1 in 4 frosh deemed fit for soph. status

Students with many credits from high school weigh benefits of offer

By Amy Wang

This year, 27 percent of the frosh class has been offered early sophomore status, comparable to last year’s 28.4 percent. Out of the 282 eligible students, 128 have accepted their offers so far.

Senior Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education Julie B. Norman sent out early sophomore offers in December to qualified freshmen, many of whom had accumulated college credit in high school. They have until Add Date on March 6 to accept, though most students who accept the offer do so by mid-January. Norman anticipates that another 50 to 60 students will take up the offer before the deadline.

Freshmen who accept early sophomore status may declare a major and receive a faculty advisor within their department. They can also remain “undesignated” and continue to be advised by their freshman advisors.

Diana Dimitrichenko ’18 was motivated to take early sophomore status in order to get closer to the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. “I already knew I wanted to declare course 6-1 and was eager to get in contact with a departmental advisor.”

In addition, freshmen who accept early sophomore status are no longer subject to the 57-unit limit and can take advantage of flexible grading options like “Sophomore Exploratory” and “Junior-Senior P/D/F” a semester earlier than most.

“Since I am already active in student organizations and am also interested in a volunteer UROP, I have not tried to exceed the freshman credit limit, nor have I designated any of my classes as sophomore exploratory,” said Dimitrichenko.

Sarah Styles '18, who recently accepted early sophomore status and declared Course 18, is taking six 12-unit classes. “I took sophomore status mainly to

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New authentication service on Touchstone

MIT’s IS&T has added a new two-factor authentication system to Touchstone that will provide more secure access to important MIT services such as Atlas. With “OneDox,” knowing a person’s username and password will not be enough to log in with Touchstone.

IS&T manager Garry Zacharias made light of the fact that MIT’s online services have

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New England Patriots players (from right) Tim Wright and Rob Gronkowski smile to the fans during Wednesday’s victory parade following their Superbowl win.

Senior House gets a new housemaster

Professor Jay Schell has been named the new housemaster of Senior House, one of MIT’s oldest dormitories. He will replace Agustín Rayo PhD ’00, associate professor in the Department of Linguistics, and Carmen Saracho, a novelist and restaurant critic, who had both served as housemasters since May 2000.

Schell has been a member of the MIT Music and Theater Arts Section faculty since 2001 and is currently director of theater arts. He has received numerous awards for his work, including MIT’s 2008 Edgerton Award for Faculty Achievement, a 2011 Guggenheim Fellowship for Creative Arts, and an OBIE award for best direction, according to the MIT News Office.

As housemaster, Schell will be collaborating closely with Senior House’s Residential Life Area Director, graduate resident tutors, and residents.

According to MIT’s press release, Schell was drawn to the creative atmosphere promoted by the community in Senior House. The dorm is famous for its murals, and its website documents artwork created by residents over the years.

The committee that selected Schell as the new housemaster included Senior House residents Rodrigo Lopez Uniero’98 and Adrianna Rodriguez’16, Simmons Hall housemaster Professor John Essigmann PhD ’76, members of the Division of Student Life Henry Humphreys, Michael Barcelos, and Camille Romney, and several other MIT affiliates.

—Patricia Z. Dominguez

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Friday, Feb. 6, is the degree application deadline for June SB and advanced degrees. Applying after Feb. 6 may result in a $20 late fee.

Friday, Feb. 6, is the last day of the AP0 Book Exchange in the Mezzanine Lounge (W20-307), which runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Quarter 3 PE classes start Monday, Feb. 9.

Students can browse GratRat rings next week from Monday to Wednesday between 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. in the E162 lobby.

The Class of 2017 Ring Premiere is next Friday, Feb. 13 in Kresge Auditorium. Doors open at 7 p.m. The first day of sales is the day after.

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The dangerous values behind the Lewin lecture takeaway
MIT's anti-gender agenda seems precedent, but not the one it talks about
By Thomas Coffee

With luck, the world will follow on the example set by MIT in taking down Walter Lewin's lectures from OCW. In fact, the physics lectures from MIT's OpenCourseWare.

Contrary to the investigators' claims, the takedown will do nothing even to inhibit contact—let alone harassment—between students and Lewin. No one will find him in MIT's directory, and any attempt to search for him will reveal no traces of references to the present scandal. At the same time, Lewin no longer has access to any information about him. So, on OCW, in fact, such records do not even exist. With these channels closed, even to talk to future students, he would have to somehow find them and convince them of his bona fides without them ever looking him up. Conversely, any violation of the old treaty actually brought against him by Flavia Harbi, as reported the Friday before last in Inside Higher Ed. First, she created a Facebook group for students in Walter Lewin's online course. Then, to join the group, Lewin proved his identity (as she sensibly requested) by accessing her private data on edX as the course instructor. Later, after Lewin pursued her to the point of discomfort, "she felt trapped" by the authority figure and the world of internet. Every step in this ultimately sordid affair hinges on Lewin's first line of defense: to remove him from edX alone, and it would not have happened.

By removing his old contact information, OCW makes it harder for anyone who has his contact address to remove them from OCW, perhaps "a stage" rather than like tapes on MIT's shelf. Let's dispel this dangerous analogy: MIT is not merely declining to produce new works, like Bill Cosby's former sponsors. Instead, it's erasing works that it's already sponsored and published (as she sensibly requested) by accessing their association to a disgraced individual. Even though Lewin's alleged wrongdoings pale in comparison to Cosby's, no serious person asks that Cosby's publishers stop selling his best-known works. The Tech hosts its own digital archives on OCW, and it stands to reason that, in the same line of reasoning, it grants this media a "stage" to the former manisters and staff who emblazoned its funds. OpenCourseWare is an archive, not a stage. Even if not cancelling a performance: it's setting fire in the library.

The changes of book burning are not hype. MIT is doing it for the same contemptible reasons that other self-righteous perpetrators always have: to limit certain works' exposure to the populace, to place themselves in a position to enforce its moral judgments. Already, MIT's values are being frighteningly constrained by the outside world. Inside Higher Ed reports matter-of-fact that "MIT has made no commitment to publish anything to the internet"—implying that if it could, it would. While the Tech's recent editorial may deny it, the slope is slippery indeed.

While intellectual destruction erups inevitably when works of art and science enjoy no regard independent of personal veracity about their authors. Indeed, investigator Peter Fisher believes that "the separation of the artist from the art takes some time"—and apparently, that it is his prerogative, and not that of individual viewers, to screen the works of others.

By all public accounts thus far, Lewin violated the standards of MIT's community, and may well deserve to be expelled from it. But his erosionary historical contributions are far more much longer standing, and in the long run, that erosion is far more troubling.

Thomas Coffee is a Ph.D. candidate and an alumus of the Class of 2005.

While MIT sleeps, Night Watch keeps campus safe

Feras Saad

New security policies in undergraduate dormitories have attracted considerable attention over the last year. While controversy has overshadowed the tenure of security contracts in Allston, a more low-profile and less contentious unit, known as Night Watch, manages to operate quietly behind the scenes.

As a team in the Housing Office under the Department of Student Life and Dining, Night Watch manages security between midnight and 8 a.m. at MIT's 19 graduate and undergraduate dormitories during their off-job, however, is not to be night-time nannies who patrol dorms with a flashlight, even engage in friendly chatter with those students living the late-night or early-bird life. Rather, Night Watch guards perform two rounds of patrolling and meticulously inspect residences for safety hazards. They also deal with a host of other issues that may arise in a college dorm environment, such as noise compliants or lockouts, and even engage in friendly chatter with those students living the late-night or early-bird life. Rather, Night Watch guards perform two rounds of patrolling and meticulously inspect residences for safety hazards. They also deal with a host of other issues that may arise in a college dorm environment, such as noise compliants or lockouts, and

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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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**Sudoku II**
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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.

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**Speed Traps**
by Fred Piscop
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10 Bugs from Bavaria
13 Splatter catcher
16 Yearbook section
19 What a collar covers
20 Toughie
22 Back-yard intruder
24 Excess
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28 Hindu ruler
31 Gluten source
32 Fairy-tale bear
33 Negotiation impediments
36 Iron, for instance
38 Breakfast staple
39 Pumice source
40 Win in a walk
41 Metaphorical albatross
42 Took higher
43 Eye shade
44 Auto-racing family name
46 Squegee's purpose
49 Sounds of surprise
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54 Aquarius, for most of February
58 Money supply
60 Well adjunct
62 Mint containers
63 Wind-quintet member
64 Part of some stoves
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5 Running things
6 Benjamin
7 Lid
8 Underwriter's activities
9 Vexing one
10 Roman Holiday scooter
11 Mattress filling of a sort
12 Boring thing, so to speak
15 Mission: Impossible leader
17 Army copter
21 NATO charter member
23 Filmdom's most-portrayed literary character
25 Flute range
26 Prosperous period
27 Have an argument
29 Book after Joel
30 Painter Vermeer
31 Considerably removed
32 Zebra's hair
34 Show astonishment
35 Now wrapped up
36 Dismal
38 Dickens alias
42 Clocks open
44 Creative technique
45 "Nah"
46 Floats gently
47 Parting words
48 Filled with verbal twists
49 Sounds of surprise
50 Poplar tree
51 Dolphin descriptor
53 Where Hemingway wrote The Old Man and the Sea
55 Sound of a trim
56 Standing by
57 Look elated
58 Brooklyn hoopsters
59 Money supply
60 Well adjunct
61 Lower your blades
62 Mint containers
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Why can't I click anywhere?

I don't... Is it possible I can't change my screen resolution to your spec? Is it possible I know...

API GUIDE

Request OR Advisory

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Oh, you're using their Chrome APP, not their Chrome EXTENSION. They're very similar but one handles window creation differently. I hope I can stop saying soon.

A WEBCOMIC

by Randall Munroe

by Erika Tret

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Spending Tap-off-campus: The Good

Spending Tap-off-campus: The Bad

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For the Birds by Sally R. Stein

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20. Wimbledon rankings, for instance
23. Lamb’s mother
24. __ and breakfast inn
26. Tomato-paste holder
29. Well-behaved
31. Angry
34. Walking __ (elated)
35. In a few minutes
36. Diner listing
37. Prepares to go on stage
38. Be jealous of
40. Cow sounds
41. Atlas closeup
42. Poor grade
44. Stitched up
46. Tax expert: Abbr.
47. An hour before 9 Across
48. Lines of automatic-weapon firers
57. Still in effect
58. Britt’s farewell
59. Sky color
60. Weingly frut
61. Frequently
62. __ in the woods (27 Down person)
63. Javelin
64. Out of danger
65. Jacuzzis

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3. Japanese bean curd
4. Acroma
5. When the sun rises
6. Unlawful activity
7. Wander around
8. Home for Adam and Eve
9. Made fun of
10. Polished, as a floor
11. Stare at
12. Beseeched
13. Untidy condition
21. Gets close to
22. Sort of steak
25. Dragged from behind
26. Silly
27. Easily fooled
28. London or Louisville
29. Boarded a bus
30. __ and aahs
31. High-IQ club
32. Halo wearer
33. Cleans off with a rag
35. Blizzard, essentially
36. Coal source
38. “That is to say . . . ”
39. Make broader
40. Web spinner
41. Hereditary
42. Fine dinnerware
43. Hereditary
44. Web spinner
45. Hereditary
46. Fine dinnerware
47. Totally lacking
48. Biggest sports stars, for short
49. Org. for those 50+
50. Hint
51. When planes are due in: Abbr.

For the Birds
New England Patriots’ Super Bowl Victory Parade   By Daniel Mirny

1. **New England Patriots players** (from left) Brandon Bolden, Stevan Ridley, and Shane Vereen respond to fans’ ecstatic cheering during Wednesday’s Super Bowl victory parade.

2. **Patriots cheerleaders celebrate with fans** during the parade for the team’s Super Bowl victory.

3. **Jonathan Kraft, president of the Patriots**, proudly holds the Super Bowl trophy.

4. **Fans clad in Patriots gear** show off their New England pride during Wednesday’s parade.


6. **Fans crane their necks to get a better view** of the approaching Duck Boats carrying the New England Patriots Wednesday morning.

7. **Thousands wait Wednesday morning** for the arrival of the New England Patriots at the parade in honor of their Super Bowl victory.

8. **Historical reenactors dressed in traditional military gear** from Revolutionary New England lead the parade.
Bitter cold followed by more snow

By Costa Christopoulos

An Arctic front brought some of the coldest air of the season to New England last night. Lows in the Boston area dipped below zero. Today, a tightening pressure gradient will create gusty winds, dropping wind chill values to as low as \(-15^\circ\text{F} (-26^\circ\text{C})\). Increasing clouds signal a more active weather pattern this weekend.

The unrelenting train of snowy weather systems is not expected to stop. Three distinct systems will impact New England over the next few days, each contributing more to the towering snow piles. The first arrives tomorrow, bringing overcast skies and about an inch of snow to the area. The second system, which arrives Sunday, will keep skies cloudy and lay down an additional three inches of snow. Finally, a more robust storm will impact the region on Monday and Tuesday, bringing more significant snowfall. It’s too early for specifics at this point, but the message is clear. Winter isn’t ending anytime soon.

Extended Forecast

Today: Increasing cloudiness with a high of 20 °F \((-7^\circ\text{C})\). North winds at 10–15 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy with a low around 15 °F \((-9^\circ\text{C})\). West winds at around 10 mph.

Tomorrow: Overcast with a high of 30 °F \((-1^\circ\text{C})\). West winds at around 10 mph.

Sunday: Overcast with a high in the mid 20s °F \((-4^\circ\text{C})\). Snow likely.

Monday: Overcast with highs reaching the upper 20s °F \((-4^\circ\text{C})\). Snow likely.

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lagged behind others (such as the World of Warcraft game) in terms of dual-factor authentication. "If people are using two-factor authentication to protect their fake money in a video game, shouldn't we be using it to protect our real assets at MIT?" he asked.

According to IS&T's Knowledge Base, community members can take advantage of the optional service in a variety of ways.

Those who use a smartphone can receive a push notification each time they log in, and would be expected to verify that they are attempting to sign in by pressing an "approve" button. Smartphone users can also download a mobile app which will allow them to enter a single-use code each time they log in; the app does not require network connectivity to generate the codes. Users with other telephones can request that they be sent codes each time they log in, through an automated voice call or a text message.

"Those without phones can take advantage of Duo by purchasing a hardware token, such as one that plugs directly into a computer's USB port or one that simulates the smartphone app and generates single-use codes. Enabling two-factor authentication with Duo will make it more difficult to fall victim to phishing scams as um Boston University employees did in December when scammers changed their direct-deposit settings to reroute their paychecks, according to BU's news office."

—William Navarro

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**Spring Rush Schedule**

**Monday 2/9**

Recruitment Dinner 6:00 – 7:00 PM | Meet at APO Office (W20-415)

Come hang out with us, eat free food, and learn about APO!

**Tuesday 2/10**

Volunteer: Prison Books Program 6:00 – 9:30 PM | Meet in E25 Lobby

RSVP at apo@mit.edu

Take a study break and help send books and educational materials to prisoners!

**Wednesday 2/11**

Game Night 7:00 – 8:00 PM | APO Office (W20-415)

Play games and eat snacks with us! Stick around afterwards for our chapter meeting :)

**Thursday 2/12**

Volunteer: Bikes Not Bombs 6:15 – 10:30 PM | Meet in E25 Lobby

RSVP at apo@mit.edu

Test your hands-on skills by taking apart bikes to ship to developing countries! No bike mechanics knowledge necessary.

**Friday 2/13**

Black Morbid 5:00 – 7:00 PM | APO Office (W20-415)

Valentine's Day is upon us, but it's Friday the 13th! Come make cards that aren't too sweet and eat oh-so-sweet dark treats.

**Saturday 2/14**

SMBC: Saturday Morning Blankets and Cinema

12:00 – 3:00 PM | APO Office (W20-415)

Come make blankets to donate to children in hospitals and watch the Lego Movie! No crafts experience required.

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**Kendall Hip, not Square.**

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Fewer freshmen take early sophomore standing

Several students accept offer to exceed freshman credit limit of 57 units per semester

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-I take more courses. I'm not sure if I'll actually end up using sophomore exploratory, but only because I don't think I need it for my current courses."

Jing C. Lin '18, who declared course 6-3, also accepted early sophomore standing to exceed the credit limit. "I'm taking four classes this spring semester. The Linear Algebra Advanced Standing Exam I'm taking at the end of the term will put me over 57 units, which makes it nice to have sophomore standing," he said. (Lin is a writer for The Tech.)

Early sophomores generally perform well academically. According to Norman, "historically, the average spring GPA for early sophomores is 0.2–0.3 points above average for spring first-year students.

Early sophomores are graded on an A-to-F grading scale as opposed to the second-semester freshman ABC/no-record scale for the spring semester. For these reasons, among others, Elizabeth Li '18 chose not to take sophomore standing. "I originally wanted to take sophomore standing because there were four technical classes I really wanted to take, but I didn't want to get behind on HASS classes," she said. "However, I found a 9-unit HASS, so that made it so I didn't have to exceed the credit limit. I also chose not to take sophomore standing because one of the classes I'm taking, I'm actually pretty uncomfortable with, so I want to be able to have that safety net in case something doesn't work out."

In order to be eligible for early sophomore standing, freshmen must have completed a quarter of their SB degrees, or 9 units, by the end of the first semester. They must also have completed or received credit for the major- ity of the General Institutional Requirements and a Communication Intensive subject. Students may obtain credit from prior transfer credit, Advanced Placement exams, International Baccalaureate exams, or ASEs. There is no petition process for early sophomore standing. Credits earned during independent activities period (IAP) are not considered when determining early sophomore standing eligibility. However, freshmen taking full classes that extend into IAP, such as 8.61L and 18.02A, must pass those classes in order to remain eligible.

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