energy and Cancer Initiatives. The report’s call for adaptive management of the initiative would allow MIT to build on its current strengths in environment-related research (e.g., water, sustainable cities, and biogas design) while building research capacity in topics not currently pursued. The report’s cross-disciplinary nature and the creation of new interdisciplinary course offerings, a strategy that will help to build collaborations between researchers from different parts of the Institute, will provide a unique, long-term research opportunity.

We are very grateful to Professors van der Hilst, Ben-Joseph, and Buehler for engaging with students during their deliberations. We believe that passionate support for the subject has been instrumental in keeping the environmental initiative on the agenda for MIT administrators over the years, and that students and colleagues continue to provide a compelling argument for it.

We are therefore especially heartened by the committee’s call for ongoing student participation in the initiative at all levels, including oversight and management. Student participation gives the plan increased legitimacy in the eyes of our peers, as well as a method for integrating new, innovative ideas from the student body.

The health of the environment is fundamentally intertwined with human welfare. An integrated environmental initiative will help researchers from across MIT, including students, to work together to address some of the world’s most pressing challenges. We therefore urge you to accept the recommendations from the interdisciplinary committee, and to implement this initiative this fall, as Provost Kaiser has called for.

Thank you for your consideration.

Brian Brown is a graduate student in Urban Studies and Planning and a junior chair of the UA Sustainability Community. Riverside is a graduate student in Urban and Engineering and co-chair of the GSC Sustainability Subcommittee. Todd Schenk is a graduate student in Urban Studies and Planning, former chair of the GSC Sustainability Subcommittee. Alexi Schulman is a graduate student in Urban Studies and Planning and co-organizer of New Economy @ MIT. Linda Shi is a graduate student in Urban Studies and Planning and co-chair of the MIT Global Sustainability Working Group.

Letters to the Editor

One of the defining characteristics of art is its ability to affect people in strikingly different ways. Some might find a painting inspirational, others might find it poignantly still; still others might find it offensive. As the Supreme Court explained in Cohen v. California, “one man’s vulgarity is another’s artistic expression.” This is particularly true when an artist is trying to push boundaries, we find that the dedication to freedom of expression ought to welcome such work and the potential for thoughtful provocation that it offers. But when unorthodox art requires censorship, it risks chilling expression, rather than fostering diversity. As Pablo Picasso could have told you, art is not necessarily inspirational; others might find it poignantly still. Though a private university not bound by the Thirteenth Amendment, MIT is ultimately a community of like-minded, open-minded, forward-thinking individuals who are driven by a shared passion for the future.

When the artist’s brush catches the viewer’s eye, it becomes known. The showings were Friday and Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

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Censorship a disservice to the community
MIT should lead by exercising restraint

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In April of 2005, Chris Lee, a student at Washington State University (WSU), discovered this when WSU launched a bizarre attack against his bawdy, irreverent comedy Passion of the Musical. Lee’s stated goal for the play, which satirized a vast array of people and beliefs, was “to show people we’re not that different...” WSU administrators objected so strongly to the production that they trained approximately 40 students to disrupt it, using university funds to purchase their tickets. The hecklers, who threatened the cast members with violence and repeatedly yelled, “I am offended,” managed to shut down the performance.

The desire to prevent “offense” often cloaks the desire to silence one’s opponents with the seemingly noble goal of ensuring that everyone is comfortable. And people are generally more comfortable with popular ideas that don’t “rock the boat.” There is certainly a place for safe, popular art, whether it is the paintings of Thomas Kinkade or the music of Taylor Swift. But there is also tremendous value in art that forces us to challenge our beliefs. Do we want to live in a world where artists are not allowed to stray beyond the confines of comfort, and where unusual expression is quickly suppressed?

Unfortunately, this is the attitude that today’s college students are learning to accept. In July of 2013, the First Amendment Center released its annual “State of the First Amendment” survey. The study found that the youngest respondents were by far the least supportive of First Amendment protections. A startling 47 percent of those aged 18–30 felt the First Amendment “goes too far” in the rights it guarantees—approximately double the number of older respondents (24 percent of those aged 40–60 and 23 percent of those over 60).

Our college students appear to be internalizing the message that speech should be restricted, and are taking that outlook with them when they leave campus. The resulting implications for freedom of speech in all forms, from the spoken word to the artist’s canvas, are grim. If we want artists—on campus or off—to continue to be able to push boundaries, we can’t expect them to walk on eggshells.

MIT would do the students in Burton-Conner, the artists of the murals, and the campus community a tremendous service by refraining from censoring students’ art. As Frederick Douglass said over 150 years ago, “To suppress free speech is a double wrong. It violates the rights of the hearer as well as those of the speaker.” If MIT wants to live up to its world class reputation, it must allow ideas, expression, and art to be free.

Greg Lukianoff is the President of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) and author of Unlearning Liberty: Campus Censorship and the End of American Debate.

Want to weigh in?
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I sat down with Nora Vrublevska in the Wiesner Art Gallery, walls lined with her black and white photos of the MIT campus and nearby Cambridge.

Vrublevska moved to the United States in 2007, when her husband came to conduct his graduate studies in physics at MIT. The biggest change she felt when coming here was that she could do things that she liked, switch careers at will, and be supported by everyone around her. Vrublevska admits that the cultural change is sometimes hard to note, saying: “I’ve been here for such a long time that it feels like home; it’s more a culture shock now when I go back home to Latvia.” Even so, she knows she won’t be here forever, and that knowledge is part of what sparked her Cambridge at Night series.

One foggy night, Vrublevska was walking down Memorial Drive, and was struck by the image of the MIT boathouse with everything in the background obscured by fog. This image was the first in the series, and is smaller than the others. She liked how different the boathouse looked from when she usually passed it in daylight hours, and was inspired to create a series of images documenting places that had become significant to her in her time living here that she could look back on once she’d moved elsewhere.

“How architecture and how the city looks at night is much more compelling to me than how it looks during the day,” Vrublevska says about her choice to shoot after dark. Part of it is how the clouds streak and water becomes smooth in long exposure shots of nighttime. The absence of people in daily busy scenes also adds to her ideal aesthetic: “A lot of the places that I photograph … are busy, people walk through, but at night everything is still. I like how that looks,” she explains.

The entire series is shot on black and white film. Although she often uses digital techniques for teaching at the New England School of Photography, Vrublevska much prefers film for her personal work. She says “there were more details and nuances in the grays and all the shades in black and white film” when she was shooting the night scenes, so she stuck with it. While the print of the MIT boathouse that started it all was developed in a darkroom, the subsequent images have been created using inkjet printing.

Vrublevska gives a big thanks to MIT Spouses & Partners, the Council for the Arts at MIT, The Wiesner Art Gallery, and Jennifer Recklet, who have made her photography as well as her adjustment as the wife of a student at the Institute possible.

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Although the restaurant name may not sound very appetizing, The Salty Pig is a great option if you are in the mood for charcuterie. To get to The Salty Pig, you can walk through the Prudential Center and cut through Copley Place. Once you exit the mall, the restaurant will be right there.

Since I went for dinner on a Wednesday night, I had expected that there would be no need for a reservation. However, that assumption turned out to be wrong, and I spent 30 minutes walking around in the mall while waiting for a table. When I first walked into the restaurant, I was struck by the loud conversations and the dark yet warm ambience. Most of the customers looked to be in their late twenties or early thirties, and I noticed that an open kitchen and a crowded bar took up about half the floor space of the restaurant. In particular, a chef stood near the entrance and entertained by throwing dough up in the air to make pizza.

The Salty Pig is known for its meat and cheese, which are served together on a wooden board. However, you can also order pastas or pizzas. Furthermore, the restaurant has an extensive drinks menu, which includes many exotic-sounding cocktails. Feeling less than adventurous, I passed up on pork head and beef tongue, and instead ordered the smoked chorizo (pork sausage) and pork ventresca (Italian style pork belly). For the cheese, I chose fresh chèvre, a type of goat cheese from New Hampshire. To supplement both, I added on fig jam.

I first tried each item by itself. The chorizo was dark red and tasted similar to other sausages I have had before. Still, I very much enjoyed the nuances of spiciness. Between the two meat options, however, I definitely preferred the pork belly, which was sliced extremely thin. Although it appeared very fatty, I hardly felt like I was eating fat because of its thinness. I then moved on to the cheese. I had expected the goat cheese to have a very strong flavor, but it turned out to be quite mild. It was also creamy and seemingly dissolved in my mouth. Finally, I had the fig jam, whose gravy texture amplified its sweetness and slight bitterness. To my surprise, the jam was actually my favorite item on the board. After the individual tasting, I proceeded to mix and match the meat, cheese, and jam. Amazingly, all the combinations tasted great — even the chorizo and jam.

To get a better sense of the food options at The Salty Pig, I also ordered the chicken confit pizza, which had apples, squash, cranberries, goat ricotta, and chicken as toppings. Instead of using tomato sauce, the pizza only had cheese as its base. As a result, this turned out to be the fruitiest pizza I have ever had. The highlight was the cranberries, which burst with every bite, and whose sourness provided a welcoming contrast to the individual tasting, I proceeded to mix and match the meat, cheese, and jam. Amazingly, all the combinations tasted great — even the chorizo and jam.

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Strangers to Fiction by Deena Wang

Putting on a freshly-washed sweater is like giving yourself a hug.

By Randall Monroe

[1294] Telescope Names

Sudoku I

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Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column, row, and 3 by 3 grid contains exactly one of each of the digits 1 through 9.

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Techdoku I

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Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column and row contains exactly one of each of the numbers 1–6. Follow the mathematical operations for each box.

Sudoku II

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Techdoku II

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Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column and row contains exactly one of each of the numbers 1–6. Follow the mathematical operations for each box.

The Thirty Meter Telescope will be renamed The Flesh-Searing Eye on the Volcano.

By Randall Monroe

A webcomic of romance, sarcasm, math, and language.

The very large telescope
The extremely large telescope
The overwhelmingly large telescope
The oppressively colossal telescope
The mind-numbingly vast telescope
The despair telescope
The apocalyptic telescope
The telescope of devastation
The nightmare scope
The infinite telescope

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Kavli, benefactor of science prizes, dies

Fred Kavli, a physicist who left Norway for California as an exchange student and made millions manufacturing sensors for appliances, automobiles and aircraft, then later in life began donating much of his fortune to science, established a major prize he intended to rival the Nobel, died Thursday, Nov. 21 at his home in Santa Barbara, Calif. He was 86.

The cause was cancer, according to the Kavli Foundation, which Kavli started in 2000.

The foundation has given more than $200 million to establish 17 scientific research institutes at universities around the world for work in astrophysics, neuroscience, nanoscience and theoretical physics, including MIT’s Kavli Institute for Astrophysics and Space Research, which joined Kavli network in 2004. In 2008, the first Kavli Prizes were awarded, with recipients in each of three categories splitting $1 million. The prizes are awarded by the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters in Oslo in September every other year.

"The point is to create visibility for science," Kavli said in an interview with The New York Times in 2005. "The Nobels do a good job. It might take us 100 years to catch up.

Kavli, who as a child marveled at the northern lights from his family’s farm on a farm, earned a degree in applied physics at the Norwegian Institute of Technology in 1955 and arrived in the United States the next year. Two years later, after putting an ad in a newspaper saying he was an engineer seeking financing for a new company, he created the Kavlico Corp.

Kavlico developed a series of sophisticated sensors that help control a wide range of mechanical functions, whether helping car engines save fuel and reduce pollution or operating dishwashers. They have been used on the space shuttle, the International Space Station and Trident and Poseidon missiles. By 2000, the company had 1,500 employees and Kavli sold it that year for $340 million.

He later became interested in philanthropy. In 2005, when Kavli announced that he planned to start the prizes, "I set aside $100 million," he said, "which is indispensable in disaster situations.

"I'm still pondering," Kavli said, "which is indispensable in disasters.

A random sampling of people you’ll meet during a typical dinner at The Tech:

Derek, Course 21/CMS
Austin, Course 8
Sarah, Course 2
Joyce, Course 10
Sara, Course 11
Jack, Course 19
Vince, Course 20
Stephan, 21/CMS
Kais, Course 15
Maggie, Course 22

Meet your new post support group

Kavli Excited for Oxford’s ‘deeply integrated approach’

Rhodes winner hopes to go on to earn an MD/PhD

Rhodes, from Page 1

"At times," he told a gathering in New York, "the whole world was all in with the northern lights shifting and dancing across the sky down to the white-clad mountain-tops. In the stillness and loneliness of the white mountains, I pondered the universe, the planet, nature and the wonders of man. I'm still pondering."
Daycare, from Page 1

school classrooms with a third set to open in late winter or early spring. TCC Koch currently employs three teachers for each of the nine open classrooms, a director, an administrative assistant, and three educational coordinators who support the teaching staff (one for infant rooms, one for toddlers, and one for preschool).

In addition, the center features a "gross motor room," which allows children to participate in active play such as jumping, dancing, and singing.

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The opening of TCC Koch provided spaces for all but six of the 500 families that had been on a waiting list and indicated a need for care at the present time. Simons noted that there are 157 families on the waiting list who are still looking for care in the future, either for anticipated children or children who will soon reach the desired age for entry into the appropriate childcare program. Some families also stay on the waiting list to keep the option open of transferring from another childcare program.

A new enrollment policy has been in place for all daycare centers since the spring to make the process easier for families. Families who apply for a spot on the waiting list are allowed to turn down an open spot that meets their requirements (age group, schedule, and start date) in a childcare program once and remain on the waiting list. However, when a family turns down an open spot a second time, the family will lose their spot on the waiting list, and if they choose to reapply, will be placed toward the bottom of the list according to the date of the new application. The policy is in place so that families who need childcare immediately will have a better chance of getting a space, and all will have a better sense of when they might get a space.

After TCC Koch opened, 387 families declined a space but chose to remain on the waiting list.

Before the building of TCC Koch, some students had voiced concerns of safety because homeless people could frequently be seen across the railroad tracks from the site. However, Alden and Simons are confident about the issue of safety. "There have been no problems or any concerns voiced by parents," said Simons. The children’s playground is fully enclosed by a fence that is eight feet high along the train tracks and eight feet high along Vassar. The playground is only accessible from inside the center or with a key, and the center itself is accessible only from the front door by card reader or from the secured playground.

Back up childcare program

In addition to the opening of TCC Koch, Simons notes that MIT Human Resources has been collaborating with Dean of Graduate Education Christine Ortiz and the GSC Housing and Community Affairs Subcommittee to implement programs that satisfy the needs of student families. One such program is the new backup childcare program that started in July, which provides students with caregivers on short notice through Parents in a Pinch (PiaP), a national vendor for childcare services. "Providing access to reliable, high-quality short-term childcare translates into less stress and anxiety, less missed or shortened work days, and enables our graduate student families to find a more manageable work/life balance," commented Ortiz in an email to The Tech.

For up to 10 days of the fiscal year, students can use the backup childcare service, which provides a nanny at $5 an hour. Any days beyond the 10 days will cost $18.50 per hour and a daily placement fee ranging from $25 to $50. The program will be run until June 30, 2014 as a pilot, when it will be reexamined for renewal.

The new backup childcare has freed time for students to engage in opportunities they would otherwise miss.

During the first four months of the program’s operation, 167 students have pre-registered for the program, accounting for about 20 percent of graduate students with children. 54 students have used the service at least once. A PiaP satisfaction survey indicated that 78 percent of respondents were “extremely satisfied” and the remaining 22 percent “satisfied.” 100 percent of respondents said they would use the service again.

Spatocco added that, first and foremost, the program allows students to tend to emergencies, but also allows for time for graduate students to engage in opportunities they would otherwise miss, such as networking events, participation in student organizations, and professional development events. "The new program has stimulated more discussion on the most effective ways to provide childcare services to graduate students," he said.

More information regarding TCC Koch and MIT’s childcare services is available on childcare.mit.edu.

### Breakdown of enrolled children by parent position

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### Getting help is as easy as 1, 2, S

Student Support Services has tripled the number of walk-in hours Dec 2nd – Dec 13th

- For an appointment: Call 617-253-4861
- New Walk-in hours in 5-104:
  - 9:00-10:30 a.m. and 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Don’t forget to take advantage of the many resources available for academic, social and personal support.

- S³
- Community Wellness
- MIT Mental Health & Counseling
- Chaplains
- OME
- Housemasters
- GRTs
- Area Directors
- Advisors
- Department Administrators

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**Postdocs are 38 percent of TCC Koch enrollment**

The October opening of TCC Koch met ‘nearly all existing demand for MIT childcare’

The opening of TCC Koch provided nearly all existing demand for MIT childcare. Postdocs are 38 percent of TCC Koch enrollment.
TUESDAY
(2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.) Equilibrium Dynamics in a Fluctuating Environment with speaker Ruitian Lang, sponsored by Organizational Economics — E62-650

WEDNESDAY
(4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.) Combinatorics seminar on recent progress in distinct distances problems with speaker Adam Sheffer, sponsored by the math department — E17-133

THURSDAY
(6:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.) The Annual Oven Buster Blaster Stuffer on WMBR — 88.1 FM or wmbr.org

FRIDAY
(1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.) Fun Tech Forum: Tech Show Time II, discussion on “the genius in ancient China,” sponsored by the Literature Section and MIT Music and Theater Arts — 4-237

SATURDAY
(7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.) Hats: a ballroom social ($6 for students, $8 for MIT affiliates, and $10 for the general public), sponsored by the MIT Ballroom Dance Team and the GSC Funding Board — W20 (La Sala de Puerto Rico)

SUNDAY
(8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.) International Folk Dancing, teaching and beginner dances from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. — Lobdell

MONDAY
(7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.) Folk music of the British Isles and North America, featuring Jeff Warner, sponsored by the Literature Section and MIT Music and Theater Arts — 4-237

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Solution to Sudoku I

Looking for Computer Science Student(s) to build new internet company

Contact: stewartodren@stewartodren.com

Solution to Sudoku II

Solution to Techdoku I

Solution to Techdoku II

MIT BE-BMES would like to congratulate the following winners of our 9th Annual Merck Poster Competition:

First – Ebaa Al-Obeidi
Second – Fangdi Sun
Third – Charlotte and Emily Keeley
Honorable Mention – Jeff Chan

Student’s Choice – David Han

CONGRATULATIONS!
The men’s Foot of the Charles regatta was held on Saturday morning. It included heavyweight and lightweight races for crews of two, four, and crews of eight or more. The women’s Foot of the Charles was held last Saturday.

**MIT Men’s Basketball takes down Curry, 69-62**

Matthew M. Redfield ’15 sets career high in points with 27, also grabs 13 rebounds

By Phil Hess

DAPER STAFF

Matthew M. Redfield ’15 scored a career-high 27 points and pulled down 13 rebounds to lead the MIT men’s basketball team to a 69-62 road victory over Curry College this afternoon. The Engineers built a 17-point second half lead and then held off a comeback attempt by the Colonels, who were led by Antonio Jones’ 16 points.

MIT (3-1) and Curry (0-3) exchanged the lead three times in the opening minutes before a pair of free throws by Redfield gave the Engineers a 5-4 advantage. It proved to be the last time in the game that the lead would change hands. MIT slowly pulled ahead and a three-pointer by Justin M. Pedley ’16, one of five he would drain in the game, put the Engineers on top 10-6.

A layup by Kenneth Ramos brought the Colonels back to within two, but Redfield answered with a three-point play that started MIT on a 12-2 run. Redfield accounted for seven of the points during the four-minute stretch, and his free throws at the 10:43 mark gave the Engineers a 22-10 advantage.

Redfield, who hit 13 of 19 from the free throw line during the contest, hit one of two with five and a half minutes left in the half to up the MIT lead back to 31-19. Curry took advantage of a pair of turnovers by the Engineers to put a quick 7-0 run on the board, cutting the lead down to 31-26 after back-to-back jumpers by Stephen O’Neal.

A Redfield free throw with 3:54 left had the MIT lead back up to 36-28 at the half.

MIT started the second half on a 9-0 run, holding Curry without a basket until three and a half minutes in. A pair of layups by Andrew M. Acker ’15 sandwiched around a trey from Pedley had the Engineers holding a 45-28 advantage at the 17:29 mark. Curry answered with five straight points, cutting the deficit down to 12 after a lay in by Jones.

A Redfield free throw with 9:06 left had the MIT lead back up to 53-37, but the Curry came back again with another run. Sparked by a Carlos Ribeiro trey with 7:39 left, the Colonels went on an 11-2 run in a little over two minutes. Curry added another trey from Rodney Beldo along the way and when O’Neal hit a layup off an MIT turnover, the Colonels were down just seven at 55-48 with four minutes left.

A Dunk by Redfield with two and a half minutes left extended the MIT advantage to nine at 59-50, but the Colonels held the Engineers without a field goal for the rest of the game and crept back to within five at 65-60 after Jones converted a three-point play.

MIT hit just four of eight free throws down the stretch, but it was enough to hold off Curry and claim the win for the Engineers.

Redfield also stood out on the defensive end of the floor where he blocked five Curry shots. Pedley finished with 21 points, hitting on 5-of-12 from behind the three-point line.

Both squads will be back in action on Tuesday, Nov. 26 when MIT visits Tufts University for a 7:00 p.m. game and Curry travels to Williams College for a 7:30 p.m. tip-off.

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Look down, back up, where are you?

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