**EC, Senior House kitchens started**

By Buzz Moschetti

Construction of kitchens at East Campus and Senior House dormitories began as scheduled this month, according to Senior Vice President William R. Dickson '56.

The kitchens should be completed by the end of the summer, at a cost of approximately $900,000, Dickson said. The project began as a student proposal to improve dining options for east campus residents.

The project calls for the installation of 16 kitchens in the two dormitories. Each floor of both the west and east parallels of East Campus will gain a kitchen, and Senior House will get six new kitchens distributed throughout its basement and upper floors.

Most of the kitchens will include three stoves, three sinks, and one freezer. In some cases, space limitations will force the inclusion of fewer stoves in some structures. A small dining area will also be included in each kitchen.

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**East Campus designs courtyard plan**

By Laura Farish

A group of East Campus dormitory residents has drafted a proposal to redevelop the dormitory's courtyard and landscaping.

One phase of the proposal would help remedy the immediate problem of ground deterioration by flooding, neglect, and poor drainage, according to the提案者. The second phase is intended to "do away with the need for East Campus," said Alex Harui '83, co-coordinator of the proposal. The

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**Schools nix draft-aid tie**

By Will Doherty

Financial aid directors at Yale University, Earlham College and Goshen College recently announced that, in the words of Goshen College Student Financial Aid Director Walter Schmucker, "we are planning to support draft nonregistrants with the same assistance as those who have registered.

These declarations came in reaction to a decision by the US Congress last summer to withdraw all Title IV federal aid funds from university residents who are draft nonregistrants.

This spring, MIT President Paul E. Gray '54 is expected to consult with the faculty and the academic council concerning the registration requirement for federal financial aid.

The legislation, known as the Solomon Amendments — after Representative Gerald B. H. Solomon (R-New York) — is not necessarily endorsed by the Department of Education," said Elizabeth Gallagher '54, MIT's director of student financial aid.

Gray expects to consider a proposal, similar to those adopted by other universities, under which needy nonregistrants will receive aid despite federal cutbacks. In most cases, needy nonregistrants who attend these schools will not face any reduction in aid.

Gallagher predicted the Depart-ment of Education will release a notice of proposed rule-making within a month. US Secretary of Education Terrell Bell and Selective Service Director Donald M. Kazen are seeking to reallocate Title IV funds from university students to" those who are draft nonregistrants. The legislation, known as the Solomon Amendments, requires that the space allocation be made before February. Several options for resolving the conflict are being considered, he said.

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Construction of new buildings goes well

By Joel Clark

Work continues smoothly on the two major construction projects on campus: the Arts and Media Technology Center (building E15) and the EG&G Educational Center (building 34). "We've had a fantastic winter," said Campus Architect Harry P. Portnoy.

Completion of the Arts and Media Center is set for April 1984, according to Director of Finance John A. Currie '57. Pledges totaling close to $20 million of the estimated building and maintenance costs of $12 million have already been returned for the building.

Costs have risen for the Arts and Media Center since its inception, Currie noted, but "... not substantially. They redesigned the curtain wall and got some new bids.

Full completion of the Arts and Media Center, including the furnishings, is set for fall 1984, contingent upon the raising of additional funds, said Nelson C. Less '53, Director of Resource Development.

The EG&G Educational Center is named for the company founded by Professor Harold E. Edgerton '27, Kenneth Ger mse-Krausen '31, and Herbert C. Sivian '33. The three alumni donated nearly five million dollars for the buildings.

The EG&G Educational Center is due to be completed in March 1983. "EG&G is finishing a little late because of a rainy June... I don't anticipate any difficulties," Portnoy commented. EG&G's completion and occupancy in late spring of 1983 will enable the building to house classes during the fall 1983 semester.

Construction of the buildings has generally been on schedule although "financially we are not hurt if they slip, as we would be in the case of dormitories," according to Currie.

M. F. Pat '40, architect for the Arts and Media Technology Center, also designed the Camille Edouard Dreyfus Building (building 18), the Cecil and Ida Green Building (building 54), and the Ralph Landau Building, (building 66).
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From time to time, I receive telephone calls from Stanislav L. Piotrov. It seems strange that this former longtime friend and sometimes top sociologist from an upper foor locale, which as I have mentioned before is very far from the negative influence of Ivy Leagues writing fifty-page papers and cramming for final exams. All of which results in our sitting at the Muddy Charles Pub, at a table which commands a good view of both the room and the rush-hour traffic along the river. Both of us are drinking Beck's Dry. Jim Morrison sings When the Music's Over. The crowd is the usual late-afternoon mix of grad students having one drink before going home for the night and Senior House residents having a final meal.

"Something's not quite right, Mike."

"What?" I ask.

"This. I don't understand - it's like a weird mix of Neo-Mike."

"I don't even remotely think of that guy?"

"I don't, too. Its really like a Neo-Mike."

"Alright, so every lessy kitchen chair you see makes you think of the Bauhaus. Well, every bit of bad-hearing student I see makes me think of Nastassia Kinski's thighs, but I don't try to get it published. Can you believe the nerve of that guy?"

"My God - you have grey suede wallpaper! This place traffic and be able to live here - I'd feel so guilty sitting in my room when I knew this place was just downstairs. But then you folks also have that damn in Central Square - what's it called?"

"Random Hall."

"Yes - Random Hall, with Father's Fore as additional lounge space. Now, at Harvard, "HAYHAU!" At the near to- house that? This here fellow's from Harvard!"

Heredirects his gaze down, toward my friend's efforts at borrowing a book, ignoring the other floor. This whole floor are proving ineffective. "Chris, Piotrov - don't you recognize me? I was here last year! - I just came down to MIT to visit my buddy and get away from reading period."

"Lester, as I'm loading the rest of his books, I see that Piotrov on the Harvard-Dudley has, he must be there. Too many strangers tonight - jamais vu.

"I'm devoted to running for president... Fritz... Fritz... Mondale... as in frank..."

1982 was quite a year on the ranch. It wasn't a good year for most of the animals, though. There were certainly one eventful one.

In January, it was very icy. Many of the animals were cold. Some big birds even fell out of the sky and were soon washed into the frozen river. Most of the birds drowned, but a few were saved by Lenny the otter, who courageously dove into the icy waters to pull them to safety. Everyone on the farm was proud of Lenny - even, the head bear. But things didn't go too well after Lenny's great act of heroism. As the winter turned to spring, the insects became very active. The bolt weevils and gypsy moths fought over territory and defoliated much of the forest. The killer bees kept stinging everywhere. Most of all, the farm was not producing much food, and many of the animals became extremely deprived.

But Ron the head bear kept promising things would get better. He said that a new policy of giving the hogs more space would soon cause them to lay more eggs and the cows to give more milk than usual. Everyone watched for the good news, and impatiently awaited the day when the bears could get properly blitzed. Perhaps it would then be a better year for the farm.

In the summer and fall, things did not get better. The cows and hogs kept dying. The bears were taking over the market place. At the same time, all of the ducks began toning. Ron was very sure that he would not just be able to sit back and watch the duck bill. He took them and harvested over a hundred at one go. But the biggest shock came when he died in the fall beauty contest. They took him the next day and threw him into the swimming pool. Everyone there was upset by Leonid's treatment of others. The bears did to the cat, so he was upset by Leonid's treatment of the bears. Plebney and Lenny the otter, who had saved them by Lenny's treatment of the bears.

The room is nice and dark, as befits its subterranean location. A million crowd is gathered at one end, where an apparently very serious darts match is taking place; a pair of Guinness Extra Stouts and a half-full of the sole remaining empty table.

"Experience has shown that when you are some of this variety, paranoid, and for the past half-hour or so I've been waiting for him to say or do something to indicate his having come un-"

"This is more like it," he replies, turning to his neighbor. "I'll burn my fingers."

"So stage a commando raid on the generating station.""

"Good idea," he says.

"As much as they can get away with.""

"Too mellow a place in which to get properly blitzed. Perhaps should rebate," Piotrov declares.

"Enter an imposing Victor-"
Charlatan, liar, cheat, thief


The Amazing Randi was truly amazing, may, amazingly amazing, in his performance at Kresge Auditorium Monday night. James Randi astounded the audience with beautifully executed feats of prestidigitation, while candidly accounting his adventures and investigations into the paranormal. Topics ranged from Uri Geller to cattle mutilation, and all through the three-and-a-half-hour performance Randi managed to maintain a very high level of wit, humor, showmanship, and intelligence.

Randi, author of three books on magic and the paranormal — The Magic of Uri Geller, Howzit: His Life & Art, and Fool! Fool! The Truth About Unicorns, Parapsychology, & Other Delusions, said although the paranormal may well exist, he has never been shown any evidence to support it: "There is not one repeatable experiment in parapsychology. There has not been one good experiment in parapsychology in all of its 120 years... It's not a science."

Beginning his talk with the memorable words, "I'm a charlatan, a liar, a cheat and thief." Randi proceeded to make disparaging remarks concerning the factual content of The National Enquirer, the prowess of so-called earthquake predictors, the existence of Santa Claus ("I've been waiting by the chimney for 35 years"), and Tamara Rand, who predicted the attempts on President Reagan's life an entire day after it occurred.

Randi, 52, has strong opinions about many things. About his break with Omni magazine he stated: "Omni has gone to the paranormal; that's where the money is." After recounting the story of a man who, upon seeing Randi perform a mystifying card trick announced that it must have been a true paranormal event and not a trick, Randi proclaimed that that is... the arrogance of the scientist; if I don't understand it, no one understands it.

The tricks Randi performed during his talk included the key bending, spoon bending, and wristwatch resetting feats made famous by Uri Geller, who claims to have special powers. Randi, who claims not to have special powers, performed them brilliantly, and even told the secret to the wristwatch trick. The Amazing Randi also performed, with great finesse, some fairly standard mentalist tricks, and told the trickery and mechanics behind some famous paranormal hoaxes. Happy to admit that all magic he has seen or performed is a sham, Randi said "No Virgin- ia, there is no real magic."

Both the CIA and the US Air Force have spent millions on paranormal research, Randi said, including the bizarre Project Vampire, in which the military had psychic attempt, using their "powers", to blow up warheads "not in the present," over Washington, but in the past, over the North Pole. Concerning US and Soviet research into the paranormal Randi remarked: "Though there may be a pig gap between [the US and USSR], there is no dundedhead gap.

Randi called the Bermuda Triangle mysteries "a pack of lies," and equated the near-death experiences of people on the operating table to the strange symbols that appear on his CRT when his personal computer goes on the fritz. He also said that the beneficial effects of acupuncture, if any, "seen to be psychological" and that most of the major operations filmed in China when Nixon visited used amputees as well as acupuncture.

"We are a sensational species," Randi said. "Our species went to the moon... We don't need the clippie artists to show us how marvelous we are..." Randi is the host of a soon-to-be-aired television program on NBC which investigates the paranormal, also written for Omni and Discover magazines, and has a new book entitledTesting Yourselffor ESP.

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By V. Michael Bove

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Sports

Wrestling — The wrestling team went to New Jersey last Saturday and participated in the annual Wrestling Invitational tournament at Upsala College, finishing fourth among the eight teams at the competition. Ken Shull ’84 laced two, and Vivian Wang ’84 had three victories. Rich Shapiro ’83 took his fourth victory of the season, easily winning the 55-pound weight class. Freshman Ed Freeman captured first in the long jump, and Eric Weaver ’83 placed third to add to the Engineer margin.

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Sports update

Track falls to Williams for second loss in a row by Martin Dickau Displaying some glaring weaknesses, especially in the running events, the track team dropped a 73-63 decision to Williams College Saturday in the Athletic Center. The Engineers’ record stands at even 2-2 on the young season.

Sophomores Pat Parris and Greg Progopp gave MIT an early lead in the meet, taking first and second place, respectively, in the 35-pound throw. Freshman Ed Freeman captured first in the long jump, and Eric Weaver ’83 placed third to add to the Engineer margin.

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