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Newly-appointed Chancellor Cynthia Barnhart PhD '88 meets with members of the MIT community at a welcome reception held on March 4th in Lobby 7. Provost Martin Schmidt PhD '88 also attended the event to celebrate the new leadership with faculty, staff, and students.

SAT changes set to take effect in 2016

Test will not be used differently in Institute's admissions process

By Kath Xu and Leon Lin

NEWS EDITORS

The College Board announced significant changes Wednesday to the SAT test, which is commonly used in college admissions. The news prompted a flurry of discussion across the country as students and educators alike debated the merits of the major redesign.

In an email to *The Tech*, Dean of Admissions Stu Schmill '86 called the changes an improvement, although he also said that MIT was not planning to give the test more weight in its admissions decisions.

The new SAT will first be administered in the spring of 2016.

The exam will return to a 1,600-point format, having used the 2,400-point format since 2005. Incorrect answers will no longer be penalized.

The overhaul of the test places a new emphasis on using evidence from texts in literature, science, history, and social studies, as well as

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Humans of MIT features members of MIT community

Photoblog style inspired by Humans of New York joins other spinoffs at colleges across the country

By Patricia Z. Dominguez

STAFF REPORTER

Inspired by Brandon Stanton's popular photoblog Humans of New York (HONY), Humans of MIT is a blog-style portrait of life at MIT.

Its founders, Emad Taliep '14 and Jenny Wu '14, along with Abra H.

Shen '16, Lawrence M.K. Wong G, and a few other student photographers have been interviewing members of the MIT community, taking their pictures, and featuring their stories on the project's Facebook page, Humans of MIT, since February of this year.

Similar projects have been tak-

ing root in college campuses across the country ever since the popularization of Stanton's original blog. Humans of Rice University, Voices of UPenn, and Humans of Cornell, among others, emulate Stanton's method of sharing narratives and portraits, each project focusing on the populations of their respective

campuses.

There is also a Humans of Harvard page, but it is roughly matched in Facebook likes by the lightly satirical Squirrels of Harvard, which features photos of Harvard Yard's squirrels accompanied by contrived HONY-esque witticisms.

According to the founders, the

motivation behind establishing Humans of MIT has been to showcase the uniqueness of the individuals found on MIT's campus, including students, faculty members, administrators, and staff. They cited their interest in the ongoing lives and

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77 crosswalk sees timing adjustment

July tweaks reduce congestion during detour, slow down pedestrians

By William Navarre

STAFF REPORTER

Urban Studies and Planning lecturer Ezra H. Glenn felt like he was waiting longer this year to cross the street at 77 Massachusetts Avenue, so he emailed Cambridge's planning office "at the risk of sounding like a crank" and found that, indeed, ten seconds had been added to the length of the green light for vehicles.

"This intersection is programmed for 30 seconds [pedestrian] and 70 seconds vehicle in the rush hours," Jeffrey R. Parenti, principal traffic engineer for the city of Cambridge, wrote in an email to Glenn. He says that he increased the vehicle time from 60 seconds back in July "to account for the additional traffic from the [Long-

fellow] Bridge detour."

According to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's website, the detour around the bridge will be in effect throughout the three-and-a-half-year Longfellow Bridge Rehabilitation Project, which closes the bridge to all northbound automobile traffic from Boston to Cambridge, according to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's website. The renovation project started last summer.

In an interview with *The Tech*, Parenti said that Mass. Ave. has experienced a predicted increase in traffic since the detour began and that the traffic lights were adjusted as far north as Sidney Street as part of the detour. He said that the signals will likely revert back to their 90-second cycles once the Longfellow Bridge repairs

are completed.

In addition, Parenti pointed out that the extra traffic makes it especially important for the 77 Mass. Ave. signals to sync with those at the Memorial Drive intersection, which runs on a 100-second cycle and is operated by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation rather than the city of Cambridge.

"The advantage is that if you're traveling [north, the direction of the detour,] along the Mass. Ave. corridor, you get coordinated greens," Parenti said.

For pedestrians, ten more seconds of waiting to cross the street may not seem like much in theory, but it seems to make a difference in practice, at

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IN SHORT

Come to the Wellesley College Blue Notes' concert next Saturday, March 15th at 7 p.m. and help support the Collier Memorial Fund! The concert will be held in Wellesley's Jewett Center. More info on the group can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/wcbluenotes>, and any questions can be directed to ekapnick@wellesley.edu.

The EECS SuperUROP program is holding two information sessions next week. The first will be held on

Monday, March 10 from 7 to 8 p.m. in 34-401B, while the second will be on Wednesday, March 12 from 4 to 5 p.m. in 34-401A. Students should RSVP by today at <http://www.eecs.mit.edu/superurop-openhouse-rsvp>.

Quarter 4 PE classes start Wednesday, April 2nd. Registration for PE classes ends Wednesday, March 12th at 1 p.m.

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LANDON Y. CARTER—THE TECH

Hackers turned The Alchemist and other parts of campus purple, and decorated Lobby 7 with purple ribbons. Like similar displays in previous years, the hack precedes Relay for Life, a major fundraising event for the American Cancer Society.

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Crimea approves secession vote as tensions rise

By David M. Herszenhorn, Michael R. Gordon, and Alissa J. Rubin

THE NEW YORK TIMES

SIMFEROPOL, Ukraine — The volatile confrontation over the future of Ukraine took another tense turn Thursday as Russian allies here in Crimea sought annexation by Moscow and the United States imposed its first sanctions on Russian officials involved in the military occupation of the strategic peninsula.

While diplomats raced from meeting to meeting in an effort to end the standoff, European leaders signaled they may join U.S. sanctions and Moscow threatened counter-measures as an already jittery situation was made edgier by the opening of new Russian military drills.

The pro-Russian regional Parliament in Crimea crossed another red line set by the United States and Europe by voting to hold a referendum on whether to secede from Ukraine and become part of Russia. It scheduled the vote for March 16, hoping to win popular approval for the Russian military seizure of the region. Au-

thorities in the Ukrainian capital of Kiev, backed by the U.S. and Europe, denounced the move.

Hours after issuing his first punitive actions against specific Russians, President Barack Obama reached out to President Vladimir V. Putin in an hourlong telephone call emphasizing a diplomatic settlement. Obama urged Putin to authorize direct talks with Ukraine's new pro-Western government, permit the entry of international monitors, and return his forces here to their bases, according to officials at the White House.

"Any discussion about the future of Ukraine must include the legitimate government of Ukraine," Obama said in his only public remarks on the crisis Thursday. "In 2014, we are well beyond the days when borders can be redrawn over the heads of democratic leaders."

European Union leaders issued a statement in Brussels calling an annexation referendum "contrary to the Ukrainian Constitution and therefore illegal."

The sanctions Obama approved Thursday imposed visa bans on officials and other individuals deemed

responsible for undermining Ukrainian sovereignty and territorial integrity. The administration would not disclose the names or number of people penalized, but a senior official said privately that it would affect about a dozen people, mostly Russians but some Ukrainians.

Moscow, however, gave no indication of backing down, suggesting that it would reciprocate with measures seizing U.S. property in Russia.

"The U.S. has the right, and we have the right to respond to it," Vladimir Lukin, a Russian envoy who has worked on the Ukraine crisis, told Interfax the Russian news agency. "But all that is, of course, not making me happy."

The EU took a step toward more serious measures by suspending talks with Moscow on a wide ranging political-economic pact and on liberalizing visa requirements to make it easier for Russians to travel to Europe. European leaders laid out a three-stage process that would next move to travel bans, asset seizures, and the cancellation of a planned EU-Russia summit and eventually to broader economic measures.

Abortion law pushes Texas clinics to close doors

By Manny Fernandez

THE NEW YORK TIMES

McALLEN, Texas — Shortly before a candlelight vigil on the sidewalk outside, employees of the last abortion clinic in the Rio Grande Valley in South Texas shut the doors Thursday evening, making legal abortion unavailable in the poorest part of the state in the wake of tough new restrictions passed last year by the Texas Legislature.

The closings Thursday of two clinics operated by Whole Woman's Health — the one here in McAllen and another in the East Texas city of Beaumont — are part of a wave of clinic closings brought on by the new law.

There were 44 facilities that performed abortions in Texas in 2011, abortion providers said. After the two closings Thursday, there are now 24, they said. When the law is fully implemented in September, that number is expected

to drop to six.

"It's heartbreaking for us," said Amy Hagstrom Miller, the chief executive of Whole Woman's Health, which has challenged provisions of the law in court. "It's been a very difficult decision. I tried everything I can. I just can't keep the doors open."

Anti-abortion groups said some of the reasons for the clinic closings were "deplorable conditions," violations of state safety regulations and high staff turnover, accusations the operators denied. Still, abortion opponents expressed satisfaction that the two clinics, which together treated nearly 3,000 patients annually, were shutting their doors.

"We are pleased that women will never again receive substandard care from either of these abortion facilities," said Joe Pojman, executive director of Texas Alliance for Life.

Abortion was a heated political issue last year in Texas, when

Republican lawmakers, backed by Gov. Rick Perry, passed some of the toughest restrictions in the country, despite a marathon filibuster that turned state Sen. Wendy Davis into a national political figure. The politics have since been toned down.

Davis did not attend the clinic closings Thursday and has not emphasized the issue in her campaign for governor.

But the real-world impact has played out in the months since the law passed.

In McAllen, the shuttering of the city's only abortion clinic has increased the costs, the time and the travel distance for women seeking abortions. Women have been making a roughly four-hour, 240-mile trip to San Antonio or a five-hour, 310-mile trip to Austin to get an abortion. There had been two clinics that performed abortions in the Rio Grande Valley, but by the end of the day Thursday there were none.

Decades after racial killing, inquiry shows police spied on victim's parents

By Stephen Castle

THE NEW YORK TIMES

LONDON — More than 20 years after the murder of a young black man became a symbol of Britain's troubled race relations, an inquiry published Thursday disclosed that undercover officers spied on the victim's parents as they campaigned for a thorough investigation into their son's killing.

Among a series of findings described by Home Secretary Theresa May as "deeply troubling," the report also concluded that there were reasonable grounds to believe that a detective on the team investigating the murder of the young man, Stephen Lawrence, had a corrupt relationship with the father of a suspect.

The report said evidence of possible police corruption was concealed and documents were shredded, leaving much unclear about a deeply flawed investigation into

one of the country's most notorious racially motivated crimes.

Lawrence was stabbed to death by a group of white youths as he waited at a bus stop in southeast London in 1993. It was not until 2012 that two men were convicted of his murder.

A previous investigation accused the Metropolitan Police of "institutional racism" in the case. The victim's parents, Doreen and Neville Lawrence, received widespread praise for their persistence and dignity as they campaigned to see their son's killers jailed. Last year, Doreen Lawrence was appointed to the House of Lords.

However, in the aftermath of her son's murder while she was pressing for a thorough investigation, she was the object of surveillance by an undercover officer, known as N81, from a unit called the Special Demonstration Squad. The report said that N81 was, at the time, a "spy in the Lawrence family camp."

"Information reported back to the SDS as a result of that deployment included personal details about Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence," the report said. "It included discussion of the progress, reasons, and details of the decisions made by the Lawrence family connected to the inquiry."

The document also highlights suspicions about a relationship between one of the original investigating officers, Detective Sgt. John Davidson, and the father of one of the murder suspects.

The report says there is "evidence providing reasonable grounds for suspecting" that Davidson acted corruptly. Failure to mention those suspicions to a subsequent inquiry was a "significant failure" by the police, the report added.

The inquiry found no grounds to suspect the conduct of other officers involved in the initial investigations.

Two Marines disciplined after deadly blast at Camp Pendleton

LOS ANGELES — An explosion during a training exercise that killed four Marines at Camp Pendleton last year was most likely caused by a dropped or kicked grenade, and two Marines have been relieved of duty as a result, military officials announced Thursday.

The accident occurred while Marines were removing unexploded ordnance from an artillery range Nov. 13.

Jeffrey Nyhart, a spokesman for Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, outside San Diego, said ordnance collection had finished for the day, and Marines were preparing to safely explode the rounds they had collected when the accident happened.

An investigation concluded that a grenade was most likely dropped or kicked. About 350 nearby rounds, which the Marines were preparing to safely explode, blew up.

The captain and master sergeant who were in charge of the ordnance disposal training were relieved of their duties Tuesday, because of a "loss of confidence in their ability," and a "lack of adherence to established norms," Nyhart said.

"The exact cause is indeterminate, because the deceased Marines were really the only individuals who were directly observing what's going on in that area," Nyhart said.

The blast killed Staff Sgt. Mathew R. Marsh, 28, of Long Beach, Calif.; Gunnery Sgt. Gregory J. Mullins, 31, of Bayou L'Ourse, La.; Sgt. Miguel Ortiz, 27, of Vista, Calif.; and Staff Sgt. Eric W. Summers, 32, of Poplar Bluff, Mo. All four were ordnance disposal specialists who had served in Iraq or Afghanistan.

In the wake of the accident, Brig. Gen. John W. Bullard, commanding general at Camp Pendleton, ordered a review of explosive ordnance disposal training at Camp Pendleton and other Marine bases.

The Marines are required to conduct proficiency training on ordnance disposal at least once a year. The base's Zulu Impact Area, where the accident occurred, had not been cleared of unexploded ordnance since 2007, Nyhart said. More than 3,000 rounds of unexploded ordnance were collected from the range before the explosion.

"Many of the training evolutions we conduct are inherently dangerous, especially when dealing with explosives and munitions," Bullard said in a statement. "We are deeply saddened by the tragic loss of four Marines."

—Ian Lovett, The New York Times

Two senior Citigroup executives are retiring

Two senior executives are retiring from Citigroup, the company said Thursday, leading to changes at the top of the bank's international and consumer banking operations.

Gene McQuade will retire next month as chief executive of Citibank, the entity that holds 70 percent of the company's assets and runs its vast international businesses. McQuade, who took over the helm of Citibank during the financial crisis, was a crucial link to regulators, the bank said.

Citibank's chief operating officer, Barbara Desoer, will succeed McQuade. Desoer joined Citigroup last year, after retiring as head of Bank of America's home loans division.

In a memo to employees Thursday, Citigroup's chief executive, Michael L. Corbat, said McQuade had been working with the bank over the past year to come up with a successor. McQuade has also been nominated to Citigroup's board.

The other big departure is Cece Stewart, who runs Citigroup's consumer and commercial banking operations in the United States. Stewart, who came to Citigroup from Morgan Stanley in 2011, is retiring at the end of next month "to focus her energy on her personal passions and service on several boards," Corbat said in the memo.

Stewart will be replaced Jane Fraser, the head of the bank's mortgage unit. Fraser will have responsibility for retail banking, small business, wealth management and commercial banking.

—Michael Corkery, The New York Times

Chinese workers at IBM factory on strike amid company sale

HONG KONG — More than 1,000 workers have gone on strike this week at an IBM factory in southeastern China in the latest sign of labor activism as companies' acute shortage of blue-collar workers makes employees increasingly willing to take to the streets.

IBM is selling Lenovo its x86 computer server business, which includes the factory in the southeastern city of Shenzhen, where the strike is unfolding. Lenovo agreed in January to pay \$2.3 billion for the business in a transaction that is still subject to regulatory approval.

A video posted on Chinese social media shows hundreds of workers in blue factory smocks standing Tuesday in front of an IBM building in Shenzhen, a sprawling electronics industry hub adjacent to Hong Kong with more than 10 million permanent residents and migrant workers.

"Workers are not a commodity," read one homemade banner; another said, "Give us back our respect."

IBM said in a news release that it hoped workers for the wholly owned subsidiary being sold, International Systems Technology Co. in Shenzhen, would be willing to continue working for Lenovo but that it would offer them compensation if they did not accept the new employer.

"Employees currently involved in x86 operations in Shenzhen have a personal choice of remaining with I.S.T.C. under terms and conditions comparable in aggregate to what they currently are receiving, or they can voluntarily choose what we believe is an equitable severance package and resign from I.S.T.C.," the IBM statement said.

Strikes are especially common in China when factories are sold to new owners, a result of fears of layoffs among workers.

Geoffrey Crothall, the communications director at the China Labor Bulletin, a nonprofit group in Hong Kong that advocates for independent collective bargaining and other legal protections for workers in mainland China, said that the latest strike was reminiscent of one by thousands of Nokia workers in November in Dongguan, next to Shenzhen. In that case, Nokia shareholders had approved the sale of their employer, Nokia's handset division, to Microsoft.

—Keith Bradsher, The New York Times

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Student body, UA, and administration can all do better

After Bexley Hall closed last May, members of the dorm united to express a desire for students to have a meaningful voice throughout any remaining developments related to the dorm. Unfortunately, now, in Spring 2014, far too much time has passed without engaged student discourse on the future of the Bexley space. This void highlights a failure on the part of the administration, student leaders, and the entire student body to foster an open, proactive dialogue. Besides simply acknowledging this failure, let's recognize the Undergraduate Association (UA) elections as a chance to remedy it.

According to an article in the Feb. 28 issue of *The Tech*, despite the inclusion of students on a committee meant to provide counsel on decisions regarding Bexley's fate, undergraduate members on the advisory group felt they had been effectively shut out of the decision-making process.

More specifically, students in the advisory group were charged with several tasks, including "recommending criteria for the design and programming of a possible re-placement and advising the Institute on appropriate next steps."

But although other issues regarding Bexley were discussed openly with students, according to the advisory group, this specific issue was never discussed, nor was the advisory group "consulted on the recommendation made by facilities to demolish the dorm." The meetings only discussed "structural issues," and the final decision was made "outside the group" by Dean Constantino Colombo, then-Chancellor Eric Grimson PhD '80, and others according to Kristjan E. Kaseniit '14.

Furthermore, an email from Dean Colombo, who chaired the Bexley Advisory Group, was cited in the article stating, “[t]he recommendation to demolish the building was made to the Institute’s senior leadership based on information from Facilities’ extensive investigations of the building.”

Student impact must be measured by more than just how many students sit on Institute committees.

Now that it appears that this decision has been reached without substantial student input, it is even more crucial that we as a student body ensure our role in future decisions. Here I must point out recent efforts on the part of the UA Committee on Student-Administrator Collaboration. The committee, comprised of representatives of Dormitory Council (DormCon), the UA, Interfraternity Council (IFC), and Panhellenic Association (Panhel), is currently

drafting a report on the state of student-administration collaboration. Hopefully it produces actionable recommendations.

Despite this potential improvement, this issue highlights recurring problems in the way the voice of the undergraduate student body is expressed, harnessed, and

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received by MIT student leaders and the administration. Student impact must be measured by more than just how many students sit on Institute committees. And unfortunately, the recent Bexley development is one of many instances where students were not satisfied with the strength of their collective voice.

I offer a critique of both the administration and student leaders to elucidate failures in the campus policy process. In some cases, the MIT administration has failed to allow meaningful contributions from students. In others, student leaders have failed to properly engage the student body, or an apathetic student body has failed to hold these leaders accountable.

Kasenit's recounting of the press release accidentally shared with the Bexley Advisory Group provides compelling evidence that undergraduates are not intimately involved in the campus policy process, due to some degree of exclusion on the part of the administration. Whether or not this exclusion was intentional is hard to know. But considering the administration had already decided to pursue the demolition Bexley without consulting the student members of the group, clearly the students on this committee only had nominal influence.

Another hindrance of meaningful student contribution was the confidentiality of committees. Students were often told not to discuss items from committee meetings with other students. How can student leaders on these committees form representative opinions without interaction with the rest of the student body? In an environment of supposedly ubiquitous collaboration, representatives on committees are deprived of the true potential of feedback from others. As a result of this lack of transparency and accountability, it is hard to expect students to have a real impact on decisions.

We should also question why little initiative was taken to address these students' apparent lack of influence. Perhaps Bexley's longstanding estrangement from the UA and DormCon tied the hands of student leaders. But even if this was the case, the UA is our most established form of student representation, and it should have been able to do more on behalf of its constituents.

But ultimately, we can't simply blame the administration and student leaders. A large portion of MIT students remain apathetic to the internal politics of the Institute, even those that affect them, and therefore deprive the student body as a whole of meaningful impact on MIT's poli-

cies. We need student leaders to continue to prioritize the quality of undergraduate contributions on these committees, but we cannot expect them to do so in a climate of student apathy. Our leaders are only effective if we stand behind them and hold them accountable.

Past student leaders have not done enough to actually engage the student body throughout the school year. Although the UA has made attempts like speeches, newsletters, and study breaks, it has a spot-ty record of effectively mobilizing campus opinion at crucial moments. Widespread apathy is both a contributor to, and product of, ineffective leadership.

In one recent divergence from this pattern of poor responsiveness, I applaud UAA President Sidhanth P. Rao '14 and Vice President Devin T. Cornish '14 and others who rallied against the proposed 1 a.m. rule for Campus Preview Weekend (CPW) when traditional communication avenues failed. Widespread campus engagement led directly to policy changes by the Institute to address student concerns. I hope they continue to push to solve any remaining issues since the most recent compromise on the matter.

But the failure of the Bexley Advisory Group to be supported by student leaders and the rest of the undergraduate population is still a strong counterexample to the CPW success. The public disclosure of the Bexley group's lack of influence by way of an article in *The Tech* four months later indicates weak leadership around a noticeably controversial topic.

Looking ahead, these events should inform the way students evaluate the candidacies of potential student leaders. The next UA President and Vice President will have a chance to work with administrators who are still relatively new to their current roles, including President L. Rafael Reif, Chancellor Cynthia Barnhart PhD '88, and Provost Martin Schmidt PhD '88. As we choose our next student leaders, let's make sure to consider not just candidates' experience and personalities, but also their specific plans to re-engage the student body and ensure a vibrant and influential undergraduate voice.

John W. Halloran Jr. is a member of the Class of 2015.

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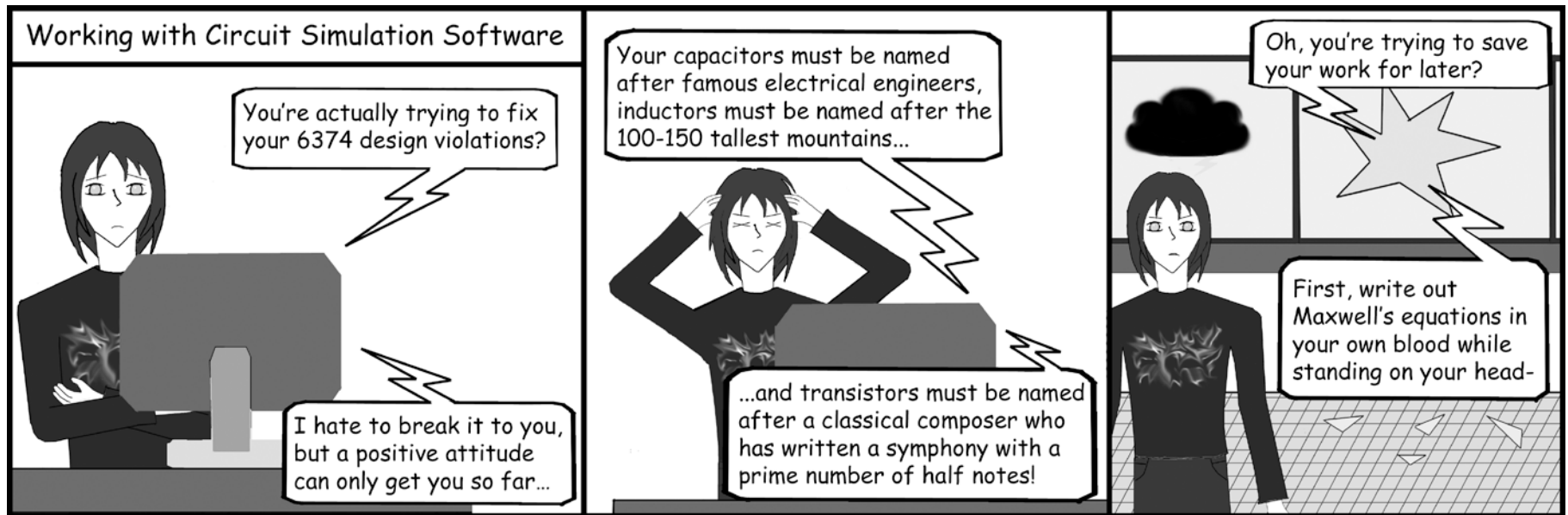
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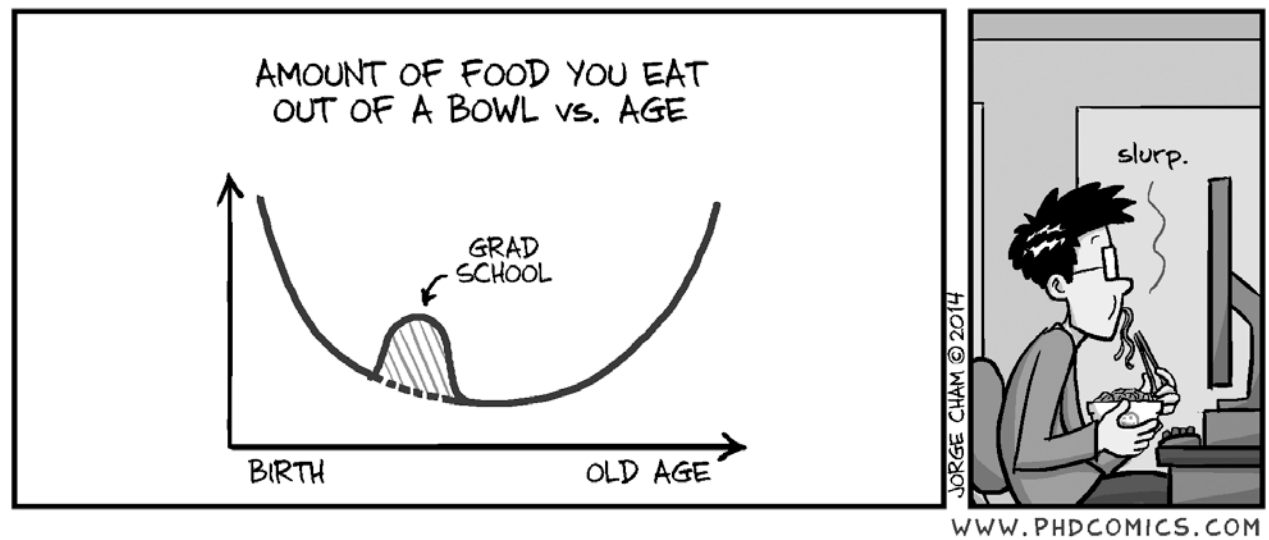
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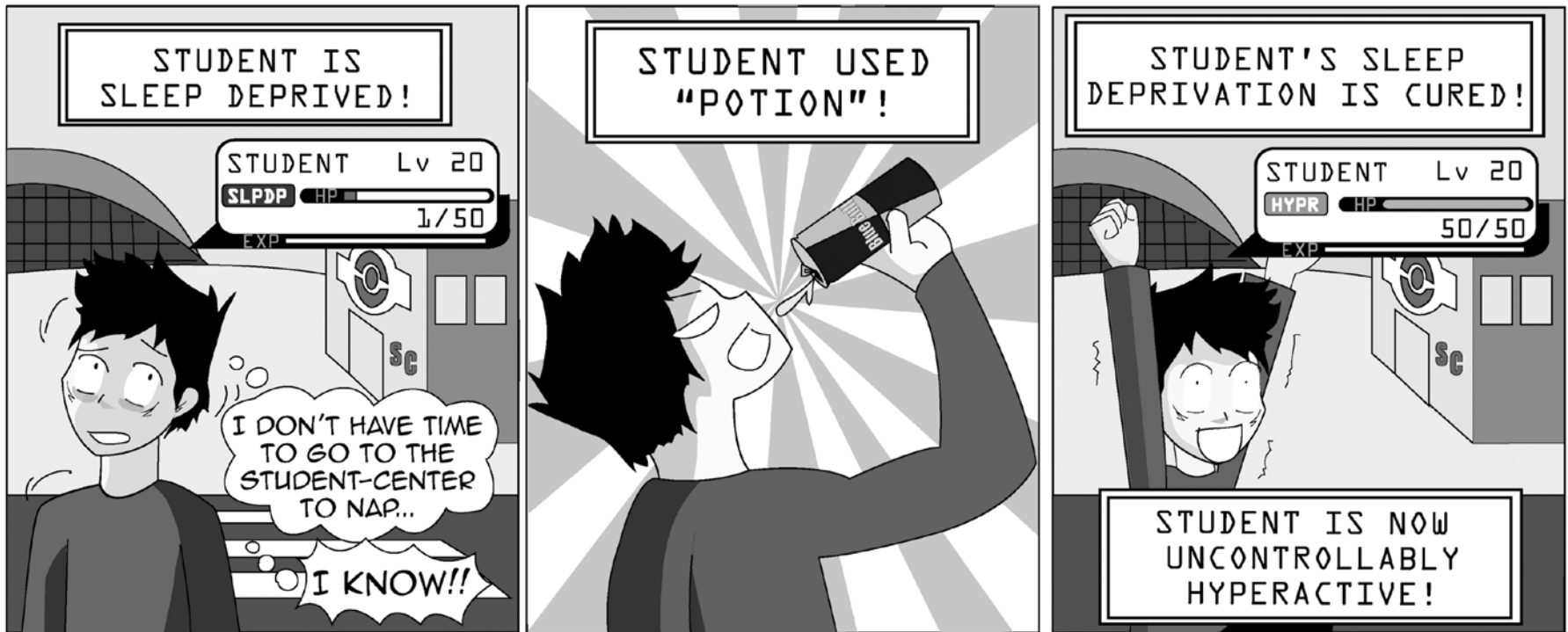
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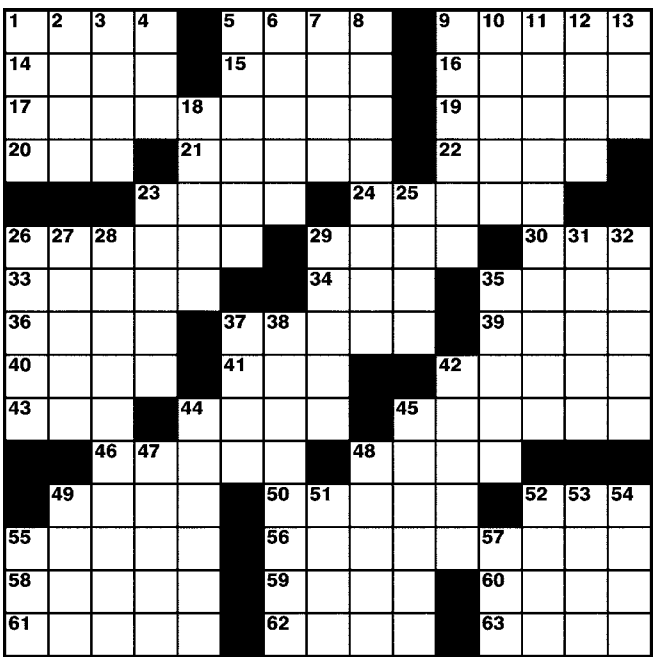
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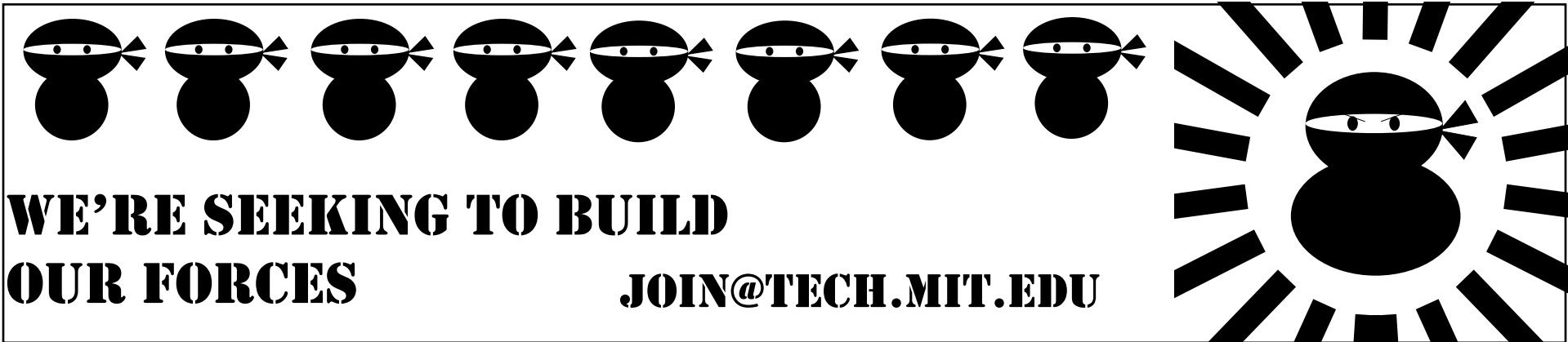
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Recapping the ceremony's highs and lows

Well, it's been a long awards season, full of glitz and glamour, politeness (the interviews), and politicking (the studio campaigns). Heavy rainstorms in the Los Angeles area early Sunday suggested even the sky was getting tired of red carpets and acceptance speeches, and it was time to bring this season to an end with the biggest televised celebrity spectacle of the year — the 86th Annual Academy Awards.

The winners:

Frozen soundtrack composers Robert Lopez and his wife Kristen Anderson-Lopez, who won Best Original Song for “Let It Go.” The award completed Robert Lopez’s EGOT — that is, his win of an Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, and Tony — an accomplishment shared with fewer than 15 other people. The couple accepted their Oscars in a charming series of rhyming thank-yous, ending their speech with a message for their young daughters: “This song is inspired by our love for you and the hope that you never let fear or shame keep you from celebrating the unique people you are.”

Best Original Song. He even got Lupita and Meryl to dance!

Edgar, co-owner of Big Mama's & Papa's Pizzeria in Hollywood. Edgar thought he was delivering pizzas to a group of writers, but ended up onstage at the Oscars, to his great surprise. He also stopped by the *Ellen DeGeneres Show* on Monday to talk about the improvised bit and left with a \$1000 tip, thanks to the collection amassed in Pharell's hat as it was passed between Brad Pitt, Kevin Spacey, and the other celebrities in the Dolby Theater, with DeGeneres herself throwing in the last \$400. Plus, he got to meet Julia Roberts, his favorite actress!

Ellen DeGeneres. The host brought back some much-needed likability and charm after Seth McFarlane's rocky stint hosting last year. Handing out lotto scratch cards as consolation prizes to Bradley Cooper and ordering pizza for the entire theater, she managed to not only keep the show moving, but to make it fun and relatable too. That is, as relatable as this show can ever be, considering that it's essentially a 4 hour marathon of gorgeous people "presenting each other with gold statues," in the words of former host Billy Crystal.

Selfies. Ellen's impromptu self portrait in the company of half-a-dozen A-list stars literally broke Twitter and claimed the title of most retweeted image ever. It was also a good night for Lupita Nyong'o's younger brother, who charmed with the most smoothly executed, and epic, photobomb ever.

Firsts. *12 Years a Slave* took home the evening's top prize of Best Picture, marking the first time the Academy has bestowed its highest honor on the work of a black filmmaker.

Fashion. On the red carpet, bold colors and dramatically structured cuts dominated (Sandra Bullock's midnight blue Alexander McQueen! Jennifer Lawrence in red Dior!). Soft fabrics in pastel palates had a good showing as well (Lupita Nyong'o in her pretty baby blue Prada!).



Host Ellen Degeneres dressed up as Glinda the Good Witch from *The Wizard of Oz* at the 86th Academy Awards.



Fun facts. The Best Supporting Actor and Best Actor wins for Jared Leto and Matthew McConaughey, respectively, mark the first time winners for both categories appeared in the same film since Tim Robbins and Sean Penn won for 2004's *Mystic River*. The Oscars also drew in 43 million viewers in the US alone. For those of you keeping track, that's the most domestic viewers (for a non-sporting event) since the finale of NBC's *Friends* in 2004.

Alfonso Cuarón's groundbreaking technical achievement *Gravity*, which picked up seven of the ten awards it was nominated for on Sunday, including Best Director.

The losers:

Leonardo DiCaprio and Amy Adams. They both ended the night 0 for 4 career nominations. There was also no Academy love for *Captain Phillips*, *The Wolf of Wall Street*, or *American Hustle*. All three movies were shut out of awards in the major categories and went home empty-handed.

Harvey Weinstein, who, in addition to getting stuck with the lion's share of the pizza bill, watched as several of The Weinstein Company's biggest contenders failed to deliver on Oscar night, including *Philomena* and *August: Osage County*. However, *20 Feet From Stardom*, which was distributed through The Weinstein Company's Radius-TWC division, did win Best Documentary Feature, so maybe he didn't have such a bad night after all.

Filler montages. Promoting the night's

theme of "heroism," the telecast featured a bizarre compilation of scenes from a seemingly random selection of films featuring "heroes." Even the Pepsi Mini Cans commercial, which aired in the breaks and offered an upbeat montage of famous movie lines, was way more fun than the Academy's disjoint and joyless sequence.

In the end, the 2014 Oscars telecast will be remembered for breathing some life back into a tired format. Sure, there was plenty of padding, and it kind of dragged a little (Ok, a lot) in the middle, but there were a few really terrific surprises (wow, Darlene Love!). Overall, the show turned out to be something it hasn't really been in years — actually fun to watch. Through all the pomp and pageantry, the show also managed to put forth a disarmingly inclusive message celebrating difference and uniqueness and encouraging respect and compassion for all people. Plus, there was pizza. What more could you possibly ask from an awards show?

Winners of the 2014 Academy Awards:

Best Picture: *12 Years a Slave*
 Best Director: Alfonso Cuarón, *Gravity*
 Best Actor: Matthew McConaughey, *Dallas Buyers Club*
 Best Actress: Cate Blanchett, *Blue Jasmine*
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 Best Supporting Actress: Lupita Nyong'o, *12 Years a Slave*
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Mass. Ave. signals see timing change

Few notice the minor adjustments

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least to some.
Glenn acknowledged that urban planning involves these “little details and tweaks,” but warned that “something that benefits the cars and prevents gridlock may also frustrate the pedestrians and lead to jay-

walking or getting stuck in the rain.”
“I was surprised that I noticed it,” Glenn said. “I just felt that it seemed longer.”
Several others, however, did not notice the change. For example, Patrick M. Hurst G told *The Tech*, “I think it’s been the same all 5 years [I’ve been here].”

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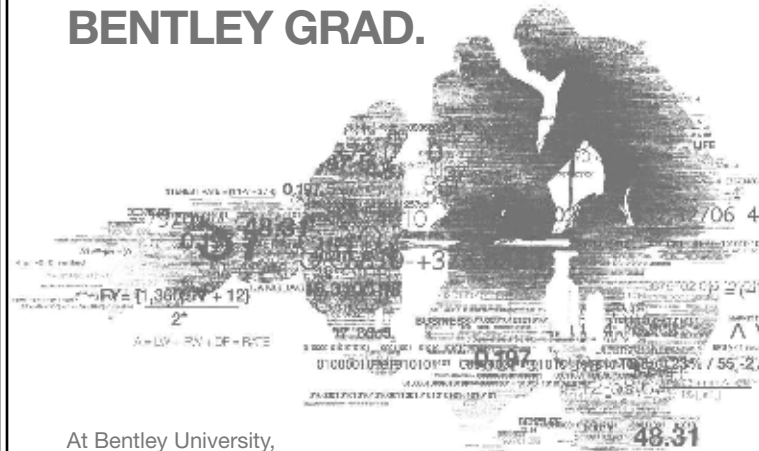
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Christie returns to the national spotlight

Hopes to regain support after losing ground among conservative right

By Michael Barbaro
THE NEW YORK TIMES

OXON HILL, Md. — In a return to the national political stage, Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey sought Thursday to both ingratiate himself with conservative activists and press them to broaden the appeal of the Republican Party, warning that “we’ve got to start to talk about what we are for and not what we are against.”

Christie, long a proponent of pragmatism over ideology, told the audience at the Conservative Political Action Conference here that “we don’t get to govern if we don’t win.”

“Please, let’s come out of here not only resolved to stand for our principles, but let’s come out of this conference resolved to win elections again,” he said.

But while Christie delivered subtle advice to his party, he did not use the closely watched speech to offer a challenge to its conservative wing, as he had in the past. Instead, he seemed to take a more cautious approach that acknowledged the wariness of conservatives toward a governor from the Democratic-dominated Northeast, as well as his own political vulnerability amid a bruising scandal over his administration’s role in the closing of access lanes to the George Washington Bridge.

Christie devoted much of the speech to reinforcing traditional conservative messages, frequently sounding as much like a conventional Republican looking to endear himself to his party’s base as he did a blunt conveyor of uncomfortable truths, his familiar and favored role in American politics.

The crowd responded warmly, interrupting Christie about a half-dozen times with applause and giving him a standing ovation, an achievement unto itself for Christie, who was snubbed by the conference last year.

The organization then denied him a speaking slot after he publicly, and effusively, praised President Barack Obama’s response to Hurricane Sandy just days before Election Day.

On Thursday, he referred repeatedly to his anti-abortion positions. He railed against the news media, saying it had misrepresented the Republican Party.

He defended the billionaire Koch brothers, who are major Republican donors, against attacks from Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., the Senate majority leader. And he mocked Obama’s leadership style.

Christie recalled the president’s decision to maintain his distance in deficit reduction talks in Congress.

“Man, that’s leadership, isn’t it?” he asked. “If that’s your attitude, Mr. President, what the hell are we paying you for?”

Christie’s tone Thursday may have reflected his current standing within the national Republican electorate. According to a recent New York Times/CBS News poll, 31 percent of Republicans want Christie to run for president, compared with 41 percent who do not.

But his mere presence at the conference showed his resolve to maintain the kind of strong national profile required to run for president.

The annual gathering of conservative activists here has long created a conundrum for the Republican Party and its leaders, simultaneously serving as a pep rally for its right wing, an influential bloc of voters in primaries, and representing a political liability for its image with a broader, more moderate electorate. (It was here that Mitt Romney, straining to win over skeptical conservatives, described himself as “severely conservative.”)

This year, organizers seemed determined to put a less strident face on the convention and the party. They stacked its opening day with Republican leaders, like Christie and Rep. Paul D. Ryan of Wisconsin, the former Republican vice-presidential nominee, who have pushed the party to reach out to minority voters and welcome dissent within its ranks.

“A majority party welcomes debate, brings people in,” Ryan said here Thursday. “It doesn’t burn heretics, it wins converts.”

But that gentler message was occasionally clouded by speakers who went on the attack, eviscerating Obama, his health care overhaul, foreign policy and oversight of the Internal Revenue Service. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas, a rising star in the conservative world, offered up the day’s most searing attack.

“If you have a president who is picking and choosing which laws to follow and which laws to ignore, you no longer have a president,” Cruz said.

Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the Senate minority leader, took the stage wielding a rifle and quipped that Obama was “treating our Constitution worse than a place mat at Denny’s.”



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from informational graphics.

The new “Evidence-Based Reading and Writing” section, which replaces the current Writing and Critical Reading sections, will also shift its focus from “obscure” vocabulary to “words that are widely used in college and career,” like “synthesis” and “empirical,” according to the College Board. The essay will be scored as an independent component that colleges may choose to consider.

The College Board says that the new math section will draw from fewer topics grouped around three focuses: proportional reasoning, linear equations, and “more complex equations.” According to the College Board, research shows that these areas “most contribute to readiness for college and career training.”

“I do think the SAT will be a better test — better for the students who take it,” Schmill wrote. “The new SAT will be more aligned with what students should be learning in school, and so doing good work in school will be the best preparation for the test.”

MIT’s admissions office has not yet decided whether it will require the new SAT’s essay scores.

Schmill said that the admissions office had not yet decided whether it will require applicants to submit essay scores.

“I do not anticipate that the redesign of the SAT will change how we admit students or that we will

use the SAT differently in our process,” Schmill wrote. “We plan to use the SAT in the same way as we do currently.”

Performance on standardized tests is one of many factors considered in undergraduate admissions. “We have done studies that look at the correlation between SAT scores and student performance, and have found that the SAT in combination with grades and other factors is a better predictor than any individual component alone,” Schmill said.

Les Perelman, the former director of Writing Across the Curriculum at MIT and a longtime vocal critic of the SAT’s 25-minute essay, was surprised by the extent of the changes, according to an article in *Inside Higher Ed*.

“Getting rid of what was a horrible writing test is in itself good,” Perelman said in the article, call-

ing the change “real progress.” Perelman had spoken to College Board president David Coleman about his suggestions for the SAT back in 2012.

Both Perelman and Schmill submitted input on the new changes to the SAT.

Schmill mentioned that he had also been able to “offer [his] input to the College Board as they have gone through their redesign process.”

Some contend that the SAT is being revamped to look more like the ACT, another college admission assessment often seen as the SAT’s main rival.

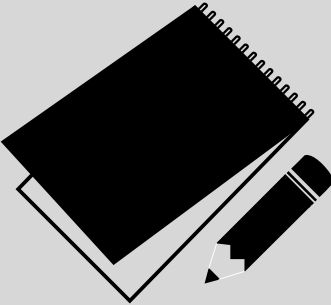
“It seems like they’re mostly following what we’ve always done,” Jon Erickson, president of ACT’s education division, told *The*

New York Times on Wednesday.

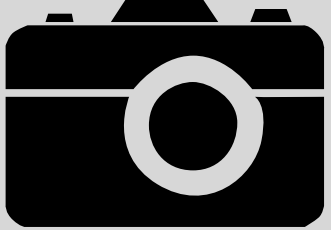
MIT accepts both the SAT and the ACT in its admissions process. Currently, more people take the ACT than the SAT each year. While 1.7 million students sat for the SAT in 2013, 1.8 million took the ACT last year. The ACT first surpassed the SAT in number of students in 2011, according to the Associated Press.

The College Board on Wednesday also announced a collaboration with Khan Academy, which provides free educational videos online and was founded by MIT alumnus Salman A. Khan ’98. Khan Academy plans to produce 200 videos on topics covered on the revamped SAT. The partnership is part of the College Board’s efforts to reach out to students from low-income households, whose SAT scores have lagged behind those of their wealthier counterparts for decades.

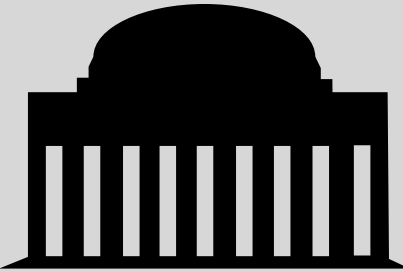
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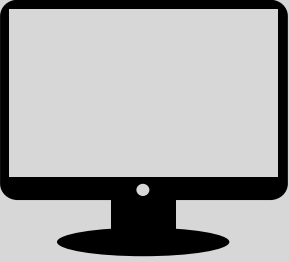
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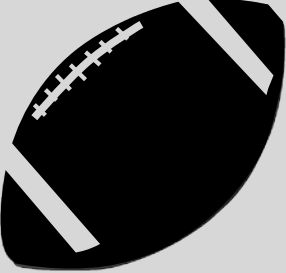
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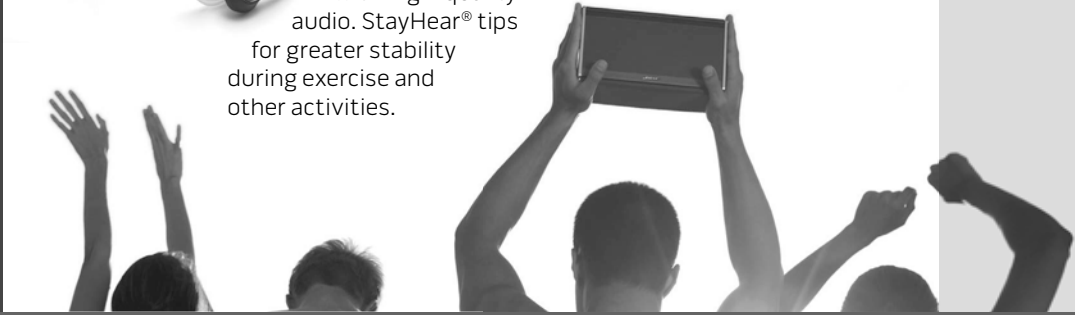
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Students run Humans of MIT

Founders aim to break stereotype of typical student

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challenges of peers seen every day walking through a hallway on campus, even those they did not personally know.

The founders also said they wanted to "break the stereotype" of the typical MIT student. As a result, most of the features forgo reporting the subject's jobs, UROPS, and club involvement in favor of characterizing them in non-academic ways.

In the beginning, the majority of the subjects were friends of the original founders, but now the project has expanded to include impromptu interviews with people found on campus.

"No one turns it down," said Wu. "Many people are flattered, but become modest when they are asked to be featured." So far, the Humans of MIT team has interviewed and featured more than fifteen people on their Facebook page, and the number continues to grow.

According to the photographers, the most common response from those interviewed is, "I'm not very interesting."

"It's Imposter's Syndrome,"

commented Shen about those who attest to being unexciting.

Taliep said that it can take a few minutes before interviewees begin to open up and express themselves in non-academic terms. "I usually start by asking, 'What's new?'" he said. Although each interviewer has a regular set of questions they like to ask — such as "What do you do for fun?" or "How is your day going?" — the questions are usually spontaneous.

According to the Humans of MIT photographers, the most common response from interview subjects is, "I'm not very interesting."

After people finish listing their clubs, majors, and academic interests, they eventually begin to feel comfortable talking more about their quirks and interests.

"You find out about things that people wouldn't normally mention in an everyday conversation," said Shen.

Lawrence added, "I am amazed at what people do here."

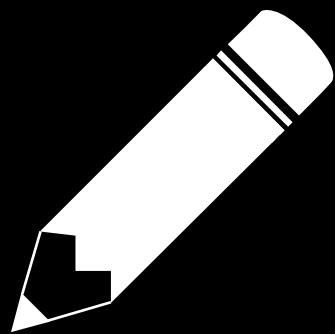
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Student Health), which is a group of organizations concerned with the general health of students on campus and includes groups such as MIT-Emergency Medical Services (MIT-EMS), Student Support Services (S^3), and MedLinks.

The founders of Humans of MIT said they feel that being able to share and read the stories posted on the Facebook page helps build a sense of camaraderie among the MIT student body and shows stu-

dents that they are not alone. Many students respond with positive comments on the posts. "I enjoy seeing the amount of feedback on the Facebook page, the notifications, the likes," said Taliep.

Although the administration is not directly involved with Humans of MIT and does not oversee its activities, those working on the project hope to acquire funding to potentially sponsor events in the future.

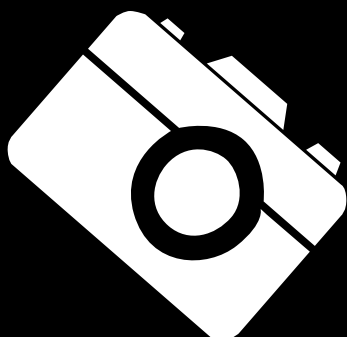


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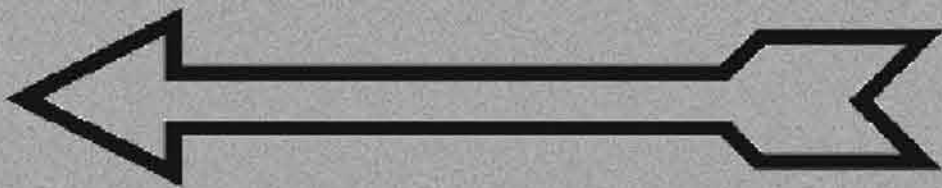
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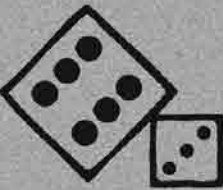
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After a productive offseason and a change of coach, Federer is off to a promising start

2013 was a disappointing year for Roger Federer and his legion of fans. Throughout the year, Federer looked like a shadow of his former self — the serve wasn't as accurate, the forehand not as precise or decisive, and he no longer played with his normal panache.

But a fruitful off-season, a new coach in all-time great Stefan Edberg, and a change in racket seem to have finally stemmed the rot. This past week, Federer won the ATP 250 event in Dubai to continue his extremely strong start to the year. He reached the finals at the Brisbane International Open and the semifinals at the Australian Open. Roger Federer, once again, is a name to be reckoned with in the world of tennis.

Among a string of impressive results last week in Dubai, Federer's win over top seed Novak Djokovic was the most striking. A year ago, confronted with a one-set deficit against one of the most dominant players on tour, he would likely have crumbled, but not anymore. The confidence is back, and the aggression has returned. At key moments, Federer is prepared to take risks by coming to the net and stepping higher in the court to make an attacking shot.

In his match against Djokovic, facing break point, he rolled back the years with some stunning shots to first deny a potentially decisive break. He then pressured the Serb into uncharacteristic mistakes

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A title victory early in the season could be exactly what the doctor ordered for another remarkable season for Federer. For a good portion of the last 18 months, Federer has not been able to compete consistently with the top players, but a victory against Djokovic this early in the season (coupled with his convincing win over Andy Murray at the Australian Open) will give him confidence heading into Indian Wells, Miami, and the start of the clay court season.

Even though the season is still only in its infancy, the signs bode well for Federer. Tennis, like most other sports, is oftentimes decided in the head, so if Federer can keep up his mental resurgence through the next couple of months in the season, the results will surely follow.

Engineers go on 8-3 run in final minutes

The MIT women's lacrosse team outscored host Lasell College, 8-3, during the final 23 minutes of regulation en route to an 18-12 victory on Tuesday afternoon. Kira M. Schott '16 amassed six goals, seven draw controls, and two groundballs as the Engineers improved to 2-0 on the season.

Schott opened up the scoring by redirecting a feed from Emma Kane '15 following 2:32 of action. Lasell responded with back-to-back goals but a free-position shot by Schott evened the score at two at the 19:08 mark. The Lasers quickly went back in front; however, MIT rattled off four unanswered goals to claim a 6-3 lead with 9:49 left in the half. Hannah A. Levy '17 began the rally, which was followed by two markers from Schott, and then Kane capped it with a goal off the ensuing draw.

Lasell replied with three goals during the next 3:20 to tie the game at six. The Cardinal and Gray countered with its own three-goal spurt courtesy of solo efforts

from Erica C. Du '14, Rachel I. Weinberg '16, along with another Schott free-position shot. The Lasers then narrowed the gap to two (9-7) by finding the back of the net with 17 seconds remaining in the frame.

The hosts carried the momentum into the second stanza as they cut their deficit in half after one minute expired. Levy recorded an unassisted marker to increase MIT's cushion but Lasell struck back two minutes later, making the score 10-9 with exactly 23 minutes on the clock. This was as close as it would get as a free-position marker by Isabella D. DiDio '16 sparked the Engineers' game-ending run.

Levy finished with six goals as she recorded five in the second half. DiDio tallied two goals, one assist, four groundballs, and three caused turnovers while Kane posted two goals, one assist, and two groundballs. Du notched one goal and two assists as Nadia L. Wallace '16 added two draw controls. Christine W. Jiang '16 bolstered the defense with four groundballs while goalie Candice I. Kaplan '15 collected seven saves.

Next up for MIT will be a home game against first-time opponent Roger Williams University on Saturday, March 8 at 1:00 p.m.

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