Construction crews begin work near the Sidney-Pacific graduate residence. The site, originally slated for residential purposes, will now house research facilities.

Board Approves Research Facility

By Nathan Collins

The Cambridge Planning Board has cleared a final hurdle in the way of developing a research facility across the street from the Sidney-Pacific graduate residence.

Voting six to one Tuesday night, the board approved a request by Forest City, the University Park developer, to delete the portion of a 1999 special permit for construction at 100 Landsdowne Street that suggested MIT, an Interim Planning Overlay each other. "Indeed they are not," ICampus administrators to receive projects are required to enroll in Program. has promised to continue funding for ICampus, she said that her program has designed a policy by which a second-semester sophomore can receive top priority to move from an FSILG house back to a dormitory. Colagiovanni said that this priority is limited to sophomores.

Greetings from Academia: The Academics Speak Out

By Brian Loux

Students have had quite a bit to say about administrators’ plans to use orientation as an opportunity to incorporate freshmen into the academic world. The Tech decided to ask some faculty what they think.

Recently, Dean for Undergraduate Research J. Kim Vandiver said that MIT needs to be more focused in accelerating the freshman class to the academic world of the Institute. In your opinion, in what ways can MIT go about accomplishing this goal, or is there not sufficient need for it?

"I think freshmen should be taken under the wing of upperclassmen, [who can] show them the unofficial ins and outs of the Institute. I think that CPW [Campus for Development and Planning] has done a great job of that," said C. Thomas Anninger, Executive Director for Planning and Development.

Dormitory Housing Deadline Extended

By Jeffrey Greenbaum

The Housing Office has postponed the deadline for undergraduate dormitory residents to formally confirm or decline their on-campus housing status for this year to April 13 from March 7.

This decision results from the "added complication of getting freshmen to move to the FSILGs [Fraternities, Sororities and Independent Living Groups]," said Denise A. Vallay, Assistant Director of Undergraduate Housing.

Although Interfraternity Council President Lawrence W. Colagiovanni '04 estimates that roughly 80 to 85 percent of new members of fraternities intend on moving in, he said that "we did not think that many houses had spoken to their new members about moving in.

In addition to providing IFC houses with more time to speak with their new members about moving in, this extra time "gives us more time to come up with incentives to encourage them to move in," Colagiovanni said.

Housing Office creates incentives

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iCampus Projects Close To Done, Available Soon

By Christine R. Fry

A SafeRide tracking system and free on-demand music through MIT Cable are two programs that will be available to the MIT community, thanks to the iCampus program.

The developers of the chosen projects, along with five other student-designed computer-based projects, were selected by iCampus administrators to receive support and funds totaling $36,000 from Microsoft Corporation.
Bush Presidency, American Influence on the Line in Iraq

By Paul West

As he took questions from reporters Thursday night, President Bush might be forgiven for asking one himself: How in the world did I get in this fix? Bush spoke in the past tense when he said he wished Saddam Hussein had disarmed. A U.S. attack appears inevitable and could begin soon. "After next week," Bush indicated, when "the last phase of diplomacy" is over.

Bush has often been criticized for his "tactless" and "brusque" approach to dealing with the world, especially in Iraq. His administration has been accused of "arrogance" and "hubris." Bush has been accused of "triumphalism," "rashness," and "brinkmanship."

The situation in Iraq is complex and multifaceted, with many factors at play. The United States is faced with a difficult decision, and the stakes are high. The world watches with bated breath, wondering what the outcome will be.

Eyewitnesses Say Israeli Tank Shot into Crowd, Killed Eight

By Laura King

According to dozens of Palestinian eyewitnesses, an Israeli tank fired a shell directly into a crowded traffic jam early Thursday as Israeli troops were withdrawing from a strike on the Jabaliya refugee camp in the northern Gaza Strip.

Eight people died in the sandstorm street in front of the furniture store, in addition to three killed in the camp raid, and 140 others were hurt, according to hospital officials.

The Israeli army sharply disputed the Palestinian accounts of Thursday's incident, saying an Israeli tank had returned fire after a Palestinian militant shot a rocket-propelled grenade at it, but that this had occurred on a street parallel to where the furniture store was located, and the crowd was not in the tank's line of fire.

"Every case was taken not to have people injured, certainly not burnt deaths," said Capt. Jacob Dalal, an army spokesman. "However, there was heavy, heavy fighting going on in the area." Israeli officials also denied that Thursday's raid was in retaliation for a bus bombing in the northern Israeli port city of Haifa a day earlier, which killed 13 people and injured scores of others, describing it instead as part of an ongoing campaign against "terrorist infrastructure" in the Gaza Strip.

Early Friday, Israeli tanks again massed outside Jabaliya, after Palestinian militants fired off a volley of homemade rockets in a Gaza city and Israeli towns bordering the strip. The rockets caused no injuries or damage.

In recent weeks, Gaza has been the scene of increasingly chaotic fighting between Israeli troops and Palestinian gunmen. Much of it has taken place in densely populated urban areas, pushing the civilian casualty count into the dozens and twice this week drawing unusual rebukes from the White House.

"The president is very concerned about action that would affect innocent Palestinian civilians," White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said Thursday.

WEATHER

Situation for Noon Eastern Standard Time, Friday, March 7, 2003

Spring?

By Bill Ramstrom

A week after a cold spell and snow, the weather this weekend will turn milder, though mostly cloudy. Today will be the last in the series of cold days; highs over the weekend will reach into the 40s F (4-9°C) both days. A developing storm will push up the St. Lawrence Valley Sunday, keeping us in the warm sector with only a chance of a shower.

Extended Forecast

Today: Continued cold with thickening clouds. High 30°F (-2°C).

Tonight: Cloudy, temperatures remaining steady near 30°F (-2°C).

Saturday: Mostly cloudy and warmer. High 47°F (8°C).

Saturday night: Clouds with a chance of a shower. High 34°F (1°C).

Sunday: Mostly cloudy and mild. High 45°F (7°C).

Monday: Tending colder and clearing, high near 30°F (-2°C).
Captured al-Qaida Warns U.S. Of Inminent Terrorist Attacks

By Kamran Khan and John Lancaster

WASHINGTON

At the time of his arrest Saturday, Khalid Sheik Mohammed reportedly told his captors that "only the American people can decide whether or not we live in peace in any country," according to a Pakistani official.

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Jason H. Wasfy

OXFORD, England — Anti-Americanism appears to be heating up around the world. As Bush administration officials trade barbs with French and German leaders, and as the Muslim world increasingly feels under siege, the prospects of big breaks between the United States and Europe — the trust between the United States and Europe, the light of America's history of propping up certain dictatorships. But another participant cited the successful intervention of the US in Kosovo as a positive example of how America's history of propping up certain dictatorships.

One participant complained that the American government was not doing enough to address the world's problems. That sort of anti-Americanism is illegitimate. On the other hand, when the United States wielded its power to accomplish something that was consistent with our stated goals, we should expect reasonable people to respond.

To President Bush's credit, his announcement in this year's State of the Union address that the US will not allow its superpower proliferation to do the wrong thing. But when the US government is doing something that is not consistent with the world's problems, the world's problems.

The best antidote to the threat of more anti-Americanism is clear, consistent American principles: self-determination, democracy, human rights, and self-defense. That disregard for democratic legitimacy means that the American people, as exemplified by Bush administration officials, are working to pump oil from a post-World War II economy and to support our own government's goals. When we turn away from democracy when it no longer serves our interests.

A Major Problem

Vivek Rao

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Anke Hildebrandt and Varsha Pavavalkshaya

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Down the Hatchet
Off Starboard

By Akshay Patil

COLUMN

After spending a few years here at MIT, I've learned that there are many different types of nerdsiness. I know people who think because I'm "cute" and others who think

 COLUMNIST

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THEME. I KNOW.

...That was a long time ago. Listen to me. I know

WHY YOU'RE HERE.

THE THESIS
AT A GRADUATE "SOCIAL"...

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Piled Higher and Deeper

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Pass, isn't this great?

Remember when you said,

"You can't say that, you sent me a photo of
your hand..."

But with all these different measures, different stan-
dards, how can you reliably tell if someone passes the test?

It's taken me a while, but I've finally figured it out...

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Whatever your excuse, there's no way around it: ports
are nerdy. Last term I was feeling pretty dirty when I real-
ized I was using ports 80, 800, and 8000 for three web
servers. Who knows what kind of levels I was at when I
was checking my mail and chatting online? Good thing
I wasn't running a MySQL database at the time (default
3306) — or I would have really been pushing the bound-
aries of decency.

For a healthy computer, doctors recommend a thorough
port scan every few years.

Unless you notice an irregular lump, at which point you
should contact a network administrator immediately. Your
computer's got 65,536 ports ... god help you if you're
using all of them.
In Virtual Battle of the Brains

By Eric L. CHEUNG

The MIT Chess Club is nobody's pawn, and their success in competition the past two years proves it.

This past Sunday night, the Chess Club conquered Caltech in the first ever online chess match between the two institutions, eight students who represented both the MIT and Caltech Warriors made special preparations prior to the match, studying their opponents' previous games and determining their strategy.

"The MIT and Caltech teams were evenly matched. Caltech had the pre-match advantage on the top boards, while MIT's strength was the depth of its team," said MIT Chess Club president Elina Groberman '04.

The competition matched each of the eight players against a player from the opposing team of equal rank. Caltech placed Wei Ji Ma, a chess champion from Holland, against Yelena Gorlina '06, the former Turkish National Chess Champion. On second board, Caltech placed Wei Ji Ma, a chess champion from Holland, against Yelena Gorlina '06.

Caltech a formidable opponent

"Caltech was stronger on the top boards [which included: the strongest players of each team, but we were stronger on the lower boards," said MIT team member Sa~e Boer G, who played the online match only hours after returning from a trip to Holland.

"Unfortunately, this is where we didn't do well. In fact, our best result was on board one, where Tamer Karatekin beat a much higher rated player of international master level in a pretty quick endgame."

The sum of the results of each individual match gives the resulting score for each team. MIT and Caltech were neck and neck until the last couple of minutes of the two-hour match. The chess game between these two teams kept curious spectators and excited team members on their toes. After 41 moves, only queens and pawns remained on the board. However, the game lasted for another 67 moves, and both teams pushed on until the seconds remaining on their clocks, and it ended with a victory in Karatekin's favor.

"Two stronger players usually make for a better game," Karatekin said. "My partner played a little better."

Groberman won her game in a sharp, tactical battle, while Dandekar scored the third victory for the MIT. Despite their recent loss to Caltech, the Chess Club has performed so successfully in national competitions. On President's Day weekend, they earned the "Top College" award out of the 1,000 teams that attended the U.S. Amateur Team East Championship in Parsippany, N.J.

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matches," de Boer said. During the match, he played on a computer in his lab while his teammates were spread out over campus.

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Alex Skorokhod '04 (above) spars against his freshman Caltech opponent, Clark Guo (below), online during Sunday night's MIT-Caltech chess tournament. The MIT team played from their rooms here, while the Caltech team gathered at a computer lab on their campus in Pasadena. MIT lost the match to Caltech with a score of 3-5.

Nightline

Lending an ear to students every night since 1978

By Riccaro Rupope

The phrase "def-tuv-tuv-oper-oper" is a cryptic message that is part of the pervasive campus publicity campaign advertising the student group Nightline.

Since 1978, this peer lending group has been offering confidential and counseling services to members of the MIT community who call x3-8000 every night. Informational calls are made for random tidbits of information, while counseling calls have included more serious and sensitive types of assistance, such as confiding in someone.

"Nightline fills an important need for MIT students," said a Nightline coordinator, who asked to remain anonymous. "The people who you talk to are also students who are going through the same things you are and may help you with situations and things better than family or an advisor."

An interview by Nightline is also kept anonymous and confidential.

"I try to give the listeners the opportunity to talk about the things they're feeling, and I try to give them advice about what to do and how to solve their problems."

"We're happy to take what people want to talk about," the coordinator said. "We listen in a non-judgmental way so that we basically try to listen to them and make them feel better, and hopefully find a solution to their problem."

With a philosophy focused on being good listeners, Nightline tries not to cross the fine line between being a counseling service and being an explicit advice-giving service.

"We try to be active listeners and not really try to give explicit advice, with the idea that you really have no idea what's best for them, especially if you're only met at 20 minutes," the coordinator said. "I try to stay away from giving advice, but depending on the call, the listener may sometimes share with them a similar personal experience."

Listeners serve MIT community

Nightline staff members undergo intensive training before becoming listeners to handle the wide range of issues that they may come across when handling calls.

A career as a Nightline listener begins with a simple request to become a part of Nightline by calling the main number. Afterwards, the potential staffer will be interviewed, which can last for a few hours, where the person will be tested on several call scenarios that might occur on a given night.

After passing the interview, the potential staffer will continue on to several months of further training.

"This period involves a lot of reading and practice with other fellow trainees," the coordinator said. "It's really important that staffers know what they're doing."

"Training continues even after this first intensive period, in the form of all-staffer meetings in which an external speaker will discuss an issue to help staffers handle calls better," the coordinator said.

Additionally, "every staffer on Nightline attends a weekly support group, the purpose of which is to provide support for staffers, as they can't call Nightline anymore" with an expectation of anonymity, the coordinator said.

Alternative to traditional services

Nightline is a unique service that offers a different take than traditional mental health counseling services. Although it is completely student-run, MIT supports the service financially.

"Nightline offers a different sort of help," McGrath said. "You're actually calling a peer who will probably have a better understanding of what you're going through. It's a very powerful resource that I don't think you can sleep on."

The anonymity of both caller and listener and the strict confidentiality of the call also adds further appeal to Nightline's services.

"None of the calls are recorded," the coordinator said. "We've never gotten any further than the phone is hung up."

"I'm very optimistic about the future of Nightline," McGrath said. "I think the institute really values its services a great deal and we're committed to maintaining the service."

By Kallas Narendran

The shaving industry is a funny thing. I think you'd be hard pressed to find another product that can fly through outer space and appear with a naked actor in the hower in the same commercial. Shaving companies have put every twist imaginable to up theirrazors, whether it's a swivel head, automatic shaving cream dispenser or tri-blades on one.

The Braun Synchro Shaving System follows this trend of floaty ads, exciting decals and glamorous displays and lights. I'm not sure what you generally find under the gizmo is a crap shoot, but in the case of the Braun Syncho System shavers, the surprise isn't bad.

The bottom line

At the end of the day, this is a good shaver. There seem to be two fields of thought in the electric shaver world: one is leads-and-cut (a.k.a. "Vank and Hack") and n-dimensional motion (everything else has an additional degree of freedom). Braun is a leader among the latter. This shaver has a cool design that puts a trimm- er between the foil on the head, allowing it to shorten some of the longer hairs so they can enter the foil for a nice cut. I found the shaver didn't yank hairs like the "Lift and Cut" systems from Norelco. It delivered a very good shave with a reasonable number of passes. The battery life is great for traveling — it lasted about 1.5 weeks of daily shaving — and the shaver is a good travel pouch and world cord (worldwide voltages).

The hype

Braun's marketing executives pitch the shaver as having a "4-way moving head," which is really just a marketing catch phrase. The shaver head can pitch towards and away from you, and the foils move side to side. In engi- neering speak, that's two degrees of freedom, but marketing people seem to like to add a factor of two.

The cleaning system seems to be quite a bit of hype to me. I used the race for a few weeks without cleaning and did not notice any decrease in performance. The automatic clean- ing is nice. It's convenient that you don't have to take the shaver apart every couple of months to clean it out, but the cleaning system does take up a fair amount of counter space in the bathroom.

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The shaving industry is a funny thing. I think you'd be hard pressed to find another product that can fly through outer space and appear with a naked actor in the hower in the same commercial. Shaving companies have put every twist imaginable to up their razors, whether it's a swivel head, automatic shaving cream dispenser or tri-blades on one. The Braun Synchro Shaving System follows this trend of floaty ads, exciting decals and glamorous displays and lights. I'm not sure what you generally find under the gizmo is a crap shoot, but in the case of the Braun Synchro System shavers, the surprise isn't bad.

The bottom line

At the end of the day, this is a good shaver. There seem to be two fields of thought in the electric shaver world: one is leads-and-cut (a.k.a. "Vank and Hack") and n-dimensional motion (everything else has an additional degree of freedom). Braun is a leader among the latter. This shaver has a cool design that puts a trimmer between the foil on the head, allowing it to shorten some of the longer hairs so they can enter the foil for a nice cut. I found the shaver didn't yank hairs like the "Lift and Cut" systems from Norelco. It delivered a very good shave with a reasonable number of passes. The battery life is great for traveling — it lasted about 1.5 weeks of daily shaving — and the shaver is a good travel pouch and world cord (worldwide voltages).

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iCampus, from Page 1

Special Subjects in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (6.966), a class that provides help with project planning and management. The students have one year to use the $30,000 from Microsoft.

Seven projects received iCampus support in 2002, including Shuttle Track, the Library Access to Music Project, Setu, DevHood, Instant Sports Challenge, Next Generation Mobile Classroom, and Educational Tools for Checking Software.

Shuttle Track coming soon
Shuttle Track uses Global Positioning Satellite technology to track SafeRide vans online. The Shuttle Track Web site http://shuttletrack.lamp.mit.edu is currently functioning to demonstrate to the public how the user interface will work.

"We've got a demo up and running now," said Sali Soman G, one of the project creators. All of the SafeRide vans have the GPS equipment in place and the Shuttle Track server, located in the Parking and Transportation office, has been recording position data on the vans. However, the current Web site displays only stored data, not real-time data.

Soman says that the live public version of Shuttle Track will be up and running soon. Until then, Soman and the project's other designers will work to perfect the system.

"Some people argue [the Web site interface is] a bit ugly," Soman said.

iCampus has continued to fund Shuttle Track despite the fact that the project has not been completed within the allotted year time limit. Soman says that this is because a shuttle tracking system is useful to universities across the country.

"We may have actually needed $31,000," Soman said. "There's quite a bit of interest in it."

The group has encountered many obstacles while working on the tracking system, and one of the biggest was the effect of the bumpy roads on the GPS equipment attached to the vans.

"We've gone through two sets of equipment on the vans," Soman said. "Because the equipment was not up to spec, we went through two sets of equipment." The group is currently using a new MIT community MIT cable.

There is currently a limited selection of music available at the LAMP Web site. Joshua C. Mandel '95, another student working on LAMP, says that the project is finished except for the music rights.

"We're at a stage where the technical stuff is done," said Mandel. He said that the legal negotiations have been going slowly, but that "within the next several weeks we should have an answer."

"It's been a little frustrating to see how slow things have been on the legal side," he said.

Mandel said that during 2002, LAMP spent approximately $15,000 on computer and cable television equipment. LAMP has been accepted for a second year of iCampus funding during 2003. LAMP will spend between $15,000 and $30,000 on music, he said.

Setu provides computers in India
The Setu project, led by Rishi Kumar G, founded a computer center at a grade school in rural India.

"We implemented the first part of the project last December," said Kumar. The Setu group provided computers, electricity generators, Internet connections, and a computer teacher for a rural school of approximately 400 children. Now students at the school have a computer curriculum from third through eighth grade.

Unlike other projects, the project was not funded by Microsoft. The Setu group obtained independent funding from groups such as engineering honor society Tau Beta Pi, the Public Service Center, and the Graduate Student Council.

Microsoft "perceived a risk in putting so much capital in India," Kumar said. iCampus did provide help with planning and logistics.

- Kumar said that eventually the group will open more computer centers in rural India. Once schools have been connected to the Internet, the group will design a Web site for the students.

- "We hope that the kids will communicate on the Internet," he said. "We hope that Microsoft may be more interested in funding a Web portal for our students."

Kumar said that one of the biggest obstacles for Setu was "getting everyone on the part of everyone here" at MIT. He also said that they had to make sure that the community actually used the computers.

- "We want to make sure that the computers aren't kept shrink-wrapped in the corner," he said.

DevHood provides community
The DevHood project, led by T. Jonathan Lau G, created an online community for student software developers. It allows students to learn about software development and technology through a role-playing game. Students earn points and win prizes after completing certain milestones.

- "We started doing this project in accordance with the local tradition, a religious helper performs a new computer center that Setu, one of last year's iCampus projects, has started in India.

Christopher A. Cassa G, another member of the Sports Challenge team, said that the group has plans to place dedicated computers in locations such as the Zenger Center and the James B. Carr Tennis Center so that students can input information.

Casa said that planning security for the public computers is "harder than the development of the software."

Sanchez said that their latest goal is to automate the court reservation system for sports such as squash. The biggest problem so far, he said, was getting people to use the online matching system during the pilot program. He said it was difficult to find sports groups to use the system during the summer, and that group members leaving for the summer also hindered progress.

Casa said that the group spent money on computers for software development and a server to run the matching service. The group is now working to obtain funding for the project to continue.

"We're looking toward a sustainable long-term agreement" with the Department of Athletics and iCampus, Cassa said.

Project brings PDAs to classroom
The purpose of the Next Generation Mobile Classroom project is to distribute personal digital assistants to students during large lectures. The PDAs allow students to enter questions for the professor, rate other students' presentations, and see class announcements. The group has purchased 30 PDAs.

"We successfully tested it last fall" in Communicating in Cyber-space, a relatively small writing class, said Mark F. Tompkins G, one of the project members.

"Students were happy," Tompkins said. He said that the students used the PDAs to instantly rate and provide feedback on other student presentations and also to keep track of homework assignments.

"We're trying to get more classes to pick [the project] up and use it," said Raj S. Dandage G, the principal investigator for the project.

"We'd love to have it in a freshman class," Dandage said. He indicated that the group hopes that professors will be willing to pay for PDAs for students to use.

Tompkins said one of the main problems was that the students were not used to using PDAs in this context. Dandage said that it was also difficult "getting professors to accept the idea."

Group parts ways with iCampus
The Educational Tools for Checking Software project, led by Saffraz Khurshid, was intended to develop tools for use in computer-programming classes at MIT.

The group split from iCampus after the members decided that they wanted to continue to do research on software-checking tools and not necessarily design something for the classroom.

"It was a misunderstanding or miscommunication," said Darío Martínez G, another member of the project group.

Martínez said that they worked for iCampus for approximately one semester. "We didn't get money from them," he said.
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mores during the Spring semester rather than the Fall in order to encourage them spend at least a semester trying to live in the house.

Specifically, the second semester sophomore will receive the priority of a freshman in the current system, who is still guaranteed on-campus housing.

Furthermore, Colagiovanni said that he would like to see full SafeRide routes during the day, and that there are discussions about implementing such routes next year during the colder months.

"It would be nice if MIT could help us give [the new members] material incentives to move in," said Sigma Nu President Timothy R. Kreider '04.

Kreider would like to see improvements to the SafeRide route and schedule because "right now [it] is a fairly unreliable and inconvenient way of getting to campus," he said.

Houses to talk with new members

Although the houses were well aware that their new members would eventually have to confirm or decline their on-campus housing for next year, Colagiovanni said that there has not been much dialogue between freshmen and IFC houses.

Colagiovanni said that houses should talk to their new members about the advantages of living in the house, compared to a dormitory. For instance, he said that FSLIG housing is often cheaper than dormitory housing.

To alleviate concerns that some new members may have about living in the houses, Colagiovanni said that he would like for there to be a weekend in which all houses encourage their new members to live at the house. Although many new members currently sleep occasionally at the houses overnight, Colagiovanni said that such a longer period of time would allow new members to observe that FSLIG members study and in fact receive support from their fellow house members.

Nonetheless, Colagiovanni said that houses do not intend to forcing new members to move in.

While "it's certainly in the best interest of the chapter for most or all of them to live in the house ... I don't want to force them in if they really won't want to live here," Kreider said.

Many freshmen intend to move

At this time, Colagiovanni said that it seems like only one to two new pledges from each house do not intend on moving in.

"I think that at least half of our freshmen are interested in moving into the house, and others are considering it," Kreider said.

Some houses may not have enough room for all their new members to move in.

"For the most part, the freshmen want to live in the house next year," said Phi Beta Epsilon President Herman L. LeLe '03. However, he said, "we are also expecting demand to exceed" the allowable occupancy, so PBE will have to develop a system for determining who will live in the house.

Many deadlines fall on April 13

In addition to being the date by which undergraduates must decide whether they want to live on or off campus, April 13 will be the deadline for undergraduates to declare early graduation, intentions for a 9th semester; and interest in the Senior Segue plan for housing purposes.

Vallay said that she typically reminds students of the deadline in early March and gives students a few weeks to respond.

Students can make any of the above declarations at the Web site http://web.mit.edu/housing/undergrad/calendar.html.

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The underlying zoning laws and University Park master plan might have meant that the special permit could be ignored, but since some buildings were already built, there were questions about whether Forest City was required to follow through with the plans laid out in the IPOP, Calkins said. Forest City then pursued deleting 100 Landsdowne from the IPOP.

The board was to vote last month on whether to approve Forest City's deletion request, but the vote was postponed when some board members could not be present for discus-sions.
Professor Steinfeld Suggests More Accessible UROP Jobs

"It would be good if the students came in and had a feel, a personal feel for the faculty. I think that it's true that it's not clear where the concern is coming from. Things that would help them make a more informed choice on majors would be good."

—John V. Guttag, Department Head of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

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six students in a field in which they are interested. These would just skyrocket ... in a small class environment where students do get the talk and learn from each other. I think you should really be asking upperclassmen their opinions. I think they will have a better idea of what would work for freshmen.

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Professor Named Fellows, Classrooms on Exhibit

By Marissa Vogt

Five new MacVicar Faculty Fellows will be announced today at part of the twelfth annual MacVicar Day, an event that focuses on undergrad-

ate faculty. They join an external group of colleagues.

Professor Peter Child said that he was "immensely gratified by the news of the MacVicar Faculty Fellowship." In a press release, he said, "I know, from having been on the nominating side of it, that it represents a vote of confidence from students and colleagues." This year's fellows were described by students and colleagues as passionately dedicated and enthusiastic about their subjects. They "enhance the way we teach and, more importantly, the way students learn," and will "revolutionize engineering education," said colleagues in a press release.

Fellows chosen for teaching style

Professors are nominated to be MacVicar Fellows each October by students and faculty. Awards are based on the professors' teaching style, accomplishments, and innovation, and professors remain fellows for a ten-year period. All tenured faculty are eligible for the faculty fellowship, and junior faculty are eligible for three-year fellowships until tenure is granted.

The fellows are given an annual allowance to help develop methods to enrich the undergraduate educational experience. The first MacVicar Fellows were named in 1992, and current fellows meet six times each year to discuss methods of enhancing the undergraduate educational experience.

MacVicar Day is held in memory of Margaret MacVicar, founder of the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) and former Dean for Undergraduate Education.

In addition to the announcement of the new MacVicar Fellows, interested in engineering and gives them a good hands-on feel for the department. It is now a model for other departments.

We now want to have more fresh-
en initiatives, as in more hands-on freshmen classes to let them understand the department better. It is important to give the freshmen class a feel for the departments, as well as a list of people don't know what Ocean Engineering is..."

—Henri Schmidt, Department Head, Ocean Engineering

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Sports

Swimming Wins Championships

By Jonathan Goler

For the second straight year, the MIT men's swimming team won the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference championships, held this past weekend at Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center pool.

Swimmers from the United States Coast Guard Academy and Springfield College were no match for the power and depth of the MIT team, and MIT dominated the meet right from the first day, with a spectacular win, and national "B" cut of 1:35.53 in the 200 medley relay. The team of Jonathan S. Varsanik '04, Bruce J. DiBello '05, Matt N. Styczynski '04, and Erdem M. Kieiman '04 are now in the running for the NCAA Division III national meet, held at Emory University.

On Saturday, Nicholas O. Sidelnik '05, David D. Lohrey '05, and Maike Geng '04 swept the 400 individual medley, with Sidelnik swimming a 4:07.95, another B cut. Bruce DiBello followed up with a win and B cut in the 100 Breast, with a time of 58.03. Captain Chris G. Lucas '03 was MIT's top 1,650 swimmer, breaking the pool record with a time of 16:50.80.

Sunday rounded out MIT's domination, with DiBello and Lohrey going 1-2 in the 200 breast, both with national B qualifying times. DiBello was named NEWMAC runner-up swimmer of the meet. MIT handily beat the competition, with a score of 920, over Coast Guard's 771 and Springfield's 657. Following the victory, Coach Josef M. Kurtz PhD '96 was named NEWMAC coach of the year.

The victory culminates the most successful season in MIT Swimming history. The men's team accumulated a 9-1 record, and qualified 6 men for nationals, the most ever. Combined with the women's 7 B cuts, nearly a quarter of the combined team hit national cuts.

Next week, the MIT women's national team heads to Emory for NCAA division III nationals. The relay team of Captain Kirstin M. Albers '03, Kathryn M. Duffy '04, Georgene M. Hill '04, and Monica F. Morrison '04 will compete in the five relay events. Morrison will also complete in the 50- and 100-meter freestyle.

The MIT Men's swimming team, led by captains Jonathan A. Goler G, Christopher G. Lucas '03, Sebastian Gutierrez '03, head coach Josef M. Kurtz, and assistant coach Abe Rogers, celebrates its NEWMAC victory.

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