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Tuesday, November 24, 2015

## Admissions officer: MIT doesn't check **Facebook profiles**

Chris Peterson is also reluctant to Google applicants' names, he says

By Divya Gopinath

With all of the admonishments parents, counselors, and advice websites issue to high school students to keep their online presence professional, nobody could fault applicants for assuming that MIT admissions officers will scour their Facebook profiles. Nevertheless, the assumption would be

According to Chris Peterson, assistant director of MIT Admissions, his office never looks at candidates' social media accounts, and even tries to avoid Googling applicants for undergraduate admission unless there is a need to corroborate a claim or clarify an inconsistency in the electronic application.

'Social networks are sites where students craft their self-presentation for a very specific audience, and that audience is not admissions officers," Peterson said.

It was a reaffirmation of an approach to applicants' online profiles that was articulated in a 2006 blog post, from which MIT hasn't budged, another decade into the social media era.

Peterson's own background as a privacy researcher has forced him to think about this issue in depth. He explained that the only reason a candidate would prompt an Internet search would be to verify a statement, such as a claim to having started a company or made a product. It's a faster alternative to contacting a guidance counselor or a recommender.

But could a glance at an applicant's Facebook profile realistically decrease his or her chances of admission at a university?

According to an annual survey published by Kaplan Test Prep that polled 350 admissions officers from "the nation's top 500 colleges and universities," 27 percent of admissions officers used Google and 26 percent used Facebook as a part of the applicant review pro-

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A scaled version of the house from the 2009 Disney-Pixar movie Up hangs in Lobby 7 on Saturday for the enjoyment of high school students on campus for ESP's Splash.

## **MIT likely** to rebury 1957 time capsule

A new one may also join the first at MIT.nano site

By Christopher Wang

MIT will likely rebury the 58-year-old time capsule unearthed last week at the construction site of the future MIT.nano building. The time capsule, uncovered more than nine centuries earlier than intended, currently resides in the MIT Museum.

'The initial plan is to display the capsule at next spring's big Open House event," Deborah Douglas, director of collections and a curator at the MIT Museum, told The Tech. "Then, the proposal is to seal the capsule inside a new glass sleeve and reevaluate the air. Vladimir Bulovic has suggested that a second capsule for MIT.nano be created and the two capsules be reburied at the dedication of the new facility,"

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#### **IN SHORT**

Thursday and Friday are Institute Holidays, in observation of Thanksgiving.

The Campus Activities Complex (and thus W20) will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday at 11 p.m. Wednesday and will reopen at 7:30 a.m. Saturday.

The Red Cross blood drive will continue tomorrow in La Sala de Puerto Rico in W20 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Send news and tips to news@tech.



Caterina Colón performs Alive by Sia during MIT Resonance's Reso and Chill concert last Saturday in

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## Vigil held for high levels of atmospheric carbon

Fossil Free MIT is prepared to continue the sit-in over Thanksgiving break if necessary

By William Navarre

About 70 people gathered for a vigil in Lobby 10 Monday to commemorate the start of month 2 of Fossil Free MIT's sit-in and collectively acknowledge that carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere are not likely to ever again drop below 400 parts per million.

The student group's three demands were enumerated on a smaller sign there: "divest from coal and ar sands" "make the campus car bon neutral by 2040," and "address climate disinformation by establishing an ethics advisory council."

The vigil included several artistic performances, including poetry written specifically to bring attention to climate change and several songs like "Big Yellow Taxi" which famously admonishes that "they've paved paradise to put up a parking lot" and the operatic Andrea Bocelli song "Canto Della Terra" ("Song of the Earth").

Graduate student Geoffrey Supran, a Fossil Free leader, gave a

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#### MIT to send students, faculty to Mongolia to help spur innovation

MIT will launch a pilot program that will send MIT students and fulty to Mongolia to further entrepreneurship, innovation, urban planning, and university faculty development.

Gantumar Luvsannyam, the

Mongolian minister of education, culture, and science, signed an agreement with MIT President L. Rafael Reif last Wednesday, giving the program his blessing.

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#### **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

# An update on the withdrawal and readmission review

Chancellor Cynthia Barnhart has charged organizations we lead, namely the Committee on Academic Performance (CAP) and the Office of the Dean for Undergraduate Education (DUE), with reviewing the undergraduate withdrawal and readmission policies at MIT. We are writing to update the community on our progress and to solicit input to our review.

Chancellor Barnhart was particularly interested in addressing students' concerns about the clarity, transparency, and fairness of existing policies, as well as the support system available to students while they are away. Concerns about the withdrawal and readmission processes have been growing among MIT students, as they have been at many colleges across the country. Responding to these concerns, last year the Committee on Student Life spent substantial time discussing withdrawals and readmission and presented a report to the Chancellor. Now the CAP, in coordination with DUE, has organized a comprehensive formal review. We plan to present a report of our findings to the Chancellor, and ultimately the community, by the spring term of 2016.

The CAP, which has nine voting members (six faculty and three students) and six non-voting *ex officio* members, has already met several times this semester to conduct its review. The CAP is in the process of canvassing the Institute to solicit feedback from the community to aid in its deliberations. It has already solicited direct input from over a dozen student, faculty,

and staff groups that have considerable direct experience in the issues under review. At the end of this letter, we provide information about how anyone in the MIT community who has thoughts about how the withdrawal and readmission processes could be improved can share those thoughts with us.

We have already learned a lot. The goals of the withdrawal and readmission processes are to help students transition away from MIT smoothly and then to return to the Institute when they are ready. Student Support Services processes about 100 withdrawals a year (45 in the category of Voluntary Withdrawals for jobs, religious missions, and personal family matters and 55 in the category of Medical Withdrawal for medical/mental health issues). The CAP requires an additional 20–30 to take academic withdrawal.

# Some students fear that if they visit S^3 they will be forced to take a withdrawal.

Although there are many parts of the withdrawal and readmission processes that work well, there are also several areas of concern that need to be addressed. For instance:

- 1) There is not enough clarity in the withdrawal and readmission processes, and simple things like terminology sometimes creates confusion.
- There is a fear on the part of some students that if they visit Student Support Services they will be forced to take a withdrawal.
  - 3) Some students worry that they will

feel unsupported and forgotten while on withdrawal, or that they will not be allowed to return to the Institute.

4) Students want easier ways of leaving and returning to the Institute.

We see it as our charge to address each of these concerns (and more), and we are committed to using this review to make things better.

However, before submitting our recommendations to the Chancellor, we can say a few things with absolute certainty. First, we are determined to make these processes open, easy, and positive. Second, when students take withdrawals, they are still considered admitted MIT students; they do not lose this status just because they take a hiatus from school. Finally, the Institute is committed to helping every single student who wants to return from withdrawal to return smoothly and successfully.

To close, we want the community to know we are open to feedback. We have heard the message loud and clear that many people care about these processes. We want to hear from anyone who wishes to have a voice in this process. For those who would like to contribute feedback, we have set up an email address, wdreview@mit.edu, that can be used to share thoughts, concerns, or suggestions with the CAP. We look forward to hearing from everyone who has an experience or opinion they would like to share and to presenting the results of our review.

Dennis M. Freeman Professor of Electrical Engineering Dean for Undergraduate Education

Charles Stewart III
Professor of Political Science
Chair, Committee on Academic Performance



#### CORRECTIONS

Last Thursday's article about the Undergraduate Association's proposed increase to the student life fee incorrectly stated that at \$1,200 per student group per year, \$349,000 is needed for the current student groups, additional student-oriented activities, and UA internal operations. In fact, the sum of \$349,000 does not include UA internal operations. Also, the article said the student life fee had previously been raised by the Graduate Student Council, which is not confirmed. The article further said that recent UA resignations were due to issues related to student group funding, citing the UA president, who actually only said the resignations were *partly* due to money issues.

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## Bottled Up by Gail Grabowski

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- 10 Make a trade
- 14 Sailor's "Hello!"
- 15 Do great on a test
- 16 Remove the rind from
- 17 Early bird's prize
- 18 Makes watertight
- 19 S&L devices
- 20 In tidy condition 22 Wave's high point
- 23 Kids older than 12
- 24 Stadium level
- 25 Provides funding for
- 28 Becomes angry
- 31 Social standards
- 32 Book's backbone
- 34 Poet's "before"
- 35 Tips of shoes
- 36 Watchful
- 37 Novel's story line
- 38 Letter before tee
- 39 Noisy fight
- 40 Off the leash
- 41 Hold in esteem 43 Stove's flame source
- 44 Nest eggs, for short
- 45 Hardly any

- 47 Jeans material
- 49 Whitish vase material
- 53 Bylaws, for short
- 54 Event location
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- 56 College grad 57 Racetrack transaction
- 58 \_\_ Scotia, Canada
- 59 Sugar amounts: Abbr.
- 60 Coasters on snow 61 Profound

#### **DOWN**

- 1 Puppy's feet
- 2 "We're in trouble!"
- 3 "Me neither"
- 4 Signs of illness
- 5 Wide belts
- 6 Pacific or Atlantic 7 Brings in the harvest
- 8 Kitchen-flooring piece 9 Roads that often cross
- aves.
- 10 Extra tires
- 11 Large fruit at a picnic
- 12 Jacket sleeves
- 13 Irksome person
- 21 Uses needle and thread 22 Quote as a source

- 24 Camper's shelter
- 25 Walk inside
- 26 Lasso loop 27 Putting on
- formal clothes 28 Young lady
- 29 Got out of bed
- 30 Discourage
- 32 Venetian blind
- strip
- 33 Church bench
- 36 Curved lines
- 37 Oregon's largest city
- 39 Ray of light
- 40 Breathing organ 42 Light-refracting devices
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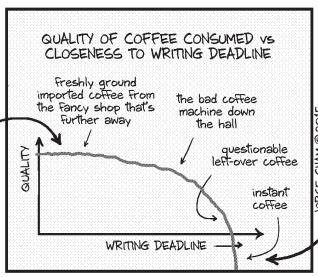






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## **DNA**



DNA IS THE SOURCE CODE FOR OUR BODIES. NOW THAT GENE SEQUENCING IS EASY, WE JUST HAVE TO READ IT. IT'S NOT JUST "SOURCE CODE." THERE'S A TON OF FEEDBACK AND EXTERNAL PROCESSING.

BIOLOGY IS LARGELY SOLVED.

BUT EVEN IF IT WERE, DNA IS THE RESULT OF THE MOST AGGRESSIVE OPTIMIZATION PROCESS IN THE UNIVERSE, RUNNING IN PARALLEL AT EVERY LEVEL, IN EVERY LIVING THING, FOR FOUR BILLION YEARS. IT'S STILL JUST CODE.

OK, TRY OPENING GOOGLE.COM AND CLICKING "VIEW SOURCE." OK, I-... OH MY GOD. THAT'S JUST A FEW YEARS OF OPTIMIZATION BY GOOGLE DEVS. DNA IS THOUSANDS OF TIMES LONGER AND WAY, WAY WORSE. YOU, BIOLOGY IS IMPOSSIBLE.

### Turducken

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## Monday Mornings by Sally R Stein

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#### **ACROSS**

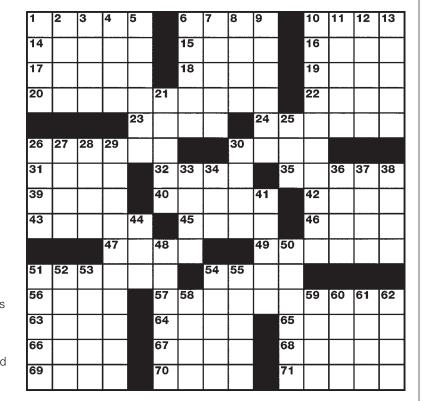
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- 65 Spooky
- 66 Higher than
- 67 Horse-hoof sound 68 Wet, as weather
- 69 Loch \_\_ monster
- 70 Berets and fedoras
- 71 Male deers

#### **DOWN**

- 1 Passport stamp
- 2 Does not exist
- 3 Loud door sound
- 4 School semester 5 Finally
- 6 Japanese raw fish
- 7 Not illuminated
- 8 Pop singer Celine
- 9 Tampa neighbor, for short
- 10 When Cinderella left the ball 11 First Lady before Michelle
- 12 Parcel out
- 13 Division of a play
- 21 Special influence

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- 26 Windshield
- coloration
- 27 Aroma
- 28 Something extra
- 29 Grads' schools
- 30 The one here
- 33 Heavy book
- 34 Chimp or gorilla 36 Banquet platform
- 37 Otherwise
- 38 Take a break 41 New Orleans
- cuisine
- 44 Sharp yank
- 48 Seek a website 50 Walks in
- 51 Bricklayer
- 52 Vivacious
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- 55 Fill-in workers 58 Pepsi or Coke
- 59 What vegans avoid
- 60 Opera solo
- 61 Boxing locale
- 62 Lock openers



**MOVIE REVIEW** 

## *Trumbo* offers a shallow take on Hollywood's Writers' Bloc

The new biopic of Communist screenwriter Dalton Trumbo falls short of revolutionary

By Josh Cowls

It seems more than a little fitting that Jay Roach's new biopic. Trumbo, is classified as a 'Drama' for the forthcoming Golden Globes in spite of its studio's preference for it to be considered in the less competitive Comedy category. This is fitting not only since Trumbo is a movie that doesn't quite know what it wants to be, but also because it betrays the navel-gazing, self-referential tendencies of Hollywood that the movie initially seeks to satirize but ultimately falls victim to itself.

#### It is the necessary fate of biopics that they are only as eventful as their subjects' lives.

Following the opening credit sequence which offers some historical context wherein we learn that Dalton Trumbo joined the Community Party of America in 1943 - the movie starts with the titular Trumbo asleep in the bath. Trumbo, played with the now-familiar curmudgeonly charm of Bryan Cranston, stirs from amphibious slumber to return to his writing. We immediately cut from this bathbased bathos to a black-and-white mafia scene, which we soon learn is the product of Trumbo's screenwriting when the fourth wall is broken and we see him behind the camera providing guidance to the actors.

As a screenwriter, Trumbo's star is rising: it is not long before he signs a contract which makes him the highest paid writer in Hollywood and thus the world. Yet Trumbo's political proclivities are not to the liking of many of his peers, especially John Wayne, head of the Motion Picture Alliance, and the poison-penned gossip columnist Hedda Hopper. In a memorable early scene, a sardonic Trumbo needles the Goliath-sized Wayne about his non-existent war record, narrowly avoiding an old-fashioned sock to the jaw.

The movie sustains a steady and engaging pace in its first act, as the financial, personal and legal consequences of Trumbo's recalcitrant communism take their toll. The production values are high here: not merely in the lush landscapes and lavish living rooms of the Hollywood elite, but also in the immersive use of pseudo-found footage and contemporary press cuttings, which paint a vivid picture of the political environment. Politics, it seems, is mostly a matter of perception, and thus political power rests with those able to shape perception, through the multimodal media system.

Yet it is the necessary fate of biopics that they are only as eventful as their subjects' lives, and following the dramatic nadir of incarceration early on, Trumbo's plot slackens as its pace slows. The magnificent belated arrival of John Goodman aside, Trumbo transitions from tense historical thriller to

middling family drama as it enters its second hour. Reunited with his loved ones, Trumbo and his colleagues embark on an audacious and (ironically, given his ideology) entrepreneurial scheme to keep the money flowing in, effectively applying Fordist principles of mass production to the writing and distribution of movie scripts.

#### **Captivating at first,** and satisfying enough throughout, but by the end, disappointingly lukewarm.

It is only Cranston's consistency in his handling of both legal and familial melodrama which holds together this decidedly double-jointed story arc. This will be familiar to veterans of Breaking Bad — though unlike in that series, the physicality of terminal illness is handled here instead with surprising grace by Louis C.K., in his role as Trumbo's more conscientious co-conspirator Arlen Hird. The comedian's gallows humor serves as a refreshing refrain at headier moments.

In addition to its chimeric plot, one also senses a missed opportunity in Trumbo's treatment of Hollywood through the ages. Film buffs may enjoy the rendering of figures like Kirk Douglas and Otto Preminger and its references to classics like Spartacus, which forms the basis for the movie's peroration. **★★★☆☆** 

#### Trumbo

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Starring Bryan Cranston, Diane Lane, Louis C.K., **Helen Mirren** 

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But Trumbo's early principled idealism has, by the end, been completely superseded in focus by financial accomplishment and critical acclaim - the two commodities which, of course, Hollywood values above all else. Thus though Trumbo's attempt to parody its paymasters started brightly with its treatment of the buffoonish John Wayne and the MPA, by the time characters are literally handing each other Oscars, it feels as insightful as a chameleon on a mirror.

Trumbo, then, is a faithful enough paean to its protagonist, and contains sufficient zingy one-liners and flashes of nostalgia to hold the attention throughout. But the overall experience feels rather like the hot bath wherein we first encounter Trumbo and to which he returns throughout the movie: captivating at first, and satisfying enough throughout, but by the time we get out, disappointingly lukewarm.



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## **2015** will be the hottest recorded

Fossil Free MIT marks occasion at Lobby 7 vigil

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short but dramatic speech.

"Hold your breath, walk into the wind, and open the valve," he began solemnly, summarizing a procedure for taking air samples.

"We organized tonight's vigil because the Tuesday before last, Veterans' Day, silently, innocuously, without any fanfare ... the planet's CO2 levels emerged above 400 parts per million, higher than they've ever been for over 3 million years, and evidence suggests they'll never come back down again," he told the gathered crowd, explaining that scientists believe that carbon dioxide levels below 350 parts per million are needed to prevent climate change.

While carbon levels had reached 400 ppm before, they have always come down again with the normal seasonal variation. Scientists do not believe that seasonal variation will cause carbon levels to dip below 400 again.

Supran also said that 2015 is expected to be the hottest year in recorded history "by a long shot."

While many Fossil Free members were at the vigil, one member, graduate student Patrick Brown. held down the fort at the month-old 24-hour sit-in outside President L. Rafael Reif's office one floor up.

The sit-in began after MIT announced its climate change "action plan," which included a number of research initiatives and on-campus efforts but notably did not accede to demands for MIT withdraw investments in fossil fuel companies.

Brown said that Fossil Free planned to continue the sit-in through Thanksgiving break.

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**WEATHER** 

## A quiet Thanksgiving holiday in store

By Costa Christopoulos

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

A large high pressure system will continue to creep up the Carolina coast today, keeping skies clear and sunny in Boston. This high will keep weather cool and dry through Saturday, when an approaching upper level disturbance will bring a chance of rain to the

Just to the west, the lake effect snow engine of the Great Lakes is beginning to crank up as cooler air invades the region. The combination of cool, conti-

nental air and warm surface temperatures generates convective snow showers. Analogous to a summertime thunderstorm, a lake effect snow shower transfers energy away from the surface while producing precipitation in the form of snow. Lake effect snow showers usually dump snow on cities downwind of the lake. Currently, the typical water surface temperatures are in the upper 40s °F while air temperatures just above the lake are hovering in the low 30s °F. Parts of Michigan have already received half a foot of snow.

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Today: High of 42°F (6°C). Winds west at 10. Mostly sunny Tonight: Low of 29°F. (-2°C) Winds northwest at 5 mph. Mostly clear

Tomorrow: High of 47°F. (14°C) Winds northwest at 5 mph. Mostly sunny

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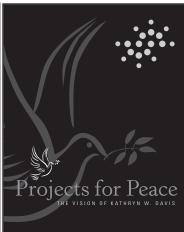
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# Capsule likely to be repaired to last the next nine centuries

Carbon-14 stored among trinkets to aid future historians in dating

Capsule, from Page 1

Douglas said.

The time capsule's existence had not been forgotten, but the construction crew was not aware of the capsule's exact location. "Unlike the capsule under The Great Sail [in front of building 54] or in the Stata Center under the Radar antenna, there was no marking on the ground," Douglas said.

MIT President James Killian and Prof. Harold Edgerton buried the capsule on June 5, 1957, to mark the dedication of the Karl Taylor Compton Laboratories in Building 26.

A note on the outside of the capsule instructs future generations to leave the capsule unopened until 2957. Contrary to what some online news sites have reported, MIT has

not opened the capsule.

Along with scientific documents and newspapers, the glass container holds a commemorative beer mug from the class of 1957, a tonic bottle, and 91 cents in newly minted coins from the First National Bank of Boston. The tube was filled with argon gas and sealed to prevent decay. The capsule also contains an amount of carbon-14, which will help future scientists determine the capsule's age, in the event that the documents decay. Unlike wood and metal, the glass walls will not rot or oxidize.

The capsule's rediscovery presents an opportunity to repair the capsule's glass sleeve, increasing the chances that this piece of history will successfully reach its destination in the year 2957.



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**Prof. Harold E. Edgerton and then-MIT President James R. Killian, Jr. plant a time capsule** next to Building 26 in June 1957. The capsule was found by the MIT.nano construction crew last week.



A hack was on display over the weekend on the sky bridge between buildings 56 and 18, depicting Pixar characters Woody, Buzz Lightyear, Ham, and Slinky from *Toy Story*.

#### Mongolia, from Page 1

MIT will select staff from the Teaching and Learning Laboratory to travel to Mongolia to conduct workshops that will be open to faculty from all Mongolian universities and colleges.

A faculty member from a Mongolian university will similarly have the opportunity to spend a semester at MIT.

Stephen C. Graves, a professor of management and mechanical engineering, has been appointed as the program's faculty lead.

Enkhmunkh Zurgaanjin '09, the first Mongolian citizen to

attend MIT as a graduate student, will coordinate several of the program's activities.

A team of students from the MIT Regional Entrepreneurship Acceleration Program, and a faculty member, will spend two months in Mongolia to map the entrepreneurial landscape and to recommend steps to strengthen the entrepreneurial environment.

A separate student team from MIT's Global Startup Labs will spend six to eight weeks in Mongolia teaching student entrepreneurs about mobile app development.

—Anshuman Pandey

# Admissions said in 2006 it would not check social media

## Survey shows some colleges factor Facebook into admissions process

Admissions, from Page 1

cess in 2012. Of those who checked Facebook, 35 percent also reported that they discovered something that negatively impacted an applicant's chances, citing wrongdoings such as plagiarism, vulgarity, and alcohol consumption documented in photos.

When Kaplan first conducted the survey in 2008, only 10 percent of admissions officers reported that they checked candidates' social media accounts, and the percentage has since steadily increased.

Colleges have also embraced social media as a way to attract students and encourage applications. According to the same Kaplan Test Prep survey, 87 percent of colleges used Facebook to identify target audiences and recruit students in 2012.

When Facebook was two years old, former MIT Admissions spokesman Ben Jones described MIT's approach to applicants' web profiles in a 2006 blog post.

"Sites like Facebook are designed to be a community ... not designed to be a spying tool for Big Brother," he wrote. "To use them as the latter is, in my opinion, not

terribly ethical. We at MIT love having a completely transparent admissions process. It mirrors the openness of MIT's culture and we feel that it helps to reduce stress. ... But not all schools share this view — many feel that applicants should not be privy to what goes on in admissions office."

Peterson guessed that most colleges don't actively "stalk" their applicants on social media simply because of the bulk of the candidate pool.

Student athlete Cailey Talbot '19 agreed. "If admissions officers can barely skim the essays of thousands of applicants, I don't know how they can look up students on Facebook," she said. "The exception would be recruited athletes — they represent the school and could jeopardize the team if they aren't maintaining a positive image, so I understand why some coaches and admissions officers may look at their social media accounts."

While discretion is still advisable when it comes to social media
— whether you're worried about future employers or just teachers you've friended — applicants can rest assured that MIT won't be looking.

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MIT brought to the game. The En-

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## Men's basketball begins its season on a winning note

Pedley '16 leads Engineers with 29 points on Bridgewater State

**By Zachary Collins** 

On Tuesday, Nov. 17, MIT's men's basketball team had its first home game of the season,



hosting Bridgewater State University. The Engineers appeared to be the better team that night, pulling away early in the second

half and ending with a 64-47 win. Great defensive rotations and superior ball movement helped the Engineers outscore Bridgewater. Justin Pedley '16 led the scoring for MIT with 29 points as Tim Batula '17 chipped in with 10 rebounds and 13 points.

At the start of the game, MIT appeared to be the much more dominant team. Its rotations on defense were superb, and it took a while before Bridgewater could even get an open look at the basket. MIT continuously pressured the Bears, forcing numerous turnovers. On the other end of the court, the Engineers used great ball movement to pick apart the opposing defense. It seemed like every possession at one point was an over-the-top pass down low, exposing a weak interior defense.

#### The superior ball movement was evidenced by a 21-6 advantage in the assist column.

Bridgewater State responded though and made adjustments to the way they were playing. The Bears turned up the pressure defensively, implementing a full court press that made it more difficult for MIT to set up possessions, often leaving the offense stagnant. As it became clear that Bridgewater wasn't going to score on MIT when the defense had time to set up, it looked to push the ball down the floor, seeking open looks at the rim that just didn't exist earlier. This sparked a run and by the time the half ended the gap was closed and the

score was 24-22, MIT. The second half began very similarly to how the game started. MIT took advantage of the things that paved way for the early lead. Justin Pedley hit numerous outside shots and forced Bridgewater to guard everywhere on the floor. MIT was prepared to counter the tactics that disrupted them in the first half. The Engineers broke the press much more effectively, and the offense did not stagnate like it did earlier. Ryan Frankel '16, MIT's starting guard, distributed the ball excellently. Whether it was off a pick and roll, or after cutting through the defense, he made great passes to give his teammates open looks at the rim and outside the arc. In the end, Bridgewater just wasn't able to counter the effort that

## Men's soccer season ends with loss to SUNY Oneonta

MIT finishes with most wins in program history

By Max Berkowitz

The MIT men's soccer team, ranked No. 18 in the latest National Soccer Coaches Asso-



ciation of America (NSCAA) poll, saw their season come to a close with a 2-0 loss to No. 8 SUNY Oneonta in the third round of the NCAA

This year marks the furthest that MIT has made it into the tournament since back in 2003 when the Engineers went to the Elite Eight, before bowing out to Wheaton College 1-0. The Cardinal and Gray also rewrote the program's record books this season as 11 new team records were broken including best winning percentage (.841), wins (18), longest win streak (8), unbeaten streak (14), most goals in a season (63), goals per game (2.9), goals against average (0.70), assists (50), total points (176), shutouts (13) and consecutive shutouts (6).

The Red Dragons opened the scoring at the 12:34 mark of the contest after a failed clear by the Engineers' back line. Anthony Passiatore gathered the ball at the top right corner of the box and fired the ball into the upper left portion of the net for the early 1-0 advantage.

MIT sees its historic at 18-3-1, while Oneonta advances to the National Quarterfinals.

Oneonta State nearly added its second goal with less than ten seconds remaining in the first half off a corner kick, but MIT's Vickram P. Goel '18 kicked the ball away from the goalmouth as time expired off the clock.

Logan S. McLaughlin '19 had the Engineer's best scoring chance of the second half off a

corner kick by Austin E. Freel '16 as McLaughlin lifted the ball just over the crossbar, keeping the score at 1-0.

Just two minutes after the MIT chance and a scuffle in front of net minder Jake L. Amereno '16, Oneonta's Jake Sutherland kicked the ball into lower left corner of the net for the 2-0 lead in the 58th

As time wound down in the second half, MIT put pressure on Oneonta's back line as Kareem R. Itani '17 and Sean D. Bingham '16 had great looks on net, but just couldn't convert on their opportunities with Vincent Pellegrino in net for the Red Dragons.

SUNY Oneonta outshot MIT by a 15-11 differential, while the Engineers held a slim 6-5 margin in corner kicks. Amereno (17-3-1) made three saves in net for MIT, while Pellegrino stopped the ball four times for Oneonta and improved his ledger to 18-3-1.

MIT sees its historic run come to a close at 18-3-1, while SUNY Oneonta (18-3-1) advanced to the

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