

## Following majority of its undergrads, MIT will sell out too *Sellout will include new feeder college for Amazon and Facebook*

By Gordon Gecco  
BLACKSTONE PRESS

Following the lead of wave after wave of undergraduate students, MIT officials announced Friday that the Institute, too, will just give in and sell the fuck out.

The decision was inspired by President L. Rafael Reif's assertion in the MIT Technology Review that "the best way to find the path to the future is to follow our students," and his subsequent, unpublished observation that most MIT students are greedy rats who gladly would nuke a small island nation for a five percent bonus.

"Our students are starting useless AI companies, cultivating sterile managerial personalities, and ignoring the larger societal harm caused

by their work at higher rates than ever before," Provost Martin Schmartin said in an interview with *Big Mistech*. "So we sat down and said, fuck it, if they're smart enough to get into MIT, we may as well learn from their example!"

Many logistical details of the sellout are still up in the air, but it is expected to include ramped-up investments in fossil fuel startups, increased promotion of MIT's defense research facilities, and, of course, a feeder school for Facebook and Amazon to be called the Stephen A. Schwarzman College of Computing. It will also coincide with a full divestment from community service, financial aid, and therapy dogs.

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## Report concludes Khashoggi almost severed MIT-Saudi ties *Institute ends relationship with dead journalist*

By J. Khash-Money  
DEFINITELY NOT A DISSIDENT!

After concluding their investigation of Washington Post journalist Jamal Khashoggi and confirming his role in implicating Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in the journalist's alleged torture, beheading, and bodily dismemberment at the Saudi consulate in Ankara, Turkey, MIT officials announced they would be cutting all ties with the deceased Saudi journalist.

The MIT panel responsible for the investigation cited in their official report the damning heap of evidence against Khashoggi in almost damaging the Institute's relation with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which included "[Khashoggi's] severed fingers, detached head, mutilated body, and audio recordings

linking Saudi government officials to the murder."

The panel reported the diplomatic incident that threatened to taint MIT's longstanding relationship with a major foreign ally and global terrorism sponsor will have no effect on Saudi Arabian petroleum company Aramco's investment in the MIT Energy Initiative. The panel's report also announced that the journalist's murder and mutilation under direct orders of the Crown Prince would not affect Institute plans to rename the Media Lab in honor of the Crown Prince's historic visit to the department last March.

When reached for comment, MIT President L. Rafael Reif reaffirmed MIT's unconditional loyalty to Saudi Arabian investment and denounced Khashoggi for nearly alienating MIT ally Crown Prince

Mohammed bin Salman (known as MBS to friends and an estimated 17 million Yemenis deprived of access to food as a result of his regime's bombardment of Yemeni civilian territory, hospitals, weddings, and markets with the help of U.S. arms). "We cannot in good conscience continue any working relationship with those intending to spoil our profitable partnership with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and must condemn Saudi thugs like Khashoggi who continue to assassinate the character of his Royal Highness Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman."

When *Big Mistech* reporters further pressed Reif about Saudi Arabia's list of human rights violations — including the fact that adultery, atheism, blasphemy, sorcery, and

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## Thunder booms as MIT declares new dorm's name 'Final House' *Nelson: this one 'is the end of the line'*

By The Damned  
STAPH INFECTION

Lightning flashed and a one-eyed raven cawed as a hooded President L. Rafael Strife stood upon the steps of 77 Massachusetts Avenue, raising his arms skyward and announcing in a raspy, gurgling voice that the

new dormitory under construction on Vassar Street will be known as "Final House."

"We've had New House, and we've had Next House," Dean for Student Life and Death Oozy Nelson cackled ominously in an interview with *Big Mistech*. "This is the end of the line."

"I think it's nice they're still going strong with the naming convention we all love," a student watching the announcement told *Big Mistech*, seemingly unaware of the wind howling above with the fury of a thousand tormented souls. "It's

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BLOOMBERG NEWS

From left to right, Jim "Mad Dog" Mattis, Sheryl Sandberg, Stephen A. Schwarzman, L. Rafael Reif, Mohammed bin Salman, and Charles and David Koch celebrate MIT finally burying whatever moral scruples it once had for treasures and riches yet unheard of.

## 'We reject rejection': MIT to accept all applicants in 2019 *8.01 to increase group size to four*

By Hopeful Smith  
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

MIT Admissions announced Wednesday that, in an effort to make the Institute more "welcoming," all applicants will be accepted starting next year.

This policy will extend to applicants who are obviously unqualified, such as seventh graders and people without perfect SAT scores.

About 20,000 students apply to MIT each year. MIT's class size is projected to increase dramatically.

This policy will reaffirm MIT's commitment to inclusion, MIT Admissions said in its statement. It will also help the office of admissions to do its most important work.

"As the office of admissions, we've got one job: to admit students," Stu Schmill '86 said in an

interview with *Big Mistech*. "By admitting all students, we're going to be fulfilling our office's mission."

Suzy Nelson, vice president and dean for student life, said she strongly supported the decision to accept all applicants. "It's very important to reduce students' stress levels. We need to put this into practice even before they get to MIT," she said in an interview with *Big Mistech*.

Asked where the massive influx of students will live, Nelson said all students will live in MIT's "abundance of housing."

"We recognize that there are both advantages and disadvantages to every decision," MIT Admissions said in its announcement. "Our current concerns are ensuring enough associate advisors,

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### TODAY'S MASS

The hymns can be found on p. 34, 63, and 115 of the missalette.

Today's readings will be:

He that is wounded in the stones, or hath his privy member cut off, shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD. (Deuteronomy 23:1)

And they committed whoredoms in Egypt; they committed whoredoms in their youth: there were their breasts pressed, and there they bruised the teats of their virginity. (Ezekiel 23:3)

Send praise and worship to [tbeaver@mit.edu](mailto:tbeaver@mit.edu).

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## WEATHER

# Sunny with metaphorical clouds of depression

By Debbie Downer  
SEROTONIN DEFICIENT

After a rainy fall, MIT will be getting some welcome sun in the coming week, accompanied by localized metaphorical clouds of depression lingering over certain students. We'll see dry high 50s for temperatures, except in the figuratively cloudy areas which are expected to be cold, damp, and lonely. Although some of

those in the proverbially clouded regions could see showers, most are unlikely to get out of bed to take one. Temperatures under the symbolic clouds will hover around the average, but spirits are likely to hit an all-time low. Looking to the following week, things are fixing to stay cold and dry, except Brian's rave party, which could see record amounts of snow, and Brian's abs, which are hot as fuck.

## Extended Forecast

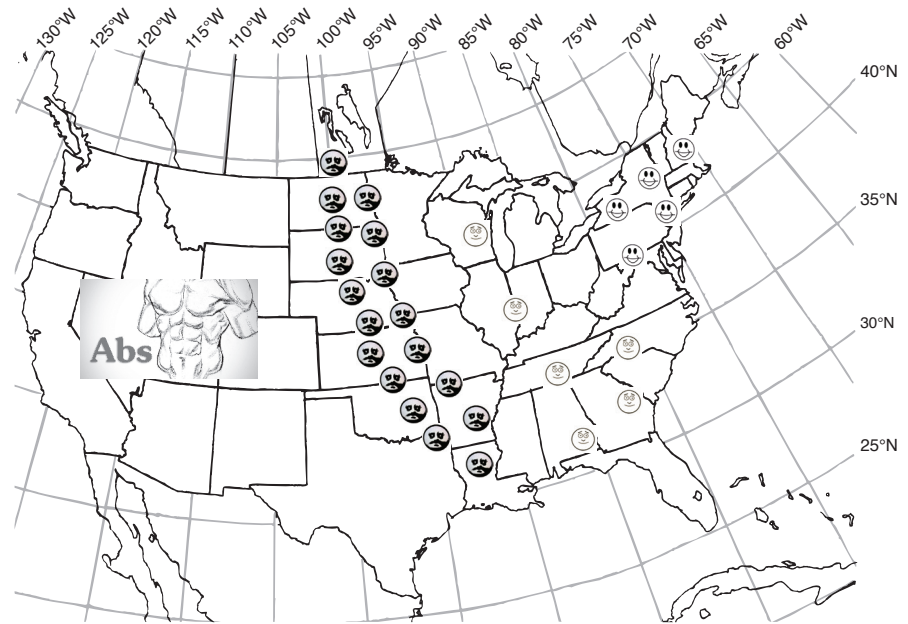
**Today:** Maybe eat something.

**Tonight:** Insomnia.

**Tomorrow:** Wonder why she left.

**Saturday:** Laugh at the utter farce your life has become.

**Sunday:** Regret that you can't even cry anymore.



Situation for Noon Eastern Time, Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
<b>H</b> High Pressure	--- Trough	☁ Snow	😊 Happiness
<b>L</b> Low Pressure	— Warm Front	☔ Showers	😐 Being Okay
§ Hurricane	▲ Cold Front	☂ Light	😞 In the Dumps
	◀ Stationary Front	☃ Moderate	
		☄ Heavy	

Compiled by MIT Meteorology Staff and The Tech

# ASA derecognizes MIT administration for having less than 50 percent student input

*The latest act in the ASA's Derecognition of Terror*

By Rue L. Enforcer  
ASA PRESIDENT

The ASA announced Monday that it has derecognized the MIT administration for having less than 50 percent student participation. This is the latest "student" group derecognition by the ASA after it evicted the MIT Gilbert & Sullivan Players from student-group-hood this past spring semester.

It seems the ASA has finally begun cracking down on student groups that dare challenge the n-dimensional constraints stipulated on the ASA's Lengthy List of Laws. However, it is surprising that Admin

has been able to go unnoticed for this long; though it is the oldest student organization on campus, Admin has actually seen a dearth of student participation ever since its inception.

In any case, Admin's derecognition brings along a cloud of confusion regarding the state of governance at MIT. Now that Admin has been ousted from ASA-recognition, what remains of order and peace on this campus?

The latest derecognition has sparked a variety of reactions from the student body. Some students have complained that the ASA is outrageously misusing their power. "Who do they think they are!?"

spoke an anonymous student in a fit of rage.

"They literally had 157 years to derecognize Admin. Why do it now, unless there was something sketchy going behind the scenes in the ASA?" We asked Tim Beaver, secretary to the president of the ASA, for comment. "Don't look at me," he said. "I'm just doing what the higher-ups say to do." When asked for commentary, the president declined to respond.

Others students are just depressed that Admin, the group that had advocated on their behalf for so long, is now silenced. When asked how she thinks Admin's derecognition will affect student life, Vera Petty

'22 commented sadly, "The loss of our beloved Administration is a tragedy I will mourn deeply. Administration has birthed some of the most beautifully sanitized culture MIT has to offer; MIT will truly not be the same without their benevolent intervention."

Another student, Lacey Susin '21, commented, "They made the hefty decisions I didn't want to think about; they spoke out for me when I was too tired from psetting to speak out on my own. Student representation is honestly overrated — when you've got important things like psets to do, how can you expect us to worry about civic engagement?"

Others are glad that Admin is finally off their necks. Jade D. Junior '20 proclaimed in relief, "The ASA finally got it right, for once. Who knew rules and regulations could work in our favor! I won't miss Admin one bit."

In any case, it seems Admin is out for good, at least until they can acquire more student representation. But a string of questions still remain unanswered. What sort of collusion within the MIT governing bodies allowed Admin to get away with their misdeeds for so long in the first place? And what corruption continues to froth beneath the murky waters of student body governance?

# New training program teaches fraternity members how to use locks

*Administrators hope program will reduce number of burglaries*

By Burglar

MALE, 5'9, WEARING A BASEBALL CAP

This fall, as a result of the high incidence of burglaries occurring at fraternities, Vice Chancellor Ian Waitz and the MIT Police have partnered together with the IFC to pilot methods to increase fraternity house security. Part of the pilot includes a training program to teach members how to use locks.

On the first day of the training

program, members were asked to define "lock." Answers included "a strand of hair," "that thing that boats use," and "cock with an L." Members were surprised to learn that this was a mechanism for securing an item, and further surprised to learn that each of their doors had one.

Next, members were taught how to use a key with a lock. MIT Police Captain Andrew J. Turco demonstrated how to insert a key

fully into a lock in a prop door in order to allow it to turn. The act was followed by muffled laughter and a shout of "That's what I did to your mom last night!"

Dick Richards '19 of Theta Tau was surprised that it was necessary to turn the key in the lock. He explained that he had previously only relied on the "pull-out" method, whereby one inserts a key into a lock and promptly pulls it out.

Phi Kappa Theta member Joe

McBro '20 questioned why the training was necessary. McBro said, "We have great security now as a result of frontier methods like blockchain. It seems like a waste of time to be teaching us students how to use outdated physical mechanisms like this."

Overall, administrators have expressed positive hopes for the program, but so far attendance has been poor, with less than 20 fraternity members at the first training

session. Furthermore, many members have shown up inebriated, several of them underage, prompting further concern.

When asked about the effectiveness of the program, Turco responded, "I don't know but I'd sure like to stop sending so many of those goddamn emails." In addition, he remarked, "While victims of crime are never to be blamed for criminal activity, these dumbasses are really asking for it."

# Lightning breaks ground for dorm

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little quirks like this that make me glad I chose MIT."

The digging of the foundation for the dorm was completed recently, concluding with the emergence of a malevolent flame from the depths below. In a very spooky email to *Big Mistech*, Supreme Chancellor Skinthia Burnhart dismissed the flame as a gas main leak, and the murmuring, unearthly voices heard in its

presence as the effects of "MTV brain."

Wrathew Bauer, excommunications director and special henchman to Dean Nelson, stroked a hissing black cat as he explained to *Big Mistech* that the purpose of the dorm is to create a "living experience for students so immersive... so irresistible... so all-consuming... that our undergraduates will want to remain at MIT... perhaps... forever."

When pressed about the fore-

boding naming of the dormitory, Executioner and President of Vices Azrael Ruiz told *Big Mistech* that the title has "as little meaning as your pathetic life has to our Dark Lord, as little meaning as all human civilization will have once His work is complete!"

East Campus resident Myles Bowker '20 praised the tone of the announcement, saying "I like the alternative vibe they've got going, but would it kill them to make it dining-optional?"

# MIT almost estranged from beloved Saudis

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waging war on God are punishable by death under the Saudi legal system — the reporters were promptly escorted out of the President's office and tortured by a 15-member Saudi assassination squad.

At press time, Institute officials announced they would also

be reconsidering MIT's relationship with the 2,977 victims of the Sept. 11 attacks and their families for their responsibility in exposing the Saudi government's support of several hijackers involved in the deadliest foreign attack to occur on American soil through their persistent but denied attempts to sue Saudi Arabia.

# Pretty cute watching The Tech play weekly game of 'real newspaper'

*A treat to see staffers running around like what they do really matters*

By Bobby Brownford

BOSTON RESIDENT

Students and faculty alike looked on in amused condescension as staffers at The Tech, MIT's school newspaper club, once again scurried their way about campus this week in an endearingly futile attempt to emulate "real journalism."

Onlookers grinned, charmed, as the darling "reporters" wrote precious little emails to administrators, asked interview questions with lots of big words, and stubbornly checked the Associated Press Stylebook during editing.

"Look how focused they are on getting the headline kerning exactly right," said a student observing The Tech's production, who wished to remain anonymous because he knows fame would change him. "It's so cute when they act like what they do really matters in any way, shape, or form!"

One administrator, who prefers to stay anonymous because she doesn't like the way her name

sounds, was equally enchanted. "Of course I let them come in and pretend to interview me every so often," she said. "They make a few quaint jabs at adversarial questions, I act like I'm flustered, and at the end I hand them our press release and they publish something based off that!"

Sources reportedly chuckled upon seeing the appearance of The Tech's meager "newspapers" along the Infinite Corridor, bearing crudely penned stories everyone had already heard about three days ago. "Sometimes I think we should tell them that you can just get what's happening by reading MIT News or Confessions nowadays, but they think their work is so significant it would break their itty bitty hearts!" one student said.

*Big Mistech* spoke with one happy little "editor" at The Tech, who asked to remain anonymous because he knows better than anyone you shouldn't talk to the press. He played his role of overzealous newspaperman perfectly, saying

"What are you talking about? It's not a game! It's not pretend! Journalism is one of the most important institutions in society! It's the first draft of history! Sure, it's hard to balance heavy workloads and lack of manpower with our desire for journalistic excellence, but we're doing our best here! It's people like you, not taking us seriously, who make our jobs that much harder! Do you know how difficult it is to get quotes for a story? Everyone wants to be anonymous! That doesn't let us off the hook, but it would be a hell of a lot nicer to do our jobs if we could get an ounce of god damned respect!"

See what we mean? The little guy was sooo into it! We wanted to cut him off but he was just too adorable, playing along perfectly with his pretend life as a big angry journalist.

In other news, next week students are expected to delight in the antics of the MIT EMS as they partake in their loveable game of "big noisy fire truck!"

# Yet another bold experiment: Comm. on Undergrad. Program votes to remove the first year

*Change put forth by Designing the First Year class, described as 'a concrete effort to improve the first year'*

By Gerald I. Robinson

PRINCIPAL OF CHEMICAL SCIENCE

As part of an experiment, the MIT administration has decided to entirely remove the first year at MIT. The move has been described as "a concrete effort to improve the first year at MIT," and has been welcomed by students and GIR professors alike.

The idea was put forth and discussed by upperclassmen in 2.S991 ("Designing the First Year at MIT"). "This year's class was committed to positive change," Ian Waitz, Vice Chancellor, said in an interview with *Big Mistech*. "Based on their direct engagement with the MIT first-year community, students suggested that this was the best path forward," he added. The Committee on the Undergraduate Program (CUP) reviewed student recommendations and approved the experiment.

The changes will not affect any current students, but will apply

to students (not) incoming in Fall 2019. This will be a two-year experiment, after which its merits and demerits will be evaluated, and a change in policy may be initiated.

Administrators are still holding discussions on the details of removing the first year. Strong recommendations have been made to replace the first year with an "immersive HASS experience."

"The humanities have long been popular at MIT, and we find it proper to expand this into a year-long experiential learning opportunity," Melissa Nobles, Dean of the School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, said in a statement.

While most faculty members support this idea, the Department of Physical Education and Wellness insists that admitted freshmen should spend the first year at home learning to swim. A virtual reality swimming instruction module has already been launched on MIT OCW.

The absence of freshmen from campus for two years will also allow time for the Vassar Street Residence hall to be completed, resolving overcrowding issues in dorms.

A number of current students welcomed the changes. "Freshmen are so annoying," Sofie Moron '21 told *Big Mistech* while waiting for the walk light on 77 Mass Ave. "I think we should just get rid of them."

Current freshmen, who themselves are the subjects of a CUP experiment, were also pleased. "I'm grateful for this, even though it won't affect our class," Ima Froshi '22 wrote in an impassioned email to *Big Mistech*. "Trying to decide which three GIRs to take on P/NR has been really stressful, so I'm glad they're removing the need for me to make those decisions."

Harold Ward, 2018 graduate of Harvard University, praised MIT for its wise decision and expressed hopes that his alma mater would do the same.

# VC Waitz: 'Turns out, the only thing students care about is money'

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"All along, we thought it was curiosity, passion, and the desire to make the world a better place that drove MIT undergrads, so that's where we centered our curriculum and business model," Vice Chancellor Ianz Waitz told *Big Mistech*. "Turns out, the only thing students really care about is money, so that's awfully convenient for us!"

MIT predicts the sellout will bring in \$7 billion over the next five years, which it plans to put toward luxury residential development in Kendall Square and attorney fees for forecasted union lawsuits. Some of the funds will come from selling the naming rights to various facilities, such as the newly christened "CSAIL by Raytheon" or "MIT Chapel by Pornhub."

"We want to frame MIT less as a community or a part of the

Cambridge community and more as a freemium innovation-driven meta-ecosystem that's disrupting the lifestyle and education industries," Waitz said. "That's how our students would put it, anyway."

Continuing the trend of putting its future in the hands of students, the administration is expected to replace MIT's official motto, "Mens et Manus," with the popular maxim "Yeet" sometime in the next week.

# MIT builds staircase to Great Dome to improve student safety

*Design to include hand railings and ADA-compliant ramp*

By Alyssa P. Hacker

NIGHTTIME WANDERER

Construction last week started to build a permanent staircase to the large dome. This policy is completely opposite of previous actions by MIT, which involved installing locks and cameras to deter hacking.

This action aligns with policy changes throughout the state which improve the safety of people doing dangerous acts. The regulation of the marijuana industry and the introduction of supervised drug injection facilities are just two examples of the focus on safety happening nearby MIT.

This flip in policy came after the Administration evaluated the success of the expanded Good Samaritan Amnesty Policy at getting help to students who have alcohol or drug poisoning. In a letter to

*Big Mistech*, Suzy Nelson, Dean of Student Life, wrote, "We care about the safety of student who hack and want them to have the safest and most positive experience at MIT."

The design includes hand railings and an ADA-compliant ramp.

A number of other changes around campus have also focused on protecting students who partake in potentially dangerous activities, like the creation of sleep pods in Building 26 for students who pull consecutive all-nighters and the paid parental leave program for people who adopt babies while in graduate school.

Upon completion on the staircase, MIT will install clips on the roof of Building 7 to more safely hang hacks and high-traction surfaces on all building roofs to reduce risks of slipping after rain storms.

# Central Square shops to be replaced with huge Starbucks

*As 2019 begins, so commences the death of Central Square*

By Lan de Gentry

CORPORATE SHILL

By the end of this year, most of the stores in Central Square will be closing their doors for the final time, except for one. Demolition will begin January 2019 to make way for the expansion of Starbucks.

It has been a tough year for the businesses that once defined Cambridge culture and MIT student life. In February 2018, Star Market, the grocery store most heavily frequented by MIT students (bar LaVerde's), shocked its customers by announcing the closure of its University Park location. Within the past month, both Harvest Coop and True Value hardware store have closed, with the former going bankrupt and the latter downscaling its store numbers.

Even Toscanini's at 899 Main St. has been closed since early 2018. Officially, this is temporary, but with the wave of closures barreling down Mass. Ave., the beloved ice cream institution's days are numbered.

A spokesperson for Starbucks revealed that the multi-billion dollar coffee chain has acquired all of the stores beginning from the Salvation Army all the way to Prospect St. All of these stores are to be replaced by the biggest Starbucks in the world.

The new Starbucks layout, which will span both sides of Mass. Ave, will include a tunnel underneath the street and multiple drive-through points. Star-

bucks has also contracted with CSAIL researchers to design AI that will improve efficiency of coffee preparation by 500 percent.

With this efficiency increase, the expanded Starbucks will require only a single employee at any given time. "We're excited to be leveraging local technological developments to reduce our workforce. Starbucks is looking towards this future, and Cambridge is the perfect location to realize our new vision," the spokesperson said.

Starbucks is also rolling out new diversity and inclusion initiatives in its expanded location. Instead of requiring employees to call the police whenever a black person enters the store, they have a sensor that automatically detects skin color and immediately alerts law enforcement.

"We don't want our customers to be unpredictably discriminated against by employees. That's why we've created this new system that applies discrimination fairly," the spokesperson explained.

As a fail-safe measure, Starbucks plans to host a training next year to instill unconscious biases in the three employees that will work in the mega-Starbucks.

Central Square businesses are slated for demolition in waves over the first quarter of next year. The new Starbucks will open in November.

At press time, a spokesperson for Target was shaking his head and asking, "Why didn't we think of that?"





POINT

# We are all going to die

*Wake up and smell the methane gas*

By Climate C. Sux

My friends tell me I'm crazy. That I'm over-reacting. That I should just "chill out." Well, it's hard to do that when the world is LITERALLY BURNING. Why am I the only one scared shitless?

For all those oil-lobbying, anti-science, Trump-supporting Republicans out there who can't differentiate a linear graph from  $y = mx + c$ , let me and my PhD from MIT spell it out for you: g-l-o-b-a-l w-a-r-m-i-n-g i-s r-e-a-l.

I don't want to live in a world where no one has heard of the Sierra Nevada blue butterfly. Which is fine, because the way things are going in our fossil-fuel-burning world, it is only inevitable that the Sun will grow larger and larger until it finally reaches Red Giant status and engulfs us all. All because our over-consuming Western society thinks that hot show-

ers are a necessity and street lights must be on all night.

Ugh. We've become so complacent that instead of evolving useful traits like being able to see in the dark, we decided to develop the ability to create glowing screens. Completely and utterly useless.

I conclude that we have less than 10 years before human extinction. NASA has released real-time projections of what the Earth will look like in less than 50 years, but we won't even live to see it!

Within the next few years, we can expect intense lightning storms that will increase the chance of getting hit by lightning by 75 percent, and huge tsunamis that will coincide with huge storms to form large tsunami-tornadoes. In other words, all sea life, and most worryingly, many shark species, will become very agitated and therefore blood-thirsty... In short, the planet is doomed.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## MIT should change its motto to *Womens et Womanus*

With its undergraduate population composed of almost 50 percent women, with four women on the math department faculty (finally), and with the proliferation of female tech role models as commencement speakers, it's about time that MIT change its male-centric motto.

We need to compensate women for the years of oppression and suffering they have faced in the STEM fields. Since the beginning of time, we women have been told we're not good enough to be scientists and engineers. We've been shut out of

important discussions. We've been interrupted and silenced. Men have had their turn. It's time they sit down and shut up, and MIT's motto is a great place to start.

The motto, 'mens et manus,' contains both the singular and plural of the word 'man.' That is simply excessive. What about all the women in the world? While some suggest 'womens et manus' or 'mens et womanus' as compromises, these do not go far enough. For too long, women have been oppressed at MIT. #TimesUp on the Institute's old slogan — let's give women a chance to lead.

Every time I look at my Brass Rat, despite the addition of a token woman in the seal, I am reminded of the patriarchy's hold over engineering and science. As a leader in these fields, MIT needs to lead in its support of women, and finally acknowledging women in its motto would be a step in the right direction.

COUNTERPOINT

# Winter is (never) coming

*Global warming is how the world works*

By Climate C. Rox

My favorite daydream is about me lying on my beach towel, running my hand through warm grains of sand and feeling the heat of the gorgeous summer sun shining onto me. I think about this especially during the miserable winter months, which are filled with harsh winds and mushy snow everywhere. So, you know the best thing that I've ever heard?

That the Earth is warming.

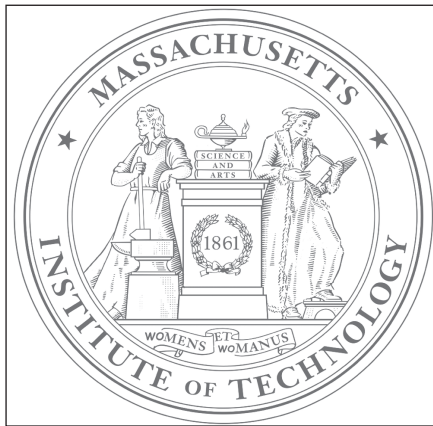
You're telling me that the average temperature of the Earth is rising? That all the snow in the world is melting? Has no one ever heard of the phrase, "Sun's out, fun's out?" I would gladly never have to suffer through a Boston winter again — sign me up for a year-round summer! Everyone keeps trying to convince me that rising temperatures means more blizzards and

storms, but I'm just not buying it. How does adding heat lead to more snow and rain? It's not logical in the least.

People say, "What about the extinction of <insert random animal that no one gives a flying hoot about>? Well, what about them? I say if a species can't evolve to fit its environment, it doesn't deserve to live. That's the way the world works, darling. If the trade for having longer summers is sacrificing the wild spotted chipmunk (which I bet you never knew existed before reading this sentence), you'll find me in my garden performing ritualistic animal slaughters any day.

Sure, rising sea levels might lead to the flooding of entire countries, but honestly, who cares if a few shithole countries are engulfed? Don't we have an overpopulation crisis or something?

It's a no-brainer to me — global warming is a blessing to mankind.



ABIGAIL ATOMS

I've redesigned the MIT seal to finally give women the long-deserved spotlight.

My fellow MIT students look down on me when I tell them that I'm majoring in

Women's and Gender Studies. It's time WGS was recognized as a serious academic discipline and received a real course number. But I digress.

I've redesigned the MIT seal to reflect the new motto. By replacing the scholar and the craftsman with a scholarette and a craftswoman, I hope to empower women across the globe and give them the chance to finally be seen.

MIT's campus has suffered from a surplus of men for many years. It's time to make the Main Group a safe space for women. Right now, women have the Cheney Room, but that's not enough. MIT should make all the main buildings into a women-only space. The men can have the Cheney Room — the Dick Cheney Room. This is what Margaret, or Maggie, as we knew her in the '80s, would have wanted.

— Abigail Atoms '19

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**Disrupting the poop industry.**

**Oh yeah.**

**We got VC funding for this.**

**SMARTfarts**

*The shit that dreams are made of*



# MIT.nano researchers have yet to find evidence of your dick

*Scientists baffled by elusive 'rod particle'*

**Johnson Wang**  
STAFF STROKER

Despite a number of scientific breakthroughs that have come about as a result of MIT's new state-of-the-art nanoscale research facility MIT.nano, researchers have been left scratching their heads in the quest to discover your dick.

"Genetic models show that there most definitely is a dick, it's just a question of

the size," MIT.nano director Vladimir Bulovic said in an interview with *Big Mistech*. "Anything that's of practical interest to humanity is at the nano level or above, so suffice it to say it's astounding we've not seen a trace of it."

According to Bulovic, your dick has in essence become the Higgs boson of dicks, what the Incredible Hulk might call a "puny god particle" or others might term a "quark dork," a "photon python," or a "pi-

cometer peter."

Research into your dick began after professors came across your comments made on pornographic videos claiming that "bitches love [your] massive horse cock" and "hoes tell [you] that [you] probably have the biggest dong of any human, ever." However, while scientists initially set out hoping to find the world's biggest dick, they may have inadvertently stumbled across the universe's smallest object.

"I don't see anything left to do but turn it over to CERN," Bulovic said. "If there's anything that will give us a chance, it's high-energy collision, something which I can tell you for a fact this dick has never experienced."

He added that you shouldn't be too disheartened, though. "It's not the size that matters, it's how you use it," he said. "I bet you could scissor real well with that thing."

# You walk a lonely road

*Everyone walks slower than you in the Infinite, study finds*

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You are the fastest walker in the Infinite, according to a paper published in *Science* last week.

The study, conducted at MIT by the Friend Group, compared your walking speed to the walking speed of everyone else walking through the Infinite right now and found that your walking speed was significantly higher.

Why is this case? Contrary to what you might believe, it's not related to your awkwardly long legs or that Fitness P.E. class

you had to take because you overslept on P.E. registration day.

It might have more to do with your social life — more specifically, your lack thereof.

Walking speed is related to social behavior, and previous research in the field revealed that social closeness is mirrored by walking pace. Close friends are likely to walk together, and one may slow their speed to match that of the other. This is especially true in the case of romantic partners.

Over the course of the study, you did not appear to change your walking speed

to match anyone behind you. "This lack of variation in walking speed is significant," said Walken Solo, lead author of the paper. "We have yet to see someone else so unaware of their surroundings, and in terms of social networks, this obliviousness may be indicative of lower connectedness."

According to Solo, a more telling proxy for connectedness may be the behavior of those around you. "We were particularly surprised to see that no one sped up to meet your pace," she noted. "The total lack of greetings or other social interaction we observed while monitoring your 8:55 a.m. path to 18.03 was remarkable."

To confirm their initial findings, the researchers stood in the middle of Lobby 10 and surveyed students behind you about their social connections. Of the five students they were able to stop, all had about 8.2 more friends than you on average, and in the last five minutes, three had slowed down or sped up to meet their friends.

"People tend to be concerned primarily with themselves, and you don't appear to be an exception," said Neida Friend, senior author on the study. "Of course, you may simply walk too fast for anyone to keep up. To determine that, however, further research is required."



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# Student: How will we get through Infinite with extra 19,000 people?

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given the imbalance in class size, and having enough pizza in Maseeh dining.”

The huge number of first years will require an increased number of first year classes. There will be about 50 sections of 8.01 offered, according to Professor of Physics Peter Dourmashkin. The 8.01 and 8.02 TEAL group size will increase to four students.

MIT will hire hundreds of new professors to teach all of the added class sections, Vice Chancellor Ian

Waitz said in an interview with *Big Mistech*. Waitz said that he has “no concerns whatsoever” about this process.

A number of current students have expressed concern over the crowdedness of the Infinite Corridor, considering how easy it is to walk down the Infinite currently. “What I don’t get about this whole thing is how we’re supposed to get through the infinite with an additional 19,000 people,” Speedy Walker ’19 said. “I’ve been at this school for four years, and I’m about to graduate, and I’m really concerned about

what’s going to happen next year.”

To address these concerns, the Office of Campus Planning, partnered with the Office of the HASS Requirement, will remove the basement and second floor from the building. The (de)construction will happen during finals week, so as to maximize convenience, the offices said in a joint statement.

“In this way, all members of the MIT community will become more bonded, and we will bring our community together,” President L. Rafael Reif said in an interview with *Big Mistech*.

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# Football team trades starting quarterback

*Former QB loses MIT education for a little bench in the Big 12*

**By Skip Valence**  
*LOOSE END*

MIT football coach Tom Shaughnessy announced Monday that he has traded freshman starting quarterback Anders Nagle (formerly '22) for Kansas State superstar Jimmy Stallworth (now '22) in preparation for spring training.

"Nagle's a smart kid, but he just wasn't pulling his weight

for us," Shaughnessy told *Big Mistech*. "Stallworth has been a big Engineers fan his whole life, and with his stats it was hard to say no."

Nagle took the news in stride, telling *Big Mistech*, "You know, it was my dream since I was five years old to study at MIT, and I've already helped some amazing professors make progress in uncovering the mechanisms of pan-

creatic cancer. But if Coach thinks that me giving up the unique chance to get an MIT education and probably losing a ton of research and job opportunities in the process is best for the team, who am I to question him?"

Shaughnessy said that, although Nagle will probably hover around the fourth string for the Wildcats, he'll be able to take advantage of Kansas State's academ-

ic programs, which are "somewhat comparable to MIT's, if you look at it a certain way."

Meanwhile, Stallworth is thrilled that he'll be hitting the field with the team he's followed since childhood. "Even though I grew up in Topeka, there was something about the passion in Tech's fanbase that just drew me in," he said. Although he remains a bit apprehensive about the

rigor of MIT's classes, "being a C student and all," he expects to coast through "just like in high school."

Kansas State coach Brad Crowther told *Big Mistech* that although he lost one of the top-ranked players in the country, he thinks it's a fair trade. "It'll be a huge asset to our squad to have someone to do the starters' math homework," he said.

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