

Media connect MIT to WikiLeaks probe

But really it looks like some people just answered e-mail

MIT students, alumni, and affiliates have been caught up in the recent brouhaha about disclosure of classified military documents by Private First Class Bradley E. Manning.

The New York Times reported Friday that Army Intelligence investigators were said to be focusing on Manning’s acquaintances in Cambridge, but it appears that investigators were only here around Friday, June 18, and have not focused on those people in some time.

The association with MIT people appears to be grossly overblown, and one 23-year-old recent graduate who was interviewed by Army Intelligence said that the only correspondence he had with Manning was an e-mail discussion on a large MIT mailing list where Danny J. B. Clark asked for advice on security and theft prevention in a storage unit at nearby Metropolitan Storage Warehouse in May. Manning was carbon-copied on the original e-mail and participated in the thread.

The student said that thread was the only communication he had with Manning since an “equal-ly benign” discussion in January.

Clark’s initial e-mail and the entire thread were quite innocuous, and began asking, “Can anyone recommend a hard-to-pick-but-not-insanely-expensive padlock?,” addressing his inquiry to the mailing list and carbon-copied to several MIT individuals and to Manning.

The storage unit had no connection to Manning.

Some of the MIT people appear quite concerned about any association with Manning, especially with the recent suggestion by Representative Mike Rogers (R-Mich.) that Manning deserved the death penalty.

Others who were e-mailed by Manning in the same thread were more blasé. Max Van Kleek ’01 said in an e-mail, “Sadly I have no closer connections to manning => i love being close to controversy but not in it :).”

Van Kleek was not visited by the FBI or Army intelligence, he said, but pointed out he now lives in England.

Christian J. Ternus ’11, who also

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New security cameras for W20

McDermott court gate, 6C, will see more security

By Yuliya Preger
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On July 29, the span of MIT monitored by security cameras broadened to include the sector of W20 (the Student Center) where students await shuttle vans. There are also plans to install cameras at the McDermott Court vehicle entrance between East Campus and Building 66, and also in the Building 6C courtyard.

Thomas W. Komola of the Security and Emergency Management Office said that the W20 camera will prove helpful in tracking illegal dumping of materials at the nearby loading dock. The Campus Activities Complex, which manages the Student Center, requested the camera after noticing trash, including televisions and propane tanks, in a dumpster reserved for single-stream recycling.

According to Komola, the presence of a recording device can serve as a deterrent to future incidents in that area. Thus, the W20 camera doubles as a security resource for students waiting for the shuttle van, though it will not be continuously monitored.

The footage obtained by the cameras will be “kept confidential and only available



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Cameras were installed at the Tech Shuttle stop outside the Student Center on July 29. The cameras were installed to discourage dumping of trash in the nearby dumpster reserved for single-stream recycling.

Locations of cameras installed at MIT known to *The Tech*:

•Parking garage elevators and basement corridors of Building 32	(nonfunctional)
•Building 18, (Chemistry)	30 cameras
•Outside the hazardous waste storage facility in Building 12A	(uncounted)
•Outside E52’s bicycle racks	(uncounted)
•Outside MIT Medical	4 cameras
•Corridors and stairwells of Building 2	4 cameras
•Main corridor of Building 4	1 camera
•Outside W20, by shuttle van waiting area	2 cameras

2007 sodium drop lawsuit against TEPs is dismissed, probably settled

By Jessica Liu
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The Tau Epsilon Phi sodium drop case, a civil suit filed by two river clean-up volunteers against two MIT graduate students and a former undergraduate, has been dismissed.

The court received notice of a settlement this past May, and therefore acted to close the case after 60 days. The case was dismissed without prejudice, meaning the plaintiffs could sue again for the same cause.

In September of 2007, Thomas Soisson and Katherine Soisson, who oversaw construction of the Stata Center,

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Revised campus shuttle routes extend hours and frequency

By Joanna Kao
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Starting next Monday, August 9, the Tech Shuttle schedule and route will change, and the Northwest Shuttle’s route will be replaced by the EZRide Shuttle, which runs from North Station to Cambridgeport by way of Kendall Square.

This change stems from recommendations from the MIT Parking and Transportation department and a graduate thesis written by Aimee K. Beasley ’08 in 2009. According to Lawrence R. Brutti, who runs the MIT Parking and Transportation office, the new plan will allow MIT to increase shuttle frequency and passenger capacity, continue NextBus tracking, and use one less bus for six hours each day, while keeping the cost to MIT identical.

There will continue to be four full-time MIT drivers, with each driver still working the same number of hours, but their working hours will change. The current Northwest Shuttles will become Tech Shuttles.

The EZRide will be adding a new midday schedule that will be similar to the current Northwest

Shuttle, bringing its total to three schedules and routes — morning, midday, and evening. EZRide is run by the Charles River Transportation Management Association.

The morning service, running every 10 minutes, begins at 6:20 a.m. at North Station, arriving at Kendall Square by 6:34 a.m. This begins nearly an hour earlier than the current Northwest Shuttle schedule. Morning service continues through 10:34 a.m. at Kendall Square.

The midday schedule, with shuttles running every 20 minutes, will run from 10:44 a.m. to 3:04 p.m., starting from Kendall Square and ending at Sidney Pacific. It does not go to North Station or Cambridgeport.

The evening schedule runs from 3:04 p.m. to 7:24 p.m. from North Station to Fort Washington Park in Cambridgeport every 10 minutes.

Not all stops on the current Northwest Shuttle will be on the new EZRide Shuttle route. The Kendall Square stop will be in the same location as the current Northwest Shuttle stop — in front of E38

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Dinner@Dorms dead

Confusion about the logistics of the “Dinner at the Dorms” orientation event was resolved this week as Residence Exploration (REX) organizers announced that for the second straight year the event would not be held.

Dinner at the Dorms was the innovation of a REX committee eager to encourage freshmen to explore and meet the residents of dorms outside of the ones they were temped in. The activity offered them the chance to eat dinner in one of the dorms they had ranked in their top three during the housing selection process, especially one they had not been assigned to during REX.

According to Diandra D. Drago ’11, the REX contact for Dinner at the Dorms, the success of REX was judged by the number of freshmen who switched dorms at the end.

By 2007, Dinner at the Dorms had strayed from its original intent of encouraging exploration and become an event where freshmen primarily consorted with residents of their temporary dorms.

Financial concerns contributed to the cancellation of the event last year; the price tag would have been about \$10,000 higher than the previous year. This year, similar financial concerns, difficulty in arranging sufficient early returns, and a departure from the original intent of the event contributed to its cancellation.

Cost would have necessitated the centralization of the event in Johnson or the Stratton Student Center. Had it been centralized, Dinner at the Dorms would not, in fact, have been held in the dorms.

It remains unclear what activity will take its place, if any.

—Yuliya Preger

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Forcing citizens to wear or not wear face veils — which is worse?

Perhaps the most insulting part of the entire affair has been the deliberately misleading and dishonest reasons put forth by supporters of the ban. It is supposed to preserve *laïcité*, a concept roughly equivalent to that of a secular society. But under what absurd definition of secular government is it acceptable to regulate religious expression, indeed that of a specific religion? Yes, the bill does not single out the Islamic face veil. But if it isn't clearly targeted at the estimated 2000 women who wear the full Islamic veil in public, then why the constant harping of politicians like André Gerin, who described the burqa as a "moving prison?" Secularism ought to be about avoiding interference in religious affairs unless it

The danger behind the Tea Party's "Contract from America"

STAFF COLUMNIST

In the beginning, they lacked a set of clear legislative goals. Everyone knew they were opposed to large government and huge deficit spending, but that doesn't sound so different from the standard Republican platform. Now, however, the Tea Party has told America what they want: the "Contract from America."

Even assuming that it is somehow right to focus in on the Islamic veil and not any number of other sexist outfits, religious practices, ad campaigns, and so on, this hardly gives the government the authority to legislate individual expression to such an extent. If a woman chooses to wear an article of clothing, the state has no right to prohibit her from doing so. If someone

But does this contract support the Tea Party's populist, grassroots claims, and does it represent the will of the American people? Let's take a look at the Contract and see how it compares to what most Americans want.

Ryan's Rating: Useless

Under the guise that regulation increases unemployment, raises prices, and weakens the United States' global competitiveness (none of which they can adequately back up), the Tea Party wants to ignore the fact that temperature isn't our only climate problem. Funny how they leave out the part about motivating companies to look for al-

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ternative energy sources and consumers to adopt them. Evidently, the Tea Partiers would perpetuate our addiction to foreign oil and the destruction of the planet through global warming.

Ryan's Ruling: Defer to Al Gore

This idea sounds great when headlines use the word trillion, but whether or not you agree with the Bush and Obama bailouts, there is no denying that without them, this country would be in a depression right now.

Ryan's Ruling: Dangerous

A flat tax would make the poor poorer and the rich richer. Any given percentage of a low-income, impoverished family's income is far more valuable than the same percentage to a family making six figures. To give an example, \$100 could make or break a poor family, but a family earning over \$100K would likely not even notice a miss-

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An article on July 7 about the Anna Tang trial misspelled the given name of the victim's mother. She is Gwen Styke, not Glen Styke.

The same article misidentified the profession of Dr. Eric Brown, the defense's expert witness. He is a psychologist, not a psychiatrist. A psychologist studies the behavior of the mind, but is typically not a medical doctor; a psychiatrist is a medical

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An article on July 7 about MIT's response to the BP oil spill incorrectly stated that MIT President Susan J. Hockfield declined to comment on the situation. Hockfield did not decline to comment, but she did not respond to *The Tech's* inquiry.

A front-page In Short item regarding the Hackers On Planet Earth (HOPE) conference in New York gave the 2008 conference's information for this year's conference. The 2010 conference was *The Next Hope* from July 16–18, <http://thenexthope.org>, not *The Last HOPE* from July 18–20, <http://thelasthope.org>.

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It's the end of the US as we know it

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ing \$100. Mocking the length of the internal revenue code, the Tea Partiers would require that a new tax code be no longer than the US Constitution. Yet this is simply an attempt to spark patriotism and fieriness in those who read the Contract; there is no logical reason why a new tax code should have that many words or fewer.

Ryan's Ruling: Oppressive

5. Restore fiscal responsibility and constitutionally limited government in Washington: Create a Blue Ribbon taskforce that engages in a complete audit of federal agencies and programs, assessing their Constitutionality, and identifying duplication, waste, ineffectiveness, and agencies and programs better left for the states or local authorities, or ripe for wholesale reform or elimination due to our efforts to restore limited government consistent with the US Constitution's meaning.

There are quite a few issues here. Broadly stated, the idea itself is excellent. Indeed, something similar was promised by President Obama during his campaign. However, what the Tea Party thinks should be cut is very different than what most Americans would think. Notice the bit where they identify “programs better left for the states or local authorities.” The Tea Party has advocated eliminating both the Department of Education and the Department of Energy. It is not necessary to go into why either change would be disastrous. In addition, it is the job of the Supreme Court to interpret the Constitution. They have the final word on what the document means, not the Tea Party.

Ryan's Ruling: Cutting Wasteful Spending? Sure. The Rest? End of United States as We Know It

6. End runaway government spending: Impose a statutory cap limiting the annual growth in total federal spending to the sum of the inflation rate plus the percentage of population growth.

Seems to me that this could pose a problem in wartime or in an economic crisis when massive stimulus is required.

Ryan's Ruling: Dangerous

7. Defund, repeal, and replace government-run health care.

They later clarify how they want to replace the current system: free-market health care. Translation: Wall Street-style, pure capitalistic health care. Right, because at this point we all know that deregulation of industries and letting private companies do whatever they want, in-

cluding discriminating based on pre-existing conditions, or denying health care altogether, leads to a fair and equitable health care system that gives those that can't afford it what they need.

Ryan's Ruling: Downright Stupid

8. Pass an “all of the above” energy policy: Authorize the exploration of proven energy and reduce regulatory barriers to all other forms of energy creation.

Translation: Drill, baby, drill. Deregulate the oil industry and drill wherever there's oil. Now that's truly insightful, since we all know how unlikely that is to end in disaster (as long as you don't live along the Gulf of Mexico). Not to mention that such a policy would just accelerate the death of the planet. We should be investing in alternative, clean energy, not more oil and coal.

Ryan's Ruling: Suicidal, on a Planetary and Environmental Scale

Evidently, the Tea Partiers would perpetuate our addiction to foreign oil and the destruction of the planet through global warming.

9. Stop the pork: Place a moratorium on all earmarks until the budget is balanced, and then require a 2/3 majority to pass any earmark.

If Congress ever gets a 2/3 majority on a controversial bill, I will... well... it doesn't really matter what I would do because that will never happen. Witness the gridlock in Congress in recent months, where the filibuster allowed the Republican Party to prevent the extension of unemployment benefits for those who desperately needed them. Some may think "Yay! End to wasteful spending!" While I certainly agree that earmarks need to be brought under control, killing them altogether is not the way to do it. Earmarks are not all evil, despite their portrayal as such. This is how congressmen bring money and projects into the states they were elected from. They can create jobs, build infrastructure, and fund other state and local initiatives — the very state and local initiatives Tea Partiers seem so fond of. If earmarks are eliminated, state funding is starved. And another thing that will never happen is the government having a balanced budget.

Ryan's Ruling: Counterproductive

10. Stop the tax hikes: Permanently repeal all tax hikes, including those to the income, capital gains, and death taxes (the estate tax), currently scheduled to begin in 2011.

It's interesting how so many of these Tea Party goals are written in a way that seems appealing to people precisely because they're written in a way that prevents them from being fully understood. Simply put, this implies extending the Bush tax cuts forever. To sum up what the Bush tax cuts were: tax cuts for the rich, making the wealthy wealthier. While having taxes cut seems great, tax cuts of the magnitude the Tea Party is advocating would starve the federal government (which I'm sure would make the Tea Partiers happy) and increase the gap between rich and poor, accelerating the deterioration of the already vanishing middle class; and with it, the cornerstone of democracy.

Ryan's Rating: Moronic (three cheers from Wall Street)

I hope that I have “refudiated” many of the Tea Party’s dangerous and un-American initiatives. In addition to the points listed above, the Tea Party has also advocated repealing the 17th Amendment (direct election of US Senators), abolishing the Environmental Protection Agency, repealing Wall Street reform, privatizing or “phasing out” Social Security, and ending Medicare as it exists today.

But perhaps the most frightening aspect of this insane movement is that it is catching on among elected officials. Senator Lindsey Graham (R- S.C.), for example, said that he would like to change the 14th Amendment so that people born in the United States do not automatically become citizens. For a group of people that supposedly place such value on the Constitution, they sure are interested in changing and repealing vital parts of it.

Perhaps the Tea Party movement will pass. Perhaps it will gain steam. I don't really know. I do know that if the Tea Party gets what they want, America as we know it today will be over. The Tea Party's vision of a perfect America is one where we can destroy the environment and the rest of the planet, where unregulated corporations and the obscenely rich have all the power, and where the states gain power comparable to what the South had under the Confederation. I agree that the federal government needs to cut back on wasteful programs and spending, but it needs to be done in a responsible manner — a manner that upholds the principles that this country was built on. Be careful how you vote in November.

Getting lost in freshman advising

*Different options are nice, but
improvements are needed*

By Diana Hsieh

As the fall semester approaches and MIT's Class of 2014 arrives, I feel obligated to discuss an issue that affected my experience as a freshman. The Institute can boast of an exemplary faculty, course selection, and student body. However, MIT's freshmen advising program has not been impressive. In contrast to most schools, MIT offers freshmen the ability to choose between group and individual advising. Residence-based Advising (RBA) and Freshmen Seminar Advising (FSA) place students with a group of their peers and MIT faculty members, while Traditional Advising focuses on individual meetings with a specific faculty adviser. Whereas most schools assign hundreds of students to a few specialized counselors, MIT advisers are largely drawn from the normal faculty.

The ability for freshmen to choose the advising method that best fits their preferences is beneficial, but currently that choice is not an easy one for the incoming class to make. While MIT provides information to aid freshmen in their advising decision, mainly through CPW and the advising website, neither source provides information about the potential downsides of the different forms of advising.

... despite looking attractive on paper, Traditional Advising is messy in practice.

After poring through the website information and attending CPW last year, I came to the conclusion that Traditional Advising was much better than RBA or FSA. Except for Next House, RBA bound students to their living group for all of freshman year, and emphasized interaction with one's dorm mates — the people students already interact with on a daily basis. FSA had “homework assignments.” Both represented a commitment, requiring students to attend advising sessions on a scheduled basis. Traditional Advising, on the other hand, provided independence and flexibility; guidelines over requirements. Students could hold individualized advising sessions with a faculty member and interact with upper classmen associate advisers. And with only about ten advisees for every adviser, there was an opportunity for a much more personal experience.

But despite looking attractive on paper, Traditional Advising is messy in practice. Some students can talk to their advisers for hours, while others struggle to get responses to email. Since fewer students are assigned to each adviser, there is a high demand for advisers, while MIT only provides limited required training. This results in a multitude of well-meaning but untrained advisers, all of whom have their own research and teaching obligations.

MIT has essentially sacrificed quality for quantity in an effort to pair fewer students with an adviser. Whether a freshman is assigned a devoted and knowledgeable adviser or a confused and overwhelmed one is out of the student's hands. Freshmen who are paired with a confused adviser are left to seek answers for themselves, floundering in the labyrinth MIT student support network. Since freshmen

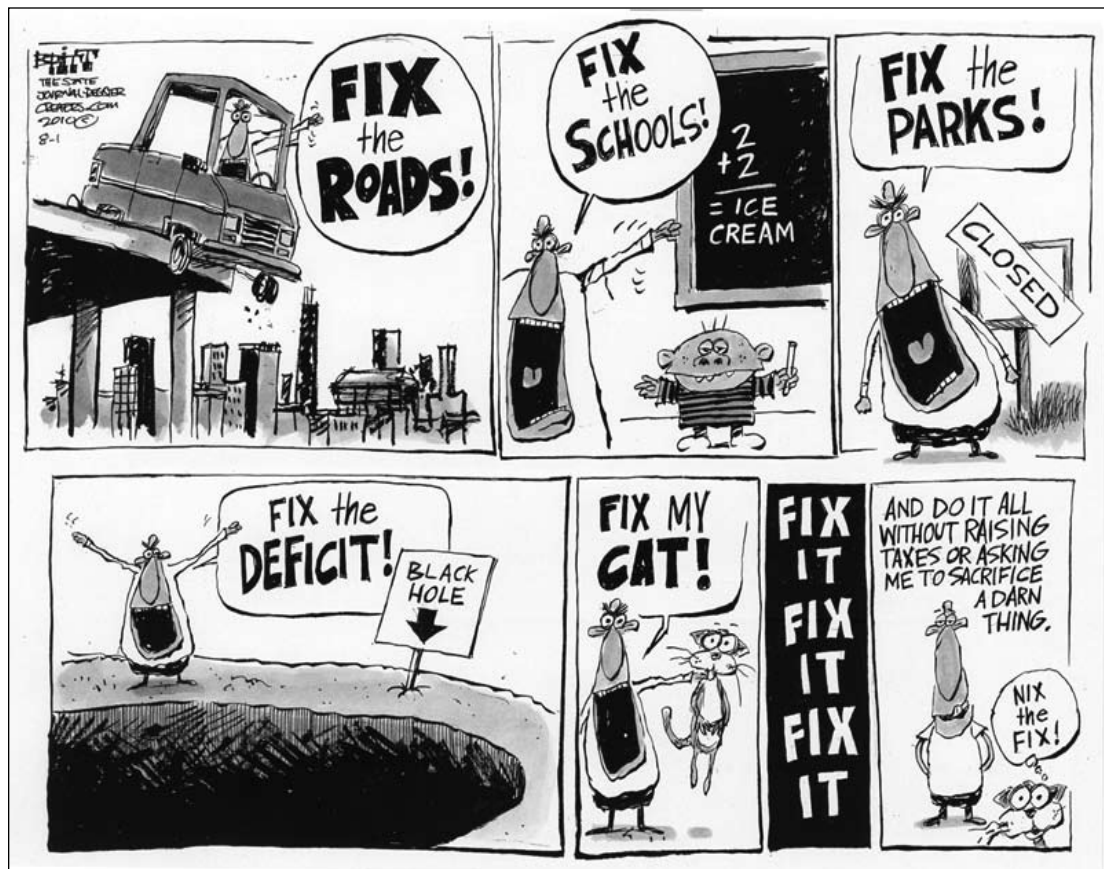
do not know the functions of the different student support offices (and their “trained” adviser does not either), finding an answer at MIT usually involves visits with a freshman adviser, the Registrar’s Office, and the Student Services Center all in one day. This situation can be even more frustrating if a freshman adviser is difficult to contact.

Although the Traditional Advising system results in a highly decentralized advising network for freshmen, MIT should not discard it. Freshmen who are paired with an excellent adviser receive helpful advice on career choices and other life questions. However, freshmen with unhelpful advisers should not have to feel lost in the MIT system. MIT should standardize the traditional advising experience by providing a more comprehensive training program to advisers. It should make the freshmen advising matching process more transparent by allowing freshmen to choose from a list of available advisers, similar to what is done for some in-major advisers. This system would give freshmen more control over their Traditional Advising experience. Freshmen should also be given the chance to provide feedback on their advisers, holding them accountable. Having more committed advisers would minimize the current information tag game, where freshmen make steps at every single MIT office just to find answers to simple questions.

Meanwhile, my classmates in RBA and FSA had very different experiences. In both programs, since advisers can bond with students through both group activities and individualized appointments, they are more likely to organize events for their student group. While I was having trouble finding my traditional adviser, my friend was enjoying lunch with her advising group at an Italian restaurant. While I met my adviser only twice throughout the entire year, my friend had individual meetings with her adviser at least twice a semester. By the end of the year, I would have gladly traded Traditional Advising independence for FSA commitment. After all, FSA develops a strong relationship between advisers and students that is much needed during the transitional freshmen year. Although the required events can get annoying, FSA and RBA provide more opportunities to bond with advisers and fellow advisees than Traditional Advising does; they're certainly worthwhile alternatives.

Essentially, MIT's freshman advising program is commendable. Traditional Advising is available for the students who don't wish to be caught up in group events, while FSA and RBA are available for students who do. However, freshmen who have chosen the wrong advising method are stuck with their decision for the rest of the year. The only advice I offer these students is to develop a thick skin. Visit the Student Services Center often; the people there are almost always extremely helpful. Don't be afraid to walk into random offices at MIT for information. For every slightly intimidating office occupant, there is an equal number of extremely helpful and caring staff. After traveling the length of the infinite corridor several times in search of information, comfort yourself with the fact that you are now attending one of the best colleges in the United States. Congratulations.

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In between dreams and reality



Architecture of the minds

Inception is probably so well received because it has something for everyone. Some may walk away just marveling at the elaborate action sequences; others the innovative cinematography. It may strike a existentialist chord somewhere in the individual and cause much mulling and contemplation afterwards. Recognition must be given to the cast — despite being such a motley crew, they manage to create a startlingly delicious concoction. Dicaprio (*Aviator*, *The Departed*) has been known for taking roles as flawed and angst-ridden characters, attempting to sever himself from the baby-faced teen heartthrob of his youth. This role is no different; his ability to switch seamlessly from the self-assured group leader to a man battling his own past is incredible. His anguish tears at us, the limpid blue eyes set underneath furrowed eyebrows. Marie Cotillard takes her spot as the haunting Mal, Cob's wife, delivering her fatal love with such choking sincerity and eloquence that one cannot help but be ensnared by her. Fans of *500 Days of Summer* will cheer as Joseph Gordon-Levitt brings his boyish charm and deadpan wit to the big screen as Arthur, one of Cob's snarky assistants. While Ellen Page is no Megan Fox, she also gifts her vivacious charm to an otherwise heavy film, playing a brilliant young architect named Ariadne. Ariadne is the greenhorn amongst the team of seasoned veterans; however, her fascination

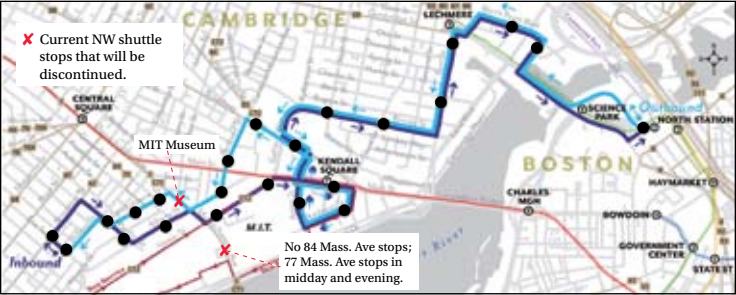
Inception is a brave attempt at exploring the subconscious while also translating an ambitious vision to the mainstream audience. It's confusing, requires attentive minds, careful eyes, and an open heart. As the dream layers (dreams within dreams) stack up higher, a quick bathroom break or trip for popcorn could have dire consequences, leaving you in the dust. Some may complain that Nolan tried too hard, that the nuances of his masterpiece are right on, but some scenes are too contrived, too cliché. Pushing aside all those nitpicky buzzes, the heart of Nolan's film is what makes it so unique and triumphs above its faults.

Caught between dreams and reality

To the living, life feels immediate and difficult to let go of, and it is only faith that allows the devout to keep waiting to enter into the next level. Religion gives us a road map — life is fleeting so wait until you die when you will escape to the world that actually matters. Nowhere is this edict taken more literally than by suicide bombers, believing that they are escaping this life for promises of possessions and a life in the next.

The only semblance of an answer to these troubling questions is Edith Piaf's voice serenading the dream-travelers as they prepare to leave each dream. *Non, je ne regrette rien*, she sings: I have no regrets. Perhaps getting lost in the labyrinth is unimportant if the best effort is expended and each life is lived to its fullest.

Northwest shuttle to be replaced by EZRide



SOURCE: CHARLES RIVER TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION & JOANNA KAO
This map of the morning EZRide shuttle route shows the inbound and outbound directions, stops, and changes from the current Northwest Shuttle route. The violet route (■) is the inbound route towards North Station, and the cyan route (■) is the outbound direction towards Cambridgeport. The route changes slightly in the evening with a stop at 77 Mass Ave and no service down Portland Street. There will no longer be a stop at the MIT Museum.

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near the MIT Press, but on the opposite side of the road from the current EZRide stop. The MIT Museum stop will be discontinued, as will the 84 Massachusetts Avenue stop (the shuttle will instead stop at 77 Massachusetts Avenue on the mid-day and evening routes).

The Tech Shuttle will begin service at an earlier time, starting at 6:15am from Kendall Square. The route modifications include a relocation of the 84 Mass Ave stop to W11 on Amherst Alley. Service to Building 42 on Vassar St. will be discontinued, and the Media Lab stop will be moved to the EZRide route. The Tech Shuttle's Stata Center stop will be the closest to the current Building 42 stop. Even with the route changes, the shuttle will maintain its 20-minute time to go around its loop route.

Al Ahlquist, an MIT shuttle driver for 5 years, said that he didn't know how it would affect the number of people taking the shuttle or

whether it would be a positive or negative change. "We'll have to see once the students get back. Right now it's the summer, and there are only grad students and employees and some summer programs. We'll have to see after Labor Day."

However, he did say that some riders have expressed concerns about the new change. Since EZRide is not run by MIT, "our offices can't communicate with EZRide buses. If people call and complain because either a bus left them or if they left a cell phone on the bus, we can only say 'Call EZRide.'"

Brutti said this would not be a problem.

EZRide driver Juan Paiz hasn't heard any complaints from current EZRide riders. "As long as the customer is happy, we're happy."

To provide a smoother transition, employees from MIT Parking and Transportation and EZRide will be at major stops next week.

For the new EZRide detailed schedule and route maps, visit <http://ezride.info>.

MBTA routes now on NextBus

Tracking information for select MBTA routes is now accessible via NextBus, the web site that shows the current position and predicted arrival times of buses, at <http://nextbus.com>.

MBTA routes near MIT covered by NextBus include the CT1, CT2, CT3, and the No. 1.

NextBus will also show tracking for the EZRide shuttle starting some time in September.

According to Lawrence R. Brutti of MIT Parking and Transportation, GPS trackers with NextBus software will be installed in the EZRide shuttles before the end of August.

However, because it will take a little while for the trackers to "learn the route," tracking will not be fully operational until the end of September. The NextBus system already tracks the existing MIT shuttles.

—Joanna Kao

Sodium drops in Charles are an unsafe tradition

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erine Nardin, volunteers for Charles River Cleanup Boat (a non-profit organization that removes floating debris from the Charles River), suffered chemical and thermal burns after a piece of sodium they retrieved from the Charles exploded. Three paramedics sent to treat them also received chemical burns.

After it became increasingly clear that the East Campus sodium drop was not the source of the sodium, the focus of the investigation shifted to another sodium drop held by Tau Epsilon Phi, an MIT fraternity, several days before this block of sodium was found.

A "sodium drop" involves students throwing a large block of highly reactive sodium metal into

the Charles River. When the sodium contacts the water, a chemical reaction between the elemental sodium and the water creates sodium hydroxide and releases hydrogen gas, which lights on fire — it's like fireworks for your fish.

In April of 2008, Bhaskar Mookerji G confessed to having dropped sodium into the Charles River a few days before the volunteers were injured. Mookerji completed 40 hours of community service and paid about \$5000, closing the criminal case.

A civil case was subsequently filed against Mookerji, Brian Neltner G, and Matthew T. Peddie '09, all brothers of TEP.

Perhaps the most well-known sodium drop is that generally held by East Campus during dormitory rush; however, Tau Epsilon Phi has also dropped sodium and potassium into the Charles during its rush events.

Lawyers for Mookerji, Neltner, Peddie, TEP, and Amrco LLC did not respond to emails sent Tuesday night regarding the settlement.

Manning visited Pika in summer

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was in the To: field of Manning's e-mail, said he was not aware of having been approached by the Army, FBI, or anyone else about Manning.

Clark, who is associated with MIT independent living group Pika, said he was a friend of Manning's.

Manning "is definitely interested in making a positive impact on the world," Clark said. Clark said his opinion was formed prior to Manning's deployment to Iraq.

Manning had visited Clark and Pika last summer, and several students remembered him.

"He seemed very intelligent," said Yan Zhu '11, a Pika resident. "I would not be surprised he would have the technical knowledge," she said, referring to Manning's

Zhu expressed concern that Manning was being treated unfairly in the public eye. "Myself and Danny and the other MIT students that I know are all very supportive of Bradley Manning right now and of his cause," she said.

Clark wrote on his Facebook wall Sunday that "a good approximation of my current feelings regarding the majority of the television news media" was a clip from the finale episode of season four of the television show *Babylon 5*, "Deconstructing of Falling Stars," at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PA-omGPUwBE>.

"One hundred years in B5's future, we have the usual downplaying. But an old and secluded Deleenn makes a final stunning appearance. 'You do not wish to know anything. You wish only to speak. That which you know, you ignore because it is inconvenient. That which you do not know, you invent.'"

The one comment underneath Clark's wall post is from Adrian Lamo, the man who turned in Manning to the authorities.

"OK, differences aside, you get massive points for this reference. ♥," Lamo said.

Adrian Lamo, the hacker

Lamo, a computer hacker who this year traded instant messages with Manning, said in a telephone interview Friday with *The New York Times* that he believed that WikiLeaks was in part directing Manning and providing technical assistance to him in downloading classified information from military computers. Military officials would not confirm Lamo's claim. Julian Assange, the founder of WikiLeaks, did not respond to a *Times* e-mail seeking comment.

Lamo is cooperating with the Army and has a strained relationship with WikiLeaks. Last month, WikiLeaks denounced Lamo along with a Wired News reporter, Kevin Poulsen, who broke the story about Manning's arrest, as "notorious felons, informers and manipulators."

As Lamo characterized it in Friday's interview, Manning "was to a great extent manipulated by WikiLeaks." Lamo, who had exten-

sive e-mail exchanges with Manning before reaching out to the authorities, said he believed that "there is at least one co-conspirator but probably more."

Lamo said that he believed that a person with ties to WikiLeaks had helped Manning set up encryption software that would have allowed him to e-mail small bits of classified data outside the military computer system without detection. According to Lamo, the small bits were meant to attract the notice of Assange.

Lamo acknowledged that he had no direct evidence that Manning had help. He said he based his belief on information from people who knew Manning, not on his contact with the soldier himself. Asked if Manning had ever told him of any WikiLeaks assistance, Lamo replied, "Not explicitly, no."

In one e-mail that Manning sent to Lamo in May, the private described his role with WikiLeaks as "a source, not quite a volunteer."

Student denies assisting Manning

The Boston Globe reported Sunday that a former MIT student met Manning at MIT in January, when the Manning was on leave, and that the student later exchanged "as many as 10" e-mails with Manning about security issues, *The Globe* said.

"I categorically deny that I had any role in helping Manning leak anything," the former student told *The Globe*.

That student told *The Globe* he knows people who work for WikiLeaks, but said never met or communicated with WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange.

Students sympathetic to WikiLeaks

WikiLeaks' idea of free information dissemination appears to resonate with many MIT students, and with the culture of free information that pervades the Institute.

Steve Howland '11, Chairman of The Tech, said in a statement: "A member of The Tech's staff approached us in late 2009 to see how we might best support WikiLeaks and its mission. A mirror server was briefly and informally considered on a Tech mailing list, but when legal concerns were raised the idea was not pursued. The Tech had no direct contact with Manning or any member of WikiLeaks."

Charges against Manning

The Army has charged Manning with disclosing a classified video of a U.S. helicopter attack to WikiLeaks, as well as more than 150,000 classified diplomatic cables. Military officials said Friday that the private was also the main suspect in the disclosure to WikiLeaks of more than 90,000 classified documents about the Afghan war, some of which were published by *The New York Times*, the German magazine *Der Spiegel* and the British newspaper *The Guardian*.

A military official acknowledged Friday that Army investigators were looking into whether Manning physically handed compact discs containing classified information to someone in the United States. Manning, an intelligence analyst who was deployed over the past year in Iraq with the 2nd Brigade of the 10th Mountain Division at a remote base east of Baghdad, visited friends in Boston during a home leave in January.

Investigators believe that he exploited a loophole in Defense Department security to copy thousands of files onto compact discs over a six-month period. In at least one instance, according to people familiar with the inquiry, Manning smuggled highly classified data out of his intelligence unit on a disc made to look like a music CD by Lady Gaga.

Boston focus

One of the civilians interviewed by the Army's criminal division, who asked for anonymity so that his name would not be associated with the inquiry, said Friday that the investigators' questions led him to believe that the Army was concerned that there were classified documents in the Boston area.

"I was under the impression that they believed that perhaps Bradley had used friends in Cambridge as a mechanism for moving documents," he said.

The civilian also said that the Army had offered him "a considerable amount of money if I were to keep my ear to the ground and be an in with them with WikiLeaks." He said that he had turned the Army down and that he had no connection to WikiLeaks. The other civilian also said in an interview Friday that he had no connection to WikiLeaks.

The first civilian said it appeared from the questioning that Army investigators "are trying to build a network among Bradley's friends to infiltrate WikiLeaks."

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates denounced WikiLeaks on Thursday for endangering lives because it included the names and villages of Afghan informants in the documents released. He has asked the FBI to assist in the Army inquiry. Unlike the military, the FBI can prosecute civilians.

For MIT students, it was just about a storage space

Van Kleek suspected he was cc'd on the e-mail thread involving Manning because of his storage unit at the Metropolitan Storage Warehouse.

"It would be VERY HARD getting anything out of my extremely overpacked storage unit," he said. "I've boobytrapped it with a VERY LARGE STUFFED ANIMAL that will promptly fall onto the head of any unsuspecting person who tries to open the unit."

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Soccer fans watch the final game of the 2010 World Cup in the 2nd floor lounge of the Stratton Student Center on July 11. Spain defeated the Netherlands to win the 19th FIFA World Cup.

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