Four-Week Janitorial Strike Ends

By Brian Loux

An agreement late Wednesday night ended the four-week strike by Boston janitors, effectively canceling plans for city-wide acts of civil resistance.

The strike began in late September when around 2,000 striking workers and other community members pushed for higher wages and health care coverage for part-time janitors.

The Tech reports that community members, MIT students, and faculty team up to compete in building the tallest balloon tower during the IDEAS team-building dinner Wednesday night.

Interfraternity Council Fills Vacant Positions

By Jennifer L. Wong

The Interfraternity Council elected officers to its remaining vacant positions during a President’s Council meeting Wednesday evening. The Committee on Risk Management was also asked to take on new duties in response to the treatment of alcohol violations of four fraternity members that resulted in the resignation of former president Andrew T. Yue ’03. The council agreed to the treatment of alcohol violations by the IFC and the Student Life Office.

The IFC’s Risk Management Committee is headed by Lawrence G. Colagiovanni ’04 of Kappa Sigma. His committee will be look-

Female Residents Accepted At TEP

By Beckett W. Stuber

Female boarders are now allowed to live at MIT’s chapter of the Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity during the regular school year.

When we were in college. They always had cash, and were always taking on the lives of normal college students during the week. This was a great victory.

Women considered ‘boarders’... In order to make the acceptance of women boarders official, TEP had to make a fine distinction between the men and women living there. Where the new males are allowed to live at MIT’s chapter of the fraternity, the Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity during the regular school year, the Xi chapter of TEP had to negotiate with the national fraternity to officially allow female boarders.

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BUSH to Ask China to Pressure North Korea on Nuclear Arms

By Mark Matthews

WASHINGTON

After 18 months in which the United States and China veered from mutual distrust to cooperation, President Bush will put the warming on Wednesday in a diplomatic initiative to solve the North Korean nuclear crisis.

U.S. officials view China as vital to bringing a peaceful end to the current nuclear standoff. They want Beijing to pressure North Korea to abandon its nuclear ambitions.

"We hope for a diplomatic solution to the crisis with North Korea," said White House spokesman Scott McClellan.

"We're reaching out to China and other nations," he said. "It's a step in the right direction."
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Report Says Stalled Security Leaves U.S. Open to Terrorism

By Vicki Kemper

WASHINGTON

Enormous logistical challenges and widespread complacency have stalled the government's second campaign to leave the United States' "dangerous cities" and "dangerous states" by 2002, according to an independent task force convened by the United States Commission on National Security, reviewing the nation's vulnerability to terrorism and terrorist attacks.

The report, issued today, recommends immediate action to protect America from the threat of terrorism.

The report recommends that the federal government work with state and local authorities to ensure that the nation's borders are secure and that the nation's critical infrastructure is protected.

The report also recommends that the federal government work with state and local authorities to ensure that the nation's transportation systems are secure and that the nation's financial systems are protected.

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Rebels Demand Removal of Troops, Threaten to Begin Killing Hostages

By Peter Baker and Susan B. Glasser

WASHINGTON

Declaring their readiness to die for Chechnya, the Chechen rebels holding a theater audience of up to 800 people captive in the center of Russia's capital, Moscow, are demanding that the Russian government withdraw its troops from the Chechen capital.

"We are prepared to die for Chechnya," said the leader of the Chechen rebels, Shamil Basayev, during a televised broadcast from the theater on Wednesday. "We are not going to make a deal with the Russian government."

The rebels, who have been fighting for independence from Russia for 15 years, have been holding the theater hostage for more than a week, demanding that the Russian government withdraw its troops from Chechnya.

The Russian government has rejected the rebels' demands and has vowed to continue its military campaign in Chechnya.

Gore Calls for New Emphasis On Public Health Services

WASHINGTON

Former vice president Al Gore, citing a growing threat of a biological weapons attack against the United States, Thursday called for making public health services the nation's top health care priority.

Gore said that the possibility of a biological weapons attack against the United States is "so great" that public health services should be the nation's top health care priority.

Gore made the call during an appearance on the "Today" show where he said that the government should focus on "preventing and preparing for a biological weapons attack against the United States."
Let's Be Honest About Housing

As pledge numbers begin to stabilize, the first year of rush at MIT sees no evidence of the careful planning this will require from both the administration and the FSILGs. The leadership to emerge from the rubble that is the current class must be honest about MIT's housing system, and how it must change in the next few years.

Approximately 3,000 on-campus beds exist for undergraduates, though freshmen are not assigned a room until the day after move-in. This year, Simon Hall pulled 350 of these on-campus housing beds, leaving empty beds in some of these freshmen-filled houses. The administration's stock answer seems to be "wait and see"—hoping that more students will move off campus to avoid re-crowding or stealing more beds from graduates.

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It is hard to talk about the history of Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories in the United States because most of us "Americans" have been kept from learning much about this region.

When I read the column about the visit of Israeli-Knesset member Benny Elon ("A position against the people of Egypt," Oct. 18) by Maxime Shatoff and Jake Solomon, I noticed that the authors described the占用的具体问题 is not mentioned or scrutinized.

As a journalist, my role is to report on the facts of his real or jingoist threat, I want to thank Mr. Elon for his candor on other points. He mocked the state that was offered to the world by the Oslo Accords as a narco-ports that are only connected by airplane routes and have no control of the resources or borders to a jingoist place on my position from the audience indicates that many of them must agree, although I believe I have heard all of them.

I do not believe the event lived up to the ideals of openness and academic freedom. The questions are covered a wide spectrum, from "great, but how are we going to do it" to "we have to do it right now," and the audience was very averse to any sort of critical questions and did not try to cut those questions.

To the moderator's credit, he did stand up to Elon's "war" and "picking sides" comments. Even if one should or could listen closely to Mr. Elon's "creative" solution of transforming the occupied Palestinian territories in the occupied territories east of the Jordan River into Jordan, it would appear, there was one incident which was particularly disturbing.

Before stating my question during the Q&A session, I would like to put the full names of those asking questions, and if he was politically correct, I would say that the Jewish Defense League, a Zionist terrorist group (He responded that he would if he didn't know whether it was or not amusing, but think that he brings out a deep contradiction in this conflict. Palestinian resistance to being driven out of their home.

I would think with all the brains we have from all over the world at MIT, we should be among the first to ask how the world could embrace. It is, in fact, in our self-interest to do so, for if the United States acts correctly, it will degrade our economy and stature until we no longer have a viable society. I do not think we have ever imagined:

Peace and prosperity can be brought to the Middle East, and the United States has been on the new most-soon-to-be state of Palestinian land. It is open in a manner that all countries can embrace.

But why should the Arab and Palestinians cooperate? Why should they not instead use their petrodollars to enable them to succeed in eliminating Israel (and the United States)? Because Arab nations should have the help of the world's greatest minds, their economies into vibrant entities, they should not be dependent on petrodollars, for the oil will soon run out.

Why should the Israelis give up land they see their gain in a war in which they were attacked? Because if Israel can make true peace with its Arab neighbors, vast new markets will open up for its high-tech goods, and the Arab nations will never have envisioned.

In order to accomplish this dream, it is proposed to transform the Middle East into a region of great scope, one of the most important items:

1. The basic premise that if we were to put the resources we now allocate to military pursuits into Jordan, by force if necessary, there was a real opportunity for meaningful discussion hypotheses from scholars; business people; engineers to create sophisticated new prod-

2. Peace and prosperity can be brought to the Middle East, and the United States has been on the new most-soon-to-be state of Palestinian land. It is open in a manner that all countries can embrace.

3. The majority of Palestinians and Israelis could not only live in peace, they could probably make their living in the best of nations.

To accomplish this, we must seek solu-

4. The ideas can be used as seeds when seeking to develop a plan for true and last-

5. Perhaps one day in the future, we will see a new nation form, the nation of Palesinidene.

But my Palestinian friend says it best: "I didn't know God was a real estate agent who could steal land from one people and give it to another."

By Aimee Smith
Guest Column

The Trouble With Israel

Aimee Smith

We saw a similar colonization project car-

ried out in South Africa. There, under apartheid, legal segregation was explicit and enforced until quite recently. Israel has an apartheid structure based on a unique mix of religion and national identity, but both apartheid and the United States have worked together to implement the determinations for getting who first class status and who gets no status, the differ-

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tries, based on a unique mix of religion and national identity, but both apartheid and the United States have worked together to implement the determinations for getting who first class status and who gets no status, the differ-

6. Israel, with its high-technology compa-

nies, could become a regional leader that could develop energy and new technologies that are not oil dependent, because the oil will not last forever.

7. Jerusalem should become an intern-

ational city-state run by a council of moderate religious leaders from all the major faiths that have significant presence there, AND other major faith leaders to act as arbitrators.

The ideas can be used as seeds when seeking to develop a plan for true and last-

ing answers to the same problems. Immediately obvious that neither political party has "black-and-white" division might actually be in their best interests.

As an important part of the process, it can begin with ideas that perhaps most of the world could agree would be reasonable ideas.

No question we should not have the right to kill the unborn or the convicted. There are many people who feel this way, and this position sees no major representation in this evolution to be stable. A question many people have asked, typi-

cally means for running the country, since their track record was that good they never would have allowed a two-party system entirely.

Some day I hope that at least two of these parties will be, among other
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**NEWTON’S THREE LAWS OF GRADUATION**

Though famous for his seminal work in Mechanics, Isaac Newton’s theories on the prediction of a doctoral graduation formulated while still a grad student at Cambridge remain his most important contribution to academia.

**FIRST LAW**

"A grad student in procrastination tends to stay in procrastination unless an external force is applied to it."

This postulate is known as the "Law of Inertia" and was originally discovered experimentally by Galileo four years before Newton was born when he threatened to cut his grad student’s funding. This resulted in a quickening of the student’s research progress.

Galileo’s observations were later perfected by Descartes through the application of "Weekly Meetings."

Before Galileo’s time, it was wrongfully thought that grad students would rest only as long as no work was required of them and that in the absence of external forces, they would graduate by themselves.

(From Encyclopaedia Britannica)

**SECOND LAW**

The age, a, of a doctoral process is directly proportional to the flexibility, f, given by the advisor and inversely proportional to the student’s motivation, m.

Mathematically, this postulate translates to:

\[ a = \frac{f}{m} \]

This Law is a quantitative description of the effect of the forces experienced by a grad student. A highly motivated student may still remain in grad school given enough flexibility. As motivation goes to zero, the duration of the PhD goes to infinity.

**THIRD LAW**

"For every action towards graduation there is an equal and opposite distraction."

This Law states that, regardless of the nature of the interaction with the advisor, every force for productivity acting on a grad student is accompanied by an equal and opposing useless activity such that the net advancement in thesis progress is zero.

Newton’s Laws of Graduation were ultimately shown to be an approximation of the complete description of Graduation Mechanics given by Einstein’s Special Theory of Research Inactivity.

Einstein’s theory, developed during his graduate work in Zurich, explains the general phenomena that, relative to the grad student, time slows down to nearly a standstill.
**Down the Hatchet**

**Going... Down??**

By Akashy Pardi

**COLUMN**

For those of you who have never used an elevator (and I know there are some of you out there, don't deny it), let me tell you -- you're really missing out.

And I'm not just saying that, I really mean it. From the very bottom of my... uhmm... penguin... yeah, bottom of my penguin.

I'll be standing a NA/AC (LCS) elevator, minding my own business when in walks two-thirds of my 6.001 textbook! It's a real danger. You become nervously with thoughts racing through your head: Should I make eye contact? Should I stare at the floor? Will they capture me and subject me to painful parent-hood scrutinizing torture? That's when you notice the sensation creeping down your pants. Time to flee at the next step.

And there's so much excitement involved in getting on an elevator. After you push the button, how long will the elevator take to get to you?

After daring to hope for the instant gratification of a near-nil "ping" followed by opening doors, I am inadvertently disappointed to be greeted by silence.

The waiting has begun. "Seconds? A minute? An hour?" Is nerve-wracking. I stand in the teeming procession of the silence around me, desperately listening to clues that may prepare me for the arrival of my transport. The pressed against the wall, I go back to my primal instincts as I translate the hams, clicks, and whir of the complex elevator language. I click and whistle back... but it never listens to me. Bastard.

When the elevator does come, more mysteries abound. Are there people inside? People I know? People with chocolate? Will they burst out of the elevator and trample me, or will they look at me blankly and not notice since they're getting off on the wrong floor? Will they give me chocolate? One never knows.

Hopefully chocolate is involved, though. Mmm... Mmmm...

Of course, elevators can be the source of negative emotions as well. Nothing is more outraightening than getting on an elevator going in the wrong direction. Well, maybe getting off on the wrong floor, but inevitably there are more people around to make you feel screw up in the first case than in the second. When you get on a wrong-direction elevator, that usually implies that there are other people in the elevator who will be able to point and laugh at you when you ask, "Wait a minute! Why are we going up? I thought we were going down!" When you get off an elevator on the wrong floor, usually the only people around just got off too and are too busy scurrying to wherever they were headed. You can be easily missed.

So take your desire to just pretend that you had a small error and do this on your floor. If you just wander around for a while before returning to the elevator, no one's the wiser. It's the perfect crime.

As I'm sure you know, the hot-button issue this election season is elevator thresholds. What constitutes absolute laziness? Taking the elevator to the fourth floor? Third floor? Second floor? First floor? We all have our limits, but do we really want to make these thresholds the law? Is it laziness to take an elevator down? Why don't we just go down a few flights of stairs?

It's a tough subject and the politicians need to make sure that the limits are safe and just. The last thing we need is more loopholes in our elevator laws.

That's why I urge you to vote no on Proposition W.

As with all forms of transportation, elevator riders are also subject to rage. I am not immune to this disease. I'll get on an elevator and feel comfortable pressing the "5" button and settle into my little corner of the elevator, waiting for the doors to close and transport me to oblivion (my UROP). Then someone else gets in and presses "7".

This annoys me; yes, you have just as much a right to use the elevator, but now it's gotta stop at the seventh floor, open the doors, wait for the person to exit, take its sweet time to close the doors, then get to easer self-moving again only to start braking immediately in order to drop me off. It's so inefficient! I want to strangle this person who has courageously wasted 5 seconds of my day.

Couldn't they just get on, see that the "7" button was pressed and said "Oh, I'm sorry" and just go to use a different elevator? Or maybe they could just go up to the eighth floor and take the stairs down a flight. Come on! It's not hard! But you, you're going to inconvenience me and make my elevator stop at your goddamn, stupid, worthless floor. I just want to read a book, get clean and shake you, screaming "You f-ing piece of..." Sorry, I'm from L.A.

Mmm... chocolate.

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**Fun with Fire III**

**Hydrogen & Oxygen**

By Michael Short

**COLUMN**

This experiment involves fire, bases, toxic fumes, exothermic reactions and hydrogen. Do it in a ventilated, fire proof area outdoors, on a concrete or pavement surface with adequate eye and hand protection. Follow all safety precautions labeled on chemical products. In other words, don't be stupid -- you can get hurt.

For hydrogen production:

- 1/2 liter soda bottles (2)
- Water
- Drano crystals (not liquid, as it usually contains soap), or pure NaOH (sodium hydroxide) if you can get it
- A few square feet of aluminum foil
- Latex balloons
- Notes

The more concentrated the H2O2, the better.

The hypochlorite must not contain soaps, or you'll end up with oxygenated foam.

The MnO2 catalyzes the breakup of the H2O2 really fast, so be ready to contain the oxygen!

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**By Bill Amend**

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**by Scott Adams**
Events Calendar
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Thursday, October 25

10:00 a.m. - Admissions Information Session. Free: Rooms: Admissions Reception Center, Building 10, Room 10.10. Sponsor: Information Center.
10:45 a.m. - Campus Tour. Free: Rooms: Lobby (Room 101) Main Entrance Lobby at 77 Massachusetts Ave. Sponsor: Information Center.
1:00 p.m. - Women's Soccer vs. Mount Holyoke College. Free. Room: Steinbrenner Stadium. Sponsor: Department of Athletics.
6:00 p.m. - Women's Soccer vs. Mt. Holyoke College. Free. Room: Steinbrenner Stadium. Sponsor: Department of Athletics.
8:00 p.m. - Sigma Sundae Soiree. Come enjoy ice cream fondants with the lovely Sigma Kappa sisters at their beautiful brickomega in the heart of Boston's Prudential Square. Free. Room: Sigma Kappa House: 480 Commonwealth Ave. Sponsor: Sigma Kappa.
7:00 p.m. - Minority Report. In the not-too-distant future, crimes can be predicted using the gifts of three unusual people. A leader in the Department of Pre-Crime (Tom Cruise) is about to find out, when he is mysteriously pegged as the next one to commit a horrible murder. Written and directed by Steven Spielberg, with music by John Williams. Rated PG-13 for violence, brief language and some suggestive content. Free. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.
10:30 p.m. - Minority Report. Rated PG-13 for violence, brief language, some sexuality and drug content. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

Friday, October 26

7:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m. - The WAB '185 Day Do That! Ever wonder where a company landed that big sale, or what made a particular campaign work? Get to ask the experts! Free. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: OCSPA.
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12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - "A U.S. Invasion and Occupation of Iraq: Concerns and Second Thoughts." Second in a series of debates on Iraq sponsored by the CIS Starr Forum at MIT's Center for International Studies. A discussion between Daniel Byman, staff member of the House and Senate Intelligence Committee's inquiry on 9/11 and Iraq and Middle East expert at the Institute for International Studies; and Dr. Stephen Walt, professor of international relations at Boston University; and James Falowski, National Correspondent for the Atlantic Monthly and former editor of US News & World Report. Free. Room: Wasserman Auditorium (Lang Center, Building E51). Sponsor: Center for International Relations and Political Economy.
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3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Rainbow Lounge Open. Room: Location to be announced. Sponsor: Information Center.
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - "Mechanical Engineering Design Session." Second in a series of seminars open to all undergraduate students. Free. Room: 3-370. Sponsor: Mechanical Engineering Department.
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - The Graduate Student Health Palmer Seminars. Come and join us at the official MIT Halloween party, which will be held in the Warehouse Apartments (NW30). There will be plenty of entertainment: DJ and dancing, pumpkin carving, magic, and more. Free. Room: The Warehouse. Sponsor: MIT Enterprise. 
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10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon - Siddharta Meditation and Prayers. Meditation in Buddhist Tradition: sitting and walking meditation followed by chanting, free. Room: Menzies Lounge, Student Center. Sponsor: Buddhist Community at MIT.
4:00 p.m. - Kathak Dance. Featuring Chitresh Das, solo and the Chitresh Das Dance Company; with Swapnamoy Banerjee, music. Room: 3-133. Sponsor: OCSPA.

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Campus Profile—Maryanne Kirkbride

Kirkbride settles in to new position as MIT Medical's Clinical Director for Campus Life

By Brian Louis

In August, Maryanne Kirkbride began her job as MIT Medical Department's new Clinical Director for Campus Life. This position is a new position created to team with student leaders so people know MIT Medical. People will contact me about campus life. I'm working on a process of moving in the right direction to become more integrated and having a plan that puts students first.

TT: How have your first two months been?
Kirkbride: Existing and challenging. Everyone has been very welcoming, and it was a well planned position from which I've been able to make progress.

TT: Has your role become more defined in the past two months?
Kirkbride: I hope so. It is defined inside MIT Medical. People will contact me about campus life. I'm working on a process of teaming with student leaders so people know I'm calling. I'm also working on getting students face time with staff.

TT: So how often do you get out of your office to the Health Education Department?
Kirkbride: Every day. I've been to UA and GSC meetings, [dorm and student group events]. I still want to go to every living event, GSC meetings, [dorm and student group events], etc. I still want to go to every living event, to talk to groups.

TT: With the weight of the requirements of the mental health task force, do you find your job stressful?
Kirkbride: I take my stewardship role very seriously. I'm not scared... [but] I believe lives are at stake in the decisions that we make.

TT: Has MIT put you in charge of the student ambulence service?
Kirkbride: Yes. I'm the medical liaison. This is a pilot program, so the police still hold the EMT license. We're working to deliver the license to the [the students] are professional and well prepared.

TT: What is your favorite ice cream flavor?
Kirkbride: Ben and Jerry's Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough. I know it is the world's most popular flavor, but it's pretty good.

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School work and cold weather getting you down? Take a well-deserved day off from homework and enjoy the beauty of fall in New England with a day trip. Even if you don't have a car, most of the following destinations are easily accessible by the subway and commuter rail. For train schedules and directions, visit <http://www.mbta.com>.

Witch Museum in Salem, MA
With Halloween around the corner, no other city around is more bustling than Salem. The site of the infamous 1692 witch trials, this historic coastal city offers many seasonal activities and events. For more information, visit <http://www.salemweb.net>.

Plymouth Rock in Plymouth, MA
Plymouth Rock is a use for someone that needs to play radio or other options from the manufacturer. This product is still new, and I believe the quality of sound, however, is slightly better through my laptop speakers, so that doesn't really work (and why carry around more stuff with a laptop)?

Given an appropriate surface, the Soundbug could be used in a presentation context or on a computer device such as a Walkman. etc. The bottom line is that what you attach this device to is critical to what you get out (not a surprise), and the battery life is marginal.

Limited compatible surfaces
Unfortunately, I found that only a few surfaces actually produce sound of any reasonable quality. This is not to say that the device wouldn't be of any use to you, but you should realize that it won't work on a variety of surfaces. It is not practical to do much more than just let it sit on your wallet for this product. The suction cup is good quality and has a locking mechanism, but once it got a bit dirty, listening sen-
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Media Lab Drafts Plan for Branch in Australia

By Vicky Hsu OCTOBER 25, 2002

Despite funding shortages in Cambridge, the MIT Media Lab- oratory is in the process of branching out to its fourth continent. "We are always looking to expand," said Walter R. Bender, Executive Director of the MIT Media Lab. "We want to be in places different than here." "It is more pull rather than push," said Griffith. "We are always looking to

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Scott Ritter, former U.N. weapons inspector, answers questions about his film In Shifting Sands and the state of Iraq's nuclear program in 34-101 yesterday evening. The Iraq teach-in, which included a showing of Ritter's documentary as well as talks by humanitarian aid worker George Capaccio and arms control expert Randall Forsberg, was sponsored by the MIT Social Justice Cooperative.
While Legal, Card Counting Often Stopped by Casinos

Blackjack, from Page 1

players. The back-spotter counts cards without playing and signals teammates when high cards are imminent. The spotter consistently places small bets at the table while secretly counting cards as well and relaying the information to teammates. The "Gorilla," who always makes large bets, moves from table to table, guided by signals from spotters indicating advantageous positions. Finally, the position requiring the most skill is that of the Big Player, who counts cards, plays proportionately. The Griffin Agency compiles a face book of card counters and prohibits them from betting.

"It gets the MIT freshmen picture book every year," Mezrich said.

"I know of this guy who walked in, was recognized almost immediately, and kicked out before he could play at all," said a veteran blackjack player. "Other times, especially when it's busy, you can play for a couple hours before they pay any attention to you. You get out fast as soon as they see you."

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When asked how people felt about their techniques being revealed, Tay said, "most people mentioned in the book were com- fortable with it. They were willing to talk to Mezrich."

"This experience of seeing a book about me and people I know on The New York Times' list -- it's been surreal," Tay said.

Kevin Spacey to produce movie

Mezrich has already sold the movie rights to MGM studios. Kevin Spacey is planning to both produce and act in the movie, which could come out as soon as 2004. It will be unique in that many of the MIT students will be portrayed by minority actors, as was the actual case. "Actually, Kevin Spacey came to me about making a movie. He read the wired.com adaptation of the book and became interested," Mezrich said. "The funny thing is filming may take in casinos such as the Bellagio and Caesar's Palace, where the real thing hap- pens.

Several MIT students approached Mezrich after the book signing and expressed interest in acting or being extras in the movie.

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McGovern Building Conflicts with Plans for Railway

By Shan Riku

Concerns about the rail track running through the planned construction site of the new laboratory building for MIT's Department of Brain and Cognitive Science, along with the featureless exterior of the building and other issues caused the City of Cambridge Community Development Department to postpone approval of the new building until another public hearing. MIT stands to lose $50 million if the building is not erected.

Susumu Tonegawa, the Director of the Picower Center of Learning and Memory, expressed a departmental need for the building. "Our department is trying to be the best in the world [in this field of study] for coming decades," he said. "In order to be the best, one thing we definitely need is the new facility that the neuroscientist and brain scientist can work close together. Now, our laboratories are relatively scattered. We need to put all neuroscience and brain science researchers under one roof."

The groundbreaking of the building is scheduled for 2003. It will be occupied by laboratories from Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences and house the McGovern Institute of Brain Research and the Picower Center for Learning and Memory. It is presently projected for completion in 2005.

Funding comes from benefactors

While some part of the budget for this building comes from donations made by Lori Harp and Patrick J. McGovern '59, and the Barbars and Jeffry Picower Foundation, The McGoverns committed $350 million to MIT two years ago. It was the largest gift ever to a university for scientific research.

The Picower Foundation donated $50 million to establish the Picower Center for Learning and Memory this year. If this building are not approved, the use of those funds could be cancelled.

Railroad plans hinder building

The site for the proposed building is bordered by Main Street, Albany Street, and Vassar Street and located next to the Parsons Laboratory. Because of the lack of space at the site, the building will have no ground floor and will be elevated over the railroad tracks. "It's almost shocking to pay this little for food this good. In surroundings this gorgeous." --Bon Appetit

...a 'multi-use' path for bikes and pedestrians. They [members of the Cambridge Bicycle Committee] need enough width to build this lane next to the rail track, but the space [under the new MIT building] is too narrow."

Additionally, there is a plan to install a frequently running light rail transit system on the old rail track, which also conflicts the building.

City finds facade too bland

Another concern of the development department is the facade of the new building. The committee is concerned about "the exterior, particularly on the ground interfaces on the public side," Barker said. "The exterior of the building is just concrete without any variation. They [some attendees of the meeting] think more windows or skins of the building are needed for the side interfaces and sidewalks."

The planning committee will have the next public hearing on Nov. 12. They will consider the changes the MIT will have made after the first meeting to decide whether to approve the construction.

MIT Department of Facilities

CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Simmons Hall

A card reader has been installed at the front entrance of the building as an interim measure until the permanent security system is in place. Temporary ceiling tiles in main lobby have been replaced. The remaining fixtures are on site and will be replaced floor-by-floor. Remaining construction on the building continues and noise is being mitigated so disruption to residents will be as minimal as possible.

Vassar St. Utilities

Reconstruction of the chilled water line for Building 36 is in progress; no disruption in service is anticipated. Excavation for the steam line to Advanced Energy across Main Street continues. The steam piping and building at Johnson Athletics is nearing completion. Vassar St. is now one-way heading west from Main St. to Mass. Ave. Until late March 2003.

Dreyfus Chemistry Building

Construction of the east concrete façade is nearing completion. Installation of mechanical systems continues. Installation of exterior metal panels to roof parapets is in progress. Amherst Alley Steam Repairs

Most of the steam repairs are complete. At two locations on the east and west end of WA, repair work on a condensate return line will be repaired. Four parking spaces will be left open for excavation and mechanical vehicles while work is in progress.

Building 7 ADA accessible entrance

Construction of an ADA accessible entrance to Building 7 is underway. Shrubs and trees have also been removed from the south side of the stairs so that both sides can be repainted in balance upon completion of the project.

For information on MIT's building program, see http://web.mit.edu/developing

This information provided by the MIT Department of Facilities.
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Pilot Program

6.002 Pilot Program To Begin This Spring

By Kathy Lin

An experimental, case-based version of Circuits and Electronics (6.002) will be offered in the Spring 2003 term in addition to the regular version of 6.002. The experimental class is part of "a one-year pilot investigation," which is "intended to lay a foundation for transforming the EECS [electrical engineering and computer science] core curriculum..." - W. Eric L. Grimson.

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TEP Awaits Verdict From National Frat
TEP, from Page 1

While MIT is currently subsidizing the cost of empty beds for all fraternities and independent living groups, the fraternity is looking to fill as much empty space as possible for next year.

Having made the decision to allow female boarders, the brothers of TEP began to look for interested women during the normal rush period.

"Just... went over there and all the guys were really friendly," said female boarder Olejarczyk. "They're easy-going and don't have a problem with [women living at TEP] at all." Olejarczyk, a freshman, said that she had moved half of her belongings to TEP and had already spent several nights there. Hong, the one new senior boarder, had been living at TEP already and will continue to stay there this school year.

Boarders have different rights
According to Mandel, an important difference between the men and women who will be living at TEP is that the women will not participate in the normal pledge activities or official fraternity business. The women will not pay national fraternity dues, although they will be expected to pay fees for room and board.

"In terms of friendships, we're all in it together," Mandel said. In general, "We've wanted to have women live in the house for some time," Rolfe said. "We think that the boarders program is a good program and will be valuable for both the brothers and the house."

Alcohol Policy Review Planned
IFC, from Page 1

expand the current policy to develop a general management policy about following general Massachusetts state laws and another as a event guideline for having social functions.

He said he would like to see the risk management committee restructure alcohol education requirements. "I would like to see more focus on things such as being able to prevent and identify alcohol poisoning, stress management, etc.", Colaggioanni said.

"I would like to see houses more actively use the IFC risk manager as a resource," he said. "I think houses could benefit from this, but we would have to establish the trust first between the two. In my opinion, that is why the risk manager is here, but with our houses, he is most often an untapped resource.

Dehoyos said that they are responding carefully to everything that has happened and "the administration has been really supportive of how we are moving on."

Officers comment on the system
Dehoyos said that "the new officers are very involved in the IFC and are extremely qualified for their positions."

Sierra said he is "interested in bringing together the continuity of the new rush system." He mentioned that this year has been a "good opportunity for freshmen to live in dorms" while framing it as "a way to build a greater sense of community from house to house."

Gottlieb says it is important "to improve communication and links between the community." Notre Dame is here to help with issues but "has always been under utilized."

Huss said the IFC has pledged its dedication to make rush even more successful than it was this year.

As the new IFC Recruitment Chair, Huss said he "will be looking into issues such as oversight jaunts, alcohol policy and its enforcement before and during rush, and efforts to lower the cost of rush for individual houses along with the Rush Committee and input from all of the houses in the IFC."

Huss also said he "will work with the administration and all of the members of the boarders to find the best time and structure for Rush next year."

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Galaxy Outlast Revolution at MLS Cup Championship

L.A. forward Carlos Ruiz scores in the 22nd minute of sudden death overtime to win 1-0

Clockwise from top left:
All eyes are on Revolution goalkeeper Adin Brown after he makes a save. The crowd of 61,316 at Gillette Stadium set a record for MLS Cup attendance on Sunday, Oct. 20.
MLS Cup MVP Carlos Ruiz inverts himself in a bicycle kick against opposing defensemen Joe Franchino (#8) and Rusty Pierce (#3).
Galaxy captain Cobi Jones attacks the goal against Revs defender Carlos Llamosa.
Ruiz comes close to scoring in the first half.
Ruiz cries out after scoring the winning goal in sudden death overtime of the MLS Championship.
Taylor Twellman reacts shows his disappointment with the overtime loss.
Revs Jay Heaps (#6), Brian Kamler (#5), and Galaxy Danny Califf (#23) challenge for a header in the first half of play.

Photography by Ming-Tal Huh and Aaron D. Mihalik
The "Runnin' Beavers" will look to MIT's attack. The Smith scoring towards the net. The Smith with twenty-two minutes left in regular play. Any progress Smith tried to make Holyoke will determine post-season standing, continuously squashing their careers, the match against Mt. Union needed to edge out the Pioneers in MIT stands at 8-5-2 overall and the lone goal would be all MIT day, while the Brandeis keeper had 10. O'Kane '06 came sliding in to put many chances to win throughout. Despite Wellesley's excellent use of zone defense in heavy winds, Genevieve G. Ricard '06, Darlene F. Ferranti '06, and Gerlin two goals to 1-0. Brandeis won with strong blocks by Tong, SMITe lost 9-7. Although our throws couldn't start to win the game, I think the team improved a lot throughout the tournament," Sun said.

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The Men's Cross Country team placed second at Jumbos men's cross country team continued their winning ways and third runners continued to score with five seconds left in regulation to tie the game 1-1. Cory Y. Mclean '04 series of a series of losses. Defenders scored to score in the first half of the men's soccer game on Tuesday. Lasell College scored with five seconds left in regulation to tie the game 1-1. The MIT women's varsity volleyball team finished second out of 27 schools in last Saturday's James Early Invita- tional meet at West- coast rivals and made short work of them. The entire roster suite the meet title by a score of 72-15. The loss of freshman Benjamin D. Carter '03 (10), and Dan Reli- me. The entire roster saw work of them. The entire roster saw much for her blazing finishes, was still able to claim 20th for the Beavers with a time of 26:21. The pack of Albert S. Liu '03 (27:02), Carlos A. Renjifo '03 (26:45), and Craig B. Wildman '03 (27:02) finished the scoring for MIT with the help of three different players, each having a fantastic afternoon, and the defense put forth another dominating effort for the Beavers. The Beavers didn't just move fast enough for the Beavers. The emergence of the ground game (176 yards on the day) was a major boost for the Beaver offense. Deutsch and David J. Ostlund '04 found room to run behind offensive linemen Matt J. Krueger '05, Justin M. Nelson '04, Benjamin F. Perkovic '05, Spencer M. Cross '05 and Kelly G. Reed '04. The team's offensive unit will again be supported by their strong Coast Guard Academy running attack, as almost a minute passed before Wheaton's fourth goal was scored. Wheaton's fourth goal would be the difference in this match, putting MIT in a 3-0 deficit with 80 minutes left to play.

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