

The Official Newsletter of the Ashdown Community

Message from the Editor

Hello Readers,

How's it going? Classes have finally ended, and with the weather finally getting warmer, it's perfect barbecue weather! Also, we are going to say goodbye to our fellow students who are leaving MIT soon. One member of my lab, Bill, had a few mishaps in printing out his thesis. Trying to save money and time, he used our lab's printer to convert his magnum opus to hard copy form. However, he chose to do this right before group meeting, so shuffled in between his pages were graphs and journal articles from other lab members. Sorting the thesis from the rest was no easy task, and even then our soon-to-be Dr. Ayer found several pages of his thesis missing, even when he flipped and turned upside down everything in our office. Pushing the deadline for submission, Bill decided to just print off fresh copies of the missing pages, and sent out a warning e-mail to our group that he was using the printer. Seeing his rage, we knew not to mess with "the fresh prints of Bill Ayer."

Just a reminder that if you have any ideas for stuff you'd like to see in the newsletter, send it in! If you attend or organize an Ashdown event you liked, write about it! **Remember, unsolicited article submissions qualify for a \$10 gift card to Amazon!** Also, I've run out of questions to ask the Roman kids, so send any questions my way so I can ask them!

In this issue, we have the eleventh installment of the Puzzler Twins (go cross some words!), the farewell barbecue for our departing Housemasters Ann and Terry Orlando (and an interview with them, to boot!), the Kids' Corner (all three this time!), and more Helpful Information from Kristin at the Front Desk (hello if you're new!).

Wow, that last paragraph was one long sentence. TL;DR is below. If you have any questions, comments, concerns, complaints, or constructive suggestions, I'd love to hear them, so please e-mail me!

Happy reading!
Sakul Ratanalert
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Ash and Dawn, the Puzzler Twins – #11

Ash and Dawn are MIT first-year graduate students, and recently moved into Ashdown. Their stories will be chronicled in the upcoming issues. Each story has a **SECRET CODE WORD**. E-mail the Editor (at ashdown-newsletter@mit.edu, not his personal one) the correct **SECRET CODE WORD** by **June 15, 2013** to enter the **Puzzle Raffle**. **Three will be randomly chosen to win a \$10 gift card to Amazon. FIND THE SECRET CODE WORD AND WIN!!** (The **SECRET CODE WORD** can be found on Dictionary.com. No anagramming is necessary unless otherwise stated.)

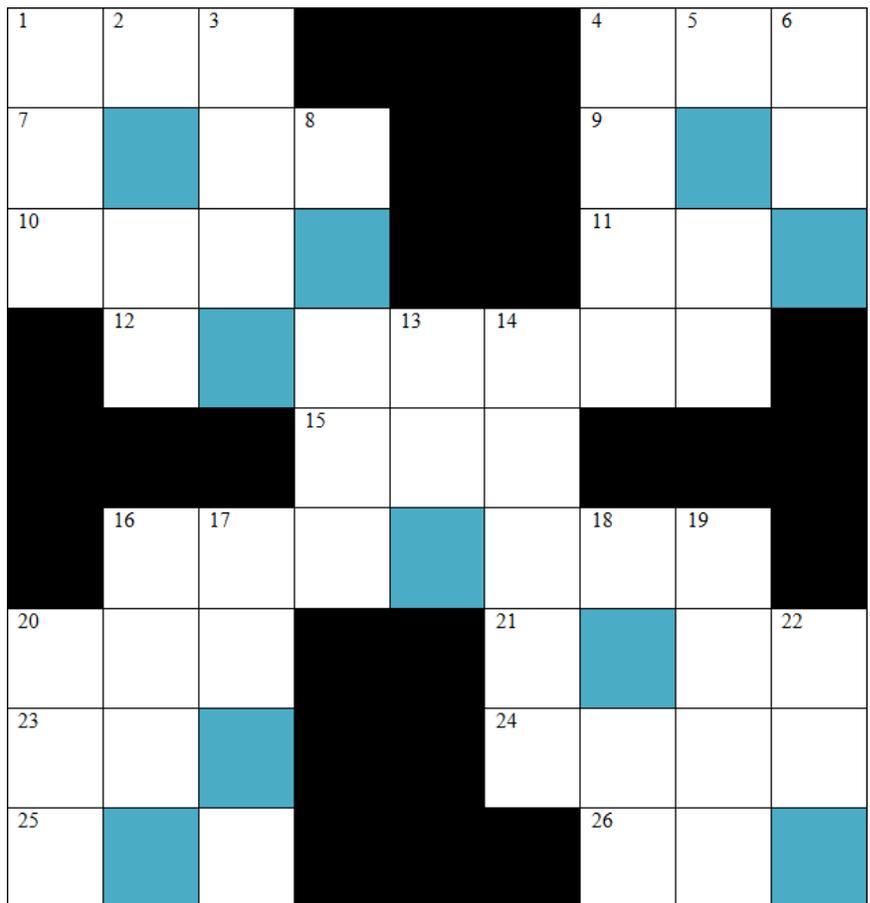
Ash and Dawn were doing sum procrastinating and came across this crossword:

Across

1. Usually forbidden alongside ands and buts
4. QB's reasons to celebrate
7. Ointment ingredient
9. Possesses
10. Puzzle #10 solution
11. Bristle
12. Best MIT graduate residence
15. Exclamation upon touching hot or sharp objects, perhaps
16. Terry or Ann
20. St. relative
21. Capital of Italy?
23. Sleepy princess irritant
24. Titan mother of Zeus
25. Blunder
26. Too frequent bar patron

Down

1. Fleming, McKellen, or Thorpe
2. Tiny circus performer
3. Half of sty inhabitants, maybe
4. Winter-to-spring transition
5. Certain Puzzler twin
6. Important ID number in the US
8. C₂H₅- group
13. Desired state of some wanted criminals, briefly
14. Possessor
16. Last word of two in arcade games
17. Raise, as children



18. Sounds of obviousness
19. Cookie often paired with milk
20. Puzzle #3 classification group

22. Quaker grain

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What's the SECRET CODE WORD? (Puzzle designed by Sakul Ratanaalert)

March 2013 Issue Winners: Alan Benson, Andrea Dubin, and Brandon Luders (out of five correct solutions) won the lottery for submitting "NEWT" to last month's puzzle (Solution on last page of this publication). Congratulations! Please e-mail the Editor to receive your gift card. And thanks to everyone who submitted!

Write for the 3am!

Get \$10 for Amazon!

Ashdown Reviews

*This column, Ashdown Reviews, aims to provide 3AM readers a chance to read what other readers have thought about restaurants and other places around Cambridge and Boston. **You can contribute too!** Submit a review of a restaurant or other recommended locale you have been to recently (pictures would be nice, too), and if it is selected you will be rewarded with a **\$10 gift card to Amazon**. Let Ashdown know where they should go when they have (gasp) free time!*

Citizen's Corner: Submission Guidelines

Do you have a flair for writing?

Do you have an experience you would love to share? A cause you want to speak out for? An event you would like publicized and reported?

The ears of Ashdown are thirsting to hear your story!

The "Citizen's Corner" is a section of "3am" aimed at reflecting the lives and perspectives of Ashdown residents. All Ashdown residents are invited to contribute, and all kinds of material are welcome. In the past, we have received everything from overseas exchange program stories to essays about environmentalism. We are especially keen on the views of international students comparing the way of life (in terms of culture, atmosphere, education system etc.) here to the ones they were used to.

If your contribution is selected, you will be rewarded with a **\$10 gift card to Amazon**.

Guidelines in a nutshell:

- Submissions should be between 100 and 1500 words.
- No politically sensitive, religiously sensitive, or pornographic material.
- Pictures to accompany text are welcome.
- Email Sakul Ratanalert at ashdown-newsletter@mit.edu.



Farewell to Ann and Terry Orlando

On May 11, Ashdown bid farewell to our departing housemasters, Ann and Terry Orlando. Even though the weather proved quite damp, the atmosphere was not as the barbecue (hosted by Blue Ribbon) and the live band ("Bowtie Tims" from Berklee College) moved to the Hulsizer to continue the festivities.



Several members of the Ashdown community (past and present) delivered stories and thanks to the Orlandos for all that they've done to make Ashdown what it is today. Some highlighted all the effort it took to move Ashdown to its current location on Albany Street, while others made note of the ways the Housemasters shaped the building into a vibrant and welcoming home for us grad students.



The Orlandos also received a giftbook, signed with messages from Ashdown's residents.



Farewell to Ann and Terry Orlando (cont.)



(Photos courtesy of Aarthy Adityan.)

And of course, there was dessert.



After the barbecue, Ann and Terry took some time to reflect on their experiences at Ashdown:

1) Why did you decide to become Housemasters for Ashdown?

When the announcement of the Housemaster vacancy at Ashdown came from Pres. Charles Vest to the faculty in January 2001, we were intrigued. Our daughter had recently left home, making us empty nesters, and we thought this might be an interesting position to consider. So we applied, mostly out of curiosity about housemastering in general; we did not expect to be selected, and applied as a way to find out information in case we wanted to apply 'for real' at some later date. However, as we went through the process, we discovered how appealing the Housemaster position was, and how much we really wanted to be at Ashdown House. We were thrilled when we were selected.

2) What are some of your favorite memories at Ashdown?

We have many favorite memories, so it is hard to select just a few. Thanksgiving Dinner was always a special occasion for us, as were Orientation Dinners, AHEC nomination night and the 4th July BBQ, and the selection of Yuriy and Katie Roman as Associate Housemasters. But probably the fondest memories will be associated with the 'normal' times of AHEC meetings and Coffee Hours on Thursday evenings, and the making of so many friends from all parts of the world.

3) What are your plans for the future?

Terry will continue as a professor at MIT, but with a much longer commute! We are moving to a town near our two grandsons: Owen, 4, and Drew, 1. They will be a focus of our lives now.

4) Any tips for the incoming Housemasters?

The best advice we can give to the new Housemasters is to listen carefully to the Ashdown residents, especially AHEC. We encourage the new Housemasters to plan events and activities which they think are fun and interesting. We also have suggested to them that they continue the tradition of allowing all current and former AHEC member to attend any and all Housemaster dinners.



Why did the graduate student read this at 3am?

Because he was taking a break from studying for finals! Okay, that probably wasn't very funny, but hopefully the rest of this page is more entertaining:

Q: Why is a textbook always unhappy?

A: It has lots of problems.

Q: Who is that electricity detective?

A: Sherlock Ohms.

Kids' Corner (aka Ask the Roman Kids Stuff)



A riddle from Max:

Q: Why is 6 afraid of 7?

A: Because 7 8 9.



A joke from Dante and Apolo:

Q: Guess what?

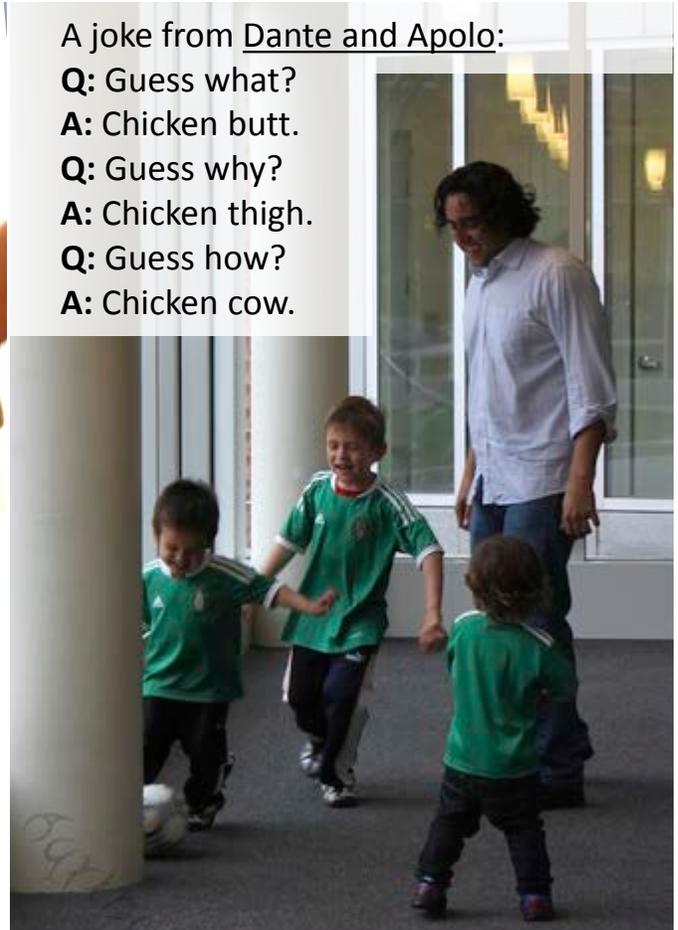
A: Chicken butt.

Q: Guess why?

A: Chicken thigh.

Q: Guess how?

A: Chicken cow.



Got questions you want to ask Dante, Max, and Apolo? E-mail the Editor!

Farewell to Ann and Terry Orlando (cont.)

5) Any parting words for us Ashdown residents? We will miss you!

Please help the new Housemasters as they start to find their way as Housemasters. While Yuriy and Katie Roman will take the lead on this, it will take a while for the new Housemasters to learn how Ashdown 'works.' Also, they will soon learn that they have a wonderful house staff. Other than that, enjoy the excitement and new ideas that a new set of Housemasters will bring to the Ashdown community. And thank you all for the wonderful memories and allowing us to be a part of your lives.

Helpful Info for New Residents, Part 9

Kristin O'Halloran is one of the faces you see at the Ashdown Front Desk. She has prepared some helpful information for new residents (and returning, just in case you need the reminder). While this will be in parts, you can find the full list of information on the Ashdown Website.

Campus Maps/Information

We may have a map of campus at Ashdown's front desk. If not, you can pick one up at the Information Center. Enter the doors at 77 Massachusetts Avenue, and immediately on your right is your source for maps, directions, and answers to everything MIT. The Information Center also organizes the campus tours; their phone number is 617-253-4795.

ATM's- Nearest Locations

Citizens

Star Market/Shaws, 20 Sidney St. (see "Nearest Food/Coffee" for directions)

Bank of America

Corner of Massachusetts Ave and Vassar St (head out lobby of Ashdown towards Mass Ave, take a right at the light, you will see the Bank of America ATM on your left at next intersection).

Stratton Student Center (BldgW20, 84 Massachusetts Ave)

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Bldg E18, 50 Ames St

Bldg 10, 77 Massachusetts Ave

The Stata Center (Bldg 32), 32 Vassar Street

MIT/FCU (Bldg NE48), 700 Technology Sq

Draper Lab, 555 Technology Sq (withdrawals only)

Lincoln Lab (A-100), 244 Wood Street in Lexington, MA (withdrawals only)

Phone Numbers and Emails for your Reference

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Yuriy and Katie Roman, Assistant House Masters, 617-253-1494,

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MIT Medical, Urgent Care, 617-253-1311, Bldg E23

MIT Mental Health/Counseling,

Daytime, 7am-7pm, 617-253-2916

Evenings & Overnight, 7pm-7am, 617-253-4481

Walk-in Urgent, M-F, 2pm-4pm (E23, 3rd Fl)

MIT Campus Police, 617-253-1212 or x100 from wall-mounted phones

Cabs

Checkered Cab, 617-497-1500

Cambridge Cab, 617-498-0006

Cambridge Taxi, 617-492-7900

Metro Cab (van service offered), 617-782-5500

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Regular Ashdown Events

Coffee Hour, opened to all graduate students, held every Thursday evening from 9pm-10pm in the Hulsizer Room, 1st Fl, Bldg 5. You are encouraged to bring your own utensils, cups, and plates/bowls. AHEC (Ashdown House Executive Committee) Meeting, Thursday, 7:30pm-9pm (building issues discussed with Ashdown residential committee)
Brunch, held one Sunday per month. Email & Poster notifications usually done.

(continued in Part 10, next issue)

Solution to Puzzle #10 (March 2013 Edition)

(See March Edition for the Puzzle Statement, by David Wilson and Sakul Ratanalert.)

Each of these classes is a real MIT class with a course number. One of the hints given tells you to average (“split the difference”) the course numbers, which conveniently results in another set of actual MIT classes:

4.112 Architecture Design Fundamentals I
OR 4.130 Architectural Design Theory and Methodologies
= **4.121 Workshop in Making and Designing Space**

5.44 Organometallic Chemistry
OR 5.50 Enzymes: Structure and Function
= **5.47 Tutorial in Organic Chemistry**

1.61 Transport Processes in the Environment (grad-level)
OR 1.76 Aquatic Chemistry
= **1.685 Nonlinear Dynamics and Waves**

2.671 Measurement and Instrumentation
OR 2.685 Numerical Methods in Wave Scattering
= **2.678 Electronics for Mech Systems**

The hint with “the beginning of class” refers to the first letter in the course name (W,T,N,E), and the hint with ordering by “department’s number” gives the solution to this anagram: “NEWT”. SECRET CODE WORD FOUND.

Contact the Editor

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