

Epstein didn't kill himself, spotted selling boba

The late financier accused of sex trafficking joins student protests for Reif's resignation

By Joyee Tou

Jeffrey Epstein, the late financier accused of killing himself, was spotted selling boba in Lobby 10 Friday. Epstein asked passersby to donate to his foundation and sign a petition calling for President L. Rafael Reif's resignation.

"I'm here because I love MIT and I want to make it a better place," Epstein told *The Sneek* after a reporter promised to put his name on the front page following a month-long hiatus.

Epstein said he admires MIT's culture of entrepreneurship and has had "successful business relationships" with several notable MIT

alumni, including Tony Stark '87. "I've always wanted to be like Tony — genius, billionaire, pedophile, philanthropist," Epstein said.

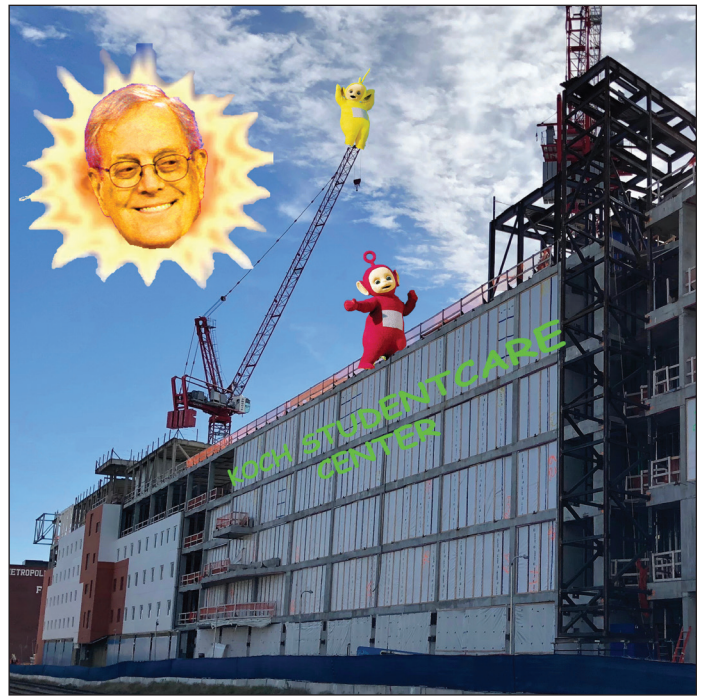
"I recognize that it was wrong and shameful for President Reif to take money from me," Epstein said. "That's why I'm giving the MIT student body the opportunity to give my money back, one overpriced boba at a time."

To spread awareness of socioeconomic inequality and support the #MoneyMatters movement on campus, Epstein offered several varieties of boba at different prices. Students who bought Kung Fu Tea, Gongcha, and Abide were recognized by

the Jeffrey Epstein VI Foundation as gold tier, silver tier, and bronze tier donors respectively. Students who bought Stratton Student Center boba received a handwritten thank-you note from Epstein for their sacrifice.

Epstein said the proceeds from the sales will be used to fund home improvements on one of his islands. "The \$1.2 million I gave to the Media Lab could've been spent on an indoor zen garden," he said.

"Although I do not recall interacting with Epstein, an empty plastic cup in my office does bear Kung Fu Tea's logo," Reif said in an interview with *The Sneek*.



COURTESY OF CULTURE OPPRESSION COMMITTEE

Plans for the new dorm's naming ceremony were released recently.

IN SHORTS

Keys that you have lost five times since Dec. 3

An old candy wrapper from a piece of chocolate you consumed over Halloween

A fat wallet containing all your receipts since freshman year

The iPhone 11 Pro Max because your trust fund has more money

than the lifetime earnings of an average American

Nothing if you are a woman since you don't get pockets that fit anything

If you'd like to tell *The Sneek* why you're still wearing shorts at this time of year, email tbeaver@mit.edu. We take a shot every time a midwestern elitist responds. Two for Montanans.

New GIRs announced for incoming class: 6.867, 6.854, 6.828

CUP Education Experiment enters Phase Three after first year complains 6.867 psets are too easy

By Fresh Meat

Starting with the Class of 2024, the Committee on the Undergraduate Program (CUP) will enact three new GIRs in Phase Three of the CUP Education Experiment. All incoming first years will be required to take 6.867 (Machine Learning), 6.854 (Advanced Algorithms), and 6.828 (Operating System Engineering).

Vice Chancellor Jacobian Waitz says the new GIR policy will help first years adapt to the rigor of MIT classes while "embracing the lifestyle of chronic stress and Red Bull addiction" that will characterize their four-year experience.

The new GIRs were selected based on a survey posted on MIT Confessions to gather feedback from current first-year students.

According to the survey, 77 percent of first years complained that

their fall semester courses weren't sufficiently challenging. "If I had known 18.03 was so damn easy, I wouldn't have wasted P/NR on it," Eigen Bored '23 wrote in response to the survey.

One in five first years are currently enrolled in 6.867, 6.854, or 6.828. These students overwhelmingly expressed satisfaction with their courseloads, but several first years still indicated in the survey that the classes weren't as difficult as expected.

In an interview with *The Sneek*, Thicc Flex '23 said the new GIR requirement is "not unreasonable at all," given that 6.867 is a "gentle introductory subject for machine learning amateurs."

Flex said that only having three psets all semester made the class an "extremely low time commitment" and that other first years should have "no problem fitting the

class into their schedules alongside 8.01 and three-oh-nine-fun."

"I only wish the class were more mathematically rigorous, with pset problems about kernel-embedded Gaussian deep neural networks (KEGnets) instead of this easy linear algebra eigenbullshit," Flex said.

Monte Carlo '23 said that the new GIR policy is a promising solution to "the lack of mathematical rigor in MIT's undergraduate classes." Carlo said that 6.854 is "only slightly more advanced" than the popular 6.006, and that the 6.854 Piazza will provide a "welcoming, beginner-friendly environment" for students struggling with the course material.

Waitz said that Flex and Carlo were instrumental in directing the CUP's attention toward the plight of

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Office of the First Years debuts Inverse Peer Mentor Program

Freshmen to help the fourth years to feel okay and less jaded

By Swichinto Finance

The Office of the First Year debuted their inaugural class of Inverse Peer Mentors (IPMs) last Friday night, with over one hundred first years, all assigned to improve the lives of the tired, jaded Class of 2020.

"Our first-year mentors will be excellent assets for our unenergized and socially-deprived seniors,"

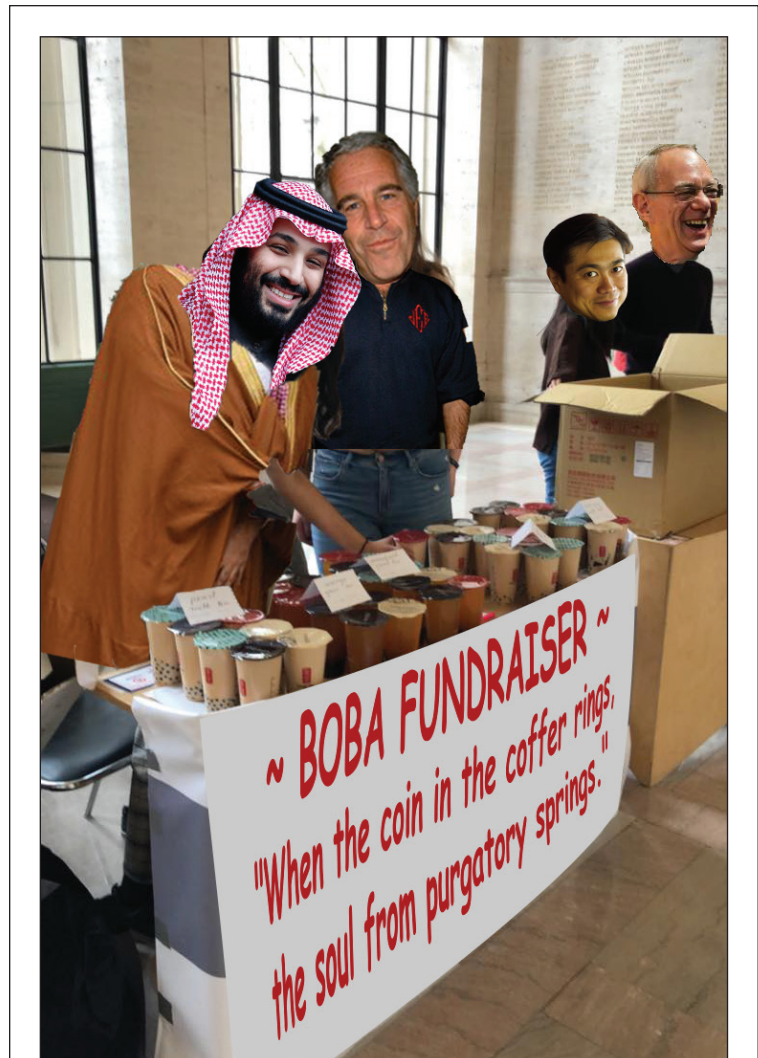
Dean of Student Life Elton John said. "We've already received marvelous upperclassmen reception."

The program harnesses the energy and excitement of first years to reinvigorate anti-social and largely uninvolved upperclassmen from the depths of their off-campus beds. Especially for seniors sinking deeper into the realization that no one will hire them, IPM adds one more thin layer between fourth-year stu-

dents and the brink of inevitable public breakdown. Over 73 percent of those IPMs are Greek-affiliated.

"I was going to spend all night on an assignment for my capstone, but then my IPM brought me to his fraternity's social event last Thursday instead," Course 4 senior Peaked Attwelve said. "Everyone was so excited and happy to meet

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Epstein is providing students the chance to give back his money.

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A penny saved is \$999,999.99 less than the million dollars you can provide. **IT'S JUST MATH, p. 7.5**

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Weather is good boi

By Weatherboi
THIS IS FINE

Good year. The weather is much. Tomorrow expect a similar. What surprise could be! Welcome

umbrella with outside. Remember that is. Is rain? Icy on a road without a persons standing. Sometimes winter. Next week, daylight and polar. What climate inside how strong wind about river? Be chill, jacket.

Extended Forecast

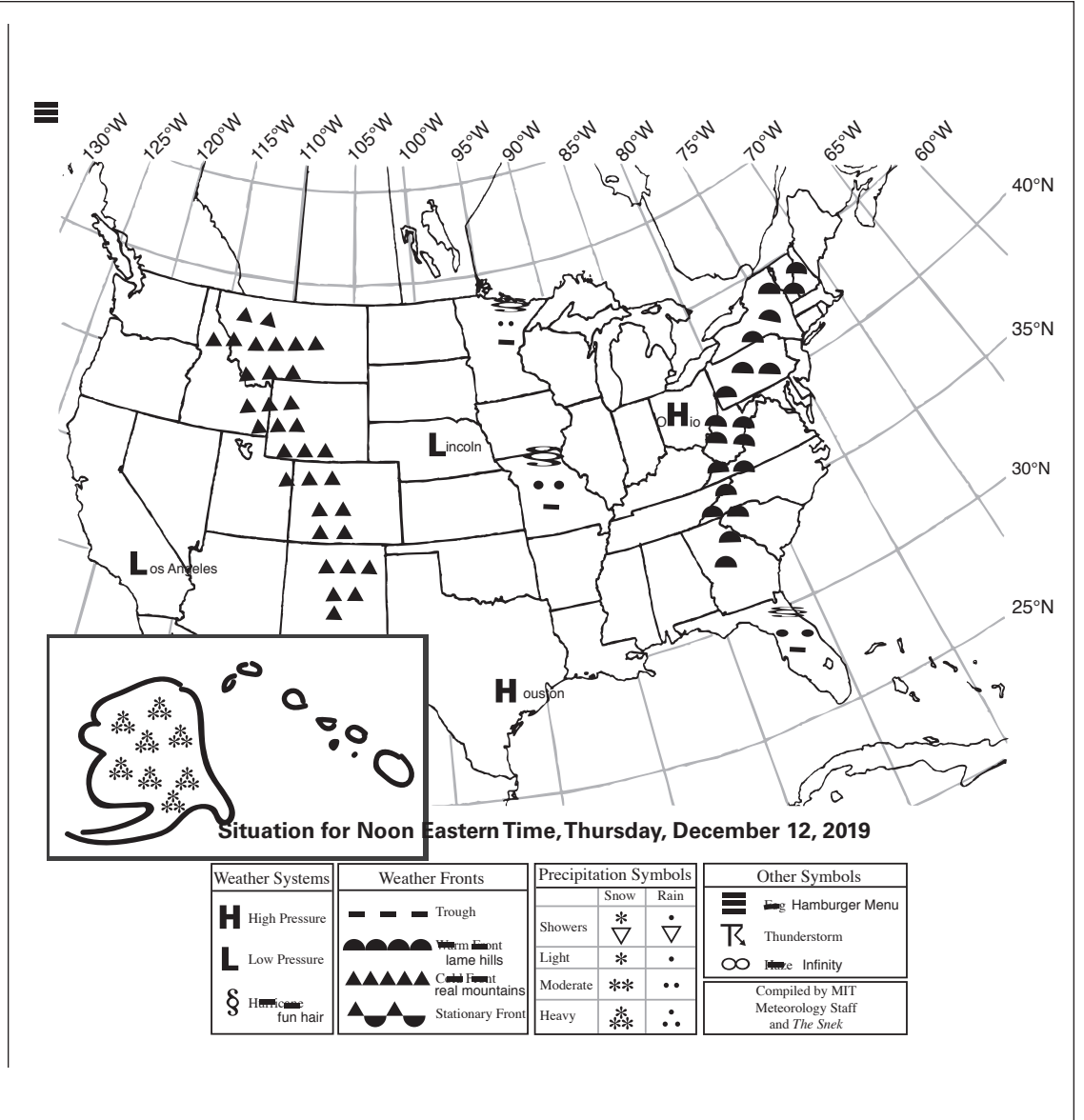
Today: From looking out my window, it looks pretty cold out. My room is nice and warm, though.

Tonight: Maybe I'll just go outside and check. I'll let you know.

Tomorrow: Wow it is actually really cold. I probably should have worn a jacket for this.

Saturday: I actually can't feel my fingers.

Sunday: ... Yeah, well, that's the last time I go outside.



Course 2 fourth year: 'I ate real food with real people today'

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me. I couldn't believe I could have fun and make new friends still at this point in my undergraduate career. I'm still recovering from the energy expenditure, but I'm so grateful my mentor invited me!"

"I ate real food with real people today when my IPM guest-swiped me into Maseeh dining," Course 2 senior Jessi Glaser said. "Everyone there was so happy, and interested in

one another, and still devoted to their athletic teams. It was like something out of a dream."

Without the program, John believes the situation could have become dire for the Class of 2020's social lives.

"I mean, these are students who have quit all of their extracurriculars, never go out, like to eat ramen by themselves in the dark, have terrible academic performance, and don't enjoy making new friends," John

said. "One of our most desperate cases spent sixty-six hours straight in Pappalardo last week."

First-year mentor Bee D.E. saw major warning signs the moment she met her assigned mentee, Course 2 senior Ella Yelich-O'Connor.

"When I asked my senior what she does for fun, her face went totally blank," D.E. said. "It was unnerving. Then she said she was busy Friday night because she had to binge browse on Handshake. It

was at that moment I realized just how important IPM was, and what an incredible impact we could have on these totally soul-crushed seniors."

First-year inverse peer mentors see the progress already made with their seniors as indicative of great character development moving forward.

"My fourth-year student has made huge progress already," first-year mentor Khalid Robinson said.

"He followed me to two of my extracurricular activities last week, which I think is demonstrating a revitalization of his interests in on-campus involvement. With time, I think we could really make a difference with these socially-deprived upperclassmen."

"My senior seems happier and less dead than ever when he visits me in my floor's lounge," D.E. said. "I can't wait for him to find out about PBE Office Hours."

New dorm to be named 'Koch Studentcare Center'

Donation used to improve student wellbeing, Barnhart says

By Bling Ding

With a donation of \$10 million from the David H. Koch Charitable Foundation, MIT has decided to name the new residence hall on Vassar Street the "David H. Koch Studentcare Center." The residence hall is located on the same street as the similarly named Koch Childcare Center.

Chancellor Cynthia Barnhart

PhD '88 wrote in an email to *The Snek*, "This name will also help parents feel comfortable knowing that their child is living in a caring environment ... We see complete studentcare as the next level in our efforts to improve student life."

The Koch Foundation cited the MIT News obituary on David H. Koch as the reason for the donation. The Foundation's chairman, Winston Koch, wrote in an email to *The*

Snek, "This additional donation occurred due to our deep appreciation of MIT for representing David Koch in an accurate, honest, and impartial manner."

With this new money, MIT has decided to increase amenities among undergraduate residents to ensure students are safe and happy. Cameras will be installed in all rooms, and the video feed will be monitored by a psychiatrist 24/7. In

all dining dorms, students will order dining food through the EatKoch app, with features and interface similar to the Washlava app, allowing MIT to better study eating habits and optimize students' nutrition.

Common spaces in all dorms will now be separated from the hallways by translucent glass, so students in the hallway do not have to make awkward eye contact with those studying in the lounges. These changes, ac-

cording to Barnhart, "will encourage students to be happy, healthy, and successful at MIT."

As a special bonus to the Institute, signifying Koch's dedication to private funding of the arts and recent initiatives to push for community in the new housing complex, the new dorm will feature an abstract humanoid sculpture outside the front entrance, entitled "A culture-free community."

Sunoco gas station closes at age 95

This 24/7 business will be missed dearly by gas guzzlers everywhere



Sunoco in all its former glory.

By Ben Fyre

In the early morning hours of judgment day, Random Hall resi-

dents awoke to the rumbling of the earth as construction workers worked to tear apart the decrepit Sunoco. The gas station has been

defunct for years, seeing no business aside from the college students next door seeking a quick bite in between study sessions.

"That Sunoco has carried me through a lot of my college milestones: my first love, my first breakup, my first failed exam, my first frat party. Whenever I needed a pick-me-up, Sunoco was there to provide me a bag of chips or a pint of ice cream, no matter the hour of the day," Random Hall resident Lou Upton said in an interview with *The Snek*.

"My cat escaped into the Sunoco once. Most terrifying day of my life," Random Hall resident Beatrice M. Franklin recalled fondly to *The Snek*.

"I don't know what all the hubbub is about. Are we even really sure the Sunoco is being torn down for good? They haven't touched the 24/7 convenience store yet, and that's all that matters to me," Random Hall

resident Dean S. Tiny remarked in an interview with *The Snek*.

Students who use the nearby Edgerton Center also expect to be affected. MIT Formula SAE member Hala O'erworked wrote in an email to *The Snek*, "How the fuck am I supposed to survive three all nighters without my Sunoco coffee? I'm already at the bottom of my cocaine stash and they're taking away the coffee too? These stupid shopkeepers don't understand how important our team is and how we're the most legitimate engineers on campus."

"I'm not sure what these college mortals are talking about. The gas station was definitely the most profitable part of this pit stop," phantom shopkeep Paul Ecker said in an interview with *The Snek*.

Upon further investigation, *The Snek's* dark arts team discovered that the Sunoco's decrepit appearance was merely a front to attract super-

natural customers sporting all kinds of vehicular property.

"Yeah, I come to fill up my baby all the time. The ghost gas here is really affordable compared to other gas stations because we don't have to deal with the trouble of living traffic," Blair K. Holland, owner of a spectral taxi cab, informed a reporter of *The Snek*.

"I've heard contractors passing by and making plans to revive the old corporeal filling station, actually," Foo Clements, junior phantom shopkeep, mentioned in an interview with *The Snek*. "I don't know what this means for business, but all the racket has been deterring our usual clients away."

Paul Ecker is skeptical that the corporeal half of the gas station will truly be restored, considering how long it has been abandoned. Currently, the 24/7 convenience store is still operating despite the neighboring construction.

Ninety-two percent of the Class of 2024 projected to declare Course 6

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first years who feel intellectually under-stimulated under the current GIR system.

Several first-year students expressed concern that the new GIRs will destroy the elite status of those currently taking the classes. "How will I assert my dominance when every other first year is also taking grad classes?" Carlo said. "I

guess I'll just have to take 20.320 instead."

Nonetheless, overall first-year response to the new GIRs has been positive.

"The Class of 2024 won't have to spend Thanksgiving stressing over Firehose like I did," Rory Gilmore '23, a prospective quadruple-major in Courses 2, 6, 15, and 18, said in an interview with *The Snek*. "They'll know that no matter how shitty their spring

schedules are, 6.828 is waiting for them at the end of the tunnel."

Gilmore added that the new GIRs will make students more attractive to "the employers that actually matter, like Facebook and Morgan Stanley."

"I'm sure future first years will thank the CUP when Jane Street hires them at the fall career fair," Flex said.

The new GIRs are overseen by the Schwarzman College of Computing.

Dan Huttenblockchainer, dean of the college, said the computing requirement will equip students with "the technical skills necessary to succeed in the 21st century workforce."

According to a machine learning prediction algorithm built by CSAIL researchers, 92 percent of the Class of 2024 is projected to declare Course 6.

Pat Bateman '20 said in an interview with *The Snek*, "The vast

majority of the student body will have to suffer through these classes in their junior and senior years anyway, so we aren't making any drastic changes here. I, for one, applaud the CUP. Taking a challenging courseload gave me the determination to make the world a better place, no matter how hard it gets." Bateman, a 6-3 major, recently accepted a job offer at Goldman Sachs.

Separated MIT secret society complete again

Thirty-one years after their goodbyes, three 'best bud' alums achieve their plot of taking over the Institute

By Jeffy Eppy

The Snek sat down with Cynthia Charmheart PhD '88, Dan "Hott" Huttenlocher PhD '88, and S'Marty Schmidt PhD '88 for a chat about their long and patient journey towards absolute domination.

The Snek: Tell us how it all began, Prof. Charmheart.

CC: Oh, we were best friends. On top of the world. But for some unfathomable reason, the administration didn't even speak to students before making decisions that affected us. Isn't that unbelievable? That's when we knew — we needed the Institute in our hands. The Society of Sorrowful Scholars Seeking Supremacy, as we called it back then, was borne out of our collective yearning to be heard.

TS: Prof. S'Marty, you were the first to be employed at MIT — in

fact, you never left. How has your journey been?

SS: Let me begin by saying, the MIT bubble is real. Do you ever try to walk across the bridge and get bounced back into your 3-208 office by an invisible force field just as your foot hits 182.3 smoots? Exactly. After one degree and then another, I resigned myself to a life at the Institute. It's not all bad, of course — we needed an insider, and I led many important projects such as the "Professor Institute Evaluation!" study which found a positive correlation between the number of pies a faculty member can eat in two hours and how soon they get tenure.

TS: When did Prof. Hott come in?

HH: I was so proud when S'Marty and Cindy became Provost and Chancellor. It seemed like between them, they had all spheres of MIT covered. But somewhere

in my heart, I knew that there was something missing. Something was rumbling in the sub-basements of MIT, waiting to be erected from the depths of MIT's dark pockets. The COC, of course. I knew I had to be on top of this.

But there was something holding me back. As a PhD candidate, I had lived in constant fear of student culture. Why do you think I escaped to Cornell for so long? Anyway, Cindy realized my hesitation and did the only correct thing — made sure Senior Haus, that hole of darkness and blasphemy, turned into a feel-good graduate residence. Finally, I could return. AND I HAVE RETURNED!

TS: Prof. Hott... uhhh...

At press time, the AI masquerading as HH had dismembered our reporter and demolished the Stata center. We managed to salvage the recordings.



THE SOCIETY OF SORROWFUL SCHOLARS SEEKING SUPREMACY SUPER FAN
Cindy Charmheart raises her arms in adoration of the CoC.



~*rebellious STEM major*~
@pythonandproud

Flight attendant: Is there a doctor onboard?

Dad: *nudging me* That should've been you

Me: Not now Dad

Dad: Not asking for a student journalist to help, are they?

Me: Dad, there's a medical emergency happening right now

Dad: Go and see if following the AP style guide helps

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Andrew Carnegie '20

Late Financier

Andrew Mellon '21

Still a robber-baron

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UNPOPULAR OPINION

Course 20 professor Michael Birnbaum should not be allowed to teach at MIT

Birnbaum's class is a microcosm of the systemic memes at MIT

By Sayad Nowan Evar

I came to MIT brimming with hope — ready to cure cancer with machine learning. Not even Maseeh dining was able to wipe the perpetual grin off of my hopeful, happy-go-lucky freshman face. However, now a sophomore, I cannot even get out of bed without bursting into tears. And it is all because of Michael Birnbaum.

As a sophomore in Course 20, I am (thankfully, soon to be “was”) forced to take a class that is an abomination to this institution's values: 20.110 (Thermodynamics of Biomolecular Systems). The class cannot be further from MIT's motto of *mens et manus*. Exams are essentially contrived experiments of whether we can slog up to the sixth floor of Building 56 by 10 a.m., and problem sets are exercises of who can find derivations for 300-year-old equations the quickest. But that is not the issue; Michael Birnbaum is the issue.

On my first day of class, Birnbaum was sitting in the back corner of the room pecking at his keyboard. This unacceptable behavior continued until Professor Chris Voigt (the other Course 20 professor who teaches 20.110) called Birnbaum to the front of the class to explain the rest of 20.110's syllabus. Throughout the rest of the semester, I will hazard a guess and say that Birnbaum spent approximately half of them either in the corner of the room or completely absent from lecture. What gives? When he does lecture, he will continually use jokes that crack the class up, even going so far as to sneakily include memes and meme-references in his lectures. I have never had a professor who has done this — repeatedly, no less. One example of a “Birnbaum” joke in a lecture was his crass quip about how, “We are all bags of salty water.” This is an incredibly insensitive transgression. How would a student who has suffered from the

trauma of salt-in-the-wound feel? Are we going to excuse Birnbaum's abhorrently inconsiderate lack of trigger warnings in his lectures?

Not only is Birnbaum a teacher with bad manners; he is a person who represents the systemic issues that plague MIT, endorsing and propping up extremely unethical funding agencies like the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Birnbaum recently received a grant (U19) from the NIH, a center with a longstanding history of unethical experimentation on humans and animals. For example, in a 1946 to 1948 study in Guatemala funded by the NIH, researchers used prostitutes to infect prison inmates, insane asylum patients, and Guatemalan soldiers with syphilis and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) to test the effectiveness of treating STDs with penicillin. Once this experiment did not yield interesting results, the researchers performed “direct inoculations made from syphilis bacteria poured into the men's penises and on forearms and faces that were slightly abraded ... or in a few cases through spinal punctures.” Approximately 700 people contracted syphilis due to this study, including children who were orphans. But again, Birnbaum represents the systemic issues at MIT: let us not consider the other horribly unethical injustices that happen every day in the labs here. To date, MIT scientists have murdered millions of mice in the name of science and under NIH funding. On campus, quadrillions of yeasts have been used as slaves for protein engineering exploitation (this means of “directed evolution” is, in essence, eugenics), and sextillions of bacteria have been used as objectified viral vectors and suicidal CRISPR screens. There has not been a single penny devoted toward reparations for these yeasts' and bacteria's families. By allowing Birnbaum and his colleagues to

teach, we as an institution are endorsing and validating the horrifying inhumanities that the biological sciences have carried out and continue to every day. By allowing Birnbaum to teach, we are allowing an eternally-sneering murderer to continue to take microorganisms' lives every day. Microorganism lives matter.

Nobody will tell Birnbaum that he must stop teaching. We students must speak up. We students of Course 20. And the Course 7 premeds who are forced to take the class and constantly ask about their grades.

As long as Birnbaum continues to teach at MIT, students suffer. Our institution suffers. The opportunity to study thermodynamics within a biological context should not be restricted by how easily you can put aside your discomfort toward memes and contrived grading criteria.

And let's not forget: Birnbaum's incessant imbibing of diet soda. The next generation of biologists, engineers, bio-engineers, and drop-out premeds is in jeopardy as students are being forced to drop out of the class. As Birnbaum said, “You've heard the saying. It's a marathon — not a sprint. But MIT is both a marathon and a sprint: a marathon of sprinting.” We are already making students sprint marathons. Let us not add additional literal and figurative hurdles in this rat-race to be the very best.

Birnbaum's behavior is unacceptable at such a renowned place with little history of institutional errors. We must remove the stain that is Birnbaum and keep MIT pure. By allowing Birnbaum to continue teaching undergraduates and graduates, to continue advising students through emails in the middle of the night, to continue doing groundbreaking science, and so on, MIT is directly hurting its students and contributing to Big Soda's revenue. Birnbaum should not remain at MIT.

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APP REVIEW

Get ready to tumble

Washlava picking up good vibrations

By The Bleach Boys

Here's an unpopular opinion: Washlava is great. Granted, it doesn't work anywhere else except MIT, but that's the only place that really matters.

Laundry is the basis of life. It's true that what gets you that date is how much money you make, but it's also whether your shirt smells like roses or shit. As my mother used to say, a single does not mingle with armpit stains. And while your job promotion depends on your work ethic, it also depends on whether your sock drawer is ready to face the challenges of a middle class existence. Washlava has made laundry more convenient for you, your soon-to-be bride, and your financial needs.

First, let's look at the Washlava logo. Sleek and sexy, this is the woman you want doing your laundry. The logo is round, plump, and a beautiful orange and blue. Through Bluetooth, Washlava achieves fast communication between the tumbler and your phone, so that your machine runs for you rather than the other way around.

Technology has come a long way: once, students washed laundry by hand on an aluminum washboard, but now, they can dump their load into brand-spanking-new

machines that take it for them. No longer will you have to fumble around for that quarter you found behind the Green Building. The Washlava app will tell you when it's ready to go. Ever since the Institute put out these new machines, the price of laundry went up, and boy, am I getting my bang for the buck. I have power over my laundry, and it's never been better.

A number of students have complained about the Washlava app's unreliability, but they make up a small minority. Most MIT students couldn't operate a coin machine even if they tried. The increasing number of broken washers and dryers has long been an issue, so Washlava is not to blame for improper maintenance. And while it is true that sometimes the Bluetooth connection does not properly work, I've been able to coax my phone app by petting the camera until it works. And if not, a kick on the side of the washing machine usually does the trick for my wash, though I'm not sure about the student coming in after.

To address student concerns, Washlava is releasing a new feature on their app next year: the ability to dry before the wash. Washlava gave *The Sneak* a sneak preview of this feature, and I have to say, my clothes have never been better. Drying then washing and then



COURTESY OF LAUNDRY UNION FOR CHANGE

Your money. Reloaded.

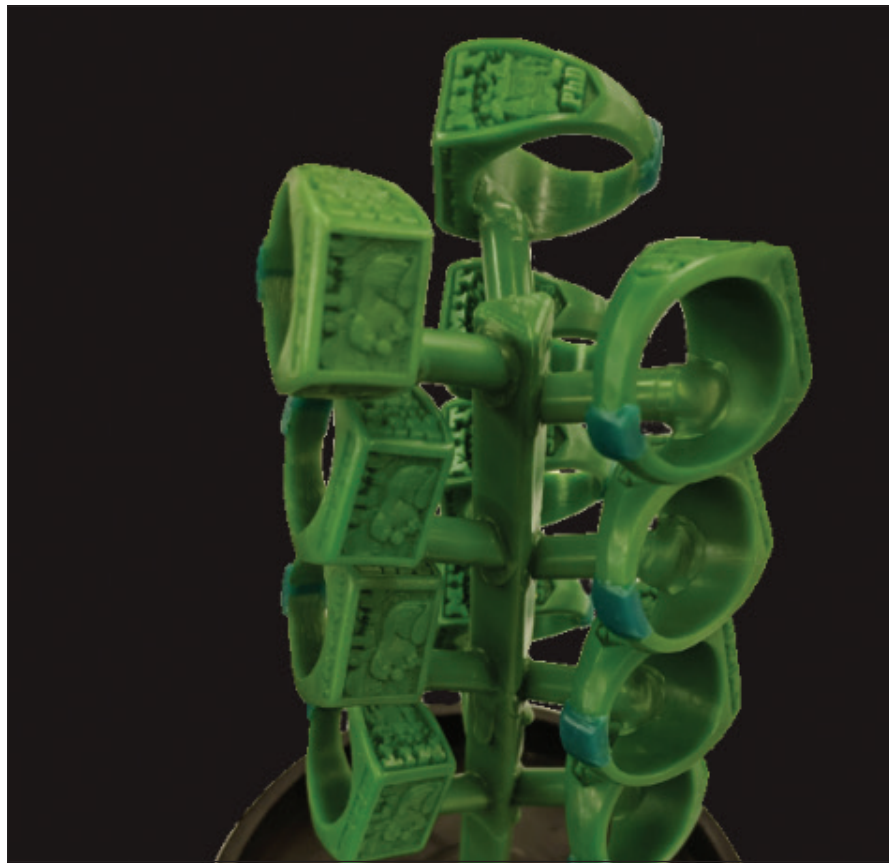
air drying in my dorm room takes longer, but I get fewer frayed edges on my shirt sleeves, and wrinkles are almost nonexistent. Whether this came from Washlava or the air drying is a different matter.

The Washlava slogan is "Laundry. Reloaded." So it's not surprising that you're reloading your laundry for the second time. And the third time. Let's hear some lava love.

JEWELRY REVIEW

A Graduated Rat

You, too, can be the rattiest of graduates



RING COMM WANNABE

Did you know that ... GradRat rings grow on trees?

By Rat G

The Grad Rat is a robust, customizable accessory to help every graduate student try to fit in with the average MIT undergrad.

The ring tradition began in 1929, when a committee of four undergraduates were tasked to design a class ring. Although they contemplated the idea of a brass elephant, they eventually settled on the Brass Rat that is not-so subtly flaunted on the right ring finger of nearly every junior and senior at this damn institution. In 2003, the graduate population decided that enough was enough: they are the backbone of this institution, and what do they have to show for it? A degree? A thesis? Depression? No, they wanted to put a ring on it.

While the undergraduate Brass Rat is worn on the right hand, Tim the Beaver proudly wears the Grad Rat on his left to show that MIT is far more committed to its graduate students than its undergrads. To express confusion with how to reconcile MIT's reliance on graduate students with its complete lack of mental health support for them, you can ask the Comparative Media Studies Department to display a question mark-Wi-Fi symbol hybrid on the customizable Department Shank. If hitting people in the head with meaning isn't really your style, you can always go with the Math Department, and display

a \mathbb{Z} to represent the infinite yet discrete set of suffering your advisor puts you through.

The customizable nature of the Grad Rat goes far beyond the Department Shank. There is an option to add a diamond, a fake diamond, or a red stone in the beaver's eye. Every year around the time of ring premiere, undergraduates have been saying, "I wish I could put a diamond instead of the beaver's eye haha jk...unless?"

Heavily inspired by the Brass Rat, the Grad Rat is redesigned every five years. The current Grad Rat was designed in 2018. The bezel features the beaver holding both a scroll and a globe, a nod to the graduate student's tendency to have their hands full. The 2019 Grad Rat also displays a OneMIT party tent, fireworks, and even the Burton 3rd Bombers' plane in the Boston Skyline! The 2019 Brass Rat bezel also displays a OneMIT party tent, fireworks, and biology hidden in the bridge, are also featured on the 2019 Brass Rat, which was coincidentally designed one year earlier. Even the Burton 3rd Bombers plane made it into the Grad Rat's Boston Skyline!

The Grad Rat is robust yet subtle, customizable yet traditional, and tasteful yet strange. This weird flex is a great way to impress your family during the holidays, make MIT undergrads do a double take, and build finger strength.



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Dining Chair Platforms

counterclockwise from upper right:

Next: Appears to have least support but makes all the rounds
Simmons: Indestructible candidate with a bouncy personality
Maseeh: Runs a basic, no frills campaign
McCormick: Your grandma will vote for this one!
Baker: Lean-ient on new dining plan, rocky history of reform

Don't forget to vote on Feb. 30!



BY THE NUMBERS

How to subtly judge compatibility on a first date

Hot take on a *hot* subject

By Mary Sue

SELF-APPOINTED LOVE GURU

1. Talk about all your insecurities and gauge your date's reaction. They'll be touched that you're being so open with them, and how they respond is a good test of whether they will be a loving and supportive partner. You want someone you can be completely emotionally dependent on.
2. If they are wearing something that seems pricey, ask them how much it cost! They're probably quite proud of it and would be flattered that you noticed it. It gives them a chance to talk about their success and allows you to gauge how financially stable their situation is.
3. Ask them if they were thinking about buying a house anytime soon. Again a great way to gauge your date's finances; let's be real, you need to figure out whether they'll be able to support you! If not, you can talk about how great property is as an investment and get the ball rolling — they'll be impressed by your financial savviness.
4. Ask them about kids. If they want any, how many of them, possible names, etc. It's something we all love to fantasize

5. Ask them about the downfalls of their previous relationships. It's a great way to assess their character flaws and gives you tips on what to avoid in the future — it's vital that you are able to mold yourself into their ideal partner in order for a long term relationship to succeed.
6. Ask them where they might see this relationship going. After a couple of hours, you can figure out if you're attracted to the other person and weed out all their character flaws (see point 5). If they really like you, they'll be excited that you're showing so much interest, and you can skip straight to the relationship part without going through the stress of trying to DTR...
7. Hypothetical scenario: Imagine you two have been married for 20 years. One day, a police officer comes to your door and your partner answers. The police officer tells your partner that you have died. Two hours later, you walk in the door and tell your partner that you hired the police officer and it was all a prank. Does your



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Avoid awkward confrontation with this handy guide!

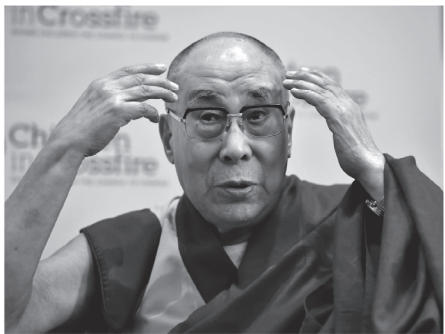



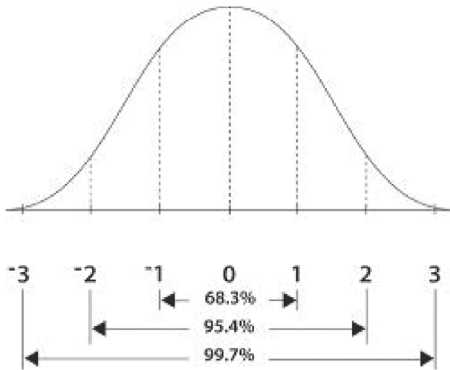
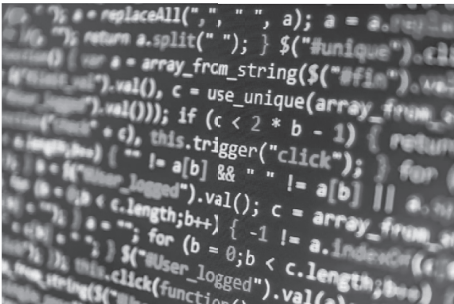

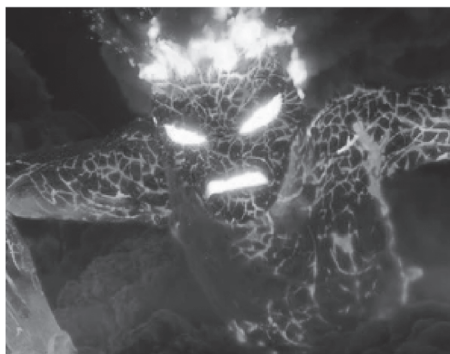

date think that's a great prank, or an unacceptable breach of trust?

8. Hypothetical scenario number two: They are still your spouse of 20 years. You

come back one night drunk out of your mind and shit in the fireplace. Would your date be mad and throw you out or just clean it up and take you to bed?

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D & D Washlava alignment chart

	lawful	neutral	chaotic
good	 <p>BossLama: BIG BRAIN</p>	 <p>FroshLava: we hope this is the correct alignment</p>	 <p>OhMyGoshLava: always screaming but means well</p>
neutral	 <p>PoshBaklava: a member of high society</p>	 <p>GaussLava: normie as fuck but predictable</p>	 <p>WashJava: not Python; but trying its best</p>
evil	 <p>WashDrama: takes your money but sings a song</p>	 <p>CrossLava: suppresses feelings instead of talking them out</p>	 <p>SauceLava: sweet, spicy, and all the flavors you didn't ask for</p>

Coming soon: DryMagma™, Washlava's new dry-cleaning service!

SPORTSBALL

Leaked! *The Tech's* sports article template

Contents are generic, but also pretty damn accurate

By Greg Gregory
STAFF BALLSUCCKER

Over the past semester, several investigative journalists at The Sneak have been following The Tech's sports section revival. At the Tech's office, The Sneak found the following writer orientation training template.

SPORTS ARTICLE WRITER
ORIENTATION TRAINING TEMPLATE [DO NOT PRINT]

MIT's gender sportsball team played in the nth sportsball group separation of the sportsball group over some recent time. The winning team won over the losing team by [winning team goal scoring number - losing team goal scoring number] goals.

The winning team did well by obtaining the goal scoring item and giving it to its various members who then did the goal scoring mechanism without being stopped by the losing team.

The losing team did not get the win because they did not get the points. The points were not obtained because they did not do the goal scoring mechanism. The team did not do the goal scoring mechanism because they did not have the goal scoring item. They lost the goal scoring item several times and were unable to take it from the winning team.

The losing team also did badly because they made mistakes that broke the rules of the sportsball, so they then became disadvantaged. This made it harder to get the goal scoring item and to prevent the winning team from doing the goal scoring mechanism.

In order for the losing team to do better, the losing team needs to be better at taking the goal scoring item, keeping the goal scoring item, and doing the goal scoring mechanism. They did not try the goal scoring mechanism enough, and when they tried, they were bad at the goal scoring mechanism.

The person in charge of making the losing team better said, "We just didn't play the right way today. If we play the game for the duration of the game, we will reduce the other team doing the goal scoring mechanism, increasing our chance to win."

The leader of the losing team said, "We did keep the goal scoring item and did the goal scoring mechanism for some duration. If we did what we did for that duration during the whole game we would have gotten the most points and won the whole game."

A fan of the winning team said, "Positive exclamation! Some cursing! My team won today and I am happy because I am attached because of tribalism. The team probably does not even know who I am or care at all but I would be willing to die for them."

OPTIONAL, adds extra spice: Member of the losing team expressed salt about the person who decides the rule breaking being



COURTESY OF GREG GREGORY

This encouraging photo was found attached to the sports article template.

biased. Losing team member stated, "This person is so trash. They clearly liked the winning team better, and they did so many bad rule breaking decisions, and they should be fired forever and ever."

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