SIMMONS DINES FACED PROBLEMS

By Jenny Zhang

Simmons Hall Dining has encountered numerous problems over the last week, including running out of food and low food quality, students said.

Simmons began to have problems last week when food was supposed to last until 8:00 run out at 7:15, leaving many students hungry. Food quality, which Simmonds students said they had been satisfied with at the beginning of the semester, has been fluctuating as well.

Simmons held a house meeting on Sunday, during which the dining issue was discussed.

"One of the solutions we came up with was to have the register at the end of the food, so that students would take less and could be charged for taking too much," said Sameera S. Ponda '03, chair of the House Committee.

Originally, diners helped themselves to meals, eating as much as they wished. Servers were brought in to control the portion sizes, Ponda said.

The move to place the register after the serving area took place yesterday.

"We have a very unique situation where we addressed here, and we see the issues. I think we have corrected the problem," said Kathie Harwell, General Manager for Bon Appetit. "All I know is that we had a main pipe burst on the MAC court," he said.

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DORMITORY COUNCIL CIRCULATING 2003 RUSH PETITION

By Jennifer Krishnan

The Dormitory Council is circulating a petition for a "uninterrupted" dormitory rush period during next year's Orientation.

"The petition is about increasing the ... prominence of dorm rush in the eyes of the freshmen," said Kessenich '03. "We're not sure if the constituants of all the dorms are with us, since we tend to represent not all the dorms ..., but we think that most people will remember that their having a decision [regarding where they would live] was important."

Kessenich said part of the goal is to show "there's broad-based support" for an older-style rush that's "not just EC and Senior House complaining."

The end of the petition reads: "We feel that this campus wide community event [dormitory rush] is not needed anymore, and can be postponed to a later date so that the rush can be more organized."

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The radical group Hamas has vowed to continue attacks like the one that killed 12 Israelis in the West Bank last week despite calls that Palestinian groups should restrain the run-up to Israeli elections to give more moderate politicians a chance to win.

Mousa abu Marzouk, in an interview in the group’s office here on the outskirts of Hebron, vowed to continue the attacks that took the lives of nine Israeli soldiers and border policemen and three Palestinian guards from the Kfar Arba Jewish settlement on the outskirts of the city of Hebron. It was one of the worst recent losses for Israeli forces. Sixteen other Palestinians were wounded in the three-hour gun battle, and four Palestinian attackers were killed.

Rather than discouraging Jewish settlers in the overwhelmingly Arab city, the attack prompted a decision to dig in and establish a settlement to link Kfar Arba and Hebron’s small Jewish settlement near the Cave of the Patriarchs, a site holy to Muslims and Jews as the traditional burial place of Abraham. On Monday, settlers claimed a key road between the two locations.

**Black Hole’s Velocity Links It to Supernova**

SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON POST

The observatory has spotted a black hole speeding through the Milky Way as it gobbles up the outer layers of a doomed companion star locked in a fatal gravitational embrace.

Based on long-term observations, the observatory has confirmed that the black hole, which is about five million times the mass of the sun, moves with a high velocity of 45 miles per second. That velocity is consistent with the mass of a black hole that was recently formed in the Milky Way’s central region, the observatory said.

The black hole, known as GRO J1655-40, is in the foreground of the star, which lies at a distance of about 1,000 light years from Earth. It is one of the closest black holes that have been discovered, the observatory said.

With a vote on the issue expected early Tuesday, the Senate is sharply divided on a Democratic proposal to strip a handful of special-interest provisions from the bill that would create a new homeland security agency.

Approval of the amendment could trip up the bill just inches from completion, but it also would clear the way for the Senate to send the bill to President Bush.

In another scenario, the Republican-led House could bow to any pressure from Congress and make sure that the bill, which contains a number of provisions as gifts to big businesses at a moment when Bush stands on the verge of achieving the Democratic majority he wants to have assurance that there is a mechanism that will give inspections a chance, but that firing at U.S. warplanes patrolling the no-fly zone might still be considered a “material breach” of the U.N. resolution — and if confirmed by the Security Council, could trigger war.

White House officials said Monday that U.S. warplanes would continue to fire on targets behind the Iraqi lines, but that the Bush administration was not yet ready to take the matter to the Security Council.

“I would emphasize that this group has shown its intention to comply and cooperate,” said White House spokesman Scott McClellan. “But in the meantime, our aircraft will respond when fired upon.”

“Our view is zero tolerance, that Saddam Hussein does not need to be playing games at this point. No cut and run. It is time for him to comply and cooperate and disarm,” McClellan said.

Diplomats said that the tough talk from the White House, while daunting to its Security Council allies, might be a way of keeping pressure on Baghdad while inspections begin. But retaliatory attacks on Iraqi military installations might also help U.S. and British forces destroy Baghdad’s defense capabilities before an all-out war.
British Court Orders Algerians Held on Suspicion of Terrorism

By Sebastian Rotella

LOS ANGELES TIMES

Four police across Europe on guard against a heightened threat of attack, a British court Monday ordered three Algerians, including an alleged senior al-Qaida figure, held on suspicion of terrorist activity. French police made three more arrests in a separate case.

Authorities say their security forces have stepped up activity because of indications that al-Qaida intends to strike in Europe, where it has recruited fighters and planned operations, but has not successfully carried out an attack. Recent warnings, some concrete and others vague, have generated fear of a major attack in Europe.

"I think the threat in Europe is the highest it has been since Sept. 11," a top French law-enforcement official said Monday.

British authorities gave few details about the case against the Algerians, whom a judge ordered held for a month without bail pending investigation of suspected "preparation, instigation or commission of terrorism."

But officials denied media reports that they had been planning a poison gas attack on London's subway system.

"It doesn't appear to be that there is any evidence whatsoever there was going to be a gas attack or indeed use of bombs regarding the three people who have been arrested," said Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott in an interview with the BBC.

One of the suspects, Rabah Kcade, is a heavyweight in Europe-wide al-Qaida networks based in London, according to French and Belgian investigators.

Kcade, 35, was a close associate of Abu Doha, the alleged leader of an Algerian-dominated network and accused mastermind of a failed attempt to bomb a Los Angeles International Airport in 1999, investigators said.

Kcade also was an active recruiter sending French Muslims to Afghan training camps, according to authorities.

Supreme Court to Consider States' Rights, Aspects of Disabilities Act

By Charles Lane

WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court announced Monday that it will rule on the constitutionality of a key provision of the Americans With Disabilities Act, in a case that pits the court's recent drive for states' rights against a movement to expand legal protections for the disabled.

The court will decide whether disabled people who feel that they have been discriminated against in the provision of public services can sue state governments, or whether that common method of enforcing the law is prohibited because the Constitution gives the states "sovereign immunity." which Congress is powerless to override.

"It is a case with potentially great impact because it implicates the entire range of actions a state takes vis-a-vis its citizens," said Chai Feldhman, a professor of law at Georgetown University and disability-rights activist.

At issue is Title II of the 12-year-old ADA, the part of the law that guarantees people with disabilities equal access to, and equal treatment by, such public entities as transportation systems, hospitals and prisons.

The case that the high court Monday agreed to hear, Medical Board of California v. Hanson, involves a California doctor, Michael Hanson, who sued the state's medical licensing agency in 1999 for discrimination, saying that it unfairly rejected him because of his history of mental illness.

Viewed as a matter of disability law, the new case is difficult to predict. In recent ADA cases involving employment, the court has generally made it harder for those alleging discrimination to succeed.

But in cases about access to public services and accommodations, the court has sided with the disabled, most notably in a case last year in which a 7-2 majority ordered the PGA Tour to let golfer Casey Martin use a cart in its tournaments.

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Study Shows Women's Position On Corporate Ladder Improved

THE WASHINGTON POST

Nancy Pelosi's ascent to the Democratic Party leadership in the House of Representatives reflects the steady progress of women in the political world. According to a new report, women also continue to climb the corporate ladder.

Women now hold 15.7 percent of corporate officer positions at large U.S. public companies, up from 8.7 percent in 1995, according to the report by Catalyst, a New York City-based research group. There are six female chief executives among the Fortune 500 firms, up from two in 1995. And women make up 5.2 percent of all top-executive earnings, up from 1.2 percent seven years ago, when Catalyst began studying women's employment patterns.

"There's progress, however slow, in every dimension, year after year," said Sheila Wellington, president of Catalyst. "And this year, despite the poor economy, the number of women executives keeps going up, and that's heartening."


Report: States' Corporate Child-Care Tax Credit System a Failure

THE WASHINGTON POST

The tax-credit system launched by two dozen states during the past 20 years to boost corporate investment in child care has been a failure, and in some cases public money was diverted from child-care programs, according to a new report by the National Women's Law Center.

In the report, "The Little Engine That Hasn't: The Poor Performance of Employer Tax Credits for Child Care," researchers analyzed employer tax credit use in 20 states and found that in 16 of them five or fewer corporations had ever applied for the credit. In five states Arkansas, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia - not a single corporation claimed the credit, according to the study.

"The states that have enacted these credits need to take a hard look at how ineffective they have been," said Nancy Duff Campbell, the study's co-author and co-president of the center.

The report found the main reason the tax credits have not been used much is that 57 percent of state corporate tax filers have no tax liability, and therefore, nothing against which to apply a credit. About 93 percent have such low tax liability that the credits aren't useful, the report said.

But the states had earmarked money for the programs, and it has often gone unused, according to the report.

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Erratum

An article Tuesday ["Ex-Assistant Professor Sus Mit Over Tenure"] mistakenly referred to Maurice Van Putten as a former assistant professor of applied mathematics. Van Putten is still an assistant professor at MIT.
Andrew C. Thomas

The club directors still refuse to allow women to join, citing concerns about the effects of Augusta National on the lives of women who wish to spend time with them. The gender disparity, however, is not due to a lack of women wishing to join. Women have long been interested in Augusta National, and have attempted to join in the past. However, the club directors have consistently refused to allow women to join, citing the club's history of men-only membership policies.

Augusta National has a long history of excluding women, and this exclusivity has been a source of controversy for many years. The club's policies have been well-documented, and there have been numerous attempts to remedy the gender disparity. However, the club directors have consistently refused to allow women to join, citing the club's history of men-only membership policies.

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Recycled Clip Art

By Katie, Kailas, Karen and Jason

If I've told you once, I've told you a thousand times, it's oral, not aural.

Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

1 Curling or bowling, e.g. 
2 Part of USDA 
3 Bill topper 
4 Horatio of fiction 
5 Stern section 
6 Timbuktu land 
7 Italian sausage 
8 Blue flag 
9 Ram's dam 
10 "The Wolf" 
11 Put in bondage 
12 Moir's brother 
13 Bergman's "_...from a Marriage" 
14 Mane of dogs 
15 To the max 
16 Arctic to Kazakhstan range 
17 Ledger entry 
18 Ambassador's off. 
19 Despot's ruler 
20 Keyboard key 
21 Low point 
22 Add up 
23 Unmelodic

**DOWN**

1 Way around 
2 Mason's Delta 
3 Satellite of Jupiter 
4 Latticework structure 
5 Parade of football 
6 CIA predecessor 
7 Rhus 
8 Brooklyn catcher, 1948-57 
9 Up to the task 
10 Whoppers 
11 Hose material 
12 Have on 
13 "Easter 1916" poet 
14 "The Wolf" 
15 Stern section 
16 Tlmbuktu land 
17 Italian sausage 
18 Disappointing grades 
19 Mary Stuart, e.g. 
20 Grain depository 
21 Childhood 
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**CONCERT REVIEW**

**All Smiles at the FJE**

*Magali Souriau Leads an Inspirational Concert*

By Jeremy Baskin

**Festival Jazz Ensemble**

**Reggie Auditorium**

Nov. 12, 2002

A t some point in the middle of the Festival Jazz Ensemble's first concert of the season on Friday night, I realized jazz is just plain fun. Perhaps it was the happy-go-lucky dancing of the guest conductor Magali Souriau, or maybe the superb choice of repertoire, but-as they say-Happiness was in the air.

The first of three highly acclaimed guest conductors to be brought in by the imaginative and inspired Fred Harris to direct the FJE this year, Souriau is a rising star in the jazz world. Along with a couple of other prominent jazz musicians such as Maria Schneider and Guillermo Klein (who has spent tenet years with the FJE in the past), Souriau brings with her the genius of big band music.

Based on Friday's concert, it's safe to say that she is achieving this by looking forward, not backward. It's also safe to say that she is doing it in an extremely convincing manner.

In addition to playing their instruments, the ensemble members whistled and hummed at times during Souriau's pieces. She demonstrated this desire to urge the musicians to use vehicles other than their instruments to be expressive by dancing along to many of the pieces on the program.

Her devotion to the music was so apparent during her frolicking on stage that it made me wonder why people go to such places to be absolutely quiet and still during a performance. If she can have fun, why can't we?

And fun she certainly did have. She played piano during a couple of her compositions, the Keith Jarrett-like "Petite Premières" and the heart-wrenching "Thém," a world premiere written for all the souls of the World Trade Center.

This last piece featured repeated calls, yet dissonant, chords. The soothing singing of the band members, along with the dimmed lights, provided the best musical memorial I have yet heard for the 9/11, 2001 tragedy.

"There were, of course, happy smiles at the festival and the brilliance and inclusion, "like surprises," as the members of the ensemble took out of plastic bags stuffed animals, each of which played a different nursery rhyme. An homage to Souriau's two-year-old son followed, as the band members held the stuffed animals in front of microphones and let the animals do the music-making for perhaps three or four minutes."

The concert also featured musical excellence on the part of the FJE musicians. Tenor saxophonist Alexander M. Mokkelburg '04 and trombonist Daniel M. Halperin '04 redacted the usual "instrumentals" after their solos in the FJE, combo's rendition of Kenny Garret's "Sing a Song of Songs," and all four trombonists sounded very polished in and arrangement by Andrew C. Thomas '04 of Sonny Rollins "Strode Rode."

One of the highlights of the concert for Miles Davis fans was the performance of "Auranite Leaves" exactly as it was performed on the Columbia Adderley album Something Else. The players had learned every note and nuance of the recording and attempted to reproduce everything.

While perhaps it is too much to ask the FJE players to reproduce the irreverence of Miles Davis or the in-your-face cool of Coltrane, the performance was on the whole exciting and definitely made me want to pull out that album and listen to it all over again. Notable amongst the excellent solos was the sublime piano playing of Kevin T. Chan '03, who gave a heartfelt rendition of Hank Jones' timeless solo at the end of the song.

This year at the helm of the FJE, let's hope that the next two at least will be as inspiring as the forever smiling Magali Souriau.
The Chamber of Secrets Has Been Opened

By Kevin Der

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
Written by Steve Klovos
Based on the novel by J.K. Rowling
Directed by Chris Columbus
Starring Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Richard Harris, Kenneth Branagh
Rating: PG

Potterheads and casual moviegoers rejoice—the film version of the beloved novel is here! (If you haven’t read J.K. Rowling’s legendary novels, you’re about to get introduced to one of the greatest literary series of all time.)

The Chamber of Secrets is the second film in the Harry Potter series, following the first film, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone. This film is based on the second novel, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, written by J.K. Rowling.

The Chamber of Secrets is the most futile film ever made. It was so bad that even the ignorant, self-centered, incomparable Chamber Master, Harry Potter, could have done a better job. The film is a disaster, and it’s hard to understand how it was even made. It’s like watching a bad play and then realizing that the actors are all performing in a box.

The story follows Harry Potter, a young boy who discovers that he is a wizard and attends Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. In this second film, Harry and his friends Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger are investigating the mysterious occurances at Hogwarts, where strange happenings are taking place.

The film begins with Harry, Ron, and Hermione sneaking into a restricted area of the castle to try to solve the mystery. They discover that the Goblet of Fire, supposed to hold the true nature of the school, has been stolen. This leads them to investigate further and uncover the dark secrets of the school.

Throughout the film, we see the characters dealing with various challenges, such as navigating the sprawling halls of Hogwarts, facing off against dangerous creatures, and dealing with the unexpected arrival of new characters.

Despite the film’s shortcomings, it’s clear that the filmmakers had a lot of fun bringing this beloved story to life. The actors are all great, and the special effects are impressive. The film manages to capture the magic and wonder of the Harry Potter world, even if it isn’t perfect.

Overall, The Chamber of Secrets is a fun film for Harry Potter fans and anyone who enjoys the magical world of Hogwarts. It’s not perfect, but it’s definitely worth a watch if you’re a fan of the books or movies.

Rating: 2/5
Help Rescue Our Families Persecuted in China

Bostonians speak out to rescue their loved ones

What: An open forum to tell stories of their families persecuted in China

Date: Thursday, November 21, 2002

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Place: MIT, Building 4-231

In an effort to rescue loved ones persecuted in China, family members residing in the U.S. and around the world have initiated a Rescue Our Family Members campaign. The results of this campaign have been encouraging. In just a few months since its initiation, five Falun Gong practitioners have gained early release.

In the Boston area, four Falun Gong practitioners have family members who have been in long-term incarceration in labor camps in China: Dr. Haiying He, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Harvard Medical School; Yufeng Liang, self-employed computer engineer; Bei Gou, Senior Analyst, I.S.O. New England; Tie Wu, computer engineer. As the holiday season approaches, their pain and worry intensify.

From Left to Right: Haiying He, Haiyan He (sister), Yanyun Huang (mother), Anhua He (father), Haiou He (brother)

"...What has become of my family? My father the music teacher was detained. My mother, the kindergarten teacher, spent one and a half years in a labor camp where she experienced daily abuse. My younger brother, a doctor, has been tortured and sentenced to ten years in jail. My sister-in-law was forced to attend brainwashing classes and deprived of her position as a medical doctor. My younger sister, a primary school teacher, was sentenced to a labor camp where she was placed in solitary confinement and subjected to continuous brainwashing. My warm, happy family, that had devoted itself to helping others through teaching and medicine, has been torn to pieces simply because they do not want to give up Falun Gong and its principles of Truth, Compassion, and Forbearance."

— Dr. Haiying He, biomedical researcher, Harvard Medical School.

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Fourth Family Member Gains Early Release During the Global "Rescue Our Family Members" Campaign

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Dormitory Council Seeks Uninterrupted 2003 Rush

should be brought back as an uninterrupted multi-day event prior to the closing of the Orientation Lottery.”

Planning begins early

Williams said Dormcon was already working on a potential schedule for Orientation 2003. Last December, Dormcon tried to include the rush period in the 2002 Orientation schedule, but by then it was too late, he said.

During Orientation 2002, Williams said, the time allotted for dormitory rush consisted of the residence midway and “any time that hadn’t been scheduled” for something else.

“Freshmen who were studying for advanced standing exams or who actually cared about the [official] Orientation activities” did not participate in dormitory rush, he said.

Dormitory rushers “felt their time was being scheduled over without recourse,” Williams added.

Julie B. Norman, associate dean of academic resources and programming, who oversees the Orientation schedule, said that her office would not start working on the schedule until the Residence System Implementation Team releases its report on this year’s residence selections, scheduled for January.

However, “I don’t think the Institute is going to go backwards to the way we used to do housing rush,” Norman said, referring to four-day rush periods in years past.

She said her goal was to “improve on last year’s” housing rush.

“The challenge we have [with advanced standing exams] is that we need to have those exams completed and graded as soon as possible “so we can get those results to the freshman advisors,” she said.

Norman added that she was “not sure the conflict with advanced standing exams is as big as it appears to be on the surface,” pointing out that less that 125 students took the advanced standing chemistry exam.

Dorms take varied stances

MacGregor House President Tyler J. Brander ’03 said the MacGregor House government supports the petition and signatures were “nearing 50 percent of the dorm” yesterday evening.

Williams, who is the president of East Campus, said he was “willing to bet that a sizeable proportion of EC [residents would] sign the petition.”

People here have a very firm belief that where one chooses to live is “one of the most important decision you make at MIT,” Williams said. “People [at EC] are rabid about” preserving old-fashioned dormitory rush.

Senior House President Daniel E. Mccanulty ’04 said Senior House had made “no organized endorsement.”

Joel C. Corbo ’04, president of Random Hall, said his house government “hadn’t really discussed” the petition. He said between 30 and 35 of Random’s 89 residents had signed the petition.

McCormick Hall President Marwan S. Boulouti ’04 said McCormick had not taken any stance on the issue.

Vikash Gilja ’03, president of Simmons Hall, said Simmons had not yet discussed the issue, but that they would be doing so at their next house meeting.

The petition was circulated this past weekend and was collected last night, Kessenich said, but anyone who wants to sign the petition still can. She said she did not know if there had been enough publicity for this petition.

Kessenich said she was collecting the petition last night so she would have the numbers available for today’s RSIT meeting.

So far, Kessenich said, RSIT has not taken a survey of upperclassmen, though they have interviewed teams from each dormitory. The teams include housemasters, graduate residence tutors, and members of house governments. A new survey will be released to freshmen sometime this week, she said.

Heart of the Dragon:
BITSA Brings Taiwanese Culture To MIT

Saturday’s Boston Intercollegiate Taiwanese Students Association (BITSA) Conference culminated in the Heart of the Dragon banquet, featuring live entertainment by the Harvard Chinese Yo-Yo Club (above right), the MIT Lion Dance Group, the Harvard Asian Dance Troupe (right), and the American Chinese Art Society (above).

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Simmons Students Concerned About Dining Staffers

Simmons Dining, from Page 1

To improve quality, and Bon Appetit was attractive to us because of its strength in this area," Walsh said.

Concerns about Bon Appetit staff

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Zesiger Center Opens, Repair Time Unknown

Flooded, from Page 1

white hockey-style boards. Dirty water filled the floor area and spilled out into the hallway, leaving stains on the walls.

"We had a little shock-pad and what is called a spider court on top," Martin said. Most of the spider court surface, which comes apart in pieces, was saved by Zesiger staff, who responded quickly after alarms sounded. The shockpad, used for cushioning the court, was ruined by the water.

Pieces of the floor's surface can be seen stacked next to the MAC, and the MAC floor is currently stripped down to the concrete base.

Zesiger open, repair time unknown

The Zesiger Center opened on time Saturday morning and Martin was pleased with the cleanup effort of the staff, who made the most of a bad situation, he said. The MAC remained closed.

Martin was not certain how long repairs would take. "There are a couple different scenarios," Martin said. Rainey estimated the repair time at "hopefully a few days."

Several repairs are required. Cleaning was required over the weekend to remove the water stains left along the floors and walls. An electrical socket on the floor will be replaced for safe measure, and netting may be installed beneath the ceiling to protect the fire sprinklers and lights above the MAC, Martin said.

It is unclear who will bear responsibility for the repair costs of the MAC playing surface. The soccer game taking place at the time of the incident was during drop-in hours, and within the rules of the MAC.

"We're just assessing the damage and looking for insurance potentially to pay for it," Martin said.

The MAC was designed primarily for inline hockey, basketball, and indoor soccer. It is a recreational facility, so no varsity teams will be affected by its repairs.

Provost Discusses MIT Finances

MITSFs, from Page 1

perspective, since both MITSFs members and reading room users feel so strongly on this issue."

"The main issue is how do we make sure the space is distributed fairly," Menard said. The MITSF has over 200 paying members and is open to anyone. While it is unknown exactly how many students use the reading room, one UA council member estimated it to be several hundred, and possibly many more would use it if it were renovated.

The UA Council resolved to conduct an online survey of undergraduates and perhaps a town meeting to determine what the student body wishes to be done. Seale emphasized that the UA will go with whatever the students decide.

Menard noted that about half a dozen student groups are on the waiting list for available space. Due to its overcrowded library, the MITSF has the most need for physical space, he said.

"The smaller issue here is whether this proposal is right in way to make more space. The larger issue is that there is not enough room for student activities," Seale said.

Provost Brown speaks on finance

MIT Provost Bob Brown spoke about the financial history of the Institute. He emphasized the importance of the endowment fund, which grew from $1 billion in 1990 to $6.6 billion in 2000, increasing the MIT budget and, as Brown mentioned, has brought MIT to the caliber of the Ivy Leagues and other top universities.

MIT President Charles M. Vest and other administrators chose to put this money towards building an environment to better attract top students and faculty. Brown said. Recently about $20 million per year has been spent on building renovations and construction of new facilities, including Simmons Hall, Sidney-Pacific Graduate Residence, and the Warehouse; the Zesiger Center, the Staite Center, and the new center for Brain and Cognitive Sciences.

Growth has also made the Institute sensitive to fluctuations in the endowment. Since roughly a third of the annual income comes from investment returns on the endowment, the recent downturn in the economy has slightly deviated the endowment, slowed returns, and decreased the amount of money flowing into the MIT budget. While Brown emphasized that this will not dramatically affect current budgets, it continually challenging. U.S. economy could cause future changes in MIT budgets and financial strategies.
Vocalist Vidyadhar Vyas performs the Khyal form of Hindustani classical music in Friday night’s concert organized by MITHAC, at Killian Hall. Khyal is one of the main forms of Hindustani classical music performed in northern India.

Dr. Rudasingwa, chief of staff for the President of Rwanda, met with members of the MIT community to discuss efforts on the international development front. He is interested in what projects are ongoing at MIT and their applicability to Africa in general and Rwanda in particular.

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Jaimie L. Sylman '05 of the Snowboarding Team catches the first air of the season as John Miyagi '03 watches from above. Trips to Loon Mountain this weekend were thwarted by lift closings due to high winds. Members of the team went sledding instead, making the best of the 130-mile drive.
MIT Department of Facilities

CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Vassar Street

For several weeks, due to an underground telecommunications ductbank project, doors exiting to the rear between buildings 34 and 38 will be closed. There will still be one exit from the Building 34 lobby in the direction of Building 26. The pedestrian route from the Albany St. garage through Building 34 to the main campus will not be available. People should enter the campus using the pedestrian walkway under Building 39. Curb placement on the south side of the street is underway. Traffic to Building 39 will use the normal exit and entrance lanes once again. These lanes will stay in effect for 3 or 4 weeks until the next phase of the project. The lanes will again change to one-lane in and one-lane out from one entrance as construction sequencing dictates. North side sidewalk construction will begin in December.

Stata Center

Construction of tunnel connection from Stata Center to Building 26 is underway. Some odor may result from this work; air fresheners are available for offices that experience problems. Preparation for utility work between Building 56 and the Alumni Pool has begun.

Dreyfus Chemistry Building

Chilled Water to Building 18 has been shut off temporarily and will be restored on December 13. The shutdown is required to allow for the relocation of piping in the sub basement. Repair work on the east concrete façade is nearing completion. Installation of mechanical systems continues. Installation of exterior metal panels to roof penthouse is in progress.

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

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Women Finish Hard, Just Miss Qualifying

By Stanley Hu

Despite numerous injuries and sicknesses, the women's cross-country team finished almost 100 points ahead of their score last year at the NCAA Division III Regional Qualifying Meet.

Fighting the after-effects of strep throat and hamstring tightness, Martha W. Buckley '04 raced down the home-stretch of the championship meet.

Coach Paul Slovenski started doing the math.

It was going to be close. Did she qualify for Nationals?

Buckley finished 31st. Slovenski knew that wasn't going to be good enough today. "I feel a lot better if she were 25th," Slovenski said before knowing the results. Only the first nine individuals not on the top five finishing teams advanced.

Slovenski was right on the dot. Buckley came eerily close to qualifying, but the cutoff point turned out to be exactly 25th place. Buckley clocked 22:32 over the 3.7-mile race, just seven seconds shy of the last qualifying spot.

"She knew it would be a long shot," Slovenski said. "She said she was ready to pick it in at the 3.1-mile mark, but nobody passed her, and she never slowed down. For her to come back from strep throat after taking a week off just shows her grit."

Strong team finishes

With that, the women's cross-country team season ended last Saturday, but not before the team posted one of its best performances in recent memory, with a 14th place finish among 38 teams. Williams College captured the team title, and freshmen Caroline Cresti from Williams won the race in 20:35.

While Williams dominated the meet, MIT held its own. Buoyed by a number of races from both freshmen and veterans, the women's cross-country team improved by 96 points from last year's finish.

In her second race returning from a hip injury, Julia C. Espel '05 finished second for the team, clocking 23:28 in 46th place. That was payback for Espel, who last year hurt her foot during the race and finished a disappointing 137th. "She had something to prove, and she did it," Slovenski said.

MIT team shows 'guts'

Veronica A. Andrews '05 fell in 22:41, placing a consistent third for the team. Starting slowly, she hung behind the pack before charging ahead from 150th to 77th place.

Not far behind, Valerie Kao '06 and Kathleen B. Huffman '04 both dipped under the 100th place, finishing in 23:37 and 23:59, respectively.

Elisabeth R. Eames '06 and Jennifer A. Gugler '05 rounded out the team in 24:34 and 25:49.

"They raced their hearts out," Slovenski said. "Almost all of them ran through injury or illness on sheer guts," he said. "We were noticeably depleted this year, but we hung in for the championships. We'll reload and be better next year."

Ballroom Dance Team Wraps Up Four Consecutive Winning Meets

By Miriam Sorrell

The MIT Ballroom Dancing Team is getting a short rest after the Nov. 10 Brown Ballroom Dance Competition in Warwick, R.I., which culminated four straight weekends of competition.

With four styles of competitive Ballroom in the United States (Rhythm, Latin, Smooth, and Standard) and five levels in each style (Newcomer, Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Open), there were many opportunities for MIT dancers of all backgrounds to wow the crowds and bring home honors. Of these twenty total categories, MIT couples received awards in 15, often with more than one MIT couple placing in each category.

In Gold level Rhythm, Eric In Gold level, Eric and An and Wagner took fourth in Waltz and third in both Tango and Foxtrot. Harris and Belova continued their winning streak with first place in all three dances. In Open, Herschberg and Abrams took fourth place.

In Latin was the last competition of the day. In Newcomer, Harris and Belova wrapped up with yet another first-place win. In Bronze, CMI exchange student George Henes and Lilia Wood placed fourth over all in Open.

In the previous two weeks, MIT Ballroom Dance Team had also competed at The University of Connecticut Ballroom Dance Competition (Nov. 3) and in the Harvard Beginners Competition (Oct. 26). For full results from Brown, and from these two competitions, visit [MIT Ballroom Dances website].

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Wednesday, Nov. 20

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