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By Jenny Zhang

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**Baker, Next House May Follow Simmons Subsidized Dining Plan**

By Brian Loux

Students eat their dinner in Baker Dining Sunday evening. Under a proposed plan, food prices at Next and Baker Houses would be cut in half in exchange for a $200 fee per semester.

**Northeastern Crew Team Finds Unidentified Body**

By Keith J. Winston

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**UA Senate Revises Election Codes, Elects New Officers**

By Marissa Vogt

The Undergraduate Association Senate held a meeting last night to elect two new officers, approve updates to the UA election code and campaign rules, and discuss money allocation.

Yun-Ling Wong '04 was elected speaker of the UA Senate, and Rose A. Grabowski '05 was elected vice chair.

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Bush to Switch Focus To Domestic Agenda

WASHINGTON

Hoping to harness war-time popularity to push his domestic agenda, President Bush is planning a two-day tour that will begin Tuesday and is sure to please many of his administration officials who are out cross the United States to argue that he has the right plan to create jobs and cure economic woes.

As the war in Iraq winds down, Bush will try to overcome tepid public approval of his economic stewardship. The White House hopes Bush’s speech Tuesday in the Rose Garden will begin to rally support for his tax-cut plan, which is facing stiff resistance in Congress.

According to most polls, around seven in 10 Americans back Bush’s handling of the war; a similar proportion give favorable ratings to his overall performance. But fewer than half of Americans approve of his handling of the ailing economy.

President Bush’s approval rating is steady at 53 percent, according to the latest Los Angeles Times-CBS News poll, conducted April 11-14 among a national sample of 1,507 adults. It is little changed from polls conducted in January and February.

The Bush administration stepped up rhetoric against Syria Monday, saying it was weigh diplomatic, economic and other measures against Damascus for allegedly providing refugee to fleeing Iraqi officials and testing chemical weapons.

While officials at the White House, State Department and Defense Department strongly stated that Syria must modify its behavior, they stopped short of saying the United States would use military force if in concerns weren’t addressed.

“I think what’s next is Syria needs to seriously ponder the implications of its actions involving Iraqi harboring Iraqis who need not and should not be harbored, they should seriously about their program to develop and to have chemical weapons,” White House Press Secretary Ari Fleischer said. “I think it’s time to think through where they want their place to be in the world.”

Syrian officials vigorously denied they were harboring Iraqis officials and rebuffed Washington’s claims that Syria possesses chemical weapons. But that did not stem the stream of complaints from Bush administration officials, which sounded similar to their justifications for invading Iraq.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and Fleischer, quoting a CIA report to Congress, said Syria conducted a chemical weapons test in the past 12 to 15 months.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said the United States has intelligence that since the war began, Syria has allowed some Iraqis into the country, “in some cases to stay, in some cases to transit.”

“We’re told the border is closed, but as you know, it’s a rather porous border,” Powell told reporters after a State Department meeting with Kuwaiti Foreign Affairs Minister Sabah Al-Abdullah. “But once they (Iraqi leaders) get into Syria and start leading to Damascus, I would expect that Syrian authorities would do everything they could to not provide those people safe havens.”

Top-ranking administration officials did not say which Iraqis they believe have crossed into Syria or whether they included any of the most wanted Iraqi leaders, whose faces were placed on cards distributed throughout Iraq last week.

“Seeing to assure that some members of the regime successfully crossed the border,” said an official familiar with the CIA’s reporting on Syria. “What is unclear is whether it includes any of those listed in the top 55. We don’t know.”

When asked about potential war with Syria, Powell said the White House would examine using “diplomatic, economic” or other measures against Syria if it fails to comply with U.S. demands.

The administration’s rhetoric has raised questions worldwide about whether the United States might strike Syria next in its war against terrorism. Britain, the main U.S. ally against Iraq, indicated that war with Damascus is not on the horizon.

“We have made it clear that there are no plans for Syria to be next on the list,” British Foreign Minister Jack Straw told reporters in Bahrain, his first stop on a Middle East tour to discuss rebuilding Iraq.

“But there are questions that the Syrians need to answer.”

Edward Walker, who headed the political section of the U.S. Embassy in Syria from 1978 to 1980, said the White House has resorted to tough rhetoric because Syrian officials haven’t paid attention through normal diplomatic channels.

Gunmen armed with an AK-47 assault rifle and a semiautomatic pistol opened fire in a New Orleans high school gymnasium Monday, killing one student and injuring three others in what police said may be a "retaliatory" attack.

Four suspects, who ranged in age from 15 to 19, were arrested soon after the shooting at McDonogh High School, located near the French Quarter. Orleans Parish schools superintendent Anthony Amato said he hopes Bush’s speech Tuesday in the Rose Garden will begin to rally support for his tax-cut plan, which he estimates would create more than 1 million jobs over two years and promote sustained economic growth.

Marines Team With Iraqis To Patrol Streets

WASHINGTON

Hoping to stop nearly a week of looting and chaos in Iraq’s capital, U.S. Marines tried an awkward experiment Monday. Climbing behind machine guns and rocket launchers on their Humvees, they tried to think a little like cops, and began escorting Iraqi police cruisers on anti-rioting patrols.

With few interpreters available, the Marines and the Iraqis often were reduced to communicating with gestures or with help from bilingual bystanders. But within several hours, they had chased stolen vehicles and searched homes for urban guerrillas trying to fight the presence of U.S. troops. They foiled at least two bank robberies, killing one looter in the process.

By William Douglas

U.S. and Canadian researchers have independently decoded the complete genetic blueprint of the coronavirus now believed to be the cause of the mysterious pneumonialike illness known as SARS. But to their immense disappointment, the structure has yielded no clues about the virus’s origin.

The virus “is distinct from all other known coronaviruses, both animal and human,” said Dr. Julie Gerberding, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. “It’s not similar enough to any known species to draw any conclusions about its origin.”

Researchers hope that the blueprint of the virus is a “scientific achievement that has never been paralleled in our history,” Gerberding said.

“Researchers have hoped that the blueprint of the virus would reveal one or more animal-linked genes that would identify the species in which the virus emerged before it jumped to humans, is producing such severe disease in humans, is producing such severe disease in humans,” Gerberding said.

But researchers said the feat is unlikely to have any other immediate effect on controlling the spread of the disease. In particular, it will not speed the effort to develop an animal vaccine.

Researchers had hoped that the blueprint of the virus would reveal one or more animal-linked genes that would identify the species in which the new virus emerged before it jumped to humans. Now, Gerberding said, researchers will be forced to rely on “old-fashioned shoe-leather epidemiology” to identify the source.
Pentagon Says It Won't Tally Civilian Casualties of Iraq War

By Bradley Graham and Dan Morgan

The Pentagon said Monday that it has no plans to determine how many Iraqi civilians may have been killed or injured or suffered property damage as a result of U.S. military operations in Iraq.

The statement followed passage Saturday of a congressional measure calling on the Bush administration to identify and provide "appropriate assistance" to Iraqi civilians for war losses.

The congressional action stopped short of requiring military forces to conduct a formal assessment of all individuals who may have suffered from the war, as some human rights activists have sought. But it made clear that Congress supports compensating innocent Iraqis to buttress U.S. claims that the war wasn't directed against the Iraqi people and that U.S. forces tried to avoid civilian deaths and destruction of civilian property.

The measure was contained in the final version of the $78.5 billion emergency spending bill to cover war-related expenses. The money for compensating civilians is to come out of a $2.5 billion relief and reconstruction fund that also is intended to pay for food, water, health care, transportation and other needs.

In language from a Senate-House conference agreement, lawmakers explained their intention that the State Department and the Agency for International Development, coordinating with the Pentagon and non-governmental organizations, "seek to identify families of noncombatant Iraqis who were killed or injured or whose homes were damaged during recent military operations, and to provide appropriate assistance."

The provision was inserted in the bill by Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., in the final day of negotiations, according to congressional sources. Similar language was included in a 2002 supplemental spending bill covering Afghan war costs and again in the 2003 omnibus appropriations law passed earlier this year.

Nation's Largest Internet Provider Files Five Federal Spamming Suits

By Jonathan Krim

America Online, Inc., on Monday launched a coordinated legal assault on junk e-mail by filing five separate lawsuits against more than a dozen individuals and companies accused of being major purveyors of spam.

AOL, the nation's largest Internet provider with 27 million subscribers, said the targets of its suits were responsible for sending its members an estimated 1 billion pieces of spam that resulted in more than 8 million separate complaints. The spam ranges from pornographic images and body-reinforcement offers to diet and financial schemes.

The multi-suit barrage reflects an intensifying industry, legal and legislative effort to combat spam, which has grown so rapidly that it accounts for nearly 40 percent of all e-mail traffic and is estimated to cost U.S. businesses $8 billion to $10 billion a year.

"Clearly, our anti-spam message is made more audible when the volume is turned up," said AOL spokesman Nicholas Graham. For the first time, Graham said, AOL is using member complaints about spammers as the basis for legal action.

"The defendants named in these lawsuits . . . operate the command and control facilities in the ongoing fight to get spam into the inboxes of our members," he said.

Most of the major Internet providers, including EarthLink Inc., Microsoft Corp. Yahoo Inc. and AOL, have sued or are suing spammers and their affiliates. But as individual and corporate computer users get increasingly irate at the rising tide of spam, many Internet providers say they are ramping up their legal efforts, even invoking federal anti-cracktueling statutes. The AOL suits, filed in federal court in Alexandria, Va., seek a total of $10 million in damages and a halt to the spammers' e-mail activities under a number of state anti-spam and federal computer-fraud laws. The suits single out two spammers by name, including one Maryland-based seller of quick weight-loss products and antivirus computer software, and an alleged affiliated spammer in Washington state. Other defendants are as yet unidentified because AOL isn't sure who they are. Spammers often disguise their ownership of computers that generate spam.

34 Seek Millions in Sex-Abuse Suit Against Diocese

Former President Bush Joins Battle on Judges

Former President George W. Bush has entered the battle over his son's judicial nominees, hosting a fund-raiser at his Houston home that netted about $250,000 to buy television ads attacking several Democratic senators seeking re-election next year.

The ads, which call on Democrats in swing states to abandon delaying tactics against the current president's judicial nominees, could aid Republican challengers in some of 2004's most fiercely contested Senate races. Top officials of the Committee for Justice, which is coordinating the effort, say similar ads they aired last year helped Republican John Cornyn defeat Democrat Ron Kirk in the U.S. Senate race in Texas.

The Committee for Justice is run by Boyden Gray, who was the former president's White House counsel. Several committee members and directors are from the Washington lobbying firm headed by former Republican National Party chairman Haley Barbour. They include Barbour, Lanoy Griffeth, Edward Rogers and Diane Allbaugh.

Gray refused to divulge the committee's contributors. He said the group's political adversaries, particularly People for the American Way and the Alliance for Justice, don't reveal their sources of financial support.

"I just don't want to get into that game, I don't think it's productive," Gray said. "If they [People for the American Way and the Alliance for Justice] will disclose, then maybe we will disclose. . . . It's smart to reach out.

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Conflict over the role of taxation and the distribution of wealth in society has intensified in the past few years. Federal spending has soared in a war of the 90s, and the national deficit will skyrocket. The Bush tax cut, whereby tax rates are cut by a percentage of the income up to 30% can achieve democracy at all the time is occurring within the country between various political groups. Afghanistan is a prime example of such a difficult country, where the central government has been ineffectual and isolated by political ineffectiveness. The economy will be strengthened with our help, but the road will be long and difficult. For the American soldier who is fighting until his last breath, we should be the hope and support. The war becomes more and more heart rending pictures of children and women exacerbated with this war and who would not wish to project that I don't particularly appreciate; I wish more tax dollars could be spent addressing the pressing and restless issues which politically and socially matter to the people of the United States. Perhaps we could also provide for the war veterans who have served, and for the health care for all, and for the education of the young. The war on terrorism could also be filled by Al Qaeda. The President (MBA, Harvard 1975) is calling it the first war of the 21st century. The House of Representatives recently passed $550 billion worth of war, and the Senate—a voice of the American people—has voted to give $510 billion dollars could be spent address- ing the pressing and restless issues which politically and socially matter to the people of the United States. Perhaps we could also provide for the war veterans who have served, and for the health care for all, and for the education of the young. The war on terrorism could also be filled by Al Qaeda. The President (MBA, Harvard 1975) is calling it the first war of the 21st century. The House of Representatives recently passed $550 billion worth of war, and the Senate—a voice of the American people—has voted to give $510 billion dollars could be spent addressing the pressing and restless issues which politically and socially matter to the people of the United States. Perhaps we could also provide for the war veterans who have served, and for the health care for all, and for the education of the young. The war on terrorism could also be filled by Al Qaeda. The President (MBA, Harvard 1975) is calling it the first war of the 21st century. The House of Representatives recently passed $550 billion worth of war, and the Senate—a voice of the American people—has voted to give $510 billion dollars could be spent addressing the pressing and restless issues which politically and socially matter to the people of the United States. Perhaps we could also provide for the war veterans who have served, and for the health care for all, and for the education of the young. The war on terrorism could also be filled by Al Qaeda. The President (MBA, Harvard 1975) is calling it the first war of the 21st century. The House of Representatives recently passed $550 billion worth of war, and the Senate—a voice of the American people—has voted to give $510 billion
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Venue: MIT Student Center Outdoor Steps and Kresge Oval
Time: 11:30am-2:30pm

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Venue: MIT 4-231
Time: 11-6:30pm

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Musical Version of 'She Loves Me' is Fun and Passionate

By Amandeep Loomba

She Loves Me
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April 16-12 and April 15-18, 8 p.m.
Kresge Little Theater
Stage Direction by Michael Oullette
Musical Direction by Martin Marks

There is something about the stage that has always inspired me in a sense of comfort. I suspect it has much to do with the immediacy of the set. As a consumer of so many buffered art forms — safe, removed interaction with an artist’s thoughts on a page, or screen, or recording — seeing a performer on stage trying to bear her soul in real time to an audience close enough make their coughs, groans and disparaging marks heard is almost frightening.

Not that I feel theater is an anachronistic medium. An appropriate analogy might compare theater to the world of so-called “extreme” sports, in which half of the watching audience evaluates the quality of the event by the tally of limbs broken. There’s always a tension that keeps me on edge: what if they mess up their lines? They can’t clean up those up in the editing room of my mind!

That said, I admit that I always relish the tension provided by the MIT Dramashop. In particular, the yearly student-written one-acts are the art. As a consumer of so many buffered art forms — safe, removed interaction with an artist’s thoughts on a page, or screen, or recording — seeing a performer on stage trying to bear her soul in real time to an audience close enough make their coughs, groans and disparaging marks heard is almost frightening.

In general, it’s always clear that the Dramashop players and production crew throw themselves into their tasks, in typical MIT fashion, with enthusiasm that borders on mania. Your first indicator of this, when you go see their production of the musical 'She Loves Me' this week, will be the remarkable set, impressively detailed and obviously solidly constructed before its practical and efficient dynamism is even revealed to you. Set designer William Freigon of the Music & Theater Arts department has been working on sets for Dramashop since at least 1975 (according to their web page) so his execution of this task is no great surprise. Scenic artist Fritz Bell also deserves recognition for giving the set pieces a wonderful atmosphere.

This aura of professionalism also extends to the musical accompaniment in the production. Senior Lecturer Martin Marks, the show’s musical director, gives a wonderful performance on his piano, calling to mind the other times I’ve seen him "bridge the gap" between buffered and unbuffered performances, providing live piano accompaniment to 'The Thief of Bagdad' (1924) and Steamboat Hill, Jr. Besides him is violinist Dawn Perliner ‘01, an employee of the MIT libraries, all of the roles are performed by students, and most of the roles are played by undergraduates.

The lead roles are taken up by Daniel J. Katz as Georg Nowack (Peter G. Chambers G) as the store owner skating to watch people fall on the ice, I recall. But with the high frequency of the role of Ladislav Sipos (played by John Hume, an employee of the MIT libraries), all of the roles are enjoyed or1

During the cafe scene, Ladislav Sipos (John Hume) (left) takes a peak at Georg Nowack's romantically engaged pen pal and finds it's Amalia Balash (Katherine E. Davidson '04).
Local Bands Rock the 'Dell

Neon Calm, Fluttr, and Sonic Bonnet Win ZBT's Battle of the Bands

By Peter Simich

ZBT's Battle of the Bands
Lobdell Food Court
April 12, 5 p.m.

ZBT's Battle of the Bands, held Saturday night at the Lobdell Food Court, was a spectacular evening. Ten bands performed three to four-song sets in competition for gift certificates to Guitar Center, while all proceeds were contributed to the Children's Miracle Network.

First up was Bucky Spins, a group who put a little spin on the standard three-piece. The music sounded like some sort of ska-punk swing hybrid with the bassist singing like Brad Nowell of Sublime. The bassist had some of the craziest body and facial expressions; as he sang "you suck my energy away" he'd stare blankly in the crowd and drop slowly to the ground. A rather humorous "demolition" ended the set with the drummer furiously destroying a pillow.

Second up was Plexus, a three-piece from Zeta Psi who won Sigma Kappa's Late Night this year. They started off with an Atari 800 cover, followed by Weezer's "Photograph." The singing wasn't very good, and you could barely hear the guitar. It was rather unremarkable.

Next was Fluttr, a five-member band consisting of a singer, electronic cello, guitar, drums, and marimba. The marimba is this cool xylophone-looking instrument that is played like a xylophone but can produce sounds like a keyboard/synthesizer. Fluttr had quite a unique sound that was atmospheric and captivating, thanks a lot to the marimba and cello.

Fourth was Our Friend Glenn, an MIT band that had their own screaming hacker section. They're a traditional four-piece guitar rock group with the basic rock song structures. The guitarists and bassist were good but unfortunately the drummer occasionally screwed up. I wasn't too impressed, as they were playing rock that has been pounded into the ground for the past decade.

Sand Walk, another MIT band with three guys on instruments and a girl on vocals, followed Our Friend Glenn. They took a bit more subdued rock approach with some interesting music, but I was disappointed with the lead singer's monotone singing. If she had sung a bit more and put more emotion into it, the performance would have been much stronger.

The saga continued with The Saga Continues, a very funny Chi Phi three-piece who had great crowd interaction. They played better than Ezra's "Good" and tried to get the crowd to sing along, but I think I was the only one who knew all the lyrics. Their final song, "Charlene," was a simple yet good love song, and they even got the girl in question to come up on stage and proceeded to completely humiliate her. It was awesome.

Following was Sonic Bonnet, an alternative rock quartet with a punch. They had a great stage presence, the singer had a good voice, the guitar had nifty phaser effects, the drumming was solid, and the bassist was completely nuts, thrashing around the stage yet somehow still playing the right notes. Their first and last songs were heavy, rocking numbers, and they even had a "quieter" song with acoustic guitar in between. These guys have some good potential.

Next was Radix, another rock trio which did a decent cover of Stone Temple Pilots' "Conversations Kill" and a surprising cover of Eminem's take on Aerosmith's "Dream On," with the drummer doing the rapping. Too bad the drummer's microphone was turned way too low. The guitar playing wasn't too great, but overall the band was okay.

The ninth band was Obstokl, definitely the hardest band at the competition. The quartet reminded me a bit of Linkin Park and even some 311, and the singer had quite a powerful voice, belting out some amazing screams. They also had some incredibly heavy riffs.

Last was Neon Calm, a rock five-piece that resembled Matchbox 20 and related bands. They had a piano, which could have been interesting but really didn't add to the guitar-heavy songs. Unfortunately, they won the $1000 gift certificate grand prize. They were definitely not the best band. I was happy with Fluttr coming in second and Sonic Bonnet getting third, but Bucky Spins should've been first. Neon Calm did the same basic rock formula and didn't do anything remarkable. It was a travesty, I tell you.

The Battle of the Bands was nevertheless an excellent event and I hope it happens again. It goes to show what an incredible music scene we have right here on the MIT campus.

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THEATER REVIEW

Hoopla of the Helmeted Soldier
From the Shower to Center Stage, Puppetry of the Penis is Brunchy Fun

By Brian Loux

April 15, 2003

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Run away. The ticket agent had other plans. The show began with a brief female starid-

ing. ("You may ask your elf: how did I get here?") resonated deeply. I was hoping to silently observe from the back. The ticket agent had other plans.

"Good news, Mr. Loux," he said. "We moved you all the way to the front with the cushioned seats." Row BB, seat 106. Front and center. Right.

Added to this, I was the only person in my row for quite some time. This may not seem like a problem until you realized there were three types of audience members. First and foremost there were groups of women. They traveled in packs — nay, in droves. Usually more than five at a time. They were there for birthday and bachelorette parties or to catcall tickets for you!" Lewry quipped. For the most part, their comedy and goofy attitudes helped push the show forward when the shock value waned to some degree. Thus the show is rather short (50 minutes) so the jokes won't get stale. Staleness though, is a relative term, and some could easily grow tired after three "dick tricks."

During the show, there were a few quips about the Fagina Monologues, as the show appeared to be in the same vein. When it really does come down to it, the show is an anti-Fagina Monologues. The vagina is given metaphor and emotion and deeper truth as if it were a Shakespearian character.

Here, the penis, testicles, and scrotum are a malleable Larry, Curly, and Moe in a slapstick farce. Though feminists might argue that portraying the penis as something to be laughed at erases an aura of fear and domination, it would ignore the real message of the show: genitals are just genitals. And mighty weird, too.

This is the kind of performance where everyone will react differently. You'll get the most out of it if you're not the squeamish type and will laugh at almost any dirty joke. That worked for me, and I gave the performers a round of applause. And then I tore out of there at a sprinter's pace.

A Capella Groups Dazzle Prefrosh

Above right: Stephen Lee '05 sings Ben Harper's "Steal My Kisses" to Caroline Y. Chang '03, his TA for Introduction to Experimental Biology (7.02).

Right: The Muses sing "Sweetness," originally performed by Jimmy Eat World.

The Spring Greater Boston Invitational Sing (SGBIS) was held in 26-150 last Saturday and featured all seven MIT a cappella groups.

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What do you mean?

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I've heard that song before. It's okay, I guess.

Okay? Rick, stale potato chips are "okay." Hot pocket are "okay?" Cold pizza is "okay." This song is not just "okay." This song is pure beauty!

Hey, it's just not my kind of song. That's all. It's kinda slow. I need beats in my music.

Now, if you wanna talk about beauty... it's all about sugar ray. Those guys have some beautiful music! Ha, ha. Sugar Ray is the greatest band in the world.

Ack! Blasphemy! My ears are bleeding!

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**DANCING QUEEN**

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You are the... DANCING QUEEN

DANCING QUEEN: Feel the beat from the Tam-Bourine, yeah! You can dance... you can jive... having the time of your life.

See that girl... watch that scene... dig in the dancing queen...
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MIT, Room 6-120

Questions? Contact Audrey Wang (audreyw@mit.edu), MIT Biomedical Engineering Society, VP of Special Programs

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CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Vassar Streetscape
Trees removed as part of the new security/landscape enhancement project near Buildings 39, 13, 31, and 24 will be replaced with new trees as well as added landscaping, irrigation, leak benches, new lighting, and sidewalks. Traffic into and out of the entrance to Building 39 will experience delays or lane shifts as work on the new entrance from Vassar Street continues. Pedestrian traffic has been moved next to Building 38 to allow for construction of new sidewalks near Vassar Street. Work is underway on the north side of the street.

NECCO Building Conversion
DSF Cambridge, LLC, purchased and is rehabilitating the former NECCO factory building on Massachusetts Avenue for use as biotechnology laboratory space. Novartis will be occupying the entire building. All NECCO equipment has been removed, most rooftop equipment has been installed, windows are being replaced and the construction of a parking garage has begun.

Baker House
Installation of new windows and restoration of stucco and brick is underway. Some construction will take place in April. Site preparation will take place later this spring; work will continue from June through August. Some noise may occur.

Simmons Hall
Planting and paving operations are being conducted on site in addition to work on the exterior of the building. The contractor will place cones on the sidewalk to lead pedestrians through the work area safely.

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When & Where: Saturday April 26, 2003 11am - 4pm, MIT Room 4-270

Beyond the Competition: Even if your beaver isn’t the fastest, you’ll still receive a T-shirt, lunch, chances to win other prizes, and the opportunity to interact with people from different parts of the MIT and Boston communities.

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Brief Power Outage Hits North Campus

By Christine R. Fry

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Office of Campus Dining operations manager Ward L. Ganger says people outside of the dorms with dining halls could potentially participate in the program.

"Essentially, they would buy a membership. The idea is that the plan be reciprocal," he said. "You could [receive a discount] in any of the dining halls.

However, Yang said that the terms for out-of-dorm residents would be different. "There would be an advantage to living in the dorms [with] the dining hall," he said.

Yang also said that Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedict proposed subsidizing GRT meals.

In addition, Baker housemaster William B. Weinbeck said that, should the plan go through, Baker dining would open for lunch.

"Weinbeck said. "There is also the possibility of [opening dining for] breakfast or brunch, or opening Baker Snacks for late night," he said.

Yang said that it is important to remember that the program is still tentative. "The reason we [have not sent out anything official] is we're waiting to see what happens, and we didn't want to mislead people," he said.

Simmons program "successful"

The Simmons program has drawn a mix of criticism and praise. The Office of Campus Dining collected data about participation in the program, Ganger said. Richard D. Berlin, director of campus dining, could not be reached for comment.

"I am very pleased with the impact the dining plan has had on the Simmons community," said Simmons housemaster Professor John M. Essigmann in an e-mail. "What has impressed us is that so many students will sit for up to an hour, just talking with friends."

"Participation in the house has been very successful," Ganger said. "People said they have been very happy with the program... providing discounted meals."

However, Ganger said, the study does not analyze how many students are losing or saving money.

"I feel obligated to eat down there. I know I'm losing money," said Ruth M. Perlmutter '04.

With Simmons dining open 76 days this term, residents would need to buy $2.26 worth of food per day — that is, pay $2.63 a day — in order to break even. Perlmutter says she knows she does not spend that much.

"The big claim is that if you eat there most of the time, you'll spend the same amount," she said. "Factor in that one day where you're visiting your friend or stuck in lab, then there's really no way of saving money. If that's the case, then there's no reason to do it."

Others who frequented the facility more often felt there were reasons to continue the program. "I don't think we save money, but it makes the atmosphere much more social," said Lauren A. Killian '03. "If prices were [normal], I'd eat here half as often."

Approval seems likely

Presently, there appears to be a strong sentiment in favor of the initiative. Some Baker residents took a preliminary vote on April 7. According to Weinbeck, there were 21 in support of the initiative and 5 against, with 2 abstaining. "Hopefully, next time there will be majority of the house," he said.

Next House's endorsement underlies satisfaction with the general idea of the plan. "It's great for a community in the long term, though it would take some years to get used to," Yang said. "It's also a great way for the dorm to get together and to use the facilities that we already have."

CAREER INFORMATION SESSION

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Money for Toons CD

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