Some Frosh Live in Fraternities

By Matthias Vogt

Some of the new pledges of MIT fraternities are spending the majority of their time at their fraternity houses, sometimes even staying overnight, despite the fact that freshmen are now required to live on campus.

Most houses have a special room set up for their pledges to relax, sleep, or study. In several fraternities, freshmen are encouraged to move some of their belongings from their on-campus residences to the house.

"The freshmen who have pledges are constantly coming over. I think they are enjoying being a part of the house. They come to the house, do their homework at the house, eat at the house; some of them even spend the night at the house," said Chi Phi Rush Chairman Kevin Nazemetz 02. Because freshmen are spending so much time at their fraternities, many opt to spend the night at the house rather than return to campus late at night. freshmen say that the fraternities encourage this so that they can feel like they are part of the house.

Edward M. Helvenston 06, a pledge at Pi Lambda Phi, says that the freshmen allowed to have beds at the house.

Some students

In 9.01 to Get E-Tablets

For Class Use

By Ricardo Roque

Some members of the Neuroscience and Behavior (9.01) class will be issued e-tablets for the remainder of this term, making it the first class ever at MIT to integrate these devices into the classroom.

"The e-tablets will allow a real paperless classroom," said 9.01 professor Gerald E. Schneider.

A cross between a laptop and a hand-held organizer, the e-tablet combines the power and capability of a PC with the function of a notepad, hand-held organizer, the e-tablet. It was introduced during the science and Behavior (9.01) class by Professor Gerald E. Schneider.

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...For Class Use

Disabilities Ramp Under Construction at Building 7

By Veena Ramaswamy

Staff Reporter

Plan for construction of a disabilities ramp outside of 77 Massachusetts Avenue have been final-

ized, and construction of the ramp is under way. The ramp, which is expected to cost about $700,000, is slated to be completed by the end of the year.

Coordinated by the MIT Department of Facilities, the ramp, referred to as the Americans with Disabilities Act ramp, will provide access to Building 7 through the basement corridor, close to the Building 7 elevator.

The ramp is part of a series of renovations geared at making MIT more accessible to people with disabilities, said John B. Hawes, a senior project manager in MIT's facilities department. The total cost of these renovations is nearly $10 million.

Entrance comes after long wait

Hawes said that the Institute has always been looking for a better entrance to Building 7 for disabled people.

"it's always been an assumption that we need something to allow people to come in directly," said Hawes. "We're doing it now simply because it took a while to get the funding together and the construction plan.

The ramp's function, in addition to making the building more accessible to persons with disabilities, will also make it easier to transport large items and carts through the Building 7 entrance.

"It's such an important building, we must come in and out of it that I definitely think its construc-

Skullhouse License Not Approved by Boston

Skullhouse's Event for Saturday Cancelled

By Brian Loux

Staff Writer

The Boston Inspectional Service Department cancelled Phi Kappa Sigma's annual charity "Skullhouse" event, scheduled to be held Saturday night, on account of failure to obtain an entertainment license. The National Fraternity of Skullhouse, also known as Skullhouse, planned to develop a haunted house to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, the national charity of the fraternity.

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Some Call Palestinian Suicide Bombings War Crimes

The latest U.S. concessions appear to be close enough for Irish diplomats, although they won't say for sure whether they have signed on to the U.S. side after weeks of waiting in the middle.

"There's only a phrase or two separating each side - although small words involve big issues," said Ireland's deputy ambassador, Gerard Corr. The U.S. has said it wanted the United States to return to the Security Council for approval before taking military action. "The text as it now looks substantially addresses our concerns."
Democratic Governor Pledged to Beat GOP, Gain Majority in Governorships

By Nick Anderson

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

For the last eight years, Republicans have held the governor’s office in more than half the 50 states. Democrats are poised to erase that edge next week — a shift that, if it holds, would turn the country in local and presidential politics.

At minimum, Democrats are expected to approach parity with the Republicans in the 36 gubernatorial contests on Tuesday. A win in most of the two Democratic strongholds would also produce a clear majority.

But in several governorships, such as Colorado, Missouri and Minnesota, the outcome is uncertain, reflecting the close race for governorships in states that are more even.

If the Republicans hold those seats, they will be reduced to a minority in states such as Florida, Indiana and Utah, among others.

Democrats have made a concerted effort to unseat Republicans in states with strong Republican bases, such as Florida, Indiana and Utah.

Democrats are poised to win two governorships in Minnesota, where they are poised to win the governor’s office in a race between Republican gubernatorial candidate Tim Pawlenty and Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mark Dayton.

Democrats are also expected to win the governor’s office in Colorado, where they are poised to win the governor’s race between Republican gubernatorial candidate John Salazar and Democratic gubernatorial candidate Bill Ritter.

In Missouri, Democrats are poised to win the governor’s race between Republican gubernatorial candidate Jay Nixon and Democratic gubernatorial candidate Jay Nixon.

Democrats are also expected to win the governor’s office in Utah, where they are poised to win the governor’s race between Republican gubernatorial candidate Jon Huntsman Jr. and Democratic gubernatorial candidate Gary Herbert.

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Erratum

In last Friday’s interview of Maryanne Kirkbride ["Census Profile — Maryanne Kirkbride," Oct. 25], Kirkbride’s former workplace was incorrectly identified as the Dorchester Community Health Center. She worked at the Codman Square Health Center in Dorchester, Mass.
Vaguely Amusing Politics

What MBA Programs Are Worth

Basil Enwegbaga

Once it was philosophy that reigned. Arts, history, law, and medicine at some time also each had their own glory. Business management education did not make its way into the professional dictionary until several decades after industrial revolution. Before then, business skills were learned through master-apprentice relationships. It also neither needed specialized scientific qualifications nor a class of men with managerial sophistication other than ordinary literacy, practical experience, and personal initiative. But as industries became more and more competitive and complex, the industry inevitably professionalized business management.

This transition was a slow one, full of trials and tribulations. Even as the demands at the end of the twentieth century changed not only the pace, but the manner in which vision was conducted within industries. Now that the battlefield had broadened, politicians and business leaders were required to win the war. Since MBA graduates were recognized to understand the battlefields, industry did not hesitate to seek them out.

These best warriors cost a lot of money, and industries did not hesitate to pay the bills and in most cases overpaid greatly. As the demand for MBA graduates outstripped the supply, more business schools emerged to take advantage of this shortage. Not only did this proliferation lower the standard of education, but it also resulted in an overproduction of MBA graduates.

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Because many MBA programs, while enhancing quantitative and critical thinking abilities, failed to teach the student also everything, the business schools had to find a way to build up his or her own strengths.

The frustrated students are now feeling the pinch. As global companies free from such apprehensions, the demand is deeper and deeper into the battlefield, students are frustrated that their expectations are not being met. And I wonder if the notion that business success could only come through collaborative efforts is as true anymore.

As global companies free from such apprehensions, the demand is deeper and deeper into the battlefield, all they found were fewer issue-based analysts and fewer future-oriented MBAs.

So to survive in today's environment, business schools must undergo the needed changes in this type of reporting even goes so far as to the point where we have to almost put our heads in the sand and go back to sleep. This, of course, is because people are becoming more and more desensitized. To the extent insanity, in which we keep ourselves in sync with our own lives, we have become desensitized to the point where we do not even pretend the things around us aren't even happening, and that the stories we read in the news are no different than those we read in a novel.

In other words, we're becoming almost completely desensitized to the world around us. When hearing about another shooting we sort of slough it off, leaving it only to our curiosity to figure out what happened. The news, in effect, has become nothing more than another form of entertainment to many.

If we don't start paying attention to politics soon, everything else we learned in high school won't be true anymore.

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Homemade Snap n’ Pops

By Michael Short

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Column

By Akshay Patti

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Dictionary.com (the online dictionary with a definition for "folkloric") Webster's Revised Unabridged Dictionary's definition is: "folkloric"

Piloted by "Pilot", a. 1. Like, pertaining to, or consisting of a folkloric or folklorist.

2. (Med.) Affecting the folkloric or folklorist.

Merriam-Webster's audio pronunciation for the word can be found at: http://www.m-w.com/cgi-bin/audio.pl?f=folkloric02.mn-0-folkloric>

That's going on my Wimpy playlist now.

Now that we're on the topic, did you know that there's an award called "The Golden Folklorist"? I did not. It's awarded by the International Society of Folkloric Surgery. The trophy is a giant folkloric, complete with a Kermitization zone and everyday.

And now that I'm looking at a huge labeled photo of a folkloric online, did any of you know that the outer layer of our skin is called the "layer?"

Hub! What's up with that you biology majors? How come I haven't heard any jokes about that? You're sitting on a goldmine, Trebek. So anyway, back to the hair. When my hair does get long, I tend to do is wear a bandanna to keep it out of my eyes. This also is not a very popular solution among my friends—in fact, most people give a yelp of pain when they see me with bandannas wrapped around my head. Apparently, I don't do "ghetto" well.

This really doesn't surprise me, though, considering that when I shop for clothes, my most utilized form of currency is my resume. FUBU move over, Trilogy is where it's at when it comes to clothing brand names.

Another popular comment besides the "haircut" now and "holy s**t" remarks is that I look rather British when I have long, unkempt hair. Apparently, the entire nation of Great Britain lacks barbers.

They're so wild!

By the way, have I impressed upon you how much I love the word "folkloristic?" I just can't get over it. That's just so cool. Hands down, my favorite word for the next week. Folkloristic. Folkloristic. Almost makes me want to change my major to English. Almost.

Important notes:

The stranger the ammonia, the more unstable the product. House-­
hold ammonia will make relatively stable ones, while using lab-grade ammonia can cause the Q-tips to explode just by yelling at them!

Do this in a well-ventilated area, as both the iodine and ammonia fumes are very harmful.

Do not eat the iodine. Do not drink the ammonia. Do not taunt Happy Fun Ball.

Materials:

Household Ammonia

Iodine crystals (only a few grams)

Q-tips

Styrofoam block

Pyrex test tube

Paper towel

What to do:

This trick makes use of the instability of ammonium tri-iodide. Watch out, because iodine sublimes in!o harmful vapor, and the final product can go off with the slightest breeze or heat.

This being MIT, the materials shouldn't be that hard to find. Fill the test tube 1/4 full with ammonia. Then slowly add iodine crystals while swirling gently. The iodine should dissolve in the ammonia. Keep adding crystals very slowly until no more dissolve.

Then pour the mixture onto the paper towel. Discard the liquid in a SAFE PLACE—a lab sink for example—with copious amounts of water.

Take the Q-tips and coat one end in the sludge that remains on the paper towel. Discard the liquid in a SAFE PLACE—safe, open, well-ventilated location, such as a laboratory. Follow all warnings on the labels of chemical products. You must wear safety goggles, aprons, gloves, and closed shoes (not sandals) when testing this one.
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10:00 p.m. - Blade II. Rated R for strong pervasive violence, language, and sexuality. $3.00. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.
10:30 p.m. - Film Screening: The Cavemen's Valentine. Intensely psychological, The Caveman’s Valentine is about the relationship between brothers and the role that violence and mental illness play in their family. Directed by Richard Linklater, the film features a talented musician, who is schizophrenic and now lives in a cave. But when a frozen body is found outside his cave, he sets out to solve the mystery, meanwhile combating his own addiction to methamphetamine. Director Richard Linklater will join us for our screening of this critically acclaimed film.

Saturday, November 2

Tuesday, November 5
10:45 a.m. - Campus Tour. Student Led Campus Tours are approximately 90 minutes long and pre-registered participants are the only guests allowed on the tour. Please note that campus tours do not visit laboratories, living groups or buildings under construction. Groups over 15 people need to make special reservations. Campus tours start at the conclusion of the Admissions Information Session. The Campus Tour begins in Lobby 7 (Main Entrance Lobby at 77 Massachusetts Ave). Free. Room: Lobby 7 (Main Entrance Lobby at 77 Massachusetts Ave). Sponsor: Information Center.
3:00 p.m. - Film Screening: "Alphaville." HEC Rim Series; Rim directed by Jean-Luc Godard, Starring Eddie Constantine, France, 1965, 99 mins. Rated R for sexuality and language. 3.00. Room: 10-250. Sponsor: LSC, Counseling and Support Services, Office of the Arts, Women's Studies Program.

Thursday, November 7
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - The Perils of Science Journalism: Legal, Ethical and Artistic Conundrums. Department of Urban Studies and Planning. Room: E51-095. Sponsor: STS.
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Reconsidering Environmental Standards. Part of the COlloquium REGULATION: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. MIT Libraries and the Hewlett-Packard Company. Free, but RSVP to BY/09/02@EmersonCollege.Edu. Room: Bates Theater, E51-095. Sponsor: MIT Libraries Communications Program.

Friday, November 8
12:00 p.m. - Football vs. Sales Regina University. Free. Room: Steinberger Stadium. Sponsor: MIT Football.
1:00 p.m. - Women's Volleyball vs. Babson College. Free. Room: duPont Gym. Sponsor: Department of Athletics.
3:00 p.m. - Women's Volleyball Alliance Tournament. Free. Room: duPont Gym. Sponsor: Department of Athletics.
7:30 p.m. - Film Screening: Eve's Bayou. Rated R for sexuality and language. $3.00. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC. Office of the Arts Special Programs and the Program in Women's Studies.
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**On the Town**

A weekly guide to the arts in Boston November 1 - 7

**Tickets are $12.**

**The Middle East Central Square, 482 Mass Ave., Cambridge, 617-566-2672.**

- Nov. 6: New Found Glory
- Nov. 7: Jump Little Children, Carbon Leaf
- Nov. 8: David Malloy
- Nov. 9: Nery Reimbold
- Nov. 10: Radio 4, VHS
- Nov. 11: Purity's Failure
- Nov. 12: 13 lansdowne St., 617-262-2437
- Nov. 13: Ladies of the Lake
- Nov. 14: Bill's Bar, modern dance music.
- Nov. 15: Screamin' Jay Hawkins,
- Nov. 16: Leningrad
- Nov. 17: The Samples
- Nov. 18: Can't Buy Me Love, Canadian hip hop band.
- Nov. 19: The Donnas, Your Enemies
- Nov. 20: Euge Groove
- Nov. 21: Hillary Noble, Kingsize ClubPassim
- Nov. 22: Ani DiFranco
- Nov. 23: Donna Byrne Quintet
- Nov. 24: Planet X
- Nov. 25: Black Coffee, modern dance music.
- Nov. 26: Carol O'Shaughnessy, Boston Symphony Orchestra.
- Nov. 27: Johnny Winter, the Blues.
- Nov. 28: Steve Cropper, soul.
- Nov. 29: JoDee Messina
- Nov. 30: The Push Stars

**Carnegie Club**

- Nov. 6: Pinetop Seven (U)
- Nov. 7: Rasputina, Reverend Glasser
- Nov. 8: Factory Night
- Nov. 9: Lila Pena, Guatel
- Nov. 10: Sady Chark
- Nov. 11: Travails of the Innocents
- Nov. 12: Keyboard Kings, Mix Maga
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**Club Passim**

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MIT May Punish Frats, Frosh

Freshmen, from Page 1

"In our house, all pledges are welcome to stay whenever they would like... The only difference is their technical residence is on campus," Nazemi said.

Many freshmen say that because they spend so much time at the house, the fraternities are offering to move some of their personal belongings into the house.

"I go over for dinner a lot. We have this room — you can do whatever you want to it. They said you can move your stuff into it if you want," said Nathan P. Douglass '06, a pledge at Delta Upsilon.

"Everybody randomly spends the night every once in a while, but there are two or three other guys that stay more frequently," said one freshman who has moved most of his belongings out of his dormitory and into the house.

Those who have not already moved out of their dormitories plan on doing so next semester.

"A bunch of freshmen are going to move over second semester permanently," Helvenston said.

Action may be taken against frats

David N. Rogers, assistant dean and director of fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups, says that in instances where freshmen are not living in their assigned dormitories, action could be taken against both the fraternity and the individual, but only in extreme cases.

Helvenston says that the general attitude of the fraternities is that "MIT says you have to live on campus but as long as you have a dorm room they can't really do anything about it."

"We expect people to sleep over on a weekend, to crash, and to eat at the house," said Rogers. "We need to be wary when the freshman lives more at the fraternity house than in their own dorm room."

Pledges content in dormitories

Freshmen will technically continue to live in the dormitories for the rest of the year, though many pledges plan to continue spending a lot of time at their fraternity houses. Some, like Douglass, plan to continue living in dormitories next term.

"I think people would rather just live in the comfort of the dorm for one more term. And plus, you're paying to stay in the dormitory," Douglass said.

Local Businesses Gave Money for Frat Event

Skuffle, from Page 1

he said. "If you tell us no, tell us no no." Director of Consumer Affairs and Licensing Patricia Malone, Esq. could not be reached for comment.

On Thursday night, an ISD squad car was parked outside Skullhouse monitoring the activity inside. The unidentified officer said he was "just watching the property" and asked that other questions be directed to the licensing office.

Skuffle supported by MIT officials

The event was heavily supported by MIT and the community. Frank said Weekends@MIT gave $700, the Class of 1997 Students Promoting an Improved Campus Experience (SPICE) fund gave $1,000, and $600 was donated by community businesses, in addition to personal checks.

Frank said, Skullhouse itself spent upwards of $2,000 on the event.

"MIT administrators were very helpful in supporting us," Frank said. "[Frank S. Council] of the Student Life Office was a great help and John Haas from MIT design and construction came to inspect our haunted house. We had all of their backing and that of the MIT Police."

MIT officials were unavailable for comment.

Frat disappointed with decision

President Andres A. Tamez '04 said the house was disappointed to hear about the cancellation.

"Despite our best efforts to cooperate with Boston, we were unable to put on this event," he said. Tamez said there were no plans to host another event this weekend.

"It is very hard to do on the fly," he said. He mentioned that the house will try to stage a charity event sometime in the future. "We have a lot of support from the MIT community."

In October 1999, during an attempt to advertise the annual party in 10-250, an accidental explosion caused Building 10 to shutdown for the rest of the day as the Cambridge Bomb Squad and Fire Departments investigated the incident. Three of the brothers were fined and sentenced to eight hours of community service each.

Reacting to the event, Boston's ISD searched the house and closed it because of building code violations, forcing the cancellation of the event. Nonetheless, the house donated $14,267 of raised money to the Leukemia Society of America.
MIT Department of Facilities
CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

- Greenman Hall: Work on the driving areas on the first floor continues. A card swiper has been installed at the front entrance of the building as an interim measure until the permanent security system is in place. Remaining construction on the building continues and noise is being mitigated so disruption to residents will be as minimal as possible.
- Vassar St. Utilities: Replacement of the chilled water line for Building 36 is in progress; no disruption in service is anticipated. Vassar Street is now one-way heading west from Main St. to Mass. Ave. until June 2003.
- State Center: Construction of tunnel connection from State Center to Building 26 will begin shortly. Temporary building enclosures are being installed in preparation for inclement weather. Installation of the below-ground structure for the exterior stairs leading to the raised garden continues.
- Dreyfus Chemistry Building: Repair work on the east concrete façade is nearing completion. Installation of mechanical systems continues. Installation of exterior metal panels for the exterior stairs leading to the raised garden continues.
- Amherst Alley Steam Repairs: All 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 on the north side of the 77 Mass. Ave. steps (behind the bus shelter) have been removed to make room for installation of this entrance. Shrubs and trees have also been removed from the south side of the steps so that both sides can be replanted in balance upon completion of the project.

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

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SafeRide Replaces Vans, Online Tracking Expected

By Jenny Zhang

SafeRide, MIT's nighttime transportation service, has replaced some of its vans with buses on busiest routes and may soon implement the new Web Global Positioning Satellite I-Campus project.

The buses are able to fit 22 seated passengers and some additional standing passengers, as opposed to vans, which can only seat approximately 15.

"We have about 200,000 riders a year each for SafeRide and Tech Shuttle; that's a lot," said Lawrence R. Bruti, operations manager for parking and transportation. "Eventually, we would like to put buses on all SafeRide routes so there will be room for everyone, especially when demand goes up in the winter. Right now, we have four vans and three buses."

Over the past summer, MIT purchased buses to use during both the SafeRide and Tech Shuttle hours. SafeRide has put one of its older vans up for sale with the MIT property office.

GPS to locate vans

The I-Campus GPS project is currently being developed to allow riders to see online whether buses have passed a certain location and get a prediction of when a bus will reach a desired stop.

"I-Campus is a kind of research project. Hopefully, by the end of this semester we'll be done. If it's not completed by then, our team is still going to stop working on it. In that case, others would have to finish it in order to make this work," said Sahil Somani G, one of the original members of the GPS project.

According to the I-Campus Web site, one advantage to showing bus locations online is that it may eventually become possible to view the information from wireless handheld devices. Wireless ethernet access is already available across much of the campus.

"I'm looking forward to putting I-Campus into action as soon as possible; they're working on it. I was hoping it would be in sooner," Bruti said.

I-Campus projects are sponsored by Microsoft.

Students support changes

Riders say SafeRide's service would be greatly improved by the I-Campus project and increased bus use.

"SafeRide has been late many times. You never know when it's going to come, and the vans are not always large enough to fit everyone," said Alice A. Savage, '05.

GSC van donation

The Graduate Student Council has raised $15,000 toward buying a SafeRide van to run routes more often.

"I think $15,000 more must be raised before a complete van can be bought," said H. Sanith Wijesinghe G, president of the GSC. "Another $100,000 in addition is necessary for operating costs, basically maintaining the route and paying drivers. Currently, there's been efforts to put that as a request into the upcoming MIT SafeRide budget. It hasn't gone in this year's cycle so we're trying to advocate that going in for next year," Wijesinghe said.

"It would be wonderful if the GSC could donate a van to us," Bruti said.

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9.01 Students Eager to Use E-Tablets in Classroom

C. Jordan Gilliland G (right) holds an electronic tablet. He and Dr. Ruthledge G. Ellis-Behnke (left) have been working with Professor of Brain and Cognitive Science Gerald E. Schneider to create a paperless classroom.

"Hopefully, we'll be able to get these tablets into the hands of students in two weeks," Ruthledge said. "I hope I get one," said 9.01 student Farhan Merali '05. "It's going to take some getting used to, but it seems like it can become a valuable tool."

"Tablet to enhance learning" By integrating the e-tablet into the classroom, the paperless classroom project aims to eliminate the use of paper hand-outs, lecture notes, even textbooks.

"Part of the cost of textbooks [arises] from shipping, publishing, and binding," Ellis-Behnke said. "You can deliver all that information with the tablet without that cost."

The use of color in the otherwise black and white diagrams and visuals in student handouts is another added bonus for this class, which studies anatomy. "Color is especially important to this department," Schneider said. "We can't afford it though. It costs us a dollar per page to print in color."

The e-tablets also feature the ability to write directly onto Adobe Acrobat PDF files, allowing students to annotate handouts. "We also plan on including additional software to increase the tablet's usefulness to students," said C. Jordan Gilliland G, the designer of these "tablet-friendly study tools" who has also been working with Ellis-Behnke and Schneider on the project.

In eliminating paper handouts and "passive стенографисты," Ellis-Behnke believes the project will increase learning as well as student-teacher interaction. "Less time will be spent on manual tasks and students can focus more on these digitized handouts instead of constantly copying and writing," Ellis-Behnke said.

Ellis-Behnke and Schneider also plan to extend the use of e-tablets to quizzes and tests. "We've already tested the idea on our [teaching assistants]," said Ellis-Behnke. "Students will take the test on the tablet and e-mail it back to their professor."

Funding enables project launch With the help of Gilliland, the Paperless Classroom project has garnered enough support and donations from both manufacturers and MIT.

"This project follows a sound and useful approach to academic computing that may be helpful to study," said Senior Strategist of Academic Computing Philip D. Long. Along with the grant from Academic Computing, the Paperless Classroom project also receives funding internally from the Brain and Cognitive Sciences department. "Classes like this [9.01] rely heavily on color diagrams and real to life pictures for their study," said Miraganka Sur, BCS department head. "This is a really novel and interesting idea that I believe has the potential for long term success."

Gilliland and Ellis-Behnke have also made deals with various tablet manufacturers such as ACER and Compaq for tablet donations and price reductions. And "Adobe has also agreed to reduce the price for their tablet pc software from $62 to $28," Ruthledge said.

"Color is especially important to the laptop, but they're almost there," said Ellis-Behnke. "These tablets certainly don't have 1.6 GHz, but you can do almost anything on these."

"When I first started out in March, I didn't think using these tablets would be a feasible idea," Gilliland said. "But with Microsoft's backing with their new operating system and further advancements in technology, more and more manufacturers are being encouraged to produce these devices."

The increased participation of manufacturers has also led to lower prices for tablets with prices ranging from $600 to $6000, said Ellis-Behnke. Currently, there are three types of tablets available. One kind has an active digitizer instead of pressure sensitive sensors and can still be converted to a tablet. Gilliland and Ellis-Behnke have decided to use tablets with detachable keyboards, with pens that have active digitizers instead of pressure sensitive sensors. The e-tablets will also feature the Microsoft operating system Tablet XP with built-in wireless and standard ethernet connections. Each tablet will also have a two-year warranty through Microsoft's "Anytime Upgrade." Ellis-Behnke said. "You won't have to worry about the system crashing."

Future dependent on test outcome During and after the introduction of the e-tablets to 9.01 this term, both Ellis-Behnke and Gilliland will evaluate the actual usefulness and effectiveness of the tablet to students.

"We want to see that if we actually remove paper from the class, if it will actually maintain or increase student performance in the classroom," Ellis-Behnke said.

Ellis-Behnke hopes that once the tablet is introduced that students will eventually consider purchasing their own devices.

"We're thinking that MIT can set up a loaner program, where students can't afford their own can still use one," Ellis-Behnke said.

Despite all the features and potential that Ellis-Behnke claims the Paperless Project possesses, further integration and funding of this project depends on the outcome of this first test. "If this e-tablet turns out to be quite useful and they can identify where it's useful, then there's a potential for a large scale implementation of this project," Long said.

Project goes beyond the classroom In incorporating material course content into the e-tablet, Ellis-Behnke plans on giving access to this information to out-of-town participants, such as alumni.

"We want to help alumni continue to receive the information and to maintain their bonds with the Institute," Ellis-Behnke said. "This electronic information can also be assessed by collaborative projects that span across other nations."

"This project has the potential to span across a whole continent," said Senior Strategist of Academic Computing Philip D. Long. Alongside the Paperless Project, Ellis-Behnke also plans to extend the use of tablets to MIT libraries for browsing Web journals.

"When you look around MIT, it is always constructing new buildings, but none of them will have new libraries," Ellis-Behnke said. "E-tablets will give the existing libraries the physical space they're already lacking."

―Ron Aoeit

"It's almost shocking to pay this little for food this good, in surroundings this gorgeous."

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Candidates for Gov.
Spar for Last Time
By Beckett W. Sterner

The Democratic and Republican candidates for governor met at Suffolk University on Tuesday night for their final debate before the election.

The debate, which featured Democratic candidate and current State Treasurer Shannon O'Brien and Republican candidate Mitt Romney, was moderated by Tim Russert, moderator of the TV program "Meet the Press." It did not include the three other candidates, Libertarian Carla Howell, Jill Stein of the Green Party, and Independent Barbara C. Johnson.

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"I will not sign a tax increase passed by the legislature. I will not vote for O'Brien."

Abortion endorsement questioned

The two candidates also discussed abortion and the death penalty.

Specifically, they argued over a proposal to allow women over the age of 16 to have an abortion without parental consent. Currently the cut-off age is 18.

Superficially, both Romney and O'Brien seemed to agree on a pro-choice platform.

"Access to these health services is very important, and I will fight for it at every step," O'Brien said. She later said that Romney had no record on abortion, because it was just "waffling." O'Brien also accused Romney of accepting an endorsement from Massachusetts Citizens for Life.

Romney responded that he had never accepted that endorsement and that he "will preserve and protect a woman's right to choose." He will not change any provisions in Massachusetts' pro-choice laws.

The Executive Director of MCFL, Maria Sturgis said that her group had never offered an endorsement to Romney. Romney is "not pro-life and does not meet their requirements," Sturgis said.

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Ramp Funded by ADA Account

The funding for the $700,000 ramp will come from the MIT ADA account. "The ADA account was set up in 1992 to address problems of accessibility, in response to ADA laws passed in 1990," Hawes said. At this time, Hawes said, the Institute set up a "tax" on all renovation projects, usually about 20 percent. The collected money was used to pay for making buildings more accessible, such as through new entrances, ramps, and elevators. "We've spent close to $10 million over the last seven to eight years for ADA improvements," Hawes said.

Ronald J. Catella, senior project manager for MIT design and construction, emphasized the fact that the money for all ADA projects does not come from the Institute. "All of the money in the ADA fund is supported by a percentage of the construction projects, and the Mass. Ave. ramp is being funded entirely with ADA money," he said. Because the main objectives of the ADA account have been achieved, the funding has recently decreased. There remains, however, about $400,000 in the account for further projects.

Plants to be replaced
In order to construct the ramp, trees and shrubs were removed from the building's entrance. "We will ... re-plant many of the trees and shrubs that were removed for the construction. It should be an improvement when it's all done," Hawes said.

The ADA was passed in 1990, and requires all public facilities to be made accessible to people with disabilities.
MIT Card To Expand, LaVerde's Business Increases

By Kathy Liu
and Michelle Nylen

The MIT Card Office is considering expanding the number of vendors that accept the MIT card (TechCASH) as early as next semester. Among the possible new vendors are local restaurants and the barber shop in the Student Center.

The Undergraduate Association "is finding out which restaurants students want to use on the card," and will then provide MIT with a list of restaurants that students have expressed an interest in, said Reuben L. Cummings '04, the chair of the UA subcommittee on campus dining.

Cummings has been receiving comments from the student body via e-mail and hopes to get more feedback at next week's UA kickoff.

Plans for card uncertain

Plans for adding new vendors to TechCASH are still vague, as the Campus Dining Office has been "working on the on-campus system and investing most of [their] time and energy into Simmons, Next, Alpine, and Arrow St.," said Richard D. Berlin III, director of campus dining.

Whether new vendors are added onto the card "depends on whether it makes sense for the campus food service program as a whole," Berlin said. "We're working on getting people happy with what we've worked hard to make already. Somewhere down the road, we can look at expanding the service," he said.

Domino's Pizza, which is currently the only off-campus food vendor that accepts the card, has "a lot of people using the card" and "rarely [has] problems with it," said Mohammed Shab, Domino's director of operations. He believes that the addition of other vendors that accept the card "will hurt business," as "more vendors means less customers per vendor."

In addition to putting new restaurants on the card, the card office "wants to put readers on all vending machines on campus eventually," said John M. McDonald, assistant director of enterprise service. "But "getting there has been somewhat difficult."

Card helps LaVerde's business

The student ID card is being accepted at LaVerde's Market this year for the first time. LaVerde's business this year is "better than last year by between 10 and 15 percent," said store owner Frank LaVerde, and he believes that the change "is definitely related to the card."

As MIT's only on-campus grocery store, LaVerde's has always benefited from its central location. Now, the new MIT card policy has increased student willingness to shop there even more. "I'm hearing comments from students who do use the card that they are very happy that MIT is allowing students to use the card," said Store Manager Mark Semon.

Tanya Cruz Garza '04 said that in previous years she used to shop at Pritchett instead, but now she shops at LaVerde's every other day. She feels motivated to spend more at LaVerde's, she added, since money on the card is less like real money, because it can come from scholarships and loans.

Alpin Chen '06 said of the cards, "We're elated ... to finally be able to accept the card." The new card reader system has been operating smoothly for the most part, Semon said. Semon reported only minor technical difficulties, such as the system crashing over a weekend earlier in the year.

McDonald said that the card systems run on phone lines, and reliability of the phone lines has been the biggest issue.

Occasional problems similar to those that arise with old or scratched up credit cards have also occurred because of worn-out student cards, said LaVerde's Store Manager Jay Wayshak, who also added that such problems are rare and affect less than one half of one percent of customers.

Choices based on moods

Many students seem to lack strong preferences for any particular food venue. Instead, many prefer to rotate between the various vendors in the Student Center. Enrique Zolezzi '04 said that when he gets sick of one vendor, he goes to another. Once he gets sick of that, he moves on to another vendor. Similarly, Reynolds said that he alternates between LaVerde's and Alpine for dinner.

Kevin T. Chen '05 uses his MIT student ID to pay for his groceries at LaVerde's Market, one of the many places where the card can be used.

Alpine Bagel's manager Mark Asteroth said that business has been "awesome," and that although the opening of Arrow St. Crepes has taken the rush off of lunch, it has not really affected Alpine business.

"Alpine is blowing Networks and Courses out of the water. They're doing twice the business," McDonald said.

Asteroth noted that Alpine is finding that faster service is important at MIT since people are in a hurry, and that people want more variety. He said that Alpine will be conducting focus groups to find out what customers want and will be adding items to the menu.

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The MIT Women's Ultimate Team (MITe) faced Amherst College in their first contest of the season last Saturday. The game was played at the WPI Ultimate field and went to five games, with MITe winning 3-2-1.

The team had a solid performance overall, with all five starters contributing to the win. Freshman Grads Waltz, including Lauren E. Tsai '04, Stephanie Judd, and Christina R. Keenan '03, were instrumental in the team's victory. Tsai scored one goal, helping the women's field hockey team secure their biggest margin of victory this year.

The team has compiled a 5-11 record heading into tomorrow's NEWMAC Championships. The season is half over and yet the playoff race is still pretty crowded. There is only one team with more than five losses (the woeful 0-7 Bengals) and there are no teams with more than six wins. That means all the other teams are at most three games out of first place. A good run in the next month or so could mean a playoff berth for anybody.

The MIT fencing team continued their season with a solid performance, winning all five games against Cornell. The team members are currently ranked fourth in the Northeast, with a major individual competition coming up soon.

The competition also featured several "fun dances," in which dancers spontaneously paired up for silly variations of standard dances. Setyawati and Liteplo came in third in Reverse-Rule Rumba, while Judd made it to the semifinal round of "Robo-Cha" with her sister Stephanie Judd.

In the second game, MITe faced Amherst College. They proved to be no match for MITe's Daphna Ovadia '06, Ekaterina V. Lesnaia G and Luca Daniel. Ovadia came in fourth in both of the team's competitions, after less than two months of training. Meanwhile, Lesnaia and Daniel placed first in one of the largest categories, the Bronze International Rumba.

The competition consisted of several informal matches, the one pictured above in the "foil" category. Tomorrow the team will travel to Smith College for a major individual competition.

The team is continuing to work hard to improve their skills and prepare for the upcoming championships.