

## Upcoming Events

### UA Council Meeting

Tues 5/8, 7:30pm  
W20-400

### Movie on the Lawn

Sun 5/13, 9pm  
Kresge Lawn

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# Newsletter

## Join Us In Reinventing the UA

Jonté & Michael discuss plans for next year & how you can get involved

**Enhance the undergraduate experience—**  
that's our first goal as your student government.

Dear Undergrads:

After hearing your ideas, thoughts, and concerns during the campaign, we have developed a set of goals designed to improve your life on campus and transform the organization that works on your behalf. Here's what we hope to accomplish next year, with your help:

- Improve the dining experience in the Student Center
- Develop a pilot for student group procurement cards
- Expand large-scale campus events, including Spring Weekend & Fall Festival

### Sound exciting?

We're searching for a group of talented, passionate campus leaders to help us deliver these goals for students. If you're interested in joining the UA's next-generation leadership team, head to

**[re-invent.mit.edu](http://re-invent.mit.edu)**

before May 6th to submit your application. After that date, check our website for updates on the UA and for more opportunities to join the UA this Fall!

### Our Vision for Students

Our vision for students expands beyond the specific ideas we've articulated above. In this next year, we intend to work closely with the Graduate Student Council (GSC) to articulate a

vision that improves MIT for all students:

- **Student Wellness:** Pursue services & events to support students on campus
  - o S3, Mental Health, Peer-support
- **Campus Planning:** Articulate students' needs in resource utilization at the Institute
  - o Walker, Kendall Sq., MIT2030, MITx
- **Institute Collaboration:** Showcase value of cooperative problem-solving between students, faculty, and administrators

Combine this vision with our plan to simplify and enhance the way the UA interacts with you as students, and we believe that you will see a completely new UA on campus this Fall. We look forward serving you as your next UA President and Vice President.

Have a great summer, and we'll see you this Fall!

All the best,  
Jonté & Michael



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## Spring Weekend Concert a Success

### All-American Rejects Light Up Johnson Ice Rink

This past Friday, The All-American Rejects performed at Johnson Ice Rink for hundreds of MIT and local college students. Despite an initially timid audience, hits like "Dirty Little Secret" and "Move Along" energized the crowd, making the event a night to remember. The All-American Rejects were not afraid to interact with the audience through music and conversation. The crowd seemed pleased and entertained by lead singer Tyson Ritter's outrageous onstage antics. His desire to refer to MIT as "Mitey" and his somewhat inappropriate stories of relationship woes were random and nonsensical, but enjoyable nonetheless.

The Spring Weekend show is the culmination of the MIT UA Events committee's tireless efforts to provide the MIT community with a break from psets, exams, and other stress inducing activities. In conjunction

with the Fall Festival Comedy Show, the Events Committee puts its efforts into getting the biggest names in entertainment that it can afford. Many other colleges also have a Spring Weekend, but Spring Weekend at these schools garners much more attention than it does at MIT. In an effort to change this, many student groups collaborated by including the words Spring Weekend in their advertisements. In addition, UA Assistant Vice President of Information Systems Catherine Fan designed a poster that encompassed many of the scheduled Spring Weekend events. Hopefully this is the first step in making Spring Weekend the most exciting weekend of the school year.

By Alejandro Aguirre and Michelle Rybak,  
*Co-Chairs, UA Events Committee*

#### Thursday, April 26

- Fierce Forever 9 Drag Show by G@MIT
- Movie on the Lawn by the UA
- Midnight Study Break by UA Public Relations

#### Friday, April 27

- iFair by International Student Association
- UA Grill
- SaveTFP
- Spring Weekend Concert by UA Events

#### Saturday, April 28

- Beaver Dash by Habitat for Humanity
- Tailgating with the UA
- LipSync 2012: Supernova! by AXO

#### Sunday, April 29

- Next Act Presents *Curtains*

## Rate Your Driver

"Rate your Driver" is an initiative of the UA Committee on Student Life (CSL) designed to give feedback on the SafeRide shuttle drivers. Students can access a feedback form from ua.mit.edu (under the Projects and Programs tab). Stickers in the shuttles will also advertise this resource. Your input is useful in helping the MIT Parking & Transportation Department improve the shuttle system.

In its first month, "Rate your Driver" enjoyed great success. A lot of students gave positive

feedback about the Boston Daytime and Tech Shuttle drivers: Precious, Peter, Rich, and Al. Also, a lot of the complaints that were submitted raised interesting issues that will be considered further. This initiative will be continued until the end of the semester, and restart in the fall.

By: Vlad Alexandru Puscasu,  
*Committee on Student Life*

## Recyclemania Results

RecycleMania is an annual inter-dorm recycling competition run by the UA Committee on Sustainability. Over a period of 2 weeks, the dorms compete for who has the highest recycling rate, and the winning dorm wins a \$500 prize sponsored by the Environmental Health and Safety Office.

This year's winner was **BAKER HOUSE!** Congratulations!

The other positions are as follows:

- 2 – Burton –Conner (last year's winner)
- 3 – McCormick
- 4 – Random
- 5 – Bexley

These numbers were calculated based on recycled volume and population of dorm. We couldn't include Maseeh in the competition due to collection/data issues.

Learn more at [web.mit.edu/recyclemania](http://web.mit.edu/recyclemania)  
Email [ua-sustainability@mit.edu](mailto:ua-sustainability@mit.edu) for details

By: Anvisha Pai,  
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## Reporting Term Regulation Violations

MIT's faculty are subject to regulations regarding when and how they may hold classes and give assignments. For example, classes may not be held from 5PM to 7PM on weekdays (Rules and Regulations of the Faculty 2.12), and classes this spring with a final examination may not have any assignment fall due after 5/11/2012 (Rules and Regulations 2.53). The UA Committee on Education (CoE) can help communicate with faculty about these regulations when problems arise.

Although faculty members are generally quite conscious of these regulations, mistakes and confusion do happen. When they do, students can anonymously report the problem to UA CoE. CoE then opens a

dialogue with the professors to resolve the problem as well as possible.

CoE can do more to resolve problems the sooner we know about them, so we recommend that you look at the term regulations and compare them to your course syllabi sooner rather than later:

[ua.mit.edu/committees/scep/termregs.pdf](http://ua.mit.edu/committees/scep/termregs.pdf)

If you have any problems, you can report them anonymously at:

[ua.mit.edu/committees/scep/violations](http://ua.mit.edu/committees/scep/violations)

By: Paul Kominers,  
*Chair UA Committee on Education*

## Did You Know?

The MIT Activities Committee offers AMC tickets at discounted prices? You can get a Gold Ticket with no restrictions for \$8 and a Silver Ticket (invalid the opening 2 weeks of a movie) for \$7. Tickets never expire! Go to <http://web.mit.edu/mitac/> and see more discounts!

By: Ben Shaibu,  
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## Keep Updated

To learn more about the UA, visit our website at [ua.mit.edu](http://ua.mit.edu), or add yourself as a listener to our mailing lists:

[ua-council-listeners@mit.edu](mailto:ua-council-listeners@mit.edu)  
[ua-exec-listeners@mit.edu](mailto:ua-exec-listeners@mit.edu)

Also, please do not hesitate to email us at [ua@mit.edu](mailto:ua@mit.edu) or drop by our office on the 4th floor of the Student Center (W20-401).

*"Recyclemania is a  
campus-wide  
competition to  
increase student  
activism in recycling."*