East Campus Housemasters to retire at end of the semester
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By Alexandra Delmore

Thomas J. and Kate Delaney, the East Campus (EC) Housemasters, are stepping down from their roles at the end of this semester. Kate Delaney, a lecturer in the Department of Literature, and Tom, a lecturer in Comparative Media Studies / Writing, have been Housemasters since 2006. The Delaneys will be retiring as Housemasters. It was not an easy decision to make because we have enjoyed our time at MIT, in the classroom as well as at EC, but now seems to be a good time to begin a new experience,” wrote the Delaneys in an e-mail to The Tech. The Delaneys are planning on moving to Hawaii this summer.

The Delaneys were first in-40mired to become Housemasters after they read about the experiences of the former Housemasters of East Campus, Julian K. Wheatley and Marjorie Nolan-Wheatley, in an article in The Tech. “What comes back in our minds from that Tech article was the Wheatleys’ remark that ‘whoever gets to be House-41master at East Campus is going to be very lucky.’ They were right,” recalled the Delaneys. Mr. Wheatley, a senior lecturer in Chinese at the time of the publication of the article, had plans to travel abroad with his wife after leaving. In order study Chinese, Burmese, and other regional Southeast Asian languages. Kate, who had been a Hall Fellow of an entry of MacGregor House at MIT before becoming a Housemas-42ter, was well-acquainted with MIT residential life and the Housemasters of East Campus EC Housemasters, Page 10

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The man fled after knocking each of the victims to the ground and flashing a knife in the third attack, said police, who said they believe the attack is related to those in East Boston.

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The work was suspended earlier this month because of the cold issue, threatening the rapid adoption of educational software in schools.

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With the amount of snow still on the ground and snow-clogged storm drains, it could be quite messy. Watch out for puddles as you step out off the curb! Unfortunately for those longing for spring, for giant puddles as you step onto the streets. The precipitation associated with these frontal passages will be snow and freezing rain, with a chance of thunderstorms. The precipitation associated with these frontal passages will be snow and freezing rain, with a chance of thunderstorms. The precipitation associated with these frontal passages will be snow and freezing rain, with a chance of thunderstorms.

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Facebook to buy messaging startup in $16 billion deal

By David Gelles, Brian X. Chen and Nick Bilton

The New York Times

Facebook said Wednesday that it would acquire WhatsApp, a messaging service, for $16 billion in cash and stock.

The eye-popping price is Facebook’s boldest move yet to extend its far-flung reach and represents a new height in the frenzied battle to acquire popular technology start-ups.

Facebook will pay $4 billion in cash for the company and will give the rest of its shares for WhatsApp. An additional $1 billion will be granted to WhatsApp employees and founders. These units will come under the watch of Facebook’s chief operating officer, Sheryl Sandberg.

In a memo to Facebook employees, Mark Zuckerberg, the company’s chief executive, said that a handful of states have begun to address the issue of solitary confinement, but that none have guidelines for when it should end except in cases involving certain categories of inmates, such as gang members or those with a history of violence.

Unlike traditional business leaders, the two founders had spent most of their careers fighting for the right to reduce the use of solitary confinement. Action focused on the servers, while Koum looked at the overall product and made sure it looked and acted the same consistently across different devices.

Koum and Acton have said they want to make the message accessible to anyone, regardless of what phone they own, where they live or how much money they make. They have also been adamant about refusing to sell the service to advertisers, saying that we should not detract from intimate conversations.

WhatsApp received about $10 billion over two years after the company was founded. It quickly became popular.

Facebook, meanwhile, has struggled to gain traction in messaging. The company had been trying to acquire Snapchat last year for a reported $3 billion, but Snapchat turned down the offer.

While Facebook Messenger, the company’s existing messaging platform, still has users, recent attempts to create a direct messaging service failed.

“People are not going to use Facebook as a chat tool,” he said. “They need a mobile version of Facebook that is more special and engaging.”

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Violence in Ukraine deepens as talks between East and West

MOSCOW — The two sides in what is developing into an East-West clash over Ukraine hardened their positions Wednesday, with Russian officials denouncing what they called a coup by right-wing extremists, even as the United States and Europe threatened to impose more sanctions unless Russia halted the violence that has erupted in the capital, Kiev, and spread to other cities.

The starkly divergent reactions underscored the deepening confrontation between Russia and the West over Ukraine’s fate, with each side blaming the other for provoking the crisis.

Russia, by contrast, vowed to use all its influence to support Ukraine’s pro-Russian separatists and called for negotiations aimed at trying to seize power in what amounted to a coup. In one of its most pointed statements since the political crisis in Ukraine began, Russian President Vladimir V. Putin even evoked the Bourbon Revolution that brought the Nazis to power in Germany in 1933. Russia’s foreign minister, Sergei V. Lavrov, accused the West of “encouraging the opposition to act outside of the law.”

“We don’t want to impose ourselves, as some of our overly zealous Western partners are trying to do,” he said in televised remarks from Moscow.

A senior State Department official threw the meddling charge back at the Europeans. “They have not been transparent about what they’ve been doing in the Ukraine,” the official said, and “they owe an explanation to the Kremlin.”

“How would you support?”

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If the reform process is successful, it will be settled in two years, the civil rights group said.

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Obama sidesteps GOP on budget

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama’s forthcoming budget proposal will not include an offer to slow the growth in Social Security benefits, which was a sticking point in the last round of negotiations. The president was thought to be preparing the move as part of a strategy to “grand bargain” with Republicans to cut the debt.

White House officials said Thursday that since Republicans in Congress have shown no willingness to meet the president’s offer on entitlements by closing loopholes for corporations and wealthy Americans, the fiscal 2015 budget will not assume a path to an agreement.

Instead, officials said the president will spend a blueprint in the next weeks that represents his vision for how to invest in the programs and services to create opportunities for the middle class.

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I am biking down Vassar Street when suddenly a pedestrian hops on to the pavement, seemingly unaware he is obstructing the bike lane. Unable to brake due to bike traffic behind me, I re-rig my bell and yell “watch out!” to warn him of the dangerous situation. To my great confusion, these warnings are not acknowledged even as I approach closer and closer. At all I can do next is take a sharp turn to avoid a crash, and then fly into the fence. The pedestrian strolls blissfully away, unfor- gotten of the accident he has caused.

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The pedestrian, it turns out, was not malicious — he was just listening to his iPod. It is a habit that has become almost inseparable from the daily routines of so many; the next time you are out, count how many people with some kind of music device plugged into their ears. It is quite concerning to realize how far away they are all in the dark disconnections from their surroundings — even more so when it might be a cab driver zooming down the road at 60 miles an hour who cannot hear another car horn, or a mother oblivious to the cries of baby in the stroller beneath her.

The problem is that using earphones as part of a daily routine is a genuine pub- lic safety concern. The risk is not limited to overly adventurous activities either. Even something as mundane as walking down the street can be dangerous to others, as demonstrated by my pedestrian friend. The first and hardest step in address- ing the problem is convincing people that this is a legitimate concern. While most existing studies focus on the harm caused to users’ ears, there is strong evidence to support that wearing earphones poses a significant threat to others as well. According to a 2016 study published in the Journal of Injury Prevention, the number of people involved or injuring serious oth- ers over the last six years. In addition, three quarters of the involved in headphone related incidents while walking down the street received fa- tual injuries.

Contrary to popular belief, auditory sig- nals are just as critical as visual ones dur- ing everyday life. Researchers coined the term “unattentional blindness” to describe the lack of awareness caused by oblivious to ambient noises. They found that typical mishaps include missing a step while walk- ing down stairs, leaving a door slam into someone behind you, or even wandering onto a bike lane.

Despite these findings, the times and trends remain well above the threshold of action. If anything, we are moving in the wrong direction. Simple earphones are not the only way to exacerbate this current day-savvy urbanites. It has instead become “trendy” to wear noise-canceling boomboxes over one’s head, blasting mu- sic at volumes that push the boundaries of the human ear.

It is time to hold a serious discussion regarding steps the MIT community can take to make our mazes of a campus, filled with bikes, trucks, city roads, and hundreds of earphone-wearing students, safer to navigate by limiting portable music to the appropriate time and place. I do not pro- pose draconian bans or formal restrictions, preferring a good deal of common sense. Public awareness should be drawn to this overlooked issue, particularly targeting riskier groups like cyclists and outdoor athletes.

The number of people in the US suffering serious injury or death while wearing music headphones has risen by 30% over the last six years. Massachusetts state law stipulates that wearing musical headphones while oper- ating a motor vehicle is illegal, and cyclists should be at least as aware as drivers when navigating the roads. As for the average person wandering out and about, it is reason- able to momentarily unplug in crowded settings where the probability of collisions and accidents is higher. Publishing ad- vertisements, posters, or even opinion col- umns in the student paper should encour- age the community to view inappropriate headphone use in the same light as other unsafe behavior, like texting behind the wheel or jogging at night without reflective gear.

I anticipate many impassioned music listeners will resist the prospect of restrict- ing their favorite pastime, but the trade-off is worth it if it means fewer accidents and a safer campus.

The story in Tuesday’s issue about President Reif’s message to the MIT community in response to the legal situation involving Tidbit is correct as stated. The Tech sent a draft of the letter to Reif, Barnhart, and Morgan before soliciting signatures throughout the MIT community on Thursday, Feb. 13. In fact, Reif sent the administrators the draft shortly after sending it to CSAIL members on that date.

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I never knew neck could taste so good

The Kirkland Tap and Trotter showcases a successful, not-quite-tapas style

By Daniel Kolodrubetz

Craggie on Main has held the position of the upscale restaurant near MIT since before I arrived. Recently, the restaurant’s chef Tony Manes opened a more casual eat-ery out on Washington Street in Somerville. His new brainchild, The Kirkland Tap and Trotter, is an excellent choice if you are looking to celebrate a little bit without breaking the bank.

Walking into KTT, I was immediately hit with a hipster vibe. I made the mistake of wearing plaid, which meant that I blended right into the waistban...
Located between Central and Harvard Square, Garden at the Cellar brings a satisfactory variety of meals for reasonable prices. The atmosphere is at a sweet spot, serving fresh, quality and innovative dishes while keeping the feel of a humble and comfortable hangout. Only two years into the tenure of current chef and owner Brandon Axta, it has already become a staple of the restaurant scene in Cambridge, a haven for those seeking fun and creative, yet nurturing food surprises.

The controversial film, made for older audiences, is a fictional biography of a floaty, gentle warplane designer, Jirô Horikoshi, whose genius was employed to design Japanese fighter planes used during World War II, including those used for the bombing of Pearl Harbor. If that is not enough, Jirô is a heavy smoker. Miyazaki illustrates Jirô’s creative process with amazing grace. Jirô’s insights, beautifully depicted as intimate encounters with shapes and forms translated into brilliant designs, are drawn from the unconscious naturally as they emerge from his acute observation of the workings of his waking life.

Miyazaki is no stranger to depicting the fear of flying; his films have evoked the subject before. This time, he creates sublime aerial dream scenarios in which reality and fantasy are interwoven, defying fear, gravity, and scale amidst moving clouds and endless skies. The accompanying sounds of propellers and earthquakes are created by human voices, giving scenes a sense of surrealism.

The story also highlights the unforeseen effects of our actions. Jirô’s mind and heart are solely occupied by airplanes. Concerned with little else, he ignores the destruction that his creations can cause, emphasizing how a creative act can overtake awareness of the reality around us.

This film was a powerful reminder of the importance of understanding the consequences of our work and questioning the sources that enable us to “make our dreams come true.”
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Somewhere on the Search for Meaning... by Letitia Li

The problems with time travel...

Usually when you make a math error you bring shame to the Institute and Tim the Beaver drags you off to Harvard...

...but make a mistake with your time machine and you could be vaporized!

Tell me with a straight face what your department wouldn’t say I’d deserve it for being such a failure.

You are more than a sacrifice to science!

I’m a grad student.

And think of all the technological advances you’d leave behind!

Technological Advances! We’re at MIT, and we don’t have teleportation across campus!

Well, it is a lot easier to complain when you aren’t dying of the plague!

Fix the MIT Weather Machine:

I think you’ll have to wait until 2050.

Are you protesting for Aaron Swartz?

Nope.

Are you protesting for Jimmy Wales?

Naaah.

Are you protesting for inaction at MIT?

Naaah.

Well, what are you protesting?

Petitions are a totally valid form of protest.

Q.E.D. (QUITE EASILY DONE)

INCREASING CAFFEINE CONTENT

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LIFE’S GOOD!

WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH, THE TOUGH DRINK COFFEE

BACK OFF BEFORE I BITE OFF YOUR HEAD

by Jorge Cham

Actually, it’s impossible to prove any hypothesis is absolutely true.

In research, there is always the possibility that new data will contradict your theory.

For example, if I make the statement, “All grad students are lazy,” all I have to do is meet one grad student that isn’t lazy to disprove my theory.

Is that a hypothetical example?

It’s a工作中 hypothesis.
Delaneys found joy in EC community
Housemasters had very few bad experiences in East Campus life

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brought many new experiences. “Still, until you are actually living in a situation, it is difficult to know what it will be like. Fortunately, it turned out to be wonderful.”

Tom and Kate agreed that their favorite part of being Housemasters was interacting with students. “I think we like everything about housemastering that has to do with the students. It is a privilege to share a part of their lives. We are in a position to empower students, to be helpful when and as a group, “stated the Delaneys. “Certainly the saddest experience we’ve had as Housemasters is the loss of community members. That leaves an irreparable hole.”

For the Delaneys, just being members of the residential community was the most fulfilling part of being Housemasters. “Really, just seeing people on a daily basis, chatting with them, sharing their joys and victories as well as their disappointments, being part of the community — that is the most rewarding aspect of housemastering.”

CoStim to move to Novartis team site
Buyout is first cash-out for Partners Healthcare System Fund

CoStim came from a trio of Boston scientists, Vijay Kuchroo, Arlene Sharpe, and Gordon Freeman, working in labs at Harvard Medical School, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, and Boston Children’s Hospital.

Novartis spent $43 million to buy a manufacturing facility for drugs in Morristown, N.J., from Dendreon Corp., just last year

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Coburn said. “Getting technology into the clinic is how it is monetized, “ Coburn said. “Get through venture capital. You need or milestone payments, but not through venture capital.

“This is the first investment to be monetized,” Coburn said. “Getting technology into the clinic is not for the faint of heart from a financial standpoint. This model of very early-stage investment in therapeutic development has been validated. Stay tuned. We expect a lot more.”

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all victims were either bruised or cut, only one had to receive medical treatment for minor injuries.

The first victim is a Harvard postdoctoral fellow in neurology and had received a manufacturing facility for drugs in Morristown, N.J., from Dendreon Corp., just last year.

The suspect proceeded to punch two more men in Harvard Square and attempted to punch Brandon Arms, a chef who works at The Cellar Restaurant. “Brandon was out here and (the suspect) took a swing at him, “ said in an interview with CBS Radio (WBZ). “I didn’t get knocked over or anything. It could have been a lot worse, I suppose. But this is probably the worst weekend I’ve had in a long time, possibly ever.”

The girlfriend of the second victim also conceded, “He just seemed mentally disturbed. He seemed under the influence. He was listening to music really loud and he was just walking around yelling.”

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The perpetrator of this series of disturbing attacks has yet to be identified, and his motive is still unknown to Cambridge police.

—Patricia Dominguez and Anthony Vie
Boston Police have increased watch in East Boston areas
Police have not made any arrests in relation to the string of assaults

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...tor is caught.

"It's just really disturbing to me," said Anna Kondratenok, 31, who lives in East Boston and walks dogs in the neighborhood where the attacks occurred, a neighbor-
hood she usually considers "pretty safe."

On Monday at around noon, she said, as she prepared to walk three big dogs, a man dressed all in black and reeking of alcohol followed her into an alleyway be-
tween two houses and uninvited. At the time, it was uninviting, now, she said, it is terrifying.

"I think it's horrible that this is happening," she said. "I don't know what else to say."

Police have not yet made any arrests in the attacks, but McCarr-
dy said detectives were out all day Tuesday canvassing in East Boston, knocking on doors and looking for surveillance footage. Police cars cruised regularly down Trenton Street, where two of the attacks took place, and residents said officers out walking on foot had stopped to talk to them about what to look out for and how to stay safe.

"These are the kinds of crimes that people are arguably most fearful of in communities: women walking alone, coming home from work, coming home from shop-
ning, and having some preda-
tor attack them randomly," said Thomas Nolan, a former Boston police officer who is chairman of the Department of Criminal Jus-
tice under Mayor Martin J. Walsh. "It causes the erosion of a sense of safety that people need to have in communities."

Nolan said Boston police have handled the attacks well. They informed the community imme-
diately, got detailed descriptions out to the public, broadcast safety tips, and increased patrols. It is a tough call to decide to publicize sexual assaults, he said, because police do not want to create panic or compromise their investigation, but with a good description, the public can help identify the perpetra-
tor quickly and prevent future assaults.

Sexual assault prevention ad-
vocates echoed Nolan's sentiment that notifying the public was the right thing to do, but said preven-
tion requires focusing on the perpe-
trator's actions, not on steps women can take to stay safe.

"What that does is, it treats sexual assaults as inevitable and puts the burden on people who are potential victims to protect them-
theselves," said Meg Bossong, com-
munity engagement manager at the Boston Area Rape Crisis Cen-
ter. "We really do think that sexual assault is preventable."

The suspect in Saturday's as-
sault in the North End was de-
scribed as a white man in his 20s with blue eyes, a medium build, short blond spiked hair, and possi-
able with freckles on his cheeks. He was wearing a dark pea coat, a dark hat, jeans, and trail boots.

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The ISN mission of the MIT Institute for Soldier Nanotechnologies is to help the Army dramatically enhance Soldier protection and survivability through basic research on nanotechnology and in collaboration with Army and industry partners to transition promising results of that basic research into practical capabilities.

* The Army Lab provides the intern's salary, which typically ranges from $2280/month to $2864/month depending on class year. Under certain circumstances the ISN can provide the intern with a supplement of up to $1500 to defray costs of local accommodations and travel.
Men’s is ranked fourth in nation, women’s is second

By Charlotte Brackett

Already in its fourth week, the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) poll released on Wednesday afternoon revealed that both the MIT men’s and women’s indoor track and field teams have moved up in the rankings. Tech’s men, who were ninth last week, are now fourth, while the women’s squad jumped up from third to second.

Sitting behind UW-La Crosse in first, UW-Oshkosh in second, and North Central (Ill.) in third, the MIT men’s team has slowly made its way up the rankings since the start of the season. Sitting sixth in the preseason poll, the Engineers have moved up in the rankings. Tech’s women’s team has been second in the nation in three of the five polls that the organization has released. MIT currently sits behind UW-La Crosse and ahead of UW-Oshkosh, with Wartburg, who held onto first up until this week, in fourth. The highest the Engineers were ranked last season was eighth.

This past weekend, the Cardinal and Gray competed in meets at Boston University and Tufts University, breaking four records in the process. States Lee ’16 ran a 4:45.45 in the 1000m, breaking by just one one-hundredth of a second the MIT record that had remained untouched for more than 20 years. Louise E. van den Heuvel ’14 broke the MIT record and earned a personal record in the 800m when she crossed the line in 2:11.98 while, in the 100m, Christina R. Wicker ’12 took down both the MIT freshman and varsity record with her time of 2.55.37.

Next up for MIT is the New England Division III Championships, which will take place from Friday through Saturday, Feb. 21-22. The men’s team will be hosting the meet for the first time since 2009, while the women’s squad will travel to Springfield College.

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Four fencers represent MIT on Northeastern Fencing Conference All-Star Team

Benjamin Lin ’17 and Giulio R. Guetritni ‘16 were selected for the NFC Men’s All-Star Team this year, while Colbe- lia G. Avery ’17 and Jessica Li ’17 were tabbed as All-Stars for the women’s team. Lin and Avery were both placed on the Sabre First Team, while Guetritni and Li received second team honors in Epee and Foil, respectively. Lin completed two NFC competitions with the best record in the league, compiling 27 wins against 3 losses, while Guetritni finished with a mark of 17-6. On the women’s side, Avery has a 26-5 record this sea- son, with a 17-1 perfor- mance in NFC competition, while Li earned a 29-5 re- cord on the year. The selec- tion is a first for all four fenc- ers, and they hope to see their success continue as MIT attempts to reach the postseason at the New Eng- land Championship on Feb- ruary 22nd.

—Austin Osborne

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