Senior House is last to receive an RLAD
After opposition from residents, new RLAD will not live in dorm

By Alexandra Delmore and Patricia Z. Dominguez

After several years of negotiations between residents and MIT administrators, Senior House has now become the last dormitory to get a Residential Life Area Director. Since the start of the RLAD program in 2012, Senior House residents have had concerns about what the position would mean for their community.

This spring, Senior House conducted an internal survey to gauge how residents felt about getting an RLAD. Among all Senior House residents, 86 percent responded.

On average, students rated the non-residential RLAD position a 2.52 on a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being strongly oppose and 5 being strongly support. They rated the residential (live-in) RLAD position a 1.55 on average.

The role of an RLAD is similar to that of housemasters and GIFs, the main difference is that an RLAD works full-time while other house-team members must balance their roles with academic responsibilities. An RLAD, or AD, is “a professional who is there to support the community 24 hours per day,” Dean of Residential Life and Dining Henry J. Humphrey told The Tech. “An AD is not a cop.”

Residents speak out on FSILG village proposal

Proponents say Boston fraternities should end up in Cambridge, but residents differ

By Sanjana Srivastava

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After shooting just off campus, vice president apologizes for misleading alert

At around 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, a 25-year-old woman was shot at the corner of Main and Portland Streets, sustaining non-life-threatening injuries. After opposition from residents, the main entrance of MIT police were already present in the area for the Cambridge Film Festival.

Delta Phi Epsilon will be holding an information session on Friday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. Come discuss the philanthropic efforts of the new sorority on campus.

Career Week is next week. Registration is still open for the Career Fair on Sept. 25. See career-fair.mit.edu for information about companies that will be on campus.

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Residents are most popular choice in housing lottery for freshmen

Fewer students were able to switch dorms during FYRE this year due to more clustered dormitory preferences

By Drew Bent

Maseeh Hall was the first-choice dorm for 277 students in this year’s freshmen housing lottery, a 92 percent increase from last year. Approximately 60 percent of the Class of 2019 opted for one of three dorms — Maseeh, Baker, or Simmons — as their top choice, according to data released by MIT’s Residential Life & Dining.

Incoming students entered the lottery in April and ranked all the dorms in order of preference. Like last year, roughly two-thirds of the class received their top pick.

In contrast to previous years, however, fewer students were successful in switching dorms after arriving on campus. The First-Year Residence Exchange (FYRE) allows students to enter a second housing lottery after exploring dorms during the week of the start of the year. This year, only 36 percent of those who entered the FYRE lottery ended up switching dorms. But during each of the previous seven years of FYRE and its predecessor program, more than 50 percent of those wanting to move did so successfully.

Matthew Bares, a spokesman for the Division of Student Life, told The Tech that the smaller relocation percentage was simply due to a disproportionate number of students wanting to move into a few residence halls. Maseeh was the most popular choice.

Tuesday afternoon, Building 6 was evacuated due to an ammonia leak on the fourth floor. Both MIT and Cambridge officials responded.

Martin Trust Center for Entrepreneurship hosts annual Demo Day

Fourteen startup teams pitched their ideas to an audience of over 300 people, including investors, families, and friends, at the annual Demo Day hosted by the Martin Trust Center on Sept. 20 last Saturday. Each team had won a prize of $20,000, free equity, based on their progress toward monthly milestones. The focus of this year’s Demo Day was diversity.

MIT Media Lab Director Joi Ito was the guest speaker for the event. He spoke about his experiences as an investor and working at MIT for the past four years. He also talked about the startups in Silicon Valley and some of the common problems they’re currently facing.

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Stephen Yearwood ’18, a brother of the Boston fraternity Sigma Alpha Epsilon, said that fraternities should be able to “maintain whatever traditions they have without being disrupted.” Sigma Alpha Epsilon’s alumni representative was one of the few to support the proposal in a survey.

“(A house) on dorm row, well, that defeats the purpose,” said Micah Nishioka ’15, a member of the Women’s
By Nina M. Lutz

Saturday morning at the Sailing Pavilion dock is a lovely sight in and of itself, but with cloudy weather and twilight lighting, it’s even more serene. The water is silvery and sparkles in the sun while the city skyline is crisp. It really brings out the bright colors of the boats and sails.

This photo was taken on the dock before the sailing team was set to race. The ISO was kept high to preserve the colors while keeping the brightness of the sky in check. The juxtaposition of the colors in the grayish lighting is a very enjoyable one. The main focal point is the bright yellow corner of the sail on the right, which is then countered by the darker colors of boats that are angled to lead your eye down the line of boats and into the distance of the dock. This nautical charm and convenient angle of the boats didn’t need much editing to make this Saturday morning on the dock come to life.

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Senior House residents voiced concerns about the implications of an RLAD for their community

New RLAD office is being constructed in the place of handicapped double on first floor

35 freshmen request move into Maseeh Hall

Freshmen cite location, "social atmosphere" as factors when choosing between dorms.

By the numbers, Maseeh seems to have it all, while MacGregor has students wanting out

Residents of Senior House said they were concerned that the BLAD position is superfluous because they feel that they already have a particularly strong and trusted support network.

"The students here have a very positive relationship with the house team," said Aaron P. Hammond ’17, current treasurer of Senior House, in an interview between three Senior House residents and The Tech.

"The general feeling here is that the GRTs are looking out for your best interests," added Senior House resident James T. Handy ’18.

"An unknown person with an unknown role negotiated under unknown terms suddenly attending house or house team meetings is perceived in itself to be invasive by the community," Hammond said.

"Even beyond that, it would further have a harmfully chilling effect on the relationship between students and GRTs."

Senior House residents say it’s important that members of their house team fit into their community. Most of the GRTs are alumnae of East Campus or Senior House, and one is a former Bedfellow Resident.

When hiring new GRTs last year, residents made sure that candidates were familiar with the Senior House culture. "One of the things we considered was whether they seemed both to be a GRT and to be a GRT in Senior House," Hammond said.

The residents of Senior House said they valued the connection that their house team has with the community and were skeptical that an RLAD, who they also interview but is ultimately selected by the Division of Student Life, could make the same connection. For example, the GRTs that are familiar with Senior House culture are comfortable with its sex-positive attitude and clothing-optional policies.

"Given that Senior House has an especially high population of gender and sexual minorities, the idea of an unknown person suddenly privy to knowledge of residents’ personal lives is incredibly disheartening, especially for those not yet out," said Hammond.

Senior House residents are also concerned that making physical space for an RLAD within the building would require replacing student rooms in a dorm that is already relatively small.

When the first BLADs were hired in 2012, Senior House did not receive one. "In 2012, DSL responded to requests for more community input and postponed the implementation of an AD in Senior House," wrote Chancellor Cynthia A. Barnhart PhD ’86 in an email to The Tech.

"Conversations about an RLAD started under the directorship of the master of Senior House, Professor Agastin Rayo PhD ’04. In May 2014, residents of Senior House were informed as part of the FYRE process that we would receive an AD at the start of the fall 2014 semester, despite their vocal opposition."

However, this did not end up happening because when we did a second search it would have coincided with the search for a new housemaster.

According to Dean Humphreys, administrators "put a hold on the conversations until we got a new housemaster in place." Professor Jay R. Scheib took the position in January and conversations about hiring an AD started that spring.

"Personally, I was blindsided by the intensity of the conflict, and I have a lot of respect for that intensity," Scheib wrote in an email to The Tech.

"Given that the administration was pushing for Senior AD to get an AD but residents still had many qualms, Senior House residents and administrators met in the middle."

"In my meetings with the chancellor, she also assured me that this position would not be made residential if we could prove that we successfully integrated this person into our community while he just had an office here," said Adina C. Rodriquez ’16, president of Senior House.

"A Non-Residential AD was the only position that would even remotely to land in the middle of some very passionate debates. It became the fundamental position," wrote Scheib.

"During the entire spring term, I was actively involved in finding my way into negotiating the terms of a non-residential area director position."

"Also as part of the negotiations, the Senior House community collectively proposed a modified AD position so we could ensure that there would be a better fit for their community," Scheib added.

"Everyone went through and looked at it; it was a really community-based process where we did a second search and refined the job description to something that we thought would be more suitable," said Handy.

Among the proposed changes was a call for stronger qualifications in mental health and counseling.

"Humbly, according to Dean Humphreys, "the Senior House area director search was conducted using a uniform institution job description, which guides all AD searches across campus," meaning that the modified version that Senior House created was not used.

During the hiring process, the Senior House community reviewed three resumes, given to them by the AD, and decided to interview one candidate.

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"The AD role is different for every community," said Dean Humphreys. "I think the AD position for Senior House will evolve into what it will be useful for." Scheib wrote, "For now we are committed to taking steps to ensure that it is a useful position."

But some students remain skeptical.

"I’m still confused as to why exactly an AD space is considered completely necessary, particularly in light of the housing crisis," Rodri¬quez wrote in an email to The Tech. "I think we have enough residential support roles currently, adding in an AD just makes the number of people who can experience Sen¬ior House Space also include a second phase to the current plan" that was made with "full administration support," said Dean Humphreys. "But some students are remain¬ing skeptical that an AD would be a help¬ful role."

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Although it’s called “Brookline Lunch,” the diner-style restaurant is actually in Central Square on a street called Brookline Street. The menu has a huge variety of brunch and breakfast options that are mostly under $8. The last time I visited, I tried the Atlantic Eggs Benedict, which was eggs benedict with salmon instead of Canadian bacon. The distinct sourness of the hollandaise sauce paired well with the salmon, and the poached d egg and toasted English muffin added great texture. To make it even better, it came with a huge helping of home fries and grilled vegetables on the side. Brookline Lunch is the perfect option for cheap, yet delicious, brunch.

Dumpling House (Central Square)
Chinese, $  
Daily: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
950 Massachusetts Avenue  
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Accessible by the 1 bus (or a 30-minute walk), Dumpling House offers tasty alternatives to a Chinese dinner. The menu features authentic Chinese food from soup dumplings to three-cup chicken, and I would recommend visiting the restaurant in a small group to share the food family-style. My favorite dish is the Sliced Fish Szechuan Style, which consists of tender fish pieces soaked in a savory, spicy broth with vegetables. The dumplings are also delicious, each with a juicy filling wrapped in a thick, chewy dough. Be aware, however, that the restaurant usually has long lines on Friday and Saturday nights.

Sonsie (Back Bay)
American, $5  
Daily: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
327 Newbury Street  
Boston, MA 02115

Across the Harvard Bridge on Newbury Street, Sonsie is the perfect restaurant for a refined meal with friends or family. The restaurant’s entire front wall is a set of glass doors that open up to provide open-air seating on nice days. For breakfast, I love Sonsie’s French toast with bananas and caramel sauce on the outside and fluffy on the inside. The French toast itself is totally perfect. The rum bananas and a generous helping of caramel pair deliciously with the toasted bananas always do), and provide the dish with a sweet glaze.

Tarragota Newbury (Back Bay)
Italian, $  
Sun-Wed: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
Thurs-Sat: 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Located in the middle of Newbury Street, Tarragota Newbury is a spot for an elegant, Italian dinner. Delicious options include the Farfalle Farfalle with black truffle and mushroom cream sauce. Thick and rich, the sauce has a buttery flavor, grassy like many Italian creations. Each bite of the sauce pairs well with the generous amounts of cheese and mushrooms. Even the made pasta is cooked al dente, the folds of the farfalle pasta are the perfect amount of cream sauce on each bite.

Beantown Pho & Grill (Back Bay)
Vietnamese, Thai, $  
Sun-Thurs: 11:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
Fri & Sat: 11:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

With a huge menu of Vietnamese and Thai food, Beantown Pho & Grill is a great option for a casual or dinner when shopping around Newbury. The restaurant’s deliciously aromatic, but my favorite dish is the Chiang Mai Noodle, a spicy, citrusy dish with bean sprouts and cilantro. The thick curry sauce adds a hint of flavor to the crispy noodle bowl, reminiscent of a Thai curry with earthy overtones. Especially with the taste of cilantro, the dish is a combination of savory and spicy.

Cafe Artscience (Kendall Square)
American, $5

Located in the middle of Kendall Square, Cafe Artscience is the perfect restaurant for a relaxing lunch. The menu features authentic Chinese food from soup dumplings to three-cup chicken, and I would recommend visiting the restaurant in a small group to share the food family-style. My favorite dish is the Sliced Fish Szechuan Style, which consists of tender fish pieces soaked in a savory, spicy broth with vegetables. The dumplings are also delicious, each with a juicy filling wrapped in a thick, chewy dough. Be aware, however, that the restaurant usually has long lines on Friday and Saturday nights.
Restaurant roundup

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Although the dining hall food at MIT is edible, that’s about the only thing going for it. I’d take a look at these restaurants instead, all of which are within walking distance or a dollar's worth of more than four people.

Mon-Fri: 11 a.m. - 12 a.m.
Sat: 5 p.m. - 12 a.m.
600 E Kendall Street
Cambridge, MA 02142

Hidden away in Kendall Square, Cafe Artscience is a molecular gastronomy restaurant with a polished atmosphere and modern furniture. The menu is split into four courses: cold appetizers, warm appetizers, entrees, and desserts. Out of the entrees, I have only tried the Colorado Lamb Leg, which comes out as a picturesque platter of lamb, house-made sausage, pisachios, boquerones (anchovies), artichokes, and broccoli. An array of flavors surround the lamb, including the strong sauces that are artfully dabbled onto the dish. Although the portions are not large, the creativity behind each dish makes the restaurant worthy of its $80-85 price range.

Area Four (Kendall Square)
American, $5
Mon-Fri: 7 a.m. - 12 a.m.
Sat: 8 a.m. - 12 a.m.
Sun: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
500 Technology Square
Cambridge, MA 02139

Because Area Four is seated right in Technology Square near various MIT (and non-MIT) labs, scientific conversations are unusually common at this restaurant. While the place is known for its pizzas, the brunch options are also delicious and creative. The Hot Mess, for instance, is a skillet with home fries, bacon, sausage, caramelized onions, cheddar, and two sunny side-up eggs topped with scallions and picked banana pepper relish. The pizzas are hit-or-miss, but the Mushroom and Fontina pizza is always a satisfying choice featuring mushroom sauce, pecorino, and gremolata. The restaurant is ideal for group dinners given its proximity to campus, and since pizza is easily shared — just make sure you have a reservation.

Cafe Luna (Central Square)
American, $5
Mon-Fri: 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat-Sun: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Atlantic Eggs Benedict from Brookline Lunch

Zinneken’s (Harvard Square)
Desserts, $5
Mon-Thurs: 8 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Fri-Sat: 8 a.m. - 12 a.m.
Sun: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
1154 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02136

Over in Harvard Square, Zinneken’s is a small Belgian waffle shop that features a simple menu: coffee and waffles. For the waffles, there is a choice of either the Liege waffle (“soft n’ chewy”) or the Brussels waffle (“light n’ crispy”). A variety of toppings like Nutella, bananas, berries, whipped cream, and chocolate can be added onto the waffle. I have only tried the Liege waffle with whipped cream, which is indeed soft and chewy, but still freshly crisp on the edges. The skin of the waffle is caramelized, resulting in a sweet treat that is definitely too sugary for anyone’s first meal of the day. The whipped cream is light, making it a pleasant addition to the waffle is was a bit dense. The waffle was the perfect size for me, though I could imagine that it would be considered small for anyone with a larger appetite. It is slightly overpriced at $5 for such a small waffle, but it’s worth it for those special occasions. Because the shop is so tiny, I would not go with a group of more than four people.
By Mengyaun Sun and Nafisa Syed

The 4th annual Boston Festival of Indie Games (FIG) took place this past Saturday at the MIT John son Athletic Center, where more than 100 independent game developers, studios, artists, and animators gathered to showcase their work. The celebration attracted thousands of visitors who ranged from casual gaming enthusiasts to video game scholars.

Exhibitors came to the Boston FIG in hopes of winning “Figgies,” judging panels awarded five Figgies to tabletop (non-digital) games and seven to digital games for their superior craftsmanship. A few awards are “Most Innovative,” “Stunning Sound,” “Awesome Aesthetic,” and “The Laser Kitten Award” (for best technical quality). An “Audience Choice Award” Figgie is awarded to the most popular digital game and to the most popular non-digital game.

For digital games, the people’s favorite was Ultimate Chicken Horse, a 2D design-your-own-platformer. Players select farm animal characters and take turns building levels of an obstacle course. Once the course is built, players dodge spikes, saws, and other dangerous elements while racing each other. The game’s juxta elements, while racing each other.

Other notable exhibits included the Vive, which is HTC’s unreleased virtual reality headset, Palindrome, a minimalist Bejeweled-esque puzzle app featured in the App Store, and Mushroom II, an innovative puzzle platformer which won multiple accolades, including the PAX East Best in Show in 2014 and the SXSW 2016 Game’s Voice Finalist.

HTC allowed festival participants to experience the Vive in an early preview. We were led into a small, sequenced square composed of white screens and motion-sensing equipment. After being outfitted with headphones, two handheld controllers, we entered virtual reality. We drew in 3D with Google’s TiltBrush, explored the deep sea through WFTV’s Abyss, made soup with Owecosm’s Job Simulator, and got the pink slip from GLaDos, Portal’s sneaky head robot, in Valve’s Aperture.

Established and up-and-coming game companies alike invented their own alternate realities. After three-and-a-half years of development, the four-person team of Untame Studios is aiming to release Mushroom II in October. Users direct a slime blob through a beautifully illustrated, post-apocalyptic world with maze-like levels by erasing and regrowing blob sections while avoiding lava. Luminescent green tendrils bloom through an intricate, industrial environment, and tricky multi-step challenges compel players to think on their feet. To adrenalin, a polished aesthetic complements intuitive gameplay.

Several new and upcoming games like Paper Shadows, Emily is Always and Anamorphine also piqued our interest.

The monochromatic art of Paper Shadows is a beautiful hommage to shadow puppetry. Players navigate the game world with six characters that illuminate the surrounding forests and tunnels. Each character is able to see only certain sections of the path, so players must strategize their movements. The soft, gentle music coupled with the elegant art design made for a dreamlike experience.

Emily is Away, a piece of interactive fiction, puts narrative into the hands of players. Set within a character’s AIM account, the game consists of choosing messages to send to Emily, the player’s best friend. Once a player has selected an option, they type on the keyboard and see the typing pattern of their character — including deletions that may reveal the character’s true thoughts. It explores relationship dynamics in an organic way, relaying the story through a beloved communication platform of the 1990s and early 2000s. The game will be released in October and will be free for download.

Anamorphine is a first-person game documenting the psyche of a man forced to come to terms with his traumatic past. The player traverses tunnels, deserts, and even structures composed of glass bottles, slowly recovering past memories with each new environment. Houses shatter before the player’s eyes, and walls twist and turn to form endless rooms. The detailed animations and textures work in concert with bizarre imagery to give the impression of walking through a Dali or Magritte painting.

Following the game exhibitions, Susan Gold, a game design professor at Northeastern, gave a keynote address in which she emphasized the legitimacy of game design as a creative industry. Initially reluctant to participate in the game design community, she became interested in the field after seeing their potential as an artistic narrative medium. The warmth, innovation, and diversity of game creators inspired her to become a key player in a number of gaming development initiatives such as the Global Game Jam, a worldwide event where participants create a game in 48 hours.

A girl finishes playing a virtual reality game that uses a stationary bike, a fan, and an Oculus Rift to simulate a motorcycle ride at the Boston Festival of Indie Games on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015, in 48 hours.

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On numbers, and other existential crises

By Bethany Cates

Seventeen.
My age when I learned I was going to MIT.

The number of elementary particles in the Standard Model.

The age when Harry Potter became an intellectual beginning. Luckily, Panhel proved me wrong.

Fifteen.
The number of students facing recruitment.

The number I had just met when I sat down at my sit-down dinner.

Six.
The number of elementary particles in the universe.

Seven.
The number of chapters that will be filled with soulful relationships and drunk parties, as well as some of the finest intellectual and technological achievements of the 21st century.

Six.
The number of elementary particles in a helium atom.

Four.
The number of elementary particles in a hydrogen atom.

One.
The number of elementary particles in a photon.

Three.
The number of elementary particles in a graviton.

Zero.
The number of elementary particles in a black hole.

The first year

LIZ: I was able to still take part in the process. I ran over to the Student Center with my hair barely combed. Any chances I had of looking nice that day were over. When I arrived, I made it upstairs to my assigned group, where a temporarily unfilled sorority member began explaining to me that I would be attending five ‘parties’ that day. My stomach started to turn. These parties consisted of talking and would end with a judgement made by both the sorority and myself. It seemed like a terrible mix of speed dating and interviews, both of which I did not have much experience in.

At the end of the day, I felt miserable. The process was overwhelming, I feared that no sorority would mutually select me and I was tired from holding superficial conversations with awkward silences. What brought me back the next day was the fact that there was not much going on on campus, and it was probably a better idea than just staying in my room all day.

Going back turned out to be one of the best decisions I have made in the past few years.

Days 2 and 3 of recruitment were a blast. I got to see the nice, clean, and pretty sorority homes, which looked like great alternatives to dorms. The houses substituted gobs of dust and holes in the wall with beautiful wooden floors and fun, spiky staircases that created a homey feeling, which I found missing from the dorms. More importantly, the conversations I had on those days felt natural. I laughed and talked about everything from the struggle of finding the right clothes to the messiness of eating food. Nothing I said that day felt forced and the number of awkward silences in conversations was close to zero. The sense of community that the upperclassmen always talked about finally started to seem real.

The whole process finally ended on Sunday with bid night. All of the girls who went through recruitment found out their new homes on this night. When I received my envelope, I ran to my assigned room. My mind filled with flashbacks to all of the other times in my life when I had excitedly opened mail: birthdays, college acceptance letters, and packages from my favorite online store. There was one difference this time: I saw what was inside even before I opened it. My sorority letters caught the light and reflected through the envelope. The anxious butterflies in my stomach went away and was replaced with the warm, glozy feeling of joy. A great big smile spread across my face as I officially opened the letter. Afterwards, I ran to wait in line with the other new members. Then, it was my turn to walk in.

It wasn’t what I expected. It was better. I was greeted by a giant hug and the most cheerful screaming of my life. The rest of the night was even better, as I got to meet more of the amazing people. Everyone was ecstatic. People had never met before rushed to give me hugs and gave me a warmer welcome into their sisterhood than some of my own family did. They were even willing to dance in front of me, something I wasn’t ready to do yet. But the idea that I wouldn’t one day be so happy as to dance in front of forty new strangers, along with some of my best friends, made me realize that my new home was where I belonged.

I went to bed that night with a grin on my face. What started out as a scary and long process ended with me joining a phenomenal group of women at MIT. Over the next four years and beyond, I cannot wait to see where my Alpha Chi Omega family will take me.

Michal Shlapentokh-Rothman is a member of the Class of 2020.

Do you like video games? Movies? Talking to famous people? 

*fangirling* 

How illogical

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Residents reflect on quality of FSILGs vs. quality of dorms as MIT considers proposal for village

Hominess and long-term prudence are among arguments raised debating FSILG village

Village, from Page 1

en’s Independent Living Group. “One idea of ILGs in general is hav- ing that home away from home,” Nishigaki said, adding whether she could say the same about a col- lection of FSILGs sharing facilities on campus. Where Baker and the AILG are thinking about efficiency and in- frastructure, students seem to care about one thing: the culture they joined FSILGs for.

Baker’s proposal is an attempt to take advantage of west campus’s state of metamorphosis and stream- line parts of the FSILG system. One of the AILG’s major issues is cleanliness and maintenance of houses. But Alexander Lim ’16, a brother of the Theta Xi fraternity, which is housed in a brownstone in Boston, not only believes that his fraternity’s house is clean, but also that relocating to campus “would bring about one thing: the culture they

joined FSILGs for. That, and that the Phi Beta Epsilon fraternity, which has a recently renovated bridge” and enjoy experiencing MIT’s Greek life, according to Lim. According to the AILG, the fra- ternity system is “weakening” and the number of potential brothers is decreasing. As the fraction of undergradu- ates who are women approaches 50 percent, AILG reports say that fraternities will suffer from a smaller pool of men. Pai of Kappa Sigma said he would “like to see some evidence” of such a trend, noting that using an increased proportion of women to justify an FSILG village would only be vexatious. Sigma Alpha Epsilon’s Yearwood pointed out that his pledge class was especially large, and said that SAE has “potential for growth.” Lim said that the problem isn’t the number of men at all — it’s ex- posure. “As a prefrosh I was temped to go to his fraternity. Today, CPW partici- pants get little more than a ‘Greek grillier,’ a poor representation of Greek life, according to Lim. Even if the pool were smaller, “when you have less and less guys, you lose how strong your culture was,” Lim said. “Bringing them into one area makes it even harder to hold on.” This points to another issue: proximity to campus. The AILG cites an increase in freshmen and par- ents wanting residences closer to campus, and that supervision and reduced liability have become more important to both parents and MIT than distance and independence. “In today’s society, parents exert more influence over their children,” Baker said. “If Mom says, ‘Gee, liv- ing across the river seems kind of far, I think that is going to be a more successful argument with students today than it would be 10 years ago’.” Lim said that MIT shouldn’t en- dorse that type of parenting, and that he enjoyed leaving campus to go to his fraternity. Yearwood admitted that “walk- ing back across the bridge is tough” but said he believes that the pros- perity to other similar groups that the FSILG Village entails would be worse.

FSILG residents said that they did not generally have problems with their neighbors. “SAD fits in well” with Back Bay, Yearwood said, and DeLaittre said that sometimes in particular are never a problem for the surrounding community. But tensions have grown be- tween MIT FSILGs and the city of Boston in recent years, and Baker has highlighted alarming com- plaints from city officials. Henry Humphreys, Dean of Residential Life and Dining and the primary administrator involved with the FSILG Village, said that the proposal will always be presented to FSILGs as a choice. “Would you be interested in being a part of it?” Baker said that it may be a place for new or currently unhoused FSILGs (by far the most interested participants, according to a survey) to est- ablish themselves, and recognized that some FSILGs would be happy in their off-campus location. “For many groups — not all — their better long-term solution is to be on the Cambridge side of the riv- er,” Baker said. In the end, however, both administrators and the AILG present this proposal as opt-in. “As a student,” Baker acknowled- ged, “I would have said no thank you, not interested.”

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On Tuesday, Executive Vice President and Treasurer Israel Ruiz apologized for the confusing alerts. The first alert occurred due to an “accidental engagement” of a message pre-scripted for emergencies. At no point on Sunday was there an active shooter on MIT campus.

—Emma Bingham

Demo, from Page 1

Emma, Woobo, Tekuma, Canary, CurrencyDoc, MorphLab, VSParticle, EveryBone and Human were non-MIT incubated startups that were among the 14 teams that participated along with Spyce, Khethworks, Intensive Genesis DNA, and Sandymount. The teams represented a broad range of fields.

Spyce, a startup launched by mechanical engineering students, aims to replace “fast food” culture with “fresh food” culture. They have designed a fully automated kiosk that delivers fresh, affordable meals, according to the MIT Sloan’s news page.

Khethworks, another MIT-based startup, creates solar-powered irrigation systems for small-acreage farmers and has two pilot sites in East India. Intensive is working to design a more intuitive drone controller that allows the drone operator to simultaneously control the drone and the video camera.

—Aashman Pandey

Yellow flags with names of those lost to suicide wave on Kresge Lawn. The display of 1,100 flags, representing college students lost each year to suicide in the United States, was set up by Active Minds on Sept. 10 and will remain for the week to kick off Suicide Prevention Month.
Sailing season opens as Engineers compete in four different regattas

MIT hosts Toni Deutch Regatta, takes fourth place Saturday

By Max Berkowitz
DAKA STAFF

The MIT sailing team opened its season competing in four different regattas over the weekend. Events began on Saturday with a fourth place finish in the Toni Deutch Regatta, hosted by the Engineers. Other members of the squad finished sixth at both the Harry Anderson Trophy and the Pine Trophy, hosted by Yale University and the United States Coast Guard Academy, respectively. On Sunday, teams finished their respective races, which began the day before, while other Engineers sailed to a sixth and seventh place finish at the one-day FJ Invitational, hosted by Harvard University.

MIT placed fourth overall out of 15 teams competing in the Toni Deutch Regatta, at the Engineers’ home course on the Charles River. In the A Division, Rosalind D. Rosenthal ’16 and Elizabeth Zhang ’16 sailed the Cardinal and Gray to a first place finish. The senior duo registered nine top-three spots over the 15 rotations, including three straight first place finishes from the third to fifth rotations for a total of 66 points. The B Division boat, comprised of Greta M. Furr ’18 and Megan A. McKnitty ’17, took the ninth place position and captured five top-five spots placements.

In the Engineers’ second regatta of the weekend, MIT finished sixth out of 18 squads at the Harry Anderson Trophy. The A Division boat, made up of the trio Alexander M. Stewart ’16, Paige M. Omura ’17 and Jordan N. Ladd ’17 took seventh place. In the B Division, the Engineers placed eighth in a boat comprised of Ty L. Ingram ’18, Cutter J. O’Connell ’18 and Lisa Sukharev-Chiyam ’16.

In a one-day shortened race, the Cardinal and Gray was sixth out of eight teams at the 73rd Pine Trophy held at Coast Guard. The Engineers A Division boat made up of David F. Lawson ’16, Joseph M. Paggi ’16, Christopher J. Ford ’16 and Trevor V. Long ’18 compiled 47 points in their first race of the fall season. The quad began the race strong with a second place finish in the first rotation, but top ranked opponents made the sailing tough, as the Cardinal and Gray placed just behind Roger Williams University who compiled 44 points on the afternoon.

MIT closed out the opening weekend of the 2015-16 season with two entries at the one-day FJ Invitational held just down the road at the Charles River at Harvard. Engineers I, comprised of Scarlett E. Keller ’16, Kyle John Wooduff ’17, Nora K. Yoder ’19 and Sarah J. Casev ’19 took sixth overall. Engineers II, made up of Parvath An. Karallis ’17, Zachary H. Hall ’18, Ann M. Hughes ’19 and Sarah M. Owen ’19 claimed seventh place overall.

The Engineers compete in three regattas upcoming weekend, beginning on Saturday, September 19 and continuing on Sunday the 20th. MIT hosts the Hatch Brown Trophy at 9:00 a.m., while some members of the team will travel to race in the Stu Nelson Trophy hosted by Connecticut College and the Central Series II hosted by Boston College at 9:30 a.m.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Saturday, September 19
Men’s Water Polo vs. Connecticut College
Women’s Soccer vs. VPI
Women’s Volleyball vs. Springfield College
Men’s Water Polo vs. Brown University

Tuesday, September 22
Women’s Soccer vs. Salem State University
Women’s Volleyball vs. Mount Holyoke College

Wednesday, September 23
Men’s Soccer vs. Emmanuel College
# 2015 MIT Fall Career Week Schedule

Schedule is subject to change. Please visit career-fair.mit.edu for updates.

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## Friday, September 25th

**CAREER FAIR**

Meet representatives from over 400 registered companies. Don’t forget your resume! All MIT Undergraduate students, Graduate students, Post Doctoral fellows and recent Alumni welcome.

**Other Events**

- Ford Motor Company Vehicle Display
- SWE Banquet

## Saturday, September 26th

**Career Fair**

**Other Events**

Networking Reception

By Company Invitation only.

At the Career Fair, participating companies will invite a limited number of students to the Networking Reception. This event will facilitate a casual interaction between company representatives and potential candidates. However, it is NOT a substitute to interviews or the respective company’s application process.

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