China Blocks MIT Web Addresses

By Keith J. Weinstein

The Chinese government has been blocking access to the "mit.edu" Internet domain since late August, according to several Chinese reports and an examination by The Tech.

It is unclear why China has imposed the block, which includes access to OpenCourseWare and all MIT Web sites, but not e-mail sent to MIT students and faculty through Web-based services such as Hotmail.

A spokesperson for the Chinese embassy in Washington, who asked that his name not be used, confirmed that China was blocking access to MIT Web sites, but said neither he nor his colleagues in China knew why it was imposed.

"I don't think that this kind of Web site should be blocked," he said, indicating that he did not think China would block access to an "educational" domain.

DNS servers give bad directions

The method of blocking involves misdirecting Chinese surfers looking for "mit.edu" sites, by having domain name servers in China give bad directions.

Domain name servers translate the computer names that users type in, into the numeric addresses by which computers on the Internet are known.

When examined last week, Chinese domain name servers, including those of the Chinese government, repeatedly gave out an incorrect answer for any query containing "mit.edu." The Chinese手法 is called "DNS spoofing," a term used for deliberately giving bad domain name server addresses.

"When we get [an alarm] that doesn't have an apparent reason, the Department of Facilities comes in to see what the problem is. If there is a systems problem, it will be repaired," Nilsson said.

Burton-Conner residents have taken measures, often involving duct tape, to silence fire alarms and mask their flashing lights in response to seven fire alarms in the past month.

Ready for Austin

By Marissa Vogt

By reducing the incoming crowd in Institute housing early last year is rife with unknowns, especially regarding how students will react.

An analysis will be made based on campus and where, and one certainly remains, however — MIT will not allow overcrowding for 2003-2004.

"No," said Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedict. "Not if I'm going to work here."

Along with Philip L. Clay PhD '75 first to eliminate crowding in Institute housing early last year. By reducing the incoming class size to 980 students and housing seniors in various graduate dormitories and members of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority in Sidney-Pacific, Clay achieved his goal.

"That was such a good thing to do for the Institute, for the student body," Benedict said. "Overcrowding is not an option as far as I'm concerned."

However, with only 295 students currently pledges fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups, MIT may need to find extra space on campus, barring an extra-ordinarily successful spring rush.

David N. Rogers, director of PSI-GS, said he did not expect many more pledges later on this year.

"This year, maybe not," Rogers said. "Maybe in the ILGs."

Moreover, some pledges will inevitably remain on campus. Phi Beta Epsilon, for example, has more pledges than it will have empty beds next fall. Other students may simply choose to remain on campus, since nothing technically requires them to move after pledging.

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Pakistan Elects Musharraf Ally New Prime Minister Amid Strife

By John Lancaster

NEW YORK

Pakistan's new parliament chose a prime minister from a main pro-government party Thursday, rejecting the candidate of fundamentalist Islamic parties and capping a protracted struggle over the shape of a new government that has been in process for more than five weeks after national elections.

Zafarullah Khan Jamali, a career politician from the main pro-government party of Benazir Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party (PPP) led by former prime minister Nawaz Sharif, won the election in a vote that was five hours long. It is the fourth time elections have failed to produce a working government.

The outcome came as a relief to the United States. Former U.S. president Bill Clinton, a strong supporter of Bhutto, the army chief of staff, who seized power two years ago in a military coup. It signaled the emergence of a ruling coalition led by Jamali's party, the pro-government Quaid-e-Azam faction of the Pakistan Muslim League (PML-Q), and including independent lawmakers as well as defectors from the opposition Pakistan People's Party and the pro-government Alliance with 172 votes of 328 votes.

Jamali's election was seen by Washington and other governments as a reversal of a political crisis that has been in process for five weeks.

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Jamali, a 58-year-old new prime minister, officially confirmed, while speaking the capture, said that Nashiri, who is close to bin Laden, was in their custody, but he could be in military custody or in the custody of the United States. He has not been seen with our guys getting access to him.

Nashiri is considered the most important al-Qaida figure captured since the capture of Abu Zaydah, the master bomb maker, in Pakistan last March. Top U.S. officials on Thursday described him as the head of an al-Qaida cell operating in the Persian Gulf.

It is the first time the United States has considered the Saudi-born Nashiri to be the brains behind the attack on the USS Cole in Yemen. The new prime minister, a career politician from the main pro-government party Thursday, a prime minister from the main pro-government party Thursday, knives and 17 U.S. sailors. The rumour is believed to have had a hand in the U.S. embassy bombing that killed 224 people in Tanzania, which claimed 224 lives.

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Focus on MIT’s Own WMBR
Phillip Burrows column “Member Madness,” Nov. 19) was a shot in the face to an amazing resource at MIT. Its own radio station! Mr. Burrows focused the first part of his article on the fundraising efforts of local station WERS of Emerson College, unaware that the MIT station (WMBR, 88.1 FM) had concluded its very own annual fundraiser the day before. Both stations are non-profit and run by volunteers, and take only one week out of the year to raise money for their operating costs. I think it would have been more effective to The Tech’s audience to focus on an event taking place on our very own campus rather than the mirror image occurring somewhere else.

Ben Kochan ’03
The timing of Fijji's settlement with the family of Scott King is ironic. It shows a chance for everyone in the MIT community to reflect on how we behave more responsibly with alcohol. I still recall conversations we've had with MIT administration officials about alcohol, although they have provided important pointers to the depth of the problem. I will simply report what I've seen with my own eyes. MIT has taken actions out of control in many of MIT's FSILGs.

I lived in a fraternity and four undergraduates there were kicked out. I was a resident advisor at a different house. I was a juror in a trial where the defendant was drinking, and that was drinking was like fraternities both immediately before and immediately after his death. Now I've been involved with MIT's FSILGs this year, and I've heard (from students and Resident Advisors at FSILGs) about many cases when I was in college. I don't think I've learned our lesson about alcohol use from doing this.

One Resident Advisor confidentially told me that his house had served alcohol to two female guests at a party, and that both were from a local high school. A week later, the faculty from BEURT, an IM dining game league, has seen a large house (a large block used for drinking) where students hung out in the back room of an open party. These are only the most dangerous occurrences I've seen; more mundane violations of policy such as open alcohol containers, mass alcohol purchases, and communal drinking at any hour are so commonplace as to be unremarkable.

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"What would this new effort have prevented?" Prevent the entire community needs to ask for (and get) cooperation between MIT, the administration, and the houses themselves. It will also require cooperation between MIT, the residences, and the families.

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Speaking While Palestinian

Aimee L. Smith

You have probably heard about the sarcastic quip, "Driving While Black," in response to racial profiling. "DWB" has become a phenomenon over the past few years. It is the result of a lawsuit against New York Turnpike Authority that documented that Troopers of the New York Turnpike often pulled over drivers of African descent. In any case, these are the pioneers. The only truly universal payment scheme off, so credit cards, with their high transaction fees for a dollar, but the transaction fee on sporadic reader can buy a paper copy of the television show. Both can run advertise-the bother of charging. The same is true of a similar online purchase makes it not worth up a newspaper, find out what Roger Ebert to your home in electronic form in the touch of a button. That was the view presented a decade ago to your right to have the benefit of legal counsel during an FBI interrogation is considered "not cooperating." Speaking While Palestinian

The New Media

Tao Yue

The Information Superhighway. A road providing unfettered access to all types of information. Where book publishers, newspapers, television, music, movies, shopping, research, and all sorts of resources would flow to your home in electronic form in the touch of a button. That was the vision of a presenter a decade ago pandit panditism predicting the advent of the information age. We have seen much progress in infrastructure and services. You can get the day's news without ever picking up a newspaper, find out what Roger Ebert thinks of a new film without tuning in to his show, and get MPs of the newest album without having to make a trip to the music stores. It has already become a part of the popular culture.

There is a technological promise, at least. Clearly, the MP3 example runs into copyright issues, but so do the two first. The New Media is not a new concept. There are already available for free on their web site, and Roger Ebert may post streaming clips of his television show, but they are free because there is no easy way to charge for them. A sporadic reader can buy a paper copy of the Times for a dollar, but the transaction fee是一项在线购买不值而要考虑的，对于其重要的角色。但同时也应该注意到，由于这些概念的复杂性，以及与之相关的创新，我们可能对于其中的一些问题仍然缺乏足够的认识。例如，我们对于如何在技术驱动下实现可持续发展的理解还很有限。因此，我们需要深入探索和研究这些问题，以便更好地理解它们的含义及其影响。
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Is this the end?! Of course not. 

They may not be back, but we are.

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I know I sound like your mother, but don't you have homework?

I figure I've already done it.

Filler Space: The Filler Frontier

Return of the Filler Frontier

Just think: In a finite universe, everything that happens will eventually happen because... which means that things recur externally—it's just like Fudgie the Whale.

Someday picked out all the chocolate chips out of my new box of chocolate chip cookies. There's only the cookie part left!

Take it the chocolate free diet is over...

AAAHHHH!

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FoxTrot by Bill Amend

TO BE ON THE COMPUTER? LOADING AND BURNING
• burn •
WHILE.

Fun With Fire IV

FoxTrot
by Bill Amend

Now replace the top part of the ball and duct-tape it
stuff them!

What to do:

Concrete floor
Don't let this happen to you!

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Flaming Presidents

Materials:

A 'strike on box' match
A U.S. currency note

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person who threw the loaded ball hard, and it exploded in his hand.

Smoky Fingertips

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A quarter
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Tennis Ball Conflagration

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By Michael Short

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Down the Hatchet

A Tribute to Tofu Turkey

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closed. Now lob, do not throw, the tennis ball at a brick wall or con-
crete. It will explode in your hand, and it will smell like rotten
egg.

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person who threw the loaded ball hard, and it exploded in his hand.

Don't let this happen to you!
Chinh H. Chu G interviews Christopher D. Vu — ‘04 following a Logarithms performance. Chinh will feature Vu on her show “All Music,” which features MIT music. The show was taped on Sunday, November 10 in the Graduate Residence and will air Dec. 8 on MTV 36. There had never been one before and they were just shocked I could sing at all. Someone even told me I made them cry — that means a lot to me.

With that in my bag — that’s what I put on my audition sheet when I tried out for the Logs. I came here and wanted to be in a singing group. I auditioned for the Chorallettes, Toons, and the Logs, and I almost didn’t make it into any of them. I couldn’t read music when I came to MIT, but I could sing. The Chorallettes and Toons bootched me on the sight reading parts of their auditions. Afterwards, I felt like I’d been let down by the Logs. I almost didn’t make it into the Logs either, because I couldn’t pick up the music very quickly since I’d never done it before. But [Colin P. Waud ’03] and [Karla A. Edmonds ’02] fought for me, saying “He’s got a voice. Let’s put our money on him,” and I’m glad they did.

77: Who is your idol?

Christopher D. Vu: Stevie Wonder. He made 40 years of music. He has been blind from birth, and he’s a lot of people’s idol. He first album came out when he was 12 — it was called “12-year-old Genius.” He has a distinctive and legendary voice. I can only hope to do him justice when I sing his songs.

77: Do you ever feel that audiences that aren’t familiar with your singing are skeptical when you walk on stage?

Christopher D. Vu: Oh yeah, and you know what? I love that. I like being the underdog. [Randy Jackson’s] comment to me — “I never thought a 12-year-old kid . . .”

Vu beats out thousands in ‘American Idol’ auditions

Vu, from Page 1

up believing I was a bad singer,” Vu said. Determined to get an answer, Vu decided to fly to the next audition he could make, which was being held in Austin, Texas. He tried to finish his work early, which was tough, but he was determined to get an answer. One day, he walked into his physics lecture and told his professor, “I’m going to Austin. From a young age, he started showing interest in science, particularly Chemistry. Nobel was self-taught and did not attend college.

Vu arrives in Austin, awaits in line for days

Vu booked a flight to Austin leaving on Nov. 4 and returning six days later. “For all I knew, I could be out there for the next couple of weeks,” Vu said. During the first round of the auditions, Vu was given a song for only a minute in front of Jon Entz, an executive producer of the show. At the last minute, Vu had to ditch the song he was planning to sing, “At Last” by Etta James. The producers named it among a list of other songs.

The final audition in Austin was held at the Hyatt Regency. This time, the auditions were taped one by one in front of the three judges on the show: Paula Abdul, Simon Cowell, and Randy Jackson. “The judges are definitely the opportunity to be on AGT, I thought. This means he might miss the Logs’ home concert, which will be held in Kresge Auditorium on December 13.

Vu was so used to singing it, there was no way I could forget the words,” Vu said. He auditioned in front of co-executive producer Nigel Lythgoe and moved on further with only sixty others.

Sonen’sificent fame unknown to parents

Vu’s mom didn’t believe him when he first told her about the competition. “I had to hand the phone to call his mom. Vu walked into the music room and did my thing. Then I come back and convince my mom this is for real,” Vu said.

Vu may be absent from Logs fall concert

Only around 200 people will be at the Hollywood, the show’s producers gave him a chance to call his mom. Vu’s mom didn’t believe him when he first told her about the competition. “I had to hand the phone to call his mom. Vu walked into the music room and did my thing. Then I come back and convince my mom this is for real,” Vu said.

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**Training to Serve**

**MIT's ROTC cadets may play active role in U.S. war with Iraq**

By Michelle Povolnny

**DAILY WIRE**

Unlike other graduating seniors, Boris A. Bosch '03 doesn't have to fill out any job applications. Nor does he have to write a resume. As a Navy ROTC cadet, he has a guaranteed job. In the spring, he will find out whether he can get his top choice: a surface warfare post in Japan.

"I know a lot of people who are really cut to the bone," said Captain David Henry, commandant of cadets in the Air Force ROTC program. "They want to do it for my country."

Bosch's classes, for example, require a week-long exercise per semester, where they "run an obstacle course, live in barracks, and do different leadership activities," according to Wittneck. They also train at the rifle range and learn field tactics.

**Reasons students join ROTC**

"I've wanted to be in the military ever since I was young," Woo said. "I originally wanted to fly for the Air Force, but didn't make the height requirement. So I decided to be an [Air Force] engineer instead."

Bosch comes from a family with a long history of military service, "I probably wouldn't have been able to come to MIT without the scholarships," he said. "And on top of that, I want to do it for my country."

ROTC scholarships vary somewhat from program to program. Most Navy cadets are on full scholarship, while some Army cadets receive a tuition allowance. One week of living stipends, ranging from $250-$400 per week, is important, Woo feels. "That's what makes it worthwhile."

Athena blanche-one listname

alternative, run mailman, and choose option 3. This is helpful for checking whether you are on a certain list, or for determining what lists you might want to unsubscribe from.

**Question:** Sometimes, it is helpful to see whether other people are subscribed to a particular mailing list, or just get an idea of how many people are subscribed.

**Answer:** It is considered impolite to send questions about a mailing list, such as requests for removal or other help, to the list itself. The reasoning is simple — when you send such mail to the list, many people have to read your message, while only a handful are likely to be able to help you.

**Question:** How can I check if I am subscribed to a mailing list?

**Answer:** To find out whether you are subscribed to a certain list name, run mailman and choose option 3. This is helpful for checking whether you are on a certain list, or for determining what lists you might want to unsubscribe from.
Gadget Review

Ceiva Digital Photo Receiver

By Kaiaas Karedrnan

As the snow falls, so does our spirits. Life becomes more and more saturated with the thought of what lies beyond the cold. It seems like we have become a society that has no interest in the joy of winter and its beauty. But not all is lost. The Ceiva Digital Photo Receiver can help bring back the magic of the season.

The Ceiva Digital Photo Receiver is a brilliant solution to the perfect problem of this age. I like to call it an “Internet enabled photo frame.” It provides you with an internet service, allowing you to send digital pictures to the frame through the internet.

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The Ceiva Digital Photo Receiver downloads digital images directly from the internet, creating a unique substitute for greeting cards and photo albums. The individual who controls the subscription can also invite anyone with an email address to send pictures to the Ceiva. This is a great way to keep in touch with friends or family.

The Ceiva Digital Photo Receiver also provides a unique feature: The ability to remotely control the frame. This means that you can control the frame from anywhere in the world, allowing you to send pictures to someone else.

The Ceiva Digital Photo Receiver is the perfect solution to the problem of keeping in touch with loved ones during the winter season. It is a great way to bring back the magic of winter and bring your loved ones closer together.
A Taste of ‘Pirates of Penzance’
Nov. 21–24 in La Sala de Puerto Rico

The MIT Gilbert and Sullivan Players present “The Pirates of Penzance” this weekend in La Sala de Puerto Rico. Showings are Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m.

(upper left) Frederic (Stuart A. Stanton G) and Ruth (Sonya C. Tong ’04) listen intently as the Pirate King reveals the most ingenious paradox.

(above left) A pirate (Marleigh Norton ’99) checks to see if the pirate band has been followed during the raid of Tremorden Castle.

(above right) Frederic begs Edith (Vanessa Quinlivan ’06) for her love.

(left) Edith sings of the daughters’ wonderful journey to the rocky beach.

(below) The Stanley Daughters try to fend off the pirates, who intend to capture and marry the girls.

Photography by Dong Wang
China Gives Bad Directions

The Tech compared the numeric addresses given out by Chinese domain name servers and by servers outside of China. When a site, such as "www.falundafa.org," was blocked, Chinese servers gave out an incorrect address, leading surfers into oblivion.

It is possible to use this "bug" continued an algorithm to examine the addresses that Chinese and non-Chinese servers give for various computer names.

Chinese servers gave the same correct address (128.103.60.24) for Harvard's Web site to servers outside of China.

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- www.falundafa.org: 192.98.128.175

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Use of Graduate Student Dormitory Beds Debated

"I am concerned that we're not going to have enough students move out to the FSILGs," Vallay said. "We've seen the benefits of no crowding, so we're anxious to have that continue."

Emily E. Cofer '94, Dormitory Council housing chair and chair of the Undergraduate Association Committee on Housing and Orientation, said she was confident that the current availability of on-campus beds and MIT's possible actions for next year would be sufficient to ensure no crowding. With the potential for more FSILG pledges during January's Independent Activities Period and the near-guarantee of Cambridge-MIT Institute exchange students living in FSILGs as they did this year, Cofer said she did not expect the system's capacity to be a problem.

MIT begins planning for '03-'04

Benedict attended a Wednesday meeting to discuss possible on-campus housing plans, and he said MIT is currently looking at a range of options for next year. One option is to reduce the incoming class size even further, Benedict said. "How many of those 295 are really likely to move off campus?" he asked, saying that MIT's estimates of this number could impact the class size.

Vallay, too, said that MIT was trying to plan based on early estimates of off-campus moves and the potential for next year's Senior Segue, but that her office had "no plans" to offer some sort of incentive to encourage students to move out of dormitories and into FSILGs. FSILGs, however, certainly have an incentive to encourage their pledges to move off-campus. While MIT will continue to offer subsidies for empty beds through the 2004-2005 academic year, Institute funds fall short of what a resident would pay. Rogers said MIT is funding 240 empty beds this year, but the maximum number of allowed empty beds will decline each year, as will the funding.

Use of grad beds uncertain

In addition, MIT is discussing the possibility of revising the Senior Segue program, where rising seniors who intend on completing an MEng are allowed to live in graduate dormitories.

"They're working now as we speak to evaluate the program," Benedict said.

Clay's original plan to keep the Senior Segue for three to five years still stands, Benedict said, but he expects some changes to the program, including moving the sign-up date earlier. Last year, many students had already made their housing plans by the time the Senior Segue was made available.

Benedict said he did not expect more Sidney-Pacific beds to be opened up for sorority use, after Alpha Epsilon Phi declined the offer last year. "At this point, I don't know," he said. "That has not come up in the conversation."

Barun Singh G, a co-chair of the GSC housing and community affairs committee, and Nelson C. Lau G, a co-chair of the Tang Hall graduate coordinator, are working with Benedict's Housing Strategy Group. Dominon is also involved in the Housing Strategy Group, but Cofer said that "right now the focus in Dominon is on trying to preserve what's left of dorm rush," citing the group's ongoing petition to change the dormitory rush process for next year.

GSC seeks to preserve grad beds

Lau is chair of an Housing Strategy Group subcommittee evaluating the Senior Segue. He said that Benedict and Dean for Graduate Students Isaac M. Colbert seemed "pretty serious" about focusing on graduate students' priorities for housing.

"It's a good avenue for them to see what the hot issues are that need to be tackled," Lau said.

The Housing Strategy Group was formed last year after Clay's crowding announcement, in part to address the need for more long-term housing strategy, Singh said. Its subcommittees are working on summer housing, evaluating the Senior Segue, graduate rent, family housing, and non-Institute off-campus housing.

Lau said he thought MIT was "being more responsive, and that's a step."

Evaluating Senior Segue will be tricky, because while grad students want to very earnestly do their part to help overcrowding, at the same time we don't want to lose any more beds that grad students sorely need," Lau said.

"We realize that overcrowding is not an option for MIT," Lau said. However, he said that graduate students felt they had already made a significant contribution to help MIT through the Senior Segue, and that "we have to look out for our own interests."

"We also want to see the administration make every effort to either build new housing for undergraduates or to keep enrollment rates steady, and help the FSILGs more strongly to rebuild their rush," Lau said. "We hope that in a few years, when the new housing system is more stable, it will be easier to accommodate them."

Christina E. Silcox G, the second co-chair of the housing and community affairs committee, said that the GSC maintained its long-held position that MIT should not take graduate beds if there are openings in the undergraduate system, as there are currently.

"That's always our main position," Silcox said. "There's no excuse for taking graduate beds... while there are still empty undergraduate beds."

Moreover, she said the GSC would continue to discuss housing options for approximately another two months, but he stressed that "there's no firm deadline." Still, Benedict said that by the beginning of February, MIT would probably need to begin finalizing plans for next year.

No final plans until early 2003

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The Housing Strategy Group, however, certainly have an incentive to encourage their pledges to move off-campus. While MIT plans to continue to offer subsidies for empty beds through the 2004-2005 academic year, Institute funds fall short of what a resident would pay. Rogers said MIT is funding 240 empty beds this year, but the maximum number of allowed empty beds will decline each year, as will the funding.

Use of grad beds uncertain

In addition, MIT is discussing the possibility of revising the Senior Segue program, where rising seniors who intend on completing an MEng are allowed to live in graduate dormitories.

"They're working now as we speak to evaluate the program," Benedict said.

Clay's original plan to keep the Senior Segue for three to five years still stands, Benedict said, but he expects some changes to the program, including moving the sign-up date earlier. Last year, many students had already made their housing plans by the time the Senior Segue was made available.

Benedict said he did not expect more Sidney-Pacific beds to be opened up for sorority use, after Alpha Epsilon Phi declined the offer last year. "At this point, I don't know," he said. "That has not come up in the conversation."

Barun Singh G, a co-chair of the GSC housing and community affairs committee, and Nelson C. Lau G, a co-chair of the Tang Hall graduate coordinator, are working with Benedict's Housing Strategy Group. Dominon is also involved in the Housing Strategy Group, but Cofer said that "right now the focus in Dominon is on trying to preserve what's left of dorm rush," citing the group's ongoing petition to change the dormitory rush process for next year.

GSC seeks to preserve grad beds

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The Housing Strategy Group was formed last year after Clay's crowding announcement, in part to address the need for more long-term housing strategy, Singh said. Its subcommittees are working on summer housing, evaluating the Senior Segue, graduate rent, family housing, and non-Institute off-campus housing.

Lau said he thought MIT was "being more responsive, and that's a step."

Evaluating Senior Segue will be tricky, because while grad students want to very earnestly do their part to help overcrowding, at the same time we don't want to lose any more beds that grad students sorely need," Lau said.

"We realize that overcrowding is not an option for MIT," Lau said. However, he said that graduate students felt they had already made a significant contribution to help MIT through the Senior Segue, and that "we have to look out for our own interests."

"We also want to see the administration make every effort to either build new housing for undergraduates or to keep enrollment rates steady, and help the FSILGs more strongly to rebuild their rush," Lau said. "We hope that in a few years, when the new housing system is more stable, it will be easier to accommodate them."

Christina E. Silcox G, the second co-chair of the housing and community affairs committee, said that the GSC maintained its long-held position that MIT should not take graduate beds if there are openings in the undergraduate system, as there are currently.

"That's always our main position," Silcox said. "There's no excuse for taking graduate beds... while there are still empty undergraduate beds."

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For several weeks, due to an underground telecommunications duct bank 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 20. 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. 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 Gymnasium is in progress.

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 facade is nearing completion. Installation of mechanical systems continues. Installation of exterior metal panels to roof penthouse is in progress.

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MIT
The results of the Ugliest Manifestation on Campus charity fundraiser were announced to an intricate crowd of approximately 1000 in Lobby 10 yesterday. The overall winner was the “People Shaving Down Skuffle,” amassing $333.54.

The contest raised a total of $1222.43, which will be given to the Skuffle charity, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

“One of you here today is unapologetically ugly,” said Michael J. Salib ’03, Alpha Phi Omega’s UMOC project chair, to the crowd of mostly UMOC contestant representatives. He then announced the top five contestants and their earnings.

“This year’s first place prize is a framed certificate authorizing Mr. [Jake C. Pinato ‘04] and his brothers at PKS to hold a Halloween party anywhere they want, without penalty from Alpha Phi Omega,” Salib said in an e-mail to the umoc-interested mailing list.

“We’re delighted that we collected so much money for charity,” Salib said after the award ceremony. The amount of money that was raised this year was more than has been raised in each of at least the last three contests. Salib said that last year the contest earned approximately $500.

Frat party beats out Simmons

Skuffle, the annual Phi Kappa Sigma Halloween charity event, was cancelled this year after the City of Boston turned down requests for work permits. Pinato, a member of the fraternity, entered Skuffle Shutdown in the UMOC contest. Pinato was not available for comment.

UMOC organizers said the top contestants received much of their votes on the final day of the contest, last Friday. The crowd was visibly surprised at the results of the contest because the perennial favorite, Random Hall Milk, finished fourth, and this year’s early frontrunner, Simmons Hall, finished second.

“One of these days a dorm will beat a frat,” said Ross E. Benson of the MIT community can cast his vote for the dormitory. Benson then took the money to the official collection jar in Lobby 10. He said that Simmons might have fared better in the contest if the collection jar had been at the front desk of Simmons for the duration of the contest.

Simmons calls for milk to retire

“I think the milk will return victorious,” said David A. Lepzelter ’04, the milk’s representative at the ceremony. However, “I think Simmons is pretty ugly,” he said.

Benson thinks that it is time for the milk to retire. “I don’t think it’s ugly. Snelly, yes,” he said.

The Random Hall Milk turned eight years old this year. Lepzelter said the milk was left in a Random Hall refrigerator by a lactose-intolerant resident after a botched attempt to make macaroni and cheese.

Some think Simmons is beautiful

Mark F. Rios ’05, who does not live in Simmons Hall, entered the People Who Think Simmons Is Ugliest as a contestant in UMOC. He felt that these people lack architectural taste.

“I think I was robbed,” Rios said about the contest. “I bequeath to [people who think Simmons is ugly] strip malls and Harvard dormitories.”

He says that next year he will probably enter either Objectivism or John Ashcroft in the UMOC competition. He hopes that one of his nominees will win UMOC before he leaves MIT.

UMOC is an annual tradition

The UMOC fundraiser began at MIT in 1953 as the Ugliest Man on Campus. It is not unique to MIT; chapters of APO at other universities hold the competition each year. In 1992, the name of the competition was changed to Ugliest Manifestation on Campus to encourage women and people representing non-human entities to enter the contest.

Each year, jugs for the candidates are set up in Lobby 10 and members of the MIT community can cast their vote. One cent equals one vote.

Past contestants have included Arazark and the Undergraduate Association.

By Christine R. Fry

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BAD KITCHEN HABITS

Residents asked to be more careful

The Department of Facilities is looking into the exact cause of the alarms, but in the meantime residents are being asked to be more careful with their methods of food preparation.

"I think people need to be a little more careful with their cooking," Shih said.

One of the problems, Tsay said, is that "they have smoke detectors in common areas and kitchens but not general hallways," making it easy for smoke from cooking to set off an alarm.

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MIT unlikely to receive fines

Despite the large number of false alarms, Nilsson says that it is unlikely that the Cambridge Fire Department will fine MIT unless the alarms are pulled intentionally.

"When they come to an alarm and the smoke detector has gone off, the fire department does not charge us. If we had deliberate false alarms people deliberately pulling an alarm or knocking off a sprinkler head, they could. We're fortunate [that] that does not usually happen here at MIT, for that inconvenience the entire building," Nilsson said.

Burton-Conner has had problems with its fire alarm system in the past. Similar events happened last March, when faulty equipment and burnt food prompted three false alarms in one weekend. An alarm system installed in summer 2001 caused a string of false alarms last fall that continued through finals week.

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The Tech News Hotline

The Phoenix Project:
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With Wartime Speed

According to a recent poll by The New York Times and CBS News, both political parties lack a clear vision for the country. In sharp contrast, Harry Braun, author of The Phoenix Project: Shifting From Oil to Hydrogen, observes that "just as Caesar found Rome a city of clay and left it a city of marble, we have found our country addicted to fossil and nuclear fuels that are highly polluting and being exponentially consumed -- and we have the opportunity to replace them with solar-sourced hydrogen, which is inexhaustible and pollution-free."

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Aaron P. Moronez '03 and Virginia L. Corliss '04 rehearse as Bassanio and Portia for The Merchant of Venice workshop. The adaptation of the Shakespeare classic is set in fascist Italy and is intended to focus on the performers' engagement of the text. Theater Arts and Dramashop will be presenting the workshop Friday and Saturday in Kresge rehearsal room B at 8:00 p.m.
The Tech congratulates its staff on winning the 2001–2002 National Newspaper Pacemaker award from the American Collegiate Press.
The fourth set saw eleven lead changes and a decisive defensive display by New England Region Player of the Year Lauren Bames, a Gordon junior, who led all hitters with 27 kills.

Engineers edge MIT out in four

The Engineers, having claimed the second game without really finding their characteristic rhythm, could have been second-guessed in the third frame by a 20-21 score. The fourth set saw eleven lead changes and looked to be within reach as the Engineers led 23-21, but a decisive defensive display by Reynolds added nine kills in a row from behind the net, including a "roof" at 25-25 and a brisk run of points that dropped Gordon to .500 and established Reynolds as the Engineers' middle blocker Kelly A. Reynolds '06 contributing eight blocks. Opposite Arlis Joy N. Hart '06, the Engineers outscored the Gordon hitters consistently with Reynolds leading the defense with a team-high 11 blocks and Hart and outside hitter Jill M. Kaup '03 combining for another 25 kills to hit at an authoritative 0.368.

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Nolan and Schmeckpeper will get a chance to do just that when they compete at Nationals, which will be held tomorrow at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota.

November 22, 2002

Top Two Earn NCAA Spots for Men’s X-C

By Stanley Hu

Nolan, who holds the school record in the indoor 5000 meters, won the Codfish Bowl Invitational and the NEWMAC championship races decisively earlier in the season. He has been to a national championship three times: twice for cross-country and once for indoor track. But during the past two trips, he struggled to run well, returning empty-handed and disappointed.

“THERE’S SOME MYSTIQUE ABOUT NATIONALS THAT SHAKES HIS CONFIDENCE,” Taylor said. “I think you need to approach it as a normal race: be aggressive, get out, and do what you do with such passion that you overcome the fear.”

Nolan and Schmeckpeper will need every edge they can get. Schmeckpeper will be returning for his second national championship, and he has never been in better shape. He has run 100 miles in a week. The training paid off — last month, he posted the second fastest time (24:44) at Franklin Park by an MIT runner.

“I think they can both be All-Americans,” Taylor said. “I’m hoping they’ll finish in the top 25.”

SPORTS