

MIT announces fall semester to be held in Minecraft

Lectures will be held in conjunction with Zoom calls

By Ender Man RESIDENT TELEREPORTER

The fall semester "will be held remotely," President L. Rafael Reif announced in an email to the MIT community yesterday.

craft replica, a project that began on the BusyBeavers Discord and has since been hosted by the Student Information Processing Board (SIPB).

"We are very proud of the Minecraft campus and believe it demonstrates MIT's collaborative spirit. We would therefore like to utilize it in

full in the face of uncertainty that the pandemic poses," Reif wrote.

Reif emphasized "the importance of reducing the potential for COVID-19 spread" and mentioned plans to implement Zoom teaching within Minecraft.

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ZOOM INC.



SOME FUCKING FULL METAL ALCHEMIST SHIT

The Trek deeply regrets how consistently Jeffrey Epstein reappears in campus disasters.

MIT open to accepting gifts from Jeffrey Epstein again

Since he didn't kill himself and, ya know, these are hard times

By Donor Lover

After apologizing for accepting over \$800,000 in anonymous gifts from Jeffrey Epstein, MIT announced Tuesday its willingness to accept donations once again from the accused sex offender.

"The budget's really tight in the ongoing pandemic," Executive Vice President and Treasurer Michael Burry PhD '88 wrote in a recent email to faculty. "We would of course prefer our donations not to come from alleged sex offenders, but if these last few weeks have shown us anything at all, it's that you don't always get what you want. Just to be clear though, we do want the \$800,000. And since he didn't kill himself, who are we to refuse?"

Recent budget cuts have raised concerns about lab funding across the Institute, threatening the job security of faculty, graduate students, and UROPs alike.

"A massive, anonymous sum of money from morally questionable sources would be great right about now," Course 3 postdoc Brooke Asfuq told The Trek through Facebook Messenger. "Absurdly large and seemingly sourceless contributions would do wonders to keep our lab afloat."

"We know this will upset many, and we really sympathize with that," Burry wrote. "We're pleased to announce that a recent donation from a generous and anonymous benefactor has enabled the hiring of three new Student Support Services counselors. Well-placed allocations of

these financial gifts massively help in pulling off our most questionable relationships."

According to Institute finance experts, MIT's healthy new relationships with wealthy convicted felons could completely alleviate the fiscal impact of COVID-19. In fact, The Trek received a tip that Jordan Belfort is considering a \$20 million donation to Sloan Business School, a move that would further sink him into irreparable debt.

"We actually don't even need the undergraduates' tuition anymore, according to our projections," professor of economics Steven Mnuchin posited. "We expect to accept students back for a virtual fall semester, but as a financial asset they're more like pennies in a gold mine."

26-100 to be obliterated

Class of 2024 destined to stay virgins until graduation

By 10-250

The beloved 26-100 will be obliterated by an asteroid the night of the next full moon. A memorial ceremony will be held via Zoom concurrently with 2020 Commencement.

"Every single one of our Course 12 undergraduates, all three of them, is researching ways to stop the asteroid in their underpaid UROPs," EAPS

professor emerita Sybill Trelawney PhD '88 told The Trek. "But like the power of big oil, it cannot be stopped."

A CSAIL lab that shall not be named is using "advanced" machine learning and drone technology to determine the origins of the asteroid. "Don't tell anyone, but we think it has something to do with the Media Lab," said a researcher who asked The Trek to call them Anonymous Comp 2.

Several students have expressed their sorrow for the impending doom of a room that was as essential to their MIT experiences as resorting to Stratton Student Center boba, swiping a free HackMIT sweatshirt without actually participating in any of that coding shit, and almost getting hit by a bus on

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IN SORT

Counting sort works in O(n) for small constant-bounded inputs.

Use radix sort with polynomially-bounded input for an O(n) run time.

Heapsort guarantees in-place sorting in O(n log n).

Divide and conquer with merge sort, a stable go-to

comparison sort with an O(n log n) run time.

If you can quickly find the max, use selection sort for O(n^2).

Use worst-case O(n^2) insertion sort if your array is almost sorted.

Send your three double-sided cheat sheets for the 6.006 final and love letters to your recitation TA to thebeaver@mit.edu.

The Tech runs for UA takeover, endorses itself

Chairman claims not a result of endorsed candidate losing election

By Horsin A. Round

The Tech publicly announced Monday that it would be running to take over the UA entirely. The Chairman of The Tech Not A. Lion '21 denied that the takeover stemmed from the election of Dandy Feathers '22 and Yuuge Hen '22 to the positions of UA president and vice president, respectively.

"Our goal of a UA takeover stems solely from our belief that we know more about how to run things than anyone else. We have #nosalt that our endorsed ticket did not win. Furthermore, the 38% voter turnout

rate in UA elections shows that students do not feel passionate about any of their current options," Lion wrote in an email to The Trek.

In an editorial published Wednesday, The Tech's Editorial Board wrote, "The Tech has the strongest understanding of institutional knowledge of any organization on campus, given that it has been documenting such history since 1881."

"Additionally," the editorial continued, "The Tech has continuously improved administrative transparency by copy-pasting administrators' emails to the MIT community

into its articles, in the same way that cows best digest when their food is regurgitated and consumed again and again."

In response, students angrily posted in the "MIT Confessions but it's MIT people" Facebook group. Post #3069 stated, "The Tech has officially become Fox News. I don't even watch Fox News, but it must be like Fox News because it's dumb and corrupt. We officially need a new newspaper on campus, like how we can now rely on Chapo Trap House instead of Fox News."

Throughout the week, The Tech has campaigned in Minecraft and

Animal Crossing, following the lead of former presidential candidate Tom Steyer's organization NextGen America.

The Tech is expected to moderate a debate between itself and the UA this upcoming Saturday. In order to maintain the right to free speech, there will be no audience questions allowed, Lion wrote.

Feathers and Hen described the initiative as "a complete sham," "wasteful," and "a disgrace to campus democracy," in an interview with The Trek. They declined to state if they would accept the debate invitation.

The Trek also reached out to students through Zoom calls.

"I literally give zero shits about this election or anything of this sort. I just want to stop receiving so many unnecessary emails," Hare E. Bottoms '21 said.

Prefrosh Tye Nee Peacock said, "I'm more confused than anything. I committed to MIT solely because I thought I could enter a bubble that avoided politics of any sort. Now I feel like my whole life has been a lie."

The Pranav Krishna for Attorney General campaign did not respond to The Trek's request for comment as of press time.

BINGE NETFLIX

All those shows that we told you were bad? Watch them anyways. HULU, p. 00

PLAY ANIMAL CROSSING

Go join those Hong Kong protesters who got Animal Crossing banned in China. PROTEST, p. 1989

BAKE BREAD

Panic buy some yeast. UTI, p. <3



WATCH BON APPETIT

Be thankful they're all doing okay. #IWDFCFTBATK, p. NYC

ZOOM W/ FRIENDS

Because now that it's not required for classes, it's the newest social media. :CLAP:, p. 943-8753-4184

TO-DO LIST

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**WEATHER**

# The pain starts coming and it don't stop coming

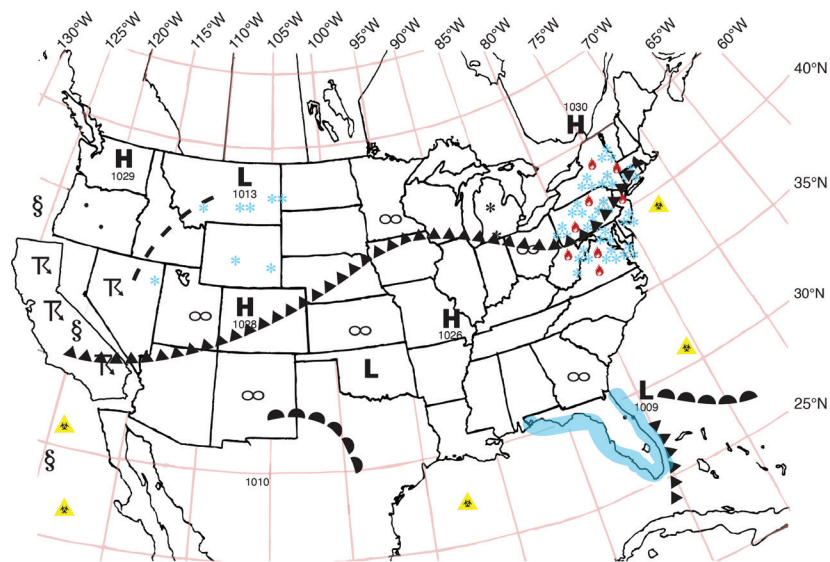
By Arizona Standard Time  
*TIME ZONES DON'T APPLY TO ME*

Somebody once told me the world is gonna end soon. I ain't too ready to pack up my dorm. The world is kind of dying with snow in early May. Do we really need a polar vortex now? Well the pain starts coming and it don't stop coming. Arbery got shot when he hit the ground running.

Didn't make sense that he died so young. New York gets sick but no one gets help. Nothing to do, nothing to see. So what's wrong with sleeping all day now? You'll never know if fall is on campus, you'll never get to fix your GPA now. Hey now, COVID-19, please have mercy, we're dead. Hey now, murder hornets, take off our bees' heads. As if we needed more shit. If only MIT could save the world.

**A collection of diary entries**

- Today:** Time has been passing abstractly for weeks now. What month is it? May? Already?
- Tonight:** There will be apocalyptic weather along the East Coast.
- Tomorrow:** This is what that one MIT Alert was referencing. You probably missed it between all the other alerts.
- Saturday:** They were never going to shut the state borders, but everyone on campus will be alternating between extreme cold and literally being on fire. MIT did not have enough blankets for everyone.
- Sunday:** Really wish I weren't part of a historic event.



Situation for Noon Eastern Time, Thursday, May 14, 2020

Weather Systems	Return Flight Paths	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
H High Pressure	----- hmmm	Snow *	Fog
L Low Pressure	--- ye im sad	Rain ▽	Thunderstorm
S Hurricane	▲▲▲ im ok :)	Light * * *	Confusion
	▲▲▲ im ok :)	Moderate * * *	
	▲▲▲ im ok :)	Heavy * * *	

Compiled by international time zones and The Trek

## Origami expert Mason Bu to leave MIT due to Minecraft controversy

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faculty will undergo training to prepare for this novel format during the summer.

According to Reif's preliminary plans, Zoom streams will be projected onto the blackboards of the Minecraft classroom. Instructors whose Wi-Fi cannot handle the load have been advised to write on the blackboards using Minecraft signs.

Students will still be able to participate in real time via Minecraft's chat feature or by speaking in the Zoom room. In order to increase overall morale, students will be al-

lowed to bring their Minecraft pets to lecture, a footnote mentions.

To reduce potential lag, teleportation commands will be disabled. The Tech Shuttle will continue to operate to ensure students have an efficient mode of transportation on the server. The plans also include blueprints for a redstone-powered transportation system.

"I thought the proposal was wack. I can't believe they actually decided to go through with it," former OrigaMIT overlord Mason Bu '05 said in an interview with *The Trek*. "This was the last straw for me. It was great teaching at MIT, but I've accepted an offer where they have

more reasonable expectations for their instructors."

Students are skeptical of the feasibility of this decision. Many are disheartened by this news. Student protestors took to the MIT Minecraft server and left signs declaring, "ok, boomer," calling into question MIT administrators' understanding of Minecraft mechanics.

"I can't think of a way they'd convincingly implement Zoom streaming into Minecraft," SIPB President XEA-12 Usk '20 wrote in an email to *The Trek*. "I was quite shocked to see the email from Reif, too. They had floated the idea by us,

but I didn't think admin were seriously considering this."

"This feels like another unilateral decision made without community input. Even the instructors are rioting," Chad Layman '21 said in an interview with *The Trek*.

"I was really banking on an in-person fall," Jane Doe '22 wrote in an email to *The Trek*. "I miss my friends so much. Seeing their pixelated visages isn't going to remediate that."

"I think the important question is: will I be able to hunt for that diamond though?" Jack Daniels '21 asked in an email to Reif forwarded to *The Trek*.

"Minecraft pizza just doesn't compare to free pizza from Stata or on-campus recruiting events," Liza Pover '23 emailed *The Trek*. "Reif's decision definitely does not maximize tastiness."

Members of the MIT community that do not have a Minecraft account will be provided one after they submit a request to [minecraft.mit.edu/zoomception](mailto:minecraft.mit.edu/zoomception).

General community resources for handling this decision can be found at [minecraft.mit.edu/dealwithit](http://minecraft.mit.edu/dealwithit). There have been reports that the feedback form on the page does not work and will not be fixed.

## MIT administration tears down Senior Haus on Minecraft server

*Hammering the final nail in the Haus's coffin*

By A Sport Death Quaranteen

Since undergraduates moved off campus, students have replicated the MIT campus on a Minecraft server, slowly building the various dorms and classrooms. Senior Haus's blocks started to vanish Sunday. Most students thought this was due to younger students and prefresh who mistakenly removed blocks. Keen-eyed users quickly repaired the deficiencies in the building.

An MIT student with the username LoveMonkey69 reported discovering the user farmheart88 dropping a block of lava near Senior Haus that consumed half of the building 9:34 p.m. Monday. LoveMonkey69 posted a link to the screenshot on the MIT Confessions Facebook page.

A number of students began to badger farmheart88 and their accomplice, the user raffyreif007. Both were spotted fleeing the scene before logging off the server. Users

quickly discerned the presence of MIT administrators.

A protest began among the student body near Minecraft Senior Haus Tuesday morning. Students logged onto Minecraft to ensure that no further blocks would be removed, maintaining a 24 hour rotation, taking advantage of students living in different time zones.

To maintain social distancing measures, all student users kept their protest ongoing while remaining six block-lengths apart. When raffyreif007 logged back in Tuesday at 11:57 a.m., some students armed their Minecraft characters with bows and arrows to defend their dormitory, chasing raffyreif007 off campus.

On Tuesday afternoon, xXx-poolchan-xXx and several other seniors used red blocks to write out "We can't graduate but we can save Senior Haus" on the grass of Killian Court. Another student placed a hack on the Great Dome, build-

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## MIT students to return to campus in time for final exams

*Senior Week and in-person commencement are still canceled*

By Alert

An MIT Alert Monday night notified students that the Institute will reopen just in time for final exams. In an email to all@mit.edu that was delivered anywhere from 20 minutes to four

hours after it was sent, President L. Rafael Reif announced his excitement that his 20% salary cut will be funding the return of "the people."

MIT News released a photo Wednesday of Johnson Track already set up for the exam period.

The facility has been transformed into a fully-licensed 75-bed care center and is staffed by MIT Medical staff — a change that students had been clamoring against for years.

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All patients at Johnson Track are assumed to have COVID-19 due to heavy breathing upon entry.

## Stud Subway returns to its natural habitat

*'We are the virus'*

By Yeet Fresh  
*STUD RAT*

Just as quickly as it vanished last year, the beloved footlong vendor has reappeared in its natural corner habitat opposite Shinkansen Bullet Train on the second floor of the Stratton Student Center. Eyewitness Fro'yo

MaSheen '22 said in a six-sandwich-lengths-apart interview with *The Trek* that they were "on my daily government-sanctioned walk when I spotted the Subway grazing on the sidewalk outside Verde's before it entered the student center. Through the front windows, I watched it climb up the stairs and return home."

Stud Subway, which closed "abruptly due to issues between Subway's parent company and the franchisee that ran the W20 location," according to MIT Dining, was a popular fixture for students to grab a healthy, albeit yoga-mat-textured, bite between classes.

"There was something special about Stud Subway. Having only one

choice of bread and cheese really made it easier for me to order quickly and get to class on time. I think corporate caught on to this ingenuity, but they're resistant to change, and that's why Stud Subway disappeared," Conspira C. Theorey '21 said in a Zoom call with *The Trek*.

A more widely accepted scientific explanation for Stud Subway's

presumed extinction is human disturbances to its environment.

With the recent drop in students frequenting the student center, it is no wonder that nature is healing. Beyond Subway, students are reporting other signs of restoration in and around the brutalist masterpiece.

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BY THE INTEGERS

# Top ten MIT Alerts about COVID-19, ranked

Receiving all these texts made me feel like the popular girl in high school

By iPhone 11  
VIBRATOR

Before March, I had only ever received MIT Advisory Alerts about MIT Police's phone outages. But when we started getting information about the COVID-19 situation through MIT Alert, it quickly became the single most important, terrifying, and annoying notification in my life. Here I present these alerts, ranked by how nauseous I felt after reading them:

1. "Friday classes cancelled & undergraduate move-out by Sunday"

First place goes to the one that started all the rumors: Boston was going into lockdown Monday, California wasn't going to be letting anyone fly in over the weekend, MIT had found its first positive case and needed everyone gone. Very, very sly, using the element of surprise to their advantage. I couldn't have done it better myself.

2. "MIT's first positive COVID-19 case; Commencement moves online; campus access update"

This one gets second place just because it caused so much grief. With graduation now being held on Zoom, Minecraft, and, hell, even Roblox from elementary schools to universities nationwide, people have quieted down at this point. But when we got this alert, the absolute despair was palpable.

3. "Time-sensitive on-campus research and HR news"

This might be the most concise sentence that says absolutely nothing I've ever seen. Extra brownie points for the two hyphenated words in a row.

4. "Managing campus access; tips for supporting students; CAPD resources; EHS FAQ; VPF updates"

I still can't get over how many acronyms are in here. Yes, we are MIT, and we use acronyms, and we will bombard our students with them while they're running around like beheaded chickens packing up their lives.

5. "Latest impacts on MIT Medical, research, dining, bldg closures,

academic regs; housing exceptions information"

The contractions make this one fun. Balding closures? Blinding closures? Academic regattas? Academic wreckages? Please enunciate better; you're a grown university.

6. "New funds aid response; welcome to remote learning; virtual support; RAS FAQs; data on MIT diagnoses"

This update was so unhelpful. Like, why?

7. "Online conduct; continuity guidance, DAPER facilities; on-campus employees; virtual career fair"

Yes! The first thing I worried about as we were getting kicked off campus was whether or not I could still go to Career Fair. Thank you for assuring me of the virtual opportunity to steal companies' t-shirts and laptop stickers.

8. "Updates on student financial aid, student life, grad housing, Atlas Center, plus a how-to guide"

I was so disappointed with this alert. It starts so strong, with a topic people care

about, then quickly disintegrates into irrelevant text and descends into utter nonsense. The fuck is a how-to guide?

9. "Graduate housing changes; PPE donations, ISchO update and FAQ; MITFCU impacts"

Who... gives a fuck? Important, maybe. Interesting, not in the least. Also, the acronyms are back.

10. "Updated guidance on meetings; FAQ for employees; MIT-wide Slack Enterprise Grid"

Everyone who uses Slack is already on Slack, and everyone who doesn't isn't going to start now. The wrath of custom emojis should not be released upon those already disoriented by Zoom. This alert is completely tone-deaf to the technologically challenged, and thus has earned last place.

That's it. Hopefully we won't be getting more anytime soon. Signing up for MIT Alert is strongly advertised during Orientation, so I place all blame on my OL. Yeah, I'm looking at you, Karen.

# WOULD YOUR FAMILY STILL LOVE YOU IF YOU WERE A WORM?



Try turning into a worm.  
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for more info.









