

SafeRide to be replaced by alpacas

Students will summon alpacas with simple Python script

By Al Pakka
STAFF VETERINARIAN

The Undergraduate Association announced Monday its plan to replace the current SafeRide system with alpacas that students will call with a simple Python script.

"We've heard students' concerns about SafeRide. Students need reliability. They need to know when they can expect transportation to arrive. That's why we've come up with this new system," UA vice president Marigold Dubois '18 told *The Daily Weekly* in an emailed statement. "We hope students will find it useful."

The UA created a joint committee involving a panel of two undergraduates to work on the issue and draft possible solutions. The students involved filled out an 83-page



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Newest alpaca model is six times more energy efficient than the traditional SafeRide buses.

survey regarding their daily use of the SafeRide shuttles. "The meetings were fun, I mean, there was free food. Usually, it was pizza," one of the students told *The Daily Weekly*.

The joint committee managed to

come up with two alternatives. The first one was an on-demand shuttle service using an app. After tumultuous deliberations, the committee chose to adopt the second option involving alpacas that will be called

with the help of an open-source Python script.

"One of the biggest complaints students had was that the MIT app with SafeRide schedules was filled with bugs. That's why, in the new system, we decided to do away with the app and replaced it with a clean command line interface," the UA website details.

Considering MIT's sustainability goals, using alpacas instead of shuttles appears to be the best option. Alpacas are usually depicted as very lovable animals and have the advantage of not spitting at people's face like llamas have the tendency to do.

While the SafeRide had designated stops at which the bus may or may not pick students up, the al-

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MIT green lights roll out of joint 4-20 major

The administration gave the green light to the creation of a new joint degree between the Department of Architecture and the Department of Biological Engineering last Saturday. Students will be able to declare the major in the coming year.

"The lack of sufficient breadth in education has been a chronic problem here at MIT," President Rafael Kief wrote in an email to *The Daily Weekly*. "With this spliffy [sic] new degree, we're hoping to bridge the gap between the highly interconnected fields of architectural design and bioengineering."

While department members are still trying to hash out the last details of the crossover, Course 20's undergraduate program coordinator, Cathy Greene, is hopeful. "We've seen interest in architecture among Course 20 students continuing to wax in recent years," she told *The Daily Weekly*.

Mary Jane Daly, professional development director for the Department of Urban Studies and Planning, expressed similar sentiment. "Industry demand for students with both architecture and bioengineering backgrounds is through the roof, to put it bluntly."

However, some students criticized the plan. "I've never seen something so half-baked," Harris Morena '17 told *The Daily Weekly*.

"Gimmicky ideas like this are dime-a-dozen at Mass Tech," Herb Jackson '18 agreed. In unrelated news, marijuana.

—J. R. R. Tolkien

MIT unveils new Intercourse program

New initiative to couple existing Interphase, Concourse programs

By Dildo Baggins
STAFF STROKER

The Committee on Freshman Experience, recognizing the need to teach freshmen to think with the right head, just unveiled a new program called Intercourse.

Intercourse hooks up two popular programs for freshman - Interphase (a summer introduction to MIT) and Concourse (a humanities-based freshman learning community). In order to ensure students don't come into MIT prematurely, Intercourse fills students with knowledge of how to think about hard problems and exposes them to provocative ideas.

The program will last from the summer before freshman year to the end of freshman year, and it will climax in a final project that brings together mind and hand for a stimulating intellectual experience.

"We're happy to be introducing Intercourse to next year's freshmen

class," said Suzy Kneelson, Vice President. "Intercourse will give them the skills they need to sell themselves to prospective employers."

One aspect of the program is developing a strong humanities core that will teach freshmen to think appropriately. "Without humanities, students often end up thinking with the wrong head," said Johnson Bush, head of the Freshmen Experience committee. "The humanities have helped me learn how to think with the right head."

The program emphasizes speaking and writing. "Communication is important in Intercourse, and we want our students to come away from the program with lots of experience."

The other aspect of the program is hands-on learning. The philosophy behind this aspect is that some people need to get physical in order for knowledge to really penetrate into

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MIT ranked southernmost in Cambridge

MIT students have another piece of validation to lord over their friends from home. In a newly released study, QS World University Rankings rated MIT the southernmost school in Cambridge, Mass.

QS had previously ranked MIT as the top school in the world using more ambiguous metrics like "academic reputation." The new, more incisive study came as a result of calls from students and parents for more clarity in university ratings.

Most notably, the ranking once again places MIT above (or in this case, below!) its northern neighbor, Harvard University.

Martha Burke, the mother of Alvin Burke '19, lauded the new

list.

"When I talk to friends about Alvin, I like to casually bring up that QS named his school the best in the world, but people have started questioning how definitive the ratings actually are," Burke said in an interview with *The Daily Weekly*. "Well, I'd like to see them argue with cold, hard geography!"

Of course, though facts may be cold, the weather at MIT is not. The school experiences the most tropical Cambridge climates year-round, providing students with an idyllic setting for such warm-weather activities as psetting on Kresge lawn, pset-

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IN SHORT

MIT Confessions updated last night. Log into your Facebook account to see the new confessions.

For purposes of increased secu-

urity, blue lights will require duo authentication starting Monday.

Remember that the blue owl flies at midnight. Be in the tunnels at 4:43 p.m. Praise be the Dark One.

EAPS: Cambridge has been cut due to low viewership. Watch out for the hole in the ground on McDermott Court.

Send news and tips to tbeaver@mit.edu.

New revolving counters will bolster dorm security

Admins will get discount on device from MIT startup

By Steve Stevenson
ALLIED BARTON WORKER

Admins who have long advocated for adding keypads to dormitory card taps backed down Monday after a petition convinced them the idea to enhance dorm security is unpopular. Chancellor Bindy Carnhart PhD '88 said in an email to undergrads that they will use "revolving counters" instead.

The keypads would have required students to type a 4-digit PIN into the

door after they've scanned their ID. Representatives from the Division of Student Life argued the change was needed in order to prevent criminals using lost IDs to gain access to dormitories.

Carnhart became willing to change tack after she did some research and learned of a revolving counter that would help do the same job.

"The counter has a small screen with a two-digit number on it that increments until it gets to 99, then

jumps back to zero," a representative of the MIT startup that makes the gadget said. "Users simply wait for the number to reach their secret code, then they tap their ID."

"It's no big deal, because if you tap it at the wrong second, you are only locked out of the dorm for 24 hours," he said.

Carnhart said she is always looking for innovative ways to compromise with students, and said that she's happy to be able to increase dorm security without resorting to

the hated key-pads.

She also emphasized that the need for security is data-driven.

Students are glad there was a compromise.

"I get they want to make us safe," New House resident Warren Cats said. "At least there won't be any key pads! I call that a success."

Others called it security theater.

"If the system only locks you out for 24 hours," an East Campus resident wrote on ec-discuss, "how can it possibly help? It's clearly just for

show!"

Since MIT is buying the system from an MIT startup, they offered a discount if MIT buys 600 of the counters.

"We decided to get 600 even though we don't need that many," a representative from the Division of Student Life said. "We decided we thought getting the extras would be worth it for the discount," he said.

The extra units will go on student rooms picked randomly, an email to undergrads said.

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6 reasons why Course 6 privilege is a myth

How come they can call me a brogrammer but I can't call them a HASShole?

By Mark Suckerberg

ASIXUAL

Just because I am a Course 6 doesn't mean I don't have my own problems that are just as important, if not more, than your problems. Besides, if Course 6 privilege is real, then how come I'm not Mark Zuckerberg yet? How come I'm not married to Serena Williams? How come I haven't had a successful IPO?

Here are 6 reasons why Course 6 privilege is a damaging myth.

1. There are non-Course 6 companies at Career Fair

There's been all this talk lately about making Career Fair more "inclusive." Well, Career Fair already has companies besides tech companies. You just have to go the back corner of the second floor to find them, and you have to be able to do software engineering for them.

2. Since the major is so large, we don't get as much attention

Small majors like Course 12 get lots of personal attention from professors. In Course 6, we interact mostly with TAs on Piazza. So

what if there are 15 TAs and their average response time to questions is three minutes? It feels so impersonal.

Course 6 can also be isolating, also. There are so many role models, it's hard to pick one to follow.

3. Just because I'm Course 6 doesn't mean finding an internship is easy

I've been rejected from so many internships, and I'm constantly forced to do technical interviews. I always tell them I'm Course 6, but that's not enough for them. They want me to write code on a whiteboard and derive mergesort from scratch. Other majors don't have to answer questions like this. It's all "where do you see yourself in five years," "how do you work in teams," and B.S. like that.

4. I also have to experience a lot of irrelevant job postings

I get hundreds of emails on the eecs-jobs-announce mailing list, and only some of them are relevant to my interests. I only care about open-source software initiatives. I'm tired of all this fintech and shaking up the healthcare industry crap.

5. I don't care if you're course whatever, I just don't want you to shove it down my throat

I have to hear all the goddamn time about how HASS majors have it soooo hard. They complain in their whiny little voices about how they're not taken seriously.

You claim that our apps can't solve everything? Take a look around. We need to solve the transportation industry? Boom. Got Uber. Where do you get all your news? Facebook, right? (No offense LowTech).

And how come they can call me a brogrammer but I can't call them a HASShole?

6. The world genuinely needs Course 6s
If the world wants more Course 6 majors, that's not our fault. Why should we force companies to cater to other majors when there's clearly no market for it?

In fact, there should be more Course 6s. Non-Course 6s need to stop complaining about so-called "oppression" and realize that we Course 6s have it difficult, too, and we manage to make it through all right. After all, if your OS can bootstrap itself, so can you.

GUEST COLUMN

The Tech is full of incompetent losers

I Hate This Failing Publication

The Tech is an abomination on this campus. Their entire staff are ugly, incompetent losers. The "news" is poorly written and months outdated. The arts "reviews" somehow manage to be both pretentious and meaningless. The campus life section is nothing more than pointless blather that doesn't deserve to be printed. The copyediting is nonexistent. The photos look okay, but only because they are obscured by the bad print quality.

I hear they spend like half their week in their office "writing articles" every week. Go to class. Do a pset. Make some friends. Nobody reads your paper anyway. What's the point.

Every time I see a new issue of *The Tech* come out, my friends and I get together and laugh about how awful it is. A potato could publish a better paper than the staff of *The Tech*. And not even a big potato either. Like, one of those miniature ones you can buy at HMart would still be able to produce more

interesting content.

I used to think it served as good wrapping paper, but I really think that it diminishes the joy of the person receiving the gift. "Why'd you wrap my gift in trash?" my friends would ask. The only time *The Tech* had any integrity was when my friends in East Campus balled it up and used it to stuff a hole in their drywall.

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The only good part about *The Tech* is the crosswords, which is better than nothing, I guess. But there was a time this semester when the crosswords were removed to make

room for more "news." Honestly, I don't care if the so-and-so was appointed to this or that position, or if a policy is being changed, or if Senior House is getting freshmen. I just want my fucking crossword. Leave the crosswords alone.

Earlier this semester there was a post on MIT Confessions about how awful *The Tech* is, and I have to say, I wholeheartedly agree. They send email after email trying to "interview" everyone, but they need to get this through their heads: no one wants to talk with them. We don't want them in our audiences "reviewing" our shows, we don't want them at our council meetings taking notes. Students get all the news that matters about the campus from MIT Memes and ec-discuss.

Please do us all a favor and just shut down. Our campus would be better off without you.

Bono Bo is a member of the MIT Class of 2016

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Problem with *The Daily Weekly*

I hope I don't upset anyone here, but I just wanted to voice my opinion. I don't like mit having a joke newspaper. I personally am not a comedian, but every time I see MIT has a joke newspaper, it saddens me. Not only does it make me feel like my school is forcing humor upon me, it also makes me upset to think my seemingly somber and scholarly school condones something like a joke newspaper. With the current admin-

istration being such a joke, its even more important now than ever to put our support into cold, humorless reality. Wondering if anyone agrees?

Trump eez good president

Comey is bad man. Needs fire. Investigate leader bring shame on homeland. Trump display strength by fire.

Hillary had corrupt emails. At least Trump know how to use internet. He use Twitter every day. I am avid follower, always retweet.

Trump also support WikiLeaks. Free

information good in U.S.A., no? WikiLeaks good. They release Hillary emails. Hillary lose election. I happy, Russia happy.

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Trump praise our glorious Russia leader during election. We so happy. Trump and Putin good friends. Trump come to Russian hotel. Trump support Russian hotel business.

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Finals should be built into class days

Days off before finals provide unneeded, unwarranted stress

By Kids These Days

If my parents taught me anything well, it would be that I should approach life with a “get it over with” mentality. “Get it over with. Rip it off — like a pesky Band-Aid,” Dad would always teach me, wagging that didactic index finger of his at my pulsing, bloody-pink wound.

Final exams are, more or less, like Band-Aids. We’ve dug ourselves a hole — a wound, if you will — the entire semester. That’s the MIT model, after all: push and push ourselves to our gifted limits until at least a scintilla of our sanities simply fall out of our consciences for vultures to savage upon. Now, it’s time to get it over with. Take the final; get it over with; rip it off — like a pesky Band-Aid. I don’t think the bureau-

cracy that is MIT should give its students any hiatus whatsoever before final exams.

The idea that students are entitled to some sort of break or study period before final exams is, first and foremost, a social construct and clearly downright absurd. In the “real” world, if a pivotal project were to spawn out of nowhere, no boss will give me a break. No, big boss will lay out his executive order and beat my soft soul with “Do it, or you’re fired.” Deadlines are real. Time is money. If 14.01 or 14.02 or 14.0whatever have taught us anything, money now is worth more than money later, so let’s get this semester over with already. Life is about basking in money, is it not?

Sure, other institutions, such as that one a few miles north of MIT, have a so-called “Reading Period” where privileged students

are silver-spoon-fed a week to study for their exams. But do students really spend all of that time studying for their finals? No. In fact, *The Crimson* (*The Daily Weekly’s* Harvard counterpart) even has an article dedicated to “drinking games” appropriate for happy-go-lucky Harvard students who “need to catch up on [their] reading or drinking” during the time.

I am sincerely thankful — very, very happy — that MIT scheduled only one day between the last day of classes and final examinations in fall 2016; I think the move was very progressive compared to the likes of that other college. Yet we can still improve. Dearest MIT: please schedule finals such that they coincide with class days, especially those days when final projects are testing MIT students’ willpower and, of course,

mental health.

And there’s actually a pragmatic reason for doing so. In allowing no time between the final day of classes and final examinations, MIT would encourage procrastination. We need procrastination; society needs procrastination. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s “I Have a Dream” speech, Abraham Lincoln Gettysburg Address, and Leonardo Da Vinci’s Mona Lisa have something notable in common: they are the brainchilds of procrastinating eminent figures. It’s a double whammy for scheduling finals into the final days of classes: we’re “getting it over with” and are receiving encouragement to productively procrastinate. How fruitful!

Yes, finals are painful. But as the wise Jane Fonda once said, “No pain; no gain.” Let’s expedite that pain, shall we?

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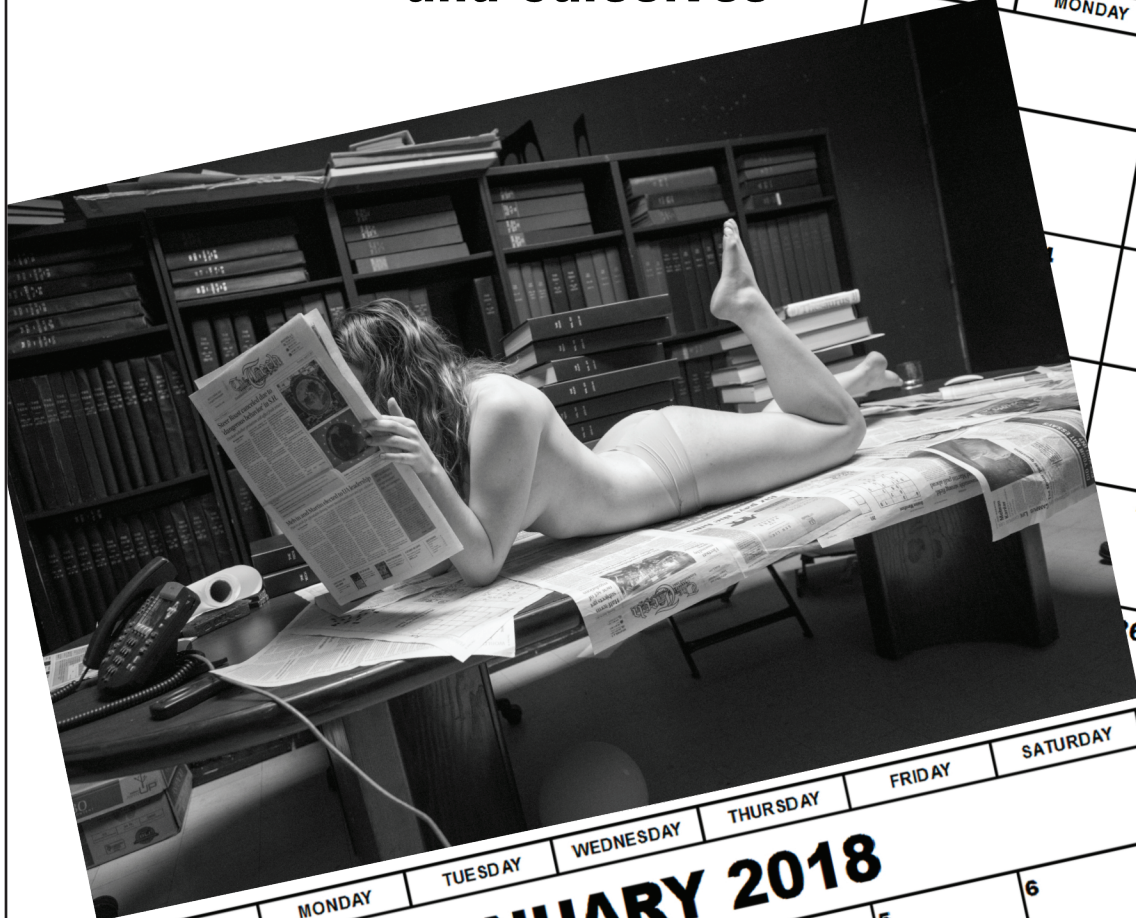
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Student tries not to notice how much fun his state school friends are having

'I'm at my dream school, and I couldn't be happier'

By Brady Stevenson

MASS. TECH STUDENT

Tooling away at his 6.046 pset Saturday, Marcus Lang '18 steadfastly ignored a long series of messages from his friends, who were planning to play soccer in their hometown of Coventry, Conn., sources reported.

"It happens once or twice a week," Lang told *The Daily Weekly*. "Sometimes I think it would've been cool to go to UConn and hang with those guys all the time, but let's be honest, you can't beat the value of an MIT education."

Lang remarked that he finds it easy to ignore his friends' goofy antics when he reminds himself that he's at his dream school, and he couldn't be happier.

"I'm at my dream school, and I couldn't be happier," he said. "Solving recurrences is without a doubt more fun than whatever they're doing. I almost feel bad for my friends back home, missing out on learning the beauty of asymptotic notation."

His friends, who were sending Snapchat photos of themselves laughing

and kicking penalties, were not available for comment.

At one point, Lang asked his roommate, Harris Westrom '18, if he would like to go outside and kick a ball around. Westrom, who was hunched over a laptop clutching his hair, grunted something unintelligible in reply.

"The friends I've made here are easily the best part of MIT," Lang said. "I'll never forget the nights we've spent talking about, you know, classes. How classes are going. And we talk about, like, life and the universe sometimes. I don't know. Did I mention I'm at my dream school?"

He looked on wistfully as his phone continued to light up with messages about the hilarious thing Jake back home had said.

"Sometimes it's depressing, and I want to complain, but then I remember that other people would kill to be in my position," Lang said. "My life is literally perfect. I have everything I always dreamed of."

At press time, Lang was blankly refreshing Snapchat, chuckling softly at what his friends were doing.



MITCH MITCHELL—THE DAILY WEEKLY

Really cool kid! You should be friends with this guy.

Students, protesters puzzled by what motivates LaVerde's

Recent robbery incident demonstrates company indifferent to money

By Jack

SAMURAI

LaVerde's customers who have encountered mispriced items, misleading signage, and poor customer service would be excused for assuming that the convenience store that MIT students love to hate is a greedy company that cares about nothing but money.

"I got screamed at for stepping up to the deli counter without being told to," a customer said. "And then the manager began screaming at

the deli clerk who had been cleaning the grill. After enduring that, it took a cashier 10 minutes to ring up my sandwich before I was allowed to leave."

A follow-up interview with the cashier indicates that she was on her fourteenth straight hour of work.

"Surely LaVerde's sucks so much because they have a monopoly and they only care about the money," the customer said, offering the world's most obvious explanation before citing Prof. Donathon Goober, who, to be fair, was recently declared an

enemy of wthe people by President Donald J. Drumpf.

But new evidence appears to indicate that Occam's Razor may not hold in this case, and the customer is full of it: LaVerde's was robbed last week, but not due to cunning or threat of violence. Rather, the suspect was able to retrieve the money out of an unlocked safe without incident.

It appears not even cold hard cash motivates this heartless company to ensure that simple duties like locking up safes get done!

The fact that LaVerde's doesn't even seem to care much about money presents challenges for recent calls to boycott its parent company Aramark.

"We assumed that, you know, being a rational and amoral company, Aramark would do what they can to end a boycott," Course II grad student Social E. Responsible who organized MIT's arm of the boycott said at a meeting with her supporters.

"It appears we were wrong, so we will have to change tack," she said.

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ting in Stata amphitheater, and psetting next to the dumpsters behind the student center.

When she saw the ranking, Sarah Alder '18 immediately shared it on Facebook. "I just want to remind everyone that

we're still number one, and that's not changing anytime soon. Stanford didn't even make the list."

The prestigious honor means good news for the folks at MIT Admissions. "Since we got rated the most southern school, people have been flocking to cam-

pus for tours. It was like magic," Dean of Admissions Stu Schmill told *The Daily Weekly* with a snap of his fingers. "Sure, you get a few people waving Confederate flags, but they're a little misguided."

Not only are students showing interest, they're committing. Dean Harris, a prefrosh, said the

results of the study compelled him to choose MIT. "I got into Harvard, Yale, Stanford, Columbia, and Caltech, alongside Mass Tech. I just couldn't decide. Seeing that extra top ranking really cemented it, though. Now I know I'll be getting my money's worth."

Sex jokes!

Both mind and hand jobs

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their minds.

"We want to expose freshmen to both sides of mens et manus," said Johnson Bush. "Not only will they understand tasks of the mind, but they'll also be experienced in jobs of the hand."

The plans for the program have been in the works for several years now, said Peter Cumming, Director of Asset Development. The administration wants to provide the opportunity to participate in Intercourse to the class of 2021, so they have been pumping out the details, and they're hoping to finish soon.

"We really want to attract undergraduates to come here," said Suzy Kneelson. "We don't want the students to pull out. We need to establish this program to remain dominant."

Kneelson hopes Intercourse will help freshmen adjust to life at MIT. "MIT can get pretty hard for students, and we don't want them to get fucked."

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FINANCE FINANCE In volatile market, MIT Memes reigns supreme

By Warren Buffet
MEMELORD

The MIT 500 now sits about half a percentage point from all-time highs.

With nearly 60% of the companies in the MIT 500 having reported, first-quarter earnings are on track to rise 12.5% from the semester prior, according to Sloanie analysts. That's above the first-quarter earnings growth of 9.1% that analysts estimated as of March 31.

On Friday, shares of MIT Memes and MIT Onion climbed after the companies posted encouraging results. Memes's shares rose 39 likes, or 0.6%, to 6,366 likes after the meme

giant said its profit more than doubled in the first quarter, while Onion's stock gained 18, or 1.2%, to 1,532 after the company swung to a profit in the first three months of its existence.

The publicly owned MIT Memes for Firehosed Teens has been surpassed by MIT Memes for Intellectual Beings and Spicy Memelords, though collectively both companies are estimated to only represent 12% of the MIT meme market share. Analysts will be closely watching next semester's earnings to determine if these publicly owned companies can succeed in an MIT market that heavily favors privately owned corporate giants like MIT Memes.

MIT Confessions was hit hard this semes-

ter, as sporadic posting led to a sluggish rate of likes-per-week, down 24.2% from this time last semester. Still, at over 17,000 likes to their name, Confessions remains the largest company of the MIT 500.

For low risk investors, MIT Compliments and Overheard at MIT rest comfortably at 1,558 and 1,329 likes, respectively. Compliments boasts consistent likes-per-post, holding steady around an average of 21.2, while the less predictable but regularly updated Overheard ranges from single to triple digits.

Some analysts said they were concerned with the introduction of the Thankful reaction into the market and what it could mean. Sad and Angry reacts are expected to remain

mostly unaffected in value, maintaining the meme sector of the economy, but it is less clear how Thankful reacts will impact the social sector, which relies heavily on Likes and Heart reacts.

Across other universities, Harvard's Veritas Index ended the week down 1.6%, its third consecutive week of losses.

Despite the cooling in Ivy League stocks toward the end of the week, the Ivy League Industrial Average rose 2.3% in April, putting its semester gains at 0.9%.

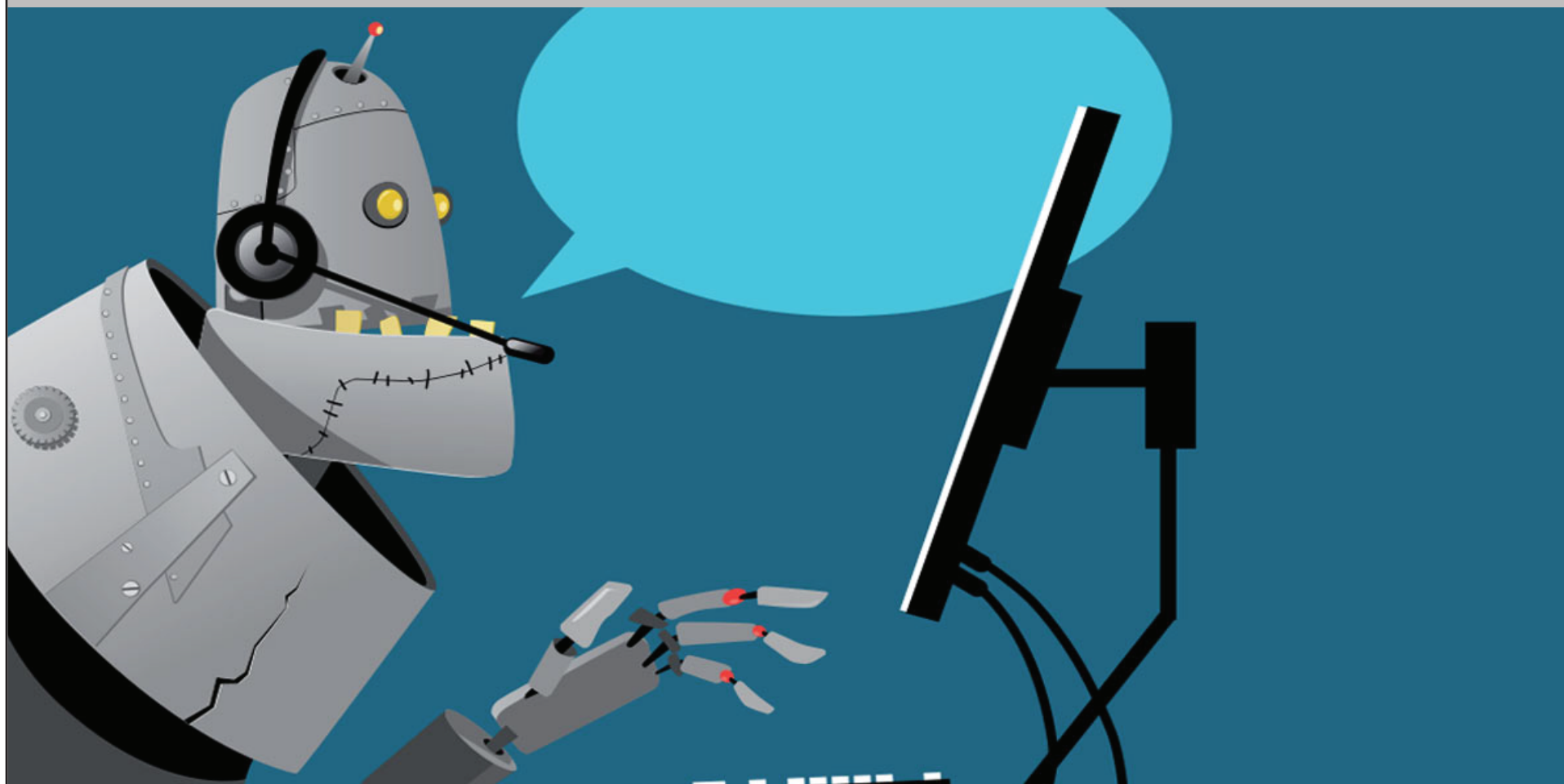
As finals week approaches, expect to see an uptick across the market as students turn to Facebook to battle an impending sense of doom.

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UROP students will implement alpaca script

MIT to hire veterinarians, construct stables on football field

Alpacas, from Page 1

paca service will be available everywhere on campus and near living groups.

To call an alpaca, students will run a Python script on their computer. The alpaca will pick up the students within the following hour and a half (plus or minus an hour and a half).

A group of five UROP students will be in charge of implementing the script. "I suspect it will be about 30 lines of code," said the group's UROP advisor. Students will need to have Python 3.5 or later installed on their machine to use the script.

The waiting time can be explained by several technical difficulties that will be properly assessed only after the system is put into place. The joint committee observed that alpacas might in

some cases not receive the script, due to MIT's wifi infrastructure and mandatory two-factor authentication.

"There is a good chance that students will have to hold out an apple to entice the animal. Otherwise it might not come at all," the joint committee told *The Daily Weekly* in an email. The committee is also considering attaching small bells to the alpacas to signal their arrival.

"It'll be nice to have reliable transportation on campus again," said one Next House resident. "I can live with carrying around apples as long as it means I'll be on time to class."

Another student was less excited. "I like to take the SafeRide with my friends to Boston. Can you imagine rolling up to frat party riding an alpaca by yourself? I doubt the whole crew could fit."

The alpacas will start circulat-

ing on campus on the first day of the fall semester. Inaugurating the system during rush week would be too mentally and physically exhausting for the animals. The small camelids will be quartered in newly constructed stables that will be built on the MIT football field in July. Veterinarians will be stationed at the stables, and the service will only run on Mondays and Thursdays.

"You can't ask too much of them," a representative from the Parking and Transportation Office said.

Alpacas will be moved to the Metropolitan Storage Warehouse when the temperatures start dropping. The alpaca-ride system will be closed for the winter and will reopen in April 2018.

In the meantime, the alpacas will be part of a petting zoo created by the administration to supplement the puppy labs.

Student rebellion fomented in 6.036

Anonymous posts call to arms on Piazza

By Victor Vector

REBEL SCUM

Decrying shortages at office hours and exorbitant project expectations, the students of 6.036, Introduction to Machine Learning, have drummed up a rebellion.

"We're tired of the long queues and projects that deprive us of our sleep and sanity," Anonymous 1 wrote in the Piazza post that ignited the flame war. "I have witnessed comrades' GPAs perish as they languished in despair within the walls of 36-153. I have heard their cries as their runtimes exploded before their eyes. Friends, we shall suffer this indignity no longer!"

At the time of this article's writing, 714 students had marked the post as a "good note."

Not all students support the rebellion, however. "If you plebeians just started your work earlier and attended lectures, you wouldn't

have these problems," Anonymous 2 wrote in reply.

Anonymous 3, in a comment buried under an avalanche of angry posts, found sympathy for both sides of the conversation. "I feel for my comrades, but the TAs really do try their best. It's more of an institutional problem — the course administrators didn't hire enough TAs to address the pressing needs of the people."

"I saw those tent parties that went on," Anonymous 4 grouched. "If they can afford a cocktail bar, they can afford to hire more TAs."

Anonymous 5 claimed that when one TA mentioned complaints about long runtimes, another TA suggested to "let them vectorize."

"Vectorize? I can't even normalize!" Anonymous 5 said.

"Change is coming," Anonymous 1 promised. "Summation, vectorization, marginalization — the old regime shall fall."

This year's finals surprise

No more Senior Haus? Soylent meal plans? JavaScript in 6.031?!

By Lunch Menu

MASSEEH DINING

Students are experiencing a growing sense of anxiety as finals approach. The exams are old hat, but what really has students worried is the dreaded "finals week surprise."

Each year as finals approach, the MIT administration typically reveals some new drastic change to student life on campus.

"We like to keep the kids on their toes," said Chancellor Bindy Carnhart PhD '88. "The real world is a stressful place. You're gonna be doing rocket science and brain surgery all while worrying about a mortgage and whether or not you left the stove on before you went to

work."

"The finals surprise is our way of introducing entropy into students' lives. They have to perform well under unexpected and crippling pressure," said Fenny Deeman PhD '86, Dean for Undergraduate Education.

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The Daily Weekly interviewed students around campus to see if someone can predict this year's finals week surprise.

Here are the results.

"Burton Conner is gonna be de-

molished," claimed one resident. "After those lounges almost collapsed last year, we knew it was only a matter of time."

"No man, I heard that EC is next. Or the student center, good riddance," said another student.

"Course 6 is gonna announce that JavaScript will replace Java in 6.031," said one hopeful, web-obsessed start-up bro. "It'd be good though. Frankly, I'm sick of compilation errors. With JavaScript, you

don't have to compile anything as far as I know. Nothing is statically typed and callbacks suck, but it runs in your browser like a champ. It's objectively way better. I expect this to be a controversial decision."

"Say goodbye to Senior House," a student from an undisclosed East-Side dorm said ominously. "I've been camping outside the president's office for weeks and I think he's got it out for the Haus. No freshman? We are talking no students, period." The student had no insight or ideas about where the administration planned to house displaced students.

"I have it on good authority that there's going to be a shakeup in dining. I'm betting that they're gonna be switching mandatory

meal plans in dining dorms to 'choose one of the following: provide proof of a Soylent subscription or buy the meal plan.' Obviously the Soylent plan is cheaper," said an anonymous member of DormCon.

"I've seen the real class council budget, and the reason they won't release it is because most of the expenses are alcohol. Work hard, play hard, am I right? Wait, you're printing this? Well I guess the cat's out of the bag now, isn't it?" the boyfriend of a class council member revealed to *The Daily Weekly*.

This article has been updated since it was posted (and read by admins) this morning to include that Senior Week has been canceled.



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LIFE CAMPUS LIFE ROMANCE

Breaking the November rule

Learning to love

By Johnny Freshman
HOPELESS ROMANTIC

Many months ago, I broke the November rule. My significant other had been around for years, and I was a bright-eyed and bushy-tailed freshman, ready for my first semester at MIT. When we met, I had no idea I was about to embark on the best, and hardest, romantic journey in my young life.

On that fateful morning, I headed from Maseeh to 26-100 with a green box in hand, blinking the sleep from my eyes as I walked down the Infinite Corridor. I settled into a chair at the back of the lecture hall, flipped my desk top up, and prepared to chow down — as an aspiring course 6-3, 22, and 16 triple major on P/NR, I had no interest in 7.012 stem cells or genetically engineered mice. I opened my box, and that's when I saw her. She was two rows down from my seat, and she shone through the green plastic as though she possessed her own light.

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I had no idea who she was at the time, or if I would ever see her again. All I knew was that she was different from anyone I had ever met. Without exchanging a single word, I somehow knew that she'd be complex, questioning, a

challenge to understand, and yet linear, logical in a way I couldn't explain. I wanted desperately to talk to her, but what would I say? I sat, frozen, awash in the smell of my omelette, sausages, and 10 chocolate chip cookies, and snuck glances at her in between bites.

When the class ended, I hurriedly packed up my belongings and tried to catch her on the stairs, but she was gone. I felt despondent for the rest of the day; I thought we'd never meet again. I was even more distraught than the first time I ever walked into Verde's and saw the price of ice cream, more filled with sorrow than the first time I ever tasted boba from the student center, more in pain than I was after sleeping in the dollar lounge with my neck at a weird angle. I couldn't think, couldn't work, couldn't play League of Legends, couldn't nap. I bought boba from a Lobby 10 sale, and that nectar of the beverage gods which normally tasted so sweet was made sour by the magnitude of my loss.

To begin the healing process, I trudged down to the dining hall for an early dinner, and as I headed toward the desert table, I saw her again. For a magical moment, it felt as though we were the only two in the room. From across the space between us, she seemed to ask, Name? I answered. We hit it off immediately. That evening, we had our first dining hall date — the first of many (we usually kept to Maseeh, the location of our romance's origin, but once in a while, when we were in the mood for something classier, we'd make the trek to Next House for stir fry).

In the following weeks, we spent more and more time together. We were eventually inseparable — we went on office hour dates, recitation dates, and lecture dates. We not only enriched each other's souls; we enriched each other's minds. We p-setted together, napped together, and ate all our meals with each other. She made me smile; she made me scratch my head and think; she made me organize my thoughts and express them well. When I felt down, when my self-confidence felt paper thin, she seemed to understand me exactly.

She was the most important person in my life. Yet, when our relationship was serious enough to introduce her to my friends, they were far from supportive. They looked askance at her and judged our love. "What the f*ck," they'd say. "Isn't that the 7.012 pset that was due weeks ago?" When I video chatted my family, my parents thought the whole thing was a joke: "Is that homework? Are you saying that you're dating your homework? Very funny." Even a TA commented on our relationship over email: I noticed that you keep bringing the second 7.012 pset to recitation, but you don't ask questions about it or try to turn it in. Is there something I can help you with?

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Understanding that your friends and family will not always be there to support you — that they will even refuse to accept an important being in your life — is never an easy realization. These past few months have been the most trying times I have ever soldiered through. Yet, every evening, I settle down at our table in Maseeh's dining hall and riffle her pages, and I feel that being with her is the easiest thing in the world. I am so lucky to have found someone who questions me and loves me the way she does.

Every day, she asks me, Name? And every day, I answer.

LISTICLE

The Six Probability Distributions You'll Meet in Your Sorority

Gaussian

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-(x-\mu)^2/2\sigma^2}$$

The One Who Does It All

You see her everywhere. Physics, math, computer science. How is she in all your classes? And she does amazing in all of them, keeping well ahead of the curve. You'd like to be friends, but despite her popularity, she seems to have been regressing towards mean spirited behavior. At least she seems normal.

Binomial

$$p(k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}$$

The Confidant

You think she's related with The One Who Does It All. But how did she turn out so sweet? You can tell her anything, and you know she's discreet enough to keep it under wraps. But take care of her. This one will bet all she's got on a handful of coin tosses.

The Scatterbrain

This girl cannot remember anything. She needs to ask your name every time you meet her. You're pretty sure you were friends during rush, but things have dropped off quickly since then.

Exponential

$$f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$$

The Background Boyfriend

He started dating The Confidant last semester, but you can't see what they have in common. He's not obnoxious, but he's not particularly charming either.

No matter what the event, he always gives the same response: "sure, k". His flat personality might be mistaken for a chill, laid-back attitude.

Uniform

$$f(k) = \frac{1}{b-a}$$

Poisson

$$f(k) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}$$

The Ghost

This sister always seems kind of distracted and never shows up to anything. In fact, the last time you saw her was two months ago — counting raindrops outside the science building.

Delta

$$\delta(x) = \begin{cases} +\infty, & x = 0 \\ 0, & x \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

The Ride or Die

You always know where she's going to be. Your relationship can get convoluted, but she's always got your back when things reset to square 0. Your rock-solid support, you can count on her to never vary in her encouragement.

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