Walsh vows housing crackdown in Boston
Boston mayor promises fines, inspections for off-campus college student housing

By Jonathan Saltzman and Jenn Abelson
THE BOSTON GLOBE

Mayor Martin J. Walsh said Wednesday that the city will levy $300 daily fines on scofflaw landlords, increase the number of in-person inspections near the campus, and sever its relationship with one of the university’s most vocal opponents.

Mayor Walsh also plans to hire American Red Cross Team investigators to address the problems:

- pest infestations,
- working locks, to missing smoke alarms and hazards,
- from rodent and bed bug infestations, to doors without working locks, to missing smoke detectors.

Residents learned of this change the day after Senior House president Rayo, who was not available for comment, was informed of the news.

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In an email to the MIT community Thursday, President L. Rafael Reif said The Abdul Latif Jameel World Water and Food Security Lab (J-WAFS), announced Tuesday, would also be a “major component” of the initiative.

The release said the initiative would also “link closely” with parts of the MIT Energy Initiative (MITEI), which was established in 2006.

Reif’s email also said that Susan Solomon, the Ellen Swallow Richards Professor of Atmospheric Chemistry and Climate Science would be the first director of the program.

According to MIT’s press release, Solomon will be the director only for the first year of the project before returning to research and, teaching, a search committee will be formed immediately to find a permanent director to lead what Reif called the program’s “mature second stage.”

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Senior House to receive RLAD by fall despite residents’ opposition

RLAD to move into dorm after construction of apartment

By Kath Xu
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

By this fall, every dorm on campus will have a Residential Life Area Director (RLAD). Since the program began two years ago, each dorm has consistently received one except for Senior House, home to some of the most vocal opponents.

Residents learned of this change Wednesday night in an email announcement from the Senior House Housemaster, Philosophy Professor Agustín Rayo PhD ’01. The RLAD will not live in the dorm at first; it will be unclear when an apartment will be built for the RLAD to move in.

In the email, Rayo said that Wednesday was also the first time he was informed of the news.

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By Nick Corasaniti
THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — The Federal Election Commission voted Thursday to allow political committees to accept bitcoin donations and outlined the ways that the virtual currency can be used by federally regulated campaigns.

Responding to a request from a political action committee, the commissioners unanimously approved an advisory opinion that defined bitcoins, which allow users to conduct online transactions without using through a bank or other third party, as “money or anything of value” — in essence, cash or an in-kind contribution.

The opinion provides some clarity for campaign committees, it is not likely to lead to a deluge of bitcoin donations because of security and privacy concerns, and it remains to be seen whether the technology will be adopted.

Many of the world’s biggest corporate clients would have also been served by the same operating company. AT&T, Visa and MasterCard, among others, are looking to protect their relationships with consumers while delivering the great experience that they expect.

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Situations for noon Eastern time, Friday, May 9, 2014

Kellogg agrees to change labeling on Kashi line

By Stephanie Strom
THE NEW YORK TIMES

The Kellogg Co., maker of some of the country’s most familiar breakfast cereals, said Thursday that it had agreed to a preliminary settlement in a class-action lawsuit that accused it of “nothing artificial” from some products in Kashi line as part of a settlement agreement ending a class-action lawsuit.

The settlement, which includes a $5 million payment, comes at a time when food companies are facing a number of lawsuits over ingredients and labeling.

Consumers have sued Chobani and other companies, saying that their use of the phrase “evaporated cane juice” to describe a sweetener is simply an attempt to hide sugar.

Kashi, once a darling of shoppers looking for natural and organic foods, has hit turbulence in recent years. Some consumers attacked it on social media in 2012 after noting that Kashi was a big contributor to an effort that helped defeat Proposition 31, a California ballot initiative that would have required the labeling of products containing genetically engineered ingredients. Sales of the brand had started slipping even before that controversy, and last fall, it announced it would close Kashi and end its build a small but loyal bitcoin donor base, receiving $10,000 in a year in the currency.

Rep. Steve Stockman, R-Texas, a bitcoin enthusiast, accepted bitcoin contributions to his primary campaign against Sen. John Cornyn this year.

Election commission votes to allow bitcoin donations

By Vince Agrad
SUN TIMES METROLOGIST

The recent weekend of spring semester will get off to a rainy start. A frontal system will pass through the area overnight, leading to considerably warmer temperatures by Sunday.

After the system passes through, above-normal temperatures will retire to its wake. Bright sunshine and a strong offshore wind will combine to bring. The temperatures will average to 18°F (2°F) on Sunday, and temperatures will continue to drop through the weekend.

Extended Forecast

Today: Cloudy with a chance of showers, high 61°F (16°C).

TOMORROW: Cloudy with rain showers, low 57°F (13°C). Winds at 5 to 10 mph.

SUNDAY: Cloudy, low 56°F (13°C). Winds 10 to 15 mph.

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Tensions rise between China and Vietnam over disputed waters

By Jane Perlez

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In Full by Billie Truitt
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5 Dollars and cents
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The leadership of Northeastern University is extremely concerned about revelations uncovered by The Boston Globe’s recent investigative series on student housing in Boston,” Steven Kadish, senior vice president and chief operating officer for the school, wrote in a letter to Faisal Wednesday.

“Certainly, the revelations of the last few days have heightened our interest in all of Alpha Management’s properties,” he said.

Faisal could not be reached Wednesday afternoon. A woman who answered the phone at Faisal’s Brookline office said Alpha had no comment about the letter Northeastern sent.

Ethan Arruda-Leuppert, who graduated from Northeastern in 2012 and rented directly from Alpha during his senior year, said he was surprised that his alma mater would do business with Faisal. He said the university should terminate its business relationship with Alpha.

“It was miserable,” Arruda-Leuppert said of his time living at 311 Huntington Ave., where he said Alpha Management failed to respond to widespread problems including broken doors, a nonfunctional stove, oppressive heat, and mold.

On Wednesday, Walsh said that if he meets with representatives of colleges, he will insist that they provide the addresses of students living off campus. That will help the city to more readily detect cases of overcrowding, defined by a zoning rule as more than four full-time students in an apartment or house. If the colleges do not comply, Walsh said, he will take additional steps.

“If the colleges refuse to do it, I’m looking possibly to take legislative action to make it happen” through a city ordinance, he said. “I have that ability.”

The series found that some landlords in college neighborhoods commonly flout the no-more-than-four zoning rule. Student tenants are often complicit because they cannot afford the rent without sharing it with a larger group.
Senior House to get an RLAD by the fall

Residents of dormitory say they were not consulted before decision

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DSL to push for Senior House to get an RLAD"

A common sentiment among students is that an RLAD is unnecessary for (and would even be detrimental to) Senior House.

"I think MIT could spend money on other things rather than a position that is already filled by other members of the house such as housemasters and GRTs," said Senior House resident Jasmiekt K. Arora '17 in an email.

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According to Rayo’s email, Henry J. Humphreys, senior associate dean of Residential Life & Dining, will be holding a town hall-style meeting to answer people's questions. However, the date of the meeting, as well as whether an RLAD has already been selected, is currently unknown. In 2012, former Chancellor Eric Grimson PhD ‘80 had told The Tech, “There will be student input — for example, when dorms get a new housemaster or GRT, they participate in the selection process, the same will go for the RLADs.”

In a 2013 article in The Tech, Humphreys said that the recruiting period for RLAD positions typically begins in March. Some students have expressed concern over the timing of the announcement shortly before the end of the academic year.

"I also think it’s no coincidence that DSL waited until two weeks before term’s end to make the announcement," stated Kononov. "If there is one thing DSL has learned about MIT culture over the years, it is how to attack the student body’s weaknesses.”

Resident Catherine Yunis ’16 said, "I would love to meet with the deans and discuss these changes but in two weeks the semester will be over, and then I will be gone for the summer until September"

According to Kononov, the last time Senior House actively participated in discussions with DSL about RLADs was in early 2013. She emphasized, "At that time, we expected to engage in discussion about alternate solutions that would not involve live-in administrators, but no such discussions took place. Last night’s announcement was completely unexpected.” Humphreys had not yet responded for comment at press time.

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MIT launches new research initiative
Program to fund interdisciplinary research related to environment

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by MIT according to the release, but after that it is expected to be “self-sustaining.”

In an email to The Tech, MIT Vice President for Research Maria T. Zuber said, “For the environment, while we may anticipate some industry interest, we expect a broader funding portfolio that also includes foundations, private individuals and government. The very generous gift by Mr. Jameel to support research on water and food announced earlier this work is a great example of the kind of support we hope to attract.”

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In an email to The Tech, MIT Vice President for Research Maria T. Zuber said, “For the environment, while we may anticipate some industry interest, we expect a broader funding portfolio that also includes foundations, private individuals and government. The very generous gift by Mr. Jameel to support research on water and food announced earlier this work is a great example of the kind of support we hope to attract.”

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Men’s lacrosse earns awards
First rookie of the year win since 1999, third win overall
By Mindy Brauer
The MIT men’s lacrosse team received four post-sea-son awards as announced by the New England Women’s and Men’s Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) on Tuesday.

Harris A. Stolzenberg ’17 was tabbed for Rookie of the Year accolades and earned a spot on the All-Conference second team as head coach Walter Alessi was voted the league’s Coach of the Year. In addition, the Engineers saw Joel T. Santisteban ’14 and Paul R. Orrson ’16 receive first-team plaudits.

The program’s first conference Rookie of the Year since 1999 and third overall, Stolzenberg led the NEW-MAC in man-up goals (12), was second in points (64) and goals (39), and third in assists (25). A Pilgrim League Second-Team All-Conference pick last year, Orense powered the midfield with 21 goals and 14 assists for 35 points. His assists total was eighth in the league while placing 10th in points and 14th in goals. San-

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MIT baseball team clinches bid for the 2014 NCAA Tournament Engineers take their first-ever NEWMAC title with win
By Phil Hess

After winning the first game of the 2014 New England Women’s and Men’s Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) Base-ball Championship series against Wheaton, 6-4, MIT came back to sweep the doubleheader against the Lyons with a wild-ending 12-6, 10-inning victory to win the best-of-three series and claim its first-ever NEWMAC title. The Engineers will now get the conference automatic bid to the 2014 NCAA Tournament, which will begin with regional action on May 14-18.

In game one MIT (22-13) jumped on top early, score-
ing three times in the first. The Engineers put runners on the corners with one out for Hayden K. Cormwell ’15, who doubled in the first run. Nathaniel H. Rodman ’17 brought another run with an RBI groundout before Parker A. Tew ’15 singled in the final run of the inning.

Another three-run inning, this time in the fourth, proved to be the winning margin for the Engineers. An error and a hit batter put two aboard for John M. Drago ’15, who plated both runners with a double to right center. Creed J. Man-
grum ’14 followed with an RBI single to make it 6-0.

Max J. Ockner ’14 started for the Engineers and blanked Wheaton (27-16-1) over the first six innings giving up just a pair of hits. In the seventh the Lyons broke through with their first run, getting back-to-back doubles to start the in-

Ockner was named the tournament’s Most Outstanding Player after winning both of his starts in the tournament. He defeated Springfield last week in a complete game, four hitter and struck out 13 before going six innings today, giv-
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