UA Removes Three Candidates From Freshman Council Ballot

By Brian Loux

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Two tickets have been dropped from the official ballot for the Class of 2005's elections, and problems with the voting system caused all votes cast during the first 16 hours of online voting to be discarded.

The Undergraduate Association Judicial Review Board decided Thursday to remove Emily I. Chang '05 and Jessel A. Lim '05, co-candidates for Social Chair, and Shima Goswami '05, a candidate for Secretary, from the ballot. Judboard found that Chang, Lim, and Goswami had begun campaigning before the time set by the UA.

In the race, the men's cross country team lost for the second time this season to UMass Lowell, and the women's team fell for the first time this season to UMass Lowell.

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The gltch was discovered at 3:45 p.m. Sunday by Election Committee member Bradley T. Ito '02, who received a large number of complaints regarding the voting website.

"The problem resulted from a corrupted database," Ito said. Because the vote count could not be assuredly accurate, all votes cast before 4 p.m. were invalidated, and a message on the MIT election site asked those who voted to do so again.

By Aaron Du

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By Maral Shamloo

"With Aramark's contract coming to an end this June, MIT is once again restructuring its dining system. As announced at a Dormitory Council meeting on Thursday night, a meal plan will be required for all students living in undergraduate dormitories next year.

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Pakistan Removes Remaining Diplomats From Afghanistan
Taliban Ambassador Upset over Muslim Nations Siding with Bush

By John Danisiewszki
Los Angeles Times

The Pakistani government announced Monday that it had recalled the last of its diplomatic officers from Afghanistan in a move that adds to the Taliban regime's growing international isolation.

"In view of the abnormal situation and the security of our personnel, they were withdrawn over the weekend," said a Pakistani official. "They are all in Pakistan," Foreign Ministry spokesman Raheem Mohammed Khan said, adding that about 12 diplomats had been pulled out.

The Taliban ambassador to Pakistan, Abdul Salam Zaeef, wounded agrieved Monday that Pakistan and other Muslim nations have sided with the Bush administration in efforts to combat terrorism. The United States is demanding that Afghanistan hand over Osama bin Laden, a Saudi militant it considers the prime suspect in the Sept. 11 attacks in New York and near Washington, D.C.

The United Arab Emirates severed relations with the Taliban over the weekend.

At a news conference held on the laws of one of the Taliban's last functioning embassies, Zaeef urged Muslim countries to stop siding with the United States and instead use their influence to help prevent a war.

"Before extending cooperation and support to America, they should understand and create an environment of understanding ... This issue can be solved and it is up to the Muslim countries," Zaeef declared, referring to the U.S. demand that Afghanistan unconditionally surrender bin Laden and dismantle the Saudi militant's terror network.

Zaeef said that the Afghan people want peace and are "praying to Allah the Almighty that this war would not happen between the two countries of Afghanistan and America" and that "efforts be fruitful" to avoid the conflict.

The ambassador welcomed a report Sunday that the Bush administration plans to make public evidence to support its contention that bin Laden, who has been harbored by the Taliban since 1996, is in the main suspect in the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks that have left more than 6,000 people dead or missing.

"The Taliban leadership previously has maintained that it cannot turn over bin Laden without proof of his guilt," Zaeef said. "It was very good news to provide evidence... We have always condemned terrorism."
Russia Vows to Give Support To Rebel Forces in Afghanistan

By Susan B. Glasser

President Vladimir Putin pledged Monday night to step up Russia's military support for opposition forces inside Afghanistan and gave tacit approval for the United States to use former Soviet air bases in Central Asia as part of any retaliatory strikes.

In a televised speech announcing Russia "ready to contribute to the fight against terror," Putin vowed to send more weapons and badly needed equipment to Afghanistan's Northern Alliance, which has been battling the ruling Taliban regime that is suspected of harboring Osama bin Laden.

Monday night's speech, however, clarified Russia's position on an unprecedented U.S. military presence in former Soviet Central Asia. While Putin did not explicitly endorse the use of Central Asia as a staging area for an assault on Afghanistan, he said his position was shared by Central Asian leaders and that they "do not rule out" use of their air bases.

Despite much debate, "it was finally agreed that Russia is not going to confront the leaders of Central Asian states," if they choose to cooperate with the United States, said Grigory Yavlinsky, a parliamentary leader who attended a closed-door briefing by Putin before the speech.

Gently closing the door on hopes of finding any more survivors, New York Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani on Monday announced that the city would begin assisting the families of World Trade Center victims with necessary court paperwork to help them obtain declared death. In making the announcement, Giuliani acknowledged for the first time since the September 11 terrorist attacks that chances are virtually nil that any of the 6,543 people listed as missing are still alive in the rubble.

"I believe it is certainly time to say the chances of finding anyone would now involve a miracle," Giuliani said at his daily briefing. "Miracles have happened, but it would be unfair to offer any broad hope to people." Meanwhile, New York Gov. George Pataki on Monday signed an executive order streamlining court procedures for victims' families to get death certificates, as well as payouts from life insurance policies and government benefits.

The moves in New York and Albany mark a major psychological turn in the rescue efforts at the World Trade Center site, where recovery has been painstakingly slow. So far, only 276 people have been confirmed dead, 206 of whom have been identified.

Many Hijackers Were Saudis Dedicated to Islamic Causes

As many as a dozen of the 19 suicide hijackers who inflicted America's worst terrorist attack were young Saudis dedicated to fighting for Islamic causes, the majority of them with roots in a remote, southwestern region of their country that has been a center of religious dissent, according to a U.S. government official and experts on Saudi Arabia.

Six of the men, mostly in their twenties, left their homes in the past two years, telling their families they were going to fight with Muslim rebels in the breakaway Russian province of Chechnya, according to Saudi newspaper reports. Many of the hijackers appear to have come from the isolated, poverty-stricken provinces of Asir and Baha, a stronghold of traditional beliefs and distrust of the central Saudi government. In several instances, family members reported that they had grown increasingly pious before leaving home.

Since the September 11 attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, a good deal has become known about how the hijackers blended into American society, studied at flight schools and moved around the United States. In a few cases, the trail has led back to Germany and Egypt.

Taliban Takeovers Inhibit UN Aid, Afghan Militia Mobilizes Thousands

By Rajiv Chandrasekaran

With a U.S. military strike against Afghanistan appearing increasingly likely, the country's ruling Taliban militia said Monday that it had mobilized thousands of fighters to guard its borders. At the same time, U.N. officials said the Taliban had taken over several aid agency offices, severely impeding most humanitarian relief operations in the country.

Here in Islamabad, a Foreign Ministry official said Monday that Pakistan had pledged to send more equipment to the Taliban as Afghanistan's legitimate government; Sunday, the United Arab Emirates severed ties with the Taliban, and Saudi Arabia reportedly is considering a similar move.

In another blow to the Taliban, which has harbored bin Laden for five years, Russian President Vladimir Putin said his government will increase its assistance to Afghan opposition forces, and he gave tacit approval for former Soviet military bases in Afghanistan, according to an Arab television broadcast.

Taliban officials said they were dispatching 300,000 fighters to defend Afghanistan's borders, a figure Western officials and analysts called a gross exaggeration. The Taliban is estimated to have about 45,000 fighters, 20,000 of whom are defending the opposition Northern Alliance, with the rest probably taking up defensive positions against a potential U.S. strike, analysts said.

Meanwhile, a statement attributed to bin Laden, the prime suspect in the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington on Sept. 11, urged Muslims in Pakistan to fight a holy war against "America's crusader forces" that are preparing to strike his bases in Afghanistan, according to a U.S. government official and experts on Muslim rebels in the breakaway Russian province of Chechnya, according to Saudi newspaper reports.

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Guest Column
Stuart McGillivray

If Even Rain Deters You...

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An Anonymous Attack On Free Debate

It's a cognit "Statement Against Mandatory Dining" being circulated now which poses many of the same arguments as those of the various campus leaders, such as those on the Undergraduate Association Committee on Student Life, will be tested by the public's desire of defining the future of our meal plan; reconciling the opinions of a diverse student body is always a difficult task. We should not let commissaries and a few select vanguard dictators dictate policy, however, and it falls on each student to figure out where his next meal is coming from.

Even with the U.S. expending great financial and political capital to prop up speech and individual rights, it is undeniable that U.S. residents or citizens undermining those same values. I am ashamed to share a campus with them. Stuart McGillivray is a graduate student in the Engineering Systems Division.
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Island Hopper offers diverse cuisines

By Winnie Yang

Island Hopper
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Malaia's population is remarkably diverse, and its cuisine very much reflects the influence of the Malays, Indians, Chinese, Eurasians, and various other peoples who call the country home. I learned a little about this country from a few natives who accompanied me on a recent visit to Island Hopper, the new South Pacific Restaurant on Massachusetts Avenue. Professed regulars, my companions were eager to confirm the authenticity of the offerings here — which also include Singaporean, Indonesian, Burmese, Thai, and Vietnamese specialties.

Just three months old, Island Hopper is eager to please. The interior is warm and inviting: colorful Indonesian shadow puppets give the dining room an exotic flavor, while the multicolored lamps suspended from the ceiling add a touch of IKEA. The decorations are diverse, and its cuisine very much based on a meaningful interpretation of self-interest that implies every voluntary act as, by definition, selfish. Of course, you can find these

Island Hopper is located at 91 Massachusetts Avenue.

By Izzat Jarudi

Most books on ethics resemble Kant's writing, dense in words, but not in meaning. It's hard to understand what authors are saying, and even when occasionally do, it becomes obvious that the reward wasn't really worth the effort. For those who are interested in ethics, it is better to start off with books like Being Good: A Short Introduction to Ethics by Simon Blackburn, a professor of philosophy at the University of Cambridge.

Blackburn knows Kant and all his stylistic followers; he has read the countless pages in which these philosophers invented new languages to convey their genius, and he has skillfully pressed their ideas into an accessible little volume just over one hundred pages long.

Being Good introduces answers for people who fear to ask "Why be good?", and discusses the classic views of Plato, Aristotle, Kant, and Hume. He also addresses what Blackburn calls "the ethics of life." These ethics include relativism, deontology, and self-interest, among others.

Blackburn's writing style shifts in these chapters. Without the structuring focus of the previous sections, his style becomes a little too loose and informal for a precis on the topic of ethical topics.

The book is also short and succinct, which makes it a good introduction for those who are new to the field of ethics.
**MOVIE REVIEW**

**The Sidewalk Ends, Love Begins**

By Sandra M. Chung

Written and Directed by Ed Burns

**Sidewalks of New York** is about six New Yorkers who are living in their own little worlds. Clips of “interviews” with the six reveal their differing thoughts and feelings on love, sex, and relationships.

The New Yorkers begin their movie in three couples, and through the course of the plot, relationships begin to form. The six main characters are: Jim Lindberg (vocals), Randy Bradbury (bass, and Byron McMackin (lead guitar, rhythm guitar, second guitar, second bass), Brett Gurewitz of W布什）around the time of the band’s formation. The band became a word-of-mouth hit in the underground punk rock scene. The band released five more albums from 1993 to 2000, including their successful debut album, **Land of the Free**.

**Pennywise** continues to have a following that is as strong and committed to the band as they were in the beginning, if not stronger. In 1995, the band had to deal with the suicide of founding bassist, Dann NY, who was battling with alcoholism at the time. Randy Bradbury has taken over on bass and the band, while continuing to tour, has become integrated into popular culture, to the extent that T-shirts emblazoned with the phrase “Gonads and strife, gonads and strife.” are now sold in gift stores, and it is heard in casual conversations, even outside of the MIT campus. A piece that compares and contrasts Venus with a genuine interest in social psychology. Burns’ film demands a thinking moviegoer who, if not stronger. In 1995, the band had to deal with the suicide of founding bassist, Dann NY, who was battling with alcoholism at the time. Randy Bradbury has taken over on bass and the band, while continuing to tour, has become integrated into popular culture, to the extent that T-shirts emblazoned with the phrase “Gonads and strife, gonads and strife.” are now sold in gift stores, and it is heard in casual conversations, even outside of the MIT campus. A piece that compares and contrasts Venus with a genuine interest in social psychology. Burns’ film demands a thinking moviegoer who, if not stronger. In 1995, the band had to deal with the suicide of founding bassist, Dann NY, who was battling with alcoholism at the time. Randy Bradbury has taken over on bass and the band, while continuing to tour, has become integrated into popular culture, to the extent that T-shirts emblazoned with the phrase “Gonads and strife, gonads and strife.” are now sold in gift stores, and it is heard in casual conversations, even outside of the MIT campus. A piece that compares and contrasts Venus with a genuine interest in social psychology. Burns’ film demands a thinking moviegoer who
Stop the Incubus From Spawning Clones
Band's Colorful Repertoire and Good Attitude Justifies Rabid Teenage Following

By Sandra M. Chung

Avalon Ballroom
September 18-19, 2001

Tori Amos is without doubt one of the most consistently and thoroughly con- founding artists around. At first glance it would be easy to write off her latest album, Strange Little Girls, as just a spacy feminist manifesto that would only appeal to her almost cultish legion of fans. However, on recent visits to the Avalon Ballroom in San Francisco, Amos has presented a valid reinterpretation to the familiar. She reworks classics such as S.C.I.E.N.C.E., Fungus Amongus, and Made of Glass. The band either played without a set list, or they ignored it, mixing up styles, improvising wordless breakdowns, and granting the requests of screaming fans. They were at their best on "The Warmth" and an older song, "Deep Inside." They were at their worst when they leaned on the modern metal bandwagon and churned out some generic, muddied guitar screams that made me wonder if I was listening to Korn or Staind. On the same medley note, the band smoked a new but forgettable number, "nice to know you," into the middle of the set. "Par- don Me" was a solid treat of the popular tune, though the group gave a disappointing flat performance of their latest hit, "With You Were Here." Unfortunately, standout drum- mer Joe Kono dropped out by the multiplied effects of the overemphasization of other instruments and the relentless roar of the audience. A "fateful" half-hour intermission was announced, sparking undisciplined as well as satisfied fans. The emotional appeals, sure sense of story-

Strange Little Girls
Strange Little Album

By Fred Choi

The Incubus frontman Brandon Boyd delivers a charged version of "Drive."
A Vegetarian’s Guide to the MIT Area

A Rundown of MIT Dining, Local Eateries, and Grocery Stores

Sonja A. Shapiro

Not only have students come to realize that it is possible to eat well at MIT, but many others have discovered that MIT is home to a number of excellent vegetarian options. As a result, the MIT Food Court, in the Student Center, is a popular spot for many students. In addition, there are many other places on campus where vegetarians can find satisfying meals. Some of the best places to eat vegetarian food on campus are highlighted below.

MIT Dining

A comprehensive list of all MIT dining locations, including hours and menus of all food served, can be found at "<http://dining.mit.edu/location/index.html>", while a detailed list of all vegetarian-related web sites is available at "<http://dining.mit.edu/activities/vegan.html>". The most useful of these is the Vegetarian Resource Group’s "<http://dining.mit.edu/activities/vegan.html>" web site, which provides a comprehensive list of links related to vegetarian-related issues. Their web site is located at "<http://www.mit.edu/activity/vegetarian.html>".

A Rundown of MIT Dining

The Student Center is home to a variety of dining options, including the Student Center Food Court, the MIT Cafe, and the MIT Cafe. The Student Center Food Court is one of the most popular spots on campus, with a variety of vegetarian options available. The MIT Cafe, located in the basement of the Student Center, offers a variety of vegetarian and vegan options, as well as a selection of homemade soups and salads. The MIT Cafe also offers a variety of vegetarian and vegan options, as well as a selection of homemade soups and salads. The MIT Cafe also offers a variety of vegetarian and vegan options, as well as a selection of homemade soups and salads. The MIT Cafe also offers a variety of vegetarian and vegan options, as well as a selection of homemade soups and salads. The MIT Cafe also offers a variety of vegetarian and vegan options, as well as a selection of homemade soups and salads. 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Vibrations of the Wind
Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia Comes to Kresge

By Shruti Chandrasekhar

Hariprasad Chaurasia, Flutist
Kresge Auditorium
Sunday, September 23, 2001

Sunday’s performance by classical Indian flutist Hariprasad Chaurasia in Kresge Auditorium was beyond description. It was genuine Hari Prasad, which means “blessings of the Lord” in Sanskrit. Chaurasia’s god-given talent and his consummate artistry made every moment spent at Kresge worthwhile.

MITHAS (MIT Heritage of the Arts of South Asia), in cooperation with Sangam and New England Hindu Temple, organized the show.

Chaurasia is the foremost flutist in India and one of the best in the world. At the age of fifteen, enamored by the simplicity of this instrument, he decided to abandon vocal training to pursue the art of this wind instrument under the guidance of Pandit Bhanumath. After a tenure of five years with the All India Radio at Cuttack, he was transferred to All India Radio, Bombay. It was there that he entered the most significant phase of his career, under the guidance of the Sree Balu vittu Shrimati Amput Devi, the illustrious daughter of the all time great teacher and musician, Ustad Allauddin Khan of the Maihar school of music. Her influence not only gave his music depth and dimension, but also inspired him to pursue a new, unrestrained performing career.

Today, accompanied by Vijay Gokule on the tabla, Chaurasia set off the evening with a rendition of the Raag Bhimpalas. On being asked why he chose this Raag, Chaurasia replied that “It was as emotional and playful as Bhimpalas could mitigate the pain that a country as beautiful as America is now facing.”

Indian Hindustani Music is built on raags or scales - each invoking different emotions, set at different times, and having their own identity. A raag is a melodic scale, consisting of notes from the basic seven known as pa, ga, ma, pa, ni, pa, and of the Western classical scale.

Apart from sa and pa which are constant, the other notes may be in sharp or flat. Depending on the notes included in it, each raaga acquires a distinct character. The form of the raaga is also determined by the particular pattern of ascent and descent of the notes, which may not be strictly linear. Melody is built up by improvising and elaborating within the given scale. The level of improvisation depends on the acumen and ability of the performer.

Bhimpalas is a Kafi-based raaga that is always a challenge to perform. It has a serious intent, and is set for the mood of the end to an afternoon. The meditative quality of the raag with Madhyam (F on the Western Scale) as the resting place is blended with the soulful transition from Panchari (G on the Western Scale) to Kamal嬉 (B sharp on the Western scale). This combination of notes, when played skillfully, can bring about a sense of bliss that is stronger than the gravens it symbolizes.

This piece although dexterously presented by Chaurasia, was a dastardly too serious to capture one’s complete attention.

However, the mood lightened up when Chaurasia broke into a enthusiasm performance of the spar Raag Hamadhwani. Hamadhwani or “Voice of the Swan,” a raag having its roots in southern India, enchanted the audience’s heart and soul. Its life and joy filled the air with excitement, and Chaurasia’s enthusiasm build up notes was such that the audience's heart and soul, its life and joy filled the air with excitement, and Chaurasia’s enthusiasm could so that they broke into a standing ovation when Chaurasia reached his crescendo.

On popular demand, Chaurasia then performed Raag Fuladi, in which he played a jugalbandi or musical dialogue with Vijay Gokule, his companion on the tabla. This is what I would call the heart of Indian Music — the ability to create new melodies based on the moment. Chaurasia gave an amazing display of this skill, making each one of us appreciate the joy that music can elicit.

In all, the concert this evening was one that made us understand and experience the joy that music can evoke. As always, the des- terity of Chaurasia’s fingers on the bamboo flute enthralled many music lovers.

Indian flutist Hariprasad Chaurasia performed in a MITHAS, Sangam, and NEHTI-sponsored concert Sunday in Kresge Auditorium.
The Graduate Student Council thanks the organizers and volunteers of Career Fair 2001, an event which drew over 165 companies, 500 company representatives, and 3500 students.

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Tuesday, September 25

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2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Markus Zahm. Refreshments will be served at 3:30 PM in room 2-349. free. Room: 2-338. Sponsor: Physical Mathematics Seminar. Department of Mathematics. 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Phase-change transition between colloidal particles: thermo/dynamics?. Room: L.H.M.D. Seminar Series, Fall 2001. free. Room: Room 3-270. Sponsor: Fluid Mechanics Seminars.

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4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - GTL Seminar. Probabilistic Design of Compressor Blades. free. Room: 31-161. Sponsor: Gas Turbine Laboratory.

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Several panelists voiced feelings of intimidation and fear towards the prominent display of American flags. Tob N. Win '02 believes that the flag represents "the government, the establishment — and people can't connect with it." He added that the American flag has "brought about a lot of confrontation and many feel excluded."

For Ambreen Amjad '02, what is frightening is when "people are waving the flag out of blind nationalism."

Jovonne J. Bickerstaff '02, born and raised in the United States, said "I have never seen so many flags and I have never been so afraid." Amjad said that America uses "lies to justify foreign policy."

Lucy A. Porter G said that a friend of hers who lives in England said that "America is very insular. The only view in America is the American view. The U.S. is seen as arrogant and always acting in its own interest."

Melissa A. Edoh '02 said that "the American government needs to let people know about the motivation of attack and measures that will be taken."

Divisive attitudes prevalent

Several panelists criticized the "us vs. them" sentiment prevalent in the American consciousness right now. Win likened the situation to a sports metaphor of with us or against us. "Why can't you just be sorry for the dead and engage in humanitarian efforts?" he asked.

Edoh said that America "seems to treat people as children divided into the civilized vs. uncivilized or the good vs. bad."

Bickerstaff asked questions such as; "Why shouldn't they hate us? Why is America so quick to judge? Why are we so damn arrogant? Is this an action or reaction? When have we become so pure and pristine?" And one final question: "If I am not critical, then how can I ever make things better?"

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New Plan May Spur Dining Competition

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needs to be improved.

"The current situation is unacceptable," he said. "Hopefully we can come up with some compromise ... some minimal participation that would not be as burdensome as the rest of the proposals."

"What is being promised is definitely better than what we have now," said Kenneth G. Jow '02, "but it should not restrict people's choice."

Luis M. Oroz '02 said he was appalled by the idea of having to pay up front for the food. "Those who want to eat out or cook for themselves are going to lose their money or be forced out of their options," he said. However, dining managers believe that a lack of choice in the dining facilities on campus at the moment is the reason people try to eat off-campus or cook.

UA encourages review of options

The Undergraduate Association passed a resolution last night which encourages the administration to "reform from implementing [Berlin's dining plan] without considerable revision and input from current MIT students via forums, town meetings, committees, and any other appropriate media.

The resolution also encourages that the members of the UA help the administration to review and implement the new dining plan. Cans said that MIT Dining Services has included in its process a six to eight week period for students and community members to offer feedback and alternative proposals.

A petition addressing the shortcomings of the new meal plan, written by Vikash Gilja '03, is being circulated among students.

Plan to increase choice

Berlin said that the aim of a mandatory meal plan is to convince contractors that MIT dining can be profitable, bring competition into the system, and encourage independent entrepreneurs to take part.

"Students will have a huge influence on the way the dining program is run," Berlin said. "Our aim is to devise a plan which engages the students as much as possible in any aspect from menus to quality and hours."

Several local restaurants will be allowed to bid at the end of January to run independent food stalls in Student Center and the new Stata Center dining facility. "We are bringing students' favorites on campus," said Berlin.

Although Aramark is still an option, other major contractors are being considered as well. Dining managers emphasized that the new contractor company would need to commit to the changes, specifically students' influence on dining options.

Berlin's report, which includes all five proposed dining options, can be found at <http://mit.edu/DormCon/Dining/).

Mandatory meal plan not so new

According to Berlin, MIT is unique among other universities in the sense that a mandatory meal plan does not exist at the Institute. "This is not new, however," he added. "A meal plan was required by Institute until about 5 years ago when the plans were dismantled."

In 1991, MIT required residents of Baker House, MacGregor House, McCormick Hall, and Next House, the dormitories with dining halls, to purchase a $1000 declining balance meal plan. Students living in dormitories without dining halls were not obligated to purchase a meal plan.

Facing high costs, MIT's Academic Council resolved in 1993 to obligate residents of dormitories with dining halls to buy a common-style meal plan. Several weeks later, however, in the face of strong student opposition, the decision was reversed. Instead, the dining halls at McCormick and MacGregor were closed, and meal plans became voluntary for all students.

Students will have a chance to voice their opinions on the latest incarnation of mandatory meal plans at a town hall meeting on October 3.

Dana Levine contributed to the reporting of this story.

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COURSES are among the MIT dining facilities affected by the mandatory meal plan.
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Problems Lead UA Commission to Discard Ballots

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the message around 4:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. Rothman then sent a message to friends addressing the situation. The two candidates said they were extremely frustrated.

An official e-mail which was sent to all the candidates at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday said that the Election Board was “encountering problems” with the voting website.

“This was sent because the e-mails I received were not just revolving around one issue, but the issue of votes,” said Ito. “The message was meant to cover all the issues mentioned by the voters.”

Another official e-mail was sent around 11:30 p.m. on Sunday which tells the candidates that the votes were indeed invalid and that the candidates were to inform the voters as best they could. “I didn’t understand that,” Rothman said. “I think they should have sent an e-mail themselves to all the voters.”

The Election Board said they were unable to re-mail the entire list because a database of all the addresses had not been compiled until Monday night.

Voting problems persist

There have been two reports since Sunday of the IT’s voting website remaining slow and inconsistent. “It appears that they cleaned the system, but the problem is still not fixed,” Edelson said. “Friends told me that it has taken them 30 minutes for the site to process their vote, even though they are not sure whether or not their votes went through.”

This has not been the first time that undergraduate elections have caught a snag due to computer related issues. In the fall of 1998, one candidate was missing from the ballot for freshman elections. In spring 2000, a bug in the voting program that occurred during election polled forced the elections to be extended. The votes were eventually thrown out due to unrelated problems involving a Judboard decision.

Due to these past problems, the system was actually upgraded this year. According to Ito, it was actually this upgrade that caused the problems. “The voting system is sensitive to some network difficulties,” he wrote in an e-mail to Rothman.

It also said that he is the only person who is responsible for the system. “The system should be able to work properly in time for the spring elections,” Ito said. “While it would be nice to have a more efficient system, the system will run smoother in the future.”

“Looking at Judboard in the past, it would be nice to have a more efficient system,” Rothman said. “I think the results could be used in what I’ve been talking with other candidates who are unable to tell others to re-vote” because they do not know their e-mail address or where they reside. “I’ve heard of some similar concerns. “What is their method for ensuring that the votes are going through?” he asked.

Ito promised that the election would be fair and accurate. “There are reports of people voting successfully both by individuals and of candidates having specific troubles involving specific MIT security issues,” he said. “It is not the work of one or two people running the elections, it is the effort of the commission.”

Monica R. Rush ’05 was one of the freshmen who recast her vote after hearing of the glitch. “I was a little irritated,” she said. “It seems they should have had the system prepared before it began. If I was running for office, I would be upset.” Rush said if these problems had occurred frequently in the past, then the UA had every reason to be prepared for them.

Presently, the deadline for online voting remains to be Wednesday, September 26 at midnight, while paper ballots will run from 9 to 5 on Sunday, September 27. Results will be tallied Thursday at 10 a.m. Jennifer Krishnan contributed to the reporting of this story.

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Mental Health Plans Begin to Take Shape

By Sandra M. Chung

MIT has initiated a pilot program for a Residence Support Team that will assign physicians and counselors to living groups. The goal of the program is to get to know students and reduce their reluctance to seek help when they need it. Mental Health Task Force co-chairs announced at last Wednesday's faculty meeting.

Task Force co-chairs Dr. Kristine Girard '86 and Efrat Shavit '95 presented the report's findings and notified the faculty of recent and imminent changes to the Mental Health system in direct response to the report. These changes include the establishment of the Residence Support Team program, an extension of MIT Mental Health Services' hours, and the hiring of four Residential Life Associates who will be available in residence halls during the evenings to offer students advice and assistance.

"The goal is for everyone in the community to have at least one contact that they know as a person," Shavit said.

The extended MIT hospital insurance plan for students contains complete coverage for unlimited outpatient psychotherapy visits with no copayments, a change that went into effect September 1. Seventy percent of MIT students enrolled in the Extended Plan last year. MIT Mental Health Services extended its hours of operations two hours and is now open Monday to Thursday from 8:30 A.M. to 7 P.M.

According to the report, utilization of MIT mental health services has changed significantly in the past six years. In 1995, eight percent of the student body was seen in-house annually; in 2000, that figure had grown to 12 percent.

Task Force sponsors study

A Task Force study comparing MIT mental health statistics to those from eight other major universities found similar increases among all nine schools in the number of students seeking help with psychological problems. However, according to the survey, a higher overall percentage of students utilized on-campus mental health services at institutions other than MIT (14-16 percent at other schools versus 12 percent at MIT).

The Institute ranked seventh of the nine schools in the study according to the ratio of mental health staff to the student populations. MIT was also the only school in the study which did not have evening hours or appointments for clinical and medical services.

In a survey of MIT graduate students and undergraduates conducted last spring, "the majority of respondents thought that MIT students perceived the MIT Mental Health Service to be mediocre in its regard, accessibility, and helpfulness," Shavit said. "Accessibility is the main problem."

Shavit also said MIT students tend to function on a schedule shifted toward afternoon and evening hours, whereas Mental Health Services runs on a standard business schedule.

The five most common student requests for changes in MIT Mental Health were quick appointments, evening hours, afternoon appointments, web and e-mail access, and 24-hour on-site coverage, according to Shavit.

Students reported overwhelmingly that they would discuss an emotional problem first with friends and family, followed by a mental health provider or a counseling dean, Shavit said. While 94 percent of respondents were aware of mental health services, only 20 percent were aware of walk-in hours. Of the 28 percent of respondents who had used MIT mental health services, 35 percent reported a wait of 10 or more days prior to initial appointment.

The Task Force recommended adding 6-10 full-time equivalents to current mental health staff and hiring "moonlighters" on a call system to provide on-site coverage until midnight, and by increasing afternoon availability of current staffers. Administrative changes might include creating a standing committee on mental health, redefining confidentiality, and establishing mandatory MIT insurance.

Several professors also expressed concern about current confidentiality restrictions which keep them in the dark about the condition of students or advisees whom they may have referred to other mental health support.

An August draft of the report can be seen at <http://web.mit.edu/medical/mhff/> by members of the MIT community. The Mental Health Task Force will continue to receive community input and modify their recommendations until the end of October, when the report will be finalized and made available to the general public.

The Mental Health Task Force, which consists of 20 undergraduates, graduates, faculty, and administrators, first convened in November 2000. Its goal is to "explore a set of issues related to the health of the community and to return to the community with suggestions for how to address those issues," said current Chancellor Phillip L. Clay.
### Sports

#### Volleyball Ranks 2nd in Region

By Paul Dill

The women's varsity volleyball team received its highest regional ranking in at least 10 years last week when the Engineers came in second out of 64 colleges in the NCAA poll for the New England region.

This ranking comes fresh on the heels of MIT's two conference wins this past week against Mount Holyoke College and Clark University. These victories gave MIT a record of 8-1, which is the strongest start for the team since 1993.

The Engineers disposed of Mount Holyoke rather unceremoniously this past Saturday, winning 3-0 (30-15, 30-14, 30-17). Middle hitter Kelly A. Martens '03 led the way offensively with 16 kills and a .636 hitting percentage. Amy W. Mok '02 added 14 digs to the defensive effort, while Linda M. Yu '02 served the opposition off the court with six service aces. Back-up setter Samantha K. Brenner '04 and defensive specialist Alice M. Chow '05 also came off the bench to contribute to the team's victory.

MIT had a bit more work to do against Clark University on Tuesday night, but still came away with a strong 3-1 win (30-17, 23-30, 29-25, 30-25). Christina Almodovar '02 dished out 31 assists while outside hitter Nayda M. Clayton '04 added 14 kills to the effort. However, it was the timely outside kills of batter Jillian M. Kaup '03 which helped to seal Clark's fate.

The team will play at home tonight, Tuesday, September 25th, at 7:00 p.m. in Du Pont Gymnasium against conference foe WPI.

#### Tennis Earns Third Flawless Win

By Caroline Tien

Once again, the tennis team showed no mercy against their opponents, winning 9-0 for the third time in a row. The MIT players showed incredible patience, finesse, and tactic when pitted against their competition.

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